The ICW Run w/Offshore Ops

Team Island Spirit outline presents the various stops we normally use, plus I have integrated the many offshore options to go out in the ocean. Ocean runs are usually overnight and can be 12-24-36 hours. It all depends on the weather and the run. Here is the basic outline down the coast MD to FL.

Miles are Statute Miles: M

SOUTHBOUND, Starting in Rock Hall, MD

- 1. Solomons Island off Zahnisers Marina
- 2. Deltaville, VA, Jackson Creek
- 3. Hampton or Willoughby Bay
- 4. M 0 Portsmouth, VA, South Ferry Basin
- 5. M 12 Great Bridge
- 6. M 50 Coinjock
- 7. M 102 Deep Point, Alligator River
- 8. M 158 R.E. Mayo Shrimp Dock or Bonner Bay?
- 9. M 188 Cedar Creek, or Oriental
 - a. M 197 Jarrett Bay Boat Works FUEL STOP
- 10. M 200 Beaufort, NC (+ 10nm to Cape Lookout)
 - a. #1 OFFSHORE OP...Cape Lookout to Wrightsville Beach 64 NM Or Cape Lookout to Charleston SC 205 NM
- 11. M 228 Swansboro or M 244 Mile Hammock Bay, NC
- 12. M 283 Wrightsville Beach. NC or M 295 Carolina Beach, NC
- M 309 Southport, NC or Dutchman Creek or M 315 St. James Plantation Marina
 - a. #2 OFFSHORE OP...Southport to Charleston122 NM
- 14. M 355 Barefoot Landing Marina
- 15. M 381 Waccamaw River, Bull Creek
- 16. M 403 Georgetown, SC
- 17. M 451 Whiteside Creek, SC
- 18. Target #1:

Charleston, SC Maritime Center, Mile 464
Docking at slack tide only, anchor off and wait

- a. #3 OFFSHORE OP...Charleston to FI/GA line, Fernandina Beach, FL 160 NM or Charleston to St Augustine 190 NM
- 19. M 513 Ashepoo River
- 20. M 537 Beaufort, SC
 - a. #4 OFFSHORE OP....Beaufort, SC to FL/GA line Fernandina Beach FL 122 NM or Beaufort SC to St. Augustine 152 NM

- b. Port Royal Sea Buoy is 21nm from Beaufort SC, this is a 4+ hour run to sea!
- c. **NOTE**: We skip Georgia with this run!
- 21. M 717 Fernandina Beach, FL
- 22. M 735 Ft George, FL
- 23. M 778 Augustine, FL
 - a. **#5 OFFSHORE OP....**St. Augustine to Ft. Pierce FL **161 NM**
- 24. M 832 Daytona, FL
- 25. M 878 Titusville, FL
- 26. M 898 Cocoa. FL
- 27. M 952 Vero Beach City Marina, Fuel Stop
- 28. M 966 Ft. Pierce, FL
- 29. TARGET #2:

Stuart, FL SUNSET BAY MARINA, Mile 989+6

- 30. M 1000 Hobe Sound, FL
- 31. M 1022 West Palm Beach, FL
 - a. #6 OFFSHORE OP:

West Palm to Miami 66 NM

- 32. M 1065 Lake Sylvia, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
 - a. #7 OFFSHORE OP/Req. @55ft Tuttle Bridge
 Ft. Lauderdale to Miami 26 NM
- 33. M 1088 South Beach Miami, FL
- 34. TARGET #3:

Dinner Key, Coconut Grove, Mile 1095 Crandon State Park Fuel Dock is best

35. WELCOME TO BISCAYNE BAY FL....PARADISE

CONCLUSION

The Run SOUTH to Florida, to Miami, Biscayne Bay is a boating goal that many dream of accomplishing. It is far easier than expected. We now have our favorite places:

- Portsmouth South Ferry basin, Commodore Movie Theater
- 2. Charleston Maritime Center, because it is on the correct side of town, no mega dock for us!
- 3. St. Augustine, always a must stay place
- 4. Vero Beach City Marina, a mooring field where you can live forever
- 5. Stuart, Fl, where the #1 Marina, SUNSET BAY MARINA is located. This is a dream, our base
- 6. Biscayne Bay, Fl base out of Coconut Grove / Dinner Key Marina area. Then learn how to access South Beach and the many anchorages and beaches. Sail Sail sail every day!

7. The Florida Keys....no thank you, as there are not many beaches, no great harbors other than Marathon! So, after 5 winters in the Keys, we no longer go there. Stay up in Biscayne Bay and sail and swim and enjoy a great area.

For Team Island Spirit, we have run the ICW 20 times, plus we have spent 8 winters in the Exumas and 4 winters in the Caribbean Sea. We have 4 summers in Maine and 10 summers in New England based in Block Island, RI. We have owned our Island Packet 35 since 2001 and estimate 40,000 nm under her keel. We really enjoy this lifestyle and are making our 5th Caribbean Sea plans now. We will see you out here:

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