

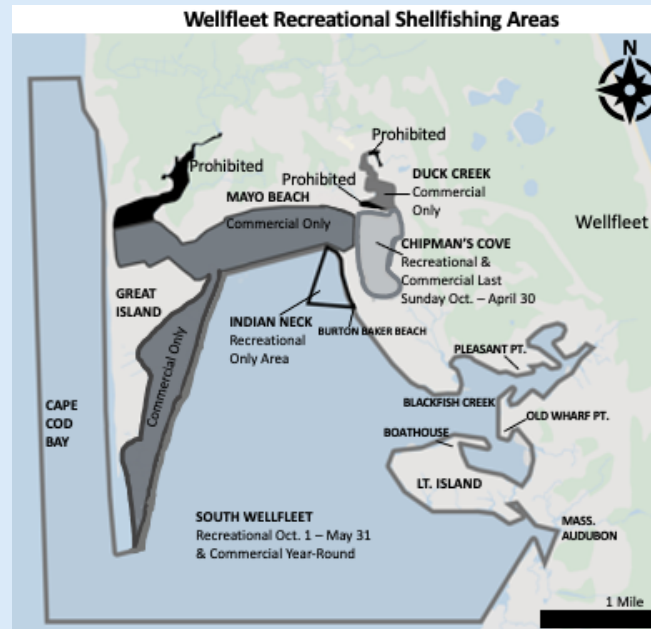
A boater's guide to shellfish farming

Shellfishing is an important part of the Wellfleet economy. Shellfish farming takes place in specific areas throughout the harbor. **Aquaculture areas are marked with buoys at each corner.**

To keep you and your passengers safe, boaters should **stay clear** of these areas **3 hours before and after low tide**. Oysters are typically grown on rebar racks and in "condos," which are made of plastic-coated metal lobster trap-type material. Planted clams are covered with nets held down by lengths of rebar. Kayakers, paddle boarders and water skiers can hurt themselves if they fall into this gear. Boaters risk harming their craft and the passengers aboard. Motor propellers and centerboards can do extensive damage to shellfishing equipment. Boaters who do damage to aquaculture gear may also be liable for triple damages under both local regulations and Massachusetts General Law. Enclosed is a map showing the locations of shellfish farms and photos of what aquaculture gear looks like. If you have any questions, please call the Wellfleet Shellfish Department (508) 349-0325.

Recreational Shellfishing

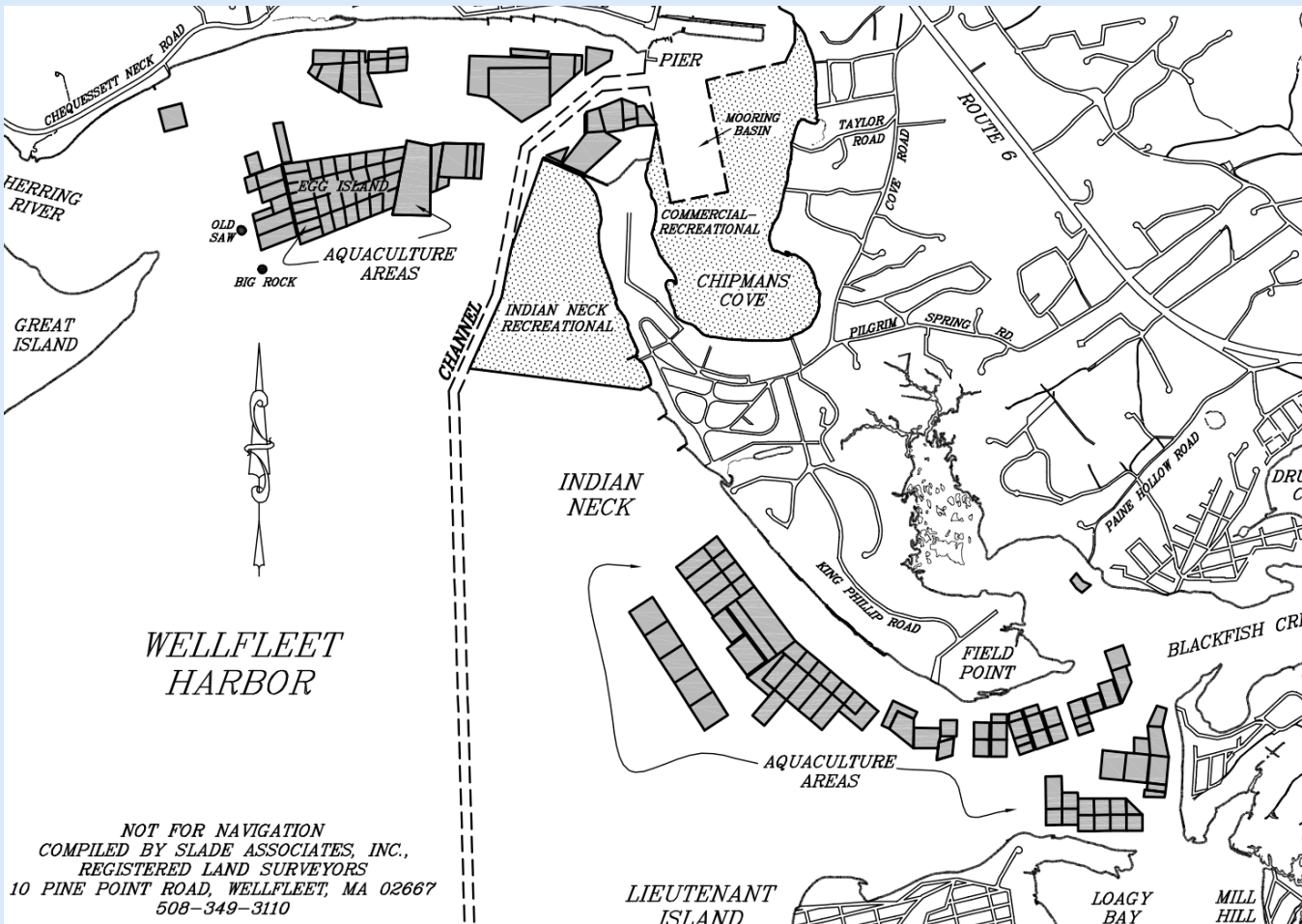
If you'd like to acquire a recreational shellfishing permit, please visit www.wellfleet-ma.gov/shellfish-department.



Indian Neck Recreational Shellfishing area is open on **Sundays** and **Wednesdays** from June 1 - September 30.

A Boater's Guide to Shellfish Farming Gear in Wellfleet Harbor





Wellfleet Harbor can have a tidal range of >12' meaning that areas covered by the high tide become completely exposed 6 hours later.



To the left is a map showing areas throughout Wellfleet Harbor where shellfish farming occurs. Aquaculture gear is located close to both sides of the channel exiting the the pier and mooring basin, along the south shores of Indian Neck, and into the mouth of Blackfish Creek and Loagy Bay. Gear is also located in the area extending out west from the breakwater beacon to Great Island. **Please be particularly careful in these areas.**

Oysters are grown to legal size using various methods; however, one popular method is bags on rebar racks. Rebar racks and bags stand **22" off the bottom**. Clam nets lay on the bottom and are secured by rebar.

A skag strike to a clam net or a row of oyster bags would result in a massive amount of product being exposed to predators, and could severely damage your boat and/or hurt your passengers.



"Condos" used to store bags of juvenile oysters rise **24" off the bottom**.