



CDSOA Carolinas' Fleet South River Cruise

South River, NC

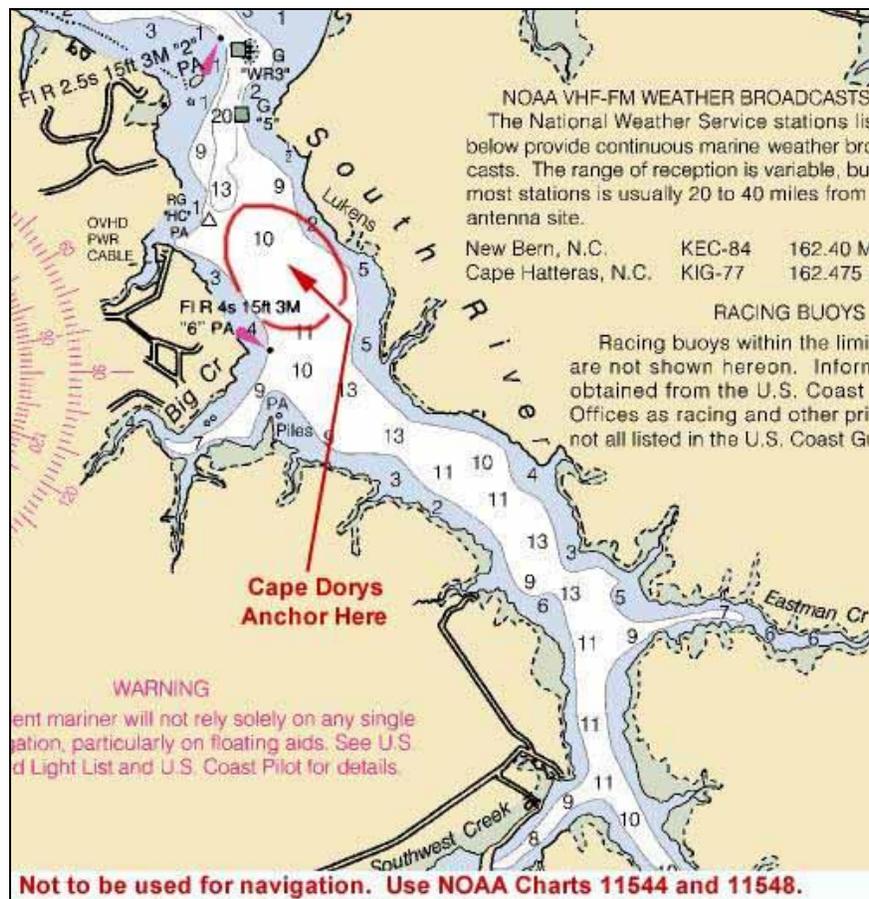
September 20-21, 2008

Questions? Contact Event Organizer Ken Coit Ph: 919-783-9570; parfait@nc.rr.com

Hello everyone!!

While you are thinking about Little Washington, think also about South River, not so far from Oriental, NC, the weekend of Sept. 20 and 21, 2008. All Cape Dory owners, wannabes, members, non-members, and families are welcome to attend. The Cruise Capt. won't be there, so you'll have to rely on local knowledge of the experts instead. We have been there many times and I don't think there is a consensus on where to anchor / raft up, so first there gets their pick and the others can huddle up close or choose other places within shouting and signaling distance. Not sure who will be arriving on Friday, the 19th, but I'll bet that a call on channel 16 & follow up communications on channel 72 will find you a Cape Dory or two out there or on the way.

Fleet communications will be on VHF Ch. 16 and 72.
Please monitor these channels during the cruise.
Hail the "Cape Dory Fleet".



Saturday will probably be the most popular outbound travel day and I would think leaving Oriental #1 by noon would be best, giving a chance for some sailing across the river, up the river, or whatever on a leisurely trip to the anchorage. Again, channels 16 & 72 will help you get together with fellow travelers.

Float Plan:

The following is updated from last year's plan that didn't quite get executed when weather got in the way:

You can cruise to South River at your own pace, arriving either Friday evening or Saturday daylight hours.

The entrance to the river is a Flashing Green "1", at 34°59.37'N, 76°35.39'W, aligning the channel with Flashing Red "2", at 34°58.89'N, 76°35.05'W, and can be found on **NOAA Chart 11544**. The entrance is a little tricky in that there is a narrow segment between markers #1 and #2, and you can go aground if you're not in the middle of the channel. As you negotiate between these two markers, look astern frequently to assure you're lined up within the channel. You then enter a curved segment to the right, fairly well marked, but with more reported markers than on the chart. Under less than optimum conditions, my advice is to douse the canvas and motor in after passing #1. We intend to raft up, weather permitting, between Green Day Marker #5 and Flashing Red #6, where the river widens somewhat with depths between 9-11'.

The raft-up will last as long as is feasible, with drinks, cocktails, and snacks the later order of the day before supper time. We'll break up the raft before the evening hours. Sunday, it will be Captain's Choice on choosing a departure time.

As always, navigation is the responsibility of the Captain, as well as the safety of vessel and crew. The information contained herein is intended as a guide, and not for explicit navigational purposes.

Your Cruise Captain plans to submit a report to the Secretary, so if the Fleet Captain can assign photography duty and note-taking duty, it would be most appreciated.

LINK to a chart 11544 including South River NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION:

<http://www.charts.noaa.gov/OnLineViewer/11544.shtml>

Have a great trip and hoist one for me; I'll be celebrating 70 years on this planet (this time) with family from near and afar.

Keep on sailing,
Ken Coit

Email: parfait@nc.rr.com
Address: Raleigh, NC 27609
Phone: (919) 783-9570