



# THE ISLAND CATCH

## HARBOUR AUTHORITY OF CAPE SABLE ISLAND

CLARKS'S HARBOUR – NEWELLTON – SOUTH SIDE – STONEY ISLAND – CRIPPLE CREEK – SWIMS POINT

### OUR STORY

#### Coming Together As One

Over the years our story has been told in many ways. For generations our Island has been our home and place of work – where our fortune and fate has been ruled by the fishery.

Today, our fishers and coastal industries are trying to find a balance between the complexities of marine science and the known realities of our fishing experience. We are faced with a challenge from all sides to manage our resources more efficiently.

Few things symbolize our way of life more than our harbours. As an integral piece of our local economy and primary economic generator, they need to be productive, efficient and well managed operations. To this end, in the spring of 2008, members of each of our six harbours met with Small Craft Harbours to explore amalgamating into one harbour authority. In 2009 all the options were considered, a steering committee formed to develop a long range plan for all of Cape Island. Through the winter of 2009-10, a Business Plan including proposed by-laws was prepared and in June 2010 the members of all Harbour Authorities met to consider the merging of 6 Harbour Authorities into one. In July 2010 it was accepted to proceed and merge into one Harbour Authority with two appointed Board of Director members from each harbour. In December 2010 the Harbour Authority of Cape Sable Island (HACSI) was incorporated.

On 1 April 2011, HACSI took over the existing liabilities and assets of the existing six harbour authorities and on the advice of the Board of Directors fees were set for berthage, licenses, leases, and services. At the start of this amalgamation, the Harbour Authority of Cape Sable Island included six harbours, that is, Clam Point (Cripple Creek), Clark's Harbour (Swims Point), Newellton, South Side, Stoney Island, and West Head. Regrettably, on the 11th of April the HA of West Head opted to discontinue being part of HACSI and return to functioning as an individual harbour.

We believe this new way of doing business is an exciting opportunity to lead the way in harbour operations. We are also determined to help our Island take its rightful place as a thriving front-runner in the local economy.



### OUR LOGO

Our logo contains two perceptions.

First, the square represents a well protected harbour with entrance to the east. The arrow pointing into the harbour represents a boat entering a Harbour Authority of Cape Sable Island (HACSI) harbour.

The second perception is the square that represents the capital letter C and the boat making a dot over the small letter "i", together making up "Ci" for Cape Island.

Some even see the Cape Light in the "i", shining into the harbour.

## HARBOUR AUTHORITY

### 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 an annual budget 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 projects and related fiscal matters.

The Federal Government, as owners of the property, remains responsible for major maintenance.

A Harbour Authority hires the staff that is responsible for administering the policies and operation of the harbour on a day to day basis.



HACSI will develop new revenue streams and pursue funding for capital improvements for each harbour using the bulk buying/contracting power for goods and services at a lower cost to members and their families i.e. reduce vessel insurance rates, group health and dental plan coverage, bulk purchasing of fishing supplies, etc.

THE HISTORICAL INFLUENCE AND PROSPERITY OF THE FISHERY REFLECTS OUR WAY OF LIFE AND IS A CONSTANT REMINDER OF THE MOODS OF CHANGE.

## OUR VISION

**RESPECTING OUR PEOPLE, RECOGNIZING OUR CULTURE AND CONCENTRATING ON THE PROSPERITY OF OUR WAY OF LIFE, WE WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT OUR MEMBERS AS A PRODUCTIVE, EFFICIENT, COST EFFECTIVE, AND WELL MANAGED HARBOUR AUTHORITY.**

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