

Sailing Club of Oriental – Bath/Washington Cruise Report- August 18-21, 2020

Cruise Captains: Stacey and Bob Taylor

On Tuesday, August 18, nine SCOO boats with 17 intrepid cruisers made the passage from their home ports to Bath under sunny skies, cooler temperatures and, unfortunately, almost no wind:

Irene and Danny Bailey	SOUTHERN CROSS
Jamie and Chris Behre	JORUM
Phylis and Bill Chaplik	BLUE COMET
Mary Ann and Eric Lind	LANSA
Donna and Jerry Luh	BLUEJACKET
Hans Nickstadt	LULU
Peggy and Lew Smith	MUDDY PAWS
Stacey and Bob Taylor	PELICAN
Karen and Henry Van Gamper	KORY

Most of the boats took slips at the Bath Harbor Hotel and Marina which had sustained some minor damage during the last storm and presented a challenge to find working power receptacles. After all the boats were settled in, a blind dinghy race was held with the blindfolded rower in the dinghy and the instructor ashore shouting directions; it was absolutely hilarious to watch as the dinghy went everywhere except along the proper course. Danny Bailey was the victorious rower with Irene's excellent commands and were awarded a bottle of champagne for their efforts. The dinghy race was followed by a social hour and pot luck dinner under the marina's pavilion.



On Wednesday morning the cruisers departed for the 20 mile run up the Pamlico River to Washington. The skies were again sunny and the wind calm. While most explored the shops and ice cream offerings in Washington after arriving, a few had the good fortune to get a special opening tour of the Estuarium. After a late afternoon rain, a social hour was held on the docks

followed by a takeout dinner from the Washington Crab and Seafood Shack; the seafood from this place was exceptional. Beth and Will Martin joined the crews for the evening's festivities.



On Thursday most of the cruisers continued their exploration of Washington, consumed more ice cream, and visited the Washington crafts market downtown. Main Street is undergoing serious repairs but that didn't seem to slow those who wanted to shop or explore. After yet another social hour on the docks, the group had dinner at a downtown restaurant, Down on Mainstreet; Ken and Carol Small joined us for dinner.



Early on Friday morning most of the cruisers departed Washington for the trip home; again, there was almost no wind but the temperature was comfortable and the skies mostly clear. Considering that hurricane season is upon us and the summer weather can at times be unpredictable and uncomfortable, the cruisers enjoyed cooler temperatures and mostly clear skies for the entire trip.

