

Denys Basin

CHS Chart No: 4279 – Bras d'Or Lake

Amenities: none

Description:

Denys Basin is another 'yet-to-be-spoiled' area. Only a few houses line the shores of the basin and one can easily anchor out of their sight. The prominent church, shown on the CHS chart and referred to in older cruising guides, was removed in 2002 and now sits high atop the hill above Iona at the Highland Village Museum. Because of the vast area and shallowness of the water, the water here can become pleasantly warm in the summer and excellent for swimming.

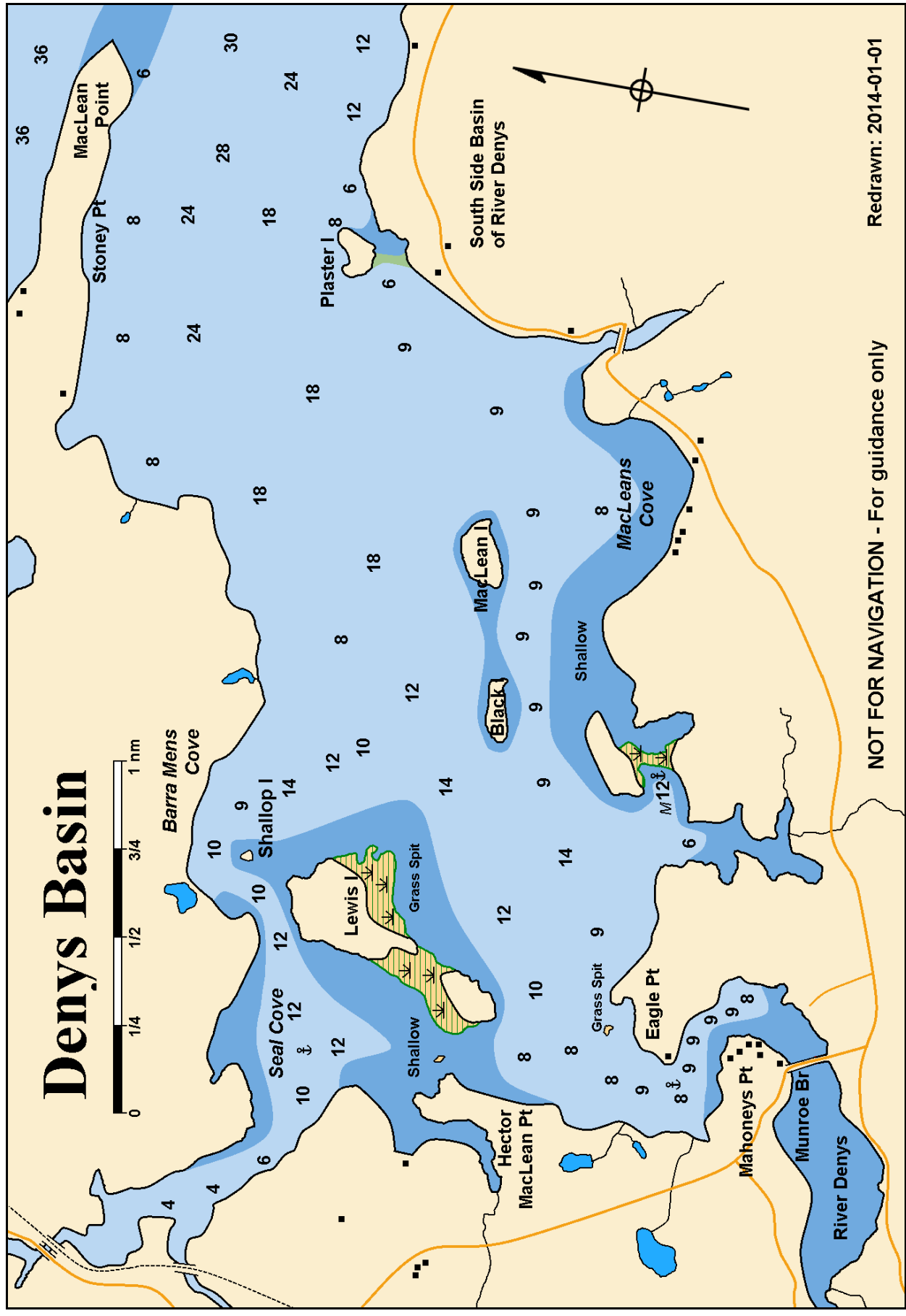
Navigation:

Although local cruisers sometimes take the passage between Boom Shoal and Boom Island, the safest route is to honour the green buoy, **C61**, before heading east into the basin. Be sure to give the red buoy, **C62**, a wide berth. Then head toward the radio mast on the side of the hill as you head westward, this should keep you in a channel carrying at least 12 feet until past Black Island, watching out for the grassy spit off Lewis Island.

The best anchorage is said to be in the mouth of River Denys, west of Eagle Point. Another fine anchorage is to the east of Eagle Point in the bay formed by a low marshy bar to the small island south of Black Island. Twelve feet carries well into this bay.

For Seal Cove, take the narrow, but easily navigated, channel around the north side of Lewis Island, favouring the north shore at the entrance to avoid the shoal off Shallop Island. Then maintain a mid-channel course.

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