



Upcoming Events!

1. The Start of the WaterTribe Everglades Challenge Race ! March 3rd- 6:30 AM!!- Come on down to the EAST BEACH Shelter 13. at Fort DeSoto Park in Pinellas County to watch at least two of our members cast off for the 320 mile race to Key Largo! Get there early to cheer on Bill Fite and Alan Chappuis! For more information go to :<http://www.watertribe.com/>

(After the race starts we'll go to the SeaHorse Restaurant on Pass-a-Grille Beach for a fantastic morning breakfast!)The SeaHorse is on the channel side, not the gulf side, right across the road from the Merry Pier.

2. Cayo Costa Cruise! - Friday - Sunday - March 16, 17, 18! Three Day Weekend!

We'll launch at the new Bokeelia Ramp on Pine Island (North on Stringfellow - East on Barrancas - go one block - it's on the left) on Friday Morning about 10 AM. Leave Bokeelia at "Shell Cut -then sail almost due west across Charlotte Harbor (avoiding shoals if necessary) down to Cayo Costa and Rendezvous in Pelican Bay by noon. Overnight in Pelican Bay, sail to another location decided upon by the participants, and return to Bokeelia on Sunday via Shell Cut or Jug Creek (if your masts can be lowered). Other launching sites are available as well. Tampa Bay area members might try Eldred's Marina Two great ramps and fair prices. You have to cross Charlotte Harbor to get to Cayo Costa, however. To get to Eldred's Marina : Go South on I-75 - Take Exit 191 - River Road - Manatee Community College -Go East toward Englewood go 5 miles to Hyw 41 - Cross Hwy 41 - go straight across - go 5.5 more miles - Cross Winchester Road - Turn left on Pine at light - Cross SR 776 /McCall (Publix on Right) - Go 10 more miles to the Boca Grande Causeway -County Park and a Ramp -Look for Eldred's Marina and Ramp - before the bridge on Right.

3. Second Annual Cortez Small Craft Festival - April 14 - 16th -

Check out the details at: <http://marinell.server101.com/FGCMM-Festival/>

Come by boat or car. Launch your boat there, set up a tent and spend the weekend, or just come for the day. Should be lots of fun!

4. Caladesi Island Daysail or overnighter - April 21st - 22nd Local sail from Dunedin Causeway to Caladesi Island. Launch at Seminole St. Ramp in Clearwater, or off the beach on the causeway if your boat is light enough. Sail the area of Hurricane Pass, and go into the Caladesi Marina for a picnic and an ice cream! Optional overnighter in the marina or out near the pass at anchor or beach.

5. Cedar Key Small Boat Meet - May 5th - 6th!

Get your reservations in Cedar Key today! Do not delay. After last year's success, lots of people are planning on attending! Tom is planning to cook for us again this year, so if you enjoyed his smoked chicken and sausage, you'll really enjoy what he's cooking this year! For Reservations go to: <http://www.cedarkey.org/>

6. B.E.E.R. Cruise - Friday June 8th - Sunday June 9th!

What a way to start the summer season! Pensacola is a long drive, so let's make it worth it! Ted Jean, Ed and Becky Combs and myself are already signed up. This is one of the great "group tours" you'll ever go on. Weather permitting, I'd like to cruise the panhandle area for the rest of the week - even after the BEER even is over!

GO HERE FOR MORE info: http://bellsouthpwp2.net/b/s/bs_allen/beer2006.htm