

cruising with marinalife

Long Island

Cruising the Peconic Bay and the Long Island Sound

The Long Island Sound and Peconic Bay are a boater's paradise with calm waters in the summer and a bounty of cruising destinations. It allows for great weekend getaways or a month long exploration of the many marinas and coves throughout the Sound and the Bay.

Long Island Sound is an estuary of the Atlantic Ocean and various rivers in the United States that lies between the coast of Connecticut to the north and Long Island, New York to the south. The mouth of the Connecticut River at Old Saybrook, Connecticut empties into the sound. The Peconic Bay, is the parent name for two bays between the North Fork and the South Fork of Long Island in New York. It is divided by Robins Island into the Great Peconic Bay on the west and Little Peconic Bay. Little Peconic Bay is separated from Gardiners Bay by Shelter Island. Great Peconic is a shallow bay with less than 30 feet of water, while Little Peconic can have depths over 80 feet.

Marinalife has put together a list of suggested destinations throughout the Peconic Bay and Long Island Sound. We have tried to select a variety of marina options and even some side trips to cater to the weekend cruiser and the longer haul cruiser. There are also numerous protected anchorages in Peconic Bay where you can stay overnight or stop for a swim.

Riverhead, NY

Riverhead, situated at the center of Long Island's Twin Forks, is a great starting point for your Peconic Bay adventure. It is a short trip from the Shinnecock Canal if you are coming from the south.

Where to Dock: Treasure Cove Resort & Marina

Treasure Cove is a full-service marina with a resort atmosphere located on the Peconic River situated at the center of Long Island's Twin Forks. The marina is next door to Atlantis Marine World in the town of Riverhead offering great entertainment for kids and adults. This marina offers well sheltered, floating docks for boats up to 65 feet. (tel: 631.727.8386)

Marinalife Discount: 10% off transient dockage.

Shelter Island, NY

Shelter Island is a great place to visit by boat as it is only accessible by ferry and during the summer months, the ferry can get very busy. Shelter Island covers 8,000 acres and is one of the last unspoiled areas east of New York City. While on Shelter Island we recommend a cruise through historic Dering Harbor where you can tie up at the town dock for



a couple of hours and visit the numerous restaurants in the area (the town dock will get busy on the weekends). For a different type of adventure try the hip Sunset Beach Bar (overlooking Shelter Island Bay on Crescent Beach) where you have to anchor off the beach and swim in to the bar. Dock overnight at Coecles Harbor located on the east side of the island for a quiet night.

Where to Dock: Coecles Harbor

Located between the North and South forks of Long island, Coecles offers repair and maintenance facilities as well as transient dockage and moorings. It is a great place to visit to get away from the hustle and bustle. (tel: 631.749.0700)

Marinalife Discount: 10% off weekly dockage.

Greenport, NY

Greenport has been a working seaport since the 18th Century. You will find many unique shops, galleries, and museums, as well as a restored Art Deco movie theater, and an antique carousel in Mitchell Park.

Where to Dock: Mitchell Park Marina

At Mitchell Park Marina you can stay in the heart of the village of Greenport. Right off the dock, you'll find marine and fishing provisions as well as restaurants, a variety of shops, galleries, museums and activities. Greenport is convenient to transportation into New York City, the wineries of the North Fork, as well as ferry service to Connecticut's casinos. (tel: 631.477.2200)

Sag Harbor, NY

Sag Harbor is a beautiful, quaint, New Englandesque village with lots to offer the visiting boater from fabulous restaurants, bars, and shopping to great people watching.

Where to Dock: Sag Harbor Yacht Club

The Yacht Club, which welcomes visiting boaters, is just a brief walk to historic Sag Harbor Village and a short ride to the chic Hamptons. Also close by are vineyards, farms, historic sites, mansions, scenic vistas, and the world's best beaches. (tel: 631.725.0567)

East Hampton, NY

The Village of East Hampton has been called "America's most beautiful village" and includes large, open public greens, farmland, and a beautiful ocean beach not to mention many exclusive boutiques and high-end restaurants. Don't miss the estates and homes along the roads from Main Street to the ocean which are very impressive.

Where to Dock: Hasley's Marina

The protected and picturesque marina basin located near East Hampton's historic village, contains 41 slips that will accommodate vessels up to 105 feet. The marina has a clubhouse that provides restrooms, showers, beverages, ice, and a place to relax. The basin is very quiet, bordered with reserves on three sides. (tel: 631.324.9894 ext.106)

Marinalife Discount: 5% off transient dockage. Sunday-Thursday (May 15-October 15).

Montauk, NY

Montauk, home to the largest commercial and recreational fishing fleet in New York State, offers a great place to sample local fresh seafood or to try your own skills fishing in one of the greatest areas in the world. During your visit do not miss a visit to the famous Montauk Point Lighthouse (you will need to take a taxi from the yacht club to visit the Montauk lighthouse).

Where to Dock: Montauk Yacht Club Resort Hotel & Marina

Montauk Yacht Club, an IGY Destination, offers 232 slips featuring newly renovated pilings, boardwalks and railings and full hook-ups including phone, electric, water, cable TV, WiFi access and on-site amenities, including newly renovated showers and laundry facilities. They can handle boats up to 200+ feet and a maximum of a 12+ foot draft. Visitors have access to all of the resort amenities including two outdoor pools, and one heated indoor pool. There is also a full service hotel with 107 luxurious guest rooms, including 23 historic hideaway villa rooms that are ideal for small groups, formal and casual dining, indoor and outdoor bars, work out facilities and a spa. (tel: 631.668.3100)

Marinalife Discount: 10% Off dockage, Sunday - Wednesday.



Mattituck, NY

Mattituck, situated on the north fork of eastern Long Island, is a convenient stop on your way to the north shore of Long Island. After leaving Montauk you will pass through Plum Gut towards Orient Point and its light, nicknamed the Coffee Pot (it can get a bit rough through here). Mattituck is also a great location to enjoy a day of wine tasting at the nearby vineyards on the North Fork Wine Trail.

Where to Dock: Matt-A-Mar Marina

Matt-A-Mar Marina is situated on the north fork of eastern Long Island. Located on Mattituck Inlet, this marina offers lots of amenities including a swimming pool and can accommodate vessels up to 70 feet. The marina is within walking distance to shopping on quaint Love Lane and has a popular restaurant on the premises called A Touch of Venice. (tel: 631.298.4739)

Port Jefferson, NY

Port Jefferson, a very picturesque waterside village, has a lot to offer the visiting boater. You can spend time shopping in the many unique boutiques and antique stores and enjoy entertainment including art galleries, live music in the supper clubs, and theatre. Of course there are also many restaurants and cafes to choose from.

Where to Dock: Danfords Hotel & Marina

Danfords Hotel & Marina is situated harborside in the

picturesque village of Port Jefferson on the Long Island Sound. It offers 86 guest rooms, 75 slip marina, 10 meeting rooms, waterfront restaurant, a seasonal on deck alfresco dining, a day spa, & salon. The marina can handle boats up to 160 feet in length and offers fuel (gas and diesel), telephone, television and electrical hookups. (tel: 631.928.5200 ext.123)

Marinalife Discount: 10% off transient dockage. Sunday-Thursday and 10% off at 25 East American Bistro.

Huntington, NY

Where to Dock: West Shore Marina

Located at the head of Huntington Harbor, this is a full-service marina which is close to town with shopping and restaurants. The marina offers 300 slips including transient dockage with floating docks, storage (outdoor, wet and dry), repairs, showers, pool, laundry, marine store, picnic area. (tel: 631.427.3444)

Marinalife Discount: 10% off transient dockage.

Where to Dock: Huntington Yacht Club

The Huntington Yacht Club is one of the only yacht clubs on Long Island Sound for those boaters who prefer the club experience with the convenience of a dock. The marina is state-of-the-art with 103-slips accommodating boats up to 100 feet. (tel: 631.427.3444)

Port Washington, NY

Port Washington is a picturesque village with wonderful views of Manhasset Bay, and features beautiful parks, historic homes, and tree-lined streets. The village attractions also include a local theater, fantastic restaurants, and wonderful shops. The village hosts many summer events including the annual Harborfest and a summer concert series.


Where to Dock: Brewer Capri Marina

Located within Manhasset Bay, Brewer Capri Marina has many amenities to choose from for visiting boaters as well as easy access to Port Washington. Brewer Capri Marina is comprised of three contiguous sites: Capri East, Capri West, and Inspiration Wharf. Together these sites offer nearly 350 berths for boats up to 150-feet in length. (tel: 516.883.7800)

New York City, NY

Where to Dock: North Cove Marina

North Cove is located on the Hudson River at the southern tip of Manhattan, right in the center of the action. The marina has a park-like setting in the middle of Manhattan and is frequently referred to as the "Monaco on the Hudson." (tel: 212.786.1200)

Marinalife Discount: 10% off transient dockage. 



Cruising the Connecticut Coast

Once you leave NYC, you can head north up the East River through Hell's Gate into the Long Island sound along the Connecticut Coast where many great destinations await the cruising boater. Visit the following or call Marinalife for other suggestions.

Mystic, CT

Where to Dock: Seaport Marine

Walk to historic Downtown Mystic from this marina. Their location in downtown Mystic offers walking access to everything from shopping & dining to historic sightseeing. The facility now offers a new section of floating concrete docks and a fuel dock, as well as storage. (tel: 860.536.9681)

Old Saybrook, CT

Where to Dock: Saybrook Point Marina

On the Connecticut River adjacent to Long Island Sound in historic Old Saybrook, Saybrook Point Marina (recently named Marina of the Year) offers a state-of-the-art resort marina featuring indoor & outdoor pools, fitness center, whirlpool, sauna, steambath, elegant rooms and fine dining. (tel: 860.395.3080)