

## 2014 Round the Cape Cruise (July 20<sup>th</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup>)

### **Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> & Monday July 21<sup>st</sup> : Port Hawkesbury (160 NM)**

Facility: Marina slip

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Slip: \$1.30/ft

**Activity July 21<sup>st</sup>:** Wine & cheese reception at SCYC (RNSYS sponsored).

The Cape Breton leg of our cruise begins here. A block of 10 slips has been requested for both days. **Please make your personal reservations and make reference to the RNSYS cruise.** Fuel and groceries are available. Entrance is strait forward (pardon the pun).

### **Tuesday July 22<sup>nd</sup> & Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>: Mabou (35 NM)**

Facility: Anchorage

**Activity July 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Tour Glenora Distillery.

This leg starts with the Canso lock then heads NW and N then NE around Port Hood Island to the Mabou entrance. Mabou is a lovely land locked sheltered harbour, and home to the Red Shoes Pub, where some may wish to pass some time! The Shining Waters Restaurant is also recommended.

The channel and wharf were dredged to 2 meters in 2012. There is also a sand bar outside the entrance that was 4 feet. Mabou Sailing Club has a few moorings and good anchorage. Open house for their junior sailors? Can also tie-up up to 6 boats in the fishing basin. There is a dock at the highway bridge for dinghies – not certain about keel boats. Current at the narrows runs up to 5 knots. Recommend entry at ½ tide rising. We have requested an update on depths at the present time. Alternative is Port Hood for July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Cheticamp for July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Tide: 0.3Ft @ 1256, 3.0Ft @ 2022 July 22  
3.3Ft @ 0732, 0.3Ft @ 1448 July 24

NOTE: While not investigated at all (especially depth), the following harbours lie between Mabou and Cheticamp and might serve as lunch or bail out spots.

Finlay Point (Mabou Mines)  
Inverness  
Margaree Harbour

**Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>: Cheticamp (45NM)**

Facility: Several Docks, Small Marina and Anchorage

Phone: (902) 224-3009 (Cheticamp Harbour Authority)

<http://www.hacheticamp.ca>

Angus Lefort Manager – Harbour Authority [dq@ckjmf.ca](mailto:dq@ckjmf.ca)

Slip: \$25/night

Angus advises they will accommodate us at one of their facilities. Space will be tight as the crab fishery will be underway. No block booking has been made, but **reservations are recommended.**

The route from Mabou to Cheticamp is straightforward, leaving Margaree Island on either side, rounding Cheticamp Island and following the range and marked channel into the harbour.

**NOTE:**

While not investigated in any detail (especially depth), Pleasant Bay harbour lies north of Cheticamp and might serve as a bail out spot.

**Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>: Havre Aubert (55NM)**

Facility: Marina Slip

Club Nautique les Plaisanciers du Havre Phone: (418) 937-5283

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Slip: \$1.25/ft

**Activity July 27<sup>th</sup>:** Guided Island bus tour

Ten slips are reserved for the 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. **Please make your personal reservations and make reference to the RNSYS cruise.**

Guide says: 70 slips, 2 mooring, 10 transients, max LOA 98 ft, 6 ft approach, 6 ft alongside, gas & diesel, water, 20A and 30A electricity. Boats over 6ft draft dock at fisherman's wharf. Anchorage holding OK, may be uncertain in strong winds.

Tide: 1.0Ft @ 1525, 3.0Ft @ 2242 July 25

2.0Ft @ 0425, 3.3Ft @ 1001 July 28

Tide min 1ft while we are there.

This leg heads northwest through La Passe beside Entry Island and thence SW inside Sandy Hook into Havre Aubert. The marina is in La Grave, a historic area with boutiques and restaurants. Recommend dining ashore at least once.

**NOTE:** The 150 Sailing Challenge race leaves Charlottetown on July 28<sup>th</sup> bound for Havre Aubert (150 mile course) so should arrive on the 29<sup>th</sup>. That leaves us with the 28<sup>th</sup> as a storm day. Possibility of staging at Ile D'entrée not investigated.

**Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday July 29<sup>th</sup>: Dingwall (75 NM)**

Facility: Anchorage or tie up alongside

**Activity July 29<sup>th</sup>:** Dinner at The Markland.

This is the longest leg of the cruise, heading SE to Cape North and thence SSW to the Dingwall Harbor entrance. When rounding Cape North in SW to NW winds, the winds can be very fluky and gusty if you are in close under the land. Best to give it a wide berth or reduce sail. Dingwall is the home of the St. Paul Island Historical Society. A choice of private/ public docks and anchoring.

Entrance depth is at least 6 ft. usually 7 or 8 depending on dredging. There is always a small sandbar 200 ft outside the breakwaters so draft greater than 7 feet might touch at dead low but it is only sand and the bar is very short. Lit fairway to lit breakwaters is just under a mile with two unlit buoys between them.

Sunrise is 0538, sunset 2038 with twilight until 2114.

Tide: 1.3FT @ 1650, 3.6Ft @ 2309 July 28

1.6Ft @ 0518, 3.9Ft @ 1126 July 30.

**Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>: Ingonish Harbour (25 NM)**

Facility: Anchorage or tie up alongside abandoned marina wall

There is room in Dunphys Cove for a couple of boats to raft and evidently lots of room at a 350 ft abandoned marina dock face beneath the Smokey ski hill as well as anchoring in the vicinity.

This is a straight run from the Dingwall fairway to either side of Ingonish Island around Middle Head to the Ingonish Harbour fairway.

Tide: 4.3 Ft @ 1125, 1.3 FT @ 1743 July 30

1.3 Ft @ 0548, 4.3 Ft @ 1202 July 31.

**Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup> & Friday August 1<sup>st</sup>: Baddeck (45 NM)**

Facility: Marina or Mooring (Your choice!)

We sail past the Bird Islands and current at the Bras D'Or should be in our favour from 0920 to 1520 peaking at 1205 @ 2.8 Knots. Noir Point (narrowest part) is 25NM from Ingonish.

Challenge - Natal Day weekend! **Please book your slip or mooring at the location you prefer. No block booking has been made.**

**Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>: Maskells Harbour (6 NM)**

Facility: Anchorage

**Activity:** Dinghy Drift Hors D'Oeuvres.

**Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup>: Somewhere in the Bras D'Or Lakes (20 NM)**

Facility: Anchorage

No plan at all, but lots of possibilities!

**Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>: St. Peter's (20 NM)**

Facility: Marina Slip

St. Peter's Marina <http://www.st-peters-marina.com/>

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Slip: \$1.40/ft

**Activity August 5<sup>th</sup>:** Bon Voyage Dinner

Ten berths, a caterer and the clubhouse have been booked. **Please make your personal reservations and make reference to the RNSYS cruise.** This is the official end of the 2014 cruise.

Lock Schedule (2013) 8AM – 6PM becoming 4PM after August 11<sup>th</sup>

**Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> through Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup>:**

There is ample time to day sail the route back to the RNSYS by the weekend with daily legs of 40 to 50 NM and lots of good anchorages to spend the nights. A possible itinerary is reflected on the following page.

**NOTE:**

**RELEVANT DATES:**

RHSP	Jul 8-13
Bastille Day (St. Pierre)	Jul 14
Race the Cape (Sydney & Bras D'Or Lakes)	Jul 18 – 24
150 Sail Challenge	Jul 28 – Aug 1
Natal Day	Aug 4
Chester Race Week	Aug 13 – 16

## 2014 Itinerary

DATE	DAY	LEG	FROM	TO	NM	FUEL	ACTIVITY / NOTES
Jul 19	Sat	1	RNSYS	At Sea			
20	Sun		At Sea	Port Hawkesbury	160	marina	
21	Mon						<b>RNSYS Reception</b>
22	Tues	2	Port Hawkesbury	Mabou	35		(Red Shoes Pub)
23	Wed		Mabou				<b>Glenora Distillery</b>
24	Thurs	3	Mabou	Cheticamp	45		
25	Fri	4	Cheticamp	Havre Aubert	55	by jug	
26	Sat		Havre Aubert				(La Grave)
27	Sun		Havre Aubert				<b>Islands Tour</b>
28	Mon	5	Havre Aubert	Dingwall	75		
29	Tues		Dingwall				<b>Dinner: Markland Inn</b>
30	Wed	6	Dingwall	Ingonish Harbour	25		
31	Thurs	7	Ingonish Harbour	Baddeck	45	marina	(Bird Islands)
Aug 1	Fri		Baddeck				
2	Sat	8	Baddeck	Maskells Harbour	6		<b>Dinghy Drift</b>
3	Sun	9	Maskells Harbour	Somewhere	20		
4	Mon	10	Somewhere	St. Peter's	20	marina	
5	Tues		St. Peter's				<b>Bon Voyage Dinner</b>
6	Wed	11	St. Peter's	Yankee Cove	45		(Inside Passage)
7	Thurs	12	Yankee Cove	Spanish Ship Bay	45		
8	Fri	13	Spanish Ship Bay	Shelter Cove	40		
9	Sat	14	Shelter Cove	RNSYS	50		
10	Sun		Storm Day				