

Sailing Club of Oriental – Bath/Washington Cruise Report – October 18-21, 2021

On Monday, October 18, nine SCOO boats with 18 intrepid cruisers made the passage from their homeports to Bath or Washington under very cool, but clear skies and 15 knots of northwesterly winds. Seven boats docked at the Bath Harbor Marina and the newly rebuilt state dock while two boats chose to go directly to Washington. The northwesterly winds made for a bumpy trip up the Pamlico River but the cruisers were rewarded with superb weather for the rest of the cruise. The cruisers were:

Cruisers

Jamie and Chris Behre
Hal and Cindy Dunn
Sue and Rick Fears
Shirley and Richard Righter
Kathy and Ray Ruppert
Robert and Michele Soha
Carol and Ken Small
Stacey and Bob Taylor
Karen and Henry Van Gamper

Vessel

JORUM
FANCY
MISS ADVENTURE
THE OLIVE
KNOT TOO FAST
COMPASS ROSE
MIRANDA
PELICAN
KORY

After all the boats were settled in at Bath, a social hour was held under the marina's pavilion followed by a pot luck dinner. The group decided the water and air temperatures were a bit cool for a blind dinghy race so we'll have to wait until next year to see who unseats last year's winners, Irene and Danny Bailey.





On Tuesday morning the boats departed Bath for the 20 mile run up the Pamlico River to Washington under sunny skies, light winds, and comfortably cool temperatures. The night before we had discussed how the Washington railroad bridge has never been closed for a SCOO cruise; it was closed this trip but only held up the few boats that had departed Bath early.





After all the boats were settled at their docks in Washington the cruisers spent the day exploring the newly renovated downtown area with its many shops and restaurants. Washington has done a superb job upgrading its main street and sidewalks resulting in a very attractive downtown. At 5 PM the group convened under the waterfront pavilion for social hour followed by dinner on the boats or at local restaurants.



On Wednesday the cruisers spent the day continuing their exploration of Washington's downtown area or relaxing in the delightfully sunny and cool weather. At 5 PM the group again convened under the waterfront pavilion for yet another social hour followed by a cruisers' dinner at the Washington Bank Bistro. Beth and Will Martin were celebrating their 34th wedding anniversary and joined us at the restaurant.



On Thursday morning under a beautiful sunrise with light southwesterly winds the cruisers departed for home ports with most boats making the long run back to Oriental in one day. The delightful weather, the scenic waterfronts in Bath and Washington, and the opportunity to cruise with good friends made this an enjoyable trip for all.



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Cruise Captains, Bath/Washington 2021