

Gibson Island Cruise September 16-17, 2006



Once again, the West River Cruisers enjoyed the hospitality offered by Gibson Island's Yacht Squadron and Club. Despite a day that started off with sprinkles and gloom, 41 intrepid WRSC cruisers and guests sailed 18 boats up to the Magothy River and into the Gibson Island inner harbor. We were greeted there with sunshine in more ways than one, as Harbormaster Sanner helped us arrange our boats along the squadron's piers with a booming voice and professional skill. Following some dockside chit-chat, the Yacht Squadron "Boathouse" (an understatement for a very classy dock lounge) provided a super venue for happy hour, with the usual tasty cuisine provided by the WRSC cruising chefs. By that point in the day, our crowd had grown to 49 souls, a few having joined in the late afternoon via land cruiser. After a quick change into our "evening wear", we sauntered down the causeway onto Gibson Island proper and to the Gibson Island Club. Pete Emens provided skillful transportation service Mario Andretti style using a club-provided four-seat golf cart for those who needed it (or who wished for the thrill). Again this year, we had exclusive use of the Club's "Trophy Room" with its dedicated, attentive serving staff, and after a second round of refreshments, we enjoyed a delectable dinner ordered from a menu prepared especially for the West River club. We then retired back to the harbor following a starlit walk in the pleasant evening air, viewing the lights from the Bay for most of the way.





Sunday morning dawned bright and crisp under blue skies dotted with puffy white cumulus clouds. After a lazy morning lounging on and around the docks, sipping joe and chatting with fellow cruisers, we individually made our way out of the harbor and back to our home ports, wishing we had a bit more breeze, but mostly reminiscing over the pleasant camaraderie we had all experienced over the weekend.

Those sharing the pleasant memories include:

Linda, Larry & Ali Baker of *Cartharsis* via land cruiser
Alexandra & Rick Buek on *Groote Beer III*
Pat & Joe Casey on *Iolair*



John & Mary Cece on *Menehune*
Jane & Erick Chiang on *Lapin Agile*
Mel Converse, with guests Carol & Jock Garst on *Whim*
Rachel & Dave Dawson on *Cephas Dawson*
Pokey & Pete Emens on *Prim*
Sue & Harlow Farmer of *Atlantis*, with Nancy Millard, via land cruiser
Marge & Glenn Haggan on *Solitaire*
Eleanor Holmes & Phillip Rost on *Buloha*
Peggy & Mike Kelly, with guests Al & Joan Sears, on *Black Watch*

Vicky & Al Lohman on *Rhiannon*
Judy & Art Mensch of *September Song* via land cruiser
Carol, Paul, Conner & Aaron Mettus on *Spindrifft*
Kathy & Don Mueller on *Atalanta*
Kandy & Lincoln Phillips on *Salty Mare*
Sarah & Dan Rothermel on *Sea Eagle*
Cindy & Pete Tollini on *Solace*
Susan & Greg Whalen on *Sailin Whalen*
Sondra & Stuart White on *Cura*

Respectfully submitted,

Don & Kathy Mueller
Cruise Leaders