

Greetings from your friends at Ocean Point!

Eskimos would have felt right at home in Maine this winter. It's definitely been one for winter enthusiasts—great for every sport from downhill and cross-country skiing, to ice-skating and ice fishing, to a leisurely walk in the snow. In fact, it's been so snowy, even here on the coast, that we snow-shoed to work!

With the promise of warmer weather ahead, we're busy getting ready for the 111th season at Ocean Point Inn. We have always been committed to offering you fair prices and exceptional value, and we are focused on that now more than ever. You can count on us to help make your vacation dollars go as far as possible in 2009.

We hope you'll join us this spring, summer, or fall, when good friends gather for the beauty, tradition, relaxation, and renewal found in abundance here at Ocean Point.

*Dave and Beth Dudley
Tony Krason
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 are 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 2009

47TH ANNUAL WINDJAMMER DAYS FESTIVAL

June 23rd & 24th

Fully rigged windjammers sail into Boothbay Harbor. Two days of family fun: pancake breakfasts, waterfront concerts, fireworks over the harbor, street parade, antique boat parade, and an arts and crafts show.

INDEPENDENCE DAY *July 4th*

Old-fashioned family celebration. The Boothbay Civic Association sponsors an arts and crafts fair, children's games, chicken barbecue, live music all day on the Boothbay Common, and fireworks over Boothbay Harbor after dark. No admission fee.

JAZZ WEEKEND *July 17th - 19th*

Jazz concerts presented by Lincoln County Arts Festival at the Boothbay Harbor Opera House.

ANNUAL ANTIQUE AUTO DAYS *July 18th & 19th*

The Boothbay Railroad Village hosts more than 250 restored and running antique autos. Demonstrations and awards. Sunday afternoon parade through Boothbay Harbor.

OCEAN POINT ROAD RACE *July 19th*

The Ocean Point Colony Trust's annual 2.7-mile road race around Ocean Point.

BOAT BUILDERS FESTIVAL *August 2nd*

Tours of shipyards; sail loft; small and large vessels; historical lectures; kids' activities; art show; music; chowder, lobster rolls; and more. Held at East Boothbay's Shipbuilders Park.

36TH ANNUAL FALL FOLIAGE FESTIVAL

October 10th & 11th

Maine crafts, culinary booths, chowder, cheese, chili, and home-baked goods. Two days of toe-tapping music and entertainment. There are also steam-train rides and antique autos on the grounds. Sponsored by the Boothbay Information Center and the Boothbay Railway Village on Route 27.



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Our 111th Year of Hospitality!

THE POINT

2009 News from Ocean Point Inn



*A Summer Paradise
on the Maine Coast*

EAST BOOTHBAY, MAINE

Escape to Ocean Point!



YES, THE INN WILL BE OPEN!

You may have already heard that we have put the Inn on the market. It was a difficult decision, but it seems to be almost time for a new chapter in the Ocean Point Inn's 111-year history. The 2009 season marks Beth's twenty-first year here, Tony Krason is celebrating his thirty-eight year, and it will be forty-one years since Dave Dudley began his career at Ocean Point as a front-desk clerk.

We do not expect the Inn to sell quickly in the current market, but we decided to offer it now so that we will be positioned well when the economic climate improves. Please be assured that until the time comes to move on, we are fully dedicated to hosting you and are very much looking forward to seeing you this season and beyond.

NEW SAVINGS FOR 2009!

In these tough economic times, we have a lot of good news for you. First, all of our lodging rates remain unchanged from last year. In addition, we have fine-tuned some of our package plans to make them even more economical. We are also offering special discounted rates during the slower times of the season.

In the Restaurant, Tony has come up with an expanded selection of delicious appetizers and light bites for smaller budgets and appetites. And to keep off-season rates as low as possible, we will be offering just a continental breakfast on weekdays this fall.

The Inn has a long tradition of caring hospitality and old-fashioned value. We know how important it is to you to be able to get away on vacation and come to Ocean Point, so we're doing all we can to help you keep costs down.

TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SPECIAL RATES – JUST EMAIL US!

Many of our new cost-saving offerings will initially be available exclusively via email to our loyal guests who come to Ocean Point year after year. To take advantage of these discounts, all you have to do is email us at opi@oceanpointinn.com so we'll have your email address. Once you're on our list, you'll receive

notification of all our specials. By corresponding with you via email, we'll be saving on our snail mail costs – and you'll be saving on your stay with us.

IN THE GARDEN

The nationally acclaimed Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, located right here in Boothbay, is unveiling an exciting new garden on June 19. As visitors explore the one-acre Lerner Garden of the Five Senses, their senses will be awakened as they experience a labyrinth; beautiful vistas; water features that are a treat to hear, see, and touch; plants to taste; aromatic plants; and a wonderfully tactile "om" stone. If you haven't yet been to the Botanical Gardens, you have a treat in store. Its 248 tranquil acres encompass shoreside trails, forests, gardens of roses and rhododendrons, sculptures, and even a fairy house village.

OUT AND ABOUT

You don't have to go far from Ocean Point to fill your days with plenty to do. Just ask our front-desk crew and they'll be happy to share all their local knowledge. On the "don't miss" list are a cruise aboard the *Balmy Days* to the artists' island, Monhegan; a boat trip to Burnt Island to tour the island, lighthouse, and keeper's house with interpreters in 1950s-era dress; and a sightseeing excursion to see our spectacular coast from the water. If you'd rather stay ashore, there's the aquarium where you can touch many types of native marine life, the Boothbay Railway Museum's nostalgic narrow-gauge train ride and antique village, and the Boothbay Region Country Club's challenging and beautiful 18-hole course. For hiking or leisurely strolls, choose not only the Botanical Gardens but also miles of trails in several Boothbay Land Trust preserves.

MUSEUM HOPPING

The Midcoast area offers a wide variety of entertaining and educational museums. We recommend the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath, which tells the story of Maine's tie to the sea and ships through gallery exhibits, a preserved 19th-century shipyard, the century-old mansion of a prominent shipbuilding family, and narrated boat trips to points of historic significance.

In the Rockland area, about an hour from Ocean Point, you'll find the Farnsworth Art Museum and Wyeth Center, home to an impressive collection of pieces by three generations of the Wyeth family as well as the works of many other noted Maine artists past and present. The Farnsworth also owns the Olson House, just down a peninsula in Cushing. It was there that Andrew Wyeth painted Christina Olson many times, including in the iconic painting, *Christina's World*. Not far from Cushing, the Owls Head Transportation Museum houses a landmark collection of antique aircraft, automobiles, bikes, motorcycles, carriages, and engines.

GETTING READY FOR YOU

May 22 through October 12

As always, we will open our guest accommodations gradually this spring. Our housekeeping units and many of our oceanfront units will be available by Memorial Day and early June. All of our accommodations will be ready by Friday, June 19; the Restaurant opens for dinner that evening, and will serve dinner nightly (seasonal hours) through October 11. Buffet breakfast will be served June 20 through September 7, and on Columbus Day Weekend (Oct. 9-11). Continental breakfast will be served September 8 through October 9. There is a charge for the buffet and continental breakfasts, but free coffee and muffins will be available every morning during breakfast hours.

If you will be staying with us prior to June 19, please plan to check in before the office's 6 p.m. closing time, or make advance arrangements with us. We will not be serving any breakfast prior to June 19, but there will be a coffee maker in your room for your convenience.