

# Visiting our Birthplace.

Re: A report from the Hatteras 1510 Club New Bern, North Carolina Cruise-In June 26-29 2008

Allen, Fairaizl, Andy Bailey and I had no idea what we were getting into when we suggested and agreed to plan and execute a first every summer cruise-in in North Carolina. In hindsight, it was a breeze.

We chose New Bern, North Carolina, the Birthplace of our “Love Interests” and the home of Hatteras Yachts. Settled in 1710, New Bern is also the second oldest city in North Carolina, exudes southern charm, and is rich in history and architectural heritage.

As we worked on the event, we all knew that our agenda was going to be centered on a factory tour of the Hatteras Plant. As our final daily event schedule came close to being finalization, we found that we could have filled a complete week. Through careful reviews and discussions, we settled on some fun filled and interesting events. Without the help of some very valued vendors, local businesses and the fine people at Hatteras this event would not have worked. Please keep Steve McPherson of SAM Marine, Jarrett Bay and Gregory Poole in your thought when your needs warrant their services. With their willing and enthusiastic participation, our work would have been much more difficult. Our thanks also go out to local New Bern resident and club member Kevin Avolis for his “Advance Guard” input.

We choose to headquarter our event at the Sheraton, New Bern location. This property had recently “almost” completed a major remodel and face lifting. The Sheraton is located on the scenic Trent River waterfront, in the heart of historic New Bern, NC. Museums, historic sites, and unique shops were all within walking distance, some dating back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

All our rooms for attending drive/fly –in members were newly remodeled water view rooms. The Dock Master, NAME, was a pleasure and worked out an agreement with Hatteras Yachts so we could dock all our attending boats on their one long face dock.

Since we all know, “Pictures are worth a thousand words”, here we go.

Our agenda was:

Attending vessels arrive Monday – Thursday June 23 – 26, 2008



Attending 1510s = “Charisma” - Harry & Beverly Hamelink, “Miles Away” – Ed & Betty Miles, “Matriarch” – Allen & Ann Fairaizl, “Frandy” – Andy & Frankie Bailey, “Miss Kim” Kevin & Kim Avolis.

“Charisma” & “Matriarch” traveled together from Little River S.C., meeting up with “Frandy” Tuesday June 24th in Morehead City., all traveling together up the Trent River to New Bern’s Sheraton Marina. Upon arrival meeting up with “Miss Kim” who traveled a down the NAME river the day before. We all now awaited “7 Lambs” and “Miles Away”. Later the afternoon of Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup> “Miles Away” arrived with her Pilot/Helmsmen, ED, showing off her new bottom job. All we needed now was “7 Lambs”. Wednesday afternoon we were informed that, due to changes in last minute plans, “7 Lambs” were not going to make it. We were all pleased that the Lamb family was still going to attend by driving in.

All traveling 1510s were now accounted for. All was good with the world. Pre event dinners were held for early arrivals. Shopping trips were held, and just plain recovering from the trips to, and prepping our 1510s for, the big event. We all awaited our fellow members.

Thursday June 26 - 630PM - Kick Off Cocktails and Dinner  
Morgan’s Tavern and Grill



The welcome Cocktail party and Dinner at Morgan's went great. It was fun seeing everyone again. We all meet some new members, new guests and valued vendors. With 51 attending the first nights party, we were all pleased with the turn out, service, food and fellowship.

Since I was in charge of receiving the compliments, while Allen and Andy were in charge of receiving complaints, we/I felt we had delegated responsibilities equitably and looked forward to the upcoming events.

Friday June 27<sup>th</sup> – 9-12Noon - Hatteras Factory Tour



Thanks to Andy & Frankie's efforts, they secured Jarrett Bay hosting a Continental Breakfast at the Hatteras Factory prior to our tour. It took listing their beloved "Frandy" for sale with Jarrett Bay Yacht Sales, to secure the sponsored Breakfast for us, but it worked. Thanks Baileys. This the type of "For The Better Good" type of members we need.



The factory tour was terrific. We all added to our wish list. I heard tell that Jack McKim, our beloved Treasurer, had to be removed by security from the new 105' model. The people of Hatteras Yachts need to be commended. We all were treated as royalty. They see us as their best advertisement, owning and caring for older products that they lovingly produced. We, as a club, were pleased to donate \$250 to the United Way of Eastern North Carolina, in the name of their employees.

Friday June 27<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 PM - Luncheon  
The Sheraton Hotel & Marina

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Our luncheon was hosted by the good people of Gregory Poole Corp.. Gregory Poole has a presents within the Hatteras factory and Jarrett Bay Marina representing their Caterpillar line of marine power units. Recently, they acquired full service repair yards such as Champney Marine, Cape Fear River, etc.

Friday June 27<sup>th</sup> – 2 – 530PM - Wine Tasting and member boat tours





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A thank you goes out to SAMs Marine for hosting our Wine Tasting and Boat Tour. Mike Price and his wife represented SAMs Marine and went the extra mile by distributing additional Hatteras materials and mementoes. We featured wines from North Carolina vineyards. Each attendee was presented with a wine tasting glass for this purpose. Fun was had by all.

630PM until - Cocktails, followed by Dinner  
The Harvey Mansion







We completed the day by yet another Cocktail party and dinner, this time at The Harvey Mansion. This restaurant occupies a 9000 SF house built between 1797-1804, and is one of the last remaining structures in New Bern. The food and service was well received.

Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> - 12 N - Luncheon  
The Sheraton Hotel & Marina  
130 – 300PM - Trolley tour of historic New Bern





Saturday dawned clear and warm. After yet another wonderful Southern Style lunch we all boards 2 Trolleys and 1 somewhat air-conditioned bus (correct Rose Mary?) for a guided tour of New Bern. Considering myself a history buff, I was impressed with the history of the area and the quality of the guides.

Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> - 630 PM - RAP-UP COCKTAILS and DINNER  
The Chelsea restaurant







With our event coming to a close, why not another Cocktail party and Dinner. The Chelsea restaurant did a wonderful job. I enjoyed the evening immensely.

We had a terrific talk presented by Capt. Ben Bunn of the Coastal Carolina Foundation presenting their new learning tool, the Skipjack ADA MAE, her discovery, restoration and new life as a living-working classroom for school-aged youths. This very worthy cause was fascinating. Captain Bunn explained how she now is involved teaching team building, navigation and building self-esteem in our young people.

The Skipjack “ADA MAE” was built in 1915 at Rose Bay, North Carolina. She worked oysters from Pamlico Sound to Washington, North Carolina until 1949. “ADA MAE” is the only Skipjack remaining that was built in North Carolina.

I was proud to present, on behalf of all the members of the Hatteras 1510 Club, a check for \$300, to further this very worthy cause.

Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup> - Depart

Epilog; We/I had a terrific time. I really enjoyed giving something back, to a club both Beverly and enjoy immensely. I am very proud of my chosen State of North Carolina and was satisfied that I could show off just a all little part of her. Please get involved in your club. It feels good.

In closing, as I mentioned earlier, I was humbled to be assigned the tacks receiving all the compliments about this trip. I am happy to report that there were many positive responses. I thank every one of you for your kind comment. Allen and Andy were in charge of complaints. I am also happy to report that they have not reported any to me, although I stopped taking their phone calls and have their e-mails blocked.

See everyone on the Cruise this February.