

# 2009 Cruising Schedule

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Destination</i></b>	<b><i>Cruise Captain</i></b>
<b>May 16</b>	Black Rock Harbor, CT	George & Milly Michos/ Sunhawk
<b>May 30 - 31</b>	Milford I	Tom & Gretchen Lynch/ Akula
<b>June 27</b>	Mattituck	Ted Turner & Joannie Gallo/ Anomoly
<b>July 18</b>	Sheffield Island/City of Norwalk	Lucy Competello & Charlie Sanders/ Lu Sea's Day
<b>July 31 - Aug. 2</b>	Hamburger Cove	Lonnie Cardinuto & Janice Dayton/ Celer
<b>Aug. 2</b>	Summer Long Cruise to Mystic, Watch Hill, Block Island, Greenport	Lonnie Cardinuto, & Janice Dayton/ Celer
<b>Aug. 29</b>	Milford II	Mike & Joann Sawka/ Full Circle
<b>Sept. 5</b>	Oyster Bay Harbor	Lucy Competello & Charlie Sanders/ Lu Sea's Day
<b>Oct. 17</b>	Port Jefferson Harbor, Halloween Costume Party	TBD

## **Cruise Point Award System Details for Cruiser of the Year Award**

1st Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Awards will be awarded according to the following system:

The boat with the highest amount of points will get 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
The boat with the second highest amount of points will get 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
The boat with the third highest amount of points will get 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
If there is a tie, the tie breaker will be the boat that attended the most cruises  
If there is still a tie, the boat that finished the Long Cruise will break the tie  
If necessary, the Fleet Captain will make the final decision

Points will be awarded as follows:

1 point for attending a winter Cruise meeting held by the fleet captain  
1 point for attending a cancelled Cruise alternate land location  
2 points for participating in a weekend cruise  
2 additional points for being Cruise Captain on a weekend cruise  
3 points for reaching the final destination of the Long Cruise  
3 additional points for being a Cruise Captain on the Long Cruise

If the final destination of the Long Cruise is changed due to inclement weather or for reasons decided by the Cruise Captain, all boats participating will be awarded all points associated with the Long Cruise.

The Weekend Cruise kicking off the start of the Long Cruise will be counted as a separate cruise and not as part of the Long Cruise. If you are the Cruise Captain for both the Weekend Cruise and the Long Cruise you will only earn 4 additional points for being Captain for both cruises.

If a Cruise is cancelled, no points will be awarded to the participants if no alternate land location is planned.

However, if it is determined that the Cruise Captain already did a lot of preparation for the cruise then the Captain will be awarded the Cruise Captain points.

If a Cruise is changed and a new Cruise destination is decided by the Cruise Captain, all the participants will be awarded their earned points.

All Cruise Captains will report to the Fleet Captain the attendance of all boats on their Cruise.

Participating in an impromptu Cruise will not earn any points.

If necessary, Fleet Captain will make the final decision when awarding Cruisers points.

\*\*\*See individual write-ups for Cruise details\*\*\*

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## Black Rock Harbor

May 16<sup>th</sup>

Cruise Captains: George and Milly Michos

We will depart from the Red and White of Mt Sinai at 10:00am. It's an easy run over to Bridgeport (just follow the ferries). When you get close, turn to the West and head into Black Rock Cove to Captains Cove Marina (VHF 18). There's a full service Marina with fuel, ice, wireless Internet, marine service and more. Although it is more likely our interests will be in the restaurant, bar and seaport village. We will be holding a traditional MSSA cocktail party. Come join us to kick off the MSSA cruising season!

<http://www.captainscoveseaport.com/>

### By Sea:

Loran Coordinates

267190.0/44036.4

41.09.40 north 073.12.48 west

## Captain's Cove Seaport

*on Historic Black Rock Harbor in Bridgeport, Connecticut*

**Captain's Cove Seaport** is a full service marina with slip space for **350 boats**. Overnight slips are available for transient vessels. If you've arrived by boat, please come to the **Main Office** to arrange your stay. Showers and laundry are located in the rear of the Pilot House building; while gasoline, diesel fuel, engine oil and ice are available through the dock master in the commercial dock area. The seaport office is open seven days a week and services are provided year round. The seaport office number is **203-335-1433**.

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### MILFORD CRUISE I

May 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am

#### Cruise Captains: Tom & Gretchen Lynch/Akula

For you old timers out there, you know the drill. For the first timers, please call Dick or whoever answers the phone at Milford Landing Marina (203-874-1610) and tell them you're with the MSSA. Have your credit card handy and make a reservation. A credit card deposit is required with a 24-hr cancellation policy. Afterwards call us to let us know as we would like to keep tabs on who's going so we can tell everyone else when they ask. It also helps in planning the food for the arrival party.

After a leisurely cruise across the sound, we will be checking in at the Milford Landing Marina. They monitor VHF channel 9. Full facilities are available, and those that have been there before know it is a beautiful and clean marina. As usual, there will be a cocktail party. It will begin around 4:00-4:30 p.m. on the patio at the marina. During the afternoon you can enjoy wandering around town, and if we are lucky, there may be a craft fair on the Milford Town Green.

Please call the marina as soon as possible to have your slip reserved since arrangements must be made well in advance of our arrival.

As most of you know already, lots of restaurants, a couple of pubs, things to look at and do, a nice marina, an ice-cream store that's hard to avoid, and the great company of fellow MSSA sailors. We laugh, we drink, we party, and we don't drive. Some have been known to have trouble walking, some make fools of themselves, & some don't. Be there and find out why we go to Milford twice a season.

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### MATTITUCK RACE-CRUISE REGATTA

June 27<sup>th</sup>

#### Cruise Captains: Ted Turner & Joanie Gallo S/V Anomaly

This is a fun race/cruise to Mattituck. If you are not into racing, sail or drive out anyway. From our destination it's not too far to walk to town, where you will find a few restaurants, a movie theater and more. Around 5:00pm we will host our party at Matt-A-Mar Marina. The theme is American Indian. So break out your Feathers and Tomahawks, get ready for a "Pow-Wow". There will be a prize for the best costume. On Sunday morning we will be holding our annual dinghy race and scouting expedition. The smaller creeks that lead into Mattituck Creek provide some good exploring opportunities so definitely bring a dinghy along.

If you're not necessarily a racer you are encouraged to join in on this one. Racing to Mattituck is a straight line from Mt. Sinai to C"5"(a few miles before Mattituck). The race will begin at MSSA club mark "A" at 10 AM sharp. Your cruise captain will be on station to officiate. The finish will have to be done on your honor at the Green Can of Roanoke Shoal C "5". You should come within two boat lengths of the buoy, keeping it on your starboard side. Record your time when the buoy is south of your bow and announce your finish time on VHF channel 68 and continue on to Mattituck Creek. It should be noted that parts of the channel only carry 6 feet of water at low tide. **A helpful hint for finding Mattituck Inlet:** *at about 4 nautical miles east of the oil platform off Roanoke Point, look for a long break in the bluffs for the entrance to Mattituck Creek. Gong "3A" is located about a mile north of the inlet. Run the creek south as far as you can go, where you can choose between a free anchorage or a transient slip at Matt-A-Mar Marina, which has a pool, restaurant, showers and restrooms. Reservations should be made on an individual basis and they want you to do it on line at [mattamar.com](http://mattamar.com) (or 298-4739).*

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# NORWALK/SHEFFIELD ISLANDS CRUISE

July 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

### Cruise Captains: Charlie Sanders & Lucy Competello S/V LuSea's Day

This year we are adding a Part II to the Sheffield Island Cruise, so we'll be starting extra early to ensure we can get it all in!

Sheffield Island is a 52-acre federal wildlife refuge. The first lighthouse was erected in 1827 to mark the dangerous ledges at the entrance to Norwalk's Harbor. We will anchor on the NW side of the Island. We will dinghy our provisions ashore for our luncheon picnic. The lighthouse will be celebrating Christmas in July. Decorations of yesteryear adorn the rooms in the historic Victorian-era lighthouse. For our first timers, guided tours are offered at the lighthouse, you may climb up into the light tower itself, where on a clear day you can see NYC's skyline as well as some beautiful views of the sound. The 10 room lighthouse showcases period furniture and gives you a glimpse of what life was like for the families of the 19<sup>th</sup> century light keepers. After our picnic and exploration of the island, our Part II will take us to Norwalk for those who wish to go! If you would like to stay on the Island you may return to anchorage and enjoy a relaxing on board evening.

### **DIRECTIONS TO SHEFFIELD:**

**Once past the green #11 off Mt Misery Shoal, the course is 295° magnetic for-17NM to Red#2A, then 70° for 1 NM to anchorage.**

For those who would like to join us, we will head to Norwalk. We will leave Sheffield approximately 4:00 PM. **It's about 4 N M up the channel.** The plan is for us to stay at the Visitors Dock, they have upgraded their facilities a bit, including restrooms and showers exclusively for boaters. Although they cannot take reservations, the Harbor Master is optimistic in accommodating all of us. Norwalk Visitors Dock Phone number: 203-849-8823. This year, they are offering 8-hour slots, each 8-hour slot is \$1.00 a foot. If you were to stay for 24 hours, it would be \$3 00 per ft. Historic South Norwalk (SoNo) has much to do, with its delightful mixture of classy or just plain homey restaurants, shops, clubs, museums and galleries. The Maritime Aquarium Center with its Imax Theater is just a five minute walk from the Visitors Dock.

Watch the newsletter, website and your e-mail for further details.

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## 2009 Cruising Details – continued

### HAMBURG COVE, CONNECTICUT CRUISE

(And Start of Summer Long Cruise)

July 31<sup>st</sup>, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>

**Cruise Captains: Lonnie Cardinuto and Janice Dayton S/V CELER**

It is advisable to have a dinghy on this cruise.

**CELER** will be taking you to their favorite destination Hamburg Cove, Old Lyme, CT.

The entrance to Hamburg Cove is about seven and a half miles above the Saybrook breakwater off Long Island Sound. Hamburg Cove is really two coves, the Inner Cove, and the Outer Cove. The Outer Cove is where one of the most charming and protected moorings/anchorages in all of New England is found. When passing the Old Saybrook lighthouse and entering the Connecticut River you will need to pay close attention to the channel markers as your course up the river will change from one side of the river to the other. I say to keep a careful eye on the channel markers because from the point in which you enter the CT. River to where your destination will be the beauty of the river and its landscape can easily capture your attention. Shortly after passing the second lighthouse you will notice a drawbridge in the far distance. This is the Amtrak train trestle /drawbridge, hopefully when you reach the bridge it will be open. If not you will have to wait until the bridge opens so you can pass through. Sailboats cannot fit under this bridge. If the drawbridge is down, there is a large digital clock which you can easily see from your boat counting down the minutes until the bridge will be reopen. After the bridge has fully opened you will continue the trip up the river. Within about one nautical mile up ahead is the I-95 highway bridge. There is no problem navigating to this bridge make your approach and pass under the bridge. Just past the I-95 bridge the channel markers will eventually bring you from the east side over to the west side as you approach Essex. After passing Essex make your way up the river for about another half mile and on your starboard side you will see the channel markers for the entrance to Hamburg Cove. Upon entering Hamburg Cove you will see the mooring field, feel free to tie up to any mooring ball its first come first serve. The fee is \$20.00 per night and the purser comes out every night around 5:00 pm and makes his rounds, in addition to collecting his fee he will gladly take your bagged garbage off your boat. If you choose to raft up it is still \$20.00 per boat. From this point if you take your dinghy and continue up the channel for about a mile into Inner Cove you will find the Hamburg Cove Yacht Club and the Cove Landing Marina. You can tie up your dinghy at the Cove Landing Marina where you can buy ice or if you choose to walk up the hill to the road there you will find a General Store. Hamburg Cove is all about peace and quiet and relaxation. If you like to swim, kayak and perhaps read a good book this is the place. At nighttime it is so quiet you may find yourself whispering in your cockpit. The backyards of multimillion-dollar homes surround you, so respect the Cove, remember you are a guest.

We will be hosting a Cruisers party aboard Celer on Friday night so come join us at Hamburg Cove.

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## 2009 Cruising Details – continued

### MSSA SUMMER LONG CRUISE

#### Continuation of Hamburg Cove Cruise

Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> to Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>

**Cruise Captains: Lonnie Cardinuto and Janice Dayton *SV CELER***

The MSSA Long Cruise is planned to head East continuing from the Hamburg Cove Cruise. The plan at the February Cruisers Meeting was to venture to Mystic, CT; Watch Hill, RI; Block Island, and Mitchell Marina at Greenport, NY. and then home to Mount Sinai. If you never gone on a Long Cruise this may be your chance to do so with the company of fellow MSSA members.

The direction and destinations of this cruise are subject to change by those attending. Why not join the Long Cruise, even if only for part of it to share the experience. Watch the newsletter, web site and emails for further details. If you plan on attending this year's Long Cruise please contact. Lonnie Cardinuto (631) 698-5940 [OCARDINUTO@KEYSPANENERGY.COM](mailto:OCARDINUTO@KEYSPANENERGY.COM)  
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### MILFORD II

August 29<sup>th</sup>

**Cruise Captain: Mike Sawka/ Full Circle**

This annual club cruise to Milford, Connecticut has been scheduled earlier this season. Our fleet will meet Saturday morning, 10:00 AM, at the Mt Sinai red & white. Return will be a leisurely departure Sunday mid morning till afternoon.

We will "check in" at Milford Landing where they have full facilities. They monitor VHF channel 9. Milford Landing is great because it is so close!

Milford has events and things going almost every weekend. We'll be communicating the items of interest. You are invited to check them out at: [www.ci.milford.ct.us](http://www.ci.milford.ct.us). It is an easy stroll to the city and village green where they often have festivals and fairs along with shops, provisions, restaurants etc.

Our party will begin around 4:30 pm so BYOB and the club will supply some goodies.

Milford Landing has copies of menus in the office for you to look at and we will attempt to organize that list as the event approaches... Also, find out which restaurants give discounts for staying at the Marina and BRING YOUR DOCKAGE RECEIPT with you to get a discount. Free Sunday Paper and coffee inside as well as showers and very nice facilities.

Space is limited at this popular spot. We've had over 25 boats in years past!!! So make your reservations early. Milford Landing Marina 203-874-1610

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### OYSTER BAY LABOR DAY CRUISE

September 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

#### Cruise Captains: Lucy C. & Charlie Sanders/ LuSea's Day

Oyster Bay Harbor has been a port of call for sailors since the early 1600's who were attracted to the area by its deepwater port, abundance of natural resources and captivating beauty.

Originally inhabited by the Matinecock Indians, Oyster Bay was settled and named (primarily due to its abundance of shellfish) by the Dutch in 1615. During the colonial era, Oyster Bay had a reputation as a hotbed of smuggling and it was Captain Kidd's last port of call before sailing to Boston, where he was arrested.

There's much history. But Oyster Bay's main claim to fame is its distinction as the summer residency of Theodore Roosevelt, during his two-term presidency, Sagamore Hill served as the Summer White House. It is a majestic hilltop estate open to the public for guided tours and enjoyment of its grounds.

There is a beautiful waterfront park. Shaded picnic area, tennis courts, beach and showers, kayak and bicycle rentals, all within walking distance of the Oyster Bay Marine Center. The Village offers some great restaurants requiring a little bit of walking from the marina. The historical attractions, museums etc, are a short taxi ride, hopefully we can arrange some car pooling, to visit some of these special places.

Our plan is to leave Port Jefferson (our home port) Red and White at 10:00AM. Arriving in Oyster Bay late afternoon settling in and meeting up in the park area for a MSSA picnic supper. Food info to follow! On Sunday, depending on the weather, enjoy all the activities Oyster Bay has to offer! Dinner reservations should be easy to arrange for Sunday night for all who may be interested

Please call Oyster Bay Marine Center, for a mooring. @ 516-624-2400, advise them you are with the MSSA Group. They provide launch service included in the price of the mooring.

Watch the newsletter, website and your e-mail for additional details.

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### PORT JEFFERSON CRUISE HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM

#### Cruise Captain: TBD

Come join us for the last cruise of the season, just a short journey to nearby Port Jeff harbor. We will anchor in the same area as Memorial Day. Costumes are required on this cruise,. Best male and female costume will receive a trophy at our awards dinner. Pirate and sailor costumes will not be judged. This will probably be your last chance to cruise before the long days on the hard.

# Guidelines for Cruise Captains

A safe and enjoyable cruise depends upon the elements of good planning and communication. To promote these elements the following guidelines are offered and should be considered by the Cruise Captains when supporting each cruise.

## BEFORE THE CRUISE

1. **PROMOTE.** Promote the cruise by submitting a write-up that may be included in the club newsletter.
2. **PLAN EARLY.** Plan early before the season starts. Suggestions include making contact early with marinas and yacht clubs, talking to members that have previously visited the destination, or contacting the local chamber of commerce. Confirm cruise details such as departure time, availability of dockage/mooring, costs involved. Each family will handle any necessary payments individually and not to have the Cruise Captain(s) collect funds or hold reservation under their name and credit card.
3. **KEEP TRACK.** Maintain a list of members attending the cruise, including boat names.
4. **PARTY PLANNING.** Traditionally, upon arrival to the planned port we have a modest arrival celebration/cocktail party. Participants are expected to provide their own beverages. Plan and purchase provisions in advance. Consider the cruise participants (e.g. consider the needs of our younger members), number of people expected, and available funds from the club. Keep receipts as you will be reimbursed for your expenditures. Be reasonable with your expenditures; remember we have a fixed budget (\$10.00 per boat). Any questions should be directed to the fleet captain.

## DURING THE CRUISE

1. **WEATHER.** Consider weather conditions on the day of departure and if necessary, suggest an alternate last minute change in plans or cancellation if the weather and seas are too threatening.
2. **HEADING OUT.** Try to depart from Mt. Sinai as a group. Use VHF channel 68 to communicate with the fleet at the scheduled departure time and try to account for all those who signed up for the cruise.
3. **CONTACT WITH BOATS.** Maintain contact with the fleet. To ensure safety, we suggest either contacting the fleet on VHF channel 68 the first 10 minutes after the hour every hour or by visual contact. It may not be necessary to initiate voice contact if radio communications are monitored and it is obvious that everyone is fine. If contact cannot be established on channel 68, try hailing on channel 9 or 16.
4. **RETURNING.** On the day of the return trip home, consider weather conditions and ensure everyone is aware of the group's departure time. If necessary, due to severe sea conditions, consider delaying departure another day.

## AFTER THE CRUISE

1. **THE EXPERIENCE.** Share the experience of the cruise with the rest of our membership by submitting an article for the newsletter shortly after the cruise; include the names of all boats that participated. (Newsletter deadline -15<sup>th</sup> of each month, send article to the editor: Tom Lynch @mssa.org)
2. **REIMBURSEMENT.** Submit receipts in a timely manner to the Treasurer for allowed expenditures.