

## Scenes from Cayo Costa - March 27 - 28, 2009



### What's Coming Up?

**1. Great Florida Gulf Coast Small Craft Festival at Cortez Florida! April 17th - 19th.**

This is really a hoot, and should be on your calendar if you love small craft! Lots of our members attended last year, some camping ashore (free to those who register) or on their boats. It's a \$50 entry fee but that entitles you to all the events for three days of fun. Well worth it. Register on line at: <http://www.fgcscf.org/> (click on Register), or call Bob Pitt at 941-708-4935, or Ted Adams at 941-708-6120. I may sail down across S. Tampa Bay from Fort DeSoto ramps if the weather is settled for that weekend!

**2. Lake Harris to Mt. Dora Overnight Lakes Tour - April 24th - 26th.** This trip, led by my Eustis resident Phil Reed and his WW Potter 19 will lead you through the beautiful back waters of the Harris Chain of Lakes. Ever go through a lock? There's one on the way to Lake Griffin, and it's in working order! Ever motor through a canal with high cypress trees on every side? The Dora Canal from Lake Eustis to Lake Dora have that beautiful feature. Overnight in Mt. Dora, the picturesque town on a hill, with great restaurants within walking distance and free dockage at the town docks! You WILL have to lower your mast(s) while in your boat, and raise them to participate in this event. There are some low bridges to negotiate. Call PHIL REED - 904-315-8951 to sign up. Launch and take out will be at the Hickory Point Recreation Area in Lake Harris right off CR 19 north of the town of Howie-in-the-Hills.

**3. Cedar Key Small Boat Meet! - May 2nd and 3rd - The Big One!** Get your hotel/motel reservations now! Call the Cedar Key Chamber at: (352) 543-5600 or go to [www.cedarkey.org](http://www.cedarkey.org) and click on "Lodging."

**WCTSS COOKOUT has been canceled this year.** Instead.. We will **Party, BYOB**, in front of GulfSide Motel - 7PM - ?.

**4. Florida 120 - May 14 - 17 - RAID type of event starts Pirate's Cove** - Starts in Josephine Alabama and cruises the same waters as the BEER Cruise in June. Go to : <http://www.smallcraftadvisor.com/our-blog/Florida-120.html>

**5. St. John's River Cruise. May 15th - 17th!** Don't want to drive to Alabama to do some scenic cruising? Phil Reed knows the St. John's River waters, and will lead a group from a launch point near the town of Astor Florida down river toward the across Lake George. Schedule to be flexible and depend on conditions. Call Phil Reed at: 904-315-8951 to sign up. Check out this site!

[http://www.astorflorida.com/st\\_johns/st\\_johns.htm](http://www.astorflorida.com/st_johns/st_johns.htm)

**6. B.E.E.R Cruise, Baby!** - June 5th - 9th - Never done it? Do it! Here is the web site: [http://bellsouthpwp2.net/b/s/bs\\_allen/beer\\_2008.htm](http://bellsouthpwp2.net/b/s/bs_allen/beer_2008.htm)

Just email Ben Allen and you'll be added to the happy crew list.