



We watch Coast Guard practice a beach head assault using their huge hydrofoil. Many spectators on shore in Niantic. It was very loud.



The U.S. Coast Guard warship that houses the hydrofoil.



We anchor in New London, CT, harbor for their big OpSail event with tall ships & fireworks.



One of the OpSail tall ships, **U.S.Eagle**, docked at Fort Trumbull in New London.



Just a few boats anchored anticipating the fireworks to come.



The OpSail fireworks begin. Two barges across the harbor sending off fireworks synchronized with fabulous music. Amazing!







Unforgettable fireworks display on July 6th in New London harbor.



The 250' **Cisne Branco** from Brazil & the 295' **U.S. Eagle** at the Fort Trumbull dock



We leave New London harbor along with this beautiful schooner based out of Stonington.



Here's one of the many high speed ferries we've seen in Long Island Sound.



View of Dering Harbor, Shelter Island, NY, from the yacht club.



One of the many lovely summer homes on Shelter Island.



West Neck Harbor, Shelter Island, where Joyce collected many colorful jingle



The birds get out in the cockpit for some fresh air.



Joyce puts the new boarding ladder to the test. Mighty fine!



Sag Harbor in the Hamptons. Pretty little town with many rich people.



Now this is what I call a “house boat”! Most likely permanently moored in Sag Harbor.



Pretty Sag Harbor scene at dusk.



The Griswold Inn, historic restaurant/bar, built in 1776 by Sala Griswold.



Historic guns displayed in the Griswold Inn.



The cozy 1776 bar in the “Gris”. The ceiling was made of horse hair & crushed oyster shells.



We meet up with Loretta & John James in Essex at the historic Griswold Inn for a wonderful dinner.



Loretta is the sister of Carl's bro-in-law, Bob Porter. We had a great time with Loretta & John in Madison, Ct. This is close to Essex where our boat was.



We enjoy some wine with Rett & John before dining with them at the Madison Beach Club where they are members.



Scene from our table at the Madison Beach Club, on Long Island Sound.



Model of the first submarine, the Turtle, which was built in Essex in 1776. On display at the Connecticut River Museum in Essex.



Scene from Hamburg Cove just north of Essex in the Connecticut River



Leaving the Connecticut River. One of these houses in Fenwick belonged to Katharine Hepburn.



A Thimble Island house—a few are being raised 8' due to hurricanes.



Information about Outer Island in the Thimble Islands



The 1938 Hurricane damage on Outer Island of a small stone house where the first owner of the island used to go to watch the moonrise.



On Outer Island in the Thimbles we make friends with the docents & students doing internships with the CT Fish & Wildlife Service.



One of these houses belongs to Jane Pauley & Garry Trudeau. They own the whole 10 acre Governor's Island in the Thimbles.



Running Free anchored in amongst the Thimble Islands, CT.



We leave the Thimble Islands. Gorgeous place. They reminded us of Maine.