

Dear Fellow Boaters,

Oriental, the Sailing Capital of NC, and the surrounding area are very popular areas to “go boating” for many reasons. Open waters, good winds, protected anchorages, adequate dockage, fun small towns, and great hospitality are among the reasons as to why people choose this area to recreate on the water.

Below are a few of the many local spots to visit/anchor while you are here. Some of them are easily reached in a day, while others are either a long day or two shorter days. This all depends on your boat’s speed capabilities, the length of the day, wind direction if you are sailing, and how long you want to travel in one day.

Look through these options, pick one that you like, and we can help you plan your trip. Remember it is better to plan for multiple options so that you can accommodate different weather conditions. Do not just have one place to go, as it might make for a disappointing vacation if conditions do not allow for what you have planned.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have in planning your trip.

Bow to Stern Boating

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Oriental, NC



35.0310° N, 76.6930° W | www.townoforiental.com



A popular town in the cruising and racing worlds, Oriental is known as

“The Sailing Capital of North Carolina”

Appropriate Boats

- All Keelboats
- All Powerboats
- All Paddleboats

What's Here

Anchorage - Close by

- Oriental Harbor
- Smith & Green's Creek
 - *Check Mast Height*
- Adams Creek
- South River
- Clubfoot Creek
- Hancock Creek
- Bay River
- Broad Creek

Dockage

- * Home Dock * (Free)
- [Oriental Marina](#)
- [Oriental Harbor Marina](#)
- [Pecan Grove](#)
- [Whittaker Creek](#)
- [Whittaker Point](#)
- [Sea Harbor](#)

Restaurants

- [Brantley's Village Restaurant](#)
- [The Silo's](#)
- [M&M's](#)

- [Oriental Deli](#)
- [Toucan Bar & Grill](#)
- [The Bean](#)
- [New Village Brewery](#)
- [Barcus Food Company](#)

Shops

- [Nautical Wheelers](#)
- [Marsha's Cottage](#)
- [Inland Waterway Provision Co.](#)
- [Piggly Wiggly](#) - Grocery Store
- West Marine
- Dollar General
- Village Hardware

What's Happening

- [TownDock.net](#)
- Live music & dancing
- Seasonal festivals
- [Oriental Farmer's Market](#)
- [Old Theater](#)
- Art Galleries & Boutiques
- [Oriental's History Museum](#)
- [Oriental Community Labyrinth](#)
- Town Beach
- [Lou Mac Park](#)
- Yoga
- Walking & biking



New Bern, NC



35.1085° N, 77.0441° W | www.newbernnc.gov

Historic Downtown New Bern is pedestrian-friendly, and a must-visit for a cultural and enriching experience.

Appropriate Boats

- All Keelboats
- All Large Powerboats

What's Here

Anchorage

- New Bern Union Point area

Dockage

- [Bridgeton Harbor Marina](#)
- [Duck Creek Marina](#)
- [Galley Stores & Marina](#)
- [New Bern Grand Marina & Yacht Club](#)
- [Northwest Creek Marina](#)

Restaurants & Stores

- [The Chelsea](#)
- [Baker's Kitchen Restaurant & Bakery](#)
- [Captain Ratty's Seafood & Steakhouse](#)
- [Morgan's Tavern & Grill](#)
- [Cypress Hall](#)

- [The Bay Leaf](#)
- [Beer Army Burger Company](#)
- [Cow Cafe](#)
- [Living Well Down East](#)

Possible Activities

- Live music & dancing
- Seasonal festivals
- [New Bern Farmers Market](#)
- [New Bern Firemen's Museum](#)
- [Birthplace of Pepsi Store](#)
- [Tryon Palace](#)
- [New Bern-Craven County Public Library](#)
- [Art Galleries](#) & Boutiques
- [Union Point Park](#)
- Yoga
- Walking & biking

1-Way Distance - 22.8 NM

Est. Time Enroute - 4.5 hrs @ 5kts



River Dunes, NC



35.0779° N, 76.6122° W | www.riverdunes.com

An award-winning community known for its beautiful location, waterfront community, and year-round boaters.

Appropriate Boats

- All Keelboats
- All Large Powerboats

What's Here

Anchorage

- Bay River

Dockage

- [River Dunes Marina at Grace Harbor](#)

Restaurants & Stores

- [Harbor Club](#)
- [Yawl's Cafe](#)
- [Grace Harbor Provision Company](#)

Possible Activities

- Live music & dancing
- [Weddings](#)
- Seasonal festivals
- [Natural Elements Spa](#)
- [The Red Rickshaw](#)
- Yoga & Pilates
- Walking & biking

1-Way Distance - 11.8 NM

Est. Time Enroute - 2.4 hrs @ 5kts



Belhaven, NC



35.5402° N, 76.6230° W | www.visitbelhavennc.com/

A small town on the waterfront that boasts a flourish of year-round festivals, friendly people, and an inviting boating community.

Appropriate Boats

- All Large Powerboats
- All Keelboats

What's Here

Anchorage

- Pantego Creek

Dockage

- [Wynne's Gut on Pantego Creek](#)
- [Belhaven Town Free Docks](#)
- [Belhaven Marina](#)
- [Dowry Creek Marina](#)
- [River Forest Manor & Marina](#)

Restaurants & Stores

- [Fish hook's Cafe](#)
- [Spoon River Artworks & Market](#)
- [Gingerbread Bakery/O'Neal' Snack Bar](#)
- [The Tavern at Jack's Neck](#)

Possible Activities

- [Live music & dancing](#)
- Seasonal festivals
- [Art Galleries & Boutiques](#)
- [Belhaven Memorial Museum](#)
- [Goose Creek State Park](#)
- [Pantego Museum](#)
- [Belhaven Public Library](#)
- Yoga
- Walking & biking

1-Way Distance - 45.3 NM

Est. Time Enroute - 9 hrs @ 5kts



Beaufort



Morehead City, NC

34.7182° N, 76.6638° W | www.beaufortnc.org/

34.7229° N, 76.7260° W <https://moreheadcitync.org/>

Fresh seafood, maritime stores, and a beautiful walk along the waterfront docks.

Appropriate Boats

- All Keelboats
- All Powerboats

What's Here

Anchorage

- [Beaufort Anchorage](#)

Dockage

- [Morehead City Docks](#)
- [Town Creek Marina](#)
- Beaufort Docks
- [Homer Smith Docks & Marina](#)
- [Beaufort Yacht Basin](#)
- [The Boathouse Marina](#)
- [Front Street Village](#)
- [Radio Island Marina](#)
- [Morehead City Yacht Basini](#)
- [Bock Marine](#)
- [Anchorage Marina](#)
- [Jarrett Bay](#)
- [Core Creek Marine Park](#)
- [Sea Gate Marina](#)

Restaurants & Stores

- [Front Street Grill](#)
- [Beaufort Grocery](#)
- [Clawson's 1905 Restaurant & Pub](#)
- [Mezcalito Grill & Tequila Bar](#)
- [34° North Restaurant](#)
- Among many others

Possible Activities

- Live music & dancing
- [Seasonal festivals](#)
- [Olde Beaufort Farmers' Market](#)
- Art Galleries & Boutiques
- [NC Maritime Museum](#)
- Yoga
- Walking & biking

1-Way Distance - approx 22 NM

Est. Time Enroute - 4.5hrs @ 5kts



Bath



35.4771° N, 76.8116° W

<https://historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/historic-bath>

A beautiful spot - quiet, quaint, and super nice people.

Appropriate Boats

- Large Powerboats
- Large Keelboats

Restaurants & Stores

- [Sharky's Bar and Grill](#)
- [White Point Take-Out](#)

What's Here

Anchorage

- Bath Creek

Possible Activities

- Fishing

Dockage

- [Bath Harbor Marina](#)
- Free Docks

1-Way Distance - approx 43.7 NM

Est. Time Enroute - 8.75 hrs @ 5kts



Ocracoke, NC



35.1146° N, 75.9810° W | www.visitocracokenc.com

An island on the Outer Banks for long walks, bike rides to shops and restaurants, fishing, and Blackbeard's hideaway.

Not recommended, except for the very experienced boater.

Appropriate Boats

- Large Keelboats
- Monk Trawler
- **Not Recommended
- **Many other better options

What's Here

Anchorage

- Silver Lake

Dockage

- [Anchorage Marina](#)
- [Jolly Roger Pub & Marina](#)

Restaurants & Stores

- [Howard's Pub & Raw Bar](#)
- [Ocracoke Oyster Company](#)
- [Zillie's Ocracoke](#)

Possible Activities

- [Ride the Wind Surf Shop](#)
- [Deepwater Theater & Music Hall](#)
- [Wheelie Fun Golf Cart Rentals](#)
- [Ghost & History Walk](#)
- [Ocracoke Island Yoga](#)
- [Ocracoke Working Watermen's Exhibit](#)
- [Farmer's Market](#)
- Walking & biking
- [Gecko Sportfishing](#)

1-Way Distance - approx 40 NM

Est. Time Enroute - 8 hrs @ 5kts

*No half way stop

*Rarely made under sail only.

*Large boats only

*NO Bow to Stern Support



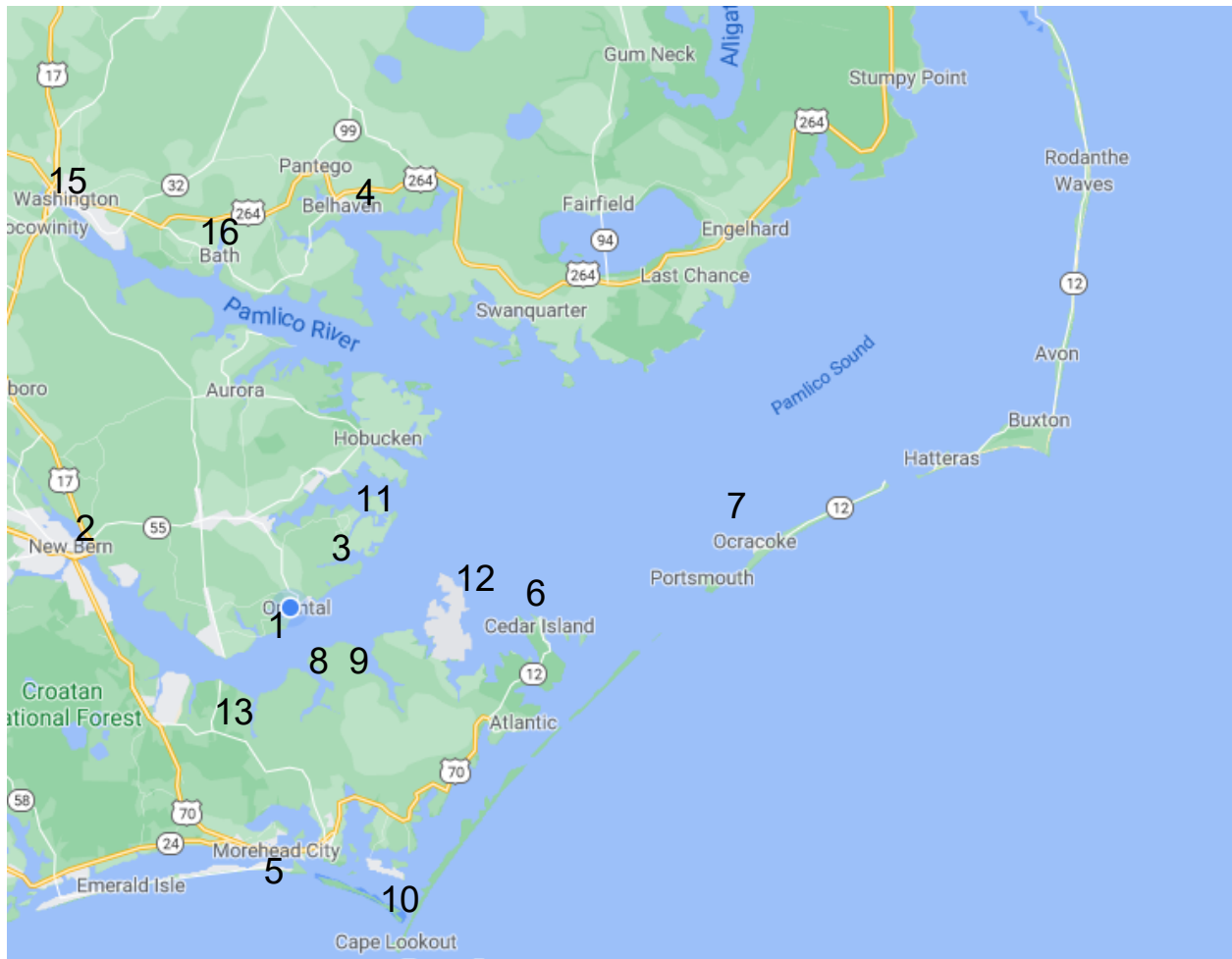
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Local Anchorages

	Appropriate Boats	Towns Nearby	Notes
Adams Creek	All overnight boats	River Dunes	On the ICW
South River	All overnight boats	Oriental River Dunes	On the ICW
Cape Lookout	Large overnight boats	Beaufort & Morehead City	Near Shackleford Banks, lot of beaches
Bay River	All overnight boats	River Dunes	North of Oriental
West Bay	Large overnight boats	Cedar Island Ocracoke	East of Oriental (N wind Fetch)
Clubfoot Creek	All overnight boats	Oriental New Bern	West of Oriental
Broad Creek	All overnight boats	Beaufort & Morehead City Cape Lookout	North of Oriental
Turnagain Bay	Large overnight boats	Oriental River Dunes Cedar Island	East of Oriental (N wind Fetch)

Find a map/ chart that we can use to show a visual of all of these locations (by number on chart).



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| 1. Oriental | 14. Turnagain Bay |
| 2. New Bern | 15. Washington |
| 3. River Dunes/Broad Creek | 16. Bath |
| 4. Belhaven | |
| 5. Beaufort & Morehead City | |
| 6. Cedar Island | |
| 7. Ocracoke | |
| 8. South River | |
| 9. Adams Creek | |
| 10. Cape Lookout | |
| 11. Bay River | |
| 12. West Bay | |
| 13. Clubfoot Creek | |