

DOWNEAST CRUISING

Notes associated with experience and other Fleming owners

Cape Ann, Rock Port Ma

Anchor in settled weather at Back Harbor near Rockport

Wentworth By the Sea- Portsmouth NH

Marina near Portsmouth, NH. Great stop between Boston and Portland merestaurant but a car ride to town

Portsmouth NH - Kittery ME

Badger Island Marina- Convenient, easy walk across bridge into Portsmouth

Kennebunk Me

Chicks Marina- Walk into town, its touristy

Portland Maine

Demillos Marina- Right in downtown, good restaurants and shops

Freeport, ME

Brewers Portland- can take a shuttle to LL Bean

Potts Harbor, Harpswell Neck

Dolphin Marina is good (even though we have no dolphins in Maine)

Snow Island

Anchorage east of Harpswell, close to great island boatyard

The Basin, New meadows River

Only enter at a high tide, very quiet and protected Tender ride to Cundys harbor for Lunch

Sebasco Harbor Resort

Anchorage- with dock to get to resort with tender

Wiscasset

Cruise up sheepscott river and pick up a mooring



Boothbay harbor

Good fuel and services, but touristy. Stay at Boothbay harbor marina, worth a night. If you like gardens, then the Maine Botanical Garden is nearby

Linekin Bay

Moorings, Paul E. Luke- Quite side of Boothbay

Tenants Harbor

Lyman Morse Dock (or mooring), dockage is best here, only small boat moorings. Also, an excellent anchorage outside the harbor

Dix and High Island

Anchorage enter from the north via Penobscot bay, good waling on either island

Rockland

Lots of marina options, town dock recommended. Fun town with great attractions. Journeys End Marina is a great location with good facility's

Camden

Town docks if possible, otherwise try to get Willeys Wharf. Last resort is Wayfarer Marine. This town is a gem, known as one of the best Maine towns. Defiantly worth stopping.

Belfast

Old city, good restaurants. Also has the Front Street Shipyard if you need any maintenance

Barred Island

Anchorage with a tricky entrance, but a protected and beautiful location

Winter Harbor- Vinalhaven

Alternative to Seal Bay, just next door

Seal Bay, Vinalhaven

Anchorage with a circuitous entry but considered a must do. Could be considered the best "remote" anchorage. Enter at low tide because the hazards uncover.

Fox island thoroughfare

An absolute must do, from either direction. Moorings available at North Haven, and anchorages at the ends of the thorough fare

Eggemoggen reach

Another must do, head east from Penobscot bay

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Smith Cove, Castine

Anchorage near castine, Dennett's wharf has good food

Bucks Harbor

Moorings, Maybe one spot on float. Good back country restaurant

Wooden Boat School

Guest moorings, or maybe a lunch spot

Stonington, Deer Isle

Quaint town with the best diesel mechanics on the east coast. Billings Marine-ask for Greg and tell him that AJ sent you. They have a full machine shop and can fix just about anything mechanical.

Camp Island, Merchants Row

Next to Hells half acre, great walk

Merchants Row

Numerous anchorages south of Stonington, but also a huge lobster haven, which means pots and boats

Mackerel Cove, Swans Island

Anchorage very nice and stress free

Buckle Harbor, Swans Island

Anchorage, a favorite on north end of swan's island. You can even harvest some mussels on the rocks in the center. Check for red tide.

Burnt Coat Harbor Swans Island

Working lobster village on south end of swan's island

Marshall Island -Sand Cove

Great place to set the hook for lunch, on the SE side there is a crescent moon beach with hiking trails. Lots of sand dollars and a busy place on the weekend. Not recommended for overnight with any weather from the south.

Frenchboro, Lunt Harbor, Long Island

Calm anchorage if the wind and surge are favorable

Blue Hill Harbor

Nice Yacht Club. Inner harbor too tight to anchor

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You have reached AJ's backyard. If you need anything please do not hesitate to call 772-233-9054

Bass Harbor Mt Desert Island

This is a tight anchorage, however there is a great place to eat called Thurston's Lobster

Southwest Harbor, Mount Desert Island

Great Resupply spot, and excellent place to leave the boat for a base. Local market Sawyers is great, with shops and restaurants nearby. Stay with Micha and Jane at Dysart's Great Harbor Marina. Tell them AJ sent you. Floating Concrete docks with great service!

Northeast Harbor, Mount Desert Island

Moorings or dockage call the Northeast Harbor Master to reserve. Good access to Acadia National Park via busses, and a great market called the Pine Tree

Somes Sound Mt Desert Island

Once was called the "only fjord on the east coast" Somes Sound nearly divides Mount Desert island into two halves'. With rising mountains on both sides, it is a beautiful ride. You can also anchor in Valley cove below the cliffs of Acadia Mountain.

Seal Harbor, Mt Desert Island

Good Beach only a day anchorage due to surge unless very settled weather

Great Cranberry Island

Good kayaking around these islands, and great cranberry has a small convenience store with sandwiches and drinks

Little Cranberry Island

little cranberry has a great restaurant call Islesford dock. Great food! And a great experience. Call for reservations and take the tender! This is an absolute must do!

Bar Harbor, Mount Desert Island

Everything you need, stay at the town docks and talk with the harbor master Charlie Phippen. Bar harbor can have a surge, so try to come over on calm nights. Or anchor in the harbor or on the other side of the sand bar.

Winter Harbor, Maine

Winter Harbor Yacht Club – moorings available speak with Jim Bean, golf course on the water, and a great place to have lunch.

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