

# Maskells Harbour & Gillis Point

**CHS Chart No:** 4278 – Great Bras d'Or & St Patricks Channel

**Amenities:** none

## **Description:**

Originally called Bouliceet Harbour, Maskells Harbour is surrounded by steep rolling hills and is almost landlocked by a sandbar stretching across the entrance. The unspoiled beauty makes it a popular sanctuary for boaters, and it is one of the most popular anchorages on the lakes system because of its proximity to Barra Strait and Baddeck, and its idyllic setting. The majority of the land fringing the harbour is privately owned and the owners have chosen to refrain from development of any kind and thus retain the natural beauty of the harbour, which should be an inspiration and incentive to all visitors to keep the harbour and shores clean.

Gillis Point lighthouse has been “discontinued” and although the structure of the lighthouse remains (2011) it no longer shows a light. The structure is obscured or partially obscured by trees from some directions.



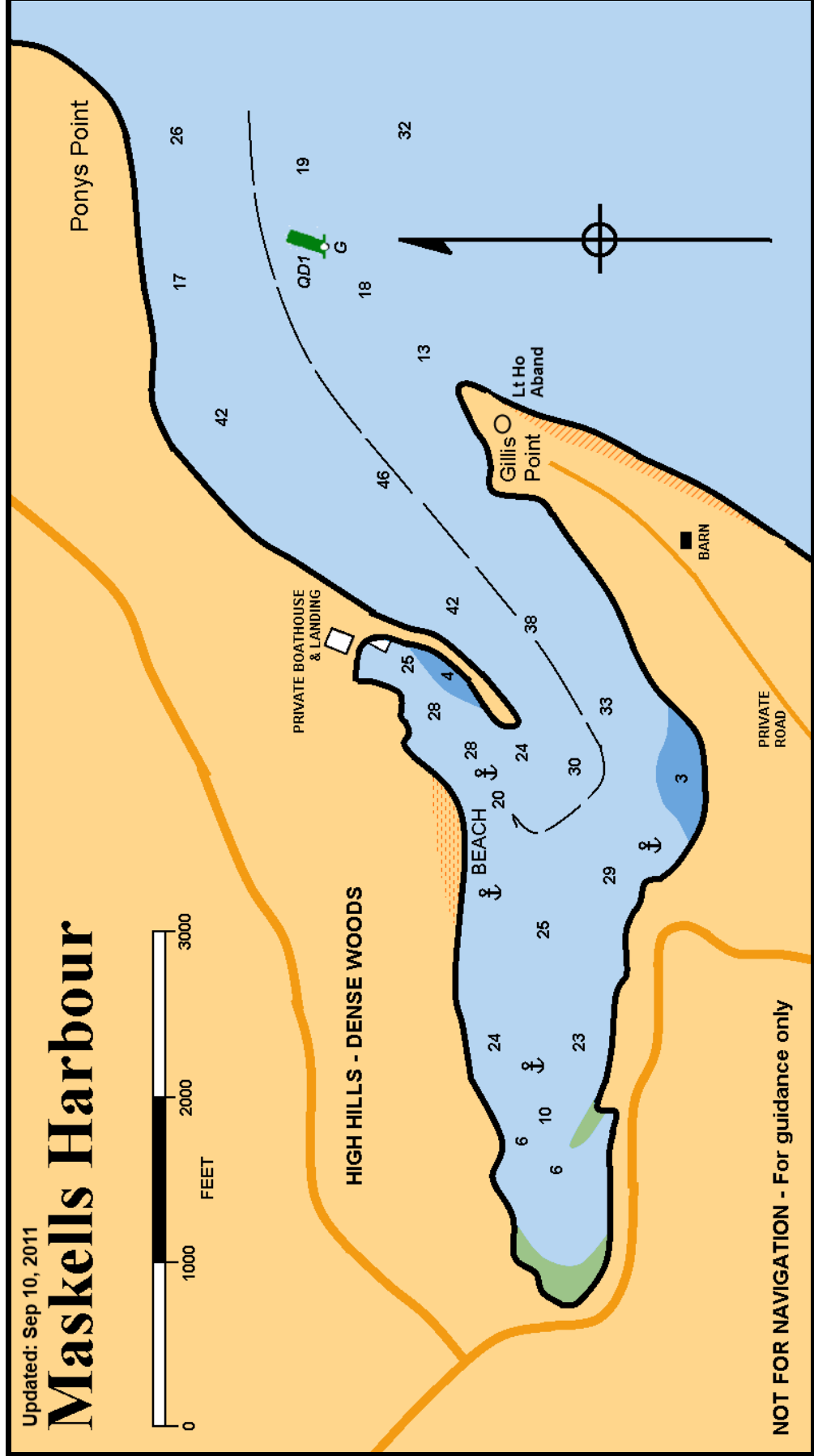
## **Navigation:**

The approach to Maskells Harbour is from the northeast, respecting the green buoy (QD1) placed almost midway between the headlands of Gillis Point and Ponys Point.

The water is deep well into the harbour, shoaling at the western end. It is inadvisable to round up too close behind the sand bar, as a mud-bank extends westward from the inside of the bar. The water is bold along the north shore and one can step ashore from the boat in several places.

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