



## Ship's Logs - FDR's Trips on USS Potomac

Voyage Number	Date	Location	FDR's Guests	Comments
<b>1</b>	3/23 to 4/8/1936	Florida Waters, Nassau, Bahamas	James Roosevelt, Frederic A. Delano, Capt. Wilson Brown USN, Capt. Ross T. McIntire, Col. Edwin M. Watson	Maiden Voyage on new Presidential Yacht; departed Port Everglades on Destroyer Monaghan and transferred to Potomac (2 press conferences), Trip was delayed three days because the President had to deal with major floods.
<b>2</b>	5/2/36	Overnight on the Potomac River	Col & Mrs. Murray, Prof Raymond Miley, Capt & Mrs. Wilson Brown, Marguerite LeHand	
<b>3</b>	5/10/36	Afternoon on the Potomac River	Sen. & Mrs. Burton K. Wheeler, Rep. Sam T. Rayburn, Marguerite LeHand, Grace Tully & Capt. Wilson Brown	
<b>4</b>	5/15 to 5/17/1936	Weekend cruise from Annapolis, MD	Mr. & Mrs. Harry L. Hopkins, Mr. & Mrs. Rexford G. Tugwell, Marguerite LeHand & Capt Paul Bastedo (first trip)	
<b>5</b>	5/30 to 5/31/1936	Weekend cruise from Annapolis, MD	Judge & Mrs. Samuel I. Rosenman, Dr. & Mrs. Stanley High, Marguerite LeHand & Capt. Paul Bastedo	
<b>6</b>	7/4 to 7/5/1936	Boarded Richmond, VA. For trip to Jamestown, VA, reboarding in Yorktown, VA for return to Washington, DC. FDR delivered speech at Thomas Jefferson's home in Montecello, VA	Eleanor Roosevelt and others TBD	
<b>7</b>	7/14/36	Board Potomac at Rockland, ME for transfer to 53-foot Sewanna for 14 day cruise in New England and Canadian waters with Potomac part of supporting convoy	James Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr, John Roosevelt, Capt Elden Colbeth & sailor Joseph Emmerz	
<b>8</b>	7/30/36	Board Potomac at Campobello, NB, for short cruise before transfer to train for trip to Quebec	TBD	
<b>9</b>	9/12 to 9/13/1936	Weekend cruise from Washington DC Naval Yard	AG & Mrs. Homer S. Cummings, Int Sec Harold L. Ickes & Grace Tully	
<b>10</b>	5/1 to 5/11/1937	Texas Fishing Trip - FDR left Washington by train to New Orleans where he transferred to the USS Moffett that rendezvoused with the USS Potomac at Aransas Pass, TX	Elliott Roosevelt, Ross T. McIntire, Capt Paul Bastedo & Barney Farley	Read "FDR's Texas Fishing Trip - May 1937" @ <a href="http://usspotomac.org">usspotomac.org</a> Currents blog. Homepage.
<b>11</b>	5/22 - 5/23, 1937	Weekend cruise from Quantico, VA	Sarah Delano Roosevelt, Mrs. James Roosevelt, Jr., Henry Morgenthau, Jr. & Capt Paul Bastedo	
<b>12</b>	6/5 - 6/10/1937	Weekend cruise from Washington DC Naval Yard	Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Hopkins, Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Jackson, Marguerite LeHand & Capt. Paul Bastedo	

<b>13</b>	6/11 - 6/13/1937	Weekend cruise from Annapolis, MD	AG & Mrs. Homer S. Cummings, Sec. & Mrs. Henry Wallace, Marguerite LeHand & Capt. Paul
<b>14</b>	6/23/37	Afternoon cruise from the Washington DC Naval Yard to Mt. Vernon	Prime Minister & Mrs. Paul van Zeeland of Belgium, James Roosevelt, Capt Edwin H. Watson, Marguerite LeHand & Capt. Paul
<b>15</b>	6/24 - 6/28/1937	Annapolis to Jefferson Island in Chesapeake Bay for meetings with Democrat leadership	George Fox, Henry Kawee & Capt Paul Bestado. Later joined by Mr. & Mrs. John Boettiger and Mr. & Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt.
<b>16</b>	7/10 - 7/11/1937	Weekend cruise from Annapolis, MD	Sam T. Rayburn, Mr. & Mrs. James M. Landis, Marguerite LeHand, Grace Tully & Capt. Paul Bestado
<b>17</b>	7/23 - 7/25/1937	Weekend cruise from Washington DC Naval Yard	Gov. LaFollette, Sen. & Mrs. LaFollette, Alben W. Barkley, Marguerite LeHand & Capt Paul
<b>18</b>	7/30 - 8/1/1937	Weekend cruise from Washington DC Naval Yard	Harold L. Ickes, Sen. Green, Asst Sec Josephine Roche, Marguerite LeHand & Capt. Paul Bestado. Joined on 7/31/1937 by Gov. Murphy
<b>19</b>	8/13 -8/15/1937	Weekend cruise from Annapolis, MD (FDR told press he would be keeping touch with the Sino-Japanese situation)	Mrs. Eleanor Townsend, Sen. Sherman Minton, Ross T. McIntire, Col Edwin M. Watson, Marguerite LeHand & Capt. Paul Bestado
<b>20</b>	9/2 - 9/7/1937	Leave Poughkeepsie, NY, on Hudson River for New York cruise while vacationing at Hyde Park	tbd
<b>21</b>	9/8/37	Day trip on the Hudson River from Poughkeepsie, NY, while vacationing at Hyde Park	Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln McVeigh, others TBD
<b>22</b>	9/12/37	Day trip on the Hudson River from Poughkeepsie, NY, while vacationing at Hyde Park	Amb. & Mrs. Norman Davis, Capt. Joseph N. Patterson, James A. Moffett & Henry Toombs
<b>23</b>	9/18/37	Afternoon cruise from the Washington Naval Yard to see regata	Gov. & Mrs. Stark, Harry L. Hopkins, Grace G. Tully, Marguerite LeHand, Capt Woodson & Capt. Paul Bestado
<b>24</b>	11/29 - 12/5/1937	Fishing trip in Southern Florida waters	James Roosevelt, Dr. Ross McIntire, Capt Walter Woodson, Col. Watson, Sec Harold Ickes, Harry L. Hopkins & Robert H. Jackson
<b>25</b>	4/10/38	Luncheon day-cruise on the Potomac River	Mrs. & Mrs. James Roosevelt, Mr. & Mrs Littleton C.F. Hambley and 2 daughters, Margaret Suckley, Miss Henderson, Samuel J. Rosenman, Marguerite A. LeHand Harry L. Hopkins, Mr & Mrs. Gordojn, Mrs G. Brown & Mr & Mrs. J. King
<b>26</b>	4/23 - 4/24/1938	Weekend cruise on the Potomac River	Mrs. James Roosevelt, Marguerite LeHand, Sec. Harold L. Ickes, Stewart F. McDonald, Amb Bullitt & Capt. Woodson
<b>27</b>	5/14 - 5/15/1938	Weekend cruise on the Potomac River from the Washington D.C. Naval Yard	Sen & Mrs. Robert M. LaFollette, Jr., Sec. Greene, Mrs. James Roosevelt, Marguerite LeHand & Capt. Wooden

Cruise notes are available prepared by Robert Jackson, the only person to serve as Solicitor General, Attorney General and Supreme Court Justice. He was also the lead U.S. prosecutor in the Nuremberg War Crimes trial.

<b>28</b>	5/21 - 5/22/1938	Weekend cruise from Annapolis, MD, for Harvard-Penn and Navy Crew races	Eleanor Roosevelt, Marguerite LeHand, Mr. & Mrs. James Roosevelt, John Roosevelt, Miss Ann Clar, Miss Henderson, Miss Hjamable, Capt. & Mrs. Woodson	
<b>29</b>	6/4 - 6/5/1938	Weekend cruise from Annapolis, MD	Judge & Mrs. Samuel L. Rosenman, Marguerite A. LeHand, Miss Henderson, Misses Catherine & Margaret Hambley & Capt. Woodson	
<b>30</b>	6/17 - 6/18/1938	Offshore Nahant, MA, for wedding of John Roosevelt & Miss Anne Lindsey Clark	Including a 6/17/1948 formal dinner on board the Potomac hosted by the President and Eleanor attended by the entire Roosevelt family and the bridal party	
<b>31</b>	6/19 - 6/20/1938	Nahant, MA, to Poughkeepsie, NY, to Hyde Park	TBD	
<b>32</b>	8/13 - 8/14, 1938	Weekend cruise from Quantico, VA	Harry L. Hopkins, Marguerite LeHand, & Cmdr. & Mrs. George Allen	
<b>33</b>	9/4 - 9/5/1938	Weekend cruise including viewing bridge site in Morgantown, MD	TBD	
<b>34</b>	9/9/38	Evening cruise on the Hudson River from Hyde Park	Gerald Swope, Col & Mrs. Frederic Greene, Miss Izetta Jewell Miller & Theodore Dresser	
<b>35</b>	9/25/38	Afternoon cruise from the Washington D.C. Naval Yard to witness the President's Cup races	Marvin H. McIntire, Marguerite LeHand & Frank C. Wilson	
<b>36</b>	10/27/38	Afternoon cruise from the Washington, D.C. Naval Yard	Cardinal Mundelein & Col. Edwin M. Watson	
<b>37</b>	3/18/39	Luncheon and afternoon cruise from the Washington D.C. Naval Yard	Frederic A. Delano, Mrs. & Mrs. Littleton D.F. Hjambley, Misses M. & C. Hambley, G. Emslie, Miss Emslie & Margaret Suckley	
<b>38</b>	5/7 - 5/8/1939	Weekend cruise on Potomac River	Justice & Mrs. William O. Douglas, Sec. Harry L. Hopkins, Grace G. Tully & Marguerite LeHand	
<b>39</b>	5/12 - 5/14/1939	Weekend cruise on Potomac River from the Washington D.C. Naval Yard	Sol Gen & Mrs. Robert H. Jackson, Marguerite LeHand & Gen. & Mrs. Edwin M. Watson	
<b>40</b>	5/20 - 5/21/1939	Weekend cruise on Potomac River from Annapolis	Atty Gen Frank Murphy, Mr. & Mrs. Ross T. McIntire, Mr. & Mrs. James F. Byrnes & Daniel	
<b>41</b>	6/9/39	Luncheon Cruise to Mount Vernon from Washington D.C. Naval Yard for King George VI and Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain to Mt. Vernon where party departed	King and Queen of Great Britain, Eleanor Roosevelt, Lady Katherine Seymour, 52 guests for on board luncheon.	Read "King George VI Visit" by Walter Abernathy on Potomac website blog. See also attached cruise guest list and luncheon onboard table arrangement
<b>42</b>	6/16 - 6/18/1939	Weekend cruise from Annapolis	Sen. & Mrs. Lewis B. Schwellenbach, Alben W. Barkley, Amb William C. Bullitt, Daniel Callaghan & Marguerite A. LeHand	
<b>43</b>	7/8 - 7/9/1939	Weekend cruise from Annapolis	Mr. & Mrs. Jesse H. Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Early, Marguerite A. LeHand & Daniel Callaghan	
<b>44</b>	7/16 - 7/17/1939	Weekend cruise	Marguerite A. LeHand & Mrs. Altemus	
<b>45</b>	7/28 - 7/31/1939	Weekend cruise from Quantico, VA	Sec Harry L. Hopkins, Stephen T. Early, Gen. Edwin M. Watson, Ross T. McIntire & Frank C.	
<b>46</b>	9/17/39	Afternoon cruise on Potomac River	Eleanor Roosevelt, Marguerite LeHand, Mrs. James Roosevelt, Diana Hopkins & Misstress	
<b>47</b>	9/30 - 10/1/1939	Weekend cruise from Quantico, VA	Justice & Mrs. Harlan Stone, Justice & Mrs. Felix Frankfurter, & Marguerite LeHand	

<b>48</b>	5/12/40	Dinner Cruise from Washington D.C. Naval Yard	Eleanor Roosevelt, AG & Mrs. Robert H. Jackson, Marguerite LeHand & Norman H. Davis	Read "Eleanor on the Potomac" by Walter Abernathy on Potomac website blog, describing Eleanor's interest in Joining the Red Cross (Norman Davis was the Red Cross Chairman)
<b>49</b>	5/18 - 5/19/1940	Overnight cruise on the Potomac River	Marguerite A. LeHand, Jessie H. Jones, Col. Harrington & Robert Hickley	
<b>50</b>	5/26 - 5/27/1940	Overnight cruise on the Potomac River from Annapolis, MD	Harry L. Hopkins & Gen Edwin M. Watson	
<b>51</b>	6/1 - 6/2/1940	Overnight cruise on the Potomac River from Washington D.C. Naval Yard	Sec & Mrs. James F. Byrnes, Harry L. Hopkins and Marguerite A. LeHand	
<b>52</b>	6/8 - 6/9/1940	Cruise on the Potomac River from Washington D.C. Naval Yard	Harry L. Hopkins, Marguerite LeHand, Jus. & Mrs. William O. Douglas, Alex Kirk & Mrs. James Roosevelt, Jr.	
<b>53</b>	6/15 - 6/16/1940	Cruise on the Potomac River from Washington D.C. Naval Yard	Harry L. Hopkins, Marguerite LeHand, Capt. De Chambrum & Mr. & Mrs. Averell Harriman	
<b>54</b>	6/29 - 6/30/1940	Cruise on the Potomac River from Washington D.C. Naval Yard	Sol Gen & Mrs. Francis Biddle, Mr. & Mrs. Jones & Marguerite LeHand	
<b>55</b>	7/13 - 7/14/1940	Cruise on the Potomac River	Mr. & Mrs. E.E. Bartlett, Samuel I. Rosenman, Ross T. McIntire & Marguerite LeHand	On this cruise FDR conceived his strategy for accepting an unprecedented third term at the July 15 - 18, 1940 Democratic Convention in Chicago. Read "FDR's Run for a Third Term as Planned on the USS Potomac" by Walter Abernathy on Potomac website blog.
<b>56</b>	7/19 - 7/21/1940	Cruise on the Potomac River from Washington D.C. Naval Yard	Mr. & Mrs. Stephen T. Early, Gen & Mrs. Edwin M. Watson & Marguerite LeHand	FDR celebrates his nomination for a third term by the Demconcratic Convention as planned on the USS Potomac
<b>57</b>	7/27 -7/30/1940	Cruise to inspect defenses of Chesapeake Bay including stops in Portsmouth , VA & Newport News, VA and fishing in Chesapeake Bay.	Sen. Sheppard, Sen Davis I. Walsh, Re Car Vinson, Nav. Sec. Frank Knox, Harry L. Hopkins, Gen. Edwin M. Watson & Capt Callaghan	
<b>58</b>	8/10 8/13/1940	Board at Boston Navy Yard for cruise from Boston to Narragansett Bay, stops on 8/12/1940 at New London, CT and return to Washington DC Naval Yard on 8/13/1940	Sen. David Walsh, Adm Tarrant, & others TBD	
<b>59</b>	8/24 - 8/25/1940	Weekend cruise from Anapolis, MD	Gov. & Mrs. Burnet R. Maybank, Sec. James V. Forrestal, Harry L. Hopkins & Marguerite LeHand	
<b>60</b>	9/14 - 9/15/1940	Weekend cruise from Washington DC Naval Yard	Mr. & Mrs. Basil O'Connor, Harry L. Hopkins & Marguerite LeHand	
<b>61</b>	9/28 - 9/29/1940	Cruise from Washington DC Naval Yard	Mr. & Mrs. Archibald, Asst Sec & Mrs. Robert P. Patterson & Marguerite LeHand	
<b>62</b>	11/13 - 11/18/1940	Cruise from Washington DC Naval Yard (details TBD)	Harry L. Hopkins, AG Robert H. Jackson, Postmaster Frank C. Walker, Gen Edwin M. Watson & Dr. Ross T. McIntire	
<b>63</b>	3/20 - 3/30/1941	Fishing trip off shore Florida leaving and departing from Port Everglades. During this trip FDR signed the first appropriation bill for Lend Lease	Attn Gen Robert H. Jackson, Sec. Harold L. Ickes. Harry L Hopkins, Stephen T. Early, Gen Edwin Watson and Adm Ross T. McIntire	Read "Florida Fishing Trip 1941" by Walter Abernathy on Potomac website blog.
<b>64</b>	4/26 - 4/27/1941	Weekend Potomac River cruise from the Washington DC Naval Yard	Postmaster Gen & Mrs. Frank C. Walker, Dr. & Mrs. Ross T. McIntire, Harry L. Hopkins & Marguerite LeHand	

<b>65</b>	6/7 - 6/9/1941	Weekend Potomac River cruise from Annapolis MD	Crown Princess Martha of Norway, Princess Ragnhild, Harry L. Hopkins, Robert Hopkins, Diana Hopkins & Capt. John R. Beardall	
<b>66</b>	7/12 - 7/13/1941	Weekend Potomac River cruise from Annapolis MD	Sen & Mrs. Alben W. Barkley, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen T. Early & Grace Tully	
<b>67</b>	7/20/41	Day Cruise from Washington DC Naval Yard	Norse Royalty & Agriculture Sec & Mrs. Claude R. Wickard	
<b>68</b>	8/3 -8/5/1941	Depart from New London, CT for announced New England fishing trip but transferred in secret on 8/5/1941 to the USS Augusta for Atlantic Charter meeting with Winston Churchill in Newfoundland. After FDR transferred to the USS Augusta, the USS Potomac continued the sham fishing trip with a decoy dressed as FDR fishing from the deck on the Cape Cod Canal	Steve Early, Gen Watson, others TBD	Read "Atlantic Conference with Winston Churchill - The Foundaton for the United Nations" by Walter Abernathy on Potomac website blog.
<b>69</b>	8/15 -8/16/1941	Transfer back to the USS Potomac from the US Augusta and then to Rockland, ME for an onboard press conference about the historic Atlantic Conference meeting with PM Churchill	Harry L. Hopkins and others TBD	Read "Atlantic Conference with Winston Churchill - The Foundaton for the United Nations"
<b>70</b>	9/13 - 9/14/1941	Weekend Potomac River cruise from the Washington DC Naval Yard	William S. Knudsen, Floyd Odium, Leon Henderson, Harry L. Hopkins and Diana Hopkins	
<b>71</b>	10/11/41	Evening 57th Birthday dinner cruise from Washington DC Naval Yard for Eleanor Roosevelt	Eleanor Roosevelt, Mr. & Mrs. James Roosevelt, Joseph Lash, Mayris Chaney, Miss G Gahagan & Miss Malvina Thompson	
<b>72</b>	10/26/41	Afternoon cruise from the Washington DC Naval Yard	Lord & Lady Halifax, Maj Clement R. Attlee, James Roosevelt, Capt John R. Beardall & Harry L. Hopkins	Notes show the ship received that morning three gallons of ice cream plus a 20-pound cake from Ward Bakery
	7/5/42	Motor trip from Washington DC to a new presidential retreat on a 125-acre site in the Catoctin mountains in Maryland	Harry L. Hopkins, Capt. John L. McCrea, Margaret Stuckley & Littleton C.F. Hambley family	Read "Grounded at Shangri-La" by Walter Abernathy on Potomac blog describing how FDR moved ashore for relaxation with his mess crew, assigned to a resort established with a nautical flavor to replace his beloved presidential yacht.
<b>73</b>	8/6/42	Luncheon Cruise from the Washington Naval Yard to Mt. Vernon where Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands placed a wreath at George Washington's tomb	Queen Wilhelmina, Eleanor Roosevelt and 20 guests for on board lunch and cruise	
<b>74</b>	11/11 - 11/12/1943	FDR boarded in secret the USS Potomac at Quantico, VA for transfer the next day in Chesapeake Bay to the USS Iowa for the first sea leg for meetings with Winston Churchill, Joseph Stalin & Chiang Kai-Shek. After the transfer, the USS Potomac continued decoy operations in nearby waters.	Harry L. Hopkins, Adm William D. Leahy, Ross T. McIntire, Gen. Edwin M. Watson & Adm. Wilson Brown	Read "USS Potomac's Role in President Roosevelt's Tehran Conference" on Potomac website blog, describing his first meeting with Joseph Stalin and the decision to launch the Normandy Invasion of France in mid-1944.

After the US joined World War II, use of USS Potomac was limited due to security risks. In 1942, the Shangri-La (now Camp David) opened as an alternative presidential retreat staffed in part by the Filipino staff crew from the Potomac

**75 FDR's Final Trip**

12/16 - 12/17/1944

USS Potomac at Cherry Point, VA. rendezvoused again with the USS Iowa for FDR's return after 35 days and anchored overnight at Stump Neck near Quantico, VA returning the next day to the Washington Naval Yard and transfer to the White House.

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**Franklin Roosevelt Died** 4/12/45

**USS Potomac Decommissioned** 11/18/45