



## CDSOA Northeast Fleet Maine Cruise 2022

### Maine's Casco Bay and Mid-Coast

July 31, 2022 to August 5, 2022

Please register by July 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Make your mooring reservations early!**

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**COVID CONCERNS:** The cruise organizers recognize that COVID is still unfortunately with us, and plan to have all cruise activities in an open air environment. We trust that all participants are vaccinated and boosted.

#### CDSOA Northeast Fleet Maine Cruise:

Saturday, July 30, for those arriving from the south, you may want to consider stopping in Portland Harbor to the south of Falmouth to re-supply prior to moving on to Falmouth Foreside on Sunday. There are slips and moorings available at several facilities in the downtown Portland area, as well as at Hamilton Marine. Alternatively, for those with a desire to visit LL Bean for some recreational shopping, there are marinas and a yacht club in South Freeport, just to the north of Falmouth, and there are slips, moorings, and repair facilities available. It is a few miles walking distance from the docks to LL Bean in Freeport.

Day	Date	Location, Anchoring/Moorings, Activity
Sunday	31-Jul-22	Falmouth Foreside, moorings/anchoring, opening dinner
Monday	1-Aug-22	Dolphin Marina, South Harpswell, moorings and hiking, dinner
Tuesday	2-Aug-22	Snow's island, Quahog Bay, anchoring, swimming and hiking, dinghy float-in
Wednesday	3-Aug-22	Basin, New Meadows River, anchoring, swimming and hiking, dinghy
Thursday	4-Aug-22	Sebasco Resort, mooring and anchoring, swimming in pool and hiking, dinner
Friday	5-Aug-22	Boothbay Harbor, moorings, and anchoring, hiking, closing dinner

Saturday, Aug. 6 – Dream Catcher II proceeds to Port Clyde or Tenants Harbor  
Monday and beyond, and heads into Penobscot Bay, bound for NE Harbor, and Acadia.

**Fleet communications will be on VHF Ch. 16 and 68 at 0800 and 1600 hours. Please monitor these channels during the cruise.  
Hail the "Cape Dory Fleet".**



Figure 1. Casco Bay Overview

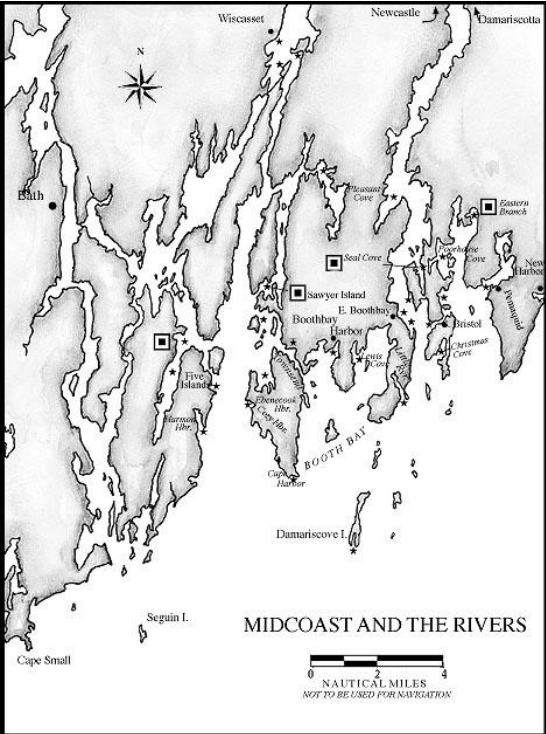


Figure 2. Midcoast and the Rivers Overview

## Sunday, 31 July 2022, Falmouth Foreside

Theme: The 2022 CDSOA Maine summer cruise will start at Falmouth Foreside, home of the Portland Yacht Club and Handy Boat Services.

Remember the Cape Dory Handy Cat 14? Well, Handy Boat used to build this little gem and if we're lucky maybe we'll spot one or two.

Falmouth Foreside is one of Maine's great boating centers and home to the Portland Yacht Club, the second-oldest yacht club in the United States. PYC's handsome old clubhouse overlooks an enormous fleet of classic yachts, and the members heartily welcome visiting yachtsmen. Handy Boat Service next door can meet every need. The Handy Boat launch monitors channel 09, and the PYC launch is on 68. Row into either dock or to the town landing, one dock farther to the north, for convenient access to the Town Landing Market, 0.2 mile up the hill. Note – there are a number of our CDs moored in this harbor.. Local resources are available by simply asking.

Approaches: The forest of masts off Falmouth Foreside is visible from as far away as Portland. The various dangers are well marked, and the approach is easy from north or south. Look for seals on Clapboard Island Ledge to the south. The approaches are well-marked and once in the mooring area watch for the hazards – a few marked ledges, but they're hidden among the moored boats: Prince Point Ledge which is marked by **GC"15"** and will be on your port side if we enter the harbor from the south; York Ledge which is marked by small green beacon **"YL"** and **GC"17"**; and Underwood Ledge which is marked by **GC"19"** and will be to starboard if we enter the harbor from the north.

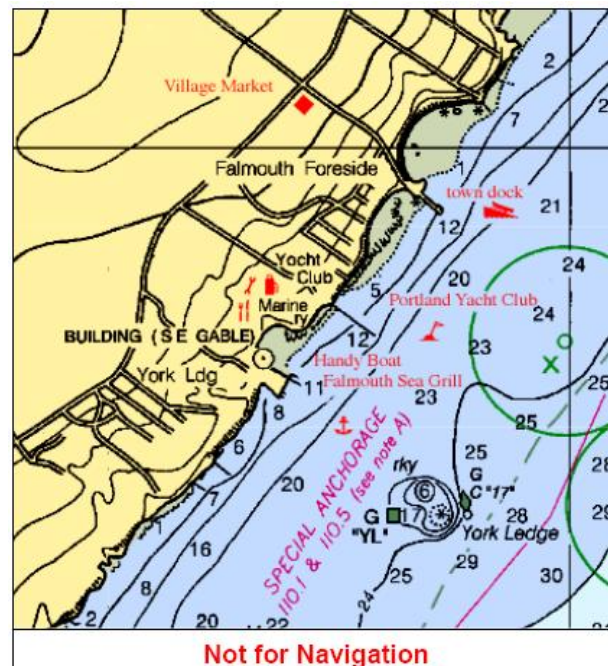


Figure 3. Falmouth Foreside

Anchorage and Moorings: Falmouth Foreside is on an exposed stretch of coast. The only protection comes from Clapboard Island to the east, so a strong chop can build up over the long fetch from the south. There is plenty of room to anchor out beyond the moored boats, and the bottom mud holds well. If there is not too much chop, it may be possible to lie along the floats at Handy's. Check with the dockmaster for a mooring or drop an anchor in the area indicated in the chartlet in **Figure 3**.

Handy Boat Service (**Ch. 09; 207-781-5110**). Founded more than fifty years ago as a boat yard, Handy Boat now offers almost every conceivable service including an elegant chandlery and the Hallett sail loft. Major repairs of all kinds can be performed, and facilities include ice, water, propane exchange, (electricity), and holding tank pump-outs (CAUTION – not accessible at low tide). There are two docks at Handy's, the southern one for gas and diesel and the northern one for service, with 8 ½ feet of water at the ends and 6 feet along the sides. The Town Landing Market, directly up from the town dock or half a mile north on Route 88 from Handy Boat, has the closest groceries and sandwiches. A huge supermarket and a hardware store are located in the Falmouth shopping center, 2.5 miles away. . Handy's maintains a sizable number of very heavy moorings which can be reserved

Portland Yacht Club (**Ch. 68; 207-781-9820**). The Portland Yacht Club welcomes members of recognized yacht clubs (bring your membership card) and asks that you sign the guest register. The facility user fee includes the mooring, launch service, and the use of club facilities. The club was founded in Portland just after the Civil War when Portland Harbor was still crowded with great sailing ships and coasting schooners. Having survived fire and the Depression, the PYC almost foundered due to lost membership during World War II. It was born again with the acquisition of a Falmouth Foreside summer cottage on a bluff with grand views of Casco Bay. Today the club is a bustling, family oriented sailing center, with a vigorous sailing program for juniors and popular races on weekends and Thursday evenings. Launch service is provided from 8 AM to 9 PM. Water and ice are available at the dock, but no fuel. PYC will hold mail for your arrival. There are showers, a washing machine, and a dryer. The dining room is open to visiting yachtsmen for lunch and dinner. Dress is informal, but not too informal. BYOB. Credit cards are now accepted.

Town dock (harbormaster **207-781-7317**). The town dock and float are at the north end of the harbor. Limited docking is allowed on the float, with 3 feet of depth at low tide. Town Landing Market is directly up the hill.

For the Boat and Crew: There will be an opening dinner together on the deck at the **Dockside Grill** right there at Handy Boat at 6:00 PM, and all are invited. We will make dinner reservations based on the cruise registrations (**1-207-781-9820**).

## Monday, 1 August 2022, Potts Harbor, Dolphin Marina and Restaurant ([www.dolphinmarinaandrestaurant.com](http://www.dolphinmarinaandrestaurant.com))

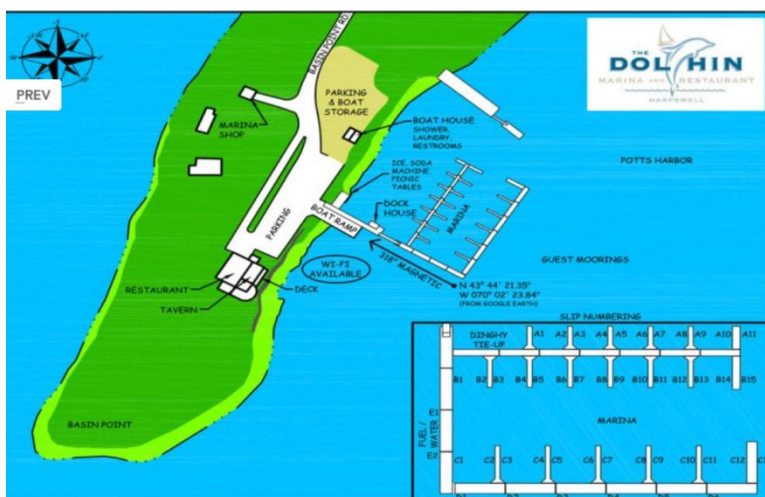
Theme: POTTS HARBOR is a great, wide-open bay at the southern end of Harpswell Neck. At first glance, it appears exposed to prevailing winds. Inside, however, the surrounding islands and ledges provide reasonable protection all the way around. Easy to enter, with updated facilities, Potts is a good stop for yachts traveling east or west or exploring Casco Bay.

Approaches: From outside Casco Bay, run from Halfway Rock, with its 76-foot lighthouse, to red-and-white bell “BS” (43° 41.72’N 070° 03.44’W) at the entrance to Broad Sound. In Broad Sound, expect a considerable current on the ebb or flood. Pass between green gong “1” and nun “2” southwest of Eagle Island.

Round to starboard between the red nun “4” on the ledge west of Upper Flag Island and red bell “6” off Little Birch Island. From there, the entrance between Horse Island and Thrumcap into Potts Harbor is wide and easy.

From the east, there is a well-marked, if circuitous, channel into Potts which should be attempted only in good visibility. Start with nun “2” north of Haskell Island, which should be left to starboard, and follow the channel buoys—reds to starboard and greens to port—around the hairpin to the south and then north and west again into Potts.

Anchorage and moorings: The charts show the anchorage inside the southwest tip of Harpswell Neck. This is the location of Dolphin Marina where you can obtain a mooring or dockage for the night in a low-tide depth of 6 feet. Moorings are available, but captains must contact the marina to reserve (**207-833-6000**). In the past, they have delivered hot coffee and fresh homemade blueberry muffins to boats at the dock or on the moorings each morning!



If you prefer to anchor, the mud bottom is shallow, and there is plenty of swinging room near the moored boats. Potts Harbor is almost a mile across, so it may not be a quiet anchorage in heavy weather. Quite a chop can build up. In a blow from the north or east, you might consider anchoring east of Ash Point.

For the Boat and Crew: This highly rated marina offers gas and diesel and holding tanks pump out. Water and ice are also available. They have a fine seafood restaurant, and we hear their chowder is the best in Maine! Complimentary bikes and kayaks may be available, and there is hiking on the island.

We plan to get together for cocktail /social hour at 5 PM on shore (more information will be available at the beginning of the cruise) , and there is the option to have dinner ashore at the restaurant associated with the marina.

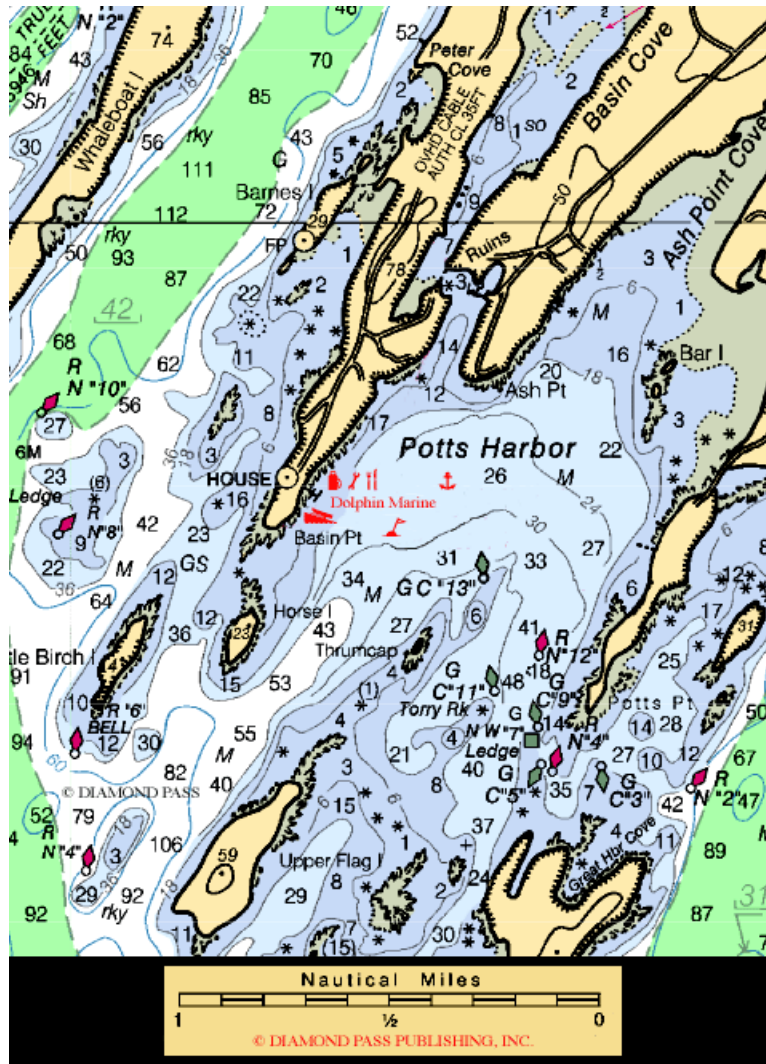


Figure 4. Potts Harbor

**Tuesday, 2 August 2022**  
**Snow Island, Quahog Bay, about 8 nm from Potts Harbor**

Theme – Snow Island, at the head of Quahog Bay, is one of those idyllic anchorages you dream about in the dead of winter. It is a very special place—beautiful, tranquil, and, for the most part, uncrowded. Snow Island was the private retreat of the late world-famous sailor Dodge Morgan.

Take your dinghy beyond Ben Island at high tide and turn right to explore a beautiful inlet. The southernmost of the islets is Little Snow Island, owned by the state. In these upper reaches of Quahog Bay, the water temperature is delightful and swimming is a pleasure, rather than an ordeal—even for those from the three-quick-strokes-and-you’re-out school.

Approaches – As you pass Pole Island, note the ledges extending northward. Tiny Center Island, with a spray of trees, is very obvious ahead. Bear to the right to avoid the rock south of center, then turn east and run south of Snow Island, which has a red house on its southeast tip.

Anchorage – Anchor south and east of Snow Island in 16 feet of water at low. The bottom is mud and holds well. You can also anchor between Snow Island and the several islets to the east or work your way along the mainland east of Snow Island to anchor near Ben Island in 9 to 11 feet. Beware, though, of a possible uncharted rock located southeast of Ben Island, between the 2 and the 9-foot soundings. Conceivably this is what makes the 2-foot sounding 2 feet. But sailors Kym and Paul Cournoyer say Ratherby Rock, as it is known, is awash at low and when covered —has claimed its share of prides. Anchor in the area indicated in the chartlet in Figure 4 below.



For the Evening: Once everyone is settled in we can meet on one or two of the boats for evening snacks and cocktails. This is where at least one 2-boat raft-up will be handy, but this decision is entirely up to the captain of each vessel. Let's plan on a cocktail /social hour at 5 PM gathering by dinghy at one boat or in the cockpit of two rafted boats This area is great for swimming and exploring by dinghy.

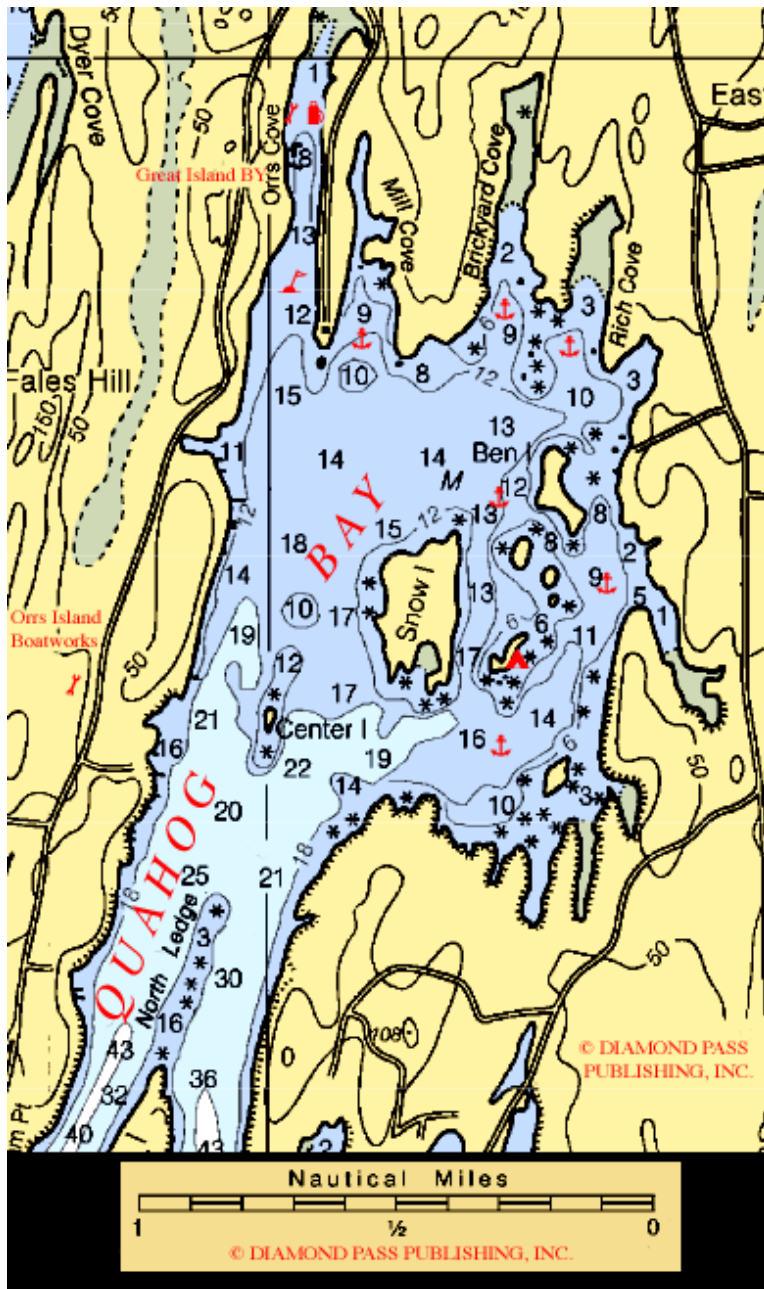


Figure 5 Snow Island/Quahog Bay

Use tide tables for Portland. Mean tidal range is about 9.1 feet.



## Wednesday, 3 August 2017

### The Basin

Theme: Here is what many yachtsmen dream about when they ponder the ultimate safe harbor—a small lake surrounded by rocky points and dark green trees, with barely a sign of human habitation, the water as still as a millpond, completely protected from every direction.

The Basin is an extraordinary harbor on the New Meadows River, about two miles north of Sebasco Harbor. It is worth going out of your way to make the passage through the deep, narrow entrance and into the broad sanctuary beyond. In this part of the world, this is the best hurricane hole around.

Approaches: Coming up the New Meadows River, pass Cundys Harbor and leave can “5” on Sheep Island Ledge to port. Look along the east shore for a slight indentation which marks the entrance to The Basin. A house with a pointed chimney is just to the north of the entrance (Figure 6)

Turn right into the channel, perhaps 150 feet wide at low tide, and run straight down the middle. The channel narrows to about 75 feet at the left turn where slowed tidal current drops its suspended sediment. Controlling depth is 7 feet here, but turn wide around the bend to find it. Like magic, The Basin will open up before you.

Anchorage: Anchor in the middle of the western part of the Basin, in 14 to 20 feet of water at low. The bottom is mud. Even at the height of the summer season, The Basin usually has only a handful of boats, and there is room for a fleet.

Some boats work their way in close to the small island, Basin Island, to the east, or close to the rocky point of land that juts down from the north, but use caution. As benign as The Basin seems, the east side is shoal, and there is a ledge almost dead center, shown on the chart between two 11-foot spots, which claims its share of unsuspecting yachts. Pass either north or south of it but not over it.



The Basin on a calm night feels like a high mountain lake far removed from the sea. To dispel the illusion, taste the water.

Things to Do: Beautiful Basin Island is owned by the state and can be explored. However, this is a popular stop on the Maine Island Trail, and the steep banks of this tiny island are eroding. Walk softly.

The Basin holds some of the warmest salt water on the Maine coast (67° F). The timid won't find a better place to take the plunge.

We can plan to gather aboard one or two of the boats again for happy hour at 5 PM.

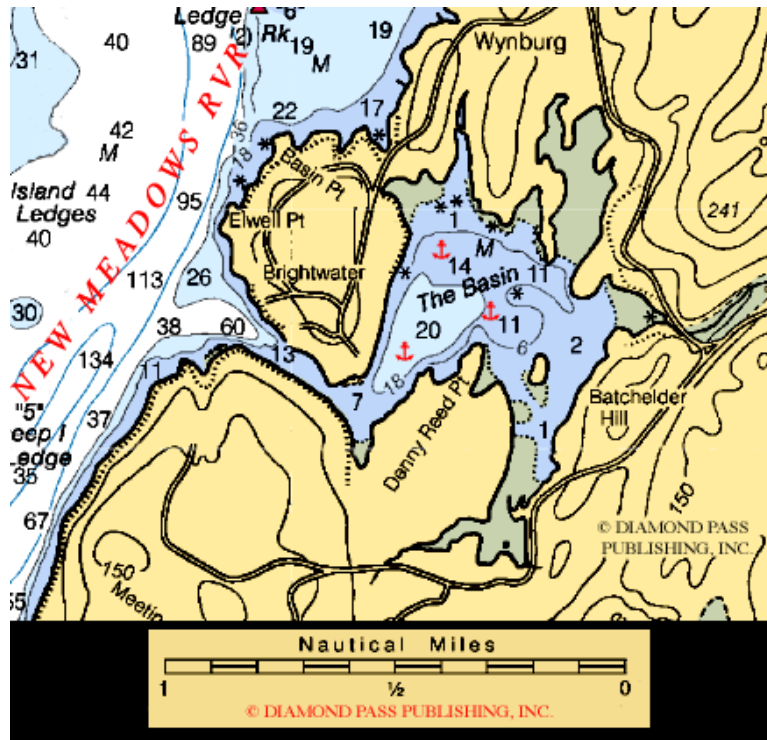


Figure 6 The Basin/New Meadows River

Use tide tables for Portland. Mean tidal range is about 9.1 feet.

**Thursday , 4 August 2017**

**Sebasco Harbor Resort, about 3 nm from Snow Island**

([www.sebasco.com](http://www.sebasco.com))

Theme – Sebasco Harbor is a welcoming spot, well protected under most conditions and easy to enter. It is probably the most convenient harbor at this end of Casco Bay, and it is not far out of the way for boats traveling east or west. On the chart it looks wide open to the south, though ledges at the harbor’s mouth and the Dry Ledges farther out give it a fair degree of protection. Before the days of refrigeration, this harbor sometimes was filled with trade ships taking on ice from the Cornelius Ice Pond for delivery to all parts of the world. Now it is the site of Sebasco Harbor Resort, a long-established and well-appointed resort whose resources are available to the visiting yachtsman. With its ample parking and facilities, the resort makes a good place for crew changes.

Sebasco Harbor Resort (Ch. 09; **207-389-1161, 800-225-3819**; [www.sebasco.com](http://www.sebasco.com)). The cupola marked on the chart is a many-layered octagonal green-and white wedding cake of a house called the Lighthouse. Sebasco’s dock and float are just north of this Lighthouse, with 6 feet of depth at low tide. Pump-outs, ice, and showers are available.

Approaches – Coming from the south, leave the Jamison Ledge can “7” to port and head for flashing red “8” at Harbor Island Point. Note unmarked Dry Ledges on the chart and make sure you are well to the west of them. At flashing red “8”, turn east and continue well beyond can “1” before heading north into the harbor. The ledges making out a long way from the southeast tip of Harbor Island are exposed except at high tide. The less prominent ledges on the right side

are marked by a privately maintained beacon. It is safe to turn north into the harbor when you can see the channel between the boats moored to the west side of the harbor and those on the east side.

Anchorage and Moorings: During normal summer winds, the ledges at the entrance to the harbor provide good protection, and this is a comfortable anchorage. Strong wind from the southwest, though, blows in swells, and you will sleep more peacefully on one of Sebasco Harbor Resort's dozen or so stout moorings, grouped on the west side of the harbor. The moorings of Sebasco Harbor Resort are marked with dayglow polyballs. Reservations are recommended. During the day, a launch service operates from the resort float on the east shore. The usual three toots will summon the Sebasco's launch, or you can take your dinghy to the float. Brewer's Boatyard also maintains some rental moorings in the harbor. If no moorings are available, there is usually room to anchor in mid-harbor, in 15 or 26 feet of water (**Figure 7** next page).

For the Crew: Sebasco Harbor Resort is a well-known vacation spot. Its facilities include a saltwater pool, golf course, tennis courts, fitness center, and possibly some complimentary bikes. Rental kayaks are also available to visiting boaters. Good hiking around the grounds and to a nearby overlook. There's a great ice cream shack on the way to the showers!

Dinner: Cocktail/social hour will be at 5 PM gathering with dinghy or ashore (more information to follow). An optional dinner will be ashore perhaps a group cookout/picnic or at their waterfront restaurant. A Lobster/Steak Bake buffet is served during the summer on some evenings outside on the lawn with live music. So many possibilities!

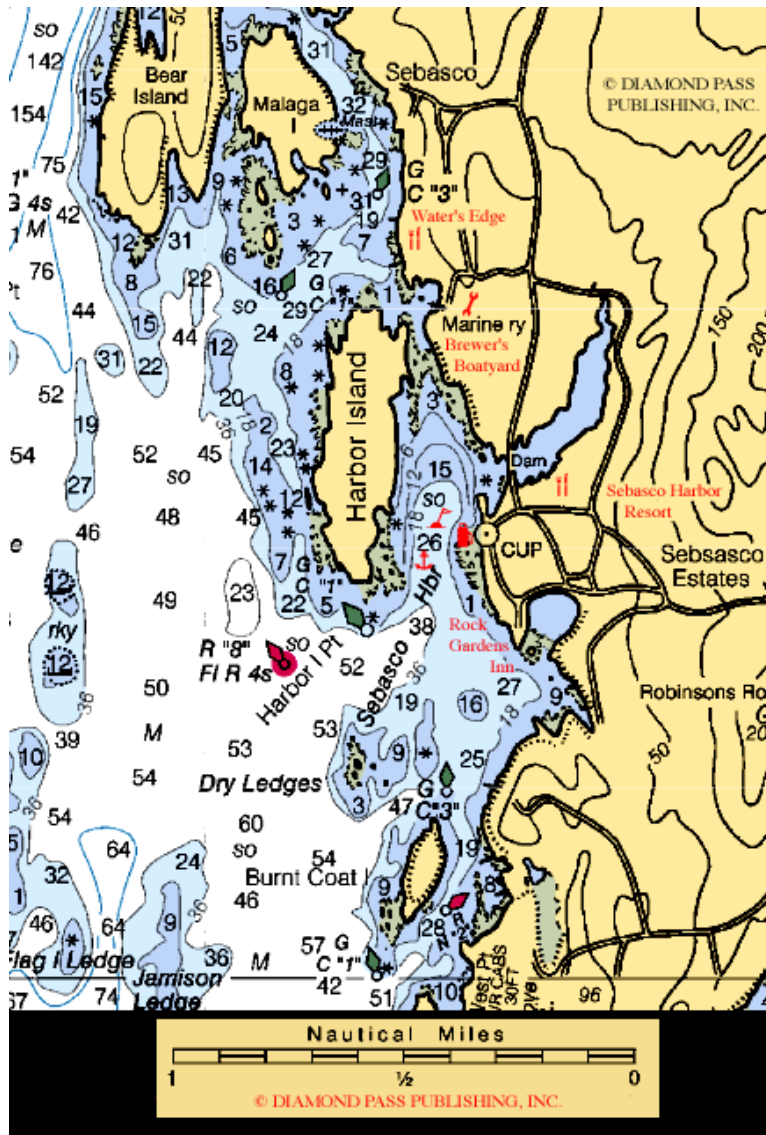


Figure 7. Sebasco Harbor

**Friday, 5 August 2022**  
**Boothbay Harbor, Tugboat Inn and Marina**  
([www.tugboatinn.com](http://www.tugboatinn.com))

Theme: BOOTHBAY HARBOR is one of the best harbors on the Maine coast. Not only is it large and well protected, it is easy to enter under all conditions. Here are all the services a yachtsman might need and then some. If you are cruising west or east, it is very convenient, less than 5 miles off the direct route.

The harbor bustles with boats of every description and has the air of a city of the sea. Like Kennebunkport, the town is crowded and touristy, but festive. Shops and restaurants jam the streets, and the calendar is filled with summer activities.

Approaches: Coming from the west, round green bell "1C" off Southport Island, leaving the Cuckholds (two little bare islets) to port. The Cuckholds Light, a good landfall, is a distinctive white octagonal tower 48 feet high on a dwelling with a foghorn and radio beacon.

Pass either side of high Squirrel Island, observing red lighted buoy "4" if you are to the west. Head for red lighted buoy "8" off Tumbler Island, leaving Burnt Island, with a lighthouse and a horn, to port. Don't be tempted to go inside Tumbler Island. Keep it to starboard. Leave green lighted buoy "9" to port at McFarland Island and enter the inner harbor.

Coming from the east, find red-and-white bell "HL" at the beginning of Fisherman Island Passage, sailing north of Hypocrites, Fisherman Island, and small, grassy Ram Island with its lighthouse and foghorn. Keep the three nuns marking the ledges to the south of Linekin Neck to starboard and turn northward. Leave high Squirrel Island to port and enter as described above.

In fog, keep your radio on to listen for sécurité calls—some whale-watching boats waste little time getting to the feeding grounds, even when the visibility is zero.

Anchorage and Moorings: Because Boothbay Harbor is one of the busiest boating centers on the coast, anchoring is prohibited everywhere in the harbor except in exposed Mill Cove, on the backside of the town, north of Signal Point Marina's docks. However, there are a dozen or more places to find a mooring or berth (see sketch map). The most convenient locations are in the inner harbor, at the northeast corner of Boothbay Harbor

Tugboat Inn and Marina (Ch. 09; **207-633-4434**; [www.tugboatinn.com/marina.htm](http://www.tugboatinn.com/marina.htm)). The Tugboat Inn has a large marina and many moorings just south of Pier 8. This is the first facility on your left as you enter the inner harbor. The marina provides a large amount of dockage, which can accommodate boats to 110 feet, with 12 feet of water at the outer floats with electricity, water, ice, and pump-outs, but no fuel. Their moorings have bright polyball floats. Ashore, they have very pleasant coin-operated showers and a laundromat. . The cost of moorings at Tugboat Inn and Marina was \$35/night in 2021, and reservations are recommended. Please consider making your reservation sooner rather than later here also as it will be a busy harbor.

Carousel Marina and Brown's Wharf Marina are well down Spruce Point along the eastern side of the harbor, about half a mile from town. The distance from town has the advantage of being less noisy.

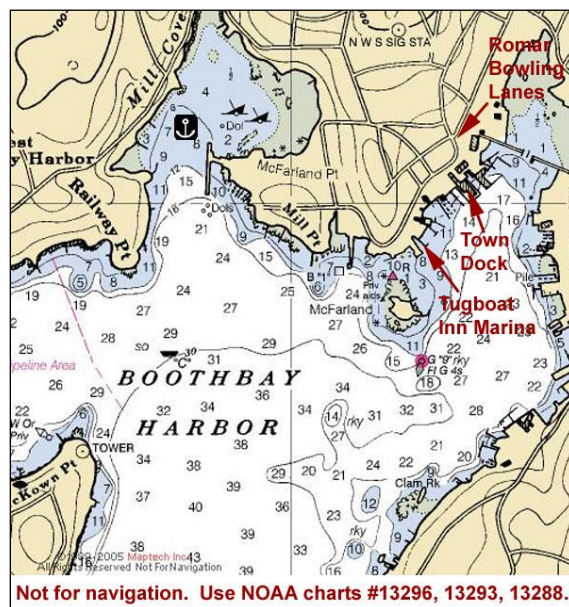
Public Landing (harbormaster Ch. 09, 16; 207-633-5281). Just south of Fisherman's Wharf Inn and Pier 6 are the floats of the public landing. Their 120-foot length can accommodate boats of up to 50 feet in depths to around 10, with a generous three-hour maximum tie-up. There are no facilities. The harbormaster keeps his launch here.



<http://www.tugboatinn.com/marina.htm>

Joe and Nancy aboard Dream Catcher II plan to be on a Tugboat Inn mooring. We like the hot showers there, but they are an extra cost at 25 cents per 2 minutes. There is an anchorage to the west of the inner harbor in Mill Cove. Denny & Peggy Frehsee on the S/V Sweetness have indicated that they have gone around the corner and anchored in the NW corner of Linekin Bay in Lewis Cove. There is a city park there where you can land a dinghy on the rocks (with some difficulty) and walk into town. They indicate that they have seen other fleets there.

Let's go ashore and explore – as a group, or on your own. Bicycles and kayaks can be rented from Tidal Transit Kayak Company (18 Granary Way), which is also nearby and off Townsend Avenue.



**Figure 8 Boothbay Harbor**  
Tugboat Inn Marina  
43° 50' 56"N, 69° 37' 44"W

Use tide tables for Portland. High tide in Boothbay is approximately 5 minutes before high in Portland. Mean tidal range is about 9 feet.

Evening Activity: There will be a cruise Closing Dinner on the open air deck at the Tugboat Inn at Commercial Street in Boothbay Harbor at 6 PM. We will make reservations for all those registered to attend the cruise by boat or auto, and wanting to join us for dinner.

**To register for the cruise please contact Joe DeAlteris at [jdealeris@uri.edu](mailto:jdealeris@uri.edu) by **July 25th**. Provide the names of your vessel, captain and mate, other guests, and the anticipated days (ports of participation), and participation in the opening and closing dinner. Remember to independently make your marina/mooring reservations. We will make the reservations for the opening/closing dinners based on cruise registrations.**

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**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.**

**USE NOAA CHARTS 13288, 13290, 13293, 13295 & 13296.**

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Web Resources:

Active Captain: <http://www.activecaptain.com/>

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

Boothbay Harbor Region: <http://www.boothbayharbor.com/>

Tugboat Inn Marina: <http://www.tugboatinn.com/>

Tidal Transit Kayak Company: <http://www.kayakboothbay.com/>

Robinhood Marine Center: <http://www.robinhoodmarinecenter.com/>

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

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

Maptech.com: <http://www.maptech.com/>

NOAA Office of Coast Survey: <http://www.charts.noaa.gov/InteractiveCatalog/nrc.shtml>

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