



Harbour Master Update

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DATE: 2021-MARCH-24

SUBJECT: 2021 Halifax Boaters Guide

Purpose:

The Halifax Port Authority wants to identify safe boating procedures within the Port including the interaction between large and small vessels through the 2021 Halifax Boaters Guide.

Details:

The 2021 Halifax Boaters Guide was developed by Develop Nova Scotia with input from Sail NS, the Halifax Port Authority, Atlantic Pilotage Authority, Transport Canada and several other port stakeholders.

Actions:

- The Safe Boating Guide is being distributed to businesses and residences along the Halifax Harbour, Bedford Basin and the Northwest Arm. HRP will distribute the Guide to Northwest Arm homeowners.
- All vessel operators are required to read, understand and follow the requirements in the [2021 Halifax Boaters Guide](#).
 - Be aware of the VHF Channels available when boating in Halifax Harbour;
 - Buoy Markers are an important aid to navigation helping you avoid low water areas;
 - Maximum speed limit of 6 knots (11 km/hr) within 100 meters (328ft) of the Halifax Waterfront and throughout the Northwest Arm;
 - Please respect the No Wake Zones as indicated on the map in the 2021 Halifax Boaters Guide. As a boater, you are responsible for your wake.
- Please make note of the Emergency Contacts before heading out on the water.
- Avoid Marine Industrial Activity – All harbour users are asked to stay a safe distance from all commercial (working) vessels.
- Please refer to the map on the reverse of the Halifax Boaters Guide for yacht clubs and marina locations as well as locations for fuel, pump out, public boat launches and docking.
- Drone operators must comply with Transport Canada regulations. Much of the Halifax Harbour and area falls within the Shearwater Control Zone requiring approval prior to use.

We want to ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable time on the water in 2021.

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