

The Cruise Book



Cruising Club of America 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco

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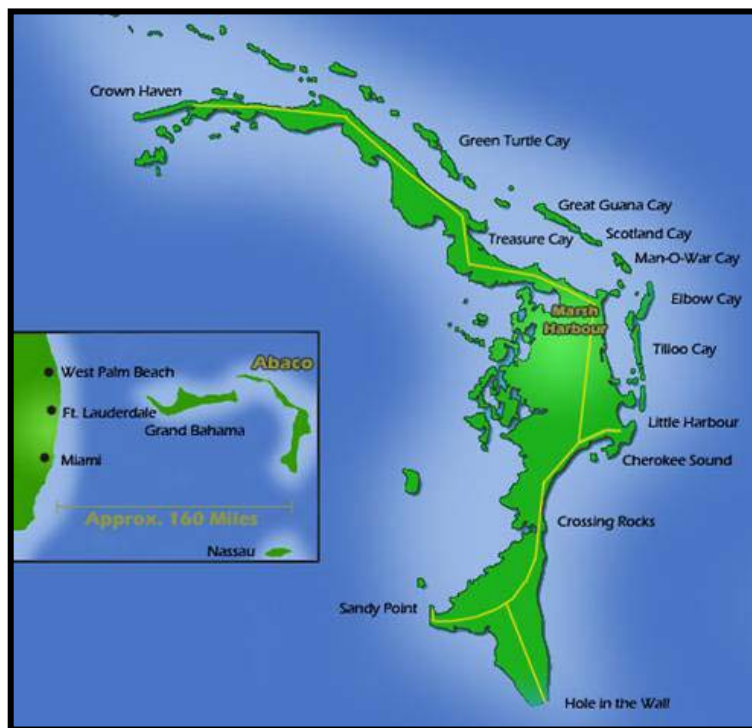




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March 30, 2010

Dear CCA Members and Guests,

Welcome to the Cruising Club of America 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco.

All the planning has been well worth it: We now get to enjoy a great cruise in the Bahamas. The cruise organizers have been tantalizing us for months with descriptions of quaint colonial settlements, miles of beaches, and great fishing, diving and beach-combing, and here we are!

Our cruise chairman, Florida Station Rear Commodore Paul Ives, and his lieutenants Milt Baker, Jim Gourd, Jim Chambers, Jim Modisette, and Pete Hoffman have been working hard for more than a year to put together a fine cruise. It'll take us all around the Hub of Abaco, from the bustling town of Marsh Harbour, where you'll see the family islands' only traffic light, to Little Harbour, home of the famous Pete's Pub where we'll enjoy a pig roast.

I hope you'll kick back and thoroughly enjoy yourselves, renewing old friendships and making new ones. Dave and I will be aboard Lyn and Peggy Comfort's 50-foot Huckins classic powerboat. We look forward to getting together with everyone.

Cheers to all,

SHEILA McCURDY



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March 30, 2010

WELCOME FROM THE FLORIDA STATION & YOUR CRUISE COMMITTEE

Dear CCA Members and Guests:

On behalf of the Florida Station, hosts of this Spring Cruise, at the request of Commodore McCurdy, I am honored to be your General Chairman and welcome you to what we Floridians consider "our" cruising grounds. No venture of this magnitude can be successfully accomplished without the hard work and dedication of many people. I especially thank my co-chairmen, Milt Baker and Jim Gourd whose tireless efforts have made this possible, and my own work easy. The members of our Committee have each contributed in their own unique way, and we owe them our sincere thanks and gratitude for a job well done.

If you've cruised here before, you know that Abaco has much to offer. If you're new to the cruising area, you are about to see what I mean. Casual attire is the order of the day, gentlemen need not pack a blazer, and the ladies will have no need for high heels. We like to think of this as a barefoot cruise, but you might find shoes handy when walking around the villages and towns.

We'll be anchoring along the way, so don't be shy--place a couple of fenders over the side as an invitation for others to come alongside. We have members from just about every CCA Station, and lots of new folks to meet. Friendships formed on a cruise like this can often last a lifetime.

Please remember to take part in the morning radio net at 0745 daily on VHF channel 77 beginning Sunday and every morning for the duration of the Cruise. Please do not hesitate to ask me or any members of the Committee if you have questions or special concerns.

My first rate chief mate, Jerri, joins me in welcoming you to Abaco and wishing you a most pleasant cruise.

Cheers!

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Special thanks to

In Abaco

Abaco Beach Resort – opening and closing events and door prize
Orchid Bay Marina – rum keg party
Hope Town Sailing Club – a day in Hope Town
Hope Town Harbour Lodge – cocktails and hors d'ourves in Hope Town
Pete's Pub – pig roast at Little Harbour
Albury's Ferry – tender service to/from Little Harbour
The Moorings – charter yachts
SunSail – charter yachts
Penny Turtle – cruise planning

In the USA

White Sound Press, New Smyrna Beach, FL – cruising guides
Stars Signatures, Pinellas Park, FL – cruise regalia
Alpha Promo World, Melbourne, FL – cruise glasses, napkins, stick-on notes
Freedom Flag and Banner Co., North Miami, FL – cruise flags
Dean Marr, Jacksonville, FL – cruise name tags
A.G.A. Correa, & Son, Edgecomb, ME – presentation gifts
Weems & Plath, Annapolis, MD - chart weight magnifier gifts
Kinko's, Fort Lauderdale – cruise book printing
Bruce & Joan Kessler, M.Y. Spirit of Zopilote – freight service to Abaco

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For details on each event, see the daily pages beginning on page 23.

Dress code

Commodore McCurdy has set the uniform of the day as “smart casual” or informal attire for all functions, so no ties or blazers will be needed on this cruise and ladies needn’t bring their finest. Bring your shorts, Breton reds, khaki, jeans, swimsuits, and polo shirts. We’re looking forward to the barefoot informality of Abaco, though your shoes, flip-flops or Crocs are always welcome! And while we’re not forecasting rain, good foul weather gear is always a good idea.

Name tags

Name tags are included in your cruise bag, handed out at Registration. Your name tag represents your “ticket” to all events—a way of identifying you as a “paid guest” to those doing the serving. Name tags should be worn at all gatherings. If you’re not wearing your name tag servers are within their right to refuse to serve you.

We've worked hard to get every name right, but if you find that your name is not correct on your name tag please don't suffer in silence. We can fix it while you wait! Just let us know.

Slips and moorings

Reservations for slips and moorings for this cruise are the responsibility of each skipper. Your cruise committee strongly urges that you make reservations in advance if you expect to be able to use slips or moorings in Abaco. There's also plenty of room to anchor at most cruise venues, but you'll miss a lot of the pierside fun if you skip the marinas.

Daily fleet radio net

The daily CCA fleet radio net will be on **Channel 77** at **0745**. A reminder call will be made on Channel 16 and 68 immediately before the net. Skippers are encouraged to stand by on VHF channels 68 and 77. For more information on VHF radio usage in the Bahamas, see page 16.

Sailing directions

It is not the intention of the cruise committee for this cruise book to provide detailed sailing directions for cruising in the Abaco. Each captain will receive a copy of a respected cruising guide, *The Cruising Guide to Abaco 2010* by Steve Dodge, and your cruise committee recommends that the sailing directions in this guide and others be used as a primary source. For more information on cruising guides and charts, see page 13.

The chartlets shown in this cruise book are for reference only, not for navigation.

Getting your boat to Abaco

You'll have lots of choices on the best route for getting your boat from Florida to Abaco. Keep in mind the strong influence of the Gulf Stream on all but the fastest vessels, especially if you want to leave from West Palm Beach or points north. Departing any port from West Palm Beach to Miami, it's roughly 200 miles to Abaco. You may get lucky and be able to depart ahead of a front just as the wind is shifting to the south (see weather on page 12), but with Florida's prevailing easterlies in April the odds are you'll be punching into head seas and headwinds while you're offshore. For that reason, many skippers prefer to minimize the time offshore.

From Fort Lauderdale via West End

Most Abaco-bound skippers departing Florida prefer to leave from Fort Lauderdale and clear Bahamas customs at West End, which has a new deepwater entrance and a much improved marina. Fort Lauderdale to West End is approximately 75 nautical miles, and it's another 125 miles to Marsh Harbour, including a shallow water passage (5 ft. MLW) through Indian Cay channel. (If you need more water, wait for the tide or go north to the deep water passage near Memory Rock.) This route has the advantage of offering the least time offshore and the most time on the Little Bahama Bank, where there are many safe anchorages and harbors.

Deep water passages

If you have a deep draft boat or are not comfortable entering via the shallow Indian Cay Channel, you can enter the banks near Memory Rock, to the north of West End. For additional information see your cruising guides.

Via hole in the wall

Another alternative is crossing from Florida to the Northwest Providence Channel south of Grand Bahama, then directly to Hole in the Wall at the southern tip of Great Abaco Island, and up the SE coast to North Man-O-War Channel and into Marsh Harbour. From Fort Lauderdale, this is a trip of approximately 220 nautical miles, all but the last few miles offshore.

Via Lucaya and the Grand Lucayan Canal

Shallow draft powerboats with bridge clearance of 27½ feet or less can cross the Gulf Stream from Fort Lauderdale to Lucaya (the Bell Channel) on Grand Bahama Island, an offshore passage of about 80 miles. Customs clearance is available at both marinas at Lucaya. From Lucaya, the next leg is along the coast and then through the Grand Lucayan Canal onto the Little Bahama Bank. Keep in mind that the bank side of the Grand Lucayan Canal has only about 4 to 4½ feet MLW and that tides there are about 2½ hours behind the tides at Freeport. The passage on the Little Bahama Bank from the Lucayan Canal to Marsh Harbour is about the same distance as the passage from West End to Marsh Harbor, 125 miles, with many safe anchorages and harbors.

From West Palm Beach and Points North

Most skippers agree that departing from West Palm Beach and points north makes sense only for vessels that have the speed to stem the Gulf Stream—15 knots is a good starting point, though you can do it with less. The farther north your departure point, the more speed you'll need to compensate for the set of the Gulf Stream. If you're coming to Abaco from the north, channels near Memory Rock and White Sand Ridge offer two good points to enter the banks. If you don't have the speed, one solution is cruising south along the coast to Fort Lauderdale and departing from there.

Passports and visas

No visas are required for American, Canadian and E.U. citizens to enter the Bahamas, but a valid passport is required. According to the U.S. State Department, all Americans traveling by air and sea outside the United States are required to present a passport or other valid travel document to enter or re-enter the United States. Travelers must present Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) compliant document such as a passport or a passport card for entry or re-entry to the U.S.

The U.S. Department of State strongly encourages all American citizen travelers to apply for a U.S. passport or passport card well in advance of anticipated travel. American citizens can visit <http://www.travel.state.gov> or call 1-877-487-2778 for information on how to apply for a passport.



Pets

Healthy dogs and cats may be brought with you into the Bahamas but they must be at least six months old on the date of entry and must have a certificate of health, issued within 48 hours of the time you departed the U.S. for the Bahamas, together with a rabies certificate.

First step is to apply to the Bahamas Department of Agriculture for an application to import your pet. Complete the form and return it with an international money order for \$10.00 (no checks accepted!), and you should receive your permit within six weeks. For an extra fee you can have the application form faxed to you. Federal Express service and fax service are available at extra cost and can reduce the waiting time to a week or two.

Additional information is available from Director of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture, Trade and Industry, P.O. Box N-3704, Nassau, The Bahamas. For more information, call 242-325-7502 or 242-325-7509 or fax 242-325-3960, or follow this link:



http://www.bahamas.com/sites/default/files/pdf/Bahamas_Application_to_Import_Domestic_Animals_in_TIOTB.pdf

Firearms

Bahamas' customs authorities enforce strict regulations concerning temporary importation or exportation of firearms. If you must carry firearms to the Bahamas, it's advisable to contact the Embassy of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in Washington or one of the Bahamian consulates in the U.S. for specific information regarding customs requirements. Anyone arriving in the Bahamas by private yacht must declare firearms and ammunition to Bahamian Customs and leave firearms on the boat while in the Bahamas.

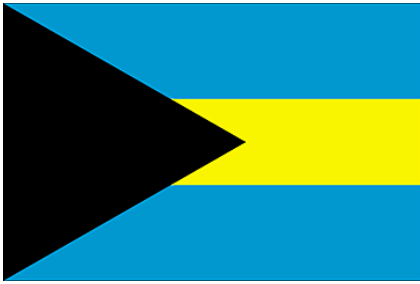
Currency

The Bahamian dollar is at par with the U.S. dollar, and U.S. currency is accepted throughout the Bahamas. You may pay in U.S. dollars and be given change in Bahamian currency or even in a mixture of U.S. and Bahamian currency. If you are nearing the end of your trip, it is not inappropriate to ask for your change in U.S. currency.

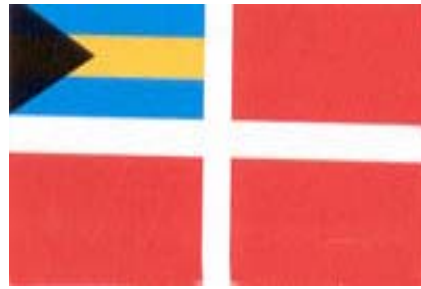
Many Bahamian establishments—especially restaurants and marinas—add a surcharge when you pay with a credit card. Whether or not this is legal in the USA, it is practiced throughout the Bahamas and complaining about it will get you nowhere. The usual surcharge is three to five percent. If you don't want to pay a surcharge, we suggest that you ask before making your purchase if there is a credit card surcharge and be prepared to pay cash for your purchases.



Entering the Bahamas



Bahamas national flag



Bahamas courtesy flag

Yachts entering the Bahamas are required to clear customs and immigration by going to a Port of Entry. It's not required that you stop and clear at the first available port so long as no one aboard lands until the yacht and crew have been cleared. Once you're in Bahamian waters, the yellow Q flag should be flown until the yacht has been cleared, then it should be replaced with the Bahamas courtesy flag at the starboard spreader or equivalent. The Bahamas national ensign may be flown in place of the courtesy flag and is equally appropriate.

Ports of entry of interest to those headed for Abaco are: West End and Port Lucaya on Grand Bahama; and Walkers Cay, Spanish Cay, Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay and Marsh Harbour in Abaco. Cruise committee member Milt Baker says he prefers Green Turtle because the clearance there is nearly always quick and easy—anchor off New Plymouth, dink in, take a three-minute walk to the administration building, and you're typically done with the paperwork in 15 or 20 minutes with no officials visiting your boat.

The fee schedule covers a 12-month cruising permit, a fishing permit, and departure taxes (paid in advance) for up to four persons aboard any non-Bahamas-registered yacht. The fee for yachts up to 35 feet is \$150 and for yachts above 35 feet is \$300 (cash only, U.S. or Bahamian currency). One entry and exit is permitted within 90 days of the original entry without payment of a second fee, though some cruisers report being charged a "transportation fee" for the second clearance.

Colors and flag etiquette

Morning colors will be observed at 0800 and evening colors at sunset (time shown on each day's page).

Your cruise committee encourages all captains to fly the club burgee. However, with many charter yachts lacking proper flag halyards, we recognize that flying the club burgee properly may present a challenge. To identify all yachts on the cruise, one "official" cruise flag is provided to the captain of each yacht. This flag should be flown at the starboard spreader, beneath (as appropriate) the Bahamas courtesy flag, flags of visiting flag officers on unofficial business, the member aboard flag, circumnavigation and transoceanic pennants, past commodores'



flag, and signals such as owner absent, code flag hoists and the like. The official cruise flag may be displayed at night.

In the event no flag halyard is available on charter yachts, it is permissible to affix the cruise flag to a starboard shroud at or near the starboard spreader or another appropriate location. Fastenings have been provided with the official flag to the captain of each charter yacht.

Cays and keys

A word to the wise: you're probably already aware of this, but this is for the few who aren't. There's a right way and a wrong way to pronounce the word *cay* in the Bahamas. When you pronounce the word the way it looks ("**kay**") you mark yourself as a newcomer to the Bahamas. The proper Bahamian pronunciation is "**key**" so it's written Green Turtle **Cay** but it's pronounced Green Turtle **Key**. And that goes for every cay in the Bahamas. 'nuff said.

Weather

Abaco is warmed by the trade winds so the typical springtime weather is dominated by prevailing easterlies. In spring winds are usually between ENE and SE averaging 15 knots in the daytime and a bit less at night. The only severe weather in April usually comes with frontal passage, often called a norther in the Bahamas because the winds are northerly and can be strong.

The Sea of Abaco is protected from heavy Atlantic winds and seas by the cays to windward in the usual trade winds and by Great Abaco Island to the west. Springtime weather in Abaco can be delightful. Cooled by the prevailing southeasterly trade winds in summer and warmed by the surrounding waters and the Gulf Stream in the cooler months, the Abacos are rarely uncomfortably hot or cold. Although the central Abacos are on the same latitude as West Palm Beach, spring temperatures average 10°F warmer than Florida—daytime highs in April average 81°, with overnight lows averaging 69° and water temperatures a comfortable 76°. Average wind speed in April is 8 knots, typically E to ESE, and rainfall averages less than 2 inches.

When a cold front pushes across the Florida coast and rolls into the Abaco, it is always preceded by winds veering to the S and then SW. When you see the wind veer from the usual easterlies to S, then SW, you'll know a front is on the way. The stronger the front, the more rapidly the wind veers. As the front passes, the wind shifts to W, then sequentially it clocks around to NW, N, NE and eventually back to E to SE.

Frontal passage is often accompanied by increased winds, ranging from 20 knots for a weak front to more than 40 knots for the occasional strong cold front. Most cold fronts in April come without precipitation, but temperatures dip into the 60s, sometimes less, until the winds veer back to the usual easterlies. It's usually a day or two after frontal passage before the easterly winds return.

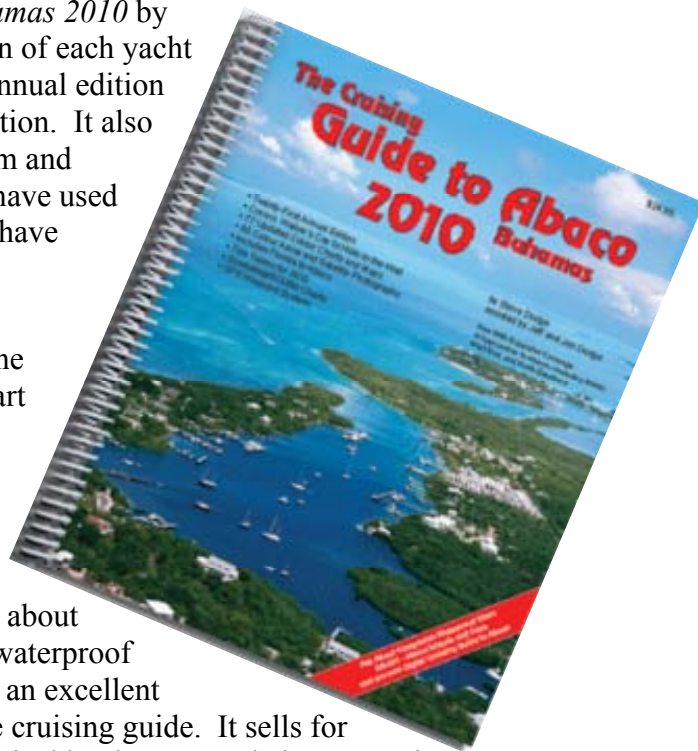
There's an excellent forecast and discussion of the daily weather affecting Abaco on the Abaco Cruisers Net on VHF channel 68 at 0815. If you have Internet access, you'll also find the Barometer Bob site the best available resource for all things relating to Abaco weather:

<http://www.barometerbob.com/>

Cruising guides and charts

One copy of *The Cruising Guide to Abaco Bahamas 2010* by Steve Dodge is included in the cruise bag for the captain of each yacht on the cruise. This is a respected guide now in its 21st annual edition and it covers Abaco in detail, including marina information. It also provides useful information for crossing the Gulf Stream and cruising to Abaco. Members of your cruise committee have used the Dodge guide extensively for cruising in Abaco and have found it to be highly reliable.

The charts in the guide are based on extensive surveys by the Dodge crew and updated annually. All the charts in this guide are also available in BSB digital chart format for use on computers with many navigation programs, including Offshore Navigator, The Captain, Coastal Explorer, Fugawi and others. A CD of these charts may be purchased from White Sound Press (<http://wspress.com> – 386-423-7880). The charts may also be downloaded online from White Sound Press for about \$30. In addition, Steve Dodge publishes a single sheet waterproof chart, *AB-001 Abaco Islands and Cays*, which provides an excellent overview of Abaco and makes a good companion to the cruising guide. It sells for \$19.95. All of these publications are available from nautical bookstores and chart agencies and are usually available at West Marine stores in Florida.



The Explorer Charts of the Near Bahamas by Monty and Sara Lewis is another highly recommended resource for cruising the Bahama islands closest to Florida. The fifth edition (2009) of this popular chartbook includes detailed Gulf Stream Crossing routes plus small- and large-scale charts of the Abacos, the Bimini Islands, the Berry Islands, Grand Bahama Island, New Providence, and Andros. Many electronic charts of Abaco on sale today are based on Explorer chart data. Explorer Charts are available at the company's website (<http://www.explorercharts.com/> - 410-213-2725) and from nautical bookstores and charts agencies and are usually available at West Marine stores in Florida.

The excellence of the resources above notwithstanding, nothing can replace “eyeball navigation” in the Bahamas, especially for the final approach into a harbor or anchorage.

Eyeball navigation

Water around Abaco is usually so clear that eyeball navigation is the order of the day, and that makes navigation easy—especially for an experienced skipper. As with eyeball navigation anywhere in the world, try to make your passages while the sun is high and over your shoulder, something not



always possible. Eyeball navigation is easy once you get the hang of it.

With few aids to navigation in Abaco, you'll be reliant on eyeball navigation for much of the cruise. Your GPS will be useful to get you close to your destinations, but nothing can replace the collective eyeballs of the crew when cruising in Abaco.

The key to eyeball navigation, of course, is being able to read the water depth in

the first place. Be sure to start with good polarized sunglasses, which both enhance the color and reduce reflection. Then try your best to make passages when you have the sun over your shoulder or overhead. Trying to sail or power into the sun on the Bahama banks, especially when the sun is low on the horizon, can get you into real trouble. Ditto making night time passages on the banks. Posting a bow lookout makes sense in questionable waters.

While the number of shades is infinite, there are only six basic colors to consider in eyeball navigation in the Bahamas:

- **Blue.** Deep blue is absolute safety, and pale blue tells you you're coming near the edge of the banks.
- **Green.** Green tells you the water is beginning to shallow. The darker the green, the deeper the water. Green starts at 30 to 40 feet, and the paler it gets the shallower the water, down to about 12 to 15 feet. Green is the main color on the Bahama banks.
- **Yellow.** Yellow is your warning, usually 12 feet or less. You might have enough water, but then again . . . The paler the color, the shallower the water. When the yellow is gone and the water is gin clear, you're in five feet or less.
- **White.** White in the Bahamas equates to very shallow water over a sand bottom. Proceed with caution—if at all!

- **Brown.** In the Bahamas, dark brown water means either grass or a coral reef. When you see it, slow down or turn to avoid it. Brown grass covers larger areas like a carpet, while dark brown is also the color of coral heads—and it's hard to tell whether they're two feet beneath the surface or 10. Isolated coral heads usually appear as brown splotches on a blanket of green, yellow or white.
- **Black.** If you're seeing black water in the Bahamas, you're definitely over grass, mud or coral. Slow down or stop and find out which. If your depth sounder is showing plenty of water and the black is a uniform carpet, it's probably grass or mud. If not, beware!

Fish muds

Fish muds are common in the Bahamas, especially in the northern Abacos, and they can put the fear of God into even the most experienced Bahamas cruisers. These are large areas, sometimes miles across, where the normal green water on the banks turns a milky, opaque grayish-green or white—and it looks for all the world like you're about to run right onto a sandbar. The water appears to be only a couple of feet deep, but you cannot see any bottom detail.

One real key is that a fish mud appears where your chart or cruising guide says the water is deep and safe, and when there's fish mud you're unable to see any bottom detail--no starfish, shells, grass, or other irregularities. The water is milky and opaque.

Experienced Bahamas cruisers learn to recognize fish muds, but many take no chances and go around them. Until you are sure that's what you're seeing, the safe course is to avoid any white water in the Bahamas.

One theory is that fish muds are caused by tiny fish feeding in the sand and stirring up the bottom. According to one cruising guide fish muds occur when “hundreds of bonefish take it into their collective heads to go shoveling up the sand moving across the bank in search of delicacies.” Others say that fish have nothing to do with fish muds. Who really knows?

Tides

Tides in the Bahamas are semi-diurnal: two high tides and two low tides per 24 hours, with roughly a six-hour interval between high and low. The mean tidal range in the Bahamas is 2.6 feet, rising to a high range of 3.2 feet at full moon. With few exceptions, tides throughout the Bahamas vary by only about 40 minutes. The single exception which may of interest to some participants on this cruise is the bank side of the Grand Lucayan Canal, which runs about 2½ hours behind Nassau.

The tidal information shown on the daily pages is for Marsh Harbour and is shown in Eastern Daylight Time. All tides within Abaco are within a few minutes of one another.

VHF radio communications

The daily CCA fleet radio net will be on channel 77 at 0745. A reminder call will be made on channels 16 and 68 immediately before the net. Skippers are encouraged to stand by on VHF channels 68 and 77.

The most popular radio program in Abaco, the Abaco Cruisers' Net, is broadcast on channel 68 seven days a week at 0815. Former cruiser Patti Toler has been the heart and soul of the Cruisers' Net for many years and often anchors the broadcast. Listen in for an excellent discussion of weather affecting Abaco along with other information of use and interest to cruisers.

VHF radio is used heavily throughout Abaco, and you'll experience a decidedly different approach to VHF in the Bahamas. Many Bahamians use VHF as a kind of party line having little to do with the marine world.

Do not set your VHF to "International". If your set has an "A" on certain channels, i.e., 67A, that's the channel to use, not plain 67 which is actually an international channel. Also, radio call signs are not used in the Bahamas. Just use your boat name and the name of the station or boat you're calling. There are no reserved government, commercial, or recreational channels. However, by custom certain channels are set aside and courtesy dictates that you abide by these conventions.



VHF Channel	Use in Abaco
6	Local taxis
16	Emergency/calling – local businesses calling
22A	Bahamas Air Sea Rescue (BASRA) – Coast Guard
65A	Dolphin Research
66A	Port Operations
68	Cruising yacht calling channel
70	Digital selective calling
71	Fishing tournaments (Feb. – July)
72	Hope Town Fire Rescue working channel
77	CCA fleet radio net and calling
80A	Marsh Harbour emergency services

Emergency communications

For emergency medical communications or emergency family communications only, Cruise Committee member Jim Modisette and his wife Ruth, who have a home in Hope Town, will have their Abaco telephones on 0800 to 0900 (and possibly at other times) each day of the cruise and they request that these numbers be used for bona fide family or medical emergencies only. Their numbers are as follows:

- Direct dial to Modisettes in Abaco from USA: **1-242-366-0210**
- Vonage line in Ellsworth, ME which rings in Abaco: **207-669-4245**

As a backup, cruise operations officer Milt Baker will emergency calls on Bluewater's Iridium satellite phone from 0800 to 0900 (and possibly at other times) each day of the cruise and requests that the number be used for bona fide family or medical emergencies only. This is an expensive service for the caller, billed as an international call:

- Iridium satellite phone aboard M.Y. Bluewater from USA: **011-8816-3153-8249**

Normal communications

The following information was excerpted from the Wandering Mariner website <http://jerawyn.typepad.com/wanderingmariner/2008/03/communicaiton-1.html>

and seems to offer good advice.

Cell Phones. Check with your provider to see if the Bahamas are covered – and also check on the rates (\$1.50/min seems standard). If you need to be in touch on a regular basis, you may find that the per-minute charge encourages renting a cell phone or buying an open GSM phone (and buying a local SIM card with minutes - \$5, 10, \$20, \$50 or \$100).

Open GSM phones can be purchased on the web, or your cellular provider (i.e. AT&T or T-Mobile) may be willing to unlock your GSM phone for a fee. The Moorings base can pre-order rental phones and SIM cards and have them ready when you arrive. Or you can deal directly with BTC (Bahamas Telecommunications Company, formerly known as BaTelCo), or Island Care Wireless (242-367-0429). Our most recent experience proved futile. While we usually had service, the circuits were busy for almost an entire week. So be prepared with multiple methods of communication.



Wi-fi. Out Island Internet <http://www.abacoinet.com> is the primary provider of internet service in the Abaco Islands. They have hot spots in the following harbors: Marsh Harbour, Lubbers Quarters, Little Harbour, Hope Town (Elbow Cay), Scotland Cay, Great Guana Cay, Man-O-War Cay and Green Turtle Cay. Weekly rates are about \$40. Check their website for the type and locations of the antennas and service available in each harbor.

Wi-fi hot spots are also available at many businesses in Abaco including:

- Hope Town
Harbor Edge Restaurant (*closed Tuesdays*)
The Coffee Shop
- White Sound
Sea Spray Marina

Since wi-fi is a push-pull service, the “card” in most laptops will be good for about 300 feet line-of-sight. It has been our experience that a more powerful wi-fi card or an amplifier coupled with a

high-gain antenna (bring duct tape!) will improve the service – so the sending hotspot can “hear” your computer. It’s a useful addition to any charter-bag.

Also look at the all-in-one system by Radio Labs

<http://www.radiolabs.com/products/wireless/wireless-marine-antenna.php>

Cruise committee member Milt Baker used one of the Radio Labs systems in Abaco last year and was very pleased with its performance. That said, even with higher end equipment wi-fi service in Abaco is somewhat iffy so it’s good to have a back-up plan. Hey, it’s de islands, mon.

Skype. Coupled with a good wi-fi connection, Skype <http://www.skype.com/> offers remarkably good and inexpensive voice service around the world. Besides a solid Internet connection, all you need is an account, funded with \$10+/-, and an inexpensive (\$15) headset with microphone (or if your laptop has Bluetooth, the earpiece from your phone might work just as well.) Call anywhere in the world for a few cents a minute. And the quality is often as good as landlines.

Phone Cards. Yes, Virginia, there are still pay phones powered by phone cards in Abaco. And sometimes, these provide the most reliable connection. So, if you have to make lengthy calls, that require solid service, this might be the best bet – though hardly the most elegant. Phone Cards can usually be purchased at grocery and convenience stores in Marsh Harbour, Hope Town, Man-O-War and Great Guana Cay.



Inverter. Having technology onboard without an inverter will be problematic unless you have a 12-volt plug for every device. You will likely need a small, portable inverter to charge phones, camera batteries, Black Berries, iPhones, computers, etc. West Marine sells basic 150-watters—and don’t forget a gang-plug.

Emergency rescue and towing

The Bahamas Air Sea Rescue Service (BASRA) has provided emergency rescue service in the Bahamas for more than four decades. Unlike the U.S. Coast Guard, it’s a privately funded volunteer organization, and its Abaco base is Hope Town. Call BASRA on channel 16.



TowBoatUS now operates from Rainbow Boat Rentals in Marsh Harbour and provides towing and related services for members and non-members. Call on channel 16 or at 242-475-2400.

Medical problems and facilities

The cruising guide each captain receives at registration, *The Cruising Guide to Abaco 2010* by Steve Dodge, contains an excellent section on medical tips for tropical waters beginning on page 187, and we commend it to you. The most common problems encountered by doctors in Abaco include skin reactions to UV exposure (sunburn), poison wood, Portuguese Man-O’War and other jelly fish, sea lice, and fire coral. You and your crew should be familiar with these potential threats.

A complete list of medical clinics and emergency organizations is shown on page 189 of *The Cruising Guide to Abaco 2010*.

Abaco marinas

Abaco has over 20 marinas and a total of more than 1,000 slips. This table shows the most popular marinas in the Hub of Abaco; information is from many different sources and should be verified before making reservations. When you make reservations, we recommend asking for the latest approach and alongside depths and verifying any facilities or amenities important to you.

Name	Location	Phone	Approach Ft. MLW	Pierside Ft. MLW	Number Slips	Comments
Abaco Beach Resort	Boat Harbor Marsh Harbour area	242-367-4151 242-359-6065	8	7	190	CCA Abaco cruise starts and ends here. Excellent marina with prices to match.
Bakers Bay Marina	Great Guana Cay, Bakers Bay	866-937-8756	16	12	158	Pricey, elegant new marina not quite complete
Conch Inn Resort and Marina	Marsh Harbour	242-367-4000	6	5	80	Headquarters for Moorings and SunSail
Harbour View Marina	Marsh Harbour	242-367-3910	6	6	60	Excellent marina with on-site owner and top-notch staff. Pool, fuel, restaurants.
Hope Town Hideaways	Hope Town	242-366-0224 800-688-4752	5+	4	12	
Hope Town Inn & Marina, formerly Club Soleil	Hope Town	242-366-0003 850-588-4855	5+	6	16	New docks, restaurant, 10 restored moorings for yachts to 45 feet. Across the harbor from town.
Light House Marina	Hope Town	242-366-0154 305-735-8550	5+	6	6	"Deep water dockage," fuel, just inside the inlet. Across the harbor from town.
Man-O-War Marina	Man-O-War	242-365-6008	5+	8	26	Wooden docks, fuel, free wireless Internet, restaurant,
Mangoes Marina	Marsh Harbour	242-367-4255 242-367-2957	6	5	29	A nice small marina catering to smaller yachts
Marsh Harbour Marina, The Jib Room	Marsh Harbour	242-367-2700	6	6	68	Popular marina with restaurant and entertainment. Across harbor - long walk to town.

Orchid Bay Marina	Great Guana Cay	242-365-5175	10	10	66	Site of the cruise Rum Keg Party. Pristine marina with restaurant.
Sea Spray Marina	White Sound	242-366-0065	6	6		Clean, well maintained, friendly marina. Free shuttle into town.
Treasure Cay Hotel, Resort and Marina	Treasure Cay	242-365-8250 800-327-1584	7	6	150	Large marina with all the services
For more information on these and other marinas, see <i>The Cruising Guide to Abaco 2010</i> or http://www.activecaptain.com/OTW						

Moorings

Mooring Location	Contact	Comments
Great Guana Cay, Settlement Harbour & Fishers Bay	Dive Guana 242-365-5178 or VHF 16	Only a few moorings available.
Hope Town Harbour	Call Alley Oop, Capt. Jack's, Hope Town Marina, or Lucky Strike	\$20/night reported.
Little Harbour	Pete's Pub	Pete's Pub moorings are usually best. Pick up any mooring but confirm condition by diving on it. Pay at Pete's.
Man-O-War	Man-O-War Marina	Marked moorings \$17/night in Eastern Harbor (formerly American Harbour) and North Harbour. Pay at marina office.
Man-O-War	Edwin's Boat Yard	Marked moorings \$17/night in Eastern Harbor (formerly American Harbour) and North Harbour. Pay at Edwin's Boat Yard.
Marsh Harbour		No rental moorings available.
Treasure Cay	Treasure Cay Marina	\$12/night, includes use of marina facilities. Pay at marina office.
White Sound, Elbow Cay		No rental moorings available.

Provisioning

Shopping in Marsh Harbor you'll have no trouble finding the essentials: meat, poultry, fish, fresh produce, baked goods, milk, cheese, ice cream, and canned and packaged goods from coffee to corn flakes. Prices are substantially higher than in the U.S. because all goods brought into the Bahamas are taxed. If there are special items or brands you can't do without, by all means bring them with you.



By the time the cruise begins, there may be two supermarkets in Marsh Harbour, both relatively close to the town-side marinas. The newest of the two Marsh Harbour supermarkets is Maxwell's (242-367-2601), which used to be called Solomons, and as this cruise book went to press it was getting close to opening. Ask your marina manager or taxi driver; they'll know whether the new supermarket is open. The other supermarket is Price-Rite (242-367-7283). Both are shown on the Marsh Harbour map on page 96 of *The Cruising Guide to Abaco 2010*. Each is about a ten minute walk from the waterfront and both are owned by the same group. You can expect both to be relatively well-supplied with fresh produce, fresh and frozen meat, chicken and fish and a curious mix of English, New Zealand and American products with a few Kirkland brand items tossed in the mix. The quality and extent of the stock depends on when the last supply freighter delivered, so asking around about "when de mail boat reach" could net you a better load of groceries!

The supermarket will sometimes deliver substantial orders to marinas or ferry docks, but our advice is to ask before filling your shopping basket. If this service isn't available, you'll find taxis plentiful. Be sure to take a hand-held VHF radio shopping with you so you can call a taxi.

You'll find a limited selection of groceries available in Man-O-War, Great Guana Cay, Hope Town and other settlements in Abaco. Once you get away from Marsh Harbor prices rise and selections shrink. Small settlement grocery stores are handy for topping off but not for major provisioning

One recommendation: don't miss fresh-baked Bahamas bread wherever you can find it. It's generally made without preservatives and is often sold warm from the oven. The lack of preservatives usually doesn't present a problem; the bread is almost always gone before the sun rises the next day!



Finally, for anything you need including alcoholic beverages just ask any taxi driver or at any marina or check the Yellow Pages starting on page 191 of *The Cruising Guide to Abaco 2010*.

Duty, spares and FedEx

A new law in the Bahamas allows "replacement parts" for boats to be shipped duty free to any yacht in the Bahamas holding a valid cruising permit. Customs Superintendent Raphael Whyms said that yachtsman with a cruising permit should have to pay only a 7% stamp tax on replacement boat parts. They should not have to pay any duty. Any yachtsman assessed a duty fee should call Mr. Whyms in Nassau at 242-302-3531 to report it to have the problem corrected. Nonetheless, it pays to arrive with a good set of spares, especially consumables like filters, belts, impellers, and oil. Onboard spares are considered "ship's equipment" and are not taxed. Fuel is expensive in the Bahamas, so arriving with full tanks for the yacht and dinghy, not to mention propane, also pays off.

If you need spare parts or anything else urgently, FedEx is expensive but works well as long as you're prepared to pick up your package in Marsh Harbour. While it may be possible, we recommend against trying to have a package shipped elsewhere in Abaco. For further information, contact the FedEx representative in Abaco: Travel Spot, 111 Memorial Plaza, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Marsh Harbour, tel. 242-367-2817

Clearing Back into the U.S.

It is not necessary to clear out of the Bahamas when returning to the USA. However, you must clear in with U.S. Customs by calling one of the numbers below. Once you enter U.S. waters upon your return, haul up your quarantine (Q) flag and leave it flying at the starboard spreader until your vessel has been cleared and you've been given a clearance number by U.S. Customs.

If you are clearing back in to the U.S. anywhere from the Sebastian Inlet south down the east coast of Florida, including Ft. Pierce, Palm Beach, Ft. Lauderdale and Miami, and on through the Keys to Key West and as far north on the west coast as Ft. Myers, the correct phone numbers are 800-432-1216 or 800-451-0393. If the number keeps ringing and is not answered or if you are put on hold for longer than 20 minutes, call back the next day. The least busy times to call are during business hours on weekdays. Weekends and evenings are busier times for U.S. Customs and you may have to wait longer.

Once you clear Customs, you will be instructed to call Immigration. Our recent information concerning clearing back in to the U.S. is that things have tightened up again. Clearing U.S. Customs is usually no problem. However, we were told that now all persons must report personally to clear U.S. Immigration, though enforcement of that seems to be spotty.

The key to easy Customs clearance is for the skipper of for any U.S.-registered yacht 30 feet or larger is to obtain a 2010 U.S. Customs decal before leaving for the Bahamas. The customs sticker is mandatory for clearance back into the U.S. and the captain must be prepared to provide the decal number when clearing.

If you don't have an application, you can obtain the application form by telephoning 317-298-1200. You can also order your decal online at:

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/pleasure_boats/user_fee/user_fee_decal.xml

To place your order, you'll need a credit card plus your vessel's documentation number and hull identification number (HIN) along with your U.S. Customs account number, all of which are available on the invoice you received if you purchased a Customs decal for the year 2009. Price for the 2010 decal is \$27.50.



The Daily Pages



Cruising Club of America 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco

FREE DRINKS – LATE ADDITION

Our original plan was for cash bars at all evening events. But as the cruise drew near we found ourselves with a bit of your hard-earned money left. What to do? This is money you paid for this cruise, so your cruise committee felt it ought to come back to you. The solution: six drink tickets per participant. Each ticket may be used to purchase a soda, beer, glass of wine, or mixed drink at any of these events:

Friday, April 16 - Registration, cocktails and dinner

Sunday, April 18 - Rum keg party at Orchid Bay

Saturday, April 24 - Farewell party

Enjoy

Friday, April 16

**Abaco Beach Resort
Marsh Harbour area**

Sunrise 0644

Sunset 1932

Marsh Harbour Tides

Low 0411 -0.1 ft

High 1013 +2.5 ft

Low 1606 -0.1 ft

High 2228 +3.0 ft

**Overview: Registration. Cocktails with
Bahamian hors d'oeuvres, calypso music.
Buffet dinner with calypso music.**



Boat Harbour

Soundings in feet and inches

Not for navigation

Registration

Time

1500 -1730

Location

Abaco Beach Resort, Boat Harbour Marina

Dress

Informal

What to expect

This is the time and place pick up your cruise bag, cruise information book, name tags, and other important information. It's also a great place to meet old friends and make new friends. **Arrive early and avoid the rush!**

If you want a slip at Boat Harbour Marina, be sure to your own reservations. Call the Boat Harbour Marina at 242-367-4151 or 242-359-6065. We recommend making your reservations early. An alternative is anchoring in Marsh Harbour or taking a slip in Marsh Harbour.

Event captains

Paul & Jerri Ives

Pete & Dot Hoffman

Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, live calypso music, and cash bar

Time:

1730-1930

Location:

Abaco Beach Resort, Boat Harbor Marina

Dress

Informal

What to expect

Get ready for island food! Tonight's hors d'oeuvres feature fresh conch salad, conch bites with island cocktail sauce, conch fritters, pot stickers with sauce, fried jalapeno peppers and sauce, and citrus pineapple slaw. Calypso music by a Bahamas island musician. Your drink tickets (or cash) may be used for sodas, beer, wine or mixed drinks.

Event captains

Milt & Judy Baker

Buffet dinner with live calypso music

Time:

1930-2130

Location:

Abaco Beach Resort, Boat Harbor Marina

Dress

Informal

What to expect

Island Buffet: Bahamian lobster chowder, mixed garden salad with assorted dressings, carved roasted angus rib eye, blackened grouper filet, baked chicken with rosemary wedges, mushroom rice pilaf, and pecan pie. Live calypso music with our musician playing right 'til the end.

Event captains

Milt & Judy Baker

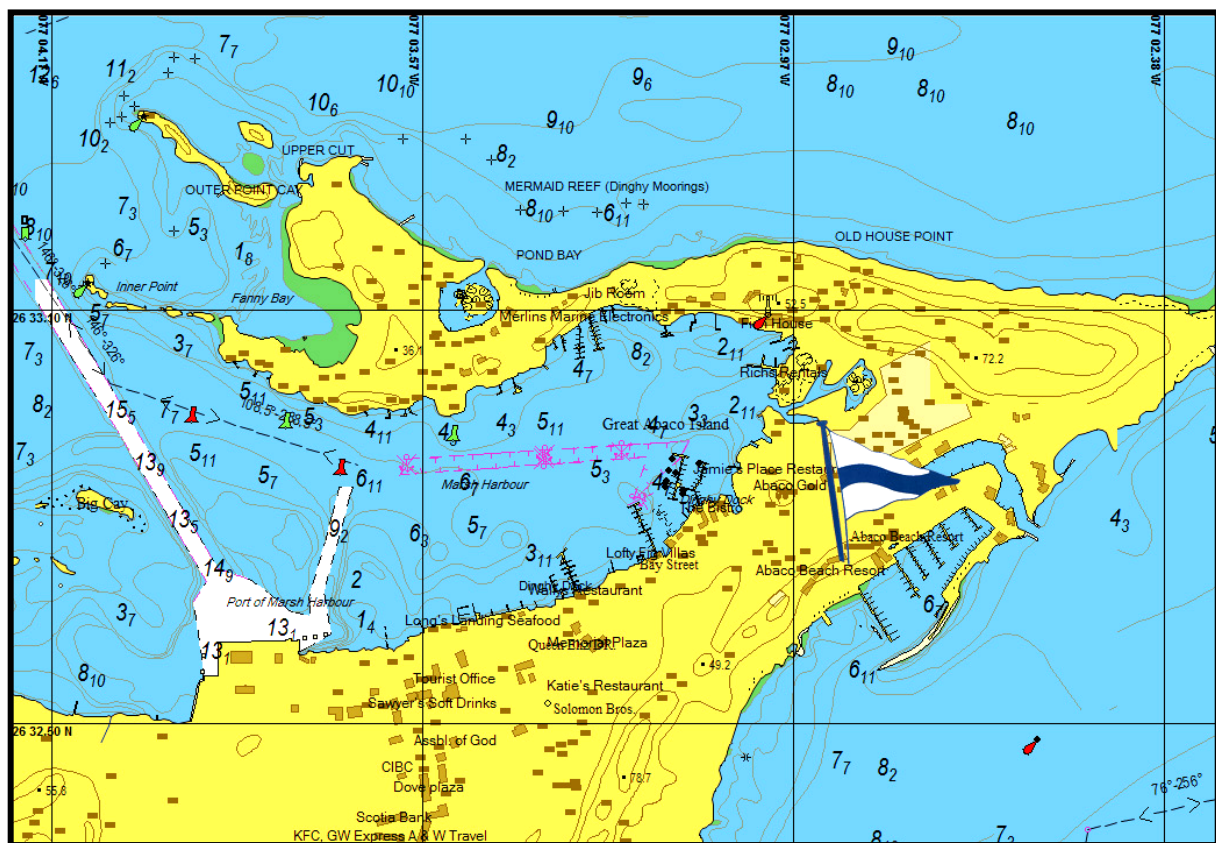
Marsh Harbour backgrounder

With a population of about 5,000 Marsh Harbour is the largest Bahamas settlement outside Nassau and Freeport and serves as Abaco's capital. No one will try to argue that Marsh Harbour is one of the Bahamas' loveliest settlements. In fact, as one cruising guide writer put it, "It's a hot, sprawling, disorganized town, noisy with road traffic, and the harbor is far from clean." And he forgot to mention the potholes. On the plus side, Marsh Harbour has a large, well-protected harbor and it's where most

business gets done in Abaco. In the Marsh Harbour area you'll find more businesses, restaurants, boat slips, boats and people than in all the rest of Abaco combined.

The harbor itself is easy to enter. Just stay a couple of boat lengths off Outer Point and Inner Point, and follow the coastline right into the harbor, being careful not to follow the commercial channel which bears off to starboard (marked with large lighted steel buoys). Depths in the harbor are mostly 6 feet MLW or more, and holding is good in soft sandy mud, though the harbor is sometimes so crowded it's difficult to find a place to drop the hook. Be sure to anchor outside the fairway, which is well defined. There are several marinas in Marsh Harbour, and finding a slip for a night or more usually poses no problem, especially with a few days' notice. If you want to walk to the grocery store and most restaurants, choose a marina on the south shore--Conch Inn Marina, Harbour View Marina, or Mangoes. You'll also find Abaco's best fuel prices and fresh water prices in Marsh Harbour, but ask around because not all the marinas charge the same.

Boat Harbour and the Abaco Beach Resort have Marsh Harbour addresses, but they're not in the harbor itself. Rather, they're located across the peninsula, roughly a 15-minute walk from the harbor.



Soundings in feet and inches
Not for navigation

Marsh Harbour, showing Boat Harbour on the SE coast.

Saturday, April 17

Lay day

CCA Fleet Broadcast 0745 VHF Channel 77

Sunrise 0643

Sunset 1933

Marsh Harbour Tides

Low 0453 +0.1 ft

High 1054 + 2.4 ft

Low 1647 +0.1 ft

High 2228 +3.0 ft

Overview: Lay day – stay where you are or cruise at your leisure.



Man-O-War Cay

Ideas

Popular cruising destinations include (distance shown is from Boat Harbour):

Great Guana Cay

Orchid Bay 11.5 NM

Bakers Bay 14.2 NM

Hope Town 5.0 NM

Man-O-War 4.4 NM

Green Turtle Cay 26.3 NM

Cruise at will in the Sea of Abaco or offshore, or book a day of diving or sport fishing with local guides, a kayaking tour, or even 18 holes at one of the two golf courses (Treasure Cay and The Abaco Club on Winding Cay). Sail up to the spoil bank by the old cruise ship channel at the northern end of Great Guana Cay, or anchor nearby at Bakers Bay and dink ashore to the beautiful beach. In settled weather you'll find good snorkeling on the reef WNW of the NW end of Great Guana Cay. Or if the forecast warrants, sail across Whale Cay Passage and visit New Plymouth on Green Turtle Cay. "The Whale Cay area is clearly the most difficult and treacherous part of the Abacos," says Steve Dodge in his cruising guide. Before planning to cross "the Whale," as it's known locally, be sure to read the rest of what Dodge says starting on page 69 of *The Cruising Guide to Abaco 2010* and listen to the morning Cruisers Net on channel 68, which provides condition reports for the Whale..

Another popular choice is Man-O-War Cay. The main entrance into Man-O-War's landlocked harbors is at the southern end of Dickies Cay. You'll find 5 feet MLW or more right at the entrance and a minimum of 6 feet once you're inside. Expect a tidal flow at the entrance. Use the chart and directions on page 87 of *The Cruising Guide to Abaco 2010*. Man-O-War's small harbors are always crowded, and there's little room to anchor inside. You can, however, find a slip or a mooring if you make arrangements in advance. If it's too shallow or too crowded inside for you, consider anchoring in good holding sand off Dickies Cay and take your dinghy into the harbor. The north entrance, over the top of Dickies Cay, makes an excellent entrance for shallow-draft dinghies and runabouts.

Sunday, April 18

**Orchid Bay Marina
Settlement Harbour
Great Guana Cay**

CCA Fleet Broadcast 0745 VHF Channel 77

Sunrise 0642

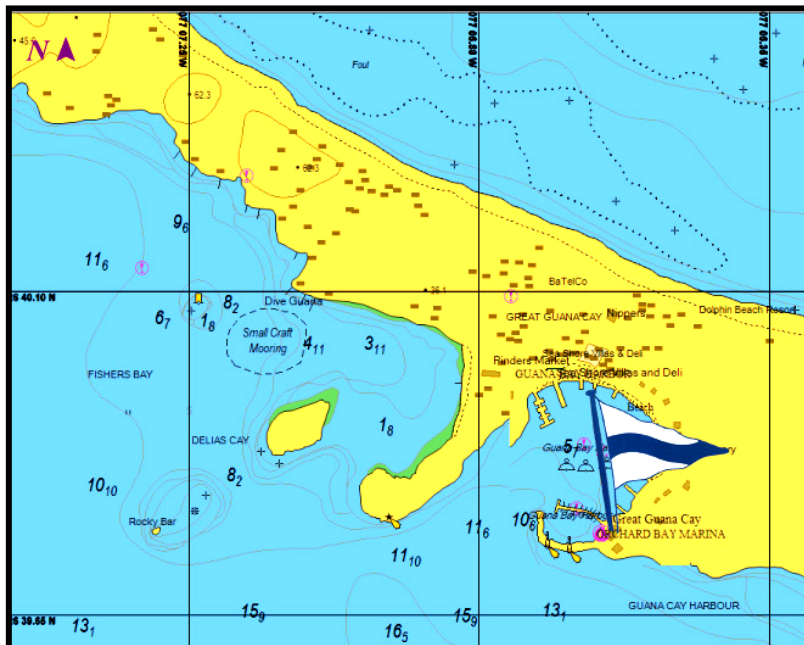
Sunset 1933

Marsh Harbour Tides

Low 0539 +0.2ft

Low 1734 +0.1 ft

High 1138 +2.4 ft



Settlement Harbor at Great Guana Cay

Soundings in feet and inches
Not for Navigation

Overview: Late afternoon Rum Keg Party with heavy hors d'oeuvres at Orchid Bay Marina.

Rum keg party

Time

1630 - 1930

Location

Orchid Bay Marina Restaurant and Bar, Great Guana Cay

Dress

Casual

What to expect

Our event today is a traditional rum keg party (using the Florida Station's special recipe) with heavy hors d'oeuvres on the big front porch at Orchid Bay Restaurant and Bar right at the head of the piers at the marina, overlooking the Sea of Abaco. The party is timed to end at sunset, so bring your conch horn and salute the sunset with your own unique conch sounds!

There'll be plenty of rum punch for the asking. If you tire of that or just don't care for rum punch your drink tickets (or cash) may be used at the bar to purchase sodas, beer, wine, or mixed drinks.

Be sure to make a reservation at the marina or plan to anchor out. You'll also find a limited number of moorings in Settlement Harbour are available through Dive Guana. If you prefer, you can also anchor at Fishers Bay which is well-protected in the prevailing winds from the east and south but open to the west and northwest and a bit of a dinghy ride into the harbor.

Event captains

Jim & Sue Chambers

Jim & Babs Gourd

Guana Cay backgrounder

Guana Cay has one of the smallest settlements in central Abaco, but the beautiful beaches on the ocean side of the cay have drawn more and more people in recent years. Pristine Orchid Bay Marina has been in operation since 1999 and is one of the nicest in Abaco, with 66 slips offering plenty of room for yachts up to 120 feet and beamy slips capable of handling charter catamarans. Reservations are strongly recommended.

Nippers Bar and Grill, high on a hill just a short walk from Orchid Bay, is responsible for bringing many cruisers and tourists to the cay, especially on Sundays for Nippers' mid-day pig roast. The ocean view from Nippers is spectacular, and the raucous ambience has led many a sailor to have just one or two drinks more than prudence allows.

Take time to walk the beach along the Atlantic side of Great Guana Cay. Some argue that it's even more relaxing than a drink at Nippers!

You'll also find a small grocery store, liquor store, and bakery ashore and Grabbers Bar and Grill is on the peninsula between Settlement Harbour and Fishers Bay.

There's also a new high-end development including a large, deep marina at Bakers Bay at the north end of Great Guana Cay. A recent visitor took his 80-foot motor yacht there a few weeks ago and had this to say about it in an e-mail to one of our cruise committee:

The docks are new as is everything else there. Construction is ongoing on the property and everything is absolutely first class, with absolutely first class pricing—\$4 per foot on a day-to-day basis, \$2.50 a foot on a monthly basis, a 35-foot minimum applies with, of course, billing for water and power used. The marina is very, very well protected, the best protection we've seen in the Abacos . . . In general, our reaction was that it is/will be a magnificent high-end destination for good-sized boats with well-heeled owners. Visiting it in its incomplete state was great fun—rather like visiting Disneyland before it was completed.



Sunset at Orchid Bay Marina

Monday, April 19

Lay day

CCA Fleet Broadcast 0745 VHF Channel 77

Sunrise 0641

Sunset 1934

Marsh Harbour Tides

High 0001 +2.9 ft

Low 0629 +0.2 ft

High 1229 +2.4 ft

Low 1827 +0.2 ft

Overview: Lay day – stay where you are or cruise at your leisure.



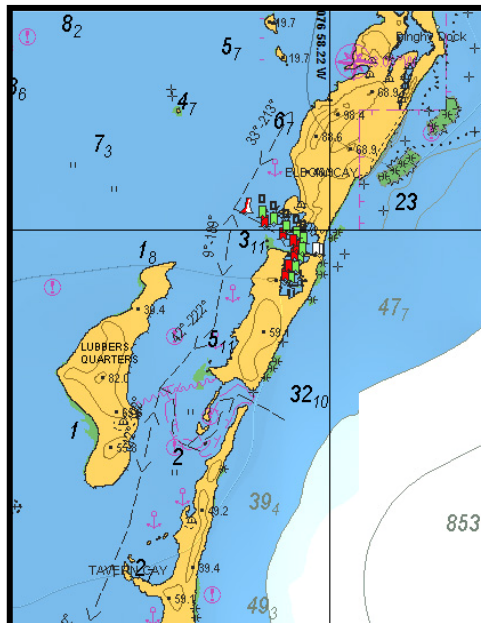
Tahiti Beach

Ideas

Cruise at will in the Sea of Abaco or offshore. The western shore of Elbow Cay has much to offer including White Sound, Tahiti Beach and Lubbers Quarters, a 4½-foot MLW passage. Even if you have a deep draft yacht, in prevailing southeasterlies it's possible to anchor just west of the Parrot Cays, then use your dink to explore the leeward side of Elbow Cay, stopping for lunch at the Abaco Inn on White Sound or at the Boat House Restaurant at the Sea Spray Resort and Marina in southern White Sound. Another popular choice for lunch is on Lubbers Quarters just opposite Tahiti Beach: Cracker P's Bar & Grill, featuring fresh grilled food. Alas, at last report Cracker P's was closed on Mondays . . . but consider stopping in another day!

Elbow Cay and Lubbers Quarters

For additional detail showing this 4½-foot MLW passage, see page 140 of The Cruising Guide to Abaco 2010



Soundings in feet and inches
Not for navigation

Tuesday, April 20

**A Day in Hope Town
Hope Town Sailing Club &
Hope Town Harbour Lodge
Elbow Cay**

CCA Fleet Broadcast 0745 VHF Channel 77

Sunrise 0640

Sunset 1934

Marsh Harbour Tides

High 0055	+2.8 ft	Low 0723	+0.3 ft
High 1326	+2.4 ft	Low 1927	+0.2 ft



Hope Town Harbour
Soundings in feet and inches
Not for Navigation

Overview: A day in Hope Town in two parts, starting at the Hope Town Sailing Club (top burgee) at noon, and ending with cocktails (cash bar) and heavy hors d'oeuvres 1700-1900 at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge (bottom burgee).



A Day in Hope Town – in two parts

Time

Part I: 1200 – 1700 - Part II: 1700 - 1900

Location

Starting at the Hope Town Sailing Club

Ending at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge

What to expect

Part I. Deep draft yachts can anchor off the Parrot Cays. Others can proceed into Hope Town harbor and take a mooring or a slip in a marina. Dink into the Hope Town Sailing Club's (HTSC) big dinghy dock (top burgee on the chartlet above) and plan to use HTSC as headquarters while you explore one of the Bahamas' most picturesque settlements. Committee member Jim Modisette and his wife Ruth, who own a home in Hope Town, will be at HTSC all afternoon to answer your questions and get you pointed in the right direction. For lunch they recommend Cap'n Jack's and the Harbour's Edge, located on the docks and accessible by dinghy. If you wish come in later, after lunch, and spend just a few hours seeing Hope Town.

Part II. Cocktails (cash bar) and heavy hors d'oeuvres at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge (lower burgee on the chart on the previous page), Abacos' only hotel which overlooks a coral reef. **Be sure to wear your name tag; it's your ticket to this event. Please note that drink tickets are not accepted at this event—it's a cash bar only!**

Event captains

Jim & Ruth Modisette

Hope Town backgrounder

Hope Town offers one of the best-protected harbors in all the Bahamas, and it's a wonderful place to spend time when the weather kicks up.

Reading the cruising guides, the approach to Hope Town sounds a little more difficult than it really is. Just follow the directions carefully and keep looking until you see the narrow concrete road and then the two range markers. Once you have the range markers in sight, the range and the vein of deep water make it easy to thread your way right into the harbor. The controlling depth on the approach is about 6 feet MLW, but there's more water inside the harbor. However, there's no room to anchor in this small, landlocked harbor. Make reservations in advance at one of the two marinas (see page 19) or take a mooring (page 20). If the Hope Town marinas are booked when you call, consider Sea Spray Marina at White Sound as an alternative; it's a bit out of town but gets high marks and offers shuttle service into Hope Town.



Once you settle in you can gaze to your heart's content up at the prettiest candy-striped lighthouse you've ever seen—and you'll know exactly where your cruise committee got the idea for the logo for the CCA 2010 Cruise in Abaco. The 120-foot Hope Town Light was built while the Civil War was raging in America and is to this day is operated with a kerosene lamp and a hand-wound timing mechanism. The light is open to visitors in the daytime, and many a CCA member has climbed its steps.

Although it wraps around the landlocked harbor, Hope Town is not a marine community in the same sense as, say, Man-O-War. Life ashore in Hope Town is decidedly laid-back, and the folks here, residents and visitors alike, take being laid-back seriously. Once right after Hurricane Floyd had largely flattened the town, a U.S. reporter called to inquire about the damage at Hope Town. “Ah, we all got a roof over our heads, and y’know I went out in de boat and caught a right nice mess o’ snapper this morning, so we got plenty to eat,” one Hope Town resident told him with a chuckle. “Life is good.”

If you need marine supplies, best look elsewhere. But if you want groceries and other provisions, Hope Town has them, though a much smaller selection than Marsh Harbour. Be sure to try one of the famous key lime pies from Vernon's Grocery and Upper Crust Bakery. You'll also find restaurants in Hope Town featuring fresh seafood and other Bahamas staples such as peas 'n' rice.



The Hope Town Harbour Lodge

Wednesday, April 21

Lay day

CCA Fleet Broadcast 0745 VHF Channel 77

Sunrise 0639

Sunset 1935

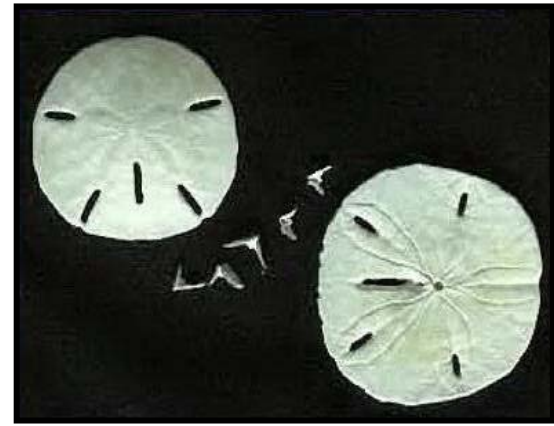
Marsh Harbour Tides

High 0156 +2.7 ft

Low 0822 + 0.3ft

High 1430 +2.4 ft

Low 2035 +0.2 ft



Sand dollar shells



Sunrise tellin shell

Overview: Lay day – stay where you are or cruise at your leisure.

Ideas

Cruise at will between the Hub of Abaco and Little Harbour, a 15-mile stretch of mostly uninhabited flats and cays. Snorkeling, swimming, shelling and more. Or if you're up for an offshore passage, exit the Hub of Abaco via the deep and straightforward North Man-O-War channel, then cruise along the coast to the Little Harbour area, and follow Steve Dodge's directions (page 147, *The Cruising Guide to Abaco 2010*) for entering Abaco Sound from the Atlantic Ocean off Little Harbour.

If you'd like to take the inside route and take home a few beautiful but fragile souvenirs of Abaco, Tilloo Bank is usually rich with sand dollars and sea biscuits and occasionally you can find sunrise tellin shells as well. If this appeals, arrive while the tide is low and anchor off shallow, sandy Tilloo Bank.

Or anchor off Sandy Key where you'll find good snorkeling along the reef which is part of the Pelican Cays Land and Sea Park. Fishing here is not permitted and no shells or coral may be taken.

If your draft is a concern and you want to get into Little Harbour for the night, consider timing your arrival at Little Harbor near the early afternoon high tide so you'll have room to spare over the shallow entrance. Here's late **local knowledge** from committee member Dave Mulock, who owns a cottage at Little Harbour and winters there: *"Depth of the entrance channel is closer to 4.0 ft at MLW; the bottom is sand and grass, with no rock, so stay on the centerline between the buoys and do not read the water; approach the first pair of buoys from slightly to the right of the centerline, get on the centerline at the first pair of buoys, stay on the centerline all the way in and remain on or left of the extended centerline once past the pair of buoys and in the harbour."* There's deeper water once you're inside the harbor.

Pete's Pub, site of Thursday's mid-day pig roast, is open for drinks beginning at 11 am and lunch from noon until 4 pm, then, with reservations only, for dinner from 6 to 9 pm. Dave Mulock, with more **local knowledge**, advises: *"The pub has approximately 10 moorings and there are 10 - 15 private moorings. Visitors may pick up any unoccupied mooring. There is ordinarily no procedure for reserving moorings but for the CCA event we will make an effort to reserve as many moorings as possible by securing things to them such as kayaks, signs and the like. Pay the mooring fee at the pub. The pub moorings are heavier than some of the private moorings and generally in good shape. Condition of private moorings varies considerably. I advise friends with large boats to be skeptical about any mooring anywhere in the Bahamas. The moorings in the western part of Little Harbour are generally farther apart, while the eastern moorings have moved around and are clumped together. Rafting is permitted (there would be an additional mooring fee for each extra boat) but only in settled conditions and if someone dives and inspects the tackle, and only if there is adequate separation from other moorings."*



Little Harbour, looking to the SW

Thursday, April 22

**Little Harbour
Or at anchor off Lynyard Cay**

CCA Fleet Broadcast 0745 VHF Channel 77

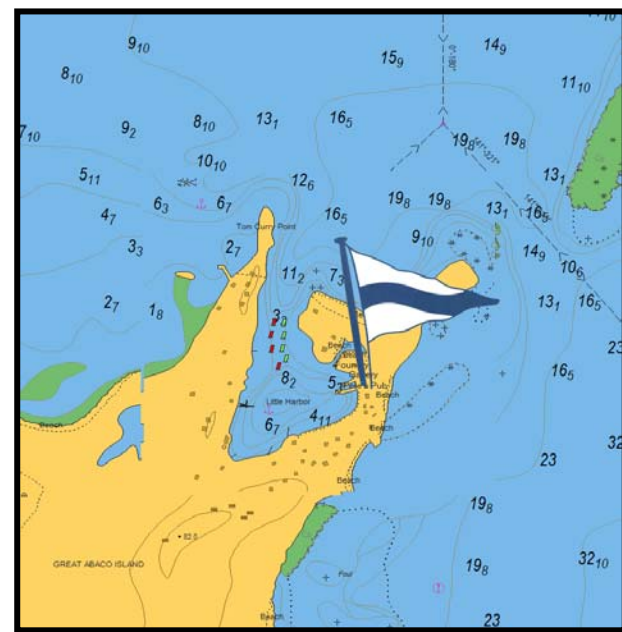
Sunrise 0638

Sunset 1935

Marsh Harbour Tides

High 0302 +2.7 ft Low 0923 +0.1ft

High 1537 +2.5 ft Low 2145 +0.2 ft



Little Harbour

Soundings in feet and inches

Not for Navigation

Overview: Mid-day pig roast at Pete's Pub with cash bar. Tender service by Albury's Ferry for yachts anchored outside Little Harbor—call "CCA Albury's Ferry" on VHF channel 71.



Pete's Pub at Little Harbour

Pete's Pub pig roast

Time

1200 - 1400

Location

Pete's Pub, Little Harbour

Dress

Very casual

What to expect

The event today is a classic pig roast, a Pete's Pub tradition that dates back many years. Today's schedule looks like this:

0900 - 1030	Ferry service for CCA members and guests from the Crossing to Little Harbour *
1030 - 1200	Tender service picking up from yachts anchored outside Little Harbour **
1200 - 1400	Pig roast at Pete's Pub
1330 - 1530	Tender service returning to yachts anchored outside Little Harbour *
1530 - 1700	Ferry service returning from Little Harbour to the Crossing

* The ferry holds up to 20 passengers on a first-come, first-serve basis. Departure will be from the Albury's Ferry office at the Crossing. To reach the crossing, start at Snappers Bar and Grill in downtown Marsh Harbour. Passing Snappers on your left heading east, pass Boat Harbour Marina on the right, and continue east. The office will be on the right hand side where you will see the water on both sides of the street.

** Calls for pickup should be made to "CCA Albury's Ferry" on VHF channel 71. Ferries will be directed and dispatched by CCA members Bob Dockery and Tom Kenney at Little Harbour.

Be sure to wear your name tag – it's your ticket to the pig roast! Please note that drink tickets are not accepted at this event—cash bar only.

Event captains

Dave & Lenore Mulock

Bob & Susan Dockery

Tom Kenney

Little Harbour backgrounder

Another wonderful landlocked harbor, Little Harbour lies all the way at the southern end of the Abaco circuit. It's only 15 miles or so south of Marsh Harbour, but you might as well be a million miles away. Little Harbour is protected from almost 360 degrees, and it's home to Pete's Pub, one of the most easygoing eating and drinking establishments in all the Bahamas.

Controlling depth for the entrance into Little Harbour is only 3½ feet MLW. You read that right: 3½ feet MLW, though late "local knowledge" information from committee member Dave Mulock who has a cottage at Little Harbour says the depth is closer to 4 feet MLW. (See pages 34-35 for Dave's **local knowledge**.) The entrance is well marked with floats, and you can enter on the tide.

Once inside, you'll find a minimum of 7 feet in the middle. Take one of the moorings, if you can find one vacant, and pay at the pub.

As author Sandy Estabrook wrote, "The die was cast in 1950 when a Canadian, Randolph Johnston, a longtime professor at Smith College in Northampton, Mass, pulled anchor and headed south in his schooner, the Langosta. Accompanying him was his wife Margot their daughter Marina, and three sons, Bill, Pete and Denny. His mission was to escape the 'megamachine' and continue his work on an island destination to be determined."

She continued: "It was May 1952 he and his family stepped ashore in Little Harbour. 'There is no sign of man except the distant roof of the Little Harbour Light,' he wrote in his log. 'To the west were sheltering high, verdant cliffs, pierced by numerous caves.' It was in those caves that he and his family settled along with bats and land crabs the size of footballs. They built a thatched hut and eventually that became their home and foundry. Later, Pete started his pub and the rest is history."

From the time the Johnston family settled until his death in 1992, from this remote location Randolph achieved international renown as one of the great sculptors of the 20th century. At the time of his death he was in his late 80s, having spent the last 40 years of his life working with his hands and his mind in an unspoiled natural environment, free from many of the worries of everyday 20th century life.

Little Harbor is still home to the foundry where the Johnson family cast their bronze sculptures, many of which are in prestigious galleries today. Son Pete Johnston carries on the family tradition, and his bronze sculptures and gold jewelry creations, many featuring dolphins and other sea creatures, have become well known in their own right.

The Johnston family welcome visitors at their gallery. Pieces of Pete's sculpture and jewelry are for sale in the gallery, which is open seven days a week from 11 am until 4 pm.

Little Harbour is no longer the primitive place it was when the Johnston family landed nearly 60 years ago. A number of homes have been built, and there's a road (some claim it's more a path) that leads to Marsh Harbour. But in many ways Little Harbour still retains the out-of-this-world charm that captured Randolph Johnston.

You can walk to the lighthouse and the ocean beach, and you can visit the caves on the west side of the harbor where the Johnstons first lived. Also worth exploring by dinghy is the Bight of Old Robinson, with its shallow creeks and deep blue holes.

Lynyrd Cay and Bight of Old Robinson backgrounder

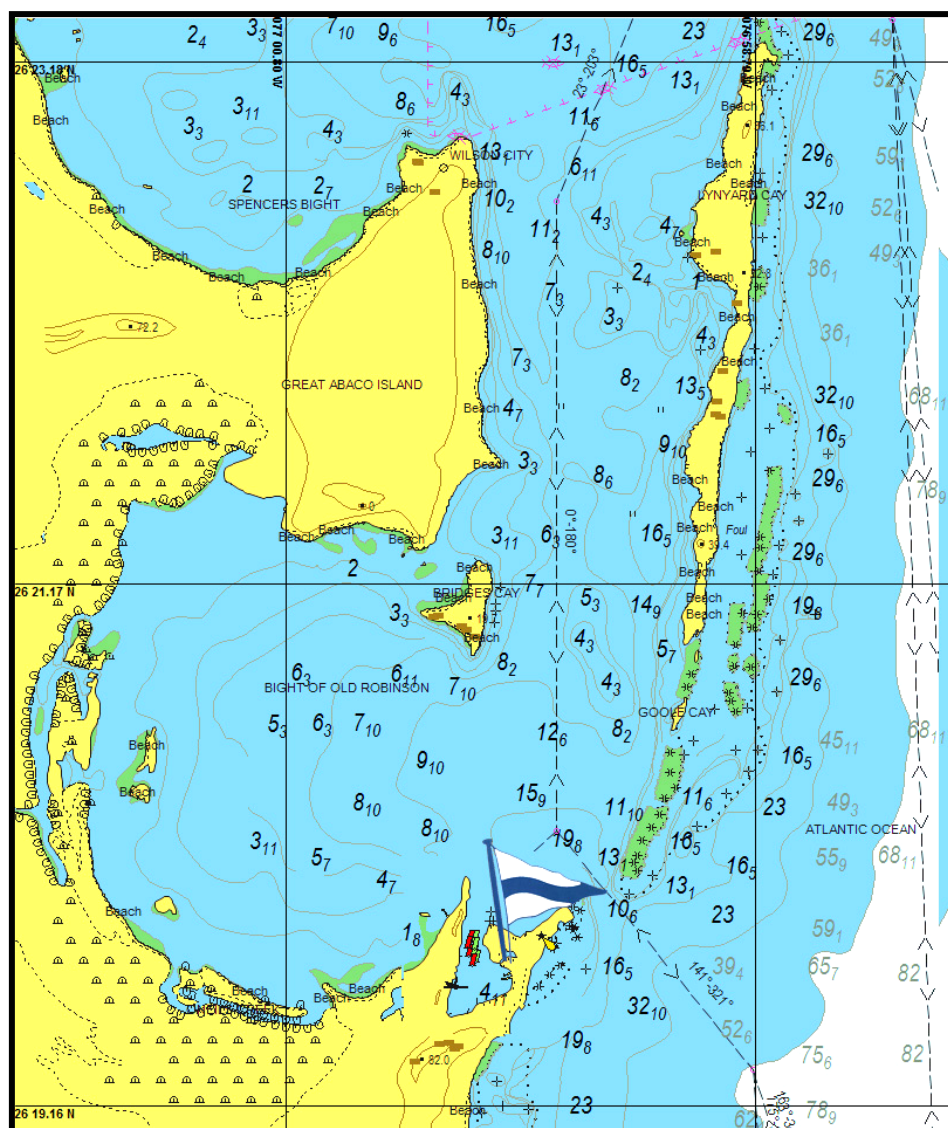
Lynyrd Cay

If your draft is too great to negotiate the shallow channel into Little Harbour, Lynyrd Cay is where you want to anchor to enjoy Little Harbour. You'll find good anchorage in prevailing easterlies along the lee side of Lynyrd. Best spot is along the southern third of the cay, where you'll anchor in 8 to 15 feet MLW. There are private homes on Lynyrd, but otherwise no facilities of interest to sailors. However, you're free to go ashore as long as you respect the private property there. At the south end of Lynyrd you're only 1.5 NM from the entrance to Little Harbour, a short dinghy ride by most

standards, but keep in mind there's a cut to cross and when it's blowing hard the cut can be tough for dinghies.

Bight of Old Robinson

Lynyrd Cay makes a good staging point for exploring the Bight of Old Robinson to the west by dinghy. Anchoring in the bight is not recommended in prevailing easterly winds because of the considerable swell rolling in over the bar, but the area provides a safe, comfortable anchorage in westerlies. The Bight of Old Robinson is full of surprises. Take your fins and snorkel along while you explore by dinghy and see how many blue holes you can find--by some reports there are more than a dozen! You'll also find reversing tidal falls. If you're a fisherman, here's where you can track the wily bonefish. You may also find a grouper hole or a lobster for dinner in the bight. Oops, forget the lobster because lobster season closed on March 31!



The approaches to Little Harbour, showing Lynyrd Cay to the E the Bight of Old Robinson to the SW, the cut into Abaco Sound to the SE, and Little Harbour itself (with burgee) in the S.

Soundings in feet and inches
Not for navigation

Friday, April 23

Lay day

CCA Fleet Broadcast 0745 VHF Channel 77

Sunrise 0637

Sunset 1936

Marsh Harbour Tides

High 0408 +2.3 ft

Low 1023 +0.1 ft

High 1656 +2.2 ft

Low 2254 +0.1 ft

Overview: Lay day – stay where you are or cruise at your leisure.



Don't you love Abaco's color palette?

Ideas

If you didn't stop for snorkeling, swimming or shelling heading south to Little Harbour, see page 34 for ideas which work equally well on the northbound trip. Or if an offshore passage has appeal, exit the cut just outside Little Harbour (using Steve Dodge's waypoints on page 147 of *The Cruising Guide to Abaco 2010*) and head north up the coast. Best entry into the Sea of Abaco for the Hub of Abaco is via the deep and straightforward North Man-O-War channel.



Saturday, April 24

**Abaco Beach Resort
Marsh Harbour area**

CCA Fleet Broadcast 0745 VHF Channel 77

Sunrise 0636

Sunset 1936

Marsh Harbour Tides

Low 0411 -0.1 ft

High 1013 +2.5 ft

Low 1606 -0.1 ft

High 2228 +3.0 ft

Overview: Farewell party: Cocktails and a very casual Bahamian Seafood Grill buffet dinner with Live island music. Cash bar.



Boat Harbour

Soundings in feet and inches
Not for navigation

Farewell party

Cocktails, cash bar, Bahamian seafood grill buffet, with live 'island music'

Time:

1730-2130

Location:

Abaco Beach Resort, Boat Harbor Marina

Dress

Informal

What to expect

Say farewell to new friends and old and enjoy live "island music" throughout by Gary McDonald and the Impact Band at our cruise's final event. This party, easygoing and low key by design, will feature conch salad and smoked fish dip hors d'oeuvres set out at the start, followed by the main course of roasted conch and veggies, fresh grilled grouper, coconut rum chicken, Bahamian "boil up" and dessert. Dig right in as soon as the food begins to come off the grill, or take a more leisurely cocktail hour and dine a bit later—it's your call and we are assured that there'll be plenty of food to go around! Be sure to use up any drink tickets you have left—but you can always buy drinks with cash when the tickets run out.

If you want a slip at Boat Harbour Marina, please make your own reservations. Call the Boat Harbour Marina at 242-367-4151 or 242-359-6065. We recommend making your reservations early. An alternative is anchoring in Marsh Harbour or taking a slip in Marsh Harbour.

Event captains

Milt & Judy Baker

Sunday, April 25

**Abaco Beach Resort
Marsh Harbour area**

Sunrise 0635

Sunset 1937

Marsh Harbour Tides

High 0612 +2.7 ft

Low 1213 -0.1 ft

High 1839 +3.1 ft

Cruise disbands at 0900



*Our sincere thanks for taking part in the CCA 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco.
We hope you had a wonderful time and that whenever you hear the word Abaco
it'll rekindle warm memories of the time you spent cruising here.*

We bid you Godspeed as you return home or more on to your next destination.

--Your cruise committee



Cruise Roster - by Name

As of: March 30, 2010

Party Names	Station/ Post	Party #	Boat Name	Boat Type
Arenburg, Dave & Elizabeth Ann	BDO	2	Sable	Little Harbor 44
Baker, Milt & Judy	FLA	2	Bluewater	Nordhavn 47
Barker, Dev	BOS	1	Charter	Cat 40
Barker, Pam	BOS/BUZ	1	Thistle	Dyer 29
Barlow, Skip	FLA	1	Blue Heron	True North 38
Barsz, Bill & Jeri	SOC	2	Charter	Cat 43
Bekins, Don & Joan	SAF	2	Soft Touch	Art DeFever 68
Bernheim, Bob & Susan	SAF	2	Soft Touch	Art DeFever 68
Beveridge, Frank	BOS/BUZ	1	Charter	Cat 40
Billings, Art & Patricia	FLA	2	Cynosure	Bristol 47
Breed, Alexandra		1	Charter	40' Catamaran
Brietenberger, Eric		1	Charter	Moorings 4000
Brown, Dave	BOS/BUZ	1	Nell	Huckins 50
Brown, Mike and Lee	PNW	2	Pipe Dream 9	J160
Cannon, Jeff & Anne	SOC	2	Cheers	Krogen 48
Chambers, Jim & Sue	FLA	2	Bluewater	Nordhavn 47
Clapp, Gerry	FLA	1	Iona	Catalina 28
Closs, Tommy & Renee	CHE	2	Tomahawk	Outer Reef 65
Comfort, Lyn & Peggy		2	Nell	Huckins 50
Cook, Chuck & Pam	SOC	2	Outta the Loop	Navigator 48
Cornelius, Jim & Mimi	SAF	2	La Sonata	Jeanneau 49
Croker, Julie		1	Charter	Moorings 40
Devereux, Anne	FLA	1	Decoy	Presto 36
Dockery, Bob & Susan	FLA	2	Runabout	Runabout
Drew, Bob and Mindy	ESS	0	Dolphin	American Tug 44
Duttenhofer, Sennet	FLA	1	Decoy	Presto 36
Dyer, Vice Commodore Dan & Mimi	BOS	2	Circe	Hinckley 49 ketch
Elsworth, Susan		1	Charter	40' Catamaran
English, Bob & Debbie	FLA	2	Charter	Moorings 411
Ewing, Bill & Susan	NYS	2	Charter	Moorings 41.3
Feeley, Rich		1	Charter	
Fink, Walter & Anne-Lise	CHE	2	Tomahawk	Outer Reef 65
Fiori, Gian Luca & Angela		2	Vivaldi	Hinckley 51
Franklin, Tom		1	Catalyst	Cat 42
Frost, Rosie		1	Namhara	Vicem 67
Garrett, Waddy & Connie	CHE	2	Running Tide	J46
Garrison, John & Adrienne	SOC	2	Charter	Moorings 46
Gebow, Greg & Debby	BOS/GMP	2	Charter	Beneteau 41
Gillette, Buck & Mimi	FLA	2	Witch	Legacy 42
Gourd, Jim & Babs	FLA	2	Gannet	Albury 23

Party Names	Station/ Post	Party #	Boat Name	Boat Type
Groff, Fred & Laura		2	Charter	40' Catamaran
Gunther, Bob & Teta	FLA	0	Dolphin	American Tug 44
Herman , Peter & Sheila	NYS	2	Charter	40' Catamaran
Hill, Doug		1	Charter	
Hoffman, Pete & Dot	FLA	2	Moorings	PowerCat 37
Hogan, Tom and Mimi	SOC	2	Charter	Moorings 46
Homer, Susi	BOS/GMP	0	Cruise Committee	-
Hosack, Fred & Darlene	FLA	2	Circe	Hinckley 49 ketch
Ives, R/C Paul & Jerri	FLA	2	Moorings	PowerCat 37
Johns, Chip & Colleen	BOS/BUZ	2	Vivaldi	Hinckley 51
Johnson, Carmen		1	Charter	Beneteau 41
Kaus, Jack & Irene		2	Charter	Moorings 40
Keene, Henry	BOS	1	Charter	Cat 40
Keith, Harry & Malinda	FLA	2	Lanikai	Schucker 39 MS
Kenney, Tom	FLA	1	Charter	Beneteau 41
Kessler, Bruce & Joan	FLA	2	Spirit of Zopilote	Northern Marine 64
Laing, Lisa	SOC	1	Charter	Cat 43
Langston, Charles & Leeanne	BOS/BUZ	2	Charter	Beneteau 41
Langston, Roger & Jennifer	BOS	2	Charter	Beneteau 41
LeRoy Bill & Paula	SAF	2	Charter	Moorings 40
Martus, Mike & Maria		2	Spirit of Zopilote	Northern Marine 64
McCurdy, Commodore Sheila	NYS	1	Nell	Huckins 50
McCurdy, Kit & Gretchen	BDO	2	Sable	Little Harbor 44
McDonough, Joe & Holly	BOS/BUZ	2	Charter	PowerCat 37
Meserve, Ed & Barbara	SOC	2	Charter	Moorings 46
Modisette, Jim & Ruth	SOC	2	Cruise Committee	
Moore, Charles & Jeanne	FLA	2	Charter	Moorings 411
Morgan, Jim & Jill		2	Outta the Loop	Navigator 48
Mulock, David & Lenore	FLA	2	Runabout	Runabout
Munroe, Bill & Irene	FLA	2	Decoy	Presto 36
Noyes, Brad & Gail	BOS	2	Charter	Moorings 4000
Noyes, Pike and Linda	BOS	2	Tioga	Hinckley 51
O'Flaherty, Mike	BOS	1	Namhara	Vicem 67
Pacini, Antonio		1	Vivaldi	Hinckley 51
Palette, Pete & Harriet	SOC	2	Cheers	Krogen 48
Piper, Scott	FLA	1	Pipe Dream 9	J160
Pugh, Bill & Debbie		2	La Sonata	Jeanneau 49
Reppert, Sib	BOS/BUZ	1	Catalyst	Cat 42
Robinson, Harry & Joan	FLA	2	Eclipse	Royal Passport 41
Rowland, Edward & Peggy	BOS/BUZ	2	Charter	Moorings 4000
Rowland, Julie		1	Charter	Moorings 4000
Rowland, Molly, age 11	BOS/BUZ	1	Charter	Moorings 4000
Rowland, Ned, age 12	BOS/BUZ	1	Charter	Moorings 4000
Rowland, P/C Ned & Susie	BOS/BUZ	2	Namhara	Vicem 67

Party Names	Station/ Post	Party #	Boat Name	Boat Type
Sanford, Ginny	NYS	1	Gannet	Saberliner 47
Smith, Owen and Chris	NYS	2	Charter	Sun Sail 39
Smullen, Brian	BOS	1	Namhara	Vicem 67
Somers, Larry	SOC	1	Charter	Cat 43
Steve & Marilyn Hunt	SAF	2	La Sonata	Jeanneau 49
Sweet, Cyrus & Bobbie	BOS	2	Charter	Beneteau 41
Towle, Jack	BOS/BUZ	1	Thistle	Dyer 29
Underdown, Peter		1	Namhara	Vicem 67
Vezetinski, Chris	BOS/BUZ	1	Catalyst	Cat 42
Vineberg, Mary		1	Pipe Dream 9	J160
von Schwarz, R/C Karl & Lisa	CHE	2	Tomahawk	Outer Reef 65
Watson-Clapp, Barbara	FLA	1	Iona	Catalina 28
Weld, Sandy	BOS/BUZ	1	Charter	Cat 40
White, Bill & Sandra		2	Charter	Moorings 4000
White, Tod & Linda	SOC	0	Charter	Cat 43
Wick, Chris & Shirley	ESS	2	Charter	Club 403
Wick, Mike & Jean	CHE	2	Charter	Club 403
Wick, Pip & Judy	BOS/GMP	2	Charter	Beneteau 41
Wickersham, Jim	NYS	1	Gannet	Saberliner 47
Wills, Jack & Glory	FLA	2	Blue Heron	True North 38
Winters, Bob & Corky	SOC	2	Charter	Moorings 46
Young, Bob and Penny		2	Charter	Sun Sail 39
TOTALS		166	43 yachts	

~~Lined out names~~ – late dropouts



Cruise Roster - by Yacht

Alphabetical by Captain

As of: March 30, 2010

Captain	Party Names	Station/ Post	Party #	Boat Name	Boat Type
Arenburg, David F.	Arenburg, Dave & Elizabeth Ann	BDO	2	Sable	Little Harbor 44
	McCurdy, Kit & Gretchen	BDO	2	Sable	Little Harbor 44
Baker, Milton S.	Baker, Milt & Judy	FLA	2	Bluewater	Nordhavn 47
	Chambers, Jim & Sue	FLA	2	Bluewater	Nordhavn 47
Barker III, B. Devereux	Barker, Dev	BOS	1	Charter	Cat 40
	Keene, Henry	BOS	1	Charter	Cat 40
	Beveridge, Frank	BOS/BUZ	1	Charter	Cat 40
	Weld, Sandy	BOS/BUZ	1	Charter	Cat 40
Barlow, Jr., Herbert B.	Barlow, Skip	FLA	1	Blue Heron	True North 38
	Wills, Jack & Glory	FLA	2	Blue Heron	True North 38
Bernheim, Robert	Bernheim, Bob & Susan	SAF	2	Soft Touch	Art DeFever 68
	Bekins, Don & Joan	SAF	2	Soft Touch	Art DeFever 68
Billings, Arthur	Billings, Art & Patricia	FLA	2	Cynosure	Bristol 47
Cannon, Jeffrey D.	Cannon, Jeff & Anne	SOC	2	Cheers	Krogen 48
	Palette, Pete & Harriet	SOC	2	Cheers	Krogen 48
Closs, Jr., Thomas H.	Closs, Tommy & Renee	CHE	2	Tomahawk	Outer Reef 65
	Fink, Walter & Anne-Lise	CHE	2	Tomahawk	Outer Reef 65
	von Schwarz, R/C Karl & Lisa	CHE	2	Tomahawk	Outer Reef 65
Comfort, Lyn	Comfort, Lyn & Peggy		2	Nell	Huckins 50
	McCurdy, Commodore Sheila	NYS	1	Nell	Huckins 50
	Brown, Dave	BOS/BUZ	1	Nell	Huckins 50
Cook, Charles E.	Cook, Chuck & Pam	SOC	2	Outta the Loop	Navigator 48
	Morgan, Jim & Jill		2	Outta the Loop	Navigator 48
Ewing III, William	Ewing, Bill & Susan	NYS	2	Charter	Moorings 41.3
Garrett, Garland Waddy	Garrett, Waddy & Connie	CHE	2	Running Tide	J46
Gillette, Dennis	Gillette, Buck & Mimi	FLA	2	Witch	Legacy 42
Gourd, James H.	Gourd, Jim & Babs	FLA	2	Gannet	Albury 23
Gunther, J. Robert	Gunther, Bob & Teta	FLA	0	Dolphin	American Tug 41
-	Drew, Bob and Mindy	ESS	0	Dolphin	American Tug 41
Herman, Peter E.	Herman, Peter & Sheila	NYS	2	Charter	40' Catamaran
	Feeley, Rich		1	Charter	
	Elsworth, Susan		1	Charter	40' Catamaran
	Hill, Doug		1	Charter	
	Breed, Alexandra		1	Charter	40' Catamaran
	Groff, Fred & Laura		2	Charter	40' Catamaran
Hoffman, Peter S.	Hoffman, Pete & Dot	FLA	2	Moorings	PowerCat 37
Ives, R/C Paul Lane	Ives, R/C Paul & Jerri	FLA	2	Moorings	PowerCat 37

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Homer, Susannah	Homer, Susi	BOS/GMP	0	Cruise Committee	-
Hunt, Steven	Steve & Marilyn Hunt	SAF	2	La Sonata	Jeanneau 49
	Cornelius, Jim & Mimi	SAF	2	La Sonata	Jeanneau 49
	Pugh, Bill & Debbie		2	La Sonata	Jeanneau 49
Hosack, Frederick O.	Hosack, Fred & Darlene	FLA	2	Circe	Hinckley 49 ketch
	Dyer, Vice Commodore Dan & Mimi	BOS	2	Circe	Hinckley 49 ketch
Johns, David W.	Johns, Chip & Colleen	BOS/BUZ	2	Vivaldi	Hinckley 51
	Fiori, Gian Luca & Angela		2	Vivaldi	Hinckley 51
	Pacini, Antonio		1	Vivaldi	Hinckley 51
Keith, Harry	Keith, Harry & Malinda	FLA	2	Lanikai	Schucker 39 MS
Kessler, Bruce	Kessler, Bruce & Joan	FLA	2	Spirit of Zopilote	Northern Marine 64
	Martus, Mike & Maria		2	Spirit of Zopilote	Northern Marine 64
Langston, Roger H. S.	Langston, Roger & Jennifer	BOS	2	Charter	Beneteau 41
	Langston, Charles & Leeanne	BOS/BUZ	2	Charter	Beneteau 41
LeRoy, William M.	LeRoy Bill & Paula	SAF	2	Charter	Moorings 40
	Kaus, Jack & Irene		2	Charter	Moorings 40
	Croker, Julie		1	Charter	Moorings 40
McDonough, Joseph	McDonough, Joe & Holly	BOS/BUZ	2	Charter	PowerCat 37
Meserve, Edwin A.	Meserve, Ed & Barbara	SOC	2	Charter	Moorings 46
	Garrison, John & Adrienne	SOC	2	Charter	Moorings 46
	Hogan, Tom and Mimi	SOC	2	Charter	Moorings 46
	Winters, Bob & Corky	SOC	2	Charter	Moorings 46
Modisette, James P.	Modisette, Jim & Ruth	SOC	2	Cruise Committee	
Moore, Charles R.	Moore, Charles & Jeanne	FLA	2	Charter	Moorings 411
	English, Bob & Debbie	FLA	2	Charter	Moorings 411
Mulock, David G.	Mulock, David & Lenore	FLA	2	Runabout	Runabout
	Dockery, Bob & Susan	FLA	2	Runabout	Runabout
Munroe, William M.	Munroe, Bill & Irene	FLA	2	Decoy	Presto 36
	Duttenhofer, Sennet	FLA	1	Decoy	Presto 36
	Devereux, Anne	FLA	1	Decoy	Presto 36
Noyes, Bradley P.	Noyes, Brad & Gail	BOS	2	Charter	Moorings 4000
	White, Bill & Sandra		2	Charter	Moorings 4000
Noyes, B. Pike	Noyes, Pike and Linda	BOS	2	Tioga	Hinckley 51
Piper III, M.D., William S.	Piper, Scott	FLA	1	Pipe Dream 9	J160
	Vineberg, Mary		1	Pipe Dream 9	J160
	Brown, Mike and Lee	PNW	2	Pipe Dream 9	J160
Reppert, Sibley	Reppert, Sib	BOS/BUZ	1	Catalyst	Cat 42
	Vezetinski, Chris	BOS/BUZ	1	Catalyst	Cat 42
	Franklin, Tom		1	Catalyst	Cat 42
Robinson, Harold W.	Robinson, Harry & Joan	FLA	2	Eclipse	Royal Passport 41
Rowland, Jr, Edward	Rowland, Edward & Peggy	BOS/BUZ	2	Charter	Moorings 4000
	Rowland, Ned, age 12	BOS/BUZ	1	Charter	Moorings 4000

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	Rowland, Molly, age 11	BOS/BUZ	1	Charter	Moorings 4000
	Rowland, Julie		1	Charter	Moorings 4000
	Brietenberger, Eric		1	Charter	Moorings 4000
Smullen, Brian T.	Smullen, Brian	BOS	1	Namhara	Vicem 67
O'Flaherty, Michael P.	O'Flaherty, Mike	BOS	1	Namhara	Vicem 67
	Underdown, Peter		1	Namhara	Vicem 67
	Frost, Rosie		1	Namhara	Vicem 67
	Rowland, P/C Ned & Susie	BOS/BUZ	2	Namhara	Vicem 67
Smith, Owen	Smith, Owen and Chris	NYS	2	Charter	Sun Sail 39
	Young, Bob and Penny		2	Charter	Sun Sail 39
Somers, Lawrence	Somers, Larry	SOC	1	Charter	Cat 43
	Laing, Lisa	SOC	1	Charter	Cat 43
	Barsz, Bill & Jeri	SOC	2	Charter	Cat 43
	White, Ted & Linda	SOC	0	Charter	Cat 43
Sweet III, Cyrus B.	Sweet, Cyrus & Bobbie	BOS	2	Charter	Beneteau 41
	Gebow, Greg & Debby	BOS/GMP	2	Charter	Beneteau 41
	Kenney, Tom	FLA	1	Charter	Beneteau 41
	Johnson, Carmen		1	Charter	Beneteau 41
Towle, John F.	Towle, Jack	BOS/BUZ	1	Thistle	Dyer 29
	Barker, Pam	BOS/BUZ	1	Thistle	Dyer 29
Watson-Clapp, Barbara	Watson-Clapp, Barbara	FLA	1	Iona	Catalina 28
Clapp, Gerald B.	Clapp, Gerry	FLA	1	Iona	Catalina 28
Wick, Christopher M.	Wick, Chris & Shirley	ESS	2	Charter	Club 403
Wick, Michael D.	Wick, Mike & Jean	CHE	2	Charter	Club 403
Wick III, Philip	Wick, Pip & Judy	BOS/GMP	2	Charter	Beneteau 41
Wickersham, James	Wickersham, Jim	NYS	1	Gannet	Saberliner 47
	Sanford, Ginny	NYS	1	Gannet	Saberliner 47
TOTALS	TOTALS		166	43 yachts	

Lined out names – late dropouts

