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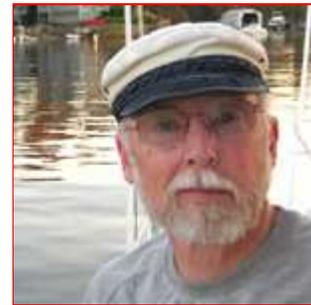
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For the most part, October was a pretty decent sailing month. With the notable exception of the raininess of the Columbus Day weekend, of course, which was when the Frostbite Cruise didn't happen. It wasn't a total wash out of a weekend, though - after all, the Annapolis Sailboat Show went on in spite of some rainy spots that weekend. But, all things considered, it wasn't a very optimum weekend to be out and about on the water so the cruise got scrubbed. Now we all have to wait until next season to party together afloat. Oh, well....



At least the Boat Show was a lot of fun. We had a great time, dodged a few raindrops, and found some stuff we didn't know we couldn't live without. Somehow, that always seems to happen when we go there. Think we'd learn, wouldn't you? It is a really grand show, though, and we really miss it when we can't make it.

Not much CSC activity in our immediate future, at least for this month, being as Thanksgiving is almost upon us. We certainly do have much to be thankful for, though, this year! New members (Welcome Aboard, Jim and Sandy Saxton!). New boats (Forces and Powers). Lots of really great cruising. A wonderful spring, summer, and fall for boaters (and pretty much anyone else who enjoys nice weather). It don't get much better'n that! So now let the unboating season of parties and shoreside celebrations begin J.

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Vice Commodore's Report

Liz Cingel, *Southern Lady*

Well, summer is over and we are winterizing our boats after a great sailing season. Frank is sad. But that does not mean we do not get together because winter parties give us a chance to see members who do not go away. Volunteers are needed to host the December Holiday party and for January but getting people to come in February is sometimes difficult as many are away that month. My suggestion is we go out to dinner in February. It would be great to have a host for March and we will go to Eastport Yacht Club for dinner in April, thanks to our hosts Janet and Dave Ewing.



Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Cruise Report

CSC Fall Cruise

Glenn Whaley, *Trinity*

The CSC usually schedules two long cruises each year, a Spring or Early Summer cruise and a Fall cruise. This year though, with the great weather we've had, we had three cruises with an extra two-week trip to the south-central Bay in August. That trip was chronicled by F/C Mary Jo in her Scuttlebutt article, complete with charts and a track of the adventure. I hope, like us, you were able to enjoy that trip vicariously if you (like us) weren't able to make it. ☺. But the fall trip Sue, Skittles, and I were able to enjoy in the first person ☺. And here's how it went:

Day 1 (Saturday, September 13) -- Okay, so this wasn't really the first day of the cruise. It rained pretty much all day Saturday, so we all waved off on starting out in the yucky weather. There's always tomorrow!

Day 1 again (Sunday, September 14) -- Tomorrow arrived, clear and beautiful. Just a hint of Fall in the air. There wasn't much else in the air, though, at least not in the way of wind. Maybe 5 kts from the North, if that. So three of us motored that day to the middle branch of Bodkin Creek and rafted up together for a very pleasant afternoon and evening. *Whistwind* (Stines) *Circe* (Mary Jo and Toby the Seadog) and

Trinity (Whaleys, with Skittles) made it that day. We had an early happy hour and a buffet supper onboard *Trinity* then talked until pretty late, at least by sailor standards. Nearly 9:00, as I recall. That's "sailor's midnight", or so we've been told. At any rate, it was a great day and a fun start to the cruise.

Day 2 (Monday, September 15) -- A nice, quiet day. We could mention the cool, crisp morning, the clear sky, and the zero humidity, but that would pretty much be the story of the whole week. We lounged at anchor for a long, leisurely morning. Skittles and I went fishing. Not much luck, but it was much too nice a morning not to enjoy a kayak ride (at least, according to Skittles). Then we all got underway -- by motor, as there wasn't much in the way of a breeze (also pretty much a theme of the week) -- and made our way to Queenstown Creek. Sue caught a 20" rockfish trolling on the way over, which was very cool. *Trinity* and *Circe* rafter up, while *Whistwind* anchored out to work on some toe rail varnish. Boat work at anchor is relaxing, too, you know ☺. Happy hour was on *Trinity* and then we all just enjoyed the long, lingering sunset.

Day 3 (Tuesday, September 16) -- Another nice day, although overcast. Headed north up the Chester. Actually had some wind. *Trinity* sailed up as far as Cacaway Island before taking the eastern branch of Langford Creek to delightful little Lovely Cove. *Southern Lady* (Frank and Liz Cingel) joined the flotilla and we all enjoyed another long happy hour and buffet supper hosted by *Whistwind*. We grilled Susan's catch from yesterday and everyone who wanted any had Chesapeake Bay Rockfish for supper ☺

Day 4 (Wednesday, September 17) -- A beautiful sunrise and picture-perfect day, except for no wind. But since we were headed up river to Chestertown, there wouldn't be any sailing today anyway. We all tied up on facing docks at the end of the piers by 3:00 then just relaxed until supper time. That is, all except Toby, Skittles and their staff who had grass duty once all four boats were secured. Dinner that night was at the Fish Whistle Restaurant, just off the piers. Dave and Lois Nance joined us by car from Rock Hall, which added to the cheer. The waitstaff at Fish Whistle's was obviously short handed that night, which gave us more time to visit. That is, once everyone finally got their drinks. (There was a little discontent in the ranks until we hit that milestone though ☺). But it was a most enjoyable evening and everyone there was glad to be celebrating another Day on the Bay (or at least on

the Chester River).

Day 5 (Thursday, September 18) -- After a glorious dawn, it clouded up some but stayed very pleasant. Some of us walked around downtown, some just visited on each other's boats. Relaxing morning. Along about noonish, we all took off for the short trek to the west branch of Gray's Inn Creek arriving about 3:00. Happy hour was on *Trinity* as an accommodation to Sue's sore hip (not boat-related) which made boat-hopping a challenge. A fun time was had by all, and since we were having so much fun, we all just decided to spend the next day staying right where we were. After happy hour, we just relaxed until it was time to turn in. Another great day.

Day 6 (Friday, September 19) -- *Whistwind* departed the cruise at 9:00, headed for Baltimore and a commitment there. Frank and, separately, Skittles (with Glenn as crew) spent a fair chunk of the morning fishing and exploring the creek. Glenn caught lunch, which went well with some risotto Sue fixed. The three remaining boats enjoyed happy hour at 5:00, again on *Trinity*, and made the decision to head back to Queenstown for another visit (although *Southern Lady* hadn't been there for our first stop there earlier in the cruise).

Day 7 (Saturday, September 20) -- *Circe* (Mary Jo and Toby) left for Rock Hall early this morning in preparation for some pending out-of-town travel. After some more fishing and relaxing, *Southern Lady* and *Trinity* set sail (figuratively speaking, of course, since there wasn't any useful wind in the Chester) for Queenstown Creek a little before noon. Being as it was only a nine-mile transit, we were rafted up in the creek a little after two, which left lots of time for relaxing. Happy hour followed at 5:00 then we joined forces for a buffet supper a little later. A totally fun, totally low-key day.

Day 8 (Sunday, September 21) -- Final day of a cruise we didn't want to see come to an end ☺. We woke to an overcast dawn that cleared up pretty early. *Southern Lady* shoved off around 9:00 but *Trinity* drifted away a few feet and dropped anchor to stay awhile. Glenn and Skittles went fishing and caught *lots* of perch, including some pretty nice ones. (Where had they all been hiding on Saturday?!). On the way back that afternoon, Sue had a line out aft and caught two keeper rockfish (22" and 25"). So it turned out to be a pretty good day for *Trinity* and a not so good one if you were a fish. We strung out the day as long as we could, but finally tied up at Belvedere at 6:30 that evening.

And, just like that, the 2014 Fall cruise was over 😊

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