

Friday 7 August through Monday 9 August 2010

2010 North Star Flotilla CRUISE to New Harbor Block Island

Friday August 6th All boats will move as a flotilla (group) Assume: **SOG 14 kts**

Rendezvous Points: & Times (Run time 2 hrs)
Warwick Country Club ~ 1800
Jamestown Bridge ~ 1838
Dutch Isl ~ 1847 *alternate anchorage bad weather*
Whale Rock ~ 1900 *(next 28 min. could be the worst)*
SE of PJ Light ~ 1925
East Brkw PJ ~ 1928 Harbor of Refuge *Anchorage 1 or*
Plato & Gardner Isl ~ 1945 Salt Pond *Anchorage 2 (most calm)*
If you need fuel, fuel at salt pond not BI

Dreamer & Down East Assume: **6 Kts** Run Times (4 to 5 hrs)
Edgewood Y C to Comimicut light 0h 42 min
Comimicut light to Warwick Light 0h 35 min
Warwick Light to Whale Rock 2h 16 min
Whale Rock to Harbor of Refuge 1h 10 min

Meals with be cooked on various boats for all to eat – Menus to be arranged

Saturday August 7th get underway 0930 (Run time 1 hr) (fuel at PJ Marina, if necessary)

Depart West Gap ~ 1000
1BI ~ 1030
New Hbr Entr ~ 1045

Dreamer & Down East Run time: 2 hrs

Anchorage ~ 1100 “Dinghy Beach area” or CHAMPLIN’s Marina \$4/ft/day+tax+elect
<http://www.champlinsresort.com>

Our own group dinghy launch service (*bring portable radios*)

Group Cocktails 1700 to 1830 1830 ? steak fry ? with rice pilaf & corn

BAD Weather Alternate ~ Stay in Salt Pond for the weekend

Sunday August 8th

8:30 to 4^{ish} Moped time or fish or kayak or swim or shop or horseback ride
1700 Group Cocktails
1900 Group dinner at Narragansett Inn ??

Monday August 9th Return Home (Run time 3 hrs)

Depart 1330 then 1430 off PJ light ~ 1630 off Warwick Country Club

Dreamer & Down East (1000 departure) Assume: **6 Kts** Run Times (7 to 8 hrs)
New Harbor BI to PJ light 2h 00 min
PJ light to Comimicut Light 4h 35 min
Comimicut Light to Edgewood Y C 0h 42 min

Ashore Lodging

Narragansett Inn *New Harbor by Paynes Dock* www.BINIINC.com ~ no A/C ~
 \$75/night single to \$140 shared bath to \$235 priv. bath to \$265 - \$325 suite –queen & 3 twins

Champlin's Marina Lodge (at the marina) www.champlinsresort.com

\$285/night 2 queen beds has A/C & pool, Children's Playground, Video Arcade, Tennis Courts, Grill and Picnic Area, Bakery / Ice Cream Parlor, Dockside Restaurant, Trader's Tiki B

Aldo's Mopeds Inc

221 Jobs Hill Rd
 Block Island, RI 02807
 (401) 466-5811

Taxi ~ 4 people *New Hbr to Old Hbr* one way \$14

All taxis in the Town of New Shoreham operate under the guidelines set forth by the Town's Commission for Motor Vehicles for Hire. Rates are established using a 'zone' system, rather than a time/mileage meter (which most people are familiar with when taking a taxi on the mainland.)

Rates are required by law to be posted in every cab, and all cabs must, by Town ordinance, adhere to the posted rates. Drivers will gladly discuss rates before being hired.

Island tours are a wonderful way to learn about and see the island, in just a little over an hour. Call to find out current rates, and set up a time convenient for you.

Tour rates as of 2008 were set at \$55 for one or two people, and \$10 for each additional passenger.

Block Island Ferry from Point Judith

<i>Point Judith Rates</i>	
ONE WAY	
Adult one way:	11.15
Senior Citizen one way:	10.65
Child one way:	5.45*
SAME DAY ROUND TRIP	
Adult same day round trip:	18.25
Senior Citizen same day round trip:	17.25
Child same day round trip:	8.65*
DIFFERENT DAY ROUND TRIP	
Adult different day round trip:	22.15
Senior Citizen different day round trip:	21.15
Child different day round trip:	10.90*

MOTOR VEHICLES	
Standard Size Passenger Car one way:	47.35
Standard Size Passenger Car round trip:	94.70
Full Size Size Passenger Car (SUV) one way:	57.10
Full Size Passenger Car (SUV) round trip:	114.20
PICKUPS and VANS one way:	57.10
PICKUPS and VANS round trip:	114.20

Block Island Guide go to <http://www.blockislandguide.com/76.html>

Most taxi drivers will take you on a one hour **Block Island Tour**. The cost is approximately \$50. (this is for 2 people.) Additional passengers are \$10 each. You'll get a colorful guided tour of the island and usually some inside information.

Taxis in Old Harbor are waiting at the taxi stand at the top of the Block Island Ferry parking lot on Water Street, directly across from the Harborside Inn.

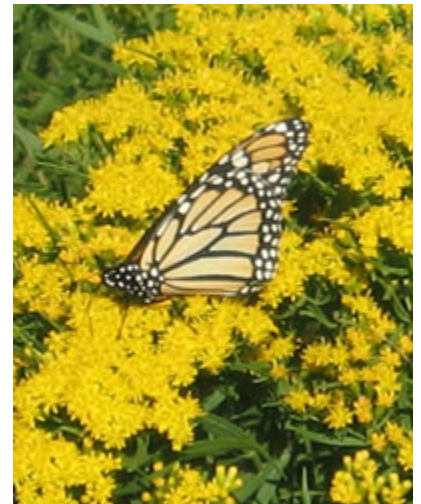
Taxis in New Harbor at **Payne's Dock** wait at the end of the dock.

Taxis in New Harbor at **Champlin's Marina** wait at the end of the dock right next to the snack bar. Ferry from Montauk, NY docks here.

Taxis are everywhere in July & August. If you are visiting in the slower months and cannot find a taxi just ask your waitress, bartender to shopkeeper to recommend or to call one for you. Ask for Vin, Art, O.J., Fran or Sam.

There are a handful of drivers that work as the bars close (1 A.M.) They wait outside the night clubs and bars or at one of the Taxi stands.

You won't find a Taxi late night so arrange a ride ahead of time. If you become stranded you might have to walk back! Don't wander the streets with open drink containers. Taxi drivers stay clear of really intoxicated people and the open container law is strictly enforced. Many a festive late night indulger has found himself being taxi'd by Block Island's finest, right to the cold and lonely jail cell.



Remember you are using real streets with real traffic. There's a tendency for visitors to lose their bearings here, every day we see tourists wandering in the streets without looking one way; never mind both ways. I'm not sure why this happens but it happens constantly. Perhaps the excitement of vacation or the sea air or fact that the town looks like the 1800's makes people not able to remember how to navigate a busy street. Islanders lovingly refer to these people as 'vacation heads'. Of course you are not one of them so you'll blend right in!

Getting Around by Bicycle:

You can **Bring Your Bike** on the Block Island Ferry or any of the Ferries for a small fee. You can rent a bicycle for a day, weekend or week from any number of bike rentals at the marinas or around the island. Do keep your bike locked, there are bike stands everywhere.

Getting around by bike is a great way to see the island and it's a great activity for the family. Some suggestions for family bikers: Keep your youngest bikers in front so you can see them. If you're kids are just learning to ride you won't want them on a congested road with no bike path. Best to rent one of the double bicycles built for safe parent & child fun.

Be careful with those child toting cabooses that are attached to dad's bike, they can easily sway out into the road and you won't even know it. (we call them 'kiddie coffins') Be aware of the rules of the road and use hand signals. If you are riding at night please use reflectors and a light. In a lot of places in the US you'd be ticketed for reckless night riding. If you are getting around by bike, be responsible for keeping your family safe on the roads.

Mopeds:

Mopeds are for rent at the marinas where the Block Island Ferry docks, up on Water Street next to Rebecca's, Chapel Street which is off Water Street; or parallel to Water Street and just behind it on Weldon's Way, Moped Alley as it is called by islanders. They all charge about the same rate per day. Look for deals during the off season or towards the end of the day. There are a limited number of mopeds for rent as it is regulated by the town. Mopeds are a very popular and make getting around the island fun.

This popular mode of transportation is not shared by many islanders, especially the ones that comprise the volunteer rescue squad and attend to the daily moped accidents. As long as you pass the mini lesson and wear a helmet you can rent a moped, but if you've never driven a moped, scooter or motorcycle, Block Island is not a good place to learn. Many vacations end abruptly with a trip to the medical center or a lifestar flight to a mainland hospital.



Rental Cars & Cars in General:

Rhode Island **Rental Cars and Jeeps are Available** at Old Harbor between the Block Island Ferry dock and the commercial fisherman's dock near Ballards. Ask for Bobby. You can also rent from New Harbor at the Oar parking lot. Ask for Jason. This is a nice alternative for getting around if you are visiting with your family and cannot get a car reservation on the ferry or if you do not want to bring your car to the island.

Block Island is experiencing an escalating problem with traffic and parking. Everyone seems to have a car, bring a car or multiple cars. This creates mainland-like traffic, making getting around a headache. It is now nearly *impossible* to get a car reservation on the Block Island Ferry.

You can help curb this growing problem by not bringing a car or only bringing one car. If you are using a car and are going somewhere close by or without all your beach gear for example, you might decide to walk, bike to take a taxi.