

## Cruising Notes – NY Canals

### 1. Oswego

- 1.1. Oswego marina – we do not stay here but do stop for fuel & supplies (& customs check-in video phone – best to fuel here as there isn't fuel until you get to Baldwinsville, grocery up the hill just above the marina if needed
- 1.2. Tie up – we usually stay overnight on the wall above 1<sup>st</sup> lock (#8) no power but fairly quiet & easy walk to stuff in town
- 1.3. If we are in town longer or need utilities – Wrights Landing is a town park marina – back out towards the breakwater and head west – 315-342-8172? or 343-8430  
If you heading up the Oswego there are a couple of stops depending on how much time & how far you want to go that day...

2. Minetto – above lock 5 there is a free floating town dock w/ power & rest rooms ashore

3. Fulton – has a small town marina – between locks 2 & 3 – we stayed here many yrs ago but it doesn't seem to get much traffic these days – you can also tie on the wall just beyond the marina

4. Phoenix – about 4.5 hrs from Oswego -above lock 1 – free tie up w/ limited power, water, park & friendly kids as host during the day. Free self service Pump out works (sometimes?) Limited restaurants close by but some will deliver

5. Baldwinsville – lock 24 – about 2 hrs from Phoenix – nice free wall w/ power(\$5?) above the lock. OK wall w/ no power below the lock if top side is full – need to check... Above Can be busy and crowded if close to / wkend as there are wkend concerts in the shell across from the wall. Locals have started to bring their boats over and tie up Wd – Thurs to reserve a spot and they show up on Fri or sat for the concert. Good restaurants & limited supplies nearby. RR & showers behind the bandshell (25 c)  
Coopers marina – just west of the lock has fuel, supplies & transient docking – usually at the gas dock – also great rest Italian restaurant very close.

It's a fairly long trip through Montezuma to Cayuga Lk w/o much in the way of stops or services. There are 2 stretches thru Montezuma where you can get up on plane and make some time but I don't have my book w/ nav marker # notes @ home. If you are interested remind me in a couple of weeks and I can get the marker #'s for you. Other sections are short between cottages, docks, small marinas etc that req's limited wake. We figure on roughly a day trip from B'Ville to Sampson on Seneca Lk or stop in Seneca Falls if we have time to burn

6. Cayuga Lk – side trip if interested - there is a good anchoring spot on Cayuga – head through the marked channel at the N end and look for Frontenac Is on the E side of Cayuga (only Is in the Finger Lakes) – just N of the Is is a sandy cove that is fairly protected and popular for day of swimming and/or overnight anchoring. There is a row a white buoys but entering is OK @ slow speed - Just stay away from the N side going in as there

are some rocks there – balance is good sandy bottom – we sometimes get into the shallows stop and walk boats back a little further looking for a good spot w/ no weeds to set anchor & swim. Goose Watch Winery is on the W shore at 42° 45.057' N 076° 46.015' W they have good docks and the winery is a short hike up the hill.

7. Seneca Falls – Cayuga – Seneca Canal lock 2-3 – very nice wall w/ power, laundry, showers, RR above the lock & just past the “Lake” . Restaurants close by in town & a pleasant stop.
8. Waterloo – C-S lock 4 – not much here
9. Seneca Lk
  - 9.1. We usually fuel up in the canal (Barretts Marine just before the RR bridge) before heading out on Seneca Lk.
  - 9.2. N end is good sandy bottom and shallow – good place to anchor for a swim s long as there isn’t a strong S wind.
  - 9.3. Sampson State Park (Our home) is on the E shore about 8 Mi south of the canal. Fairly easy to spot as it’s just a little N of the Large Barge that is permanently moored middle - W shore just below Sampson. You can try us on the radio BACCHUS or LOVE AFFAIR – we are the marina committee co-chairs and can direct you into a spot. Other option if you don’t get a response is to come on in and tie up – You can call the park office which is ~ 1 mi away – and they will send someone down to check you in. Navy / Air Force Military Museum on the grounds is open Wed – Sun (I believe?) – worth an hr or two – about 700k Navy & AF troops trained here during WWII & Korea Lots of places to walk in the park but no services close by. If we are around you are welcome to borrow a car to run to town if req’d.
  - 9.4. Miles winery accessible from the water on Seneca W shore below Long Pt – 42° 36.974 N 76° 55.184 W
  - 9.5. Watkins Glen – best transient docks are at Village Marina – S end right next to Capt Bills tour boats. It’s an easy walk into town, Watkins Glen State Park - worth a few hrs of walking the Glen). Most everything you could need including a WallyWorld within walking distance.

Heading West – Back through C-S canal & N to the “intersection” w/ Erie

10. Lyons –Tie-up w/ limited power on N side, Addn’l w/o power S side  
Not a lot here
11. Newark – a very nice free tie-up at the chbr of commerce docks – w/ power, rest rooms, showers and free laundry & pump out– a few bar/restaurants around

12. Fairport – a real nice stop right in town w/ power, RR Showers, pump out available (S side) There is usually a dock master around in the afternoon that collects a few \$
13. There is a new & very nice town facility at Bushnell Basin – floating docks
14. Pittsford – haven't stayed here but have stopped for ice cream, etc as a break – nice shops & place to walk around
15. Spenceport – nice stop & good facilities on both sides of the bridge – best restaurant in town is the Texas barbeque place – authentic and very good
16. Holley – pleasant free dock (no utilities) on the S side – easy walk via path into town and nice QUIET location at night
17. Middleport – pleasant - we have stayed here but don't recall exactly what it had
18. Lockport – I've stayed below the locks @ town tie-up but not a lot around here
  - 18.1. Above locks – temp tie up to visit old lock museum
19. Tonawanda has a pleasant town tie-up and I believe they have done an upgrade since I was there.
20. Black Rock Canal – Federal Lock does not respond on 13 but does on 16 (most of the time)
21. I have gone as far as and stayed at Small Boat Hbr – S of B'flo inside the breakwaters – this is where my brother kept his sailboat before moving to N Carolina.

NO Lk Erie experience but if you have questions my brother Ken would be a good source.