Bay St Lawrence (MacDougall Pond)

CHS Chart No: 4363 – Cape Smoky to St Paul Island

Amenities: Dockage, launch ramp, water, fuel, restaurant (The Bay Cafe, 902-383-2472, http://thebaycafe.ca, located in Bay St Lawrence Community Centre, 0.5 mile from wharf, free WiFi, serving breakfast and lunch, July-Oct 8 am to 4 pm); Central Co-op Store, 902-383-2470, 1.15 miles from wharf, groceries, liquor. Credit Union, 902-383-2003, 1.0 mile.

Harbour Authority: (902) 383-2000

Description:
A small fishing community at the northern tip of Cape Breton Island, and a convenient stop over when rounding Cape North, which through some oversight has been omitted from the Sailing Directions. The harbour has been dredged to about 8 feet as shown, though further silting may occur, especially at the entrance. This is a small crowded fishing harbour; cruisers should not venture in here during lobster fishing season, except in an emergency.
Fees apply for dockage.

Lobster Season:
Second Saturday in May to the second Wednesday in July, but may vary (see website for latest info).

Navigation:
Tidal range on a 'Large tide' is about 5 feet. Use tidal predictions for Bay St Lawrence.

From the St Lawrence Bay light and whistle buoy, **VV** (4701.0/6028.4), moored 0.8 M off the entrance breakwaters, a course of 164T leads to the harbour entrance. Inside favour the eastern shore and stay close to the wharves to avoid the shallows just east of the inner wharves. There is only room for a boat to pass close to a berthed boat on the outer wharf, for this reason, do not raft up to a boat on that side of the wharf. The picture shows the harbour entrance from seaward.

Cruisers should berth at the floating dock past the wharves and at the end away from the fuelling area, unless directed otherwise.

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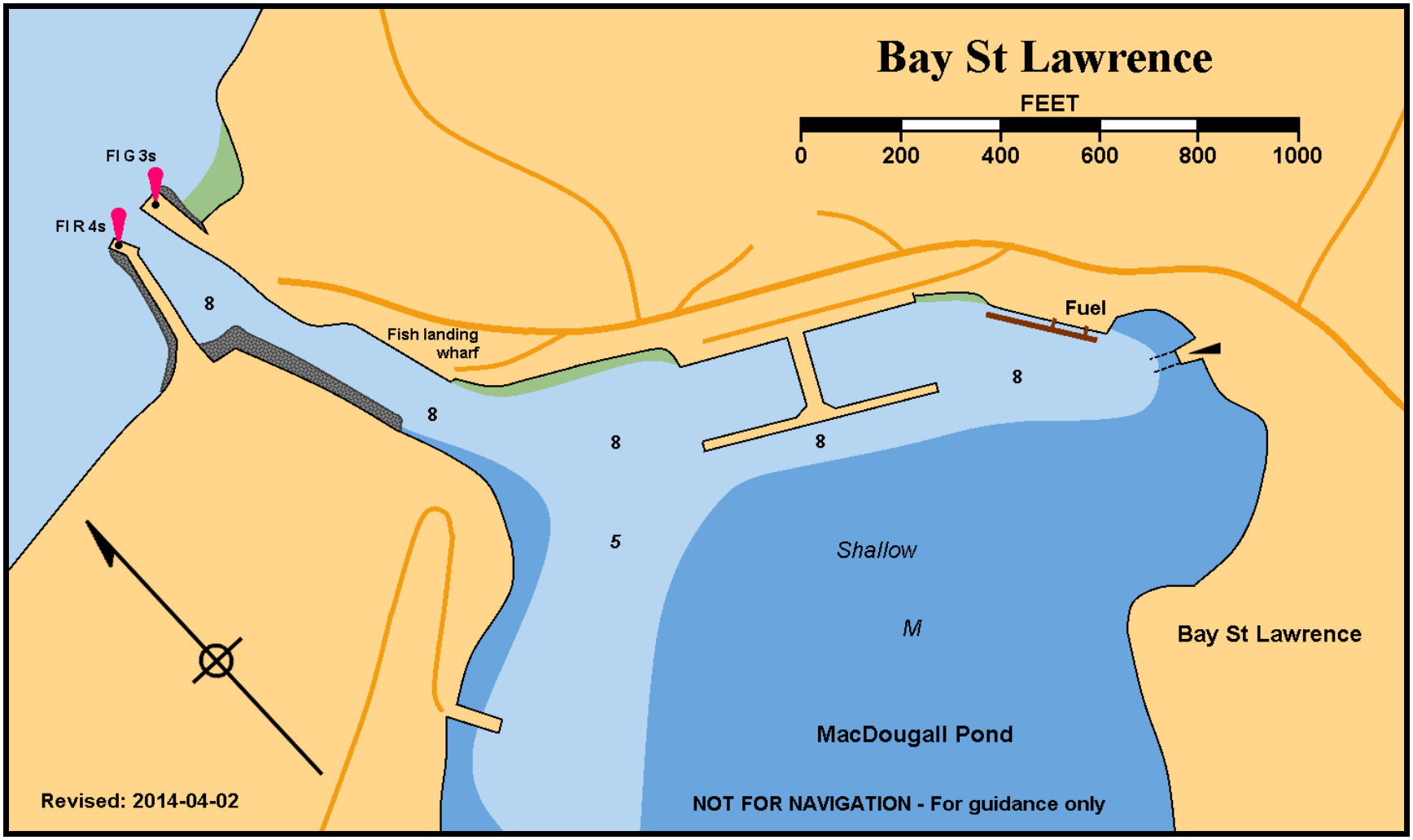
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