

Impromptu July 4 Cruise

July 4-6, 2025

The night before we set off, the crews of Mistral, Moonshadow, and Shaken Knot Stirred enjoyed the Oxford fireworks from Bachelor Point Marina.

Friday, July 4 – The destination being Dun Cove off of Harris Creek, there was no need for an early start for most of the boats. Unfortunately, the winds were less than 5 knots. So, Mistral motored the entire distance to the anchorage arriving and anchoring in the south end around 1:30. Some other boats “tried” to sail. Denny (Divided Sky) motored by in his metal skiff, coming from his community dock, going to Divided Sky’s dock on the north side of the cove. He brought Divided Sky over and anchored with the other boats. Denny was on his own as Stephanie was at the beach house. One by one the other boats arrived. Moonshadow and Shaken Knot Stirred anchored nearby. Elusive and Gambrinus rafted with Mistral. So, it was a great turn out ---- 6 CSSM boats took over the anchorage.



The group of 11 gathered on Mistral at 5:00 for a gourmet potluck dinner. We dined on cold watermelon soup, dark bread with goat cheese, shrimp remoulade, French potato salad, marinated cucumbers, marinated tomatoes and olives, home baked focaccia bread, with coconut cake and holiday sugar cookies for dessert. The CSSM chefs outdid themselves!



The party broke up before sunset. Elusive left the raft to anchor. Gambrinus remained rafted with Mistral. The winds were blowing about 5 knots overnight, but diminished to almost 0 by morning.





Saturday, July 5 – Everyone enjoyed a relaxed start to the day. The destination was Trippe Creek. Divided Sky left early for her home dock across the cove. The remaining boats departed between 9 – 10. Moonshadow returned to Bachelor Point Marina as she was experiencing electrical issues. Gambrinus sailed back home to St. Michaels to possibly anchor out for the fireworks that evening. The other three boats left for Trippe Creek. Shaken Knot

Stirred motored to Safe Harbor Oxford for fuel and then on to Trippe Creek. Elusive put up her sails but gave up after 1.25 hours having gone just 0.7 miles. Mistral also sailed VERY SLOWLY until the winds came up to 5 – 10 knots about 2:00. So, she sailed over to the Tred Avon, and then motored to Trippe Creek due to the late hour. Shaken Knot Stirred arrived first. Elusive rafted with Shaken K.S. As the winds were increasing, Mistral anchored nearby. There were only 2 other boats in the anchorage. We met at 5:00 on Elusive for drinks, snacks (enjoyed the wonderful focaccia bread for the second day), and comradery.

Elusive left the raft after our get together. All three boats enjoyed a quiet night at anchor.

Sunday, July 6 – It was another beautiful morning with no wind. So, all the boats returned to Bachelor Point Marina. It was a great way to spend July 4 weekend.

Boat Nights:

Divided Sky – 1

Elusive - 2

Gambrinus – 1

Mistral – 2

Moonshadow – 1

Shaken Knot Stirred - 2

