

Sailing Club of Oriental -Bath/Washington Cruise Report- September 20-24, 2022

On Tuesday, September 20, 14 boats with 28 intrepid cruisers made the passage from their home ports to Bath under clear skies and unseasonably warm temperatures. Half the boats tied up at the Bath state docks while the other half used Bath Harbor Marina. The cruisers were:

Cruisers

Lynn and Rick Edwards
Marty and Mark Fancy
Sue and Rick Fears
Carol and Pete Flood
Carol and Joe Glorioso
Mary and Kevin Guilfoyle
Karen and Larry Kleiner
Shirley and Richard Righter
Michelle and Robert Soha
Ann and Charles Stackhouse
Stacey and Bob Taylor
Kathy and Ray Ruppert
Tracy Vail and Robert Pugh
Karen and Henry Van Gamper

Vessels

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OUT OF THE BLUE
MERIDIAN – Bypassed Bath
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THE OLIVE
COMPASS ROSE – Bypassed Bath
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After all the boats were settled at their docks a social hour (the first of several) was held under the marina's pavilion. Even though it was warmer than we would have liked, there was a breeze blowing off the creek making the social hour and the evening's pot luck dinner very enjoyable.





On Wednesday morning the boats departed for the 20 mile run up the Pamlico River to Washington under clear skies and slightly cooler temperatures. The staff at the Washington City Docks provided excellent support to get all our boats in their slips and tied securely. While most cruisers explored the newly renovated downtown area in Washington or strolled down residential streets with superbly renovated older homes, some took advantage of the river and nature cruise provided by the Estuarium.







A favorite activity in Washington is to hit one of the three ice cream parlors in town.



Social hours (again) were held under the waterfront pavilion on Wednesday evening and Thursday evening with cool breezes blowing across the river. At Thursday's social, Vice Commodore Carol Glorioso surprised her husband Joe with bottles of champagne celebrating Joe's birthday.





On Thursday morning our fearless Commodore, Rick Fears, led a group of dinghies up the Pamlico River on a do-it-yourself nature cruise.



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Because we had over 30 people for the planned restaurant dinner on Thursday evening the cruisers were divided in to two groups that went to two different restaurants in town. Carol and

Ken Small along with Ann and Gordon Kellogg had driven to Washington earlier and joined the diners.



A cold front with considerable north wind passed through on Thursday evening giving some of the sailors an opportunity to depart on Friday morning for home ports taking advantage of the beam reach winds. The remaining boats decided to wait out the wind and head home on Saturday morning. Saturday morning temperatures were around 45, the river was flat, and the sunrise was spectacular. The cool temperature was a huge change from the heat we experienced earlier in the cruise. Overall, a fun and safe cruise for everyone.

Submitted by Stacey and Bob Taylor, Cruise Captains, Bath/Washington



