

Where We Sail / How to Get Here

The Victory Chimes sails out of the small midcoast city of Rockland, Maine, the Windjammer Capital of the World. From here, we set off across spectacular Penobscot Bay to cruise among pine-profiled islands and peninsulas, stopping for the night in out-of-the-way coves, fishing villages barely changed since the Victory Chimes was young, and popular resort towns where shops display unique souvenirs and the best of Maine crafts. One week we may head west to Monhegan and Boothbay Harbor; another, we'll sail down east towards Stonington, and on to Mt. Desert Island and Bar Harbor. Rockland is conveniently located right on Route 1, about a four-hour drive from Boston. If you are flying, you may choose to arrive via Portland International Jetport, Bangor International Airport, or the small Knox County Airport at Owls Head, just a short drive from our dock.

How to get to your Windjammer Vacation on Victory Chimes

Driving:

For our GPS enabled guests, use Captain Spear Drive, Rockland, Maine as your destination.

From southern points: From Boston to Rockland (190 miles, 3½ hours): Follow I-95 into Maine and get on I-295 at Exit 44 in South Portland (See directions from Portland below).

From Portland to Rockland (84 miles, 1½ hours): From I-295, a little north of Portland, you will take Exit 28 to U.S. Route 1 North (Coastal Route) at Brunswick. Continue on U.S. Route 1 all the way into Rockland.

An Alternative if Traffic is Heavy : Wiscasset is one of Maine's notorious traffic jam communities with all the people stopping at Red's Eats for their famous Lobster Roll. Traffic can be very slow on I-295 during the peak summer season with people coming in to Maine from the NE. Alternative is to: Continue on I-295 North, which becomes the Maine Turnpike into Augusta. Get off at Exit 109 and follow the signs for Route 17 East into Rockland. Once in Rockland, take US Route 1 South (Which is One Way) until you come to a Stop Light across from a Rite Aid (great place for supplies and beverages) and Dairy Queen. You will see signs for US Route 1 North. Make a Left and US Route 1 North will take you into Rockland's downtown area. Then follow directions below.

Once in Rockland. Victory Chimes is located at WINDJAMMER Wharf off of Tillson Avenue on Captain Spear Drive. Tillson originates at a stop light off a one-way section of Route 1 North that takes you through the downtown section of Rockland. Approaching from the south on Route 1 — you will come to a stop light; make a sharp LEFT on to Main St route one north. Continue past the old STRAND movie theater on your right to the next stop light, which is Tillson Avenue. Make a RIGHT on Tillson. The second left off Tillson across from Hamilton Marine is Captain Spear Drive and WINDJAMMER WHARF. We are located on the wharf.

Parking is off sight but very close by.

Flying:

Victory Chimes is accessible via Portland (Maine) International Jetport, Bangor International Airport or Owls Head (Knox County Regional Airport ten minutes from our dock). All have major rental car companies and taxi and limo services. The services have become very expensive, so check rates. Some feel you may be better off with a one-way rental both ways.

Taxi and Limo services:

Services provide 24 hours a day pick-up service with advance reservations and will pick you up and deliver you to Rockland and Victory Chimes or your hotel, and get you back to the airport after your cruise. Contact: Schooner Bay Taxi (www.penobscotriverrmall.com/schoonerbay/), (207) 594-5000 or Mid-Coast Limo (www.midcoastlimo.com), (800) 937-2424.

Need a Great Place to Eat on Boarding Night?

We board the night of the first date listed on our schedule between 6-8PM. On boarding night, you're on your own for dinner, and most folks check in and then go out to eat. We have menus from all the area restaurants and fine dining establishments from great local seafood (Labsta'), and European bistros to Thai. When you get here, tell us what you feel like and we'll suggest away.

Need a Hotel in Walking Distance?

The closest hotel to Victory Chimes is the Trade Winds (AAA approved) twmi@midcoast.com, just a few blocks away.

Need a Bed and Breakfast?

If you'll be around for an extended stay, check out this website for bed and breakfast sites in and around the Rockland, Maine area: www.bbonline.com/me/rockland.html

We hope this information helps make your Victory Chimes Windjammer Vacation with us a little easier and we forward to seeing you aboard.

Regards,
Captain Kip Files and Capt Paul DeGaeta