

2017 Bohicket Cruise

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It has been an interesting few weeks, with Irma initially looking like a potential catastrophe here at Dataw during her first week or so, then Maria, who also looked very dangerous in her early days. Once again all our boat owners were scrambling to secure their boats in anticipation of the worst. Thankfully, both storms drifted away from us and we were left with “only” 60 mph winds, 5’ storm surge and several foot seas here at Dataw.

Despite all of this, our resilient boating community turned out in force for a spectacular cruise to Bohicket Marina this week. The cruise started Sunday, with a motley crew of commodores, past and present (see below), sailing up on Second Wind to spend a night in true sailor tradition, at the bar, tended by a fair young maiden. The rest of the fleet followed Monday morning. After some angst about the trailing edges of Maria with some gusty winds and high surf warnings, we had a great fleet of 7 boats and approx. 30 people who made the 32 mile journey up to Bohicket. The weather gods smiled on us with perfect temperatures, plenty of sun and manageable seas. There were no reported sea spray casualties and only a few mild sunburn cases. The trip up and back was great. I understand we did suffer a jacket and a hat overboard, but both were safely recovered without Coast Guard assistance.

I want to thank everyone of coming. It was a great group with plenty of camaraderie at Bohicket. We did have plenty of time to swap sea stories as the restaurant management apparently forgot to tell the staff we were all coming. I think we pretty well overwhelmed them with our turnout. But for a little bit longer then expected lunch, we had a great time with a great group of people. We are looking forward to the next adventure.

