

## Re-Cap

The weekend started with Aquilla, Wind Sprint, Windkist, and Xtasea arriving early Friday to get to Henderson's Warf Marina before the USCG closed the waterway for the day. They were treated to the practice show of the Blue Angles right overhead! Schatzi sailed in the bay for a while and watched the practice from the vicinity of the Key Bridge. Suzette swore one pilot was aiming right at her then screamed towards the sky ©

As we arrived at Henderson's, we found that they were very accommodating as they put all the boats close by. Plenty of help docking...or were they really waiting for a mistake or possible rumble to break out? There was rumor on the dock of a prior scuffle due to an overwhelming davit and dinghy. It seems the boisterous slipholder was quickly becalmed when friends of the massive dinghy came from everywhere to show support. Another indication of how close-knit Hunter Owners really are.

Tenacity arrived just before dark and a vote was taken and decision made for no docking help for those flaunting their bow thrusters (we figured they had the tenacity to get their boat in a tight slip). Common sense, or jealousy??

Dinner out for some Friday night included enjoying some of the best fresh fish the city has to offer. The Black Olive Restaurant of Fells Point (not Toronto), is highly recommended! Paul: Are you still getting calls from Toronto?

Saturday morning we awoke to a little fog...or was that smoke from the cannons of Fort McHenry? I guess it is just a matter of the extent of your imagination (or your hangover!). The Farmers Market was a real treat for breakfast, vegetables and homemade pickles served with our BBQ that evening. The fog and light rain began to subside as the crew of Schatzi enjoyed sandwiches, pizza, and bottomless Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers & Mimosas at The Red Star.

The Blue Angles were a bit delayed due to low ceiling, so they were forced to display their "Low Show". They did not disappoint! The Xtasea crew ventured over to the fort for a first-hand view of the ceremonies.





We all enjoyed a Pot Luck dinner aboard Schatzi...just how many people will a Hunter seat for dinner? All I know is that 22 people and a dog had no worries about making their way to the food line ;-)

Saturday night was a real treat with a FANTASTIC Fireworks display- unforgettable.... largest in MD history!





Sunday morning saw an early departure for Tenacity, Aquilla, and Wind Sprint before the waterway was closed for another Blue Angles show. The crew of Schatzi made a Sunday morning stroll to Fells point for brunch that included oysters, burgers, and crab cakes! Windkist made their way to Ft. McHenry for first-hand viewing of the air show and festivities and the Xtasea crew ventured to the Inner Harbor to brave the crowds and board some of the many ships in port. The Blue Angles "High Show" was great with sunny blue skies and perfect weather!!

We returned home through some angry waters of the Patapsco with only one mishap when the seat in the cockpit decided it wanted to move to the floor without warning its occupant (ouch!). We arrived back in Middle River exhausted, to enjoy a perfect sunset... Ahhh.... Another great weekend with friends and all the history that the city had to offer!!