



A REPORT FROM LOGAN HOTTLE ON THE LOG CANOE RACES IN ST. MICHAELS JUNE 24-26

First into Hunting Creek was SEA SCAPE on Thursday night. A phone call confirmed to the rest of us that this is a good anchorage.

SCUDDER, ACOMES, and RHYTHM followed on Friday for a raft up for cocktails and dinner and an invasion of midges! Fortunately, when the lights went off so did they.

Up early on Saturday and over to Miles River Yacht Club to see the rigging of the Log Canoes. Amazing process. Huge masts, one fore and one aft—staysail on the forward very large mast and main on the “little” one aft. These are raised by man power and the boat is extraordinarily unstable once they are up and crew can only go on board when someone who is on board can “take the weight.”

Logan had been gang pressed by her niece, Vanessa, to race on Patricia. She was supposed to be one of the people on the boards that slide out to ballast the boat but begged out of that! The whole thing has more potential dangers than any other sailing we’ve seen before, starting with the rigging process. But, the racers can’t imagine not doing it!

Will and Mickey drove the chase boat (which had a nonfunctioning alternator) to tow Patricia into the river, and then stay near the course, where it promptly quit. They got a tow in and watched from a shady lawn. Pete, and Ted and Carole were on our friend’s power boat and right in the thick of the race. Ted got good pictures and videos. We’re all looking forward to this week’s show!

This was the first race of the season so the crews were working things out. The canoe in front of Patricia capsized with the top of her mast hitting another canoe. Patricia was ready for her third tack out to the start when the centerboard hit bottom and over she went. Then the fun began. The entire canoe has to be unrigged, sails wrapped around booms and passed to a chase boat, masts removed, canoe righted and bailed with 5 gallon buckets. All in all, this entailed two hours in the water. However, cold water and beer were available!

On Sunday, everyone except RHYTHM left for home before the start of the two-race Sunday series. Vanessa reported Patricia placed 7th and 5th. The good news is that apparently the race committee made some mistakes Saturday and that race probably won’t count in the summer series for any of the boats!

Saturday night, with a car borrowed from Vanessa, the captains and crews of SCUDDER, ACOMES, and SEA SCAPE went out to dinner. Boarding the dinghies turned out to be a soaking experience! Logan suggested an “easy” way for Margaret to get into their dinghy which resulted in Pete and Margaret both in the drink. No injuries and 43% of the participants at the Log Canoe races went swimming. It’s early in the season and there were no nettles.

A good wet time was had by all.





The prediction was for a hot and humid weekend. Despite the forecast, however, five undaunted boats set sail on Saturday, July 2, for the Chester River and the anchorage in

Comegy's Bight. Meridian (Elinor and Tom Adensam), Broad Arrow (Marjorie and Paul Kavanaugh), Chantey (Joel Gross and Tom Finnin), Rhythm (Carol and Ted Reinhold, along with granddaughter Stephanie), and Galatea (Joyce and Marty Suydam) arrived in the late afternoon after motorsailing to our destination. There was some wind, but not from the right direction. Comegy's Bight exceeded everyone's expectations. As the Cruising Guide indicated, it is an anchorage able to accommodate a flotilla; however, we were the only boats in the area. The breeze was delightful and promised great sleeping weather. At 7 pm we rendezvoused on Galatea for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and great conversation. Elinor stole the show with her fresh fruit trifle that has to be a first for CBC. What a treat! Maybe this will become her signature dish. As darkness approached, everyone returned to their boats to settle in for the evening. The cool breeze continued until about 3 am when it suddenly became very windy. We had a short but intense thunderstorm that had everyone awake and closing hatches. One of us, who shall be nameless (What happens on the cruise stays on the cruise!), dragged anchor for about 100 yards. Fortunately, with plenty of depth and no obstacles, the resetting of the anchor could be delayed until daylight.

July 3 dawned clear and cool but windless. The race captain called off the race, and we started in the late morning to our second anchorage at Gray's Inn Creek—about an hour and a half trip—where we anticipated a great view of the Rock Hall fireworks. Once



again we found plenty of space, plenty of depth—and a cooling breeze. Some of us explored the surroundings by dinghy, others relaxed on board. At 6:30 pm we all came together again on Galatea for the official July 4 cocktail party. Marjorie and Paul Kavanaugh introduced us to the "Shandy"—Sam Adams and lemonade--what is more patriotic than beer?! This libation earned them the prize for most festive drink. Carol and Ted Reinhold's festooned cheese platter won for most patriotic hors d'oeuvre.

As it approached 7:30 and the celebration was in full swing, a sudden rain came up. Everyone rapidly boarded dinghies and hurried back to close hatches once again. Fortunately, the downpour was short-lived. The sky cleared and as the darkness approached we could hear strains of the musical program from Rock Hall.

The fireworks began about 9:15 pm and, once again, the town lived up to our anticipation of a spectacular display. The night was cool and breezy. Mother Nature smiled on us, and we all slept well.



On July 4 we left at various times for home. Some of us attempted the race outlined for the return trip, however, by course mark #3 the wind was gone and even the most dedicated sailors conceded.

We think it is safe to say “a good time was had by all”—a little excitement, great company, and (mostly) good weather. We also think we can highly recommend both anchorages for future trips.

RACE RESULTS AFTER THE END OF CRUISE GATHERING!

ON SUNDAY, JUNE 19, THE CLUB HAD ITS END OF CRUISE RACE AND THE RESULTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. BROAD ARROW**
- 2. SAVOIR FAIRE**
- 3. FREEFLIGHT**
- 4. WACAJO**

THE RACE STARTED AT THE MOUTH OF THE RHODE RIVER, WENT EASTERLY INTO THE WEST RIVER, THEN IN A NORTH WESTERLY DIRECTION HEADED UP TO MARK SR FOR THE FINISH JUST SOUTHEAST OF THOMAS POINT LIGHT. THE WINDS WERE IN THE RANGE OF FIVE KNOTS AT THE START, AND ALL FOUR BOATS STRUGGLED TO GET OUT INTO THE WEST RIVER ONLY TO RUN INTO A NUMBER OF CRAB POT FLOATS THAT WERE SET VERY CLOSE TOGETHER BETWEEN MARKS R-2 AND C-1A.

IT WAS AMAZING THAT NONE OF THE BOATS GOT TANGLED IN ONE OF THE FLOATS.

ONCE INTO THE WEST RIVER, THE WINDS CAME UP TO THE 8-10 KNOT RANGE BUT SO DID THE EFFECTS OF THE INCOMING TIDE.

THE RACE WAS A NICE END TO A VERY NICE WEEKEND.

**IF THE WEATHER GODS TAKE PITY ON US THIS WEEKEND
AND BRING US SOME GOOD BREEZES AND A BIT LESS HEAT,
HOP ABOARD YOUR CRAFT AND HEAD FOR BODKIN CREEK
WHERE YOU CAN JOIN UP WITH ANY OTHER BOAT
FLYING OUR GREAT CBC BURGEE
FOR A NICE INFORMAL RENDEZVOUS
SATURDAY AUGUST 6, TO SUNDAY AUGUST 7**

**WHERE THE WIND BLOWS CRUISE
JULY 16 - 19, 2011
By Elinor Adensam**

Once again, the Where The Wind Blows Cruise (WTWBC) was truncated due to hot weather and no wind. The start was auspicious, but the end was not. With a nice breeze pushing them, three boats reached Mill Creek just above Cantler's restaurant and anchored there - RHYTHM, BRISTOL CREME III, and MERIDIAN. Plans were that we were all going to go to Cantler's for dinner where we would be met by the Dorans (SCUDDER), the Kennards, and the Maddens (SEA SCAPE). However, the long wait times discouraged us and the whole idea was aborted. The Georges and the Reinholds met aboard MERIDIAN for cocktails and munchies. Good camaraderie was enjoyed by all, as the land contingent moved their dinner efforts to the Broadneck Grill where they had a delightful dinner - no wait! Calls from OUR TIME and SAVOIR FAIRE were received. Prue and Bob had planned on joining us, but suffered engine problems. The Bogardes had sailed to Swan Creek the evening before to meet with the Boeckers and stayed the evening there.

We had a pleasant evening with low temperatures.

Sunday was a beautiful day with light breezes and pleasant temperatures. SAVOIR FAIRE decided to sail to Queenstown, BRISTOL CREME III had to return home, but the rest of us took advantage of the day to sail to Swan Creek. We anchored in the creek where we were joined by SEA SCAPE and SCUDDER. We again had cocktails aboard MERIDIAN, but were disappointed that Margaret was not able to join us due to difficulties getting into and out of the dinghy.

We had a great time at the end of another perfect day. Is this July?

RHYTHM had to depart for home on Monday. But the rest of us took all day sailing in very light air to nice breeze from Swan Creek to the Corsica River. This time, we repaired to SEA SCAPE for our happy hour and to decide the next day's destination. We concluded that a marina would be a nice change and planned to head to Chestertown. Unfortunately, the following morning, Sam became ill (urinary tract infection and he's being treated with antibiotics) so SEA SCAPE headed for home. SCUDDER and MERIDIAN planned to head to Knapps Narrows and tie up there expecting to be nearer home the next day as the rising temps and dying winds didn't bode well for continuing the cruise. (Guess this is July after all!)

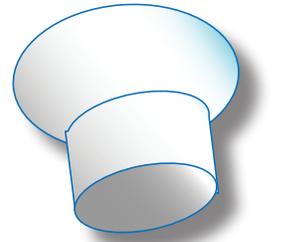
Again, bad luck struck.

SCUDDER developed a cooling problem, so Mickey decided that he'd better limp home and see what the problem was at his home dock.

Having been abandoned by the rest of the cruisers, and facing rising temperatures, MERIDIAN decided that the better part of valor was to head home too. We all had a long motor ride home as both the Chester River and the Bay itself were glassy most of the time we were out there.

Maybe mid- July isn't the best time for cruising on the Chesapeake Bay, but we all had fun. Short legs so we could sail even if the winds were light. SAVOIR FAIRE had the best sailing, I think, as they had left on Friday. Perhaps we should have started the cruise a couple of days earlier. :-)) A big thanks to all who participated, or tried to. Next time we'll schedule Cantler's for mid week.

**CBC SHORE PARTY – AUGUST 20TH
HOSTED BY MARCIA AND MIKE NATHANS
WHITEHALL CREEK
800 OAK LANE, ANNAPOLIS
410-279-2222**



**ON SATURDAY AUGUST 20TH, THE COCKTAIL FLAG
WILL OFFICIALLY BE RAISED AT 14:00.
LIGHTING OF THE GRILLS WILL COMMENCE AT 16:30**

**BRING YOUR OWN CHEF'S HATS, APRONS, AND A GRILLABLE.
PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OF YOUR CHOICE TO SHARE.**

**THE WATER TAXI LISTENS ON VHF CHANNEL 13.
HAIL FOR "NIGHT N' GAEL" OR JUST BLAST YOUR AIR HORN.**

WHITEHALL CREEK APPROACH

R "2 W" to R "4" 43 MAG
R "4" to G "5" 30 MAG
G "5" to R "6" 300 MAG
R "6" to G "7"
G "7" to R "8"
R "8" to Amberley 360 MAG

Across from Whitehall Yacht Yard, now Hinckley.

800 OAK LANE FROM WASHINGTON:

50 East past Annapolis exits and cross Severn River Bridge
Exit 29A: St. Margarets, Route 179, Cape St Claire Road
Right at stop sign onto St Margarets Road (route 179)
First left onto Holly Drive- takes you into Amberley
Follow Holly 1.1 miles to curve to the right
Turn left on Oak Lane at the beginning of the curve
Park and party on the right

FROM EASTERN SHORE:

50 over Bay Bridge, Exit Exit 29: College Parkway, St. Margarets, Route 179, Cape St Claire Road
Left at stop sign onto St Margarets Road (route 179) cross over route 50 to 4-way stop
After stop, first left onto Holly Drive which winds into Amberley
Follow directions above

**IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND,
PLEASE CALL MARCIA AT 410-279-0213.**



CHESAPEAKE BRISTOL CLUB FALL CRUISE

September 3-11, 2011

Cruise leaders: Prue and Bob Clopp (410) 956-0207,

Join Prue and Bob on a 9-day cruise that includes Rock Hall, Georgetown, Have de Grace, and Baltimore.

RSVP if you are planning to join the cruise. During the cruise stay in touch by cell: 703-623-1068, or monitor CH 71.

During the cruise, Paul Kavanaugh will set up 2-3 races. The results of these races will determine the winners of the Commodore's Cup and the Broad Arrow Cup.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3 ROCK HALL

Meet at Swan Creek near Haven Harbour Marina. For those who wish to stay at the Marina, call (410) 778-6697. Welcome party on "Our Time" at 17:00.

Bring a hors d'oeuvre and beverage. LON 76:14.5, LAT 39:08.8

SUNDAY, SEPT. 4 ROCK HALL / GEORGETOWN

Sail to Georgetown and either anchor or overnight at Georgetown Yacht Basin (410) 648-5112. LON 75;53 LAT 39:21.08. Evening is free.



MONDAY, SEPT.5 GEORGETOWN

Free day to enjoy the pool and explore the area. Dinner this evening at Kitty Knight House..

TUESDAY, SEPT. 6 GEORGETOWN / HAVRE de GRACE

Sail to Havre de Grace and stay at the Tidewater Marina. (410) 939-0951 LON 76:05 LAT 39:32.08. According to legend, Lafayette referred to the city in a letter to George Washington as Havre de Grace because the site reminded him of the French seaport, Le Havre. The town was incorporated in 1785.



WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7 HAVRE de GRACE

Free day to explore the town. Dinner at the Tidewater Grille.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 8 STILL POND

Short sail to Still Pond for overnight anchorage.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9 STILL POND / BALTIMORE

Sail to Inner Harbor Marine Center (310) 837-5339.

Free evening.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10 BALTIMORE

Free day to explore the city. Farewell dinner at the Black Olive in Fells Point.



SUNDAY, SEPT. 11 BALTIMORE / HOME

Sail home with many fond memories of a week on the Bay.