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Voting Begins March 31, 2021 in 3rd Annual “Best Harbor in the U.S.” Contest

US Harbors uses crowd-sourcing, and passionate coastal communities, to find the winners.

Rockland, ME — March 29, 2021 — On Wednesday, March 31st, 2021 voting begins in the 3rd annual “Best Harbor in the U.S.” contest at <https://www.usharbors.com/best-harbor/>. Participation is open to everyone--and free--including the 8+ million people who use US Harbors (usharbors.com) for their coastal and marine weather, tides charts, and harbor-local boating and fishing information.

The purpose of the contest is to promote the strength and vitality of coastal communities: the winning harbors have been those whose residents have strong communication networks and are passionate about where they live and work. These kinds of networks are vital in supporting the resilience of coastal communities as they face the impacts of climate change and other events.

Voting for this year’s Best Harbor contest is open from March 31st through May 31st, 2021. Participation is limited to one vote per user. People can vote on any of the 1,400 harbors US Harbors provides coastal weather and tides for, from Maine to Hawaii, Florida to Alaska, and the Great Lakes. The winning harbors will be announced on Friday, June 4th, 2021, and the top 4 harbors will receive special plaques commemorating their win. Additionally, US Harbors throws a special event for the overall winner, with gifts for their community.

In past years over 100,000 people from around the country have participated in the annual contest: they’ve voted online, shared photos and stories of their harbors, and most importantly they’ve spread the word in their local communities to get others to join them. Previous “Best Harbor” winners have included Padanaram, Massachusetts (2019) and Depoe Bay, Oregon (2021).

About US Harbors: US Harbors is a weather data and media company in Rockland, Maine that specializes in “tides, weather, & local knowledge™” for people who love the coast. The company has data on 1,400 harbors across 30 coastal states and the Great Lakes. The company’s primary website, <https://usharbors.com>, has been helping people make good decisions about their time on--and near--the

water since 2009. The mission of the company is to promote the sustainability and resilience of coastal communities, both economically and environmentally. US Harbors started the “Best Harbor in the U.S.” contest in 2019, using crowdsourcing to determine the harbor best loved by its community. The company also sponsors National Harbormaster Appreciation Day (celebrated every year around the country on Oct. 8th – www.harbormasterday.com). The demographic is primarily ages 25-65, 55% male | 45% female, with interests in boating, fishing, paddling, swimming, and other activities on or near the water. Other common qualities include: physically fit and active, outdoor lovers, travelers, do-it-yourselfers, who like food, cooking, and investing.

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