



# BYC Summer Cruise

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## Cruisers' Guide

July 15 - 22, 2017



## General Information

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### Communication

The Fleet and Day Captains will monitor VHF channel 72 for official cruise business throughout the cruise, from sunrise to sunset. You may call Fleet Captain Chris Bjerregaard by mobile phone at any time for any purpose at 401.744.3862. There will be a daily check-in at 0800 on Channel 72 by the day captains to report conditions and answer questions.

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### Flags

On all boats, the national ensign will be flown from 0800 until sunset, and the Bristol Yacht Club burgee night and day. BYC Officer's Flags will be flown whenever the Officer is aboard. Other signals may be flown at each skipper's discretion.

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## Navigation meetups

Skippers interested in discussion of the next day's course options and sailing advice meet during or after each day's cocktail hour.

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## Children

...may not be warged in any races, though the cruise will find some kiddos aboard, ranging in age from 3 to 16. Group activities may be offered for these young sailors at selected ports.

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## Music

Cruisers are encouraged to pack musical instruments and to join others in playing and singing sea chanteys and other appropriate numbers

## This Guide

Thanks to your day captains for providing the information in this guide. Special thanks go to Marilyn Dimson-Doyle for her careful and thorough editing.

# July 14 Sakonnet Point and Third Beach

Day Captain: Jim Lengel

For those who can get an early start on Friday, and have already reserved berth and dinner with Jim Lengel, we'll rendezvous at Sakonnet Harbor, with a dinner at the Sakonnet Point Club at 1800 hours. Jim has contacted these cruisers about the arrangements. Mooring slots and dinner places at Sakonnet are already sold out. Some BYC Cruisers will moor at Third Beach on Friday night, while others will sail from Bristol to Padanaram on Saturday.

## Getting There (18NM)

The shortest sail to Sakonnet Harbor or Third Beach takes you under three bridges and down the Sakonnet. From the Club, sail between Hog Island and Bristol, then turn to port under the Mount Hope Bridge into Mount Hope Bay. Sail east, turning to starboard around Common Fence Point. Then sail south under the old and new Sakonnet River bridges, and through Tiverton Harbor. Currents through the Old Stone Bridge gut and down the Sakonnet will be favorable from 1200 to 1630 on the 14th.

A note on the Sakonnet passage - turn on your engine to get through the bridges in Tiverton from Green #15C to well past Green #15 - the current is strong and there's not much room to maneuver.

## For the Boats

**Sakonnet Harbor:** Enter between the end of the breakwater and the shore. The Marina is at the head of the harbor. Town moorings are to port as you proceed down the channel. The Sakonnet Yacht Club is to port farther into the harbor. The Sakonnet Point Club is above the marina. On calm nights, cruisers may anchor just north of the harbor entrance.

**Third Beach:** Approach the beach and look for an open town mooring (first-come, first served) or anchor to the north and east of the mooring field. Steve, the Harbormaster's number is 401-297-1753 and he monitors VHF Channel \*\*\*. The moorings cost \$20, cash only, and he will come around to find you.

## For the Crew

Cruisers who have signed up for dinner at the Sakonnet Point Club should assemble at the

Club at 1800. The dress code is boating casual, meaning no jeans or flip-flops or tank tops or T-shirts. Dining cruisers should bring \$70 per person **in cash** for the prix-fixe dinner that includes wine.

Third beach offers swimming, rest rooms, and lemonade.

# July 15 New Bedford Yacht Club at Padanaram



Day Captains: Steve MacQuarrie and Kate Martin

## Getting There from Third Beach (19NM)

If you're leaving from Bristol, a note on the Sakonnet passage - turn on your engine to get through the bridges in Tiverton from Green #15C to well past Green #15 - the current is strong and there's not much room to maneuver.

After exiting the Sakonnet River and turning eastward, the skipper has two choices for entering Buzzards Bay: the more conventional route leaving Old Cock to port; or the direct inshore route. Ginger Beer generally prefers the latter, leaving the three nuns off Gooseberry Island to port and crossing the little bar with 15 feet of water under her keel—even at low. This course provides fine views of Gooseberry and her WW II submarine lookout tower, East Horseneck and Little Beaches, the mansion on Mishaum Point (it's for sale for those of you needing another home), and the anchorage behind the breakwater at Round Hill. Either choice will allow you to leave G "5" off Dumpling Rock to port. From there, you'll turn NNE to RG "AB" and from there NW to the breakwater at the harbor entrance. Locals often take a more direct route skirting Fatal Rock and Keel Rock. The mere names may give a skipper pause about following them.

Distance from Third Beach to Padanaram: about 19 NM.

NOAA indicates that the current in Buzzards Bay will turn foul around noon, though its maximum speed will be well under a knot. Check NOAA CHARTS: 13229 and 13230.

### **For the Boats**

New Bedford Yacht Club has reserved moorings for us, paid in advance with Cruise Registration. Hail the NBYC launch on Channel 68 once you've arrived at nun "12". Then, once you've settled into your mooring, NBYC requests that you check in at their office ashore

### **For the Crew**

NBYC has diesel, gas and water at its dock. Block and bagged ice may be purchased from the launch driver. The clubhouse has showers, a dining room and a small bar.

### **BYC Activity at New Bedford Yacht Club**

At 6 pm, look for Top Cat and Ginger Beer (which will be rafted together) as that will be the location of the evening's festivities. You may use your dinghy or the NBYC launch to ferry you and your appetizer to the party. The drink of the day—Myers and Tonic—will be available.

### **A Little More Background on Padanaram and NBYC**

Do not despair if you have difficulty locating any place called Padanaram on your chart. The harbor is called Apponagansett Bay and the town is called South Dartmouth. If you look carefully at the entrance to the harbor on a large scale chart, you will find the only reference to the name—Padanaram Breakwater. Duncan and Ware describe a colorful version of the name's origin:

"A man named Laban once lived in South Dartmouth. He thought that if he ran water over a mill wheel he would get enough power to raise water up again with something left over for other purposes. He built a mill to test the idea, which was dubbed Laban's Folly. As the biblical Laban (Genesis 28: 1-2) had lived in Padan-aram, the locality was given the name.....Padan-aram was one of the original names of Mesopotamia."

New Bedford Yacht Club was originally located in New Bedford harbor. During the hurricane of 1938, their New Bedford building suffered the same fate as the Bristol Yacht Club's old location at the foot of Church Street—smashed to smithereens. NBYC, however, did not have the good fortune of having sold its building just before the storm. As a result, Padanaram Station, established in 1901, became the club's sole location.

If you like to ogle Weatherly in Bristol Harbor, you'll get even more enjoyment in Padanaram. While the harbor is quite attractive, one of its most beautiful aspects is the group of seven

Concordia sloops that call Padanaram home. Among the finest are Rusty Aertsen's restored Snow Bird and Arapaho. The latter and her gleaming natural mahogany hull appeared in the 1999 Paul Newman-Kevin Costner film "Message in a Bottle".

FURTHER READING:

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Roger F. Duncan and John P. Ware. A Cruising Guide to the New England Coast. Dodd, Mead & Company: New York, 1987.

Llewellyn Howland III. The New Bedford Yacht Club: A History. New Bedford Yacht Club: South Dartmouth MA, 2002.

# July 16: Quissett Harbor

Day Captains: Norm and Donna Truscott, Barry Schrutt



## Getting There From Padanaram (13 NM)

From the Padanaram Breakwater, head at 106° for 2.7 miles to the Phinney Rock Lighted Buoy DP.

You'll then be in a good position to head directly for the remaining 9 miles to the Quissett Harbor Entrance Lighted Buoy #2, on a course of 92°, being careful when crossing the New Bedford Shipping Channel.

Follow the entry marks carefully as it's pretty shallow on either side. You will have 8 or more feet of water.

## For the Boats upon arrival

Call the boat yard as you enter the harbor: "Quissett Harbor Boat Yard" on VHF 9 and identify yourself as Bristol Yacht Club. They will help you find a mooring. The phone number is 508-548-0506. We may need to raft up to four boats per moorings.

You'll pay for your mooring (\$35) in cash at the party on the beach (see below).

## For the Crew (things to do in Quissett Harbor, amenities provided)

The Knob is a reserve and is an interesting walk from the marina. Great photos.



Ice (honor system), trash, pump out (if requested), trolley (near by) to Woods Hole or Falmouth.

There are NO showers at QHBY.

Check out the QHBY site: [quissettharborboatyard.com](http://quissettharborboatyard.com)

### **BYC Activity at Quissett**

Drink of the day: Dark 'n Stormies on the beach with shared appetizers. Don't forget to bring \$35 in cash for your mooring.

# July 17, 18: Hyannis Yacht Club

Day Captains: Rochelle and Bill Allen



## Getting There from Quissett (22 NM)

Getting to Hyannis involves a short trip through Woods Hole which sailors will want to run at slack tide, right at the edge of the outgoing tide toward Vineyard Sound.

The current at Woods Hole Passage turns in our favor at about 1030 on July 17, so you should plan to leave Quissett to get there just shy of 1030.

Turn on your engine, strike your sails as you'll want to be in full control so as to not go out of the channel from Red Nun #6 to Red nun #2 (about .5 miles at 78°). We find it helpful to have one person on the helm and a second person looking backward to ensure that we're not drifting out of the channel.

Passing through Great Harbor is a straight .8NM shot at 165° and should give you no problem.

Make the turn East at Red #2 and make your way along the north coast of Vineyard Sound, staying in the channel between Red #16 and Green #17, Red #14 and Green #15, to avoid Whale Rock and Bardow's Shoals, respectively.

Keep Red #12 to Port and head to Red #10 to avoid Succonesset Shoal (loved writing that one!) Then, head to Red #8, keeping Green #9 to Starboard, avoiding Eldridges Shoal. From there, it's pretty much a straight shot to the HH bell buoy.

Once you round HH, head north 1.2 NM to the harbor entrance buoy Red #4.

As you enter Lewis Bay, to the west there is a channel just at Green #15 marked by private seasonal buoys that marks the channel to Hyannis Yacht Club. They monitor VHF Channel 69

## For the Boats upon arrival

### For the Crew

Hyannis Yacht Club is expecting us and will do all they can to accommodate us with moorings. If our group gets too large and they cannot accommodate all of us, there are alternatives. If anyone is interested in a slip there is Hyannis Marina to the Northeast, just inside the inner harbor. It is a full service Marina, with a pool, restaurant, showers, ice, laundry, WiFi, dockside TV, courtesy cars, locally available car rental and hired driver services.

If you choose not to take a mooring at Hyannis Yacht club, please let Rochelle Allen know immediately so she can let them know: [rochelle.Allen@syncera.com](mailto:rochelle.Allen@syncera.com) or 774 991 3556.

Take a look at the HYC site for visiting yachtsmen: <http://www.hyannis yachtclub.org/Visitors/Visiting-Yachtsman>

### Visiting Hyannis

Hyannis Main Street is a quick walk from the Harbor [www.hyannismainstreet.com](http://www.hyannismainstreet.com)

The Hyannis Area Chamber of Commerce is very helpful regarding phone numbers and information (508-362-5230).

For on-shore dining, Main Street offers a wide variety of fine restaurants.

Albertos (508) 775-1770

The Beech Tree Cantina (508) 534-9876

Embargo Tapas & Martini Bar (508) 771-9700

The Dragonlight Chinese Restaurant (508) 775-9494

Columbo's Cafe (508) 790-5700

Fazio's (508) 778-2878

The British Beer Company (508) 771-1776

The Naked Oyster Bistro & Raw Bar (508) 778-6500

Rendezvous Café & Creperie (508) 827-4448

Pizza Barbone (508) 223-6030

West Main Street:

The Paddock (508) 775-7677

Misaki – sushi (508) 771-3771

On South Street:

The Roadhouse Café (508) 775-2386

On Hyannis Harbor:

Tugboats (508) 775-6433

Trader Ed's (508) 790-8686

The New Black Cat Tavern (508) 778-1233

Spanky's Clam Shack (508) 771-2770

Baxter's Fish & Chips (508) 775-4490

Excellent breakfast choices can be found on Main Street:

Persy's Place (508) 790-8200

Perry's (508) 775-9711 the local favorite

Area cultural events include the JFK Museum (508) 362-5260 and the Maritime Museum (508) 775-1723. Movie Theater: Regal Cinema (508)771-7460

## **BYC Activities at Hyannis**

Upon arrival on Monday the 17th, we will be meeting just a short walk from the Hyannis Yacht Club at the Veterans Memorial Park

Address: 480 Ocean St., Hyannis, Mass. 02601

The tranquil park features a nice view of the beach, a fountain, picnic tables and a playground. The park area is also the spot of two historical shrines, the John F. Kennedy Memorial and Korean War Memorial.

Boaters should bring grillable items and drinks as well as any sides you would like to share for a pot luck BBQ. Bring bug spray, a blanket if you like, sun screen, and bathing suit if you would like to swim. Sangria will be served as drink of the day. There is no time limitation and we will just hang out and relax so come once you get settled.

On day two: July 18th, we will be meeting at noon at Trader Ed's located at the Hyannis Marina for lunch beneath the tent by the swimming pool. There is access by dinghy or by land. Please note that the harbor master in Hyannis is a stickler for maximum people in tenders, as well as the proper number of lifejackets and open alcohol. He commonly will pull people over in an effort to keep the harbor safe.

Trader Ed's will have a cash bar, and Rochelle will reach out individually to gather and coordinate your preplanned lunch choices. Bring bathing suits, towels, and sunscreen. No outside alcohol will be allowed.

July 18th evening, you are on your own.

## July 19: Vineyard Haven

Day Captains: Tamara Barney, Tim Harrall



### **Getting There from Hyannis (19 NM)**

Enter between the lighthouses on the headlands of West Chop and East Chop. The harbor mouth is more than a mile wide at its outermost extremity, narrowing gradually upon approaching the inner harbor breakwater and the ferry wharf at harbor's head.

Buoyage on entry is gauged to deep draft vessels: however due respect must be paid to the rocky ledges along the eastern shore of West Chop, beginning at Allegheny Rock (marked by Can "25") and west of Nun "4".

### **For the Boats upon arrival**

Upon entering the harbor please hail the Vineyard Haven Harbormaster on VHF channel 9 and identify yourself as a Bristol Yacht Club cruise member. You will be instructed to switch to our working channel 69. Please provide the Harbormaster with your vessel name and LOA. The Harbormaster will assign you a mooring. If you require directions to the assigned mooring, please ask.

### **For the Crew (things to do in Vineyard Haven, amenities provided)**

Water is available on the face of the town dock. We request you limit your time at the face of the dock to 15 minutes. A dinghy dock available for your use is located on the North side of

the town pier and also on the north side of the Steamship Authority slip. Showers and bathrooms are also available in the Harbor Department building ashore from the town dock.

During July and August there is usually a launch service available from the Black Dog Wharf. They can be hailed on VHF channel 72.

### **BYC Activity in Vineyard Haven**

Cruisers gather at the Owen Park Pavilion at 1800 for shared appetizers and the Drink of the Day, a Rum Punch. Bring chairs if you have them on board. We will have lawn games for kids of all ages to enjoy.

## July 20, 21: Cuttyhunk Harbor

Day Captains: Alan and Marilyn Dimson-Doyle on July 20; Barry and Denise Schruett and Bev and Steve Russell on July 21



### Getting There from Vineyard Haven (19 NM)

#### For the Boat

Cuttyhunk is at the tail end of the Elizabeth Islands chain. The following is one possible route with the starting point being Vineyard Haven. The intent is to give those who have not sailed this particular route a sense of time and direction needed to arrive safely and comfortably. As with any advice, this should be viewed with a critical eye, adjusting your course to what seems best for you. Current times are based upon Eldridge Tide and Pilot Book as well as AyeTides, an app that provides tides and currents.

#### Currents and Tides:

Vineyard Haven: Depart July 20th

West Chop, 0.2 miles west of Vineyard Sound

Slack before Ebb: 8:59 a.m.

Maximum Ebb: 1.35 Kts, 241 degrees True

Slack before Flood: 2:16 p.m.

Quick's Hole: Arrive July 20th

South End (Lat: 41.4383 N; Long: 70.8417 W)

Slack before Ebb: 9:12 a.m.

Maximum Ebb: 2.59 Kts, 300 degrees True

Slack before Flood: 3:30 p.m.

Eldridge:

Based on Pollock Rip Channel (page 63), Ebb starts at 07:12 a.m.



Using tidal current charts (pages 72 – 77), a favorable current would be 3 hours after Ebb starts, suggesting a departure time of 10:12 a.m. or soon thereafter.

Tides:

West Chop, 0.2 miles west of Vineyard sound:

High Tide: 9:09 a.m.

Low Tide: 2:38 p.m.

Quick's Hole:

Low Tide: 10:59 a.m.

High Tide: 5:50 p.m.

Distance: 18.5 nm

VH: RN6 (41°27.7' N; 70°35.8' W) to R2 Gong (41°29.2' N; 70°35.5' W) > 1.4 nm

R2 Gong to GC "25" > 0.5 nm

GC "25" to 41°27'; 70°43' (End of Middle Ground) > 5.4 nm

41°27'; 70°43' to G "1" FI G Bell (41°25.8'; 70°50.4'/Entrance to Quick's Hole) > 5.7 nm

G "1" to GR FI G "Lone Rock" (41°27.6'; 70°51.0') > 1.8 nm

Lone Rock to RW "CH" Bell (41°26.6'; 70°53.4') > 2.1 nm

RW "CH" Bell to RN "2E"/GC "1E" (41°26.3; 70°54.2') > 0.7nm

RN "2E" to R "6" Bell (41°25.6'; 70°54.8') > 0.9 nm

If you leave Vineyard Haven by about 10:30 a.m., you'll have a good tide and favorable current to round West Chop and make your way down Vineyard Sound. Wind direction and speed will certainly be a major factor in your choice of routes. The route outlined above is one possibility that takes you south of Middle Ground. Certainly, one could chart a course more toward the middle of the Sound, keeping Middle Ground to the south. The current is favorable at Quick's Hole until 3:30 p.m., there is ample time to meander down the Sound. There is also the option of going through Canapitsit Channel between Cuttyhunk and Nashawena Islands, just be sure you are on an ebb tide when doing so. It is not a recommended route for the faint of heart nor for the novice sailor. For those who have not sailed this region, we would suggest consulting with any number of other sailors/cruisers in the club. There is a wealth of knowledge to be had from your fellow club members.

**As an alternative**, you can use the following route which will take you through the middle of the channel.

Leaving Vineyard Haven, here are the marks to follow:

Exit breakwater "8" to R "6"---To R "4"---To R "2" Gong/ FL G

Continue West, Keep C "25" to Port side { Middle Ground}

Continue to G"27" FL G ---C "29" FL G

Turn slight North to G "11" FL G Bell Through Quicks Hole South East entrance.

Try to stay in middle of channel when possible.

Please check your charts for water depths.

Keep well off Felix Ledge. Keep C "3" to Port.

Turn West around North Rock.  
Continue to RW [ MO-A} Bell to C “1E” Keep it to Port  
Watch for channel markers. Anchoring is available on Port side  
Entrance for Cuttyhunk channel is on Starboard side C”9”—“8” is on the jetty wall.  
Please observe sandbar on Starboard end of channel.  
Follow fairway to mooring field.

The first-come, first serve moorings in the Pond fill quickly on a Thursday. The sail from Vineyard Haven to Cuttyhunk, takes you through some of the most beautiful islands, sounds, and headlands in our region, as well as some of the most interesting shoals and currents. Keep your chart handy, and maintain a careful reckoning.

### **Moorings and Anchorage**

You may pick up a mooring ball in Cuttyhunk Pond (well-protected but crowded), or in the area to the east of the harbor channel entrance (less crowded, and less protected). You may anchor in the area north of the harbor entrance channel, but watch out for the rocks. Moorings balls are first-come, first served; no reservations are possible for moorings.

Should all the moorings in the harbor be occupied upon your arrival, you may raft with another BYC cruiser, up to three boats per raft, weather permitting. The mooring balls in the pond sprout a fixed ring on a 16-inch metal pole, so prepare a dock line to pass through the ring and onto your cleats. Fees for the moorings, \$45 per boat, are collected through credit card, cash, or check by the town skiff that makes the rounds at dusk. Cuttyhunk’s Harbormaster is Capt. George Isabel, who may be reached on VHF channel 9, or by cell phone at (508) 971-1388. The Town runs a marina with slips available at \$2.50 per foot, plus electricity. You can reserve a dock space via DOCKWA. Information available on <http://www.cuttyhunkmarina.net/marina/>. The marina may be reached at (508) 990-7578.

The moorings outside the entrance are managed by Frog Pond Marine Moorings, 508-992-7530. They are \$35.00/day, cash only. They are the bright orange balls to the left of the channel as you approach Cuttyhunk. Similar to the inner harbor, you will need to run a line through the fixed ring on the pole.

Bay Keeper, the pump out boat, may be reached on VHF channel 9. No launch service is available at Cuttyhunk, so you’ll need your dinghy to go ashore. Leave it at the dinghy dock behind the marina slips. Ice, lobsters, fish, and ice cream are available on the town dock. Restrooms and trash disposal may be found near the dinghy dock.

### **For the Crew (things to do in Cuttyhunk, amenities provided)**

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There is a floating raw bar that makes its way around the harbor each afternoon.

In Cuttyhunk...

- Walk to the observation tower at the top of the hill for a spectacular view, and good exercise.
- Visit the beaches, and go for a swim.
- Tour the village, see the museum, and the old school, and visit the general store.
- Buy an ice cream cone, or a lobster, at the Town Dock.
- Watch the fishermen clean their catch on the Town Dock.

## **BYC Activities at Cuttyhunk**

**Thursday Evening:** There will be a Fisherman Boil dinner at Fishing Club for those who have pre-registered. See map below for location. Drinks (Gin and tonic) will be available starting at 5:00pm at the club with dinner being served at 1800. Cuttyhunk is a dry island so if you would like a beer or wine with your dinner please bring your own bottle.

**Friday Evening:** We'll have a beach party at 1700 at the beach on the south side of the entrance channel about halfway down. Look for the BYC burgee, beach your dingy, and walk to the party. Bring some food — hors d'oeuvres — to share, as well as a table and chairs if you have them. We will also be serving clam chowder from the Cuttyhunk Shell Fish Company, which will cost \$4.50 a cup. The drink of the day is BYOB.



## July 22: Bristol Yacht Club



### Getting there from Cuttyhunk (29 NM)

In Cuttyhunk Pond, the tide will be high at 0845 so you should plan to drop your mooring or pull up your anchor sometime soon after that. Once out into Cuttyhunk Harbor, the tide will turn north at Middle Ground at about 0900

Tide will be favorable up the Sakonnet beginning at about 1234, running north under the Tiverton RR bridge until 1800.

Leaving Cuttyhunk, stay to the center of the channel.

In Cuttyhunk Harbor, head North (about 350°) keeping the Red Buoys #6, #4, and #2 to port.

Then, head toward the red/green Middle Ground Buoy MG (.5 NM at 296°)

Once there, your course is pretty much due West for about 12 NM to the entrance of the Sakonnet River. Be sure to give room to the Schuyler Ledge Buoy #2 as you turn the corner.

Head North on the Sakonnet. When you get to the narrow opening of the old Stone Bridge (Green #15 and Red #16), turn on your engine. The current can be very strong from this point until you get past the old Railroad Bridge (Green #15C and Red #16C) and there's not a lot of room to tack.

Once past Green #17, you can head toward Green #19, then Red #20, finally setting a course of about 236° for the center span of the Mount Hope Bridge.

Welcome home!