

Sailing vacations aboard the schooner AMERICAN EAGLE

a Maine Windjammer



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“Thank you for the smooth sailing. It was wonderful to ‘unplug’ to experience the sea life.”
from our guest book

Stay In Comfort

When you step aboard the **American Eagle** your first evening, you're welcomed to our summer home afloat: polished brass and gleaming varnish, deck chairs for conversations, braided rugs, bookcases, pictures, and paintings down below. Everything here is for your safety, comfort, and enjoyment. There's a fruit basket on the galley table, coffee and tea all day long, a deck ice box for your own drinks, and a knowledgeable and affable crew.



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Experience Maine's Coast

Whether you're aboard for a short cruise or one of our longer voyages around the Gulf of Maine, we offer you a sense of place to observe nature, a change of pace from travel and work, an opportunity to catch up with friends and relatives or make new acquaintances in a striking and beautiful setting – our Maine coast. We sail by day and find a different quiet anchorage every evening. While in harbor, there's time for a row ashore or a sail in one of our small boats. Our coast is one of the two most beautiful places to sail in the world; we're not sure where the other one is.



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Eat Well

You'll find our menu just the elegant side of comfort fare, prepared on board and varied from cruise to cruise. Expect fresh breads, soups, salads, and stews, roasts, local produce, and memorable desserts. We've yet to run out of lobsters.



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Fill Your Days

The American Eagle was the last working fishing schooner built in New England, restored and updated to provide what's best about sailing for pleasure. You can fit a lot in between a hazy sunrise and evening moonrise, and we do! We never know when we may see eagles, seals, porpoises, or whales. Yours is an all inclusive vacation; we provide everything from parking to postcards.



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See Marine Life

Early in the season is the best time for seeing puffins, late summer for whales offshore, and any time for seals and porpoises. Observing whales under silent sail is like no other experience. We've found that among whales, finbacks have the loudest exhalation but only humpbacks are slow and curious enough to keep up with us. Those rare moments every season when we can observe them up close is, to use a trite phrase, transforming, even if their breath is terrible.



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Be Entertained

John has quite a reputation on board for stories, reading sea tales or funny stories in the quiet of the evening. Some of the crew can sing and play musical instruments. There's often an informal musical evening, so bring your voice and small instrument and join in.



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Hone Your Skills

When you come sailing on the American Eagle, you are not only on an excellent vacation, you're seeing the Maine coast in a different and beautiful light, aboard a historic vessel. And while you're aboard, Captain John and his crew are happy to help you brush up on your sailing skills. Most of all, we're having a very good time doing it. As one experienced travel writer concluded "it's the real deal."



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Make New Friends

Whenever you find time to come sailing, be it during the long days of late spring, the refreshing summer breezes, or the crisp air and foliage of early October, you'll find a new home and friends afloat with us.



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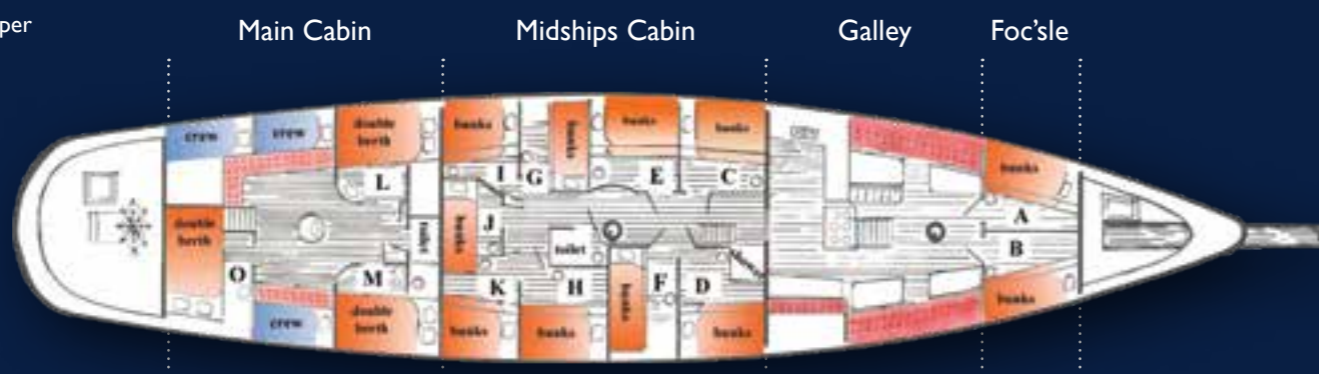
"Amazing: sailing on the Atlantic, a RACE, an overnight sail home over a moonlit sea, and rowing ashore."

Cabins A–K have upper and lower bunks

Cabins A & B can be reserved as single occupancy cabins

Cabins C, I, & K's upper bunks are convertible to double berths

Cabins L, M, & O have double berths



"Our trip in early June is a bright memory. We could not have enjoyed ourselves more; living on a beautiful boat, the jolly crew taking care of us, Andy's wonderful food and Katie his wonderful messmate, the sympatico fellow travelers - it's a great dream with many lovely parts."

- Bob and Betty Y., Richmond, CA

"A wonderful taste of Yankee seamanship. Memories will sustain us through the heat. A lot of fun. Thanks!"

- Laura & Michael T., TX

"Sailed all my life and this was the best."

- Chuck B., NY

"Thank you for a wonderful experience—I left here with a heavy heart—and returned home with 'Peace'"

- Anna C., Elmira, NY

Let's go sailing

A sailing vacation on the **American Eagle** is right for just about everyone – couples, friends, families with children, ages 12 and up, and independent travelers. There is an easy congeniality on board that makes for instant relaxation and great camaraderie.

Captain John Foss has been sailing the Maine Coast since he was little and has skippered his own windjammer since 1976. The **American Eagle** sails Down East on four to six day cruises. Sometimes longer adventures of 9 to 14 days to the Canadian Maritimes or tall ship events are planned. Spectacular scenery, wildlife, lighthouses, and wonderful meals, including an island lobster bake are part of every trip.

Each cruise is a unique vacation: exciting sailing at an affordable price. Most of our guests have sailed

with us before or come on the recommendation of a friend.

Board after 6 p.m. on the trip date, settle in and sleep aboard that night before we sail the next morning. Pack casual, comfortable clothes, and two pair of rubber soled shoes (no high heels, golf shoes, or dress whites, please). Rain gear, a warm sweater or jacket, a sun hat and sunscreen are musts. Bring your camera; you'll take a lot of pictures.

You are encouraged to follow our course on the chart, take the wheel and sail the schooner. Or, kick back, bask in the sun, and read. As for the sailing – well, that's just one reason our guests keep returning. But don't take our word for it – try it for yourself!



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A few facts to know before you sail

- The **American Eagle** accommodates 26 guests and is 92 feet on deck. She's the only National Historic Landmark vessel to meet international safety standards.
- Single cabins are available upon request.
- All cabins have reading lights, fresh linens, hot and cold running water, 12-volt outlets, and places to hang your clothes.
- Toilets and a separate fresh hot water shower are conveniently located below deck; you can walk through from the galley to most cabins.
- We heat the compartments below for comfort early and late in the season.
- There's no smoking below deck. Electronics may be used only with headphones.
- There's convenient air, van and bus service directly to Rockland.
- We offer free parking right on our own wharf. We even have room to plug in your RV!



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