



*Photo from the first episode of Season three of Outer Banks. These are the five main characters featured in this season.*

# Outer Banks Entertains Viewers For a Third Season

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This year, on February 23, Netflix released the 3rd season of Outer Banks. The season has been well-awaited since many expected it to come out over the summer, but obviously, there were delays and we had to wait until winter. Actors Chase Stokes (John B), Madelyn Cline (Sarah), Rudy Pankow (JJ), and Madison Bailey (Kiara) star in this popular adventure series. This show is full of suspense and plot twists that leave the audience waiting for answers. The plot starts with a group of friends going on a treasure hunt, and more secrets and mysteries are revealed along the way. Season 3 begins tying up lots of the loose ends that had been left in both seasons 1 and 2. Season 3 of Outer Banks was very enjoyable because they revealed a lot more about the characters, and the storyline. All the different strings and storylines that are attached to each character added so much to the value of the show. For example, when Kiara and Rafe are trapped in a house in the Bahamas, they reveal many relationships and events from the past that are unexpected.

Getting to see more of the romantic relationship between the characters Pope and Cleo, and JJ and Kiara added an extra layer to the characters. The writers built a lot of excitement in these relationships throughout all the episodes by using plot twists, and lots of suspense-building. The relationship between Ward and Rafe was also super interesting to see, as they are a father and son going up against each other. Throughout the 3rd season, we got to see more of their thoughts, feelings, and different perspectives throughout the show. These all have made great additions to the show and made for a pretty great 3rd season. Despite all of the positives, there are some things that weren't very enjoyable. For starters, there were times when it felt as if the adventure never stopped and more and more problems kept popping up. This made some parts feel boring and repetitive. Some characters were not in the show as much as I would have liked. Personally, it would have been nice to see more of Barry and Wheezie in the episodes, to see how they would

have pushed the plot along. At the beginning of the show, it was obvious that the appearance of the characters changed from season 2 to season 3, which threw me off since they were supposed to be on the island the entire time in between. This seems like a plot hole and the show would've been more believable if they looked the same through the seasons. Lastly, the thing that bothered me the most is that the characters always looked past the obvious way to escape or resolve the problem, which again took away from the believability of the show.

Compared to the other seasons, season 3 was much more enjoyable because the characters evolved and grew as people and were better able to conquer the conflicts that came their way. Overall, the season was really good, and I would recommend it. The suspense that builds up through the episodes, and all the plot twists throughout the season add a lot to the enjoyment of the season, and the whole show.