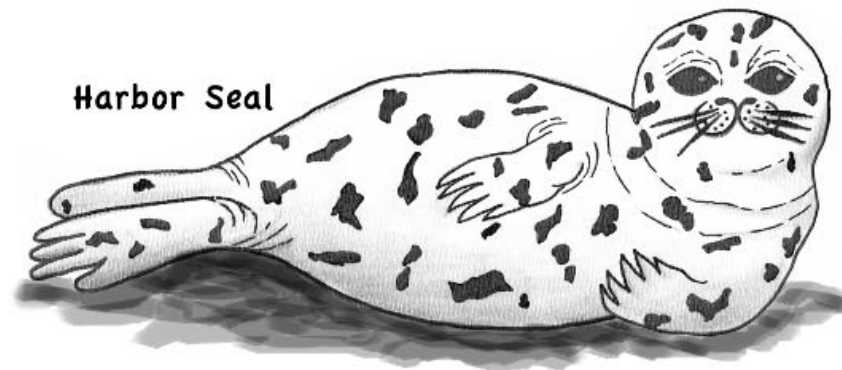


► Start your walk just outside of the Estuary Ed Shed.

1. Island Orientation -

Prudence Island is located in the center of Narragansett Bay. Stand with your back to the island and face the Bay. On a low tide you can see a group of rocks sticking out of the water to your left. During their winter migration to Narragansett Bay, dozens of harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) may frequently be seen hauled out on these rocks.



In colonial times, when the transfer of goods and materials via waterways was common, Prudence Island was a hub for farming and trade. In today's landscape of interstate highways and landbased commerce, the island has become more isolated supporting a small year-round population of approximately 150 people.

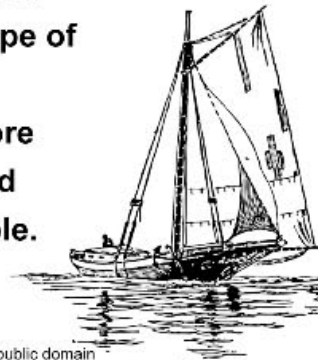


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Across the Bay you can see Aquidneck Island where the towns of Portsmouth, Middletown and Newport are located. Two large wind turbines in the center of Aquidneck Island provide clean, renewable energy at the Portsmouth Abbey School and at the Portsmouth High School. The town of Portsmouth estimates it will make \$1 million over 20 years from the larger Portsmouth High School turbine.



► Take a moment to check out the Estuary Ed Shed and then with your back to the Bay, walk uphill. Take the first left onto Levesque Memorial Drive and you will pass the Reserve's composting toilet on your right. The distance to Stop #2 is 870 feet (265 m).