

2010 Cruising Log Information

Sagamore Yacht Club, Oyster Bay, NY (north shore of Long Island)

- Mooring charge: \$50 per night, includes launch service and use of showers (nice – bring your own soaps/shampoo), bar; club has Friday night dinners and Sunday breakfast available
- Town is very cute; couple of restaurants, ice cream shop, drug store, art galleries, Presbyterian church attended by Teddy Roosevelt as a boy
- Teddy Roosevelt's home (Sagamore) is nearby, but a fairly long walk (2+ miles each way) – definitely worth taking the tour, but grab a cab or ride your bike (big hill at the end)

Northport Harbor (north shore of Long Island)

- Anchored north of the eastern-most clubs/marinas. Very good holding, good cover from all directions but the west.
- Quite at night, waters calm, little to no boat traffic after dark/before sunrise.
- Went for a swim – water seems clean, lots of fish, birds. Swans will visit begging for a treat!
- Seymore's Marine Service, just down the channel on port, offers a place to get fuel (diesel available) and water, drop off trash.
- Town of Northport is very nice – several restaurants (had breakfast at Tim's Shipwreck Diner – very kitschy and good food), shops, post office, police. Nice for a walk.

Setauket Yacht Club, Port Jefferson, NY (north shore of Long Island)

- Yacht club at the foot of the harbor; mooring is \$45 per night, includes launch, use of clubhouse (showers, bar – vacant when we were there on a Monday night)
- Self-serve pump-out barge in the harbor (east side, just inside breakwaters when entering); works very well, good work out!
- Port Jefferson, the town, is VERY nice. Many shops, restaurants, grocery store, CVS drug store, galleries. Particularly enjoyed a nice used book store, dinner at Z Pita (Mediterranean food, offers beer/wine, very good, reasonably priced, HUGE portions).
- Very calm waters, even with the big ferry boats coming and going at all hours.

North Cove, Old Saybrook, CT (west side of Connecticut River)

- Take the small channel to the west, just past the big marinas inside the entrance to the river. It is fairly well marked, and we saw nothing shallower than 6 feet at low tide (your experience may vary!...We've heard this channel tends to shoal due to the river currents, but it was recently dredged).
- Grab any vacant mooring with a yellow flag/streamer on the pickup – they are free! Weights are printed on the ball – pick one of a size that suits your vessel (we easily found a 400 pounder).

- Either dink in (nice public dock), or you can pay the yacht club to use their launch. Walk to town of Old Saybrook, which is very nice; many shops, cafes, hardware store, health food store, banks.
- Pay a visit to the Katharine Hepburn Cultural Center. Offers many great events – free concerts on Wednesday evenings!
- Wednesday mornings in town (you can't miss it) there is a farmer's market – lots of great local produce available to restock your on-board larder.

Three Mile Harbor, inside the forks of Long Island, south fork

- Lots of lobster pots en route across Gardiner's Bay – keep an eye out and it's no trouble.
- Lowest depth we saw in the channel was 8', just after low tide.
- Inside the harbor, headed due west once the harbor opened up and dropped anchor near the west shore. Very quiet and serene – lots of solitude! Huge harbor with few boats. Town offers free moorings (collect a fee in the morning) but we chose to anchor. Good holding. Nice beach inside the crescent of the harbor (north side) that we could have dinged to, but did not.

Sag Harbor, inside the forks of Long Island, south fork

- Mooring from Sag Harbor Marine Park (town), \$2/foot; they charged us the price for a 30' boat (we are a 33' boat). Includes launch and access to restrooms/showers ashore.
- \$20 deposit for key to shower room; returned key, got deposit back. Showers are basic but clean.
- Pump out boat available (free).
- Town is very cute; shops, restaurants, museums (recommend the Custom House and Whaling museums), grocery store, liquor store. Seafood place next to the town dock sells fresh seafood and will even cook it for you.
- Many boats of all sizes anchor just outside the seawall; there is a gap big enough for a dink to come into the harbor from there. The town dock, closest to the fixed bridge, has an area where you can tie up your dink.

Dering Harbor, north side of Shelter Island, inside the forks of Long Island

- Tied up at the town dock at the foot of the harbor; 2 hour limit. Did not spend the night.
- You have to buy a garbage bag to throw out your trash here! Keep it for another time.
- Tiny but cute town; Victorian homes, restaurant ("Cheekies"), hardware store, post office, shops all fairly near the town dock.

Branford Harbor, Branford, CT

- Dropped anchor behind Big Mermaid rock (enter via the Branford channel, then cut in on the west side of the rock, minding the buoys that mark the west side of the rock which is submerged at high tide). Plenty of water, good holding. Well protected from all but south winds. Some moorings in the area, but plenty of room to drop the hook.

- Some wakes until dark, then very calm. Cute cottages on the shore, very peaceful anchorage.
- Fuel and water available inside the harbor; Brewers and Branford Yacht Club both offer fuel (latter is cheaper in general).

Pequot Yacht Club, Southport, CT

- Narrow channel; shallowest depth we saw at low tide was 7'. Mid-tide at center of channel we saw between 13' and 16'.
- Club launches monitor channel 69.
- Bow and stern moorings; launch operators will help you tie up if this is a new arrangement for you. We were not charged a mooring fee – we think this was an oversight on the part of the launch operators, and not a normal event.
- Club offers fuel, water, trash dumpsters, pump out, ice, recycling receptacles. Gorgeous clubhouse with a restaurant; reasonable charges for meals.
- Town of Southport is adorable; beautiful colonial era homes, small grocery, pharmacy, barber, shops, florist, pizza shop, boutiques. Metro-North (train) station in town is walking distance.
- Very calm anchorage, protected from all directions – some exposure to the west for fierce winds.

Little Neck Bay, just east of the Throg's Neck Bridge

- Dropped anchor just north of the mooring field for Bayside Marina (they offer moorings, but do not answer their radio). Holding is good – much more of a “city” feel with the bridge and road on the shore. Pretty at night, some car noise if you are in close to shore.
- Excellent jumping off point for an early tide flip at the Hell Gate.
- Well protected from all but northerly winds. Very calm anchorage if the wind is not blowing hard.

Rockaway Point Yacht Club, inside Rockaway Inlet

- No charge for mooring; includes launch service. Launch monitors channel 6 until 8PM. Four guest moorings; area is undeveloped ashore next to them, and is fairly quiet.
- Strong currents (2kts) that can go counter to the wind.
- A few stores ashore, about ¼ mile west of the club; grocery, bank, liquor store, gift shop, pharmacy, tavern.
- “Magic soda machine” inside the clubhouse. \$1, dispenses beers, though it's marked as soda.

Ram Island, just outside Mystic, CT

- Island has house, barn, some livestock on it – very quiet.
- Nice anchorage protected from all but east winds. Good hold; about 9' of water at low tide. Many lobster pots in the area.
- Very quiet, just birds to keep you company. Dink over to the big rock to the north, walk around and pick up shells. Watch out for the poison ivy!

New Bedford Yacht Club, Padannaram, MA

- Launch monitors channel 68; mooring \$50 per day. Very nice launches (Orca and Whale), which run from 8AM to 10PM. Club offers fuel (reasonably priced diesel) and water at their dock.
- Lovely harbor with good protection from all but southeasterlies.
- Pretty clubhouse with a restaurant and bar; neither open on Monday or Tuesday. Very nice shower facilities with shampoo/soap provided, but no hairdryer.
- Town is only about two blocks long; hang a left out of the club's parking lot. Shops and a couple of cafes, marine supply store, nice ice cream shop near the bridge (has sugar free available). Lovely old homes on quiet streets.

Inner Harbor of Hadley Harbor, west of Woods Hole, MA

- Cluster of private moorings in a very secluded, well protected little harbor. Picked up a vacant mooring and stayed the night – no one threw us off; no one came to collect money.
- Few buildings, including a barn that is actually a ferry terminal – ferry is very small and quiet, goes very slowly, and does not run often (starts at 7am, runs to Woods Hole).
- GORGEOUS harbor, extremely peaceful, protected from all directions. No room to anchor.

Point Judith Pond, RI

- Passed through the harbor of refuge, up the long and windy channel, and dropped anchor. Channel is narrow in spots, and can be shallow; saw 6.2' about two hours before low tide at top of channel.
- Anchored in Point Judith Pond, between Gardner Island and Beach Island – enter from the north for deeper water (don't cut in from the west) – in about 7' of water.
- Fun to dink in to Beach Island and look for shells. Many fragrant beach roses blooming. Pretty seashore homes on the many small islands and the shore. Very dark and quiet anchorage at night.

New Haven Breakwater, New Haven, CT

- For winds from just about any direction, you will have good coverage/protection if you drop anchor behind the breakwater in New Haven; we prefer the west breakwater, as it is more isolated (we like quiet!). Good holding.
- Protection from both wind and waves is good here; quiet anchorage, to spite being close to the city. Some tug/barge traffic, but going slow and far enough away (if you are behind the west breakwater) such that there is little to no rocking. Only sounds at night are sea birds roosting on the breakwater.
- Light house point on the east side of the harbor is a nice sail-by – good picture taking.
- Oyster Point Marina, up the channel and in town, has fuel and water, but the fuel is no bargain. Also have a pump-out, but they charge \$5 (which they waived for us as we bought fuel).

Milford Landing Marina, Milford, CT

- Have used them twice as a storm stop for a hurricane/nor'easter. Very top of the creek, through a somewhat narrow but plenty deep channel.
- Town-owned/run facility which is very nice; all slips. Monitors channel 9. \$2.50 per foot, extra for electrical hookup. Nice showers, laundry facility.
- Very short walk to a really nice little town with a pretty town green. Many shops, restaurants/bars, bank, post office, and train station. Great little consignment shop (bought a pair of Tommy Hilfiger pants and a Banana Republic Belt for \$13 total!). Good Thai restaurant just up the road from the marina about a block.

Norwalk Visitor's Dock, Norwalk, CT

- Up the channel in town, starboard side as you come up the channel, right before the bridge. All slips (no moorings available to spite what the cruising guide said). \$2 per foot for arrivals after 4PM; \$6 extra for power. Showers were available, but the guys at the dock had no idea what the door code was so we could not enter and use them!
- Very cute town – seems to have experienced a recent revitalization in the waterfront area. Many nice shops, restaurants/bars, galleries, grocery, post office, and a movie theater all in walking distance (over the bridge on the opposite shore from the dock). Imax theater at the aquarium near the waterfront.

Larchmont Yacht Club, Larchmont, NY

- Guest moorings are keg shaped, and have letters on them. Pick any up and call the launch. Free for the day, but charge for staying overnight; \$38. Decent launches – ours are nicer!
- Club house is a gorgeous Victorian full of antiques and tons of beautiful sailing memorabilia. Very nice docks, pretty lawn, dance hall in an outdoor pavilion – very high class place.
- Town of Larchmont is very pretty, with many lovely homes – a nice walk. Town includes shops, restaurants, bank, post office. To get to town, make a right out of the club on Woodbine.
- Very nice dining at the club – if weather permits, eat out on the wide beautiful porch overlooking the harbor. Had a fantastic (large and delicious) barbeque buffet for Labor Day when we were there for \$23 (billed back to your KYC account – so have your card with you!). Full bar facility; we were comped a drink for each of us after a mix-up with our dinner reservation. You will want to make a reservation when you arrive if you plan to have dinner that evening, if it is a busy weekend.
- Anchorage can be rough and uncomfortable; is only really protected from the north and west.

Newport Marina, Jersey City, NJ

- Slips only, but reasonably priced for a New York Harbor location. \$2.50/foot plus extra for power. Check the sign at the mouth of the marina for current frequency (78?).
- Very close to the Path station, several restaurants, shops, mall. GORGEOUS view of New York City. Marina has a good wave dampening system, so the slips are pretty calm, though the biggest waves from the Hudson may still be felt in the marina.