

## SCOO's CAPE LOOKOUT CRUISE

**Tuesday, July 11, ~ Thursday, July 13, 2023**

Cruise Captain's Report:

The planned arrival date at the Cape was scheduled for Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. Five boats left Oriental and enjoyed beautiful weather and favorable tides all the way to Cape Lookout. One boat was already in Beaufort and joined from there.

Cruise Participants:

Larry & Karen Kleiner – *K9*

Ken & JoAnn Reed – *Rivertyme III*

Rick & Lynn Edwards – *Three Quarter Time*

George & Marjorie Dufek – *Andiamo*

Robert Pugh & Tracy Vail – *Kindred Spirit*

Mark & Marty Fancy – *Fancy Free*

Cape Lookout is a wonderful offshore location although not that far from the mainland at Beaufort. The anchorage known as the Bight is behind the dunes directly west across the water from the diamond painted lighthouse. The Cape is located at the southern tip of the North to South Outer Banks. The land above the Cape in this photo is the Eastern tip of Schackleford Banks and above that is Harkers Island.



Aerial view of Cape Lookout

Once the 6 boat fleet was anchored, folks were able to launch dinghies to explore the beaches. Many brought shade canopies, chairs, tables and water toys to enjoy. Several folks had the opportunity to view turtles, unique birds etc.

We had two days and nights of perfect weather with onshore winds that kept us cooler than at home! Each evening we gathered on the beach again for Happy Hour which included enough food to serve as dinner. We departed on Thursday afternoon for either home in Oriental or Beaufort where some crews enjoyed more cruising time and dinners out. It was a sporty, fast cruise back to the Beaufort Inlet with onshore winds, ocean rollers - all boats and crews handled it well! All boats reported safe arrivals at their destinations.

From the anchorage both sunrise and sunset are often spectacular along with the starry nights. Cape Lookout was already a favorite for many of us and we all agreed it is one of the very special cruising destinations.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark & Marty, *S/V Fancy Free*, Cruise Captains



*Three Quarter Time, Fancy Free, Riverthyme III, Andiamo, & K-Nine*





*Kindred Spirit*



Beach time



Water toys



Evening "Happy Hour" Tuesday and Wednesday



Sunrise from onboard



Anchorage



Sunset at the beach