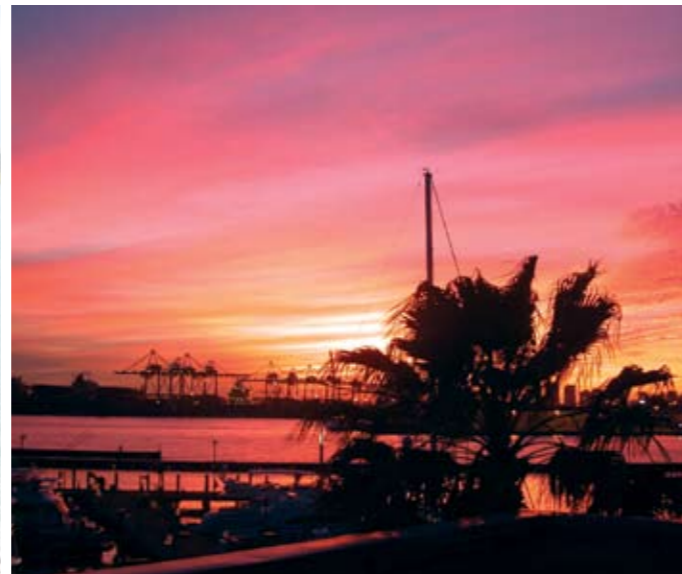


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Warming up for the holidays – an adventure through Florida



Miami, Florida

Stephen and Ethel Ann Chryst of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina own a 60-foot Hatteras Sportfish named Hattitude. Last December, the Chryst's wanted to schedule a cruise to get them relaxed and ready for the busy holiday season. With Marinalife's assistance, the Chryst's planned a 3-week cruise that enabled them to visit many of Florida's

most popular locations. "We had used Marinalife for a previous cruise and we knew they could help take the hassle out of planning and booking a cruise," said Stephen Chryst. The Chryst's combined their loves of the water, time on their vessel, and sportfishing with the sights and sounds of various ports dressed up for the holidays.



Stephen and Ethel Ann Chryst's 60-foot Hatteras Sportfish named Hattitude.



As they boarded their Hatteras with Captain Jay Weaver and first mate Hamilton Harrelson, they hoped their trip would be a peaceful time to enjoy the waterways before the holidays and their celebration of Stephen's mother's 90th birthday. The first port of call was Palm Beach Shores and the Sailfish Marina, which was decorated for the holiday season in twinkling lights. "It was absolutely incredible -- from the weather and the decorations to the service. We got some great fishing in and my wife enjoyed shopping," explained Stephen Chryst. Palm Beach Shores offers a wide variety of activities and the festive decorations make going during the holidays an added bonus. Sailfish Marina Resort is the closest marina to the Palm Beach/Lake Worth Inlet and is only 45 miles from the Bahamas so it a favorite docking in the Palm Beaches for Marinalife members. The resort offers unique guest accommodations, a Ship's Store, sport fishing, sailing, a dockside restaurant, private catering facilities and water taxis that are available for narrated tours of historic Palm Beach as well as for transportation to and from Palm Beaches' best destinations.

Fort Lauderdale was the next port of call for the Chryst's. They docked at the Pier 66 Resort & Marina and enjoyed several days in Lauderdale. Stephen and Ethel Ann cruised the inner waterways looking at the beautiful homes and enjoyed walking along Las Olas Boulevard. They also spent time lounging by the pool and took advantage of the spa services at Pier 66 during their stay. The Chryst's got plenty of rest and relaxation before heading to one of the Florida's most vibrant cities,

Miami. The Chryst's docked at the Miami Beach Marina, a perfect place to start their exploration of this diverse and exciting city. Located adjacent to Government Cut, Miami Beach Marina affords easy accessibility to many area attractions and great fishing. The Chryst's saw the sights of the famous Art Deco District, which is loaded with extensive shopping, and enjoyed the restaurants and nightlife of trendy South Beach. "We enjoyed the beaches and had a wonderful dinner at Emeril's Restaurant on Collins Avenue. One evening we went night-time sword fishing and seeing the city all lit up with the cruise ships was quite spectacular," related Stephen Chryst. Miami Beach definitely offered a different pace than their previous destinations but the dynamic atmosphere made their stay memorable.

The Chryst's headed north for a leisurely trip back to South Carolina. They traveled the New River back through Fort Lauderdale. This picturesque waterway offers great views of the gorgeous homes in Fort Lauderdale and is very serene. They docked at the Lauderdale Marine Center, Florida's largest marine facility. The center offers a 38-acre complex and a state-of-the-art marina facility with all the modern conveniences expected at a world-class destination.

Their long cruise concluded, the Chryst's reached home just in time for the holiday and the birthday celebration. They had a wonderful time exploring their Florida destinations and would recommend any of the marinas to other Marinalife members. [ml](#)