



To: CCA Down East Cruise Fleet:

We are writing to welcome you and to also provide some specifics for this summer's upcoming cruise. Our plan is to have regular Cruise Bulletins so that everyone can be well prepared and also get answers to any questions they might have.

First, here are the Committee members who have been working hard to put the cruise together:

Chace Anderson	Ernest Hamilton
Roger Block (Co-Chair)	Amy Jordan (Co-Chair)
Peter Driscoll	Nick Orem
Mark Gabrielson	Drew Plominski
Ernie Godshalk	David Tunick
Jay Gowell	Brad Willauer

Please feel free to direct any questions you might have to Roger, Amy or any of the Committee members.

Currently there are 30 members who have registered their boats. An additional 12 crew for these boats have also made their initial \$100 deposits . Five other members have expressed interest in registering their boats but have not made their initial \$100 deposits

1. CCA Members Who Have Registered Their Boats as 1/29/2024

Roger Block	Ben Blake
Ernie Godshalk	John Siegel
Mark Gabrielson	Paul Rogers
Chace Anderson	Ed Freitag
Nick Orem	Eric Thyre
Jay Gowell	Brad Willauer
David Tunick	Eric Pierce
Nancy Cook	Debra Gayle-Malone
Brian Guck	Stephen Kasnet
Rick Pedone	Abbott Reeve
Jonathan Burt	Pete Worrell
Peter Noyes	Walter Keenan
Rusty Kellogg	Jonathan Bixby
Tony Parker	Steve Berlack
Michael Mariner	Annemarie Lannigan



2. CCA Members Who Have Expressed Interest in Joining the Cruise

Scott Kraft
Pike Noyes
Murray Beach

Thomas Kiley
Jeffrey Wisch

3. Route and Itinerary

We have not made any changes to our Route or Itinerary from what is detailed on the Cruise website and which you can see here at [Cruise Route](#) and [Itinerary](#) . However we are still thinking about how to best handle our visit to Campobello. In addition to being our first landfall in Canada, Campobello Island, New Brunswick is also the site of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt’s summer home. The Roosevelt Campobello International Park, jointly owned and managed by Canada and the U.S., offers tours of this historic property. As a possible first event in New Brunswick we have begun planning a tour of the house, followed by a luncheon at the Adams Lodge, a function venue within the Park. We are considering making this visit and lunch part of the cruise and planning accordingly. The Cruise Committee has not yet made a final decision. If you have any thoughts on this August 12th event and luncheon, please email Amy at svshango@gmail.com

4. Navigational Tips

A full list of useful charts and guides will be included in the Cruise Book. We will also be including screen shots and selected navigational information within the Cruise Book. For those interested in doing some early research, there are three excellent guides that you might want to review. [The CCA Online Cruising Guide to Maine](#) provides navigational information and pictorial reviews for some of the anchorages and harbors along the cruising route. Please note that internet access east of Schoodic Point can be quite limited. In preparation for the Cruise consider going to [Offline Guide Use](#) to save navigational information to your hard drive for use when internet access is unavailable. Also be aware that the Online Cruising Guide to Maine does yet not cover Passamaquoddy Bay in New Brunswick where Campobello and Saint Andrews are located.

A second and still popular resource is “*A Cruising Guide to the Maine Coast*” by Hank and Jan Taft & Curtis Rindlaub. Unfortunately this guide is now out of print. Between 1988 and 2017 six editions were published. If you enjoy having a paper cruising guide aboard, any edition of this volume would be the one to seek out. Borrow it from a friend or buy it used, either way you’ll surely enjoy it. This guide does have coverage for Passamaquoddy Bay.



And finally, The “*CCA Cruising Guide to Nova Scotia*” is also a valuable resource for the Passamaquoddy Bay section of the Cruise. Information on how to obtain the Guide can be found here [Cruising Guide to Nova Scotia](#) .

5. Buddy Boats:

Although many members of the Cruise have sailed Down East Maine and Passamaquoddy Bay before, some may not have. Although we hope that our Cruise Bulletins and Cruise Book will offer ample information and preparation, some past CCA cruises, in advance of their cruise, have linked members experienced in a given area with those that are new to that area. If you are interested in getting in touch with a cruise member experienced with Down East Maine and Passamaquoddy contact Amy at svshango@gmail.com

6. Boat Insurance Rider for Canada

Just a reminder as you plan your insurance coverage for the 2024 season, you may want to consider getting an insurance binder for the Canadian waters where we will be cruising.

7. Cruise Fees and Timing of Additional Deposits

Based upon the early interest by club members, we have already made some commitments to the venues and the vendors for our kick-off and closing events. Given these commitments, we are asking each Captain for a non-refundable deposit of \$275 per boat by March 15, 2024. This deposit can be made on the Cruise web site. Here is the link [\\$275 Deposit Form](#). If you have already made your initial \$100 deposit it will be credited toward this \$275 non-refundable deposit as you complete the form.

As mentioned on the Cruise web page, at some point we may have to cap the number of boats in the Fleet. We hope this will not be the case, but, if it is, we will be accepting boats on a first come first serve basis determined by either the date of receipt of the initial \$100 deposit or the \$275 non-refundable deposit, whichever is earlier.

Accurate head counts are required for our kick-off and closing ceremonies. Captains are requested to have their crew make their March 15 non-refundable \$275 deposit allowing for accurate estimates for these events. The 12 Crew who have already made initial \$100 deposits will also receive a credit for their payments when they make their \$275 non-refundable deposit. Captains may also register crew as GUESTS if names are not yet known and they may also transfer paid registrations if crew participants change. All Captain and Crew deposits are made on the same Down East Cruise form. As the \$275 non-refundable deposits are made be sure to select the Boat that the participant is joining.

There will be a final non-refundable deposit due around June 1, some 2 months before the Cruise begins. We do not yet have a fully completed budget for all expenses but our expectation is that the final deposit will be in the range of \$275-\$300 and will represent a total cruise fee of \$550-\$600 per person.



8. Moorings and Dock Space Reservations:

Lyman Morse in Camden is setting aside all reservations for moorings, harbor floats, and dock slips for the dates of our kick-off ceremony, August 2nd and August 3rd. Until May 1, 2024 only CCA members will be allowed to make reservations for these dates. Cruise participants should go to [DOCKWA](#) beginning February 1 when it commences operation to make their reservations. 2024 rates have not yet been published but the 2023 rates were \$50 for Moorings, \$75 for Harbor Floats (max boat length 42'), and \$4/foot for rafted dock slips. To reserve a Harbor Float, go to the Moorings section and make a special request for a Harbor Float. Their number is limited and will be reserved on an as available basis. For all reservations indicate that you are a CCA member so that your reservation will be processed. After you have made your request and indicated that you are a CCA member you will receive an email confirming your request and asking for a deposit.

With the help of Ernest Hamilton, we are currently working on a plan to reserve moorings in Saint Andrews in both the town's mooring field as well as the St. Andrews Yacht Club mooring field. As soon as we complete these arrangements we will include this information in an upcoming Bulletin.

9. Cruise Reading List

Several Cruise Committee and Gulf of Maine Post members have put together a list their favorite books set in or about coastal Maine. There is a little of everything on the list so take a look and prepare to immerse yourself in Maine! The list can be found on the Cruise website here [Reading List](#).

10. Next Bulletin

We will be sending out our next Bulletin in late March or early April. We'll be paying special attention to current Canadian and United States border crossing procedures. If you have suggestions for other topics please contact either one of us.

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