This old-fashioned Maine summer cottage has a pine-paneled interior, small kitchen and bedrooms, open living/dining room with westerly views of the water, and a screened porch. The cottage is perched above Sheepscot Bay; a short steep path leads down to the rocky shore with tide pools and a little sandy beach. There is always something to watch from the living room or deck: lobster boats making their rounds, eider ducks, ospreys and seals, sailboats, ocean-bound yachts, and evening sunsets.

Boothbay area: Southport Island is quiet, but nearby Boothbay Harbor has many diversions including a performing arts center (boothbayoperahouse.com), a YMCA complex with pools and tennis courts, and a busy waterfront with boat trips and rentals (including day trips to Monhegan Island). The botanical gardens draw visitors from afar (mainegardens.org), scenic conservation areas offer many hiking trails (bbrlt.org), there’s good biking and kayaking, plus short walks to the pretty town beach, general store, and Cozy Harbor. Local produce is available at farm stands and weekly Farmer's Markets feature all kinds of specialties.

Accommodations: The cottage has four bedrooms and six beds. Two bedrooms plus a small study and full bath are off the living room. One bedroom with queen-sized bed faces the water, the other has two twin beds. Two more bedrooms and a bath with shower are in a separate wing off the other end of the living/dining area -- one with a double bed, the other with two twin beds. Both face the water. Blankets are provided, but bring your own sheets, pillowcases and towels.

Rates: The cottage is rented weekly, (Sat.-Sat.) June – September for $1750/wk.

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