

Go South for the Fall

The cruise for September 26 and 27 September will be to Church Creek on the north shore of the South River and the new home for *Fantastic*. Plan to arrive by 1700 hours to enjoy happy hour ashore at the Wilelinor Community beachfront. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. In case of inclement weather, happy hour will be in the community pavilion adjacent to the marina and beach area.

Sunday morning, Rich and Toni will host an omelet brunch and open house at their home. If you can't come by boat, plan to arrive by land yacht and enjoy a weekend on the South River.

Local Knowledge for Church Creek on the South River

Once you enter the South River continue to day marker Red 14. The entrance to Church Creek will be at a heading of 340 from R14. Begin a sweeping right turn toward the speed marker at the entrance to the creek. You should be in 12 -14 feet of water. As you approach the speed marker, the better water is to the right side. Once inside the marker, stay to the center of the creek. You will see a community pier on the right. Continue up the creek.

On the right side just beyond the second pier you will see a wooden bulkhead. Be sure that you are at least two boat lengths off the bulkhead. Beyond the bulkhead on the left will be a speed marker on the left side, along the shore with marsh grass behind the marker. There is a shoal extending two to three boat lengths from the speed marker.

Beyond the speed marker continue in the center of the creek. Looking ahead, you will see a house with bright yellow awnings. The community marina is on the point to the right of the house with the yellow awnings. Off the point, the creek narrows past a speed marker on a piling. Anchor in the creek before the speed marker.

There are pilings about 20 yards off the shore in front of the community area. The floating dingy dock is inside the pilings.

Directions by land yacht to the Church Creek Cruise.

Take Ritchie Highway south to Route 50 West. Follow Route 50 west to the exit for Aris Allen Boulevard (Route 665). Exit Route 665 at Solomon's Island Road (Route 2). From the exit ramp continue straight across route 2 into the community of Wilelinor. As you are facing Christ Church, turn right. Proceed to the stop sign. Turn left on to Wilelinor Drive. Follow Wilelinor Drive until it curves to the left. As Wilelinor Drive turns to the right continue onto Carvel Circle. The tan house with red shutters on the left (11 Carvel Circle) is the Hughes'. Park at the Hughes' house and walk down Wilelinor Drive to the end (one long block) to reach the marina.