

OUR VISION

Respecting our people, recognizing our culture and concentrating on the prosperity of our way of life as fishers of the sea, we will do everything possible to support our members as a productive, efficient, cost effective and well managed harbour authority.

We are determined to help our island take its rightful place as a thriving and innovative front-runner in the ocean harvesting industry.



*“Coming together is a beginning;
Staying together is progress;
Working together is success.”
Henry Ford*

HARBOUR AUTHORITY OF CAPE SABLE ISLAND

Benefits of working together:

- Positions the HA to take advantage of many more business and savings opportunities for their members by having full-time dedicated staff to manage the affairs of the corporation.
- The Board of Directors can govern and instruct their staff to manage the facility.
- Speaking with one voice will strengthen and enhance the opportunities for a strong Harbour Authority.
- Provide increased services to the commercial fishing industry of Cape Sable Island.
- Maximum efficiency and effective governance and management of the harbour facilities.

- CLARK’S HARBOUR
- NEWELLTON
- SOUTH SIDE
- STONEY ISLAND
- CRIPPLE CREEK
- SWIMS POINT

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A successful Harbour Authority can be our best advertisement and our most valuable resource.

The harbour brings people together for work, recreation and in groups for a common cause. We need efficient, safe, clean and well managed Harbours.

What is a Harbour Authority?

A Harbour Authority is a not-for-profit, locally controlled organization whose board of directors has links with the community. It exists solely for the management and maintenance of the harbour facilities.

The term harbour, as it is used here, refers only to property and water lots, under the jurisdiction of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. The Small Craft Harbour facilities remain public. The Harbour Authority operates on a pre-approved annual budget negotiated with Small Craft Harbours and is responsible for the day-to-day operation and management of the harbour. The Harbour Authority generally meets at various intervals with Small Craft Harbours to discuss budget projections and make necessary modifications.

- Planned Maintenance
- Standard Fees
- Major Project Management
- Group Discounts
- Lower Costs
- Efficient Operations

WHO DETERMINES THE LEVEL OF SERVICE?

A Harbour Authority agrees to manage the harbour as a public facility. The level of service to be provided can then be determined by the Board of Directors.

WHAT ARE HARBOUR AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR?

Harbour Authorities are normally responsible for:

- Day to day operations of the facilities
- Setting rates and collection of user fees
- Allocation of space at the harbour (berthage, off-loading space, etc.)
- Hiring staff to operate and manage the facilities
- Maintaining a general ledger of income and expenditure
- Undertaking minor repairs and maintenance

WHO DETERMINES SERVICE FEES?

The fees which the Harbour Authorities charge the harbour users are a matter which will be decided by the board of directors.



TAKING CHARGE OF OUR FUTURE

- Working together will strengthen the social and cultural assets of our community.
- Improving viability of business in the community.
- Developing an ocean harvester's centre of excellence to facilitate habitat analysis and fishermen training.
- Prepare our harbours for climate and sea level rise change.
- Develop vessel storage services and purchase a travel lift for quick, safe and economical way to lift and return vessels to the water.



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