



A Place to Call Home.

Our first habitat mooring was set in July, 2010 at Seal Harbor, Maine. Since that time, an oasis of marine life has developed around the mooring. Lobsters quickly found shelter and have been observed at all habitat levels. The list below represents the tally of species recorded to date, as compiled by Dr. Ian Bricknell, University of Maine, from dive videos taken in 2010 and 2011 by Mt. Desert Harbormasters Shawn Murphy and John Lemoine.

Mooring Creatures Great and Small

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| <p>Vertebrates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humans • Atlantic cod • Pollock • Mackerel • Flounder • Sculpin • Cunner • Lumpfish • 3 species unidentified fish | <p>Invertebrates, contd.</p> <p><i>Echinoderms</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sand dollars • Star fish (3 species) • Green urchin <p><i>Encrusting Animals</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orange sponge • Hydroids • Bryozoans | <p>Invertebrates, contd.</p> <p><i>Bivalves</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mussels • Scallops <p><i>Gastropods</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slipper limpets • True limpets • Periwinkle • Sea slug |
| <p>Invertebrates</p> <p><i>Crustaceans</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobsters • Stone crabs • Shore crabs • Barnacles | <p><i>Coelenterates</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plumose anemones <p><i>Sea Squirts</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colonial and sessile | <p><i>Macro Algae</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sweet kelp • Ulva (sea lettuce) • Dulse • Entromorpha species • Coralline algae |

We think this list helps illustrate that when you employ a habitat mooring, you're doing more than securing your boat. You're helping to enhance the marine life and biodiversity in your home waters.