

Choptank Shakedown 2019 Report –

The Choptank Shakedown cruise for 2019 was scheduled for Tuesday through Thursday, May 28-30. Five boats signed up with four scheduled for two nights and one for only one. Our plan was to raft up Tuesday in Trippe Creek off Tred Avon. Wednesday, we planned to sail to Baby Owl Cove off Broad Creek with dinner on *Tryst*. Thursday everyone was to head for home.

Tuesday morning the radar showed a band of thunderstorms headed our way, however it looked clear after they would pass, so we decided not to change our plans. Following the storms it was warm with a gentle breeze. Unfortunately, Denny, *Divided Sky*, called Tuesday morning with a sinus infection and plans to head to the doctors, hoping that he could join us the next day in Baby Owl for our dinner gathering Wednesday evening. We headed to Oxford and sailed under jib to Trippe Creek. Shortly after anchoring we were joined by Ed Buckholtz, *DeeGee IV*, who was singlehanding. Donna was in Connecticut cheering on her granddaughter's championship softball team. Next, we were joined by Judy and Larry Weaver on *Moonshadow*.

We enjoyed an evening with delicious snacks and drinks and fun conversation. As thunderstorms were predicted, we broke up the raft before dinner and turning in for the night. As Ed was singlehanding he opted to head back to the slip rather than spending the night at anchor.

The thunderstorms never developed. Wednesday, we woke to a warm morning. Judy and Larry had reported that their roller furling main would not come out all the way. We woke to find them busy trying to work on it. Unfortunately, it would not work satisfactorily. The forecast was for temperatures in the 90's and thunderstorms were predicted to arrive around 1600 hrs. (just about when we would be getting ready for our gathering for dinner). At that time, we figured that dodging the thunderstorms two days in a row was doubtful and with the temperature in the 90's, we opted to go sailing, but to head for the slip for the night. Everyone having been notified, we went for a sail for a few hours. Since, we were headed back to the slip, we called *Capricorn*, who had been planning to join us in Baby Owl and *Divided Sky*. Since Arsho and Taline and Larry and Judy were still in Oxford, we decided to have an abortive cruise dinner at Latitude 38 before heading home. Unfortunately, we could not reach Ed at that point to join us.

Of course, the thunderstorms went North and South of us on Wednesday. Figure that! But they finally developed in the Choptank on Thursday afternoon. Weather prediction is just that, a prediction. We opted to play it safe.

Respectfully submitted,
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Tryst

Nights:

DeeGee IV - 1 night

Moonshadow - 1 night

Tryst - 1 night

Dividing Sky – 0 nights

Capricorn – 0 nights