

# Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach VCB Florida Encounter Post FAM December 1-3, 2018



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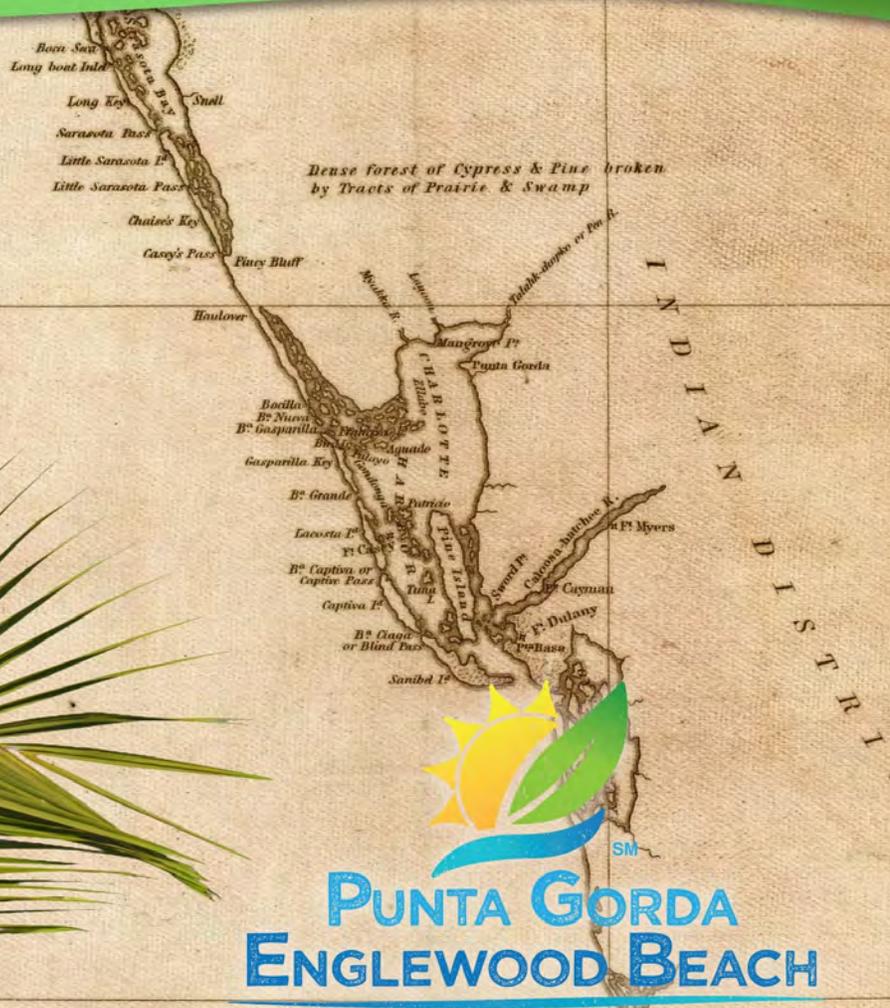
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### SAILING DIRECTIONS TAMPA BAY

Egmont Pass 23 Ft. Make Light House bear E. by 3.5 miles & keep near Egmont.

### CHARLOTTE HARBOR

Gasparilla Pass 44 Ft. Make tall pines on main land to bear N.E. 4 Fathoms water or towards N. side of the pass, and run into 5 fathoms.  
 Boca Grande 12 Ft. Boca Grande opens when N. wind blows. Make the point bear E.N.E. distant 5 miles, and keep to the S. of Gasparilla bears N.E. Then for the point due N.E. When it is visible, and the Gasparilla bears N.E. to anchor.  
 Captive Pass 6 Ft. Approach from S. side of the island from the S. side of the Captive Pass. N. side of the island is to be kept to the S. side of the island.  
 Samuel Pass 10 Ft. Pass between the two islands. Make the point of the island W. distant 1/2 mile. When it is visible, and the Gasparilla bears N.E. to anchor.



The Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast



## **Saturday, December 1, 2018**

**8:30 am**      **Depart for Punta Gorda**

**10:00 am**      **Site visit at the SpringHill Suites by Marriott Punta Gorda Harborside**

*Work smarter in stylish, spacious guest suites and lobbies. And enjoy modern amenities like free Wi-Fi and complimentary hot, healthy breakfast.*

**10:45 am**      **Site visit at Four Points by Sheraton Punta Gorda Harborside**

*Located on Charlotte Harbor waterfront, convenient to the unique shops and restaurants of the charming, downtown of Punta Gorda.*

**11:45 am**      **Site visit of the Punta Gorda Waterfront Hotel and Suites**

*Situated along the waterfront, our hotel puts you within quick reach of sunshine, clean air, beaches and 129 square miles of shimmering ocean waters. Enjoy spectacular sunsets and beautiful walking and biking areas along the Punta Gorda Riverwalk, which runs directly behind the property.*

**12:30**          **Lunch and site visit of The Wyvern Hotel**

*We welcome you to experience the boutique embrace of the independently owned Wyvern Hotel, a Conde Nast Johansens property. Here at our Punta Gorda hotel, chic style merges with service that is discreet yet intuitive and friendly to create a resort atmosphere.*

**1:45 pm**      **Tour of Visual Arts Center**

The Visual Arts Center serves Charlotte County, and beyond with three major galleries, 6 classrooms, jewelry, glass, pottery & technology studios, an extensive arts library and a gift shop filled with unique, hand crafted items made by our artists. Our 12,000 square foot facility provides the best art classes, instructors and exhibit opportunities for the community. Our courses are designed for all ages and skill levels and we offer classes and workshops in a variety of arts media throughout the year.

**2:15**          **Tour of Peace River Wildlife Center**

*Peace River Wildlife Center (PRWC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit wildlife rehabilitation and education center tucked neatly into the mangroves overlooking Charlotte Harbor at Ponce de Leon Park in Punta Gorda Isles.*

**2:45 pm**      **Tour of Muscle Car City**

*Muscle Car City has become one of the largest GM muscle car collections in the nation.*

**3:30 pm**      **Return to hotels for check in**

**7:00 pm**      **Dinner at Blue Turtle Tavern**

*The Blue Turtle is a classic coastal tavern where gracious hospitality unites good friends with great food. The historic red-brick tavern in the heart of Punta Gorda's dining district is relaxed and friendly. The Blue Turtle atmosphere makes it a great place to meet friends.*

**8:30 pm**      **Retire for the evening**



## **Sunday, December 2, 2018**

**8:30 am Breakfast at hotel**

**9:30 am Site visit at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center**

*Nestled in the heart of Southwest Florida on the shore of the Peace River, the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center offers 44,000 square feet of event space, pristine waterfront views and top good service management for events of all sizes and budgets, along with a heartfelt welcome from our community.*

**10:30 am Transport to Palm Island Resort for lunch, beach and nature tour**

*Palm Island offers an off-the-beaten-path place for Board and Corporate Retreats. Accessible via a six-minute ferry ride across the Intracoastal Waterway to a quiet private beach, Palm Island offers more than 100 fully-equipped villas, condos and cottages. Once you arrive, you and your attendees can enjoy the fitness center, volleyball, basketball and tennis or rent bikes, boogie boards, rafts, snorkel sets and fishing equipment. What's more, boat and fishing charters can be arranged, as can golf. When hunger sets in, you can take a complimentary water taxi to Leverock's, where seafood is served up in a casual atmosphere with scenic views of the marina and Intracoastal Waterway.*

**2:45 pm Tour of Lashley Crab House and Lashley Park**

**4:50 pm Dinner at The Captain's Table Restaurant and tour of Fishermen's Village**

**7:00 pm Christmas Light Canal Cruise (7:30 departure)**

*The popular, family-oriented one-hour cruises tour the residential canals to view Christmas lights, displays and decorations on homes, boats, seawalls and docks. Boats of all shapes and sizes cruise the canals during the evenings in December to enjoy this warm display of community Christmas spirit.*

**8:30 pm Return to Hotel**

**8:45 pm (Optional) Good night cocktail at the Tiki Hut**



### **Monday, December 3, 2018**

**7:00 am (Optional)** Good morning! Walk on Charlotte Harbor Riverwalk or take a spin on one of the complementary bicycle loaners provided by TEAM Punta Gorda

Departures all day to area airports.

*Located just off Interstate 75 and less than an hour from two international airports (35 minutes from Southwest Florida International to downtown Punta Gorda), Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach provides a unique setting for a memorable meeting or conference.*

*The area features diverse venues for nearly any event. Our destination's signature meeting venue is the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, which is professionally managed by SMG. This 44,000 square foot multi-purpose facility has exceeded expectations in its first two years of operation successfully hosting a variety of functions including meetings, conferences, trade shows, and sporting events.*

*In addition, both Palm Island Resort and the Boca Grande Club provide an exclusive beachfront resort atmosphere, ideal for board retreats and incentive travel.*

*If your function requires off site activities or reception venues, there are many to choose from in the Charlotte Harbor area including harbor cruises, swamp buggy tours, an array of golf courses, Muscle Car City Museum, Fishermen's Village, and Charlotte Sports Park, spring training home of the Tampa Bay Rays.*

*Let the Punta Gorda / Englewood Beach Visitor & Convention Bureau be your one stop shop for any information or recommendations regarding the Charlotte Harbor area. Our hospitality and enthusiasm is sure to create a memorable experience for all your attendees.*