S8 Day Paddles and Overnight Camping Trips - ICW

Three Rooker Bar Paddle Information Sheet

<u>Description</u>: Three Rooker Bar is an extremely popular hangout area for all kinds of boaters, especially during the warmer weekends. It originally started out as a great sand bar but has now become a island with vegetation. It's a great place to stop for a break and have a snack or a refreshing swim before heading back to your car.

Skill Level: Advanced

Distance/Approximate Time: 12.7 Miles/5 Hours

Launch Site: Dunedin Causeway Sail and Paddle Launch

Special Considerations: Not recommended on windy days. Some open water paddling. Be mindful of the power boaters, which are plentiful, especially on weekends.

Skill Level Definitions

<u>Beginner</u>: 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 stokes and can manage kayak handling independently in winds not exceeding 10 mph on protected waters. Comfortable on trips up to 6 miles.

<u>Intermediate</u>: 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.

<u>Advanced</u>: 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.

