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“Best Harbor in the U.S.” contest winner is Padanaram, MA

*Over 2,000 people across the country voted in US Harbors crowd-sourced contest.*

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US Harbors, the premier site for tides and weather, has been on a mission to find out which community our 4 million users deem the “Best Harbor of 2019”. It’s been a long, tight race and the time has finally come to announce the winners!

**Winner – Best Harbor in the U.S. -- Padanaram / South Dartmouth, ME**

Runners Up:

1. Florence, OR
2. Lubec, ME
3. Rockland, ME
4. Oyster Bay, NY
5. Sausalito, CA

The Best Harbor contest kicked off in January with 1,278 harbors across 23 states. During the nomination phase readers of US Harbors narrowed down the list of eligible harbors leaving 90 across the US. Most of the nominated towns received a few dozen votes but only Padanaram/South Dartmouth received hundreds of votes, comments, pictures and suggestions. Community residents shared the contest via email, social media and word of mouth and ran a formidable grass roots campaign.

“For us the best part of the contest was getting to read the personal stories about the people and places that make each of the US Harbors special” said US Harbors president, Anastasia Fischer. “Even though the contest has come to a close we hope people will continue to let us know about their harbors and what makes them special!”

The team from US Harbors will be traveling to Padanaram on May 10, 2019 to give the town their “Best Harbor in the US” award. A celebration is planned for 12 noon at the Maritime Center - 1 Bridge St # 6, South Dartmouth, MA 02748.

**About the “Best Harbor in the US”, Padanaram, MA**

Recently voted the “Best Harbor in the US”, Padanaram was the immediate forerunner in the contest, receiving almost twice as many votes as the runners up. The quaint coastal community boasts an active boating community in addition to a recently revitalized downtown. The renovation of the historic bridge and causeway, along with the brand new Padanaram Maritime Center, are just two reasons residents of Padanaram are so enthusiastic about their harbor.

<https://www.visitpadanaram.com/padanaramvillageaboutpage>

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US Harbors is a media and data company in Rockland, Maine specializing in “tides, weather, & local knowledge™” for people who love the coast. The company has data on 1,278 harbors across 23 coastal states; from the Arctic Circle to the Florida Keys and from Maine to Hawaii. The mission of the company is to promote the sustainability and resilience of coastal communities, both economically and environmentally. The company’s primary website, <https://usharbors.com> , has been helping people make good decisions about their days on and near the water since 2009. The demographic is ages 25-65, 55% male/45% female, with interests in boating, fishing, swimming, and other activities on or near the water. Other common qualities include physically fit and active, outdoor lovers, travelers, and do-it-yourselfers, who like food, cooking, and investing.

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