

GULF OF MEXICO FOUNDATION



Intracoastal Waterway Wetlands Cruise

The Gulf of Mexico Foundation's **Intracoastal Waterway Wetland Cruise (IWWC)** is a four-day workshop that takes place on a 100-foot live-aboard operated by **Gulf Diving LLC**. This workshop will educate participants on coastal habitats and issues facing the Gulf Coast and its inhabitants.



The IWWC workshop is sponsored by the Gulf of Mexico Foundation for K-12 and college entry educators, nationwide. ConocoPhillips is also a major sponsor. The cruise will begin in Freeport, Texas (near Galveston) and travel along the Intracoastal Waterway towards New Orleans, Louisiana.

Along the way, participants will explore coastal habitats and issues. The workshop curriculum will involve many "hands-on" opportunities, allowing for a better understanding of the local environment. Naturalists and other authorities will be on board throughout the cruise to discuss coastal issues.

Educators of all levels will walk away from the workshop experience with the means to actively involve their students in the learning process, to expose them to coastal ecology, and to share personal experiences about living and working on the Gulf Coast.

Through providing educators with this hands-on field experience, the **Gulf of Mexico Foundation** hopes to encourage interest in and conservation of these important habitats. The Intracoastal Waterway Wetlands Cruise will make its first voyage from June 14-17, 2009. Spaces will begin booking in January.



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Coastal ecology cruise for educators