



# WHAT BOATERS WANT AND EXPECT WHILE TRAVELING THE ICW

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*2thFISH*

Munjack Cay, Bahamas



# *2thFISH*

- 2008 Mainship 34 Trawler
- 38 ft overall
- Single engine Yanmar 380 hp turbo diesel
- 3.5 ft draft
- 14.5 ft beam
- Travel speed 8 to 11 mph
- Top speed 19.9 mph
- 3.5 gph fuel burn





# Today's discussion

- What you may want to know about traveling the ICW – VA to FL on *2thFISH*
- What boaters expect of the ICW
- At marinas – the basics
- Marina extras
- Marina extra extras



What you may want to know  
about traveling the ICW...  
VA to FL on *2thFISH*



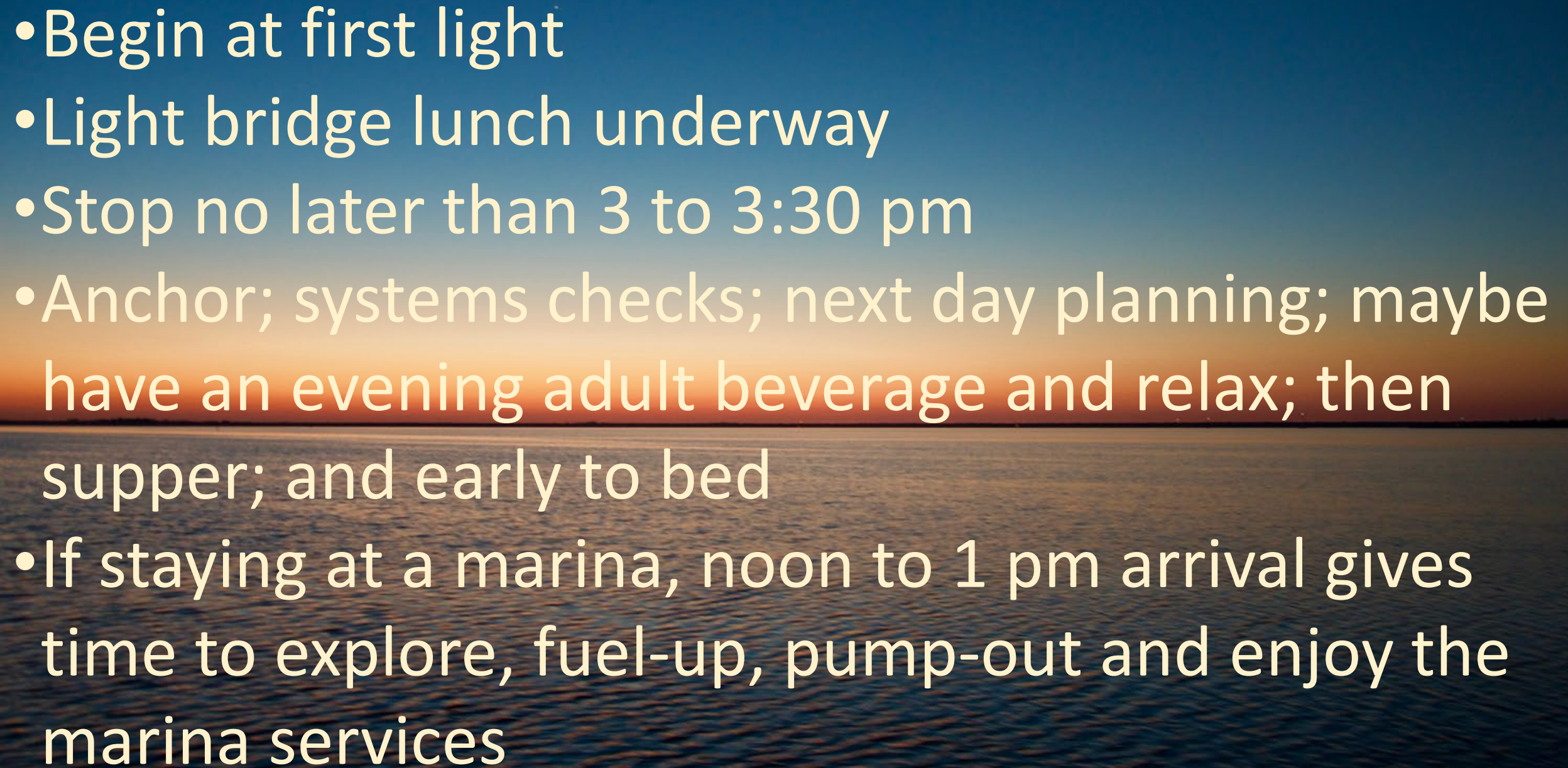
Elizabeth River, Norfolk, VA



# Trips are Planned in Detail

2018-19 FL Boat Trip								
Mile Marker								
Date	Day	Start	End	Miles	Destination	Marina	Comments	Anchorage Name or MM
10/29/18 at 7 am	1	-12	50	62	Coinjock, NC at 3:30 pm	Coinjock	Fuel -- 62 miles	
10/30/18 at 7:50 am	2	50	127	77	Pungo River at 4:30 pm			Pungo River South mm127.4
10/31/18 at 7:10 am	3	127	204	77	Morehead City at 4:15pm	M'head City Yacht Basin	Fuel -- 145 miles	
11/1/18 at 7:10 am	4 to 9	204	227	23	Cedar Point at 12:30 pm	Dudley's Marina		
11/6/18 at 1:44 pm	9	227	244	17	Mile Hammock at 3:20 pm			Mile Hammock mm 244
11/7/2018 at 6:10 am	10	244	311	67	Southport, NC at 2:10 pm	S. Harbor Village Marina	Fuel -- 107 miles	
11/8/2018 at 6:23 am	11	311	384	73	Cow House Ck at 4:05 pm			Cow House Ck mm 383.6
11/9/2018 at 6:15 am	12	384	451	67	Whiteside Creek at 2:30 pm			Whiteside Creek mm 451
11/10/2018 at 6:20 am	13	451	509	58	S Edisto River South at 1:15 pm			S. Edisto River S mm 509.1
11/11/2018 at 7:20 am	15	509	540	31	Beaufort, SC at 10:45 am	Port Royal Landing Marina	Fuel -- 229 -miles	
11/12/2018 at 6:25 am	16	540	614	74	Kilkenny Creek			Kilkenny Creek South m 613.7
11/13/2018 at 6:23 am	17	614	702	88	Delaroche Creek			Delaroche Ck mm 702.0
11/14/2018 at 6:33 am	19	702	765	63	Pine Island at 2:30 pm	Fuel at Cammanche Cove	Fuel-225 miles	Pine Island mm 765
11/15/2018 at 6:35 am	20	765	845	80	New Smyrna at 4:50 pm	New Smyrna Marina		
11/16/2018 at 6:25 am	21	845	918	73	Melborne at 3:05			Melbourne mm 918.3
11/18/2018 at 6:20 am	22	918	1006	88	Stuart at 2:10 pm	Sunset Bay -- add 8 mi	Fuel -- 221 miles	Sunset Bay Marina
Miles				1018				



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- A sunset scene over a body of water, with the sun low on the horizon creating a warm orange glow. The water is dark blue with gentle ripples. A list of activities is overlaid on the image in white text.
- Begin at first light
  - Light bridge lunch underway
  - Stop no later than 3 to 3:30 pm
  - Anchor; systems checks; next day planning; maybe have an evening adult beverage and relax; then supper; and early to bed
  - If staying at a marina, noon to 1 pm arrival gives time to explore, fuel-up, pump-out and enjoy the marina services



- As the years have passed we anchor more. Maybe overnight at three or four marinas on each trip
- When traveling to FL you are looking into the sun after 11 am or so and fatigue comes more quickly. Traveling north in the spring is much more comfortable and more daylight
- For trawlers and sailboats 50 to 90 miles is a travel day, depending on the season
- Weather and tides determine your travel plans every day

Alligator-Pungo Canal, NC



# What boaters expect of the ICW

Beaufort River, Beaufort, SC





- Well maintained waterways - adequate depth and markings

- Hassle free anchorages – not a problem until GA law
- Good information sources on weather and waterway conditions (Nav alerts)
- Reliable boater networks



- Clear markings or communications with/on dredgers
- Bridge tenders are a great source of information
- And, of course good marinas



# Marina Basics



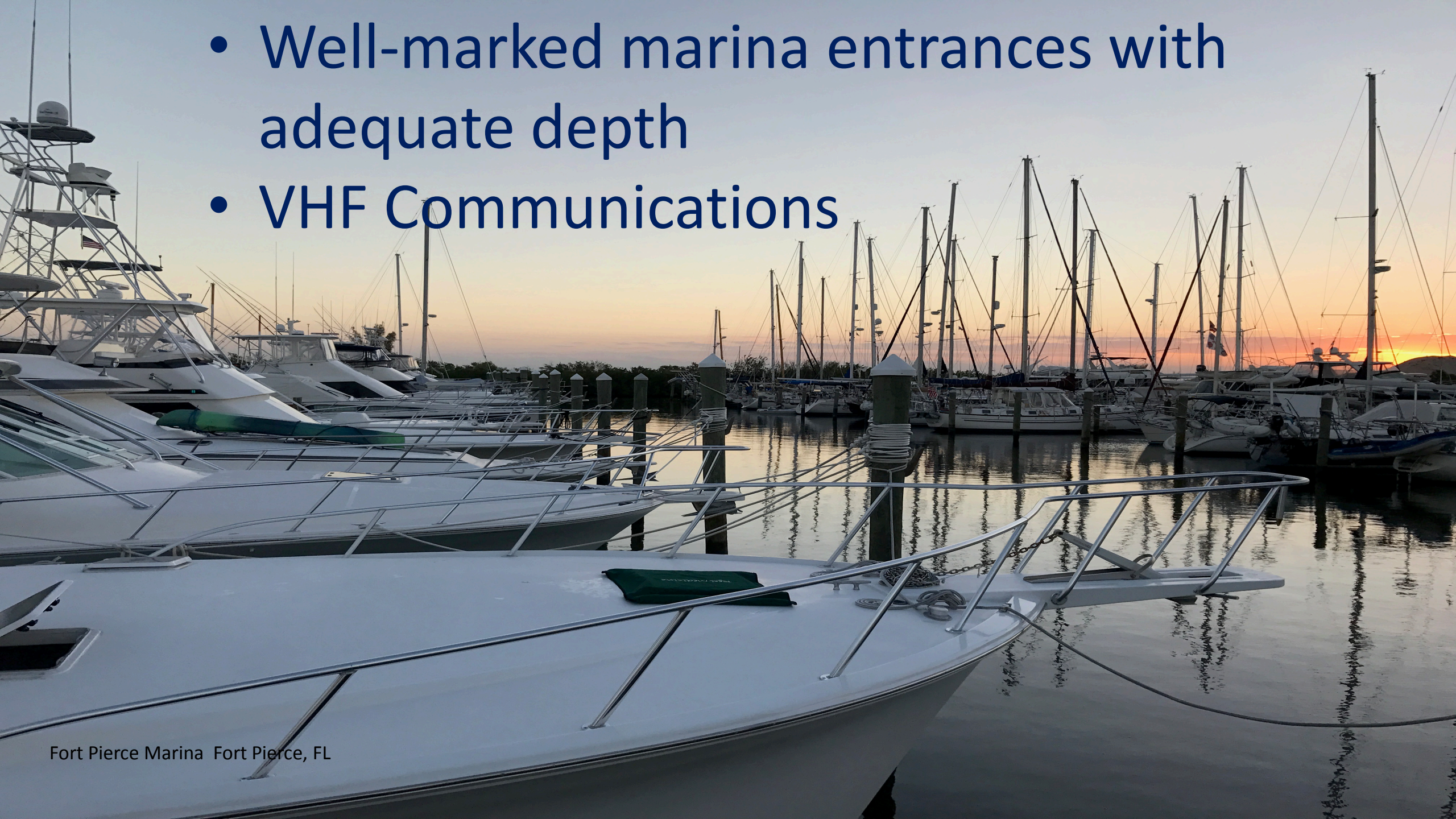


- Security

- ✓ Guards
- ✓ Locked Gates
- ✓ A mix
- ✓ Common sense



- Well-marked marina entrances with adequate depth
- VHF Communications





- Easy approach to the fuel and pump-out dock(s)

Fuel dock and pump out at Sunset Bay Marina in Stuart, FL



- Well maintained docks -- tie-ups and boat protection are important.



Sunset Bay Marina, Stuart, FL



- Helpful dock hands, staff, and clean and functional showers and restrooms a must



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- Basic training on lines and electrical hook-ups
- Help you arrive and maybe depart
- A handheld VHF
- Recognizable clothing
- Listen to captains and mates





- Handy trash/recycle receptacles

- Well maintained electrical hook-up
- An indication of whether the freshwater supply is city or well and any problems



- A welcome packet, even if it's just a sheet of paper with the basic info

- WiFi that works for websites to check weather and basic website/email communications
- Basic ship's store
- A list of service providers

Longboat Key Club, Longboat Key, FL



# Marina Extras



N. Myrtle Beach Yacht Club, Little River, NC



- Mooring Field



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- A good dinghy dock



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- Shuttle or loaner vehicle for provisioning
- Restaurant
- Expanded ship's store
- Area for boaters to gather comfortably
- WiFi that can handle streaming
- Laundry facilities

- Pump-out boat



# Marinas Extra Extras – previous plus...



St Augustine Florida City Marina



- Periodic Socials



Leeward Yacht Club, Green Turtle Cay, Bahamas



Longboat Key, Longboat Key, FL



Sunset Bay Marina  
Stuart, FL





- Pool
- Towel Service
- Sauna
- Hot tub
- Exercise facility

Longboat Key Club Marina, Longboat Key, FL



- Expanded social facilities for boaters – coffee area, game area, expanded lounge area, Grill
- Parking for boaters with cars

Sunset Bay Marina Stuart, FL





Mile Hammock Anchorage, Camp Lejeune, NC



