

Choptank Shakedown Cruise 2022

The Choptank Shakedown cruise 2022 was scheduled for May 24 thru May 26. However, the start was delayed and shortened due to predicted rain and high winds. Eight boats signed up, but three had pre-shakedown issues before leaving home ports. Eventually, Tryst, Moonshadow, Elusive, Divided Sky and Esprit headed to Baby Owl Cove for a raft up and dinner on Tryst.

Prior to our 1700hour get-together, Tryst provided some entertainment for those rafted. Upon boarding the boat, Peirce and Molly had found nest building debris on the deck. Upon looking up, we saw a small branch on top of the mast. Obviously, an Osprey had decided the flat antenna was a perfect place to start a nest. This did not become dislodged during our sail to the anchorage, despite a steady breeze with gusts to 20kts. Chip Seltzer, always eager to help-out, volunteered to go up to retrieve the branch. Molly was most appreciative as she is usually the one who has-to ascend the mast. Chip was able to dislodge the branch and cleared off the flat antenna. We were thankful that we had our Milwaukee right angle cordless drill with winch bit fully charged to take Chip smoothly up the mast. What a great piece of gear for all sailors.

Cocktails and dinner were held on Tryst. Everyone brought yummy appetizers and enjoyed a bowl of Smoked Chili with rolls. It was great to be back on the water and to share a nice evening with good friends. Tryst's shakedown revealed the need to repair our wind instruments. Hopefully other's shakedown discoveries are easier to fix.

Respectively submitted,

Captains Molly and Peirce Anderson

Nights:

1 each: Divided Sky

Elusive

Esprit

Moonshadow

Tryst



