

Solomon's Island Cruise

Sunday June 26 – Thursday June 30, 2022

Sunday June 26 – Home Port to Dun Cove

Mistral was able to sail from Tred Avon Green 1 past Harris Creek Red 2 with pleasant southerly winds 10-15 kts. We first anchored in the North end of Dun Cove, but considering the wind, decided a move to the South end was a better choice. Elusive, Moonshadow, Flow, and Capricorn anchored nearby. Karaya rafted with Mistral for Cocktails.

Cocktails were a Mardi Gras party, with many Louisiana favorites provided by Mistral's chef Barb, and finished off with a homemade King Cake. Jayne got the "prize", a small plastic baby embedded in the cake, and so she must bring the next King Cake, in New Orleans tradition.



After cocktails, Karaya broke off the raft and anchored. Mystic arrived late having experienced engine problems and anchored under sail.

Monday June 27 – Lay Day in Dun Cove

Elusive headed back to Oxford due to a prior commitment. Capricorn experienced an electrical problem, and nothing worked except her windlass. Arsho arranged for Towboat US to provide a ride home for repairs.



Mystic was able to repair her raw water system with a new impeller.

Due to the forecast of strong Southerlies, it was decided that we would have a lay day at Dun Cove rather than fight our way to Solomon's. All the remaining boats except Karaya raised anchor and moved to the North end of Dun cove to get better protection as the winds shifted to the North. Cocktails were hosted by Mistal.

Another boat had anchored fairly close to Mistral for the night. In the morning we saw that she had dragged about 100 yards – fortunately away from Mistral and not so far as Karaya. It was a gusty night.

Tuesday June 28 – Dun Cove to Solomon's Island

Karaya had to head back to the MRYC. The remaining boats, Flow, Mistral, Moonshadow, and Mystic, headed to Solomon's. Winds were out of the North at 13-16 kts. The Northerlies had blown the water out of the North side of Dun Cove, giving some of us a concern, but there was no bumping reported. We were able to sail at the bottom of Tilghman into the Bay, and all boats were able to sail or motor sail even as the winds diminished through the day.

All boats had a slip at Zahnhisers. We all walked to the Island Hideaway restaurant and had drinks and a great meal on their outdoors deck. Sara and David brought Charlie with them as she was permitted on the deck. We stopped for ice cream on the way back to the boats.

Wednesday June 29 – Solomon's Island to Little Choptank

Flow decided to go back to St. Michaels as they had concerns about dog walking opportunities for Charlie in the Little Choptank. The remaining boats motored towards the mouth of the Patuxent, and then were able to pull sails out at the winds grew to 10 kts out of the South. Winds grew to 15+ kts as we reached the mouth of the Little Choptank, and Mistral pulled in the genoa; Mystic sailed all the way to the anchorage in Fishing Creek.

We enjoyed a final night with cocktails and comradery on Mistral. The winds laid down overnight and we had a peaceful night.



Thursday June 30 – Little Choptank to Home Ports

We all left Fishing Creek on our own time and headed back to home ports.

<u>Boat</u>	<u>Nights</u>
Capricorn	1
Elusive	1
Flow	3
Karaya	2
Mistral	4
Moonshadow	4
Mystic	4

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