

St. Marys Nautical Info

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A town with friendliness for boaters - reports

St. Marys, GA. Undiscovered Boater Resources

There is good news for boat owners, potential boating visitors in St. Marys, GA – services do exist, and we are getting more! Several varieties of small businesses exist that are able to provide marine products & services. Some of the services offered in this waterfront town are, affordable slips, free public docks (6 hour limits), dingy dock, and mooring buoys.

Benefits

Compared to nearby Florida or Brunswick, St. Marys average slip fees are considerably cheaper, with easy access to a protected sound and Intracoastal Waterway for boating.

FIRST COAST OFFSHORE CHALLENGE RACE RESULTS

St. Marys resident Roy Ostrom came in 10th overall on the s/v Amarant (Lindenburg 26' Sailboat) out of 29 boats entered in the race. Overnight from St. Augustine to St. Marys was challenging due to lack of wind starting in early morning. RACE DETAILS/RESULTS CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.SAILJAX.COM. ❖

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Use of washers and driers at Market on the Square #6 on the map.

Marine UV Protectant

During this time of year UV is very damaging to marine fabrics and especially thread. UV protectant(s) should be used on a regular basis, these also act like Scotch guard to make it easier to clean. At the minimum on threads apply monthly to keep from dry rotting. On fabrics, vinyls, inflatables and zippers apply twice a year to help keep original appearance and color. Two choices are available 303 UV Protectant (SPF 40) through www.sailrite.com (800 348-2769) or Inflat Protectant through West Marine (800-Boating).

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Interested in writing an article or updating information please email ecgossett@gmail.com

Local Resources

LET US KNOW IF YOUR INFORMATION IS WRONG OR YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR BUSINESS ADDED.

- **Canvas & Sail Repair**
 - Cumberland Canvas – Edward Gossett (912) 322-2661 | ecgossett@gmail.com
 - Pat's Canvas & Sail Repair – (904) 389-1001 4589 Lakeside Dr, Jacksonville, FL.
- **Divers / Bottom Cleaners**
 - Diver's Den – www.diversdengeorgia.com P (912) 882-7078
 - Diver & Bottom Cleaner – Robert McCauly C (912) 882-9232
- **Engine Repair**
 - Dickey Do Diesel & Service – Jack Dickey P (912) 729-7747 | C (912)-552-4464
 - Kings Bay Marine – (912) 729-3101
 - Sea To Sea Marine & Auto – Pops P (912) 882-0744 | www.seatoseamarine.com
- **Food**
 - Downtown Café & Bakery – Donna Fernandes P (912) 576-0969
 - Coast To Coast Seafood and Meats – Delivery P (912) 577-8139 | C (904)327-1818

- **Marina / Boatyard**

- Fernandina Harbor Marina – <http://www.fbfl.us/>
P (904) 491-2089 | Dock (904) 491-2090
- Tiger Point Marina & Boat Work
P (904) 277-2720
- Lang's Marina – (912) 882-4452
- St. Marys Boat Services – *Has mooring buoys*
P (912) 674-5802 | stmarysboatervices.com
DIY yard w/ 40ton travel-lift.

- **Supplies**

- Big A Auto Parts – Marine Parts & West Marine
P (912) 882-2442
- Camden Rigging & Supply – Jim Combs
P (912) 674-5270 | jim99995@yahoo.com
Rigger

- **Yacht Brokers**

- America East Yachts – Hal Glazer
P (912) 729-3728 | C (954) 547-7409
F (954) 587-2914 | aey1@bellsouth.net
- Dick Boger Yacht Sales – Ralph Talbot
(904) 945-0619 | tievoli@earthlink.net
- HUCKINS YACHT CORPORATION – Roy Ostrom
(c) (843) 327-2034 | royostrom@yahoo.com
POWER BOATS ONLY

**Free wireless internet access can be had at
"Read Em' Again" #38, Cumberland Cigar
Company #29, Economic Development #32, &
The Welcome Center #36 on the map.**

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**COAST GUARD AUXILIARY'S
AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE**

**This was a success with a full class. If anyone
would be interested in another please contact
the St. Marys DDA.**

Contact: St. Marys Downtown Development at
(912) 882-8111 or info@stmarysdda.com

Holding Tanks

Lang's Marina has a portable pump that is available seven days a week. The price is \$15.

Fernandina Harbor Marina charges \$5 to empty on a dedicated dock space. This is roughly 45-60 minutes by water from St. Marys.

Transportation

Golf carts are street legal in historic St. Marys. Golf cart rentals are available at the Golf Cart Store (912 576-8170). There is a chauffeured (conciierge) 6-pak golf cart available to ferry passengers and boaters (912 882-8111) provided by the St. Marys DDA. Camden Bicycle Center (912 576-9696) rents and delivers bikes. Ask for transportation to Wal-Mart and further out on VHF 16. Someone will usually help. ❖

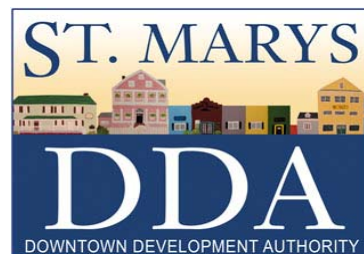
Anchorage & Dockage

The St. Marys River provides decent anchorage for at least 120 boats with good mud and sand holding in the riverbed. Depth is rarely over 25 feet in the mud, usually 12 to 16 feet at low tide.

The Public Dock is available for 6 hrs or so (more if needed) but there is no electricity or water. These are available at the restrooms nearby.

Lang's East docks are easy to land at but there are few if any available slips. Tidal flow is South Southwest. Ebb tide is almost due North-East around the docks.

Lang's Marina is on Channel 16 Mon through Sat, usually Sunday. Nate is Lang's dock master. He has a good voice and gives clear instructions. Most of the time someone at the West docks will hear radio calls on VHF 16, too. They can help you dock anytime.



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