

On The Water in Gulf Shores, Alabama

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Sailing Away on the Corsair

There is no more picturesque way to get out on the waters of Gulf Shores than on the **Corsair**, a 65-foot hand built classic Biloxi schooner. It took Captain Mike Broussard over 11,000 man hours and five years to build the ship. By the time he undertook the project in 1976, he had lots of practice, as Captain Mike built his first boat at age nine. The spacious, wooden Corsair historically represents the original charter and shrimping vessels of coastal Alabama and Mississippi.

When asked about the ups and downs of life as a charter boat captain, Mike says he wouldn't have it any other way. "You get out on the bay and get the wind in your face and the blues are all gone," he laughs.



The Freshest Seafood - Ever!

Boat charters on the Corsair include some of the freshest seafood you will ever eat. Why? Because Captain Mike and crew pull up the crab traps and shrimp nets right before your eyes, before carting the contents off to the galley to be prepared for your dinner!



Steamed shrimp and crabs cannot possibly get any fresher and more flavorful than this, and you'll eat your dinner surrounded by some of the most spectacular scenery the gulf coast has to offer.

Corsair cruises are perfect for wildlife watching and nature photography. Families of wild dolphins frequently follow the Corsair, swimming right up to the boat for scraps and treats from the ship's trawling shrimp nets. Pelicans, egrets, gulls, herons, ospreys, and other coastal birds fly overhead, while the bayou waters lap against moss laden tree lined shorelines.

Groups aboard the Corsair are limited to six passengers, so expect lots of personal attention from the friendly and knowledgeable captain and crew. Captain Mike is also happy to arrange special group charters to meet your guests' needs.

