

Some FAQs for you to consider:

1. Q. Is this really a three week cruise?

A. It depends. The suggested itinerary is three weeks from RNSYS to RNSYS with a single overnight passage there and back, assuming a 35 foot sailboat.

However, all the organized activities take place in **Maine between August 1st and 12th**. Some may choose to make the passage to Southwest Harbour (260 miles) and back from Boothbay (300 miles) non stop or at a different time.

2. Q. Is the Maine Itinerary fixed?

A. No. First, it is subject to change as planning continues, but the following is the current view.

Second, it is built around events in some ports, with the freedom to improvise and/or follow the suggested itinerary between those locations.

The current view of possible activities is:

DATE LOCALE EVENT

August 1st Southwest Harbor Area Welcome to Maine activity

August 2nd Eggemoggin Reach Wooden Boat School tour

August 3rd Castine Maine Maritime Academy

August 6th Penobscot Bay Beach Party

August 8th Camden tbd

August 11th Boothbay Boston Yacht Club Rendezvous / Dinner

August 12th Boothbay Bath Maritime Museum Excursion

3. Q. What are the legal requirements for cruising in Maine?

A. You need a VHF station license and must use a holding tank inside the three mile limit. You need passports of course, your vessel registration, a yellow Q flag and US courtesy flag.

You may be required to show that overboard discharge from all heads is disabled by removing a seacock handle, or securing it with a ty-rap or padlock.

Also, check, and extend if necessary, the navigation limits on your insurance policy.

And, bring a copy of your insurance certificate.

4. Q. Are there lots of lobster traps?

A. YES. Keep a sharp look-out and you should be OK.

However, I usually subscribe to either SeaTow www.seatow.com (Gold Card \$169) or Towboat US www.towboatus.com (Unlimited \$148).

Many folks in the US subscribe. I've never used their services, but its cheap insurance.

5. Q. Is there a crew bank?

A. Not yet, but if there is sufficient interest we could establish one. Let us know.