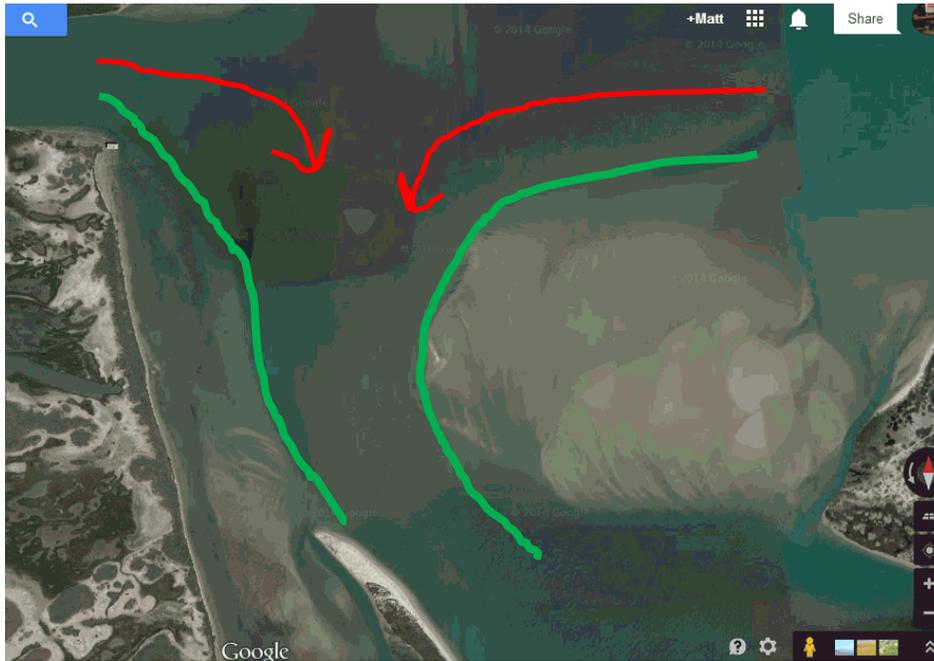


SUNDAY BEACH TRIP REPORT – Matt Schiemer, from Friday/Saturday – July 25 & 26, 2014.

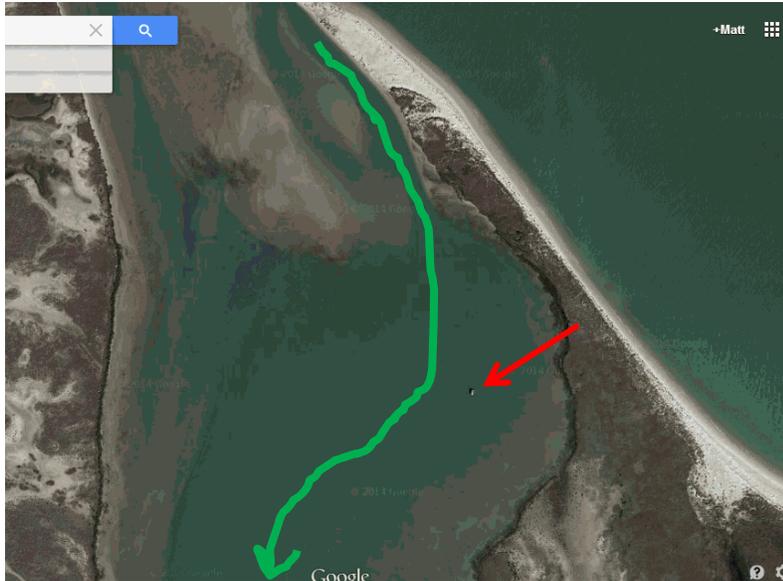


1 – The Approach. Coming from Saluria Bayou, or from the north/east near the Ship Channel/Inlet, the shoaling shown currently on Google Earth is accurate. We approached Pass Cavallo and Sunday beach from both directions on different days and the approaches shown by the red arrows here, in the “neck” drawn with green lines is deep.



2 – The Access - This is tough. It is 95% closed due to shoaling. Dirk didn't make it in, never found the little channel of deep water right up against the “J Hook” or peninsula tip. You need to follow the exact arrows I'm showing here and really hug the very tip of the peninsula to get in. We did it under motor on the way in due to wind direction (right in the face) and needing to make such turns to get in. We did it

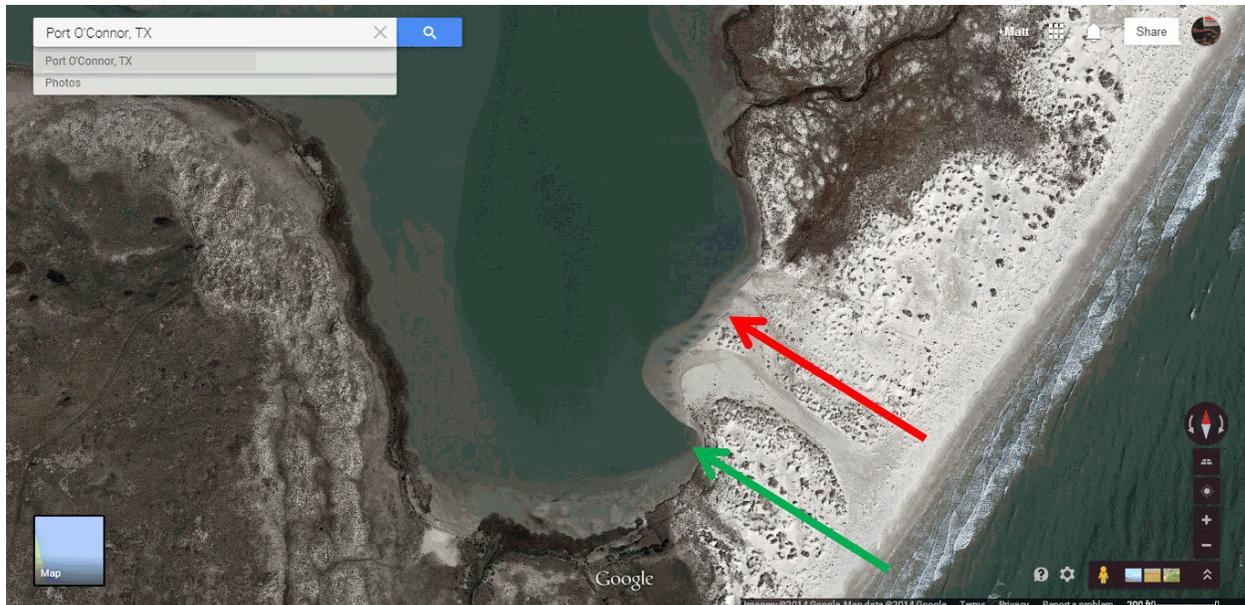
under sail very easily on the way out, with the wind at our back. My rudder kicked up once during the exit, meaning we were in less than 2.5' of water at that point. We watched a number of powerboats follow this exact same route in and out too during our entrance one day and exit the next.



3 – Getting into the Main Body of Water – once you come in along the J-Hook/Peninsula, really hugging it closely, then you need to head out into the main channel which is deep and is roughly in the center of the body of water. Stay to the right of the little white house on stilts that I’m showing here with an arrow when coming in. There is over 3 feet of water in this whole area I’m showing, likely much more actually.



4. – Getting down to Sunday Beach --- stay in the middle. It’s deep. About 2 miles down to Sunday Beach.



5. – Beaching/Anchoring – It's a deep water (by Texas standards) approach with two main sections. There were 5 or 6 powerboats that approached in the area with the red arrow, and that is hard sand that is slightly/gently sloping away from the beach. They had their bows on the sand and motors down, and reversed off the sand with their engines, so there is some depth there. I didn't walk it, but it looked nice based on what the powerboats were able to do. Easy approach/landing. Down in the area with the green arrow is where we anchored. It is deep. My rudder needs 2.5 or 3 feet of water before it kicks, and it never kicked even when the stern of the boat swung to within 2-3 feet of the sand/beach. I think this area is quite deep, from the stern I could not touch the bottom with a 5-foot paddle. We had to bring the boat to within 2 feet of the beach or we were jumping off into 3+ feet of water. Very nice for anchoring.

Overall Impression of Sunday Beach – it was OK, just a bit too popular with powerboaters for my liking. We were there on a Friday afternoon and there were 3-5 boats at all times, coming and going, beaching and walking to the Gulf to swim or just check it out. Nobody camped overnight though, and that was nice. The water on the bay side is OK, but a bit cloudy and not all that enticing for swimming due to images of alligators in my mind, and it's deep water. The Gulf side is full of trash and heavy seaweed and driftwood deposits. The trash in particular is a bit of a downer. Also a fair amount of oil/tar deposits along the beach, definitely needed to watch where walking very closely. Most trash was clearly from the Gulf being washed up, which is to be expected I guess, but there were several piles of water/beer/soda cans that were very obviously from boaters who came in like us from the bay side and walked over to the Gulf, just to leave their trash everywhere. Sad. Oh well. We collected a lot of driftwood and had an awesome fire over on the bay side by our anchorage. The sand dunes are beautiful, and anything away from the immediate beach access frequented by boaters is nice. It was worth checking it out.