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*In 1497,* AFTER 52 DAYS AT SEA,

Italian explorer John Cabot spotted the telltale signs of land – soaring gulls, marine mammals, and an altered horizon. Many historians believe he soon lay anchor off the coast of what is now known as Nova Scotia. Though a path to Asia still eluded him, he had discovered the New World.

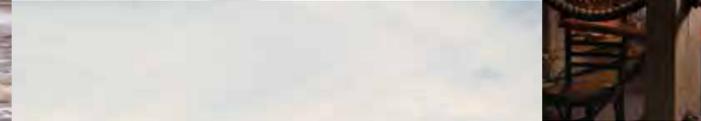
He and his crew came ashore to replenish their fresh water and food stocks.

They unfurled a British Royal Standard.

Then – perhaps finding no pubs, golf courses, or festivals – they set sail and steered a course for home.

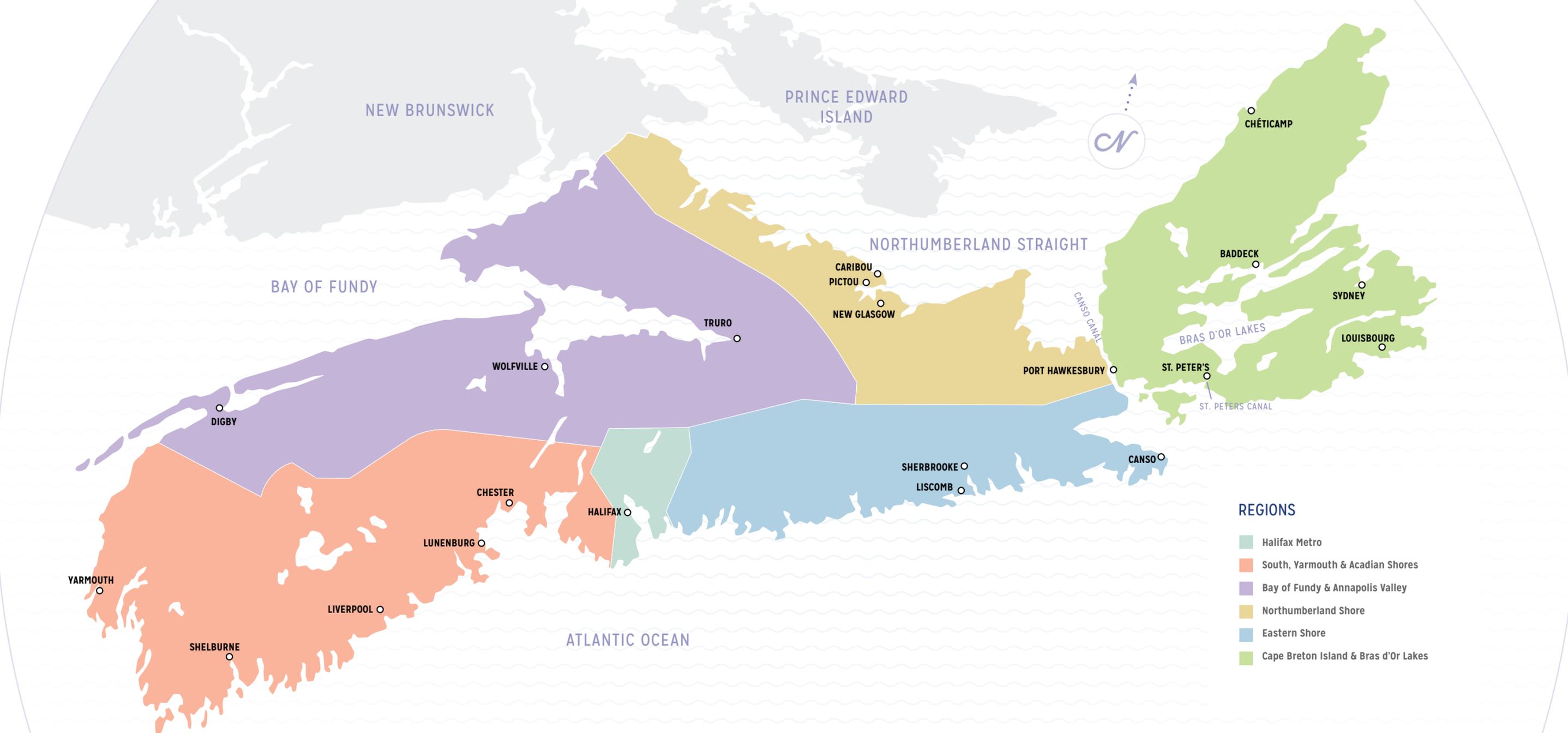
*Today's sailors tend to hang around a bit longer.*

If John Cabot arrived today, he'd have a much harder time leaving. Some of our most storied golf courses peer magnificently over the edge of the ocean. Thanks to the seas kissing our vineyards, our award-winning wines are the product of a terroir unlike anywhere else. And our luxurious seafood - served at refined urban bistros, quaint pubs, and waterfront huts on the dock - is on offer everywhere you travel. From the bustling modern port city of Halifax, to the living museums of fishing villages that dot the coastline, today's discriminating sailor and cruiser will find an experience as diverse as it is unique. Indulge in a Maritime experience that you will remember long after you sail away.



# Welcome to a multitude of cruising destinations in one stunning place.

The Canadian Maritime province of Nova Scotia is almost completely surrounded by water, but its diversity of experiences knows no bounds. Our magnificent coastline, dotted with endless inlets, coves, and harbours, stretches over 7,000 kilometres (more than 4,300 miles). The character of the landscape changes dramatically from end to end. Each unique region presents its own magic, its own experiences, its own allure. But no matter what parts of the province you explore, you'll experience the exact same sense of wonder.



- REGIONS**
- Halifax Metro
  - South, Yarmouth & Acadian Shores
  - Bay of Fundy & Annapolis Valley
  - Northumberland Shore
  - Eastern Shore
  - Cape Breton Island & Bras d'Or Lakes

## AS ACCESSIBLE AS IT IS WONDERFUL

They say to not judge a book by its cover. Depending on where you approach Nova Scotia, you'll meet a number of various landscapes - wild, rugged shoreline, urban boardwalk, white sand beaches, or calm harbours. But the province has just begun to give up its secrets. Depending on the size of your vessel, steer a course for - or launch your tender and explore - the numerous rivers that meander their way to sea. Use them to navigate inland, and discover access to many experiences that you'd never see coming from shore.

## HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This handbook presents the province of Nova Scotia to you as six distinct regions. Within each region's pages you will find key details to make the most of your nautical visit - including the must-see sights, most-loved local haunts, and marina services information. You'll also find yourself giving in to the charm of this magical place. The second section of this guide provides you with all the practical information you'll need to plan your trip - from customs, to marina, to environmental information.

THE EXPERIENCES YOU FIND ARE LIMITED ONLY BY THE DAYS YOU CAN FILL. Not sure where to start? Here are some ideas.

HALIFAX METRO

**DAY 1** Start your day in Nova Scotia's capital city with an organic coffee from Smiling Goat. Explore The Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. Watch the artisans work at Nova Scotian Crystal, right on the waterfront. Take in a brewery tour or three. Ride across the Harbour to Dartmouth to grab lunch. Check out Pier 21, Canada's version of Ellis Island. Take your tender or charter a ride to McNabs Island. While you're there, enjoy beaches, and a great view of the Halifax Harbour. Check out the Northwest Arm for a pleasant cruise among local yacht clubs and Point Pleasant Park. Hop on the Nova Scotia wine tour bus and sample some Annapolis Valley wines. Take a walking culinary tour through Halifax with Local Tasting Tours. Check out Peggy's Cove, one of the most photographed tourist attractions in all of Canada.

CAPE BRETON ISLAND & BRAS D'OR LAKES

**DAY 1** Of two entries to the Bras d'Or Lakes, we recommend the historic one through the St. Peter's Canal. Stop frequently to enjoy the views. **DAY 2** Drive the Cabot Trail, hailed as one of North America's most scenic highways. Stop in Glenville at the Glenora Inn & Distillery. (think Scotch!) **DAY 3** Golf, golf, golf. Among others, Cape Breton is home to Cabot Links, the country's only Links course. Go salmon fishing on the Margaree River for the day. When the sun goes down, ask the locals where they go to check out some music. **DAY 4** Depart the lake from the north, set your course to starboard and you're Sydney bound. Sydney is the city on the island and offers many of the same luxuries as Halifax.

SOUTH, YARMOUTH & ACADIAN SHORES

**DAY 1** Step foot on land and spend the day exploring downtown Yarmouth. Pop into galleries, folk art stores, and specialty shops galore. Hungry? Try Rudder's Seafood Restaurant (don't forget some hand-crafted ale). **DAY 2** Take the boat to Shelburne and soak up the local boat-building culture. Listen to the fishermen tell their tales on the docks. Visit the historic racing schooner *Bluenose II* on the Lunenburg waterfront. Explore the caves of Ovens Natural Park. Take a drive through Mahone Bay and find the best angle for a photo of the three churches. Stop in picturesque Chester. (Depending on your vessel, you may need to tender in to shore.) Explore the town and you'll see why it doubles in population during summer.

EASTERN SHORE

**DAY 1** Adventure seeker? Grab your surfboard and head to Lawrencetown Beach (or rent one there). If you're a diver, head to Guysborough County where there is said to be 500 shipwrecks. See the endangered Piping Plover. Martinique Beach is a protected nesting ground. **DAY 2** Take your boat down the Liscomb River to visit the Liscombe Lodge (they have a marina). Take advantage of the hiking trails or just find a cozy seat by the river with a good book. Be sure to visit the lodge's dining room for an incredible meal with an incredible view. Spend the night at the lodge or on your boat in the marina.

BAY OF FUNDY & ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

**DAY 1** You're in for a treat once you get on land in beautiful Digby. Play the challenging Stanley Thompson-designed Digby Pines golf course. Enjoy a mound of famous and fresh Digby scallops, right on the waterfront. Get up early and explore the town of Digby. Head to a local beach, and roll up your sleeves for a clam dig! Take what you dig up back to your boat and enjoy the fruits of your labour. **DAY 2** Experience the tides of the Bay of Fundy - the highest and lowest on earth. Go tidal bore rafting on the Shubenacadie River. Hike Cape Split and take in some breathtaking views.

NORTHUMBERLAND SHORE

**DAY 1** Anchor off Melmerby Beach and tender ashore to one of the province's most popular beaches. Cruise through the Canso Canal locks and round Cape George for the warm waters of the Northumberland Strait. **DAY 2** Venture over to Pictou Island for beaches by day and a spectacular sunset by night. Visit the birthplace of New Scotland, Pictou, where Scottish settlers first landed in 1773 aboard *Hector*. See the *Hector* replica at the Hector Quay Interpretive Centre. Kick back and relax with the present-day townsfolk at a local pub. **DAY 3** Enjoy a day of world-class golf, luxurious spa treatments, and a round of skeet shooting. Cruise into Fox Harb'r Resort and Marina. Drive or bike the Sunrise Trail. Wind through villages with antique shops and rolling coastal farms. Finish up at Jost Vineyard, one of the province's signature wineries. Explore rivers and lagoons by jet-ski, break out the water-skis, or unload your small sailing dingy. Finish the day with a bonfire on the beach while stargazing into the night.



# HALIFAX METRO

CITY ON THE SEA

*Step off your vessel, and step into the energy of a vibrant port city.*

Few other cities get you closer to the action than this. When you dock in Halifax, you dock literally seconds from fine dining, pubs, museums, cafés, shopping, gardens, galleries, and more. Our historic waterfront is anchored by one of the world's longest urban boardwalks. Its 4 kilometres (2.5 miles) spans the entire length of downtown, so all the luxuries, indulgences, and charms of the city are at your feet. Ready to explore?

With a population of nearly 400,000, Halifax is the largest city in Atlantic Canada, and it deftly marries rich history with vibrant culture to surround visitors with the best of old and new. You could call it the quintessential east coast destination - with an unusual amount of flair and sophistication. What are you in the mood for? A funky bistro with a world-renowned chef? A local microbrew pub in a restored centuries-old building? A simple stroll through historic streets, past charming shops, and lovingly-restored architecture? In Halifax, your days and nights are as contemplative or energetic as you desire.

Time and again, visitors remark on Halifax's welcoming and friendly nature. We welcome you to experience it all for yourself.

# INCREDIBLE FINDS

## CAN'T-MISS HALIFAX EXPERIENCES

Every city seems to be defined by a certain handful of marquee experiences. The essence of Halifax might be best summed up by the following destinations – especially if you're short on time. We recommend you try to give yourself a few days to hit them all.



### Halifax's downtown waterfront boardwalk

Hugging the harbour for 10 city blocks from Pier 21 to Casino Nova Scotia, the boardwalk follows the water's edge past shops, restaurants, attractions, and the Historic Properties district.



### Nova Scotian Crystal

Experience the craftsmanship of Canada's only mouth-blown, hand-cut crystal maker, right on the Halifax waterfront.



### Alexander Keith's Nova Scotia Brewery

Explore one of the oldest working breweries in North America with costumed guides leading the way.



### Maritime Museum of the Atlantic

Immerse yourself in Nova Scotia's rich maritime heritage, with captivating highlights including exhibits on the Halifax Explosion, *RMS Titanic*, and *CSS Acadia*.



### Halifax Citadel National Historic Site

Home to the 78th Highland Regiment, Halifax's star-shaped fortress has stood watch over the city since the mid-1800s and features a stunning view of the Harbour and city below.



### "Bikes & Bites" Tour

You can enjoy two of Halifax's most popular tours combined into one! I Heart Bikes and Local Tasting Tours will guide you on a two-wheeled, two-heeled adventure throughout the city where you can enjoy the sights and tastes of Halifax.



### Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21

Originally opened as a National Historic Site in 1999, the former immigration shed on the Halifax waterfront welcomed one million immigrants between 1928 and 1971.

## MARQUEE EVENTS TO CHECK OUT

### RBC Nova Scotia Multicultural Festival

Halifax · June · [multifest.ca](http://multifest.ca)

### Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo

Halifax · July · [nstattoo.ca](http://nstattoo.ca)

### TD Halifax Jazz Festival

Halifax · July · [halifaxjazzfestival.ca](http://halifaxjazzfestival.ca)

### Halifax Pride Week

Halifax · July · [halifaxpride.com](http://halifaxpride.com)

### Marblehead to Halifax

Halifax · July 2015 · [marbleheadtohalifax.com](http://marbleheadtohalifax.com)

### The Route Halifax - Saint-Pierre

Halifax · July · [routehalifaxsaintpierre.com](http://routehalifaxsaintpierre.com)

### Halifax International Busker Festival

Halifax · August · [buskers.ca](http://buskers.ca)

### Atlantic Film Festival

Halifax · September · [atlanticfilm.com](http://atlanticfilm.com)

### Nocturne: Art at Night

Halifax/Dartmouth · October · [nocturnehalifax.ca](http://nocturnehalifax.ca)

### FOR A FULL LIST, VISIT

[novascotia.com/events](http://novascotia.com/events)

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### Glen Arbour Golf Course

Hammonds Plains · [glenarbour.com](http://glenarbour.com)

### Lost Creek Golf Club

Beaver Bank · [lostcreek.ca/course](http://lostcreek.ca/course)

### Grandview Golf and Country Club

Dartmouth · [eaglequestgolf.com](http://eaglequestgolf.com)

### The Links at Montague

Dartmouth · [thelinksatmontague.com](http://thelinksatmontague.com)

### FOR MORE GOLF COURSES, SEE

[novascotia.com/golf](http://novascotia.com/golf)

## GO WHERE THE LOCALS GO

Some of the most richly rewarding – and unique – experiences aren't as obvious as a museum or a gallery. Feel free to stop a friendly local to chat about what they love best about their city. They'll probably bring up at least a few of the destinations below.



### Surfing

Lawrencetown and Martinique Beaches have earned a reputation for world-class surfing year-round.



### Urban restaurants and pubs

Downtown Halifax is bursting with more dining options than a city this size "should" have. Thai, Italian, Mediterranean, and Canadian delicacies as a sampling; modern bistros; cozy beer and wine bars; authentic Scottish pubs; all are a short walk away.



### McNabs Island

A large island at the mouth of Halifax Harbour, McNabs is a wonderful, secluded escape with trails, a beautiful beach, and historic forts. Since public access is limited, it's a true getaway from the urban city.



### Halifax Public Gardens

Designated a National Historic Site of Canada, these formal Victorian gardens filled with winding pathways, fountains, and flowerbeds, create a 17-acre oasis in the heart of the city.



### Stunning parks

The "city of trees", as Halifax is affectionately known, is unsurprisingly a paradise of parks. Point Pleasant, at the southern tip of the city's peninsula, is the largest. But Fleming Park and Dingle Tower (on the west side of the Northwest Arm) are also popular destinations.



### Art Gallery of Nova Scotia (to start...)

From folk art to contemporary works, Atlantic Canada's largest collection of regional, Canadian, and international art resides in a historic downtown building dating from the 1860s. Smaller galleries you should hit include Page and Strange, Anna Leonowens, and Zwickers.



### The Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market

The oldest continuously running farmers' market in North America is a feast of local foods, crafts, and culture. Locals' tip: on Sunday afternoons, salsa fans gather on the rooftop for salsa lessons and social dancing.



### Alderney Landing Theatre

Where the continent's oldest continuously operating saltwater ferry service docks in Dartmouth you'll find shops and restaurants, a library, and this wonderful community theatre. Take in a show along with an incredible view.



### Oh, and don't forget...

Spring Garden Road is the city's top shopping spot and the most walked street east of Montreal; the Dartmouth Harbourwalk, hugging the Dartmouth waterfront, features an incredible view of the Halifax skyline; and Downtown Dartmouth's Portland St and Wentworth St are newly energized urban strips quickly becoming destinations in and of themselves.

## WHO KNEW?

**National Geographic:** Canada's Places of a Lifetime

**Vacay.ca:** 2014's Best Places to Travel in Canada

**Reader's Digest:** 10 Most Romantic Places in Canada

**HuffingtonPost.com:** Best Beaches in Canada

**ReadersDigest.com:** Top 10 Greatest Canadian Road Trips

**MSN.ca:** Top 10 Public Gardens in Canada

**edge on the Net:** 2014's Top Lesbian Travel Destinations

## Marinas at your service in this area

**Halifax Waterfront Marina:** Halifax, NS 902-229-2628

**Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron:** Halifax, NS 902-477-5653

For complete marina listings see page 40.

## Shipyards and maintenance services

**CME Marine** [cmelimited.com](http://cmelimited.com)

For complete shipyard and maintenance services see page 37.

## Chart references for Halifax area

4320 - Egg Island to West Ironbound Island

4385 - Chebucto Head to Betty Island

4237 - Approaches to Halifax Harbour

4201 - Halifax Harbour to Bedford Basin

4203 - Black Point to Point Pleasant

4202 - Point Pleasant to Bedford Basin

4386 - Tantallon, St. Margaret's Bay

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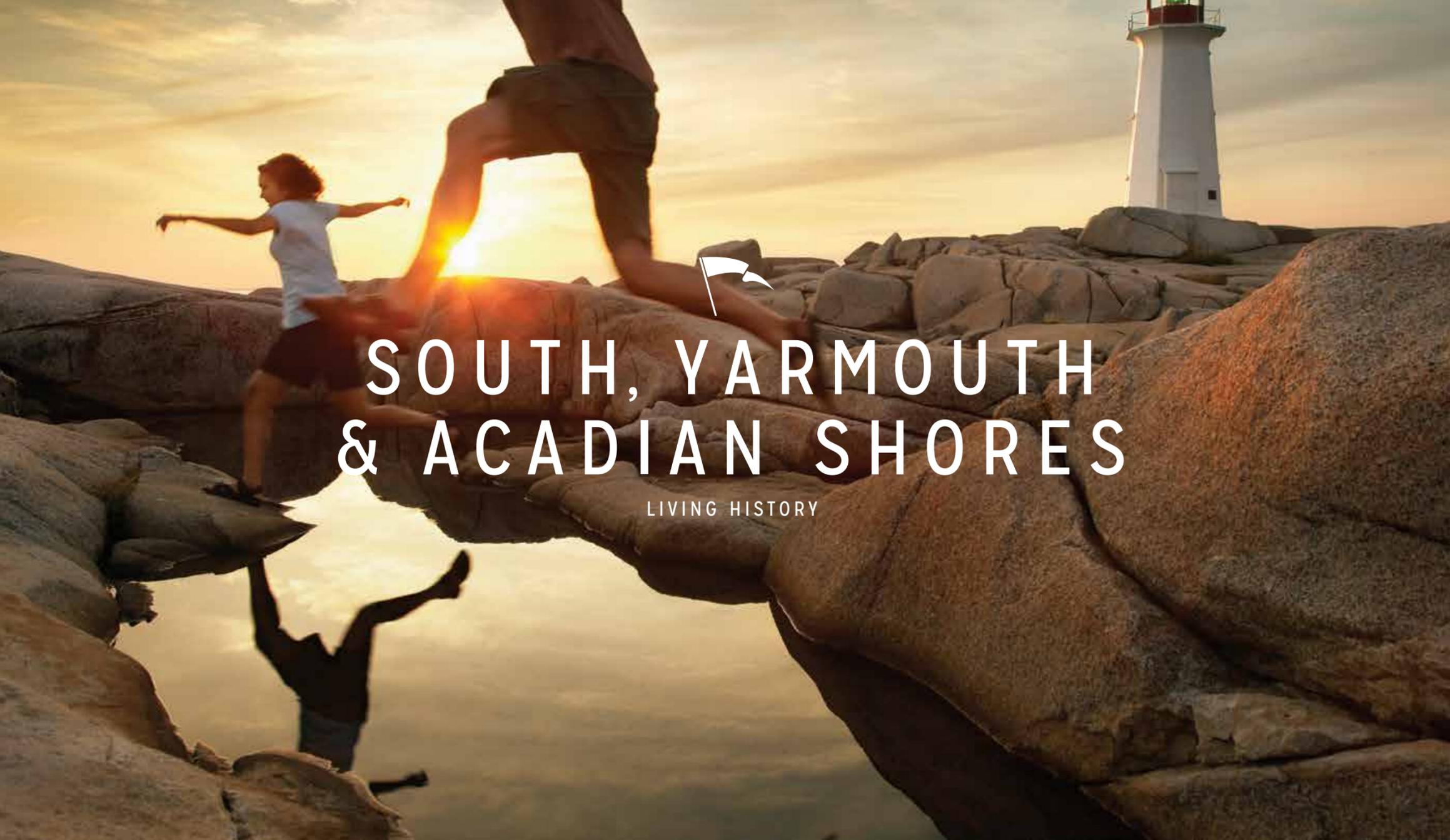
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# SOUTH, YARMOUTH & ACADIAN SHORES

LIVING HISTORY

*An inviting culture born of fishing,  
shipbuilding, and simply enjoying life.*

Amongst more than 25 lighthouses that dot the landscape of this romantic, authentic coastal region, you'll find friendly communities literally built on, and shaped by, the sea. Here, secluded coves, cozy beaches, and inland forest are the counterpoint to colourful towns that tempt the visitor with a unique mix of historic flavour and modern indulgence.

Discover scenic shipbuilding towns like vibrant Lunenburg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, home to the famous *Bluenose* schooner, incredible contemporary dining, and fascinating galleries. Shelburne honours its boat-building past by crafting dories as they have since 1820. The waters of Mahone Bay feature gorgeous islands to explore. And Yarmouth flaunts hundreds of sea captain homes built in the late 19th century that stand as reminders of the wealth the ocean has long brought this captivating place.

The sea kayaking, surfing, diving, biking, and hiking of this region's breathtaking wilds will tempt you as much as the craft beers, culinary offers, galleries, festivals, and theatres of the villages.

This is a place defined by open doors and friendly welcomes. Where writers and painters still come to be inspired, you too may be inspired - to stay awhile.



# INCREDIBLE FINDS

## CAN'T-MISS SOUTH, YARMOUTH, AND ACADIAN SHORE EXPERIENCES

Some things end up on postcards for a reason. These are the things that define the region – and you can't say you've truly experienced the area if you haven't had a taste.



### Ovens Natural Park

Explore these famous sea caves from above by hiking the spectacular coastal cliffs or from below from an hour-long boat tour.



### Immerse yourself in Acadian culture

At Rendez-vous de la Baie Visitor Centre, Church Point, you can participate in hands-on workshops with local artists and taste authentic Acadian cuisine.



### Dig for clams

At Belliveau Cove, get the locals' scoop on digging for clams at low tide. Get your hands dirty in this seashore experience.



### Go back to the 18th century

Explore historic Dock Street in Shelburne and discover an artfully restored historic district with dory shop, shipyard, general store, and more.



### Cape Forchu Light Station

Named "Canada's Greatest Public Space" in 2012, the towering applecore-style beacon offers magnificent views. Also enjoy exploring the walking trails of this 17-acre seaside park.



### Peggy's Cove

Perched atop massive granite worn smooth by the pounding waves, the world-famous lighthouse beacon at Peggy's Cove has been guiding sailors and fishermen home since 1868.



### Le Village Historique Acadien de la Nouvelle-Écosse

Stop in, sit down, and bask in Acadian heritage at this early 1900s seaside village, situated on a beautiful 17-acre site overlooking Pubnico Harbour.



### Visit a living wharf

Witness the skills and hear tall tales from the fishermen that work in any of the fishing villages you encounter.

## MARQUEE EVENTS TO CHECK OUT

**Liverpool International Theatre Festival**  
Liverpool · May · litf.ca

**Shelburne County Lobster Festival**  
Shelburne · June · shelburnenovascotia.com

**Seafest**  
Yarmouth · July · seafest.ca

**Nova Scotia Folk Art Festival**  
Lunenburg · August · nsfolkartfestival.com

**Festival acadien de Clare**  
Clare · July-August · festivalacadiendeclare.ca

**Chester Race Week**  
Chester · August · chesterraceweek.com

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**Chester Golf Club**  
Chester · [chestergolfclub.ca](http://chestergolfclub.ca)

**Bluenose Golf Club**  
Lunenburg · [bluenosegolfclub.com](http://bluenosegolfclub.com)

**White Point Golf Club**  
White Point · [whitepoint.com](http://whitepoint.com)

**Osprey Ridge Golf Course**  
Bridgewater · [ospreyridge.ca](http://ospreyridge.ca)

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## GO WHERE THE LOCALS GO

The hidden gems are often exactly that – hidden away for the enjoyment of those with local knowledge. Now you have the same list of gems as the residents. Enjoy.



### Go stand-up paddleboarding

Explore the historic Mersey River and all around the scenic South Shore by paddleboard, kayak, or canoe. Liverpool Adventure Outfitters has you covered.



### The sweetest sweet treat

The LaHave Bakery in LaHave will satisfy your road trip cravings with baked goods and sandwiches made from locally-grown, fresh-milled grains.



### Surfing and cottaging

The luxurious lodge at the legendary White Point Beach Resort was rebuilt in rustic splendour after a fire. The surfing and historic cottages are as wonderful as ever.



### Stroll through Historic Lunenburg

Explore Lunenburg's colourful waterfront, narrow streets, captivating architecture, seafaring history, award-winning restaurants, and the Ironworks Distillery



### Seaside culture crawl

Wander downtown Yarmouth and pop into galleries, folk art stores, and specialty shops, and then settle in for a hand-crafted ale at Rudder's Seafood Restaurant.



### Kejimikujik National Park

Hike 22 kilometres of glacier-carved headlands – help protect endangered shore birds, turtles, and snakes. An official Dark Sky Preserve.



### Le P'tit Bois

French for "little forest," this is a series of walking trails along the beach leading to the fantastic pepper-shaker-style Church Point Lighthouse.



### Cycle the Chebogue Loop

A relaxing ride over gently rolling terrain – with panoramic views of farmland, salt marshes, and ocean vistas along the way. 37 km in and around Yarmouth.



### Hop in a dory

Try your hand at rowing a traditional Nova Scotia dory at Queen of Hearts Dory Club at Cape Sable Island Causeway. See dory building at its finest at The Dory Shops on the Lunenburg waterfront.



### Foodie heaven at Trout Point Lodge

Forage for delicacies in the forest on this naturalist-led edible hike and then cook your bounty – mushrooms, root vegetables, and wild cranberries – back at the rustic wilderness lodge.

## WHO KNEW?

You'll find two UNESCO sites in this incredible region: the entire Town of Lunenburg, which takes visitors back to the 18th and 19th centuries when this fishing port bristled with tall ships; and the Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve, which protects a spectacular expanse of over 1.5 million hectares of picturesque coastal and inland terrains, along with rare wildlife and cultural treasures. No wonder the South Shore is rated one of the top ten coastal destinations in the world by National Geographic.

## Marinas at your service in this area

**Killam Bros Marina:** Yarmouth, NS 902-740-4780

**Lunenburg Waterfront Marina:** Lunenburg, NS 902-229-2628

**For complete marina listings see page 40.**

## Shipyards and maintenance services

**ABCO Industries** [abco.ca](http://abco.ca)

**AF Theriault & Son** [afteriault.com](http://afteriault.com)

**Belliveau Shipyard** [belliveaushipyard.com](http://belliveaushipyard.com)

**Covey Island Boatworks** [coveyisland.com](http://coveyisland.com)

**Lunenburg Shipyard Industrial Foundry & Engineering** [lunenburgfoundry.com](http://lunenburgfoundry.com)

**Lunenburg Shipyard Alliance** [thelsa.ca](http://thelsa.ca)

**Marine Services East** [marineserviceeast.com](http://marineserviceeast.com)

**Shelburne Ship Repair** [irvingshipbuilding.com](http://irvingshipbuilding.com)

**Snyder's Shipyard** [snydersshipyard.com](http://snydersshipyard.com)

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## Chart references for South, Yarmouth, and Acadian Shores

4379 – Brooklyn

4381 – Chester, Gold River, Mahone Bay, Western Shore

4245 – Yarmouth

4391, 4394, 4395 – LaHave

4391 – Bridgewater

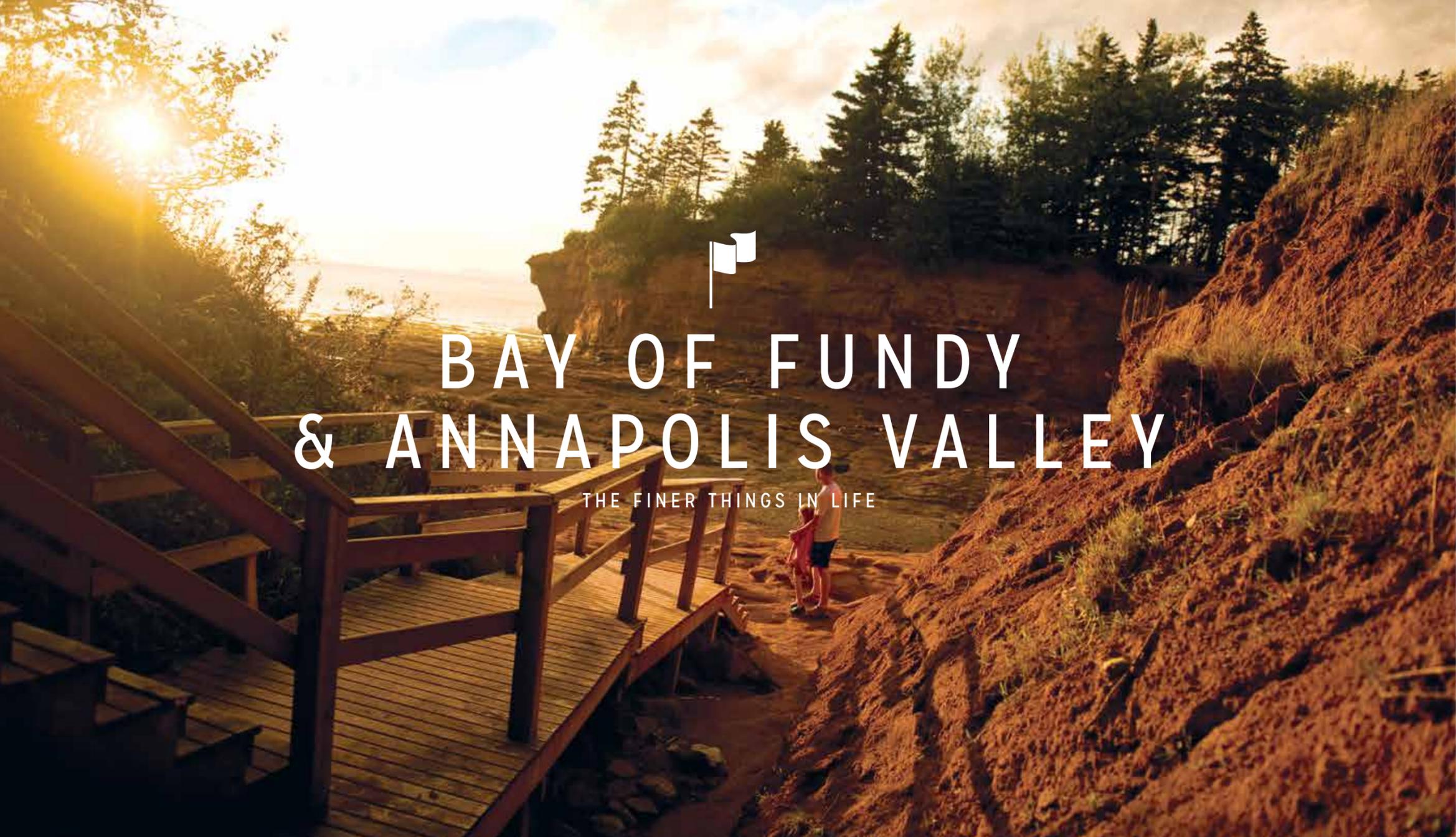
4328 – Lunenburg

4209 – Shelburne

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# BAY OF FUNDY & ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

THE FINER THINGS IN LIFE

This is fertile territory – for adventure, for natural wonders, and for the freshest locally grown foods and elegant wines. Here, the world's highest tides sculpted dramatic cliffs and caves that paint the Bay of Fundy coastline, while just inland so many vintners create art of their own, thanks to a completely unique terroir.

The Fundy tides have carved a masterpiece to explore with endless coastal hiking and amazing sea kayaking. Steeped in a rich history of Mi'kmaw legend and Acadian struggle, the Bay of Fundy is also home to a story of marine ecology that has been compared to that of the Amazon rainforest. The Bay hosts a diverse array of mammals, fish, and birds including 12 species of rare and endangered whales. It also produces some of the most succulent seafood you've ever tried, from lobster to scallops and beyond.

This is a place for indulgence. Road trip from one boutique winery to another, or relax in a fine restaurant to enjoy your fresh seafood with other inspired creations, compliments of this bountiful heartland.

After you get a taste of what this region has to offer, you'll fall in love with the distinct flavour of this agricultural and seaside wonder.

*Pair the bounty of the sea with some of the most incredible local wines.*



# INCREDIBLE FINDS

## CAN'T-MISS BAY OF FUNDY AND ANNAPOLIS VALLEY EXPERIENCES

This region is as rich in experiences as it is in agricultural and seafood delicacies. But if you had to pick just a few destinations or experiences to indulge in, these would be a great starter.



### Burntcoat Head Park

Walk on the sea floor! Home of the world's highest recorded tides, a hundred billion tonnes of water flow into the Fundy basin every 13 hours.



### Whale watching and birding

The Fundy shores are the ideal vantage point. Watch for the rare right whale, and head to Brier Island at the tip of Digby Neck, the best location for bird-watching.



### Hike to the Balancing Rock

Near the town of Digby, this frequently photographed spot is a spectacular columnar basalt sea stack rock that rests precariously on its end.



### World's most complete Coal Age fossil record

At Joggins Fossil Cliffs, the magnificent exposed layers of rock reveal the world's most complete fossil record of life from over 300 million years ago.



### Travel back in time

The Port-Royal National Historic Site is one of the first European settlements in North America and Fort Anne National Historic Site is Canada's oldest.



### Grand Pré

The National Historic Site and UNESCO World Heritage Site commemorates the area as an important Acadian settlement where the tragic deportation began in 1755.



### Coastal hiking

Check out Cape Split, Blomidon, Five Islands, and Cape Chignecto for some of the most exhilarating hikes you'll experience.



### Springhill Miners' Museum

Discover the triumphs and tragedies and tour a mine at this National Historic Site.



### Lawrence House Museum

Tour the home of W.D. Lawrence, builder of the largest full-rigged wooden ship in Canada.

## MARQUEE EVENTS TO CHECK OUT

### Tastes of the Valley

Wolfville · July · wolfvillefarmersmarket.com

### Digby Scallop Days

Digby · August · digbyscallopdays.com

### Dutch Mason Blues Festival

Truro · August · dutchmason.com

### Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival

May · appleblossom.com

### Deep Roots Music Festival

Wolfville · September · deeprootsmusic.ca

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### Digby Pines Golf Resort

Digby · digbypines.ca

### Eagle Crest Golf Course

Centreville · eaglecrestgolfcourse.com

### The Links at Penn Hills

Shubenacadie · linksatpennhills.com

### Riverrun Golf Club

Truro · riverrungolf.ca

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## GO WHERE THE LOCALS GO

Those who live in the Fundy and Valley areas consider themselves some of the luckiest of Nova Scotians. Here's where many of them would point you if you asked them where they hang out when they want a memorable experience.



### Explore Wolfville

A cultivated town surrounded by fertile fields and home to Acadia University. A quaint location for outstanding dining that takes full advantage of the bounty around it.



### Wine tasting

Hop from boutique winery to boutique winery to explore the vineyards, meet the artisans behind the wines and, of course, try some for yourself. This is Nova Scotia wine country, after all.



### Tidal bore river rafting

Prepare to get wet! The force of the incoming tide against the outflow of the Shubenacadie River forms a rollercoaster of waves that can be up to four metres high.



### Climb some trees

OnTree Park connects hundreds of trees at Martock with a series of climbing tracks, high rope courses, and ziplines.



### Culinary delights

Discover the region's many foodie fantasies, from lobster and Digby scallops to wild blueberries and artisan cheese.



### Bear River

This tidal village on stilts is home to numerous artist studios, shops, and galleries – a treasure of a town.



### Lighthouses

Some of the most scenic lighthouses in the province can be found along the Fundy Shore including Cape d'Or, Five Islands, Walton, Gilbert's Cove, and Annapolis.



### Spencers Island

Visit the community where the famed ghost ship, *Mary Celeste* was built and drop by the Age of Sail Centre in Port Greville for more seafaring stories.



### Victoria Park

Truro's masterpiece, this locals' favourite features two waterfalls and a beautiful trail system. One of the region's best-kept secrets.



### Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens

One of the "Top 5 Gardens in North America Worth Traveling For" where you can experience 17 acres of lush gardens.

## WHO KNEW?

In 2011, the Bay of Fundy was one of the top 28 finalists in the global competition to determine the New 7 Wonders of Nature. Fundy was the only Canadian destination included, and one of only two North American destinations.

In 2012 the Bay of Fundy was named among Frommer's top ten destinations in the world, and in 2014 the Bay was named as one of the seven natural wonders of North America.

## Marinas at your service in this area

Digby Marina: Digby, NS 902-245-8770

For complete marina listings see page 40.

## Chart references for Bay of Fundy

4396 – Digby

## Want more information?

[fundyfun.com](http://fundyfun.com)

[@FundyShore\\_NS](https://twitter.com/FundyShore_NS)

[fundyshore.com](http://fundyshore.com)

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# NORTHUMBERLAND SHORE

WARM WATER AND HEARTS

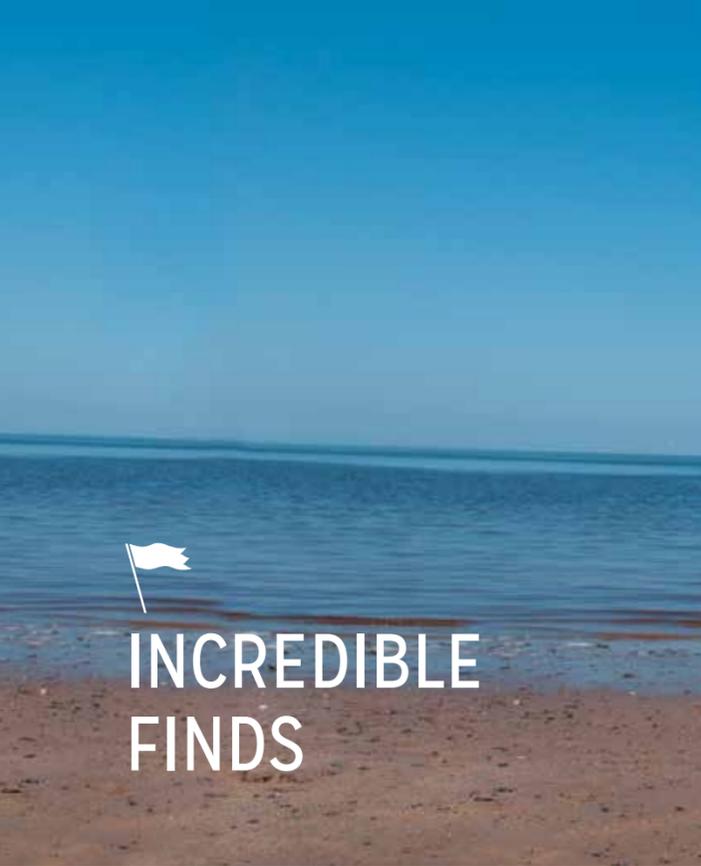
*Hit the beach, a few balls,  
and a festival or two.*

This is the perfect place to take in a few outstanding rounds of golf, or just take it easy. With the warmest waters north of the Carolinas, it's no wonder that beach culture defines the flavour of this sandy paradise. More warm water beaches than anywhere else in the province means it's the perfect place to kick off your shoes. But with the world-class golf courses that dot the region, you may also want to lace up your golf shoes.

Of course, beaches and golf are just the beginning of what makes this region so memorable. With a climate that lends itself well to vineyards, you'll find a thriving wine industry, wonderful dining, and spirited festivals galore.

Rich in history and culture, the Northumberland Shore has long been a welcoming place for visitors and immigrants. This area is home to the true birthplace of New Scotland, as the first Scottish settlers sailed into Pictou Harbour in 1773. The Scottish and Celtic heritage is on full display in this region through highland dancing, Celtic music, and plenty of Nova Scotia tartan.

Dive into the culture and saltwater swimming of a special place that is warm in so many ways.



# INCREDIBLE FINDS

## CAN'T-MISS NORTHUMBERLAND SHORE EXPERIENCES

Hitting the beach is obvious. If there's one thing you must do here, it's getting some sand between your toes. But that's just the beginning of the historical, cultural, and natural wonders waiting for you.



### Be a beach bum

Start with the hugely popular Melmerby Beach and then casually explore the countless others that line this region, end-to-end.



### Wine for a while

Just Vineyards in Malagash is home of the largest and longest running vineyard in Nova Scotia.



### Train Station Inn and Dining Car

A one-of-a-kind dining and accommodation experience in Tatamagouche – in train cars, complete with an historic train station.



### Retrace the steps of a Scottish immigrant

Known as the birthplace of "New Scotland," Pictou is where the first Scots landed aboard the ship *Hector*.



### Museums galore

Balmoral Grist Mill, Sutherland Steam Mill, Museum of Industry, Northumberland Fisheries Museum, Creamery Square Heritage Centre, and Antigonish Heritage Museum, to start.



### Amazing seaside golf

From the outstanding Fox Harb'r to Abercrombie, Antigonish Golf Club and Glen Lovat, this is a golfer's paradise. Bring your clubs.



### Smell the Seafoam Lavender

Soaps, skincare, cleaning, aromatherapy, and more all made on site. Visit this small, family-owned and operated agricultural business, dedicated to producing superior-quality, direct-from-the-farm lavender products.

## MARQUEE EVENTS TO CHECK OUT

### Antigonish Highland Games

Antigonish · July · [antigonishhighlandgames.ca](http://antigonishhighlandgames.ca)

### Pictou Lobster Carnival

Pictou · July · [pictoulobstercarnival.ca](http://pictoulobstercarnival.ca)

### New Glasgow Festival of the Tartans

July · [festivalofthetartans.ca](http://festivalofthetartans.ca)

### New Glasgow Music Jubilee

August · [jubilee.ns.ca](http://jubilee.ns.ca)

### Oktoberfest

Tatamagouche · September · [nsoktoberfest.ca](http://nsoktoberfest.ca)

FOR A FULL LIST, VISIT [novascotia.com/events](http://novascotia.com/events)

## TEE TIME STARTS HERE

### Northumberland Links

Pugwash · [northumberlandlinks.com](http://northumberlandlinks.com)

### Fox Harb'r Golf Resort

Wallace · [foxharbr.com](http://foxharbr.com)

### Ocean Links, Brule Point Golf

Tatamagouche · [oceanlinks.ca](http://oceanlinks.ca)

### Antigonish Golf and Country Club

Antigonish · [antigonishgolfclub.ns.ca](http://antigonishgolfclub.ns.ca)

### Abercrombie Golf Club

New Glasgow · [abercrombiegolf.com](http://abercrombiegolf.com)

### Glen Lovat Golf Club

New Glasgow · [glenlovatgolf.ca](http://glenlovatgolf.ca)

FOR MORE GOLF COURSES, SEE [novascotia.com/golf](http://novascotia.com/golf)

## GO WHERE THE LOCALS GO

Don't get us wrong, the locals go to the beach. A lot. But assuming you already have that on your list, there's so much more to this rich region. Here are just a few of the hidden gems that you otherwise may not stumble upon.



### Downtown delights

The towns of this region – Amherst, Pictou, New Glasgow, Antigonish – all celebrate their vibrant, historic downtowns. Find a rewarding stroll in all of them.



### The New Glasgow Riverfront Jubilee

An eclectic three-day music festival in August featuring rock, blues, folk, country, and East Coast acts.



### Cook with the Kilted Chef

In Pictou join Alain Bosse, the famed Kilted Chef, on a culinary journey from the pasture to the sea to your plate. Cooking on the Farm is a full-day, hands-on culinary experience you will never forget, using the freshest seafood and vegetables.



### Oyster farm

The ShanDaph oyster farm on Big Island in Pictou County operates completely off the grid.



### Outstanding dining

Taste of Nova Scotia's 2013 Restaurant of the Year is Gabrieleau's Bistro in Antigonish. It's a locals' favourite.



### NASCAR action

Riverside Speedway, just outside of Antigonish is the only NASCAR sanctioned racing facility in Canada east of Quebec.



### Downhill mountain biking

At Keppoch Mountain, in Antigonish County, trails range from 1.1 to 1.5 km long. A 4x4 truck and trailer with tuff rock carries 14 riders and bikes to the top.



### Theatre time

In New Glasgow, hit the Glasgow Square Theatre for a performance. Comedy, music, ceilidhs, and community events keep this spot hopping.



### Cut to the chase with Grohmann Knives

Now this is craftsmanship. Handcrafted Grohmann Knives are recognized around the world for their beauty, balance, and quality – made right here in Nova Scotia.



### Tatamagouche Farmers Market

Explore downtown Tatamagouche, including a stop at this lively waterside cultural experience, featuring 24 member businesses and 25-30 additional vendors during summer.

## WHO KNEW?

### Tuna fishing tours

Sign on for a wild and unpredictable tuna fishing charter out of Ballantyne Cove, near Antigonish.

## Marinas at your service in this area

Fox Harb'r Marina: Wallace, NS 1-866-257-1801

Hector Quay Marina: Pictou, NS 902-485-6960

For complete marina listings see page 40.

## Shipyards and maintenance services

Pictou Shipyard [pictoushipyard.com](http://pictoushipyard.com)

For complete shipyard and maintenance services see page 37.

## Chart references for the Northumberland Shore

4437 - Pictou

4446 - Antigonish

4443 - New Glasgow

4447 - Guysborough

4497 - Tatamagouche

## Want more information?

[northumberlandshore.com](http://northumberlandshore.com)

[novascotia.com/boating](http://novascotia.com/boating)

[/northumberlandshore](https://www.facebook.com/northumberlandshore)

[@VisitNorthShore](https://twitter.com/VisitNorthShore)



# EASTERN SHORE

OUR WILD SIDE

You won't find shopping complexes or movie theatres here but you will find a feeling of peace and serenity hard to come by elsewhere. Stretching from the edges of Halifax Metro to the Canso Causeway, the Eastern Shore is a place where outdoor activities, comforting cuisine, and a natural paradise come together.

The Eastern Shore is home to the province's longest sandy beach, Martinique Provincial Beach Park, and Lawrencetown Provincial Beach Park, which is quickly gaining recognition from the international surfing community as a prime location for year-round surfing.

While some may consider the entire journey along the Eastern Shore to be "off the beaten path," you'll find intriguing inlets, inland detours along lakes and rivers, and challenging hiking trails that are even less traveled - and therefore even more exciting to explore. Sometimes the solitude you'll find along the way is a treasure in itself. So, try to forget about your GPS - this is a voyage of unexpected discovery.

*Our most rugged and untouched shore is perfect for the modern explorer.*

# INCREDIBLE FINDS

## CAN'T-MISS EASTERN SHORE EXPERIENCES

The Eastern Shore is marked by the wilderness of its coastline, a way of life that recalls days gone by, and the resilience of its people. The following experiences exude those qualities.



### Coastal Adventures Sea Kayaking

Nova Scotia's oldest sea kayaking school, its home base is in Tangier. This area is largely protected from ocean swells by the multitude of small islands that surround its coastline.



### Memory Lane Heritage Village

The only living history museum in North America to depict life in the 1940s. This innocent and romantic era comes to life with a school, church, garage, barn, fish store, lumber mill, cookhouse, and clam factory.



### Taylor Head Provincial Beach Park

The hiking trails are considered by many to be one of the finest coastal trail systems in North America.



### Sherbrooke Village Provincial Museum

This museum takes visitors back in time to the boom years in this area, between 1860 and 1910 when shipbuilding, lumbering, and gold mining dominated the local economy.



### More than 500 shipwrecks

Go diving off the shores of Guysborough County along Chedabucto Bay to discover and explore some intriguing wrecks.



### Hike to Gibraltar Rock

The Musquodoboit Trailways system includes the 1.5 km Gibraltar loop. The steep climb is worth it for a stunning view of the Musquodoboit River below.



### Harmonica harmony

Enjoy a workshop from some of the best harmonica players in the region during the Atlantic Canada Harmonica Festival, Lake Charlotte, in late August.

## MARQUEE EVENTS TO CHECK OUT

**Stan Rogers Folk Festival**  
Canso · July · stanfest.com

**Clam Harbour Sandcastle & Sculpture Competition**  
August · halifax.ca/sandcastle

**FOR A FULL LIST, VISIT**  
[novascotia.com/events](http://novascotia.com/events)

## TEE TIME STARTS HERE

**River Oaks Golf Club**  
Meagher's Grant · riveroaksgolfclub.ca

**Osprey Shores Golf Resort**  
Guysborough · ospreyshoresresort.com

**FOR MORE GOLF COURSES, SEE**  
[novascotia.com/golf](http://novascotia.com/golf)

## GO WHERE THE LOCALS GO

Not surprisingly, the locals here spend a fair amount of time enjoying the outdoors. You will too if you follow their lead and check out some of these hot spots.



### Lawrencetown Beach surfing

Nova Scotia's top surfing destination offers year-round surfing. Several surf schools and outfitters are in walking distance.



### Nova Scotia's longest sandy beach

Martinique Provincial Beach Park is 5 km in length. This beach is also a protected nesting ground for the endangered Piping Plover, making it a true paradise for bird watchers.



### Liscombe Lodge

A favourite locals vacation spot, and one of Nova Scotia's three Signature Resorts, this rustic, riverside resort offers the best of nature with a touch of luxury. Dock at their own marina, and enjoy lunch or dinner at the lodge.



### The best smoked salmon around

Prepared using traditional Danish smoking methods, you won't find a better smoked fish than at Willy Krauch's in Tangier.



### Small town, big tunes.

The tiny village of Canso, on the Eastern tip of mainland Nova Scotia, is host to the Stan Rogers Folk Festival, one of the province's largest outdoor music festivals every July.



### Waterfront wandering

The Guysborough waterfront is the perfect place to come ashore for dining, bike and kayak rentals, and a weekly ceilidh (party).



### A local brew or two

"Authentic Seacoast" on the Guysborough waterfront makes some amazing craft beer - and coffee.



### Wet your whistle at the Rare Bird Microbrewery

Named by Where Magazine as "One of Canada's 10 great craft beer destinations", the Rare Bird serves up fabulous fish & chips, Guysburgers, and Rare Bird Craft Beer from a back deck takeout window overlooking the beautiful Guysborough marina.

## WHO KNEW?

The tiny community of "Mushaboom" (near Sheet Harbour) is the inspiration for Juno-Award winning artist, Feist's song of the same name.

Sable Island is located 160 km off the coast of Canso and is home to over 300 wild horses that are protected by law from human interference. It is believed that the horses are descendants of horses confiscated from the Acadians during The Great Expulsion (1755-1764).

## Marinas at your service in this area

**Liscombe Lodge Resort Marina:** Liscomb Mills, NS 902-779-2307

For complete marina listings see page 40.

## Chart references for Eastern Shore

4234 - Liscomb

4236 - Musquodoboit

4203 - Shearwater

## Want more information?

[easternshores.ca](http://easternshores.ca)

[/DestinationEasternShore](https://www.facebook.com/DestinationEasternShore)

[novascotia.com/boating](http://novascotia.com/boating)

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# CAPE BRETON ISLAND & BRAS D'OR LAKES

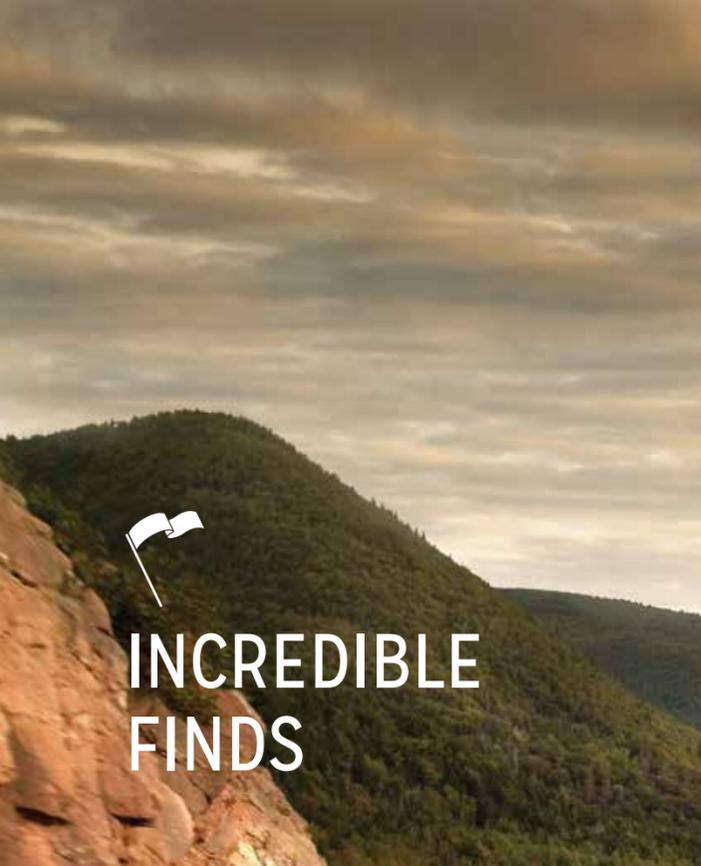
SIMPLY SPECTACULAR BEAUTY

*Where mountainous highlands meet  
inland sea, you will find yourself.*

The stunning, almost overwhelming natural beauty of Cape Breton Island just might take your breath away. This is a place where incredible landscape, Celtic culture, and outdoor adventure all cross paths - at a ceilidh party, naturally.

Separated from the mainland of Nova Scotia by a short causeway and locks, it's no surprise that Cape Breton is often named as one of the top island destinations in the world. This is a magical place where traditional Gaelic culture is on display in towns, villages, and museums. Where the Cabot Trail carves a gentle path along cliffs, past beaches, and through pristine forest. Where hiking, sailing, cycling, golfing, and simple contemplative wandering create memories that last a lifetime.

Nestled in the middle of Cape Breton, one of the island's best-kept secrets, lies a 3,500 square kilometre inland sea. The Bras d'Or Lakes are a recreational boating destination unlike any other. Go where few modern explorers have gone before. And where centuries of native and Scottish explorers have made their home.



# INCREDIBLE FINDS

## CAN'T-MISS CAPE BRETON AND BRAS D'OR LAKES EXPERIENCES

The general feeling here is that every experience is an un-missable one, so you may want to plan on a lengthy stay! But if time is tight, here is how you can experience the island without getting an address.



### Take an historic shipping passageway

St. Peter's Canal has been a busy gateway between the Bras d'Or Lakes and the Atlantic for over 140 years. And it's your passageway to the beauty of the inland body.



### Travel the Cabot Trail

Whether by car, bike, or bicycle, the Cabot Trail is all about the journey, not the destination. With 24 viewpoints, the Trail winds its way around the Cape Breton Highlands.



### Golf that fuels jealousy

The Highlands Links Golf Course, Ingonish, is the kind of course golfers yearn for. Brag about playing it to everyone you can. Then golf the other courses here.



### Scotch outside of Scotland

Glenora Inn & Distillery in Glenville is the country's only distiller of single-malt whisky. It rivals anything you've had in the mother country.



### Keltic Lodge Resort and Spa

Perched high on a cliff almost completely surrounded by the Atlantic, this stately resort has been a summertime haven for well-heeled vacationers since 1940.



### Highland coast explorer

Explore rugged northern Cape Breton as best seen - from the sea. Included are two half day kayak tours, full day bike rental, half day whale watching, and much more.



### Great E.A.R.T.H. expeditions

Explore a cave, feel the spray off a hidden waterfall, or climb the rolling highlands of Cape Breton's Cabot Trail with this adventure outfitter.

## MARQUEE EVENTS TO CHECK OUT

### KitchenFest

St. Ann's · June / July · [gaeliccollege.edu/kitchenfest](http://gaeliccollege.edu/kitchenfest)

### Festival de l'Escaouette

Chéticamp · July

### Race the Cape Sailing Race

Bras d'Or Lakes · July · [racethecape.ca](http://racethecape.ca)

### Hike the Highlands Festival

Cape Breton · September · [hikethehighlands.com](http://hikethehighlands.com)

### Cape Breton Celtic Classic

Ben Eoin · September · [capebretoncelticclassic.ca](http://capebretoncelticclassic.ca)

### Celtic Colours International Festival

October · [celtic-colours.com](http://celtic-colours.com)

### FOR A FULL LIST, VISIT

[novascotia.com/events](http://novascotia.com/events)

## TEE TIME STARTS HERE

### Cabot Links

Inverness · [cabotlinks.com](http://cabotlinks.com)

### Bell Bay Golf Club

Baddeck · [bellbay.ca](http://bellbay.ca)

### Le Portage Golf Club

Chéticamp · [leportagegolfclub.ca](http://leportagegolfclub.ca)

### The Lakes Golf Club

Ben Eoin · [thelakesgolfclub.ca](http://thelakesgolfclub.ca)

### Cape Breton Highlands Links

Ingonish Beach · [highlandslinksgolf.com](http://highlandslinksgolf.com)

### FOR MORE GOLF COURSES, SEE

[novascotia.com/golf](http://novascotia.com/golf)

## GO WHERE THE LOCALS GO

The residents of Cape Breton enjoy life to its fullest. Which means they do pretty much everything you'd want to in this stunning place.



### Mabou Farmers Market

Where the locals go to catch up with friends and, of course, check out the musicians, crafters, fish, and food. A genuine cultural experience.



### Salmon fishing

The Margaree River is a generations-deep hotspot for anglers. Tumbling rapids, deep pools, and still marshes make for an outstanding experience.



### Canada's only Links golf course.

Want to make your golfing buddies truly jealous? Cabot Links is a stunning Oceanside Links course, ranked 42 out of 100 of the world's greatest golf courses by Golf Digest. It's on most golfers' bucket lists, and can be struck off of yours.



### Hit the beach

Of all the beaches that dot the island coastline, Inverness and Ingonish might be the locals' favourites.



### Find yourself a Ceilidh

Gaelic for "gathering of music and dance", a ceilidh is generally accepted to be a spirited get-together. Find one at pretty much any pub on the island! Don't worry, someone will happily teach you the steps.



### Vollmer's Island Paradise

From the adventurous scuba diving on ancient shipwrecks to the tranquil bird watching, Vollmer's Island Paradise on Janvrin's Island can provide it all.



### Rita's Tea Room

In Big Pond, this popular spot was created by legendary songstress Rita McNeil, influential Nova Scotian and maven of hospitality!



### Music at the barn

From July to October, in the Margaree Valley, join Cape Breton's finest fiddlers in a warm and welcoming venue with superb acoustics.



### See some moose

Unlike our other suggested activities, this is an adventure that finds you. On your travels throughout Cape Breton, don't be surprised to see a moose grazing in the shallows of lakes or streams just before dusk. Keep your distance!

## RECOGNIZED AS INCREDIBLE

**Travel & Leisure Magazine** 2011 - #1 Island to Visit in the Continental United States and Canada, #3 in the World

**National Geographic Traveler Magazine** Best of the World Edition, 2012 - Cape Breton Island one of the 20 Must See Places for 2013

**Where.ca** 2011 - Ten Best Island Holiday Destinations in Canada

**BBC Travel** 2011 - World's Best Islands

## Marinas at your service in this area

**Baddeck Marine:** Baddeck, 902-295-2434

**Ben Eoin:** Ben Eoin, 902-828-1099

**St. Peter's Marina:** St. Peter's, 902-535-2729

For complete marina listings see page 40.

## Shipyards and maintenance services

**Baddeck Marine** [baddeckmarine.com](http://baddeckmarine.com)

**CME Marine** [cmelimited.com](http://cmelimited.com)

**Samson Enterprises** [samsonboats.com](http://samsonboats.com)

For complete shipyard and maintenance services see page 37.

## Chart references for Cape Breton and Bras d'Or Lakes

4308 - D'Ecousse

4266 - Westmount, North Sydney

4278 - Ross Ferry, Baddeck

4307 - Arichat

4306 - Canso, Mulgrave

4275 - St. Peter's

4277 - Grand Narrows

4276, 4277, 4278, 4279 -

4279 - Ben Eoin

Bras d'Or Lakes

## Want more information?

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# NAVIGATING NOVA SCOTIA

THE ONLY QUESTION IS WHERE TO BEGIN.



*Everything you need to  
arrange the visit of a lifetime.*

Nova Scotia has been a seafaring destination for hundreds of years. We are accustomed to welcoming visitors and excited to make your visit rewarding. You will find the people here very accommodating, and the processes you must follow on your arrival quite straightforward – especially if your vessel and crew are well-prepared for arrival. The following section of this guide contains practical information you'll need to arrange your visit. Consult it for customs, marina, immigration, and environmental information and more.

## GETTING TO NOVA SCOTIA

The Canadian Hydrographic Service, a division of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, is your guide for charting the waters of Nova Scotia. For Chart recommendation references for each region of Nova Scotia, see the various destination sections in this guide. For direct detail of the service visit [charts.gc.ca/index-eng.asp](https://charts.gc.ca/index-eng.asp).

## PILOTAGE

Merchant ships not registered in Canada and pleasure craft over 500 gross tonnes, regardless of registry, require a pilot when entering certain ports, such as Halifax. Yachts are subject to a reasonable minimum charge per trip. For a list of compulsory pilotage areas, see [atlanticpilotage.com/eng/compulsory-areas/index](https://atlanticpilotage.com/eng/compulsory-areas/index). To order a pilot, contact the Atlantic Pilotage Authority Dispatch Centre:

VHF Channel 23  
Telex 01921500  
Fax 1-877-745-3477  
Email [dispatch@atlanticpilotage.com](mailto:dispatch@atlanticpilotage.com)

Telephone 1-877-272-3477  
Immarsat Users:  
Telephone 1-902-426-7610  
Fax 1-902-426-7236

## MARINE SECURITY

SOLAS and Non-SOLAS vessels are governed by the Marine Transportation Security Regulations (MTSR), which does not apply to pleasure craft. If under charter the vessel is considered a commercial vessel and the MTSR applies, see [laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2004-144](https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2004-144).



## CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION

### General information

**Arrival.** The Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) provides a single point of contact for all necessary Canadian clearances. Private yachts entering from a foreign port are required to contact CBSA at 1-888-CANPASS (1-888-226-7277). Note that this reporting centre is a national service; you will not be talking to a local representative. To reduce clearance delays it is recommended that you call just prior to arrival with the destination berth and ETA. International code flag "Q" is to be flown upon entering territorial waters until customs clearance has been completed. The CANPASS process does not apply to commercial vessels. (See the Commercial Yachts section for the description of "commercial").

Upon arrival, no one except the master may disembark until CBSA gives authorization. It is likely that a verification team will conduct an onboard visit and provide the master with a report number. For detailed information regarding restricted goods, etc. see the pamphlet at [cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/pub/bsf5082-eng](https://cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/pub/bsf5082-eng) or call Border Information Service at 1-800-461-9999 or 506-636-5064.

### Ports of entry with Customs Service

Region	Port	Lat/Long
Southern NS	Yarmouth	43 50'N 066 05'W
	Digby	44 62'N 065 75'W
	Lunenburg	44 37'N 064 30'W
Halifax	Halifax	44 64'N 063 56'W
Cape Breton	St. Peter's	45 65'N 060 87'W
	Canso	45 33'N 060 99'W
	Sydney	46 15'N 060 21'W
Western NS	Pictou	45 68'N 062 69'W

## CURRENCY

There are no restrictions on the amount of money that you can bring into or take out of Canada. However, you must report to CBSA when carrying onboard CAN\$10,000 or more, or its equivalent in a foreign currency.

## CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION CANADA

### Documentation requirements

**Crew members.** Foreign nationals who arrive in Canada on the vessel as crew must be in possession of a seaman's book and/or a passport. Any crew members entering Canada to become a member of a crew (i.e. by air) must have all the appropriate documentation including a passport and visa if required.

**Passengers/supernumeraries.** Foreign nationals who are not considered members of the crew are subject to normal passport and visa requirements. Even if non-crew members do not intend to go ashore while the vessel is in port, they are still required to comply with applicable visa and passport requirements.

For the definition of who is considered a member of a crew please refer to Section 3(1)(a), Part 1 of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations. This information, along with visa requirements and a list of Canadian visa offices abroad, can be found at [cic.gc.ca](https://cic.gc.ca).

To be admitted into Canada, foreign nationals must meet all admissibility criteria under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and its Regulations. Failure to comply could result in enforcement action.

**Crew/passenger documentation.** All persons onboard must have valid passports with visas if required, regardless of whether they intend to go ashore. For information regarding visa requirements, see [cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp](https://cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp). Crew members without passports/visas must be in possession of a seaman's book (see Commercial Yachts section). For the definition of what constitutes a "crew" member, see [cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/pub/bsf5023-eng.html#s6x1](https://cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/pub/bsf5023-eng.html#s6x1).

Foreign visitors are admitted for a period not to exceed 6 months unless otherwise directed or authorized by a CBSA official. An application to extend this period can be made no later than 30 days prior to the expiry date. For more information, see [cic.gc.ca/english/visit/arriving.asp](https://cic.gc.ca/english/visit/arriving.asp) and [www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/visitor.asp](https://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/visitor.asp).

## MAINTENANCE

Nova Scotia has a long tradition of providing world-class workmanship in the marine industry. Foreign yachts are free to avail themselves of the services of marina operators and other repair outlets for the purpose of repair and maintenance to their boats. For more information see the Marine Industry Services section.

## COMMERCIAL YACHTS

The CANPASS process does not apply to: Vessels carrying commercial cargo; Cargo vessels; Commercially owned vessels; Chartered vessels; Commercial fishing boats; Cruise ships (all categories); Ferries; Tugs and barges; Tour boats; and Private Boats carrying more than 29 passengers, including the crew. Commercial Yachts must submit a standard Pre Arrival Notification 96 hours prior to entering Canadian Waters with Advance Passenger Information and have the crew list correctly documented. See [cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/pub/bsf5023-eng](https://cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/pub/bsf5023-eng) and [cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/forms-formulaires/bsf732-eng](https://cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/forms-formulaires/bsf732-eng).

Yachts are considered as "small cruise ships" if carrying any fare paying passengers from one port to another in Canada. See the Chartering section and for more information: [www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/dm-md/d2/d2-3-7-eng](https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/dm-md/d2/d2-3-7-eng).

## CHARTERING

There are specific conditions attached to the temporary importation of vessels by non-residents:

- The CBSA must grant permission to leave your vessel in Canada between visits.
- It may not be used by Canadian residents.
- It may not be used for commercial purposes.
- It must be exported by the exportation date.

If a vessel is chartered in Canada or embarking fare-paying passengers it is classified as a commercial vessel under the Coasting Trade Act, and a Coasting Trade Licence is required to use a foreign or a Canadian non-duty paid vessel in Canada's coasting trade. Captains are required to make an application with the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) and follow their processes [www.otc-cta.gc.ca/eng/coasting-trade](https://www.otc-cta.gc.ca/eng/coasting-trade). Chartered vessels will also require Transport Canada Marine Safety inspections for compliance to various regulations pertaining to commercial vessels and cruise ships.

Chartering implies "carrying on a business in Canada" and thus has income tax and HST implications. A non-resident of Canada is subject to Canadian income tax on certain types of income from Canadian sources such as income from a business carried on in Canada. As taxation is quite complex and may differ based on nationality, it is recommended that a tax advisor be consulted. For an income tax overview, see [canadainternational.gc.ca/costa\\_rica/experience\\_canada\\_experience/guide/Income\\_tax-impot\\_sur\\_le\\_revenu.aspx](https://canadainternational.gc.ca/costa_rica/experience_canada_experience/guide/Income_tax-impot_sur_le_revenu.aspx) and for an overview of HST guidelines and registration, see [cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pub/gp/rc4027/rc4027-e](https://cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pub/gp/rc4027/rc4027-e).



Photo: Jarrell Whisken



## VESSEL STAYS BEYOND 12 MONTHS

The maximum vessel stay for a visit is 12 months. An extension of up to 6 months may be granted under circumstances that make it impossible or dangerous to export the boat. You may choose to import the vessel on a permanent basis and pay the applicable duty and taxes. See Memorandum D2-1-1 paragraphs 50-56 for details on retention of pleasure craft in Canada: [cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/dm-md/d2/d2-1-1-eng](https://cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/dm-md/d2/d2-1-1-eng).

Vessels can be temporarily imported for up to 18 months to have work done (i.e. not being used for pleasure) and would likely be exempt from duty and tax. See [cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/travel-voyage/fv-be/menu-eng](https://cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/travel-voyage/fv-be/menu-eng) for details, and discuss specifics with a CBSA representative.

## DRUGS

Individuals may bring in a 90 day supply of prescription or over-the-counter drugs, provided that they are in the hospital/pharmacy/retail packaging. For information on importing a further 90 day supply of prescription drugs, see [hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/compli-conform/import-export/gui-0084\\_biu-uif-eng.php](https://hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/compli-conform/import-export/gui-0084_biu-uif-eng.php).

Illegal drugs are of particular interest to law enforcement agencies in Canada, and your vessel may be subject to a search with sniffer dogs.

## PETS

Animal import guidelines are the purview of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). Cats and dogs over 3 months old must have a rabies vaccination or veterinarian certificate available for inspection by the CBSA officer. For details regarding the certificate requirements, other animals and further information, see [travel.gc.ca/returning/customs/pets](https://travel.gc.ca/returning/customs/pets).

## SAFETY EQUIPMENT

As with any other jurisdiction, all yachts are subject to the requirements of SOLAS Chapter V.

## ALCOHOL

The guideline used for yachts are similar to those used for cruise ships. At the discretion of the CBSA inspector, a reasonable amount of alcohol (beyond the normal personal exemption) that would be consumed during the visit is allowed in duty-free. The remainder needs to be inventoried and locked up separately for the duration of the visit, and may be inspected prior to departure.

## FIREARMS

Handguns and many restricted firearms are generally prohibited in Canada, and carrying them without authorization is illegal. It is recommended not to have any firearms aboard the vessel (other than a flare gun(s) for safety). All firearms and weapons must be declared to the CBSA officer upon arrival. Failure to do so could result in them being seized, and the vessel and the captain may face criminal charges. Declared firearms will be held in a secure location by CBSA until the vessel's departure, which would need to be from the same port of arrival in this instance.

## FOOD AND PLANTS

Based on emerging threats, the import requirements/restrictions for food, plants, animals, and related products are subject to change on a daily basis. To determine the most up-to-date import requirements for these items, refer to the CFIA's Automated Import Reference System (AIRS) at [inspection.gc.ca](https://inspection.gc.ca). If there are doubts regarding products meeting import restrictions, items may be confiscated by CBSA.

## NON-RESIDENT TECHNICIANS AND REPAIR EQUIPMENT

### Technicians

The process for bringing in a worker that is not part of the crew is complex and can be very time consuming, as several departments can be involved. The process may require that a Labour Market Impact Assessment be made, which takes a minimum of 10 working days after this determination has been made, and there is a fee of \$1,000. Consequently, captains are encouraged to make a comprehensive search of all Canadian sources prior to bringing in a technician.

### Test equipment and tools

If imported by non-residents who enter Canada on a temporary basis to carry out work, these may be imported customs duty free but are subject to the 15% HST on their full value unless the technician is employed by the manufacturer or employed by a sub-contractor to the manufacturer of the equipment being repaired. A letter indicating the linkage to the manufacturer should accompany the equipment. In that case, the HST payable would be 1/60th of 5% of value of equipment per month. (For details see Memorandum D 8-1-1 [cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/dm-md/d8/d8-1-1-eng/](http://cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/dm-md/d8/d8-1-1-eng/))

### Parts

Replacement/substitute parts and goods sent to a particular person under a warranty arrangement qualify for HST relief. However, these provisions do not apply where charges are made for the repair work, or the replacement part. The part must be supplied under a warranty for no consideration other than shipping and handling charges. Otherwise parts are subject to the HST on their full value, and duty based upon country of origin if manufactured outside of North America. (See Sections 5 and 5.1 of Schedule VII to the Excise Tax Act: [laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/E-15/page-1/](http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/E-15/page-1/))

### Crew changes

Persons arriving as crew require a passport/visa upon arrival. The following are not crew:

- Any person whose fare is waived in exchange for work to be performed during the voyage or trip;
- Any person who performs maintenance or repairs under a service contract with a transportation company during the voyage or trip while the means of transportation is in Canada;
- Any other person who is on board for a purpose other than to perform duties that relate to the operation of the means of transportation or the provision of services to passengers or members of the crew.

### Taxation

Non-resident crew members on visiting vessels are considered visitors and would not be subject to income tax. A non-resident Canadian crew member would need to contact the Canada Revenue Agency (1-800-959-8281) to confirm the tax implications, as the country of residence may have a tax treaty with Canada.

A visiting technician working aboard temporarily would presumably be under the employment of a foreign-based legal entity. The captain would pay the invoice to that entity and there would be no income tax considerations.

## DEPARTURE

If the vessel was "imported" for leisure use during the boating season, and the vessel is being exported before the indicated exportation date, you do not need to report to CBSA unless specifically instructed to do so. The maximum allowable stay for the vessel is 12 months without tax implications.

## NOVA SCOTIA MARINE INDUSTRY SERVICES

Whether requiring a minor replacement part, needing a haul-out or building your next boat, Nova Scotia has qualified trades people and service providers located throughout the province. The two associations listed below can help source the best solution for new builds, refit, or maintenance inquiries.

### The Nova Scotia Boatbuilders Association

The Nova Scotia Boatbuilders Association is an excellent source of information that can direct you to boatbuilders and companies specialized in marine industry service throughout the Province. [nsboats.com](http://nsboats.com)

### Atlantic Marine Trades Association

The Atlantic Marine Trades Association may be helpful if you are searching for manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, dealers, and brokers of yachts, boats, engines, and accessories, as well as marina operators and other boating-related organizations. [boatinginatlanticcanada.com/index.php](http://boatinginatlanticcanada.com/index.php)

## GENERAL MAINTENANCE

In addition to dedicated shipyards, there are other potential maintenance suppliers. Ask the shipyard for a name or, as a starting point, see the following link(s):

### HALIFAX METRO

**Halifax and area.** Home to 17 business and industrial parks. The directory at [atlanticbusinessparks.ca](http://atlanticbusinessparks.ca) provides a breakdown of suppliers by category, which then provides listings located in individual parks, e.g. "welding and steel fabrication". Burnside Industrial Park and Woodside Industrial Park are your best bets.

### SOUTH, YARMOUTH & ACADIAN SHORES

**Lunenburg.** There are a number of local suppliers to the marine industry nearby. [explorelunenburg.ca/marine-and-industrial](http://explorelunenburg.ca/marine-and-industrial)

### NORTHUMBERLAND SHORE

**Pictou.** There are a number of local suppliers to the marine industry nearby, including one of the main marine supply companies in the Maritimes, Stright-MacKay Ltd. [stright-mackay.com](http://stright-mackay.com)

### EASTERN SHORE

**Musquodoboit.** See the Musquodoboit Harbour Industrial Park at [atlanticbusinessparks.ca](http://atlanticbusinessparks.ca) for local suppliers nearby.

### CAPE BRETON ISLAND & BRAS D'OR LAKES

**Mulgrave and Port Hawkesbury.** See [townofmulgrave.ca/local-business-directory](http://townofmulgrave.ca/local-business-directory) and [atlanticmarineandriggering.com/AMR](http://atlanticmarineandriggering.com/AMR) for local suppliers nearby.

### Agent support services

Premier Marine Services · [premiermarineservices.com](http://premiermarineservices.com)

F.K. Warren Limited · [fkwarren.ca](http://fkwarren.ca)

Holmes Maritime Port Agency · [holmesmaritime.com](http://holmesmaritime.com)

Furncan Marine Limited · [empirestevedoring.com](http://empirestevedoring.com)

## SHIPYARDS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES

### CAPE BRETON ISLAND & BRAS D'OR LAKES

#### BADDECK MARINE\*

Baddeck  
**Services include:** repair, refit, marine joinery, painting  
**Contact:** Stuart Germani  
**Phone:** 902-295-2434  
**Email:** [stuart@baddeckmarine.com](mailto:stuart@baddeckmarine.com)  
[baddeckmarine.com](http://baddeckmarine.com)

#### CME MARINE\*

North Sydney  
**Services include:** haul-out, repair, refit, conversion, painting  
**Contact:** Tony Kennedy  
**Phone:** 902-468-1888  
**Email:** [tkennedy@cmelimited.com](mailto:tkennedy@cmelimited.com)  
[cmelimited.com](http://cmelimited.com)

#### SAMSON ENTERPRISES\*

Petit de Gras, Isle Madame  
**Services include:** repair, refit, conversion, marine electrical, painting  
**Contact:** Daryl David  
**Phone:** 902-226-9400  
**Email:** [ddavid@samsonboats.com](mailto:ddavid@samsonboats.com)  
[samsonboats.com](http://samsonboats.com)

### NORTHUMBERLAND SHORE

#### PICTOU SHIPYARD

**Services include:** haul-out, repair, refit, conversion  
**Contact:** Troy Garnett  
**Phone:** 902-237-3725  
**Email:** [tgarnett@aecon.com](mailto:tgarnett@aecon.com)  
[pictoushipyard.com](http://pictoushipyard.com)

### HALIFAX METRO

#### CME MARINE\*

Dartmouth, Sambro  
**Services include:** haul-out, repair, refit, conversion, painting  
**Contact:** Tony Kennedy  
**Phone:** 902-468-1888  
**Email:** [tkennedy@cmelimited.com](mailto:tkennedy@cmelimited.com)  
[cmelimited.com](http://cmelimited.com)

### SOUTH, YARMOUTH & ACADIAN SHORES

#### ABCO INDUSTRIES\*

Lunenburg  
**Services include:** repair, refit, conversion, servicing, painting  
**Contact:** John Meisner  
**Phone:** 902-634-2104  
**Email:** [john@abco.ca](mailto:john@abco.ca)  
[abco.ca](http://abco.ca)

#### AF THERIAULT & SON\*

Meteghan River  
**Services include:** haul-out, repair, refit, conversion, painting  
**Contact:** Gilles Theriault  
**Phone:** 902-645-2327  
**Email:** [gilles@aft.ns.ca](mailto:gilles@aft.ns.ca)  
[aftheriault.com](http://aftheriault.com)

#### BELLIVEAU SHIPYARD

Lower East Pubnico  
**Services include:** haul-out, finishing shop, full service yard  
**Contact:** Greg Amirault  
**Phone:** 902-762-3045  
**Email:** [belliveauship@eastlink.ca](mailto:belliveauship@eastlink.ca)  
[belliveaushipyard.com](http://belliveaushipyard.com)

#### COVEY ISLAND BOATWORKS\*

Lunenburg and Riverport  
**Services include:** woodwork, marine joinery, repair, refit, conversion, painting  
**Contact:** Al Hutchinson  
**Phone:** 902-640-3064  
**Email:** [Al@coveyisland.com](mailto:Al@coveyisland.com)  
[coveyisland.com](http://coveyisland.com)

#### LUNENBURG SHIPYARD INDUSTRIAL FOUNDRY & ENGINEERING\*

Lunenburg  
**Services include:** haul-out, repair, refit, conversion, painting  
**Contact:** Kevin Feindel  
**Phone:** 902-634-8827  
**Email:** [kfeindel@lunenburgfoundry.com](mailto:kfeindel@lunenburgfoundry.com)  
[lunenburgfoundry.com](http://lunenburgfoundry.com)

#### LUNENBURG SHIPYARD ALLIANCE\*

Lunenburg  
**Services include:** haul-out, repair, refit, conversion, woodwork, marine joinery, painting  
**Phone:** 902-634-9604  
**Email:** [info@thelsa.ca](mailto:info@thelsa.ca)  
[thelsa.ca](http://thelsa.ca)

#### MARINE SERVICES EAST\*

East River  
**Services include:** repair, refit, conversion, marine electrical, painting  
**Contact:** Philip Young  
**Phone:** 902-634-9604  
**Email:** [marineserviceeast@gmail.com](mailto:marineserviceeast@gmail.com)  
[marineserviceeast.com](http://marineserviceeast.com)

#### SHELburne SHIP REPAIR

Shelburne  
**Services include:** haul-out, repair, refit, conversion, painting  
**Contact:** Allan Stewart  
**Phone:** 902-875-8100  
[irvingshipbuilding.com](http://irvingshipbuilding.com)

#### SNYDER'S SHIPYARD\*

Daysburne  
**Services include:** woodwork, marine joinery, painting  
**Contact:** Wade Croft  
**Phone:** 902-543-8323  
**Email:** [snydersshipyard@eastlink.ca](mailto:snydersshipyard@eastlink.ca)  
[snydersshipyard.com](http://snydersshipyard.com)

\* Nova Scotia Boatbuilders Association Member

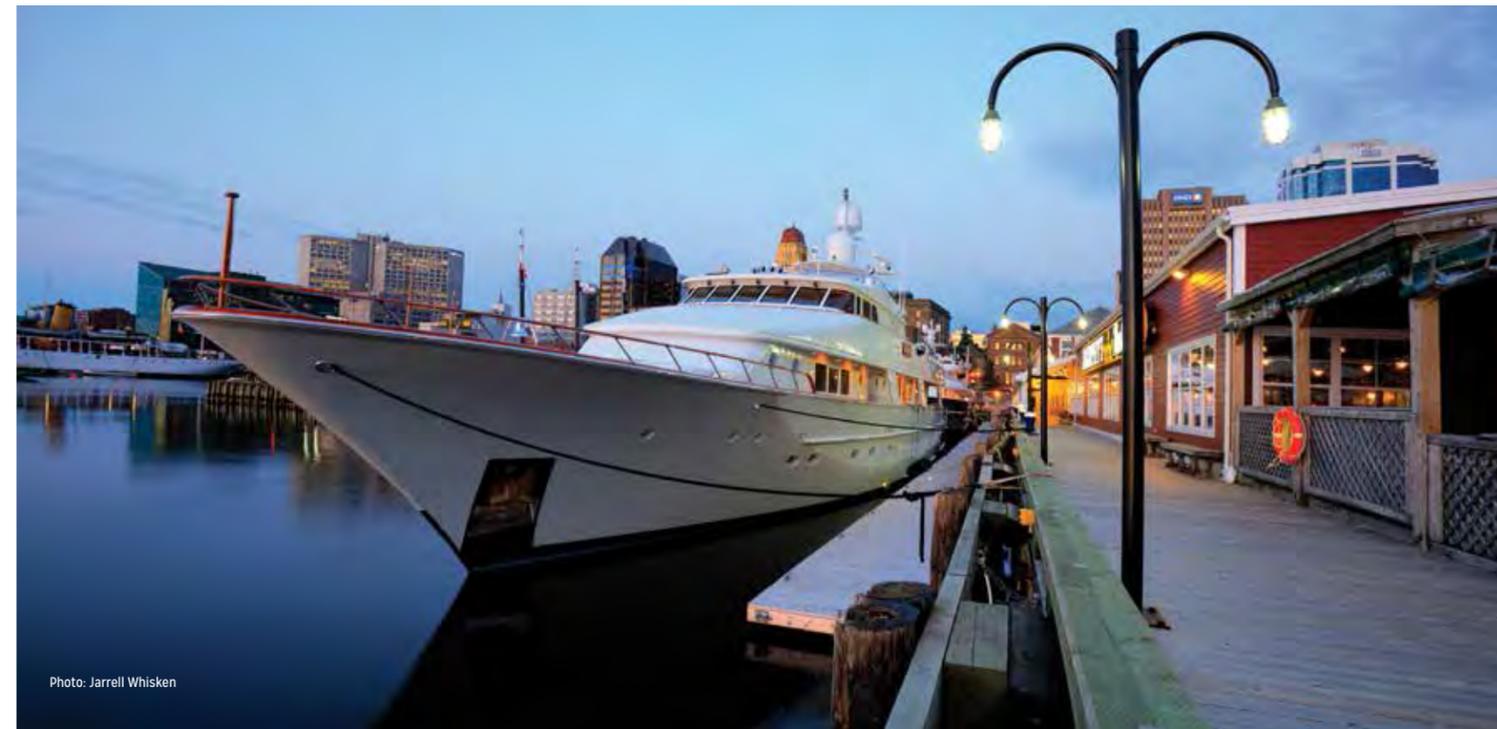


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## INTERNATIONAL WASTE

If your previous port of call was outside Canada or the United States there will likely be International Waste (IW) onboard, which is controlled and monitored by CBSA. IW is defined as waste that contains, or is suspected of containing, animal products or by-products that originated either as food taken on board or as a result of transportation of animals (i.e. organics or any other waste that has contacted IW). In addition, certain fruit, vegetables, and other plant products from all countries, including the United States, are prohibited entry into Canada and must also be disposed of as IW (See Food and Plants section). All vessels will be considered to be carrying international waste upon their arrival in Canada.

IW may be retained onboard until docking at a port with suitable handling facilities (such as Halifax), and offloading IW is at the captain's discretion. IW must be clearly identifiable in leak-proof containers, segregated from other waste and double-tied before being removed from designated areas. The CBSA inspector will have an up-to-date list of authorized service providers and must be satisfied with the packaging and removal arrangements prior to landing IW for pick-up. For more information, see [inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/imports/policies/general/2002-17/eng/1321050654899/1323826743862](https://inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/imports/policies/general/2002-17/eng/1321050654899/1323826743862).

## POLLUTION

It is prohibited to release pollutants into the marine environment, or any other substance, which may be harmful to the environment pursuant to the provisions of the Canada Shipping Act 2001 and the Vessel Pollution and Dangerous Chemical Regulations SOR/2012-69. Ships shall report any spill of pollutants in accordance with Part 3 of the Vessel Pollution and Dangerous Chemicals Regulations available at: [laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2012-69/index](https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2012-69/index). For additional information, refer to "Guidelines for Reporting Incidents Involving Dangerous Goods, Harmful Substances and/or Marine Pollutants" - TP 9834 E (2009), available at [tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/tp-tp9834-menu-3217](https://tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/tp-tp9834-menu-3217).

## BALLAST WATER

Yachts 50 meters and over that also have ballast capacity over 8 M3 must comply with Ballast Water Control and Management Regulations. See [laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2011-237/FullText](https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2011-237/FullText).

## GENERAL DETAILS

<b>Time:</b>	Atlantic Standard Time
<b>Currency:</b>	Canadian Dollar. Major Canadian banks are easily accessible throughout the province (Scotiabank, RBC Royal Bank, TD Bank, and CIBC). US currency is widely accepted.
<b>Language:</b>	Primarily English but regional cultures reflect the rich diversity of Nova Scotia's landscape from African Canadian, French, Acadian, Gaelic, Mi'kmaq, German, Dutch, Arabic, and more.
<b>Goods and Services Tax:</b>	Provincial sales tax in Nova Scotia is 15%.



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## NOVA SCOTIA WASTE AND RECYCLING PROTOCOLS

Nova Scotia has environmentally sound waste management programs. Province-wide you will encounter responsible waste collection and management practices. It is recommended you check ahead with your first port of call regarding removal of garbage on arrival and throughout your stay. Waste in Nova Scotia is separated into recyclables, organics, paper, cardboard,

and general waste. Please find below some examples. More information on local recycling and waste collection programs can be provided by your first port of call or communicated prior to your arrival. Help us keep Nova Scotia pristine by following local waste and recycling protocols during your stay.

Recyclables	Organics	Paper	Cardboard	Garbage	Other
Bottles/cans	Soiled napkins	Newspapers	Pizza boxes	Broken glass	Batteries
Plastic bags	Paper towel	Magazines	Shipping boxes	Clothes	Hazardous materials
Glass bottles/ jars	Paper plates	Envelopes		Empty oil/gas containers	*Ask your port of call to arrange for special waste services
Milk containers	Table scraps	Books		Styrofoam	
Clean plastics	Food waste	Boxboard/ cardstock		Cigarette butts	
		Shredded paper		Tissues	

\*Place all recyclables, paper, and cardboard products in clear bags.

## AIRPORTS

Name	Customs available	Runway length
<b>Halifax Stanfield International Airport</b> <a href="https://hcaa.ca">hcaa.ca</a>	Yes	8800ft
<b>Digby-Annapolis Regional Airport</b> <a href="https://digbydistrict.ca/digby-annapolis-regional-airport">digbydistrict.ca/digby-annapolis-regional-airport</a>	Yes	3900ft
<b>Port Hawkesbury Airport</b> <a href="https://porthawkesburyairport.com">porthawkesburyairport.com</a>	Yes	5000ft
<b>JA Douglas McCurdy Sydney Airport</b> <a href="https://sydneyairport.ca">sydneyairport.ca</a>	Yes	7000ft
<b>Trenton Airport Limited</b> <a href="https://town.trenton.ns.ca/index.php/business2/48-airport">town.trenton.ns.ca/index.php/business2/48-airport</a>	On request	5000ft
<b>Yarmouth International Airport</b> <a href="https://yarmouthairport.ca">yarmouthairport.ca</a>	Yes	6000ft

Fuel is available at several marinas or can be arranged by truck delivery at other locations.

## NOVA SCOTIA TIDE INFORMATION

### Halifax

HIGH TIDE  
Height approx. 1.87m-1.43m (6.14'-4.69')  
LOW TIDE  
Height approx. 0.60m-0.03m (0.10'-1.97')

### Lunenburg

HIGH TIDE  
Height approx. 1.80m-1.44m (5.91'-4.72')  
LOW TIDE  
Height approx. 0.19m-0.61m (0.62'-2.00')

### Pictou

HIGH TIDE  
Height approx. 1.80m-1.47m (5.91'- 4.82')  
LOW TIDE  
Height approx. 0.24m-1.06m (0.79'- 3.48')

### Sydney

HIGH TIDE  
Height approx. 1.31m-0.93m (4.30'-3.05')  
LOW TIDE  
Height approx. 0.05m-0.48m (0.16'- 1.57')

### Canso

HIGH TIDE  
Height approx. 1.81m-1.27m (5.94'-4.17')  
LOW TIDE  
Height approx. 0.04m-0.44m (0.13'-1.44')

### Yarmouth

HIGH TIDE  
Height approx. 4.85m-3.82m (15.91'- 12.53')  
LOW TIDE  
Height approx. 0.13m-1.22m (0.42'-4.00')

### Bras d'Or Lakes

HIGH TIDE  
Height approx. 0.79m-0.61m (2.59'- 2.00')  
LOW TIDE  
Height approx. 0.27m-0.40m (0.89'- 1.31')

### Digby

HIGH TIDE  
Height approx. 8.91m-7.05m (29.23'-23.13')  
LOW TIDE  
Height approx. 0.15m-2.01m (0.49'-6.59')



## PORT TO PORT IN NM

Fort Lauderdale - Halifax	1381nm
Newport - Halifax	474nm
New York - Halifax	593nm
Boston - Halifax	386nm
Cleveland - Halifax	1381nm
Chicago - Halifax	2032nm
Gibraltar - Halifax	2666nm



Halifax - Montreal	1001nm
Halifax - St. John's NL	590nm
Halifax - Charlottetown	260nm
Halifax - Summerside	293nm
Halifax - Toronto	1202nm
Yarmouth - Halifax	205nm
Lunenburg - Halifax	52nm
Halifax - Port Hawkesbury	164nm
Port Hawkesbury - Sydney	135nm
Port Hawkesbury - Pictou	75nm



	Dockage	Max Length	Draft	Power	Moorings	Launch Ramp	Pump Out	Storage	Latitude	Longitude
<b>HALIFAX METRO</b>										
<b>ALDERNEY MARINA LTD - DARTMOUTH</b> Tel: 902-209-1894 · Email: dube2@eastlink.ca 	Yes	35'	7'	30AMP	Yes	Yes	No	No	44.39°52'N	63.34°34'W
<b>ARMDALE YACHT CLUB - HALIFAX</b> Tel: 902-477-4617 · armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca 	Yes	45'	10'	15 & 30AMP	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	44.38°58'N	63.30°47'W
<b>BEDFORD BASIN YACHT CLUB</b> Tel: 902-835-3729 · bbyc.ca 	Yes	40'	8'	30AMP	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	44.43°30'N	63.39°47'W
<b>BEDFORD WATERFRONT MARINA</b> Tel: 902-229-2628	Yes	250'	25'	No	No	Yes	No	No	44.42°30'N	63.40°25'W
<b>DARTMOUTH YACHT CLUB - DARTMOUTH</b> Tel: 902-468-6050 · dyc.ns.ca 	Yes	44'	9'	15-30AMP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	44.42°0'N	63.36°46'W
<b>HALIFAX WATERFRONT MARINA - HALIFAX</b> Tel: 902-229-2628 · my-waterfront.ca/marina 	Yes	300'	25'	30-200AMP Contact for Availability	No	No	No	No	44.38°34'N	63.34°4'W
<b>ROYAL NOVA SCOTIA YACHT SQUADRON - HALIFAX</b> Tel: 902-477-5653 · rnsys.com 	Yes	160'	16'	30-200AMP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	44.37°17'N	63.34°49'W
<b>SHEARWATER YACHT CLUB - SHEARWATER</b> Tel: 902-469-8590 · swyc.ca 	No	40'	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	44.47°43'N	63.31°28'W
<b>SHINING WATERS - TANTALLON</b> Tel: 902-826-3625 · shiningwaters.ca 	Yes	44'	12'	30AMP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	44.39°24'N	63.54°42'W
<b>ST MARGARET SAILING CLUB - ST MARGARET'S BAY</b> Tel: 902-823-1089 · smsc.ca 	Yes	55'	8'	15-30AMP	Yes	Yes	No	No	44.38°1'N	63.55°1'W

Diesel Gas Ice Water Showers Laundry Washrooms

	Dockage	Max Length	Draft	Power	Moorings	Launch Ramp	Pump Out	Storage	Latitude	Longitude
<b>NORTHUMBERLAND SHORE</b>										
<b>BALLANTYNE'S COVE - ANTIGONISH</b> Tel: 902-863-8162 	Yes	50'	6'	20-30AMP	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	45.51°58'N	61.55°11'W
<b>CRABBIE J'S MARINA - NEW GLASGOW</b> Tel: 902-755-3018 · crabbysjns.ca 	Yes	50'	9'	15-30AMP	Yes	Yes	No	No	45.35°28'N	62.38°40'W
<b>CRIBBON'S POINT - ANTIGONISH</b> Tel: 902-863-3907 	Yes	45'	5'	30AMP	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	45.45°34'N	61.53°0'W
<b>FOX HARB'R MARINA - WALLACE</b> Tel: 866-257-1801 	Yes	115'	10'	100AMP	No	Yes	No	No	45.51°24'N	63.29°15'W
<b>HECTOR QUAY MARINA - PICTOU</b> Tel: 902-485-6960 · townofpictou.ca/marinal 	Yes	50'	14'	15AMP	No	Yes	No	No	45.40°31'N	62.42°38'W
<b>PICTOU MARINA</b> Tel: 902-485-9155 · pictoumarina.com 	Yes	60'	6' low tide	15-30AMP	No	Yes	No	Yes	45.40°56'N	62.41°29'W
<b>SUNRISE SHORE MARINA - TATAMAGOUCHE</b> Tel: 902-456-6433 · sunrisesshoremarina.ca 	Yes	38'	6'	30AMP	No	Yes	No	Yes	45.43°56'N	63.15°51'W
<b>BAY OF FUNDY &amp; ANNAPOLIS VALLEY</b>										
<b>DIGBY MARINA</b> Tel: 902-245-8770 · rwnsyc.ca 	Yes	60'	9'	30AMP	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	44.37°34'N	65.45°11'W
<b>EASTERN SHORE</b>										
<b>CAPE CANSO MARINA - CANSO</b> Tel: 902-366-2937 	Yes	50'	8'	30AMP	Yes	Yes	No	No	45.20°15'N	60.59°05'W
<b>GUYSBOROUGH MARINA - GUYSBOROUGH</b> Tel: 902-533-2052 · guysboroughmarina.com 	Yes	26'	20'	50AMP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	45.23°40'N	61.29°58'W
<b>LISCOMBE LODGE RESORT MARINA - LISCOMB MILLS</b> Tel: 902-779-2307 · liscombelodge.ca 	Yes	100'	10'	30-50AMP	Yes	Yes	No	No	45.00°52'N	62.06°38'W
<b>PETPESWICK YACHT CLUB - MUSQUODUBOIT HARBOUR</b> Tel: 902-889-2896 · petpeswickyachtclub.ca 	Yes	40'	3'	15AMP	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	44.42°32'N	63.09°45'W



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<b>SOUTH, YARMOUTH &amp; ACADIAN SHORE</b>										
<b>BRIDGEWATER MARINA</b> Tel: 902-543-4651 	Yes	40'	12'	30AMP	No	No	Yes	Yes	44.22°18'N	64.30°16'W
<b>BROOKLYN MARINA</b> Tel: 902-354-4028 · brooklynmarina.ca 	Yes	45'	6'	30AMP	Yes	Yes	No	No	44.3°1'N	64.40°59'W
<b>CHESTER YACHT CLUB</b> Tel: 902-275-3747 · chesteryachtclub.ca 	No	60'	25'	None	Yes	No	No	No	44.32°12'N	64.14°31'W
<b>GOLD RIVER MARINA</b> Tel: 902-740-4780 · goldrivermarina.com 	Yes	46'	10'	30AMP	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	44.32°49'N	64.18°58'W
<b>KILLAM BROS., MARINAS - YARMOUTH</b> Tel: 902-740-4780 · killambrosmarina.com 	Yes	200'	14'	30-50-80-100AMP	Yes	No	No	No	43.50°10'N	66.718°W
<b>LAHAVE RIVER YACHT CLUB</b> Tel: 902-688-3177 · lryc.ca 	Yes	50'	7'	15AMP	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	44.18°43'N	64.24°34'W
<b>LUNENBURG YACHT CLUB - PRINCESS INLET</b> Tel: 902-634-3745 · lyc.ns.ca 	Yes	40'	6'	30AMP	Yes	Yes	No	No	44.24°30'N	64.19°30'W
<b>LUNENBURG WATERFRONT MARINA</b> Tel: 634-8377 · my-waterfront.ca/marina 	Yes	110'	20'	30AMP	Yes	No	Yes	No	44.22°31'N	64.18°10'W
<b>MAHONE BAY CIVIC MARINA - MAHONE BAY</b> Tel: 902-624-0348 · mahonebaycivicmarina.ca 	Yes	75'	16'	30-50AMP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	44.26°88'N	64.22°45'W
<b>MARINE SERVICES EAST - CHESTER</b> Tel: 902-275-3822 · marineserviceeast.com 	Yes	100'	15'	30-50AMP	Yes	No	No	Yes	44.34°0'N	64.10°19'W
<b>OAK ISLAND MARINA - WESTERN SHORE</b> Tel: 800-565-5075 · atlanticaoakisland.com 	Yes	40'	12'	30AMP	Yes	No	No	No	44.31°3'N	64.18°2'W
<b>SHELburne HARBOUR YACHT CLUB</b> Tel: 902-875-4757 · shyc.ca 	Yes	55'	11'	15-30AMP	Yes	Yes	No	No	43.45°29'N	65.19°19'W
<b>SOUTH SHORE MARINE - CHESTER</b> Tel: 902-275-3711 · southshoremarine.ca 	Service Dock	60'	10'	at dock travel lift	Yes	No	No	Yes	44.33°35'N	64.170°W

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<b>CAPE BRETON &amp; BRAS D'OR LAKES</b>										
<b>BADDECK MARINE</b> Tel: 902-295-2434 · baddeckmarine.com 	Yes	55'	7'	30-50AMP	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	46.5°58'N	60.44°52'W
<b>BARRA STRAIT MARINA - GRAND NARROWS</b> Tel: 902-622-1313 · grandnarrowswaterfront.com 	Yes	100'	8-12'	15AMP	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	45.57°38'N	60.47°67'W
<b>BEN EOIN</b> Tel: 902-828-1099 · beneoinmarina.com 	Yes	80'	11'	15-30-60AMP	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	45.58°54'N	60.25°53'W
<b>BRAS D'OR YACHT CLUB - BADDECK</b> Tel: 902-295-2107 · bradoryachtclub.ca 	Yes	35'	6'	30AMP	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	44.6°2'N	60.47°55'W
<b>CAPE BRETON BOAT YARD - BADDECK</b> 	Yes	60'	8'	30AMP	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	46.5°46'N	60.45°12'W
<b>DOBSON YACHT CLUB - WESTMOUNT</b> Tel: 902-562-0062 · dobsonyachtclub.org 	Yes	65'	9'	30-50AMP	No	Yes	No	Yes	46.814°N	60.12°16'W
<b>ISLE MADAME BOAT CLUB - ARICHA T</b> Tel: 902-226-0226 · islemadameboatclub.ca 	Yes	47'	9'	30AMP	No	No	No	No	45.30°19'N	61.034°W
<b>LENNOX PASSAGE YACHT CLUB - D'ESCUSSE</b> Tel: 902-631-0069 · lpyc.ca 	Yes	60'	6'	30AMP	No	Yes	No	No	45.35°41'N	60.5742°W
<b>NORTHERN YACHT CLUB - NORTH SYDNEY</b> Tel: 902-794-9121 · northernyachtclub.ca 	Yes	60'	15'	30AMP limited	No	Yes travel lift	Yes	Yes	46.11°20'N	60.15°56'W
<b>PORT OF SYDNEY</b> Tel: 902-564-0800 · portofsydney.ca 	Yes	250'	10'	No	No	No	No	No	46.08°31'N	60.12°17'W
<b>ROSS FERRY MARINA</b> Tel: 902-674-0148 · rossferrymarinepark.weebly.com 	day time only	40'	16'	30AMP	No	Yes	Yes	No	46.08°66'N	60.35°15'W
<b>STRAIT OF CANSO YACHT CLUB - PORT HAWKESBURY</b> Tel: 902-625-1918 · straitofcansoyc.ca 	Yes	40'	6'	30AMP	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	45.36°51'N	51.21°53'W
<b>ST PETER'S MARINA</b> Tel: 902-535-2729 · st-peters-marina.com 	Yes	150'	13'	30-50AMP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	45.39°40'N	60.52°32'W

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