## **Casco Bay**

Casco Bay covers a large area, and there are overnight stops for any taste. For those who prefer to be in the city with its amenities, there are numerous marinas in Portland. I cannot recommend any one in particular. (I have stayed on a mooring at Centerboard Yacht Club in South Portland, which was nice.) Go to Dockwa and select what looks most inviting to you. It puts you farther from the next stop on our cruise than other spots in Casco Bay.

Just outside of Portland is Diamond's Edge Restaurant & Marina. No moorings, dockage is \$3.50/ft up to 42'; \$4.00/ft. 43'to 55'. It's located on the north end of Great Diamond Island, just outside of Portland.

On the opposite (eastern) side of Casco Bay you could stay at Sebasco Harbor Resort. No moorings, docks are \$40 - \$60. The resort has amenities i.e. showers, laundry, pool, restaurant, pumpout, ets. Pretty much everything but a golf course.

If you prefer to anchor in solitude, try The Basin. It's about two miles north of Sebasco, and is a landlocked pond off the New Meadows River. No services, just a protected harbor with a mud bottom, about 14 to 20 ft. depth. Enter via a narrow channel among the trees on your starboard side when heading north.

My solid recommendation for this stop on our cruise is Dolphin Marina & Restaurant. They can provide docks and moorings with launch service. A restaurant is on the grounds. I've eaten there and it's very good. It's midway through Casco Bay on our route, so it makes sense to stop here. They have both gas and diesel fuel, moorings are \$3.50/ft., docks are \$3.50 - \$6.00/ ft. Coffee and muffins are a special amenity every morning here.

For any of these places, except The Basin, make reservations on Dockwa.

