

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

This area is a work-in-progress. Only some of the charts have been completed, others are in progress.

CAUTION: These harbours generally have shallow entrances facing the sea and are dangerous 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 components 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 generally 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

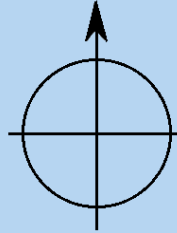
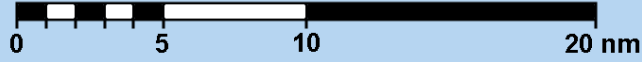


Chart 4463

Northumberland Strait

Margaree I

CHETICAMP

GRAND ETANG

MARGAREE HARBOUR

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

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