



## Sluggo's Guide to Provincetown

**"Provincetown boys are of course all sailors and have sailors' eyes"  
- Henry David Thoreau, *Cape Cod* 1865**

Here are some tips on how to enjoy your lovely stay in Provincetown

### Survival Tips

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#### Getting to Provincetown

Provincetown is at the very tip of Cape Cod, actually facing away from Boston and inward towards Truro. Transportation options are by plane, ferry, bus and car.

**Plane:** Cape Air provides service from Boston's Logan international (BOS) to Provincetown Municipal Airport (PVC). The 20-minute flight departs up to 6 times a day in the summer. Cape Air also has an alliance and through-ticketing/baggage transfer via JetBlue at Logan .

**Price:** Around \$100 each way, or under \$200 round trip. **Web:** flycapeair.com **Phone:** 800-352-0714

**Ferry:** Bay State cruise and Boston Harbor Cruise lines both serve P'Town's McMillan Wharf with high-speed catamaran service (90 minutes from Boston) with 6 total sailings each way every day from May to late September.

#### Bay State Cruises

(Departs Boston–Commonwealth Pier)

**Price** \$49 one-way, or \$79 RT (Bikes \$6+ each way)

**Web:** baystatecruises.com **Phone:** 617-748-1428

*In-Season Departures (Mid June-Labor Day)*

Departs Boston - 9A, 2P & 6:30P\*

Departs P-Town - 11A, 4P & 8:30P\* (\*Thu-Sun only)

#### Boston Harbor Cruises

(Departs Boston - Long Wharf)

**Price** \$49 one-way, or \$79 RT (Bikes \$6+ each way)

**Web:** ptownfastferry.com **Phone:** 877-SEE WHALE

*In-Season Departures (Mid June-Early Oct)*

Departs Boston - 8:30A, 1P & 5:30P

Departs P-Town - 10:30A, 3P & 7:30P

(Bay State Cruises also offers a once-daily each way slow ferry on Saturday and Sunday which takes twice as long, but costs \$18 one way, \$33 RT.)

**Bus:** Plymouth & Brockton buses connect in Hyannis, MA from/to Boston several times per day for the 4-hour drive to/from Boston Logan.

**Price:** \$27 one way, or \$49 round trip (from Boston)

**Web:** p-b.com **Phone:** 508-746-0378

**Car:** 2 ½ to 3 hours from Boston by car. From Boston take Route 93 (Southeast Expressway) to Route 3 South to the Sagamore Bridge, then follow route 6 (AKA the “mid-cape highway”) to P’town. It’s pretty hard to get lost; just drive ‘till you can’t anymore. Parking is available in most B&Bs, in Town lots, and my personal secret, at little used meter spaces (\$1 per hour – with quarters or dollar coins) on Winthrop Street next to the high school athletic fields.

### Money Matters

The exchange rates are best if you a) buy on your credit card and b) get cash at ATMs, which will all accept your US or foreign bank card. Limit your visits to ATMs, because the fee is usually \$5 per transaction (but you make that up in the better exchange rate.) Also check with your home bank to see if they have fee-free agreements with banks in P’Town (Bank of America being the one biggie.) Prices quoted here are in US dollars.

### I’m Floored

Buildings street level floors are called “first”, the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor up is the “second” floor and so on.

### When I’m Calling You

In P’Town you must dial the full 11-digit number to dial *any* North American phone number (even within the same area code.) All numbers in P’Town are in the 508 area code.

**Hotel calls:** Hotels tack on a hefty surcharge, so it’s best to use a calling card at a payphone instead.

Here are some handy phone numbers:

- Operator - dial **0**
- Police, fire, or ambulance services - dial **911**
- Directory assistance (inquiries) - dial **411**
- International Calls: Dial the **011**, the country code, and number

### A Tip

American’s are relatively good tippers by European standards:

- **Restaurants:** 15% for good service, to 20% for exceptional service. With parties of 6 or more, restaurants will often add a tip on automatically; you are always free to speak to the management if you feel the tip is unwarranted.
- **Cabs:** Tip 10-12% of your fare.
- **Bars/Clubs:** Cash tips *are* expected. Tip \$1 per drink.
- **Hotel:** Tip your maid \$1 a day or so.

### Smoking in Provincetown

Smoking is illegal in all businesses in Massachusetts, including all bars, nightclubs, restaurants and businesses. It also includes most outdoor patios where food is served.

## Transport in Provincetown

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Provincetown is tiny and completely walkable (it's only 3 miles at it's longest.) But if you don't want to walk, there are several transportation options within P'town.

### Bikes

P'town is made for bikes. It's a compact town with only a few steep hills, and acres of National Seashore with bike paths throughout. It's a great way to get to and from the beach as well.

#### Ptown Bikes

42 Bradford St and  
306 Commercial St  
**Phone:** 508-487-8735  
**Web:** ptownbikes.com  
**Rates:** from \$20/day

#### Arnold's Bicycle Shop

329 Commercial Street  
**Phone:** 508- 487-0844  
**Web:** none  
**Rates:** call

#### Galeforce Bike Rentals

144 Bradford Street Ext  
**Phone:** 508-487-4849  
**Web:** galeforcebikes.com  
**Rates:** from \$18/day

*Rates are for 24-hour rental of mountain bikes, in season (Summer).*

### Buses

The Provincetown Shuttle bus runs May – October on 3 routes (to and from Race Point beach, Herring Cove beach, and to neighboring Truro.) All buses stop at McMillan Wharf, and can be flagged down wherever you see them. **Price:** \$1 each way, \$3 day pass, \$15 20-ride pass **Web:** capecodtransit.org  
**Phone:** 1-800-352-7155

### Taxis

Taxi fares in P'Town are not metered, so ask the driver. Cab companies in P'town are:

#### Queen Cab

**Phone:** 508-487-5500  
**Web:** none  
**Rates:** call

#### Mercedes Cab

**Phone:** 508-487-3333  
**Web:** mercedescab.com  
**Rates:** \$4-6 / person

#### Cape Cab

**Phone:** 508-487-2222  
**Web:** none  
**Rates:** call

## P'Town Events Calendar

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Here is a list of event week/weekends listed by general start date, which varies by year. During these events, accommodation prices (and crowding) are higher and there may be minimum stay requirements for B&Bs.

- Early May – Single Woman's Weekend
- Mid May – Ferry service Resumes to P'Town from Boston
- Mid May - Out of Hibernation Bear weekend
- Late May – Labor Day Weekend
- Mid June – Provincetown International Film Festival
- Late June – Portuguese Festival
- July 4<sup>th</sup> – July 4<sup>th</sup> Week
- Mid July – Bear Week

- Late July – Family Pride Week
- Mid Aug – Carnival Week (P'Town's Gay Pride)
- Late Aug – Labor Day Weekend
- Late Sept – Mates Leather Weekend
- Early Oct – Ferry Service from Boston ends for season
- Early Oct - Woman's Week
- Late Oct - Halloween / Scary Bear

Longer stay requirements and higher prices for B&Bs are also the norm for the following US Holiday's:

- **New Year's Day** - January 1st.
- **Birthday of Martin Luther King** - third Monday in January.
- **President's Day** - third Monday in February
- **Memorial Day** - last Monday in May
- **Independence Day** - July 4.
- **Labor Day** - first Monday in September.
- **Columbus Day** - second Monday in October
- **Thanksgiving Day** - fourth Thursday in November.
- **Christmas Day** - December 25th.

For a complete list of events in P'Town, see [ptownchamber.com/todo.html](http://ptownchamber.com/todo.html)

## A Typical Day in P'Town

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9:30 am	Get up
9:30-10:00 am	Eat breakfast at B&B or Café Heaven
1030 am – Noon	Do a bit of shopping
Noon – 4 pm	Hit the beach
4:30-5:00 pm	Change
5:30-7:00 pm	Go to Tea Dance
7:00 - 8:30 pm	Eat
8:30 - 9:30 pm	More shopping
9:30 – 10:00 pm	Disco Nap
11:00 pm	Go out
1:00 am	Spiritus

Sprinkle liberal “stop to sit and watch the crowds” stops through the day while walking Commercial Street.

## Accommodations in P'Town

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Sluggo-approved B&B's in P'Town:

Keys to symbols:  = Hot Tub,  = Pool,  = Fireplaces in Rooms  = Continental Breakfast  
 = Full Breakfast,  = Free WiFi,  = In-Room Fridge  = Evening Cocktails

### *Expensive*

**Anchor Inn** 175 Commercial Street  800-487-2657

A grand old-style B&B at toward the West End of the retail portion of P'Town. A bit fussy, but very nice rooms, many with decks and good views on either side (of the beach, or street scene.)

[anchorinnbeachhouse.com](http://anchorinnbeachhouse.com)



**Brass Key** 67 Commercial Street  800-842-9858

A compound of different houses clustered around a pool and hot tub. Secluded, quiet and very nice.

Free and delicious continental breakfast, complimentary poolside beverages, and evening cocktails & nibbles. Twice-daily turndown service, limited room service menu. Unobtrusive yet friendly staff.

According to the NY Times, gay-owned Brass Key has "the most luxurious accommodations in town."

We agree! [Brasskeyguesthouse.com](http://Brasskeyguesthouse.com)



**White Wind Inn** 174 Commercial Street  1-888-449-WIND

Cozy, but not at all fussy small (12-room) inn in a lovely Victorian house overlooking the street with a large porch great for people watching.. [whitewindinn.com](http://whitewindinn.com)



### *Moderate*

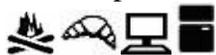
**Carpe Diem** 12 Johnson Street  800-487-0132

One of the nicest b&b's in ptown filled w/ antiques and themed rooms. Friendly staff prepares real b'fasts each am, have wine and cheese in the evenings and a tray with port at any time. Also has on-site spa. [carpedienguesthouse.com](http://carpedienguesthouse.com)



**Christopher's By the Bay** 8 Johnson Street  877-487-9263

Artist-themed rooms in calming colors with traditional, but not overbearing furniture. Limited rooms with fireplaces. Charming hosts. [christophersbythebay.com](http://christophersbythebay.com)



**Tucker Inn**

12 Center Street

☎ 800-477-1867

Another charming inn with a sweet moochy house dog, cozy clean rooms, most with gas fireplaces. e. Freshly baked cookies in afternoon. One of the few dog-friendly B&Bs in P'Town. Breakfast served outside on the patio can be cold in the shoulder seasons, despite roll-down plastic walls and heaters. [thetuckerinn.com](http://thetuckerinn.com).



*Cheaper but very acceptable:*

**Admiral's Landing**

158 Bradford Street

☎ 800-434-0925

The best rooms are 2, 3, 5, and especially 6 with it's cathedral ceiling. There is only small common area, and minimal continental breakfast (no toast or bagels, and varying quality muffins). There are also no pluses like cookies in pm. Still, it's cheap and well-located next to Farland's grocery store. Also has two stand-alone studio apartments with kitchenettes. [admiralslanding.com](http://admiralslanding.com)

**The Black Pearl Inn**

11 &amp; 18 Pearl Street

☎ 800-434-0925

The main house has amazing views from its rooftop deck, and a small hot tub. Rooms are a little kitschy, but it's quite cheap and well-located next to Farland's grocery store. Spread over two separate houses and one detached "cottage.". [blackpearlinn.com](http://blackpearlinn.com)

**Gifford House Inn**

9 Carver Street

☎ 800-434-0130

Cheap but with very dated decor. A couple suites w/ 2 bedrooms and central living room (with fridge) are good for two couples/4 friends. Free access to on-site Purgatory nightclub (as well as Porchside bar.) Thai restaurant (but some of the worst Thai food ever!) [giffordhouse.com](http://giffordhouse.com)



For last minute reservations, visit <http://www.ptown.org/availability>

## **P'Town's Beaches**

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Herring Cove is the gayer beach. Race Point is more family-oriented.

### **Herring Cove**

Herring Cove at the far west end of P'town, basically at the end of Bradford Street Extension. To get to the gay section by bike or foot, follow Bradford Street Extension to where it ends, and take a right. You'll shortly see a fence on the left with hundreds of bikes chained to it. There is a path to follow across the marsh to the gay section of Herring Cove. If you are driving, just continue to follow the road to the parking lot. Park to the far left of the parking lot, and follow the path down to the beach. The gay section will be about a mile down to the left.

### **Race Point Beach**

Race point is best reached by bike, cab, bus or car. There is parking there it's a smaller beach and much more family-oriented.

Both beaches have bathroom, shower and changing facilities. Parking/facility fee is \$15 per car, or \$3 on bike or foot.

## **Things to Do in P'Town**

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While many come to P'Town for the beaches, there are lots of other things to do should it cloud over, rain, or in the off season. While walking around town is often a day-long diversion in itself, here are some other things to explore.

**Art Galleries** – Provincetown has many excellent galleries scattered along Commercial Street, but mostly concentrated in the East End (to your left as you face the sea on Commercial St.) For more information on art galleries, visit [ptown.org/retail/galleries](http://ptown.org/retail/galleries)

**Beaches** – *see above section.*

**Pilgrim Monument & Museum**, just behind town hall (you can't really miss it!)

**Provincelands National Park** – Bike the national park (see rental bike section above.)

**Walking Tours** – West End (on your right as you face the ocean) has especially pretty houses and gardens, but all of P'Town is really a walker's paradise.

**Whale Watches** – available from McMillan Wharf, see ticket shacks along the wharf for information.

**Wydah Pirate Ship Museum** – On McMillan Wharf. Recounts the search and salvage of the Pirate Ship Whydah.

## Shopping in P'Town

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A highly subjective list of my favorite shops in P'Town, mostly leaving out the tourist oriented stores, of which there are plenty. Most stores open daily from 10am until 10pm. Most stores close off season.

**Body Body**                      296 Commercial Street                      ☎ 508-487-6332  
Body Body is the largest men's clothing store in town with high-end fashions, underwear, bathing suits and accessories from labels like Ben Sherman, Ted Baker YMLA, LASC, Sauvage, and more.

**Century**                      205 Commercial Street                      ☎ 508-487-2332  
Fabulous modern home accessories from Alessi, sunglasses, jewelry bags and wallets. I seriously heart this place! **centuryshopper.com**

**Chaddington's**                      240 Commercial Street                      ☎ 508-487-0040  
Look, Muffy! Burberry-pattered trash cans! Adorable Boston Terrier door stops! And all sorts of home accessories that would look simply marvelous at the summer house. Very fun, in a tongue-in-cheek (I *think*) way. **chaddingtons.com**

**Drinkx**                      306 Commercial Street                      ☎ 774-538-2606  
A fun store full of cocktail shakers, vintage glassware, and other things alcoholic. **ptowndrinkx.com**

**ID**                      220a Commercial Street                      ☎ 508-487-4300  
Fun, modern accessories for men and women, including jewelry (fab cufflinks), pens, card cases, bags, and home accessories. Really fun, well-designed stuff. **idptma.com**

**Utilities**                      393 Commercial Street                      ☎ 508-487-6800  
Voted "Best Shop for the Home" for four years by the readers of Cape Cod Life Magazine. Fresh contemporary design in everything from kitchen accessories, to dinnerware, to barware and books. A must visit! **utilitieshome.com**

**Wa**                      220 Commercial Street                      ☎ 508-487-6355  
Modern Asian-inspired furniture, home accessories, scents and fabrics in a tranquil, well-designed store. Check out the Zen garden in back. **Waharmony.com**

## Provisions in P'Town

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### General Stores / Supermarket

- **Adams** 254 Commercial Street ☎ 508-487-0069
- **Cumberland Farms** 130 Bradford Street ☎ 508-487-0926
- **Essentials** 362 Commercial Street ☎ 508-487-3040
- **The Little Store** 227 Commercial Street ☎ 508-487-0208=
- **Farlands Provisions** 150 Bradford Street ☎ 508-487-0045  
*Farland's also has all your basic grocery store items, liquor and a deli sandwich counter.*
- **Stop & Shop** 56 Shank Painter Road ☎ 508-487-3738  
*P'Town's only real grocery store. Stocks what you'd expect at a "real" grocery.*

### Wine & Spirits

- **Big Al's** 250 Commercial Street ☎ 508-487-0635
- **Glass Half Full** 191 Commercial Street ☎ 508-487-0635
- **Perry's** 1 Tremont Street (near coast guard sta) ☎ 508-487-0140

## Eating in P'Town

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Restaurants in P'Town run the gamut from simple to elegant. The key here is remember you are in a fishing village - and that's what you're going to find a lot of – most of it very good. But there is more to life than seafood, and there is no dearth of good food of all types in P'Town. Almost all P'Town restaurants are casual. Many are open seasonally, so be sure and check ahead if you are particularly interested in one – even the year round one's may vary their hours off season. These are some of Sluggo's favorites – all recommended!

Keys to symbols: 🍷 = beer/wine *only*, 🌿 = Outside seating, ❌ = Cash Only ✨ = Open Year Round

### Lunch:

#### Central House (See Dinner)

**Burger Queen** 331 Commercial ☎ 508-487-4749  
Great burgers, hot dogs and the best friend mac'n' cheese *anywhere* enjoyed outside at colorful picnic tables. And come-on, the name made you laugh. Admit it. 🌿

**Café Heaven** 199 Commercial Street ☎ 508-487-9639  
Well known as a brunch place, great for lunch, but what's really excellent are the burgers only served at dinner, and really worth skipping all the seafood in town for. 🍷 ❌

**Bubula's by the Bay** 183 Commercial ☎ 508-487-0773  
Not known for its fine dining as much as for its funky, laid-back sidewalk café. Great people-watching, and somehow the food is better served on the patio. Open for dinner, but especially fun for breakfast and lunch. [bubalas.com](http://bubalas.com) 🌿

## Dinner

### *Cheap*

*(Most Entrees \$8-14)*

#### **Café Heaven**

*See Lunch Listing*

#### **Central House**

247 Commercial Street

☎ 508-487-1430 - ext 3

Way better than it looks – trust me. The Lobster Mac ‘n’ Cheese here is *to die for*.

**onlyatthecrown.com** 🌿✴️

### *Moderate*

*(Most Entrees \$15-25)*

#### **Ross’ Grill**

237 Commercial Street

☎ 508-487-8878

Located in the Whaler’s Wharf building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, An absolute favorite, never a bad meal there. **YR**

🍷🌿 (for drinks only)

#### **Lobster Pot**

321 Commercial Street

☎ 508-487-0842

Personally, I’m over the Lobster Pot but it’s iconic, popular, so they must be doing something right.

**ptownlobsterpot.com** ✴️

#### **Patio**

328 Commercial Street

☎ 508-487-4003

Another favorite with outside dining and great new American dishes including a famous Lobster pie, and affordable (and good!) lobster/clam bake. Also great martinis and late night menu ‘till 1 am.

**ptownpatio.com** 🌿

### *Expensive*

*(Most Entrees \$25 and up)*

#### **Enzo**

429 Commercial Street

☎ 508-487-1500

Several charming small rooms provide a cozy feeling to match the excellent service, and first-rate classic Italian food with, of course, an emphasis on fish. Also has a nice terraced outside space to eat while watching the street scene. **enzolives.com** 🌿✴️

#### **Edwige at Night**

331 Commercial

☎ 508-487-4749

Unlike many P’Town restaurants, worth the price (in the mid 20s and up). Excellent service, charming candlelit interior (or small outside balcony), and always good food. 🌿

#### **The Mews**

429 Commercial Street

☎ 508-487-1500

Excellent food, service and atmosphere in the beach level main dining room, or the upper level Café, which also offers a lighter bar menu. Also is offers over 200 vodkas – the largest selection in New England, they say. **mews.com** ✴️

And no list of eats in P’Town is complete without a mention of:

#### **Spiritus**

190 Commercial Street

☎ 508-487-2808

*The late-night gathering spot; 75% of customers arrive after midnight. In season, the police arrive at 1am to direct traffic, since the crowds of hundreds of mostly drunk and horny men block the street. They offer good, greasy thin-crust pizza (by the slice or pie), espresso, ice cream and great smoothies. Open until 2 am. **spirituspizza.com***

*Also check <http://www.ptown.org/food/restaurants/>*

## Provincetown Nightlife

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All are: 21+, open 7 days unless noted and all close at 1AM (after which everyone congregates in front of Spiritus Pizza.) Gay men's nightlife is mainly clustered in 3 complexes (aside from Tea and after Tea – see below) which each include three bars. But as with everything else in P'Town, no one's going to bat an eye at two men in any bar in town. Unless listed, no cover charge.

EdgeBoston has a good list of gay P'Town nightlife: [edgeboston.com/index.php?ch=nightlife](http://edgeboston.com/index.php?ch=nightlife)

❗ Indicates Sluggo's picks for a must-visit.

### Gay Men's Bars

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#### ***The Atlantic-House, 4-6 Masonic Place***

***ahouse.com***

##### **The Little Bar**

☎ 508-487-3169

UpstairsLeather bar. **Hours:** Year round Noon – 1am

##### ❗ **The Macho Bar**

☎ 508-487-3169

UpstairsLeather bar. **Hours:** Year round 10-1am

##### ❗ **The Atlantic House (AKA “A-House”)**

☎ 508-487-3169

An excellent contender for the title of “America's oldest gay bar,” the main dance club downstairs features P'Town legend DJ David LaSalle. Theme nights most Friday nights. Get's going around 11p **Hours:** Open Year round 10p–1am. **Cover:** \$10 most nights.

#### ***The Gifford House, 9-11 Carver Street***

***giffordhouse.com***

##### ❗ **The Porchside Bar**

☎ 508-467-0688

Open year 'round, with fireplaces and a charming New England summer house décor. Lots of space to spread out (and smoke) on the porch outside. **Hours:** Open year round 5p-1a

##### **The Lobby Lounge**

☎ 508-467-0688

Lobby bar in the Gifford House with occasional sing-alongs at the piano. **Hours:** 10p-1am Friday-Monday in summer, certain spring/fall weekends.

##### **Purgatory**

☎ 508-487-8442

Downstairs (e.g. basement) dance club. Very popular leather dance Sundays nights. **Hours:** Vary by night/event **Cover:** \$10

#### ***The Crown & Anchor, 247 Commercial Street***

***onlyatthecrown.com***

##### **The Paramount**

☎ 508-487-1430

Dance club. Pretty boys. You know how it works. Largest nightclub in P'Town. Opens onto the outside pool area. **Hours:** year round Thursday - Sunday 6pm–close. Beginning May 1, 7 days a week **Cover:** varies, often free.

### ! Wave Video Bar

☎ 508-487-1430

Laid back video bar open to the Crown pool area with fab lit up fake palm trees. Tuesday is stage and screen night, and Wednesday features karaoke. **Hours:** Year round Thursday - Sunday 9pm-close. Beginning May 1, 7 days a week.

### The Vault

☎ 508-487-1430

Small narrow and dark leather bar. Wink. Wink. **The Vault at Large** is a monthly event that moves the Vault into The Paramount Nightclub (see website for dates.) **Hours:** Open Thursday through Sunday 9pm-close. Beginning May 1, 7 days a week

## Tea Dance & After-Tea

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Tea Dance really is legendary, and where you go to see and be seen. After tea, you can continue at the appropriately named "After-Tea Dance" at the Pied Piper.

### ! The Boatslip Beach Club, 161 Commercial Street

☎ 508-487-1669

World-famous. The point isn't the small, slightly depressing dance floor, but the huge outside deck, great views and hot men. No trip to P'Town is complete without at least one appearance at T. Best Planter's Punches anywhere! **Hours:** Daily in summer 4-7p, Varies off season (usually Sat/Sun only) **Cover:** \$10 (varies) **Web:** boatslipresort.com

### After-Tea Dance at the Peid

**Peid Piper**, 199 Commercial Street

☎ 508-487-1527

Tea dance continues at the Peid. Though geared towards Lesbians in the evening, 'till 10, it's more mixed. **Hours:** Daily in summer 5-10p **Cover:** \$10 (varies)

## Lesbian Bars

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**The Vixen**, 336 Commercial Street

☎ 508-487-6424

Downstairs **Mediera Room** main club features "World class live entertainment" earlier in the evening, followed by dancing. Upstairs is **Bacchanal Wine Bar** featuring fine wines, champagnes, cheeses and desserts.. **Hours:** Entertainment 7p on, Dancing after 11p **Cover:** varies with acts **Web:** ptownvixen.com

**Peid Piper** -- See Listing above.

## Mixed to Mostly Gay

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! **AquaBar**, 207 Commercial Street

☎ 508-487-1580

Something you didn't realize was missing 'till it opened - a casual, sleek, chilled-out bar on the beach. Perfect vibe. Good drinks poured with a heavy hand. (Main area is no smoking). **Hours:** ?-11p **Web:** facebook.com/aquabarptown

**Mixers (at Bayside Betsy's)**, 177 Commercial Street

☎ 508-487-6566

Small, narrow bar in the front of Bayside Betsy's with a super-friendly staff. **Hours:** 11p **Cover:** varies with acts **Web:** baysidebetsys.com/mixers.html

### Shipwreck Lounge, 67 Bradford St (Enter on Carver)

☎ 508-487-9005

Across from the Gifford House, in the Brass Key B&B. Handsome inside with a big fireplace, and an outside area with a firepit. **Hours:** In-Season: varies ; Off-season, Fri & Sat, 5p-12a

**Web:** [.ptownlounge.com](http://ptownlounge.com)

### Straight/Townie Bars

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#### Governor Bradford

312 Commercial Street

☎ 508-487-9816

#### The Squealing Pig

335 Commercial Street

☎ 508-487-5804

### Drag, Singers & Stand-Up

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Among the other things P'Town is famous for are it's entertainers. Drag queens (*lots* of them), drag kings, stand-up comedians, singers, and even naked porn star biographical shows...P'Town has every sort of entertainment you can think of. Even the performers working Commercial Street handing out flyers for their shows in the afternoon are entertainment in themselves.

Venues featuring drag, singing, and/or stand-up acts include the following venues. Check their website, outside the club, or just watch for the drag queen handing out cards to find out what's up in town:

#### The Art House

214 Commercial Street

[ptownarthouse.com](http://ptownarthouse.com)

☎ 508-487-9222

#### The Crown & Anchor

247 Commercial Street

[onlyatthecrown.com](http://onlyatthecrown.com)

☎ 508-487-1430

#### Post Office Cabaret

303 Commercial Street

*no website*

☎ 508-487-7404

#### Town Hall,

260 Commercial Street

*no website*

☎ 508-487-7000

#### Vixen

336 Commercial Street

[ptownvixen.com](http://ptownvixen.com)

☎ 508-487-6424

[www.ptowntix.com](http://www.ptowntix.com) also has listings and advance tickets for some venues.

### Movies, Theatre & Other Entertainment

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#### New Art Cinemas

214 & 237 Commercial Street

☎ 508-487-4BOX

There is 2 movie theatres in P'Town, both run by the New Art Cinema: two screens in the main building (214 Commercial), and one on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Whaler's Wharf building at 237 Commercial. There are movies every evening, and rainy days in the summer. [newartcinemas.com](http://newartcinemas.com)

#### Wellfleet Cinema/Drive-In

51 Route 6, Wellfleet

☎ 508-349-7176

The closest (two towns over) traditional multi-screen movie theatre to P'Town, showing the normal slate of big box office hits. One of the Cape's last remaining drive-in theatres is two towns up-cape from P'Town in Wellfleet. (Open in season only) [wellfleetdrivein.com](http://wellfleetdrivein.com)

#### The Provincetown Theatre

238 Bradford Street

☎ 508 487-7487

Formed from a merger of two existing companies in the fall of 2005, in the home of American Theatre, New Provincetown Players is "forging a distinguished new identity using the best elements of professional and community theatre to create its current and future seasons."

[newprovincetownplayers.org](http://newprovincetownplayers.org)

## Fun P'Town Facts

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Here are some fun facts about P'Town.

### **The Pilgrims**

The Pilgrims first landing spot was Provincetown in 1620. They stayed one winter, before moving on to the (slightly) more hospitable climate and soil in Plymouth. They actually wrote the Mayflower Compact in P'Town! The site is marked by the town's most visible landmark, the Pilgrim Monument.

### **Birthplace of American Theatre**

American playwright Eugene O'Neil got his start in P'town where he debuted his work with the Provincetown Players in the 1920's.

### **The "Light"**

Provincetown is famous for its community of artists, who are drawn to P'Town for its unique light (best seen at twilight) created by the combination sea and sand all around.

### **Famous P'Town Denizens**

Modern Provincetown's famous residents or frequent guests include: Comedian Margaret Cho, Filmmaker John Waters. Visitors and residents of old include: Eugene O'Neill and Author Norman Mailer

### **Whatever Floats Your...House**

Around the West End, look for blue plaques with white images of houses on water around town indicating houses that were floated over on large wooden barges from Long Point. From 1818 until the 1850s, the peninsula was the site of a thriving settlement that held a school, a salt works, windmills, boat landings, and breakwaters in addition to the homes of 38 fishing families; they disbanded when a large salt deposit was found in Syracuse, NY.

## P'Town Slang

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*See also: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston\\_slang](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_slang)*

**The A-House:** Atlantic House, a perennially popular nightclub on Masonic Place.

**The Dick Dock:** Originally the Coast Guard Pier near the West End, moved in recent years to under the Boatslip deck. (Not that anyone has sex in public in P'town!)

**The Dunes:** The area of dunes in behind Herring Cove beach, where men are known to...ermmm... beach comb.

**The Meat Rack:** The row of benches outside of Town Hall, popular for people watching (and cruising, as the name implies.)

**Spiritus:** Spiritus Pizza, just past the post office on Commercial Street. Where everyone goes after the bars close at 1am to cruise and meet friends.

## Websites

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**<http://www.ptownchamber.com>** - Provincetown Chamber of Commerce Website

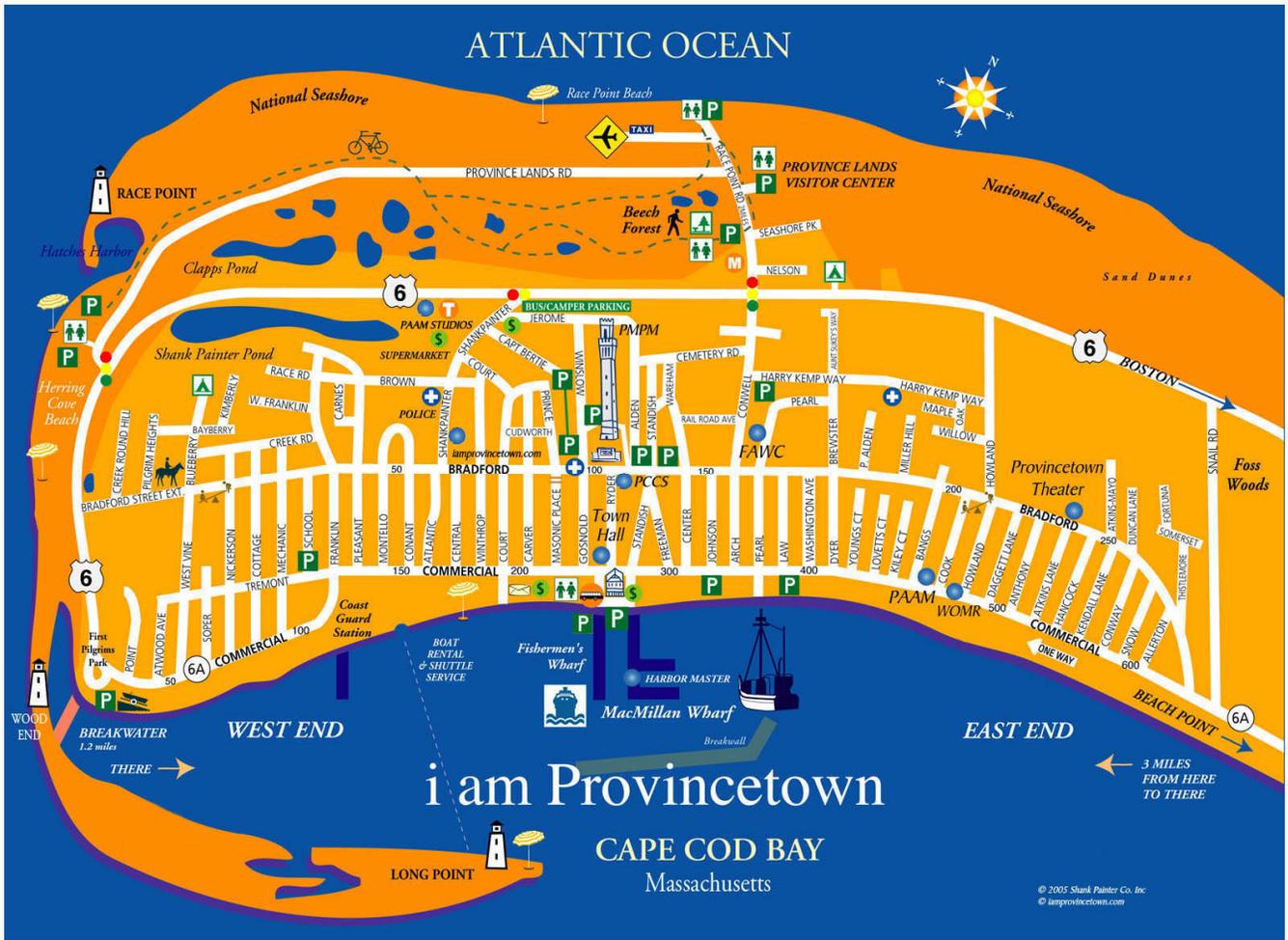
**<http://www.provincetown.com>** - Provincetown Banner newspapers P'town website.

**<http://www.ptown.org>** – The Provincetown Business Guild's (*really* poorly done) website.

**<http://www.ptown.org/availability>** - last minute B&B availability, great for last-minute trips.

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