



SCOOPILOT

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FROM THE POOP DECK

Commodore Earl Evens

Gerry Crowley organized eight seminars for presentation this spring. All were well attended and presented in exemplary manor. With the exception of being the cruise captain for the Regretta Regatta, Gerry's responsibilities for the year as Vice Commodore are just about complete. Good job Gerry!!!

Gordon Kellogg has put together an excellent Cruising and Activities Schedule for this season. To date (through May 15) they have been well prepared with above average attendance. This is a marked improvement over last year's abysmal weather conditions.

The Social Committee chaired by Bev Mott performed above and beyond the call of duty. It was a totally new experience putting on an oyster roast. It is my understanding that SCOOPILOT had an oyster roast about 25 years ago, but none of this group was involved at that time. Attendance was 141 members and guests (shows what a freebie can bring out). Our annual Commissioning Day with a menu of seafood chowder and hoagies was another stretch for the Social Committee. As it turned out, many of those in attendance expressed approval of a menu different from years past.

For the first time in the history of SCOOPILOT both the Commodore and Vice Commodore are without boats. It's not funny!!! Rest assured this unacceptable condition will be rectified as quickly as possible.

VICE COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Vice Commodore Gordon Kellogg

Our 2009 season started with a new social event – an **Oyster Roast Picnic** held at the Sea Harbour Yacht club on March 4. Jack and Carol Herman, along with John Valassis and the Social Committee headed up by Beverly Mott, served steamed, raw, and fried oysters to over 140 hungry attendees. We hope that this event will become a regular SCOOPILOT favorite.

The **Neuse River Shakedown**, led by Gordon and Ann Kellogg, and Ron and Jayne Demers on board "Tenacity", was delayed one day by a rain forecast which was off by one day. The event proceeded on a rainy April 1st and was attended by thirteen boats and thirty-four crews. Fun was

had by all as they located five waypoints and looked for target bearings in the misty drizzle. The social committee organized an enjoyable pot luck meal served on the Pecan Grove Clubhouse porch.

The **Chili Cookout** scheduled for April 6, with Henry and Karen Van Gamper cruise captains, was cancelled due to stormy weather with no options available from Matthews Point Marina to reschedule. Joyce and Tom Russell graciously offered to host this event at their home which enabled the eight registered crews to enjoy their chili and fixins.

Commissioning Day Eve and Pecan Grove Picnic was held April 21, 22 as scheduled and was a great success with the new fish chowder and sandwich menu organized by Commodore Evens and the social committee.

The **Clubfoot Creek Cruise** took place as scheduled on April 28, 29 with Tom and Joyce Russell as captains. Fourteen boats gathered for fun and good food.

Despite their best efforts, the **Bonner Bay Cruise**, captained by Ed and Sandy Braun, and John and Sue Alison, with almost 40 registered participants, had to be rescheduled due to shallow water and strong winds. Renamed the **Ball Creek Cruise** and set for May 21-22, this event was again cursed with severe wind conditions and had to be cancelled.

Contrary winds and weather caused the **Ocracoke-Engelhard-Manteo Cruise**, which listed twenty-three boats two days before the start, to be quickly reduced to twelve on May 11. Twelve boats made it to Engelhard and Manteo and enjoyed fine food and clear skies along the way.

The **Beaufort-Cape Lookout Cruise** on May 26 was captained by George and Mary Duffie along with Dodge and Connie Hickman. A special thanks go to George and Mary who agreed to replace the Parkers due to illness. Seven boats made the first leg and, after “Merry Mary” retired due to engine issues, five boats continued to Cape Lookout with Dodge and Connie in “TS” taking charge.

More detailed reports on these activities appear below.

The **South River Progressive Dinner Cruise**, scheduled for June 9, will be led by Gerry and Cheryl Crowley in “RI RA” who thankfully agreed to substitute for the Duffies who themselves had switched to the Cape Lookout event.

Thanks to all the captains, co-captains and participants in the cruises thus far and we hope that many more will be attending events during the remainder of the season.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

George Sechrist, Membership Chairman

Please welcome as new members Stacey and Bob Taylor on the m/v Pelican, a Grand Banks 32. We look forward to their continued participation in SCOOP events.

At the May 4 board meeting, the following 6 new applicants have been accepted as prospective members:

Jerry & Molly Grubb	s/v Wind Dancer	Catalina 35
Stewart & Alice King	s/v The Restless Two	MacGregor 26
Ashley & Carol Erwin	s/v Blind Date	Morgan 45
Dave & Susan Mauney	s/v Damwegas	O'Day 35
Buddy & Kay Rogers	m/v Heart's Desire	Hatteras 53
Drew Peretzky & Cathy Brugett	s/v Fiddlers Green	Goderich 37

I encourage everyone to seek out our new members and applicants and make them feel welcome. Many of these folks have very extensive cruising experience, and we look forward to tapping into their knowledge base.

The board also voted to change the application fee structure to \$40/couple and \$35/single. The only increase is \$5 for a single applicant, and the additional \$10 for each covers the cost of the Handbook. Please make these corrections in your SCOOP Handbooks.

FIRST ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST

Jack Herman, Cruise Captain

Oh, what a Beautiful Day, Oh what a Wonderful Feeling for our First Annual Oyster Roast. You cannot put into words or song what made this event so successful. Success is measured by outstanding leadership and participants helping create a pleasurable experience for all.

I always hesitate to thank individuals for their assistance because I always forget someone. Let's hope I'm improving with age.

- Thanks to all SCOOP members who attended and for the tasty side dishes you shared with a hungry crew.
- Thanks to Earl Evens who stepped down a few notches to assist and teach cooking methods.
- Thanks to Gordon Kellogg for his leadership and support.
- Thanks to a Great Galley Gang: Steamed Oysters, Duke Osmanski, Chief Chef; Ed Duer, Kurt Klingmann; Fried Oysters, John Valassis, Chief Chef; George Hurley, Gary Williams.

- Thanks to Beverly Mott and her Social Committee, who always do most of the work. Most of us are aware of the amount of time and energy it takes to present an event like this. Look for the names of the Social Committee, thank them and give them a big hug. Without this committee, the LAND FUN part of this club would be hurting.

Plagiarism is a great tool for those lost for words. Beverly so eloquently stated in her report to the Board of Governors,

“The first Oyster Roast was held on March 4 at Sea Harbour Yacht Club Marina. It proved to be a good event with 141 in attendance. We want to give a special thanks to Jack Herman for steaming the oysters and John Valassis for frying some of the oysters. It was a covered dish event with SCOOP covering the cost of the oysters. Since the Marina has a ‘no alcohol’ policy, everyone also brought whatever they wanted to drink. The 50/50 brought in approximately \$225 for SCOOP to help with the cost. The weather was very cooperative and we had a beautiful day.

The Marina was very easy to work with. We borrowed steamers from various SCOOP members and also one from the Marina along with one of their wooden tables. We also used all of SCOOP’s tables from our shed, including the two large wooden ones. This was a good event, but a lot of work for those preparing the oysters.”

To those I missed, a **GREAT BIG THANK YOU!**

NEUSE RIVER SHAKEDOWN

Cruise Captains Kellogs & Demers

The original date for this first SCOOP on-the-water event of the season was April 1st. When the weather forecast the night before was unfavorable, we switched to the rain date of April 2nd. The April fool’s day joke was on us when the rain failed to materialize on April 1st but did arrive on the “rain date.” As we all know, there are two ways sailors can get in trouble with NOAA forecasts - one is not to listen to them; the other is to listen and believe them. We chose the latter.

Twenty-one boats with fifty-four participants signed up for the shakedown event but when the weather turned sour, thirteen boats and thirty-four intrepid crew members braved the elements. The shakedown exercise involved a piloting exercise where the participants had to go to various waypoints and identify the objects on the bearings they were provided. A 16 knot breeze and misty rain provided challenging conditions for those trying to hold their handheld compasses steady.

The winners of the piloting exercise were awarded nautical baskets at the pot luck supper at Pecan Grove. The winners were Gerald and Cheryl Crowley (with Earl and Sandy Evens) aboard Ri Ra and Stacey and Bob Taylor aboard the M/V Pelican. The other wet, but undaunted participants included George and Mary Duffie on Merry Mary, Gordon Keller on Ali Cat, Art

and Elise Tierney aboard Quixotic with two guests, Will and Nancy Huff (with Fred and Nancy Karl aboard Godspeed), Joe and Paula Valinoti on Il Gato, Doug and Lew Carmichael aboard Whisper, Carl and Penny Monell on Take Five, the committee boat, Tenacity, with Gordon and Ann Kellogg and Ron and Jayne Demers aboard, Dick and Donna Mannion on Wind Melody, George and Judy Smith aboard Windbag, Richard and Gerda Lampe on Blue Norther. Several participants left early for a variety of reasons including engine problems. A few other SCOO registrants informed us that they were experiencing mechanical problems that would prevent them from participating. That is why it is called a "shakedown cruise."

Thanks to the hard work of Bev Mott and other members of the social committee, we all enjoyed a relaxing social and potluck dinner on the porch of Pecan Grove.

CHILI NIGHT

Henry & Karen VanGamper, Cruise Captains

Chili Night was held on Monday, April 6th, 2009. Members present were Tom and Joyce Russell, Richard Johns and Renee Dumont, Richard and Gerda Lampe, George and Judy Smith, Gordon Keller and Marguerite Howard, Earl and Sandy Evens, Carl and Penny Monell, and Henry and Karen Van Gamper.

Originally, arrangements had been made to hold Chili Night at Matthews Point Marina. However, the weather forecast was most unfavorable, with rain and high wind conditions. Gordon Kellogg very kindly contacted the marina, and was able to cancel the event without cost to SCOO. Joyce and Tom Russell had offered us the use of their beautiful home, and we happily met there with pots of chili, salads, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and a nice dessert. A great time was had by all. Many thanks to Joyce and Tom!

CLUBFOOT CREEK CRUISE ***Tom & Joyce Russel, Jay & Karen Parker, Cruise Captains***

The Clubfoot Creek Cruise took place on April 28th and 29th. This was our first as "Cruise Captains" and we were very happy Jay and Karen were able to join us as Co-Captains. They rafted up with us which made a great two boat platform for entertaining all 28 club members in grand style. A few boats arrived either without dinghies or had malfunctions due to various reasons and were given boat to boat launch service including a tow.

We enjoyed wonderful weather with light winds during the day allowing for a little sailing which then laid down at night making for great sleeping. What a great turnout for SCOO! Whispering Sea arrived on Monday for an extra night out and on Tuesday the fleet arrived starting with Ali Cat and ending with Whisper. There were 14 boats in the armada and included Ali Cat, Gordon and Marguerite; Diogenes, Jay and Karen; Kory, Henry and Karen; Lulu, Hans and Hildegard; Miranda, Ken and Carol; Pinafore, Peter and Sue; Ri Ra, Rear Commodore Gerry and Cheryl; Sea Shell, Walt and Mary Ann; Take Five, Carl and Penny; Whisper, Doug and Lew; Whispering Sea, Tom and Joyce; Windbag, George and Judy; Wind Melody, Dick and Donna; and Xanadu, Richard and Renee (in alphabetical order of boat names). This was such a wonderful and exciting gathering of great sailors with so much experience and many

stories to tell. Happy hour started a little before five and lasted past seven. As always there was a bountiful supply of food, especially the appetizer of choice, Deviled Eggs. Despite much encouragement for a photo op, no one fell in or otherwise provided entertainment for the assembly. We did take lots of pictures and hopefully some if not all are attached. We had asked captains for poems on how their boats were named and several were read during happy hour and were most entertaining. The poems were placed in a hat for the grand drawing for a required piece of summer cruising gear, a giant fly swatter (really, it only works on giant flies) which was won by Peter and Sue on Pinafore.

Around ten or eleven PM (after my bedtime) we heard noises that sounded like multiple gun shots coming from shore, but happily no pirates boarded our boats.

A sailboat departing the anchorage on Wednesday morning came along side Whispering Sea and asked about our gathering. They were certainly envious of our fun.

OCRACOKE-MANTEO CRUISE

Cruise Captains Kellogs & Luhs

After a nearly perfect cruise with ideal weather on the 2007 Manteo adventure, this year the wind gods dealt us a very difficult hand. As of May 9, 23 boats had registered to attend, with as many as 32 expressing an interest in attending in the preceding weeks.

Finally, after two weeks of southwesterlies which kept many boats aground, a weather front passed through, the wind abated and shifted enough to allow 12 boats to take advantage of lighter northerly winds and to depart on Sunday before Monday's forecast northeasterlies began. These boats included "Maggie's Magic" (Bill and Maggie Arndt), "Bay-B" (John and Doris Bischoff), "Out of the Blue" (Ed and Jane Bliss), "Merry Mary" (George and Mary Duffie), "Ali-Cat" (Gordon Keller and Marguerite Howard), "Blue Jacket" (Jerry and Donna Luh), "Lulu" (Hans and Hildegard Nickstadt), "Whispering Sea" (Tom and Joyce Russell with Gordon and Ann Kellogg), "Calculation" (Doug Sligh and Mary Ann Parham), "Miranda" (Ken and Carol Small), "Quixotic" (Art and Elise Tierney), and "Kory" (Henry and Karen VanGamper).

Monday's weather turned nasty with N-NE winds topping 30 knots with rain showers. Five additional boats were unable to leave for Ocracoke. However, "Egret" (Kurt and Gert Klingmann) made it out to Brandt Shoal only to turn back after fighting beam seas for several hours. Monday evening the threat of rain cancelled the usual gathering under the trees; however, several folks walked out to the Café Atlantic and enjoyed good food and fellowship. Anxious moments were spent later listening to the weather forecast for the trip north on Tuesday and it sounded like a one-day delay might be in order.

Tuesday morning was welcomed with sunny skies and diminished N-NE winds. It was decided to continue on to Engelhard as planned. (Tom Russell awoke with severe back pains and was unable to proceed for several days. The Kelloggs were welcomed by the VanGampers and continued the cruise aboard "Kory". "Bay-B" also remained in Ocracoke due to a need to

return to Oriental sooner than expected.) “Ground Breaker” (Ed and Sandy Braun), “Ri Ra” (Gerry and Cheryl Crowley), and “Symmetry” (Larry and Roberta Jones) departed directly for Engelhard; however, “Symmetry” received an emergency call and had to return home. Twelve boats arrived safely in Engelhard and our hosts, Frank and Edna Summerlin at the Big Trout Marina, welcomed us with plenty of dock space. A radio call was received from “Merry Mary” that a GPS problem had put them on the wrong side of the outer channel markers and into shallow water. Frank Summerlin and his crew quickly launched their runabout and were successful in pulling “Merry Mary” back in the channel. Edna and Frank served the fleet with another great meal of oysters, shrimp, flounder and fresh vegetables.

Wednesday morning saw the fleet depart for Manteo early and the forecast N-NE winds meant motoring and motor-sailing for everyone. Carl Jordan at the Manteo Waterfront Marina had enough dock space for all twelve boats. A reception at the Gazebo was attended by all with plenty of hors d’oeuvres contributed by SCOO and others. A special thanks to the Luhs for preparing great chicken wings in three flavors for all to share.

Thursday was spent sight-seeing by some and catching up on boat maintenance by others. During the afternoon, winds developed from the southeast with small craft warnings displayed. Conditions, however, did not deter Stuart Westcott and his harbor cruiser “Captain Johnny” from entertaining us with a tour and lecture about the Manteo harbor area while transporting us to the Shallowbag Bay Marina and our dinner date at Stripers. Unlike the 2007 experience, Stripers service was well done and the entrée choices varied and well-prepared. During the afternoon Kurt and Gert Klingmann joined our group after driving up from Oriental and very generously provided Gordon and Ann Kellogg with a ride home.

Friday arrived with several boats leaving for the Chesapeake and others heading toward the Albemarle Sound and a scenic cruise home. As of this writing, many interesting stories have developed from both groups which will be shared by all in the near future.

CAPE LOOKOUT CRUISE

Cruise Captains Hickmans & Duffies

I would like to express our thanks to several of the SCOO members. While at the Annual Meeting earlier this year, Connie and I agreed to be Co-Cruise Captains for this event with Jay and Karen Parker. Had we not been sitting with the Parkers, we probably would not have attempted this task. Jay and Karen were excited about the trip and felt that we would enjoy it too. **Thanks for your encouragement Jay and Karen!** Since that time, the Parkers have had some medical issues preventing them from sailing to Cape Lookout this spring. George and Mary Duffie stepped up to the plate and agreed to help Connie and me with the event. **Thanks George and Mary for your help explaining the Beaufort Inlet and its tides to us before we got there and for your help with the memos to the members to keep this event on schedule!**

On Tuesday May 26, seven boats made the trip down the ICW from Oriental to the Beaufort City Docks. These boats included “Merry Mary” (George & Mary Duffie), “TS” (Dodge &

Connie Hickman), “*Odyssey*” (Bob Dales), “*Pinafore*” (Peter Freeman & Sue Gill), “*Pelican*” (Bob & Stacey Taylor), “*Sea Shell*” (Walt & Mary Ann Brown) & “*Symmetry*” (Larry & Roberta Jones).

The group had a fantastic Covered Dish supper (Spiral Ham provided by SCOO) on the “fish cleaning tables” at Beaufort City Docks followed by lively conversation. Walt and Mary Ann Brown on “*Sea Shell*” had earlier decided not to cruise to Cape Lookout.

On Wednesday the captains and crew met on the docks after breakfast to look at the wind predictions for the next few days and to decide if we should proceed to the Cape. The decision was **GO!** George Duffie (“*Merry Mary*”) was having some issues with the engine raw water pump, but felt that he could accomplish the required repairs in a few minutes.

Crews returned to their respective boats to prep for the departure from Beaufort. As we departed the docks, George Duffie determined that his engine’s raw water pump was leaking and he felt that the right move for him would be to return to Oriental. A disappointment for George and the other boats planning to go to Cape Lookout.

Five boats (“*TS*” (Dodge & Connie Hickman), “*Odyssey*” (Bob Dales), “*Pinafore*” (Peter Freeman & Sue Gill), “*Pelican*” (Bob & Stacey Taylor), “*Sea Shell*” (Walt & Mary Ann Brown) & “*Symmetry*” (Larry & Roberta Jones)) made a safe passage to Cape Lookout with calm seas and just enough wind to provide good sailing (about 6 knots SOG).

After setting anchor, most crews used their “dinks” to venture to the beach for shell collecting and beach adventures.

A planned Happy Hour on the beach was modified due to dark clouds about an hour prior to the event. Connie and I boarded our “dink” “*TS too*” and made the rounds to the 4 other SCOO boats at anchor. We invited each crew to “*TS*” for Happy Hour in 30 minutes. We also left a zip-lock bag of “parts” (cucumber, soda straws, tooth picks, sheet of paper) for a race during Happy Hour.

All crews arrived at “*TS*” with their cucumber sailboats and hors d’oeuvres. There were a lot of creative skill involved in both the cucumber sailboats and the hors d’oeuvres. Soon after the cucumber sailboats were launched, most boats were lying on their side with their sails in the water, but continued to float. The winner was determined by the boat that moved the greatest distance from “*TS*” in 3 minutes! First place was “*Pelican*” (Bob & Stacey Taylor) closely followed by “*Pinafore*” (Peter Freeman & Sue Gill). SCOO provided “parts” to support the RACE & prizes to the top two positions.

Yes, the race was clean (including some rain), but there were rumors of a protest early in the race. Many laughs and good conversation continued for a couple of hours while enjoying the yummy hors d’oeuvres.

On Thursday “TS” (Dodge & Connie Hickman), “Pinafore” (Peter Freeman & Sue Gill) left Cape Lookout Thursday morning after a most enjoyable visit. “TS” hit the tides just right and was able to ride them almost up to Adams Creek.

“Pelican” (Bob & Stacey Taylor), “Symmetry” (Larry & Roberta Jones) and “Odyssey” (Bob Dales) returned to the Oriental area on Friday.

Connie and Dodge would like to mention that this was our first time to Cape Lookout and **it is one of our all time favorite anchor locations!**

SHIP’S STORE

Dick & Donna Mannion

Those who missed ordering a shirt, hat or visor may get them directly from:

New Bern Sporting Goods, 3721 Trent Rd in New Bern.

The telephone number is 638-1136. Ask for Toni and she will help you with the shirt and embroidery of the SCOO logo and boat name.

SCOO DEADLINE

Penny Monell

The next deadline for Pilot material will be September 1, 2009.



SCOO Annual Picnic

Date: JULY 22, 2009 - Wednesday
(Rain Date – July 24, 2009 – Thursday)

Place: Pecan Grove

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Menu: BBQ Pork and Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans,
Rolls, Iced Tea, Banana Pudding

Catered By: Smithfield Chicken and BBQ

Guests Welcome

Bring lawn chairs for your comfort

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SCOO Annual Picnic
Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Name(s) _____

Boat Name _____

Guest Name(s) _____

Total amount of check @ \$15.00 each person, made payable to SCOO \$ _____

Mail completed form and check to: Beverly Mott, P. O. Box 97, Merritt, NC 28556

IF YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE MAIL CHECK TO ME BY
WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, as we need to give the head count to the Caterer
one week before date of picnic.

Sorry No Exceptions