



CDSOA Northeast Fleet
2009 Maine Cruise - Penobscot Bay Region
August 10 - 14, 2009
Please register by August 5th

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Please monitor these channels during the cruise.
Hail the "Cape Dory Fleet".

Maine Cruise:

Mon, Aug 10 --	Long Cove (Tenants Harbor)
Tue, Aug 11 --	Pulpit Harbor (North Haven) -- approx. 19 nm
Wed, Aug 12 --	Warren Is. (Islesboro) -- approx. 12 nm
Thu, Aug 13 --	Smith Cove (Castine)
Fri, Aug 14 --	Belfast -- approx. 10 nm

Credits – much of the information below was directly quoted from "A Cruising Guide to the Maine Coast", by Hank and Jan Taft, Curtis Rindlaub.

The focus of this year's Maine Cruise will be western Penobscot Bay. Depending on where the boats are coming from, they may continue to arrive at the various anchorages through the evening so be sure to allow room for other boats to anchor nearby. If conditions are settled, please contemplate allowing another CD to raft-up with your boat – this decision is entirely up to the captain of each vessel.

Boats should begin arriving anytime after 2:00 p.m. In the evening we'll all gather on one or two of the boats for cocktails (this is where at least one 2-boat raft-up will be handy). So 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. Whatever you bring is what we'll have, so bring enough to share. So don't leave home port without your dinghy!

Oh! By the way, the Maine Cruise follows the [Maple Juice Cove Float-in](#) on August 9th. Maple Juice Cove is located on the western shore of the St. George River off Muscongus Bay. So if you're coming from Casco Bay, think about joining us on Sunday in Maple Juice Cove. Contact Dave Bradbury (603-470-7900) if you're interested.

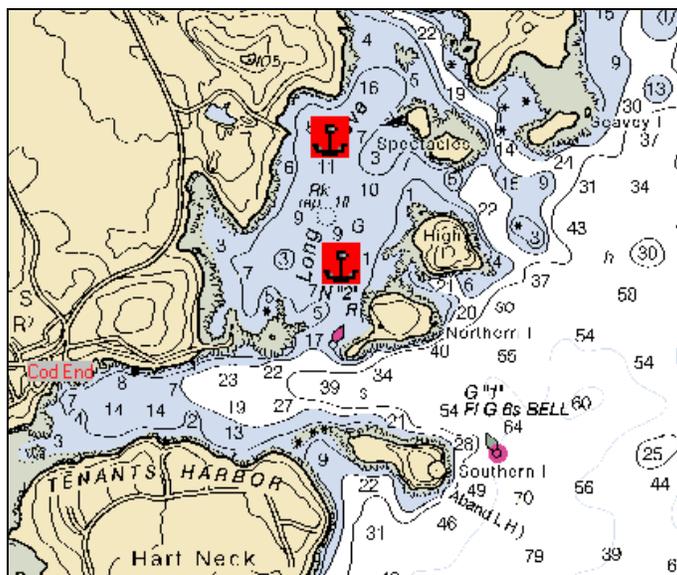
Monday, 8/10 — Long Cove

Theme – Long Cove was a huge quarrying center. So many English stonecutters came to work in the granite industry here that by the end of the 19th century a section of Long Cove was called Englishtown. They were followed by Finns and Swedes and other nationalities, so that Clark Island and Long Cove developed a cosmopolitan air. In those days, the village boasted stores, a post office, boardinghouses, and even a bandstand. Only the silent quarries remain to remind us of that fascinating era.



Approaches – 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. Run between **RN “2”**, west of **Northern Island** and the ledge that juts out from the mainland. Stay close to the nun as you enter.

Anchorage – With the exception of the 3-foot spot north of the entrance ledge and the shoal area southwest of the Spectacles, and the reported rock just to the north of the word “Long” on the chart, you can anchor almost anywhere in Long Cove in 9 to 14 feet of water at low. Anchor in the area indicated in the chartlet in **Figure 1** below; just pass the moored boats as you enter or further into the cove.



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**Figure 1 Long Cove
(Tenants Harbor)**

43° 58.24'N, 069° 11.47'W

Chart **13301**, 13302 or Chart Kit **64**, 19

Tuesday, 8/11 — Pulpit Harbor

Theme – Pulpit is a true harbor, nearly landlocked, on the northwest coast of North Haven Island. It is easy to get to, easy to enter, and stunningly beautiful. As you approach, a hidden entrance reveals itself, guarded by an osprey nest on Pulpit Rock. Once inside, the protection is excellent for a hundred boats or more. In the evening, the sun sets through the harbor entrance and over the Camden Hills. And Pulpit is only a two-hour sail from Camden or less than an hour from the Fox Islands Thorofare. Before arriving you are encouraged to visit Camden for a few hours. In Camden, just motor all the way in to the town docks (11-4:00) and tie-up (free 2 hrs max.). As always, converse with the Harbor Master on your approach and perhaps ask for docking assistance.

Pulpit's beauty, accessibility, protection, and its size make this ground zero for Penobscot Bay cruising. It's on the harbor list of nearly every boat that is cruising the bay for the first time. If you want one of the best sunsets on the coast of Maine in a setting you will never forget and perhaps a windjammer or two anchored, here's a contender. It's a glorious sight to watch these stately schooners glide into Pulpit and drop the hook.

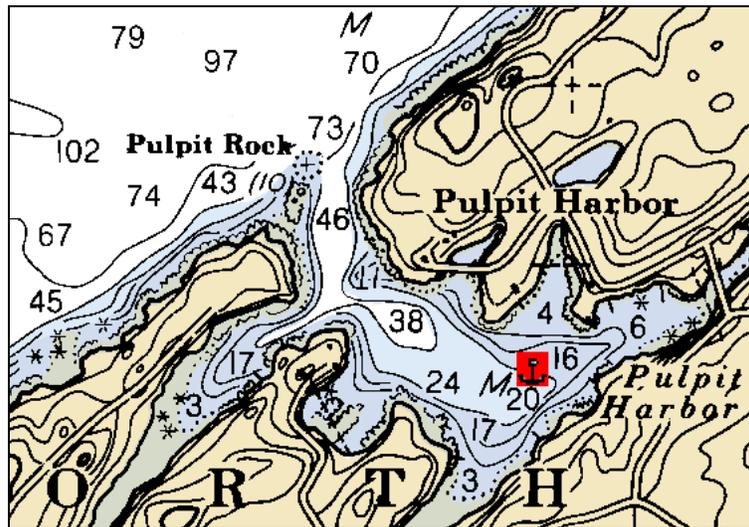
Approaches – Pulpit Harbor is hard to find, especially from the south or west. At a distance, look for a clearing in the woods and a meadow sloping to a barn-red house on the left side of the entrance. From the north, find the large, yellow house on the crest of the hill north of the entrance and look for a cluster of small gray cottages inside the harbor.

Pulpit Rock, a bold pinnacle that gives the harbor its name, is notoriously hard to see against the shore. Sometimes you can distinguish it at a distance by its speckling of white guano. A huge osprey nest balances on its top.

The entrance is northeast of Pulpit Rock. Leave Pulpit to starboard and turn south, passing halfway between it and the small cliffs on shore to port. Stay in the middle as you turn to the southeast, away from the ledges that make out from the north side.

As you enter, have your binoculars ready. The enormous osprey nest has crowned Pulpit Rock for more than 150 years. In the early summer, you can watch the parents returning to the nest to feed their squawking chicks, grasping fat fish in their talons and landing with loud chirps of triumph.

Anchorage – Pulpit Harbor's mud bottom is generally good holding ground. There are also patches of kelp, however, so be sure your hook is set. The encircling hills provide good protection from winds from any direction, and it is a superb harbor under all conditions. For an unobstructed view of the sunset on the Camden Hills, head for the southeast end of Pulpit Harbor, anchoring in 16 to 20 feet anywhere along the perimeter. Latecomers and the big schooners anchor more in the middle of the harbor, where depths are 20 to 30 feet. Private markers may designate a channel through the anchorage. Anchor in the area indicated in the chartlet in **Figure 2** below.



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Figure 2 Pulpit Harbor

(North Haven Is.)

45° 00.75'N, 069° 04.00'W

Chart 13308, 13302, 13305 or Chart Kit 68B, 68, 19, 20, 21

Wednesday, 8/12 — Warren Island (Cradle Cove alternate)

Theme – Spruce and Warren Island lie due north of Seven Hundred Acre Island and are almost connected to it. An unspoiled cove lies between them, well protected from the prevailing southwesterlies but open to the north. Seventy-six-acre Warren Island is a state park, “Given for the benefit and enjoyment

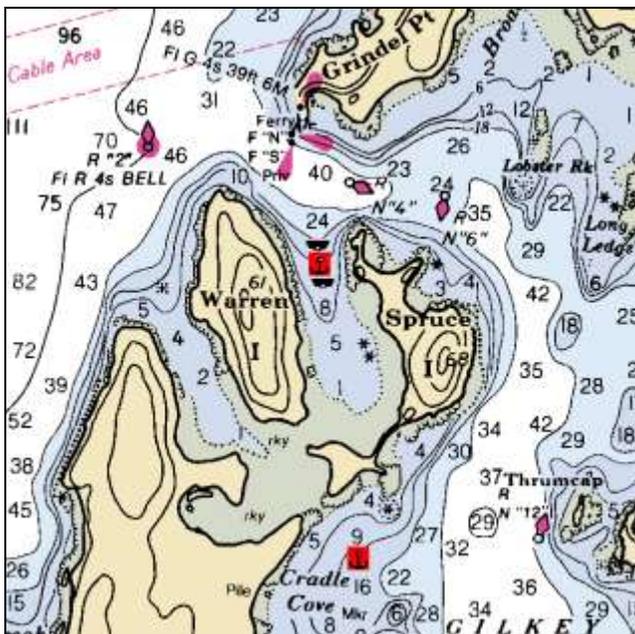
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of visitors to coastal Maine” by the Town of Islesboro in 1959. The state maintains several moorings in the cove and a landing float on the east side of the island. Spruce-needle trails meander from there through the woods past various rustic campsites, west to a view of the Camden Hills, and south to a shale beach overlooking Cradle Cove. For information about the park, call (207) 596-2253. Woodsy trails lead around and through the island. If it is sunny and the tide is up, the beach at the south end is a tempting place for a dip. As you explore, you can still see the 100 by 100-foot foundation of one of the most expensive rustic cottages ever built in New England. The dream cabin of William Folwell from Philadelphia was named “Mon Reve” or “My Dream” and contained 22 bedrooms and a living room 60 feet by 30 feet. But a dream it was. Folwell died before its completion, and his descendants used it only occasionally in the years that followed. Seldom occupied, it became a magnet for local picnics and parties, and the grand structure burned in 1919.

If your dinghy is substantial, you can reach Grindel Point from our anchorage to visit the Islesboro Marine Museum. Tie-up to the floats east of the ferry landing, but stay out of the way of the ferry, which makes frequent runs from Lincolnville Beach. The museum is located in the old lighthouse on Grindle Point. It is open daily, with charming displays of local history and memorabilia. The lighthouse was built in 1850, but it was decommissioned in the 1930s. Over fifty years later, in 1987, the Coast Guard reactivated the light, and it is now automated and operational. The ferry landing has a pay phone, with picnic tables nearby. Try The Landing takeout, serving local dairy produce, and seafood.

Approaches –Approaching from east or west, head southward down the middle of the slot between Warren and Spruce Islands.

Anchorage –The state-maintained moorings are about dead center in the cove in a north-south line with red floats marked “Warren Isl S. P.” They are available on a first-come, first- served basis. There is also room to anchor in the middle of the slot, in 9 to 12 feet of water at low, but do not go much past the pier on Warren Island, where it starts to shoal rapidly. The bottom is mud that holds well. Anchor in the area indicated in the chartlet in **Figure 3** below.



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Figure 3 Warren Island

(west of mid-coast Islesboro)

44° 16.54'N, 068° 56.53'W

Chart 13309, 13302 or Chart Kit 20(B), 66, 20

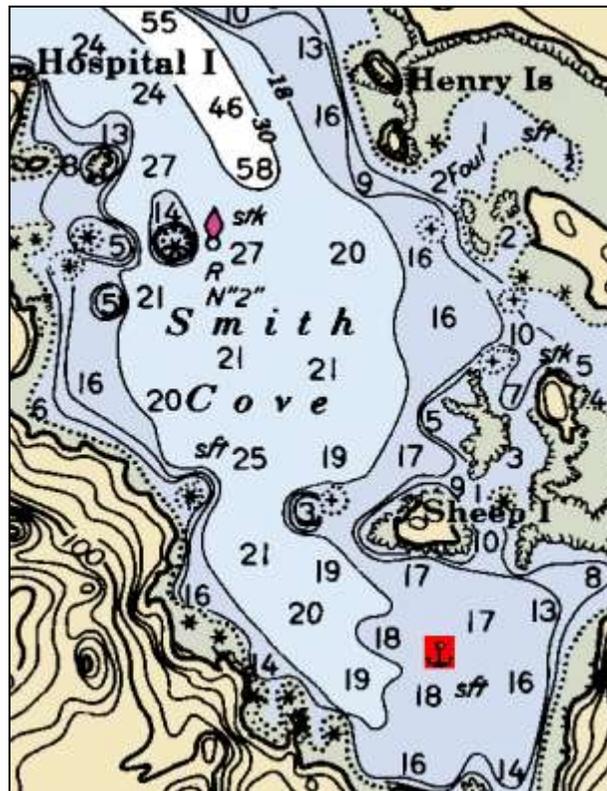


Thursday, 8/13 — Smith Cove

Theme – Due south of Castine, Smith Cove provides a convenient and secure anchorage under most conditions. Consider spending the day exploring Castine. Plan accordingly, the Bagaduce River empties out past Castine, and the current can get swift. Most of Smith Cove south of nun “2” provides good depth for anchoring and is landlocked on all sides. It is also a mile across, though, so there is considerable fetch. The upper portion of Smith Cove makes a pleasant day stop. Anchor off the little beach at the narrow neck of land on the west side, in 15 to 20 feet and row in to the beach. A short distance to the left is the headquarters of the Holbrook Island Sanctuary where there is a network of walking trails. The tidal pool at the southeast end of Smith Cove is a favorite picnic and swimming spot.

Approaches – Observing nun “2” at the west end of Middle Ground, head for the opening between Hospital Island and Henry Point. The fleet of boats moored off Hospital Island belongs to the Maine Maritime Academy. The Henry Islands are small, high, and wooded. At low tide, the islands are joined, and the wreck shown on the chart is visible. Leave nun “2” in Smith Cove to starboard. Sheep Island is low and grassy with only a few trees and one small house on the south side. The deepwater entrance into the lower part of the cove is about 200 yards wide with a 3-foot spot near the middle. Estimate a point halfway between Sheep Island and the mainland to the west, and stay west of this halfway point. The rock off the western shore is visible for about an hour after low.

Anchorage – Work deeper into the southeast corner of the cove beyond Sheep Island, holding ground is good mud in 16 -18 feet. Anchor in the area indicated in the chartlet in **Figure 4** below.



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Figure 4 Smith Cove
(south of Castine)

44° 21.85'N, 068° 46.30'W

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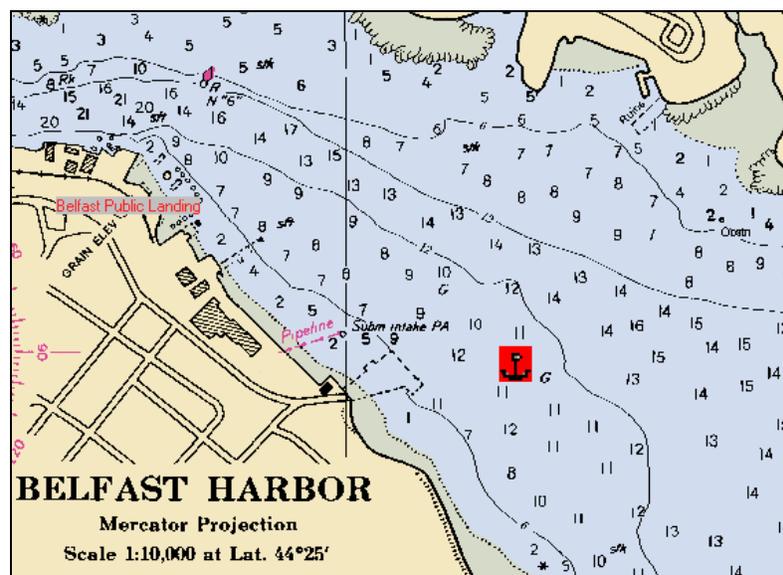
Friday, 8/14 — Belfast

Theme – Belfast was once an important shipbuilding town. Hundreds of schooners slid down the ways here into the Passagassawaukeag River. Forest products were shipped all along the coast, and one historian reports that 10,000 cords of wood were stacked on Belfast's wharves in 1844. After the discovery of gold in 1848, the first direct voyage from Maine to California was made by the bark Suliote of Belfast.

It took two great fires, in 1865 and 1873, before Belfast was rebuilt in brick. Splendid blocks of Victorian Gothic and Greek Revival buildings mark the downtown section today, and most are on the National Register of Historic Places. Belfast is the homeport to the Penobscot Bay Area Pilots and their tugs, who guide large tankers and freighters up the bay to Searsport and up the Penobscot River to Bangor. The MBNA philanthropy has spread from the Belfast waterfront, where they purchased derelict property, raised the buildings, and built a new waterfront park, to generous support of island schools and libraries.

Approaches – Technically, the harbor of Belfast is in the Passagassawaukeag River, which is more difficult to pronounce than to navigate. Leave the granite monument and red bell "2" at Steels Ledge to starboard, then run up the middle of the channel toward the bridge and nun "6." The nun is among the moored boats, which extend a long way past the town.

Anchorage – Belfast's waterfront has seen tremendous growth in recent years, with extensive new docks and floats, a boat ramp, and an ever-expanding mooring field. The city has some guest moorings, or you can tie up at the city landing. The harbormaster has a booth on the wharf. Belfast Boatyard also rents moorings and dockage. It is also possible to anchor near the moorings in 7 to 15 feet at low. Anchor in the area indicated in the chartlet in **Figure 5** below. Dinghy ashore to the city landing and dinghy floats.



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Figure 5 Belfast

44° 25.58'N, 068° 59.70'W

Chart 13309 (insert), 13302 or Chart Kit 20

In the evening, we'll gather for a group dinner ashore. Since this is a Friday night at the height of summer in one of the most popular destinations in Maine, we'll need to make reservations well in advance. Please register early, so we'll know how many to people to expect for dinner reservations! Contact with the **Weathervane Seafood Restaurant**, located on the docks, has encouraged us to consider this as the ideal restaurant for dinner.



Belfast Harbor



Pulpit Harbor

Registration Fees:

CDSOA Members: **NO REGISTRATION FEE**

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

Register online by **August 5, 2009**. Just click on the link below!

http://www.capedory.org/fleetevents/NE-2009-MaineCruise_regform.html

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Web Resources:

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

BoatMaine.US: <http://www.boatmaine.us/>

Maine Coast Internet Guide: <http://www.maine coastguide.com/>

Maine Harbors & Tides: <http://www.maine harbors.com/>

Weathervane Seafood Restaurant: 3 Main St Public Landing, (207) 338-1774, <http://www.weathervaneseafoods.com>

Recommended Resource/Reading:

“A Cruising Guide to the Maine Coast” by Hank and Jan Taft, Curtis Rindlaub, Diamond Pass Publishing, Inc.