



THE CRUISE LOG, by Fred Eustis of Eloise

Buzzards YC Members,

The 2017 BYC summer cruise was a successful event, with 7 boats participating, and 5 boats for the second night (which might be a record). We had the following boats at Hadley's harbor on Sunday evening, August 20:

- Eloise, Pearson 35; Fred Eustis and guest, Rich Davisson.
- Morningstar, J-37C; Jay and Hasty Evans.
- Pamina, Sabre 362; Chris and Alice White.
- Allegro, Tayana 52; Lee and Sharon Demarest, plus 2 grandkids.
- Nereus, Bristol 38.8; John and Betsey Woodley.
- Encore, Nonesuch 26; Scott and Elizabeth Horne, plus two kids.

For those of us who left Cataumet after noon, there was a glorious sail, and almost too much wind by the end of the afternoon. Several boats arrived early and took moorings in the inner harbor, while the rest of us settled in the outer harbor. Eloise and Allegro were rafted for cocktails, but the ample cockpit on Allegro had room for all of us for a lovely cocktail reception, with varied and delicious hors d'oeuvres. While all were good, my honorable mention for Sunday night goes to the 4 varieties of grilled sausage presented by Scott and Elizabeth, along with 6 assorted mustards and dips. I believe this was a first BYC cruise for Scott and Elizabeth, and perhaps for Lee and Sharon as well, who live on their boat and only get up to Buzzards Bay about every 10 years.

We decided on Cuttyhunk for Monday evening. We lost Allegro to the J-boat races in Newport, and we lost Encore to Scott's work schedule. But Franklin Beveridge joined us in Cuttyhunk in Finale, his dark-red Nordic Tug 37 that many of us recognize by now. Finale was the obvious choice for cocktails, and the better for the fact that Jay and Margot Jenkins were aboard. The hors d'oeuvres were nearly as plentiful as on Sunday night, until Chris White invited the shellfish boat alongside, and treated the group to dozens of oysters and clams, and some chowdah as well; thank you Chris and Alice! We all left Finale well fed, and with a few new sailing stories under our belts.

Eloise may have been the last boat to leave the boat basin on Tuesday morning, for a great wing-on-wing sail down Buzzards Bay (after wrapping and shredding our spinnaker, unfortunately).

I had a great time on the Buzzards YC Summer cruise, and believe that the same can be said for everyone who joined us. Please consider joining next year!

Fred Eustis