



## CRUISING CLUB OF AMERICA

### Boston Station Gulf of Maine Post

Welcome to the 2023 Boston Station Summer Cruise. The Cruise is designed to be accessible to members with busy schedules, so we have allowed for “a la carte” participation at each event. We have also tried to keep costs low, opting for BYOB or a cash bar at most events. We eagerly anticipate many children being involved, and there will be reduced pricing for the “children’s menu” at each meal (macaroni and cheese, chicken fingers, french fries, etc.). Due to space constraints at most of the venues, however, we must limit participation to the first 120 or so people (approx. 25 - 30 boats) who sign up. Where possible we will accommodate participants who wish to join specific events by car at a later date if space remains available.

Each participating boat is advised to make berthing arrangements early, as this is a popular cruising time. We have tried to provide as much information as possible below regarding the location of shore-side events and mooring options available.

This Guide includes information for each of the seven days of the Cruise followed by information of general interest.

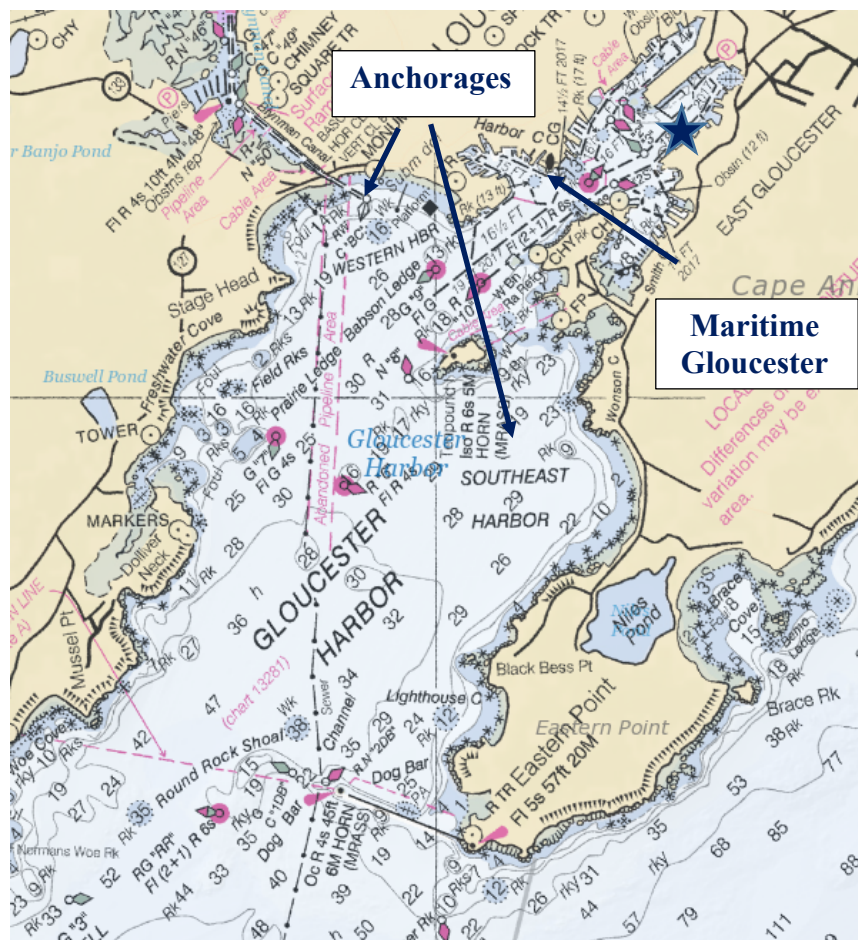
Please feel free to contact either of us before or during the Cruise with any concerns or questions.

We look forward to seeing you on the water.

Carter Bacon, Rear Commodore, Boston Station  
Peter Driscoll, Captain, Gulf of Maine Post

June 21, 2023

## Day 1 – Saturday, July 22, Gloucester, MA



The cruise will begin in Gloucester, MA, on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will gather at Maritime Gloucester (139 Harbor Loop) beginning at 1800 for a casual reception and dinner. Gloucester Maritime is a historic marine repair facility that has been repurposed as a maritime museum and educational center. Exhibits include the restored fishing schooner *Adventure*. Detailed information can be found at <https://www.maritimegloucester.org>

Dinner will be served in a tent on the Gloucester Maritime pier and in the adjacent boat shed, with drinks at 1800 and dinner at 1900. With the exception of the CCA Rum Keg, drinks will be BYOB with soda, mixers, ice and cups supplied by the Station. There will be a small charge for “exercise” of the Rum Keg !!

**Moorings and Anchoring:** Town moorings may be reserved through the harbor master’s office (tel: 978-325-5750/ VHF Channel 16) or on DOCKWA at \$50 per night. A block of 20 moorings has been reserved and will be held through July 10 for CCA members. Anchoring is available in the Western and Southeast Harbors shown on the map above. The town launch service extends to these areas.

**Launch Service, Dinghy Landing, etc.** The Town provides launch service from 8am to 10pm, which can be reached at 978-726-0115 or on Channel 72 (\$5 per ride). The Town landing is adjacent to Gloucester Maritime and a dinghy dock is available as well as showers.

Feel free to contact our local member, Eric Bornhafft at 978-909-4600 for additional local knowledge.

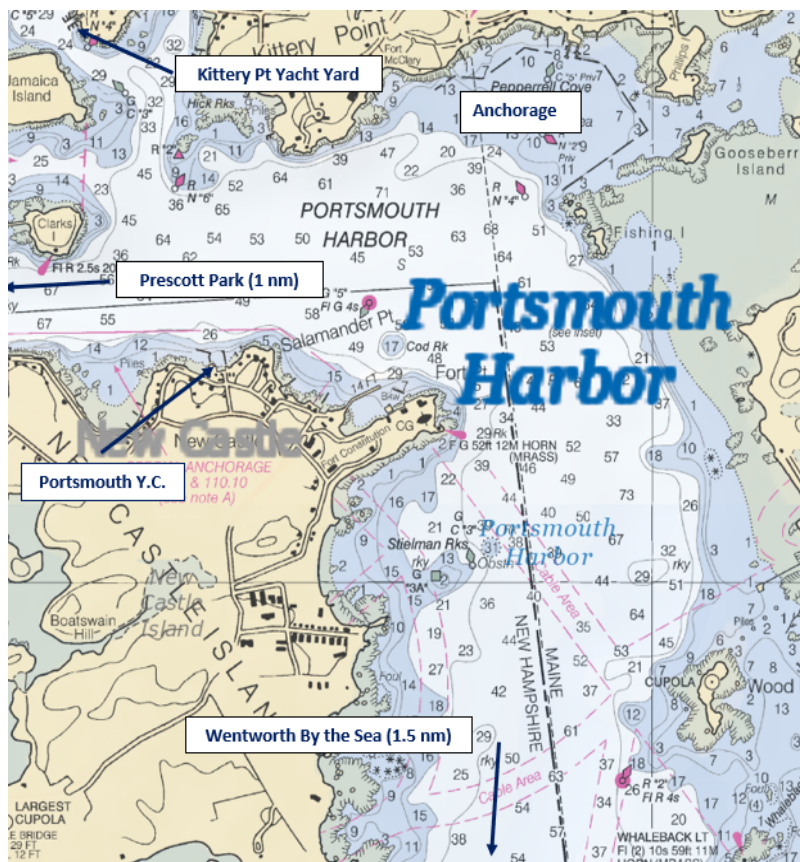
## **Day 2 – Sunday, July 23 No Events Planned; Recommended Anchorages Portsmouth, NH and Kittery, ME**

Our next planned rendezvous is at Falmouth Foreside on Monday, July 24. Two days are allocated for this passage. (consider making the passage through the Annisquam Canal).

The recommended anchorages for the night of July 23 are located in Portsmouth Harbor. Kittery, Maine lies on the northern shore of the harbor.

If there is sufficient interest, Post captain Peter Driscoll will arrange a boat trip to, and tour of, the Wood Island Lifesaving Station, probably between 1600 and 1800 hours on Sunday.

For moorings (12) in Pepperrell Cove and the New Castle N.H. area, contact Harbormaster John Brosnihan (207-332-2656). Kittery Point Yacht Yard in the Back Channel (207-439-9582) has 5-6 moorings (up to 40' LOA) and one slip space, dinghy docks and one shower. Also a few moorings (\$35 per night) at Portsmouth YC (603-436-9877). The Wentworth Marina, New Castle N.H. (603-433-5050) has slips for visiting yachts as does Prescott Park Marina (603-498-6816 or Dockwa).



## **Day 3 – Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> Falmouth Foreside (Portland), ME**

On Monday, we will make our way to Falmouth Foreside, Maine, for dinner at the Portland Yacht Club (BYOB, mixers and Rum Keg provided). A catered buffet will include lobster macaroni and cheese, grilled chicken and flank steak as well as a children's meal. This will also be an opportunity for provisioning and potentially changing crew as needed. Portland Yacht Club has showers, water, ice, pump-out and trash disposal/recycling available. Handy Boat Yard, next door, has a marine store and repair facilities.

**Moorings; Anchorage; Launch Service.** Portland YC (207-781-9820, VHF Channel 68), Handy Boat Yard (207-781-5110, ext. 8, VHF Channel 9) and through Mark Smith at Casco Bay Diving (207-329-8778). A designated anchorage area can be found just west of Clapboard Island which is an approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  NM dinghy ride. Portland YC and Handy Boat both provide launch service and have dinghy landings.

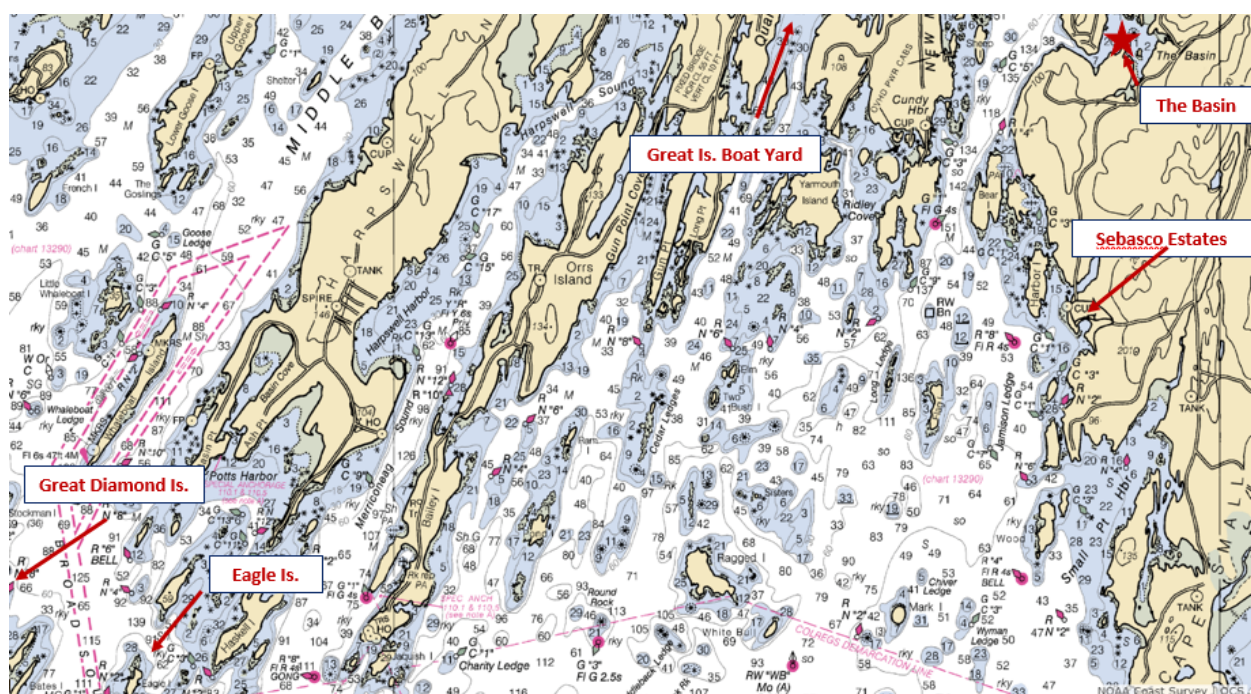


#### Day 4 – Tuesday, July 25, Captain’s Choice

Participants are encouraged to explore Casco Bay at their leisure. If there is sufficient interest, we will gather at the end of the day in The Basin (East side of New Meadows River) for an informal fenders-over-the-side gathering. Other suggested destinations include Jewell Island, Great Diamond Island, and Sebasco Estates.

Activities for young people aboard boats anchored in the Basin are being organized by David Miller who can be reached by phone or email at (617) 388-6719; davidsmiller14@gmail.com).

Jewel Island is a nice little harbor, with WWII gun emplacements and WWI and WWII observation towers to explore. The Punchbowl, a small tide-pool a short walk from the harbor is good for swimming if the tide is right, and an excellent picnic location. Eagle Island, retirement home of polar explorer Admiral Robert Peary, and the lighthouses at Halfway Rock and Seguin Island, are also interesting places to explore.



#### Day 5 – Wednesday, July 26 Harpswell, ME

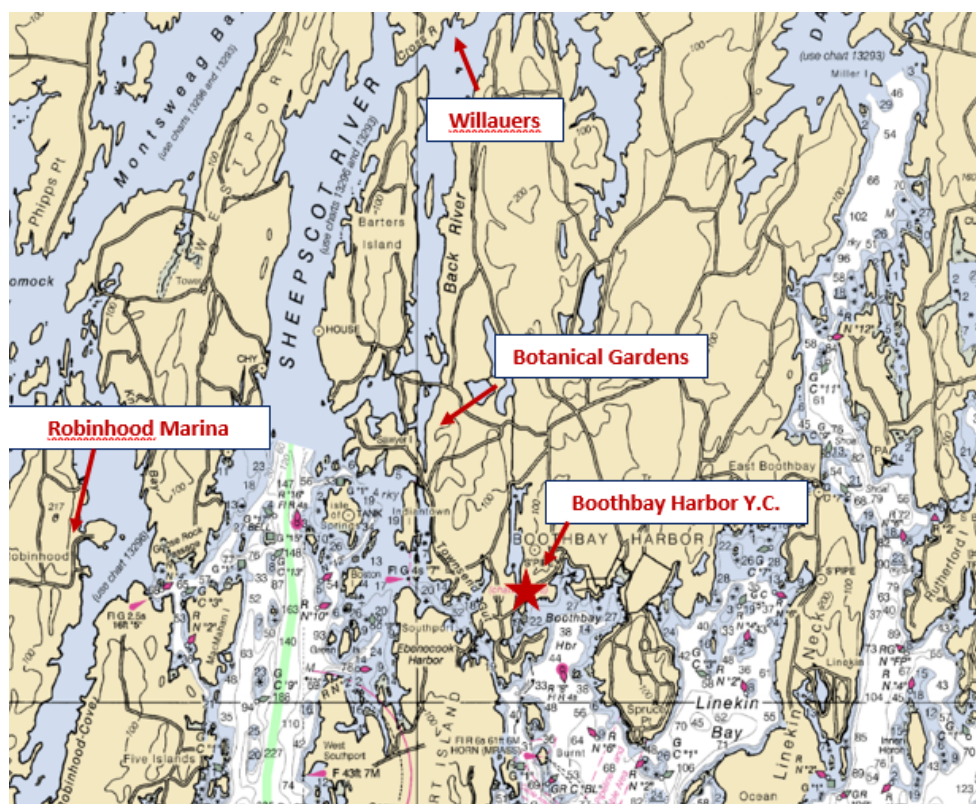
On Wednesday, we will gather at Safe Harbor Great Island (formerly Great Island Boat Yard) for a reception and dinner hosted by CCA member and Great Island General Manager Steve Rowe and his wife Stephanie. This will be a BYOB event with mixers and the Rum Keg provided. Iris Eats, the onsite eatery, will cater the dinner. Safe Harbor Great Island (207-729-1639) will have 6 transient slips and 10 transient moorings, a dinghy dock, showers, ice, and a restaurant (for breakfast or lunch to go the next day). The remaining boats may use the large anchorage north and south of Snow Island, or if calm, anchor at the south end of the Safe Harbor Great Island mooring field in 15-feet of water.

## **Day 6 – Thursday, July 27 Oven’s Mouth Cove Rendezvous**

This will be another day to explore Casco Bay or start east toward Boothbay. At Cross River, CCA members Charlie and Gale Willauer will host a BYOB party on their lawn beginning at 1700 (approx. 43 56.5N - 69 39.0W) accessible from the dock below. Three large Willauer moorings can be used to raft. Several boats can anchor just inside the Oven's Mouth in the first southerly cove. There are plenty of anchoring possibilities through the Oven's Mouth in the large basin beyond. We will run a launch if people need transportation back to the dock. If you plan to attend, please bring one *hors d'oeuvres* to share.

Activities for young people are being organized by David Martin who can be reached by phone or email at (617) 388-6719; davidsmiller14@gmail.com).

## **Day 7 – Friday, July 28, Boothbay, ME, Final Rendezvous**



We will gather for a final reception and dinner (cash bar) at the Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club. We will have a beef, fish and vegetarian option, along with salad, dessert and coffee bar. Once again, a reduced price children’s meal will be available. Those arriving early may want to explore the nearby Maine State Aquarium.

The yacht club (207-633-5750/VHF ch.9) has moorings that can be reserved through Dockwa, as

well as showers, ice and laundry.

## **Children and Grandchildren**

As part of our preparations David Miller has volunteered to be the point person for activities for kids, and for pulling together a list of the young people who will be joining us.

Two activities are planned so far: (1) a hike and shore activities on the afternoon of July 25 at the Basin at the east end of Casco Bay, and (2) a dinghy race on July 27 at the anchorage in Oven’s Mouth Cove, where Gale and Charlie Willauer will be hosting the fleet for a BYOB late afternoon gathering.

David would welcome your questions and suggestions for additional activities. He would also appreciate knowing the names and ages of all young people who will be joining the cruise. He can be reached by phone or email (617) 388-6719; [davidsmiller14@gmail.com](mailto:davidsmiller14@gmail.com)). David will maintain a list of young people which will be available for all Cruise participants.

### **Cruising Guides.**

An easily accessible resource is the CCA's on-line Cruising Guide to Maine. <https://guides.cruisingclub.org/>

We also suggest [A Cruising Guide to the Maine Coast](#) by Hank and Jan Taft and Curtis Rindlaub, and the [Maptech Embassy Cruising Guide to New England Coast](#).

### **Lobster Trap Lines**

If you are new to Maine waters, you will be amazed at the number of lobster trap buoys. Be on the lookout for them and steer clear, or risk catching a trap line on your rudder or propeller. This can be a minor or major hassle. If you do catch a trap line, remember that lobster gear is expensive and represents a fisherman's livelihood. Cutting and releasing a trap line will cost the fisherman hundreds of dollars and should only be considered when every other means of getting free has been tried. If the line must be cut, the buoy should be retrieved if at all possible and tied to the trap line so the fisherman can rescue his gear. Additional advice on lobster traps and lines can be found on the CCA website: <https://guides.cruisingclub.org/how-to-deal-with-lobster-pots/>

### **CCA Pillows**

A Great Island neighbor, Ann Grout, makes wonderful outdoor pillows, similar to those shown below. If you are interested, you can check out her display and samples during cocktails at the Great Island Boat Yard on Wednesday, July 26, or visit her website here: <http://harpswelldesigns.com/>

