## SCOO's LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER CRUISE Thursday, August 4 ~ Friday, August 5, 2022 Dock N' Dine at Bishop's Marina

Cruise Captain's Report:

On August 4, 2022, seven sturdy SCOO vessels and their intrepid crews braved both headwinds and near record breaking temperatures to reach Bishop's Marina on Clubfoot Creek.

**Cruise Participants:** 

Carl Aubele – *Sur La Mer* Tom and Diane Carbone – *Jupiter* Marty and Mark Fancy – *Fancy Free* Jerry and Donna Luh – *BlueJacket* Phil and Meg Nyberg – *Makani* Ken and JoAnn Reed – *Rivertyme III* Ray and Kathy Ruppert – *Knot Too Fast* 

On arrival they were greeted with helping hands from the dockmaster, cooling hand towels, and cold watermelon.



Bishop's Marina (photo by the crew of Fancy Free)

Having cooled off, all crews gathered in the marina's air condition clubhouse for a most enjoyable wine tasting. Each boat provided their favorite wine with bottle labels concealed. Serious attention was given to the quality, bouquet and texture of each wine once everyone realized a prize would be available for the wine with the most votes.



Wine tasting



Even more wine tasting!

After much deliberation (and libation), co- Cruise Captain, Kathy Ruppert's unbonded accounting firm declared the wine provided by Jerry and Donna Luh of *BlueJacket*, the winner.



Winners of the Wine Tasting

[**Cruise Captain Note**: photos taken after wine tasting may be slightly out of focus]

After a very pleasant Happy Hour, dinner (prepared by Ray Ruppert and sous-chef, Tom Carbone), was served. Gordon Towle and his guest (and new member Lee Werth) joined us for dinner.



**Dinner conversation** 

After dinner, thanks to a new supply of SCOO burgees supplied by Donna Luh, Membership Chair, Ken and JoAnn Reed received their SCOO burgee from Ray Ruppert, their sponsor.



Ken and JoAnn Reed receiving their SCOO burgee.

After an evening of conversation and a restful night, everyone bid farewell to their fellow sailors. All of us departed for home on Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> with light winds over the stern and a very favorable impression of Bishop's marina and Clubfoot Creek as a possible new cruising destination.



Cruising home on the Neuse's mirror like surface.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ray and Kathy

**Cruise Captains**