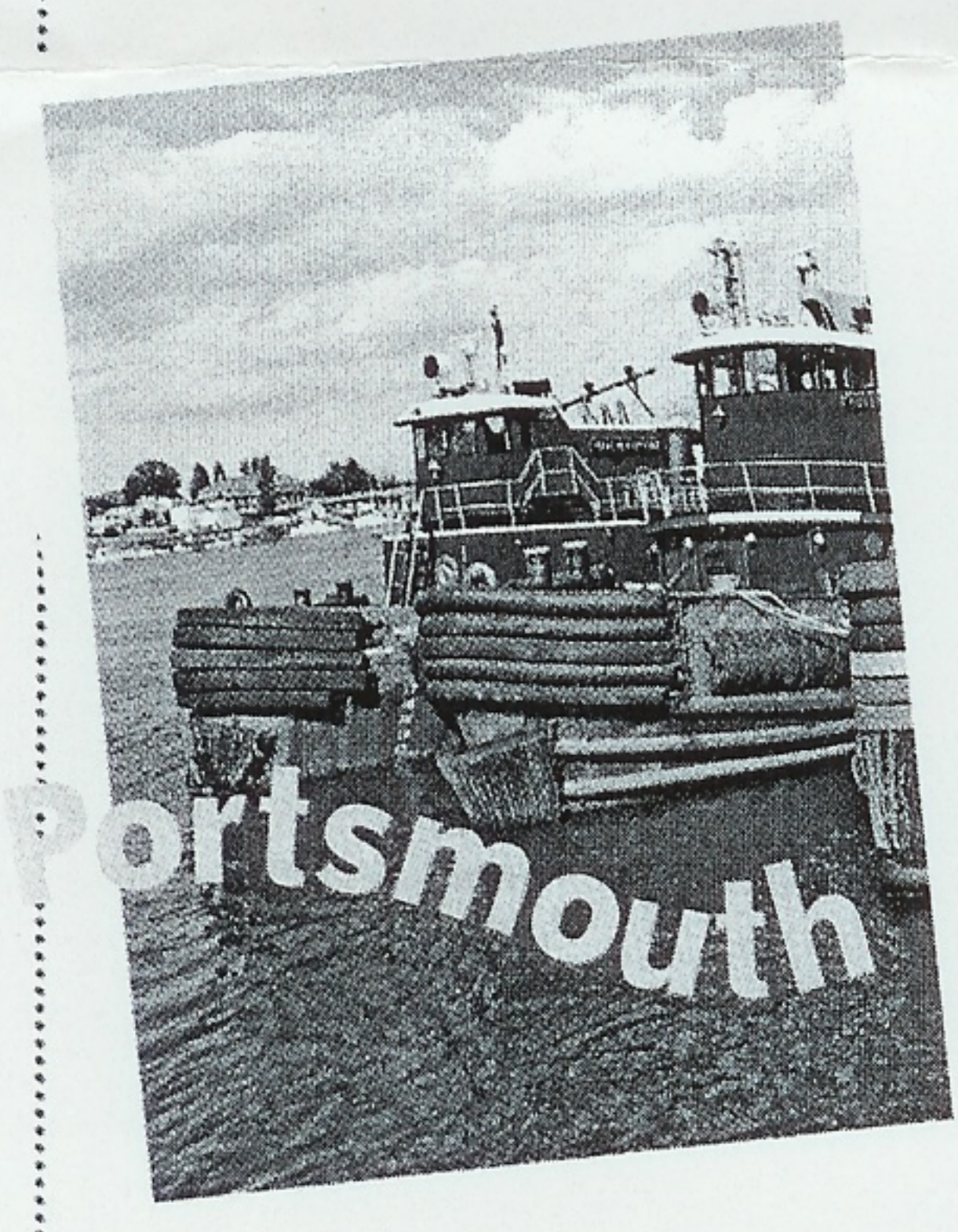
Seaside Sites: Portsmouth, NH

On New Hampshire's sliver of coastline, this seaport is one of New England's best getaways. We like that this pre-Revolutionary town, just an hour north of Boston, retains its historic soul: locally owned restaurants and shops line authentic brick streets; neighbors chat in waterfront parks; and visitors can still snag a last-minute table at most restaurants. A trip to Odiorne State Park to explore rocky tide pools and a retired tugboat is a must-do. So is catching a free outdoor concert at Prescott Park. *portsmouthchamber.org*

Lodging: Walk to downtown from the Hilton Garden Inn, with in-room microwaves and refrigerators. *hilton.com*

Best Season: June–September



top: Asheville's landscape makes for picture-perfect waterfalls center: tugboats still ply Portsmouth's harbor bottom: the world's tallest building is hard to miss in the Toronto skyline

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