

Cruise Report: 2023 Choptank Shakedown Cruise

May 23 - 25, 2023

Cruise Captains: Barbara & John Pomije, S/V Shaken Knot Stirred - filling in for Molly & Peirce Anderson

Fellow Cruisers: Capricorn, Divided Sky, Last One, Moonshadow, Mistral, Mystic

Tuesday, May 23: A nice sailing day, with brisk winds, took us from our home ports to Boby Owl Cove, off Broad and Leadenham Creeks. Everyone congregated on the 3 boat raft up of Shaken Knot Stirred, Mystic and a new boat, Last One. Keith Donald's brother Hugh joined Keith as Debbie had other commitments. Dennis and Carla Berman, prospective members, joined us on their first cruise with CSSM. After great appetizers, we all enjoyed some wonderful Chicken Gumbo that Molly had crafted. A bunch of sweets made the rounds as well. We toasted our new guests as well as Molly & Peirce, who had to stay home with a bug, but were with us in spirit.



Wednesday, May 24: Due to a blustery forecast for overnight Wednesday, we cancelled our planned stay in La Trappe Creek. Several boats also had to return to home ports for appointments, etc.. The rest of us returned to Boby Owl Cove after a nice day sail down the Broad Creek and out on the Choptank. This smaller group of 4 boats anchored separately in the cove, but everyone got together on Shaken Knot Stirred for a healthy dose of appetizers, drinks and chatting amongst friends. That night, we all rode out the northerly winds well with no unplanned tours of the cove.



Thursday, May 25: After a leisurely morning and waning winds we all sailed out and returned to our home ports. The shakedown did add a few new items to several To Do lists . . . but nothing that required pumping out copious amounts of water. A good start to our official sailing season!

Cruise Nights:

Divided Sky	2
Mistral	2
Moonshadow	2
Shaken K. S.	2
Capricorn	1
Mystic	1
Last One	1

