



Test Your Knowledge!

Answers are posted at the Welcome Table and at our web site:

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1. Blue Hill Bay stretches from Swan's and Placentia Islands at its entrance to the Town of Blue Hill. How long is Blue Hill Bay?
 - a. 7 miles
 - b. 14 miles
 - c. 18 miles
 - d. 21 miles
2. Shipbuilding was a major industry in and around Blue Hill Bay for 100 years. In 1792 Blue Hill's tax assessor reported 50 houses, 8 mills, 6 stores, 95 oxen, 178 cows, 58 hogs, and 5 horses. How many wooden ocean-going sailing vessels were built in Blue Hill during the following century? Hint: According to the Maine Register of 1850, there were 13 shipbuilders in Blue Hill, along with 8 shipping merchants, 5 ship joiners, 3 blacksmiths (who fashioned the iron fittings), 1 rigger, 1 caulker, and 1 sail manufacturer.
 - a. 26
 - b. 57
 - c. 99
 - d. 133
3. The Bluehill Fishing Company was established in 1836, and by 1850 there were five pogey factories in the area. What did these factories do?
 - a. render fish oil
 - b. produce fertilizer for farm fields
 - c. process the fish for commercial bait
 - d. process the fish for human consumption
4. To what can the decline of Blue Hill Bay's maritime industries be attributed?
 - a. the Civil War's impact on southern markets for fish and ice
 - b. the switch from wooden sailboats to iron hulled vessels powered by steam
 - c. the construction of railroads that opened western frontiers for logging
 - d. Skyrocketing insurance rates due to Confederate predation on Yankee trading vessels
5. Blue Hill Bay is a tidal zone. What is the average tidal range (the difference in height between consecutive high and low tides) within the bay?
 - a. 5 feet
 - b. 10 feet
 - c. 15 feet
 - d. 20 feet
6. Native Penobscot Indians named this area kollegewidwok. What does this word mean?
 - a. blue hill on shining green water – a reference to the namesake of our town
 - b. fresh salt falls - a reference to the violent reversing falls stirred up by the change of the tides near South Blue Hill
7. Remarkable examples of Native American gouges and a spear point have been hauled by Blue Hill Bay scallop draggers from depths of 60 to 90 feet. How old are these artifacts?
 - a. 500 years to 1,000 years
 - b. 1,000 years to 5,000 years
 - c. 6,000 to 8,000 years



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It depends who you ask – sources cite both meanings!
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