

# Oak Island Trip – June 18 – 21, 2015

By Dan Morrison

Trip leaders Dan Morrison and Tim Manning led a beginner's trip to Oak Island with Herb Bourque, Clarence Chaplin, Dennis Van Norman, Dan Hoklas, and Collin Manning. The trip was meant to allow paddlers with some day paddling experience on Lake Superior to experience crossing to some of the islands. The itinerary included a stop at Raspberry Island and Manitou Island. The trip started at Little Sand Bay, paddling about 14 miles to the Oak Island Group Camp located at the sand spit on the southwestern part of the Island. The next day, the group traveled to Raspberry Island to tour the beautifully restored lighthouse.



Luckily, the lighthouse staff was giving its first tours of the season. The day was perfect for paddling and visiting the island.



The next day was cold with heavy rain most of the day. The group elected to stay in camp rather than go to Manitou Island to tour the fish camp. The day was spent napping, eating, reading, hiking and discussing navigation under the tarp.



The weather was great for the paddle back to Little Sand Bay, followed by a celebratory meal in Bayfield.