

Thank you to Tidewater Marina for providing the slips, and to the Sales Office for providing the beer for the NSHSA Crab Feast at Tidewater Marina on September 6 2014. Thank you, also to Steve Coppage for placing the order for the crabs from Winters Run Inn, in Joppa.



The weather was hot and humid with no wind, and thunderstorms were forecast for late afternoon and evening.



Fortune Teller, Annalee, and Elsie's Phantasie arrived by sea, taking slips along the sales basin. The festivities began aboard Elsie's Phantasie, while Steve went to pick up the crabs and Elsie prepared the corn on the cob for grilling. Silent Running, Tenacity, Contigo and Windkist4 arrived by Land Cruiser Caravan, and quickly sought relief from the heat in the air conditioned salon aboard Elsie's Phantasie until Steve returned with a bushel of large crabs.

The Feast began at 1700 under the canopy behind the Service Department. The spinach dip appetizer was definitely a hit. Other delicious items on the menu were cheese and crackers, water-melon, and home-made chocolate chip cookies and brownies. As soon as the corn was grilled, the bushel of crabs was opened, and the Crab Feast was under way. We were glad to have the protection provided by the roof when the thunder storms came through, finally cooling the air to a comfortable temperature. We just continued to eat the delicious crabs until we were stuffed.



The party was over and the mess was cleaned up by 2030. The Land Cruiser Caravan departed for home, and the sailors returned to their ships. The three ships departed the next morning between 0900 and 1000 so we could enjoy a good sail with northwest winds to help us return to our home ports.

