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Bike-and-boat tour sets schedule for May

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The "Boaterz n' Bikerz Across America: A Hull of a Tour!" 10-day motorcycle trip from Florida to California starts May 4.

The 2,371-mile ride route was finalized and boat stops and boating venue sponsors are confirmed, according to event organizer Wanda Kenton Smith.

The May 4-13 trip will take place in three legs. Riders are invited to cruise the entire coast-to-coast trip or select one or two legs of their choice. The first leg launches May 4 from Destin, Fla., in the Panhandle and includes stops in Natchez, Miss., and Dallas. The second leg begins May 6 in Dallas with stops in Lubbock, Texas, and Santa Fe and Farmington, N.M.

The final leg starts May 10 in Farmington and covers territory from the south rim of the Grand Canyon, with stops in Flagstaff, Ariz., through Sedona, Ariz., to the Hoover Dam, Las Vegas and Palm Desert, Calif., ending May 13 in San Diego.

"Jim Krueger of Regal Boats did a fabulous job organizing a ride route, taking us through some of the most scenic areas of the country, with plenty to see and do along the way," Kenton Smith said in a statement. "What makes our tour unique, of course, is that besides great riding and diverse terrain we're also incorporating a great boating component that everyone is sure to enjoy."

Legendary Marine, of Destin, is hosting the opening captain's party at the Legendary Yacht Club and providing boats for a dinner cruise in Destin Harbor; Marinas International in Dallas is providing a reception and dinner cruise aboard Silver Lake Marina's 90-foot Tejas charter boat, which will cruise around Lake Grapevine; and South Coast Yachts of San Diego will host an afternoon sailing aboard new Beneteaus at Sunroad Marina.

Trade Only Today is aboard as a media sponsor and will feature a daily blog post by Kenton Smith, its marketing columnist since 1998, en route.

"Now that we have dates firmed up, we're hopeful to enlist a group of enthusiastic riders to join us for this exciting adventure and flesh out all the final details," Kenton Smith said.

The trip is designed for seasoned riders with group riding experience. The tour is restricted to people who are gainfully employed in the boating industry and their sponsored friends; friends are welcome to join so long as an industry rider is participating.

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