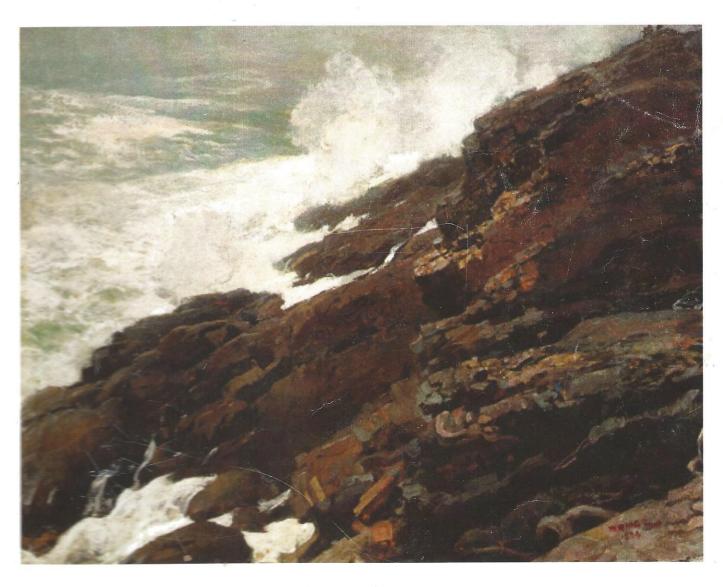
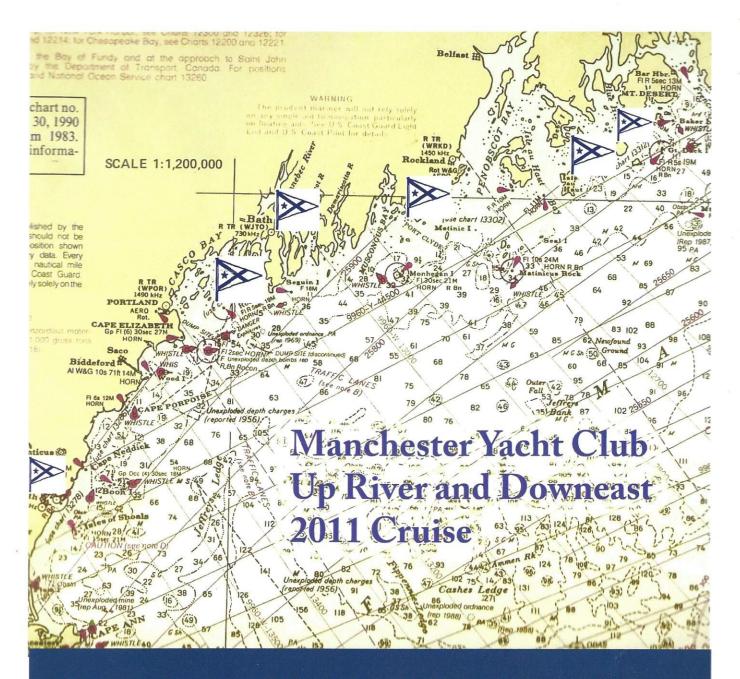
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# Manchester Yacht Club 2011 Cruise Up River and Downeast







There is nothing—absolutely nothing—half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats. In or out of 'em, it doesn't matter. Nothing seems really to matter, that's the charm of it. Whether you get away, or whether you don't; whether you arrive at your destination or whether you reach somewhere else, or whether you never get anywhere at all, you're always busy, and you never do anything in particular; and when you've done it there's always something else to do, and you can do it if you like, but you'd much better not.

-Kenneth Grahame, The Wind in the Willows.

## Welcome to Up River & Downeast

Cruising has two pleasures. One is to go out in wider waters from a sheltered place. The other is to go into a sheltered place from wider waters.

- Howard Bloomfield

Welcome aboard the 2011 MYC Cruise!

We are blessed to be a day's sail from one of the best cruising grounds in the world, the coast of Maine. It combines the best of lovely islands, sheltered harbors, broad ocean passages, magnificent rivers, mountains, abundant wildlife, and local color.

Manchester Yacht Club cruises have long been our much-anticipated summer vacation providing peace, laughter, friendship, tremendous scenery, great food, new experiences, and great yachting. This year's Up River and Downeast Cruise stretching from Kittery to Mt. Desert gives MYC members a chance to explore the full range of what Maine has to offer with old and new friends.

Welcome!

Tom Johnson, Commodore

### Acknowledgments

#### 2011 MYC Cruise Committee

Charlie Newhall (Cruising Committee Chair); Mike Maginn and Roy Mayne (Cruise Co-Chairs); Augusta and Randy Ayer; Chris Dolan; Peter and Betsy Madsen; Arlene Maginn; Martha Mayne; Trish Newhall; Abbott Reeve; Chet Shuman; Tom Walker

#### **Event Hosts**

Randy and Augusta Ayer & the Metcalf Family; Chris and Marlene Dolan; Roy and Martha Mayne: Abbott and Kay Reeve; Chet and Evelyn Shuman; Tom and Ann Walker

#### Additional Thanks

Jim Bildner, author of A Visual Cruising Guide to the Maine Coast, and Abby Crocker for help with the aerial photographs. Cover: painting by Winslow Homer, High Cliff Coast of Maine.

The sail, the play of its pulse so like our own lives: so thin and yet so full of life, so noiseless when it labors hardest, so noisy and impatient when least effective.

-Henry David Thoreau

## Rendezvous At-A-Glance

Why is the rum always gone?

-"Captain Jack Sparrow"



Saturday, August 6th

Kittery Point, Pepperell Cove Rendezvous, 1730-1930

Officers-of-the-Day: Roy and Martha Mayne



Monday, August 8th

New Meadows River, The Basin Rendezvous, 1730

Officers-of-the-Day: Tom and Anne Walker



Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

Depart for Maine Maritime Museum, 1030 GWC at the Robinhood Marine Center, 1600

Officers-of-the-Day: Chet and Evelyn Shuman



Friday, August 12th

Port Clyde Rendezvous, 1700

Officers-of-the-Day: Chris and Marlene Dolan



Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

Merchant Island Rendezvous, 1200

Officers-of-the-Day: Randy and Augusta Ayer



Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

Southwest Harbor Rendezvous 1730

Officers-of-the-Day: Abbott and Katharine Reeve

## The Fleet

It isn't that life ashore is distasteful to me. But life at sea is better. -Sir Francis Drake

Yacht	LOA	Crew	Cell Phone
Agadou	34.6'	Roy and Martha Mayne; Beau Geste	617.834.4230
Chime II	35"	Fred Morris; John Ledbetter; Liz Morris; Debbie Ledbetter	617.733.4235
Clarita	40'	Sam and Deamie Cabot	508.662.7899
Enchanted	36'	Maudy and Ranny Barton	978.578.4968
Island Girl	30'	Mike and Arlene Maginn	508.932.23
Mantra	51'	Andy and Ann Deveraux	508.801.4076
Marisol	43'	Paul and Elaine Kenerson	978.618.0925
Meamder	30'	Bud and Barb Elliott	978.578.6719
Narada	36.8'	Mory and Sarah Creighton; Andy (15) and Sam (15) Creighton	978.270.8732
Narcissus	48.5"	Abbott L. and Katharine Reeve; Frank and Louisa Deland; Austin and Felicity Hoyt; Robert Padulo; Angel Raffanello	978.807.5127
Old Squaw	32'	Jock and Anne Winchester	978.578.0120
Ortion	38'	Chet and Evelyn Shuman; Peter and Debbie Twining	617.840.1071
Parvati	40'	Peter and Betsy Madsen	
Petrel	41.5	Gar Morse; Margo Morse; Guillaume Blin	617.851.4079
Sarsaparilla	36'	Randy and Augusta Ayer	804.614.7764
Samoset	26.7	John and Kate Newhall; Becca Newhall; Charlie and Trish Newhall; John (14) and Sarah (9) Newhall	978.407.9194 612.803-237
Sooner	35'	Neil and Martha Chayet	001
Shearwater	42'	Jim Starkey and Ann Harrison	978.578.7847
Spray	35'	William Kiley; Peter Gamage	
Tazzarin	36'	Bill and Annie Barton	781.820.3267
Theodora	32.5	David and Janet O'Hara	671.306.7342
Walkabout	33'	Tom and Anne Walker	978.998.9125
Windslipper	42'	Tom and Mary Fran Townsend; Carl and Ingrid Swanson	617.901.8698
Visingso	41.1	Tom and Eva Johnson; Charlotte and Otto Eberstein	978.590.8858
Viva	43'	Toby Seamans; Harry Otis; Pete and Joan Johnson; Randy and Lila Renchard	2

There is, one knows not what sweet mystery about this sea, whose gently awful stirrings seems to speak of some hidden soul beneath.

Herman Melville, Moby Dick

## Cruise Protocols

Ships are the nearest things to dreams that hands have ever made.

-Robert N. Rose

#### Communication

When on the coast of Maine, we share the VHF airwaves with fisherman and merchant seamen who are trying to make a living on the ocean. Occasionally, they find our badinage intrusive. As a statement of their displeasure, they occasionally lock a mike, play loud music, discuss their views about yachtsmen in basic terms and otherwise make it known that they don't like us hogging their portion of the public airwaves.

As a result, we will have the following communications plan. Our basic channel will be 78A as a starting point. We will shift to the following channels as designated by the Officer of the Day at the morning call if we have been experiencing interruptions. We can also hop off a busy channel, designating the letter of the destination channel to the receiving party.

Channel A--78A (Mye CLUB FREE)
Channel B--68

Channel C--69

Channel D-84 SOA (LAST RESORT CHANNEL 72 A COMMEDIA

**Cruising Announcements** 

Daily announcements will be made on Channel 78A at 0830 hrs and at 1700 hrs.

### Officers of the Day

August 6th	Mayne	August 13th	Johnson
August 7th	Newhall	August 14th	Madsen
August 8th	Walker	August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Creighton
August 9th	Maginn	August 16th	Ayer
August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Shuman	August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Starkey/Harrison
August 11th	Barton	August 18th	Reeve
August 12th	Dolan		

### **Cruise Protocols**

It is good to have an end to journey toward, but it is the journey that matters in the end.

-Ursula K. Leguin

### Dress Code

Dress code requires the wearing of name badges at all Cruise events.

### Flag Etiquette

All yachts on the Cruise will fly the Manchester Yacht Club burgee at masthead (sloops) from the top of the mainmast (yawls and ketches) or on a bow staff (if mastless). Yachts will fly the yacht ensign from 8 AM until sunset.

### Moorings

Each skipper is responsible for arranging moorings at each harbor. Mooring information for scheduled rendezvous is listed on the event page. For destinations en route, please consult your cruising guide.



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## **Helpful Information**

The time for taking all measures for a ship's safety is while still able to do so. Nothing is more dangerous than for a seaman to be grudging in taking precautions lest they turn out to have been unnecessary. Safety at sea for a thousand years has depended on exactly the opposite philosophy.

-Chester Nimitz

### **Emergency Radio Channels**

• The US Coast Guard monitors VHF 16

### **Emergency Facilities**

- York Hospital, York, ME. 207-363-4321
- Penobscot Bay Medical Center, Rockport, ME. 207-596-8000
- Mid Coast Hospital, Brunswick, ME. 207.729.0181
- Mt. Desert Island Hospital, Bar Harbor, ME. 207.288.5081
- Blue Hill Memorial Hospital, Blue Hill, ME. 207.374.3400
- Miles Memorial Hospital, Damariscotta, ME. 207.563.1234

### Sunrise and Sunset

Date	Location	Sunrise	Sunset	Moon
August 6	Kittery Point	0539	1958	Quarter Moon
August 7	Kittery Point	0540	1957	
August 8	Cundy Harbor	0536	1954	
August 9	Cundy Harbor	0537	1953	
August 10	Robinhood	0537	1951	•
August 11	Robinhood	0538	1949	
August 12	Port Clyde	0537	1946	
August 13	Port Clyde	0539	1945	Full Moon
August 14	Port Clyde	0540	1943	
August 15	Belfast	0538	1943	
August 16	Isle Au Haut	0539	1938	
August 17	Southwest Harbor	0539	1936	
August 18	Southwest Harbor	0540	1934	

## Helpful Information

At sea, I learned how little a person needs, not how much.

- Robin Lee Graham

### The August Moon

	Moon Phases: August 2011						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
•		10	11	12	13 Full	14	
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29 New	30	31					

### The August Sky

The Perseids. Each year during the summer months, the earth crosses the track of Comet Swift-Tuttle. The path is full of dusty debris that has been scattered along the comet's orbit. These fine particles are orbiting the sun and they hit our atmosphere. The meteor events occur when the particles enter the atmosphere and they vaporize. We see quick flashes of light — meteors, shooting stars. The best observation this year (because of the full moon) is between 3:30 and 4:30 AM in the northeastern sky on August 11th and 12th.

The Milky Way. As August evenings progress, the great mass of stars rises higher in the sky, stretching from east to north. Look for it when the mood is dim.

**Antares.** In early August the moon passes in front of the stars of Scorpius during the early evening hours. Look for its ruddy color on the evening of August 7<sup>th</sup>. The star's name is sometimes translated as the "Rival of Mars." Ares is the Greek version of the god of war (Mars). **Antares is known as a red** supergiant; its distance is measured at about 600 light years. In the final stages of its life cycle, it shines at the brightness of 65,000 suns. It is enormous with a volume that, if empty, would hold over 500 million stars the size of our sun.

## Racing

One ship sails east and another sails west
With the self-same winds that blow.
'Tis the set of the sail and not the gale
Which determines the way they go.
As the winds of the sea are the ways of fate
As we voyage along through life,
'Tis the act of the soul that determines the goal,
And not the calm or the strife.
-Ella Wheeler Wilcox

#### **MYC Yacht Races**

We'll arrange at least one race with Walkabout as our Committee Boat. A race from Merchant's is in the planning stages. Make sure to tune in to daily communications for race details!



### **Remote Control Lasers**

We'll have informal RC races, weather and current permitting. Plan for possible races in the Basin, at Robinhood, at Merchant's Island, and at Southwest. Listen to the announcements from the Officer-of-the-Day for details!

## The Birth of a Yacht Club



This poem, penned by Murray Blair, and memorized by many of his fellow yacht club members, was published in the 1970 Club Journal in a letter to the editor from the poet's nepnew, Arthur Blair. The poem is prefaced by a reference to the yacht club's mission, of which the first item is: a) to foster the social side of sailing.

### The Purple Night, 21st May, 1910

Submitted by Tom Walker with permission from the Clyde Cruising Club, Scotland, UK)

The time, a peaceful summer's eve, The scene, a peaceful seaside vale. Th'occasion was, as I believe, A Cruising Club's inaugural sail.

I wandered idly round the shore, And gazed upon the sunlit bay, Where lay some thirty yachts or more, All peaceful in the parting day.

Some one or two I knew by sight, The Punsy, Niji, and Lahoo, And, if my vision serves me right, The Oread and Magic, too.

I wandered onwards towards the quay, When up the road I chanced to look. What mariners are these, I see, A getting of their photos took?'

Their snowy sweaters, dazzling bright, Reflected back the evening sun, Their crested caps of blue and white Were quite outside the common run.

No doubt, some millionaires, I thought, By some strange chance are gathered here. For none from off a common yacht In such apparel could appear.

I watched them file into a tend That stood hard by the hostelry, And, curious now, my steps I bent And followed after, cautiously. Within, the sight on which I gazed Quite dazzled me. A banquet spread. I turned to flee. I felt amazed. But softly entered in, instead.

The dinner was a feast for kings: The wine was nectar for the gods, Which, most unfortunately, brings Oblivion to mortal clods.

At first, no doubt, I felt amused, As song succeeded song and speech, But, later on, grew so confused, I scarce could tell you which was which.

What subsequently then transpired? Nay, ask me not: I cannot tell. I ate and drank as I desired. I know that I was far from well.

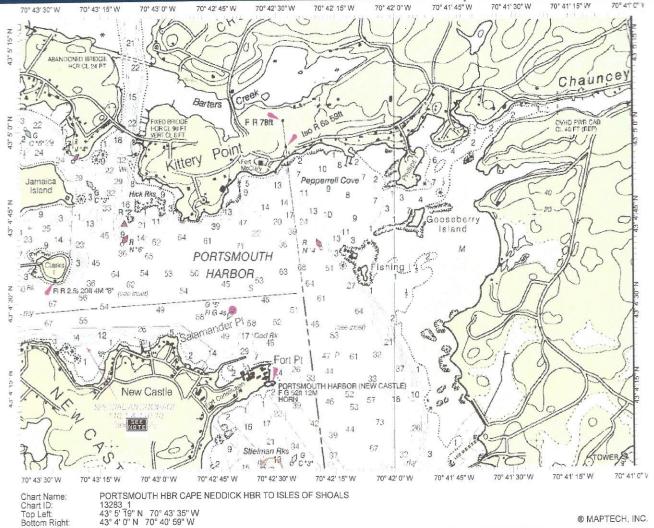
When I awoke upon the shore, The water lapping at my shoes, And moralized, as oft' before, Upon the awful curse of booze.

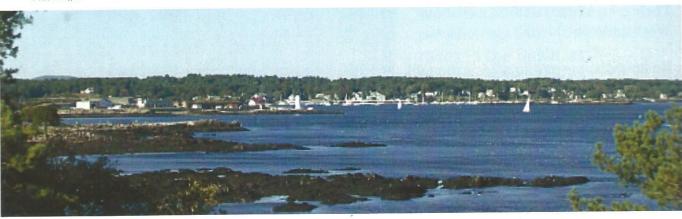
Some thoughts came drifting through my head Brought, *may*hap, by the flowing tide, 'Twas something that the Chairman said 'Bout fostering the Social Side.



## Entry to Pepperell Cove

Entering Pepperell Cove is easy. After passing Fort Point, head for Nun 4 off Fishing Island. You will see 100 or more boats filling the cove. The channel leading to the town dock is marked by green and red spar buoys.





## August 6, 2011 **Kittery Point/Pepperell Cove**

Officers of the Day: Roy and Martha Mayne

# The Rendezvous 1730-1930

We'll have hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar located in the Patio below Captain and Patty's Restaurant (formerly Captain Simeon's Galley). The restaurant is located above the town dock in Pepperell Cove. If the weather is poor we'll meet on the restaurant's second floor.

### Tides

	High	Height	Low	Height
August 6th	4:38 AM	9.1'	10:51 AM	0'
	5:04 PM	10'	11:37 PM	-0.1'
August 7th	5:42 AM	8.7'	11:52 AM	0.4'
	6:07 PM	9.9'	12:45 AM (8th)	0.1'

## Moorings/Anchorage

**Moorings are available** through Kittery Point Harbormaster, Bion Pike (call 207-451-0829, or VHF 9 or 68). A small number of moorings may be available from the Portsmouth Yacht Club (Call 603-436-9877, or VHF 9 or 78). PYC moorings are marked by green and white balls on the western side of the mooring area.

There are three sorts of people; those who are alive, those who are dead, and those who are at sea.

-Old Capstan Chantey attributed to Anacharsis, 6th Century BC



# Onshore Exploration Kittery Point Area

Fort McClary was manned during six wars: The American Revolution, War of 1812, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I and World War II.

The site of the fort has been occupied since 1689 as an important military defensive position. The area at one time was called "Battery Pasture" and was acquired by William Pepperrell, a merchant and landowner. The first structures were probably no more than simple earthworks and a small block house known as Pepperrell's Garrison or Fort Pepperrell.

The Colony of Massachusetts Bay voted in 1715 to erect a permanent breastwork of six guns for defense of the river although the fort may not have been built until around 1720. The position of a naval officer was also established for collecting a duty from ships coming into the harbor. This fort was named Fort William

In 1775 local citizens confiscated the property and the fort from the Pepperrell family as they were still loyal to the British Crown. The fort was manned by the New Hampshire militia until 1779, then abandoned.

In 1808 the "Second System" was built and was named Fort McClary after Major Andrew McClary, a New Hampshire native. The Major was the highest ranking officer killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill in 1775. The blockhouse that stands today was built in 1844 and was the last to be built in Maine.

The Civil War period saw a fifty-man company called the Kittery Artillery commanded by Dr. Mark Wentworth, Captain. The Kittery Company was very soon replaced by Battery B 1st New Hampshire Heavy Artillery in 1863. If the fort had been completed it would have resembled Fort Knox, all work was ended in 1868. Fort Knox is located in Bucksport Maine.

At one time there were barracks, Officers Quarters, and a cookhouse with mess hall, a powder magazine and two rifleman's houses. A shot furnace stood on the Lower Battery at one time as well. A guard shack and hospital stood just north of the fort.

From 1942-45, the Blockhouse was again used as a lookout post by local Civil Defense nits for spotting overhead aircraft and ships in the harbor.



A revolutionary war era canon is one of the many sights visitors see at the encampment on August 13-14<sup>th</sup>.

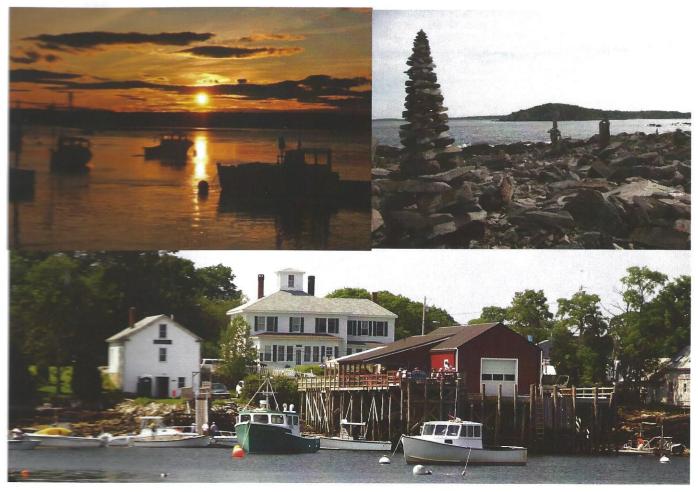
# August 7, 2011 At Will

## Officers of the Day: Charlie and Trish Newhall

At last, the god-damned engine is quiet!
-William Snaith

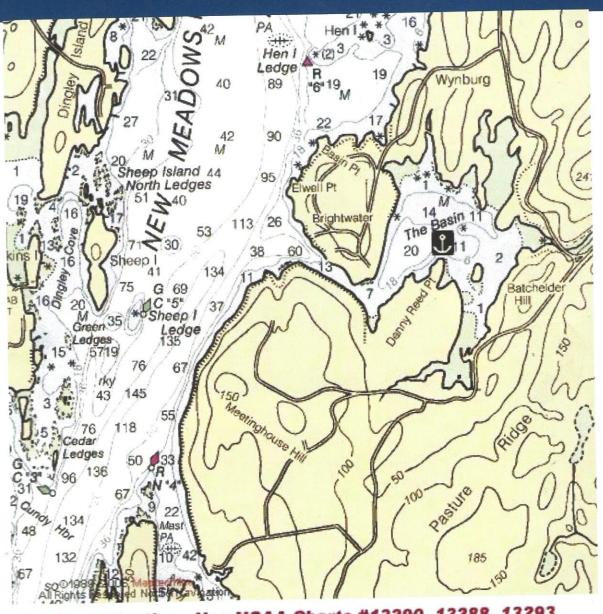
### **Suggested Harbors**

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## Entry to The Basin

The "Basin" is a unique totally landlocked bay located off the east side of the New Meadows River in the North East corner of Casco Bay. Heading up river, pass Cundy Harbor and Can "5" on Sheep Island Ledge. Follow along the bold east shore of the river and you will come to a narrow channel between high banks which leads into the Basin. There is at least 7 feet of water at low tide. Stay more or less in the center until the channel turns north. Favor the south and east side of the channel as you turn the corner. HINT: When following a narrow channel in Maine it is usually safe to follow the lobster pot buoys as they are set in the deepest water. However, if you see a circle of buoys, never cross it—there is likely a ledge in the center!



Not for navigation. Use NOAA Charts #13290, 13288, 13293.

# August 8, 2011 The Basin, New Meadows River

Officers of the Day: Anne and Tom Walker

## Rendezvous 1730

In the Basin, we'll share grog (green watering cans) and good conversation about rafted yachts. Bring hors d'oeuvres to share and soft drinks if a beverage other than rum or bourbon is desired. Ice and cups will be provided. Please note: The Basin is home to some of Maine's largest mosquitoes. They have been known to carry off pets and small children, so bring your bug spay, and plan to have the screens up by sunset.

### Tides

	High	Height	Low	Height
August 8th	6:56 AM	8.5'	12:42 AM	0.1'
	7:18 PM	9.9'	12:53 PM	0.7'
August 9th	8:05 AM	8.4'	1:49 AM	0.1'
	8:23 PM	9.9'	1:59 PM	0.9'

## Moorings/Anchorage

**There are no moorings** in the basin, but this is a totally protected anchorage. **Once inside, look** for a raft of boats with a big MYC Burgee. Anchor along west **shore of bay wh**ere there's good holding in mud. Avoid the ledge north of Denny **Reed Point in the** center of the bay. Rafting at discretion of skippers. Note: Casco **Bay, and especially** The Basin, is a NO DISCHARGE AREA. The nearest pump-out **station is at Sebasco** on New Meadows River; and there's another at Great Island **Marina on Quahog** Bay.

**If a man is to be obsessed by something, I suppose a boat is as good as anything,** perhaps a bit better than most.

-E.B. White



# Onshore Exploration The Basin Area

The 1,910 acre Basin Preserve, part of The Nature Conservancy, is the largest protected parcel in the Kennebec Estuary.

### The Basin Preserve

The Basin Preserve's diverse topography ranges from hemlock gorges and pitch pine ridges to more than four miles of shoreline. Among the largest unfragmented forest blocks in the midcoast region, it includes valuable shorebird habitat and wintering areas for black ducks. The area was used by some of the earliest European settlers in Maine (nearby Popham Colony was settled in 1607) and has four historic graveyards within its borders. The Basin is also one of the oldest mineral specimen collecting localities in North America. In 1837, Maine's first state geologist, Charles T. Jackson described its "rare and beautiful crystals of cinnamon-stone garnet and idocrase." Clam diggers still bring in a substantial harvest from the upper Basin, and it is a popular site for hiking, biking, and hunting.



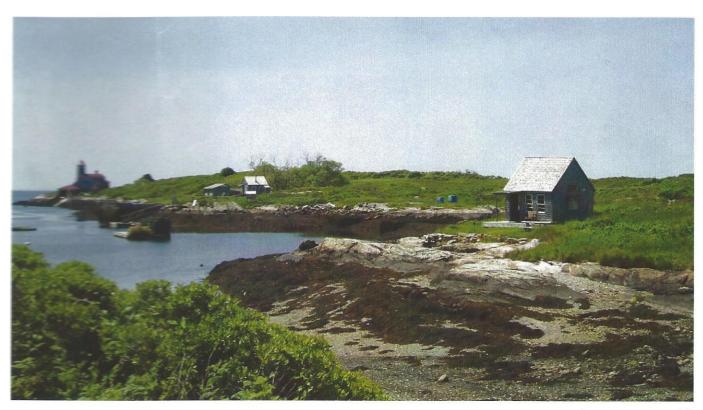
# August 9, 2011 **At Will**

## Officer of the Day: Mike Maginn

Up anchor! Up anchor! Set sail and away! The ventures of dreamland Are thine for a day. -Silas Weir Mitchell

### **Suggested Harbors**

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## Entry to Robinhood Cove & Bath

"The Inside Passage from the Sheepscot River to Bath is one of the great adventures of the Maine coast. Like marriage, however, it is not to be entered into lightly, but advisedly...and soberly." A Cruising Guide to the Maine Coast.

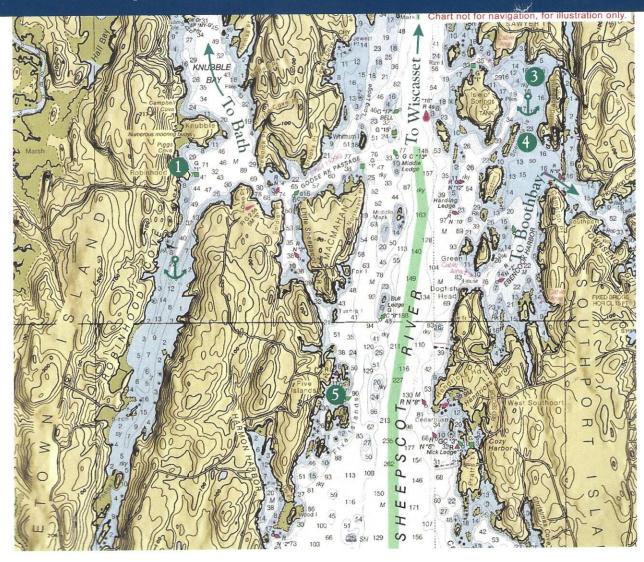
Skippers of the powerboat fleet making the trip to Bath should read, but not be alarmed by, the write-up in Taft: "The Inside Passage, Bath to Boothbay Harbor." Most of the concerns raised in Taft apply to sailboats, not power. Be advised that the day beacon R"22" shown on the Taft sketch chart of Upper Hell Gate is no longer there. Past Commodore Shuman always goes around, or southwest of the small island shown near the missing day beacon.

### Currents on August 10:

Lower Hell Gate: High slack at 0955; max ebb 3.0 knots at 1337; low slack at 1644

Upper Hell Gate: High slack at 1201; Max ebb 0.8 knots at 1534; Low slack at 2038

At Bath we will drop passengers on the museum dock and pick up one of the seven mooring reserved for us. If possible we'll use one of the larger dinghies to ferry skippers ashore.



# August 10, 2011

# Robinhood Cove and Bath

Officers of the Day: Chet and Evelyn Shuman

## Rendezvous

# 1030 on the dock at Robinhood Marine Center for departure to Bath

## 1800 for GWC at Robinhood Marine Center Library

To a we redezvous at Robinhood Marine Center dock by 1030. The power boaters in the least water groups up the Sasanoa River to Bath at 1100. Along the way we'll pass through Upper and Lower Hell Gates before entering the Kennebec River across from the Each Iron Works. In Bath we'll go ashore at the Maine Maritime Museum and specific groups for trolley tours of the Bath Iron Works, shipbuilders since 1884.

While the group tours at 1230, the second group can tour the museum with a group we'll have boxed lunches. The second group will depart for the tour at 1530-1600 we'll gather at the museum dock to travel back to

At 1800 well gather at Robinhood Marine Center front lawn for GWC. Please bring an hors doesn't to share. Dinner possibilities ashore include the Osprey Restaurant at the marine and The Robinhood Free Meetinghouse restaurant ¼ mile up the street.

## **Tides**

	High	Height	Low	Height
August 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:24 AM	8.4'	3:09 AM	0.1'
÷.	9:39 PM	9.9'	3:18 PM	0.8'
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:21 AM	8.6'	4:07 AM	-0.1'
	10:34 PM	9.9'	4:15 PM	0.7'

## Moorings/Anchorage

Moorings are available through Robinhood Marine Center. 207.371.2343.



# Onshore Exploration Bath Area

The sailor reaches his destination the moment the sails are raised.
-Anonymous

#### Robinhood Cove

"Robinhood" is the English name for Mohotoworomet, a mid-17th century Abenaki who was thought by many English to be a shaman. According to archeologist Bruce Bourque (Twelve Thousand Years: American Indians in Maine), settlers referred to him as they did other local men of influence by unsual names associated with fools of the English May fair such as Diogenes, Monquine, Jack Pudding, and Dick Swash. Mohotoworomet was also a favored agent in negotiating land purchases. He sold Georgetown, Maine—some say—for a hogshead of rum and some pumpkins.

### Walking Tour of Historic Forts

The Maine Maritime Museum provides this unique opportunity to participate in a guided exploration of six historic fortification sites at the mouth of the Kennebec River:
Colonial Fort St. Georges (1607-08)
War of 1812 Georgetown Battery (1808-15)
Civil War Fort Popham (1861-1918)
a Spanish War Battery (1899-1910)
WWI era Fort Baldwin (1905-1928)
WWII battery and observation tower (1942-46)

Advance registrations are required. Call (207) 443-1316.



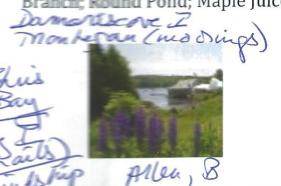
## August 11, 2011 At Will

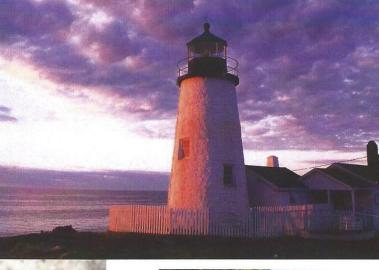
## Officer of the Day: Bill Barton

On life's vast ocean diversely we sail, Reason the card, but passion is the gale.

-Alexander Pope, Essay on Man

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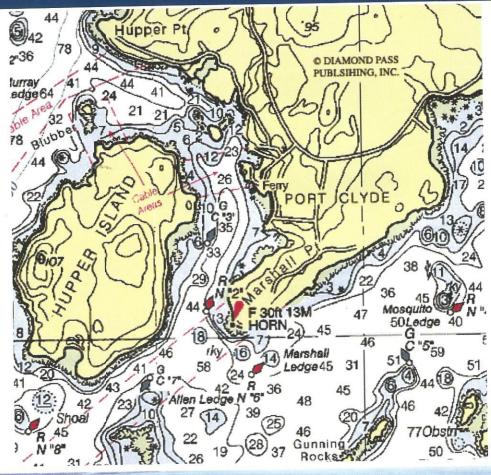


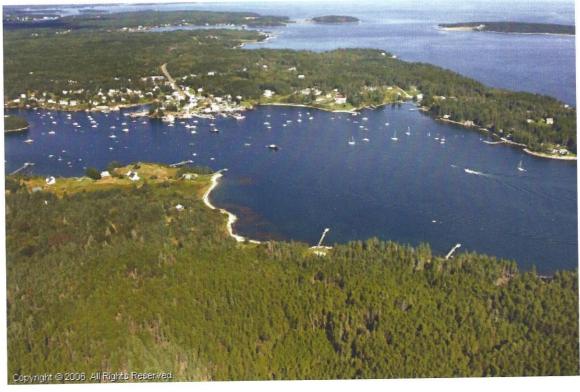


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## Entry to Port Clyde





# August 12, 2011 Port Clyde

Officers of the Day: Chris and Marlene Dolan

## Rendezvous 1700

Bennett(8) Chris (21) We'll enjoy a cash bar and casual outdoor dining (bring a jacket!) at the Dip Net overlooking the harbor at the Port Clyde General Store.

### Tides

	High	Height	Low	Height
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:46 AM	8.9'	4:37 AM	-0.2'
	10:58 PM	10'	4:45 PM	0.5'
August 13th	11:31 AM	9'	5:23 AM	-0.2'
	11:42 PM	10'	5:31 PM	0.4'

## Moorings/Anchorage

20 moorings are reserved for MYC. Vessels pay upon arrival at the Port Clyde General Store.



Painting by Carol Manochio



Painting by Robert T. Schweizer



# Onshore Exploration Port Clyde

Marshall Point Lighthouse was the one to which Tom Hanks ran in the 1994 film *Forrest Gump*.

### Marshall Point Lighthouse

To help mariners entering Port Clyde's harbor or passing to the west into Muscongus Bay, Congress appropriated \$4000 for a light station at Marshall Point in March 1831. The rubblestone lighthouse tower, completed in 1832, was 20 feet high to the lantern deck. The first keeper was John Watts, a veteran of the War of 1812. The extant 31-foot brick and granite lighthouse was built in 1857. The cylindrical tower is 24 feet from its base to the lantern deck. The new lighthouse was fitted with a fifth-order Fresnel lens showing a fixed white light. A bell tower with a 1,000-pound bell was added to the station in 1898. The fog bell remained in use until it was replaced by a horn in 1969. The bell was returned to Marshall Point in the late 1980s and is now on display near the keeper's house.

The original 1832 keeper's house stood until 1895, when it was destroyed by a fire caused by lightning. The Colonial Revival house built that year still stands. In 1986, the St. George Historical Society undertook the restoration of the house. A committee raised money and the restoration was completed in 1990. The first floor now houses the Marshall Point Lighthouse Museum. The exhibits highlight area history as well as life at Marshall Point. Call (207) 372-6450 for information.

### Port Clyde

Port Clyde is the southernmost settlement on the St. George peninsula in central coastal Maine and part of the town of St. George. In the 19th century, Port Clyde became a busy port featuring granite quarries, tide mills for sawing timber, and shipbuilding and fish canning businesses. Port Clyde's harbor was originally known as Herring Gut. By the 20th century, the area attracted artists and writers. Sarah Orne Jewett wrote *The Country of the Pointed Firs* in St. George.

Well known homeowners in Port Clyde include the Wyeth family, Chief Justice John Roberts, Steve Thomas of "This Old House," and Kenneth Noland, one of the best known American color field painters. Port Clyde is also the site of Fieldstone Castle, built by Russell W. Porter, and currently inhabited by artist Greg Mort as his summer studio.



Painting by Thomas Michael Meddaugh

## August 13-15, 2011 At Will

Officers of the Day
August 13<sup>th</sup>: Tom Johnson
August 14<sup>th</sup>: Peter Madsen
August 15<sup>th</sup>: Mory Creighton

### **Suggested Harbors**

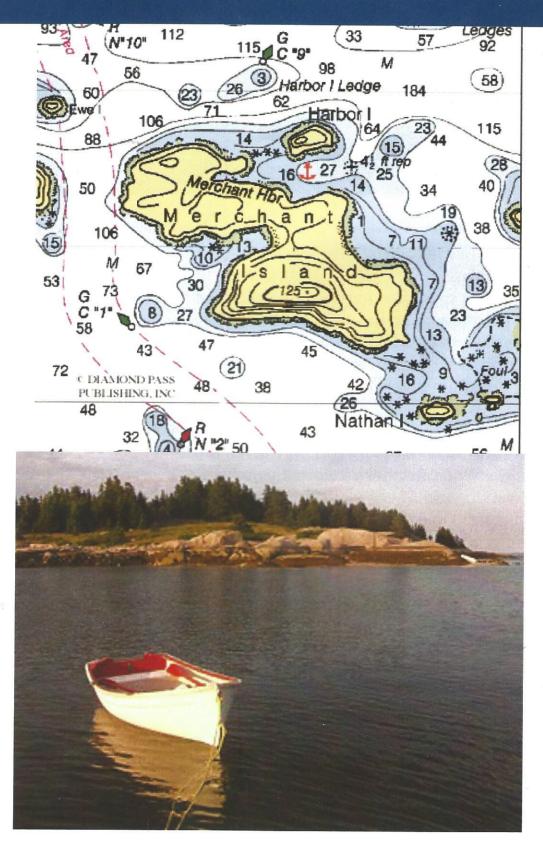
West Penobscot Bay is some of the most beautiful cruising on the Eastern seaboard. There are innumerable harbors, from bustling Camden to the Basin on Vinalhaven. Many suggested harbors are described in further detail by MYC members in a document on the website. Go to the cruising page, and click on Secrets of the Down East Coast." Some favorites include: High & Dix Islands; Rockport; Bucks Harbor; White Islands; Pulpit Harbor; Crockett Cove, Vinalhaven Benjamin River; Brooklyn & Wooden Boat.

And, don't forget Perry Creek! This lovely spot is a long time favorite of the MYC cruising fleet and an MYC mooring is here given in memory of past Commodore Sam Batchelder who came here frequently on his yawl Serene. There are some wonderful walking trails here maintained by the Vinalhaven Land Trust. From the MYC mooring, head due west and around the back of this little point you can tie up your dinghy and start walking west.



## Entry to Merchant Island

Anchor in the 16' area close to the beach. Note the rock in the 27' area.



# August 16, 2011 Merchant Island

Officers of the Day: Randy and Augusta Ayer

## Rendezvous 1200

Well games on South Beach for a picnic, then explore the island, learn about the land, learn done and meet some of the neighbors. Bring a blanket, and done the bug spray!

### Tides

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August 16th	12:52 AM	9.8'	6:41 AM	0.1'
	1:15 PM	9.5'	6:59 PM	0.5'
August 17th	1:31 AM	9.6'	7:17 AM	0.4'
	1:51 PM	9.4'	7:38 PM	0.6'

## Moorings/Anchorage

**Anchor in the 16**' spot on the north side. Note the rock to the east of the 27' spot! **Land your ding**hy on the beach for the picnic.





# Onshore Explorations Merchant Row

Merchant Row is an archipelago of 40+ islands that range in size from less than an acre to the 250-acre Merchant Island.

#### Merchant Island

Anthony Merchant was a master mariner from York, Maine. He settled on what is now called Merchant Island around 1770. He was the first settler on any island among those lying between Deer Isle and Isle au Haut. In 1804, he successfully petitioned the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for title to two hundred acres on Merchant, as well as Burnt Island. In 1820, he had to reacquire legal title to his land when Massachusetts and Maine separated.

For generations thereafter, descendents of Merchant populated the island and others in the archipelago. By 1833, the population of the islands had swelled so that a special school district was created for Merchant Island which included, at least for several years, Wreck and Round Islands as well. The school on Merchant Island carried on until 1901 when it closed for lack of pupils.

The successful farming and fishing livelihood enjoyed by the Merchants eventually extended to off-island speculators and investors who by the 1880s increasingly populated the island. In addition to raising cattle and horses, a variety of Merchant Island gardens and hothouses provided vegetables and flowers for markets in Bar Harbor.

#### Merchant Row

Merchant's Row is the archipelago of some 40+ major islands in the thoroughfare between Stonington and Isle au Haut. It provides perhaps the most variety and exploration opportunities, not to mention sheer beauty, of any water on the coast. Every island beckons, with their white and pink granite sloping down to the water from densely wooded interiors and tiny beaches dotting the shores. Even the names add to the exploration temptation: Grog, Round, Sprout, Potato, Enchanted. And in some cases, a little less: Hell's Half Acre, Devil, Wreck.

You'll see old quarries on some of the islands, and the remains of stone piers that once bustled when the granite trade was booming. Crotch Island is still the site of a rejuvenated quarrying operation. A word of caution, though: Many of the islands are privately owned and visitors aren't invited. But Wreck, Round, McGlathery and Russ belong to environmental groups, and many others are part of the Maine Island Trail Association.



## August 17, 2011 At Will

## Officers of the Day: Jim Starkey and Anne Harrison

If not the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving. To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it - but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor.

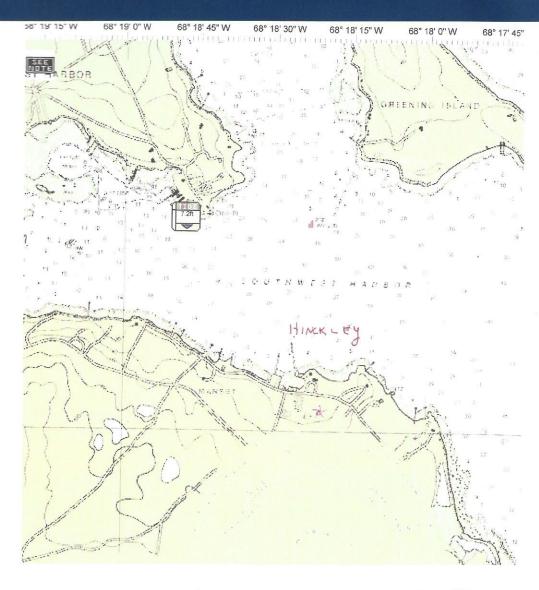
-- Oliver Wendell Holmes

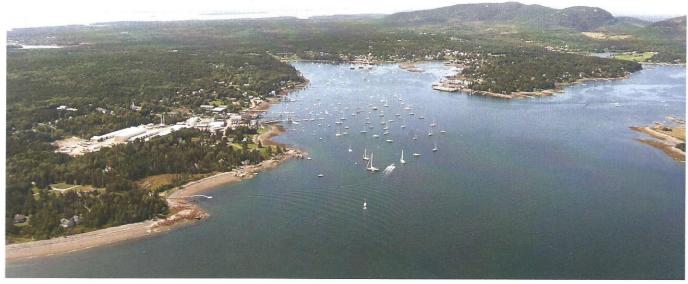
### **Suggested Harbors**

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# Entry to Southwest Harbor





## August 18, 2011 Southwest Harbor

Officers of the Day: Abbott and Katharine Reeve

### Rendezvous 1730

We'll gather at Hinckley's for a seaside dinner of lobster, steak or haddock with all the extras. Please bring your own bottle if you'd like something other than iced tea, hot tea, or coffee.

### Tides

	High	Height	Low	Height
August 18th	2:11 AM	10.2'	7:54 AM	0.8'
	2:30 PM	10.3'	8:18 PM	0.9'
August 19 <sup>th</sup>	2:51 AM	9.7'	8:32 AM	1.1'
	3:09 PM	10.1'	9:01 PM	1.1'

## Moorings/Anchorage

Moor at Hinckley Yacht Service (\$35) and receive extended launch service until 10 PM and a free bag of ice.

If you want to build a ship, don't drum up the men to gather wood, divide the work and give orders. Instead, teach them to yearn for the vast and endless sea.

-Antoine de Saint Exupery



# Onshore Explorations Southwest Harbor

Storm of the Century (1999) was filmed in Southwest Harbor.

### How Hinkley Began

Hinckley was founded in 1928 by Benjamin B. Hinckley after he purchased a small boatyard in Southwest Harbor. In 1932 Benjamin's son, Henry R. Hinckley, an engineering graduate from Cornell, took control of the company. A 36 foot "fisherman motorboat" dubbed "Ruthyeolyn" built in 1933 was Hinckley's first boat. Five years later, in 1938, Hinckley came out with its first sailing vessel, a 28 foot Sparkman and Stevens sloop. Hinckley would go on to produce 20 of these sloops, making them the company's first mass production line. Straying away from boatbuilding, Hinckley opened Manset Marine Supply Company in 1940 for which he designed many fittings for fuel tanks, stanchions, deck plates, and the like that are still utilized today.

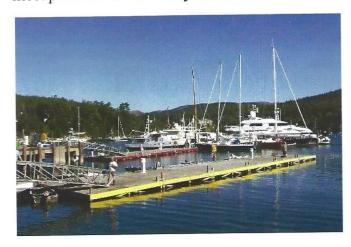
### The Island Explorer

The Free Island Explorer shuttle bus service makes regular stops in Southwest Harbor. Refer to their #7 Southwest Harbor Route.

### Southwest Harbor

Southwest Harbor has an interesting history. It was the first place on Mount Desert Island to have hotels and wharves

to accommodate steamboats in the earlier nineteenth century. The island's first settlement was in what is now called Somesville n the year 1761. The whole island, including the Cranberry Isles, Beech Island, Robertson's Island, and Bartlett's Island, was formed into Mount Desert in 1789. The section now known as Southwest Harbor was incorporated on February 21, 1905.



### The Wendell Gilley Museum

Wendell Gilley is a name well known among carvers and carving collectors. Author of *The Art of Bird Carving: A Guide to a Fascinating Hobby*, one of the earliest instructional books on the subject, Gilley was a pioneer in the field of decorative bird carving. By his estimate, he created "ten thousand birds of pine and paint" between 1931 and 1983. Visit the museum at 4 Herrick Road, Southwest Harbor. 207.244.7555.

## **INTERNATIONAL CODE**

CODE FLAG AND ANSWERING PENDANT No (negative or 'The significance of the previous group should be read I have a diver down; less well clear at slow speed. in the negative'). NOVEMBER l am taking in or discharging or carrying dangerous goods. Man overboard. OSCAR Ties (affirmative or 'The significance In Harbour (Blue Peter); All persons of the previous group should be read in the affirmative'). should report on-board as the vessel is about to proceed to sea. PAPA Keep clear of me -My vessel is healthy I am manoeuvring with difficulty. and I request free pratique. QUEBEC I am altering my course to starboard. No signal. ROMEO I am disabled. Communicate with me. My engines are going astern. SIERRA Keep dear of me, require a Pilot. I am engaged in pair trawling. TANGO I have a Pilot on board. You are running into danger. UNIFORM I am altering my course to port. I require assistance. VICTOR I am on fire and have dangerous I require medical assistance. cargo on board, keep well clear of me. WHISKEY Stop carrying out I wish to communicate with you. for my signals. X-RAY You should stop your vessel instantly. I am dragging my anchor. YANKEE My vessel is stopped & making no way through the water. I require a tug. NUMERAL PENDANTS 3 5 8 9 0 **SUBSTITUTES** FIRST SECOND THIRD SUBSTITUTE SUBSTITUTE SUBSTITUTE



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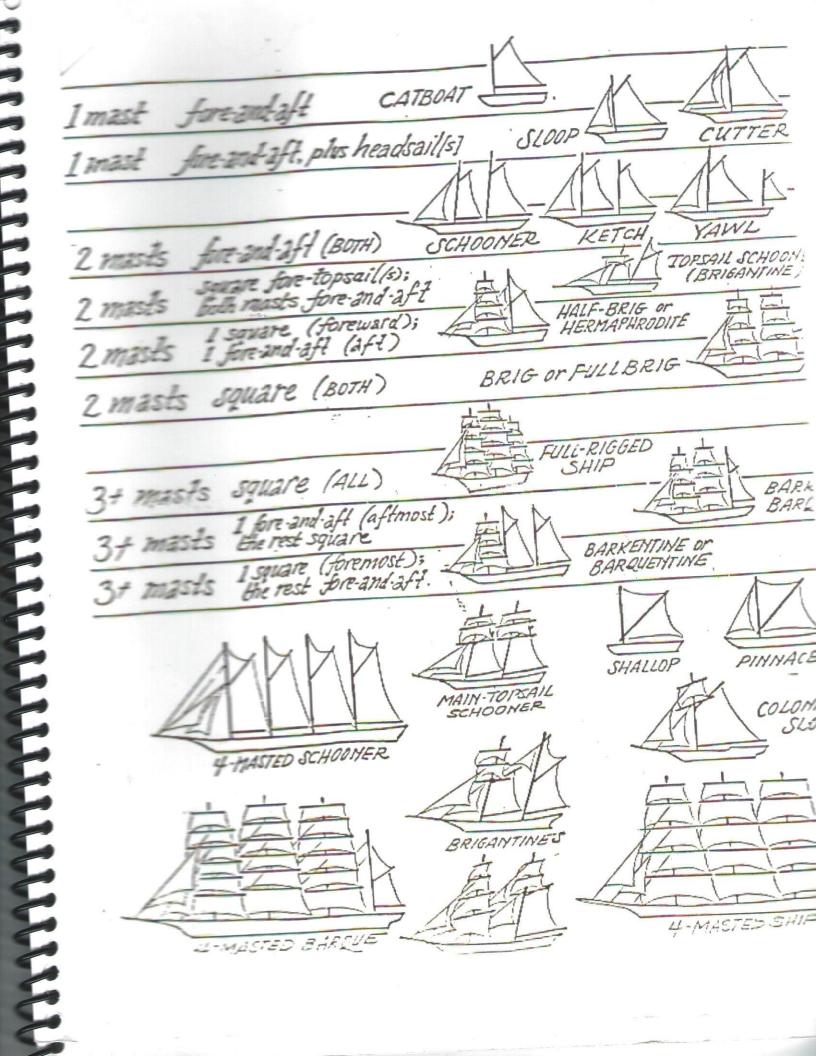
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### **Event Summary**

			Robinhood /				
	The Basin	Robinhood /	Bath Iron	Robinhood	Port	Merchant	Southwest
Kittery	GWC	Bath Museum	Works	GWC	Clyde	Island	Harbor
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### **Meal Summary**

Kittery Point	Bath Maritime Museum Lunch			Port Clyde General Store			Merchant Harbor	Southwest Harbor
		79					-	Maine
Hot & Cold Hors			Chicken		Roast	Turkey	Chowder	Lobster
d'Oeuvres	Turkey Club	Roast Beef	Caesar Wrap	Lobster Roll	Beef Roll	Roll	Luncheon	Dinner
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Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails.

Explore. Dream. Discover.

- Mark Twain