

How to get to your Windjammer Vacation on Victory Chimes

(Print and take with you)

Driving:

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 O'Hara's Wharf at the foot of Tillson Avenue. 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 - as all traffic must for this One- Way section of Route 1 North - you will come to a Stop Light make a sharp LEFT (at this light, while looking down past the Lobster statue, you should be able to see the three masts of Victory Chimes if we are at our dock). Continue past the old Movie Theater on your right to the next Stop Light, which is Tillson Avenue. Make a RIGHT on Tillson. Continue down past the US Coast Guard station on the left until you see the road widen away towards the right and look for a sign for Victory Chimes on the peak of the building that has a hand pointing right. Turn RIGHT, continue past an office building and into the big garage on the left.

Parking: Park anywhere in this covered garage.

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 prior to the date of your cruise between 6-8PM. We'll have waiting for you, fresh ground coffee from Maine's Carrabassett Coffee company and hot tea along with some yummy baked goods. But, 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 there tells 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, is 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