

EARLY QUICK GETAWAYS!

Memorial Day Weekend

This 3-day cruise is a quick getaway to hold you over until you can break away for a longer mid-summer sail or fall foliage tour. We'll celebrate the beginning of summer with lobster on the beach, crisp sailing weather and long days where the sun doesn't set 'til after 8. Take an afternoon nap, enjoy a turn at the wheel and relax in the rocking chair. Before you know it, we'll be back in Camden and you'll remember how good it feels to smell the salt air and see the first seals of the season. Join us for this 3-day get-away and kick off your summer with a special sailing treat.



May 22 - 25, 2009

4 Day Lighthouse Cruise

Sail back in time to uncover the history and mystery of these national treasures with local author and lecturer Ted Panayatoff. 22 picturesque and storied lighthouses dot the islands and headlands throughout our cruising area. Ted has been sharing his vast knowledge and passion for lighthouses through his personal collection and his work at the Maine Lighthouse Museum. Ted has published numerous articles and a complete history of the Rockland Breakwater Light. Check out the interactive tour of our 22 local lighthouses on our website.



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THE COMPASS

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Racing on the Bay

June 29th - July 4th

It is said by some that anytime another schooner is in sight there is a race. But what happens when 15 other vessels are in sight? The 32nd annual Great Schooner Race will be the week of June 29th and this is your chance to see what the fuss is all about here in Penobscot Bay.

For those folks who have never seen or been a part of the race it is, well, unpredictable. Nothing about the event is carved in stone. Even the date of the race is based on weather and not on the calendar. The captains choose the best possible wind and weather that week to make certain that everyone has a good time. The philosophy of the race is based on the enjoyment of guests and not necessarily who gets across the line first. In that sense it is hardly a race like the Americas Cup.

There is a handicap system of sorts. The vessels are divided into three classes based on their age and relative performance. The Coaster class is all the pre-World War I cargo carrying coasting schooners. The Leeward class is all the post-war and a few of the newer schooners. And finally the Windward class is the schooners that seem speediest

all around. That is where Mary Day fits in and that class is always that last class to start and sails the longest course.

Now Mary Day as many of you know has had her share of success in the race. She is a fast sailor. But that is not the point. There is way more to this race than winning. Capt. Barry will do his best to give the guests a chance to photograph all aspects of each of the "competitors", bow, stern, port and starboard. It is thrilling to tack in close proximity of the other vessels. You are the racing crew so jump in to help tack and trim the sails.

Don't be surprised if the race committee changes the course in mid-race. Those who were first are now last and have to catch up all over again. That happened one year when Mary Day was way out front and the entire fleet did an about face to a entirely different finish line. We rolled with it and had fun catching up to everyone all over again. That gave us a chance to take more great pictures and get some more racing in. Besides, once you cross the line the race is over but who wants to stop sailing? Not us!

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wind and tide.
Every windjammer
cruise is a unique Maine
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2009 SCHEDULE

All cruises board the night before the sailing date.

3-Day Quick Getaways

Cruise#	Sailing Date	'09 Rate	Special Events/Moon Phase
432	May 23	\$550	Memorial Day Weekend/New Moon
440	July 13	\$625	No set itinerary - just relax
441	July 16	\$625	No set itinerary - just relax
446	Aug. 17	\$625	No set itinerary - just relax
447	Aug. 20	\$625	No set itinerary - New Moon

4 - Day Island Hoppers

Cruise#	Sailing Date	'09 Rate	Special Events/Moon Phase
434	June 3	\$625	Lighthouse Cruise
453	Sept 26	\$650	Fall Foliage
454	Oct. 1	\$650	Fall Foliage
455	Oct. 7	\$650	Fall Foliage

6 - Day Ultimate Cruises

Cruise#	Sailing Date	'09 Rate	Special Events/Moon Phase
435	June 8	\$915	Naturalist/Lighthouse/Full Moon
437	June 22	\$930	Naturalist/Photography/New Moon
438	June 29	\$950	Great Schooner Race
439	July 6	\$950	No Smoking/Full Moon
442	July 20	\$1050	WoodenBoat Course/New Moon
443	July 27	\$950	No Set Itinerary - just relax
444	Aug. 3	\$975	Sweet Chariot Folk Music Festival
445	Aug. 10	\$950	No Smoking
448	Aug. 24	\$950	No Set Itinerary - just relax
449	Aug. 31	\$875	Camden's Windjammer Wknd/Full Moon(5+day)
450	Sept. 7	\$925	Lighthouse Cruise
451	Sept. 14	\$925	WoodenBoat Rendezvous w/Neal Parent

Tomato Bisque

Great for warming the soul on a cold winter's day when spring is near and thoughts of the summer to come are fresh on your mind.

4 T. butter	4 T. flour
1 1/2 cup chopped onions	5 cups canned tomatoes
2 bay leaves	1/4 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. Salt	1/4 tsp. honey
2 tsp. Pepper	4 T. cooking sherry
1/2 tsp. celery seed	2 cups light cream
1 tsp. allspice	

Cook onions in butter with spices. Sprinkle in flour. When the onions are done, add tomatoes and baking soda and simmer 20 minutes. Add honey and sherry and simmer another 10 minutes. Just before serving, add the cream.

Let this recipe bring you back aboard, where you are sitting on deck during lunch watching spruce studded islands drift by. Gulls in the distance whirl in flight and a sunny summer breeze brushes your face. The entire scene and the splendid taste of this bisque warm your soul. Once again, Mary fills our hearts and tummys.

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They're trying to sing as well as the Captain

Captain's Call

Robins are a harbinger of spring for many folks here in New England. We have had a few appear here in the last few weeks. With the equinox having just passed the calendar also tells us that spring is here. Maple taps with their tin buckets hang from many roadside trees and in the woods. The length of daylight and the heat of the sun are all telling us that spring is here. But the best sign of spring's arrival for us is the arrival of crew members, new and returning, as we begin to work in earnest to get the schooner ready for another season.

Sand, scrape, paint. Sand, scrape, paint. We are polishing and fussing over details large and small to get the schooner and ourselves ready for your arrival. With only 7 weeks to accomplish the impossible fit-out becomes a kind of marathon. The mercy of the weather drives our work schedule and the joyous energy of spring buoys our work day. It is all very exciting and when the cover comes off and the canvas sails are hung from their spars once again the long days all seem well worth the effort, like a butterfly emerging from its cocoon.

We hope we have the chance to share at least a few days with you some time this summer. I think you owe it to yourself to leave the cares of the world ashore and head out of the bay. Not much has changed here. The bold islands, granite shoreline, majestic hills above Camden and the mountains of Acadia all hold their timeless spell just as they always have. Soon the seals and porpoise and puffins will be returning. I can't wait to smell and see and feel the thrill of it all and relax a little with old friends and new. The rocking chair and the wheel will be waiting.

Best Wishes,

Barry, Jen, Sawyer, Courtney & Gussie



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Lights, Cameras & Plenty of Action

June is an especially exhilarating time to be sailing the Maine coast. After a long winter ashore the need to be out on the bay is especially strong. June is a time of transition on the bay. Winter wildlife is finishing their departure and summer species are just arriving. Our two naturalists cruises, sailing June 8th and 22nd, each have unique twists that you will not find anywhere else.

Our June 8th cruise features Mike and Margi Shannon as guest naturalists. Mike and Margi have been in the field (and the woods and the tide pools) for longer than most other naturalists here in New England. They have directed camps for the National Audubon Society and Mike was a professor of ornithology at Unity College. Margi brings along her spinning wheel and wool, demonstrating how they live a handcrafted lifestyle at their home off the grid. Ted Panyatoff, one of Maine's leading pharologists, will tell us about the history of the lighthouses we see and the connection between the lighthouse keepers of the past and the pelagic birds, such as puffins and auks, we see today.

Our June 22nd cruise features Erika Rhile, a high school natural sciences teacher and marine biologist. Erika and her husband Ethan are also marine mammal rescuers with lots of up close and personal experience with seals and small whales. While Erika's specialty is intertidal research "magnificent megafauna" becomes the buzzword of the week as her field glasses seldom miss a bald eagle sighting. We love taking pictures and award-winning photographer Jim Dugan makes this cruise one of our favorites. Jim will show us what is possible with a modest digital camera by presenting examples of his own work and creating a slideshow of student work at week's end. Jim's wonderful humor and low-key teaching style ensure a fun learning environment where the extraordinary perspective of each student is allowed to flourish through the lens of a camera.