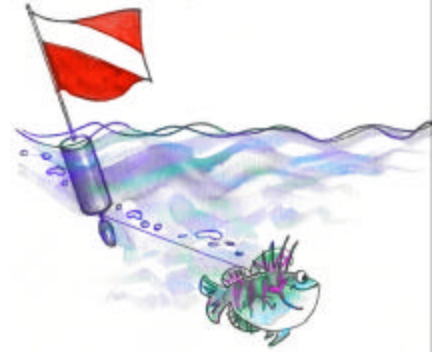


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channel surfing

Sandy (in the blue boat: Kingfisher) and me (in the yellow sit-on: Finrod) in the channel on the west side of Chincoteague island, VA. We tested the little rec kayak and the broad-beamed sit-on in tidal currents and boat wakes. Both held up fine, though they are about as fast as a turtle.



Scuba gear loaded onto Finrod's forward seat space rides with great stability, even in current and wakes.

Sitting on the same edge and bouncing doesn't even faze the user friendly sit-on.

Visibility in the waters off Chincoteague's north end proved disastrously murky this time, though Finrod makes a fair dive boat.







Fishing boat flying the jolly roger, dream houses on the channel, the drawbridge in operation; it creates quite the traffic jam on Main Street.





Tern central, and the vastness of open water in the back bays: Oyster Bay and Little Oyster Bay, on the Assateague side of Chincoteague. Shallow water (two or three feet, except in the narrow channels) and high winds created some great waves here the first day.







