

Cruise Report: Western Shore Cruise - 2023

September 13-16, 2023

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

Fellow Cruisers: Divided Sky, Moonshadow, Shaken Knot Stirred

After a one-day weather delay, we had comfortable daytime sailing conditions and comfortable nighttime sleeping conditions. Now for the details.

Wednesday, September 13: (23-32 nm)

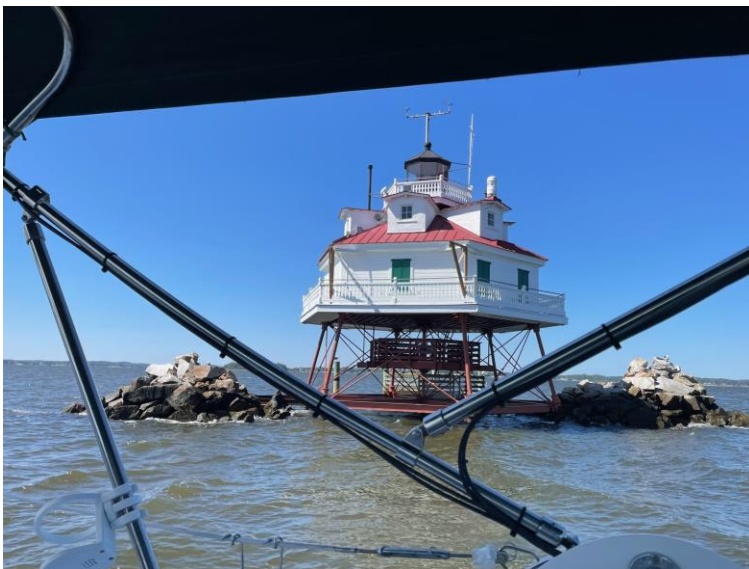
Our first rendezvous was in Meredith Creek with Mystic as the anchor boat and Divided Sky, Moonshadow and Shaken Knot Stirred rafted alongside. Due to the large cockpit of Shaken Knot Stirred, we all congregated there for cocktails and appetizers. All stayed rafted for the evening and we awoke to cooler temperatures and a fresh northerly breeze.



Thursday, September 14: (2 nm) Our next destination was Rideout Creek, a mere 2 nm away. Divided Sky, Moonshadow and Shaken Knot Stirred anchored individually and Mystic docked in Homewood Cove, just opposite Rideout Creek. The 16' foot Boston Whaler 'Impulse' provided shuttle service for the afternoon picnic at Keith and Debbie's house. We were joined by Land Cruisers, Arsho and Taline Sarrafian, Barb and Dave Taylor, and Thom and Kate Vargish. Our good friends and sailing companions Bruce and Barb Burke, and Steve and Nancy Gibbons joined us as well. A good friend of John and Barbara Pomije, Fred Molden, was also aboard Shaken Knot Stirred.



Friday, September 15: (12 nm + 10nm whaler ride for breakfast) Prior to our departure for Harness Creek, the crew of Divided Sky, Moonshadow, and Mystic took a wet ride on Impulse to Annapolis harbor for breakfast at the Iron Rooster. Shaken Knot Stirred headed for home port. A northerly breeze enhanced our sail to Harness Creek. Mystic was again the anchor boat with Divided Sky and Moonshadow rafted up alongside. Debbie, Keith and Dennis took Flipper ashore for a walk in Quiet Waters Park. During our cocktail hour aboard Mystic, Keith experienced a 'Mitch McConnell' moment and took a boat ride followed by an ambulance ride to Anne Arundel Medical Center for medical tests and observation.



Saturday, September 16: (20-29 nm) Divided Sky and Moonshadow secured Mystic for a potentially extended stay in Harness Creek and departed for home ports. Fortunately, Keith was released from the hospital around noontime and proceeded to Quiet Waters Park and hitched a kayak ride to Mystic for the journey home. Bruce and Steve joined Keith for the sail home.



Debbie and I would like to thank all of you who joined us on this journey. Special thanks to the crew of Divided Sky and Moonshadow for their caring support during my unexpected departure from Mystic on Friday night.

Divided Sky	- 3 nights
Moonshadow	- 3 nights
Mystic	- 3 nights
Shaken Knot Stirred	– 2 nights