

Western Shore — Overview

CHS Chart Nos: 4448 – Port Hood and Mabou Harbour (& Havre Boucher)
4449 – Chéticamp, Grand Étang and Margaree Harbours
4462 – St Georges Bay
4463 – Chéticamp to Cape Mabou

CAUTION: These harbours generally have shallow entrances facing the sea and are unsafe or impossible to enter in strong onshore winds. Most need periodic dredging to keep them open. A single violent storm can radically change the depths on the approach. **Local knowledge is always advisable.** Chéticamp is the only harbour along this shore that can accommodate deep-draught vessels.

Tides: Tides along this coast are MSD (mixed, mainly semi-diurnal), with a marked diurnal component at times. It is highly recommended that a tidal prediction program, such as JTides (available on www.cruising-cape-breton.info) be used.

NOTE: Lobster boats using these harbours usually have a draught of 4 feet or less and a skeg that protects the rudder and propeller in the case of a grounding.

Only the harbours of Chéticamp and Mabou have space in which to anchor. During lobster season (generally May 1 to July 1, but may be changed depending ice/weather conditions) cruising craft should avoid the other harbours except in an emergency.

The names and spellings of the names of these harbours can be quite varied, depending on the source.

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COASTAL HARBOURS - The Western Shore

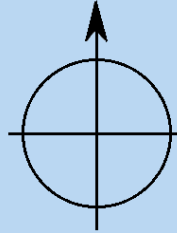
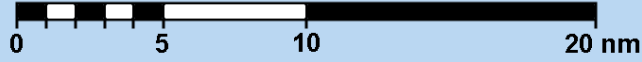


Chart 4463

Margaree I
(Sea Wolf I)

Northumberland
Strait

INVERNESS

FINLAY
POINT

MABOU

Mabou

MURPHYS
POND

Port Hood
Is

Henry Is

LITTLE JUDIQUE

MARYVILLE

Chart 4462

JUDIQUE
SOUTH

Lake
Ainslie

West
Bay

Havre
Boucher

Port
Hawkesbury

NOT FOR NAVIGATION:
For reference only

CHETICAMP

GRAND
ETANG

MARGAREE
HARBOUR