



## Our Top Nationwide Boating Destinations

by the staff at Sterling Acceptance Corporation

One of the best and true sources of experience is word of mouth from people you can trust; That's why we asked our staff here at Sterling Acceptance what their favorite places to go boating were. We would like to pass their feedback on to you, and hope you can make it out to enjoy these wonderful destinations, as much as we do! In this article, you will find a few of our Owner's favorite places to visit, and our Florida Sales Manager, Susan Cunningham's recommendations.

First we will start out with one of the top picks from our Owners, Karen & Dave Trostle. They do most of their boating in the Maryland area, and one of their favorite places to visit is Tilghman Island, located at 38°42'32"N 76°20'6"W. This small town offers a charming, slow pace atmosphere, sure to help you relax while enjoying the "old-time" Eastern Shore living experience. Filled with excellent waterfront dining, lighthouse tours, charters, shopping, and museums, Tilghman Island makes for a great family get away. Karen & Dave enjoy the trip so much, they have scheduled our company boat outing here in August, and we cannot wait!



Another top pick from Karen & Dave is the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa, & Marina in Cambridge, MD; located at 38°33'89"N 76°08'78"W. This beautiful resort offers many upscale amenities including a spa, luxurious pools, and waterfront dining, easily making you feel like you are



on an island vacation. With on site activities like golf, tennis, water sports, and off site charter fishing, hiking, and skydiving, the more active groups will never be bored! One of Karen & Dave's favorite things to do is bring their bikes along and

take the scenic trip to the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. The 12 mile ride offers beautiful scenery and sounds of nature. Once in the park, spotting a bald eagle is more common than not. Between the luxury of the resort, beauty of scenery, and unlimited activities, we feel this top destination is a must visit!!

Moving south down the East Coast, our Florida Sales Manager, Susan Cunningham, shares a few of her favorite and most memorable destinations. Here is what Susan has to say:

"My first true cruising experience after moving to Florida, and the most memorable, was in the Abacos and the surrounding islands of the Bahamas. Hopetown Harbor on Long Island was home base for exploring Long Island, Green Turtle, Man-O-War, Allens-Pensacola and Great Guana Cays. The picturesque small town where no vehicles were allowed, with the exception of the fire truck, was quaint, safe and delightful. My favorite T-shirt read "In case of fire, get key from Vernon's Grocery". Long Island, being on average two miles wide but 80 miles from tip to tip has the drama of the ocean on one side and the beauty of the Caribbean in walking distance to the other side. A return trip is a must for me."



"More on a local level, I discovered that the area of the Gulf of Mexico from Boca Grande south to Everglades City provided everything a cruiser could ever want or need. Some of my favorites being Useppa Island with fine dining and a popular location for boat club rendezvous, The Inn at Cabbage Key, thought to be the inspiration for Jimmy Buffet's "Cheeseburger in Paradise", Cayo Costa, and numerous other state and national parks with the most spectacular beaches and wildlife. There are



many great anchorages off the intercoastal waterway that provide good holding grounds and the entire stretch of Pine Island Sound has ample numbers of marinas providing all the necessary services. One of the most unique destinations was the laid back Rod and Gun Club in Everglades City, southeast of Naples. With kayaking through Turner's Loop and a tour of the Ten Thousand Islands to visit the "manatees and gators and skeeters", we had a fantastic trip.

To have the advantage of being able to experience the tranquil and sometimes dramatic, but always stunning beauty of the Florida coasts is such a blessing to me and one I hope anyone with the opportunity, will not pass up."

We hope you enjoyed this article and can make it to some of these destinations. If you do, we would love to hear about your trip and the things you enjoyed!