

Manchester Yacht Club
Summer Cruise 2019
The Path Less Travelled



Cover Photo: Matinicus Island Harbor

Booklet compiled by Bill Barton

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Cruise Welcome

Welcome

2019 represents the 40th anniversary of the first MYC Cruise in 1979. Forty years later the cruising traditions of the MYC remain vibrant and alive. Commodore Sam Philbrick wisely felt that for 2019 it would be appropriate to return to the beloved waters of the mid-Maine coast, focusing on the waters from Pemaquid across Muscongus Bay to Penobscot Bay, the Eggemoggin Reach and touching further east to the edge of Blue Hill Bay. Many consider these the prime cruising grounds of the New England coast.

These waters have some of the most popular ports for cruisers. In further discussions, a new idea arose: visit some of the less frequented; but, most beautiful and intriguing harbors, upper bays and true out islands of this section of coastal Maine. Along the way, MYC cruisers would be provided with unusual opportunities to learn about the challenges and richness facing the people who live their year-round life in these far-flung waterfronts that are the backdrop to our favorite cruising grounds.

Thus was born the concept of “The Path Less Travelled,” the theme of the 2019 cruise. It will take us to the less visited harbors of the region and reveal some of what life is like for those who choose to make these places home. From the most remote of the granite out islands to the small towns of Penobscot Bay, to fisheries, education, art and resilience we will share an adventure on The Path Less Travelled. It is the path less travelled by cruisers and less travelled by residents who choose this life. Welcome to the journey...

Bill Barton
Cruise Chairman

Acknowledgements:

The best laid plans never come together without some teamwork. Please extend your thanks to the many people who worked to make this cruise a reality for the MYC fleet. Ranny & Maudy Barton for providing a venue and dinner for our first event. Annie Barton for organizing caps, knapsacks and other items and setting up the Prey Artists Reception in Port Clyde and the Lobstering Museum in Mackerel Cove; Jim and Mary Lou Hawkes for organizing a wonderful dinner and shipyard tour in Belfast. Chris Kaneb for opening Hurricane Island; Bob & Leslie Barton for setting a channel into Foster Island; Dave Schylling for helping with festivities; Roy Mayne for being a Cruise Committee Chair and organizing a GWC event; Charlie Newhall and Chris Abbott for early groundwork on Port Clyde and Monhegan. A special thanks to Commodore Sam and Sue Philbrick for the idea of a Penobscot area cruise with a finish at Dark Harbor where they are hosting the cocktails. Cruises are like ships, they only get somewhere with teamwork. Thanks to the crew!

The Fleet

Yacht	Crew	Cell/Phone
Agadou	Roy Mayne, Martha Mayne, Roma (Collie)	617-834-4230
Amanda	Lamberto Raffaelli, Marzenna Raffaelli	603-553-6565
Annie	Jock Winchester, Annie Winchester	207-677-6585
Bliss	Bob Barton, Leslie Barton	978-973-6156
Chime II	Fred Morris, Ted Kellogg, Bill Guenther, Deirdre Guenther	617-733-4235
Clarita	Sam Cabot, Deamie Cabot	508-662-7899
Dragonfly	Chip Holmes, Mena Holmes	
Finesse	Sam Philbrick, Sue Philbrick	617-680-8014
Grand Cru	Lee Spence, Sharon Scott	508-523-1289
Haulback	Peter Creighton, Kitty Creighton, Charlie & Harry Creighton, Galamander (black lab)	617-686-4977
Heron	John Kiley, Susan Kiley	978-526-4366
Hurricane	John Veeder, Marie Veeder	978-325-6795
Island Girl	Mike Maginn, Arlene Maginn	508-932-2324
Khaleesi	Alan Scharfe, Leigh Scharfe, Chris Truslow, Sandy Truslow	617-212-8883
Last Dance	Jim Hawkes, Mary Lou Hawkes	857-205-5555
Limonata	Louisa Mackintosh, Tony Ciaramitaro	978-578-5626
Lively	John Ledbetter, Debbie Ledbetter	978-395-7899
Marival	Michael Morandi, Pamela Morandi, Tony Leggett	914 714-4112
Osprey	David Martz, Mariana Fagnilli, Anika, Jacob & Lucas Martz	978-390-3909
Sarsaparilla	Randy Ayer, Augusta Ayer	978-578-1435
Sasanoa	Chet Shuman, Evelyn Shuman	617-840-1071
Seafflower	Dave Schylling, Connie Mcrane	978-518-2928
Selkie	Emmett Holt, Gwen Holt	978-500-1466
Shearwater	Jim Starkey, Ann Harrison	978-578-7847
Sojourn	David King, Mark Manley	978-337-9213
Sparmaker	Gary Stirgwolt, Jane Stirgwolt	617-719-0206
Spray	Chris Kaneb, Lisa Kaneb, Margaret Kaneb	617-519-7764
Sweet Pea	Tom Johnson, Eva Johnson	978-590-8858
Tazzarin	Bill Barton, Annie Barton	781-820-3267
Wagmore II	George Davis, Lisa Bonneville	617-510-8396
Windward	Jim Bildner, Nancy Bildner	978-526-4224
Viva	Toby Seamans	978-998-0496
Car	Ranny Barton, Maudy Barton	207-677-2800
Car	Alex Felton, Cathy Felton	978-595-6365
Car	David Truslow	978-704-9661
Car	Anne Walker	978-526-4522
Car	Betsy Madsen	617-877-6464
Car	Megan Davis, Martha Davis, Hannah Davis, Emery Davis	617-283-4515

Itinerary

	<p>Sunday, August 4th Foster Island, John's Bay Opening Dinner 1800</p>
	<p>Monday, August 5th Tour of Darling Marine Center 0900 Cruise at Will – John's and Muscongus Bays</p>
	<p>Tuesday to Wednesday, August 6th & 7th Port Clyde/Tenants & Monhegan Barbara Ernst Prey Gallery Reception 1700 Ferry to Monhegan Island</p>
	<p>Thursday to Saturday, August 8th, 9th & 10th Matinicus, Hurricane and Cruise At Will See relevant pages for your assigned days!</p>
	<p>Sunday, August 11th Belfast Lobsterbake Ashore (BYOB) 1800</p>
	<p>Monday, August 12th Front Street Shipyard 0900 Cruise at Will</p>
	<p>Tuesday, August 13th Mackerel Cove, Swans Island Lobstering Museum & GWC Event 1600 & 1700</p>
	<p>Wednesday, Thursday, August 14th & 15th Cruise at Will Penobscot & Blue Hill Bays</p>
	<p>Friday, August 16th Dark Harbor, Islesboro Farewell Dinner at Tarratine Club 1800</p>

Communications & Supplies

VHF Radio

The primary channel for cruise related radio communication will be VHF 78A. Cruisers may monitor this channel while cruising to listen for cruise related notices. In the event the cruise needs to switch channels due to other conflicting communications, the channel will be specified as one of the following:

Channel A: VHF 78A

Channel B: VHF 69

Channel C: VHF 72

Please note that cruisers are encouraged to monitor VHF 16 during the day. VHF 16 is the international distress frequency and it is proper to go to the aid of any vessel in distress.

Daily Announcements

The cruise organizers may make an announcement on VHF Channel 78A at 0830 if plans for the given day need to be changed. Please note, there will not necessarily be any announcement at 0830; it will be made if one is required to change the day's schedule or to relay important safety or weather information. Cruisers should generally refer to this booklet for information about daily events.

Cell Phones

Cell phones are a convenient way of communicating with specific boats in the fleet. You can also call Cruise Chairman Bill Barton or MYC Cruising Committee Chair Roy Mayne if you have cruise related questions. Cell phones also broadcasting your potentially private conversation to other commercial and recreational vessels. A list of yacht's primary cell phone number can be found in this booklet.

Burgees

Yachts are encouraged to fly the MYC burgee throughout the cruise. It makes it easier to recognize other participating yachts. It also increases recognition of MYC as an active cruising club to other boaters.

Supplies – Fuel, Ice, Water & Groceries

Most of our ports of call do not have many supplies. However, the lobster coop in South Bristol on John's Bay has fuel near the start of the cruise. Port Clyde, Tenants, Rockland, Camden, Rockport, Bucks Harbor, Carvers Harbor, Belfast, North Haven and Northeast Harbor all have fuel. Water and ice are also available in most of these ports. A good grocery with easy access is in Carvers Harbor on Vinalhaven. Another good grocery that is walkable is in Northeast Harbor. Camden and Rockland both have large groceries; but, you may need a taxi for assistance. Consult your Maine Coast Cruising Guide for additional details.

Foster Island

Foster Island lies in the Eastern Branch of John's Bay; it is about five miles in from the tip of Pemaquid Point. The island has been the summer home of the Barton family through four generations. Across the anchorage is the home of MYC Past Commodore Jock Winchester his wife Annie. Next door is the summer home of MYC members Dave Schylling and Connie McCrane.

The entrance to the Eastern Branch at Foster Island can be tricky with submerged ledges that are not precisely where chart makers think they are; this means few vessels ply the quiet anchorage. For those arriving by car, the address is 249 East Branch Road, Walpole, ME.

Entrance and Anchorage

Proceed up John's Bay leaving John's Island and Pemaquid Harbor to starboard; continue on, leaving McFarland's Ledges and High Island to port. Just after High Island is red nun "4," head NE to the first pair of red and green buoys located just south of Foster Island. From the first pair of buoys proceed ENE to the second pair. You can carry ten feet through this channel at low water. However, we suggest you proceed slowly! Members Bob Barton or Dave Schylling may be on hand in boats to offer guidance.

Outer Red & Green Buoys	N43°54'.175	W69°32'.272
Inner Red & Green Buoys	N43°54'.223	W69°32'.070

Once you reach the second pair, you are past the ledges and can anchor in the bay. Holding ground is excellent in mud and the waters are protected. The bay shoals significantly in the upper half.

Cocktails & Dinner Ashore

Our cruise begins with an informal cocktails and dinner ashore under a tent overlooking the bay and seal ledges. Any last-minute announcements concerning the cruise will be made at dinner.

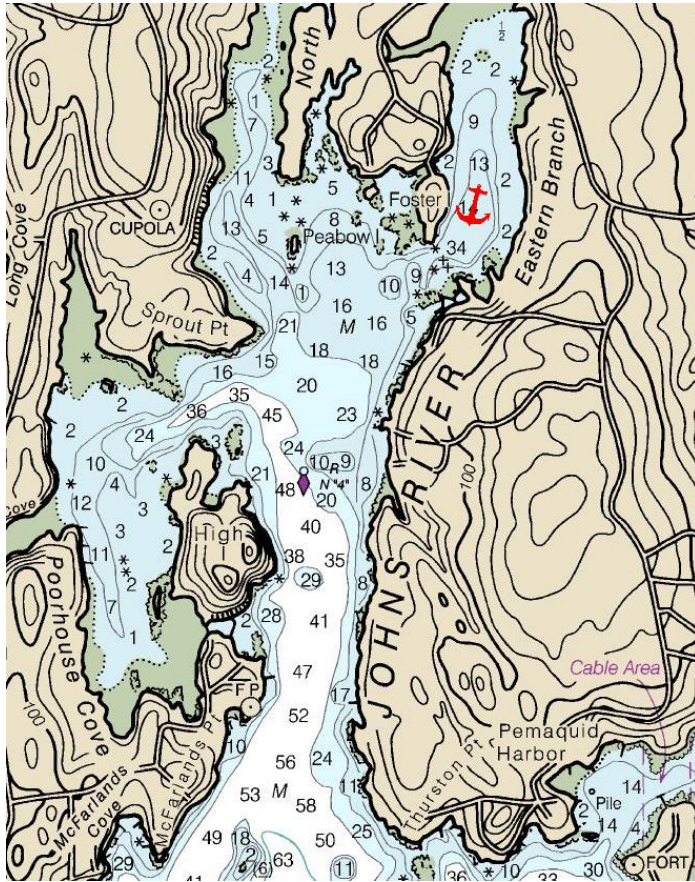
Things To Do

All are welcome to come ashore and walk the trail around the perimeter of the island, or take a longer hike across the causeway to the mainland, along the shore, and back. A member of the Barton family will lead a group on the longer hike at 4:00; it will last about 45 minutes. The bay also tends to offer some of the warmer swimming water in mid-coast Maine. If you are interested in taking a kayak or canoe out, stop by the Barton's dock.

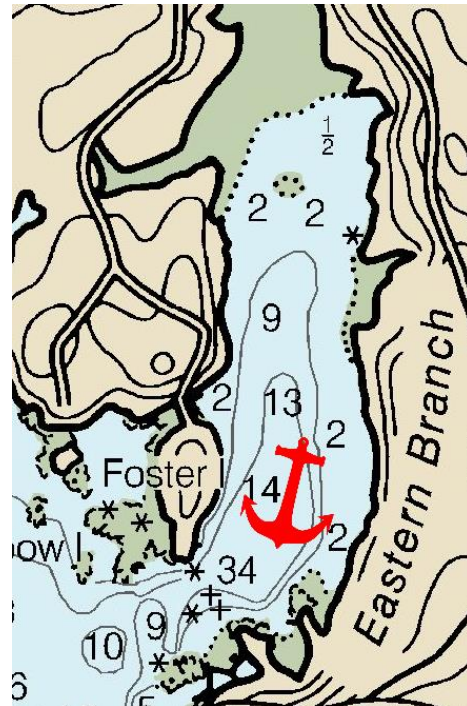
Watch for seals on the ledges to the SW of Foster Island. This summer three bald eagles have been making their home in John's Bay and can frequently be seen perched in trees on the point of the island as they watch for fish.

Foster Island, John's Bay
Cocktails & Dinner Ashore

Sunday, August 4
1800



Left: Head of John's Bay.
Below: Detail around Foster Island.



Dock on Foster Island.

Tour of Darling Marine Center

Be ashore at the dock on Foster Island no later than 0900 to board a bus for a short, 5-minute ride to the University of Maine's Darling Marine Center on the shore of the Damariscotta River. Heather Leslie, the Director of the Center will speak to us about the valuable research conducted by faculty, visiting researchers and students as they strive to understand the fertile marine areas of the Pemaquid and Damariscotta region. They work together with fishermen, aquaculture entrepreneurs, and the community to keep Maine's fisheries alive and well. After the Director's remarks we will split into groups to tour the waterfront lab area. You should be back aboard your boat by 1100.

Cruising at Will Options

Seguin Island: This high island lies off the mouth of the Kennebec River and can be an easy lunch stop, especially for powerboats. They have four or five moorings for day use only. Dinghy to shore and walk up to the lighthouse where summer keepers can take you into the cottage housing the 2-room museum and then take you up the tower. On a clear day, you can see Mount Washington. No anchoring or overnight mooring is allowed.

Damariscove Island: This island is offshore from John's Bay and was one of the earliest fishing settlements in the New World. It has a snug, slender harbor with a couple of moorings for overnight use and nice trails ashore.

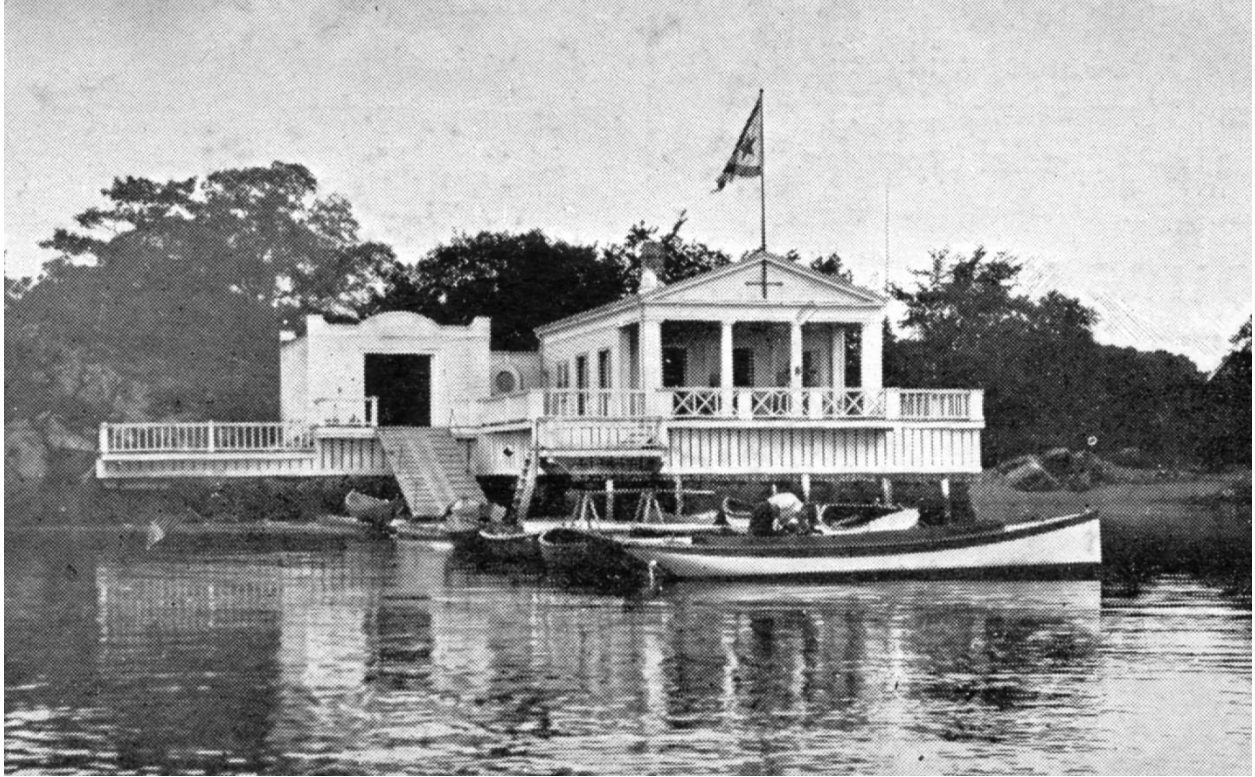
Eastern Egg Rock: Out in Muscongus Bay is Eastern Egg Rock, on the route from Foster Island to Port Clyde. The sides and one end of the rocky islet are quite bold and you usually will see a few puffins if you circle around for a bit on your way to your next stop.

Hog Island: This beautiful island lays towards the upper end of Muscongus Bay along the Pemaquid peninsula. The National Audubon Society runs week-long birding programs with folks staying in rustic cabins. They also have a few moorings available for overnight visits and the chance to walk the trails and seek out bird life.

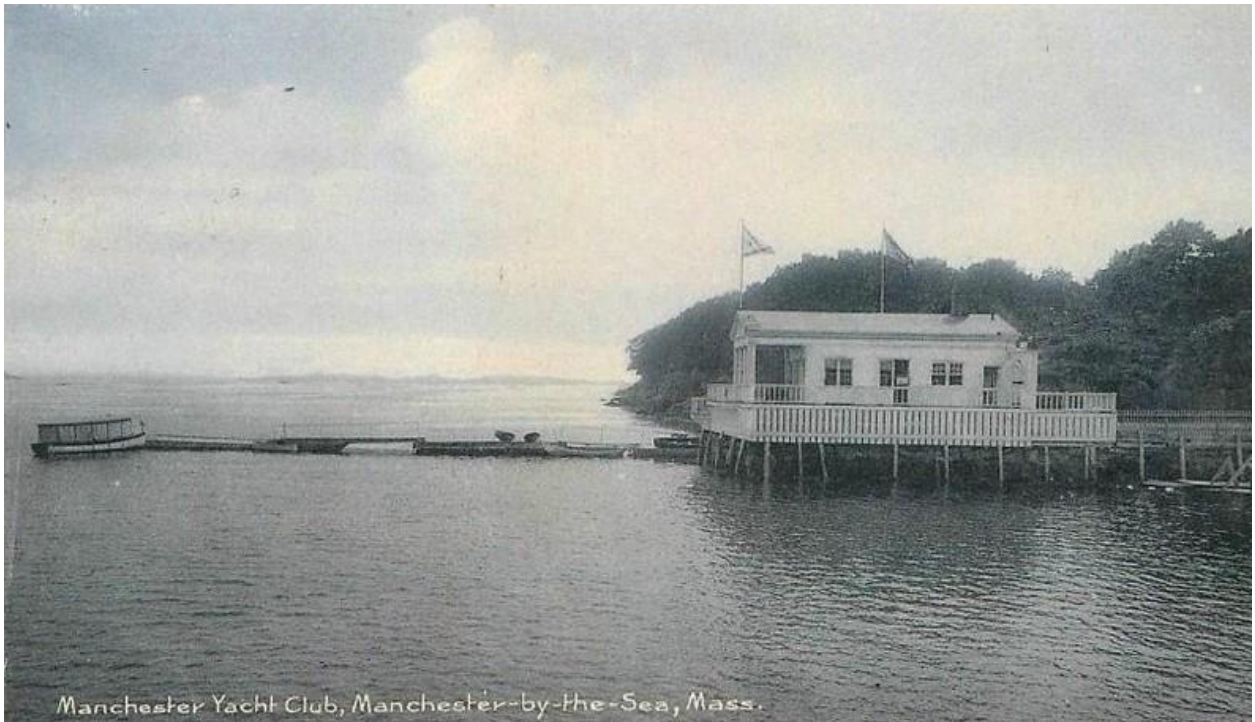
Georges Harbor: This harbor is tucked between Allen and Benner Islands and typically has two or three free moorings. You will feel as if your are moored in a Wyeth painting.

Harbor Island: There is a snug, protected anchorage here, plunk in the middle of Muscongus Bay. The island has walking trails that lead to a cave and beautiful views on the western shore.

Maple Juice Cove: If you have not been to this protected cove on the western shore of the St. George River, it is well worth a visit. There is ample room for dozens of boats to anchor in good holding. If you pick your spot, you have the view to the farmhouse immortalized in Andrew Wyeth's 1948 painting, Christina's World.



Historical views of Manchester Yacht Club



Port Clyde

Port Clyde was once known for granite quarries, timber sawing, shipbuilding and fishing. Today it still has an active lobstering fleet in the harbor tucked between the tip of the St. George Peninsula and Hupper Island. Moorings are available from the Port Clyde General Store, now part of Linda Bean's Perfect Maine. Their "Marine Service" number for moorings is 207-372-6543, ext.#1.

Tenants Harbor

Around the corner from Port Clyde on the St. George Peninsula is the popular Tenants Harbor. The Light Station on Southern Island at the entrance is the summer home of Jamie Wyeth, giving him spectacular views for composing his art. There are several enterprises offering moorings; the suggested one is Tenants Harbor Boat Yard at 207-372-8063 or info@tenantsharborboatyard.com.

Things To Do

It is a twenty minute walk (1 mile) from the wharf in Port Clyde to Marshall Point Light at the tip of the peninsula where there are gorgeous views and a good small museum in the keepers cottage, open 1000 to 1600.

The Village Ice Cream is just up the hill in Port Clyde, offering yummy treats for everybody on board.

Transportation

Those boats moored in Port Clyde will find it a short walk up the hill for the Prey Gallery Reception, and an even shorter walk from the wharf to the Monhegan ferry in the morning.

Important Note: Boats moored in Tenants Harbor will be provided with automobile transportation from the Tenants Harbor Boat Yard to the Prey Gallery Reception, and return. Also, boats in Tenants Harbor will be provided with automobile transportation from the Tenants Harbor Boat Yard to the Monhegan ferry in the morning, and back after the 1630 ferry leaving Monhegan.

Automobile Shuttle for Tenants Harbor

Aug 6 at 1630: Car from Tenants Harbor Boat Yard to Barbara Ernst Prey Gallery.

Aug 6 at 1830 (approx.): Car from Gallery to Tenants Harbor Boat Yard.

Call 781-820-3267 if you need this transport and have not already confirmed it.

Port Clyde or Tenants Harbor

Tuesday, August 6

Prey Gallery Reception

1700

Barbara Ernst Prey – Gallery Reception with the Artist

Barbara Prey is a renowned artist for her watercolors depicting life in mid-coast Maine, as well as other media and subjects. Prey's work also resides in the National Gallery of Art, the Brooklyn Museum, the Smithsonian American Art Museum, the New York Historical Society among other institutions. She has served for the past ten years as the sole visual artist on the U.S. President-appointed National Council on the Arts, the advisory board to the National Endowment for the Arts. Artists are appointed for their contributions and recognition in American Art.

Barbara's newest exhibition, *The Art of Light and Space*, opens in her Port Clyde gallery. The large watercolors included in *The Art of Light and Space* reference the importance of nature in an age of fast-paced social media technology, and invite the viewer to pause, put down the cellphone, and look - look at the rich colors, and the layering of deep hues, vividly reminding us of these spectacular color combinations from nature. We are invited to the gallery for a private viewing with the artist from 1700 to 1830. Wine and cheese will be served at this special event with the artist.



Port Clyde or Tenants Harbor

Wednesday, August 7

Monhegan Ferry:

Depart at 0700 or 1030, return 1630



Monhegan Island

Monhegan is one of the gems of the Maine coast; for centuries the island's natural beauty has attracted artists of all varieties while at the same time serving as home to fishermen. The harbor, tucked between Monhegan's shore and neighboring Manana Island, is not well protected and has little space for visiting fleets of yachts. While the island can accommodate two or three visiting yachts, the only viable way for us to visit together is by ferry.

The island offers a myriad of activities, with a little something sure to please anyone. A picturesque harbor, walking trails, awe inspiring granite cliffs facing the North Atlantic, a lighthouse and history museum, an art museum with new shows each year of works by both famed and little known artists, the wreck of a tugboat, fairy houses in the woods, delicious quaint eateries, a brew pub, art galleries, shops, all in a natural setting that is unmatched anywhere in Maine. Monhegan has only about 60 year-round residents, and a hard, winter lobstering season. However, activity swells in the summer months.



Moorings

You will be keeping your boat in either Port Clyde or Tenants for the two nights of August 6 and 7 to allow access to Monhegan by ferry.

Port Clyde or Tenants Harbor

Wednesday, August 7

Monhegan Ferry:

Depart at 0700 or 1030, return 1630



Ferry

The Monhegan ferry offers two morning departures, either 0700 or 1030. Keep in mind that you need to **be at the ferry terminal a half hour before departure** to assure you get aboard. There are two return ferries, at 1230 or 1630. Make reservations online or by phone as far ahead as possible by going to www.monheganboat.com or call 207-372-8848 for more information. Each boat is responsible for making all their ferry reservations; round trip cost is \$38 per person.

Transportation from Tenants to Port Clyde and Back

For boats moored in Tenants Harbor, automobile transportation will be provided from Tenants Harbor Boatyard to the Port Clyde Ferry Terminal and back. Currently, car transport is only planned for the 1030 outbound ferry and the 1630 returning ferry. In the morning you must be ashore at Tenants Harbor Boat Yard no later than 0930. You will then be picked up again at approximately 1730 in Port Clyde when the ferry arrives from Monhegan. If you in Tenants and are on the 0700 ferry, call Bill Barton (781-820-3267) to see about transportation.

Automobile Shuttle for Tenants Harbor

Aug 7 at 0930: Cars from Tenants Harbor to Monhegan ferry in Port Clyde

Aug 7 at 1730: Cars from Port Clyde Ferry Terminal to Tenants Harbor Boatyard

DO NOT BE LATE!

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Things To Do

Take a Hike: Walking on of the easy trails (Whitehead #7, Burnt Head #3) out to the back side of Monhegan and walking the top tops of the precipitous granite cliffs with the Atlantic crashing below and gulls soaring at eye level is magnificent. You can take one trail out and walk another back to take in the shore line. Another option is to follow Main Street south to Lobster Cove Road to the island’s southern tip, then walk the back shore northward until you decide to take a path back.



Tug Boat Wreck: At the southern tip, by Lobster Cove, is the wreck of the 110’ tug, D. T. Sheridan, built in 1939 and wrecked when run ashore in dense fog on November 5, 1948. You can climb atop the hull as she rests on the rocky shore and contemplate the treacherous life of professional mariners.

Lighthouse & Museum: Walk the road up to the classic lighthouse atop the island for a spectacular view of the island, harbor and Manana Island. From 11:30 to 3:30 the Mohegan Museum is open with both a historical gallery with artifacts and photos, and a newer gallery space where each year a new exhibition is staged. This summer the show is, *A Life Made in Art: Maud Briggs Knowlton*. Knowlton painted extensively on Monhegan. She was also one of the leaders of the Arts & Crafts movement in America and the first woman art museum director when she became the head of the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, NH when it opened in 1929.



Fairy Houses: There is a long tradition of children of all ages building fairy houses from bark, moss, lichen and other forest materials. Walk in the Cathedral Woods trail to its merge with the Maple Trail to see these iconic Maine miniature structures.

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Port Clyde or Tenants Harbor

Wednesday, August 7

Monhegan Ferry:

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Brew Pub: The family-owned Monhegan Brewing Company operates a small brewery down Lobster Cove Road towards the south end of the island.

Shop: There are several small shops on the island offering everything from T-shirts and trinkets, to paintings, to handcrafts and jewelry. One favorite is Winter Works near the Island Inn. For paintings, look for Lupine Gallery.

Watch the Paint Dry: Monhegan has a long history of attracting famed painters to her shores. As you explore the island you may well come across an artiste working at an easel in the salt air; stop and say hello. From the past to the present the likes of Rockwell Kent, N.C., Andrew and Jamie Wyeth, Edward Hopper and others have come to Monhegan to capture sea, sky, crashing waves and offshore life. Watch the latest artists' works take form.



Winter Works Gallery.



Artist at work.

Eat: There are many places to eat on the island. The classic old Island Inn, the Monhegan House, the Barnacle on the ferry wharf and several others. The Fish House on Fish Beach, with picnic tables overlooking the water, serves up fresh fish off the local boats. Other small eateries offer sandwiches.

Map

Your "Cruise Packet" includes a map of the island and trails. Bring it ashore or pick one up on island and leave a donation for the service.

Matinicus & Hurricane Islands Thu, Fri Sat, August 8, 9 & 10

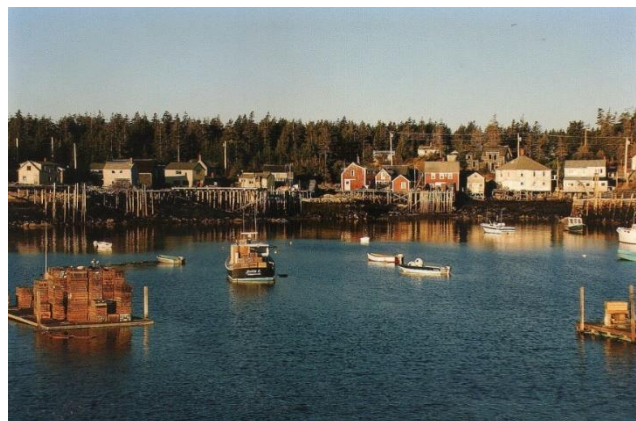
A Game of Musical Boats!

The Game of Musical Boats

In a tongue in cheek wording, the next three days of the cruise are something akin to a game of assigned “Musical Chairs.” Truly, it is something no other club has tried; the path less travelled as club cruises go. Then again, why shouldn’t it be the MYC to attempt getting a cruise into an island like Matinicus!

Each boat listed their desires to visit Matinicus and/or Hurricane Island during the cruise. Each boat has been assigned one or both harbors according to their registration. By working cooperatively with local lobsterman Joshua Ames and his wife Robin on Matinicus and with MYC member Chris Kaneb and Bo Hoppin, Executive Director of Hurricane Island Center for Science and Leadership, we have been welcomed to these two special islands. Moorings are **very** limited at both islands. You are encouraged to arrive early on your assigned day to make sure your space is available.

Yacht	Matinicus	Hurricane	Yacht	Matinicus	Hurricane
Agadou	Thursday	Friday	Lively	Thursday	Saturday
Amanda	Thursday	Friday	Marival	Friday	N/A
Annie	N/A	N/A	Osprey	Friday	N/A
Bliss	Saturday	Friday	Sarsaparilla	Saturday	N/A
Chime II	Saturday	Thursday	Sasanoa	Saturday	Friday
Clarita	Saturday	Thursday	Seaflower	Friday	Saturday
Dragonfly	N/A	N/A	Selkie	Friday	N/A
Finesse	N/A	N/A	Shearwater	Friday	Saturday
Grand Cru	Saturday	Thursday	Sojourn	N/A	N/A
Haulback	Saturday	N/A	Sparmaker	Friday	Thursday
Heron	N/A	Saturday	Spray	Thursday	Wednesday
Hurricane	Thursday	Saturday	Sweet Pea	Saturday	Friday
Island Girl	Thursday	Friday	Tazzarin	Friday	Saturday
Khaleesi	Thursday	Friday	Wagmore II	Thursday	N/A
Last Dance	Friday	Thursday	Windward	N/A	N/A
Limonata	Saturday	Thursday	Viva	N/A	N/A



Matinicus & Hurricane Islands Thu, Fri Sat, August 8, 9 & 10

A Game of Musical Boats!

Matinicus

***** ARRIVE EARLY TO ASSURE A MOORING AND TIME TO EXPLORE ASHORE! *****

Matinicus is a world of its own, a stalwart barnacle clinging to the centuries' old life of Maine's offshore islands. Matinicus is the outermost, year-round inhabited island in Maine. Lobsters and crabs are the lifeblood of Matinicus. Islanders are independent, rightfully proud, hard-working and number approximately 65. The harbor is tightly packed with the working lobster fleet and lined with fisherman's stages, giving it the aura of a time gone by.

Crabmeat

By special arrangement, at approximately 1800 you will be delivered, at your boat, a half-pound of Matinicus crabmeat. It is delicious on crackers, in a sandwich, or for dinner on a summer night!

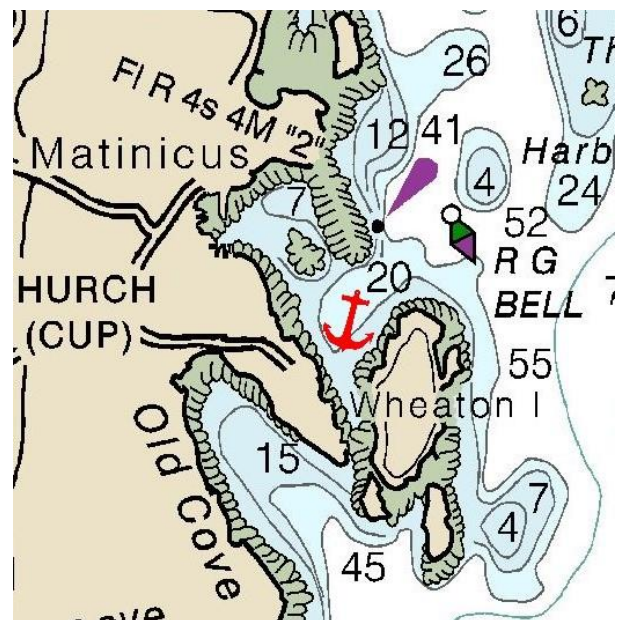
Moorings

A string of eight or nine moorings are attached by pendants to a long steel cable stretched across the harbor floor. The string is to your left upon entering the harbor and is just outside the lobster boats on this side of the harbor. Beware the right-hand side of the harbor and the large hidden ledge. Stay on the left side on entering. Pick up one of the tall buoyed moorings, open the peanut butter jar attached and place the requested fee (\$25-\$30) in the jar and seal it back up. If you are feeling generous, leave a little extra. Powerboats are encouraged to use the moorings closest to shore at either end of the string.

Should you not find a free mooring on the string, try a friendly hail of a lobsterman and ask if they

can point out another option. Lobsterman Joshua Ames, may be aboard his boat, Independence. Rafting two boats is discouraged because of the wakes of returning and departing lobstermen. Anchoring is not possible due to ledge and poor holding ground and a bottom strewn maritime and fishing debris.

As a last resort, you can try going out around Wheaton Island and anchoring at the head of Old Cove; not too bad in fair summer weather. The only other option nearby is to go out and proceed a short way to Ragged Island and the tiny harbor of Criehaven; Lobstermen do make a few moorings available here and the island is very worth exploring.



Matinicus & Hurricane Islands Thu, Fri Sat, August 8, 9 & 10

A Game of Musical Boats!

Things To Do on Matinicus

Matinicus is a relatively quiet island with a few dirt roads, two beaches and some trails. The island is populated mostly by year rounders; but, does have a small summer population who escape to the solitude and beauty of the place.

Island Bakery: Eva Murray operates a small bakery on the island in the summer months; the bakery doesn't even have a name. Eva is also the Town Clerk, EMT, firefighter and is a maker of iron fireplace tools. And, her bakery is worth a visit. Try the cookies, pastries, breads, blueberry pies, baked goods or one of the deliciously dark, homemade fudgsicles. Yum! You can stop by in the afternoon; however, you might find even more by popping ashore early the next morning. The bakery is down the road near the cemetery.



Eva Murray at work in the bakery.

The Fisherman's Wife: This is perhaps one of the most unique shops in Maine. It is run by island artist Donna Rogers. Here you will find artwork on canvas, board and sand dollar. The shop also carries an intriguing selection of books as well as the publications of the Maine Seacoast Mission with powerful and beautiful imagery and prose from the out islands – get a copy and read about life on the granite and pine out islands.

Post Office: If you dream of mailing a postcard or letter from a remote location, drop one off here.

Library: Matinicus has a wonderful, one-room library on the road not far from the Post Office. Stop in and browse, or, better yet, drop off a book or two for the islanders. There is usually free WiFi available in the Library as well.

Walk: Stroll the dirt roads, wander into the island cemetery and view the graves of fishermen. Stop and chat with one of the residents to hear their thoughts on island life. Stop by the island church, built in 1906 and poke inside if it is open.



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A Game of Musical Boats!

Cruising at Will on Days Around Matinicus & Hurricane Islands

As the fleet visits Matinicus and Hurricane Islands, you will have one or two days to explore other spots around Penobscot Bay on the nights when you are not assigned to one of the two islands. Below is a list of some harbors or coves that you might consider visiting as we follow the “Path Less Travelled.”

Carver’s Harbor: Carver’s is tucked on the southwest end of Vinalhaven. It has long been known as a working harbor and is packed tightly with lobster boats. There are about four moorings with peanut butter jars attached for visiting yachts; look carefully for them. At the town you have easy access to a good grocery, restaurants and a candy shop. A short walk up the street to the right will take you to perhaps the only galamander left standing; these remarkable, horse drawn contraptions were the life blood of Maine’s granite quarries, able to carry mammoth blocks of granite.

Fox Island Thorofare: This winding stretch of water between North Haven and Vinalhaven is one of the loveliest sails on the entire coast. Sailing through on a sunny summer day is quintessential Maine cruising at its very best. Not to be missed if you are not familiar with this passage.

Seal Bay: If you have never been in to Seal Bay on the eastern side of Vinalhaven, it is one of the most lovely, serene estuaries on the coast in a landlocked anchorage.

Seal Cove: This little cove is entered from the Fox Island Thorofare between North Haven and Vinalhaven. You can tuck up into the end of the cove.

Kent Cove: Kent Cove seldom sees many visiting yachts. Yet, on a typical quiet summer evening it affords a quiet place with excellent sunsets.

White Islands: This little cluster of islands is just a mile northeast of Hurricane Island and has a protected and wild anchorage of unrivalled beauty.

Ragged Island: The old settlement of Criehaven was on Ragged Island, just offshore from Matinicus. The small V-shaped harbor formed by a government breakwater usually has room for two or three visiting boats. The moorings are strung on pendants attached to steel cables run across the little harbor’s floor. Ask a fisherman or somebody on shore about a free mooring for the night. Row in to the righthand end of the little stony beach to the left of the pier and poke into the small museum set in the old post office.

Birds of Matinicus Rock

If you want to see Puffins, Northern Gannets, Razorbills, Common Murres, Black Guillemots, Arctic Terns, Laughing Gulls and more, in good numbers, rise early at Matinicus or Ragged Island and head just a few miles out to sea to barren Matinicus Rock and its lonely lighthouse. In the early mornings, birds circle and fish in the rich waters in remarkable numbers! A must for birders.



Matinicus & Hurricane Islands Thu, Fri Sat, August 8, 9 & 10 A Game of Musical Boats!

Eat on Island: The Hurricane Island Center has graciously offered to let people in our fleet come ashore for either breakfast or lunch for a cost of \$10 per person, paid on island. It is also a chance to chat with students and researchers about current work on Hurricane. If you wish to have a breakfast or lunch on island you must pre-register with the Cruise Chairman, Bill Barton, by August 1st. Breakfast at 0800, lunch at 1215.

Saturday Morning Talk: For those at the island on the morning of August 10th, Executive Director Bo Hoppin has offered to give a short historical walk at 0900; meet at the head of the pier and learn about the amazing work the Hurricane Island Center for Science and Leadership does on island. If you pre-registered for breakfast, eat ashore and then do the walk.



Hurricane Island with the water-filled quarry in the lower left.



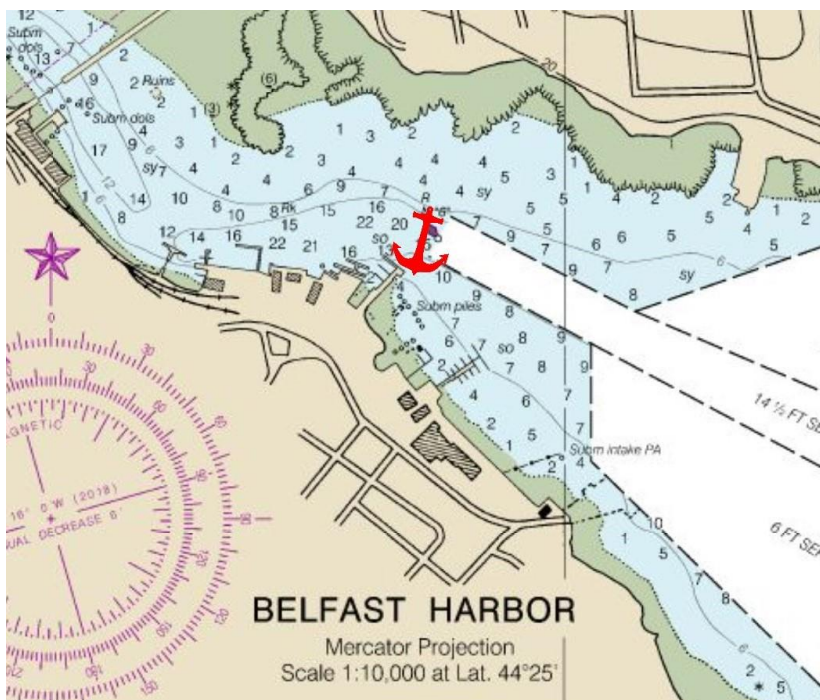
The old quarry village on Hurricane.

Belfast

Moving from life on the remote out islands of Maine, we now sail to the very top of Penobscot Bay to visit Belfast. Belfast's history is in part linked to Bangor. In the 1800s, Bangor, surrounded by lush forests, was the lumber capital of New England. The Penobscot River flowed south from Bangor to the head of Penobscot Bay, not far from Belfast. Belfast grew to be a 19th-century shipbuilding center, in part, because it was easy to float the lumber supplies down river and across the head of the bay to Belfast. Shipbuilders amassed wealth and resulted in some beautiful architecture in the neighborhoods and main streets of Belfast, which retain their character today.



When shipbuilding faded in the 20th-century, Belfast fell on harder economic times. However, today the city is having a rebirth, again fueled by boat and ship building at the French & Webb yard and the newer Front Street Shipyard, which we will have the opportunity to tour on Monday morning.



Dockage & Moorings

Dock space at the foot of Main street, with easy access to the town, or moorings in the wide mouth of the Passagassawakeag River can be obtained by contacting the Belfast Harbormaster office at 207-338-1142 or by email at harbomaster@cityofbelfast.org for reservations. Office hours are Monday to Friday 0700 to 1600. The Harbormaster, Katherine Pickering, and her team also have fuel and ice available. When approaching the docks, you can contact the Harbormaster on VHF 16 or 9 for guidance.

Lobster Dinner Ashore, **BYOB**

We will gather at 1800 at the United Farmers Market, located near the waterfront, for a traditional downeast lobsterbake cooked by Coastal Critters. Simply walk out the bay on Front Street along the water, one block past Main Street to Spring Street. One block up Spring Street is the large, green building of the United Farmers Market. [The diner is a BYOB \(Bring Your Own Beverage\) event; so be sure to pack your favorite drinks and bring them along.](#)

Things To Do

Walk Main Street: Walk Main street and the neighborhoods to admire some of the architecture of this handsome and quaint town.

Harbor Walk: There is a wonderful boardwalk and path that meanders up the river from downtown. Plaques offer insights on local history and culture. You can also walk the foot bridge across the Passagassawakeag River for a unique view of the town from the top of the bay.



Penobscot Marine Museum: This wonderful museum includes a small village of eight buildings from the early 1880s as well as exhibits that change annually. This summer there are the following exhibitions: "Where in the World," "Weather or Knot," and "Susan Tobey White's Lobstering Women of Maine." Well worth a taxi ride to the museum! Taxi info listed below. Hours 12:00 – 5:00 Sunday, 10:00 – 5:00 Monday through Saturday.

Shop: Main Street has an eclectic collection of galleries, shops, antique stores and Colburn's Shoe Store, America's oldest shoe shop!

Taxis

The following taxi services are listed in the Belfast area. They can provide transport for groceries, a trip to the Penobscot Maritime Museum, or elsewhere:

Little Man Taxi – 207-338-2746 (Belfast)

Bay Taxi – 207-338-1993 (Belfast)

Schooner Bay Taxi – 207-594-5000 (Rockland)



Front Street Shipyard Tour

Before we leave Belfast we have a special treat in store. At 0900 we will muster in front of Building “5” at the Front Street Shipyard on Belfast’s waterfront for a short walking tour of the facility and some of their current projects. The yard, which has grown quickly, has been a key player in the economic rebirth of Belfast. Their work has included vessels from the famed arctic exploration schooner Bowdoin to state-of-the-art trawlers to modern yachts. So, before sailing on from Belfast, be sure to join this tour for glimpse behind the scenes.

Cruising At Will

Many options present themselves on the way from Belfast to Swans Island where we meet again in two days. Some of the more enticing and lesser visited routes might take you either through the Eggemoggin Reach (a stunningly beautiful stretch), or back out the eastern side of Penobscot Bay or through the Deer Island Thorofare. Either route offers good cruising. The idea for the “Path Less Traveled” is to pick a place you have never been and experience something new.

Horseshoe Cove: This slender harbor on the upper side of the Eggemoggin Reach, just before entering the Reach, is quiet, peaceful and offers good swimming. The local boatyard has a few moorings for rent. You can hop in your dinghy and explore almost a mile further up the cove.

Benjamin River: This large, open yet protected basin lies of the upper side of Eggemoggin Reach and has a good number of moorings for rent from the boatyard. This calm, round basin has been the site of many sunflower gams of the Cruising Club of America and New York Yacht Club.

Brooklin: An interesting and worthwhile stop for traditional boat lovers in the Eggemogin Reach is Wooden Boat in Brooklin, just north of Babson Island. See some gorgeous boats on moorings or go ashore and see what they are working on. They have a school, they publish Wooden Boat magazine and have a small shop.

Bold, Devil & Hell's Half Acre: You have to love the island names for this one. It is a pretty spot nestled between islands along the Dear Island Thorofare. It provides good protection in one of the most scenic anchorages in the area. The prime spot is in the long cove between Bold & Devil.

Castine: On the left shore of the Bagaduce River is the historic town of Castine and the Maine Maritime Academy. The lovely streets have one of the finest remaining stands of elms in New England. Moorings are available from the Castine Yacht Club or Eaton's Boatyard.

Holbrook Island: A quiet cove is tucked behind Holbrook Island near Castine. Plenty of room and good holding ground.

Buck's Harbor: Near the western entrance of the Eggemogin Reach is Buck's Harbor, made famous in the beautifully illustrated children's books by Robert McCloskey.

Bangor: For the **power boats** in the fleet, you might try leaving Belfast and make a run up the famed Penobscot River all the way to Bangor for lunch. The Bangor Public Landing (207-992-4490 VHF 16/9) has dockage.

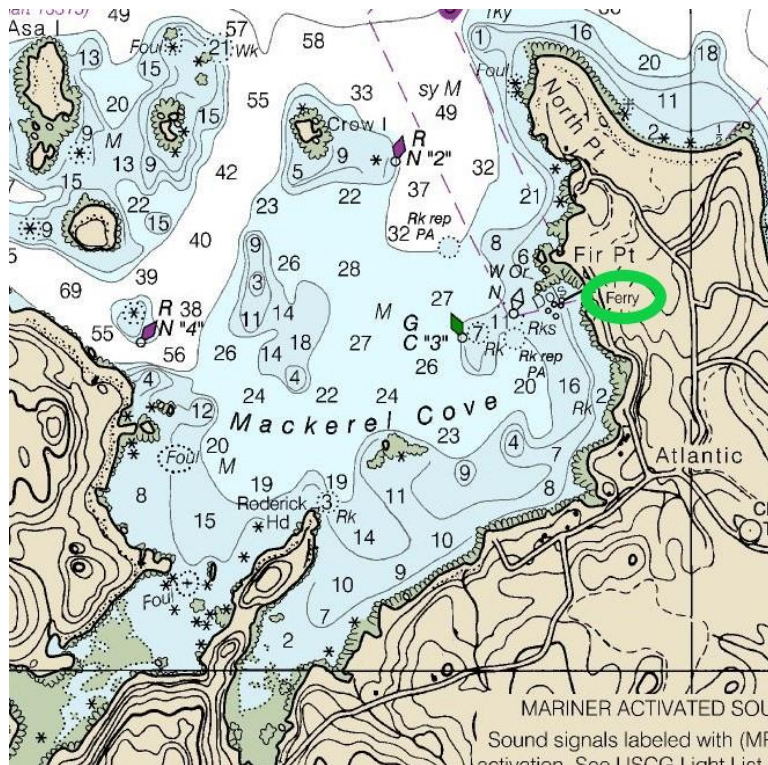


Northern Gannet taking flight.

Mackerel Cove

Mackerel Cove takes its name from the fisheries that were pursued at Swans Island in the 1700s and 1800s. Both mackerel and cod were the big enterprises of the era, as was boat building on the island. Fishing schooners and lobster smacks were built on Swans up until the fishery shifted when the public's fancy turned to lobster.

Today, lobstering is the main trade on Swans. The town on this end of Swans is called Atlantic; a clear reference to how closely linked the island and people are to the ocean.



Anchorage

Mackerel Cove is quite large and capable of holding fleets far larger than MYC. You are welcome to anchor anywhere you like in area you choose. You may want to be near the ferry terminal on the eastern side of the cove; there is a dock for dinghies beside the ferry terminal. There are also reported to be bathrooms at the ferry building. The inner coves offer a bit more protection. Do be cautious of the "foul" area as shown on the chart, and some unmarked ledges in Mackerel Cove. The ledges are shown on the chart.

Lobster & Marine Museum - 1600

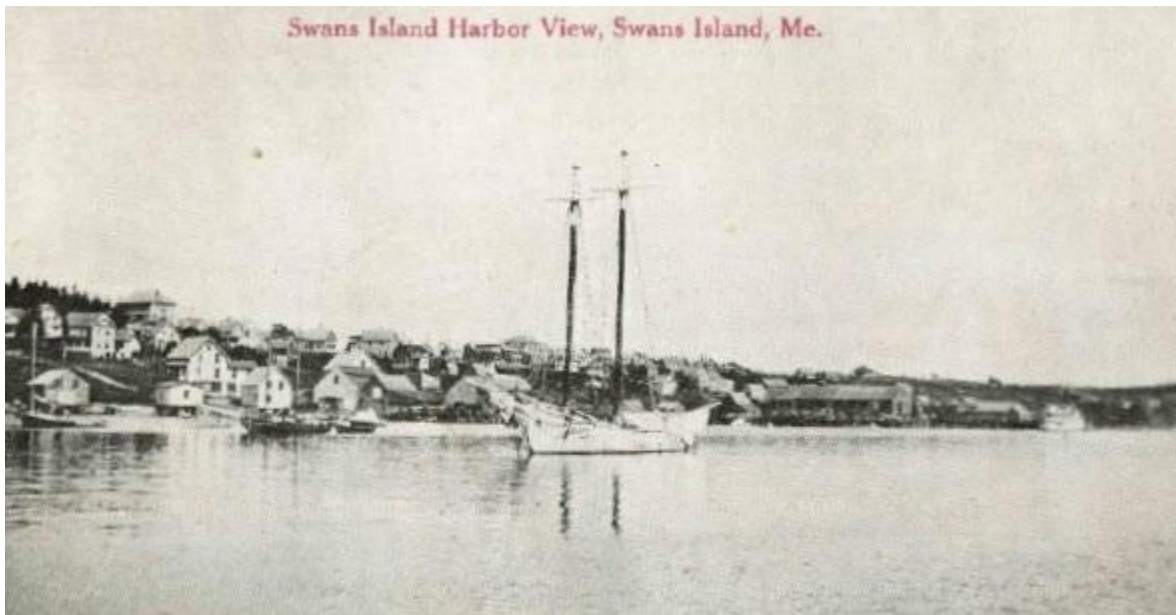
The people who call Swans home are proud of their history and livelihood through the centuries. In Atlantic, just 100 yards up the street from the ferry, is the Swans Island Lobster & Marine Museum housed in the Capt. Henry Lee House; a rustic, homegrown look at the history of this out island through the eyes of the people who live it. We will gather to explore the museum starting at 1600. Some of the islanders will be on hand to answer questions about the past present and future of Swans. There are also some nature trails and a "Life Along the Shore" ecology exhibit nearby.



Note: If you enjoy your time on Swans, we encourage you to make a small donation to the efforts of this out island museum.

GWC (Green Watering Cans) Event - 1700

In the time-honored tradition of the MYC, we will be gathering at the Lobster & Marine Museum at 1700 to have a GWC get together. MYC Cruise Committee Chair will bring the ingredients and cups and mix our cocktails in Green Watering Cans. If you like, bring a little hors d'oeuvre to share. Join your cruise mates for an informal gathering and swap sea stories. We will be joined by a few islanders who are involved with the Museum; please make them feel welcome!



Penobscot & Blue Hill Bays – Cruising At Will

As you leave Swans Island, you will have two nights to explore before reaching the final rendezvous at Dark Harbor on Islesboro. Perhaps you will want to linger in Blue Hill Bay for day before heading back west; or, you may prefer to go back for more time in Maine's largest bay, Penobscot. Again, try something new for you. The great thing about Maine is that you can cruise the coast for a lifetime, and yet there will always be places you have never been, as well as old favorites that beckon you to return again and again.

Frenchboro, Long Island: Just offshore from Swans is the fishing community of Frenchboro on Long Island. Moorings can usually be had and it offers great walking trails on shore.

Somes Sound, Mount Desert Island: A sail up the huge fiord into Mount Desert typically offers a beat in and a glorious run back out. You are surrounded by mountains and cliffs on the way in. Anchor for the night, or go back to Northeast Harbor for a mooring. Somes Sound is spectacular.



Somes Sound on Mount Desert.

Isle Au Haut: Another out island south west of Swans has moorings with peanut butter jars where you leave money for the rental. Head ashore and stroll the roads or keep trekking and enter the trails of the National Park on the island.

Passages: Eggemoggin Reach, Deer Island Thorofare, Fox Island Thorofare and Merchant Row are the four best known and most unforgettable passages on the coast. If you missed one on your way to Swans, be sure to find it on your way back. Weaving through the maze of dotted granite and pine islands in Merchant Row, south of Deer Isle, is hard to beat on a sunny summer day.

Barred Islands: Head part way back up Penobscot Bay and enter this snug anchorage inside the Barred Islands with views of Great Spruce Head and Butter Islands.

Compass Island: A perfect lunch stop, this small island just north of North Haven is a great place to take a picnic ashore in good weather.

Penobscot Bay
Cruising At Will

Wednesday & Thursday, August 14 & 15

Bartlett Harbor: This little cove on the northwest coast of Vinalhaven is seldom visited by cruisers. Often there is a mooring or two available and the views looking back towards Rockland and Camden are impressive.



The granite and pine islands of Merchant Row, south of Deer Isle.

Dark Harbor (Gilkey Hbr.)

Saturday, August 15

Farewell Dinner Ashore

1800



Dark Harbor/Gilkey Harbor, Islesboro

All good things come to an end. However, Dark Harbor and the Tarratine Club certainly make for a worthy finish to twelve days of cruising. The village of Dark Harbor sits near the southern end of Islesboro. The Tarratine Club actually is on Gilkey Harbor on the west side of the southern tip of Islesboro; the harbor is bounded to the west by Seven Hundred Acre Island. The Tarratine is nestled on the right hand side at the entrance of Ames Cove in Gilkey Harbor.

Anchorage

Most boats will need to anchor in Gilkey Harbor. The area is well protected in most weather and has ample room for the MYC fleet.

Farewell Dinner Ashore 1800

The Tarratine Club is roughly the same age as the MYC, having been founded in 1896. Their lovely clubhouse overlooks the harbor and provides a gorgeous setting for our dinner. The event begins at 1800 with cocktails hosted by MYC Commodore Sam Philbrick and his wife Sue. Dinner will be served at approximately 1900.

Things To Do

Warren Island: If you arrive in Gilkey Harbor early, you might want to make an afternoon stop at Warren Island State Park, located near the more northerly entrance to the harbor. Warren is a Maine State Park with walking trails and has a few moorings for visitors.

Grindle Point Sailor's Museum and Lighthouse: This small museum and lighthouse is located just up the road from the ferry dock at the north end of Gilkey Harbor. It is open on Saturdays from 9:30 to 4:30 (except for a lunch break). They have a few small galleries and you can also climb the lighthouse.



Grindle Point Sailor's Museum and Lighthouse.

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