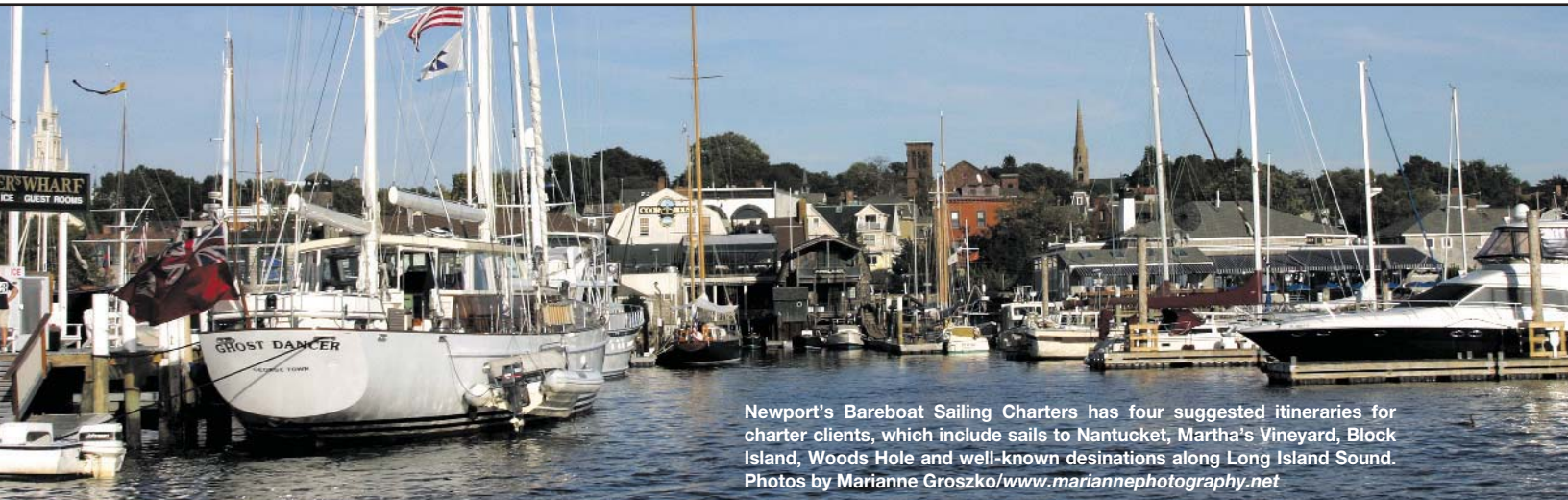


# Charter Notes



Newport's Bareboat Sailing Charters has four suggested itineraries for charter clients, which include sails to Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, Block Island, Woods Hole and well-known destinations along Long Island Sound. Photos by Marianne Groszko/[www.mariannephotography.net](http://www.mariannephotography.net)

**If the humidity and light air have you dreaming of a New England sailing adventure, now is a good time to plan one—for next summer, that is.** Bareboat Sailing Charters in Newport, a 20-year-old operation offering bareboat and captained charters, is booked through the fall. Among the sailboats in the 12-boat fleet are Beneteaus and Jeanneaus, ranging from 42 to 57 feet, and a 49-foot Hinckley ketch.

“We book a year in advance,” says owner Brian Blank. “I think we have so many repeat charter customers because we care about the details. Absolutely everything on the boat is labeled. We do whatever we can to make the boats more user-friendly. I tell all my clients to please let me know if something is broken so that we can fix it immediately.” Blank prides himself on “personalized service” and can walk char-

ter sailors through some problems over the phone, which he keeps close in hand for any client to call.

Blank admits that charter sailing is a tough business in New England because of the short season. He attributes his success to working at it full time and having a passion for it.

Bareboat Sailing has created four suggested charter itineraries on the website,

which touch upon destinations such as Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, and Woods Hole and a southern route—with lighter winds for less agile or less experienced sailors—to Block Island and Fishers Island, Shelters Island, and Montauk. There is also an outline of 75 destinations reachable from Newport.

Bareboat Sailing Charters' season is from May through November, with the first few weeks at the beginning and the end of the season for weekend charters only. Breezes tend to be southwesterly from 14 to 18 knots and lighter in July and August.

If booked a few weeks in advance, Southwest Airlines flights from Baltimore are just over 100 dollars round trip, and there is a shuttle from the airport to Newport.

For more information, call (800) 661-4013, or click to [www.bareboatnewport.com](http://www.bareboatnewport.com) or [www.bareboatcharters.com](http://www.bareboatcharters.com).



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