

TOBERMORY HARBOR, ONTARIO.

From Johnston Harbor (H-20), 20¼ northwesterly, thence northeasterly via Devil's Island Channel. From Wall Island Passage, 19.6 miles, 176 True: From Club Harbor (GB-59), 21.7 miles 192 True. From Wingfield Basin, 18 miles West.

Tobermory with a population of 450 is a beautiful picturesque fishing village at the northwest extremity of the Sauguen Peninsular. The harbor affords perfect shelter from all winds. It is a port of call for passenger boats as well as yachts and pleasure craft throughout the summer. It is also the mainland terminus of an automobile ferry service to South Baymouth on Manitoulin Island, operating several times daily during the summer. For real peace and quiet yachtsmen use the BIG TUB.

GB--3		1951
Lat.	45° 16' 6"	North
Long.	81° 40' 25"	West
Mag.Var.	8° West	1951
Ann. Decrease		1'
Light		U.S. 889
Fog Signal		Yes
Radio Station		VDB
Storm Signal		Yes
Population		450
Services		See Report
Chart Canadian		2296

APPROACHES--From the East: Clear, no dangers except visible islands.

From the North: Once you are anywhere between Cove and Bear's Rump Island, all clear, no dangers except visible islands which are all steep-to with no off-lying reefs.

From the West: Here a mass of reefs and islands present problems. One solution is to go out around north of Cove Island and come back to Tobermory along the east shore



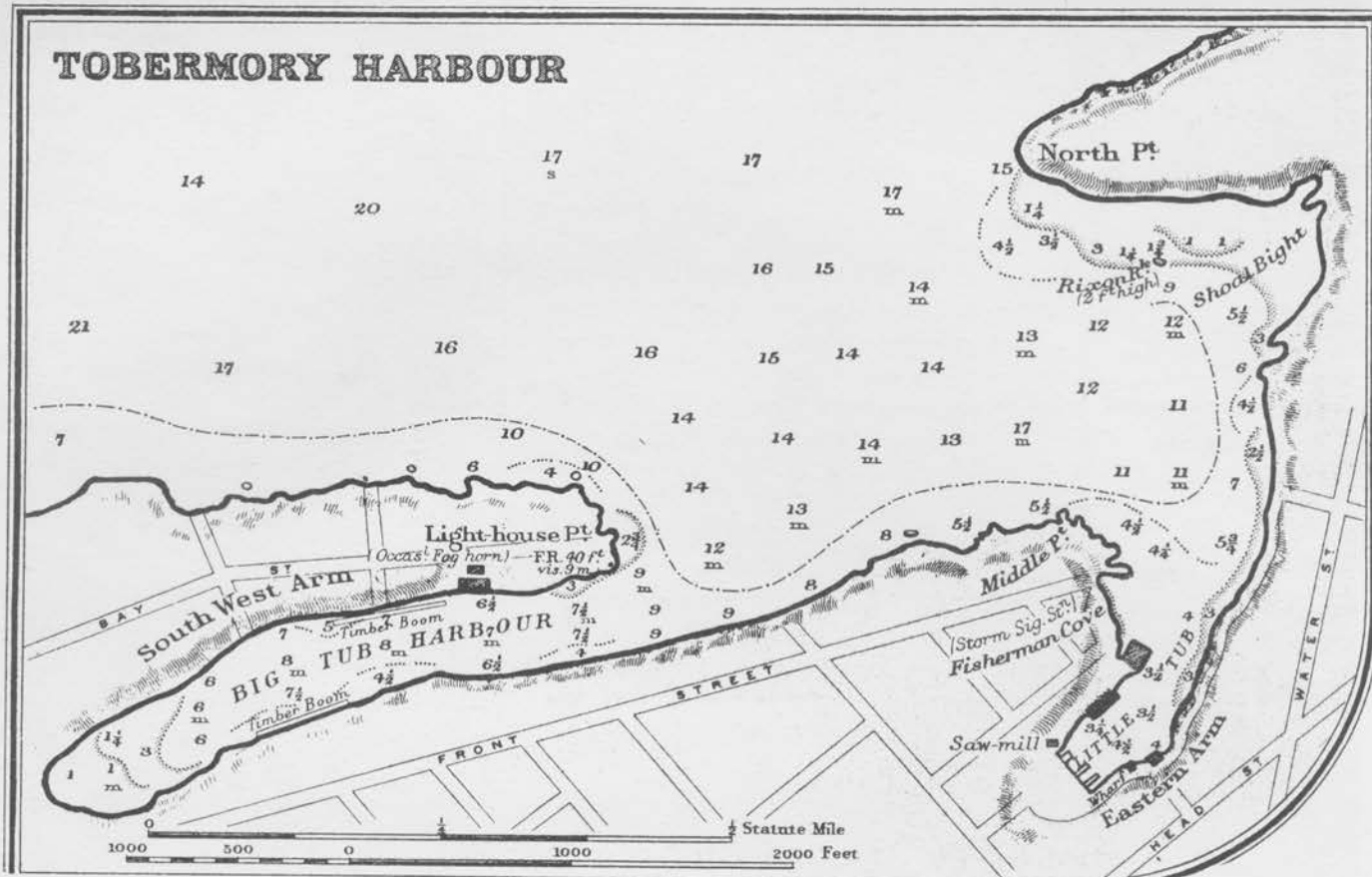
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of Cove and North Otter Islands. This is the only feasible solution at night (using the flashing light on Gig Point (Fl.W. every two and a half seconds, visible 17 miles) on the north extremity of Cove Island, there being no lighted aids for passages between the islands.

There are four channels between Cove Island on the north and the mainland, but only one, The Devil's Island Channel, is recommended for first arrivals. This is marked by a Bell Buoy (no light) at the Southwest End and requires no identification of islands. From the buoy steer 40 True keeping the two red spars on your right. The beacons on the south tangents of the Otter Islands will lie straight ahead but they are sometimes hard to see. The red spars mark reefs out from Devil's Island and Russel Island. After passing second spar swing around east of Russel and Doctor Islands and your way is clear into Big or Little Tub.

The Cape Hurd Channel almost parallels the Devil's Island Channel (44 instead of 40) being one mile closer to the mainland. But the difficulty for a stranger is to identify the islands which form the leading marks and it requires a day with at least an 8-mile visibility to see them. Refer to Canadian Pilot Book, Pages 62 through 69 for details on this area. The Cape Hurd channel is now (1951) marked by spar buoys.

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ANCHORAGE: Caution: Do not leave boat Ferry Dock (First on right as you enter Little Tub.) Cottages are spread along the shore just South of North Point. Do not let their lights confuse you with Little Tub.

The harbor has two arms, an easterly one called Little Tub, and a southwesterly one called Big Tub. Big Tub is a little over a half mile long and about 100 yards wide and 7 to 8 fathoms deep over mud. Because of the narrowness of this harbor and the depth of water, boats cannot lie to a single hook and are obliged to make fast to the rocky shore, mostly perpendicular. Large ring bolts have been sunk into the rocks and floating booms hold craft away from rocks. A lodge has been established on the North Shore.

SERVICES: Gas: Orrie Vail, first pump, starboard on entering Little Tub. At head of Little Tub, and at Big Tub Lodge.

Ice: At Orrie Vail's or at Big Tub Lodge.

Provisions: Belrose, Peninsula Supply Co., Hopkin's Market.

Restaurants: Craigie, Peacock, Big Tub Lodge, Picks.

Hotels: Belrose Inn, Rockcliffe Lodge, Mathieson House, Tobermory Lodge.

Cabins: At Big Tub Lodge.

Machine Shop: See Orrie Vail, closest at Wiaraton, 52 mi.

Telephone: Barney Hopkin's House. Physician: None.

TRANSPORTATION:

Bus: Two trips daily to Wiaraton, to R.R.: Bus to Windsor Daily.

Ferry: To South Baymouth, Manitoulin Island about every 6 hours.