

Intracoastal Waterway Cruise – Norfolk, VA to Charleston, SC

Charter the classic Trumpy yacht Lady Catherine for an unforgettable cruise on the ICW.

This itinerary is a recommendation only. Each itinerary is customized to your interests. ICW trips can be started and stopped in any number of locations. Trips may be booked for 5 to 14 days. See www.trumpycharters.com for more information or to learn about our crewed yacht charters in other locations.

Day 1 Norfolk / Hampton Roads (Mile Marker 0)

Arrive early afternoon and settle into your luxurious quarters aboard Lady Catherine. Then, if you're interested in learning more about the boat and our planned passage south, we'll spend some time reviewing boat systems, electronics, navigation, charts etc. Or if you prefer to be a carefree passenger spend some time exploring Norfolk or simply relaxing on Lady Catherine's sunny aft deck.



Day 2 –To Coinjock, NC (Mile Marker 50)

The first day of our passage South is full of action and excitement. In busy Hampton Roads we'll cruise past dozens of Navy battleships, from huge aircraft carriers to submarines. Here the busy Waterway is shared by tugs pushing barges, commercial ships and countless private vessels cruising Southbound on the ICW. We'll pass thru the Great Bridge Lock and several opening bridges and spend our first night at the marina in Coinjock, NC. A traditional stop for all cruisers heading to "where the butter melts" the marina here is certain to be abuzz with stories of cruising adventures on the ICW.



Day 3 –Alligator River (Mile Marker 84)

Today's passage takes us across beautiful Albemarle Sound, a large, open natural body of water that is connected to the man-made ICW. Once we're back in "The Ditch", you'll enjoy the view from Lady Catherine's aft deck as we cruise past the lovely mansions lining the shores. We'll anchor in the Alligator River for the night.

Day 4 – Belhaven, NC (Mile Marker 135)

You'll feel like you've arrived in "The South" today as we motor past the beautiful southern style homes lining the Pungo and Palmico Rivers. Our stop tonight is Belhaven. Its name means "beautiful harbor" and you'll agree when you head ashore to explore the gorgeous little town. We'll share the harbor tonight with commercial shrimp boats.



Day 5 Oriental, NC (Mile Marker 181)

Playful dolphins are likely to escort us as we continue south along another wide open, natural body of water – the Neuse River. Where the river connects with Palmico Sound is the pretty little town of Oriental, NC. Known as the sailing capital of the Carolinas, the little harbor is shared by fishing trawlers, shrimp boats and high-end racing sloops. You'll surely be captivated by the historical charm and friendly people of this special waterfront town.



Day 6 Beaufort NC (Mile Marker 201)

It's a short cruise today, giving you plenty of time ashore at our stop at Beaufort, NC. Located on the Southern end of North Carolina's famed Outer Banks, there's lots to do here. Explore the historic sites on your own, learning about the rich history of its fishermen, whalers and pirates. Or take a "Wild Horse and Shelling Safari" on Cape Lookout National Seashore a short ferry ride away.

Day 7 Wrightsville Beach (MM 283)

Today's cruise takes us through the military base of Camp Lejeune. Approaching this huge military facility we'll need to seek the green light from the Firing Tower, giving Lady Catherine permission to cruise thru the base in between artillery exercises. Tonight it's your choice of a quiet evening at anchor, or if you're game for a longer passage we'll continue on to the popular vacation spot Wrightsville Beach for a big night out on the town.



Day 8 Southport NC (NM 309)

Today we'll navigate the strong currents of the Cape Fear River, sharing the channel with big commercial ships. Our reward at the end of the day is a visit to the wonderful town of Southport. The historic charm of this community will captivate you as you walk under a canopy of 200 year old live oak trees, past majestic Victorian century homes which once belonged to river pilots or maybe even a pirate or two. Be sure to visit the North Carolina Maritime Museum to learn more.

Day 9 Myrtle Beach (MM 348)

We'll cross the border into South Carolina today. Our cruise takes us down the protected bright green waters inside the spectacular "Grand Strand" – 60 miles of perfect white sand beach on the Atlantic. We'll dock in Myrtle Beach tonight, giving you an opportunity to experience its famed nightlife. If you're into golf we can stay an extra night and make you a reservation at one of the excellent Myrtle Beach courses.

**Day 10 Georgetown SC (MM 403)**

Oak trees draped with Spanish moss line the banks of the ICW on today's passage, landscaping for the breathtaking antebellum mansions of the Deep South. The day's beautiful passage leads us to Georgetown, SC. Towns don't get any sweeter than this one. Strolling down the historic main street and the side streets, residents sitting on their porches will greet you with waves and greetings of "How ya'll doin'?"

Day 11 & 12 Charleston SC (MM 470)

You'll see palm trees in increasing number as we proceed on the Waterway thru South Carolina with its subtropical climate. Located on a peninsula between two rivers Charlestown is one of the most special stops of the entire Intracoastal Waterway. Our schedule leaves you two days to explore this very beautiful town packed full of historical sites, shops and great Southern restaurants!



Note: The recommended time for this cruise is 12 nights. If your schedule does not permit this much time the same trip may be completed in a shorter time frame by skipping some stops. Or if you prefer more time to explore the wonderful historic towns along the way the cruise may be extended to accommodate this. You may also prefer to start the cruise in the Chesapeake, or to disembark at a port other than Charleston. Each cruise is customized to your taste and interest. Please contact us at 401-222-0778 to share your ideas for the perfect ICW cruise.