



Stuart is known as the "Sailfish Capital of the World." Home to numerous fishing tournaments held year-round, you can take your pick of inshore, near shore and offshore. When it comes to diving, Martin County has you covered with numerous thriving natural and artificial reefs along our shores. Each reef offers a bounty of rich aquatic life, creating ideal locales for saltwater anglers and recreational divers. Martin County's Artificial Reef Program offers over 100 outstanding sites for fishing and dive exploration. Offshore, the prevailing north current allows boaters to begin at the southern end of a 1-mile long series of 14 artificial reefs.

Dive in

Dive the Georges Valentine

You really can dive into history in Martin County. The Wreck of Georges Valentine is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Valentine is a pleasure to dive or snorkel because she rests in shallow water, only 100 yards offshore. Visitors can park at the House of Refuge and walk to the entry point, a rocky outcropping just 100 yards south.



Numerous charter boats are located throughout Martin County and can provide full, half-day or custom charters. Every sailor from novice to experienced is welcome as professional captains provide for an angler's every need and offer advice to insure a memorable offshore fishing experience. The months of November through March are prime for sailfish, while spring and summer months see the return of dolphin, wahoo, kingfish, and marlin.

Not into fishing? Take a sailing lesson at the U.S. Sailing Center of Martin County where options are available for beginners and pros. Make plans to catch one of the many regattas held here throughout the year, notably the Junior Olympic Festival, Laser Masters, 420 Midwinter Championships and OptiFest.



Intracoastal Waterway and Okeechobee Waterway meet at the Crossroads, just west of the St. Lucie Inlet, in Martin County. Our area estuaries and ocean access create ideal locales for recreational boaters, anglers, and divers. Martin County has been a destination for recreational boaters for decades. We are unique with direct access to the Bahamas and Florida's West Coast. Martin County is home to a dynamic group of marinas, restaurants, cultural attractions and marine trades. Local waterways are a boating mecca and a convenient departure point for the Islands of the Bahamas, a mere 68 miles to the southeast at West End.

Stuart is the hub of Martin County and has been referred to as the "Sailfish Capital of the World" since the early days of sport fishing. Stuart has become a Sister City with Hope Town, Abaco, Bahamas. Martin County's general aviation facility, Witham Field, is a base for aviation tourism for the private pilot and corporate visitor featuring two world-class FBO's.



Martin County's small-town charm, diversity of attractions and activities will ensure that you find a destination to compliment your yachting experience.