

## Martha's Vineyard Weekend Getaway

On May 20-23, OSN sponsored a weekend getaway to Martha's Vineyard. Always a popular destination in the past, we listened to the input many members had about previous trips, and crafted the weekend around it. Everyone said they wanted to be closer to town, so we chose to stay at Edgartown Commons, a condominium complex right in downtown Edgartown, one block from the bus station. The location was a big hit with the attendees! There was plenty of car parking for those who chose to bring their cars on the ferry.

The one-bedroom condos had a kitchen/living room combination with one bedroom and bath. The two-bedroom condos were especially nice, containing a separate kitchen and living room. With lots of space in the two-bedroom condos, socializing and entertaining gravitated towards them, and they became the center of activity planning.



*Situated in the heart of Edgartown, Edgartown Commons provides a view across the street to this tranquil church grounds.*

Thursday evening, everyone headed over to The Newes from America, a vintage Colonial pub/restaurant on the ground level of the Kelley House Hotel. Quaint and charming, the Newes provided everyone with a good dinner and a great opportunity to get to acquainted.

On Friday, most of the group intended to take a bus tour of the island, setting off on the public transportation bus from Edgartown to Oak Bluffs to pick up a tour bus. However, upon arriving in Oak Bluffs, various groups ended up splintering off according to their interests. Several people did end up taking the bus tour. Others stayed in Oak Bluffs, visiting the Gingerbread Houses and shopping. Some ventured onward to Vineyard Haven for lunch and a leisurely stroll around town. Those who didn't originally join the main group for the bus tour had rented bicycles for the day and did their sightseeing from two wheels.

Friday afternoon, we all congregated back at Edgartown Commons, gathering chairs and tables on the lawn and swapping stories of the day's activities. Then we all got ready to hit the town...



*Relaxing at Edgartown Commons on Friday afternoon.*



*The "Gingerbread Houses" of Oak Bluffs are a big attraction... Care to compare housing prices with those in your town?*

Our destination for the evening was Lola's Southern Seafood, on the road between Edgartown and Oak Bluffs. Merrie Russell was spot-on in securing us a table in a room just off the dance floor, which enabled us to stay for the live music. A gorgeous restaurant, Lola's provided everyone with heaping plates of fantastic southern cuisine. Once the music started, there was no keeping us off the dance floor. A fantastic night out on the town was enjoyed by everyone!

Again on Saturday, various groups headed off to partake in different activities...some taking bus rides to various parts of the island, others walking around different towns. I (Claire Natola) joined Merrie Russell, Jeanne Melanson, and Donna Boudreau for some yard sailing! We followed that up with lunch in Oak Bluffs, and a shopping trip over to Vineyard Haven, where we were sure to hit Carly Simon's shop Midnight Farm.

Crossman) for an exciting dice game of Quarters. Phyllis Preston appeared to be cleaning everyone's clock in this game, with a huge pile of quarters in front of her that rivaled any pile of chips you might see on *World Series of Poker*! Phyllis ended up coming back to our condo at the end of the night empty-handed, but having had a ton of fun!



***Merrie, Donna, and Jeanne  
at the harbor in Oak Bluffs***

Saturday evening, we gathered in the "Bachelor Pad," the condo shared by John Kalish, Phil Burrell, and Dick Kretovich, for a potluck dinner. As the evening progressed, the group spread out to the condo across the hall (shared by Merrie, Donna, Jeanne, and Doug

***Views from  
the harbor  
at Vineyard  
Haven***



Sunday morning, the early risers headed out for coffee and a bite to eat, while we late sleepers woke up with just enough time to pack our things. A few people were staying on the island for much of the day, to take advantage of the final day of our trip. Most of us made our way to a late-morning ferry to take us back to Woods Hole. Everyone who went on the trip had a wonderful time, and we look forward to returning to Martha's Vineyard again!