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Nine of Cups – 45' Liberty Cutter – 7' draft – October 2001
Subject area: Bristol Harbor – Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island
“A Gem of a Do-It-Yourself Marina”

We first found Bristol Marine tucked in the north end of Bristol Harbor when we were trying to find a place for the boat while attending to family business for 3 weeks. The mooring rates were extremely high in the entire area (\$35+/night). Bristol Marine offered an outstanding break for 21+day stays (\$16/night).

We stopped again at Bristol Marine on our way south from a summer in Maritime Canada. We needed to do some annual maintenance and were looking for a “DIY” yard and thought we’d have to wait to get further south. What a delightful surprise. Bristol Marine is a full service yard, but allows do-it-yourselfers to do their thing. The haulout rates were somewhat higher than yards further south as were the labor rates, but you can buy your own supplies with no surcharge, do your own work and if you need help from them, they are efficient and proficient. Additionally, if you need parts, they apply no markup so in most cases, their prices to us were less than we could have purchased ourselves.

The marina offers basic amenities (one shower, lounge with microwave, e-mail access). The courteous staff especially Karen Kenerson more than makes up for any shortcomings. Grocery stores, post office, library, restaurants and pubs are about a mile walk or a dinghy ride away across the harbor or a launch is available (\$3/person each way). Rental car company with courtesy pick-up and drop-off is available. Bristol itself is a delightful little town known for its boatbuilding heritage, museums, antique shops and the oldest 4th of July parade in the U.S. You can contact Bristol Marine at (401) 253-2200 or email them at: mail@bristolmarine.com.

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