



CDSOA Carolinas Fleet
Broad Creek Raft Up
Near Oriental, NC
Sept. 19-21

Please register by Sept. 13th!

Questions? Contact Event Organizer **Ken Coit** Ph: 919-428-1286; Email address: ktcoit@gmail.com

After a practice run up the creek to River Dunes, you should find this month's event a navigational snap. I am hosting the fleet for a pot luck at my place further up Broad Creek, just south of marker "12." I'm not sure that appears on any charts, but it is there if you want to venture up the creek further than the anchorage that Andy Denmark has always recommended, which is on the south side of the channel across from marker "4" which is on charts. The only additional navigational suggestion I will give is the following: there is 5 ft of water most of the time at the end of my pier. Andy kept his CD27 there on the west side of the pier. There is an Alberg tied up on the face dock, please do not raft up to it. I have seen it and the Pacific Seacraft grounded and 15 ft. of mud at the bulkhead at the edge of the property after the most recent hurricane.

If you arrive on Friday and want to come by the house, just let me know so that I can plan for that.

Previously provided nav instructions to River Dunes will get you 90% of the way. Others have made it without help nor much grounding.

Concerning navigation, coming from Oriental, leave Gum Thicket Light (R 6) to port. Bear approximately 350 deg. to Broad Creek entrance. Give the markers coming into Broad Creek a wide berth as they are located in shallow water. From Green #1 we usually head towards the large white house until passing Red #2, and then turn right. Water depth in Broad Creek channel is typically 7 – 9 ft. As you approach Red #4 look for River Dunes entrance on the left.

Andy's recommended anchoring / rafting area is across the channel from #4, but if you want to venture further, there are boats that draw 4 ft. or more at my pier and anchored out.

I will monitor channel 16 and switch to 72 as per usual, but it is likely I will not be able to provide dinghy service. My engine is in the shop and I'll be hosting on my own. Perhaps someone can volunteer to provide shuttle service up the creek about a mile.

If you drive, grab a map via the web; a satellite shot might give those arriving by boat a clue about the channel. The address is 173 Juniper Drive, Oriental, NC and the directions are pretty good. From Oriental, turn right at Moore's Corner off NC 55 onto Straight Road, follow that to the hard left at Orchard Creek Rd (River Dunes sign) and continue on Straight Rd. another 0.4 miles. Turn right onto Pamlico Rd. At a mile, turn left onto Wild Wood Drive. At 0.3 miles turn right onto Juniper Drive (sign missing letters) and go to end, through the Private Property, No Trespassing signs and left into the yard. Park so others can, but not on the raised septic field to the left. Do not park inside the roped off area.

From Bayboro, turn left off 55 onto Trent Rd. At the T intersection with Straight Rd., turn right. At 0.4 miles, turn left onto Pamlico Rd and follow directions above from there.

I am planning on providing some seafood, salmon or shrimp and chicken in some form, but all cooked and cold. I'll also provided soft drinks, wine and beer. True pot luckers will know how to fill in the rest of the menu, but if you want to share your thoughts, I'll make an attempt to see that we aren't eating merely cake and the entre's.

Any questions regarding this event? Please contact Event Organizer Ken Coit at 919-428-1286 (cell) or ktcoit@gmail.com.
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<http://www.capedory.org/fleetevents/NC-2014-CarolinasBroadCreekRaftupregform.php>

Web resources:

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River Dunes: <http://www.riverdunes.com/>

NOAA Office of Coast Survey

Atlantic Chart Catalog: <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/catalogs/viewer.php?cat=Atlantic&side=Chart>

NOAA Booklet Charts

Atlantic Coast: <http://ocsdata.ncd.noaa.gov/BookletChart/AtlanticCoastBookletCharts.htm>