

Pelagic Birding Trip with the Marine Science Center Saturday, September 22, 2018



Black-capped Petrel. September 2011

The Friends of the Marine Science Center in Ponce Inlet is sponsoring a pelagic birding trip on Saturday, September 22, 2018. **Join us for our next public exploration offered off the east coast of Florida that will explore the Gulf Stream up to 50 miles offshore.**

“**The Canaveral Princess**” is an 85-foot, boat with excellent observation areas on the upper deck, bow and stern. **Meet** for this exciting trip at 6:15 a.m. (Docked between Rusty’s and Miliken’s Restaurants in Port Canaveral) at 670 Glen Cheek Drive, Cape Canaveral FL 32920 We will depart at 7:00 a.m. Return is at 6:00 p.m. **The trip leaves from Port Canaveral, Brevard County**, travels out 50 miles, past the west wall of the Gulf Stream into the center of the Gulf Stream. This trip holds **high** probability of encountering numerous pelagic species.

This trip has been the journey with the greatest number of shearwaters of any time of year. One time I had over 1,200 Cory’s Shearwaters on a trip. Jaeger migration should be active. Black-capped Petrels should be on the move. This trip is during fall migration, when there are good chances at fall migrants such as Manx Shearwater, and the possibility of interesting rarities, including Sabine’s Gull (we had a beautiful juvenile in 2017), as well as Long-tailed Jaeger. Migrating land birds are also likely at this time of year and they often land right on the boat. In 2013, we had an amazing 41 Black-capped Petrels, 612 Cory’s Shearwaters; 1 Great Shearwater, 1 Manx Shearwater, 64 Audubon’s Shearwaters, 1 Band-rumped Storm-Petrel and all three jaegers, including 1 Long-tailed Jaeger.

Potential Species include (* = good probability):

- Cory’s Shearwater *
- Great Shearwater *
- Sooty Shearwater
- Audubon’s Shearwater *
- Manx Shearwater
- Wilson’s Storm Petrel
- Leach’s Storm-Petrel *
- Band-rumped Storm-Petrel *
- Black-capped Petrel *
- Brown Booby*

Masked Booby
Northern Gannet *
Red-billed Tropicbird
White-tailed Tropicbird
Red Phalarope *
Red-necked Phalarope *
Pomarine Jaeger *
Parasitic Jaeger *
Long-tailed Jaeger
Sooty Tern *
Bridled Tern *
Black Tern *
Common Tern*
Brown Noddy
Sabine's Gull

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The trip will depart at 7:00 a.m. You must be on the boat 15 minutes prior to departure; the boat will not wait for anyone who is late. Participants need to bring their own food and beverages. **Be sure to bring rain gear, seasickness medicine, sunscreen and personal items.**

COST: \$265/person.

Please send checks, made payable to “The Friends of the Marine Science Center” to:
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Sabine's Gull. September 2011