

## Cruise Report: Impromptu Mystic Cruise

August 14-16, 2024

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

Fellow Cruisers: Elusive, Mistral

With a forecast of daytime temperatures in the low 80s and nighttime temperatures dipping below 70, Mystic proposed an impromptu cruise.

### **Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

Our first night was in La Trappe Creek off the Choptank River. Mistral arrived first and became the anchor boat. Mystic arrived shortly afterwards followed by Elusive around 5:00 pm. After appetizers and beverages on Mistral, the rafted boats separated for the evening with comfortable temperatures and quiet surroundings.





**Thursday, August 15:** Our second night's destination was the Rhode River with a chance to walk the trails of the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center. Near the entrance to the Rhode River we passed a huge crane on a barge attempting the salvage the 120 foot luxury yacht 'Lovebug'. Our friend Bruce Burke joined us on his Catalina 36 'Windsong II'. Although we attempted a tour of the research center, it was too hot for comfort. Fortunately, we all had AC so we hunkered down below instead of the usual late afternoon spent in the cockpit.





**Friday, August 16:** The four boats departed for home with hardly enough wind for sailing.

Debbie and I would like to thank all who joined us on this cruise. Yes, August is still too hot for planning a hike. I hope to include this destination next year in September with a previous evening in the South River to allow for an earlier arrival.

Elusive	2 nights
Mistral	2 nights
Mystic	2 nights
Windsong II (guest)	1 night