

Ingonish Harbour

CHS Chart No: 4365 – Ingonish and Dingwall Harbours
4367 – Flint Island to Cape Smoky
4363 – Cape Smoky to St Paul Island

Amenities:

Ingonish Landing Marina; Knotty Pine Variety Store (Ingonish Ferry, 902-285-2058); Main Street Restaurant & Bakery (902-285-2225); Doucette's RiteSTOP Convenience (902-285-2861); Doucette's "Caper Gas" Service Station (902-285-2029) - gas, diesel, ice, propane filling; HomeHardware Store; beaches; Cape Breton Highlands National Park.

Description:

Ingonish Harbour provides good all round protection in a beautiful setting.

With depths of 50 to 60 feet, much of the harbour is a little deep for anchoring. Some cruisers anchor close to the sandbars just inside the entrance, but find themselves scrambling to weigh anchor in the teeth of a strong katabatic wind, which can arrive with little warning, threatening to drive them onto the sandbar. The most protected anchorage is in what is locally known as Dunphys Cove to the north of the entrance. There is just enough room for a couple of boats to raft up here, but it is a good place to ride out bad weather. The other preferred anchorage is at the head of the bay, where there is good holding in 15 to 20 feet, or close to the Ingonish Landing Marina in the protection of the point of land that juts out there. Depending on the weather, one may have to move anchor to get the best protection. A small floating dock at the fishing wharf at Ingonish Ferry to accommodate a couple of visiting boats

Update October 2015: The Ingonish Landing Marina is once again undergoing development under the auspices of the Ingonish Development Society. A small building has been erected and power restored to the site. Moorings have been established in an area off the face of the wharf, and other infrastructure improvements are under way.

Most amenities are located in Ingonish Beach. Easiest access is by taking the dinghy to the launch ramp on the east side of the entrance to Dunphys Cove, or, on a suitable tide, to the head of Dunphys Cove and climbing the embankment to the road, from where it is only 1 km (0.6 mi) to the village.

Navigation:

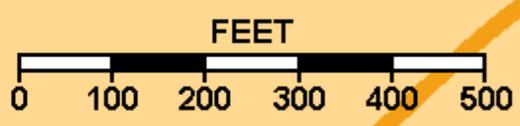
Tidal range on a 'Large tide' is about 4.4 feet. Suggest using tidal predictions for Table Head and add 15 minutes.

From the South Bay Ingonish light buoy **KM** (4638.0/6022.8), located one-third of a mile off the entrance, follow the buoyed channel. The entrance is very narrow, and the deepest water at the entrance is close to the sand bar, so favour the green side. Although about 16 feet deep, cruisers should avoid entering in strong easterly winds. Once through the sandbars the water deepens quickly.

A couple of sandbars guard the entrance to Dunphys Cove. Proceed close to the west shore until just past the old fish landing dock, then turn sharply east until close to the east shoreline, then stay close to the shore until past the large T-dock. The sandbars are usually staked by local boaters, but the colours of the attached ribbons may not follow IALA standards! A good lookout on the foredeck is essential.

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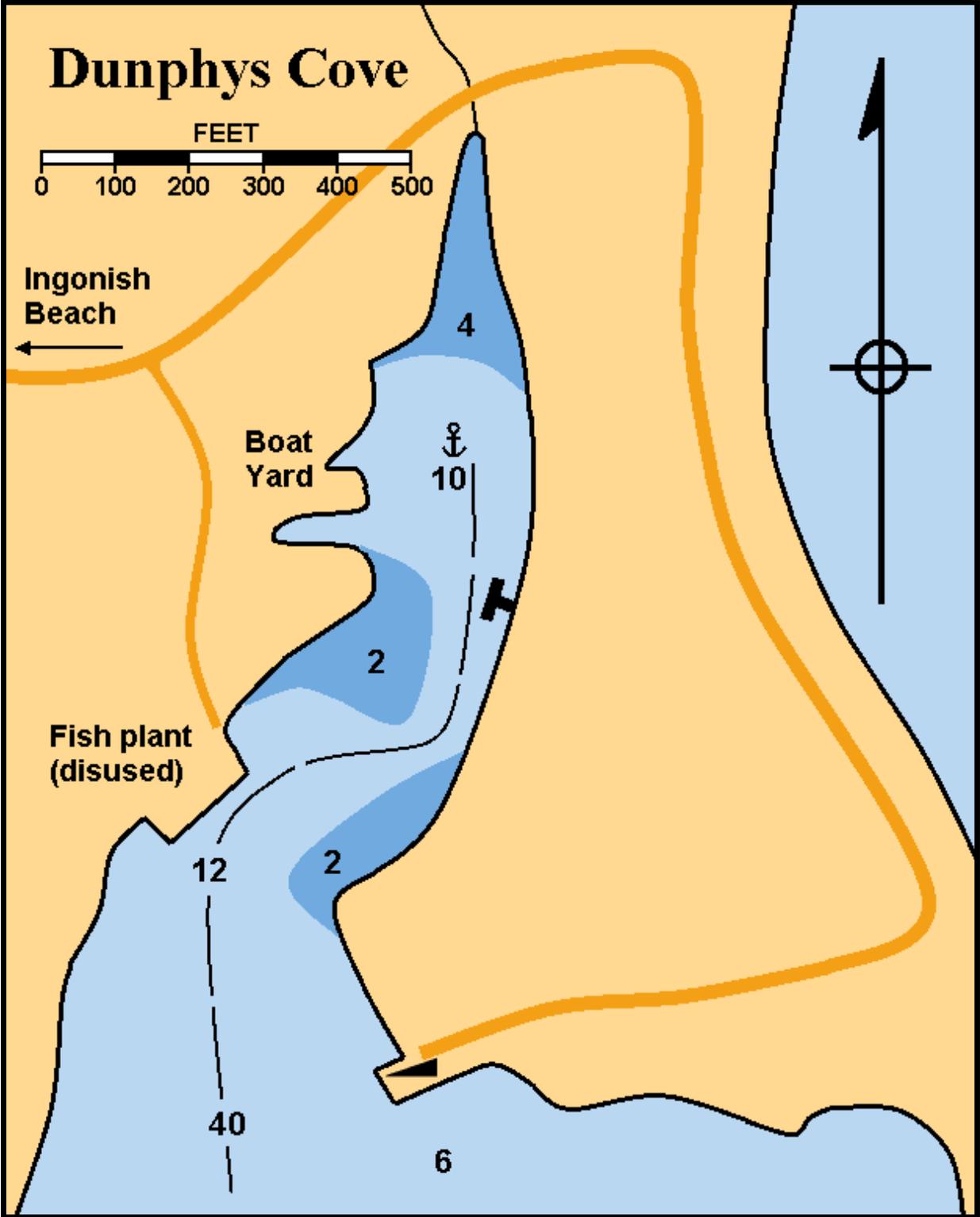
Dunphys Cove

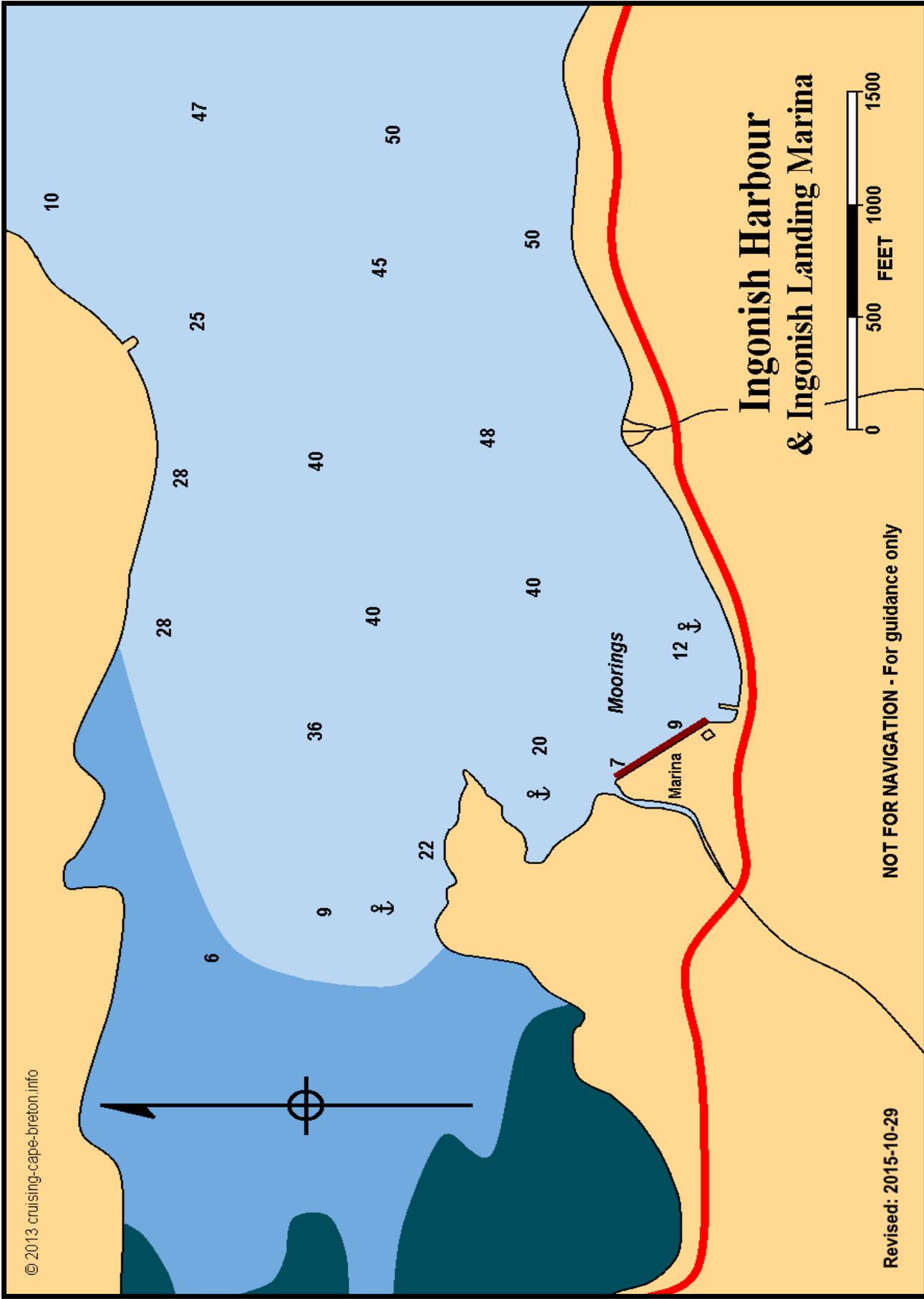


Ingonish Beach
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Boat Yard

Fish plant
(disused)





NOT FOR NAVIGATION - For guidance only

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