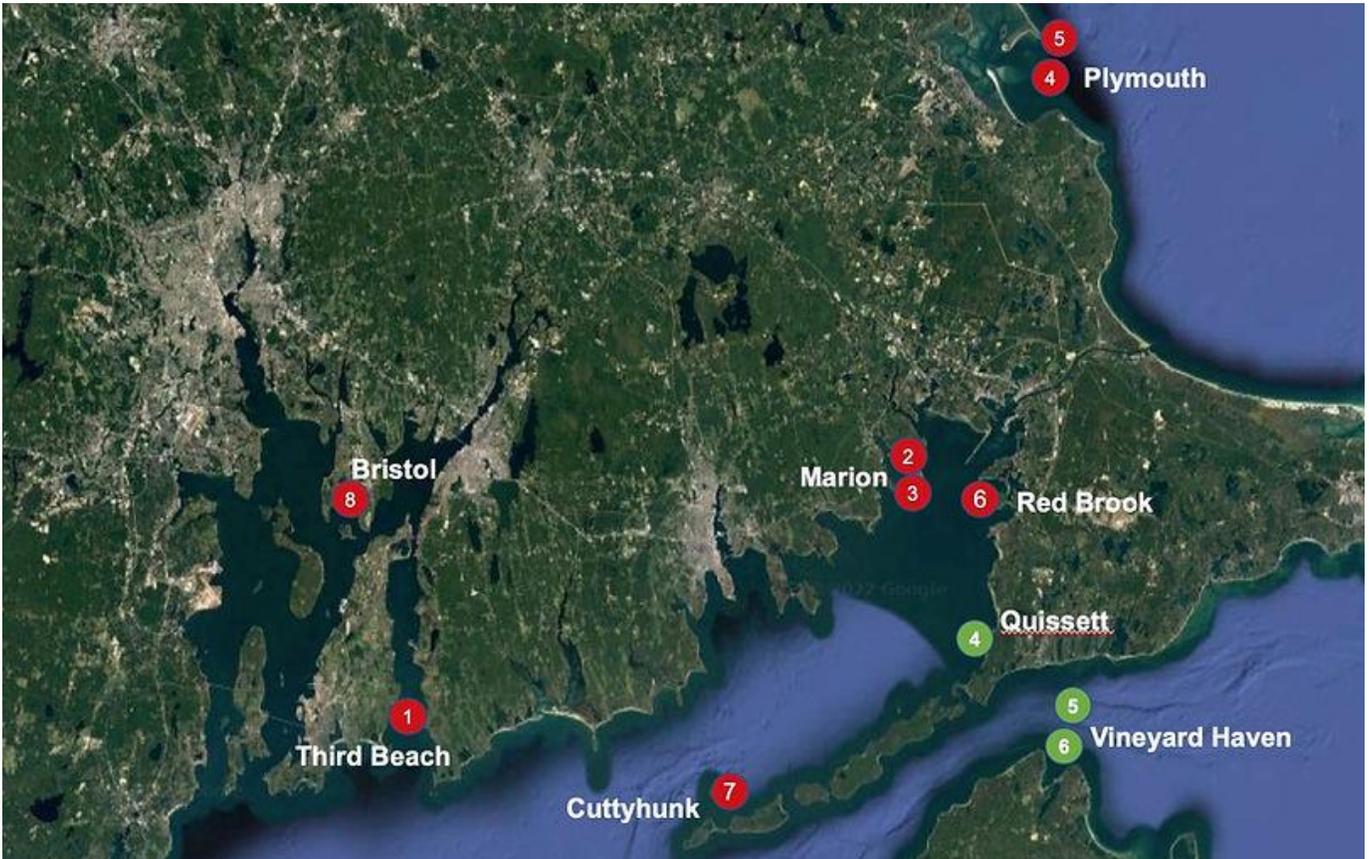




# BYC Summer Cruise

July 16 - 23, 2022



Day	Route 1 Plymouth	Distance (nm)	Route 2 MV	Distance (nm)
Sat, 7/16	Third Beach	15	Third Beach	15
Sun, 7/17	Marion	32	Marion	32
Mon, 7/18	Marion	0	Marion	0
Tue, 7/19	Plymouth	34	Quissett	11
Wed, 7/20	Plymouth	0	Vineyard Haven	9
Thu, 7/21	Red Brook	33	Vineyard Haven	0
Fri, 7/22	Cuttyhunk	22	Cuttyhunk	19
Sat, 7/23	Bristol	31	Bristol	31

# General Information

## 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, Ralph Kinder by mobile phone at ?? if you need immediate assistance. There will be a daily check-in, initiated the day captain of that port at 0800 on Channel 72 to review current conditions, any last-minute sailing and evening activity updates and to answer questions. If the departure time is earlier than 8:00 due to tides, etc. the new call time will be announced the evening prior.

If you decide to not go to a port that you signed up for please make sure you notify either the Fleet Captain or the Day Captain for that port.

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## Flags

Please fly your Bristol Yacht Club burgee night and day so that other boats in the cruise can recognize you. 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 inform the day captain for that port and they will review with you or ask someone else to assist. There will be a brief review of the course and any special conditions to be aware of on the daily 8:00am call.

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## Route Split

This year the cruise route splits on Tuesday morning. Part of the fleet will be going through the Cape Cod Canal to Plymouth returning two days later to Red Brook and then Cuttyhunk. The rest of the fleet are opting not to do the Canal and instead will go to Quissett, then through Woods Hole to Vineyard Haven and finally meetup the with others in Cuttyhunk.

## Evening Activities

Highlights of evening activities are listed below. Further details are available in the Gathering section of the specific port.

If Covid transmission increases, masks may be required on land at some locations and at the events except when you can maintain at least 6 ft. distance between other members.

Port	Gathering Spot	Time	Libations & Food	What to Bring & Info
Third Beach - Saturday	Picnic Area on Beach	6:00 PM	Snack Bar, BYOF & BYOB	A few picnic tables will be available. Bring chairs. Alcohol is prohibited on the beach.
Marion - Sunday	Beverly Yacht Club	6:00 PM	Catered buffet dinner	
Marion - Monday	Beverly Yacht Club	6:00 PM	BYC Bar for drinks	Restaurants in town listed in Marion/Beverly Yacht Club section - Facilities
Plymouth - Tuesday	Topside Bar, PYC	5:00 PM	Cocktails	
Plymouth - Wednesday	East Bay Grill	6:00 PM	Dinner menu	
Red Brook – Thursday	Parker’s Boathouse Picnic Area	6:00 PM	Dinner menu	You can make reservations in advance at the Chart Room Restaurant.
Quissett – Tuesday	Beach in NW corner of harbor	6:00 PM	DOD (Vodka & tonic) and potluck apps	Bring chairs, tables, apps and <b>cash</b> for mooring
Vineyard Haven – Wednesday	Town Gazebo	5:00 PM	DOD (Margarita) and Potluck	Bring chairs, tables, apps
Vineyard Haven – Thursday	Free Night			
Cuttyhunk - Friday	Cuttyhunk Fishing Club	5:00 PM	DOD (painkiller)	Bring light apps for DOD, dinner served at 6:30

# 2022 Ports of Call

## Saturday, July 16 – Third Beach



Third Beach, Newport. Photo Cate Brown

**DAY CAPTAINS:** Barbara and Bill Petrocelli “**True Love**” – Barbara 516-313-0263

**DISTANCE:** From prior nights port of Bristol (17NM)

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PORT:** If you’re looking for fine sand and calm water, this is your beach! Located at the mouth of the Sakonnet River (technically part of Narragansett Bay), Third Beach is protected by Sachuest Point from southwesterly breezes. It’s a great spot for paddle boarding, sunbathing and swimming, and you can stretch your legs in the Sachuest Point Wildlife Refuge or on a short stroll to Second Beach.

On most days the southwest wind fills in strongly in this area in the morning and blows briskly throughout the afternoon, producing strong waves, so be prepared for this when planning your trip.

**NAVIGATION:** The shortest sail to Sakonnet Harbor or Third Beach takes you under two 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 new Sakonnet River bridge, and through Tiverton Harbor and the “old stone bridge” remains then south to Third Beach.

### **Chart 13226 Mt. Hope Bay RI-MA**

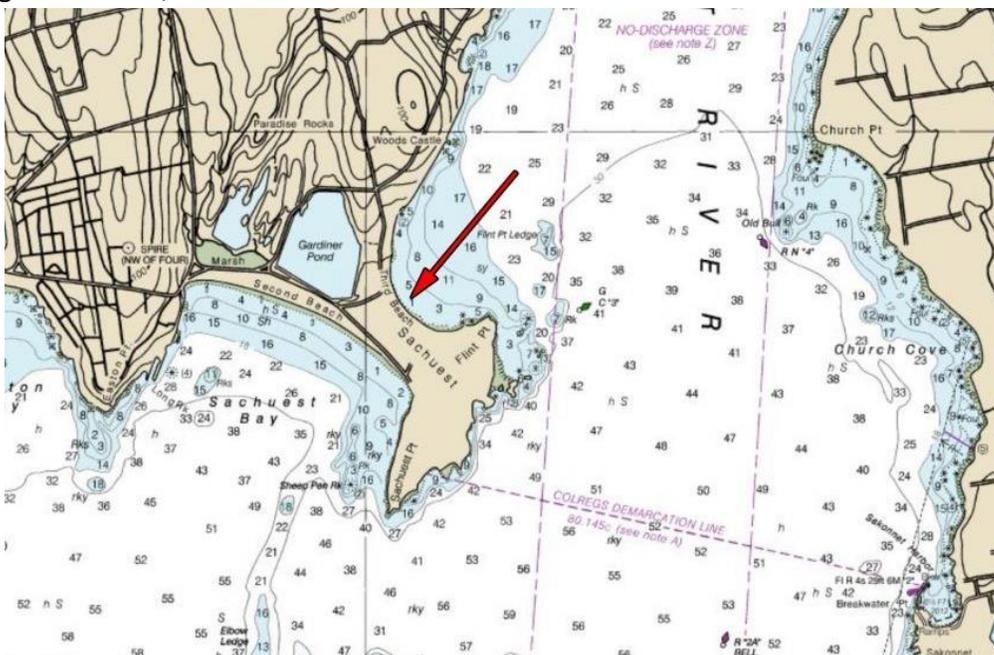
The primary navigational issue on this leg is the strong currents in the Sakonnet River in the Tiverton area where there are two narrow spots caused by the remains of old bridges. The first one is just north of the new Route 24 Bridge. The second is the remains of the “Old Stone Bridge” which is 0.8 nautical miles south of the new bridge.

On Saturday July 16, you can expect a strong ebbing (south flowing) current from about 10:45 to 16:00 hours. It is not a problem as long as you are aware of it. It is recommended that you start your engine to help keep boat speed (through the water) high enough to assure good steerage in this area.

Once you are south of the old stone bridge remains, it is best to stay in the channel and East of Gould Island.

The river is wide here but shallow in the northern part. You do not have to stay in the channel, but you must keep an eye on the chart. Once you are south of Fogland it opens up. Third beach is just west of Flint Point. It is a wide sandy beach running west and then north from Flint Point. More information on what area to anchor in will follow.

**TIDES AND CURRENTS:** At the Anthony Point  
July 16 High 10:39 AM, Low 16:13 PM



**MOORINGS:** Moorings are available for rent from the Middletown Harbormaster for \$20/night via Dockwa – [click here](#). Anchoring is allowed upon approval from the Harbormaster who can be reached at (401-871-6544). It is recommended that you **do not raft up** in this anchorage due to often present swell in the anchorage.

**FACILITIES:** There are no facility at third beach other than Porta-Potties in the beach parking lots and there is sometimes a Dells truck in the eastern most parking lot. Third Beach is a popular family beach because is north facing and normally will not have any wave action. If you are looking for a “Ocean” beach with waves, Second Beach is a short walk (about .25 miles) south.

**GATHERING PLACE & TIME:** We will be gathering on the beach for drink and food at 6:00 PM. Look for the BYC burgee which will most likely be at the northwest end of the beach near the beach club.

## Sun, Jul 17 and Mon, Jul 18 - Marion Harbor, Beverly Yacht Club



**DAY CAPTAIN:** Greg and Deborah Aikman – “Penguin” 617-458-1903

### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION of PORT of CALL:** Marion - Beverly Yacht Club

Originally settled in 1679 under the name of Sepecan, the town became known for its shipyards and salt works. In 1872, Sippican became the Town of Marion, named for the revolution war hero, general Francis Marion, also known as the “Swamp Fox.”

During the 19th century, Sippican Harbor was the third most productive whaling center in the United States. Twenty-three whalers made over 100 trips to the South Atlantic and Pacific. You will use wharfs formerly reserved for whaling vessels and their cargos of oil and baleen.

In recent years, Sippican Harbor has become completely devoted to yachting activities, with no commercial shipping. It is one of the best yachting harbors on the east coast. Today, Marion is a residential community with a winter population of about 5200, swelling to 8000 in the Summer. The buildings of Tabor Academy, a college preparatory school, can be seen on the west side of the harbor.

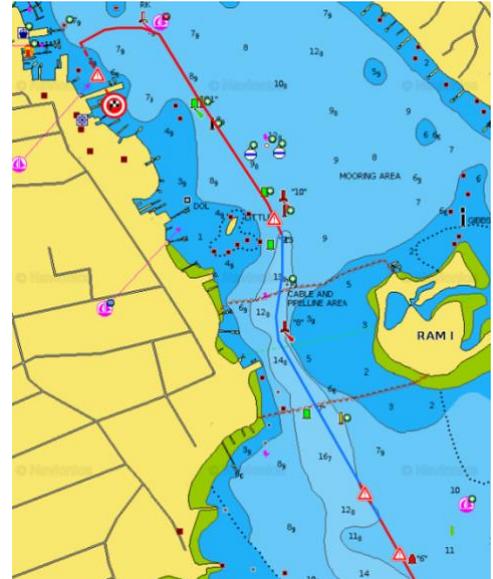
**DISTANCE:** 32 NM from Third Beach

**NAVIGATION:** Sippican Harbor is located in the northern portion of Buzzards Bay (see chart #13230). From centerboard shoal (R"2) follow a NNE course to red nun "6". Keep cans "3" and "5" to port. Enter the inner harbor keeping can "7" to port. Turn northerly at red flasher (R"8"), leaving that to starboard. Keep can "9" to port and follow the fairway (approx. NNE course) for 200-300 yards or so.

**TIDES AND CURRENTS:** At around 11:45 am the current changes and starts going SW out of the canal. The current in Buzzard's bay will be favorable all morning which favors an early departure from 3<sup>rd</sup> Beach.

Low tide in Marion on Sun, July 17 is 5:20pm

**MOORINGS and ANCHORAGE:** We each should have reserved and pre-paid for moorings at Beverly Yacht at \$50/night. Depending on their availability you may need to raft. When entering the harbor hail the Beverly Yacht club on Channel 68. Inform them that you are with the BYC and have reserved mooring. Provide the name of your boat.



There is a marked, designated anchorage area just north of Ram Island. Anchoring anywhere else in Sippican Harbor requires approval from the harbormaster.

**FACILITIES:** The Beverly Yacht Club is to port on the western shore of the inner harbor. You are welcome to use the 2 restrooms and showers. There is only 10-minute docking at the Club. All boats on a Beverly Yacht Club mooring should use the BYC launch service since there is very limited dinghy space available at the club (only three guest dinghy spots). Launch hours are 0800-2100

Fuel & water are available at Burr Brothers (head of the harbor) and Barden's (next to BYC). There is a pump-out service available by contacting the Marion Harbormaster and a self-serve at the town dock.

**GATHERING PLACE & TIME:**

- Sunday: Buffet Dinner at Beverly Yacht Club, 6pm
- Monday: On your own for dinner, but there's an unofficial gathering at the BYC bar at 6pm.

**The Beverly Yacht Club**, one of the oldest yacht clubs in America, was founded in 1872 by young men who summered in Beverly. They were upset that the newly formed Eastern Yacht Club in Marblehead refused to recognize yachts under 30 feet in length on the waterline for the races that they held. Thus, Edward and Walter Burgess (the famous yacht designer), at a supper party at their home in Boston on February 24, 1872, formally launched the Beverly Yacht Club.

The first regatta was held by the club on June 22, 1872, in which 11 boats, 10 catboats, and a sloop started in three classes. For the first 23 years, the Beverly Yacht Club had no fixed abode; they held races and regattas at ports most convenient to the members.

By the mid-1880s, regattas were held in Monument Beach and Marblehead, but as the Buzzards Bay membership increased, the Beverly Yacht Club leased its first clubhouse on Wing's Neck in 1895. In 1913, the club moved to Marion, where it has been located ever since. In 1895 the Beverly Yacht Club moved to Pocasset, and in 1913 to Marion where it remains today, name unchanged.

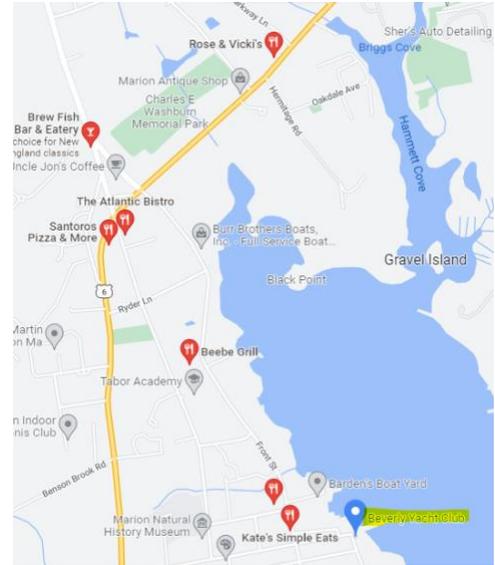
## RESTAURANTS:

Suggestions for Monday, or lunch, include: The Marion General Store is a block away. From BYC, walk up Main Street and it is on the corner of Main and Front Street. Well stocked “general” store with liquor, butcher, baked goods, etc.

Next door to the MGS is Kate’s Simple Eats. It serves breakfast starting at 8:00, and lunch from 10 – 3 with full bar. Take out and eat outside and they have recently reopened their inside dining. And next door to Kate’s is a small liquor store ... pricey but if desperate! Nearby is The Mary Celeste Whiskey and Wine Library at 7 Cottage Street.

Another great choice is The Atlantic Bistro, on Spring St, walkable from the club. Google maps tells us that Brew Fish is a 27-minute walk from the club. The walk may be shortened if you dinghy over to the town dock between Tabor and Burr’s boatyard or hail an Uber/Lyft. There is a launch ramp next to it.

A 10-minute walk out of BYC, turning left on Water Street, takes you to Silvershell Town Beach which is very nice.



## Tue, July 19, and Wed, July 20 - Plymouth Harbor, PYC



**DAY CAPTAIN:** Brian & Carole McFarland – “Rebel” 617-838-5620 or 508-847-2323

### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION of PORT of CALL:**

Plymouth has a special place in American history. In the winter of 1620, the Pilgrims laid the foundation for a new society free from the religious persecution in England. Plymouth is a quaint New England harbor town with many shops, restaurants, and attractions. At the south end of the harbor, you will find the Plymouth Yacht Club. In the center of the harbor is the recently restored Mayflower II, a replica of the original ship. At the North end of the harbor is the commercial fishing and charter boat fleets.

**DISTANCE:** 34 NM from Beverly YC, Marion

**NAVIGATION:** Tidal flow through the CCC can be extreme reaching up to 6 knots so it is crucial that you time your passage through the CCC to ensure you are transiting with the flood current. Slack tide at the west entrance approach to the CCC on 07/19/22 is listed at 8:48 am transitioning to an ebb flow at 3:24 pm per Navionics. It is about 8nm from Marion to the canal entrance so about 1.5hr at 5kt, so it is advisable to leave Marion Harbor not earlier than 7:30, putting you at the CCC west entrance around 9:00 am.

CCC see NOAA Chart 13229. The CCC has a 32-foot MLW controlling depth. All vessels are required to maintain a radio guard on channel 13 during the entire passage. Vessels greater than 65' must contact the Marine Traffic Controller on VHF Channel 13 before entering the canal. There are numerous restrictions while transiting the canal. Speed is restricted to 10 mph and sailing is prohibited. Stopping, anchoring and unnecessary idling is prohibited. Slower vessels should keep to the right-hand side of the channel.

The CCC has two highway bridges with a vertical clearance of 135'. There is one railroad bridge with 7' clearance when closed located at 41 ° 44.514'N, 70°36.801'W. The Conrail Railroad Bridge is normally open except during the very rare passage of a train to or from Cape Cod. If the drawbridge is not fully open, the opening signal is one prolonged and one short blast. Be sure to monitor VHF Channel 13 for alerts to any closings. Live video is provided by the Mass Maritime Academy at [https://youtu.be/\\_OeFhA2XqqA](https://youtu.be/_OeFhA2XqqA). Weather for the canal: 508.759.5991 or [www.weather.gov/forecasts/graphical/sectors/massachusetts.php#tabs](http://www.weather.gov/forecasts/graphical/sectors/massachusetts.php#tabs)

Exiting Marion harbor, proceed to the shipping channel which will lead to the entrance of the Cape Cod Canal. The Canal is approximately 11 miles long and will exit into Cape Cod Bay just beyond Sandwich harbor. Turn north after the breakwater. Follow the coast north 20 miles to the entrance to Plymouth harbor at the G1G Bell. The channel is well marked and is 8 to 14 feet deep at low tide. Stay in the middle of the channel to avoid Brown's Bank on the port side. At the G9 Bell, turn to port and run along the west side of Plymouth Beach in a southerly direction. At the R 16 and 18 turn to starboard and proceed west to the R 22 which is off the breakwater protecting Plymouth harbor. Chart reference NOAA 13253.

**TIDES AND CURRENTS:** The mean tidal range is 9.2 feet. Use tide tables for Boston. In Plymouth harbor, low tide on July 19 is 10:47am. On July 20, low tide is 11:39am.

**MOORINGS:**

The main option for a mooring is the Plymouth Yacht Club, located at 34 Union Street on the south side of the harbor. Reservations can be made through DOCKWA at \$65 per night. This includes the use of the club facilities—showers, laundry, launch and the Topside Bar. Moorings can take boats with LOA up to 45 feet. Check in is 2pm and check out is 11am. If you are not able to get a PYC mooring, check out the Plymouth Town Wharf and Moorings at \$67.50 per night. You can reserve these moorings on DOCKWA. They also offer showers, laundry and launch service.

**FACILITIES:** Showers, laundry and launch at the Plymouth Yacht Club or Town Wharf and Moorings.

**GATHERING PLACE & TIME:** On Tuesday, we will gather at 5pm for cocktails at the Topside Bar at the Plymouth Yacht Club. Beverages will be available at the PYC bar. Dinner is on your own. A list of restaurants is listed below. The reason for the early gathering is there is an interesting activity you may be interested in. The Plymouth Ghost Tour begins at 7 pm at 65 Main Street at the corner of North Street near the Guilty Bakery. It last 2 hours and is highly rated. You will need to make reservations ahead of time at [www.plymouthghosttours.com](http://www.plymouthghosttours.com). The cost is \$20 per person. The total distance is about one mile.

On Wednesday, visit local attractions or take your dingy to Plymouth Beach. On Wednesday evening, we have reservations at 6 pm for a group dinner at the East Bay Grill. This fabulous restaurant is located at 173 Water Street, a few blocks north of the north side of the harbor.

**NOAA CHART:** Chart # 13253

**RESTAURANTS:**

- 1) Woods Seafood 15 Town Pier 508-746-0261
- 2) Tavern on the Water 6 Town Wharf 508-927-4961
- 3) Anna's Harborside Grille 145 Water Street 508-591-7372
- 4) Mama Mia's Plymouth Waterfront 122 Water Street 508-747-4670
- 5) Water Street Café for breakfast 25 Water Street near the Plymouth Yacht Club
- 6) Lobster Hut 25 Town Wharf

#### **ATTRACTIONS:**

- 1) Hedge House Museum (1809) Grand Federal era Mansion built and lived in by Plymouth merchants and ship owners. Features China trade treasures, American furniture, toys and costumes.
- 2) Pilgrim Mother Statue on Water and North Streets
- 3) Mayflower II Full scale re-creation of the Pilgrim ship, built in England and sailed to Plymouth in 1957.
- 4) Plymouth Rock Water Street. The Rock was moved several times and cracked before returning to its original location.
- 5) Governor William Bradford Statue on Water Street. Plymouth's second governor.
- 6) Coles Hill Carver Street. Legend has it that the Pilgrims who died in the first winter were secretly buried here and their graves planted over to conceal the number of dead from the Native People. Great view of Plymouth harbor from here.
- 7) Massasoit Statue on Carver Street. A heroic statue of the Wampanoag sachem and friend of the pilgrims.
- 8) Uaine Plaque on Coles Hill. Each Thanksgiving the United American Indians of New England and their supporters gather here to remember their history of genocide, theft of lands and repression.
- 9) Site of the original settlement on Leyden Street. The first houses erected by the Pilgrims stood on this "First Street" now Leyden Street. Look for plaques on some of the buildings for the locations of the original lots and their owners. Leyden was the town in Holland where many of the Pilgrims lived before leaving for the new world.
- 10) John and Priscilla Alden's home on School Street.
- 11) Town Brook Brewster Gardens. The Brook's excellent water induced the Pilgrims to settle here and powered Plymouth industries in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Follow the public walkways along the south side of the Brook through the Brewster Gardens to Jenney Pond.
- 12) Howland House 33 Sandwich Street. The only surviving Plymouth house in which Mayflower Pilgrims lived.
- 13) Plimoth Grist Mill at 6 Spring Lane. A reconstruction of the original grist mill of John and Sarah Jenney that once stood on the same site in 1636.
- 14) Burial Hill School Street. Site of the Pilgrim's first fort and meetinghouse, with gravestones from the 17<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Magnificent view of Plymouth harbor, beaches, and surrounding countryside.
- 15) Town Square at the junction of Main and Leyden Streets. This is the heart of the old town Plymouth. This was the focal point for the community's civic, religious, and commercial affairs from 1620 until after World War II. Plymouth's first public market was held here weekly on Thursdays from 1639 and the first jail was a short way down Market Street.

- 16) First Parish Church at Town Square. The church was gathered in 1606 at Scrooby in England and was brought to America in 1620 by the Pilgrims. It is the oldest continually active congregation in the country. The Bell Tower was cast by Paul Revere.
- 17) 1749 Court House and Museum in Town Square. The oldest wooden courthouse in America. Today it exhibits life in Plymouth in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.
- 18) King Phillip War Plaque in Town Square placed outside the post office.
- 19) Mayflower Society Houses Museum 4 Winslow Street. Colonial Revival home with formal gardens, a flying staircase and none rooms owned by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.
- 20) Whale Watching on Captain John Boats 508 746 2643 Purchase tickets online at [captjohn.com](http://captjohn.com)
- 21) Pilgrim Hall Museum at 75 Court Street. The nation's oldest continuously operating public museum. Collection includes authentic Pilgrim possessions such as books, Bibles, chairs, chests, and swords.

## Thur, July 21 - Red Brook Harbor, Parker's Boatyard



Day Captains: EJ and Stacy Dochoda [edochoda@gmail.com](mailto:edochoda@gmail.com)

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PORT:** Red Brook Harbor - The adjoining harbors of Pocasset and Red Brook Harbor in the northeastern corner of Buzzards Bay are among the most beautiful natural harbors in New England and offer great shelter and an ideal layover for those planning transit through the Cape Cod Canal. Bassett's Island is nearly deserted, and the southern portion of the island is owned by the town (Bourne). The island's beaches make a good destination for dinghy exploration. (Note that the northern part of the island is private.) The mainland shores are similarly attractive and lightly developed. Within a mile of the harbor, the Bourne Conservation Trust controls nearly 100 acres of woods and fields, connected by a network of trails. You can pick up a trail guide from the office at Parker's Boatyard.

**DISTANCE:** 32NM from Plymouth Harbor.

Distance from Plymouth Harbor to the east entrance to the Cape Cod Canal (CCC) is about 18NM. Tidal flow through the CCC can be extreme reaching up to 6 knots so it is crucial that you time your passage through the CCC to ensure you are transiting with the ebb current. Slack tide at the east entrance approach to the CCC on 07/21/22 is listed at 4:30 am transitioning to a flood flow at 10:30 am per Navionics. IT'S ADVISABLE TO LEAVE Plymouth Harbor EARLY, say by **4:30 am**, putting you at the CCC east entrance around 8:00 - 8:30 am. Nautical twilight is around 4 am. If fog makes that impossible, you can try waiting until the flood ends at 5:00 pm which would have you arriving in Red Brook about 7:00 pm. Sunset is 8:12 pm. It is not advisable to make entrance to Red Brook after sunset.

### **NAVIGATION -**

#### Departing Plymouth Harbor:

NOAA Chart 13253 - Departing Plymouth Harbor mooring field keeping G"29" to starboard. The channel turns sharp to the northeast at G"23" and to northwest at Plymouth Channel Harbor light G

“17”. Be sure to stay well within the channel as the water is very shallow on both sides of the channel. The channel takes a northerly turn at G”13” until you arrive at the Plymouth Channel Harbor entrance marker “NC”. Keeping G”9” to starboard proceed to G”7” keeping Duxbury Pier Light to your port. The long finger of Gurnet Point cliffs with 102’ light house will be off to port. Proceed around the shallows of Browns Bank to G”5”. Navionics reports shoaling encroaching the channel between G5 and G3, and the G5 has reportedly been moved by the USCG North of most GPS/Navionics charts.

Proceed from G3 to the Plymouth Bay Entrance Lighted Bell Buoy 1. Set a course for a bearing of 138 degrees for 6 nm per Navionics to a course parallel to Mary Ann Rocks Lighted Whistle Buoy “12”. From Mary Ann #12 alter course to 171 degrees for 8nm to the Green CCC Approach Lighted Buoy 1.

As you leave the CCC you will pass red Hog Island Channel light 28. Proceed about 4 nm southwest to the end of Hog Island Channel (Green Hog Island Channel Lighted Ice Buoy 1).

#### Approach to Red Brook Harbor:

NOAA Chart 13229. Red Brook Harbor is well protected by Bassetts Island with its wonderful sandy beach. However, it takes approximately 25 minutes to reach it from Buzzards Bay at the required No Wake Zone speed using either the north or south access channels (both of which are well marked) around Bassetts Island. Most large boats use the south channel with a reported minimum depth of 6 feet. The northern one is quite unmanageable when the tide ebbs against a southwester. Our fleet suggestion: USE THE SOUTH.

Pocasset and Red Brook Harbors share a common entrance between Scraggy Neck to the south and Wings Neck to the north. Bassetts Island separates Pocasset Harbor from Red Brook Harbor. Broken ground with depths of 17 to 19 feet in places extends across the entrance. Eustis Rock, about 0.2 mile north of Scraggy Neck (N41°40.45’; W070°38.80’), is covered 5 feet and marked by a buoy. This is the turning point to both harbors. The area eastward of Eustis Rock to Bassetts Island is shoal. SOUTH ACCESS: Hospital Cove, about 0.2 mile southward of the southern end of Bassetts Island, is entered through a natural buoyed channel that leads southeastward from a point about 0.4 mile east-southeastward of Eustis Rock to a small anchorage in the cove. A depth of about 6 feet can be carried in the channel, and there are depths of 8 to 14 feet in the anchorage. A shoal at the south tip of Bassetts Island is reported to be shifting westward in the vicinity of Buoy 3; so, stay mid-channel and exercise caution. A boulder reef extends northeastward from Scraggy Neck in the approach to the cove. Several private piers with depths of 5 to 8 feet alongside are in the cove.

Red Brook Harbor, east of Bassetts Island, is approached from the southward through the channel that leads through Hospital Cove. The channel is buoyed. Depths of 6 feet can be carried through the south channel. Because of numerous submerged rocks in and near the edges of the channel, local knowledge is advised. **You must not leave the channel at R10.** At this marker you see Red Brook Harbor mooring area and marinas passing by to starboard. If you turn here, you are likely to end up on the rocks. Instead, follow the buoys up and around R14. To the northeast of G11 is yellow Rock Buoy C marking rocks on the right edge of the channel. Proceed to GC = green cans 11, 13, 17, 19, & 21: as also RN = red nuns 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, & 22. Remember: “red right returning! Note: after RN 14, the right turn will almost feel like a U-turn, but stay close to the channel markers.

Due to the need to transit the CCC early, we may arrive before the 1:00 pm arrival time for our moorings. If so, anchorage may be available at Bassetts Island.

**TIDES AND CURRENTS:** Mean tidal range is 4 feet.

**MOORINGS AND ANCHORAGE:** There are two (2) choices for mooring rental in the harbor. Reserve a mooring at either marina via Dockwa. Or could anchor at Bassetts island.

Kingman's Yacht Center – 1 Shipyard Lane, Cataumut, MA, has both dock space (\$4-6/foot, electric incl.) and moorings (\$60/night) available directly (508-563-7136), through Dockwa, and their website ([www.kingmansyachtcenter.com](http://www.kingmansyachtcenter.com)). Included are access to launch service, ice, laundry, pump-out service, showers and restrooms (code 125), wireless internet, and full boat service with gas & diesel fuel. Launch hours 8 am to 9 pm. Approximately \$15. Hail the launch driver on Channel 71 for directions to your mooring.

Parker's Boatyard – 68 Red Brook Harbor Road, Cataumut, MA (508-563-9366) [www.parkersboatyard.com](http://www.parkersboatyard.com) - Parkers also has moorings and slips reserved on their website or Dockwa. They are a full-service yard also providing showers and bathhouse, launch service, dinghy dock, fuel, ice, water, pump out, wi-fi, bikes, and basketball hoop(!). Hail the launch on Channel 69 to get directions to your mooring. Also Natural Resources pump out boat monitors channel 9 and can come by your boat

When entering the fairway, the Parker's moorings are on the starboard side. Hail Parker's Boatyard on Channel 69 when you enter the fairway. Inform them that you are with the BYC and have a reserved mooring. Provide the name of your boat. Hospital Cove is a popular anchorage location, off the south channel, is well sheltered with depths of 7 to 10 feet. The narrow finger of deep water just east of Bassetts Island is a popular alternative. More convenient, though less protected, is the area between the south end of Bassetts Island and Scraggy Neck. This outer anchorage is useful as a short stop before or after transiting the Canal rather than as an overnight anchorage.

#### **FACILITIES:**

Parker's Boatyard is on the east side of the small cove, about 300 yards south of the marina. The Parker Boat Yard launch, ch69 runs 8 am to 8 pm. Mooring rentals include the use of the facilities which include heads and showers, dinghy dock, launch service and WIFI. Fuel, water and pump-out is available at their dock and the Bourne pump-out boat is available to come to your boat. There is a ping pong table and a small lounge area located in the main building. Ice is also available for purchase.

#### **GATHERING PLACE & TIME**

We will have a New England seafood dinner at the Chart Room Restaurant proximate to Kingman's. Parker's can deliver you by launch. 6:00pm reservations have been made so for CurtisSea and Skylark cruisers. Additional reservations (up to 8) can be made by calling the restaurant at (508) 563-5350. Tell them that you are with the Bristol Yacht Club group. The Parker Boat Yard launch runs 8 am to 8 pm. The Kingman Launch runs 8 am to 9 pm. There is a \$15 fee (total) if you are staying at Parkers and use the Kingman Launch.

#### **ACTIVITIES:**

1. Across the harbor, is Bassett's Island, which is a beautiful island for swimming or relaxing for the day. More information on Bassett's island available at this website: <https://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/places-to-go/bassetts-island/>
2. Parker's has nets available for kids interested in crabbing or catching minnows.
3. Just down the street, the Bourne Conservation Walking Trails, which are beautiful trails that are wonderful for exploring and exercising. For more information and maps go to <https://www.bourneconservationtrust.org/trails.html> and click on Cataumet Greenway map and text. There is other park information on this website. Bring your insect repellent if you go on a hike.
4. At the yard are two courtesy bikes, which visiting customers are welcome to use or there are 2 local bike rental shops nearby if additional bikes are needed. The boatyard is located about 1.5 miles from the beginning of the Shining Sea Bike Path, which is a gorgeous bike path that runs from North Falmouth all the way down to Woods Hole.
5. There are a few small stores for provisions a mile along with the Daily Brew coffee shop (<http://thedailybrewcoffeehouse.com/>),
6. Cataumet mini golf course and ice cream shop (<https://www.cataumetcrossing.com/>) a restaurant and the Cataumet Fish Market.
7. The Chart Room restaurant, overlooking the harbor, with delicious food and cocktails has setup outdoor dining and is accepting reservations in advance. The Chart Room also does take out. Go to their website for more information on hours, menus and setup. <http://chartroomcataumet.com/>. The launch drivers are happy to bring guests to and from! It is an 0.8 mile walk and you may be able to dingy over as well.
8. Pocasset Village, located at the intersection of Barlow's Landing Road and Shore Road, has a bakery shop, gas station, pizza and seafood restaurants, small variety store, barber shop and church, which are within an easy walk off Barlow's Boatyard in the Pocasset River but are a bit more of a hike from Kingman's or Parker's Boatyard in Red Brook Harbor. Harbormaster: 508-759-0623

**NOAA CHART:** NOAA charts 13236, 13229, and 13230 Chart Kit Region 2 pages 33 and 35 Chart Kit Region 3, pages 75 and 83

## Tue, July 19: Quissett Harbor (Route 2)



**DAY CAPTAIN(S):** Roland and Janet Gendreau, Catalina 34, "*Gratitude*"

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION of PORT of CALL:** Quissett Harbor, MA. Quissett, shortened from the name Quamquissett, was the Indian equivalent for "Star of the Sea," relating to five points of indentation on the shore of the harbor.

**DISTANCE:** From prior night's port of call, Marion, is about 11 NM.

**NAVIGATION:** Quissett is located at latitude 41.543 and longitude -70.649.

Once you leave Sippican Harbor and pass Bird Island, a course of 174 degrees will bring you to the entrance to Quisset Harbor.

The entrance to Quisset Harbor hides in plain sight. During the War of 1812, residents of the village of Quissett went to great lengths to obscure the presence of their lovely protected cove from British warships sailing past on Buzzards Bay. According to the Woods Hole Historical Society, foliage was used to camouflage ships, and treetops were lashed to masts to disguise the existence of the harbor and its shipbuilding and saltworks operations.

The entrance to Quisset Harbor is "marked" by two (substantial) rocks that look like sand dunes upon your approach just to the south of the two visible cupolas at Hamlin Pt, and north of the standpipe at Woods Hole. Follow the entry marks carefully as it's pretty shallow on either side. You will have 8 or more feet of water once inside the entrance.

Navigation is straight forward but due to the narrow and winding entrance channel be sure you have reviewed your charts and they are at hand upon your entrance. Look for R"2" Fl R 4s lighted sea buoy at the entrance. Upon entering, favor the right side between C"3" and N"4", then cut across to the second can C"5", then on to N"6", then leaving C"7" to port.

#### **TIDES AND CURRENTS:**

Nothing unusual but do watch for set based on the direction of current in Buzzard's Bay at the time of your crossing from Marion.

Low tide in Quissett on July 19 is 8:00pm.

Low tide on morning of departure is 7:47am.

#### **MOORING & ANCHORAGE:**

There is an "inner harbor" and an "outer harbor" within the overall Quissett Harbor, with the inner harbor being the area roughly beyond N"8" and the point of land to its south. The transition to the inner harbor is marked with privately maintained nun and can buoys which you must respect,

Pick up any empty mooring labeled QBY. Most of the available moorings will be in the outer harbor. The moorings are white with a blue stripe and are first come, first served (No reservations. Don't call or radio the marina!) Depending on the day, we may need to raft up 2-3 boats to a mooring (permitted only in the outer harbor). Cost of a mooring in the outer harbor is \$40 and the Harbormaster will come by to collect. Moorings in the inner harbor are \$50 and you will need to inquire with the harbormaster if there are any available. **Please bring CASH as credit cards are not accepted.**

It's my understanding that the moorings are lines shackled to several cable runs on the bottom. For this reason, do not anchor in the mooring area! If you prefer to anchor, the area to do so is in the southwest corner of the outer harbor.

#### **FACILITIES: (available at Port of Call)**

Quissett Harbor Boat Yard (508-548-0506) at the Northeast end of the harbor maintains a dock for short visits, as well as a dinghy tie-up area. You can radio ahead to the boat yard on Channel 9 to obtain permission to tie up at the dock (six feet MLW at the dock). The dinghy dock is to the left of the main pier. Water is available at the end of their pier. If you need water after hours, the shutoff valve is underneath the hut at the head of the pier. There is at least 6 ft of depth all the way into the pier. The marina operates a Pump Out boat (on request), with trash disposal and ice (honor system) at the dock.

Once ashore take a short, easy hike to The Knob, offering magnificent views of Quissett Harbor and Buzzards Bay. The Knob is open to the public from dawn to dusk for bird watching, strolling, beach combing, and swimming.

One can take the WHOOSH Trolley to Woods Hole, a short walk from the Marina. See the Trolley information link in "Further Reading" below.

**GATHERING PLACE & TIME:**

We will gather at 6pm on the beach in the northwest corner of the harbor. Look for the BYC burgee on the beach. (Arrive by dinghy). Bring appetizers to share!

**Bring chairs and tables if you have them aboard.**

Drink of the day: Vodka and tonic

**NOAA CHART:** Charts #13230, #13235

**FURTHER READING:**

Harbor History: <http://www.qhpt.org/quissettharbor.htm>

WHOOSH Trolley: <http://www.capecodtransit.org/whoosh-route.htm>

The June Points East magazine discusses Quissett as their "mystery harbor":

<https://www.pointseast.com/may2018-guess-the-harbor/>

## Wed, July 20 and Thur July 21 - Vineyard Haven (Route 2)



**DAY CAPTAINS** : Jay Miller, Sabre 426, "*Acadia*"

**DISTANCE:** From prior night's port of call Quisset Harbor (10NM)

### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PORT OF CALL:**

Vineyard Haven is a village within the town of Tisbury, Massachusetts on the island of Martha's Vineyard. The land mass is 1.31 square miles and its elevation is 46' except where it's sea level. As of 2020, the population was 1,903. The Wampanoag people referred to it as "Nobnocket" which, to me, is more fun than how we know it. The name Vineyard Haven was first used in 1871.

Being the main port for Martha's Vineyard, ferries arrive and depart year-round here. Along with Edgartown and Oak Bluffs, it is one of the three population centers of the island. The Martha's Vineyard Regional Transit Authority (VTA) provides public transportation from the Vineyard haven community to other parts of Martha's Vineyard. Buses run to the Steamship Authority all summer. Taxis are also available for visitors. Bicycling is an excellent method of transportation.

Some shopping is available but more shops are in nearby Oak Bluffs and Edgartown. If in the market for books, knives, cookware, barware, bakeware, or linens, LeRoux at 62 Main Street, open Saturday and Sunday, may fit the bill.

There are also galleries of interest but, unfortunately, the Capawock Theater has closed its doors. The entire Main Street is a short walk from end to end. Perhaps, a jaunt to the restored 117 year old Martha's Vineyard Museum is your cup-of-tea. This summer the exhibit is "Creating Jewish Community on Martha's Vineyard" and traces "the Jewish community from its beginnings" around 1900 to the present. Shalom.

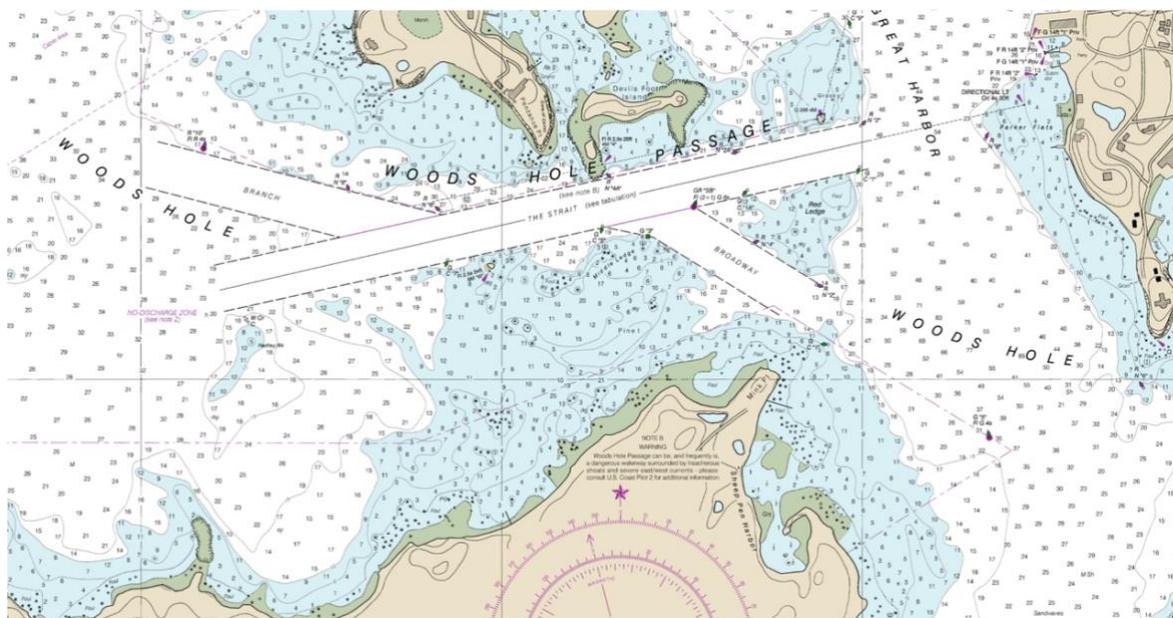
If walking is to your liking, you'll feel at home here. West Chop has excellent hiking with some wonderful New England architecture. The 5,300 acre Manuel F. Correllus State Forest covers three towns including Tisbury and is listed as "one of the Mass. Dept. of Conservation and Recreation's most significant properties" for its rare species conservation. Protecting the "coastal sandplain communities and rare plants and animals," it is known for its bike path and disc golf; I'll take the path, please. If the romance of the sea grabs you along with an occulting white light of four second intervals inside a forty-five foot tower built in 1891 then West Chop Lighthouse is calling or winking to you. Owen Park is a great situs for just relaxing and enjoying the sea shore.

### NAVIGATION:

<http://www.charts.noaa.gov/OnLineViewer/13238.shtml>

**Woods Hole:** Getting to Vineyard Haven involves a short trip through Woods Hole which sailors will want to run at slack tide. The NW running Ebb starts at 4:30 am DST and turns to a SE Flood at 10:48 am DST on Wednesday, July 20. It is 2.7nm from Quissett to Woods Hole, so at 5kt it will take 30min. I suggest leaving at 9:45-10:00. If passing through on the flood tide, be aware of cross currents. For more detailed information, consult Eldridge Tide and Pilot Book 2022, pp 59-65 and <https://bsccruisinguide.com/woods-hole/>

Turn on your engine and furl your sails to be in control and keep in the channel from Red Nun #6 (pass on stbd) to Red Nun #2 (pass to stbd). Past cruisers suggest having one person on the helm and a second looking astern to ensure the boat is not drifting out of the channel. Pass by GC "5" and GC "3" to port when passing from The Strait to Broadway (see chart below).



Passing through Great Harbor is a straight .8NM sail at 165 degrees passing G"5" FL G 4s.

Make the turn East at R "2" FL R 4s Bell and make your way along Vineyard Sound to Vineyard Haven passing to port of R "2" FL R 4s Gong. Be on the vigilant look-out for ferry traffic. Smile and wave at the nice people joining you on island. They may buy you a cocktail.

### Entering Vineyard Haven

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".

### Currents:

The currents can run strong in the channel north of East and West Chop.

Date: Wed., July 20, 2022

Station Name: East Chop

Time	Event	Speed	Direction (To Which it Flows)
8:24 AM	ebb	2.09 kts	297 °
11:58 AM	slack	-----	----
2:50 PM	flood	2.18 kts	116 °
6:15 PM	slack	----	----
9:00 PM	ebb	2.08 kts	297 °

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### MOORINGS AND ANCHORAGE:

Upon entering the harbor, please hail the Vineyard Haven Harbormaster on VHF channel 9 and identify yourself as a Bristol Yacht Club cruise member. Please provide the Harbormaster with your vessel name and LOA. The Harbormaster will assign you a mooring or direct you where to raft with a fellow BYC member. The harbormaster will be rafting the BYC boats, possibly up to 3 on a mooring. After you are provided your information ask the name of the boat(s) you are rafting with and whether it is already on the mooring. This will make it easier to locate. If you require directions to the assigned mooring, please ask.

### Bridge information for those who plan to anchor in the lagoon:

Lagoon Bridge Call Number, 508 696 7307. The Bridge Call Center is open 24hrs per day. The bridge into the Lagoon opens on a regular schedule but you can also hail the bridge tender at any time on VHS Channel 69 to ask him to raise it or when the next scheduled raise the bridge time is.

The channel into the Lagoon is dredged to a depth of 10 ft.

There is anchorage to port as you enter the Lagoon once you get under the bridge. That area is around 11 ft. There is also anchorage to starboard off Cedar Neck in around 15 ft of water.

There is a marina in the Lagoon, but it is private. We can ask if we can come ashore and tie up a dingy on their docks but if that fails there is a small private beach off Beach Road, the road that runs from Vineyard haven to Oak Bluffs, where you can leave a dingy.

**FACILITIES:**

Water is available on the face of the town dock. The harbormaster requests that 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 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.

Launch service should be available by hailing "Vineyard Haven Launch Service" on channel 72.

**GATHERING:**

Wednesday evening will be a potluck dinner at 5pm at the town gazebo in Vineyard Haven. See map below. Some may wish to explore the Vineyard and dinner options on your own or with other fellow BYC cruisers. Thursday evening will be on your own.

**RESTAURANTS:**

1. The Black Dog Tavern is, perhaps, the best-known eating venue since its founding in 1971 with its rustic setting along with artifacts from long ago schooners and whaling ships.
2. An Italian restaurant, La Soffitta, has received some positive reviews and is open Saturday but not Sunday.
3. Grace Church of Martha's Vineyard consider lobster rolls as "an essential ministry." Who can complain about a blessed lobster roll except the lobster?
4. The Art Cliff Diner has been providing breakfast to islanders since 1943.

**Key**

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Ⓢ ATM Machine	📖 Library
🏖 Beach	🎬 Movie Theater
🚲 Bike Rental	🏢 Office Supplies
🚤 Boat Ramp	👮 Police Station
📖 Book Store	✉ Post Office
🚌 Bus Stop	L Launch
🚗 Car Rental	R Repairs
C Chamber of Commerce	S Showers
🏛 Church	WC Restrooms
D Dockage	🚿 Showers
dd Dinghy Dock	Ⓢ Synagogue
🏪 Drugstore	T Taxi Stand
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**Our Waterways**

**Marinas • Shipyards • Ferries**

1	Martha's Vineyard Shipyards	508 693-0400
2	Tisbury Wharf Company	508 693-9300
3	West Marine/Marine Supplies	508 693-2906
4	Vineyard Haven Marina	508 693-0720
5	Gannon & Benjamin (Marine Railway)	508 693-4658
6	The Loft/Sail Maker & Repairs	508 693-3312
7	Black Dog Wharf	508 693-3854
8	Steamship Authority (SSA) Service to Woods Hole	508 693-0367
9	New England Fast Ferry Service to New Bedford	866 683-3779
10	Town Dock & Harbormaster	508 696-4249
11	Maciel Marine	508 693-4174
	Tashmo Bouyard & Crane Service	508 693-9311
	Sail Martha's Vineyard (SMV)	508 696-7644

**HARBORMASTER: CHANNEL 9**  
[www.tisburyma.gov](http://www.tisburyma.gov)  
**POLICE/FIRE/EMS/EMERGENCY 911**

## Friday, July 22 – Cuttyhunk



**DAY CAPTAINS:** Hardy Hartwell – “American Flyer” Hardy 401 835 0142

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CUTTYHUNK:** Located at the bottom of the chain of the Elizabeth Island between Buzzards Bay and Vineyard Sound, Cuttyhunk has long been known as a quiet fishing destination. Many families have long summered on Cutty with the original families going back several generations. Today Cuttyhunk offers a spacious marina, moorings for rent both inside and outside the harbor, a few stores for basic provisions, US Post Office, and a stretch of fish mongers located on the town dock. This dock is a great place for a traditional fish dinner, oysters, clams, lobster, chowder among other delicacies. Ice cream is also available for a few short hours in the later afternoon and early evening. Key to a fun trip to Cutty is be bring what you need but don't miss the Raw Bar and dockside eateries. Church's Beach is a short walk out of the harbor which on the way brings you past the Cuttyhunk Yacht Club.

**DISTANCE FROM** Red Brook/Pocasset Harbor(s) or Vineyard Haven is 22 Nm, and 19 Nm respectively.

The following are routes leveraged off NOAA Charts #13229 and Richardsons Chart Book, “Buzzards Bay, South Cape and the Islands” 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. These are provided as reference information.

### **BYC ROUTE 1**

Estimated Time of Travel at 5 kts, 3-4 hours. Tide should not be an issue leaving from Red Brook, so suggested departure time is 8:30 am, because Friday afternoons, moorings in the inner harbor fill up fast, early bird gets the Mooring(s).

From Buzzards Bay, you have deep water all along the islands. Favor a course that keeps you about a half mile abeam off Nashawena Island to avoid the rocky shoals that extend south and east from Penikese Island, which is located north of Cuttyhunk Harbor.

Weigh Anchor near or about Red Brook Outer Harbor @ RG N "ER", RG. Clear, Scraggy Neck and R N "2" to the North. (~5.0 nm)

Cleveland Ledge Light, Fl 10s/R "6" Fl R 2.5s, 41° 38.0', 70° 42.41 (1.0 nm)

R "2" Fl G 4s, BELL, 41° 36.6', 70° 42.2' (5.0 nm)

G "9" Fl G 4s, BELL, 41° 32.9', 70° 46.5' (6.2 nm)

To Lone Rock about 0.7 miles north of the northeastern end of Nashawena Island, identified by GR "LR" Fl (2+1) G 6s, 41° 27.6', 70° 51.0'.

Steer toward Mo(A) Bell RW "CH", 41° 26.6', 70° 53.4'SE, off Penikese Island, then cut between RN "2E" and GC "1E" into Cuttyhunk Harbor.

## BYC ROUTE 2

Suggested departure from Vineyard Haven is 8:30am. High Tide in Vineyard Haven is about 7:30 AM, July 22. There is a favorable Ebb tide in the Sound from about 7:30am to 1:30pm. Desire is to pass thru Quicks Hole on an Ebb Tide, running Northwest thru the channel. Slack tide at North Side of Quicks Hole on Friday July 22 is **1:48 PM**. Estimated distance from VH to Quicks Hole 15.2 nm, >> 3 hrs Transit time to Quicks Hole at 5 kts.

For those coming from the lagoon, the first bridge is scheduled for 8:15am.

The tidal currents velocity in Quicks Hole, about 2 to 2.5 knots, and a sailing vessel should pass through on favorable current. *With a strong westward current through Vineyard Sound, EBB Tide, there is a northward current through Quicks Hole; with a strong eastward current (FLOOD Tide) in Vineyard Sound, the current sets southward through Quicks Hole.*

Exit Vineyard Haven in a Northeasterly direction towards North Channel, and plan to veer to Port to round West Chop, then, turning Southwest down Vineyard Sound.

Key Marks on Route to Quicks Holes, North to South

Start Vineyard Haven Harbor (2.0 nm)

R "2" Fl R 4s, GONG, 41° 29.2', 70° 35.5' West Chop, Martha Vineyard (2.7nm)

G "27" Fl G 4s, BELL, 41° 30.3', 70° 38.7' Mid Channel VS (8.7 nm)

G "29" Fl G 4s, WHIS, 41° 25.2', 70° 48.1' South VS (1.8 nm)

G C "1" Fl G 4s BELL, 41° 25.8', 70° 50.4', **Entrance to QUICKS HOLE**

From the East Vineyard Sound, enter Buzzards Bay on route to Cuttyhunk Harbor, via Quicks Hole situated between Nashawena Island and Pasque Island. The entrance to Quicks Hole on the Vineyard Sound side, is G C "1" Fl G 4s Bell.

In the Quicks Hole Channel, heed the buoys; you'll pass between R N "2" Fl R 4s and G C "3" in a Northeast direction (2.0 nm) thru QH

Once you clear the channel, keep an eye out for Lone Rock on the Buzzards Bay side. Lone Rock lurks 0.7 miles north of the northeastern end of Nashawena Island, identified by GR "LR" Fl (2+1) G 6s. Pass Lone Rock well to the west and south, staying between it and North Point, on Nashawena Island.

**DO NOT use Canapitsit Channel, which separates Cuttyhunk from Nashawena Island, without local knowledge. The channel is narrow, rocky and subject to strong currents making the passage extremely dangerous**

#### **NAVIGATION INTO CUTTYHUNK: BYC Route 1 or 2**

Once clear of Lone Rock north of Quicks Hole, head toward RW"CH" Mo (A) Bell, (2.1 nm). From here cut between R N "2E" and G C "1E" and then it's a straight shot into Cuttyhunk Harbor.

**To enter Cuttyhunk Pond from the Outer Harbor**, keep R N "4" to Starboard before rounding. The R "6" Bell. The dredged channel opens between G C "9" and Cuttyhunk North Jetty Light FL R 6s 29ft 6M "8" and is dredged to 6.5 feet for a width of 60 feet. Stay to the side, but don't slip out of the channel: you'll run aground in the mud.

Cuttyhunk Pond is well protected. Coming inside, you'll pass the ferry dock and the abandoned Coast Guard Boat House to port. Just past the Coast Guard dock, the cove to port is rocky and shallow (sometimes bare at low tide); don't attempt to cross it.

Follow the white buoys marking the square main basin, which has been dredged to anywhere between 8 and 11 feet. In the northern portion of the dredged basin, you'll find 50 town owned moorings which are available on a first-come, first served basis and can hold up to three boats per mooring. Its shallow outside the dredged areas so pay careful attention.

**ANCHORAGE and MOORINGS:** There are 50 town owned moorings inside the harbor, first come first serve. Rafting up to 3 vessels is permitted. **Fee is \$45 per vessel, not per mooring.** There are moorings outside harbor first come first serve as well as plenty of anchorage space. Inside the harbor is a small area in the NE corner for anchoring. SMALL being the operative word. Be sure to leave enough swing room and get there early if you want to anchor as it fills up quickly. Avoid anchoring too close to boats already anchored or moored, and stay 60-100 feet from shore.

There is also dock space available from DOCKWA. Limited Slips are available, at **\$3.50/ft**, thru DOCKWA at [Dockwa | Marina dock, slip, and mooring reservations made simple.](#)

Contact harbormaster on channel 9 or 508.971.1388 for further information, Either George Isobel or Angus Garfield can help you.

Typically, Outer Harbor Moorings are available, and more often than not, you're sheltered in the lee of the island(s) from prevailing south/southwests winds. Anchoring is also an acceptable option.

**TIDES AND CURRENTS:** Low tide at Cuttyhunk on Friday, 7/22 is at 10:06 am, High is at 5:29 pm. Current in and out of harbor is 1 to 2 knots. Lowest depths 8' to 9' at low tide.

**FACILITIES:** There are restrooms but NO showers available in the harbor. They are open 24/7. There still is **NO FUEL** sold this summer in Cutty due to tank replacement. There is water and self-serve pump out on the fuel dock.

There are shoppes on the dock selling fresh seafood, ice, ice cream and bait.

Raw Bar Boat comes around every evening at 5pm to both inner and outer harbor mooring and anchorage fields. There is one small grocery up the hill, a few t shirt and souvenir vendors on island. Great island for walking but respect islander's homes. Walking up the big hill to the lookout tower is a must on Cutty. The panoramic views of the South Coast of MA, Buzzards Bay, Martha's Vineyard all the way to Block Island and Newport are available from this elevation. There are also walking trails accessible from this location. Bring your bug spray if you decide to go hike on one of the trails. See website for more information: <https://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/places-to-go/lookout-park/>

### **GATHERING PLACE & TIME:**

BYC plan is for a Club Dinner Hosted by **Cuttyhunk Fishing Club**, (Up the Hill, on the East End of Island) on Friday Evening, July 22. Cocktails, BYOB, and Club Drink of Day, (Pain Killers), beginning at 5:00 pm, **Dinner Served at 6:30 pm.** BYO, Light Hors Oeuvres, (Chips, Munchies).

Reminder: Three Dinner Choices:

- 1. Cuttyhunk Shore Dinner:** Lobster, Chowder, spicy sausage, pork sausage links, Stuffed Clam, corn on the cob, Red Bliss potato, Homestyle Pastry Tray
- 2. Grilled Chicken Breast Dinner:** Chicken Breast, Red Bliss Potato, Sweet Potato, Garden salad, corn on the cob and pastry tray
- 3. Kid's Menu:** Hot Dogs or Burgers, Chips, Pickles, Corn on the Cob, Dessert

**NOAA CHART:** 13230

**ADDITIONAL INFO:** EVERYONE is expected to follow current mainland Covid 19 protocol at time of stay. This could include wearing masks when ashore at all times unless seated for food service, however at the time of this writing, Masks are Optional. Best Practice(s) please Observe 6' social distancing when ashore as well. They are allowing bonfires and gatherings on the beach with social distancing practices in place

## Saturday, July 23 – Bristol

### **TIDES:**

In Cuttyhunk Pond, the tide will be high at 5:50 AM. Once out into Cuttyhunk Harbor, the current in Buzzards Bay will turn north at about 11:41 AM.

Current will be favorable up the Sakonnet beginning at about 9:24 AM, running north under the Tiverton RR bridge until 4:12 PM

**DISTANCE:** From prior nights port of Cuttyhunk (31 NM)

### **NAVIGATION:**

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 Red 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.

### **GATHERING PLACE & TIME:**

We have tentative plans to order pizza for delivery to the club at around 6:00pm. We will take a count for pizza on Saturday morning.