

## S13MCR Day Paddles and Overnight Camping Trips - Marco Is. - Cape Romano

## Albert Island Paddle Information Sheet

**Description:** You'll launch from the NW corner of the Judge S. S. Jolley Bridge and go east under the bridge and bear NW about a mile to Lat. 25.974809N, then straight east through the pass and start winding your way mostly north and then west to the N-S cut at Long. 81.683638W. There are sand bars, but you can get around them. Coming out of the cut, go east along 25.984458N to the next cut and south into the next unnamed bay, and start bearing S, then SE, then ENE through this 1 mile bay. The bay is very shallow and a tough passage at low tide, especially at the east end. You'll enter a deeper channel that winds through mangrove islands, east then south, then southwest until the Jolley Bridge appears about 2.5 miles away across Addison Bay.

**Skill Level:** Intermediate

**Distance/Time:** 8 Miles/4 Hours

**Launch Site:** As you head south on Collier Blvd (Route 951), take the last right just before the bridge. Parking is on the east side. You may have to unload and then park. The area is flat sand. There are sea grass beds to the north so paddle to the south and under the bridge.

**Special Considerations:** You'll definitely need GPS, maps and a compass for parts of the trip. The unnamed bay gets very shallow at low tide. The channel at the east end of that bay has some high mounds on the sides where landing is possible. The bay can get rough in high winds.

### Skill Level Definitions

**Beginner:** New to paddling and may need tips and or instructions about paddling strokes, safety procedures, and entering/exiting kayaks. Comfortable on short trips of 1 to 3 miles on protected waters, when wind does not exceed 5 mph.

**Novice:** Paddlers acquainted with basic paddle strokes and can manage kayak handling independently in winds not exceeding 10 mph on protected waters. Comfortable on trips up to 6 miles.

**Intermediate:** Paddlers with experience in basic strokes and some experience on different venues, including some open water. Comfortable on trip distances of 6 to 10 miles, winds not exceeding 15 mph.

**Advanced:** Seasoned paddlers who possess skills and experience to paddle all venues and conditions. Experienced in self-rescues. Should be comfortable paddling more than 10 miles in a day.

**NOTE:** Great care has been taken to ensure this guides accuracy, but weather, tides, and water conditions can change rapidly and create hazardous conditions. These maps are for visual reference only, please consult NOAA Charts for navigation. Paddlers should have all proper safety equipment and check conditions before departure. All paddlers should always wear PFDs while on the water, and leave a float plan. There are inherent dangers in any paddle sport. There are special hazards along the Florida coast due to shifting tides, changing wind and weather, shallow waters, and treacherous bottoms with soft mud, rocks, and oyster bars. It is up to each paddler to be aware of these dangers, to accept and be prepared for the risks involved, and to be certain they have the skills to safely paddle in these conditions.