

Navigating Ponce de Leon Inlet

Waypoints and Notes - Validated 5/18/2014

Enter Ponce de Leon inlet on a westerly heading at the #2 Sea Buoy. Stay within the marked channel and favor the north side of the channel along the jetty. The south side of the channel should be avoided.

Lighted red buoy #8 is at the west end of the inlet. In approaching #8, begin an easy turn to port while continuing to stay well clear of the floating green marks.

Nun buoy #8-A is to the south of #8. Leave #8-A to starboard and continue on a southerly course until within one to two boat-lengths of nun buoy #8-B. Turn to starboard on a westerly heading at waypoint #1, given below. At mid-tide you should experience a depth of about ten feet as you leave the marked channel. This should be the shallowest point you encounter as you traverse the unmarked area of the channel.

Waypoint 1: 29° 04'.454
 080° 55'.303 Note: Red nun 8-B will be one to two
 boat-lengths to your south as you begin your turn to the west.

Waypoint 2: 29° 04'.391
 080° 55'.523

Waypoint 3: 29° 04'.397
 080° 55'.678

Waypoint 4: 29° 04'.515
 080° 55'.826 Note: A large "Speed Limit" sign
 attached to two posts stands above the water on your port side.

Waypoint 5: 29° 04'.848
 080° 56'.110 Note: This is the first of a line of
 docks, marinas, restaurants and homes that will be left to starboard
 as you pass. The channel is marked and there is deep water right up

to the docks. There are shoals and disappearing islands to port. Observe the marks as you traverse this area and you should encounter no problems with depth.

Passing the last fish camp/marina, you will observe marshlands ahead. Follow the shoreline, making an easy turn to port. As you pass green floating mark #1, leaving it to starboard, continue on a westerly heading toward the ICW.

Passing the edge of the marshland, you will observe ICW green daymark #1, ahead to starboard. Go directly to ICW #1, leaving it to starboard and proceed north in the ICW. As you approach Daytona's Memorial Bridge, turn to port and enter the marked channel that leads to the Halifax Harbor Marina and the Halifax River Yacht Club.

Welcome to Daytona, the Halifax River Yacht Club and the Gulf Streamer, "The race too intense to hold every year".