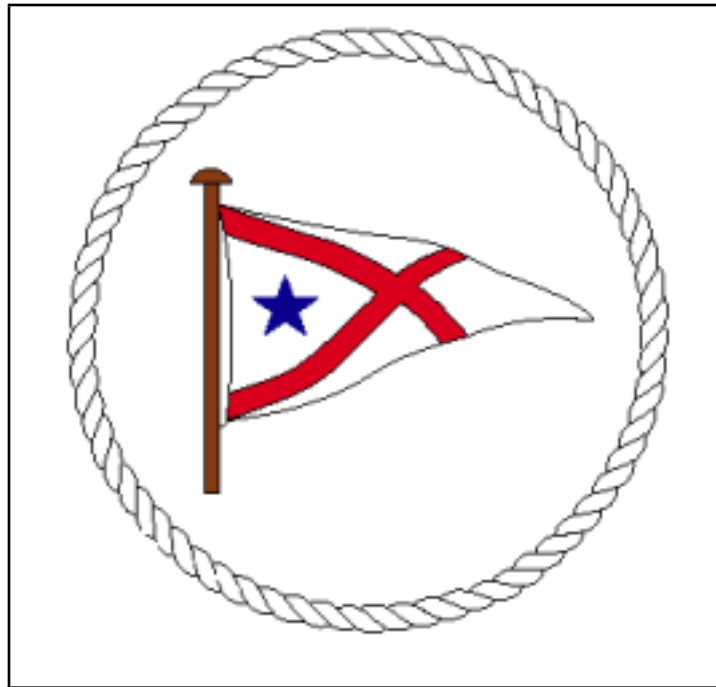


BOOTHBAY HARBOR YACHT CLUB



**“CRUISE to NOWHERE”
@ BHYC**

June 21-22, 2024

Cruise Captains: Elizabeth & Spencer Gray

Third annual CRUISE TO NOWHERE aka “Cocktail Social & Dinner Cruise”

Friday, June 21: BHYC Mooring Field (0.0 nm) Sunset: 2024
L 1706 (1.3 ft) H 2323 (9.9 ft), – Boothbay Harbor & Boothbay
coordinates: 43°55'01.3"N 69°35'48.8"W

The fun new tradition continues in the BHYC Mooring field with the boat to boat cocktail social and dinner aboard host vessels, followed by overnight aboard your own boat “Cruise to Nowhere”. Our cove area is quiet and there for our enjoyment on our moorings. Saturday Event: Depart 0930 Saturday for the Department of Marine Resources for a guided tour of the DMR. Bring a picnic lunch along if you wish to stay onsite after the tour. Return to BHYC with plenty of time to get ready for the Dock Party commencing at 1700. ***Anticipate carpooling arrangements between the DMR/BHYC. Details to follow.



Schedule of events:

Settle on board your vessel by 1700. The BHYC dining room is closed this year for a private function so selection of various appetizers to be provided by host boats.

1715 take launch to designated host boat for 1715 - 1800 cocktails - BYOBG&I (see Social notes section below). Host boats to provide appetizers.

1800 - 1815 board launch for second host boats - cocktails and appetizers.

1945 board launch, return to your own vessel and settle in for the night on board.

The launch runs until sunset and....**there is no easier place than the mooring field to stay overnight in your boat!** There will be a **FULL MOON** tonight, and if clear, the night sky should be filled with stars.



Saturday, July 22: BHYC Mooring Field (0.0 nm) Sunrise: 0457
L 0552 (0.1 ft) H 1210 (8.3 ft), – Boothbay Harbor & Boothbay
coordinates: 43°55'01.3"N 69°35'48.8"W

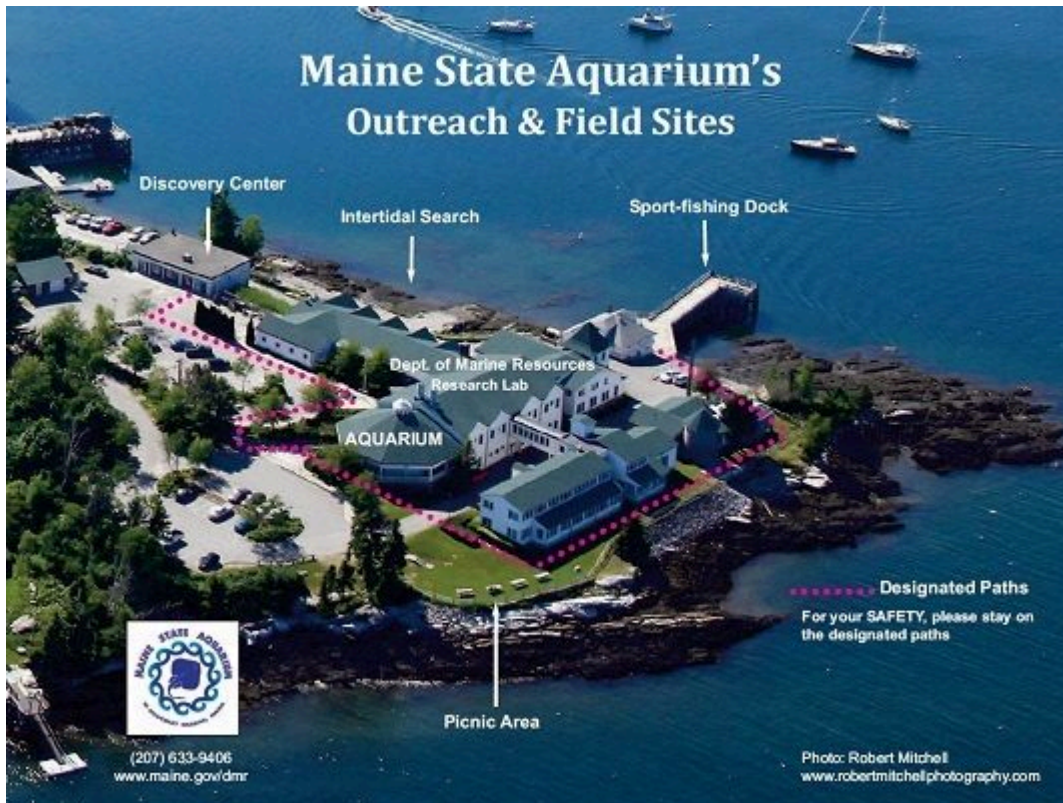
Good Morning!

We hope you enjoyed a beautiful and peaceful night in the Mooring field and are inspired to spend another soon!

Please tune in to VHF Channel 67 for the morning briefing at 0800.

Launch service begins at 0900. Bring your dinghy if you'll need to be at the dock before the steward arrives.

Coffee and breakfast - muffins, fruit, etc. will be available in the club house by the bar. If you didn't stay on your boat overnight, please come by the club for coffee and a bite to eat - we'd love to see you. Bring your dinghy if you'll need to be at the dock before the steward arrives.



Gulf of Maine Learning Lab

The Learning Lab is located at DMR's Boothbay Harbor marine science research facility, adjacent to the Maine State Aquarium. The space is where audiences can take a deeper dive into what makes the Gulf of Maine ecosystem so unique. In this hands-on, interactive lab setting, visitors can investigate the real-time research DMR's scientists are conducting in their own laboratories onsite. The Learning Lab is intended to be a window into DMR's research lab, an engaging space where ocean discovery begins for audiences of all ages. It is also an introduction for the community to participate directly in DMR research alongside our researchers.

Bureau of Marine Science and Bureau of Public Health offices, laboratories, Maine State Aquarium, Burnt Island Lighthouse, and Marine Patrol Division I office 194 McKown Point Rd, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine



GENERAL INFORMATION

Communications:

To keep our communications somewhat private, we will use VHF channel 67 as our “switch up” channel. We should normally monitor channels 09 and 16, hailing other boats on 09. If you wish to continue a conversation with a fellow cruiser, say “switch up” instead of the channel number and move to 67. If contact cannot be made on the low-power channel 67, return to channel 09 and say “switch up plus two” and go to channel 69.

The Cruise Captain will plan a communication to the fleet on VHF 67 each morning immediately after colors at 0800 and each afternoon at 1700 hours. Please monitor channel 67 at those times, as he or she will not call first on channel 09. At these communications we will review plans for the day and social activities for the evening.

Good VHF etiquette is to always use low power when it is sufficient to allow communications. This is particularly appropriate when we are gathered in a harbor.

The fleet is asked to monitor channel 09 at all times so communications within the fleet may be freely and quickly made. There may be the need for aid to be rendered or received. To that end, be aware of your fellow cruisers in order to render assistance should an emergency arise. Remember that the captain is the one responsible for the safety of his/her crew and vessel.

Cell Phones:

Please register your cell phone number(s) when signing up for the cruise. In this digital era, we may find it useful to set up a text chain for communicating within the fleet.

Joining or Leaving the Cruise:

When joining or leaving the cruise, it is both proper etiquette and important for safety reasons to "request permission" from the Cruise Captain. If the Cruise Captain is not available then be sure that someone continuing on the cruise is aware of your intentions.

Social Activities:

It is our custom to gather most evenings from 1730 until 1900 for a social gathering. These may be held ashore or aboard designated yachts. Unless otherwise indicated, these are "bring your own beverage, glass and ice" (BYOBG&I) affairs. Designated volunteers will provide hors d'oeuvres. The Cruise Captain will announce the plans for the evening during the morning or afternoon communications.

Tide Information:

The sunset and tide information in the cruise write-up is for the closest tide station to that day's destination.

Current Information:

If there is current information in the cruise write-up it is approximate. To be sure of getting full advantage of a favorable current or slack water, the skipper should reach the current location at least half an hour before the predicted time.

Medical Note:

Not having a Fleet Surgeon on the cruise requires each cruiser to carry whatever medications are needed and to keep the Cruise Captain apprised of any health issues or precautions.

Flag Etiquette

The United States National Ensign (or the United States Yacht Ensign) shall be flown on each yacht from morning colors at 0800 until evening colors at sunset. A yacht that will be unmanned at the time of colors shall make evening colors beforehand and shall make morning colors upon becoming manned.

The club burgee should be flown from the bow staff of mastless and single masted powerboats, at the masthead of single-masted sailboats, at the foremost masthead of vessels with two or more masts, and at the main masthead of ketches and yawls. If the masthead is not available, a sailboat may fly the burgee from the starboard spreader.

A private signal may be displayed at the masthead of single-masted powerboats, at the aftermost mast of a vessel with two or more masts, from the radio antenna on mastless powerboats, and at the starboard spreader on single-masted sailboats. An officer flag is flown in the place and instead of his/her private signal.

Reference Publications:

These publications are invaluable guides to cruising destinations on the coast of Maine:

- A Cruising Guide to the Maine Coast - Hank & Jan Taft & Curtis Rindlaub (Sixth Edition, 2017)
- A Cruising Guide to the New England Coast - Roger Duncan & John Ware (Tenth edition, 1990)