



HALIFAX Boaters Guide

Including Halifax Harbour,
Bedford Basin & Northwest Arm


Welcome to Halifax Harbour!

To aid you in your safe and enjoyable navigation of the Harbour, we invite you to review and keep the following information close at hand for ease of access.


When Boating in Halifax Harbour

- > VHF Channel 12 for Marine Traffic information and updates or call 902-426-9750
- > VHF Channel 68 to contact all Halifax Harbour yacht clubs and marinas, including the Halifax Waterfront
- > VHF Channel 16/9 should be monitored for your safety and that of others
- > Please be aware that use of an incinerator and pumping of black water or grey water is not permitted within the Halifax Harbour.


Buoy Markers

 Buoy Markers are an important aid to navigation helping you avoid low water areas. Refer to CHS Nautical Chart 4201 and 4202 for more information about hazards within the Halifax Harbour, Bedford Basin and Northwest Arm.

Maximum Speed Limit: 6 knots (11km/hr)

 There is a maximum speed limit of 6 knots (11km/hr) within 100 metres (328ft) of the Halifax Waterfront and throughout the Northwest Arm. Careless and/or unsafe use of a watercraft could lead to fines under the Small Vessel Regulations.

No Wake Zones


 As a boater, you are responsible for your wake. For everyone's enjoyment and safety, please respect the No Wake Zones as indicated on the map on the reverse. Even slower speeds may create a large wake and you may need to adjust your speed to less than 6 knots depending on your vessel.



Emergency Contacts

- > Coast Guard Emergency: VHF Channel 16
- > Dial 911 in case of emergencies
- > To report incidents on the water, call JRCC 1-800-565-1582
- > Non-emergency contact: 902-490-5020

Avoid Marine Industrial Activity

 Commercial shipping and industrial marine activity is an important aspect of life in Halifax. All harbour users are asked to stay a safe distance from all commercial (working) vessels including cargo and cruise ships, tugboats, pilotage boats, ferries, and all Government of Canada vessels including Royal Canadian Navy and Canadian Coast Guard.

DID YOU KNOW...

- > The Northwest Arm is an active boating area. Home to children's sailing schools, parks, yacht clubs, beach areas and a rowing club and is popular for swimming, paddle boarding and kayaking. There are also numerous private docks along the Northwest Arm.
- > Georges Island is a National Historic Site of Canada accessible only by boat. Recreational boaters are invited to use the docks for day berthage however the Island is accessible only during hours of operation. Park admission fees apply. Visit the Parks Canada website for details.
- > Boaters are invited to explore the trails of MacNabs Island Provincial Park located at the mouth of the harbour.

Other Helpful Information

- > Please refer to the map on the reverse for yacht clubs and marinas that look forward to welcoming you along with locations for fuel, pump out, public boat launches and docking. Many clubs and marinas offer water and power, along with day and overnight dockage, contact them directly for details.
- > Drone operators must comply with Transport Canada regulations. Much of the Halifax Harbour and area falls within the Shearwater Control Zone requiring approval prior to use.
- > For customs clearance and related information, contact Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) at 1-888-226-7277.

Bedford Basin Yacht Club
902.835.3729
bbyc.ca

BEDFORD

Bedford Basin

Dartmouth Yacht Club
902.468.6050
dartmouthyachtclub.ca

A. Murray MacKay Bridge

DARTMOUTH



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Angus L. Macdonald Bridge

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Halifax Waterfront Marina
902.229.2628
developns.ca/marinas/halifax-marina/

Armdale Yacht Club
902.476.2064
armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca

Royal Nova Scotia
Yacht Squadron
902.477.5653
rnsys.com

Point Pleasant Park

Northwest Arm

Halifax Harbour

Georges Island National Historic Site

Shearwater Yacht Club
902.469.8590
swyc.ca

MacNabs Island Provincial Park



500 m | 1 km
2000 ft

- Halifax Transit Ferry
- Marinas/Yacht Clubs
- Blue Flag Marina
- Fuel Stations
- Docking
- Pump Out Station
- Walking Trail
- Speed Limit 6 knots (11km/hr)
- Park/Beach Area
- Public Boat Launch
- Shallow Water
- No Wake Areas
- Commercial Areas

Welcome to Halifax!

Explore and enjoy our many museums, restaurants, shops, and more. Visit DiscoverHalifaxNS.com and NovaScotia.com/boating to plan your stay.

- > Halifax Traffic: VHF Channel 12
- > Coast Guard Emergency: VHF Channel 16
- > Emergency: 911



*This map should not be used as an aid to navigation, it is meant to orient you while enjoying boating in this area. Please refer to Navigation Chart 4201 and 4202 for navigational information.