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The Baseball Toss



Double Snap



Head Honcho Doc



Pru, Peter and Margaret

THE WYE WEEKEND WAS A WOW!

On Friday, May 27, quite a few craft left their home ports bound for the Wye River with a good anchoring spot in Granary Creek as a goal. The weather predictions for the weekend were not too great, but not much will stop the intrepid sailors who are bent on attending a great party! The creek began to

feel pretty full. On Saturday morning the winds picked up a bit and the folks who hadn't yet had their shakedown cruises ventured forth into increasing winds from the SE which meant a big slog down the bay. BONKERS TWO didn't leave home port until early afternoon and had a wet wild slog with the rail under down the bay... and finally concluded that the sensible move was to scoot into the Rhode for a bit of rest and an anchorage before sundown. In the meantime lots more boats made their way up the Wye. By the time the O-Limp-ics were finished, around 3:00... there were 43 boats at anchor in the creek and just at the entrance. What a fantastic sight! Eleven of the craft flew CBC burgees: LOLIGO, OUR TIME, BRISTOL CREAM III, MERIDIAN, CAPE DOCTOR, WHIPPERSNAPPER, WILD ROVER, TALISMAN, BONKERS TWO, and BROAD ARROW.

A CBC crew "manned" the games with Joel and Tom officiating at the baseball toss and a few new skill-testing events were unveiled this summer. We were all blessed with a beautiful afternoon.

By happy hour the pavilion was overflowing and additional tables were set up on the lawn outside. The buffet tables were rapidly laden with an incredible assortment of salads, fruits and deserts to accompany the scrumptious chicken and beans. I know that not one soul went away hungry!

Doc Johnson presented awards for the games amid much cheering and applause. Everyone scuttled off to their respective berths for a good night's sleep except Those folks who had come by land yacht. Ted Reinhold, (Carol was home a bit under the weather) Will and Logan Hottle, Peter and Mar-

garet Madden, Joel Gross and Tom Finnin had a long ride home.



Joel: The Judge



Toeing the Line



CBC's winning team:
Peter Bittner, Tom Trump,
Beryl Flynn ;& Mrty Bittner

AND THEN CAME THE CRUISE

Monday morning the cruisers set off down toward Knapps Narrows for the first leg of the spring cruise. BROAD ARROW, OUR TIME, WHIPPERSNAPPER, MERIDIAN, BRISTOL CREAM III, and LOLIGO tied up at the marina in the narrows and had a lovely dinner at the Bay Hundred, arranged by cruise directors Tom and Elinor Adensam. The Kennards waved at everyone as they went by on their way up to Dun Cove



The Lineup at Knapps Narrows

where they planned to meet the Arsenaults in their BELLA VITA for a quiet evening at anchor. The wind picked up that night, but , alas, the next morning it was a real gale out of the East and the two crews ,with boats rafted together, found themselves scrambling to start engines and prevent a grounding next to a sturdy pier and boat lift. It was all to no avail, as our two 27 HP Yanmars were no match for the 37 K winds (ouch) and the two ended up hard aground with a line to a piling to prevent a collision with a power boat up on the lift. After exhausting all options the ;sensible solution was voiced by Sharon who said "Call Towboat US !" The towboat was there in about 20 minutes and pulled each boat off and over to the northern cove which was sheltered from the fierce East wind. It was even a struggle for the 300 HP tow to get them off against that wind. They can't be more complementary of the professional and patient way the tow captain directed the operation, and such a nice guy.

The Knapps Narrows crew decided to stay put for the day and made a little junket down to Harrison's for Lunch. Smart bunch!

A bit later after radio conversations with all, ACOMES, which had battled those winds with about 1/3 of a genny up (no main) and their all-in-one foul weather gear, life jackets and tethers, had made it around Black Walnut Point and headed up to Dun Cove. Will and Logan pulled in about 6:00... wet and tired. They were delighted to be invited to dinner and drinks on BELLA VITA., and even had a dingy taxi ride over. The three couples has a relieved, relaxed and happy dinner below.



Carol, Bob, Deb, Tom, Elinor, Doc, "Fancy Pants" Bruce George. Paul and Marge

Wednesday morning BELLA VITA headed South for Solomon's on the first leg of a three week cruise South. The Knapps Narrows Bunch was "racing" toward Cambridge and the two boats from Dun Cove headed out to join the, Of course that day there was no wind at all... and the race was a big wallow... but they toughed it out on a truncated course. There was plenty of room at the marina in Cambridge and we quickly settled in and Tom scouted the territory on his bicycle. The entire group of 16 went to dinner at a great place called "Jimmies and Sooks" and were thrilled with the fresh local soft shells done to perfection. The desserts were terrific too... especially the chocolate, bourbon, pecan pie! Wow!



Hottles, Adensams, Coons & Kennards

Thursday was another day of very light air but The Adensame, Georges, Hottles, Johnsons, Kavanaughs and Kennards sailed up and anchored in Caulk Cove... all in a row. The Coons and Clopps went up to Oxford on a sentimental journey that evening.



Kavanaughs, Johnsons, and the Georges

Our Cruise Directors bade us farewell as they headed out for Solomons that day and for the rest Friday was head-back-across-the-bay-day and it was a hazy motoring slog up to the South River: destination Harness Creek. About three o'clock, as the parade was entering the river the skies looked pretty dark ahead, and we pushed for the anchorage. BROAD ARROW and BRISTOL CREAM III, made it into the anchorage, but The Hottles, Johnsons and Kennards were stuck in the river when a doozy of a squall hit with pelting rain, 25K winds, zero visibility..... and lightening. Frightening few minutes and absolutely soaked boats and crews, but during a pause the three made

it inside and anchored before the next thunder and lightening show arrived. When that had all blown over there was a spectacular sunset. Small reward for a harrowing hour or two.



We all agreed that it was a great cruise in spite of assorted problems with the weather, but we had a surfeit of variety, good food, good fun, and a bit of sailing of all kinds!

Saturday everyone scuttled for home to get ready for

THE CRUISE-END PARTY AT THE NATHANS!

The only cruiser that anchored in Witehall Creek in front of the Nathans was BROAD ARROW. As the Kennards home port was just around the corner on Ridout, they went home for a shower and a PB&J before driving over to the party.

Mike and Marcia had their house and sweeping lawn

all decked out for the event with a magnificent grille that could handle quantities of goodies all at once!

There was a long and enthusiastic happy hour as everyone had to compare notes and hear all about the cruise. Ted Reinhold brought Carol to the party. Though she was much improved after her bout with a nasty cold, there were hugs but no kisses! Ruth and Dick



Dick, Ruth, Marty, Peter B. & Mal



Hunter, Peter M. & "Sam"

Boecker arrived early by car. They

had been out on the water and met up with the Flynns a few nights before. Mal & Louise Mellington, Bruce & Jane Raymond, and Marty Keegan & Peter Bittner, all joined the festivities. Everyone was delighted to see Wendy and Dave Hamnett! It has been a long time since they have joined us. Peter and Margaret Madden kept a close eye on boat dog "Sam" who was more than a bit interested in the resident guard cats "Jazz" & "Tucker". The rest of the cruisers: Doc & Carol Johnson, Will & Logan Hottle, and Commodore Janet George and #1 advisor Bruce, all showered and spiffed up, joined the throng. The salads and desserts were wonderful... as usual... and a marvelous assortment of viands sizzled on that terrific grille... all closely supervised. The most exotic were the two duck breasts popped on the grille by Mike. It was a wonderful party and folks seemed reluctant to head for home. What a grand finale for a cruise.

We were relieved to find out that George Thomas is now back home after a hospital stay to treat some very painful tummy problems. He was a very sick guy.

He may be a while recouping, but Clary is there to get him all well again.

Ted Reinhold wants to call our attention to the part of our web site called BAY WEATHER & MARINE INFORMATION LINKS This has a wealth of fascinating and very useful information. Check this out before you head out to "sea"!

Declare Independence! It's the 4th!

Day

One, Friday, 3 July
2008. Assemble in Davis
Creek which is off Lankford
(Langford) Creek. Plan to anchor
close enough to the Langford Bay
Marina to make it an easy Dinghy run in
to catch the Trolley at the Marina at 1830.
BRISTOL CREAM III will be on station at
1700.

At the sailing Emporium we will join our
hosts Rich and Anne Segermark on LAST
RESORT for the show. Be sure and bring
along your food and beverage of choice.

The Trolley carrying us to The
Sailing Emporium will also return
when the fireworks are over.

The price will be \$700
apiece, round trip.

Day

three, Sunday, 6 July
2008. Our Commodore, Janet
George, will host the "Commodore's
Breakfast" assisted by Chef Bruce.
Please bring along a side dish to share.
After breakfast the awards will be pre-
sented for the first three places in the
races plus the best of the Patriotic
Drinks and Hors d Oeuvres.

The Navy Band!
Fantastic Fireworks!

Day two, Satur-

day, 4 July 2008. Our

4th of July weekend "FUN:

race takes place over a course
laid out by race director Paul
Kavanaugh. PHRF ratings will be
used for all entrants. Race course
and instructions will be handed out
in Davis Creek in the morning. We'll
move to the Corsica River where The
official Cocktail Party featuring a
Patriotic Drinks and Hors d
Oeuvre contest, (think stars
and stripes!), will take
place at 1700
hours.

Some
folks plan to stay
over for a couple of addi-
tional days, so plan to join
them if you can.

Please call Bruce if you plan to be with everyone in Rook Hall or the Corsica.
443-203-6900 or bfjegeorge@comcast.net or cell: 443-254-6715



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THE SEQUEL TO 2008'S POPLAR ISLAND TRIP.. THIS YEAR WILL BE ON FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2009

Remember last summer when Commodore Deb Coons came up with the great idea for CBC to tour Poplar Island? Those of us who went had a blast and those who heard about it and/or saw Ted Reinhold's great video wished they had gone! Well, this year Commodore Janet George has come up with another great idea – a tour of SERC (i.e., Smithsonian Environmental Research Center) on the Rhode River. For those of you who are unfamiliar with it (probably most of us) you are in for a real education and a treat! This could be a one-day excursion by car or boat, or the early start to a weekend cruise.

What an opportunity we have to tour one of the nation's leading environmental research centers, located right in our own back yard! SERC had a humble beginning in 1964 when the defunct 365-acre Java dairy farm and other holdings on the Rhode River were bequeathed to the Smithsonian Institution. It quickly became apparent that the site provided a wide variety of habitats for terrestrial, wetland and estuarine field biology and ecology. In 1965 the center was officially established as the Chesapeake Bay Center for Field Biology, with the modest expectation that the Smithsonian, as well as other governmental and educational entities would use the site merely for field collecting trips.

But she grew like topsy! Early on, the site drew interest from researchers and outside funders. Large grants from the Ford Foundation and others, and the acquisition of hundreds of adjoining acres led to the development of an active research and educational facility on-site, and, subsequently, the addition of a resident scientific staff. Realization of the importance of this unique site, which includes a permanent base with both land and water holdings, led the center to refocus its overarching research themes – to the connections between the atmosphere, watershed and estuary, and on human impacts on those systems. Thus, in 1970 the name was changed to the Chesapeake Bay Center for Environmental Studies, and it was renamed the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center in 1985.

Today SERC encompasses 2800 acres of land, is home to a diverse staff of 16 senior scientists; supports an interdisciplinary team of more than 180 researchers, technicians and students carrying out their work here and at field stations all over the world; and offers a wide variety of educational programs for students and adults.

THERE IS A LIMIT OF 30 PEOPLE. RESERVATIONS WILL BE ON A FIRST CALL/EMAIL BASIS. PLEASE RSVP TO NANCY MCCABE AT: 410-326-3440 OR FRANK AT: FMCCABE@CHESAPEAKE.NET)

10:00 A.M.:

Meet at the Philip Reed Education Center in SERC

10:30-11:30 – TALK
SERC General Information

11:30-12:30 LUNCH–
on tables under the trees
(BYO picnic)

12:30-2:00 – HIKE

to Contee Farm (newest SERC acquisition, including ruins of an 1800's tobacco plantation) and discussion of history and research done there. Other hiking possibilities on your own

ALSO: To commemorate CBC's 35th anniversary, we will plant a tree on SERC grounds sometime during our visit. Details will follow.

COST: \$ 10 PER PERSON

BY LAND: SERC is off Muddy Creek Road (Route 468) about one mile south of the intersection with Route 214.

BY SEA: Dinghy tie-up at SERC dock near Big Island on the Rhode River.

For more information on SERC, go to <http://www.serc.si.edu> .