

# **EXPLORE THE PIERS AND WHARVES**

WALK THE WORKING WATERFRONT is a self guided walking tour that proudly celebrates the people, businesses, and infrastructure that comprise the heart of Portland's ocean economy. Now in its 8th year, this annual, community-centered affair was created to encourage visitors to discover firsthand what life on the historic Commercial Street waterfront is like. From Becky's Diner to the Maine State Pier, attendees are welcomed into dozens of businesses, taken onto select commercial vessels for tours, and encouraged to explore the piers in new ways.

This walking map highlights key attractions and activities for you to stop by and participate in. As always, the walking portion of the day is FREE AND OPEN TO ALL, this includes walking tours of the historic waterfront, tours of the Coast Guard vessels and the Portland Fire Boat, as well as demonstration and education stations.

#### **EVENT COLLABORATORS**















# COMMERCIAL STREET

~250 Commercial St.







Sat. June 3, 2023

**COMMERCIAL STREET, PORTLAND, ME** SELF GUIDED WALKING TOUR - 11:00 TO 3:00



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#### **HOBSON'S WHARF**

- Aqua Diving Academy Snap a picture in the mermaid and giant lobster cutouts until 2pm!
- Becky's Diner Free Samples Stop into the world-famous Portland waterfront diner. Becky's will be offering freshly baked cookies to Walk the Working Waterfront visitors who come in and say hello! Don't miss your shot at some sweets, while supplies last!

## WRIGHT'S WHARF



Maps available here.

- Historical Waterfront Guided Tour Join City of Portland Waterfront Coordinator Bill Needelman for his incredible guided historical walking tours. Bill will be departing at 12:00 and 2:00PM from the info station and each tour will be limited to around 30 people. This is a first come, first serve walking tour, stop by and sign up!
- Gulf of Maine Research Institute Gulf of Maine Research Institute will feature interactive experiences that highlight their work to pioneer collaborative solutions to global ocean challenges. Experiences include an interactive LabVenture demo, hands on research displays, community science projects, and two scheduled tuna dissections with Dr. Walt Golet (11:30 am & 1:00 pm). This is a CAN'T MISS location for
- Fishing Gear Display Ian Mayo of Maine Fisheries will be located behind Gulf of Maine Research Institute using one of his cranes to lift gear used in commercial fishing for all to see. Ask questions about how the operation works at sea, how gear is designed, and what the life of a
- True Fin Free Samples A leading, premium, seafood company in Portland that buys exclusively from Gulf of Maine harvesters and specializes in providing the best seafood possible to home and professional chefs. They will be serving a local fish chowder that you don't want to miss!
- Friends of Fort Gorges Raffle Stop by their table near the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, enter the raffle for a free fort tour, and learn about the great things that are happening at Casco Bay's most visible fort.
- Luke's Lobster Food Truck Local Seafood \$ Just launched, Luke's new food truck will be stationed in the parking lot behind GMRI with food for purchase. A perfect midday stop to appease your lobster cravings.
- Waterfront Alliance Come say hello to the team committed to protecting and promoting the Port of Portland and the working waterfronts of South Portland and Portland.
- U.S. Coast Guard Tour operational U.S. Coast Guard vessels, speak to cadets about what life is like in the USCG, and learn how to stay safe on the water with safety demonstrations. Visitors can stop by the law enforcement table, step aboard the Cutter and 47ft Motor Life Boat for a tour, enjoy Coast Guard Auxiliary life jacket demonstrations and flare displays - and new for 2023 - watch a live search and HELICOPTER rescue demonstration with a **USCG helicopter deploying a rescue**

NOTE: The helicopter demonstration is weather dependent.

Visit www.walktheworkingwaterfront.com for updates and timing or access via QR code on map.

## **SAFETY FIRST**

Proceed on all piers and wharves at your own risk. And PLEASE be safe, respectful, and courteous of all participants in Walk the Working Waterfront!

### **PORTLAND FISH PIER**

- Eimskip & Maine Port Authority Water Station Water -2023 celebrates 10 years of successful partnership between the Maine Port Authority and Eimskip here in Portland Maine. Walk inside an Eimskip container, rehydrate with Icelandic water and learn about the only deep-water container terminal in Maine, located near the Casco Bay Bridge!
- Portland Harbor Master Meet the Harbor Master, learn about water safety and take a tour of his boat!
- Lady Shuckers Raffle & Local Seafood \$ Eat oysters with Lady Shuckers and learn about their mission of supporting womenowned sea farms and increasing visibility for underrepresented groups in aquaculture. Buy a 1/2 dozen or more oysters at this stop and you'll be entered to win 2 cruise tickets aboard a Feel Good Portland sunset beer and oyster cruise on The Frances this summer!
- Bristol Seafood, Hannaford & All Grill Local Seafood \$ The PERFECT lunch stop. Come try some of Bristol Seafood's all-natural haddock at the All Grill Food Truck, serving haddock sandwiches and bites for purchase! Bristol Seafood and Hannaford team members will be handing out giveaways and sharing recipes that will make it easy to embrace seafood as a part of your regular dinner routine. See why we're on a mission to make seafood America's favorite protein!
- Maine Coast Fishermen's Association Local Seafood \$ The MCFA strives to ensure that fishermen have the community infrastructure and environmental resources to maintain Maine's coastal cultural identity and sustain vibrant working waterfronts for this and future generations of Maine fishermen. Support them by purchasing a bowl of their famous Monkfish Stew at the Lady Shuckers Mobile Raw Bar.

#### **MERRILL'S WHARF**

- Important Working Waterfront Infrastructure "The Desert" is where commercial fishermen tie up their vessels, lay out their gear, and make perparations for heading back to sea. This is a great place to view commercial vessels, and if you're lucky, you may see a bit of activity.
- The King's Head Local Seafood \$ Great mid-walk watering hole! Stop to fuel up, cool, down and check out the daily drink and menu specials

#### **UNION WHARF**

• Union Wharf Market - Free Samples - Check in at one of the best places for a quick bite on the waterfront! Insanely good food and the team will be house made dips and local crackers & pretzels!.

## **WIDGERY WHARF**

• Widgery Wharf - Built in the late 1700s, Widgery is chockablock with shacks, lobster traps, nets, buoys, and working gear everywhere you turn. Walk down Portland's oldest wharf, see authentic fish houses, but please be respectful of the fishermen's space!

## **CHANDLER'S WHARF**

• Portland Lobster Company - Local Seafood \$ - Kick back in one of the best outdoor seating areas in the city. Enjoy a lobster and check their menu for daily specials.

### **LONG WHARF**

- DiMillo's Free Samples Walk down Long Wharf, have a glimpse of the iconic floating restaurant and sample their signature clam chowder outside the restaurant starting at 11AM, while supplies last!
- Portland Discovery Land & Sea Tours (\$) Head out into the harbor for their Harbor Lights & Sights trips at 10:30 AM, 1:00 PM, 3:30 PM.

#### **PORTLAND PIER**

- J's Oyster House Local Seafood \$ J's is a popular eatery and always worth a visit if you're looking for an oyster. You may find a celebrity having lunch if you're lucky, it is a frequent stop for Portland's high profile guests.
- Luke's Lobster Local Seafood \$ Join the Luke's Lobster team for a tour of their operation at the end of the pier, learn about their lobster buying station, the lobster industry, and chat sea farming too. Afterwards, grab a drink or a bite at the restaurant and take in some of the best dining room sights on offer in the city.
- Rocky Bottom Tours Paffle Meet a lobsterman and learn how traps work! The team at Rocky Bottom Tours will be giving lobster trap demonstrations and sharing the ins and outs of commercial lobstering. They run 90 minute ticketed tours at 9, 11, 1 and 3 (purchased through their website), and if you time it right, they'll show you their vessel, the F/V Wild Duck, in between trips. They'll also be raffling off a tee shirt so make sure you stop by.

## **CUSTOM HOUSE WHARF**

- Harbor Fish –Sitting amidst Portland's bustling working waterfront, Harbor Fish is a local landmark dating back to the late 1800s. It is an epic destination for those in search of an authentic seafood market experience.
- Gilbert's Chowder House Local Seafood \$ Award Winning Chowders and waterfront views from the patio await those who stop by Gilbert's for a bite to eat.
- Boone's Fish House & Oyster Room Local Seafood \$ 2nd-story outdoor deck seating with excellent views and a great menu. The perfect place to take in Casco Bay's early summer breezes over lunch.
- Porthole Restaurant & Pub Local Seafood \$ Boom! How Portland does summer. See lobster traps, not tourist traps. From Breakfast Benedicts to their signature Twin Lobster Dinner special, Porthole is the classic Northeast diner experience. Check in for daily specials and enjoy your food and drink from their waterside deck.
- Sea Bags Paffle Walk down the iconic wharf past Harbor Fish to a one-of-a-kind factory store. Check out the hand bags made out of recycled sails here in Maine, and enter to win an Anchor Beverage Bucket Tote.

#### SCHEDULED EVENTS



#### Free Unless Otherwise Noted

11:30 - Tuna Dissection 1 at Gulf of Maine Research Institute with Dr. Walt Golet

12:00 - Guided Historical Walking Tour 1 with Portland Waterfront Coordinator Bill Needelman

1:00 - Tuna Dissection 2 at Gulf of Maine Research Institute with Dr. Walt Golet

2:00 – Guided Historical Walking Tour 2 with Portland Waterfront Coordinator Bill Needelman

2:30 – (\$) Scenie Waterfront Cruise with Fogg's Water Taxi and Charters

TBD - United States Coast Guard helicopter and rescue swimmer demonstration. Weather dependant. Please visit our website for up to date

# MAINE WHARF ①



Maps available here.

- Casco Bay Artisans Visit Casco Bay Artisans international contemporary fine art gallery to find a wealth of work inspired by Maine's dynamic seacoast. The CBA team works hard to help make artwork accessible for viewing and investment. Stop and take a look!
- Bangs Island Mussels Back for WTWW 2023! Nestled halfway down the pier, you'll learn from one of the state's leading growers of mussels and kelp and have a chance to peek inside their waterfront processing facilities. Mussels pass through this exact location, are cleaned, packed, and then taken directly to market.
- Atlantic Sea Farms Free Samples Atlantic Sea Farms will be on Maine Wharf next door to one of their seaweed farming partners, Bangs Island Mussels, with plenty of samples of their storied seaweed products to go 'round. Learn more about the exciting ways kelp is diversifying Maine's marine economy and working waterfronts across the state.
- Maine Salt Farm Maine Salt Farm produces, sources, and distributes premium, hand-made, solar-evaporated Maine sea salt using the fewest inputs possible. Stop by, learn about salt making and take a little sample home with you! Sea. Sun. Salt.
- Fogg's Water Taxi and Charters (\$) Hop aboard the historic Joseph S. Kennedy over at Fogg's Water Taxi & Charters at 2:30PM for a scenic cruise of Portland Harbor, you will enjoy views of lighthouses, islands, marine life and more! On board, guests will be treated to fresh oysters, along with drinks all inclusive! Check the website for availability and pricing! Tickets for this cruise can be found by visiting the event website.
- **Upstream Trucking** A longtime distributor of quality Maine seafood that specializes in getting fresh product to restaurants across the region. They'll be rolling up their garage door and giving visitors a bit of a behind the scenes look at what it's like to run a seafood distribution business on the working waterfront.
- Nanuq Kayaking Come all the way down Maine Wharf to see high performance sea kayaks and gear that matters on display as well as to learn all about kayak touring. The views are pretty good too!
- RiRa Irish Pub Portlands #1 Irish pub is always a worthy place for a stop. A great menu, daily specials, and ocean views make this a perfect place to stop and take a load off. Grab lunch, or finish your walk here, you won't be disappointed.
- Flatbread Company Incredible place to grab some food and rest some heavily walked feet. They'll be serving a seaweed salad if you're feeling adventurous, and you can enjoy their storied pizza on their outdoor deck at the head of the pier.

## **MAINE STATE PIER**

• City of Portland Fireboat – Tour the fireboat and talk to the firefighters! These are the people that help keep Casco Bay residents connected to Portland's emergency services such as firefighting as well as health care facilities like hospitals.

## **RESTROOMS**



The City of Portland provides restrooms at Casco Bay Lines and on Cotton Street.













