

Late Summer Rendezvous Recap

Our late summer rendezvous was held September 11-13, 2020, at Knapp's Narrows Marina in Tilghman Island, MD, hosted by the amazing JoEllyn and Bill Bunting. With this being TROUPER II 85th Birthday, it was such a wonderful event.

We had 17 people, 3 dogs and 5 boats in attendance. One of the boats belonged to a lovely couple Scott and Irene Malagari friends of Art and Donna McClellan. Maybe we can talk them into becoming members! We lucked out to be able to all dock together on the outer floating pier. The weather held out for us with just a little drop in temperature on Saturday evening.

This amazing weekend started off Friday with boats coming in around 1pm. The day was on our own until evening and what a surprise we had for our dinner. Billie prepared fried fresh oysters and soft shell crabs while Rich manned the grill making burgers. All the fixings and sides were delicious too. Everyone pitched in to clean up and we had it done in about 10 minutes. Some people retired to their boats while others mingled over to the outside bar area for some well needed conversation and friendship.

Saturday morning we had a continental breakfast provided by the marina. Afterwards there was a board meeting followed by Rich's famous BLOODY MARYS, delicious! A big Thank you goes out to Rich. The rest of the morning was on your own. The Troupers II Annual boat races started at 1pm. We had 9 boat entries which I think was a record thus far. We had a few wayward boats and some control problems but all in all what a fun time. A big shout out to Caroline Bunting, and for taking care of the entry board and keeping us all straight. Also to Jody Collinson, a participant and also our retrieval boat, LOL. Richard Collins won 1st place and Dutch Schwertner won 2nd place.

Saturday evening meal was so delicious. Chesapeake Landing catered it outside at the dock pavilion. The meal consisted of a salad, Chicken Chesapeake, Seafood Alfredo, cornbread and much more. The dessert was amazing, and of course it was made by JoEllyn, cake with fresh strawberries and whipped cream, YUMMY! The evening turned a little chilly so not too many people ventured to the patio bar. But the ones that did had a good time just hanging with their fellow members/friends.

Sunday morning we all met at the upper patio area for our morning continental breakfast and to say our good byes to the ones that had to leave. Others with boats hung out a little on the docks before we had to shove off and head back to our home ports. This time of year gets a little sad because we know our boating season is coming to an end.

R/C Ben Fishel hopes to see all of the members at the Annual Meeting scheduled for Saturday October 17, 2020 at the Baltimore Yacht Club.

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Respectfully submitted

F/C Tina Fishel