

Petit-de-Grat Harbour

CHS Chart No: 4301 – Canso Harbour to Strait of Canso

Amenities: Dockage, Convenience store & Bakery (Corner Bridge Store 902-226-3225), Water, Gas & Diesel (1.8 km, 1.1 mile), Credit Union (Caisse Populaire) next to the church. There is an emergency medical clinic in Arichat.

Harbour Authority: 902-623-1670 or 902-226-0064 (C)

Description:

Petit-de-Grat [pronounced PET-ty-duh-GRAH] is a charming Acadian fishing community. The harbour at the head of Petit-de-Grat Inlet provides good shelter in Joe Bois Cove on the east side, or at the public wharf on the west side near the bridge, now protected by a recently constructed, large wharf/breakwater.

The inlet is littered with rocks and small islets. Anchoring is not recommended due to the rocky, weedy, foul bottom – berthing at the public wharf, on the Boudreauville side near the bridge is to be preferred as the small wharf in Joe Bois Cove is mainly used for landing fish. The berthing facilities have undergone significant upgrading in recent years.

Navigation:

Tidal range on a 'Large Tide' is 6.5 feet.

Entry to the inlet should not be attempted in strong southerly winds as the sea breaks across the harbour in the area of Mouse Island. There is no longer a light or foghorn on Mouse Island (the steel structure remains), but a lighted spar buoy, **CJ6** (QR), marks the dangerous rocky shoal extending from Mouse Island. Two ranges provide guidance into the harbour.

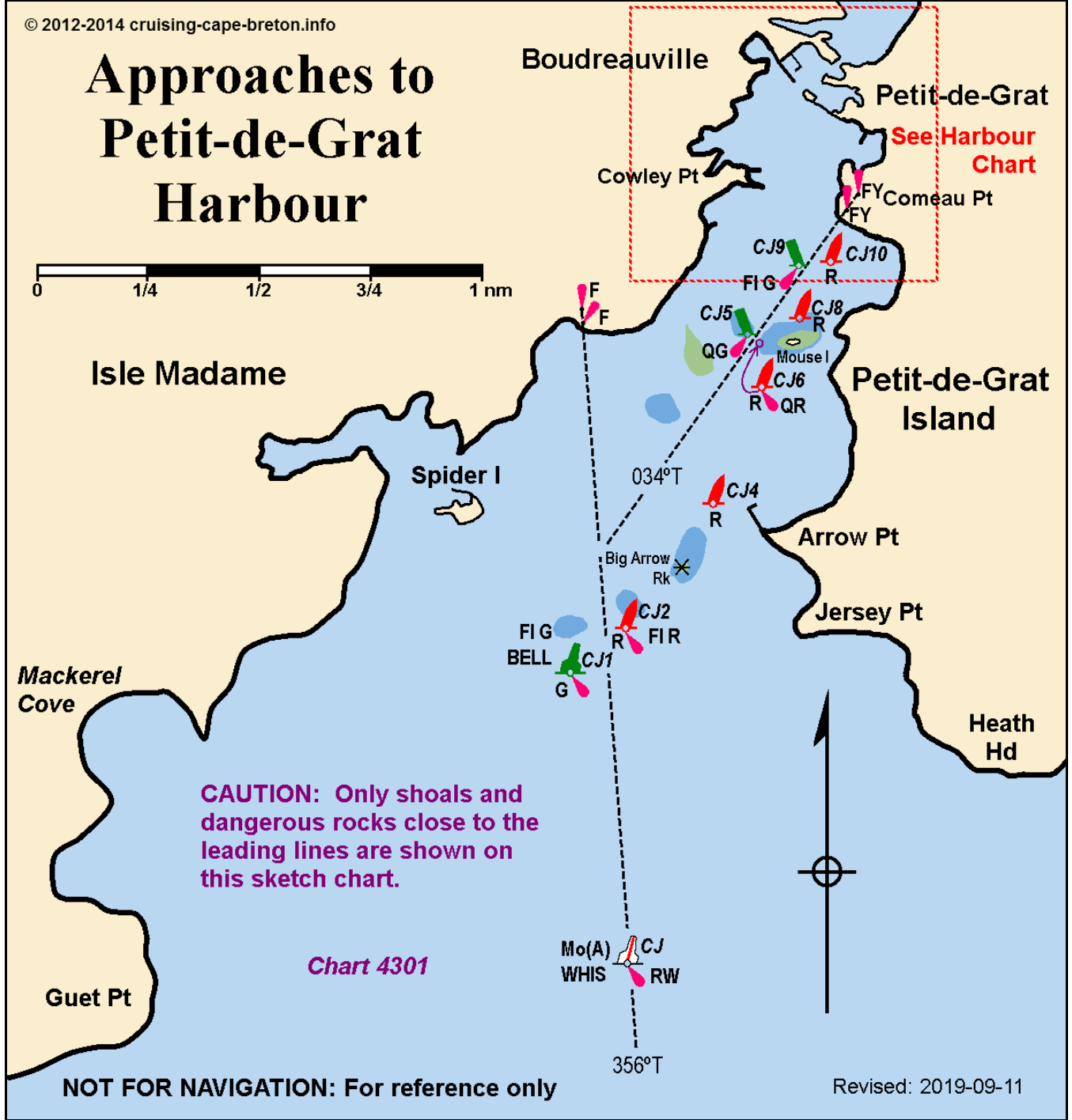
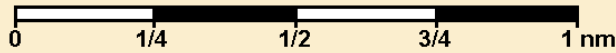
The Approaches sketch chart shows the navigation aids providing guidance into the harbour. Approach should be made from the fairway buoy **CJ** (4528.3/6058.3), which will bring one onto the outer range with fixed lights and white daymarks with vertical red stripes, bearing 356°T. The inner range, with fixed green lights and white daymarks with vertical red stripes shown from Comeau Point on the eastern shore of the inlet, bears 034°T.

After passing porthand buoy **CJ9** proceed northward toward the public wharf. The channel is well buoyed, as shown on the detailed Harbour sketch chart.

Power craft with an air draft of less than 11 feet proceeding to or from St Peters Bay can save some distance (~5 nm) by using the well-buoyed channel on the north side of the bridge to Bay of Rocks at Ranteleau Point. The current under the bridge is swift at certain stages of the tide.

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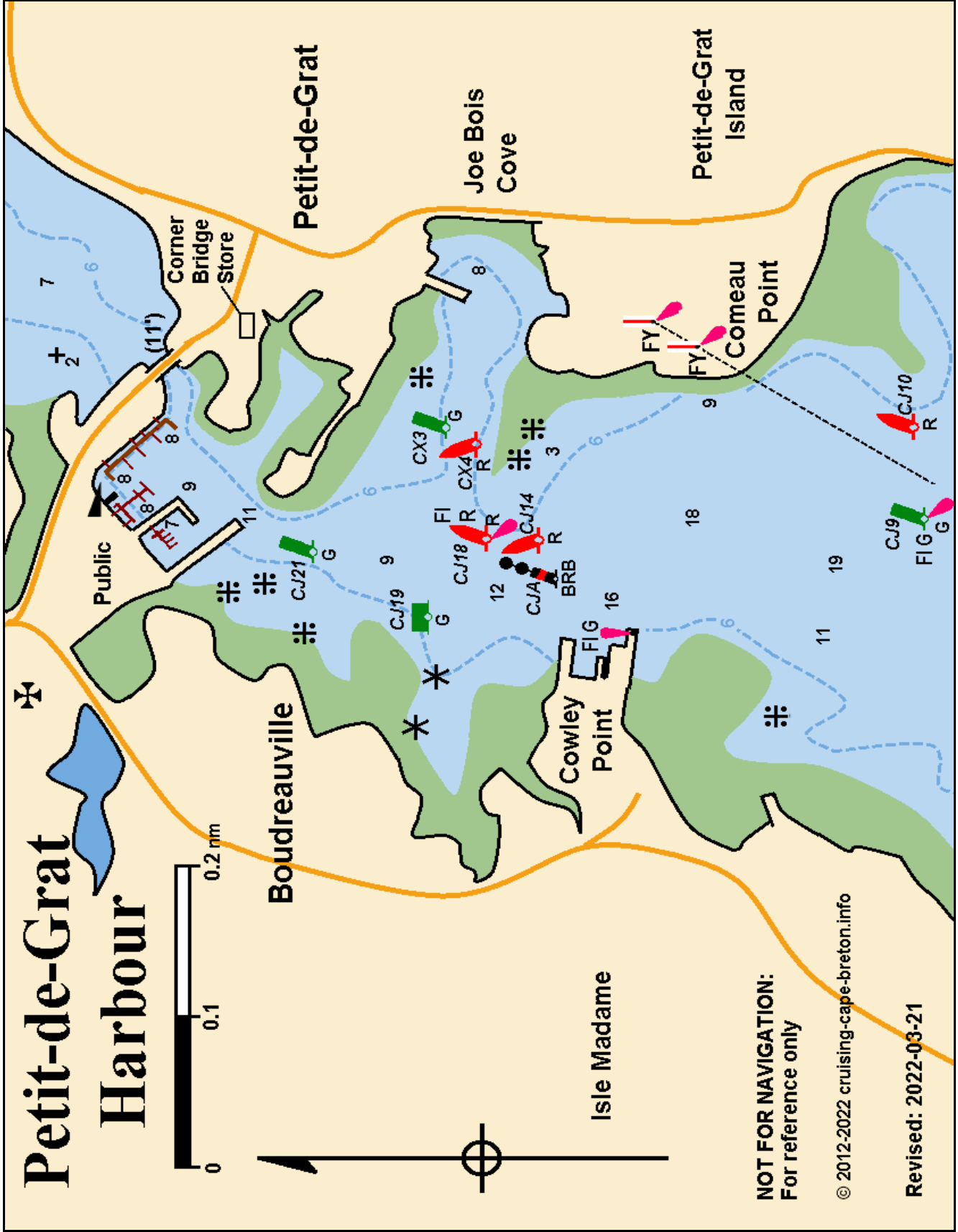
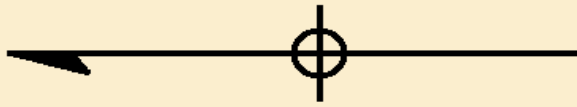
CAUTION: Only shoals and dangerous rocks close to the leading lines are shown on this sketch chart.

Chart 4301

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