



## *Welcome to the Chandlery at Essex!!*

### *Some useful info...*

**Heads and Showers:** Are located behind the store, a key is needed to get in and is available in the Chandlery Store or Dockhouse. A \$5.00 deposit is required upon check-in if you want a head key, which is given back when you return your key at the end of your stay here.

**Laundry Facilities:** Also located behind the building, there are 2 washers and 2 dryers. The machines take \$2.00/load each and take approximately 40 minutes for the wash cycle. Laundry soap is available inside the Chandlery Store. The Laundry room hours are the same as the Launch service hours (below).

**Barbecue Area:** Located on the river side of the Chandlery, a gas grill and two picnic tables are available for use for our transient slip and mooring customers. Some cooking utensils are provided, silverware is not. Please remember to turn off the gas when done.

**Dinghy Dock:** Please use the Dinghy Dock, which is located immediately on the southern side of the Corinthian Yacht Club Building. The Corinthian is the big white building with the Blue awning that is to the left of the Chandlery if looking from the river. To get to the dock, just drive straight towards shore past the south end of our fuel dock, or ask one of our launch drivers or dockhands for directions.

**Launch Service:** Free to our customers, hail the launch on VHF Ch 68. If in need of a ride out to your boat after the Chandlery store is closed, you can find a driver by walking to the end of the fuel dock. Hours are posted on the piling at the head of the dock by the launch and are as follows:

#### Summer Hours

M-Th 8AM – 9PM

Fri & Sat 8AM – 11PM

Sun 8AM – 10PM

#### Spring/Fall Hours

*(Before Memorial Day and After Labor Day)*

M-Th 8AM – 6PM

Fri & Sat 8AM – 9PM

Sun 8AM – 8PM

### *Transportation around Essex*

**Local Shuttle Bus Service:** There are small shuttle buses that run through Essex to surrounding towns, and can also connect to either the larger bus lines or the Amtrack trains. The stop in Essex is right at the top of Main Street, and from here, you can either go upriver to the towns of Deep River or Chester, or south to Old Saybrook. If you go to Old Saybrook, you can connect to the other shuttle line, which goes East – West along Rt. 1 all the way to the town of Madison, with stops along the way at various places, like the Westbrook and Clinton Factory Outlets, a State Park, Shopping Centers, and even the YMCA. Stop in the Chandlery office for a schedule, or if you have wireless internet, the site is [www.estuarytransit.org](http://www.estuarytransit.org)

*Taxi and Limo Service:* **Limited! There is only one company for taxis in Essex, and they tend to be busy. Our advice is to call as far in advance of needing a ride as possible. They pick up right in front of the store and tend to be right on time, so be out front about 5 – 10 min before your scheduled time.**

**Essex Taxi  
860-767-RIDE**

**Essex Limo  
860-767-2152**

**Corporate Connections  
860-767-7004**

*Rental Cars:* **Available from Old Saybrook, there is an Enterprise Agency there which will drop off the car here at the Chandlery.**

**Enterprise Rent A Car  
860-395-0758**

# Welcome to Essex!!

## Things to do in and around Essex....

### **Essex Steam Train**

Main Street, Centerbrook (5 min /car)

860-767-0103

*Scenic Rides on an old-fashioned Steam Train  
(The local shuttle stops here, ask the Driver)*

### **Connecticut River Museum**

Foot of Main Street ( 2 min/walk)

860-767-8269

*Local river history, lore and nautical exhibits*

### **Connecticut Riverboat**

Located at the Chandlery at Essex

860-575-9888

*Water Taxi between Old Saybrook and Essex,  
River Tours, Sunset Cruises (BYOB)*

### **Hamburg Cove**

Lyme, CT (1.25 n mi. upriver)

Between Green Daymark "29" and and Grn Can "29A"

*A Famous anchorage for swimming and relaxing*

### **Selden's Island**

Lyme, CT (2.5 n mi. upriver)

Between Green "33" and Grn "37"

*An Island which is also a state park with campsites available through Gillette's Castle (below). The creek running behind the Island is a nice cruise, with lots of wildlife and there are cliffs to jump off as well.*

### **Gillette's Castle**

Hadlyme, CT (4.75 n mi. upriver)

860-526-2336

*Early 1900's home of actor William Gillette, set high above the river. Now a state park, with trails and self guided tours of the castle.*

### **Goodspeed Opera House**

East Haddam, CT (6.5 n mi. upriver)

860-873-8668

*Victorian style theater performing well known musicals.*

### **Marquee Cinemas 12 and Westbrook Factory Outlet Stores**

Westbrook, CT (10 min/car)

860-399-9692

*Westbrook Factory Outlet stores, and Movie Complex. (Also a shuttle bus scheduled stop)*

## Fishing in Essex Harbor

**What to Fish For: Striped Bass, Bluefish, Snapper Blues (baby bluefish), White Perch, Hickory Shad**

**Where to Go: Right from your boat! Mostly in the main Channel of the river, not so much in the side coves or creeks. Outgoing tide is best for Stripers, incoming is best for Blues.**

*What to Use:*

**Stripers and Bluefish: Medium to Large lures that imitate baitfish or eels matched to similar rods and reels, and 8- 20lb line**  
**White Perch, Snappers, & Shad: Small silver or gold spoons, snapper poppers, sandworms on the bottom for perch; matched to lighter rods and reels.**

**\*Make sure you know the size and bag limits for each species!!! (There is a 10 fish limit on snapper blues, Stripers must be 28" long, etc.) Free Fishing regulation guides available in the store\***

## Crabbing

**Blue Crabs can also be caught in Essex Harbor with nets or in crab traps and lines baited with chicken drumsticks or fish. Blue Crabs must be 5 inches spike to spike.**

## Biking

**There are many routes to go for road rides, and a few areas for mountain biking as well. Stop into the Chandlery store and ask for some ideas. Bikes can be rented at Village Provisions which is a short walk away. (860-767-7376)**

## Where to Eat.....

### Local Restaurants

**The Black Seal**  
15 Main Street (5 min. walk)  
860-767-0233  
*Dining and full Bar, Entertainment;  
Reservations accepted*

**The Griswold Inn**  
36 Main Street (2 min walk)  
860-767-1776  
*Dining and full bar with Nightly Entertainment;  
Reservations Recommended*

**Gabrielle's**  
78 Main St, Centerbrook (5 min by car)  
860-767-2440  
*Fine Dining, Reservations recommended*

**Oliver's Tavern**  
124 Westbrook Rd. (5 min by car)  
860-767-2633  
*Full bar upstairs, Dining below*

### Local Delis and Eateries

**Bennie's Farm Market Deli**  
5 Main Street, Centerbrook (5 min by car)  
860-767-8448  
*Full Deli, Frozen Foods, Produce, Small  
Grocery.*

**Crow's Nest Gourmet Deli**  
Located above Brewer Dauntless Shipyard  
(5 min walk)  
860-767-3288  
*Breakfast, lunch sandwiches, Soups; BYOB*

**Centerbrook Pizza**  
10 Westbrook Rd, Centerbrook (5 min by car)  
860-767-1056  
*Pizza, Grinders, Italian*

**Olive Oyl's**  
77 Main Street, Essex (2 min walk)  
860-767-4909  
*Gourmet Deli, Snacks*

**Pizza Pub**  
15 Main Street, Centerbrook (5 min by car)  
860-767-1993  
*Pizza, Grinders, Italian*

**Scoops**  
55 Main Street, Centerbrook (5 min by car)  
860-767-8491  
*Ice Cream, Cakes*

**Sweet P's**  
51 Main Street (2 min walk)  
860-767-7805  
*Ice Cream, Gifts*

**Subway**  
125 Westbrook Road, Essex (5 min by car)  
860-767-8646  
*Sandwiches*

**Porky Pete's**  
90 Plains Rd, Essex (5 min by car)  
860-767-1021  
*BBQ Pork, soups, chilli, etc.*

**Village Provision Company**  
Top of Main St, Essex (5 min walk)  
860-767-7376  
*Sandwiches, daily pre-made entrees, some  
seafood/meats and basic provisions*

### Local Eateries that Provide Delivery:

**Fiore's Pizzeria and Restaurant**  
Old Saybrook (10 min by car)  
860-388-2699  
*Pizza, Pasta, Salads, Calzones*

**The Iron Chef**  
Essex (5 min by car, 20 – 30 min walk)  
860-767-2340  
*Chinese and Japanese food, Sushi*

Also:  
**Bob's Centerbrook Package Store**  
Centerbrook (5 min by car)  
860-767-8059  
*Beer, Wine, Spirits delivered to your boat*

**That's the Spirit**  
11 Main Street, Essex (5 min walk)  
860-767-8979  
*Beer, Wine, and Spirits, ask about delivery*

### Grocery

**IGA**  
Plains Road, Essex (5 min by car)  
Across from Oliver's Tavern  
*Mid Sized Supermarket*