

Cruise Report: CSSM Mystic Impromptu Cruise

August 4-5, 2026

Cruise Captain: Keith Donald s/v Mystic

Fellow Cruiser: Joliesse with Joni and Ray

Tuesday, August 4th

Our first night's destination was Shaw Bay off the Wye River. Our backup destination was Dividing Creek if we needed more protection. Mystic motor sailed from home port to Tilghman Point. As I bore off towards the entrance to the Wye River, I cut the engine as the breeze filled in. I could see Joliesse in the distance sailing towards me. We frolicked together as we sailed to our destination. I won't say we were racing, but I definitely cut the green turning mark by a greater margin than Joliesse, mindful that I drew less than Joliesse with her centerboard down and keeping an eye on my depth finder to guarantee at least two feet under my keel.

We were the only boats anchored in Shaw Bay. I rowed over to Joliesse on Flipper (motor not working), as they hosted Happy Hour. After that, we enjoyed the sunset. The evening included intermittent rain showers, not a problem for me but a challenge for Joni and Ray since overnight on Joliesse is like camping out.



Wednesday, August 5th

Joliesse left for home port around 10 am. Mystic departed around noon to anchor off the Miles River Yacht Club. We both had perfect sailing conditions. Mystic stayed an extra night to participate in the Miles River Wednesday Night Racing.



Thursday, August 6th

Mystic had a beautiful sail to home port in a building southerly breeze. What started as a beat down Eastern Bay, turned into a fetch of Bloody Point, again keeping at least two feet under my keel.

Thanks to Joni and Ray for joining me and sharing their delicious appetizers.

Cruise nights:

Joliesse	1
Mystic	1

