



**Vermont
Gay Social
Alternatives**

PRIDE WEEKEND 2005

**LAKE CHAMPLAIN
SUNSET CRUISE**

FRIDAY, JULY 8TH
8:00-11:00PM

(Boat leaves King Street Ferry Dock @ 8pm sharp)
\$35.00 (+\$0 if purchased after 8pm)

Cash Bar ~ Refreshments ~ Dancing with DJ "Moonflower"
& the beautiful Vermont Sunset!

Also, don't miss our Post-PRIDE Picnic

Sunday, July 10th ~ 12:00 noon ~ \$5.00

St. John's Club ~ on the lakefront, Burlington.
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incredibly expensive parking lot (if you *must* bring your car to the shore).

Picture long, long stretches of nearly sugar-sand, with firmer stuff exposed as the tide recedes. Everybody walks the beach, some barefoot and bronzed in the waves, some in sneakers and long sleeves. And all that ocean ... from the right spots and in the right weather (and with binoculars) you can see Nubble Light in York and Boone Island, the locale for a terrifying tale of stranding.

If you disembark at the hotel's main parking lot, go down toward the water, and then turn north (left) and hike up beyond the volleyball net to the (undemarcated) "gay" part of the beach: less crowded, cute boys, nothing at all blatant. No life guard there, although there is at the hotel part of the beach. Part of the beach to the right of the hotel is used for kite flying, surfing, skim boarding. Rica, the owner of the Heritage, swears that the water on the river side is at least 10 degrees warmer than on the ocean side (where the average late-August water temperatures are in the high fifties, low sixties). Depending on the tide, you can tube a long ways down the river to the ocean.

Because of the way the beach was formed, as the tide goes out (it's pretty shallow for quite a ways), shallow (WARM) pools get left behind near the mouth of the river. But before finding a place on the river end of the beach, figure out which way the tide is running - the first time Mary and I were there, we ended up nearly on the rocks as the tide came in and ate up the available sand.

The dunes are marked as off-limits to preserve them and bring back the sea grasses that will help stabilize their sandy hills. But in late May I caught a glimpse of a couple of naked, um, sunbathing men before they saw me on the walkway and ducked out of sight.

I grew up by the ocean, so just being there is almost enough for me - good book, comfy chair, a little shade, the smell of salt air, and the constant sound of the waves ... yeah.

For more information:

Heritage of Ogunquit:
www.heritageogunquit.com or
1-866-OCEAN-GRL

Two Village Square:
www.twovillagesquare.com or
207-646-5779.

The lgbt travel website Purple Roofs (www.purpleroofs.com) lists seven other gay-owned inns and B&Bs in Ogunquit.

Other info available at
www.gayogunquit.com.

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