



Carolinas Fleet
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Ahoy Cape Dory Captains and Mates,

The Carolinas Fleet of the CDSOA is planning a cruise to Cape Lookout, NC during the weekend of October 3-5, 2003.

Shanna Paxton of "Wanderlust" and Lou Ostendorff of "Karma" are the Cruise Co-Captains for the weekend.

The float plan for the weekend is as follows:

- For those joining the cruise from the Pamlico Sound and the Neuse River we will rendezvous Friday evening at Cedar Creek just off G "9" on Adams Creek on the ICW. Due to the various anticipated arrival times, no formal raft up is being planned for Friday evening. However, any mate, worth his or her salt, will have emergency rations/libations on hand in case of an impromptu raft up. An early departure, 8 AM, is scheduled for Saturday morning as we will be motoring down the ICW to Beaufort. Because of the Rt. 70 Bascule bridge and its opening schedule, it will be best to navigate the starboard channel beginning at "RS" and R "30" down stream of St Mile 200. After passing under the fixed bridge and into the Turning Basin a turn to port at R "24" will put us in the Morehead City Channel. For those joining the cruise in Beaufort the anticipated arrival time is 11:00AM. For the most effective communications we will be monitoring channel 72. "Wanderlust's" cell phone is 252-670-9321 and "Karma's" cell phone is 919-878-7466.
- Upon our arrival, we will make a decision, based on weather conditions/forecast, whether or not to continue on to Cape Lookout. If the decision is to remain in Beaufort the options are to anchor in the canal in front of town or to tie up at the Beaufort Docks. Entrance to the channel is at R "2". The Docks monitor Ch. 16 or they can be reached at 252-728-2503. Due to the width of the canal and boat traffic in general, a raft up is impractical. If the weather conditions are favorable, we will navigate the Beaufort Inlet, head east around R "12" and blue water sail to Cape Lookout. Close attention should be paid to your charts (11545) for any shoaling along Shackelford Banks, especially to port of R "4" at the entrance to the Bight. Once in the Bight, the most desirable anchorage is in the cove area in the vicinity of R "6". There is adequate depth and a raft up will be the order of the day. If all goes well, we should be at the Cape by mid-afternoon Saturday. We'll plan cocktails followed by dinner for around 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday departure times will be at the discretion of the various Captains. The decision to depart as a "Fleet" will be discussed over cocktails.

Please contact the "Wanderlust" or "Karma" crews with any questions, as well as letting us know if you plan on joining in on the fun so we will know how many CD's to be on the lookout for!

Fair winds and smooth sailing,

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