

NNEC- SIA Fall Tour -- Friday, October 14th, 2022

Portland, Maine – 9 A.M.

Working Waterfront Walking Tour (rain or shine)

Meet at Angelo's Acres Parking Area - 144 Commercial St.

Directions: From the South, take Rt. 95, and get off at Exit 44 to Rt. 295 Portland and Casco Bay. Then take Exit 4 off Rt. 295 to Commercial St. and Old Port. Go through 4 stoplights and immediately after going under large bridge, Angelo's Acres parking area is on the left, within a chain link fence. Parking is \$5 for all day, and a Credit Card is required. Put ticket in car window after purchasing.

From the North, take Franklin St. exit off Rt. 295 and head towards the waterfront and ferries. At bottom of hill, take a right onto Commercial St. for approximately one mile. Angelo Acres parking area is just after the Irving gas station on the right. Park within the chain link fence and pay \$5 for parking all day. A Credit Card is required. Put ticket in car window after purchasing.

If you arrive before 9am, you can stop by the Irving station to get coffee, a snack, and use the bathroom. However, you need to be at the parking lot by 9am, so we can organize and head to our first stop. Note the back wall of the parking area is the former sea wall. The areas we'll be seeing today were once underwater.

9:15am - We will car pool to nearby Portland Yacht Services which has schooners, tug boats, and other watercraft for a tour of their facility starting at 9:30am. **DO NOT DRIVE THERE FIRST. PARK IN THE ANGELO'S ACRES PARKING AREA LISTED ABOVE.** We will return to Angelo's Acres after this tour and the \$5 charge allows us to come and go with our cars as we please but keep ticket in window.

10:45am - Depart on foot from the parking area for the Portland Fish Exchange.

11am - Tour of the Portland Fish Exchange which may close in the future.

12pm - Lunch at Becky's Diner close to parking area and where lobstermen and waterfront workers go for breakfast and lunch.

1:30pm - Tour of the working waterfront area by Bill Needelman, City of Portland Waterfront Coordinator. We will visit working wharf's and learn about the history of the Portland waterfront going back to the 1700s.

3pm - Back at the parking area we will have a short fall meeting before departure.

Special Note: The early start of this tour is required due to the SIA tour leaders - Dave Coughlin and Rick Ashton coming over on the ferry from Peak's Island, three miles off the Portland coast. If we took the next ferry, we'd only have time for one morning tour which isn't enough. Please arrive at the parking area by 9am, so we can start the tour on time.

For questions about the tour, please email Dave Coughlin at ykforestry@yahoo.com

Or call 603-714-4052 Before the day of the tour. Rick Ashton can be reached at 508-686-6474.

During this tour, we will be walking through a boat yard, inside a fish exchange and on wharfs and docks, which may have ropes and other equipment, so please wear appropriate footwear.