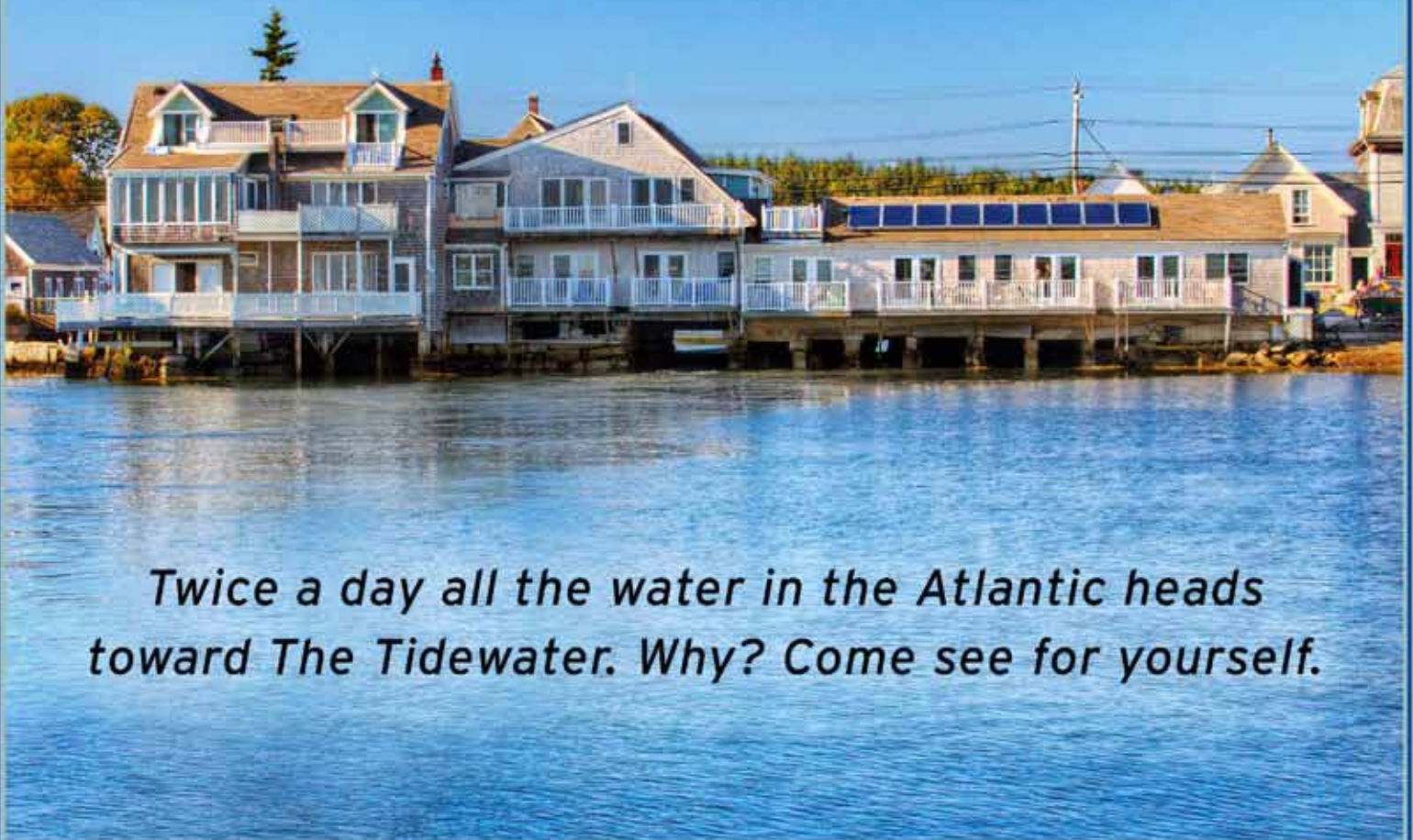


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Dream Boats

With on-deck Jacuzzis, baby-grand pianos, and a fleet of staff, the super-yachts visiting Maine this summer are the preserve of the super-rich.

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

Aspen Alternative

Length: **164 feet** Weight: **459 tons**

Top Speed: **24 knots**

Price: **\$22.9M** in 2015

Price: Available for charter starting **\$185,000** per week.

Special features: **Deck Jacuzzi**

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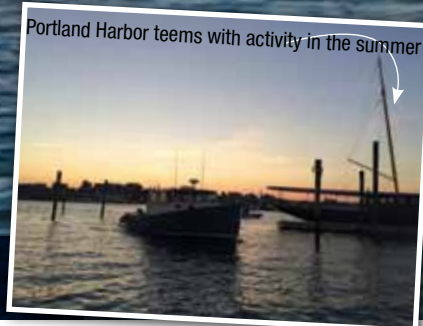
OBSESSIONS

Cangarda

Length: **138 feet** Weight: **125 tons**
Top Speed: **12 knots** Features: **The last luxury steam liner in the US.**
Renovation Cost: **\$12M**



Cangarda's hull lies abandoned in Boston Harbor in 1999, left, and restored to her former glory in 2011, above in Islesboro.



In our seafaring state, it's not unusual to witness exotic ships arriving on Maine's shores, from gargantuan cruise liners to Atlantic Class 40 racing yachts to replica galleons. However, a certain breed of boat never fails to turn heads when it glides into port. Dubbed "gin palaces" in the early 20th century to describe the kind of ostentatious and luxurious pleasure crafts that were appearing in the marinas of the Medi-

terranean, **super yachts** have become the ultimate status symbol of wealth and exclusivity. After all, even the most premium hotels require you to mix with the public.

LIVING IN LUXURY

DiMillo's Marina is the place to head for a glimpse of how the other half lives. The bill for docking your 150-foot power cruiser in DiMillo's prime waterfront berths for five days can top \$3,750, which is really noth-

ing when you consider that the cost of filling your fuel tank is upwards of \$60,000. That's before you've even begun to pay your staff or buy champagne the trip. Send your private chef down to **Browne Trading Co.**, a choice destination for your on-board provisions, to pick up a jar of Gold Label Osetra caviar (\$1,149 for 250g), accompanied by a bottle of 1999 vintage Cristal (\$2,600 a bottle). And be sure you get enough for all 12 guests. "We see a lot of private chefs come in and pick up



Silver Shalis

Length: **178 feet** Weight: **846 tons**
Top speed: **14 knots** Price: **\$2.95M**
Features: **Deck Jacuzzi**, owned by NY real estate mogul and World Trade Center developer **Larry Silverstein**.



Rochade

Length: **156 feet** Weight: **499 tons**
Top Speed: **22 knots** Fuel Capacity: **14,000 gallons** Price: Sold for **\$38M** in 2013 Features: **Deck Jacuzzi**



Podium

Length: **197 feet** Weight: **1182 tons**
Top Speed: **15.5 knots** Fuel Capacity: **39,625 gallons** Features: **Deck Jacuzzi. Helipad, dance floor.**



378 tons



1 moose = 1,200lbs

You could drive from Portland Head Light to the Santa Monica Pier 6.7 times with the amount of gas that Scout uses motoring from Boston to Portland. Below: Scout visits Portland and stays at the DiMillo's Marina.

Scout

Length: **111 feet** Weight: **378 tons**
Top Speed: **15 knots**
Fuel capacity: **13,350 gallons**
Approx: **\$32,037 to fill tank**



cases of wine for their clients. They'll pick up \$500 bottles of wine for lunch, no problem," says Jasmine, the knowledgeable sales girl behind the counter.

LUXURY ON LOAN

DiMillo's Marina recently welcomed the playfully named *Aspen Alternative* to Portland's waterfront, 164 feet of gleaming aluminium hull and teak decking. The luxury charter comes fully equipped with all the super yacht essentials: on-deck Jacuzzi, gym, kayaks and fishing gear, and a fleet of tenders—all yours for \$56,000 a week. And that's on the cheaper end of the scale. You can take *Wheels*, pride and joy of NASCAR team owner Rick Hendrick, for a spin for the princely sum of \$200,000 per week. Hendrick himself sailed *Wheels* into Portland last year. Keep your eyes on the horizon for a return visit this summer.



ULTRA YACHTS

In 2012, the 11th largest yacht in the world cruised along the Portland shipping channel, dwarfing all other pleasure boats in her wake. *The Rising Sun*, stretching an astounding 454 feet, with room for 16 guests and 45 crew members ready to meet their every whim, cost over \$20 million to build. Originally owned by Larry Ellison, CEO of the Oracle Corporation, it was bought by music

producer David Geffen in 2010. The founder of Asylum Record and Geffen Records, the magnate (who has an estimated net worth of \$6 billion) has signed and mingled with The Eagles, Joni Mitchell, and Bob Dylan. That sounds like one wild boat party. It was even reported that the queen of talk shows, Oprah Winfrey, was a guest aboard *The Rising Sun* in 2013.

If you prefer speed over size, the comparatively diminutive *Diamond* super yacht is a featherweight 105 tons of Italian-made, kevlar reinforced hull. Triple 2,600-horsepower and waterjet propulsion enable her to reach an eye-watering 49 knots of acceleration. Despite this, *Yachts International* describes *Diamond* as "a family-friendly gem."

CANGARDA: LAST OF HER KIND

Resurrected in 2010 following several years in a watery grave at the bottom of Boston Harbor, six years of restoration, and \$12 million dollars in repairs, *Cangarda* is now the last luxury steamboat in America, and the jewel of Maine's seas.



Wheels

Length: **164 feet** Weight: **456 tons**
Top Speed: **19 knots** Price:
Available for charter starting **\$200,000 per week** Features: owned by NASCAR team owner Rick Hendrick



Big Eagle

Length: **172 feet** Weight: **399 tons**
Top Speed: **15 knots** Fuel Capacity:
27,590 gallons Price: Available to charter for **\$140,000/week** plus expenses
Features: **Deck Jacuzzi, dive gear**

OBSESSIONS

Built in 1901, *Cangarda* was named for its owners Charles Canfield and his wife, Belle Gardner. Following an unfortunate indiscretion between Mr. Canfield and an unmarried female guest on her maiden voyage, *Cangarda* was subsequently sold to the Fulford family of Thousand Islands, New York, where she served as the perfect accessory to their 200,000 square-foot-mansion.

Two future British kings have received the royal treatment aboard *Cangarda*: Edward VIII, when he was a prince and before he was shipwrecked by Wallis Simpson, and George VI, also as a prince. (vividly portrayed by Colin Firth in the movie *The King's Speech*.)

During World War II, the yacht became badly damaged while on loan to the Royal Canadian Navy, who eventually returned *Cangarda* to the Fulfords with a compensatory check for \$13,000, a fraction of the amount necessary to restore her. Unwilling to accept the burden of her costs, the Fulford family sold *Cangarda* in 1952.

During the intervening years, the battered *Cangarda* bounced between owners, with



Diamond

Length: **119 feet** Weight: **105 tons**
Top speed: **49 knots** Price: **\$16.75 M**
Features: **Italian made. Reinforced Kevlar hull.**



Rising Sun

Length: **454 feet** Weight: **846 tons**
Top speed: **26 knots**
Price: over **\$200 M** to build
Features: **11th largest yacht in the world**

none able to raise the capital to carry out her extensive restoration work. In 1999, *Cangarda's* gutted hull eventually sank to the bottom of Boston Harbor.

Thankfully, tireless efforts by Elizabeth Meyer of J-Class Yacht Management and Captain Steve Cobb to raise the hull and locate a buyer were successful. In 2002, a prominent San Francisco Bay-area venture capitalist bought *Cangarda's* remains for around \$500,000 and shipped them from Massachusetts to Jeff Rutherford's boat yard in Richmond Harbor, California, for a complete restoration.

"It was a very unique project for my yard,

for anywhere in the world really," said Jeff. Besides using laser scanning to create a new hull, one of the greatest challenges was integrating modern electronics with antique machinery, requiring the expert help of marine engineer Pete Jordan. "I had to learn all these new skills. That's what made the project so fun. I loved it!" says Jeff.

These days, *Cangarda* can frequently be seen sailing around Camden and her home port of Islesboro. She made a short stop in Portland in July for repairs. Jeff Rutherford, like a worried parent, came to her aid. "A boat like this will need constant attention," he says. Baby, you're worth it. ■

FROM LEFT: JILL BLACKWOOD; GIORGIO FERRETTO

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