



THE LIGHTHOUSE

July Club Event: Bastille Day Raft-up in Worton Creek

By Ron Harbin

I like to make it to as many of the club functions as I can and the Bastille Day Raft-up hosted my Bob Morrow is no exception. However, I had a conflict and was unfortunately not able to leave my home near Hershey, PA until 4pm Saturday afternoon.

It was far from ideal but I arrived at my boat at Bowleys Marina on the Middle River at about 6pm, loaded it up and was underway by about 6:15pm. I was prepared to motor a good part of the 10 miles from Middle River to Worton Creek because Bob Morrow had told me that he had motored over just a few hours before. I was happy to find a nice SE wind of about 8 to 10 knots that allowed me to sail most of the way. I made it past the crab pots at the entrance just as the sun was going down and was inside Worton Creek just before dark at about 8:45pm.

Bob (on Serendipity) was anchored close to shore with Marty Gaynor (on Dragonfly) on his port side. I had plenty of help getting tied up to the starboard side of Serendipity. Of course, by then, it was pretty dark but not late enough to drink one of Bob's refreshing French lemonade and beer drinks. It went well with two big slices of Lynn's delicious quiche! The four of us (Bob, Marty, I, and Rick Cook who was crewing for Bob) sat in Bob's cockpit sharing sea stories until 11pm. We heard a little thunder in the far distance but it was a very still evening and night – no bugs, no wind, and no precipitation. Although the day had been in the 90s, it cooled down to the mid 70s and was very pleasant for sleeping.

My alarm is always set for 6am and I was surprised to hear voices from the other boats just before 6. Marty and I made coffee and we devoured the gourmet strawberry shortcake that Bob had brought for the event. Rick wanted to be home by 4pm so we broke up the raft at about 9:30am. Marty went north for a day sail to Still Pond, Bob and Rick motored to Poole's Island and then sailed home. I sailed back to my marina where I installed my new battery charger.

I had considered not making the raft-up but in the end I was glad I had pushed to make it and I had a fantastic sail over and back. Even though I arrived late, there was plenty of time to enjoy several of Bob's sea stories about some very recent encounters. Just after I got back to the marina the wind had picked up as a small and local thunderstorm passed through. I called Bob to see how they made it since he was a ways behind me. He had made it in alright but not without another encounter that I'm sure we will enjoy hearing at the next raft-up!

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Below are a link to some photos from the trip and I (Jordan Snyder) will tell you a little secret that when Ron mentions 'encounter' twice in the above write-up, he is politely saying that someone ran aground.

Check out event photos at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/waAuzh4vyr4MWbau8>



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