

Norfolk and Back, Summer 2009

In mid-August last summer George Kuck took off for a single-handed trip down the Bay in his TT720, *Triple Crown*. Leaving from his home port on Worton Creek he was originally heading for Nags Head, NC through the Inner Coastal waterway. He cut his trip short in Norfolk, VA due to consistent daily thunderstorms. In planning his trip George knew that he would have good wind in the mornings and possible thunderstorms by 5:00 PM. He wanted to be safely anchored each day by 4:00 PM even if that meant motoring for several hours.



After a late start on day one (because he couldn't make up his mind if the weather was OK or not) George headed out heading for Swan Creek near Rock Hall. That evening a storm came in with winds over 30 knots. His anchor held without a problem. From Swan Creek he made his way to Parson Creek on

the south side of Little Choptank River. After a long day of sailing this was a quiet anchorage with a small marina where he found much needed ice.

Day three George continued south tucking into an inlet on the western shore of the Bay, south of Gwynn Island for the evening. That evening George pondered why anyone sailing the Chesapeake would waste money on a keel boat. There are so many inlets for shallow draft multihullers to explore. The next day George made his way into Norfolk where he stayed the night at Waterside Marina (<http://www.watersidemarina.com/>). This is a great place to stay with lots of restaurants and stores located within walking distance.



George decided that it was time to head back north. After leaving Norfolk he headed back to Gwynn Island anchoring just off the island for the evening. The next day winds were favorable to head in the direction of Crisfield. Three-quarters of the way there the winds died so he motored the rest of the way in and got more gas. It had been 30 years since George sailed into Crisfield on his home built Sea Clipper 28. George couldn't believe how much the town had changed noting the high rises and condominiums. Since this was the first day that he could

sail in the evening without the threat of thunderstorms George continued north through Kedges Straits and then into Holland Straits. This is a vary shallow area with no marked channel. Using

his GPS chart plotter he headed to Spring Island for the evening, a small island north of South Marsh Island. George notes that this is a very picturesque area but only recommends anchoring here if there is good weather with no threat of storms. It offers little to no protection from wind but is protected from the waves of the Bay.

Ready to end his journey George took the next day to sail (and motor) back to Worton Creek.

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