



## Treasured Friends on the Treasure Coast 2025 Asphalt Cruise – Vero Beach, Florida

Join your Virginia Yacht Club friends in spectacular Vero Beach for the VYC 2025 Asphalt Cruise. There'll be fun, adventures, the beach at your doorstep and shops and restaurants galore!

The area is known as the Treasure Coast because of a 1715 hurricane that sank 11 Spanish treasure ships just off the coast. At the time, much of the treasure was not found but now it is being recovered. The cruise begins Wednesday, February 26 and ends Sunday, March 2. A block of rooms was reserved at the Kimpton Vero Beach Hotel. The oceanfront hotel is in easy walking distance of many shops and restaurants. Hopefully you have already made a hotel reservation as information was sent to all members in May. Our block is full but rooms outside the block may be available online. If there are cancellations, you may be able to move into the block at the VYC rate; let Betty Miles know if you book online. For those coming by boat, we recommend the Loggerhead Vero Beach Marina 772-770-4470.

Wednesday evening, there will be an arrival cocktail party with a light supper in the hotel's Shoreline Room overlooking the ocean. Thursday morning, we will meet at the beautiful McKee Botanical Garden for a guided tour followed by lunch at the Vero Beach Yacht Club. The garden will have a Lego installation of 40 sculptures throughout, using 800,000 Legos! Also, that morning, a very limited number of spaces are available for a tour of the Piper Aircraft factory. Friday morning, we will be bussed 15 miles west to the head waters of the St. Johns River for an airboat ride to see lots of alligators and other wildlife. Saturday, members will visit the fabulous National Navy Seal Museum and that night there will be a grand finale dinner at the venerable Vero Beach Country Club. Afternoons are free to shop, relax by the pool or beach, or visit one of the many other interesting attractions in the area.

Attached is a list of optional things to do in the area and a list of restaurants. Restaurants are extremely busy this time of year so make reservations well in advance. There are a few walk-in restaurants available. Since we all have cars, members will drive or carpool to all events except the Friday airboat ride.

Your Cruise Directors can't wait to welcome you to Vero Beach in February!

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Wednesday, February 26 – Arrival Day

6:00 Welcome gathering and light supper in the Shoreline Room at the Kimpton



Thursday, February 27

10:00 Members drive/carpool to McKee Botanical Garden, 350 US Highway 1 for a guided tour of the gardens. We'll end at the Hall of Giants to learn about the Garden, Waldo Sexton and Vero Beach history. Optional tour of the Piper Aircraft Factory for 10 people max.

12:30 Lunch - Vero Beach Yacht Club, 3601 Rio Vista Blvd, on Orchid Island about a mile W of the hotel.

Afternoon free for beach, pool, shopping or the many optional attractions



Dinner on your own; see restaurant list and reserve early! \*See Note below

Friday, February 28



10:00 Board bus at Kimpton for airboat ride about 15 miles W of Vero Beach

12:30 Return to hotel. Lunch on your own – There are 2 restaurants at the hotel and Bobby's, next door, has a very good lunch. Ocean Grill, 2 blocks south, is excellent and full of Waldo Sexto artifacts.

Afternoon free for beach, pool, shopping or the many optional attractions

Dinner on your own; see restaurant list and reserve early! \*See Note below

Saturday, March 1

9:00 Members drive/carpool to Navy Seal Museum, about 15 miles South on A1A in Ft Pierce for 10:00 opening

Lunch on your own in Ft Pierce or back in Vero



Afternoon free for beach, pool shopping or the many optional attractions

6:00 Cocktails and dinner at the Vero Beach Country Club, 800 30<sup>th</sup> Street, about 4 miles from hotel. Dress – Smart Casual; Jackets encouraged but not required. No shorts please.

Sunday, March 2 Departures for home. Safe travels & see you at Opening in May!

\*Note: A limited number of blank reservations have been made for Thursday and Friday nights at Ocean Grill. If you have not already signed up at "Closing" for these, contact Jack Sherry.



# 2025 Asphalt Cruise

## "Treasured Friends on the Treasure Coast"

Wednesday, February 26 – Sunday, March 2  
Registration & Payment due by December 20, 2024

Member Names \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phones \_\_\_\_\_

Emails \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: \$460 X number attending \_\_\_\_\_ = Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday Morning Alternate Event – Tour of Piper Aircraft Factory (limited to first 10 by receipt of reservation)  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday Lunch at Vero Beach Yacht Club:

Lunch choice: Burger/Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lobster Roll/Name \_\_\_\_\_

Salad & Protein Choice/Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Sandwich/Name \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Airboat Ride – Name of those NOT participating \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Dinner at Vero Beach Country Club:

Entrée choice: Filet mignon Name \_\_\_\_\_

Salmon beurre blanc Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken francaise - Name \_\_\_\_\_

Any food allergies ? \_\_\_\_\_

Both payment and form must be RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 20, 2024

Make check payable to Virginia Yacht Club and mail to VYC Treasurer,

PC Hugh H. Riley, East 717 Tazewell's Way, Williamsburg, VA 23185

Mail registration form to: Victoria Hitch, 1508 Ocean Drive #302, Vero Beach, FL 32963

# Restaurant Recommendations

It is a busy time in Vero so dinner reservations should be made well in advance, at least 2 weeks, \*6 – 8 weeks for The Tides (worth it!).

## Dinner

Cobalt	At the hotel	772-469-1060
Heaton's	At the hotel by the pool	772-469-4444
The Tides*	3103 Cardinal Drive	772-234-3966
Ocean Grill	1050 Beachland Blvd.	772-231-5409
Citrus Grillhouse	1050 Easter Lily Lane	772-234-4114
Scampi Grill	815 20 <sup>th</sup> Street	772-563-9766
Trattotia Dario	1555 Ocean Drive	772-231-1819
Waldo's Restaurant	3150 Ocean Drive	walk in/casual
Bobby's Restaurant	3450 Ocean Drive	walk in/casual
The Oar	1309 19 <sup>th</sup> Place	772-226-7155
Green Marlin	1475 US 1	walk in/casual
Riverside Cafe	3341 Bridge Plaza Drive	walk in/casual

## Lunch

Ocean Grill		
Citrus Grillhouse		
Bobby's		
Waldo's		
Cobalt		
Heaton's		
Riverside Café		
Green Marlin		
Casey's	917 Azelea Lane	Order at window & eat at outside table

## Optional Things to See in/near Vero Beach

Riverside Theater – 3250 Riverside Park Drive. 772-231-5860. “Singing in the Rain” will be at the theater during the Asphalt Cruise. Thursday and Friday evenings have no scheduled plans.

**Tickets go fast, so get reservations now.**

Piper Aircraft factory tours – Available on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 and 1:00. Reservation needed– 772-299-2800.

Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge - Just north of Vero Beach. It is the oldest National Wildlife Refuge in the country – established in 1903 by Theodore Roosevelt. There are lots of interesting walking trails and the Jungle Trail that can be driven if you don’t feel like hiking.

The McLarty Treasure Museum - 10 miles north on A1A, very near the Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge. It has a display of artifacts and a movie. Also there is Mel Fisher’s Museum about 10 miles north on Route 1, also has displays and a movie.

Vero Beach Museum of Art- Rotating exhibits. 3001 Riverside Park Drive. 772-231-0707

Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute – Part of Florida Atlantic University – 12 miles south on US 1. There is a tram tour (\$25) and a boat tour (\$40)