

## Cruise to Rock Hall

June 8 - 11, 2026

Mistral left the dock a day before the start of the cruise. She spent Sunday night in the Rhode River, so that she could be anchored in Meredith Creek early the first day of the cruise.



**Monday, June 8 ---- Sail to Meredith Creek:** The winds were 15 – 18 knots out of the northeast in the morning. Mistral had to motor into the wind until she turned at Thomas Point Light. By then, the winds had diminished to 10 – 12 knots, and she was able to sail up to Whitehall Bay before motoring into Meredith Creek and anchoring. Three boats (Dora Jane, Last One, and

Shaken Knot Stirred) left Bachelor Point Marina around 9am.

They arrived mid-afternoon, followed by Divided Sky,

Capricorn, and Mystic. All seven boats were anchored by 4pm.

Divided Sky and Mystic rafted with Mistral until after dinner.

We were happy that our newest prospective members, Robert and Monica (Dora Jane) were able to join us.



It wouldn't be a cruise without Divided Sky becoming detached from her dinghy. This was no exception. All of a sudden, we saw the dinghy floating away from the raft. Dave was ready with Mistral's dinghy, saving the day.

The group assembled at 5pm on the rafted boats for a potluck dinner of German brats with many delicious appetizers, side dishes, and dessert. After that Mystic and Divided Sky anchored, and all enjoyed a lovely cool evening and calm overnight.

**Tuesday, June 9 ---- Meredith Creek to Rock Hall:** It was a sunny, comfortably cool morning. Following an 8:30 captain's call, everyone departed on their own time. There were light winds out of the south, never higher than 8 knots. Most of the fleet decided to motor sail. We passed Mystic sailing wing on



wing. A couple of other boats did sail for short periods, but the winds were too light. Some of the boats encountered dolphins swimming nearby. In the early afternoon, we were met at Rock Hall Landing Marina by two helpful and able dock hands. Three boats were on T-docks; the others in slips. Another prospective member, Fred Molden (Volant), joined us. So, we were 8 boats total. The marina had just installed all new floating docks/electricals/WIFI. We were greeted with a "Welcome CSSM" sign outside the marina office and by Meghan in the office, who was very helpful during our stay.

We assembled by the welcome sign before 5pm, where Meghan took a group picture. We then went to the Flying Decoy Bar and Grill for dinner. Some walked and some called John, a local guy who gives rides for tips. We enjoyed a good dinner and conversation followed ice cream at Get The Scoop.



The weather was looking questionable for the next two days. It was turning extremely hot and humid with possible severe thunder storms. So, we held a meeting around the firepit back at the marina.

We agreed that we would cut the cruise short by one day due to the expected high heat, but deferred the decision on where to spend Wednesday until the following morning.

**Wednesday June 10 ---- A split decision:** We convened on the dock at 8:30am. The winds were blowing 15+ out of the south. There was rain approaching and severe thunderstorms were expected in the late afternoon.

Mystic decided to go the home port. Due to the wind direction and speed, she had difficulty getting off the dock, but did so with the assistance of friends and a lot of muscle.

Capricorn, Divided Sky, Mistral, and Volant decided to sail to Annapolis Harbor and get a mooring ball. They left after the morning storm, again with the help of friends to get off of the dock.

Dora Jane, Last One, and Shaken Knot Stirred stayed another night in Rock Hall due to concerns about the winds and weather. They enjoyed an early 2 – 4pm cocktail hour, just before the severe storms arrival and anticipating an early departure the next morning for their home port in Oxford.

Some of the boats going to Annapolis sailed and some motored, depending on how much tacking they wanted to do and needing to get on a mooring ball before the storms. The winds continued to be out of the south at 15 – 18 knots. Volant and Divided Sky sailed. Capricorn and Mistral motored. All arrived by 3pm. As the storms were already approaching, an evening get together was cancelled. After the storms passed Keith Donald came over to the mooring field in his power boat from his home off of Whitehall Bay. He stopped by and chatted with everyone. The evening ended with the playing of Taps at the Naval Academy.

The cruise captain has decided to award boats a night for Wednesday, if they stayed in Rock Hall or went to Annapolis, as the weather circumstances impacted being able to all stay together.



**Thursday, June 11 ---- Sail to Home Ports:** The boats which stayed in Rock Hall organized their departures starting at 5:45am ----- first Dora Jane, then Last One, which were on the T-docks. The winds were much lower, so they had no problems leaving with a little assistance. Shaken Knot Stirred was last to leave. The winds were under 5 knots. The currents were with them. So, they were making 7+ knots motoring down the bay. Mistral was the first to leave Annapolis at 7:15am. Divided Sky and Capricorn followed a while later. As Mistral left the Severn River, we could see Dora Jane just across the bay from us. The winds were minimal for the entire trip. So, everyone motored safely to their home ports.

**Boat Nights:**

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| Capricorn – 3   | Mistral - 3             |
| Divided Sky - 3 | Mystic – 2              |
| Dora Jane – 3   | Shaken Knot Stirred – 3 |
| Last One - 3    | Volant – 2              |

