

Our 108th Year of Hospitality!

THE POINT

2006 News from Ocean Point Inn



*A Summer Paradise
on the Maine Coast*

EAST BOOTHBAY, MAINE

Greetings from your friends at Ocean Point!

We are delighted to write and tell you about the exciting things planned for the upcoming season. We had an easy winter here at the Point — very little snow and relatively mild temperatures — which meant that instead of shoveling snow we could spend time working on some new ideas, including some great new lodging packages for you. Early spring has brought mild, sunny days and we will soon be outside readying the property for your arrival at Ocean Point Inn. We look forward to having you with us in this special coastal Maine setting on the blue ocean, amongst the green firs, beneath the bright blue skies.

*Dave and Beth Dudley
and the Ocean Point Crew*

PREFERRED GUEST THANK-YOU PROGRAM

Again this year, we are pleased to offer a 10 percent discount to our returning guests. (As package plans are already discounted, we're not able to offer a further discount on them.)



ADVANCE RESERVATIONS

For stays of less than three nights in July, August, and early September, reservations will be accepted after mid May, subject to availability.

YOU COME FIRST AT THE POINT!

Big groups like wedding parties and bus tours can be wonderful, but there's always the possibility that they will be noisy or could distract us from our primary focus: you. For this reason, we do not host weddings or bus tours here. There are many fine establishments in the area that do cater to these groups. At Ocean Point Inn, we always put you first.

SPECIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES 2006

44TH ANNUAL WINDJAMMER DAYS FESTIVAL

June 27th & 28th

Windjammers glide into the harbor under full sail. Concerts, fireworks, a hometown street parade, an antique boat parade, and the Best of the Harbor Food Competition.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

July 4th

Old-fashioned family celebration. The Boothbay Civic Association sponsors a craft fair, children's games, chicken barbecue, and live music all day on the Boothbay Common. No admission fee.

ANNUAL ANTIQUE AUTO DAYS

July 15th & 16th

Over 250 restored and running antique autos on display at the Boothbay Railway Village on Route 27, plus an antique auto parade through Boothbay Harbor.

BOOTHBAY CHARITIES

CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 24th

Celebrity golf tourney to benefit Maine Special Olympics. Held at the Boothbay Country Club.

32ND ANNUAL FALL FOLIAGE FESTIVAL

October 7th & 8th

Maine crafts, culinary booths, chowder, cheese, chili, and home-baked goods. Two days of toe-tapping music and entertainment, plus steam train rides and antique auto museum. Sponsored by the Boothbay Chamber of Commerce at the Boothbay Railway Village, Route 27.



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Coming This Season!

We are excited to be collaborating this summer with East Boothbay Kayak Company to offer special lodging and paddling packages at Ocean Point! Dave has kayaked nearby many times, and if you like being on the water, you will love this. Now in its sixth year, the company tailors the pace of its tours to suit each small, private group, inviting novices and experienced kayakers alike to enjoy the beautiful Maine coast. Co-owners Rigg Wakelin and Carrie Koskela, both natives of the area, lead tours on the Damariscotta River and adjoining bays (including Linekin) as well as on the open ocean. A licensed Maine Sea Kayak Guide, Rigg has been guiding for the past 11 years. With a zoology degree and ten years' experience as a commercial diver, he is extremely knowledgeable about local wildlife as well as currents, tides, and weather. Carrie has been kayaking for more than a decade and is a member of the British Canoe Union, holding her 4 Star Sea Award. She has trained in Maine, Georgia, and Washington State.



This fall, we will be serving our full buffet breakfast until we close on October 9. Many of you have requested a heartier breakfast on those crisp autumn mornings, and we're pleased to oblige. We will include the full breakfast in some of our special lodging packages; we invite guests on regular nightly or weekly rates to purchase the buffet breakfast a la carte. For those who still prefer a light, 'get me started' approach to the morning, we will have complimentary coffee and muffins.

The marvelous Ocean Point Community Pier will be in its second year this summer. All the fun of the pier is yours to enjoy — fishing, swimming, boating, or just relaxing and watching all the waterborne activity.

We're pleased to report that for the first time in many years there don't appear to be any major highway construction projects that will hinder your travel to the Inn. Of course there will be the regularly scheduled repaving of some roads, but for the most part it'll be a smooth trip all the way to the Point.

The Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay, which we highlighted in last year's newsletter, continue to grow at a rapid pace. We have walked the grounds many times this winter to enjoy the beauty of the waterside trails and to keep up with the progress of the Visitors Center, which will open in 2007. Throughout the warmer seasons, there are flowers in profusion, and all of the plants are labeled. The Gardens host many events, including plant-related seminars, and we highly recommend your visiting this outstanding natural preserve.

GETTING READY FOR YOU

May 26 through June 15: As we did last year, we will be gradually opening the Inn's guest rooms as spring cleaning progresses. By Memorial Day, we plan to have lodging available in Sea Kist Cottage, the Inn, Seawinds, Seaward Cottage, West Wind, and the Hatchard House. The rest of the accommodations will be readied day by day, leading up to our official full opening on Friday, June 16. That day, we will begin serving dinner seven days a week, and on Saturday, June 17 we will begin serving buffet breakfast daily, continuing throughout the season.

If you are planning to come pre-season (between May 26 and June 15), please remember that the office closes at 6 p.m., so you must check in by that time. While there will be no formal breakfast served during this time, coffee and muffins will be available every morning.

WONDERFUL NEW PACKAGES!

We're especially excited to tell you about all the new lodging packages we'll be offering this summer. From beachcombers' picnics, to island excursions, to family outings, they include all sorts of interesting and fun things to do. For example, in addition to the exciting kayaking package mentioned above, we have a package just for families who love filling their days with activities and visiting new places along the coast. Romantics are always high on our list of guests, and we have put together a package just for you, complete with a bottle of the bubbly and chocolates. In addition, our Fall Bed and Breakfast Plan will this year be priced to include a full buffet breakfast similar to our summertime fare.



WARREN AND MATTIE BARNES: A CELEBRATION



An era came to an end last fall with the passing of Mrs. Warren (Mattie) Barnes. Mrs. Barnes and her husband (who passed away a few years ago) were a devoted couple who presided over the Inn for many years. They purchased the Inn and Lodge in 1946, and later added other parcels, most notably Seaward Cottage, the old Burnham farm where the Hatchard House and Motel now stand, and the Sea Kist Cottage. Mr. Barnes and his Dad Franklin loved to sail the Maine coast, and just after World War II they spotted the Inn while sailing in the Boothbay area.

Mr. Barnes, educated at Colgate University and Harvard Business School, had spent many pre-war years in the hotel industry in New York (and even worked one summer at a coastal inn while he was still a boy). With his experience and business acumen, he immediately recognized the appeal of the former Pleasant View House (now the Inn) and the Annex (now the Lodge). Their son John was born in 1947, and he spent many wonderful days growing up here.

Like many of the other old coastal inns, this Inn was family run, and they put their heart and soul into making Ocean Point Inn the very best it could be. Accordingly, on Saturday, July 8, we are going to celebrate the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Barnes and their contribution to the Ocean Point Inn. This will be a wonderful reunion of friends and former employees — a time for reminiscing about the many good times all of us have had here. There will surely be tears, too, but we believe Mr. and Mrs. Barnes would be pleased for us to have a happy celebration of them.

Please pass the word to anyone you know who may not hear about this get together. For those of you wishing to stay at Ocean Point Inn, we will offer special reduced rates (one or two nights). We hope to see you here.