

## Lake Champlain – August 19-26, 2018

### 1. Lake Champlain Simple Site

- Navtours Charter Company – General Information; “Get Ready to Set Sail”; Parking; Navtours Favorite Destinations; Return Time Important Notice
- Sample Itineraries
- Dining Information
- Informative Links – Plattsburgh hotels
- “*Cruising the Lake*” article by Ed Menegaux (SOS)
- Navigational Charts – North (14781); Center (14782); and South (14783)
- Recommended Guide
- Skipper & Crew List (12 skippers and 55 crew)
- March 2016 Sail Magazine article “*A Lake Champlain Charter*”

### Skippers:

#### 1. Cruising Guide & Charts

- Distances – page 87 (Plattsburgh to Burlington 21 statute miles)
- Map – page 88
- Marina Services – pages 90-91 (gasoline, pump out, water, ice, ship’s store, showers)
- Recommended anchorages – page 92 (with ratings)
- Restaurant Suggestions – page 252 (by city)

#### 2. Note the State Parks, hiking trails, and deserted beaches on the Lake’s islands:

- Deep Bay – Point Au Roche State Park
- Burton Island State Park
- Valcour Island (1,100-acre nature island) – hiking trails to Sloop Cove, Smugglers Harbor, Paradise Bay circle the island (6 miles long)

#### 3. Note historic inns and fun cities along the Lake:

- North Hero Island – the North Hero House
- Kingsland Bay – the historic Hawley House
- Burlington – a fun pedestrian town

#### 4. John Halstead to facilitate a discussion with Skippers after this presentation

### Crew:

#### 1. Weather in August (Burlington, VT)

- The “norm is pleasant shirtsleeve weather (at least a lightweight jacket)
- Air Temperatures: Average 68’ (58-78)
- Water Temperatures: Average 71’
- Winds: Average 7.7 mph
- Thunderstorms: Average 6 in August

2. Additional costs: provisioning's, mooring balls, marinas, water, pump out – boat needs a bursar (keeping track of expenses and collecting funds at end of charter)
3. Hiking footwear (TEVA sandals); pullover; rain gear
4. No plans for group dinner on Sunday 8/19; there will be a group get together on Sat 8/25.

### **Important Information:**

1. Charter guests are asked to bring the following:

- Sheets (or sleeping bags)
- Pillow cases
- Towels (they do provide dish towels)
- Toilet paper; garbage bags
- Dishwashing liquid

**NOTE: Navtours provides two (2) pillows and one (1) blanket per cabin**

2. Boat check in Plattsburgh City Marina Dock starting @ 5:00 PM Sunday August 19; secured parking near the boat launch (free) – see map
3. Base Manager to send a welcome email providing boarding times – Boarding Staff to review:
  - Inventory
  - Systems orientation
  - Navigational charts
  - Hull inspection
  - Any charter guest questions
4. Price Chopper grocery at 475 Route 3 (Exit 37 Highway 97) open 5:00 AM to midnight; and Dame's Discount Liquor & Wine (457 State Route 3) open Noon to 8:00 PM on Sunday in Plattsburgh recommended
5. Boat check-out Sunday August 26
  - Renters should plan to return at 2:00 PM or earlier to complete pump out and refueling – KEEP RECEIPTS
  - Disembarkment must be completed and renters/belongings completely removed from the dock area prior to 3:00 PM – Navtours inspects once renters have removed all garbage and personal belongings. If the boat is not completely relinquished by 3:00 PM a minimum fee of \$150 will be charged
  - Call VHF 74 or 518-565-0883 if any questions

### **Trip ideas:**

- Ausable Chasm (a 2-mile gorge known as the Grand Canyon of the Adirondacks) 25 minutes south of Plattsburgh – see <http://ausablechasm.com/>
- Side trips to Lake Placid (50 miles); Montreal (60 miles) or Quebec City (210), Quebec Canada (passport required)