

Military Marinas

Along The
Great Loop Route



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Military marinas that can accommodate vessels in the 35-45' range along the waterways of The Great Loop Route. Rates, amenities, contact information, GPS location, and distance to commissary/PX. To use these marinas the vessel owner is required to have a valid military ID card.

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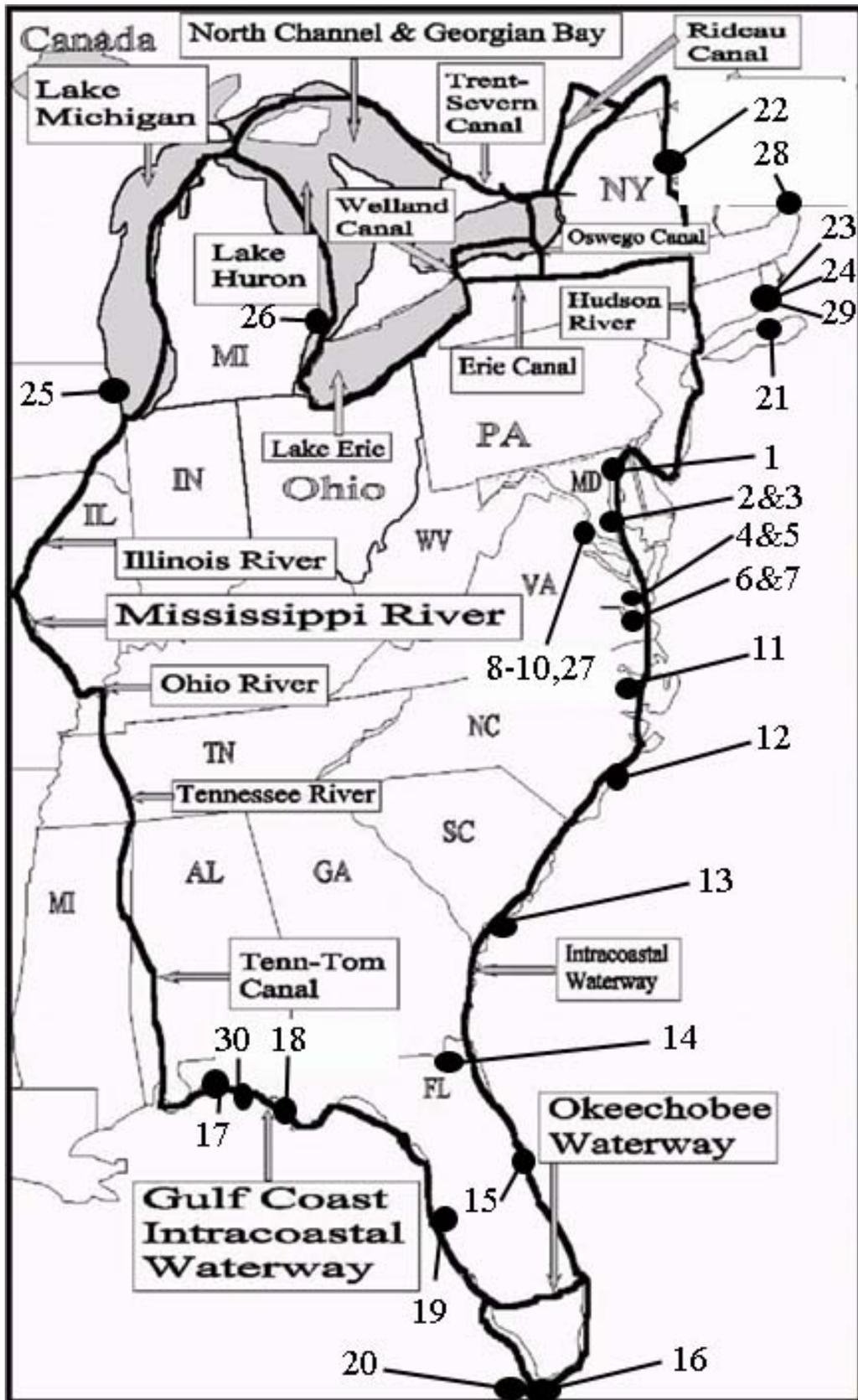
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Website: www.USNA.EDU/MWR

Listing updated: February 2011

Located at the mouth of the Severn River off White Hall Bay inside Greenbury Point on the north shore at approximately N38° 58.80' and W76° 27.70'. Maximum draft 8'. Hours 0800 to 1630 Wed to Sun from May to September and Mon to Fri from Sep to May. Maximum stay 14 days. Mooring ball \$10/day. Waters can be very rough in this bay due to large number of wakes. VHF 16 when open. Commissary and PX 1 mile. Medical facilities at Naval Academy 5 miles. Annapolis 5 miles by car, ½ mile by boat. Navy Lodge 2 mi from marina.

The old pier and slips at this marina were destroyed in Hurricane Isabelle in 2003. There are no plans to rebuild this pier. Thirty two new floating docks, which accommodate vessels up to 40', have been built on Mill Creek (N38° 59.50 and W76° 27.17) north of the marina and dockmaster's office described above. These slips are normally reserved for permanent party, but you can usually arrange to use one when a member is away. Charge is \$1/ft per day. Access is gained via Whitehall Bay and then entering Mill Creek. The docks are located on the south shore just after the narrow entrance to Mill Creek. Access to the docks is controlled by a 5 number security code pad. (Obtain from dockmaster) Yard with haul-out capabilities. Room to anchor in Mill Creek off the marina.

It is a long walk (1.7 miles) to the PX and Commissary from this dock area. The road is clearly shown on the Mapttech chart. Depart the dock headed south and take the first two right hand turns. Half way to the first left you pass the Gulf Course at 0.6 miles. Follow the road SW to the first traffic light at 1.4 miles and turn left. The PX/Commissary complex is on the right after two more blocks. The hospital is across the Severn River about a 5-mile walk and shown on your charts at about N38° 59.33 and W78° 29.47.

(2) Patuxent Naval Base (West Basin), MD

Phone: 301-342-3573

Fax:

Email:

Website:

Listing updated: October 2011

Located on the south side of the Patuxent River about ½ way down the Chesapeake Bay. The entrance to the large protected basin is located at approximately N38° 17.6' and W76° 9'. The words "West Patuxent" appear just east of the basin on the chart. The marina is located on the west shore in the basin and provides 30A electric and water. No WiFi or cable TV. The rate is \$30/night. There is a large PX/Commissary facility about 1½ miles south of the marina. A conference Center is a ¼ mile walk and serves lunch daily during the week. There is also a bar that is open from 1500-2100. Water depth is at least 6'. Fixed docks have been rebuilt and there are 24 new floating transient docks. Showers and restrooms are clean, free pump-out, diesel and gas available. Marina can handle boats of 50' or more. Enterprise rental car will pick up on base. Max draft 10'. VHF 16 0830 to 1700 Monday to Friday

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(3) Solomons Naval Recreation Center (Point Patience Marina), MD

Phone: 410-286-8022 or 8023

Fax:

Email:

Website:

Listing updated: June 2009

NW on the Patuxent River just past the first fixed bridge on the north shore is the very protected marina at the Recreation Center. Located in Second Cove at approximately N38° 19.80' and W76° 28.30' it is usually crowded. Rates are \$1.00 / ft. and half off that for holders of the National Park Golden Eagle Pass. There are no facilities nearby and it is quite isolated. Showers & laundry. 30A electric and water. No WiFi or Cable TV. Fixed docks in good condition, but with short finger piers. Water depth is at least 6' and this marina can handle 35-45' boats. Max stay 14 days. VHF 16 0700 to 1900 (Closed Tuesday) Can be hard to reach both by phone and radio.

(4) Langley AFB, VA

Phone: 757-764-7220

Fax:

Email:

Website: www.jbleforcesupport.com

Listing updated: June 2014 by Hank Evans

At the bottom of the Chesapeake Bay just above entrance to Hampton Roads on the west shore is the Langley AFB Marina. Enter the Back River at about N37° 06' and W76° 16'. Follow the marked channel west and turn SW into the South West Branch. Water depth is only about 4' and it is 5 miles from the entrance to Back River to the marina on the west shore of the South West Branch. The Commissary/PX is within walking distance, 1 mile.

This marina was closed in 2003 due to hurricane Isabelle, but has been rebuilt. Hours of operation Mon thru Fri 0830 – 1500. Closed Sat, Sun and holidays. The transient rate is \$1.50/ft.

(5) Old Point Comfort Marina, VA

In August 2011 the Army closed Fort Monroe and as a result this marina is no longer a military facility. The marina is still there, is owned by the state of VA and privately managed. Transient rate is \$2.00/ft. The Old Point Comfort Military Yacht Club is still operating and The Casemate Military Museum remains open.

(6) Little Creek Marina, VA

Phone: 757-462-7140

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Website:

Listing updated: June 2014 by Hank Evans

Several miles east of the entrance to Hampton Roads is the entrance to Little Creek at approximately N36° 56.000' and W76° 10.670'. This large basin contains the Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek. In the southwest corner of the basin is the Cove Marina, approximate position N36°54.79' W076°11.08' Usually crowded. Transient fee is \$1.50/ft. Laundry facility plus heads and showers. Gas, Diesel and pump out also available. The Commissary/PX facility is several miles from the marina. Within walking (0.3 mile) is a mini-mart, barber and Laundromat. A USO is located in the marina – 1000 to 2000 Monday – Friday. Breakfast, lunch and a large

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collection of books. Contributions to its support are appreciated. This basin is quite deep and will handle 7' vessels with no problem. However, you do not want to be in this marina in a northeast blow. It can be very rough. Clear security at the buoy line. Contact Little Creek Harbor Control on VHF channel 12. A security boat will come out and check ID. One person on board must have military ID. Stay as close to the rocks as possible. There is a "No Wake Zone" from green "3" in. The floating docks are old and a bit rickety, however, they are scheduled to be replaced in the fall of 2014.

(7) Norfolk Naval Base, VA

Phone: 757-444-2918

Fax:

Email: PCurry@mwrma.com

Website:

Listing updated: June 2014 by Hank Evans

The Norfolk Naval Base is located on the southwest shore of Willoughby Bay at approximately N36° 57.20' and W76° 18.60' in a clearly marked basin near the clock tower on the chart. The channel entrance is at the North end of the Aircraft Carrier piers where the river enters Hampton Roads. This is a very protected basin which will carry 7' with no problem. Transients tie up on the end of 8 T piers, 5 floating and 3 fixed. The floating docks were new in 2010. The marina office is located on the west shore at the entrance to the basin. This is also the Flag Landing where several Admiral's Barges are berthed. Bath house facilities including showers are maintained daily. Laundry facilities are within walking distance. Bikes are available for transient use. The rate is \$1.50/ ft/night for the first 14 nights. All utilities are included. After 14 days the utilities are \$5.00 per day. Maximum stay is 30 days. The PX/Commissary/Movie complex is about 1 mile south out the gate off the base and through a road overpass. There is a PX mini-store on base about ½ mile SE from the marina. There is a military bus to the PX from the base that passes by the marina on a scheduled basis (weekdays). Hertz rental car is on base at the military air terminal. Taxi service is also available on base. There are many different fast food locations on the base including McDonalds, Five Guys, Subway, and Tim Horton's. The old Officer's Club at Breezy Point is now an all hands facility serving lunch and dinner. Check first as hours and days vary. There is a free 5 hole golf course adjacent to the marina and along Admirals Row. Free Wi-Fi, free pump out and free ice available to all transients. No cable TV, but good antenna reception from local channels. This is officially the "Navy Sailing Center Marina" and a variety of sailboats from Lasers to a Tartan 34' cruising sailboat and powerboats are available for rent. This marina is adjacent to the helicopter field which is home to several squadrons. Expect to see and hear helicopter operations. Unlike many bases, morning and evening colors are played on loudspeakers throughout the base. People who are outside stop, face the flag and observe colors. Most cruisers also observe raising and lowering of colors on their boats along with Naval Station. The marina office is open 7 days a week from 0800-1900 from May 1 – September 30 and from 0800-1600 Monday through Friday October 1 – April 30. They can be reached via phone or VHF Channel 16.

Note: In this area of great military concentration there are also Commissary and BX's at Langley AFB, Little Creek Amphibious Base and in the Virginia Beach area at the Navy Training Base in Dam Neck and NAS Oceana.

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(8) Fort Belvoir Marina, VA

Phone: 703-781-8282

Fax:

Email:

Website: www.BelvoirMWR.com

Listing updated: November 2010

On the Potomac River about 89 statute miles up from Point Lookout, close to Washington, DC at about N38° 42' and W77° 07' on the Virginia shore. Marina is on the Dogue Creek near the chart marking "Boathouse". Entrance is only 2' MLW but OK for 4' draft vessels once in the marina. Rate is \$1/ft/night up to 14 days or \$5/ft/month with 30A and water. No facilities at marina. Commissary/PX 5 miles. Hospital 2 miles. On the website select **Recreation** then select **Marina**.

(9) Quantico Marina, VA

Phone: 703-784-2359

Fax:

Email: Cruza@usmc-mccs.org

Website: www.usmc-mccs.org

Listing updated: November 2010

On the Potomac River about 73 statute miles up from the Point Lookout at about N38° 31' and W77° 17' on the Virginia shore. The marina is inside the man made basin formed by the pier shown on your charts. Water depth 6' MLW. Rate \$0.75/ft. 30/50A electric. Commissary/PX 3 mile walk through town of Quantico. Hospital 1-mile walk.

New docks built in 2004 after being damaged by Hurricane Isabelle in 2003. On the website select **Recreation and Fitness**. Select **Aquatics & Waterfront Areas**. Select **Marinas**. Scroll down to **Quantico** for **Quantico Marina**.

(10) Washington, DC

Phone: 202-767-4651

Fax:

Email: RobertMcCullough@bolling.af.mil Website: www.bolling.af.mil

Listing updated: Need an update!

Bolling AFB operates the Capitol Cove Marina located across the river from the Ronald Reagan Airport at approximately N38° 50' and W77° 01.70. 105 slips maximum 40'. Transient slip \$10/day or \$4.50/ft/month. PX & commissary & hospital 0.5 mile. This marina was beat up badly in hurricane Isabelle, but has rebuilt and has all new docks in 2004.

(11) Cherry Point MCAS (2 marinas), NC (November 2010)

Phone: 252-466-2762/4874

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Email: houdem@usmc-mccs.org

Website: www.wsmc-mccs.org

Listing updated: November 2010

Cherry Point is the largest Marine Corps Air Station in the world. Hancock Marina is located on Hancock Creek off the Neuse River about 9 miles west of the point where the ICW turns into Adam Creek. If you are over 32' and draw more than 4', this is the marina you will use. This is also a very protected marina and is considered a hurricane hole by the locals. Follow the well-marked channel south into Hancock Creek at approximately N34° 56' and W76° 51' on the west

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shore. Water depth is 6'. Go past the Navy boat docks and you will find the marina around the corner. There is no formal place for transients, but there is usually room in a slip vacated by a local for two or three weeks on a cruise or at the end of the T docks. 6' in most slips and 8 to 10' on T docks. Ask around the marina. The dockmaster lives aboard his boat there. Also a phone where you can call the main marina at Pelican Point. Rental cars in, Havelock (adjacent to the base) New Bern and on base. Enterprise will pick up at the marina, but you will have to call the base ID and Pass office to get them through the gate 252-466-5921. No laundry. The showers and the restrooms leave a lot to be desired, but are functional. The PX/Commissary/Clinic is 5 miles west of the marina and the marina is actually quite isolated. New all hands club (Millers Point) 2 miles serving breakfast/lunch/dinner New special event enclosed pavilion on site. Dockage \$10/day. 2010 live aboard Dockmaster is Craig Beavers 252-665-3336. Happy hour on the dock social area at 1630 daily.

Pelican Point Marina is located on Slocum Creek about 11 miles west of where the ICW turns into Adam Creek at approximately N34° 57.5' and W76° 52.334'. PH: 252-466-2762/4874 and FAX 252-466-3554. 0800 to 1700, Friday to Sunday. Entrance channel shoaling to less than 4' in 2003. Call for water depth before trying this channel. Vessels currently limited to not greater than 32' in length. No laundry or showers. Restrooms are adequate. Rental cars same as above for Hancock Marina. Transient \$10/day for first week. \$2/ft/day after 7 days. VHF 16 when open. Commissary/Clinic and PX 4 miles. Space A air travel from this base is quite limited.

The Pelican Point Marina is quite small and is for smaller, shallower draft vessels. 2010 Marina Manager is Matt Houde. On the website select **Recreation and Fitness**. Then select **Aquatics & Waterfront Areas**. Select **Marinas**. Scroll down to **Cherry Point for Hancock or Pelican Point**. Select Website at the right to see the individual website for marinas at Cherry Point.

Loop Note: While these marinas require a departure of 6 miles from the ICW, they are a cost effective stop and alternative to Oriental or Morehead City. New Bern, Washington, Oriental and Morehead City are easy rental car trips from the base.

(12) Camp LeJeune Marine Base, NC

Phone: 910-451-8307/7386

Fax: 910-451-2729

Email:

Website:

Listing updated: June 2009 - Need an update.

Camp LeJeune offers two military marinas west up the New River. Both are some distance from the ICW. The water outside the channel is quite shallow. The channel at one time carried 5', however less should be expected. Seek local knowledge.

The first marina is about 2 miles from the ICW at approximately N34° 34' and W77° 22'. It is on the north bank inside Courthouse Bay. This marina is usually full and only has one transient slip. It is also quite some distance from any military facilities. In 2009, the marina reported they would only take boats up to 32'.

The main marina, (Gottschalk Marina) is about 14 miles from the ICW up the New River on the Wallace Creek just past Hadnot Point at approximately N34° 40' and W77° 23'. Swing wide of Hadnot Point and then head east into Wallace Creek. There is more transient space at this marina and it is only 1 mile from the main PX/Commissary and 2 miles from the hospital. Transient \$5/day. Monthly \$2.50/ft. VHF 16, 0800 to 1630 7 days per week. CAUTION: In 2009 a 4.5' draft trawler reported numerous soft groundings in the river/creek and having to push

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through the mud to get to the docks. You should definitely seek current local knowledge before heading to Gottschalk Marina.

(13) Paris Island Marine Base, SC

Phone: 843-525-3301/2

Fax:

Email:

Website:

Listing updated: Need information:

Located in a protected basin on the west bank of the Beaufort River is the Paris Island Marine Base Marina. The entrance is west of R36 at approximately N32° 20' and W80° 90'. There is no room for transients and the entrance can only be navigated 2 or three hours before and after high tide. There is an 8' tide at this location, but there is only about 1' of water in the channel at low tide. You can tie up briefly at the floating dock. The marina is closed at this time due to shoaling.

(14) Jacksonville NAS (Mulberry Cove Marina), FL

Phone: 904-542-3260

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Email: Philip.s.collins@navy.mil

Website: www.nasjax.navy.mil/

Listing updated: September 2014

Twenty-seven statute miles up the Saint Johns River is the Jacksonville Naval Air Station, known as NAS JAX. Located on a wide stretch of the river several miles above Jacksonville on the west bank at Black Point at approximately N30° 13' and W81° 40'. This large marina provides good facilities for transients in water about 7' deep. Transient fee is \$8.15/night. Moorings balls are \$9.00/day. Maximum stay is 30 days. You must show your vessel documentation/state registration and proof of insurance. The very large PX/Commissary is about a 1.5-mile walk west from the marina. There is a laundry and barber/beauty shop in the same complex. Subway fast food and mini mart/package store 0.25 miles from marina. The hospital is about 2 miles and the health clinic 0.5 miles. New floating docks in 2014. The tide is usually about 1.5 feet. The marina will attempt to move you into a slip if space permits and you request it. They have one small portable pumpout cart. Rental cars are available from Enterprise on base at Flight Operations (1.5 miles). They will pick you up at the marina.

There is no washer/dryer at the marina, but they do have a shower in each restroom. A laundry does exist at the RV Park about 1 mile away. Snack foods, tackle and boating supplies are available at the marina store. They also rent canoes, kyacks, fishing boats and sailboats to 24'. There are several bar/grills on base, some within walking distance. The Officers Club is open for special events only. The CPO club is active. The closest of the three West Marine stores is about 5 miles. A The BrewHaus about 1 mile away has WiFi.

You can leave your vessel unattended while you travel elsewhere, but only if you have a local contact (not hard to find) to

The Navy Jax Yacht Club is very close by and you can check there for upcoming social and sailing events. Finally, this large Naval Air Station is a good place to check for military Space A air travel.

A site survey was being conducted in December 2010 in preparation for a facilities upgrade.

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(15) Patrick AFB, FL

Phone: 321-494-7455

Fax:

Email:

Website:

Listing updated: December 2013

Off the beaten path on the Banana River is the Patrick AFB Marina called Manatee Cove Marina. Entrance is limited to vessels no more than 43' height. Access to the marina can be made from the north by crossing the Canaveral Barge Canal and going south on the Banana River. Via this route you must be able to clear a 35' fixed bridge. From the south the marina is accessed at Dragon Point at the entrance to the Banana River by going north under the first fixed 45' bridge and turning east into the marked channel just north of the bridge at approximately N28° 12' and W80° 38'. The marina will handle 6' There is usually transient space on the bulkhead next to the marina office or across the channel near the Tiki Hut. The Hospital/PX/Commissary are east about ¾ mile. The golf course and its bar/grill are adjacent to the marina. The transient rate is \$ 18.00/night or \$6/ft/month. BoatUS members receive a discounted daily rate of \$13.50.

NOTE: After Sep 11, 2001 they were placed on security restrictions. For arrival between 2200 and 0600 you must file a "float plan" with Patrick AFB Security and it will be on file at the security guard building at the entrance to the marina. During the day, from 0600 to 2200 you only require an ID card to get past the security guard.

NOTE: Coming North from Dragon Point requires great care as there are several shallow spots and several temporary markers noting shifting shoals. Seek local knowledge, if available.

NOTE: This Air Force facility is called "Manatee Cove Marina" and for good reason. It is loaded with manatees. The base mission is support for all the space operations at nearby Cape Canaveral.

(16) Boca Chica NAS, FL

Phone: 305-293-2402

Fax:

Email:

Website:

Listing updated: February 2011

This marina is located on the west end of Boca Chica Key in the Florida Keys just East of Key West. The entrance channel is located at approximately N24° 32' and W81° 44'. Proceed north in the well-marked 6' channel. Expanded in 2002 to include 3 long floating piers with 6 slips set aside for transient vessels with 30A power on two piers and 50A on one. (\$0.85/ft/day including metered electric) There are also some mooring balls available (\$12/day or \$150/month). Dingy dock. Free portable manual pumpout tanks, pump out dock, and laundry. E-mail phone line has been disconnected. No cable TV and no local reception via antenna. The Navigator Bar & Grill at the marina was recently renovated and serves lunch and dinner and has a live band once per week. It has cable TV. Sunday nights is "lighted grill" where everyone brings a dish to share and what they want to cook. Well attended and fun. Ask anyone about the morning coffee mess at The Navigator. Nice beach along with rental kayaks and sailboats. The marina is isolated and 1.5 miles from the limited BX (C-store & bottle shop) facilities on Boca Chica and almost 10 miles from the Key West Naval facilities at Sigsbee Park.. (see Sigsbee Marina #20) . You will need ground transportation to reach military and civilian services off base. Thrifty car rental will come to the marina. Downtown Key West , Sigsbee and other services can be reached by fast dingy in 15 to 30 minutes. Unfortunately, no bus service. Retirees can eat in the mess on Boca

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Chica and use the new fitness center. No cabs allowed on base after 9/11. This marina has lots of permanent live aboards. The previous 6 month slip contract has been eliminated. Definitely make reservations well in advance as this very popular spot fills up quickly in the winter months. There is a long waiting list for permanent slips. This marina will NOT allow you to sponsor non-military boats that you may be travelling with.

(17) Pensacola, FL

Phone: See text

Fax:

Email:

Website:

Listing updated: June 2009

The primary marina at Pensacola is Bayou Grande. Depart the Gulf Coast Intracoastal waterway headed north from mile 184 in the Pensacola Ship Channel to just beyond G25. Then turn to 280°T and pick up the very narrow channel leading into Bayou Grande. Follow the channel markers past G7 and turn south into the marked channel into Bayou Grande marina. The marina channel is very narrow and tricky. Watch the markers and numbers carefully as it is quite easy to miss some, cut a corner and run aground. The marina is located on the south shore just after the entrance where the chart says "pier" at approximately N30° 22' and W87° 16'. Transient rate \$0.50/ft with 30A electric & water. Docks are new and floating. Monthly rate \$3.75/ft. The main PX/commissary is 5 miles and hospital 7 miles. Both are off base. There is a smaller PX on base about 1.5 miles from the marina. Free laundry. Tides about 4'. Marina manager is very knowledgeable and helpful on GIWW. Ask him for a briefing and take your charts. Phone 850-452-4152/5506.

The second marina, Sherman Cove, only handles boats up to 25'. Just off waterway at approximately N30° 20' and W87° 20'. 2' to 3' maximum draft. Gas – but expensive. Phone 850-452-3369.

The third facility is actually part of the Blue Angel Naval Recreation Area. Called the Blue Angel Outpost Marina, it is located on Perdido Bay northeast of mile 166 on the Gulf Coast Intracoastal Waterway. Follow the bay NE to approximately half way between Du Pont Point and Cummings Point and the 39' Lillian fixed bridge at approximately N30° 22.83 and W87° 25.50. The docks are on the east bank near a large blue building. There are 5 slips available for vessels at \$5/day but they do not have a lot of water at low tide, only 2-3' close to shore. There is no electric at the slips. Ashore this is a recreation facility and there is no access to a PX, Commissary or Hospital. There is a small country store with limited groceries, rest room and shower. Phone 850-453-4530

(18) Panama City, FL

CSS Marina located at approximately N30° 06' and W85° 37' can only handle vessels up to 20'. Phone 850-234-4402.

(19) Tampa AFB, FL

Phone: 813-828-4983

Fax:

Email:

Website: www.macdillfss.com

Listing updated: Need information.

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On the south end of Gadsden Point in Tampa Bay is the MacDill AFB Marina, Coon's Creek. Located in the well-marked channel located at approximately N27° 49' and W82° 29'. The channel was dredged to 6' in 2005, but there are no transient facilities and only vessels up to 26' are permitted in the marina basin. They sell gas but no diesel. No vessel without a MacDill AFB sticker can enter the waters around MacDill AFB. The marina is adjacent to and operates a large RV campground.

(20) Key West NAS (Sigsbee Marina), FL

Phone: 305-293-4434

Fax:

Email:

Website:

Listing updated: June 2009

On the NE edge of Sigsbee Park at approximately N24° 35' and W81° 46' this marina has about 2' MLW and does not have any transient space for vessels larger than 25'. It does have rental sail and powerboats and a ships store primarily stocked with fishing equipment and bait. There is dingy space if you come here from Boca Chica or anchor offshore. Follow the floating barrier around the north shore of the harbor to the docks. Go around the docks and through the cut to find the launch area where you can pull your dingy ashore. The commissary and PX are about 1.5 miles as is the MWR office with discount tickets for anything you might want to do in Key West. There is a good restaurant, The Sunset Lounge, adjacent to the marina. Lunch and dinner with entertainment on weekends. Check first, as hours and days of operation seem to change. A great place to watch the famous Key West sunsets.

(21) US Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY

Phone: 516-773-5344

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Website: www.usmma.edu

Listing updated: Need an update.

Located on Long Island Sound at the western end at approximately N40° 48.48' and W73° 45.53'. 0800 to 1900 daily. VHF 82A. Max draft 9'. Transient \$1.50/ft/day. Mooring \$10 per night. Or in lieu of a per foot charge, you may be asked to consider a donation to the Sailing Foundation. No medical on base. Small PX ½ mile. Commissary 3 miles. Pool adjacent to marina. Head and showers in the sailing center nearby and at the pool. Nearest town Great Neck, NY 3 miles.

(22) US Army Military Academy, West Point, NY

Phone: 845-938-2638

Fax:

Email:

Website: www.usma.edu

Listing updated: Need update.

Note: This facility has been closed to private vessels since June 17, 2003. Located on the Hudson River at mile 101.1 below Troy, NY and 52.9 miles above the Statue Of Liberty on the west shore at approximately N41° 23.30 & W74° 57.30. You may call the Visitors Center at the number above to determine if the dock is still closed.

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(23) Quonset Davisville Navy Yacht Club, North Kingston, RI

Phone: 401-294-4912

Fax:

Email:

Website:

Listing updated: Need update:

Located near North Kingstown, RI in Allen Harbor, Narragansett Bay at approximately N41° 38' and W71° 25'. Limited hours of operation. VHF 71 when open. This has been a private club since 2005 and there are no operational military facilities in the area. Rates are \$1.50/ft and mooring balls are \$20/night. An industrial park occupies the former military site and a Lowes, Kohls, Dave's Grocery Store and several restaurants are within walking distance.

(24) Naval Station Newport, Newport, RI

Phone: 401-841-3283

Fax:

Email:

Website: www.cnmc.navy.mil/newport/index.htm

Listing updated: Need an update.

The Naval Station Newport Sailing Center & Marina is on west side of Newport on the East Passage on the east side of Coasters Harbor Island at approximately N41° 30' and W71° 20' in a protected basin. This is just north of the high level bridge over Narragansett Bay and can be spotted by the large, old grey stone buildings on the hill which are the United States Navy War College. Open May 1 to October 31, Monday to Friday noon to 30 minutes prior to sundown and Saturday and Sunday 8AM to 30 minutes prior to sundown. Transient rate \$1.75/ft/day or \$13/ft/week. All slips are leased to local personnel. Slips are available only when someone is away from the marina. Mooring balls (total of 27) \$30.00/day, with no water taxi service. Dingy dock at marina. Free pumpout during business hours. Water. No fuel. Free laundry @ marina. Sailing center rents sailboats and power boats by the hour and day. BX/commissary 3.0 miles and medical clinic .75 miles. Shopping Plaza with Wal-Mart, Stop and Shop (supermarket), TJ Maxx, Old Navy, Chandlery, Newport Nautical Shop, restaurants, etc just outside gate to marina (0.5 miles). West Marine 3 miles. Navy War College Museum one block from marina. Free admission and worth seeing. Officers Club across from marina. Lunch & dinner daily. Sunday Brunch. Marina is a 10 minute dingy ride from downtown Newport. Military ID required to get on and off the base. Gate is 3 minute walk from marina.

(25) Naval Station Great Lakes, Great Lakes, IL

Phone: 847-688-5417/6978

Fax: 847-688-5421

Email: marina@mwrgl.com

Website: www.cnmc.navy.mil/GreatLakes/index

Listing updated: November 2010

Located on Lake Michigan on the west shore above Chicago is the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. The entrance to the Great Lakes Marina is approximately N42° 18' and W87° 59'. The basin is protected by a large bulkhead open to the SE. This marina is not a pleasant place to be in a strong SE wind. You will rock and roll from the surge coming past the breakwall. While this is the Chicago area, you are 30 miles north of downtown and The Loop. Transient rate \$0.70/ft. Free pump out, gas (no diesel), rest rooms and shower. Monitor VHF 14. Small PX 1 mile. Large PX/Commissary is off base about 3 miles. Navy Clinic 0.25 mi. Large VA Hospital 3 miles. Hertz rental car on base. Open during the Lake Michigan boating season.

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(26) Mt Clemens, MI

Selfridge ANG Base.

Need updated data!

(27) Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division, Dahlgren, VA

Phone: 540-653-4979

Fax:

Email: bog@dahlgrenyachtclub.org

Website: www.dahlgrenyachtclub.org

Listing updated: November 2010

On the Potomac River 43 miles up river on the south shore. Just before the 301 bridge turn west into Upper Machodoc Creek. Entrance to the marina at the Naval Surface Warfare Center is at approximately N38° 19.12 and W77° 02.12. There are three sets of docks on the north shore of the Upper Machodoc Creek right at the entrance.

The first set of docks was damaged by Hurricane Isabelle and is now being used only for Dahlgren Range and Coast Guard Boats. The second set of docks belongs to the Dahlgren Yacht Club (DYC) and they do have limited transient space along with a new two story dockhouse with heads and showers. Slip space is paid by donation. All new docks and power outlets in 2004. It is a 0.75-mile walk to commissary, PX and medical facility. Depth at dockside is 5', however, a very low tide or a storm from the NW can blow water out of the inlet and reduce the depth to only 4' MLW alongside docks. Dockmasters change on a regular basis. Scott Tyson (540-538-0221) was in the position in 2010. The Third set of docks another ¾ up the creek is leased to a civilian shipyard.

The club does not monitor VHF. As you enter the creek, line up on the range which will take you past the first docks. Leave the range markers themselves to starboard and continue straight west into the creek. After you pass the point you will see the DTC docks and two story white clubhouse to your right. Continue straight until you are abeam and lined up with the DYC pier. Turn 90 degrees right and proceed directly to the dock. There are no markers here. The "T" head will handle 50' boats, the slips 40'. Be aware as you proceed up the Potomac that the Dahlgren firing range may be active. Monitor VHF 16 & 14 for the Dahlgren Range. Their boats may direct you to one shore or the other to clear the range. Watch for the yellow Navy range buoys and stay between those and the shore. From the Virginia shore it is possible to reach the secondary channel into DYC without impinging on the range.

(28) Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, NH

Phone: 207-438-1280

Fax:

Email:

Website: www.navsea.navy.mil/shipyards

Listing updated: November 2010

Located near Kittery, ME on Clark Island in Portsmouth Harbor is Sound Basin Marina with floating transient docks. 43°04.675N 70°43.560W They may answer VHF 74. More than 6' alongside at MLW these floating docks make a good place to stop. There is only 30A power and it is very "weak". You may have to run 100' or more of electrical cord to reach the outlets at the end of the dock. It is \$20 per night to stay with a 10 day maximum. There are also mooring balls for the same \$20 per day. From the marina it is ½ mile to the BX, Commissary or medical

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facility. This is a secure base (they repair our nuclear subs here) and all visitors, including your guests, must have valid ID cards. No cameras permitted off the boat and no picture taking at any time. There is porta john on the dock. Heads and showers are a half mile away in the base gym. Snack bar in bowling alley ½ mile. Next to that is a large workout center. Restaurant & Pub on base 1 mile.

A second marina is located in Back Channel on the north side of Seavay Island near Gate #2. Transient space is limited and you will probably be sent to Sound Basin. However, in 2011, 72 new floating slips will be installed here with shore power and water. This will likely become the preferred transient marina when the new slips open as it is closer to the commissary, BX and Gate 2. They will not let rental car companies pick you up on base. You'll have to walk to one of the gates to meet them.

(29) Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton, CN

Phone: 860-694-3164

Fax:

Email:

Website: www.cnic.navy.mil/NewLondon

Listing updated: November 2010

Located on the east shore of the Thames River in Groton (New London), CN. Approach from Long Island Sound to the New London Harbor. Approximately 3 miles up the Thames River you pass under twin 135' fixed bridges. The sub piers are another 1.5 miles up river from those bridges on the east shore. The last set of piers going north and just past the sub piers, is the MWR facility at the Groton Sub Base at approximately N41° 24.40 and W72° 05.65. This marina is called "Thames View Marina".

Call ahead to the marina to clear with base security. They will tell you to contact the "Navy Whiskey Boat" on Channel 74. Tell them you are going to the MWR marina and request an ID check. The patrol boat will come alongside, check your military ID and direct you to the marina. As our Navy Nuclear Attack Subs are home ported here, security is very tight. If subs or other Navy vessels are underway, remember to maintain 500 yard clearance. Coast Guard escorts will let you know if you get too close. The marina also monitors VHF 74.

Completely rebuilt in 2005, with space for nearly 94 boats on floating docks and ample space for transients with more than 10' alongside. 30A Electric and water available.

It is about 3.0 miles to the commissary and BX with the medical facility 2 miles. Package store ½ mile past BX. Transient rate \$1/ft. May 1 to October 31 open Mon-Sun 9AM to 5PM.

November 1 to April 30 open Mon-Fri 9AM to 5PM. Heads, showers and laundry at marina. Free ice.

Note: Coming up the river on the east side you will notice the large buildings of General Dynamics, Electric Boat Division. This is where all of our nuclear submarines have been and are built. Also just north of the twin bridges on the east side you will see the USS Nautilus Museum. Our first nuclear sub is open to visitors. Find it on base near the main gate.

(30) Eglin Air Force Base, Ft. Walton Beach, FL

Phone: 850-882-7730

Fax:

Email:

Website: www.militarymediainc.com/eglin

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Ben's Lake Marina is located in Bears Lake on the north side of Chocatawhatchee Bay near Fort Walton Beach, FL. At mile 228 of the Gulf Coast ICW just east of Fort Walton Beach turn north for the entrance at approximately N30° 27.10 and W86° 32.41. The 6' deep marked channel leads into Ben's Lake and the 320 slip Ben's Lake Marina.

This very popular marina is usually nearly full with space only for 5-6 vessels in slips not rented monthly. Transient rate is \$10/night or \$5.50/ft/month on a long-term basis. The commissary and PX are about a 1.5-mile walk and the hospital is about 0.5 miles. The dockmaster's office is on a bluff overlooking the marina. The dockmaster's office is open 8AM to 5PM seven days per week.