



CDSOA 2010 Maine Cruise

Blue Hill Bay Region, ME

August 9-13, 2010

Please register by August 4th!

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Mon, Aug 9 --	Burnt Coat Harbor (Swan's Is.)
Tue, Aug 10 --	Buckle Harbor (Swan's Is.) -- approx. 8 nm
Wed, Aug 11 --	WoodenBoat School (Eggemoggin Reach) -- approx. 5.5 nm
Thu, Aug 12 --	Blue Hill Harbor (Blue Hill Bay) -- approx. 16 nm
Fri, Aug 13 --	Somes Sound (Group dinner ashore at Able's Lobster Pound) -- approx. 26 nm

The focus of this year's Maine Cruise will be Blue Hill Bay and surrounding area. 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!

Fleet communications will be on VHF Ch. 16 and 68.

Please monitor these channels during the cruise.

Hail the "Cape Dory Fleet".

Monday, 8/9 — Burnt Coat Harbor (Swan's Is.)

Theme – Burnt Coat Harbor, on the south shore of Swan's Island, is an attractive, well-protected harbor with one of the island's largest communities. It remains a serious fishing town – lobster boats still leave the harbor at first light, rocking you gently in your bunk, and roar back in at dusk. It is a short walk south down the road to the lighthouse at Hockamock Head, with great views of the harbor and bay. The square white tower was built in 1872 and served as a useful mark for fishermen in setting their traps and finding their way home. In a late-1970s cost-cutting move, the Coast Guard closed the lighthouse and replaced it with a 20-foot beacon whose light could only be seen half as far. Under pressure from Swan's Islander's the light in the tower was restored. In 1982, the Coast Guard stripped the white paint off the brick tower to reduce repainting cost. This made the tower almost invisible against the Background. The Islanders protested again and the Tower was finally restored to its brilliant white. In 1994, as part of the Maine Lights Program, the Coast Guard transferred ownership of the light to the town of Swan's Island as part of a public park.

Approaches – Burnt Coat Harbor is approached from the west through well-marked Toothacher Bay. You'll glimpse salmon aquaculture pens moored up in Toothacher Cove. The barren rock of High Sheriff merges at first with grassy Gooseberry Island behind it. Red-and-white bell "H1" marks the center of the fairway. Run down the middle of the entrance, between green can "3" to port and wooded Harbor Island to starboard. The square white buildings of the lighthouse on Hockamock Head are conspicuous. Enter the harbor between red beacon "4" off Harbor Island and gong "5". There is plenty of room to drop your sails after entering.

Anchorage – The Swan's Island Boathouse, on the west side of the harbor, has a number of heavy rental moorings rigged with lobster buoys. They are maintained by the local fisherman, and the proceeds go to them. There

is also plenty of room to anchor along the western side of the harbor outside the moorings and northward, in 17 to 25 feet at low. The bottom is mud, but we've had reports of anchors fouled by seaweed and boats dragging. Be sure your anchor is well set. It is also possible to anchor north of Harbor Island, but the swells may give you an uncomfortable night. Anchor in the area indicated in the chartlet in **Figure 1** below.



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Figure 1 Burnt Coat Harbor (Swan's Is.)

44° 08.35'N, 068° 26.90' W

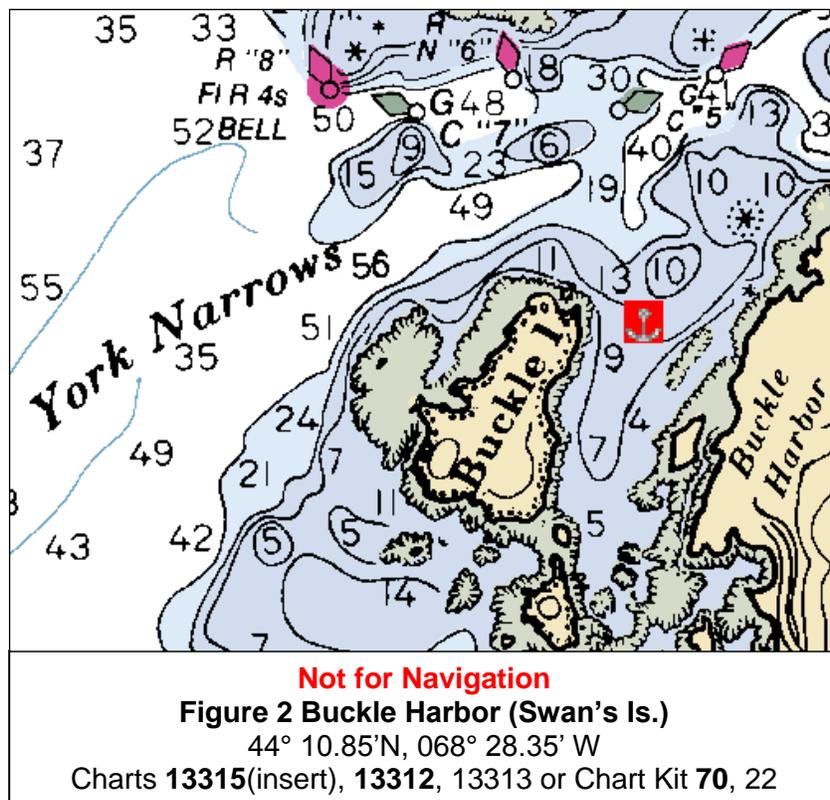
Charts 13313, 13312 or Chart Kit 70, 22

Tuesday, 8/10 — Buckle Harbor (Swan's Is.)

Theme — Buckle Harbor, at the northwest corner of Swan's Island, is a geographically convenient anchorage, an easy place to stop on your way east or west. It is also lovely and unspoiled, but not undiscovered. You will rarely have Buckle to yourself on a summer evening. Not far away is the spectacular skyline of Mount Desert and a procession of boats passes the harbor entrance on their way through York Narrows. Take your dinghy to any of the little beaches on Buckle Island. Lovely trails lead around and through the island.

Approaches — Enter Buckle Harbor between cans "7" and "5" in York Narrows, noting the 6-foot spot and turning southward along the eastern shore of Buckle Island. Allow for the current, which floods east and ebbs west through the narrows.

Anchorage — Anchor off the east shore of Buckle Island in 7 to 9 feet at low. Holding ground is good, in mud. The harbor provides protection all around except from the north and northeast. Anchor in the area indicated in the chartlet in **Figure 2** below.



Wednesday, 8/11 — WoodenBoat School (Eggemoggin Reach)

Theme — Near the eastern end of Eggemoggin Reach, on the north side, is the rambling, whitewashed-brick estate that serves as the headquarters of WoodenBoat magazine. On the grounds nearby are the large, red-brick stables housing the WoodenBoat School of Boatbuilding. There are some moorings out front, and visitors are welcome.

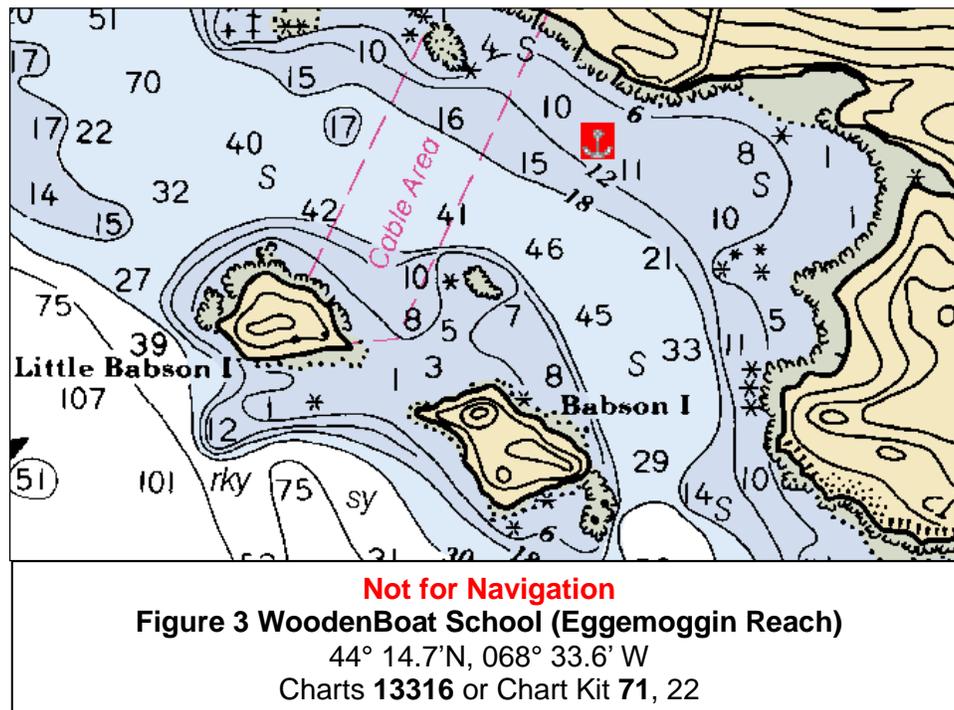
WoodenBoat magazine was founded on a shoestring in 1974 by Jon Wilson. Against all odds, including a disastrous fire, this seductive magazine became the bellwether of a resurgent interest in wooden boats. In 1985, it achieved the astonishing circulation of 100,000, almost as high as the large yachting publications, and it has continued to grow.



The associated summer school provides short courses in boatbuilding skills of all kinds, bringing in as instructors master boatbuilders, surveyors, and sailmakers. The atmosphere in the school is a wonderful blend of wood shavings, modern epoxy glues, practical work, and fun. Stop here for a visit if you want to learn about wooden boats or simply watch how these beautiful objects are built. The school also offers courses on the water, teaching seamanship in a variety of traditional craft from schooners to Friendship sloops and small open boats. Row to the dinghy float and walk up the dock past the green boathouse.

Approaches — WoodenBoat's dock is located north of Babson Island. The approach may be made either west or east of the two Babson Islands. Small Shoofly Ledge, between the Babsons and to the north, is just about covered at high tide, and seals like to haul out here. An old green and gray boathouse with a fieldstone base graces the head of the dock.

Anchorage – Anchor in good mud 10 to 12-feet deep or check with the school to see whether a mooring is available. Hard south or south-easterlies make the anchorage pretty lumpy. Anchor in the area indicated in the chartlet in **Figure 3** below.



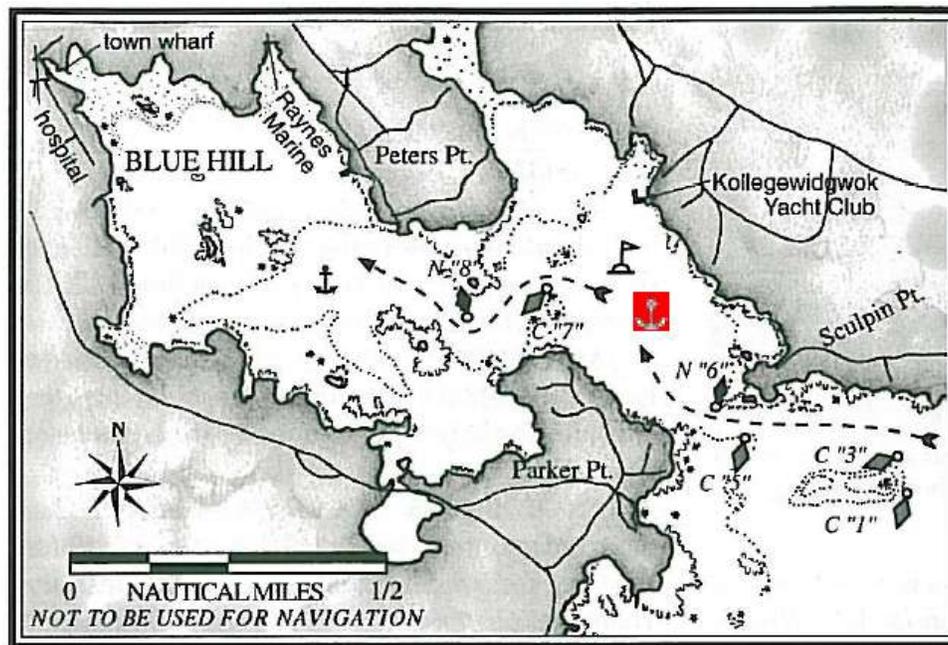
Thursday, 8/12 — Blue Hill Harbor (Blue Hill Bay)

Theme – Year-round residents and summer people have cared about Blue Hill for a long time. The old clapboard houses are freshly painted, the lawns are tended, the market and the hardware stores are housed in handsome old buildings, the imposing town hall rises high on a grassy slope, and the public library stands on a quiet block. A pleasing selection of restaurants and attractive little shops offer quilts and antiques.

Blue Hill supports a rich and varied music scene. Even before you arrive you can tune into Blue Hill's wonderful community radio station WERU, 89.9 FM (469-6600) to hear listings of local events or to simply enjoy great music. The station began broadcasting in 1988 from a studio known as the "henhouse" in a converted chicken coop of Noel Paul Stookey, "Paul" of Peter, Paul, and Mary fame. The renowned Kneisel Hall School for String and Ensemble Music, based here each summer, presents twice-weekly concerts on its campus at the edge of town. Call 374-2811 for the schedule. The unique Bagaduce Music Lending Library is a short walk out of town on Main Street. It lends vocal and instrumental music to music lovers worldwide.

Approaches – Outer Harbor Once past the ledges of Closson Point, run along the northern shore and north of the large ledge near the entrance, leaving cans "1" and "3" well to port. Then pass through the narrow entrance at Sculpin Point between can "5" and nun "6". There is a substantial current here at midtide.

Anchorage – Anchor in 17 to 24-feet deep or check with Kollegewidwok Yacht Club to see whether a mooring is available. Anchor in the area indicated in the chartlet in **Figure 4** below.



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Figure 4 Blue Hill Harbor (Blue Hill Bay)

44° 24.4'N, 068° 33.9' W

Charts **13316 (insert)** 13312 or Chart Kit **72 (A)**

Friday, 8/13 — Somes Sound

Theme – Somes Sound is a glacial river valley drowned by the ocean among the geologically old, rounded mountains of Mount Desert Island. Technically, this is the only fjord on the eastern Atlantic seaboard, though it is a modest example compared with the majestic fjords of Norway or New Zealand. Still, a sail up Somes Sound is exhilarating. Offshore islands drop astern and sheer cliffs plunge into the deep water. Gradually the shoreline levels. At its head lies graceful Somes Harbor. Sailing in Somes Sound is variable and challenging. The wind usually funnels straight up or straight down the sound, and it is likely to shift rapidly. Downdrafts come off the mountains, cat's paws spread in all directions, and a strong current runs in the Narrows. With many of the cliffs falling straight into the sea, you can hold your course till the last minute and tack under the looming rocks. In one or two spots, you can lay your boat right up against the cliffs. Occasionally you will see porpoises.

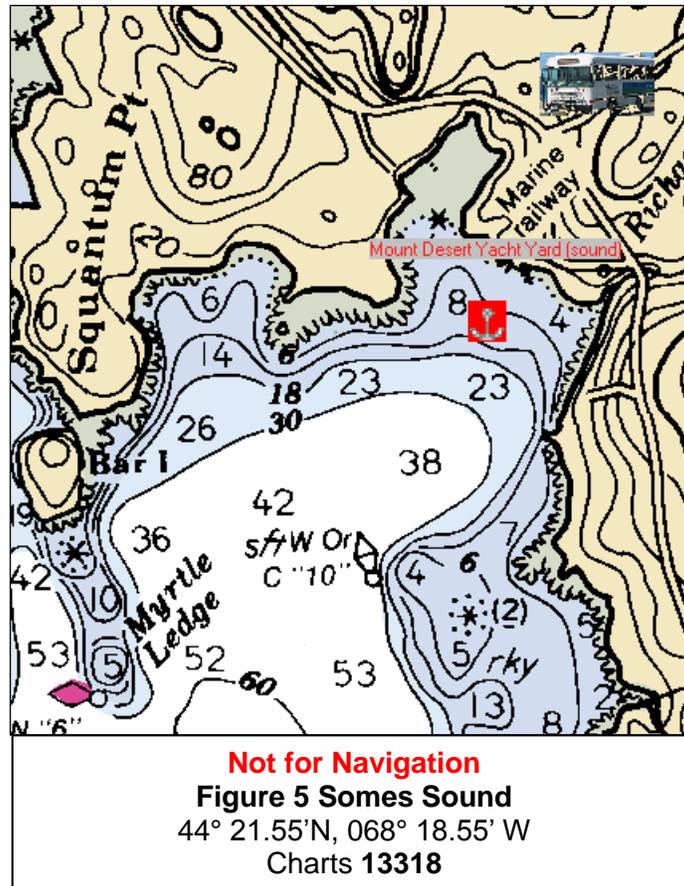
Plan on spending a few days here. A short walk up the road, at the intersection, (2) Island Explorer (free) bus routes afford access to Acadia National Park and towns (Bar Harbor, Northeast, Southwest, etc.). Visit Cadillac Mountain, Thunder Hole, or enjoy the Jordan Pond House Tea and Popover Carriage Ride.

<http://www.nps.gov/acad/index.htm>

Approaches – The splendid harbors of Southwest and Northeast flank the entrances to Somes Sound. There are few dangers in Somes Sound. Middle Rock is marked by can "5" just before The Narrows. The 4-foot spot off the eastern shore just past The Narrows claims more than its share of unsuspecting yachts. So does the shoaling area off Sand Point.

Anchorage – Call Henry R. Abel Yacht Yard (207-276-5057) for a mooring or drop an anchor in the area indicated in the chartlet in **Figure 5** below.

Dinner – Abel's Lobster Pound restaurant, next to the yard, has tables outside in a peaceful pine grove (Jordan Pond Tea House backup).



Registration Fees:

CDSOA Members: **NO REGISTRATION FEE**

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

Register online by **August 4, 2010**. Just click on the link below!

http://www.capedory.org/fleetevents/NE-2010-MaineCruise_regform.php

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ALL OWNERS OF BOTH CAPE DORY AND ROBINHOOD POWER AND SAILBOATS, CDSOA MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS, ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Web Resources:	Recommended Resource/Reading:
CDSOA, Inc.: http://www.capedory.org/ Maine Coast Internet Guide: http://www.coastguides.com/ Maine Harbors & Tides: http://www.maineharbors.com/	Credits – much of the information above was directly quoted from “ A Cruising Guide to the Maine Coast ” by Hank and Jan Taft, Curtis Rindlaub, Diamond Pass Publishing, Inc.