



CDSOA Maine Cruise Cape Dorys and the Beautiful Islands of Penobscot Bay August 16-21, 2004

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Monday, 8/16—Long Cove, Tenants Harbor

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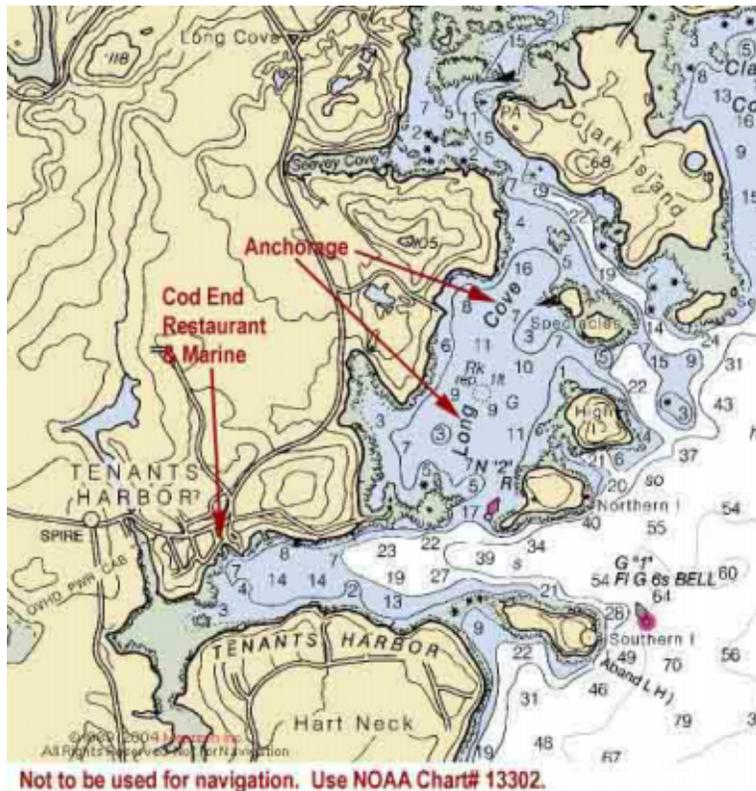


Figure 1. Tenants Harbor and Long Cove

Plan on meeting in **Long Cove** at **Tenants Harbor** in the afternoon on **Monday, August 16th** where **Liberty**, **Cruise Captain Stephen Files' CD36**, will be waiting for your arrival.

The entrance to Tenants Harbor is approximately 12.4 nm north-northeast of Monhegan Island and 16 nm west-southwest of Vinalhaven in Penobscot Bay. The anchorage is broad, shallow, tranquil and easily entered between **RN "2"** west of **Northern Island** and the ledge that juts out from the mainland. Stay close to the nun as you enter.

If conditions permit, let's form a raft-up. And once settled, we'll get together on one boat or the raft for snacks, cocktails and dinner. Bring one or two snack items to share with the rest of the group and the fixin's for your favorite beverage. Then it's potluck for dinner. No, we don't throw everything into one pot and whatever comes out is dinner (unless you want to). But whatever you bring it's what we'll have.

Tuesday, 8/17—Perry Creek, Vinalhaven – 19.6 nm

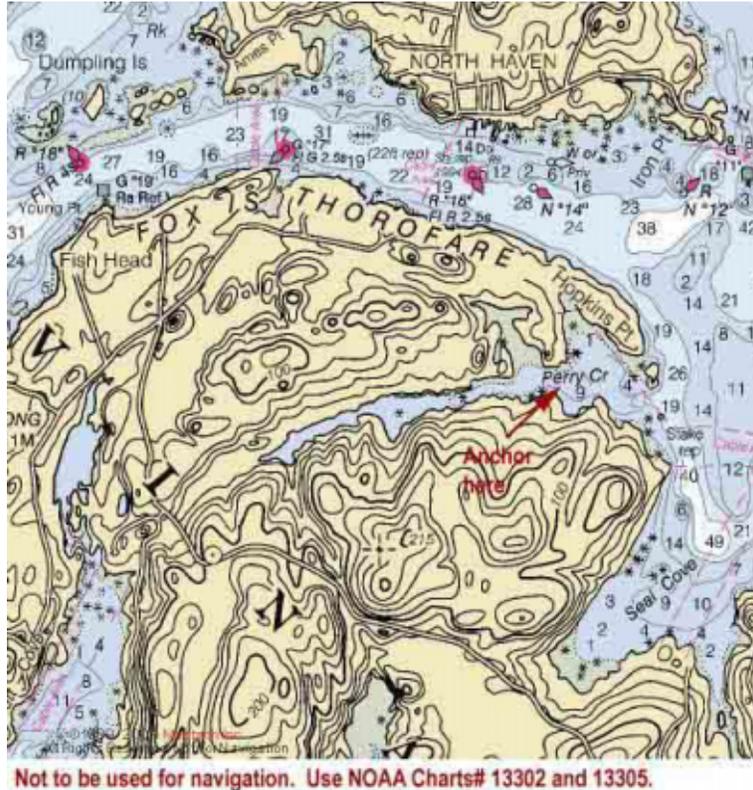


Figure 2. Perry Creek on Vinalhaven

It should be a leisurely sail from Tenants Harbor to Vinalhaven where we'll pull into Perry Creek off **Fox Islands Thorofare**.

Perry Creek is a beautiful and well-protected anchorage guarded by the picturesque little **Mouse Island** off **Hopkins Point**. It's also very popular, so we're going to try to get there as early as we can.

A substantial unmarked ledge extends southward from Mouse Island for a distance about equal to the length of the island and there's another ledge protruding northward from the south shore of Perry Creek so stay halfway between Mouse Island and the south shore when entering the creek.

Anchor just west of the cable area in 8 to 11 feet of water at low tide. Holding ground is good in mud. Mean tidal range is about 9.5 feet. There are also a number of private moorings which are usually available if you arrive early. Across the way, east of the ferry landing, **J.O. Brown & Sons, Inc. (Ch. 16; 207-867-4621)** has a number of inexpensive moorings. They also have gas, diesel, water and ice as well as a chandlery. And at North Haven (we passed it along the way in Fox Islands Thorofare) there is a small grocery store and showers.

Wednesday, 8/18—Burnt Coat Harbor, Swans Island – 19.4 nm

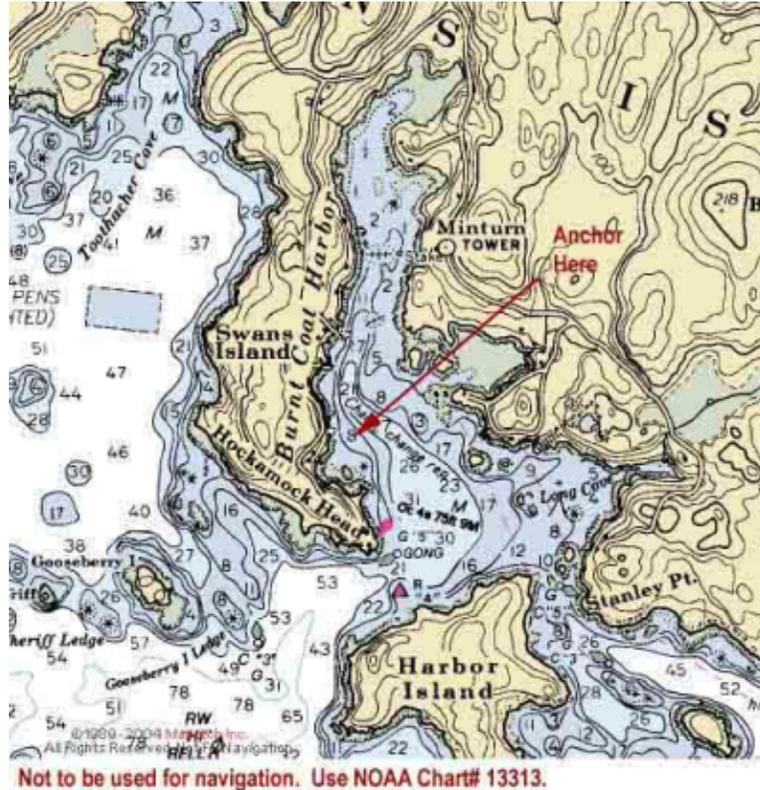


Figure 3. Burnt Coat Harbor

From Perry Creek our next stop is another pretty and well-protected harbor -- Burnt Coat Harbor on the south shore of Swans Island. It is the quintessential down east working harbor, not to be missed.

You can anchor north of **Hockamock Head Light** on the western side of the harbor outside the mooring field in 17-25 feet at low in mud and seaweed, but the holding isn't very good. Moorings are available from the **Swans Island Boathouse (207-526-4207)**. Fuel is available at **Fisherman's Co-op** and **Kent's Wharf (Ch. 68, 207-526-4186)** if you need it and, of course, they've got lobsters as well. If you need fuel, make sure you get it before 1 p.m.

Thursday, 8/19—Little Cranberry Island – 19.7 nm

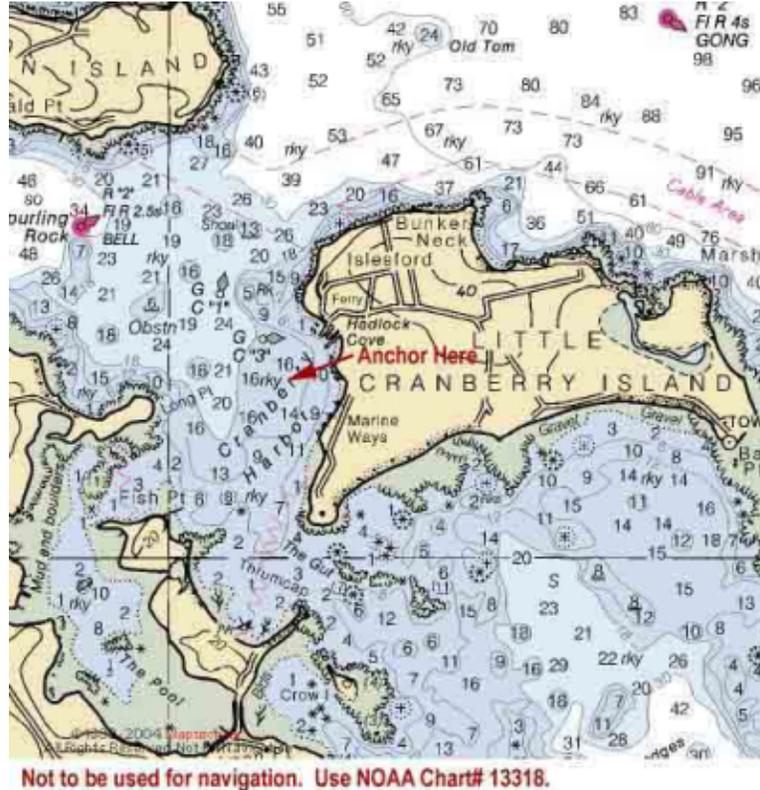


Figure 4. Little Cranberry Island

Our next destination is **Cranberry Harbor**, nestled between Great and Little Cranberry Islands, about 2 nm south of Mount Desert Island affording spectacular views of the mountains to the north.

The best protection is found in **Hadlock Cove**, the wide bight where the docks are located, on **Little Cranberry Island**. The **Islesford Dock Restaurant (207-244-7494)** has several guest moorings and the Little Cranberry Yacht Club has a couple available for rental as well (first-come, first-served) but there is plenty of room to anchor outside the mooring field in 14-23 feet at low in kelp. If the weather isn't cooperating we'll head for Northeast Harbor, on Mount Desert Island, instead.

There are public restrooms on Little Cranberry in the **Blue Duck**, an outbuilding at the head of the dock owned by the National Park Service. The **Islesford Historic Museum**, part of Acadia National Park, is in the Georgian brick and granite building close to the docks. And a short walk eastward on the main road will bring you to the **Islesford Market (207-244-7667)**.

Friday, 8/20—Bucks Harbor, South Brooksville – 27.7 nm

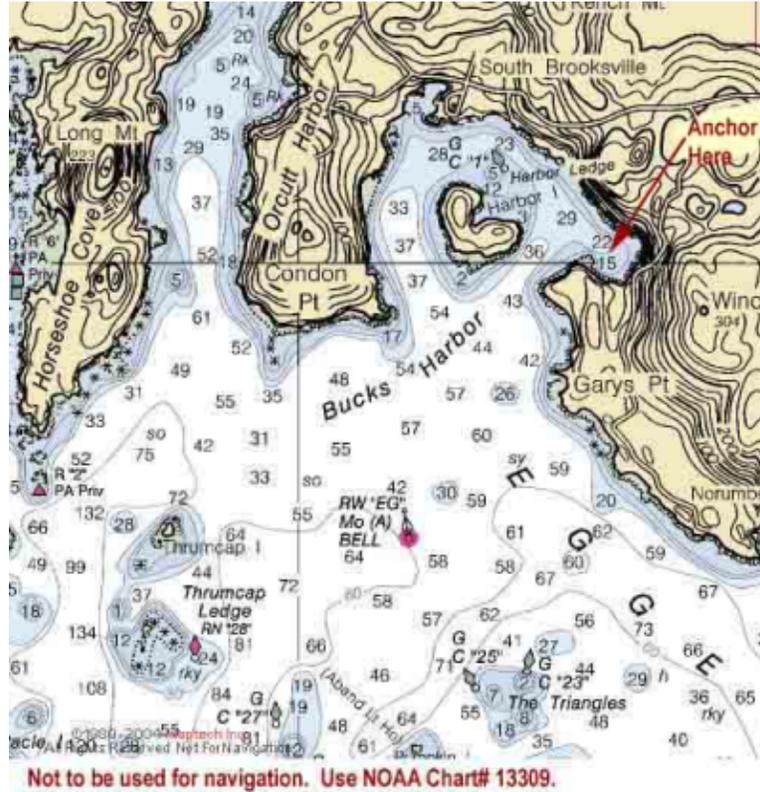


Figure 5. Bucks Harbor

Bucks is a great little harbor sitting on the north shore of the western end of **Eggemoggin Reach**.

NOTE: The markers in Eggemoggin Reach are ordered from east to west. When entering the reach from the east, keep cans to port and nuns to starboard.

The channel in Bucks leads you around **Harbor Island**. You can anchor on any side of the island but shoals extend about 250 yards off the northeast side of the island. **Harbor Ledge** is marked by **GC "1"**. Lem's Cove also offers good protection.

There are moorings which can be reserved ahead of time available from **Bucks Harbor Marine (Ch. 9 or 16, 207-326-8839)** or the **Bucks Harbor Yacht Club (207-326-9265)**.

There is a steel band which plays on occasion. Bucks Harbor Marine is great and features the best key lime pie on the Maine coast. They also have fuel, water, ice and some marine supplies but they will charge you for water. The **Bucks Harbor Market (207-326-8683)** sits at the one and only intersection in South Brooksville. It has a lunch counter, pizza, groceries, baked goods, produce, cheese, wine and beer in case you're running low on provisions.

Saturday, 8/21—Camden – 15.2 nm

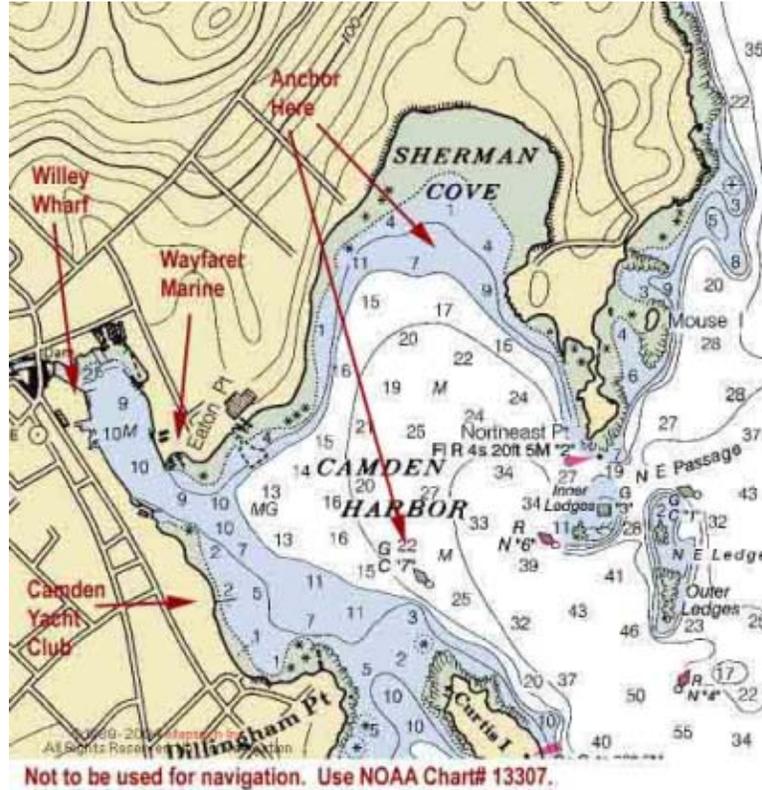


Figure 6. Camden Harbor

Camden is the cruisers' classic, a real jewel, filled with cruising yachts and weathered windjammers and the perfect place to end our cruise. We hope you enjoyed sailing with us.

We recommend that you make your reservations for a mooring in advance. Please contact **Wayfarer Marine (Ch. 9/71, 207-236-4378)** or **Wiley Wharf (207-236-3256)**. Wayfarer Marine is a major, full-service yard and fuel, water, ice and pump-out are available as well as launch service, showers, laundry facilities and a marine store. Wiley's can refill CNG and propane tanks, and provide water, ice and showers. If you need provisions, head for **French and Braun (207-236-3361)**, located downtown, for meats, produce and baked goods.

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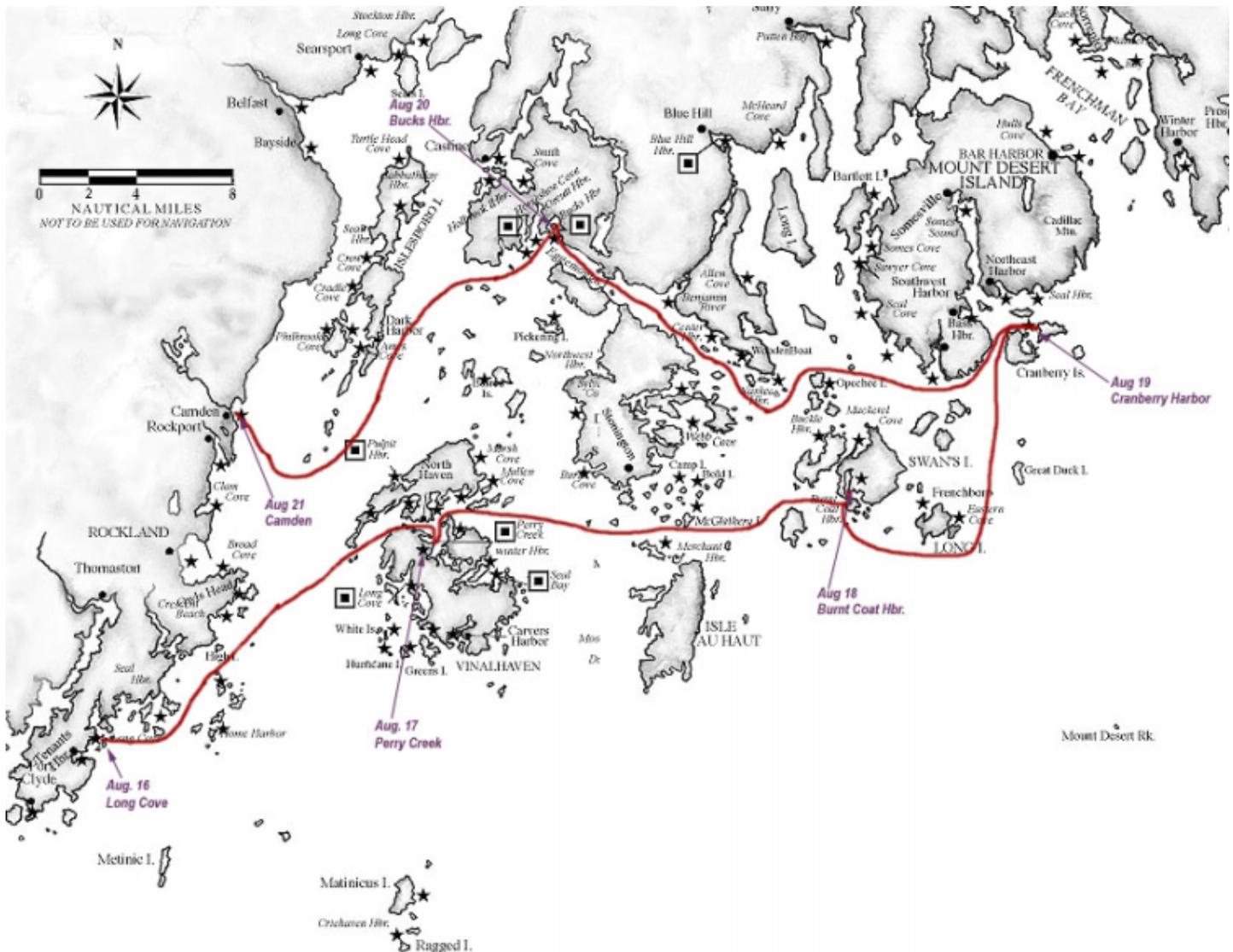
Moorings: \$30.00 per night
Float: \$35.00 per night
Dockside (rafted): \$3.00 per foot

If you'd rather drop the hook, anchorage in Camden Harbor is best on its westernmost side, between **Eaton Point** and **Curtis Island** north of **GC "7"** or in the outer part of **Sherman Cove**. The ground is soft and you're well-protected. Hail the harbormaster (**Ch. 9**) for available moorings in busy Inner Cove.

There's a lot to see and do in Camden, so start out by visiting the Chamber of Commerce, in the little house at the public landing in the heart of town, or by taking a walk.

NOTE: All captains are responsible for their own navigation and the safety of their vessels and crew.

The Route:



See also:

The Maine Coast Internet Guide: <http://www.coastguides.com/>

A Cruising Guide to the Maine Coast, by Hank and Jan Taft, Curtis Rindlaub

Maptech Embassy Guides – Maine Coast, Coverage from Kittery to the Canadian Border

Use NOAA Charts# **13302, 13313, 13318, 13316, 13309, and 13307.**