

Transportation to and from Marine Immersion: August 2009

The Shoals Marine Lab provides extensive and detailed travel information via their web site http://host31.spidergraphics.com/sml/doc/Getting_to_SML.pdf. The information provided here is specific to Marine Immersion, and supersedes the general instructions for SML.

BOAT TIMES: We will head out to Appledore on the Shoals Marine Lab boat leaving Portsmouth on 1:00 on **Monday, August 17**. You should **plan to be at the dock with your** luggage (and with or without your parents: that's up to you!) **by 12:00** at the absolute latest (this is not a commercial ferry service, so there isn't any predictable "next boat" if you miss ours). If you will be shuttling a car to the long-term parking at Pease (see below), you should be at the dock by **11:30**. **We will be back at the dock about 11:30 a.m. on Monday, August 24**. (That is the time to give to anyone planning to meet you – with the understanding that we might be a little earlier or later.)

PARKING AND DROP-OFF: There is no parking at the dock, though you can pull in for a few minutes. If someone is dropping you off, they should bring you and your luggage directly to the dock, and then they can go park at a nearby meter or in the municipal garage if they want to come back to the dock to see you off on the boat. Similarly, at the end of the week, they can park nearby and then stroll down to the dock to meet you.

There are plenty of nearby parking options explained here:

<http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/Transportation/downpark.htm>

If you are planning to drive yourself and park your car for the week, you'll want to leave it at the nearby Pease Regional Transportation Center/NH Rideshare lot <http://www.nh.gov/dot/nhrideshare/p11.htm>. This is convenient, safe, and free! We will arrange to shuttle you between Pease and the dock. In order to facilitate this, I will need to know who's planning to park there so we can carpool...I don't need to know this right now, but will inquire in mid-August.

LONG-DISTANCE TRAVEL: If you are arriving by plane or train (e.g. into Boston), you will also need to get from Pease Regional Transportation Center to the dock – and we will come pick you up there. You get from the Boston airport and bus stations to Portsmouth via the C&J Bus: <http://www.ridecj.com/>. There is also good info about regional transportation in http://host31.spidergraphics.com/sml/doc/Getting_to_SML.pdf

WHAT ABOUT STORING STUFF OR GETTING INTO DORMS EARLY? If you are traveling a long distance (e.g. from California, or internationally) and won't be returning home before you move into your UNH dorm, please let me know ASAP so we can work out arrangements for your housing on campus. You will not be able to move into your own dorm room early, but there may be some interim dorm housing available. Alternatively, perhaps one of your Marine Immersion classmates or a local friend or relative would be able to put you up for a few days. I can also find out if it might be possible for you to stay out on the island a few days longer (probably in exchange for helping with some island maintenance work).