

Sailing & Dining On The Choptank Cruise Report

Five boats signed up for the cruise. This included Shaken Knot Stirred, Mistral, Capricorn, Last One, and Divided Sky. The cruise was scheduled to start on Tuesday May 26, but due to unfavorable forecast all boats remained at their respective ports until Thursday. Capricorn was hauled out just prior to the cruise to fix two corroded sea cocks and went back in on Friday May 29th.



On **Wednesday** May 27 at 9am, eleven land cruisers met at Two If By Sea restaurant in Tilghman for breakfast. All enjoyed a wonderful time eating and consoling Arsho regarding his boat issue. At 4:30, Shaken Knot Stirred hosted cocktails on board at Bachelor's Point marina. Eight CSSM members and two prospective members Monica and Robert King attended. In spite of a bad forecast, the thunder storm held off for a lovely

evening.

On **Thursday**, with a 10 -15 west wind forecast, four boats left home port and sailed to Cambridge Yacht Club.

Docking at the clubs T-docks was a challenge. Since Cambridge Y C is not a marina, help was not available for docking. Divided Sky went in first and on the second attempt tied to the dock. Mistral followed and crew from Divided Sky assisted them. Then, Dave and Dennis helped Shaken Knot Stirred dock. Last One was listening to all the conversation on the VHF and decided it was not a good idea and sailed back to their home port slip. We salute them for making the best decision for them.





At 5:30, ten CSSM folks, including Arsho and Taline, and Dennis and Carla, gathered at the club house for a festive evening. It was also CYC social night and perspective new members night. Prior to dinner, we exchanged burgees with CYC leadership: Tom Hannah the Commodore and Bob Caverly the Fleet Captain. They were very accommodating and gracious! We also invited them to join us on our cruises. Our dinner at the Yacht Club was delicious too. Eight of us returned to our boats for a comfortable night's rest.

Friday, the winds were from the west in the morning and from the south in the afternoon. It was a comfortable sail tacking to our home ports. The next day proved we made a good decision returning to home ports a day early.



Saturday, the winds blew hard out of the north. It was better watching the rough water from the dining room of Doc's Bar and Grill instead of being in the boat.

A total of sixteen came for lunch. This includes seven joining us for the first time. They were: Keith's cousin Mildred Hurd, Irv and Jane Heatherington, Tom and Kate Vargish, Larry and Judy Weaver.

Four boats (Shaken Knot Stirred, Mistral, Last One and Divided Sky) each had one night.