



**The Wonders of Pine Island Sound, FL**  
**ASA Flotilla September 22 – September 29, 2012**  
**Hosts: Captains Jeff Grossman & Jean Levine**



You are invited to join in our fourth annual Flotilla cruise to the beautiful and unspoiled islands of Pine Island Sound, Florida. Cabbage Key, Cayo Costa and the other barrier Islands of Southwest Florida offer scenery, wild life and a tranquility found in few places in the world.

This flotilla will leave out of Burnt Store Marina in Punta Gorda on Charlotte Harbor. We will be experiencing the beauty of original and unspoiled Florida that only still exists in the Pine Island Sound area. The nearby barrier islands contain parks, spectacular beaches, resorts and an abundance of wildlife. Many of the islands we will visit are only accessible by boat. We will have several scheduled events and parties with many ASA prizes. The sailing is relaxed and manatees, dolphins and a wide variety of birds can be seen. Participants can arrange for their own bareboat, arrange for a charter boat with skipper or even put their own vessel into the flotilla. Our route will include overnight stops in both anchorages and resort marina docks. The Flotilla Leaders are Captains Jeff Grossman and Jean Levine (Jeff & Jean email: [info@TwoCanSail.com](mailto:info@TwoCanSail.com)). Contact ASA at [info@asa.com](mailto:info@asa.com) to learn more.



**Flotilla starting point and base:**

**Burnt Store Marina**

<http://www.burntstoremarina.com/index.htm>



Burnt Store Marina is every boater's dream. Located on beautiful Charlotte Harbor, ranked as one of the top ten places to sail by *Sail* magazine, the basin is just 10 miles to the Gulf of Mexico. Charlotte Harbor is the second-largest estuary in Florida, encompassing 270 square miles, yet it is one of the state's best-kept secrets. Burnt Store Marina provides direct access to this boating wonderland, just south of Tampa, between Sarasota and Naples. The closest major airport is in Fort Myers at Southwest Florida International (FSW).

**Destinations for 2012 may include:**

**Cayo Costa State Park**

<http://www.floridastateparks.org/cayocosta/default.cfm>



With nine miles of beautiful beaches and acres of pine forests, oak-palm hammocks, and mangrove swamps, this barrier island park is a Gulf Coast paradise. The park is accessible only by private boat or ferry. Visitors may see manatees and pods of dolphins in the waters around the park, as well as a spectacular assortment of birds. On the island, visitors can swim or snorkel in the surf, enjoy the sun, and picnic in the shade. Shelling is especially good during the winter months. Nature trails provide opportunities for hiking and off-road bicycling.



## **Useppa Island**

<http://www.useppa.com/indexb.html>



Useppa is a truly private Island Club dedicated to the pure art of relaxation and recreation of our members, owners and guests. The Useppa Island Club is the focus of island life, no cars, no crowds! It boasts a tradition of sincere, personalized hospitality, which traces to origins before the turn of the century. It's a place where history comes alive in the island historical society's museum and a place where family fun and an informal sporting lifestyle abound today. Our local ASA schools are members and will help to arrange the visit.

## **Sanibel Island and Captiva Island**

<http://www.sanibel-captiva.org/>



Sanibel Island offers white sand beaches with fantastic shells, quaint shops and restaurants with spectacular sunsets. Sanibel is a peaceful resort and island community. Captiva Island offers even less developed beauty. South Seas Island Resort has a marina on Captiva, which offers unlimited possibilities for exploring the island by foot, kayak or other means.



## Cabbage Key

<http://www.cabbagekey.com/>



Accessible only by boat, helicopter or seaplane (we will be using boats) this is a “place out of time”, it hasn’t changed for almost 50 years! One hundred acres of tropical vegetation surround the historic restaurant, inn and cottages. A panoramic view of Pine Island Sound is provided from the front porch atop a thirty-eight foot Indian shell mound. There are no cars here, not even a paved road. You will find winding nature trails, picturesque views and plenty of relaxation. Make sure you bring some one dollar bills as it is a tradition to stick a bill on the wall with your boats name on it (all bills are eventually donated to charity). The Inn is literally wall papered with bills from visitors, including ones from the likes of Jimmy Buffet and Burt Reynolds!