



Periauger Update

June 2009

Some of my friends already know that my long time friend John Ernst resigned as Director last April; his shoes have been filled by Beryl Facey. The year began with a temporary shed being erected for me on the site of the Newbold-White House, Hertford. I was due for a major overhaul this year; so once my shed was erected; Don Keith set to work to build a cradle so that I could be rolled over and have my worm shoe replaced. I must say I was very nervous at the thought of this operation, but all went well.



Due to my maintenance, a couple of events early in the season were cancelled. I have had a busy schedule since being back in the water (where I prefer to be). I was trailered on “Buddy” to Oriental for an in-water boat show. Then off to the Albemarle Plantation, Hertford where I spent two weeks. I had quite a busy schedule there, several of my regular crew spent time training new crew. It will be nice to see new faces aboard me!



June has been a very busy month; I participated in something called “Sail into Summer.” A week long camp for 8-11 year olds held on the beautiful grounds of the Newbold-White House. Eighteen children spent a couple of days climbing aboard, under the direction of Captain Janet and 2 very able assistants. The campers learnt the names of many parts of me in readiness for when we went sailing. Thursday the first group of campers arrived at the town dock. After putting on PFD’s they climbed aboard and I took them sailing on the Perquimans River; after a 45 minute sail I took my cargo to Missing Mill Park where the second group of eager campers again donned

PFD's climbed aboard and off we went again. Just as we approached the dock it began to rain. Unfortunately, the final group's sail had to be cancelled – it really rained!

My next port-of-call was Edenton for the Music and Water Festival. I always enjoy my visits to Edenton, I attract a large number of visitors and yes, you've guessed right – I get to sail several times with guests aboard. During the afternoon I went sailing with guest crew/passengers twice. There was a steady 12-15 knot wind blowing filling my sails as I sailed in Edenton Bay. I do look pretty under sail.



Another event I participated in was a shoot for a joint production of the NC Department of Cultural Resources and UNC-TV. My crew assembled at 7:00 a.m., in their costumes, to ready my sweeps and hoist sails. The camera crew arrived and set up their equipment on the support boat, then off we all went sailing on the Perquimans River. I heard the camera man say early morning is the best time for filming. I don't mind, I'll sail any time I get the opportunity. Sailing is what I do best under my very capable crew.



Due to very little wind, I was towed up river; then made several passes downwind along the shore, past the camera crew. We then went further upstream to where cypress tree stumps were visible above the water, making a perfect backdrop. Again several passes were made and finally Jim and Ben the camera crew climbed aboard and took more footage of my very able crew's hands on the tiller, and several close-ups of similar shots. All too soon my sailing ended and I found myself once again moored at my dock.

Your friend,
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