

The Sailing Club of Oriental (SCOO) held a cruise to Beaufort, North Carolina on September 28-October 2, 2021. Rick and Sue Fears enjoyed being cruise captains. After the club members got docked up we wandered around town and signed up at the town docks. SCOO members and boats include:

Rick and Sue Fears, Miss Adventure  
Charles and Ann Stackhouse, Katherine D  
Tom and Diane Carbone, Jupiter  
Hal and Cindy Dunn, Fancy  
Rich and Shirley Righter, Olive

The weather was warm, but nice and sunny with little wind hampering our short sail down Adams Creek under 2 standing bridges to Taylor Creek. The restaurant choices in town were plentiful, so after happy hour and great heavy appetizers on Stakehouse's sailboat "Katherine D", some went to Rib Eyes, and others had dinner on their boats. The park benches and shade trees near the DOCK restaurant were provided by the Beaufort Garden. We also received wooden chips for a free drink. The DOCK area was a nice place to gather and the restrooms were handy too, with shopping stores along the boardwalk too.



The next morning (September 29) was sunny and after an on board breakfast or also some boaters visited the CLR store that had wine, coffee and great breakfast options. After breakfast, most members took a dinghy ride to look for the wild ponies at close by Rachel Carson reserve. We waded through water all around the shore path and saw crabs, water birds, hermit crabs, but no wild ponies were spotted. We reached the beach sand by foot. The rest of the day was spent exploring the town including the Old Burying Grounds historical site with a self-guided tour of the watermen in the 18<sup>th</sup> to early 19<sup>th</sup> century, bike riding, walk-about, shopping, and lunch out at FINS restaurant. Dinner was on our own this night.



On September 30, folks decided to extend the dinghy ride up further towards the Shackleford banks beach. After a few engine problems we all reached the other side of the channel beach and had some rousing kite flying and sunbathing. After this rousing day of beach and sun, we took naps and for dinner got dressed up to help Ann Stakehouse celebrate her birthday at Rib Eyes steak house once more for a delicious meal, and birthday song in her honor.



On October 1, four SCOO boats continued on to Cape Lookout although “Fancy” and her crew had to return home. The motor/sail over to Cape Lookout was really nice with about 10-15 knots of wind and sun. We saw turtles and dolphins on the way over to the anchorage. The anchorage is sandy, and so after anchors were set, we took our chairs to the beach for another glorious happy hour and sunset. That night some wind came up and 2 boats had to reset their anchors but

no trouble happened after all. The next morning motor/sail return to Oriental past the City of Beaufort was uneventful and went off without a hitch.



Thank you to the SCOO participants!