

## **ROCKLAND, ME – Pre and Post Trips Available**

For those who registered for the Rockland trip and those still considering it, we have news.

We now have the information for pre and post trips for Rockland, Maine.

- 1) A pre/post tour hosted by the Portland, ME CVB (Members & Guests – \$25 each, *either pre or post. Not both*).
- 2) A post trip on the windjammer Stephen Tabor (Members only – \$25 each). You can do this and the Portland pre or post). Also, if 6 members go, they will need to share cabins, as there are only 3 cabins available. Cabins have EITHER double beds or two single beds. The owners of the Stephen Tabor will determine who goes.

Please see descriptions below:

### **PORTLAND PRE OR POST TRIP**

Come in a day early or stay an extra day and explore the sights and scents of Portland, ME. The Portland CVB will host IFWTWA writers and one guest offering one night's accommodations, a passport to attractions covering everything from art museums to whale watches and harbor cruises, and dinner at one of Portland's renowned restaurants. IFWTWA members will be required to provide their own transportation in and around Portland. Efforts will be made to provide lodging within easy walking distance of Portland's vibrant Old Port neighborhood.

### **ME WINDJAMMERS POST TRIP**

Food and wine go hand in hand aboard the schooner Stephen Taber, one of 12 member vessels in the Maine Windjammer Association. Captain Noah and Jane Barnes, a young, passionate couple who own an 1871-built schooner that's been in Noah's family for 30 years, have earned a reputation for their warm hospitality and delicious, traditional New England fare. Using only a cast-iron woodstove, the cook aboard this 139-year-old National Historic Landmark prepares every meal from scratch, using fresh, local ingredients. Since 2004, Jane has been leading special wine-tasting cruises, based on her years of experience in the industry. During the day, guests sail around the beautiful islands of mid-coast Maine, enjoying wildlife and spectacular scenery. Each evening at anchor, guests "visit" a different country, tasting and discussing that country's varietals and vitacultural history. As many as 8 bottles a night are sampled, and meals include paired wines (sample menu:

<http://www.mainewindjammers.com/menu.html#winemenu>).

For this IFWTWA Fam Tour, the Stephen Taber has reserved three double-cabins for a three-day wine-tasting cruise that runs from June 10-12. Guests will depart Rockland Thursday morning, returning by noon on Saturday. In addition to daily wine tastings, great sailing, island explorations, music and storytelling, one night will feature a traditional beachside lobster bake, complete with all the fixin's.

"Jane Barrett's knowledge of wine is deep, her enthusiasm infectious, and her approach disarmingly simple — her tastings are a joy." —Michael Green, Wine Consultant, Gourmet Magazine

This trip is limited to 6 people. All costs for the windjammer cruise, food and wine are offered complimentary to IFWTWA members.

**Car Rentals:**

We've checked out car rentals for those who are interested in driving to Rockland instead of taking shuttle service. Budget has cars between \$65 and \$134 one way going and \$160 to \$194 coming back. The shuttle seems like a good deal after all.