

BEAUFORT CRUISE

JUNE 2 - 4, 2017

Membership Notice

Now that the Bald Head cruise weekend is behind us, it is time to think about our next cruise out to Beaufort City Docks with a Friday arrival on June 2 and Sunday departure on June 4!!

If you are planning to go, please make your reservations with the Dock Master (Manny), 252-728-2503. This is the peak of the season and boat slips are in high demand!

As always, feel free to go early or stay longer to enjoy the area!!

Friday Night Dock Party!!

Due to local regulations we are not allowed to set up for cooking or allowed to have alcohol other than on the piers. Also there are no alternate sites available if it rains hard. The Planning Committee will work on other solutions.

Our Dock Pizza Party will be held Friday night, June 2nd on the finger pier which runs the length of the bulkhead. **ATTENDEES SUPPLY THEIR OWN DRINKS**

TIME: 1800 hours

Cost: \$5 pp for members; \$8 pp for guest

Saturday will be entirely left to the club members in attendance to do as they wish, including dinner reservations.

Restaurant options

There are two dozen restaurants in downtown Beaufort which can accommodate most any taste or dining wish. **The Dock House Restaurant** (252-728-4506) is right at the city docks. This is a great place to relax after a long day, sample fine cuisine, and finalize plans for the next day. The Net House Restaurant and Oyster Bar (252-728-2002) at 500 Front Street has a large bar area, a great water view and fine offerings.

You'll find more of Beaufort's best inside **Clawson's 1905 Restaurant** (252-728-2133), one of the most popular local eateries in Beaufort. You can also try Aqua (252-728-7777), half a block from the waterfront, for fine wine and entrees large enough to pass around and share.

You can't beat the view or food at the Bakery at **Spouter Inn** (252-728-5190) or at Front Street Grill at Stillwater (252-728-3118). At the **Royal James Café** (252-728-4573) you can play billiards late into the night.

In the morning, you'll find a full and fabulous breakfast at the **Boardwalk Café** (252-728-2844), which opens at 7 a.m.

NAVIGATION/BRIDGE INFORMATION

A SPECIAL NAVIGATION SESSION FOR SKIPPERS WILL BE SCHEDULED AS SOON AS ALL BOATS HAVE REGISTERED.

THE COMMITTEE IS ENCOURAGING AS MANY BOATS AS POSSIBLE TO TRAVEL "IN COMPANY". THERE IS SAFETY IN NUMBERS.

SIGN UP DEADLINE

PLEASE SIGN UP NO LATER THAN

May 22, 2017

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DRIVING??? As with our boaters, if you plan on going, or are considering going, please quickly arrange for your lodging, as their busy season will be active.

OPTIONS close to the WATERFRONT - call to verify pricing)

- **Inlet Inn**...Hotel-like. located on Front Street across from docks. Includes a small continental breakfast (muffin/bagels, juice and coffee).

Rates: \$140 /\$160 Wed & Thurs

\$165 / \$185 Fri & Sat

Rates depend on waterside or not.

- **Beaufort Inn**. Hotel-like...but a little nicer: 6 to 7 blocks on Ann Street (one block back from Front St) from docks on the Beaufort Channel. Includes Full Sit Down Breakfast.

Rates: Standard Room \$ 149 / \$169 Wed & Thurs
\$169 / \$189 Fri & Sat

King Deluxe Room \$199

Rates depend on waterfront or not.

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- **Cedars Inn**...Very Nice...located central on Front Street a few Blocks from docks (next door to Front Street Inn)
Includes a Continental Breakfast.

Rates: 1 Room @ \$135 Wed & Thurs \$170 Fri & Sat

2 Rooms @ 149 Wed & Thurs \$182 Fri & Sat

- **Ann Street Inn**...Very Nice...located on Ann Street...One block back

From Front Street almost directly back from docks. Includes Full Hot Breakfast and cookies etc.

Rates: \$155 and \$185 depending on Room

There are other less expensive accommodations located within a few miles of the waterfront. Those with cars may wish to take advantage of these lower prices.

Beaufort, a perspective

Located in the heart of the Chrystal Coast, at the point where the main coastline meets the easternmost terminus of North Carolina's chain of barrier islands. Beaufort, is the third oldest town in the state and a popular spot with cruisers.

During the last dozen years, the town has gained a new distinction as the home port of Edward Teach, better known as Blackbeard the Pirate.

In 1996 news spread that the remains of the Queen Ann's Revenge had been discovered in 22 feet of water in the silted inlet just off Beaufort. The wreck was identified as Blackbeard's flagship, and Beaufort rapidly became a magnet for visitors interested in the life and legacy of America's most notorious maritime thief.

Established as a customs port in 1772, Beaufort was third largest port in the state by the time of the American Revolution. The town escaped destruction during the Civil War and became a resort destination for much of the 20th century.

Pirate history aside, with its easy access to the ICW and navigable Beaufort Inlet at its doorstep, the small port town offers a safe and Picturesque anchorage, with plenty to do and see for cruisers and vehicle visitors alike.

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

History lurks everywhere you turn in Beaufort, especially pirate history. **Port City Tour Company** (252-342-0715) offers myriad tours and activities relating to ghosts and pirate lore, all for family consumption. Join the **Beaufort Ghost Walk** to hear true tales while touring Blackbeard's haunted **Hammock House** or the 300-year old **Old Burying Ground**, where a little girl was allegedly buried in a rum keg. You can also visit **Shackleford Banks** to see its wild horses, descendants of those that roamed here 400 years ago.

Wednesday through Sunday at the **North Carolina Maritime Museum** (252-728-7317) on front street, you can view artifacts recovered from Blackbeard's Queen Ann's Revenge, or immerse yourself in story of the states maritime heritage. At the museums **Watercraft Center**, you'll find a building devoted to boat carpentry with restoration projects underway in various stages of completion.

Beaufort is an enjoyable, **walkable town** with streets oriented as they were originally planned in the early 1700s. Shops and restaurants run along Front Street, just a few feet from the town docks. Visit the **Beaufort Historical Association** located in the Safrit Historical Center (252-728-5225) on Turner Street. You can also take a tour aboard a 1948 English double-decker bus on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Every day but Sunday, don't miss the historic building tour. Docents in period dress take visitors through restored homes and buildings, including a jail and apothecary shop, on two-acre portion of the **Beaufort Historic Site**. The gardens alone will hold your attention for hours. And while there, pause inside the **Mattie King Davis Art Gallery** (252-728-5225) at 150 Turner Street, the oldest gallery in the country that features local artists.

AVAILABLE TOUR OPTIONS

1. 5 to 6-hour cruise to Cape Lookout. Includes lunch and drinks...**no alcohol**...it gives 2 hours to look for shells and climb lighthouse (extra charge). ...leaves at 12 Noon and returns around 6. Cost \$75 per person
2. Moonlight Cruise...includes beer and wine...leaves at 7 and returns at 8:30...cost is \$35 per person...people can eat dinner before or after.

- Ferry to Cape Lookout...3-hour trip... 1-hour ferry ride, 1 hour at lighthouse (climbing extra) and 1-hour ferry ride back...leaves at 9:30 and returns at 1...cost is \$35 per person.

There are many other options for walking tours, guided tours or just enjoying doing nothing.