

## **Directions by Water**

Home Tour "Directions by Water" normally begin at Hales Ford Bridge and provide a suggested sequential route to the homes. Note that homes retain their "numbers" from the map and by-land directions. You may also wish to consider picking certain houses to visit by car.

Boaters are reminded to wear life jackets or have them readily accessible on deck. Skippers should attach their kill switch lanyard (it's now the law), begin with a full fuel tank, check engine oil, bring along a cell phone and charger plus sufficient water to keep hydrated throughout the day. Sea Tow stands by to assist at 540-719-5555. A few homes require a climb from the dock so bring comfortable shoes. Look for the orange Charity Home Tour flag visible on the dock at each home. Follow instructions of the dock volunteers and tie up only where they indicate is OK. Allow extra time to await docking space.

### **Homes on Upper Roanoke (Goodview)**

**#2, Waro Home** – Pass under Hales Ford Bridge and travel up-river for about 18-20 mins, watching for R32 on your right. About 1 ½ mins past R32, look for a large boulder retaining wall close to water, just below blue home. GPS: 37 09.793N; 79 41.789W.

**#1, Mele Home** – Travel up-river from #2 another 12-15 mins, watching for marker R50 on right. Brown home sits among cluster of large trees on right, with sign for 117 Seagull Way in yard just before dock. Limited docking available. Path to home consists of 86 steps thru a lovely garden. GPS: 37 11.115N; 79 43.009W.

### **Home on Roanoke (Moneta)**

**#4, Pannell Home** – Head down the Roanoke River passing under Hales Ford Bridge and about 5 miles further down, through the "S Curve" that begins at R21A. Exit "S Curve" at marker R17 and continue southwest past marker R15 and two small islands. Watch for shoal markers as you bear right into a large cove and head straight in. This home does not have a dock. Boat parking is available in front of 183 Calypso Road which is about ¼ mile from the home on tour. Shuttle will be provided. GPS 37 04.902N; 79 38.294W (*Note: Marker R18 in the S Curve is misplaced on the free Laker Magazine maps.*)

### **Homes on Craddock Creek (Huddleston)**

**#3, Walker Home** – Head back down Roanoke River, toward marker R4, and just before R4 angle across toward cell towers on dam end of Smith Mountain. (Alternatively, you can continue past R4, give wide berth to C1 and angle right toward C2). Carefully enter the cove behind the shoal markers near C2, keeping well outside the triangular shallows that are marked. A small B/W striped lighthouse shore decoration will be visible on your left. Continue along the left cove shoreline. House with twin stone chimneys sits on a hill deep in the cove. GPS: 37 03.308N; 79 33.544W.

### **Homes on Gills Creek (Wirtz/Moneta)**

**#7, English Home** – Enter Gills Creek and angle toward left hand shore. Continue toward no-wake buoys visible in the distance (these are well to the left of and beyond the marina's buoys). Idle through the buoys and look for home high on hill on left, with a 25-degree grade serpentine blacktop path up. Address sign for 8395 Burnt Chimney Rd. on front of dock. GPS: 37 03.231N; 79 40.922W

**#5, College Home** – Pass between G2 and Gills Creek Marina’s no-wake buoys and shoal marker. Bear left to continue along Gills Creek’s main channel. College Home dock is in middle of a cluster of three on your right with sign for 42 Reserve Rd. on dock house. GPS: 37 03.458; 79 40.610W.

**#6, Long Home** – Continue along Gills Creek channel to G10 (last marker on Gills Creek); then follow the creek farther upstream, taking two more lefts. Home is a bit farther on your left. GPS: 37 04.441N; 79 41.332W.

**Home on Upper Blackwater (Union Hall)**

**#8, Howlett Home** – Head back out Gills Creek and up the Blackwater, passing B14 & B36 at the 4H point. B37 will be to port; enter the first long cove just beyond that and look for a dock on the left with an orange banner, plus Navy and flags flying. Home is high on the hill with a stone retaining wall; 70 steps lead to a steep gravel path. GPS: 37 01.616N; 79 43.507W