



SHHHHHHHHHH ! DONT BREATHE A WORD!

On May 12th. ourCommodore awaited several CBC craft in a very special secret cove. His carefully encrypted directions led them past all kinds of hidden dangers like concrete blocks and nasty shoals into an absolutely beautiful creek that was amazingly quiet and private. Wow!

Deb & Ken Coons anchored their LOLIGO, first. They were followed into the secret spot by Bill and Beryl Flynn's TALISMAN, Tom and Elinor Adensam on their MERIDIAN and Joel Gross and Tom Finnin on CHANTEY and they all rafted up alongside SCUDDER. The Coons came to happy hour by dinghy.

The late comers to the party were Doc Johnson and his son, Mark on NO MAS, (the former WHIPPERSNAPPER)

Commodore Mickey, provided fish stew for everyone except Joel who brought along his chicken.

The Raft broke up for the night and NO MAS & CHANTEY moved up the creek tied together together. The anchoring manoeuvres were fascinating evening entertainment for the rest of a the fleet. It was a beautiful moonlit night and the tranquility of the cove was breathtaking.

DON'T YOU DARE SPREAD THE WORD!

AND NOW A REPORT FROM THE WRYS SEMINAR:

Logan Hottle sent this review of the Safety Seminar at the West River Yacht Club which. unfortunately, turned out to be a bit of a nonevent!

The Suydams, Kavanaughs, and I were the only ones representing CBC. The first presentation was by the Coast Guard. They (about six people--one woman) gave a lot of information of what happens when a call comes in--process, etc.--and we had a tour of the 25' boat they arrived in.

Sgt. Rick Kaufman of the DNR was up next and covered some of the same ground but from their point of view. They work on the water and throughout the state as park rangers, game wardens, etc.

Two comments I took away: If you are near or on the water and a DNR boat comes into the area with the blue light on and, at night, a search light, you can call 410-260-8888 and ask what's going on and if you can help in any way. Sometimes we can!

Also, to be "legal" on the Bay regarding the pump out, the handle only has to be secured with a plastic wire tie. Not like some areas which require metal and sealed tags.

There were not many people to begin with, and the last person was a captain from Sea Tow and there was just a conversation with him--no presentation!

TURN THE PAGE QUICKLY AND READ ALL ABOUT THE NEXT RENDEZVOUS WHICH WILL BE THE FESTIVE FOURTH OF JULY CRUISE COMING UP NEXT WEEK





**Day 1: Tuesday, July 3,
Gray's Inn Creek - - Rock Hall Fire-
works**

GALATEA will be on station NLT 1700 hours, at Gray's Inn Creek anchorage (same as last year) monitoring Channel 71. Pre-4th cockt;ail party at 1700 hours -- bring an hors d'oeuvre to share, but save your "best" fpr July 4th. Paul Kavanaugh will provide instructions for the race on July 4th



Day 2: Wednesday July 4. Race to Gibson Island (Red House Cove) Anchorage, Cocktail Party and Gibson Island Fire-works (Gibson Island Community Association)

After breakfast, boats on their own schedule, race the course prepared by Paul Kavanaugh. Move to Gibson Island anchorage (Red House Cove or, if too crowded, Sillery Bay). Bring a patriotic drink and hors d'oeuvre to share at the official July 4th cocktail party which will begin at 1700 hours. Prizes will be awarded. Galatea will host.



Day 3: Thursday July 5. Return home.

Return home which may provide a possible second race opportunity.

Please contact Marty Suydam PDQ
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if you plan to attend and/or have questions.



THE MARVELOUS OPSAIL TALL SHIP SOUTHERN BAY CRUISE

JUNE 3: We left home ports Sunday at 8 a.m. and had amazing wind and saw speeds of nearly 8 knots. The wind was about 15 knots on the beam with gusts to 23-25. The Georges were into Solomons first and were the anchor boat for cocktails -- 5 boats. We crashed at 9 p.m. as this first day of sailing kept us on our toes. BROAD ARROW, BRISTOL CREAM III, GALATEA, and CAPE DOCTOR made it to Mill Creek in Solomons. Cocktails were on BROAD ARROW.



JUNE 4: The participants left Solomons early and headed South. Winds were forecast to be from the north and be in the 20-25 knot range with gusts to 30. The Georges reported that they sailed all the 40+ miles to the Doran's bay house on Prentice creek consistently at over 7 knots. Marty Suydam reported that the first two days were the "best ever" sailing. Flew down the bay, most of the day today at 8 knots. When we got to Prentice Creek, Chris and Virginia on INTERLUDE were already there at anchor and SEA SCAPE tied to the Tow boat Pier. Margaret Madden had driven down with Sam to join Peter and the crew there. Mickey and Scott with his brother in law and his wife (Jerry and Ann Cyrus) had arranged for a fish fry for us all. The fish had just been caught and along with delicious salad and vegetables, we had a hearty meal. For dessert we had a choice of Ice cream cake or rum cake. After that fish fry put on by our hosts almost everyone was again asleep by 9.



JUNE 5: Everyone decided to take a Lay day at Prentice Creek because of expected high winds and possible rain. We started the day with a delicious breakfast compliments of Mickey and Scott. Later, Mickey set up his golf course and we all tried to play a round and not look too ridiculous. Mickey was the winner by getting his shots closest to the pin. Marty needed a part for his outboard engine so Marty, Mike, next door neighbor, Pete, went into town to get a part. They did not get exactly the right part, but it worked. Later Marjorie and Janet made a trip to town just to see it. Bruce and Janet came up with a nautical

quiz of ten questions and Tom Trump won.

JUNE 6: Before heading out to Deltaville, Mickey and Scott prepared another wonderful breakfast to send us on our way. Unfortunately, the wind intensity had dropped and we all had to motor most of the way. Today we sailed in light winds to Deltaville by 2 p.m. and on the way saw schools of dolphins. Amazing and fun critters. Once in Deltaville, the group got slips at the Deltaville Marina. We had cocktails in the screened in area and ate dinner on our boats. Unfortunately, both CAPE DOCTOR (transmission) and INTERLUDE (engine water leak) had to stay behind to have repair work done before they could continue. Tomorrow Norfolk.

JUNE 7: The trip to Fort Monroe was mostly under power. By now the winds had turned almost 180 degrees and it was almost on the nose. When we got to the anchorage area just outside the Old Point Comfort Yacht Club, we were delighted to see MERIDIAN. All the boats anchored that night and Happy Hour was on GALATEA.



Before we broke up and went to our own boats, the plan to be part of the escort for the tall ships was reviewed. The Old Point Comfort Yacht Club was responsible for the escort of both the Spirit of Bermuda and the Spirit of Independence.



JUNE 8: This was the day that the Tall Ships were to move into Norfolk Harbor. We headed out to our holding position and once there went around in an elliptical counter-clock wise pattern until the OPCYC lead boat pulled out to accompany the boats that we were to escort. The spectator fleet had become interspersed with those boats that were officially designated to escort the tall ships, so care had to be shown to push through the crowd to get into the proper position. All of our boats did well and fell in line at the right time. Our position was near the parade so once we finished our escort duties we got to enjoy watching the rest of the Tall Ships move up the channel. It was quite a sight to see those large sailing ships with crews lined up on the cross braces. On



some ships the crew would be dancing in step to a band that was on the deck below. Some of the boats that were in the escort fleet stayed in Norfolk on large docks that had been made available. All of our boats headed back to Hampton and all but MERIDIAN went into the Old Point Comfort Marina.

JUNE 9: This day was spent enjoying the area. Some people went on a self guided tour of Fort Monroe to include a wonderful museum. Bruce and Janet went into Hampton and visited the air museum there. A meal at the hotel in Hampton afforded a chance for a wonderful view of the harbor from the rooftop terrace.

JUNE 10: Most of the boats left about 0830 hours and headed up to Cape Charles. The wind and current were against us so most people motored most of the way. At this point we learned that CAPE DOCTOR needed major transmission work and would not be joining us for the rest of the trip. INTERLUDE was still in Deltaville and planned

to join us in Prentice Creek or Irvington.

We got a surprise to learn that there was a mini Tall Ship festivity going on at Cape Charles. There was small USN ship, a USA landing craft and two large wooden sailboats there, plus all kinds of booths in a lot leading to the docks. Some of the group attended a showing of "Mutiny on the Bounty" at a refurbished movie theater here. Very appropriate for the Tall Ship celebration.

We all enjoyed walking around the town and had dinner at Kelly's Pub.

JUNE 11: The group thinned out here with MERIDIAN and GALATEA heading up to Solomons and both boats had an early start on the day to take advantage of the tides.. For those of us who stayed behind, the day was spent checking out the shops and enjoying the area.

JUNE 12: BRISTOL CREAM III and BROAD ARROW headed up to the Tides inn at Irvington while SEA SCAPE headed to Prentice Creek. The winds were in the 15-20 kt range with gusts to 25, but it was a good sailing day. The only part of the trip that we found to be rough was at the entrance to the Rappahannock River. Imagine! they finally had to reef the jib on BROAD ARROW.

JUNE 13: A wonderful day to relax at Tides Inn. It was windy and we did have some rain, but we enjoyed it inside the inn. That night the group got together for dinner at the Tides Inn in Irvington,VA. Mickey took





a photo of Scott, Chris and Virginia, Peter and Margaret, Bruce and Janet, and Paul and Marjorie on the brick terrace just outside of the Chesapeake room of the Tides Inn.



Both the meals and the service were excellent and the “Oysters Rappahanock” was a show stopper!

JUNE 14: The weather was still not good as there were still high winds to confront us. As a result both BROAD ARROW and Bristol went to Urbanna and anchored out. They got into the town early enough to enjoy lunch and to visit the various shops and also checked out a new condo complex that had begun selling new units.

JUNE 15: The weather improved and the two boats sailed from Urbanna to Prentice Creek. There they found INTERLUDE already at anchor and SEA SCAPE tied up to the TOWBOAT/US dock. BRISTOL CREAM III chose to ride on her anchor while BROAD ARROW tied up beside SEA SCAPE. Mickey and Scott once again, pulled out all the stops and we had delicious hamburgers, salads, and desserts.

JUNE 16: This was a lay day at Prentice Creek. The ladies went into town to visit the market while the guys did boat maintenance. This was to be the last chance that any boat would have to replenish their food supply before arriving back to their home station. That night we all ate at chez Doran’s with everyone bringing their own meat course and then helping to finish up left overs that were available. We had visited a Farmers’ Market. Mickey’s brother in law, Jerry, (who had earlier treated us to a fish fry dinner) and his wife, Ann, could not be there, but they had made a delicious banana pudding that was enjoyed by us all.

JUNE 17: All the boats left Prentice Creek about 7am anxious to be on our way after two pleasant days at Mickey and Scott’s vacation home due to weather not suitable for sailing. The trip to Onancock was some work for everyone. Virginia and Chris White sailed almost all the way to Onancock, but the other boats used a combination of sail and motor. It was a rough ride whichever way the trip was done. All three boats, BROAD ARROW, BRISTOL CREAM III, and INTERLUDE anchored out. For dinner BROAD ARROW and BRISTOL CREAM III went into the dock area for dinner.

JUNE 18: We discovered Monday that most of the town was closed. This was a lay day at Onancock and the day was spent enjoying the town and its lovely old homes, parks, and shops. INTERLUDE had a commitment coming up and headed for home early that day, and SEA SCAPE decided to head to Crisfield before heading over to Solomons so they also left early that morning.

The remaining folks walked around the town enjoying what it had to offer. For such a

small town I was amazed at how many antique shops were there. We did have a great meal at the dock side restaurant which featured mussels on the menu and live music.

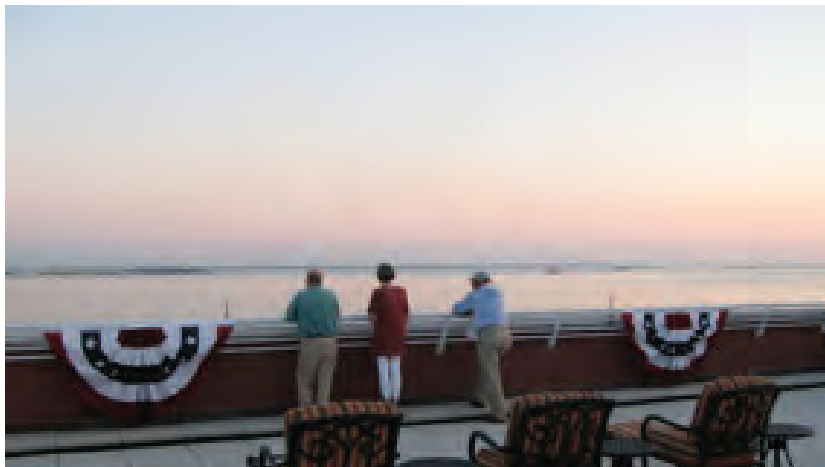
JUNE 19: Onancock to Solomons-The nice temperatures that we had been having were about to change and we were looking at two days to get home to beat the forecast of temperatures to almost 100 degrees. We agreed to cut the cruise a bit short and head home to Air Conditioning. We left Onancock at just before 0600 hours and motor sailed to Solomons most of the way. Sometimes we had both sails up, other times either the jib or the main. SEA SCAPE was there before us so for the cocktail hour, BRISTOL CREAM III tied up on one side and BROAD ARROW on the other. After cocktails we broke up and anchored separately for a good night's sleep. Tomorrow would be a long day.

JUNE 20: Solomons to home port. Up early again for a 5:45am departure. The wind was on the nose, so we motored back to our home docks after a long slog.

Kudos to Paul Kavanaugh for his dedicated planning and advance work to make this such a memorable cruise.

Janet George deserves much credit for coming up with games to play as went along in the cruise. She gave prizes to the ones who saw the first porpoise and the first pelican, and the winner of a great quiz. as well.

The cruise was a great one with wonderful weather (except the last two days), every kind of wind you could imagine including none, fantastic tall ships, great meals, interesting towns and, to top it all, the Dorans hospitality!



Paul and Marjorie Kavanaugh- BROAD ARROW
Bruce and Janet George- BRISTOL CREAM III
Peter Madden with Mickey Doran - SEA SCAPE
Marty Suydam with his friend Mike - GALATEA
Tom Trump - CAPE DOCTOR

Chris and Virginia White - INTERLUDE

Tom and Elinor Adensam- MERIDIAN

Shore crew at the Doran's on Prentice Creek:

Scott Doran, Margaret Madden and Sam, Jerry and Ann Cyrus