

Oyster Boys Cruise Report

September 5-7 2025

On **Friday** morning Divided Sky motored through Knapps Narrows on a low tide. Although challenging, it was successful with little water under the 4 ft 3" keel. Once out of the Narrows the genoa was up and we began our sail and motored to Hunting creek. Around 11 Am Mystic left the dock and motored to Bloody Point before raising the sails. After rounding Tilghman Point both boats motored to hunting creek and rafted for an enjoyable evening on Divided Sky. When attempting to raft Divided Sky managed to wrap the dingy tow line around the propeller. This called for the captain to go overboard to cut the tangled lines and free the prop.



Smooth sailing up Eastern Bay.



Denny and the prop tangle.



Aboard Divided Sky

Saturday we woke to sunny and comfortable temperatures and saw boats already anchored on the other side of Miles river to watch the Log Canoe races. By 9:30 Mystic and Divided Sky were next to the canoes as they began to raise their sails. We continued to motor, out of the way, to take pictures during the entire race. The wind was about at its peak and the hiking boards were in full use the entire race. We then motored to Shaw Bay and rafted within hearing distance for the concert. Keith launched their dingy and toured around the many boats. Dave and Sara Breimhurst dinghied over with their dog to talk just as we were about to leave for Dividing Creek. After re-rafting, Mystic invited us for appetizers and a full roast turkey dinner. It seemed like Thanksgiving in September. It started to rain just before dinner and continued on and off all night and into Sunday morning.



Log canoe racing



Rafting in Shaw Bay



Oyster Boys comcert

After the busy day on Saturday most of us slept in until around 9am **Sunday** morning. Mystic, due to an upcoming commitment, left the raft and started back to home port around 9:30. Divided Sky stayed until the rain stopped then motored to just outside of St Michaels harbor. This was a great spot to watch the boats, including the Patriot, motor in and out of the harbor. After dark we played a game of scrabble (of course Stephanie won) then pulled out the blankets as the temperatures dropped to the low 60's

On **Monday** Divided Sky left St Michaels harbor for home port at 9am and experienced its best sail this season. We sailed the entire length of the Miles River and rounded Tilghman Point with the winds directly behind us until we reached Poplar Island. We lowered the sail and started the engine about two miles outside of Knapps Narrows. It was at 11:30 when we reached the Narrows and a record time of 2.5 hours for Divided Sky's best time from St Michaels to Tilghman.

Boat Nights:

2 for both Mystic and Divided Sky

Respectfully Submitted, Dennis & Stephanie Sokso