

Cruise Report: Western Shore Cruise

September 13-16, 2022

Cruise Captains: Keith Donald, Debbie Spear, s/v Mystic

Fellow Cruisers: Elusive, Divided Sky, Karaya, Mistral, Moonshadow, Shaken Knot Stirred

First of all, you couldn't have asked for better weather with comfortable daytime sailing conditions and comfortable nighttime sleeping conditions. There were sailing opportunities on both point to point destination days. Generally, first arrivals were around 2:00 pm with happy hour rendezvous around 4:00 pm. Now for the details.

Tuesday, September 13: (13-28 nm)

Our first rendezvous was in the Rhode River hosted by Mystic with Moonshadow and Shaken Knot Stirred rafted along side. Overflow was accommodated by Moonshadow. Heavy appetizers provided by Debbie consisted of two choices of soup, crab appetizers, fried chicken provided by Judy and two choices of dessert.



All separated for the evening with a glimpse of moonlight captured below.



Wednesday, September 14: (13 nm) After leaving Thomas Point Lighthouse to port, our destination was Meredith Creek, off of Whitehall Bay. The charts say Meredith is off limits but local knowledge says otherwise. The entrance was recently dredged to accommodate the luxury yacht 'Usher'.



Upon approach, head straight for the mansion, then hang a sharp left. Once inside, the anchorage includes a creek side view of the mansion.



Our rendezvous was again hosted by Mystic with overflow accommodated by Shaken Knot Stirred. Also, alongside was a good friend of John and Barbara Pomije, Fred Molden aboard his Freedom 35 'Volant'.



Thursday, September 15: (10 nm) Our final destination was Maynadier Creek behind St. Helena's Island, about 7 miles up the Severn River. Karaya had electrical issues and headed home. Divided Sky and Moonshadow had other engagements leaving four boats remaining. On the way up the Severn, Moonshadow and Mystic stopped in the Annapolis harbor for breakfast at the Iron Rooster. Elusive hosted our final rendezvous in Maynadier Creek. The Severn River offers scenic views of cliffs and bluffs, a stark contrast to the tributaries of the eastern shore.



Friday, September 16: (11-37 nm) A misty 56 degrees greeted the fleet at sunrise.



Debbie and I would like to thank all of you who joined us on this journey. We really enjoyed introducing the CSSM family to new areas to explore.