

# Heritage of Ye Olde Union Oyster House

The Union Oyster House is the oldest restaurant in Boston and the oldest restaurant in continuous service in the U.S. - the doors have always been open to diners since 1826.

Union Street was laid out in 1636, but there are no municipal records documenting the Oyster House's date of construction. All that is known is that the building has stood on Union Street as a major local landmark for more than 250 years.

In 1742 - before it became a seafood house - the building housed importer Hopestill Capen's fancy dress goods business, known colorfully as "At the Sign of the Cornfields."

The first stirrings of the American Revolution reached the upper floor of the building in 1771 when printer Isaiah Thomas published his newspaper "The Massachusetts Spy", long known as the oldest newspaper in the United States.

In 1775, Capen's Silk and Dry Goods Store became headquarters for Ebenezer Hancock, the first paymaster of the Colonial Army. There is no reason to doubt that Washington himself was familiar with it's surroundings. At the very spot where diners today enjoy their favorite New England specialties, Federal troops received their "war wages" in the official pay station.

In 1796, a future king of France lived on the second floor. Exiled from his country, he earned his living by teaching French to many of Boston's fashionable young ladies. Later Louis Phillippe returned home to serve as King from 1830 to 1848.

1826 marked the end of Capen's Dry Goods Store and the beginning of Atwood and Bacon's establishment. The new owners installed the fabled Semi-Circular Oyster Bar - where the greats of Boston paused for refreshment.

It was at the Oyster Bar that Daniel Webster, a constant customer, daily drank his tall tumbler of brandy and water with each half-dozen oysters, seldom having less than six plates.

The Toothpick was first used in the U.S. at Union Oyster House. Enterprising Charles Forster of Maine first imported the picks from South America. To promote his new business, he hired Harvard boys to dine at the Oyster House and ask for toothpicks.

A college president was a salad man here. Jack Coleman, President of Pennsylvania's Haverford College, worked in total anonymity for a few months during his sabbatical when he secretly sampled some of America's rigorous jobs and lifestyles.

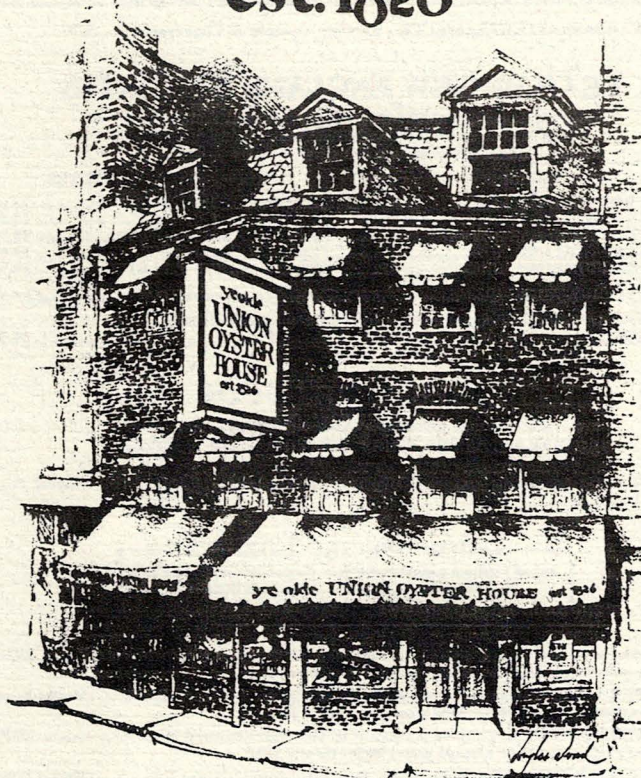
The Kennedy Clan has patronized the Union Oyster House for years. J.F.K. loved to feast in privacy in the upstairs dining room. His favorite booth "The Kennedy Booth" has since been dedicated in his memory.

The Union Oyster House has known only three owners since 1826. Today the Milano family carries on the proud tradition of fine dining.

In 2003 the Union Oyster House was designated a National Historic Landmark. This is a double designation. Not only is the Oyster House the oldest continually operating restaurant in the United States, it is also the earliest standing brick building in Boston's Georgian architecture.

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# ye olde UNION OYSTER HOUSE est. 1826



## *America's Oldest Restaurant*

*A National Historic Landmark  
On The Freedom Trail • A Block from Faneuil Hall  
41 Union Street • Boston, MA 02108  
(617) 227-2750*



## APPETIZERS

**MUSSELS • Basque Style**  
Steamed with Garlic and White Wine, Garlic Bread  
9.95

**STEAMERS • Natural Broth**  
for two (Market Price) for one (Market Price)

Shrimp Cocktail ..... 9.50

Fried Calamari ..... 8.95

### HOT OYSTER HOUSE SAMPLER

Appetizer for Two 17.95

Union Grilled Oysters Baked Stuffed Cherrystones Clams Casino  
Oysters Rockefeller Shrimp Scampi

## STEWES & CHOWDERS

*Our Fresh Shellfish is Always in Season, served with our own World Famous Cocktail Sauce*

	cup	bowl		
Oyster House Clam Chowder			*Blue Point Oysters (1/2 doz.)	9.95
A Boston Classic	3.95	4.95	*Cape Cod Cherrystones (1/2 doz.)	8.95
Fish Chowder	3.95	4.95	*Cape Cod Littlenecks (1/2 doz.)	8.95
Shrimp Bisque	4.95	5.95	Union Grilled Oysters	10.50
Soup of the Day	3.50	3.95	Oysters Rockefeller	10.50
Onion Soup Gratinée		4.95	Clams Casino	9.50
Crock of Oyster Stew		10.50	Baked Stuffed Cherrystones	9.50

\*COLD SEAFOOD SAMPLER - Shrimp, Oysters & Cherrystones ....9.95

## YE OLDE NEW ENGLAND FAVORITES

*Since 1826, our Seafood Selections have always been prepared and served with the same commitment to freshness and quality that has made Union Oyster House an American Dining Tradition ...*

### FRIED

FRESH BOSTON SCROD	16.95	NATIVE SWORDFISH	22.95
TENDER SWEET CLAMS	(Market Price)	FRESH FILET OF SOLE	17.95
SELECT OYSTERS	16.95	FRESH SEA SCALLOPS	18.95
FRESH SEA SCALLOPS	18.95	TENDER SHRIMP	19.95
BUTTERFLY SHRIMP	19.95	FRESH SALMON FILLET	18.95

CATCH OF THE DAY, please ask your server for todays fresh catch ..... (Market Price)

LOBSTER RAVIOLI, in lobster cream with white wine and fresh herbs  
APPETIZER ..... 10.95 ENTREE ..... 19.95

## THE LOBSTER POT

New England Hardshell Lobsters from our own pools  
LIVE LOBSTERS PREPARED BOILED OR BROILED

MEDIUM - (Market Price) LARGE - (Market Price) JUMBO - (Market Price)  
(1-1/4 - 1-1/2 lbs.) (2 lbs.) (3lb. - 4lb. - 5lb.)

### UNION SPECIAL LOBSTER

Baked Medium Lobster with New England Seafood Stuffing,  
Topped with its Claws Lazyman's Style  
(Market Price)

LAZY MAN'S LOBSTER, chunks of lobster meat baked with seasoned breadcrumbs, sherry wine, drawn butter served en casserole

LOBSTER SCAMPI, medium lobster sautéed in garlic butter, tomatoes, fresh herbs and white wine served on a bed of linguine

LOBSTER NEWBURG, generous portions of lobster meat simmered in a rich sherry sauce, served on a baked pastry shell with rice pilaf

AMERICAN BOUILLABAISSSE, lobster, steamers, mussels, shrimp, fish, littlenecks and scallops poached in a seasoned broth, served with garlic bread

LARGER LOBSTERS AVAILABLE WITH UNION SPECIAL,  
SHORE DINNER AND LOBSTER SCAMPI

ALL ENTREES SERVED WITH OUR SIGNATURE HOUSE BAKED CORN BREAD  
CHOICE OF POTATO OR RICE • A BASKET OF ROLLS AND BUTTER

\*The above items may be served raw, undercooked or cooked to order.

\*The Department of Public Health advises that eating raw or undercooked meat, poultry, eggs or seafood poses a health risk to everyone, but especially to the elderly, young children under age 4, pregnant women and other highly susceptible individuals with compromised immune systems. Thorough cooking of such animal foods reduces the risk of illness.

## OYSTER HOUSE SPECIALTIES

*Born almost two centuries ago, The Union Oyster House's Dining Tradition remains unchanged. We continue to serve hearty portions of exceptional New England Seafood in a warm, historic atmosphere. We take great pride in knowing that our tradition and reputation are written with the History of America.*

BROILED FRESH BOSTON SCROD, - A NEW ENGLAND TRADITION ..... 16.95  
a cut of fresh fillet of scrod topped with seasoned crumbs

BAKED STUFFED FILET OF SOLE, with a New England seafood stuffing, ..... 18.95  
finished with a white wine and fresh herb sauce

SHRIMP AND SCALLOPS STIR FRY, shrimp and scallops tossed with ..... 20.95  
seasonal vegetables, served on a bed of rice pilaf

SEAFOOD NEWBURG, lobster meat, tender shrimp and scallops in a ..... 21.95  
creamy sherry sauce, served on a baked pastry shell with rice pilaf

## SHORE DINNER

- A NEW ENGLAND FEAST -

Oyster House Clam Chowder • Steamers or Mussels

MEDIUM LIVE LOBSTER PREPARED BOILED OR BROILED

Served with Native Corn, Red Bliss Potatoes, Gingerbread or Indian Pudding  
(Market Price)

YE OLDE SEAFOOD PLATTER, deep fried shrimp, clams, scallops, ..... 21.95  
calamari, oysters and fillet of fish topped with onion rings

SAUTÉED SEAFOOD MEDLEY, shrimp, cherrystones, mussels, fish and ..... 19.95  
calamari sautéed in a spicy marinara sauce, served over linguine

SAUTÉED SHRIMP & BROCCOLI, shrimp and broccoli with diced tomatoes ..... 20.95  
sautéed in garlic and white wine butter, scampi style

BROILED SEAFOOD PLATTER, swordfish, salmon, scallops, scrod and ..... 22.95  
grilled shrimp, served with parsley new potatoes

PAN SEARED HADDOCK, with a toasty potato crust and seasonal vegetables, ..... 19.95  
served with parsley new potatoes

## MEAT AND POULTRY

*Our Meat and Poultry selections are prepared with the same detail to freshness and quality*

\*FILET MIGNON, 10 oz., roasted shallots, Béarnaise sauce ..... 26.95

\*BLACKENED CHICKEN BREAST, 10oz., CAJUN STYLE, ..... 16.95  
mashed potato and grilled vegetable

\*SIRLOIN STEAK CENTER CUT, 12 oz., with mushroom caps ..... 25.95

PAN SEARED STATLER BREAST OF CHICKEN, fresh vegetables ..... 15.95

\*PAN SEARED PORK CHOP, with mashed potatoes and grilled vegetables ..... 16.95

## COLD SALADS

Mixed Field Greens	4.95	Vegetable of the Day	3.95
Union Caesar Salad	4.95	Grilled Vegetable Medley - for two	6.95
Chilled Calamari Salad	9.95	Fresh Fried Onion Rings	3.95
Cold Lobster Salad Platter	20.95	Sautéed Seasonal Vegetables	3.95
Served on a toasted roll	17.95	Native Corn	2.95

## BOSTON BAKED BEANS

A House Specialty for Generations  
3.95

## FOR CHILDREN

(12 and under)

*Broiled Hamburger	6.95	Fried Chicken Tenders, cole slaw	7.50
Fried Fish Fillet, cole slaw	7.95	Spaghetti with Tomato Sauce	6.95
Grilled Hot Dog	4.95	Grilled Cheese Sandwich	4.95

Fried Clam Plate, cole slaw ..... 10.95

All Children's Entrees Served with French Fries

Please ask your server for a Union Oyster House Coloring Book

Many of our Entrees can be Prepared to Suit your Dietary Needs  
Please Inform your Server of your Request

\$2.00 Extra charge on Any Meal Served for Two - All Major Credit Cards Accepted \$10.00 Minimum

No Personal Checks Accepted - MA Tax on All Meals - We are Not Responsible for Lost Articles





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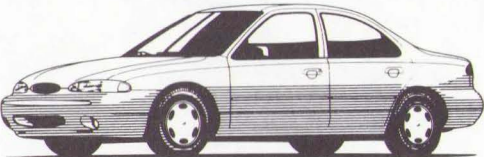
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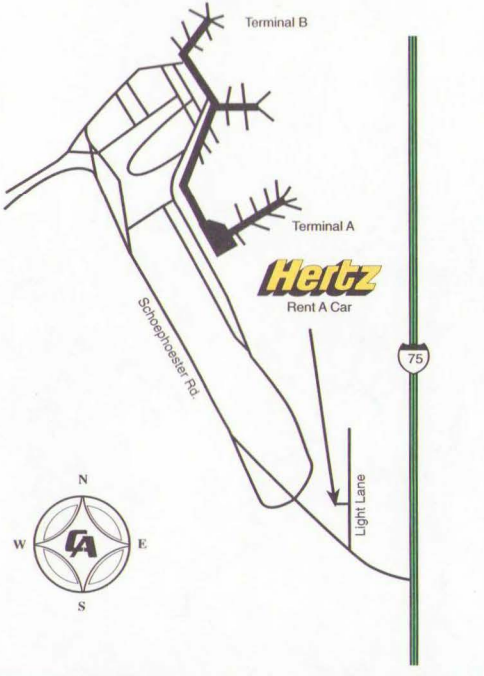




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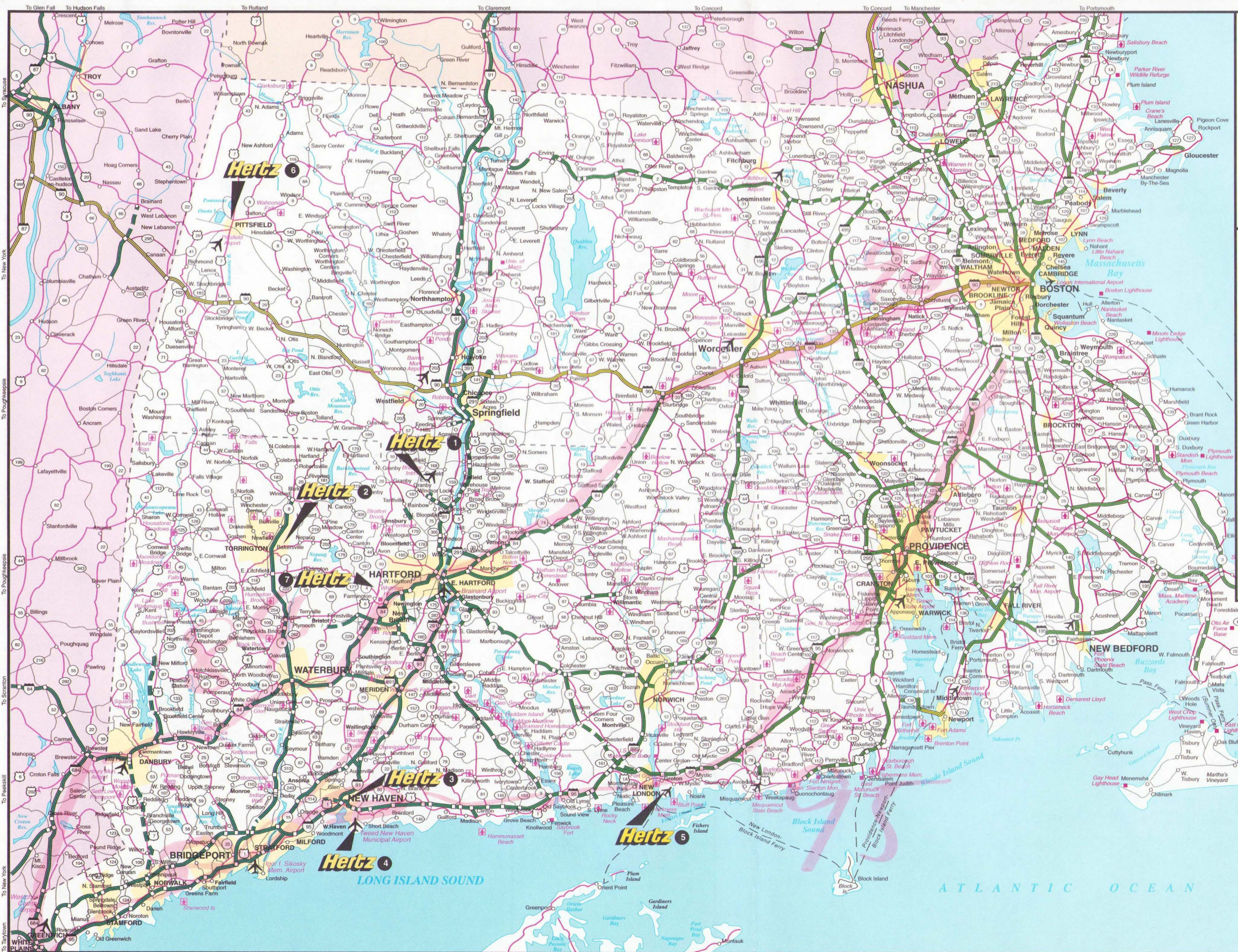
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