



PADANARAM

Friday, August 1

- Harbormaster** Steve Melo VHF 9 508-999-0759
- Harbor Regulations** Headway speed, no wake in the harbor. Zero discharge; holding tanks must be used.
- Navigation** Refer to the Waterways Guide, pages 374-376 (for Apponagansett Bay)
- Anchorage** Anchoring allowed outside the breakwater only. No anchoring in the channel or mooring field.
- Marinas**

New Bedford Yacht Club	New Bedford Yacht Club	508-997-0762
South Wharf Yacht Yard	South Wharf Yacht Yard	508-990-1011
- Fuel** New Bedford Yacht Club VHF 68 Open from 0800 – 1900
- Launch Service** Launch service is available through New Bedford Yacht Club (VHF 68).
- Dining**
 - [Sail Loft Boatyard Restaurant](#) (reservations are suggested)
 - [Little Moss](#)
 - [Scuttlebutt Coffee](#) for an afternoon pick-me up.
 - [Dockside Ice Cream \(atthedockside.com\)](#)
- Groceries** Farm & Coast Market ([farmandcoastmarket.com](#)) 7 Bridge Street, 774-992-7093
- Kayak or paddleboard rental**

Nauti Jane's	239 Elm Steet	508-738-2488
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- Shopping**
 - [Padanaram Outfitters](#)
 - [StrawberryMoon](#)
 - [FOLIA - Children's Clothing & Gifts](#)

- Spa** Salt the spa on Elm [Salt the spa on elm \(saltonelm.com\)](http://saltonelm.com) 344 Elm Street, 508.994.7258
- Museum** The closest museum is the [New Bedford Whaling Museum](#). This is a 15 minute drive from the village of Padanaram. NBWM shares the art, science, history, and culture of this vibrant maritime region and its people.

Cruise Schedule & Activities

Saturday August 2

- 0955 Course Signals – Squadron Run #5 from Vineyard Haven to Newport
1900-2300 NYYC Summer White Party

Historical Perspective and Interesting Facts (Provided by Heritage Committee)

THE OVERALL SETTING FOR THE WATERS OF BUZZARDS BAY IN THE SUMMER.

When the squadron enters Buzzards Bay, and proceeds to Padanaram, it will most likely meet the standard summer weather in this body of water.

In the book *On the Wind*, Llewellyn Howland, III remarks:

“But two things are certain. First, prevailing summer sou’westers tend to blow longer and stronger the farther east up Buzzards Bay you sail. And second, if you have the misfortune of entering the bay from the Cape Cod Canal when the tide is at full ebb running west and the south-west wind is in full throat against it, you are in for a memorably wet and bumpy ride.”

CRUISE HISTORY

The NYYC Cruise visited Buzzards Bay in 1916. It had touched the harbor of New Bedford in the 19th century, and briefly also in 1910. But it took 12 years before the Cruise came back to Buzzards Bay. The annual cruising fleet raced and cruised in that Bay many times thereafter, although it is only listed in the cruise records in the fifties and sixties.

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The Setting

The architectural style of the village mixes Colonial Revival, Late Victorian, and Federal.

History

The village of Padanaram was one of many settlements within the town of Old Dartmouth after its purchase from the Wampanoag by members of the Plymouth Colony in 1652. During King Philip's War,

English colonists residing in the area took shelter at Russell Garrison. Remains of the settlement can still be seen at the foot of Lucy Street.

In the mid-18th century it became a shipbuilding center. In September 1778, during the American Revolution, the British attacked nearby New Bedford and a small force attacked Padanaram. The town prospered as a minor whaling port and was home to a large salt works during the 19th century. As these industries died out, "the village" (as it is referred to by locals) became mostly a residential area with several yachting businesses, galleries, eateries, and shops.

The town is also the location of the Southworth Library, which was built in the late 1880's and early 1890's.

Origin of the name

The name "Padanaram" came from a prominent early resident named Laban Thatcher, who identified with the Biblical figure Laban who resided in Paddan Aram in Mesopotamia. The village eventually adopted this new name, and dropped its earlier Wampanoag name, "Ponagansett."¹

Home of the New Bedford Yacht Club

The New Bedford Yacht Club, while founded in New Bedford, is now located in Padanaram. The club originally founded their headquarters on nearby Fish Island in 1877. Two years later, in 1879 in order to accommodate its growing membership, the club headquarters were moved to the larger neighboring Pope Island. In 1901, the club built the station in Padanaram. It replaced the Pope Island station as the main station of the club following the 1941 sale of the island. The New Bedford Yacht Club bi-annually hosts the Buzzards Bay Regatta.



Padanaram Harbor in 1928 (Picture provided by Fleet Surgeon Jay Schachne)