

- Spirit of Lake Murray - Wedding Ceremony & Reception Information A Beautiful Wedding on Lake Murray!

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General Wedding Information:

- ❖ A comfortable maximum for weddings on board is about 60 - 70 people.
- ❖ Weddings of 80+ can be done but there are a couple things that must happen. Refer to the large wedding section on this page for more information.
- ❖ Wedding Ceremonies are usually held on the upper back deck patio. The upper observation deck is partially covered. However, where the Bride & Groom stand during the ceremony is not covered.
- ❖ In case of rain we would need to slide everything back about 10 feet, so the couple and wedding party are covered. When sliding everything back some seating is lost.
- ❖ The upper deck can accommodate 60 - 80 guests, ~20-40 seated depending on which package is selected & weather.

Large Weddings on the Spirit of Lake Murray:

- Weddings over ~70-80 people are considered large wedding.
- The upper deck can only accommodate 60 - 80 guests, ~20 - 40 seated depending on which package is selected & weather.
- When having a large wedding on board you will need to split your guests into two groups; an upper deck group & a main deck group.
 - The upper deck group will watch the wedding from the upper deck.
- The main deck group will view the wedding from a live stream source to a TV on the main deck.
 - The Live Streaming is NOT a service that we provide.
- Live Streaming Service: Carmen Glover with Big Time Entertainment is who we recommend to handle this for you. His team has done this before and they are familiar with the Spirit and how the vessel and crew operate.
- When having a large wedding on board a Heavy Hors D'oeuvre menu is a must.

General Flow of Cruise/Wedding Day:

- ★ **Early Set Up:** If there are any items or finishing touches that need to be set up, the early set up time allows for that. This is also the time where cakes can be delivered, Florist can arrive, DJ's, Bands, Photographers, etc. also set up during this time.
- ★ **Boarding:** your guests will start boarding 30 minutes prior to your departure time. If going with an Ultimate package, boarding snacks/appetizers are usually provided on board. Bar is open for all beverages at this time.
- ★ **Departure:** Guests are usually asked to get comfortable upstairs. We conduct our safety briefing and the bride waits on the main deck. After the briefing we set sail!
- ★ **Ceremony:** The ceremony usually begins about 15 minutes after we leave the dock. Ceremonies last anywhere from 10 - 20+ minutes depending on the couple's wishes. Concluding the ceremony a pray is said for the couple as well as blessing the food/meal.
- ★ **Right After Ceremony:** As soon as the ceremony is over, the couple/wedding party makes their way downstairs, then the guests follow. The wedding party will make their way back upstairs, after the guests have cleared the back deck. The wedding party will begin pictures on the back deck at this time. Downstairs, food service will begin.
- ★ **Meal Time:** The food tables will open as guests are making their way downstairs. This is taking place while photos of the wedding party are being done on the back deck. Crew members are at the food tables to answer questions, help plate, keep the flow, etc.
- ★ **After Photos:** The Couple is announced by DJ, Band, Director, etc as the make their way down the stairs. At this time, it is recommend that the couple's first dance and any other special dances take place. After their first dance, the couple is encouraged to get some food on their stomachs.
- ★ **Cake Cutting:** After the couple has a chance a eat and freshen up, it is encouraged to move into the cake cutting. If going with an Ultimate Package, we will handle the cutting and distribution of the cake. Only after the couple cuts their first slice, of course.
- ★ **Toasting:** After the cake is distributed and a quick clean up is finished, toasting encouraged to begin. If going with an Ultimate Wedding Package, a champagne toast is provided for all passengers on board 21 years of age or older that would like one. Toasting can be kept to a select few or the floor can be open. Do let us know what you prefer.
- ★ **Post Toast:** Once toasting has concluded, the remaining time on board is for relaxing, dancing, socializing, etc. The bar remains open and music continues to play.