

2022 OCRACOKE CRUISE

June 20 – 24, 2022

19 boats (11 sailboats, 2 catamarans, 4 cruising tug boats, 1 trawler and 1 power boat) with 38 cruisers aboard crossed the Pamlico Sound to Ocracoke Island this year for a fun week with SCOO. The participants were...

Deb Aronson and Ben Williams (Wild Rumpus)	Cyndy Little and John Phillips (Adira)
Carl and Logan Aubele (Sur La Mer)	Jerry and Donna Luh (Bluejacket)
Chris and Jamie Behre (L'il Miss Magic)	Duane and Karen McCraw (Sojourn)
Tom and Diane Carbone (Jupiter)	Richard and Shirley Righter (The Olive)
Bill and Phyllis Chaplik (Blue Comet)	Ray and Kathy Ruppert (Knot Too Fast)
Rick and Sue Fears (Miss Adventure)	Charles and Ann Stackhouse (Katherine D)
Danny and Sharon Forman (Dragonfly)	Bob and Stacey Taylor (Pelican)
Joe and Carol Glorioso (Out Of The Blue)	Joe and Paula Valinoti (IlGatto,
Larry and Karen Kleiner (K-Nine)	Henry and Karen VanGamper (Kory)

guests Rob Kilburn and Wanda Strukus (Mary Speed)

On **Monday**, six eager members of SCOO jumped on the good weather window to sail over a day in advance... Jupiter, Blue Comet, Out Of The Blue, Sojourn, Knot Too Fast, and Pelican. They got first-hand experience in using the new electronic check-in system for the National Park Service so they could help the rest of the group with the process later.



JUPITER



BLUE COMET



OUT OF THE BLUE



SOJOURN



KNOT TOO FAST



PELICAN

On **Tuesday**, the remaining 13 boats powered over to Ocracoke. That was perfect weather for the 3 cruising tug boats (L'il Miss Magic, Adira, The Olive) and 1 power boat (Dragonfly).



LI'L MISS MAGIC



THE OLIVE



DRAGONFLY

If prizes had been awarded, Dragonfly would have won for the fastest trip with just about 1-hour 40-minutes.

The other 9 sailboats (Wild Rumpus, Sur La Mer, Miss Adventure, K-Nine, Bluejacket, Katherine D, Il Gatto, Kory, and Mary Speed) arrived with hopes for a good weather window to sail home.

On the first evening, everyone assembled under the beautiful live oak trees on the National Park Grounds for pot luck appetizers and drinks. The appetizer spread was huge and served as dinner.



Cruise captain Donna Luh provided information about the schedule for the days ahead and name tags to everyone. She also used the name tags to assign everyone to a boat for Wednesdays' dinner should it rain.



Commodore **Rick Fears** welcomed new members **Deb Aronson** and **Ben Williams** to the club and presented their membership book and club burgee.

After the pot luck appetizers were cleared away, everyone had the opportunity to relax, chat and get better acquainted.



On **Wednesday**, the bike riders were up and raring to head out on their desired ride for the day.



A good mix of beach bikes, electric bikes, and long distance road bikes made the long distance trip.



Bob and Stacey Taylor headed to the north for the Island Tour with 10 hardy riders to make the 11 mile round trip.

Before heading back, they visited the wild pony coral.



Some of the riders ventured back via the beach on their beach bikes.



Jerry Luh led a group of 10 riders on the Village Tour to the British Cemetery



After a quick buzz around one of the canals, they made a quick stop at the Ocracoke light house...



then it was on to a walking trek around Springers Point from where the clamming activity could be seen taking place later in the week.

Those who choose not to go biking were busy touring the area and shopping in a more relaxed manor using golf carts. But when Noon rolled around, the action turned to the Ocracoke Brew Pub where everyone met for a leisurely lunch, brew, and chat.



BREW PUB

The anticipated afternoon rain held off until it was time for dinner to be delivered from Sorellas Italian Restaurant



Donna was ready with contingency plans should rain try to dampen the day. While she was working with the manager at the restaurant to arrange the meals by boat, the boat hosts (**Ann Stackhouse/Katherine D**, **Karen McCraw/Sojourn** and **Jerry Luh/Bluejacket**) were calling their guests to invite them over.

The result was an enjoyable evening with delicious meals delivered and served on time...



and in comfortable rain-free environments.



on **Thursday**, Donna and Jerry Luh invited everyone for a continental breakfast in the gazebo just behind their boat.



Along with the wonderful yogurt bar provided by **Shirley Righter...**



there were sweet goodies, healthy protein pick-ups, and...



a coffee/ juice bar.

During breakfast, much of the chatter centered around the evening Clam Bake and Pot Luck dinner which was expertly organized by **Chris Behre**.



By 9:30am the planned dinghy/kayak trip to the clamming grounds got underway from the national park dinghy dock with 11 dinghies and 1 kayak.



It didn't take long before the hunters had fingered and toe dug enough of those sweet clams to satisfy the required amount for evening pot luck dinner.



Tom Carbone showed his expert skills at opening clams for the raw bar



Chris Behre and Karen McGraw steamed clams to delight the crowd who chose the cooked variety



Everyone brought wonderful dishes to share.



Ice cream with hot fudge topped off the wonderful meal.



A good time was had by all.



On **Friday**, we awoke to the long awaited sailing breeze. Not only did we have 15-18 knots of wind... it was in the right direction for our travel back to Oriental. Here are some boats that enjoyed a good sail home.



MISS ADVENTURE



KATHERINE D



BLUEJACKET



KORY



K-NINE



SCOO fleet homeward bound. (Photo by Karen McCraw)

Thanks to all who participated and for sharing your photos!

Report submitted by Cruise Captains ~ Jerry and Donna Luh/sv Bluejacket