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FOR YOU TO RETIRE,
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Summer Wake Boats

Fast and tricked out



Port Townsend send San Diego New

10 GREAT BOATING TOWNS



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Annapolis Camdenton Portlan



Neuse River, Pamlico Sound
NEW BERN, NC

PICTURESQUE NEW BERN is filled with historic homes and good restaurants. Good boating opportunities on the Neuse River, Trent River, and Pamlico Sound. A real gem.

POPULATION

29,524 (metro area: 95,000)

WATERFRONT

Historic waterfront, bordered by two rivers

FISHING

Shad, herring, catfish, bass, flounder, croaker, pickerel, sunfish, perch, pumpkinseed, bluefish, blue crab, oysters

GUNKHOLING

Area dotted with coves, small islands

ONE-DAY BOAT TRIPS

Includes sailing town of Oriental, Morehead City, Ocracoke Island

BOATING SEASON

March through November



BoatU.S. Services: TowBoatU.S. Oriental is nearest towing port. Five Cooperating Marinas offer member discounts on fuel, slips, repairs.



WEATHER

Average temp. 44 degrees in winter to 82 in summer

BOAT AMENITIES

One boatyard, seven marinas, most with fewer than 100 slips. Basic slip fees \$5.50-\$6.80/foot/month. Two West Marine stores nearby

COST OF LIVING

4.6% below the national average

TAXES

6%-7.75% state income tax; 6.85% combined state/local sales taxes; state estate taxes on properties above \$5.25 million

MEDIAN HOME PRICE

\$111,900

NEAREST MAJOR HOSPITAL

Local: CarolinaEast Medical Center | Durham: Top-rated Duke University Medical Center | VA Medical Center, Durham

AIRPORTS

Regional: Coastal Carolina Regional Airport, New Bern | Raleigh-Durham International Airport (135 miles)

CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Downtown filled with 18th-century homes. Tryon Palace, home of Royal (Colonial) Gov. William Tryon, has been restored. Pharmacy where Pepsi-Cola was invented. New Bern's a convenient jumping-off place for trips to the Outer Banks and coastal NC

SELF-STYLED "BIG SMALL-TOWN." Many opportunities for boating/fishing, lots to do ashore, and surrounding national parks. Home to a growing number of retirees.

POPULATION

583,776 (metro area: 2.2 million)

WATERFRONT

Protected harbor area concentrated on Hayden Island

FISHING

Flatfish, rockfish, skates, salmon, sockeye, sturgeon, trout, steelhead, whitefish, catfish, sunfish, bass, perch, walleye, warmouth, crappie, shad, lamprey, smelt

GUNKHOLING

Coves, towns, small islands on Columbia River

ONE-DAY BOAT TRIPS

Governor's Island (beaches)

BOATING SEASON

May through Oct - Nov

WEATHER

Average temp. 40 degrees in winter to 63 in summer. Lots of rain and fog, almost no snow

BOAT AMENITIES

Four full-service boatyards, 30+ marinas with 50 or more slips in Portland, plus more in neighboring cities. Typical slip fee \$4-\$9/foot/month. Year-round dockage. Two West Marine stores

COST OF LIVING

15.8% above the national average

TAXES

5%-9.9% state income tax; no state/local sales tax; state estate tax on properties over \$1M. If you own a boat or other property in Oregon, your heirs may be liable for estate taxes

MEDIAN HOME PRICE

\$229,800

NEAREST MAJOR HOSPITAL

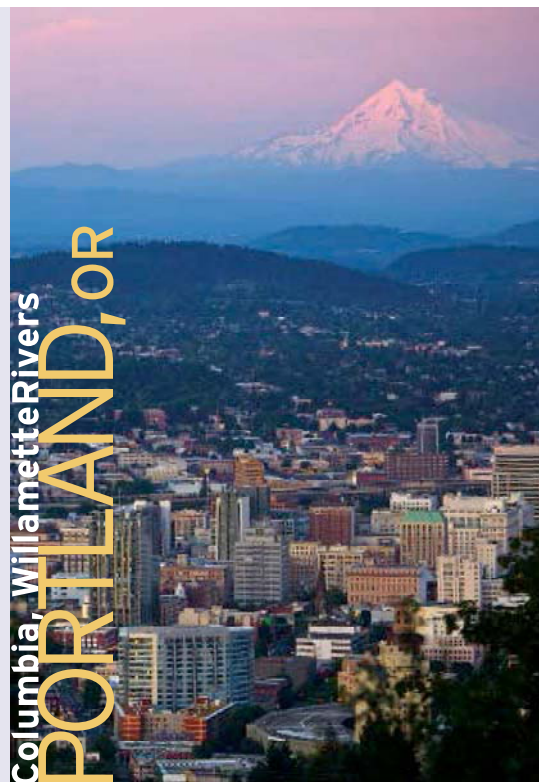
Local: Oregon Health and Science University Hospital | VA Medical Center, Portland

AIRPORTS

Portland International

CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Two universities, museums, zoo, arboretum, Japanese garden, good restaurants, 40+ small breweries. Oregon's premier wine region, 150+ vineyards. Jazz festival, seafood/wine festival, spring beer and wine fest. Local theaters, Portland Center Stage and Artists' Repertory Theater. Good bicycling. Nearby Mount Hood offers climbing, skiing, hiking



BoatU.S. Services: Nearest towing port is BoatU.S. Vessel Assist Portland. Seven Cooperating Marinas. Member discounts on slips, fuel, transient dockage.

PHOTO: TOP LEFT, NEW BERN C.V.B.; TOP RIGHT, GARY KRAMER; BOTTOM, TRAVEL PORTLAND