

## CSSM Choptank Shakedown Cruise Report May 15, 16 & 17, 2015

<u>Boats</u>	<u>Captain and Crew</u>
Tryst	Peirce and Molly Anderson
Esprit	Chip Seltzer and Paula Clement
Whisper	Larry Rovin and Carolyn Rugg (Cooper, Barley, Lilly)
Voyager	Dennis Sosko (Winston)
Capricorn	Arsho and Taline Sarrafian (prospective members)
Mistral	David and Barbara Taylor (prospective members)

There is a reason why it is call a “Shakedown Cruise”. Perhaps a better definition is a “Shakeout Cruise”. The Choptank Shakedown Cruise started with all the boats, except Whisper, gathering in Trippe Bay off the Tred Avon River. Unfortunately for Whisper’s crew, their new refrigeration was acting up so they opted to reconnoiter the problem and meet us the next day in Baby Owl Cove off Broad Creek. Cocktails were held on Tryst. We were happy to welcome everyone on Tryst, especially prospective members, Arsho and Taline Sarrafian on Capricorn and David and Barb Taylor on Mistral.

The next morning we all set off for a nice sail and the prospect of gathering again in Baby Owl Cove. In true shakedown fashion, while setting the jib, Tryst discovered that the winch would not hold. Tryst headed back to the dock with Esprit and diagnostic expert, Chip Seltzer, where it was discovered that when the winch was cleaned last year a paw was inserted upside down by Tryst’s fearless Captain. With this rectified, Tryst and Esprit headed off again. There was good sailing until early afternoon when the breeze dropped out. While under power, Tryst experienced an amp meter issue. All boats gathered in Baby Owl Cove. Tryst and Esprit rafted together to provide a better platform for dinner on Tryst as well as the opportunity for diagnostic expert Chip to once again solve the problem. With the removal of a burned out voltage regulator and the attachment of another one, all was well once again. Tryst should now be in good shape for Denny and Stephanie’s Onancock Cruise in June. Hopefully with the fix planned this week for Whisper’s new refrigeration, Commodore Larry and Carolyn will be in shape to join in also.

After all dogs had been ferried to shore and back, all humans gathered on Tryst and Esprit for cocktails and dinner. As thunderstorms were predicted, we kept a close eye on the radar. When it looked as if we were directly in the path of the storm, we decided to shorten cocktail time and eat the beef stew dinner while we still had the chance. This proved to be a prudent move as the storms did materialize, but not before all were safely back on their boats and our raft had broken up.

Sunday morning all cruisers headed for their respective ports.

Boats	Nights
Tryst	2
Esprit	2
Whisper	1
Voyager	2
Capricorn	2
Mistral	2

Respectively submitted,  
Molly and Peirce Anderson

