



CHOPTANK PICNIC CRUISE 2009 REPORT CRAIG & JANIE KELTING May 12-14, 2009

A total of 11 boats and a few land yachts took part in the Choptank Picnic Cruise from May 12 to May 14, and enjoyed some great sailing weather.

Tuesday, May 12 - Dun Cove

The day was sunny, with a nice breeze of 10 to 15 knots. Makani and others enjoyed a delightful beat across the Choptank to Dun Cove. Makani hosted cocktails at 1700, with Salt Shaker rafted alongside to provide additional deck space (thanks to Mike and Lynn). A total of 10 boats joined the group, and enjoyed the pleasant night in the Cove. Pierce and Molly Anderson, guests of Dick and Judy Tanczos, joined us aboard their Tartan 37, Tryst, and we enjoyed meeting them.

Wednesday, May 13 - Dun Cove to Plaindealing Creek

Wednesday was another sunny day, but unfortunately there was no wind until the afternoon. There were 8 boats in Plaindealing Creek for the picnic, and several land yachts also made their way to the picnic. The total attendance was officially tallied at 30, and included Jim and Pamela McCloud, also guests of Dick and Judy Tanczos (and very pleasant people). Cocktails again began at 1700, with Captain Craig manning the barbecue grill at about 1800. Everyone seemed to enjoy the burgers, chicken, home-made potato salad, and other fare. The party broke up before sundown, and all the dinghies successfully returned to their respective mother ships.

Thursday, May 14 - Homeward bound

The fleet spent an uneventful night at anchor, and departed for home early on Thursday morning to beat the forecast storms. The bad weather held off until later, and there were no reports of any problems on the return voyages.

Cruise Attendance

Makani - 2 nights
Day One - 2 nights
Eagle - 2 nights
Rejuvenation - 2 nights
Tryst (guests Pierce & Molly Anderson) - 2 nights
Ellis Island - 2 nights
Salt Shaker - 2 nights
Wayward Wind - 1 night
"Sovereign"/Allegro - 1 night
Voyager - 1 night
Avatar - 1 night

Respectfully submitted,
Craig and Janie Kelting
"Makani"