



# *Elevate Your Experience in the* “YACHTING CAPITAL OF THE WORLD”



The ultimate adventure awaits those journeying to Greater Fort Lauderdale by yacht. It's a vibrant boating community and a top sailing destination offering ideal weather, calm and clear water, thriving marine industry and supportive yachting lifestyle and culture.

Beginning with early settlements and boatyards along the New River, the destination has a strong legacy as a marine community, and now hosts the world's largest in-water boat show - the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show - with more than 1,500 boats, 1,000 exhibitors and more than 100,000 visitors from 52 countries. Options abound in the area with places to stay, refuel, restock and enjoy plenty of mainland dining, hotels, shopping and entertainment.



## LOCAL MARINE INDUSTRY

The area's marine industry comprises world-class shipyards, marinas, manufacturing, wholesale and retail marine products, brokers, dockage, and every type of marine service. As the second largest business sector, the industry is supported by more than 149,000 jobs regionally, and contributes an annual economic impact of \$9.7 billion in Broward County and \$12.5 billion regionally. Approximately 2,000 mega-yachts visit each year, and there are more than 50,000 registered yachts and more than 100 marinas.

Through the area's maritime training options, international and domestic crews can earn both regulatory and non-regulatory qualifications - from entry-level through senior management positions.

Dockage, bunkering, maintenance, and provision services abound. And when on land, visitors can experience a luxurious yet laid-back lifestyle of world-class hotels, restaurants, golf, fishing, diving, running and biking trails, attractions and shopping - from luxury retailers and boutiques, to the world's largest single-story outlet mall.

## DISCOVER GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE

Lush and tropical Greater Fort Lauderdale features 300+ miles of navigable waterways, 23 miles of pristine beaches and soft ocean breezes beckoning as your next port-of-call.

The Intracoastal Waterway is lined with marinas, waterfront restaurants, nightspots and more.

A 23-mile span of golden beaches await. And 300+ days of sunshine a year provide opportunities for boating, nature, diverse neighborhoods, events, attractions and unique experiences

A day at the beach offers beachfront promenades, shopping and dining. Below the surface, discover 76 artificial reefs - magnets for marine life and the largest collection of warm-water wrecks in the Western world. It's the only place in the continental United States where you can snorkel and dive a living coral reef straight off the beach.

Go from fresh to saltwater fishing within 20 minutes, with more than 200 freshwater species in numerous lakes and canals, and deep-sea fishing fleets located in Fort Lauderdale, Deerfield Beach, Pompano Beach, Dania Beach and Hollywood. Plus, four municipal piers stretch into the Atlantic.





Find plenty of thrills back on land, with 50+ craft breweries along the Greater Fort Lauderdale Ale Trail. More than 4,000 eateries offer a mix of flavors spiced by native cuisines of the area's diverse population. Many offering the option to dock-and-dine.

From days out to nights on the town, the area welcomes everyone under the sun with luxury hotels, museums, nightlife, shopping, casinos, speakeasies, jazz clubs, wine lounges, walkable mural districts, beach music festivals and more.

For seafarers departing from or headed to Fort Lauderdale by yacht, Bermuda is a welcoming port-o-call for vessels in transition to and from the Mediterranean.



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