

## **2023 Shakedown Cruise Report**

Our first 2023 on the water event was a great success! Six boats cruised out to Southwest Creek on the South River: the Olive (Rich & Shirley Righter), Fancy Free (Mark & Marty Fancy), Andiamo (George & Marjorie Dufek), Lochaber (Alice Petree & Tom McElroy), Comanche (Don Rockwell & Diane Lemieux), and Miss Adventure (Rick & Sue Fears with the Glorioso's stowed away).





The weather started out a bit cool, but turned into a sunny spring day with enough breeze for a really fun sail across the Neuse. Miss Adventure dropped anchor, and Andiamo and the Olive rafted up alongside. Joe Glorioso led an informative anchoring discussion, with everyone telling their anchoring tips and adventures, followed by Rick Fears with an anchor alarm app installation and use demonstration.



Our raft broke up a little earlier than planned when Rick's app alarmed (apparently three big boats on a Rocna 15 has the potential to drag!). The catamaran Andiamo anchored separately, and we all met there to share a delicious potluck, thank you George and Marjorie again this year! It was a quiet evening at anchor, met by a beautiful sunrise. Some cruisers explored the sandy beach just past the peninsula, which almost bisects the creek. It's a spit of high, dry land in an otherwise marshy anchorage. Boats set out for home throughout the day on Wednesday, a sunny, warm, very calm day. It was a great way to start the sailing season, thanks to all who joined the cruise.



Respectfully submitted,

Rick Fears and Joe Glorioso  
S/V Miss Adventure  
S/V Out of the Blue