



HARNESS CREEK 2007 ALBERTA AUGUST 2 – 4, 2007

Thursday night, August 2nd, Sanderling, Day One, Salt Shaker and Esperanza settled into Harness Creek in time to enjoy delayed cocktails and goodies aboard Esperanza after the late arrivals of all but Sanderling. We thought that we would be very snug, as several other boats including the Sultana had anchored before the main part of our group arrived. However, Sultana picked up anchor and headed for more open water leaving a lot more anchorage space. . A nice cool breeze that night made for great sleeping with starry skies and a clear moon.

Friday morning, August 3rd was highlighted by everyone getting into their Dingy and going ashore at the kayak dock in Quiet Waters park. The cruise captains led the way to show various water views of the river and creek from the higher ground of the park. We also enjoyed an indoor art exhibit by local artists (Air conditioned break !) and a tour of the sculpture gardens, amphitheater and dry outdoor ice skating rink.

A midday departure with brisk winds (15 to 20 knots) out of the Southern quadrant provided some close hauled sailing and tacking to the West River and Galesville. All boats opted to anchor out . The winds continued to build with gusts up to 22 knots by cocktail time. The consensus was to bag cocktail hour with all of the group concentrated on one boat and see how the night progressed. By 7 the winds had started to abate and the group went to Pirates Cove Restaurant for lively conversation and food. Again a cool breeze in the evening made for good sleeping.

Saturday morning August 4th provided a light but building breeze out of the north to propel us all to home ports.

Barry & Virginia
"Esperanza"

Boat Nights:

Esperanza	Two Nights
Salt Shaker	Two Nights
Sanderling	Two Nights
Day One	Two Nights