

## Miles River Shakedown Cruise

May 24-26, 2024

Gambrinus left the Miles River Yacht Club on the hot, heavy, airless Friday of the Memorial Day weekend for the Wye and Shaw Bay to join *Karaya* and *Mystic*. We had switched the evening's anchorage from Granary Creek to Shaw Bay upon learning that the Tartan group was planning a rendezvous there. Turns out Shaw Bay was the perfect spot that evening. A little breeze filtered over the point and the view of the sunset was spectacular. All three boats rafted up



and we enjoyed drinks and dinner on *Karaya*, our designated party boat. Lovely evening. Cool for sleeping. And Bailey was a noble companion.



Saturday morning, around 9:45, *Gambrinus* and *Mystic* headed into the Miles to find some wind for sailing. And sail they did—in dying air and building zephyrs. Into Eastern Bay and back up the Miles to Hunting Creek. Could it be labeled a race??? With those two boats? Hmmm. My lips, gentle reader, are sealed.

Again we rafted up around 3:30, with the party boat *Karaya* who had spent the day motoring around the Wye and introducing Bailey to the delights and habits of cruising. (Yes,



Bailey, the green astroturf on the bow of the boat is YOUR special yard.). Another fun night swapping snacks and sailing stories. Irv had carefully anchored just at the gap in Hunting Creek so the wind could funnel through. Lovely breeze. Beautiful evening.

The raft broke up early so *Mystic* could get back to Annapolis to see family and *Gambrinus* could get back to unfinished projects and *Karaya* could finish training Bailey in on board etiquette. All in all a gentle dress rehearsal. *Gambrinus* learned how to use her new mainsail pack and electric winch handle (and improve her tacking techniques!!). *Mystic*, the boat that sails year round, had nothing new to explore. And *Karaya*? Not only was it her first cruise in 2022, but the best yet? Bailey came to know and use the special green turf. Yay! Successful shakedown all around. Now onto the rest of the season.....

### **NIGHTS:**

*Karaya* 2

*Mystic* 2

*Gambrinus* 2

