

Newport Yacht Charter: Top 5 Marinas to Dock Your Yacht

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Can't make it to the Med this summer? Then maybe this is your chance to spend time in America's backyard. Newport, Rhode Island is one of the most historic and charming summer vacation destinations in North America. It is one of the major ports of call in New England and has even been named the yachting capital of the North East region.

As a yacht charter destination Newport has full service marinas just steps away from fine seafood dining, unique boutique shopping and live entertainment. As Memorial Day approaches, Newport's swankiest yacht clubs and marinas are preparing for guest arrivals and have been rumored to cater to celebrities and US dignitaries from Nicholas Cage to members of the Kennedy Family.

The team at eYachtCharter.com has taken the time to put together a list of Newport's top five marinas and everything you need to know about booking transient or seasonal dockage for your luxury yacht charter this summer.

Dockmaster Alex Keller

401-846-8018

351 Thames Street

Newport, RI 02840

Dockage types:

Forty 1^o North offers transient and seasonal dockage and requires membership for seasonal dockage, but they have short term memberships available (see seasonal prices.)The marina can accommodate yachts up to 250'.

Dockage prices:

Transient dockage- \$7.50 per foot per day

Seasonal- You can purchase a full season's membership for \$550 or a weeklong membership for \$350. The weekly membership fee is credited in full toward a food and beverage account at The Grill, a magnificent fine dining restaurant and bar on the premises.

Amenties:

Electric-

Single-phase 240 and 480-volt

3-phase 100 and 200 amp

Pump-out connections at all slips

Meticulously maintained bath facilities

Launch service

Wash-down service

Special daily parking rates for yacht owners and crew

Special Features:

Cable television and telephone

Concierge service

Laundry service

Complimentary wireless Internet

Ship-side dining service

Indoor and outdoor dining and bar

Other Information:

May 10th 2008 marks the opening of Forty 1^o North's first full season. This marina/ resort composes a very simple but elegant design, courtesy of DAS architects of Philadelphia. They have mad a masterpiece of maximizing views and incorporating design elements from the backdrop of Newport Harbor and Narragansett Bay.

There are two restaurants on the premises; The Grill is an elegant open air restaurant and Christie's is a fun, retro, casual dining indoor restaurant. There are four beautifully renovated suites available for guests. These suites are fully furnished with a Tempur-Pedic® bed, flat-screen LCD television, plush furniture, bathroom with tub & shower, and a full kitchen. An overnight stay also includes parking and complimentary breakfast for two.

Newport Marina

Dockmaster Steven Sullivan

401.849.2293

W. Howard St.

Newport, RI 02840

Dockage types:

The Newport Marina offers transient dockage and can accommodate vessels up to 150'.

Dockage prices:

\$4.50 per foot per day

\$5 per foot per day (vessels over 75 feet)

Amenities:

Electric

30 AMP \$15.00 per night

2/30 AMP \$18.00 per night

50 AMP \$17.00 per night

2/50 AMP \$34.00 per night

Water service- free

Fuel and sewage pump-out services (ask the dockmaster to arrange for a barge to come to your slip)

Laundry facilities

Guest showers

Special features:

Heated outdoor pool

Lounge area and gas BBQ

Wireless internet

Parking

Other information:

This Marina is located in the heart of Newport's Yachting Village with dozens of full service bars and restaurants only a short walk away.

Reservations are highly recommended and a 72 hour cancellation notice is required

Check in is after 12pm and check out is before 11am

Newport Yachting Center

Dockmaster Chuck Moffitt

(401) 846-1600

Lee's Wharf

Newport, RI 02840

Dockage types:

The Newport Yachting Center offers transient and seasonal dockage with no membership necessary. The marina has over 2,500 feet of available transient dockage and can accommodate yachts up to 180 feet.

Dockage prices:

Transient-

Memorial Day Weekend May 25 - May 28 - \$5.00 per foot per day

April- June 14- \$2.75 per foot per day/\$5.00 Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays of holiday weekends

June 15 - Sept. 5 - \$5.00 per foot per day

June 29- July 7- \$5.50 per foot per day (3 night minimum stay)

September 6- November- \$2.75 per foot per day/ \$5.00 Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays of holiday weekends

\$5 per foot per day in season

\$5.50 per foot per day (3 night minimum) June 27th- July 5th

Seasonal- \$155 for the season

For long term dockage prices, please call the reservations line at (800) 653-DOCK ext. 3. A deposit is required to make a reservation and is

refundable when cancelling 7 or more days prior to arrival.

Amenities:

Electricity -

\$9.00 per 30 amp hookup per night

\$18.00 per 50 amp hookup per night

\$45.00 per 100 amp hookup per night

Water

Fuel-

High speed diesel pump

Standard speed diesel and gas pumps

Sewage pumpout service

Laundry facilities

Guest showers and bathrooms

Special features:

Access to the pool and spa at the Marriott

Other information:

Close to downtown Newport, the marina is situated close to a variety of attractions. You are steps away from grabbing a bowl of clam chowder, taking a historic mansion tour down the famous Bellevue Ave., or spending the day at the various waterfront shops.

Goat Island

Dockmaster Mike Sweeney

(401) 849-5655

5 Marina Plz

Newport, RI 02840

Dockage types:

Goat Island Marina offers seasonal and limited transient dockage for yachts up to 250'. There are 175 fixed and floating slips available.

Dockage prices:

Seasonal- \$175-\$200 per foot for the season depending upon the size of the vessel

Transient- \$4.50- \$5.50 per foot per day depending upon the size of the vessel and holidays

Amenities:

Electric hook-ups: 30, 50, 100 amp (single and three phase)

Block and cube ice

Laundry facilities

Garbage collection daily

Pump-out facilities

Special features:

24-hour security

10-minute water shuttle to
Downtown Newport

Showers and heads

Package Store

Car rental available

Yacht Brokerage

Meeting facilities

Satellite television

Spa and health club at the Hyatt hotel

Tennis courts

Outdoor pool

Restaurant, Cafe and pub

Hair Salon

Other information:

Goat Island will be hosting the 2008 World Championship Oct 1-4

Bowen's Wharf

Peter Worburden

(401) 640-4104

No 2 Bowen's Wharf

Newport, RI 02840

Dockage types:

Bowen's Wharf provides summer and winter seasonal, transient, and hourly dockage for vessels up to 110'.

Dockage prices:

Transient- (30' minimum)

Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day :

Weekends (2 night min.)- \$5.00 per day per foot

Holidays/Special Events- \$5.50 per day per foot

No dockage is available during the Newport International Boat Show

Seasonal-

November 1- April 30- \$25 per foot

November 1- April 30- \$35 per foot (Includes security, trash receptacles, water, sewage pump-out, and snow removal.)

Hourly dockage: (subject to availability, 8am-4pm, up to 6 hrs.)

Under 30'- 25.00

30' - 50'- \$50.00

Over 50'- \$75.00

Launches (painter tie-up only, 8am-5pm)

14' - 25'

Up to 6 hrs- \$15.00

Overnight- \$25.00

Seasonal Permit- \$400.00

Dinghies (painter tie-up only, 8am-10pm)

8' - 14'

Up to 6 hrs- Free

Overnight- \$10.00

Monthly Permit- \$200.00

Seasonal Permit- \$400.00

Amenities:

Electricity-

30 AMP- \$9.00 per connection

50 AMP- \$18.00 per connection

Water- Free

Sewage pump-out-

Up to 30 Gal.- \$5.00

30 - 100 Gal.- \$15.00

Over 100 Gal.- \$50.00

Bathrooms, showers, and laundry service available at Seamen's Church

Institute

Special features:

Ice

Trash- \$1 per bag

Recycling- free

Parking

Other Information:

Bowen's Wharf is wheelchair accessible with dock access ramps, and a wide well lit concrete dock for safe passage to and from your vessel. There is fine dining and shopping on premises.

Majestic tours, Harbor tour boats, and Sailing tours available from the marina.