

SCOO's CAPE LOOKOUT CRUISE

Tuesday, September 6, ~ Thursday, September 8, 2022

Cruise Captain's Report:

The planned arrival date at the Cape was scheduled for Tuesday September 6th. However, several boats took advantage of the favorable weather the day before to add an extra stop. Some anchored in Cedar Creek along the ICW off Adams Creek and others enjoyed a stop in Beaufort and one made to the Cape that night. This facilitated an early trip through Beaufort Inlet at the mid-morning slack current.

Cruise Participants:

Larry & Karen Kleiner – *K9*

Pete Flood & Don Ethridge – *Blue Yonder*

Peggi Carmen & Lou Smith – *Muddy Paws*

Deb Aronson & Ben Williams – *Wild Rumpus*

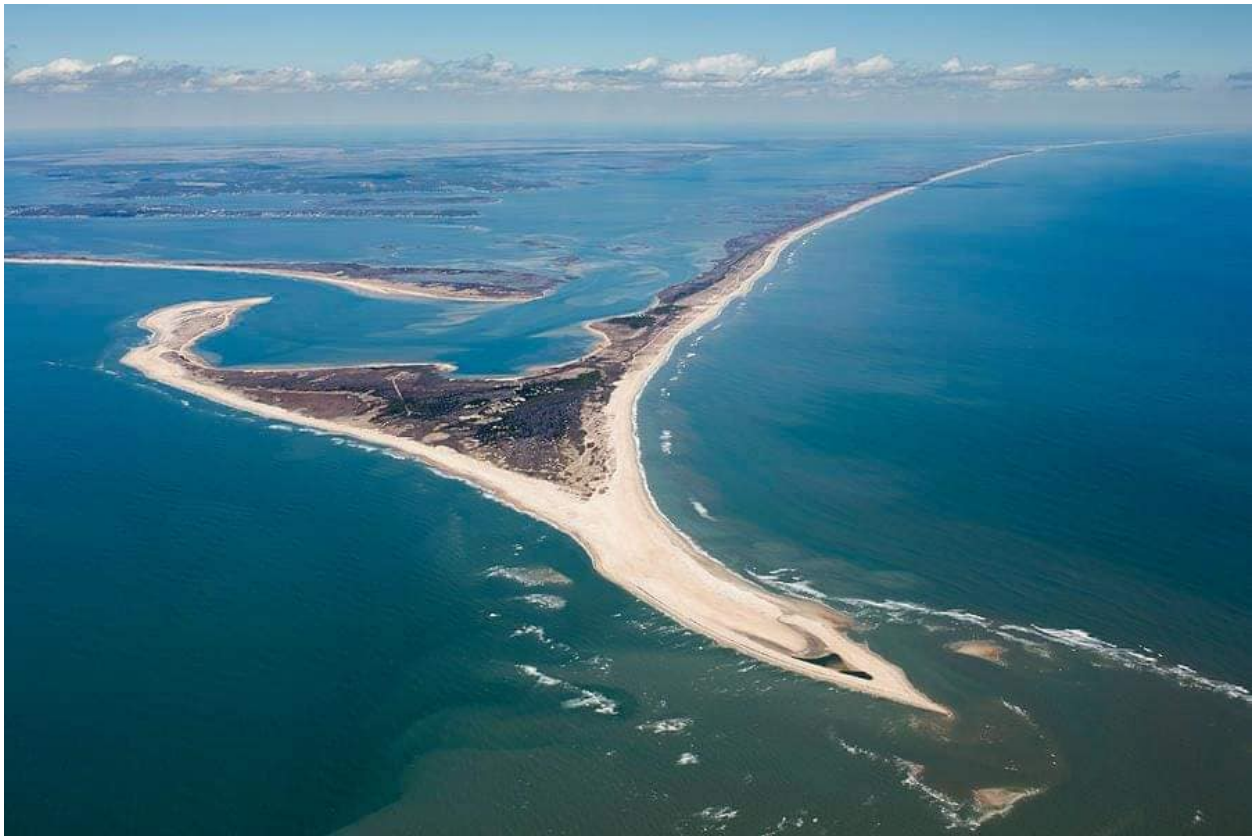
Ken & JoAnn Reed – *Rivertyme III*

Rick & Lynn Edwards – *Three Quarter Time*

George & Marjorie Dufek – *Andiamo*

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 Harkers Island.



Ariel view of Cape Lookout

Once the 8 boat fleet was anchored, folks were able to launch dinghies to explore the beaches and visit by boat hopping.



The group met back on the beach for a potluck Happy Hour. The anchorage is too big to get a group photo of the boats so here are the happy sailors!



The Cape is home to many large Turtles and Dolphin frequently visit the Bight. There were several sightings. Also both sunrise and sunset are often spectacular along with the starry nights. The Coast Guard maintains a mooring there and we had their company overnight.

During the second day many took longer trips in the dinghies to visit the Lighthouse and Atlantic facing beach. And then back to the beach for another Happy Hour.

Pending thunderstorms made our decision to just have Happy Hour and not a full Pot Luck dinner. And a brief but strong storm hit us shortly after returning to the boats. All the crews had done a good job anchoring!



There were some great cooks on the trip with creative and filling snacks. Most of us admitted we did not eat dinner once we were back on the boats. We made good use of the wooden dinghy as our evening cocktail table!



The original plan was to stay until Friday. But the offshore forecast was calling for the winds to escalate with small craft warnings through Monday am. So each Captain picked the best timing to depart before Friday.

Cape Lookout was already a favorite destination for many of us and a new place for some, but we all agreed it is one of the very special cruising destinations.





To quote Jimmy Buffet *"It was a lovely cruise!"*

Respectfully submitted,

Mark & Marty

Cruise Captains