

**Summer Cruise I**  
**BE A SOOPER LOOPER!!!!**  
CRUISE WEEK JUNE 15-JUNE 30TH  
CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF THE ALBEMARLE SOUND

**Group 1** - Cruisers going down Dismal Swamp Canal (DSC) to

**Group 2** - Cruisers going down ICW to Manteo

**WEEK I**

**Saturday** - All Cruisers meet in Portsmouth. (Anchor or marina) 5:00 cocktails on Shangri-La. Dinner on your own. I recommend Fish & Slips located at Tidewater Yacht Agency.

**Sunday-**

**Group 1** - Meet at the Dismal Swamp Visitor Center. Enjoy complimentary bikes from the center. Rent bikes from the state park to ride the inside trails or walk around the state park and become one with nature. There are pavilions and BBQ grills on site near the dock. **The canal has been dredged since the hurricanes and will accommodate catamarans and boats with 6' or less draft.**

**Group 2** - Goes south along the ICW and stops at Great Bridge (Marina or free dockage) .

**Monday -**

**Group 1-** Pelican Marina, which I recommend, is offering free dockage for LOOPERS. Enjoy dinner next door at Paradiso Roma Ristorante. Excellent food. Loopers will receive a 15% off coupon for dinner or lunch. An alternative is The Elizabeth City Docks and provide free docking.

**Group 2** - Coinjock Marina. Enjoy dinner at their onsite restaurant.

**FROM THIS POINT ON, WE ARE ALL  
TOGETHER**

**Tuesday & Wednesday.** Manteo!!! So much to do!!!

There is dockage at Shallowbag Marina that has a pool, hot tub and other nice amenities. This marina is a Gateway for Loopers, which offers free pump outs for Loopers. It is located near restaurants and shopping on the main street. It is a 15-minute walk to the town dock.

Manteo town dock marina is near the quaint downtown area. Enjoy walking around town and seeing the sites. There are BBQ grills and picnic benches available.

Anchorage is also available, immediately to port as you approach the town dock. There is also free overnight tie-up alongside town pier with no services.

There are many restaurants nearby that we can meet as a group and have dinner. Stripers is a recommended restaurant (10% discount with Looper card). Also, the 1587 Restaurant is highly recommended.

**Thursday** - Mouth of the Perquiman's River or Little River. Anchor out.

**Friday & Saturday** - Albemarle plantation - (Free dockage both days for LOOPERS) This is a wonderful facility! We are staying 2 days! There is too much fun to be had here:

They offer golf, tennis, a pool, casual dining and fancy dining. They are unrolling the red carpet for us! Anyone needing a golf cart to get around, they will give us carts. They have recently installed a wood burning pizza oven. The pizza is wonderful! Saturday join us for a pizza party in the Dockside restaurant right at the end of the dock. They have musicians play on the screen porch area most nights. Their wine selection is out of sight at both restaurants.

## Week 2

**Sunday** - Scuppernong River: Columbia, NC. Yacht Doc Marina - Free dockage for Loopers. They will offer us a car to use during our stay. They have FREE laundry facilities, an indoor seating room with computer and TV and an inside Tiki bar.

Sunday afternoon join us for a tour of the winery Vineyards on the Scuppernong. The tastings are free, or you can buy by the glass. It is about a 5-minute car ride from the marina.

Sunday evening meet for drinks at their pavilion and for those wanting crabs, throw in some dough and the cruise captain will pick up some steamed crabs for us to enjoy in the picnic area.

**Monday:** Stay at Yacht Doc or sail over to Columbia Municipal Marina - Walk into town and enjoy the sites.

**Tuesday & Wednesday** - Edenton town docks (free dockage) or a great place to drop a hook. There is lots to do in this little town. Many little shops and pubs. I am told there is a great oyster bar that is worth catching a ride too.

**Thursday** - Little River (anchor out) Gods swimming pool, pool party!! Bring a floatie or noodle and enjoy having drinks floating around the boats. Grab some snacks from swim platforms. This can be a cook up all the food we have left night!

**Friday** - Coinjock Marina

**Saturday** - Great Bridge (marina or free bulkhead)

**Saturday** Norfolk/Portsmouth marina or anchor

**Sunday** - Home port

### NOTES:

At the Looper marinas, there are ambassadors that are there to give you rides, answer questions and be of any help that is needed. Also, if there are pump out facilities available at the marina, they offer free pump outs as well.

You can get all the necessary information at [www.albemarleloop.com](http://www.albemarleloop.com) By signing up, you qualify for the free dockage, pump outs, and any special coupons they are offering. They also will punch your card and earn awards after you receive so many points. There is no cost to be a Looper.

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