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And there is a constant surge in the private Maine boat-building industry in many sectors of the State, with yards on the jump to fill orders for sloops, cabin cruisers and luxury sailing yachts.

Maine and boating therefore are really synonymous, whether the action is inland or along the coast.

COMPETITION...

To put the boating and sailing enthusiasts in another frame of relaxation and full enjoyment, several spots punctuating the coast parade a variety of marine events for those who like to sail and landlubbers, alike.

Among the features, for instance, is the ever-increasing popular Friendship Sloop Regatta in the Knox County community of Friendship, home of the highly-regarded Friendship Sloop.

And there are the long-standing and also popular Windjammer Days at Boothbay Harbor where the several days' program with long-lasting memories attracts hundreds of spectators, many of them tourists and Summer residents.

Both the Windjammer Days and the Friendship Sloop Regatta are run off in July.

Then, too, there is the exciting and thrill-producing Retired Skippers Race on the coastal track in Castine in August. This sets up as skippers all interested captains who are 65 or older.

And many tourists join others in relaxing on a several hours' trip from Bar Harbor to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, aboard the Bluenose.

Besides Moosehead, the State's major inland waters include the Rangeley Lakes chain, Sebago Lake, Flagstaff Lake, the Belgrade Lakes chain and Grand Lake Stream, all in the southern, eastern and central sectors. And in the extreme northern area (Aroostook County bordering Canada) are Eagle Lake, Long Lake, Fish River Lake, Square Lake and Squapan Lake.

Aside from offering fishing galore, these inland waters are dotted with Summer visitors from all sections of the United States as they enjoy the peaceful settings for canoeing and sailing.

SAFETY FIRST...

The State of Maine has seen to it that safety is the watchword all along its coast and on its vast acreage of inland waterways. Besides a State-devised waterway marking system, special markers have been placed at organized swim areas, on water ski courses, and boat racing courses.

You owe it to yourself and your passengers to constantly keep in mind the rules and regulations for safe boating. Suitable life preserving equipment is a must for every passenger in your craft, be it large or small. Know the limitations of your vessel and make a checklist of the things you should have with you in case of emergency or to prevent disaster.

On the ocean and on larger bodies of water such as Rangeley Lake, keep in mind the ever present chance of rapidly changing weather and sudden gusts of wind. Know ahead of time what to do should the weather change suddenly.

To insure a safe trip, plan carefully and be sure to let someone know where you plan to go and when you expect to be back. It could save your life.

Acquaint yourself with the area you plan to navigate and inquire about any special hazards to watch out for.

If you are on the ocean, you will see numerous markers, lights and buoys which have been installed to guide you. Make sure you know what they mean. A partial list of lights and buoys is given below:

Red Nun:

A red, tapered buoy marking the right side, upon entering a ship channel from seaward, or location of obstruction, to be passed by keeping buoy on right side of ship.

Black Nun:

Marks left side of ship channel to ship approaching from seaward, or location of obstruction, to be passed by keeping buoy to left of ship.

Obstruction:

Alternating horizontal black and red striped buoy, either marks junction in ship channel, or location of obstruction, to be passed on either side.

Channel:

Black and white vertically striped buoys mark middle of channel, should be passed close-to, on either side.

Lighted Buoy:

To warn of underwater obstruction, the color of light indicates type of buoy at night.

Bell Buoy:

Steel floats surmounted by skeleton towers in which a bell is attached, activated by motion of the water.

Spar:

Long tapered pole projecting above water, and appropriately painted or numbered to denote purpose.

Day Beacon:

Unlighted navigational aids are called Day Beacons, varying in design and construction, colored to distinguish them from their surroundings. These are marked or numbered depending on purpose and usually are placed on land or reefs.

Come boat with Me. - The Great State of Maine!

THIS VACATION PLANNER

provides brief information on boating in the State of Maine. We have included a brief list of safety precautions and other information to help make your boating experience a safe and enjoyable one you will long remember.

One in a series of Vacation Planners programmed by the Maine Department of Economic Development, available from 78 Gateway Circle, Portland, Maine 04102. Prospective visitors to Maine are interested in the "facts", and these brochures are designed with this in mind. We would appreciate receiving your comments.

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Come boat with Me.

The Great State of Maine
Boating and Sailing



Little Experience Needed

Maine's boating-sailing opportunities do not require high-powered sales talk, since the natural environment and satisfying offerings really obscure the best of super salesmen.

Actually, too, the exciting and relaxing recreational spots in this category of Maine's vast recreational stage hardly need a directing and guiding hand, since they are simply magnetic because of their gracefulness, charm and exquisite beauty.

MILES OF WATER...

The States's crinkled coastline and the sparkling inland waters lurk everywhere in peaceful atmospheres while welcoming all who are quick to recognize the advantages of this arena of Maine's great outdoor playground.

The Maine coast of 3500 miles of shoreline, indented by hundreds of inviting bays and inlets and studded with off-shore islands, and the more than a million acres of navigable lakes and ponds provide mute testimony to the truth of real beauty and enjoyment.

And in the area of coastal safety for boating and sailing there are snug harbors, lined with modern marine facilities and competent services, that stand out as havens of protection in the event of a sudden blowing up of storms.

But on a more pleasant note, cruising along the invincible scenic coast is delightfully enhanced by the tall, stately evergreens and ruggedly beautiful granite outcroppings and also the long, shimmering stretches of spotless sand beaches.

BRING YOUR LINE...

And, of course, boating and fishing are inseparable everywhere on both types of waterways.

Generously productive deep sea spots just off the coast are considered the most desirable fishing grounds in the World.

With special charter boats available and adequately and safely equipped for all-sized groups, this deep sea fishing is one of the most popular sports connected with the Maine boating-sailing categories.

Why? The anglers have an unlimited choice of haddock, swordfish, pollock, tuna, sea-run trout, striped bass, mackerel, Atlantic salmon, cod and cunner.

Then, too, the incomparable fishing on the State's approximately 2500 lakes and ponds produces the fighting salmon and large trout, bass, pickerel and white perch.

The inland waters range from small bodies to the majestic Moosehead Lake, Maine's largest inland body of water, whose dazzling beauty is accentuated by towering Mount Katahdin, the State's highest elevation - 5267 feet.

DON'T FORGET THE CAMERA...

Some of the most pleasant locations in Maine for boating and canoeing are also among the State's most photogenic. Whether its coastal or inland boating you undertake, be sure to bring along your camera to capture forever the thrill of your excursion.

Wherever you go you will be enthralled by the natural beauty of the Pine Tree State. Test your artistic eye with Maine's coastal cliffs, smashing waves, fir fringes, majestic mountains, and unforgettable waterways.

And for unusual scenic attractiveness and vigorous adventure Maine's famous Allagash River region in the northern sector sets a natural and unique stage for a combined experience of relaxation and thrills for those who enjoy the real, rugged outdoor vacation trips by canoe.

But that is not all, for when day is done there are the special stopovers at campsites for eating before the "big woods" open fireplaces and restful slumber in the cool, wide-open spaces.

Amazingly, boating on inland waters is increasing at a tremendous clip, with marked emphasis on "the whole family" participation to enjoy leisure cruising, water skiing and picnics.

The increased interest in boating for the entire family has resulted in the development of numerous public access sites to the ocean and many Maine lakes. These public boat ramps, acquired and constructed through joint efforts on the part of State government and local municipalities, make it possible for all of Maine's summer visitors to enjoy the thrills of boating, without the burden of owning shore frontage.

The public boat ramps are also extremely popular with Maine residents. While in past years many were content to limit their boating activities to one or two favorite lakes, today's boat owner often likes to try out new bodies of water. This is especially true of the boating families and fishermen.

PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION SOURCES

Other Information and Publications about Maine:

Maine Department of Economic Development
State Office Building, Augusta, Maine 04330

Maine Publicity Bureau
78 Gateway Circle, Portland, Maine 04102

State of Maine Information Center
48 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, N. Y. 10020

State of Maine Information Center
Laurentien Hotel, Dominion, Montreal, Canada

Other Information Centers:

Jct. of U. S. Rt. 1 & Me. Turnpike, Kittery, Maine
Bass Park, Bangor, Maine

U. S. Rt. 302, Fryeburg, Maine (summer only)

Maine Turnpike, North
Cumberland, Maine (summer only)

Internat'l Bridge, Calais, Maine (summer only)

All Local Chamber of Commerce Offices

The State Park and Recreation Commission's Waterways Division is constantly working on new public boating facilities. There are already more than 20 public access sites on inland and coastal waters and approximately 15 more are planned for the coming year.

For those planning to bring boats or canoes into the State by trailer, it will be comforting to know that Maine has complete reciprocity with other states regarding boat trailer regulations. Trailers are permitted on all State roads. As in other states, trailers must be licensed, lights must be displayed at rear and must be connected to towing vehicle's brake lights if trailer obstructs view of towing vehicle. Directional lights must be connected to towing vehicle's if view is obstructed by trailer. Safety chains are required and license plate must be illuminated at night.

FACILITIES...

All public access sites are clearly identified by uniform signs that consist of a white spinnaker and propeller displayed against a sky-blue background.

Besides the facilities already available, there are a large number of access sites in the process of exploration, acquisition and/or development.

For those who yearn to sail the briny deep but do not have boats of their own, there always is an adequate supply of charter craft available at many vantage points along the coast for excursions carrying tourists and others to off-shore islands and other spots close to the coastline.

Vacation Planner No. 22, Cruise Me., will prove an invaluable guide to the numerous coastal boating trips available to the non-boat owner. There are cruises to fit almost any budget or timetable.

Maine's magnificent coastal beauty is further enhanced each summer as many splendid yachts tack up and down the State with their spotless white hulls glistening in the water. A "yachting paradise," Maine attracts some of the finest pleasure boats in the World to its scenic harbors, there to cradle lazily at dockside while their crews enjoy Downeast hospitality and seafood.

Major coastal locations include, starting at the Maine point of entry in the southern area with York Harbor, York Beach, Ogunquit, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Two Lights at Cape Elizabeth and Portland Harbor:

Bar Harbor, (Acadia National Park), Boothbay Harbor, Camden, Christmas Cove, Rockland, Vinalhaven, North Haven, Islesboro, Monhegan Island (off the coastal mainland), the Pemaquids, Popham Beach, the tuna-fishing grounds in the Bailey Island area and the Quoddy sector, down east in Washington County, near the widely-known Bay of Fundy.

The coastal area with the largest number of islands (several hundred) is Casco Bay, off Portland Harbor.

This area is a yachting-tourist mecca where, like several other regions, the boats play in flotillas, and tourist ferries bobble in sparking splendor among the islands.

STEEPED IN HISTORY...

And in the boating category, also, is East Boothbay which gained fame as the site where the replica "America" was built to celebrate the last Cup Races and the MacMillan arctic schooner "Bowdoin" also was constructed.

Historically, Maine shipyards have produced practically every type of craft known along the Atlantic Seaboard - from fishing shacks and dredges to million-dollar yachts, six-masters, submarines and the most modern destroyers for the Navy.

In fact, Maine-built ships have won top distinctions in various fields for more than three centuries.