



CDSOA Western Long Island Sound Mini-Cruise & Float-in Labor Day Weekend Cape Dory Get-Together September 3-5, 2005

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Saturday, 9/3—Milford, CT



Figure 1. Charles Island, Milford, CT

Fleet communications will be on VHF Ch. 16 and 72.

Plan on meeting in the anchorage north of **Charles Island** in The Gulf, in 10-15' of water with a hard sand bottom - softer near shore. Otherwise we'll be heading up into Milford Harbor on the Wepawaug River to Milford Landing (203-874-1610, VHF Ch. 9, dockage \$2.50 per foot).

Use tide tables for Bridgeport. High tide at Milford Harbor is 8 minutes later; low tide is 10 minutes earlier. Mean tidal range is 6.6 feet.

GC "1" at Charles Island is approximately 5 nm NE of Stratford point and about 6.5 nm W of the channel entrance between the New Haven Harbor breakwaters. Be careful of the shoals to the east and south of Charles Island between **R"16" Bell Fl R 4s** and **GC "1"**.

CAUTION: At high tide you may see local boaters cutting across "**The Bar**" which connects Charles Island to Silver Sands State Park on the mainland. **DO NOT CROSS THE BAR.** Enter The Gulf between GC "1" (Charles Island) and RN "2" (Welches Point).

If we're anchored off Charles Island, in the evening we'll all gather on one of the boats for cocktails. So bring one or two snack items to share with the rest of the group in the anchorage and the fixin's for your favorite beverage. Crews will be on their own for dinner.

If we're tied up at Milford Landing, why not walk over to the **Stonebridge Restaurant** for a group dinner? Milford Landing also has a picnic/barbecue area, so we can do a potluck if that's what we decide.

Sunday, 9/4—Lloyd Harbor, NY -- 28 nm

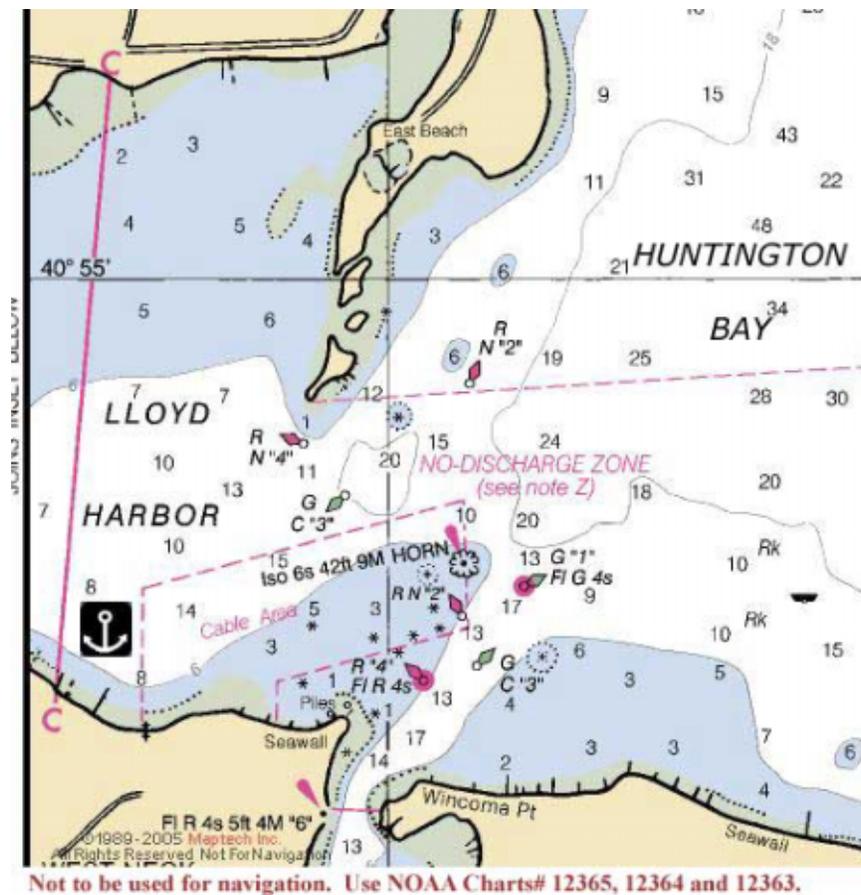


Figure 2. Lloyd Harbor, NY

It should be a leisurely sail from Milford to our next destination, **Lloyd Harbor**, across the Sound in New York.

Huntington Bay, the largest bay on Long Island's north shore, is the gateway to Northport Bay, Lloyd, Huntington, Centerport and Northport Harbors. Enter Lloyd Harbor north of Huntington Lighthouse and stay between **GC"3"** and **RN"4"** to avoid the reefs south of East Beach. Anchor in the small bight just north of **West Neck**. Be careful to stay clear of the cable area.

Use tide tables for Bridgeport. High tide at the Lloyd Harbor entrance in Huntington Bay is 2 minutes later; low tide is 3 minutes later. Mean tidal range is 7.5 feet.

If the weather prediction is for winds out of the east, we'll head for Northport instead, and anchor just outside (north) of the mooring field.

Once everyone's settled, we'll meet aboard one of the boats again for cocktails and snacks. Everyone's on their own for dinner.

Monday, 9/5—City Island, NY – 22 nm

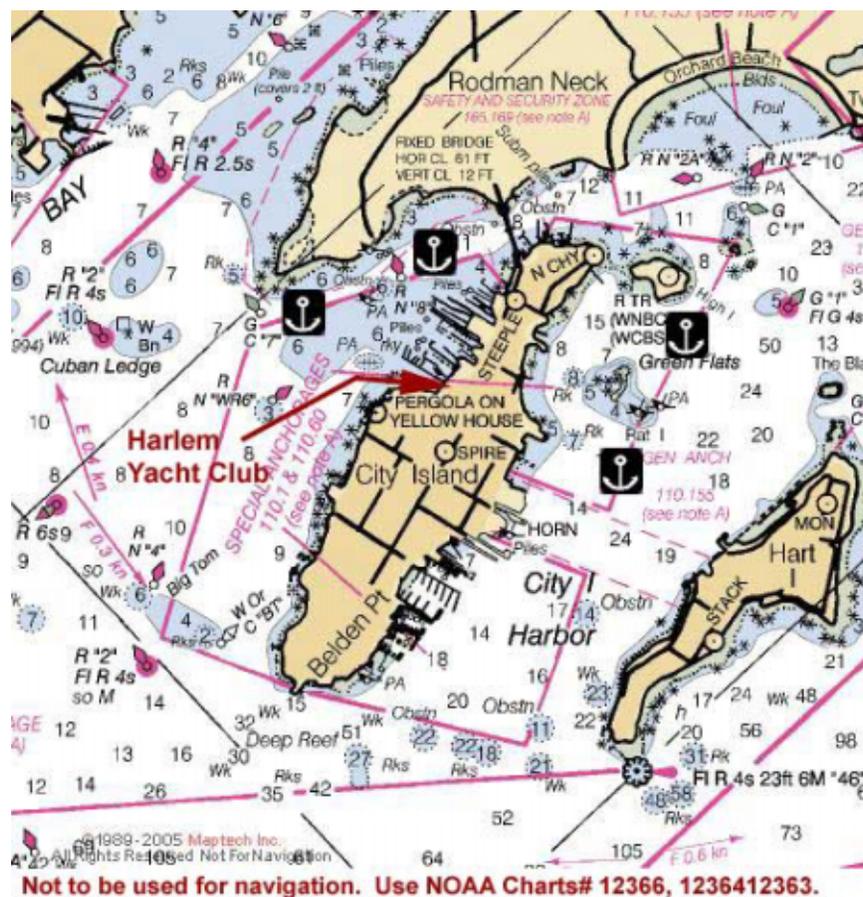


Figure 3. City Island, NY

Monday morning we'll cross the Sound once more, this time heading for **City Island** and the **Harlem Yacht Club** (718-885-1225, VHF Ch. 72).

Located on the western side of the island in the bight defined by the **"PERGOLA ON YELLOW HO"** and the fixed bridge connecting the island to the mainland at Rodman Neck, you'll find the Harlem Yacht Club.
<http://www.capedory.org/>

They have the first docks that you'll see north of the pergola and their mooring field extends out towards **GC"7"** at the southern tip of Rodman Neck. Hail the yacht club's launch on VHF Ch. 72 or call in advance for a mooring. If you prefer, you can anchor anywhere outside the mooring field but you'll find the best protection between Rodman Neck and the island north of **RN"8"**.



Photo courtesy of Harlem Yacht Club.

Longitude: 73°47'24 W

Latitude: 40°51'00 N

Use tide tables for Willets Point. High tide at City Island is 3 minutes later, low tide is 5 minutes earlier. Mean tidal range is about 7.5 feet.

Approaching City Island from the South, beware of **Big Tom**, a large rock that lies just below the surface, about 500 yards west of Belden Point. It is well-marked by a triangle of buoys. Another obstacle to be aware of is **Cuban Ledge** in the center of Eastchester Bay.

Once anchored, don't be startled by the sound of gunfire. We'll be moored within earshot of the police firing range on Rodman Neck, but don't worry the shooting will have stopped by the time you want to hit your bunk.

Since it's Monday and a holiday, the restaurants are likely to be closed. Let's end the cruise with another onboard get-together. So bring one or two snack items to share with the rest of the group in the anchorage/mooring field and the fixin's for your favorite beverage. Then it's a potluck dinner aboard one of the boats. 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.

Fees

Entry Fee (per boat):

CDSOA Members: **FREE**

Non-CDSOA Members: **\$5.00 (pay at the event)**

Please register online by July 20th!

http://www.capedory.org/fleetevents/NE-2005-CapeCodCr_regform.html

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact **Catherine Monaghan**, 732-381-3549 or at c_m_monaghan@comcast.net.

All owners of both Cape Dory and Robinhood power and sailboats, CDSOA members and non-members, are welcome to attend.

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

Web Resources:

CDSOA, Inc.: <http://www.capedory.org/>

Milford Landing: http://milfordct.virtualtownhall.net/Public_Documents/MilfordCT_Harbor/Marina

Harlem Yacht Club: <http://www.hyc.org/>