

— The Schooner —
J. & E. Riggin



*Sail a legend! Stretch your horizons,
drink in the seascapes, inhale the salt air,
taste the delicious bounty of Maine,
and embrace true relaxation.*



Have you always wanted to see

the stunning Coast of Maine from the very best vantage point—the water? Have

you ever peered at time-worn photos of graceful old schooners, and dreamed of sailing on one?

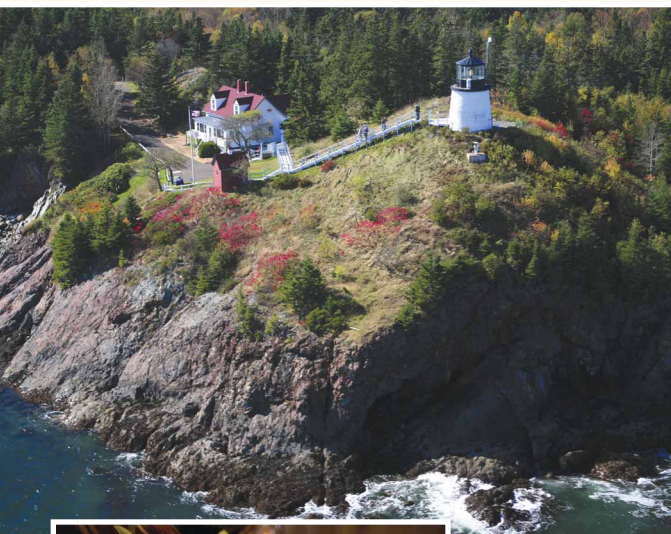
Then come along and let us show you just how wonderful it is.

We'll raise the big canvas sails, hoist the anchor using the hand-cranked windlass, and glide across the protected waters of Penobscot Bay just the

way they did a century ago.

We'll chart our course among islands where seals and seabirds are the only inhabitants and spend quiet nights tucked into hidden coves where a firmament of stars is the only outdoor lighting. On other days, we'll sail into picturesque fishing villages, and on to fashionable harbors where the list of summer residents reads like *Who's Who*.

A highlight of every day will be an abundance of fresh, artfully prepared food. Our talented chef never ceases to delight with delectable meals from our trusty woodstove.



You'll be sailing on a true windjammer, which means there is no inboard engine to interfere with the song of the water slipping by the hull, the gulls wheeling overhead, or the tides washing the evergreen islands as we tack past. The whim of the wind determines the route, but if the breeze refuses to blow, we'll lower our sturdy 16-foot diesel yawl boat to give us a push.

The *Riggin* is a National Historic Landmark vessel. In her youth she crossed the finish line ahead of the entire fleet in the only formal oyster-schooner race ever held. The event took place on Delaware Bay, way back in 1929, just two years after Charles Riggin built her as an oyster dredger in Dorchester, New Jersey, and named her for his sons Jacob and Edward. Nine decades later, the *Riggin* is as strong and swift as ever and continues to show her stuff every summer in the Great Schooner Race here in Maine.



“Your artistry, your talents, your fine seamanship made the voyage a truly memorable one!”

—Phyllis W., MI



A grand 120 feet overall,



the *Riggin* is 89 feet long on deck with a broad 23-foot beam. She draws just seven feet with her centerboard up, making her ideal for the leisurely pursuit of gunkholing—poking about in the inlets that make up our intricate coast.

The *Riggin* has been completely refitted for passengers while retaining an authentic atmosphere. This means that the galley is warm and welcoming rather than fancy or plush, and the cabins are simple but comfortable.

There are seven cabins with two single berths, two cabins with three single berths, and two cabins with one double berth, accommodating a total of 24 passengers. Every cabin also has a place to hang your clothes, a reading light, opening window, and sink with cold running water. A hot, freshwater shower and well-ventilated heads are nearby. We've also included lots of thoughtful touches throughout the boat to make you feel at home.



“...a cruise on the Riggin is just a pleasant way to spend five days with good food and no pressing responsibility. You have maintained a delightful low-key and uncomplicated loving atmosphere...you make it easy for your passengers to stop fluttering long enough to touch earth.”

—Dumont R., VT



Our chef's meals are an approachable, soul-satisfying mixture of gourmet cuisine and stylish comfort food. Many ingredients come from local farms and our small garden. The honey comes from our bees, the meat from a farm down the road, and the cheese from Maine's top-award-winning cheese makers.

Early each morning, while you lie snug in your berth, our chef will be up stoking the fire in our Crawford Cottage cookstove and making the day's pies and breads as well as a breakfast feast. One fine afternoon each week, we pick out just the right deserted island beach and prepare an authentic lobster bake with all the trimmings—including extra lobsters for those who somehow manage to have room for more! Dinners, created with care and imagination, are usually served down below in the cozy, lantern-lit galley where the day is remembered with smiles and tomorrow is anticipated with eagerness.

For over ten years, Captains Justin Schaefer and Jocelyn Schmidt have lived and worked aboard a multitude of windjammers and private yachts. Now, they bring their combined experiences in hospitality and seamanship to the guests of the *J. & E. Rigg* for an unforgettable vacation experience.



*“Food was terrific.
Weather was fabulous.
Sailing delightful. Singing
and socializing, also
delightful. We can’t wait
to join you again!”*

—Carrie P., VA



Sailing on the Riggins

is a thoroughly relaxing vacation. We cruise for up to six full days, giving you plenty of time for sightseeing, reading, exercising in the fresh air, and simply unwinding. We'll greet you at our dock in Rockland, where we'll spend the first night. The next morning we'll hoist the sails and glide across the bay to that night's restful anchorage. We know lots and lots of perfect places to drop the anchor and choose each one according to where the wind wants to take us. We'll welcome your help with the sails and the anchor, and you can even take a turn at the wheel if you like. As we float along we love to point out the sea life and lighthouses, share a bit of nautical lore, and explain how we navigate.

Come as a couple, by yourself, or with family or friends. Pack your duffel bag with casual clothes, a windbreaker, a swimsuit, soft-soled shoes, sunglasses, sunscreen, books, a personal journal, binoculars, a camera, a sketchpad. But be sure to leave behind your cares and responsibilities. We guarantee you won't miss them at all!



Your Captains

Justin Schaefer & Jocelyn Schmidt

There is nothing we would rather be doing than sailing the *J. & E. Rigg* and sharing the legendary Maine Coast with you.

We have worked as a husband-and-wife team both on the sea and in the hospitality business, and we truly enjoy being your captains and your hosts.

Justin began sailing in the Great South Bay with his father at the age of two, but it was not until he stepped aboard the Schooner *J. & E. Rigg* 11 years later that his dream of being a captain was fully realized. He was captivated by the vessel and returned for many years, serving as an apprentice, deckhand, mate, and eventually, in 2021, as her captain. Justin holds a Master of Sail 100-Ton License, the culmination of ten years of sailing professionally over the full length of the U.S. East Coast, but there is nowhere he loves so much as the picturesque, rocky coast of Maine.

Jocelyn is not only a licensed captain, she is also an educator specializing in outdoor and other nontraditional classrooms. She graduated from Hiram College in 2015 with a degree in History and Educational Studies, and has applied that knowledge throughout her career on sail training vessels and windjammers alike. She derives the greatest pleasure from sharing with guests of all ages her love and stewardship of this historic landmark.

Together with our dedicated crew, we cordially invite you to join us for a memorable cruise on our historic schooner. We sincerely hope you will be captivated in the same way we were when we first stepped aboard.



“I want to say thanks again for giving me one of the great experiences of my life. Spending the week with you on the Rigg is just an unbeatable combination. I know you had many happy passengers this year but none could have been happier than I was.”

—Geddis B., Arizona

Explore the Ship's Store



Our shipboard chandlery is now available online! Whether you are looking for *J. & E. Riggins* logo t-shirts, mugs and glasses, nautical jewelry, or outerwear for your next adventure, our ever-expanding inventory has something for everyone. To order, please visit our website or call us at 800-869-0604.

Captains Justin Schaefer and Jocelyn Schmidt

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
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2025 Sailing Schedule

| DATE | DAYS | EVENT | PRICE |
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| <i>Exciting, extended days of sailing; uncrowded anchorages!</i> | | | |
| May 23 - 27 | 4 | Music & Dance Cruise w/ The Gawler Family Band | \$1225 |
| May 27 - 30 | 3 | Maine Lighthouses & Lobsters™ | \$1025 |
| May 31 - Jun 4 | 4 | Private Charter | \$ ---- |
| June 5 - 8 | 3 | Early Summer Getaway | \$1025 |
| June 9 - 14 | 5 | Fleet Event: Windjammer Rendezvous | \$1300 |
| June 15 - 19 | 4 | Maine Knitting Cruise w/ Kim Hamlin | \$1190 |
| June 19 - 23 | 4 | Scenic Maine Photography Cruise | \$1190 |
| June 24 - 28 | 4 | Sip & Sail: Craft Beers of Maine | \$1215 |
| <i>Lazy days of summer...</i> | | | |
| June 29 - July 5 | 6 | Fleet Event: Great Schooner Race Week | \$1575 |
| July 6 - 10 | 4 | Maine Lighthouses & Lobsters™ | \$1330 |
| July 11 - 14 | 3 | Sip & Sail: Craft Cocktails of Maine | \$1290 |
| July 15 - 19 | 4 | Maine Lighthouses & Lobsters™ | \$1330 |
| July 20 - 23 | 3 | Kids & Family Cruise | \$1210 |
| July 23 - 26 | 3 | Skygazing: New Moon | \$1210 |
| July 27 - Aug 2 | 6 | Music & Storytelling w/ Geoff Kaufman | \$1580 |
| August 3 - 8 | 5 | Maine Knitting Retreat w/ TBA | \$ ---- |
| August 9 - 13 | 4 | Perseids Meteor Shower | \$1350 |
| August 14 - 18 | 4 | Maine Lighthouses & Lobsters™ | \$1330 |
| August 19 - 23 | 4 | Summer Isn't Over Yet | \$1330 |
| August 26 - 30 | 4 | Fleet Event: Camden Windjammer Fest | \$1350 |
| <i>Fabulous stargazing; crisp, clear breezes; fall color.</i> | | | |
| Aug 31 - Sept 6 | 6 | Maine Knitting Week w/ Margaret Radcliffe | \$1465 |
| Sept 7 - 13 | 6 | Fleet Event: Wooden Boat Sail-In | \$1460 |
| Sept 14 - 18 | 4 | 207 Creatives: Rug Hooking Retreat | \$1895 |
| Sept 19 - 23 | 4 | Maine Lighthouses & Lobsters™ | \$1215 |
| Sept 24 - 28 | 4 | Sip & Sail: Craft Cocktails of Maine | \$1315 |
| Sept 29 - Oct 3 | 4 | Girl Camper Retreat | \$ ---- |
| Oct 4 - 8 | 4 | Fall Colors Getaway | \$1235 |

2026 Sailing Schedule

| DATE | DAYS | EVENT | PRICE |
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Book early! Only 24 spaces available each trip.

We board between 5 and 6 p.m. Prices are listed per person.

A deposit of \$350 reserves a berth on any cruise, the balance is due six weeks before your sailing date.

If you find you must cancel less than eight weeks before sailing, the fare is non-refundable.

For our discounts and promotions, visit the Schedule page online. *Special charter pricing is available.*

For reservations, questions, comments: 800-869-0604

We extend a warm welcome on board the Schooner *J. & E. Riggin*.

Why sail with us?

- ▶ The *Riggin* is owner operated. We are a husband and wife team.
- ▶ We have been featured in national publications including *Traditional Home*, the *Boston Globe*, *Chicago Sun Times*, *Dallas Morning News*, *Washington Post*, *Family Circle*, *Women's Day*, *Smithsonian*, *Yankee Magazine*, and have appeared on the *Today Show*, American Public Television/ PBS, Animal Planet, and NECN.
- ▶ We are a non-smoking vessel.
- ▶ Justin & Jocelyn both have 100-ton licenses and have sailed the full length of the East Coast and Caribbean.
- ▶ We provide our guests with fresh local ingredients from the food we serve to the handmade soaps in the cabins.
- ▶ The *Riggin* was built in 1927 and is a National Historic Landmark so you'll be sailing on a piece of our American History.
- ▶ The *Riggin* is 90' on deck, 120' overall, and 23' wide with a large galley so there is plenty of space for everyone.
- ▶ We have been given the Environmental Leadership in Hospitality award by the State of Maine – the first, and only, windjammer to be given the honor.

Charters & Special Trips

While we feel that every trip is special on the J. & E. Riggin, we offer some with a special focus.

Charters

Schedule a charter for your family, school, class reunion, professional retreat, team building workshop, Boy/Girl Scout expedition, writer's workshop, birthday, anniversary, wedding celebration, or vow renewals. Our charters are customizable to your needs and can include a theme such as wellness, knitting, photography, lighthouses, astronomy, music, or cooking.

Maine Lighthouses & Lobsters™

We've taken three iconic images of Maine – windjammers, lighthouses & lobsters – and combined them into a unique vacation experience.

Craft & Sail Trips

Join in on one of our many trips that feature local artists like musicians Geoff Kauffman, Bennett Konesni, and the Gawler Family Band, or Maine Knitting Cruises with instructors like Margaret Radcliffe & Kim Hamlin. Photography, mixology, and rug hooking retreats are also available.

Maine Windjammer Fleet Events

Join us for the following fleet events where we will have an opportunity to “raft up” with other Maine Windjammers. Most of the vessels participate in: *Windjammer Rendezvous*, *The Great Schooner Race*, *Camden Windjammer Days*, and *Wooden Boat Week*.

For more information on all our windjammer cruises, please visit our schedule page:

www.SchoonerRiggin.com/sailing-cruise-schedule

