

Cape Fear Sail & Power Squadron

June 21-30 Trip to Ocracoke, NC

If you are interested in making a reservation for this trip please let us know by **May 8** with the boat name, length, beam, drafts, and captains' names.

On our first day, Monday, June 21st, we plan on leaving Carolina Beach Yacht Club & Marina at 7:00 AM (We recommend everyone has a full tank of fuel before we leave), we will immediately head North on the Intercoastal Waterway (ICW) from mile marker 295.0 and by heading North up the ICW to Beaufort Docks Marina in Beaufort at mile marker 202 (or about 93 miles that the first day).

As we head north on the ICW at mile marker 239.7 we enter the Camp Lejeune firing range which extends to mile marker 235.4. During firing, there will be a warning sign at both ends of the range at the edge of the ICW, which may have a red flag flying from it to notify boaters to tune to AM radio frequency 530 for current information, or you can also listen to VHF channel 16 for announcements and they typically will instruct us to go to channel 22A for information. Or, you can call 252-247-4570 for information. In addition, manned picket boats are stationed at each end of the range. Personnel on the boats can advise us about when to pass through. Finally, we arrive in Beaufort at the Beaufort Docks Marina, 252-728-2503 at Mile Marker 202.

We will spend 3 nights in Beaufort on the 21st, 22nd & 23rd. We will enjoy Tuesday and Wednesday in Beaufort enjoying the great restaurants, the North Carolina Maritime Museum, waterfront street shops, bus tours, walking tours, old burying ground, and the friendly people. You can also go to the island beach across from town and see the wild ponies which occasionally visit the water's edge to graze.

Early on Thursday the 24th we go to New Bern by heading North up the ICW to Core Creek to Adams Creek and turn left on the Neuse River up to the New Bern Grand Marina Yacht Club, 252-638-0318. Go to Mile Marker 180.7 which is the Marina. We will spend two nights in New Bern, the 24th & 25th. New Bern has 300 years of history; it is the birthplace of Pepsi; it has the Tryon Palace & the NC History Center; Historic Cemetery to name a few attractions.

Early on Saturday morning, the 26th we head out on the Neuse River and cross the Pamlico Sound to Ocracoke. Our destination is the Anchorage Inn & Marina, 252-928-6661. Ocracoke Island was the favorite anchorage of Edward Teach better known as the pirate Blackbeard. He was killed in November 1718 in a famous battle with the Virginia troops and Ocracoke is also known for its famous lighthouse, Ocracoke Light Station. We spend two nights in Ocracoke, 26th, and 27th. On the 28th we head out across Pamlico Sound back to the Neuse River before going South on Adams Creek on our way to Morehead City.

We spend the nights of the 28th and 29th in Morehead City at the Morehead City Yacht Basin, 252-726-6862, We have all day Tuesday the 29th to enjoy Morehead, again another city with a rich heritage. It was named after the 29th governor of North Carolina, John Motley Morehead, and the Father of Modern North Carolina. We can also visit the Carteret History Museum, the Vision Art Gallery, and shop at Seaport Antiques and/or the Trash & Treasures Antique Mall.

We start the trip home early on the 30th going back to your home port.