



CDSOA 2013 Maine Cruise
Penobscot Bay/W. Mount Desert Island Area, ME
August 4-9, 2013
PLEASE REGISTER BY JULY 24TH!

Questions? Contact Event Organizers Heather and Chris Bernabo; Email: hbernabo@hvc.rr.com

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

Maine Cruise:

Sun, 8/4	Long Cove & Tenant's Harbor
Mon., 8/5	Carver's Cove, Eastern end of Fox Is. Thorofare
Tues., 8/6	Hell's Half Acre, Merchant Row off Deer Isle
Wed., 8/7	Frenchboro, Long Island
Thurs., 8/8	Pretty Marsh, West side of Mount Desert Is. (MDI)
Fri., 8/9	Somes Sound, northeast corner, head of the Sound

The focus of this year's Maine Cruise will be southern Penobscot Bay and western Mount Desert Island. Depending on where the boats are coming from, they may arrive at the daily anchorages through the evening so be sure to allow room for other boats to anchor nearby. If conditions are settled, please consider 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 evenings (Sunday thru Thursday) 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. Don't leave home port without your dinghy!

Dinners will not be fleet-wide except for Monday on *Dancer/Serene*, Wednesday at Lunt's, and Friday at Abel's. All other evenings the dinners will be left to individual crews on/for each boat.

Sunday, Aug 4 — Long Cove (Lyman-Morse, Cod End, or Art's Lobsters mooring alternate)

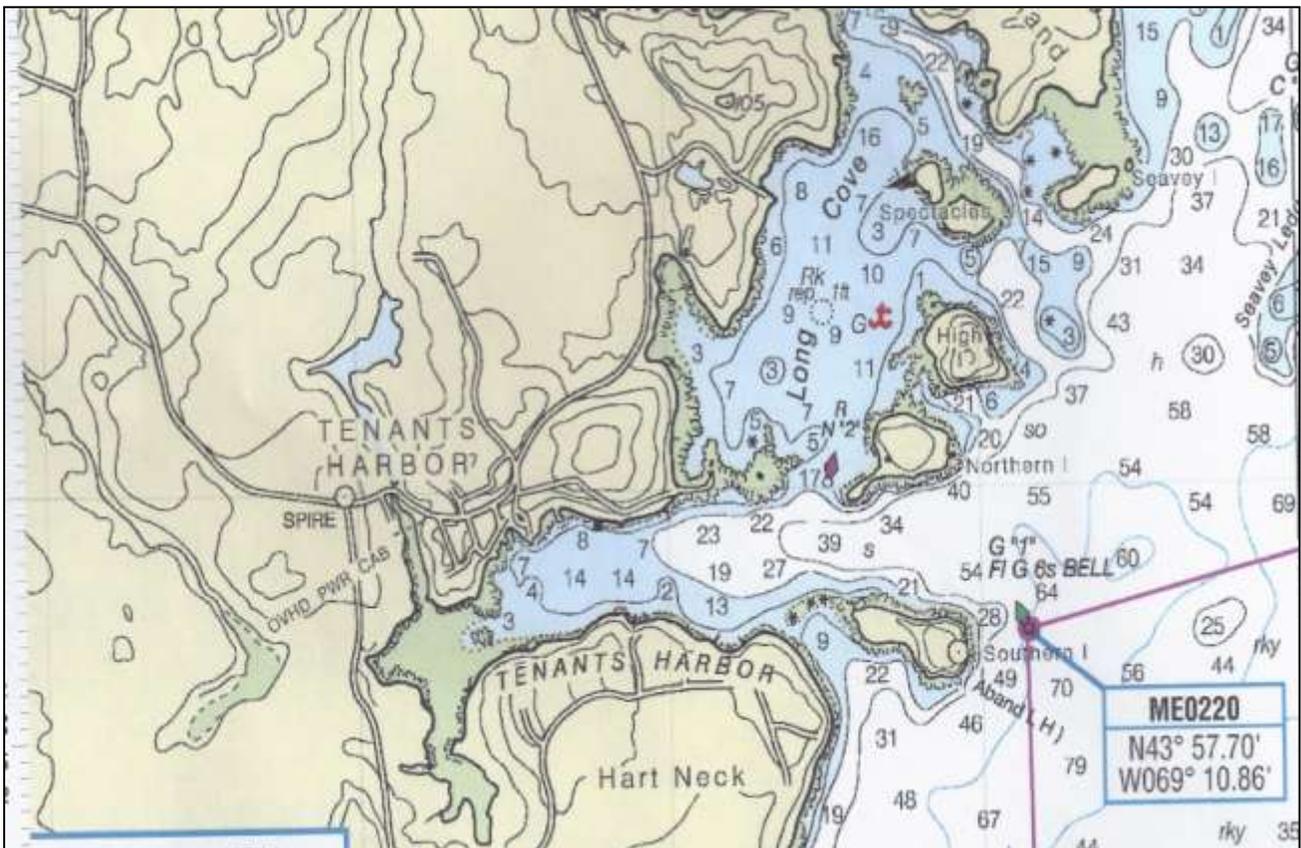
Theme – Tranquil Long Cove is right next door to Tenant's Harbor, more quiet and isolated. Long Cove was a huge quarrying center, that gave Long Cove a cosmopolitan air. In those days, the village boasted stores, a post office, boarding houses, and even a bandstand. Only the silent quarries remain to remind us of that fascinating era.

Approaches – The approach to Long Cove is easy. Run between nun “2” at Northern Is. And the ledge making out the mainland, staying close to the nun.

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 north of the word “Long” on the chart, you can anchor 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.

Dinner will be on-shore at High Island. 5 PM Hot dogs and Marshmallow cookout on High Island. Bring your hotdogs, rolls, and marshmallows to roast on the island. Condiments will be provided.

Hosts: Les and Ann Hyde



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Figure 1 Long Cove
 43° 58.24'N, 069° 11.47' W
 Charts 13302, 13301 or Chart Kit 64, 19

Monday, Aug 5 —Carver Cove

Theme – Carver Cove is at the eastern end of Fox Islands Thorofare, making into Calderwood Neck on Vinalhaven Island. It is extremely easy to enter and provides good protection under normal summer conditions. It is the prettiest of the several large coves in the Thorofare, and a convenient stop if you are coming in late at night from the east. Even if the wind is blowing a gale from the southwest, you can spend a comfortable night here.

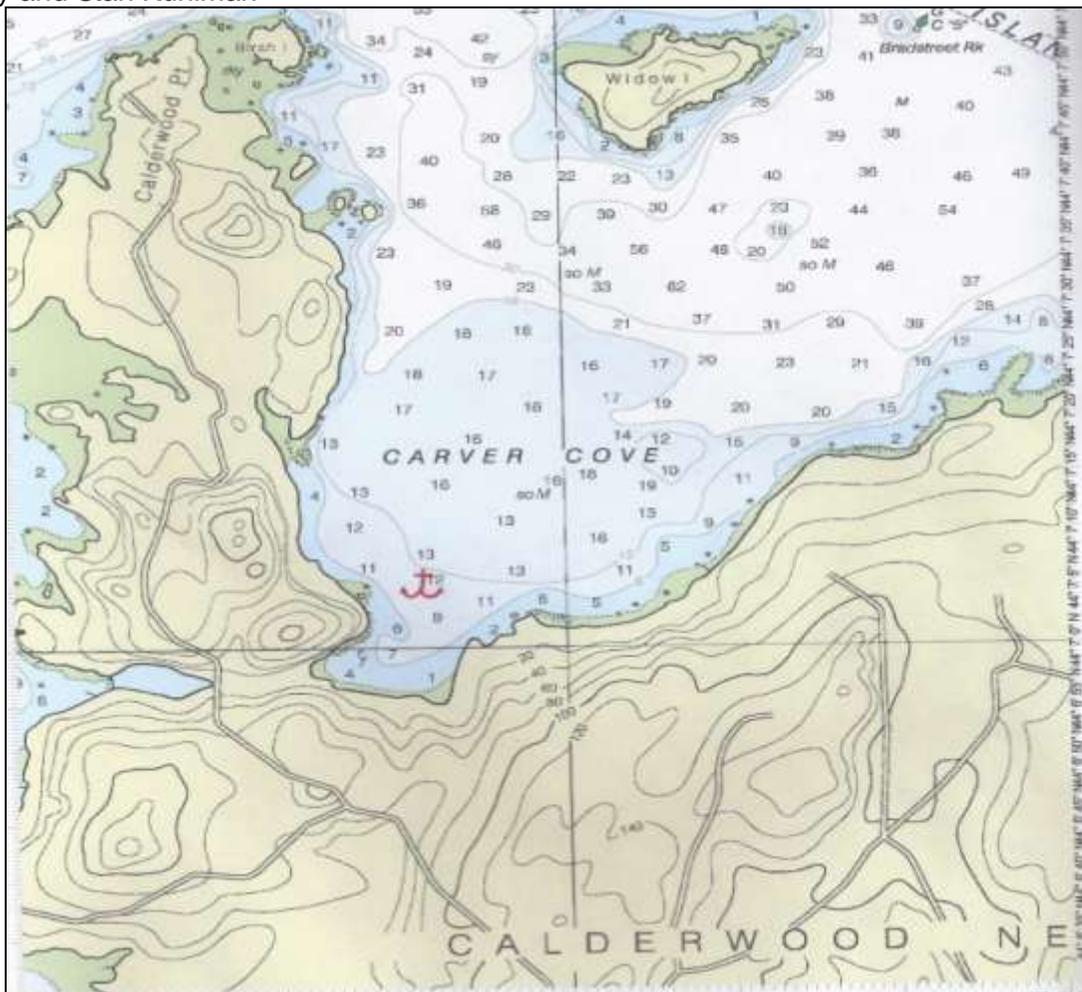
There are only a couple of houses on the cove, with several little gravel beaches. Herons and ospreys live nearby, and a seal will probably come near to inspect his guests.

Approaches – Pass to either side of Widow Island and head southward for the center of the cove.

Anchorage – Go well up to the head of the cove and anchor in 9 to 17 feet of water at low. Holding ground is good, in mud.

Dinner will be on board *S/V Dancer* and *S/V Serene*. 5:30 PM Cocktails and heavy Hors d'oeuvres. Stan will make his famous chili. Bring salsa, chips, guacamole to share and your favorite cocktail, beer, or wine.

Hosts: Kerry and Stan Kuhlman



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Figure 2 Carver Cove

44° 07.11' N 068° 50.17' W

Charts 13308, 13302 or Chart Kit 68, 21

Tuesday, Aug 6 — Hell's Half Acre

Theme – Merchants Row is an archipelago of 30 to 40 islands that lies between Deer Isle and Isle au Haut. The islands are unsurpassed for beauty, some which have old quarries and stone wharves. Most islands are privately owned, and six belong to environmental groups. Hell's Half Acre is owned by the Bureau of Parks and Lands and is part of the Maine Island Trail.

One of the most pleasant anchorages in Merchants Row is just east of Camp Island, about 1.5 miles east of Stonington. The anchorage is encircled by Bold and Devil Island, both high and wooded. To the east, Hell's Half Acre and the two little Coot Islands add beauty and protection. Despite its forbidding name, Hells Half Acre is a great island to visit, with open grassy camping area at the center of the island and long granite ledges that slope gently to the water.

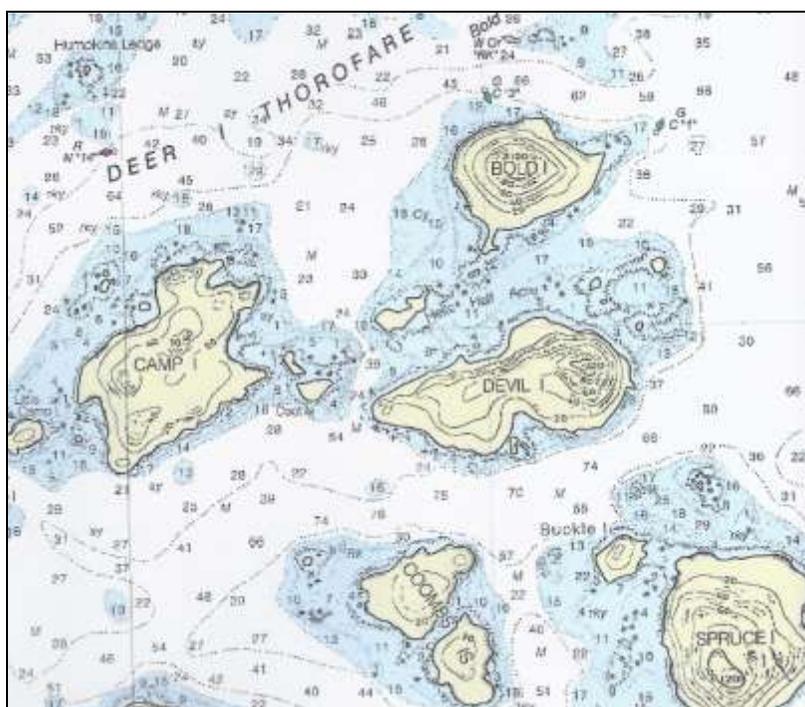
Be prepared to share the site with other day and overnight users. Lobster bakes happen often on the Island.

Approaches – Hell's Half Acre is a small island that lies to the southwest corner of Bold Island and to the north-northwest west of Devil Island. The easiest approach is from Deer Island Thorofare from the north between Camp and Bold Island. There is also a nice little back door between Devil Island and the Coots that is fun to sail through, favoring the eastern side.

Anchorage – The best place to anchor is about where the 11 foot spot is shown on the chart, north of the Coot Islands, which provide protection from the prevailing southwesterlies. Or anchor eastward in depths of 17 to 24 feet at low. The bottom is excellent mud holding ground. In choosing your spot, stay well clear of the ledge extending north and east from the Coot Islands. Anchor in the area indicated in the chartlet in **Figure 3** below.

Dinner on shore at Hell's Half Acre. Land your dinghy on the beach. Bring an anchor. Hiking available on the island. 5:30 on-shore cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres (the mussels are good in this area).

Hosts: Glenn and Cheryl Allen *S/V Evergreen*



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Figure 3 Hell's Half Acre

44°09.01' N, 068°37.57' W

Charts **13315**, **13313** or Chart Kit **69**, **22**

Wednesday, Aug 7 — Frenchboro, Long Island

Theme – Long Island is a very remote and wonderful place to visit. About 70 islanders live in this lobstering community about 8 miles from Mount Desert Island, clinging to their centuries-old way of life with great determination and considerable ingenuity.

The town of Frenchboro consists of twelve islands, but the center of this staunch community rings Lunt Harbor on Long Island. Here there is a seasonal summer restaurant at Lunt's wharf, a post office, the one room schoolhouse, the island church, and a library and small museum run by the Historical Society. Visitors can explore by hiking the well-maintained trails. A few cellar holes are all that remain to tell the story of former settlers.

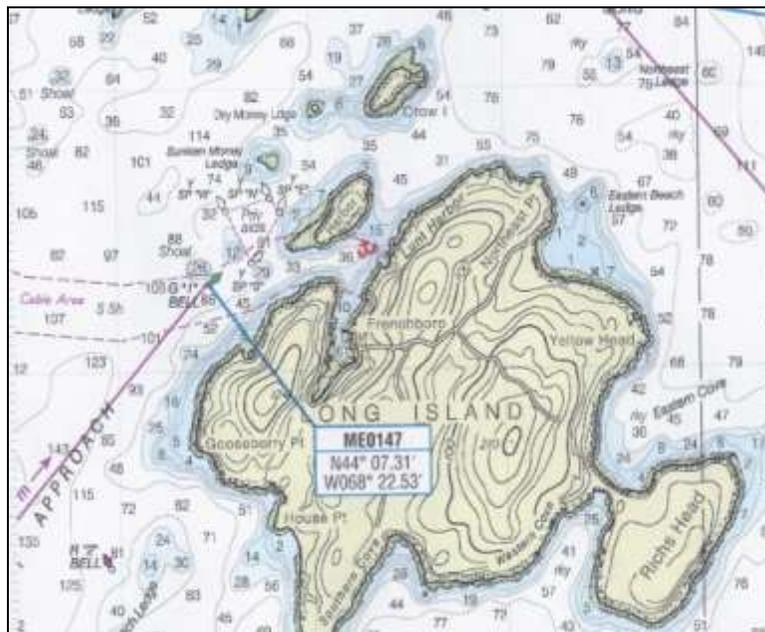
Lunt's Harbor is probably busiest on the second Saturday of August, when the islanders hold their annual Lobster Festival.

Approaches – Long Island's shores are bold, and the outlying dangers are well marked. Lunt Harbor may be entered from the west by passing south of the green bell "1" and Harbor Island, or from the northeast from red-and-white gong "LI" passing east of Crow and Harbor Island. Watch out for the occasional ferry that plies this route to and from Bass Harbor.

The ferry docks at the first large stone wharf on the eastern side of the harbor, with a green steel ramp. The first large wharf on the opposite, western side of the harbor is Lunt & Lunt.

Anchorage – Lunt & Lunt puts down about 15 large granite block moorings in 10 feet of water north of their wharf. These are not specifically marked. Pick up any mooring that isn't marked with the name of a fishing boat or that not have a punt on t and row ashore to confirm and pay at the deli. You can also anchor outside the moorings in 25 to 35 feet, although you'll be more exposed. Protection inside the harbor is extremely good except for nor'easters, which occasionally wreak havoc here. Another possibility is to anchor on the 15 foot bar east of Harbor Island. While the inner harbor to the south is dredged to 6 or 7 feet along the western shore, there is no room to anchor. See **Figure 4** below.

Dinner on shore; 6 PM at Lunt's Lobster Pound. BYOB. Great hiking available on the island.



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Figure 4 Frenchboro/Lunt Harbor

44° 07.26'N, 068° 21.81' W

Charts 13313 13312 or Chart Kit 70, 22

Thursday, Aug 8 — Pretty Marsh Harbor

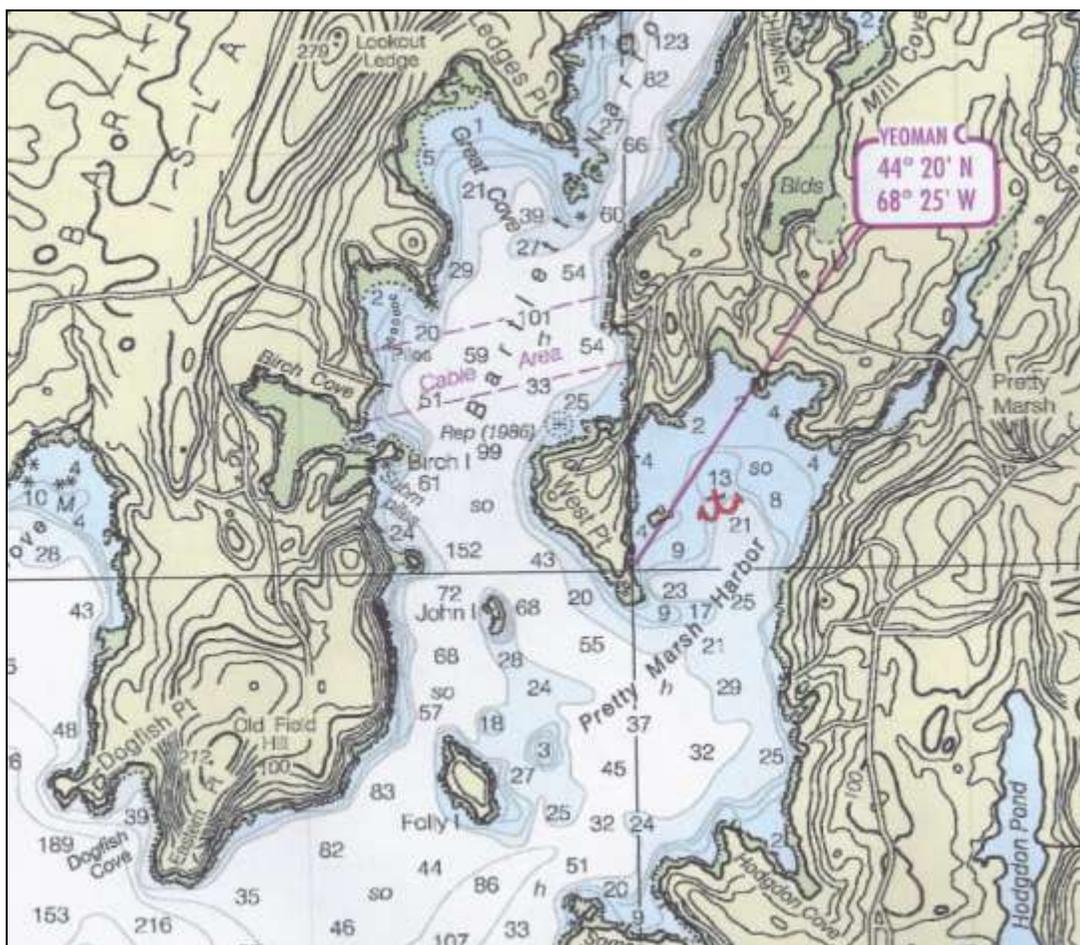
Theme — On the west side of Mount Desert Island, inside Bartlett Island, Pretty Marsh Harbor provides good protection in a tranquil setting. To the southwest there are islands beyond islands, with handsome buildings and meadows on Hardwood Island in view.

Approaches — Approaching from the south, run inside Hardwood Island. Hardwood is 113 feet high and wooded. Leave Folly Island, which is low and bushy with a few trees well to port. The ledge about 250 yards east of Folly is covered 3 feet at low. Entering Pretty Marsh Harbor, favor the eastern side to avoid the shoal extending 350 yards southeast of West Point.

Anchorage — Anchor in the middle of the harbor in 8 to 21 feet at low. Holding ground varies from hard to good mud. Make sure the hook is in. Protection is good all around except in a heavy southwesterly.

Cocktails and heavy hors d' oeuvres on board *S/V Serene* and *S/V Nutmeg*. Hiking available on shore at the NPS Landing.

Hosts: Chris and Heather Bernabo and Les and Ann Hyde



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Figure 5 Pretty Marsh Harbor

44° 20.15'N, 068° 24.70' W

Charts 13316, 13312 or Chart Kit 71, 23

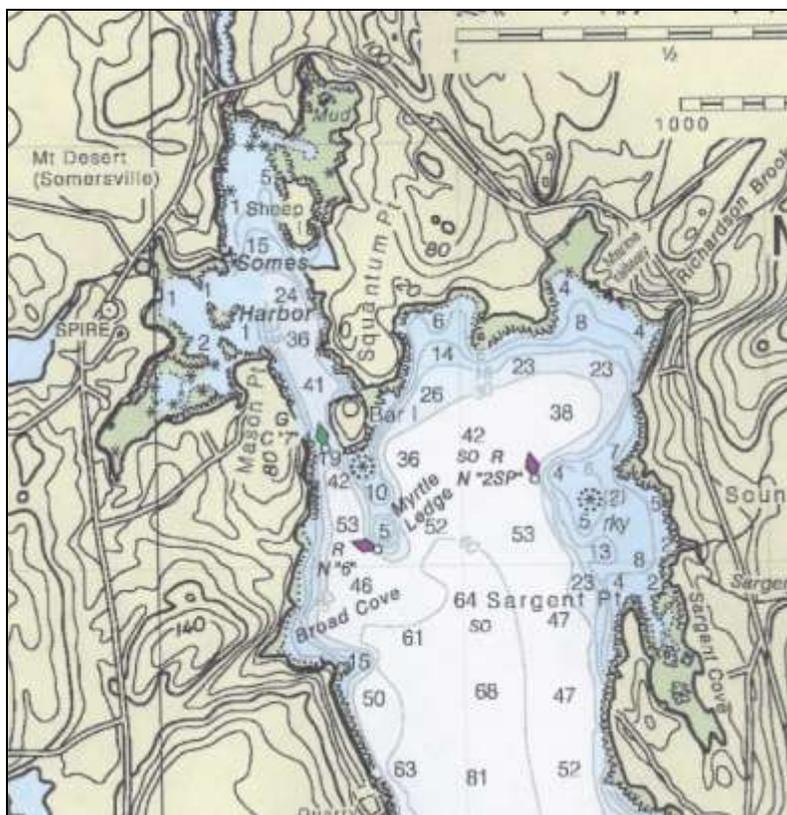
Friday, Aug 9 — Somes Sound (Somesville)

Theme – Somes Sound is a glacial river valley drowned by the ocean among the geologically old, rounded mountains of Mount Desert Island. This is the only fiord on the eastern Atlantic seaboard, and a sail up Somes Sound is exhilarating. Offshore islands drop astern and sheer cliffs plunge into the deep water. 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. Five miles up, at the head of the Sound, is the narrow entrance to Somes Harbor and the peaceful village of Somesville.

Approaches – Somes Sound is deep and clear until you reach the end. 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. Abel's is in the Northeast corner of the top of the Sound.

Anchorage – Though not directly in Somes Harbor the Abel yard is located at the head of the Sound, on the northeast shore where the chart reads “Marine Railway”. Henry Abel Yacht Yard has rental moorings outside Somes Harbor. These are heavy granite blocks with orange balls inside the ledge marked by the can. In addition to their moorings, the yard has several floats, with 7 feet reported along side.

Dinner – Dinner will be ashore at Abel's Lobster Pound, which is a very good restaurant with a top notch wait staff. We will have tables reserved for the fleet crews based on the number of boats registered for the cruise.



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Figure 6 - Somes Sound/Somesville

44° 21.57'N, 068° 18.58' W

Charts 13318, 13312 or Chart Kit 74, 23

Register online no later than **July 24, 2013. Just click on the link below!**

http://www.capedory.org/fleetevents/NE-2013-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:

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

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

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

Recommended Resource/Reading:

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.

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