

Good morning again!

Sorry we missed an update yesterday...it was changeover day with all the usual chaos of switching houses, saying good-bye to last week's group and welcoming this week's horde.

Friday was a real contrast to the non-stop wind tunnel of the rest of the week. The day began and ended sunny and hot with really light winds...a few hearty souls headed out to do low wind free style or practise basic skills. The highlight of the day was the Bon Voyage Pot Luck for first weekers. Awards, some serious some not so serious were presented including; Navigator Award for getting most lost on the way to Hatteras (Mike and Bill), Most Improved and Stoked Sailor (David Lui), High Wind Sailor/Kiter of the Week (Wes) , Speed Sailor of the Week (28.7 knots...Joe Albert), Low Wind Sailor/ Kiter of the Week (Joe-'One More Run ' Albert), and Entrepreneur of the Week Award for rolling up someone else's kite and walking off with it (David Wiseman). With the Pot Luck we said good-bye to the first week group and a spectacular week of sun and wind.

Saturday dawned warm and hazy with light winds. First weekers left, many reluctantly and second weekers arrived wearing tired happy grins and stoked with wind fever. The wind teased us into going out for a morning and a dinnertime session...the latter turning into a most enjoyable two hour introduction to the week...pole sailors on eight and nine metre sails and string puppet types on 12 and 14 metre kites.

Today as I write the update, it's overcast with light SE wind. Thunder rumbles in the background and lightning flashes from time to time...temperature's up but the unbroken sun of last week is gone.

With the help of the IT types in the house, particularly Daniel, I've uploaded some pictures from last week. You can see them at <http://picasaweb.google.com/ibillyq/Hatteras2008Week1>

I've copied second weekers again as so many have a laptop with them.

Hope first weekers had a safe trip home and wishing the second weekers a great week!
Bill