



MILES RIVER SHAKEDOWN CRUISE MAY 7 TO 10, 2009

After weeks of cold rainy weather the skies FINALLY cleared on Thursday afternoon to give us terrific sailing weather - clear sunny skies, warm days, and good winds for sailing!

THURSDAY, May 7: EAGLE (Mike and Pam Epprecht) sailed the 35+ miles from La Trappe Creek to Hunting Creek up the Miles River in variable conditions (from cloudy skies to squalls and back to clear skies with good winds). EAGLE arrived in Hunting Creek by mid-afternoon ahead of everyone else. After a beautiful sail up the Miles, KARAYA (Irv and Jayne Hetherington) dropped anchor a short time later and took "the kids" Baxter and Maggie ashore at a nearby island to take care of business! REJUVENATION (Dick and Judy Tanczos) arrived later to join EAGLE and KARAYA at the 1730 hour cocktail party aboard KARAYA. A beautiful sailing day and evening was enjoyed by all!

FRIDAY, May 8: All three boats hung out at anchor for the morning and then motored (very light winds) to Longhaul Creek where REJUVENATION and KARAYA took a slip at the Miles River Yacht Club and Eagle anchored. A short time later, VOYAGER (Denny and Stephanie Sokso) anchored, having sailed from Tilghman Island that morning. EAGLE, REJUVENATION, and KARAYA crews drove into St. Michaels and enjoyed lunch at the Key Lime Café. After the four boats in attendance enjoyed an impromptu cocktail party at 1700 hours aboard KARAYA, we were joined by the "land-cruisers" from FALCONER (Don and Jean Saballus), WHISPER (Larry Roven and Carolyn Rugg), AVATAR (Alex and Joan Collins), and FISCAL STRAY (Tod Engleskirchen and Anne Pilert) for dinner at MRYC at 1800 hours. It was another pleasant day and evening for the participants.



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SATURDAY, May 9: Sunny skies and brisk winds (10-15 kts) were a delight this day as we all set off to sail in the Miles River before turning up the Wye River to our anchorage destination in Granary Creek. All four boats arrived at about 1500 hours. Whisper had sailed down from Kent Island and was already snugly anchored when we arrived. WHISPER (three dogs), VOYAGER (one dog), and KARAYA (two dogs) all took their pooches into shore to do business and have some poochie play time at the wonderful state park dog area on the west side of the creek. The dogs outnumbered the boats on this cruise! EAGLE graciously hosted a cocktail party at 1700 hours on another beautiful evening out on the water! (Is there a pattern here?)

SUNDAY, May 10: All five boats weighed anchor at their leisure, leaving for their respective homeports to enjoy another great sailing day. . . blowing 15-20 out of the NW by 10:00 AM under clear blue skies.

CSSM Credits:

EAGLE.....3 nights
KARAYA.....3 nights
REJUVINATION.....3 nights
VOYAGER.....2 nights
WHISPER.....1 night

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