



## ***Eastport, Maine USA*** ***National Register of Historic Places***

### **A Classic Maine Waterfront Community with Professional Maritime Services:**

- The beautiful port of Eastport, Maine is the easternmost port facility in the United States and sits at the mouth of the Bay of Fundy. It features two berthing terminals located in the center of town offering floating piers, sewer, water, electric service, slips, moorings and other marine services with both U.S. Customs and U. S. Coast Guard offices just a minute's walk away.
- Eastport is conveniently located between Saint John, NB, Canada and Bar Harbor, ME and has a protected port full of natural and unspoiled beauty. The piers can accommodate vessels up to 750 feet in length and at low tide has a mean low depth of 40 feet with approach depths of over 100 feet.
- The Port also has a cargo facility in Deep Cove, with a pier that can accommodate two berthing spaces simultaneously and boasts the deepest water (natural depth without dredging) in the lower 48 States with 64 feet at mean low water and approach channels depths in excess of 100 feet. Stevedoring and ship's agency services are available.
- Tug and pilot services are available for assistance with berthing.
- Eastport Municipal Airport (4000ft. runway) services the area offering fuel and customs clearance and is within minutes from the downtown waterfront piers and the cargo pier.
- Eastport's waterfront hosts a large US Coast Guard Station which operates out of the port.
- Homeland Security/US Customs and Border Protection Service have offices in the Post Office/Customs House building located between the two piers in the center of downtown.
- Shore excursions can be customized to meet passenger requests.

### **Passamaquoddy Bay is an historical playground to the elite and you can make it yours:**

- Eastport's protected harborage sits inside 'Head Harbor' whose entrances are marked with East and West Quoddy Head lighthouses. At the entrance to Passamaquoddy Bay, one must traverse the "Old Sow" Whirlpool.
- Eastport is a gateway to Franklin Delanor Roosevelt's beloved summer home on Campobello Island, NB which is now an International Park and is located just across the bay from downtown Eastport.
- To the north east through Passamaquoddy Bay lies the nearby Canadian resort town of St. Andrews-by-the-sea, NB.
- As one leaves the Island on Maine Route #190 by a causeway built during the 1930's Quoddy Dam Project, one travels through our the "Sipayik" Passamaquoddy Indian Reservation at Pleasant Point. Our native neighbors have inhabited this land for over 4000 years and have a proud heritage including dance and song.
- Further north up Passamaquoddy Bay lies Saint Croix Island National Monument which was the first French settlement in the new world in 1604.
- For those seeking nature, the bay presents an ocean vista at every corner, a working harbor, the largest whirlpool in the western hemisphere, and abundant marine life, including several species of whales, porpoise and seals. Bald Eagles, osprey, and as many as 150 species of migratory birds wing their way overhead.
- The bay is rich in lobsters, crab, scallops, sea urchins, clams and many other fish which are harvested by local fisherman who use Eastport's downtown waterfront as their home.
- The area is also home of a large Salmon farming industry and Salmon pens can be viewed from many locations around the city.
- Eastport is home port to several schooners who offer bay tours and whale watching, as well as lobster boat tours.
- Services include guided kayak tours, a passenger ferry service to Lubec, and car & passenger ferry service to Deer Island, NB Canada direct from our downtown ferry landing.
- Eastport is home to Shackford Head State Park which consists of a network of natural hiking trails over spectacular ocean side wooded terrain.
- Enjoy novice fishing off our piers for mackerel and other fish or in our bays for flounder, etc. and at low tide, try clamming.

### **Specialized Art Experiences – Opportunities to practice art with the high end artists of the Bay Area:**

- Eastport has long been a center for the arts with a rich cultural history dating back to the early part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. That tradition finds expression today in a small, island town boasting a regional museum, art center, co-op art gallery, a fine artisan gallery and dozens of working artists who open their studios and workshops to visitors. (Potters (including a Master Potter), wooden bird carver, bronze sculptor, etc.)
- Eastport boasts a community Co-Op Art Gallery exhibiting 30 member artists' works and numerous other local artists who have galleries in their homes all within walking distance of the downtown waterfront.
- Eastport has an Art Center which hosts its symphony, performing arts company 'Stage East', and many other programs dedicated to the performing arts.
- Eastport is home to several noted authors including "Sarah Graves" (Random House Publishing) who has written 14 murder mysteries all based here in Eastport as part of her "Home Repair Is Homicide" murder mystery series.

### **History Abounds- Eastport holds a special place in the History Books and harnessing the Tides for Power:**

- Eastport Maine is the easternmost city in the United States with a current population of nearly 1800. It is a maritime city, known for its deep water, 28 ft. rise and fall of tides and home to the hemisphere's largest whirlpool "Old Sow".
- The City of Eastport, settled in 1772, was organized as a Massachusetts city in 1798.
- Eastport was seized by the British in the War of 1812 and held for several years (1814 - 1818) during which time it was considered part of New Brunswick. Returned to the United States in 1818 by the Treaty of Ghent, it was the last United States land held by Great Britain. In 1820, what is now Maine was split from the State of Massachusetts and became the State of Maine.
- Eastport grew as a border trading (including smuggling), shipping and shipbuilding town. In the 1870's sardine packing began here in Eastport and by 1882 Eastport had 18 sardine factories. With its thriving industries, Eastport grew to a population of 5311 people by 1898. During this time, Eastport was thought to be the second busiest shipping ports in the US.
- In 1935 the US Army Corps of Engineers began a \$30 million project here to harness the tides, known as the Passamaquoddy Tidal Power Project. Political problems stopped the project in 1936. Today, a renewed emphasis on harnessing the tides for electric power can be seen demonstrated at the downtown Coast Guard station and at the offices of Ocean Renewable Power Company on Water Street.
- All of downtown Eastport is on the National Register of Historic Places and is notable for the consistency of its 19<sup>th</sup> century Italianate architecture. Following the Great Fire of 1886, much of downtown was re-built in 1887. Nearby historic homes also offer a glimpse of Victorian life and an opportunity for historic walking tours.
- Two historic family businesses are here in Eastport. Raye's Mustard, founded in 1900, is the only remaining Stone Ground Mustard Mill in the US and offers daily tours of its mustard making operations. S. L. Wadsworth & Son located downtown is the oldest Ship Chandlery in the US still in operation and is run by the 6<sup>th</sup> Generation of family who founded the business here back in 1818.

### **The Downtown Waterfront - Unique shopping experience in a unique place:**

- The two downtown piers lead up to Water Street which is the main street through downtown. Along the waterfront is a lighted walkway, connecting the piers and all downtown areas. Downtown contains an interesting variety of shops including many art galleries, antique shops, restaurants (several specializing in fresh Lobster and fish), marine services and a fish market.
- At Bank Square, you will find the Tides Institute & Museum of Art and The Commons Eastport (a fine artisan gallery), just down Water Street you will find the Border Historical Building with a working model of the Quoddy Tidal Power Project and the Eastport Art Gallery.
- Just a block from downtown is the Eastport Art Center which features a variety of performing arts offerings.

## **Eastport Port Authority**

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