



I wasn't asking for much when I looked into renting a place on the coast of Maine. Only that it be reasonably priced, on the water, full of charm, fully stocked, and near a town with activity. In other words, a fantasy rental.

Determination and hours online paid off when I came across Cozy Cottage on Cozy Harbor. I went through the pictures several times until I realized that I'd better jump, and quickly; the chance of an opening in July was tenuous at best.

The next morning I received an email from the cottage's owner that my desired week was still open. Bingo! A chance to be a summer person near one of Maine's prettiest coastal villages, a carefree week by the ocean. The check was in the mail. Not very long after, I was awaiting John and Ellen Blois at the Hannaford Store in Boothbay Harbor to get the keys to my home on the coast of Maine.

Facing page: From Cozy Cottage, it's just a long stroll on a massive green lawn to the waterfront. Above: Snapshots of a summer holiday in one of Maine's prettiest coastal villages.