

***Moonshadow* Cruise Report**  
The Misty Mosey  
Or  
(The Trip of the Ghost Barge)

**Wednesday, 9/27/23:** 8 boats headed out on a misty Wednesday for Mill Creek in the Solomons. Unfortunately, Prospective Members, Dennis and Carla Berman on *Last One*, had to turn back because of equipment problems. The rest of our group had a good sail going down the Bay with the NNE wind and the current in the continuing light mist. The seas were rolling but the group made good time. *Moonshadow*, *Shaken Knot Stirred* and *Mystic* all rafted to host cocktails and delicious appetizers and sliders in this well protected anchorage. *Shaken Knot Stirred* was accompanied by longtime friends, Bob and Kathy who crewed on the boat since Barbara was unable to. They were a wonderful addition to the group. The other 4 boats dinghied over. It was a lovely evening with good friends. The sky cleared at night and we were blessed with a beautiful full moon.

**Thursday, 9/28/23:** Everyone pulled anchor at around 8:30-9 for a long sail to Smith Creek off the Potomac. Again, the wind was from the NE and we sailed down with the current. The weather continued with the light mist. *Mystic* was the first to arrive in the cove on Smith Creek. *Moonshadow* and *Shaken Knot Stirred* all rafted together to be sure there was room for everyone at cocktails. The remaining 4 boats all dinghied over and we had another lovely evening.

**Friday, 9/29/23:** After the 2 previous days' long sails, it was wonderful to just have about 1 ½ hr. trip to Horseshoe Bend off the St. Mary River. The anchorage was right in front of the St. Mary's College Boat Dock. We were all anchored by 11:00 and dinghied in to the College Sailing Dock where we were able to tie up the dinghies. We arrived there at 12:00 and were met by the head of the sailing program, Adam Werblow, who confirmed we had anchored in good spots that would not interfere with the next day's regatta. David Taylor from the St. Mary's College President's Office also met us at the dock and escorted us to the school cafeteria for lunch. After lunch we walked and were also escorted by golf carts to the many fascinating highlights of the college: the Performing Arts Center and the new Commemoration Sight, to name a few. We then met up with Dr. Miller for our tour of Historic St. Mary's City. Fortunately while walking, the mist abated. Dr. Miller was a wealth of knowledge. For our group it was special to see the Dove here after watching it be built at the CBMM. All of this couldn't have been done without the very special assistance of Peter Bruns who is on the St. Mary's College Board. **Thank you Peter!** We were all a little tired but went back for appetizers and cocktails on *Moonshadow* and *SKS*. Larry had a quiz on historic colonial beverages with a couple of samples for everyone.

**Saturday, 9/30/23:** *Mystic* and *Gambrinus* left the group early in the morning to make their way to home ports and upcoming appointments. *Moonshadow*, *Elusive* and *Divided Sky* went to Glebe Creek off the Coan River on the Virginia side of the Potomac. It afforded the 3 boats a shorter sail to the Solomons the next day. *Shaken Knot Stirred* and *Mistral* went to the marina at Point Lookout for services. After almost non-stop mist, the sun broke through the clouds and we had a beautiful sunset. The three boats on Glebe Creek, got together on *Moonshadow* for cocktail hour. *Divided Sky* shared some pictures of the Regatta at St. Mary's College that he got before he left.

**Sunday, 10/1/23:** All 5 boats set off early for the Zahnisers, Safe Harbor Marina in the Solomons off the Patuxent River. We left at around 7:30am to take advantage of the outgoing tide in order to minimize the impact of currents where the Potomac meets the Bay. We all motored all the way against the current up

the Bay to the marina. It was a beautiful sunny day with none of the mist that had plagued us at the beginning of the cruise. After settling in, many of us took advantage of the amenities at the marina (showers). *Shaken Knot Stirred* invited us all to their boat for cocktail time before we went to La Vela Italian Restaurant on the marina grounds. Unfortunately, the Pomijes could not join us at the restaurant because it was not accessible for Barbara. They were able to get takeout from the restaurant. We bumped into longtime members of CSSM, Donna and Ed on their *Dee Gee V*, a Nordic Tug, at the marina and invited them to join us at dinner. The meal was very good. It was a lovely relaxing evening. During our conversation at dinner it was revealed that Denny saw a barge pass behind our 3 boats at anchor on Glebe Creek at around 5:30am. Interestingly, Thom was up and did not see this "Ghost Barge". This remains a mystery. Happy Halloween!

**Monday, 10/2/23:** Everyone (5 boats) rose early and were out of the marina around 8:30 for the motor home. We were all heading into the NNE wind and bucking the current. It was another beautiful day, so that helped. All of the 5 boats were headed to home ports off the Choptank and were able to have a lovely sail once they turned onto the Choptank River.

**Cruise Nights:**

Mystic- 3  
Gambrinus-3  
Divided Sky- 5  
Elusive- 5  
Mistral- 5  
Moonshadow-5  
Shaken Knot Served- 5

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