

Basic Operating Guidelines for the Cruise

Cruise Protocol

1. Fleet 5 will monitor VHF channel no. 71. Please keep the chatter on the radio to a minimum. Use your cellular phone for extended conversations.
2. There will be a role call at time Minute 30 Hour 7:30 am daily.
3. The cruise committee will recommend the time of departure and have sole discretion whether to depart during threatening, inclement weather or fog. There will be no set order of departure or formation.
4. You are responsible for the safety of your own crew and vessel. If you are uncomfortable about the sea or weather conditions you should remain in port even if everyone else in the Fleet decides to depart. Should you encounter inclement weather or fog while underway, it is recommended that you break-up into smaller groups and use the buddy system.
5. If you do not have radar, it is recommended that you designate a buddy prior to departure in the event you encounter unexpected fog while underway.
6. You are responsible for your own waypoints and routes to and from each port of call. Make sure you have the appropriate charts and navigation equipment onboard.
7. Please notify the cruise committee when you join or leave the cruise at any port of call.
8. In the event of bad weather while at anchor or on a mooring, please monitor your VHF radio for any announcements.
9. Please keep your distance when approaching an anchorage or mooring field. Allow the boat ahead of you time to anchor or pick-up a mooring. Please don't bunch up in formation particularly during inclement weather or fog.
10. Please notify the cruise committee of your location once you have arrived at the port of call.
11. Please continue to monitor your VHF radio for any announcements upon your arrival until everyone has arrived at the anchorage or marina.
12. Please communicate your forward observations to the boats behind you particularly when entering a harbor, anchorage or mooring field.
13. You are responsible for your own mooring or marina reservations. Please contact the marina on the appropriate VHF channel upon your arrival for individual mooring or slip assignments.

14. Make sure you have all U.S. Coast Guard mandated safety equipment on board.
Prudent use of life jackets is recommended.

**The cruise is for everyone's pleasure and enjoyment.
Have fun and be safe.**