

2025 Chestertown Cruise Report

Sunday, June 15

A few of us gathered at Bachelor Point Marina for an easy Father's Day picnic as a prelim to the cruise. Several boats, including Divided Sky the original Cruise Captain, had to cancel out of the cruise due to dog, health and appointment issues. Our start day was also pushed back to Tuesday, due to the rain forecasted for Monday. We were sorry to lose Moonshadow and Elusive due to this change.

Tuesday, June 17



Shaken Knot Stirred and **Last One** left Bachelor Point early and motored up the Bay to meet up with **Mystic** and **Volant** (Fred Molden, homeport Bay Bridge Marina). We also had guests on board for the trip: Bob and Kathy Edwards, who had previously joined us on the St. Mary's Cruise ('23). The four boats anchored in Meredith Creek off Whitehall Bay, a beautiful and secluded anchorage. Bickering herons in a nearby tree nest put on a show for us. Lots of screeching! We gathered on

Shaken and **Mystic** for a great happy hour: baked Brie 'n jam, teriyaki meatballs, cheeses etc.

Wednesday, June 18

We all woke up in a fog, literally, at anchor. Picture on right is a 6AM shot. We could hear the Bay Bridge fog horns. The fog was peaceful and impressive but difficult to motor in. Both **Mystic** and **Volant** departed for previous commitments. **Shaken** and **Last One** left fairly early for Chestertown, traveling close together since visibility was about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. AIS, radar and alert eyes watched for crab pots, crabbers and ships while heading for Annapolis Bay Bridge where the fog eased up some. No commercial ships in sight! Got under and past Bridge to go north, but still amazed to see our masts make it under without clanging.



The water on the Bay was flat and lots of skates kept us company. Once we passed Love Point the fog dissipated. We scooted up the Chester River with an assisting current to get to Chestertown Marina two hours ahead of the forecasted thunderstorms. Sorry folks, again no wind! The staff at the marina were very helpful and ready to assist when we arrived. The thunderstorm came through as predicted, but passed quickly. We had a small and relaxed happy hour on **Last One**. Later we walked into town to check out the shops and indulge in ice cream!

Thursday, June 19

We woke to bright, blue skies and a pleasant breeze from the South. Some of us meandered up to Evergrain bakery for coffee and pastries. **Last One** and **Shaken** caught up on some boat cleaning, including all the flies and mosquitoes that had escorted us up the Bay and Chester River. It was a very pleasant, relaxing marina day. Well, someone has to do it!



Ten of us gathered at the Marina reception area for a not quite Happy Hour. The Sangria and Judy's crab dip were going down smoothly when a strong thunderstorm suddenly barged in. Some escaped by car to dodge the deluge and some got soaked. Our trusty Uber driver, Keith returned for another load of passengers; we felt bad about getting the inside of Keith's car wet.

The restaurant was ready for us early and we waited, with cocktails in hand, for the rest of our Land Cruisers to arrive. Once again, The Kitchen provided tasty meals for our gathering of 16. (Denny & Stephanie, your estimated number of dinner guests was spot on!). It was a much dryer walk back to the marina for the crews of **Last One** and **Shaken**.



Friday, June 20

Left Chestertown at 9 AM since the tide and light winds would be against us and motor sailed most of the way. The Chester River environs were much more appealing without the fog and haze of Wednesday. **Last One**, **Shaken** and **Volant** (who rejoined us) anchored once again in Meredith Creek. We had decided to forego the planned stop in the Magothy to shorten the final leg home on Saturday. Last night's storm had left debris and power outages at home so crews were anxious to get home. We enjoyed the eagle and herons and we even heard the Naval Academy's *Taps*. Overnight was calm but very warm - so Summer has arrived!

Saturday, June 21

Keith motored by early Saturday morning to say goodbye before we all pulled up anchors. Got back to Bachelor Point early afternoon via our iron jenny. **Elusive** was spotted out trying to catch a breeze in the Choptank. By the way, Friday night **Last One** (Dennis and Carla Berman) had completed their Cruise Nights requirement, so they are now Burgee carrying members of CSSM. Congratulations!



In summary, neither lack of wind, storms or fog kept us from our cruising plans, albeit with some dodging and other adjustments! It was a great time for getting closer to friends and nature!

Submitted by John & Barbara Pomije, Shaken Knot Stirred

Cruise Nights

Shaken Knot Stirred	4
Last One	4
Volant	2
Mystic	1



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