



# THE ISLAND CATCH

## HARBOUR AUTHORITY OF CAPE SABLE ISLAND

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

### OUR FIRST YEAR – COMING TOGETHER AS ONE

By the time you read this, the Harbour Authority of Cape Sable Island (HACSI) will have been in operation for one full year. For our member harbours, you will have seen, what we hope are, positive changes in the transition: immediate attention to minor wharf repairs, quick attention to hoist breakdowns, coordinated and managed berth assignment, wharf and shore-side cleanliness, controlled pot berths, quick response to harbour fuel spills, and coordinated minor harbour work projects such as the dredging and breakwater re-alignment at Cripple Creek.

Along with managing the harbour's daily operations, a comprehensive Harbour Authority website ([www.hacsi.ca](http://www.hacsi.ca)) was developed. The website provides a venue to circulate forms and information to our members and the general public interested in the operations of HACSI.

The administration manages various cost savings, including pest control and garbage removal for our member wharfs under one contract. Hoist repairs and inspection are coordinated through planned maintenance routines.

Harbour fees are now standardized under one rate schedule. Members receive equal charges for like services available at each wharf.

Through a long and pain-staking process, all harbours are now under one consolidated accounting system. This was a bit difficult because each harbour had their method of bookkeeping and this style had to be merged into one.

All of the berthing plans were reviewed with the intention of seeing where there was room to accommodate new vessels and new members, paying particular attention to water depths and vessel drafts.

Harbour safety issues have been reviewed and adjustments made where necessary to ensure harbour operations are conducted as safe as possible.

This year we have worked hard to accommodate the issues, however they have not always been easy and solutions not always to the satisfaction of everyone. Whatever the result, or method, we attempted to be as fair as possible – and stick to our credo: to not create a problem where there wasn't one!

The Board and the Administration have been impressed and our work made easier through the cooperation of the members and stakeholders.



### 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.

## THE WAY AHEAD

HACSI plans to 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. We are currently working with both boat fuel suppliers and insurance agencies to identify cost saving and revenue generating benefits to our members, employees and families.

Two major work projects are being considered: dredging of inner harbour to eliminate the high spots of Clark's Harbour and re-facing the inside retainer wall and realignment of west facing breakwater to accommodate more berthing space and working room in Newellton harbour.

It is our intention to pursue other means of attracting revenue as we establish HACSI as a growing corporate entity.

We also intend to develop standard harbour operations and safety manuals that are customized for that harbour.

We also plan to develop a waterfront land use plan with the intention of identifying where there is potential for HACSI to expand and utilize land

to our best advantage. We see any gain of waterfront property as potential for future revenue.

The cost of electricity and services has risen dramatically in the past few years and indications are that this trend will continue. Lighting our wharfs and property is now our single largest operational cost – a staggering 20% of our total revenue! It is imperative that we seek out ways to reduce this cost. Therefore it is our intention to find any way possible to reduce this cost and to improve efficiency. We believe this can be achieved through converting to LED type lighting and eliminating wasteful light-sensing timer operations.

There are many more projects that we are thinking about. Some are in the short term and some a little more in the future. We are looking at vessel storage facilities, boat travel lifting, tendering services, and project inspections services as well as group purchasing agreements. Keeping in mind that HACSI is determined to help our Island take its rightful place as a thriving and innovative front-runner in the ocean harvesting industry, we put our energy into developing our Island as a centre of coastal and ocean harvester's excellence, where studies, information, research, marketing,

## VISIT THE HACSI WEBSITE

[www.hacsi.ca](http://www.hacsi.ca)

A website is a fairly inexpensive business tool. In today's world, people lead very busy lives when you consider the commitment of our work and family.

By having a well presented website for the convenience of our members, the site can be visited anytime to find specific information, such as Weather, Tides, Notices, Seafood Industry Information, etc.

For general interest just browse through any of the other pages for something of interest.

As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions to improve the site.

and best fishing practices are Cape Island initiatives.

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