

NORTHERLY WINE AND DINE CRUISE (or 3 by Sea and 1 by Land)

Dates: September 26- 28, 2022

Cruise Captains: Larry and Judy Weaver, s/v Moonshadow

Cruisers: Gambrinus, Mystic, Fiscal Stray, Shaken Knot Stirred, Divided Sky, Mistral, Elusive, Moonshadow

Note: Our originally planned 7 day, 6 night cruise was shortened due to the weather report and Hurricane Ian's predicted northerly path. But, true to the CSSM spirit, we came together for a land cruise to augment 3 beautiful days on the water.

September 26th: Cruisers set off from their home ports to the Rhode River. Wind was westerly at 15 to 19 Knots as Moonshadow headed out of the Choptank. Once past Black Walnut Point we put the sails out and had a beautiful sail up the Bay to the Rhode. Once we headed into the West River we took in the sails and did the usual dodging of crab pots until we rounded red marker 2 into the Rhode. We were astonished to see that a sailboat we had seen anchored in the Rhode 2 weeks ago and looking very low



in the water, was now sunk.

Our CSSM sailors anchored around the bend behind the island on the Rhode. Shaken Knot Stirred rafted with Moonshadow for cocktails at 4:30. All Captains and Crew along with a friend of Mystic, Bruce, joined us on the raft for the cocktail hour. A good time was had by all with delicious appetizers. Inspired by their recent trip to Scotland, Moonshadow played Scottish Folk songs and had a Scotch tasting for those who were interested. Moonshadow suggested that we spend our second night on Dividing Creek off of the Wye R. The idea was put forth for discussion and the group decided that given the wind that would be a good choice. Cocktails ended around 6:30 and everyone went back to their boats. Shaken Knot Stirred broke off from the raft and anchored.



September 27th: Moonshadow pulled anchor around 8:30 and headed out of the Rhode. All other boats followed. The sail across the Bay to the Eastern Bay was fantastic with beautiful sunny skies and steady winds. Unfortunately as we entered the Eastern Bay the wind began to steadily fade. Motors began to come on and everyone motor sailed or motored to Dividing Creek. Moonshadow anchored near the mouth of Dividing and Mystic rafted up for the cocktail party. Fiscal Stray who was unable to join the cruise on the 26th arrived, anchored and was taxied over by Denny for the festivities. There was laughter

and plenty of good conversation along with super appetizers. Folks taxied back to their boats and Mystic broke off and anchored.



September 28th: Mistral headed out early on a chilly morning for home port and all other boats followed. Divided Sky lead Moonshadow and Shaken Knot Stirred through Knapps Narrows. Elusive stayed out for another night on the water near their home port while all other boats returned home. The sail out of the Miles and Eastern Bay was fantastic in the beautiful clear blue sky. Hard to believe that the effects of hurricane Ian would be coming soon.



While Barb was dressed like this, Larry was in shorts and a long sleeve tee shirt.

September 29th: Land Cruise- Everyone had returned to their home ports, but many of the cruisers and members who were available on the 29th joined Moonshadow at Chateau Bu-De Winery for appetizers and wine and then on to the Fish Whistle Restaurant at the Granary. Reservations had previously been made for both locations. Ten boats attended the land cruise at one or both of the locations. It was a fun filled night in two beautiful spots. Only regret was that we couldn't sail there due to the weather forecast.

Gambrinus:	2 nights
Mystic:	2 nights
Fiscal Stray:	1 night
Shaken Knot Stirred:	2 nights
Divided Sky:	2 nights
Mistral:	2 nights
Elusive:	2 nights
Moonshadow:	2 nights

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