

Hello J-Birds, FUN on the Tall Ships ride to Pensacola, Fl. The trip was enjoyable and uneventful, nice roads and a relaxed pace to our first overnight in Montgomery, Al. Arriving in Pensacola the next day, we ran to the shore at Maritime Park to watch the ships come in. Some others drove all the way out to Fort Pickens only to miss the passage of the ships by a whisker. The following day we spent touring the ships and enjoying the festival. We also enjoyed a nice walk while waiting for our sailboat ride and had a GREAT dinner at PATTI'S Seafood Restaurant. There were six of us BRAVE SOULS that boarded two sailboats that evening to challenge the waves and cast away our fears of MAN EATING FISHIES, and have a fun time riding the waves, shooting cannons at each other and simply having a great time. We disembarked with a damp, salty coating on us and could not stop talking about what a wonderful time it was.

Yeah, it was that much FUN!

The following day we toured the Naval Air Museum and what a fine and educational tour it was. "Pass on the Blue Angels movie."

The trip home started out with one little routing mistake by me, but eventually found us slowly cruising the beach areas and the pure white sands along the Gulf seashore. We were lucky up to this point that the bad weather passed us over the previous night and only left us with COOL temperatures and WIND ! And did I mention WIND ! After my wife Carol felt the water..... she said it was warm, we continued on.

We stayed overnight in Tallahassee and finished up the ride with Bill leading us to his nuthouse (We're Nuts, AKA Ellis Farms) and his shortcut back home. The trip was cold, WINDY and tiring, we were all glad that we were heading home. Special thanks go out to Bob and Caroline and Rod and Kay for their help in touring the Pensacola area, also a BIG THANKS to Bill and Barb, their route to the Museum was great, and when my Zumo got sick and they led us home. Also thanks to Gordon and Sandy for pulling Carol out of the sea!

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