

Cruise Report: Impromptu Cruise North

Cruise Captains: Kate and Thom Vargish

September 27, 2021 Day #1:

Wind from southwest was light at 5-8 knots but increased as we left Choptank and turned north for the Rhode River. We soon had 10-15 knots with gusts up to 18 kts from the SW and sailed downwind to the green marker at the mouth of the West and South Rivers.

We anchored in the Rhode River with a nice SW breeze.

Boat nights: 0

September 28, 2021 Day #2:

Light winds 5-8 knots from SW>NW which diminished initially so that we had to motor sail most of the way up to the Magothy River. About the time we anchored behind Dobbins Island, wind had increased to 10-15 from the NW with some clouds. Temperatures dropped with wind shift.

Boat nights: 0

September 29, 2021 Day #3:

Wind shifted to NE and increased to 10-15 with gusts to 18. She sailed downwind under the bridge and on to Harness Creek off the South River. During a gybe while dodging around anchored freighters, we blew out the boom-vang which required emergency repair for the remainder of the trip. Night time temperatures were better in Harness Creek.

Boat nights: 0

September 30, 2021 Day #4:

Wind was NE but decreased to 4-6 kts. We tried flying spinnaker but eventually had to settle for motor sailing downwind. About the time we reached R "10" on the Choptank, wind speed increased to 8 knots so others could sail but on the nose for us. We anchored in Dunn Creek off Harris Creek. We were joined by Moonshadow who did have enough wind to sail part way to Harris Creek. We had an enjoyable raft with snacks and conversation before breaking up for dinner.

Boat nights: Elusive & Moonshadow, 1

October 1, 2021

Light wind from NE at 5-8 knots allow us to sail slowly home to the Tred Avon River.

Totals: Elusive & Moonshadow, 1 night