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What a sailing season it's been! A really nice moderate summer, and now it's transitioning into a pretty grand fall. Let's hope the great boating weather carries right into winterizing season. And then the shoreside parties kick in. Ain't life in the CSC just wonderful?!



September was an adventuresome month -- only a couple weeks after the late August impromptu cruise to Points South on the Bay, the Fall Cruise launched. And a grand time it was, too! It was a voyage worth a separate article in this newsletter this month or next -- a really fine exploration of the Chester River and environs by four of our boats and crews, including a stopover at the Chestertown Marina and supper at the Fish Whistle Restaurant. And then there was the Umpteenth Annual CSC Crab Feast at Rock Hall on September 27th, another roaring success with 23 CSCers and guests in attendance including five out-of-town boats. Altogether, September proved to be a really fine month. And that made it only one of a good number of fun boating months this year ☺.

The next stop is the Frostbite Cruise for those intrepid souls who like it on the chilly side. (At least, we presume it will be chilly. Have to say, though, that 2014 has been full of weatherish surprises, so I wouldn't

rule out shorts and short sleeves!) Hope lots of us can make it. Sue, Skittles, and I intend to be there for the last scheduled CSC on-the-water event of the year. Because cruisin' on the Bay is what we really, really love to do! Especially with our CSC friends. See you on the water!

[read Glenns coverage of the fall cruise in next months issue of the Scuttlebutt]

Vice Commodore's Report

Liz Cingel, *Southern Lady*

It was a gorgeous fall weekend with temperatures in the 70s and in the 50s at night for the annual catered crab cake picnic at the Sailing Emporium Marina in Rock Hall. Twenty-three people attended including Commodore Glenn, Susan and Skittles, Margie and Joe Powers and Margie's niece, Brenna Flannery, Janet and Dave Ewing, Dona and Jim Force and their guests Karen and Pat Vaillant, Lois and Dave Nance, Bill and Sandy Stine, Sandy and Jim Saxton, Sherry and Mike Bernard, Debra and John Vaillant, and V/C Liz and Frank Cingel. Our menu included crab cakes, corn and tomatoes as well as wonderful appetizers and desserts and the corn and tomatoes were the last of the Eastern Shore summer crop. Thanks Lois for preparing the tomatoes and to Bill Stine for cooking the "requested" chicken breast. Five boats came in for the weekend and two boats arrived Friday to enjoy a longer weekend at the marina. *Southern Lady* had blustering winds sailing across the Bay Friday morning. My thanks to Lois and Dave for lining up tables, trash cans, and a bucket for ice with the owner of the marina and to Dave for helping me set up. After the picnic we headed to the "sunset deck" and watched a gorgeous sunset. Checkout the website for a picture of the sunset and the group picture. We were sorry that Anne Marie and Mal could not attend the picnic and look forward to their return to CSC functions next year.



I'm always planning ahead so I'm looking for members to volunteer to host a CSC party this winter. Our first party is the holiday party in December and we usually have a party in January, February and March and go out to dinner in April. Janet and Dave Ewing have offered to take us to Eastport Yacht Club in April for dinner - no they are not picking up the tab. The host can prepare an entrée and ask everyone to bring an

appetizer, side or dessert or ask everyone to bring a heavy hors d'oeuvre and don't cook. The host should plan to serve soda and wine. Let me know if you would like to host a party.

Fleet Captain's Report

Mary Jo Harris, *Circe*

THE COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND FROSTBITE CRUISE will take place on Columbus Day Weekend, with an extra day thrown in for those who can't stand to go home because they are having so much fun. October 11-14 are the dates. We plan to stick close to home ports in case the days are chilly and windy. Anchorages might be on the Chester or the Wye River. We might do an overnight at St. Michaels. Bring your cabin heater or your honey along for cold nights too.

Don't haul out too soon!

Please RSVP to me at 215.760.4641.



Cruise Report-

CSC Second Summer Cruise

Mary Jo Harris, *Circe*

PART ONE - SOUTHBOUND

What a great time of the year to sail - at least THIS YEAR!

Frank, single handing *Southern Lady*, left with his mind set on the Little Choptank. Mary Jo, single handing *CIRCE*, and Jim and Sandy aboard *Aerandir*, had a less ambitious, but very achievable, destination in mind, the Rhode River.



As luck would have it, the wind was excellent for sailing southward, and the weather held off.



Circe's first Day from Rock Hall

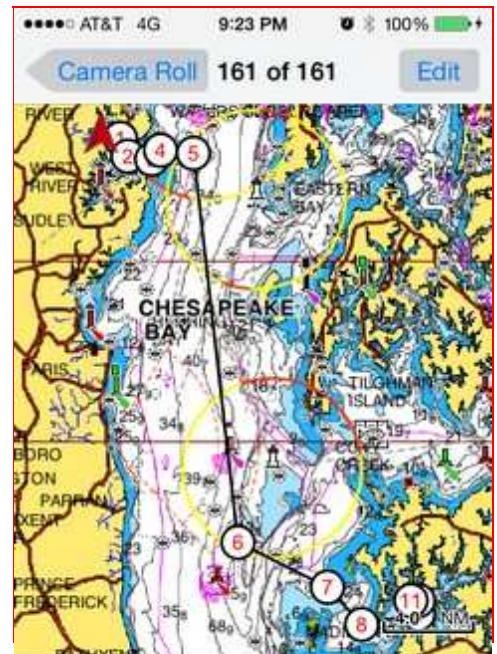


Rafted in the Rhode

Saturday saw *Aerandir* and *CIRCE* off early to catch the tide bound for the Little Choptank to join Frank. Again, the wind was excellent. The weather was even slightly chilly for August, and a rain storm obligingly held off till after Sandy and Jim were anchored

and Mary Jo was rafted with Frank.

Saturday to Hudson Creek

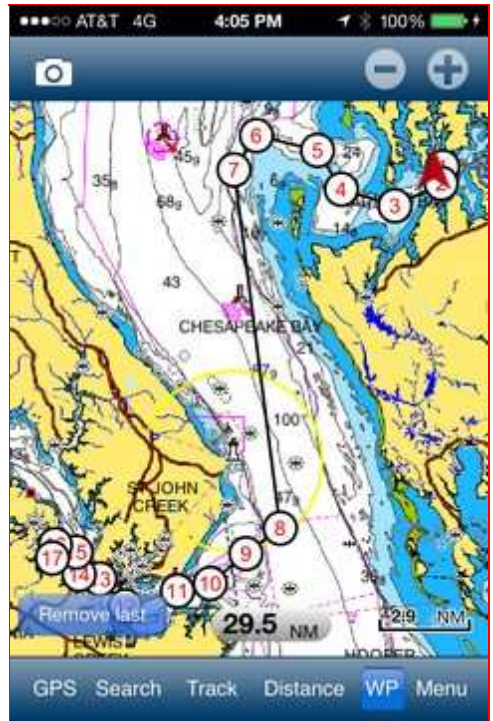




Dreary night in Hudson Creek

Hudson Creek to Patuxent River

Sunday's cruise, again almost entirely under sail, to St John's Creek at Solomon's Island was delightful. This was the day we noticed how Slippery Frank Cingel will do almost anything to prove a straight line is the shortest distance between two points. Sailing where few sailors have gone before, close by the James Island shoreline, in teacup depth water mined with crab traps,



Frank easily beat the rest of us to the Patuxent. Living up to their reputation of "thriving on stress", Bill and Sandy aboard *Whistwind* motor



St. John Creek anchorage

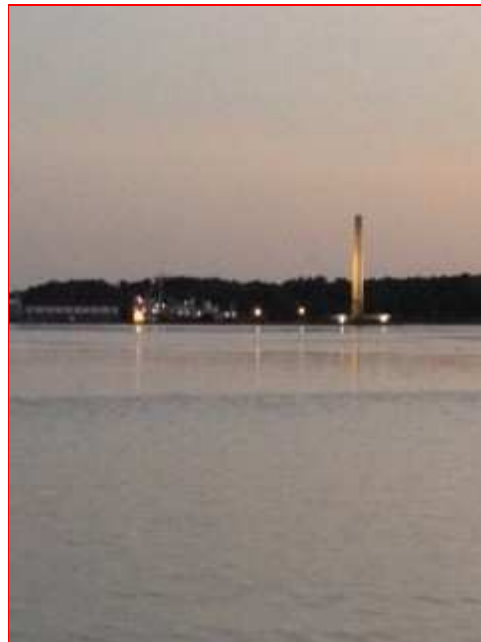
sailed out of Rock Hall at 8 a.m. and anchored in St John's Creek at 5:00 p. m. - truly a heroic effort.

Patuxent to Great Wicomico

Our Monday sail to The Great Wicomico River began as a "challenge" to the two single handed sailors. We had 10-12 knot NE wind and waves. Once out into the Bay things settled down to great sailing for a few hours, but by afternoon the wind had died enough that we all had to use engines to reach Cockrell Creek. Making two rafts, we enjoyed a social hour and a pleasant evening.



Southern Lady and Whistwind



Reedville by evening light



CIRCE and Areandir

We took a day off in Reedville to view the lovely Victorian houses, explore the wonderful Fishermen's Museum, eat ice cream and buy fresh seafood for our potluck dinner aboard *Whistwind*.



Breakfast Pizza a la CIRCE



The menhaden that built a town



Sailors ashore



Skipjack on display



Boat building shop at the museum



Model train layout



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Model train layout



Sailors ashore



Ready for dinner after a hard day



Ready for dinner after a hard day

Cockrell Creek to Indian Creek

After Reedville we sailed south to Fleet's Bay. Up in Indian Creek we discovered a well-maintained little marina with floating docks. We liked the Chesapeake Boat Basin so much that we stayed two nights.

We used their courtesy van, their pool, bikes, and air conditioned club room for our cocktail hour and our pot luck dinner.





Bill and Sandy



Sandy and Jim



Frank



Mary Jo



The van's ready to go



Historic Kilmarnock, Virginia



Our boats at Chesapeake Boat Basin

PART TWO - NORTHBOUND

We left the Chesapeake Boat Basin on Friday 8/29, one week out for most of us. *Whistwind* headed south to Wilton Creek so Bill and Sandy could meet some friends. The rest of us pounded northward to Mill Creek on the Great Wicomico. We had to deal with north east winds and some nasty chop that made for a very tiring day.

Heavy beating from Fleet's Bay to the Great Wicomico





Southern Lady in Mill Creek



Pizza to celebrate Frank's last evening with the cruise



Chocolate cake for Frank's last evening with the cruise



Southern Lady and *Aerandir* from Mill Creek to Solomons

Although *Aerandir* and *CIRCE* had been discussing stops at Tangier Island and the Potomac, alas, a bad back intervened, causing Sandy and Jim to head directly for Solomon's Island. With 8 or 9 kn of wind on the stern, both *Southern Lady* and *Aerandir* made it to the Patuxent in good time. *CIRCE*, however, was lagging behind under sail, and, facing

hours of motoring, Mary Jo turned up the Potomac at Point Lookout to find Anchorage mid afternoon in Smith Creek. On the way she found some fine wind for a reach up the big river.

CIRCE from Mill Creek to Smith Creek



Status report Labor Day Sunday; *Southern Lady* left Solomon's and headed home; *Aerandir* hung out on the T-head at Zahnisers;



CIRCE reached and ran 39 miles from Smith Creek to Solomon's; *Whistwind* sailed from the Piankatank to the Great Wicomico. South east winds were in the "teens" most of the day, and the waves had us rolling and surfing.



Point Lookout Marina in Smith Creek



Circe's Saturday night anchorage in Jutland Cove



On a mooring at Zahnizers

Labor Day was a stinker of a hot, humid day. Those of us already in Solomon's made the best of it by visiting the museum. *Whistwind* arrived mid afternoon (with an air conditioner issue). Destination: the POOL.

We all enjoyed dinner at the CD Cafe Monday night.

Whistwind would continue cruising through the week, but first another day in the marina and a consultation with the air conditioner technician.



CIRCE and *Aerandir* headed north under power on Tuesday - another extremely hot and humid day. We rafted in Dun Cove for our last cruising night together.



As the evening went on we had a little relief from the heat, and also had a little cloudburst of rain.



Wednesday morning we plotted our next day's adventures: *CIRCE* back to Rock Hall, and *Aerandir* off to St. Michaels for a slip and some town time.

IF YOUR CSC BURGEE IS NOT AS RAGGED AS THIS, YOU HAVEN'T BEEN OUT BOATING ENOUGH!

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