

**Join us for HBYC's Manatee Cruise to Crystal River, February 10 - 14.**



**This is a great cruise opportunity for sail and power boats, and trailer sailors. If it floats, untie and come with us!!**

If you are coming by sea, our cruise plan is:

- Leave 02:00 Friday Feb. 10th from Hudson. We have a 3 foot tide and full moon. Enjoy sunrise and breakfast at sea! We will sail, motor sail or just plain motor to Crystal River, motor up the river, and be securely anchored in Kings Bay by sunset!

- Saturday at leisure early. Dinner at **Crackers** with fellow cruisers and trailer sailors.

- Sunday late morning - Manatee Swim! By then you'll need a good wash anyway. Afternoon get together at the Ale House at the Port Hotel and Marina, where the specialty of the house is a "Grouper Rueben" sandwich.

- Monday depart Kings Bay 0500-0530 return to Hudson arrive Marker2 between 1700-1800.

- Waypoint and other info on the route to Crystal Bay and River are available from **Don Himes**, our Cruise Director for this trip.



Here are more details:

**Anchoring:** secure, sheltered anchorage in King's Bay, a short dinghy ride to restaurants and other attractions.

**Pete's Pier Marina** - Phone (352) 795-3302. They have covered slips available for trawlers, lighter craft.

**Cracker's Bar and Grill** , 502 NW 6th St., Crystal River for Saturday's dinner.

**Trailer/ Motel Option:** Port Hotel and Marina in Crystal River. (352) 795-3111. Moderate room rates if you'd like to sleep in a "real" bed, plus free use their boat ramp and dock if you're a trailer cruiser. Port Hotel also is the site of The Ale House restaurant, and, the Dive Center for:

**Swim with the Manatees:** You've got to do this at least once in your lifetime! The Dive Center will provide you with snorkeling equipment, a wet suit, and guided tour to the manatee area for a cost of only \$42.50. You can also rent kayaks, jon boats, or pontoons from these folks. Website: [www.porthoteldivecenter.com](http://www.porthoteldivecenter.com) .



Imagine the tales you'll tell of your manatee encounter at the next meeting!

<- Here is the **Ale House** where we're planning on meeting after the Sunday activities for some brew & grub.