

September 2018 Rendezvous Recap

HCC Returns to St. Michaels



The Hatteras Classic Club held its 18th National Rendezvous at the Harbour Inn and Resort in St. Michaels, Maryland. Fleet Captain, Debbie Coco began the event with cocktails on board "Chillin" with wine and appetizers provided by the Club. The appetizers were great, and way more than this group could eat, leaving lots of leftovers for later consumption.

The Inn provided (at no charge with some convincing) a full breakfast for slip holders and Inn guests each day of our stay. After breakfast Thursday, seminars began with a class by Alban Engine Power Systems on repowering with Caterpillar diesels. Following was a presentation by Greenport of Baltimore, a Maryland state agency, on the restoration of the Popular Islands, which are being rebuilt using dredge spoil from the Baltimore Channel. It was a very interesting power point presentation on the resulting environmental impacts and abundant returning wildlife. That afternoon, most of the ladies enjoyed the famous High Tea at the Inn at Perry Cabin and later the entire group had a very good dinner at the St. Michaels Crab and Steak House at the marina across the creek.

Friday morning, some enjoyed free time while other energetic members went on a bike tour of the

residential neighborhoods of St. Michaels led by Bruce Mallinson. That afternoon, most went on a guided food and history walking tour of the city which included small plates at five of the excellent St. Michaels restaurants. Happy Hour on the Inn pool deck, with heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer was provided by long-time friend of the Club, Chuck Meyers, of Bluewater Yacht Sales.

The annual business meeting was held Saturday morning at 10:00 where officers, fleet captains, and rendezvous locations were settled through 2020. Also several bylaws changes were discussed. After lunch, the afternoon was devoted to visiting open boats. A farewell dinner was held at the upstairs restaurant of the Harbour Inn. The remains of Hurricane Gordon brought the tides over the docks most of the day and Sunday. In spite of the resulting high winds and rough seas, all boats but one got under way and arrived safely home, even with one having to tow a dingy (due to a broken davit).

Many thanks to Debbie Coco and Bruce Mallinson for organizing the rendezvous, securing the speakers and resolving the hotel and marina issues. Their patience and perseverance was much appreciated.







