

Welcome to the
First Meeting
for the
Fish Tale Boat Club



Please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance



"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."





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See our New Logo!

Introductions:

Staff & Members in
Attendance

Agenda

(Ray)



- Member and Staff Introductions
- History of Grady Club
- Basics for Club Operations
- Boating Knowledge
- Briefing for our first Rendezvous to
Cape Coral Slipaway Food Truck Park
- The Road Ahead

Brief History of Fish Tale Grady Club (Ray)

- 2007 Founding as a Grady-White boat owners group
 - Core Members helped found the club
 - By-laws were established and Club Dues were gathered yearly
 - Fish Tale liaison assisted the club officers and committee planning
 - Fish Tale and Grady-White sponsored and helped organize many activities such as:
 - Frequent lunch trips to local restaurants
 - Christmas boat parades
 - Fun Fishing Tournament
 - GradyFest being the most ambitious festival with around 300 owners and dozens of vendors also was a benefit for charity, NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)
 - Raft-up with the largest being around 50 boats. Some with flyovers for photos.
 - On-water Rendezvous trips often featured photo shoots to get photos of members on the water
 - Annual member dinners at venues such as Bonita Bay and Doc Fords FMB
 - Miami Boat Show - boat club table (was OEM specific)
 - Long Distance Trips – Florida Keys Fishing and Bahamas



Grady Fest IV
Ft. Myers Beach
March 2014



Revamped Club



(Ray)

- What's different this time?
 - No Dues - not an entity. Fish Tale will organize and host events.
 - No "Officers" BUT we do call on you to help shape the club as committee chairs
- What's the same?
 - FUN TIMES ON THE WATER USING YOUR BOAT!
 - Learning the Local water ways
 - Find hotspots on the water. (Beaches, restaurants, etc)
 - Experience the Boating Lifestyle
 - Building relationships among boaters that can turn into lifelong friendships
 - Emphasis on safety and boating knowledge
 - Partnerships with USCG Auxiliary and local Captains

How the Club works this time (Ray)



- No Dues to be a member.
- This is a club for - Fish Tale Boat Owners
 - Grady-White*
 - Robalo (20' LOA minimum)*
 - Chaparral (20' LOA minimum)*
 - Premier (Tri-toon 22' LOA minimum)*

*Note- For single engine boaters, cruising speeds and fuel range may push your vessel limits, especially if conditions are unfavorable. Please consider this before signing up for events outside your local area. If you are not sure, speak to one of our team members.

- We may segment the club as it grows. We are going to adjust as we see things grow.
- Must keep boat in a good seaworthy condition and practice safe operation at events.
- We are boaters of all skill levels. Please be patient and help fellow members.
- Please get to know other owners while enjoying the boating lifestyle! Its fun to go boating with others!



General Boating Practices (TIM)

- Make sure boat is in Seaworthy condition with routine maintenance
- Good idea to have towing membership such as BoatUS for \$175/yr
- USCG Kit / Safety equipment is up to date and complete
 - Fenders and lines ready for docking before entering
- USCG Auxiliary offers vessel safety inspections
- Cruise speed is ordinarily 30-35mph, but also based on conditions.
- Following distance around 200 yards to reduce “accordion” effect
- Slowly reduce speed as you approach next vessel
- Markers – stay between the Reds and Greens
- Be aware of Slow Speed Zones
 - Manatee Zones are No-Wake April 1 to Nov 15.



General Boating Practices Cont'd (TIM)

- Docking is always the final test.
 - Try to practice ahead of time if you are not very comfortable.
 - Make sure your passengers know their role. Don't jump off boat and keep hands out of the crush zone
 - Be prepared with lines and fenders BEFORE approaching the dock
 - Just remember to take it slow and be patient.
 - Help others once you dock. Fish Tale or dockhands are usually there to assist.
- You are the Captain of your vessel and ultimately responsible for the safety of your vessel and its occupants.

E-mail Communication

(TIM)

- Email will be sent in mass from club@fishtale.com
 - You can respond to these E-mails and they go to a group of us at Fish Tale
 - Monthly meetings like this one will be announced about a week out and a day out. Please RSVP if you are likely to attend so we can get a rough idea of attendance. No pressure.
 - January Rendezvous announcements will go out soon and we will ask for RSVP. You may also let us know tonight or once announcement is e-mailed.
- We will launch www.FishTaleBoatClub.com soon. It will have event calendar, FAQ and RSVP function.



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On-Water Communication (TIM)

- We will communicate by VHF
 - Channel 72 for club communication
- How to hail other vessels (72 is casual versus channel 16/12)
- Leader of Rendezvous will handle hailing marina.
 - Listen in on channel 12 or 16, marina announces switching over channels after initial hail.
 - Leader may switch back to 72 to update others
- VHF testing channel 27 – (Automated Sea Tow)

Rendezvous 1 – January 13 (or 15), 2025

Slipaway Food Truck Park & Marina

(TIM)

- 1811 Cape Coral Pkwy E
Cape Coral, FL 33904
- 29 Slips, wooden docks
Food truck and Open-Air Bar
- Slipawaycape.com
- Anticipated Arrival by 11AM and staying until around 1PM.
- Feel free to stay later. If you depart early, please let us know.

	7:14 AM EST	1:59 PM EST	4:01 PM EST
• Tides Jan 13 :	-0.43 ft	-0.01 ft	-0.04 ft
• Tides Jan 15 :	8:56 AM EST	4:15 PM EST	5:50 PM EST
	-0.53 ft	0.18 ft	0.16 ft

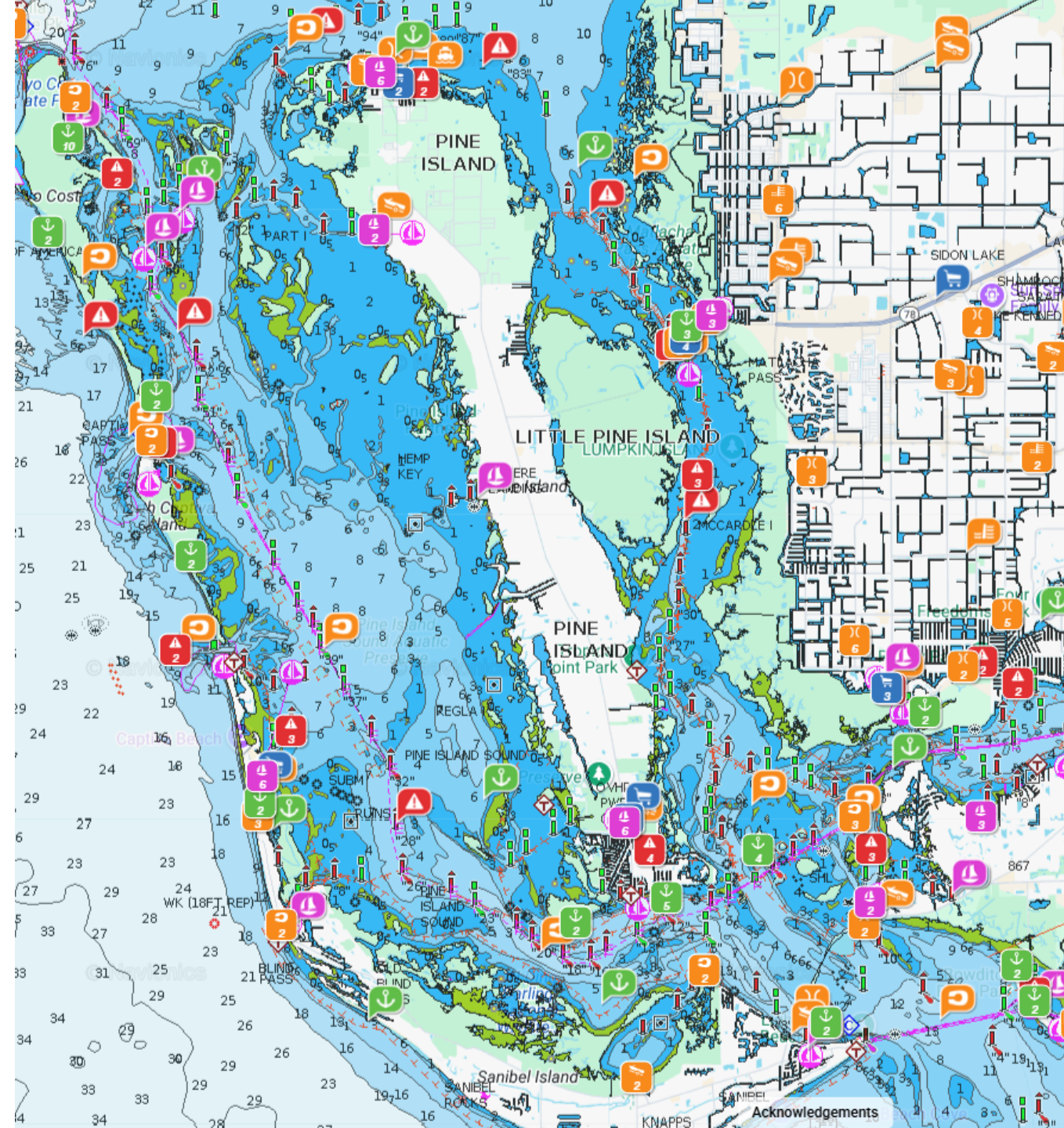
- If we have a Small Craft Advisory, it's a no-go. Cancellation will be announced the evening before event and communicated by E-mail.
- We are taking RSVP's tonight or later when the E-mail announcement is sent out.



Rendezvous 1 North Group (if necessary)

For boaters in Pt. Charlotte and North Captiva

- Meeting at Marker 76 near Boca Grande Pass at 9AM
- Depart and head south down ICW heading towards Sanibel Bridge
- Approximately 45 minutes to meet at Central Meeting Point near Pointe Ybel



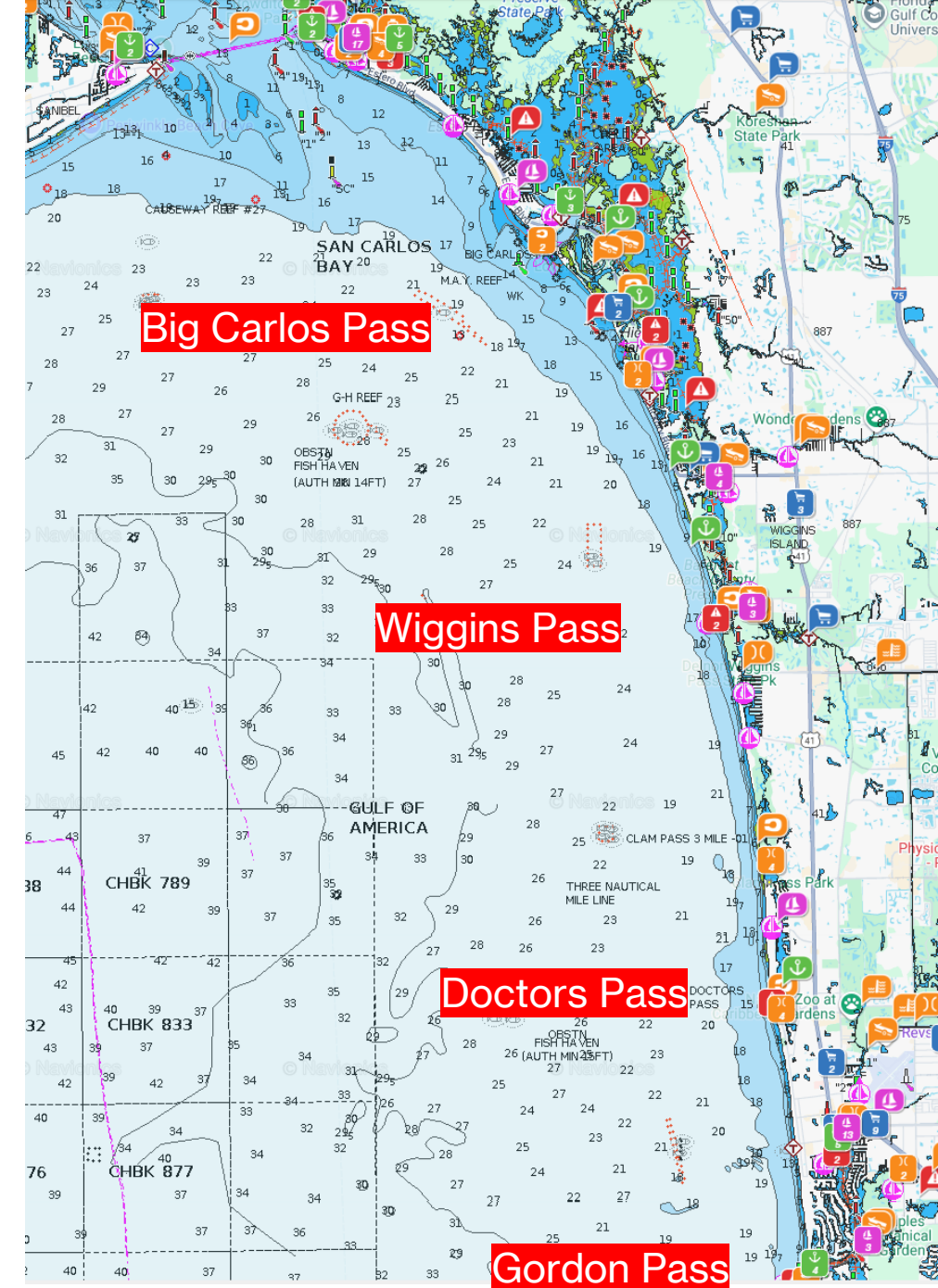
Rendezvous 1

South Group

(if necessary)

For boaters in Naples and Marco Island

- Meeting near Marker 1 of Gordon Pass at 9AM
- Depart and head northward along the shoreline towards Fort Myers Beach
- Approximately 60 minutes to meet at Central Meeting Point near Pointe Ybel



Main group

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The Road Ahead

(Tim)



- Calendar of Events for 1H 2026.
- Top Finalists for Rendezvous Trips:
 - Lunch Cruise to Cabbage Key Inn
 - This is *proposed* to be February Rendezvous 2 – (Feb 3 or 5)
 - Lunch Cruise to Green Flash Restaurant at Captiva
 - This is *proposed* to be March Rendezvous 3 – (Mar 10 or 12)
 - Boat Cruise through Gordon Pass and Keewaydin Island w/ stop at nearby private Beach
 - This is *proposed* to be March Rendezvous 4 – (Mar 31 or Apr 2)
 - Pelican Cove near Cayo Costa (Raft up or Sand bar pull-up)
 - This is *proposed* to be April Rendezvous 5 – (Apr 21 or 23)
- Other finalists were:
 - Lunch Cruise to Matanzas on the Bay at Fort Myers Beach
 - Central location with good dockage options.
 - Lunch Cruise to Backwater Jacks at Bonita Bay Marina
 - Lunch Cruise to Boat House at Naples Bay
 - Lunch Cruise up the Caloosahatchee River to the Boathouse Grill
- Our next monthly meeting is January 14, with a Guest Speaker TBA. (This is the evening after rendezvous)
- Long distance Trips eventually but none as of yet.
 - Pompano's Grady Club is passing through town along the way to the FL Keys in June 2026.
 - Robalo owners hold yearly Bimini Bash in August. <https://robalobiminibash.com/>

Questions

- Thanks for joining us!

