

Sydney Harbour

CHS Chart No: 4266 – Sydney Harbour
4367 – Flint Island to Cape Smoky

Amenities:

All amenities are available in the Sydney Harbour area.

Description:

Sydney harbour is large. For example, it is about 8 nm from Dobson YC to the open sea at Cranberry Point. Sydney harbour has three marina facilities and two small fishing harbours. The fishing harbours, South Bar and Ballast Grounds (North Sydney), are of little interest to cruisers. The marina facilities are at Northern YC, Dobson YC, and the Port of Sydney. Details of the marinas are available on the website and app. If anchoring in the harbour, avoid anchoring close to the ferry routes and cruise ship routes to the Sydney cruise ship berths. Cruise ships and cargo vessels frequently anchor between South Bar Light and the Sydney terminal. It should be noted that there are no sheltered coves within the harbour that provide all-round protection. With the long fetches, conditions can be uncomfortable in strong winds. Best shelter can be found at the head of South Arm and good shopping is close by. Balls Creek is an overnight anchorage popular with local boaters and provides good shelter in settled weather in winds from east through south to northwest. Noelle's Country Market with home-baked goodies and a gas station is located a short walk from the beach.

The Cape Breton Regional Municipality (CBRM) encompasses the former city of Sydney, and communities of North Sydney, Sydney Mines, Dominion, New Waterford, Louisbourg, and the Municipality of Cape Breton County (those areas of Cape Breton County excluded from those municipalities). It is the second largest municipality in Nova Scotia with a population of a little less than 100,000.

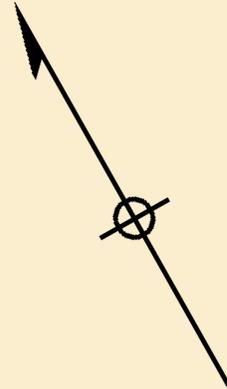
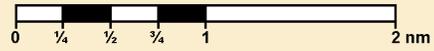
Navigation:

Navigation is straightforward. Chart 4266 provides excellent detailed information. Range lights provide guidance into the harbour. There are no buoys until past South Bar Light. From South Bar to Sydney buoys mark the deep water. The only real danger to small craft is the shoal southeast of South Bar.

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Cranberry Point

SYDNEY MINES

Ferry Terminal

NORTH SYDNEY

Ballast Grounds Harbour

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South Bar Harbour

Chart 4266



Northern YC

Northwest Arm

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South Arm

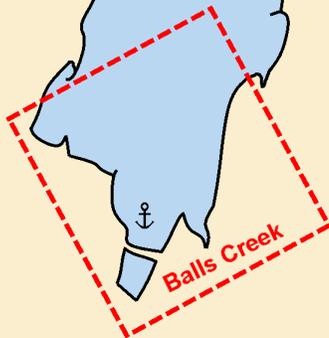
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Port of Sydney Marina

Cruise Ship Berths

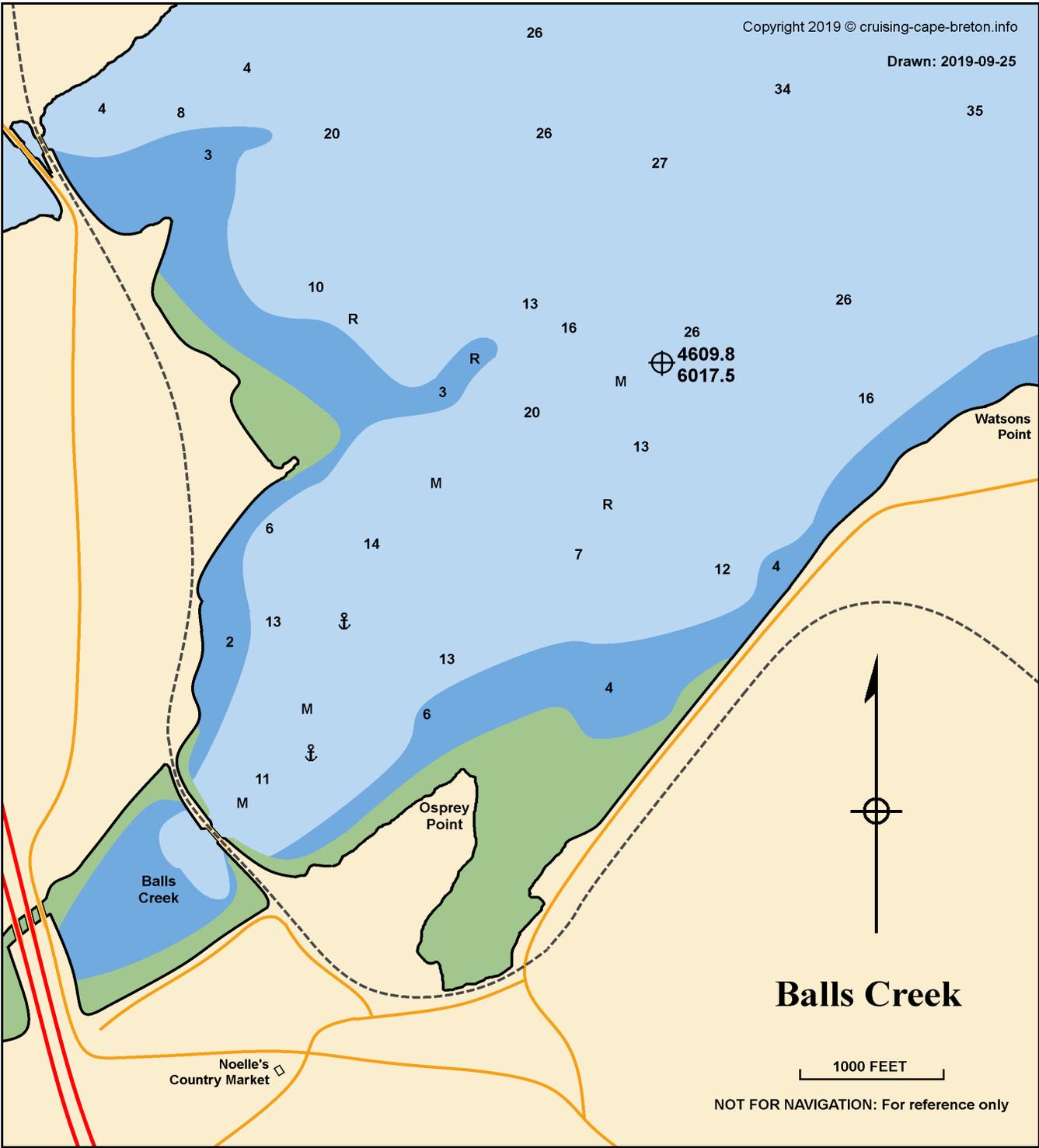


Dobson YC



Balls Creek

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1000 FEET

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