

## Cruise Report: CSSM Walking Tour Cruise

September 23-26, 2025

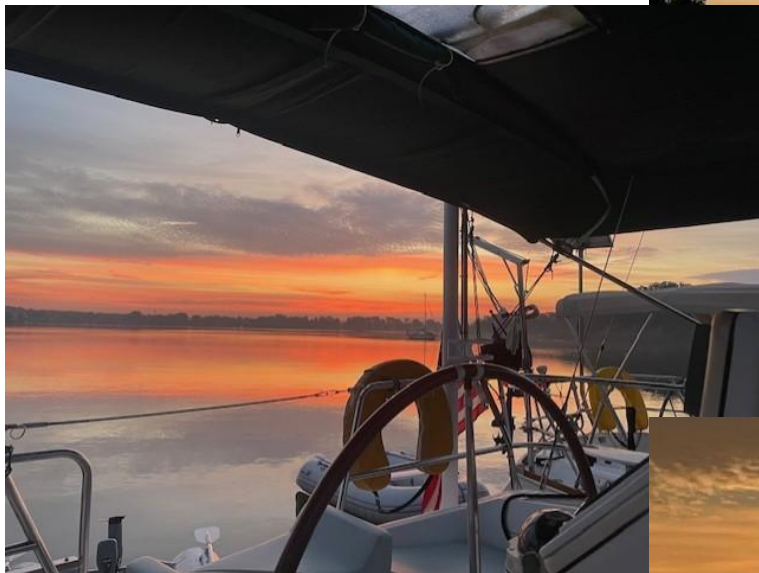
Cruise Captain: Keith on s/v Mystic with Debbie and Bruce Burke the first night.

Fellow Cruiser: Divided Sky with Denny, Stephanie and their dog Lulu

### Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

After passing the baton (twice), we settled into an abbreviated version of our Walking Tour Cruise. Our first night was the Rhode River. Divided Sky had a pleasant sail across the bay after emerging from Knapp's Narrows. Mystic motored from Whitehall Creek directly into southerly winds until she could fetch Thomas Point Lighthouse, then sailed the rest of the way. Just before setting sail, we passed astern of the bulk carrier 'Climate Pledge'. Not sure what the pledge was about as she was most likely a coal carrier. An early afternoon arrival assured plenty of time to go ashore at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center. Denny and Bruce joined Keith aboard Flipper for the journey ashore. Afterwards we had the usual appetizers and beverages followed by our individual dinners. We experienced perfect weather with colorful sunsets and sunrises.





### **Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

With only 12 nm to our second night's destination in Meredith Creek, we departed under light and variable winds around 9:30 am. With rain in the forecast, Mystic went straight to home port to pick up the Boston Whaler, 'Impulse', then back to Divided Sky to pick up Denny, Stephanie and Lulu to hang out at Mystic's home, ordering lunch from Subway. For the evening, Mystic returned to Meredith Creek with Denny and Stephanie. Debbie and Bruce chose to stay behind. Rain continued on and off with occasional downpours and lightning nearby.

### **Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

Our third night's destination was Pickering Creek off the Wye River. Joni and Ray, aboard their Buzzard's Bay 25, 'Joliesse', were planning to meet us there. However, the weather was uncertain with the possibility of afternoon and evening rain and thunderstorms. Since Joliesse could not be sure they could join us, we decided to go to one of our other original cruise destinations, Harness Creek off the South River. Both Mystic and Divided Sky immediately set sail upon exiting Meredith Creek. Although part of the journey was directly to windward, we didn't mind since we only had 12 nm to go. As we approached Thomas Point Lighthouse, the conditions got sporty. Mystic put in a double reef in the main and jib to maintain control. We both had a great sail.

After arrival and rafting up, the weather cleared, and Denny and Keith took Denny's dinghy ashore at Quiet Waters Park and we walked some of the trails. Upon our return, we explored the rest of the creek including the headwaters.





**Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

Mystic and Divided Sky returned to home ports. Next year we hope to include Tilghman Creek and Pickering Creek in our cruise agenda.

Cruise nights:

Mystic	3
Divided Sky	3