

2014 Sailing Escapes with Mike Taber on *StarDancer*

Hello, fellow sailors and friends!

May 15 Update: There are several changes in departure dates and duration. Changes in dates are underlined. The chart below will show the berths still available for each segment.



StarDancer's 2014 Ports of Call:

June 13: Lv Hampton VA; June 17 Lv Annapolis MD, thru C&D Canal & Delaware Bay NE to Newport, RI, or N to NYC/LI Sound (weather dependent).

June 24-July 1: Lv Newport, RI. Sail LI Sound, Narragansett and Buzzards Bays, Martha's Vineyard. Arr New Bedford, MA.

July 1-9: Lv New Bedford, MA. Sail to Provincetown or Gloucester/Boston for July 4, then meander up the coast to Portland and Casco Bay, ME.

July 12-18: Lv Portland. Cruise Maine islands & seaside villages, Arr Northport/Belfast, ME.

July 27-Aug 9: (2 weeks) Lv Belfast, ME. Sail across Bay of Fundy and up the **Nova Scotia** coast- Lunenburg, St. Margret's Bay, Halifax. Return to Northport/Belfast.

Aug 17-23: Lv Northport/Belfast, sail Penobscot Bay and adjacent islands/bays.

Aug 24-31: Lv Northport/Belfast, sail Penobscot Bay and adjacent islands/bays.

Sept 4-13: Lv Northport/Belfast, sail in the annual Around Islesboro Race, then to Portland, Gloucester and on to Newport, RI if weather cooperates.

Sept 15-24: Lv Gloucester or Newport. Sail to Hampton VA.

December 4-15: Sail Hampton/Norfolk VA to Melbourne FL.

January 8-28, 2015: Lv Melbourne, FL. Sail South and then East across the Gulf Stream to the Bahamas Explore the Bahamas leisurely from south to north. Return to Florida late March.

Sharing Expenses:

Around US waters, \$300/week per person is enough for on-board food, fuel, and mooring when we can't anchor. **A \$100/wk deposit holds your berth. The Nova Scotia and Bahamas weeks are \$400.** Alcohol and on-shore expense are up to you. Slip cost, if agreed or necessary, is also shared. Canada and Bahamas entry and immigration fees and taxes are in addition.

Dates	Berths Available	Dates	Berths Available	Dates	Berths Available
June 14-23	Fully Reserved	July 27- Aug 9	3	Sept 15-24	3
June 24-July 1	2	Aug 17-23	3	Dec 4-15	3
July 1-9	1	Aug 24-31	3	Jan 8-28, 2015	3
July 12-18	2	Sept 4-13	Fully Reserved	Jan 31-Mar 31 (2 wk minimum)	12 (4 2-wk segments for 3 persons)

2014 Sailing Escapes: More about Sailing on *StarDancer*

(Please note the additional information to last week's message.)

After delivering schooner *Dove II* to her new owner, I sailed to Portugal and other locales including Florida and the Bahamas. I've just completed a refit of Contest 31' sloop *StarDancer*. I'm sending you this update because of our sailing connection. Want to join me this year? Please tell me if this appeals to you.



StarDancer was built in the Netherlands for offshore use, comfortable topside and inside with elegant African mahogany. Sleeps 5, but we'll limit to 4 persons. Sheets, blankets, towels provided.

Ample battery capacity, but upgraded for low power consumption and water conservation on passages. Extra-wide berths, stove & 2 sinks, stern grill, enclosed head. New dodger and rig including sails and roller furler. Feathering prop, Hydrovane wind-steering, autopilot. Robust gear & quadrant wheel steering. Volvo Penta diesel recently serviced. SunShower enclosure sets up on deck or in the cockpit.

We will be *sailors sailing together*, enjoying the life, helping a bit in the galley, keeping *StarDancer* shipshape, and deciding where to sail and anchor. Both genders, solo and attached, enjoy sailing on my boats...many people getting this message have sailed with me, so you know. As in years past on schooner *Dove II* and sloop *Blue Samba*, **we take safety seriously**. I have a captain's license and over 25,000 coastal and offshore miles.

Interested? Please call **303-590-5501** or email me at **mike@stardancer.me**. If you know someone who might enjoy a sailing escape, please forward this message.

Departure and arrival dates and locations are weather dependent and are subject to *safety first* considerations. We comply fully with national and local safety, drug and other laws wherever we sail. Daily bus service from Boston, Portland & Bangor airports to the boat.

Fair winds,
Mike

