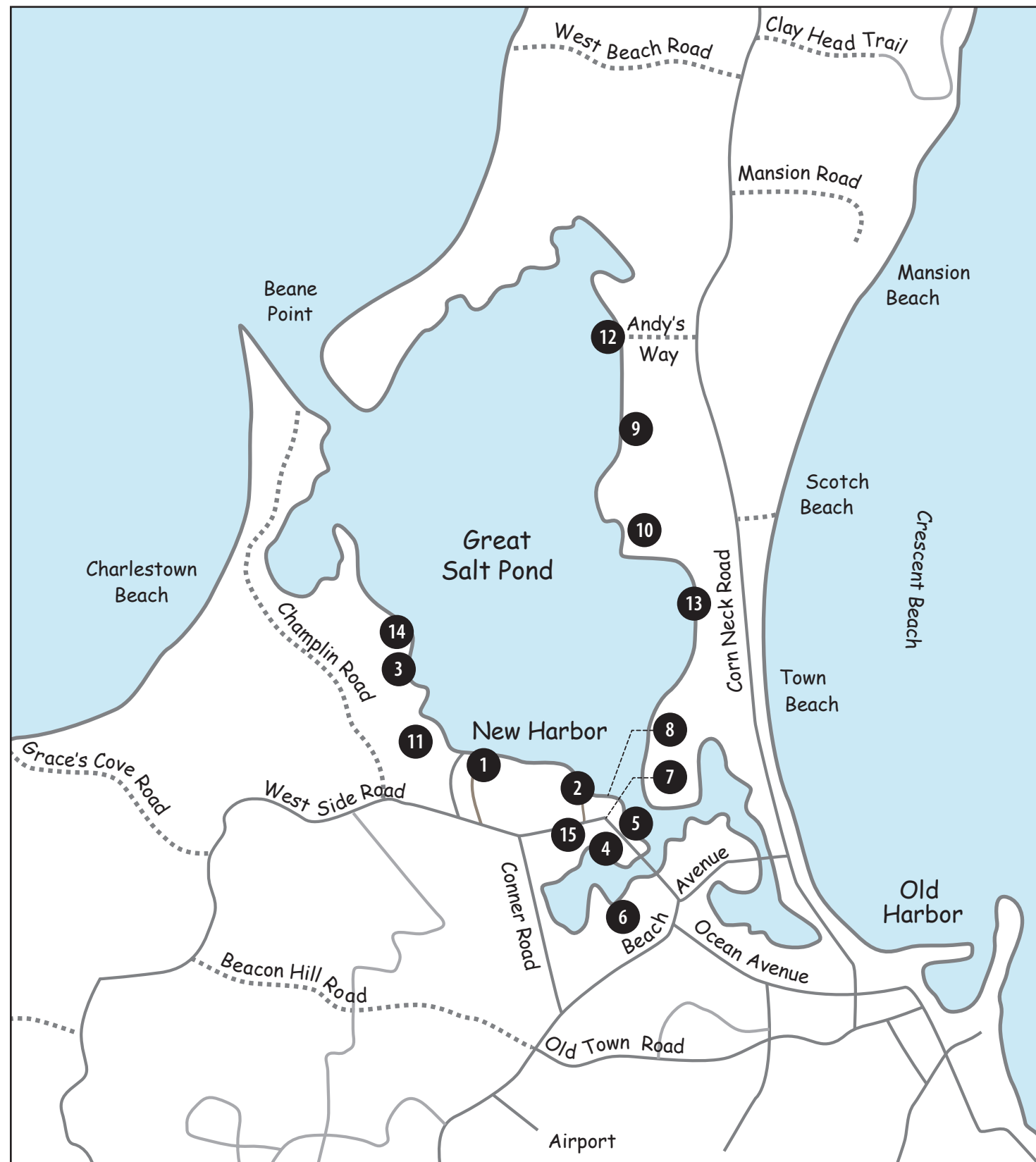


Hopefully you have found this Directory, composed by the Committee for The Great Salt Pond, helpful. We are totally dedicated to keeping the waters in the Great Salt Pond pristine, its shorelines scenic and always open to boating, recreation and aquaculture for all. For more information about the CGSP visit, CGSPBlockIsland.org



2024 GREAT SALT POND BOATER'S DIRECTORY

Welcome Visitors!

As Harbormaster of the Town of New Shoreham, I welcome you all to our beloved Great Salt Pond for the 2024 season. As you know, there are many activities to be enjoyed on the pond from recreational boating and kayaking to clamming. If you have any questions, please reach out to me or my staff. Public safety and making sure our waters stay clean are our top priorities. We are so excited for the upcoming season and can't wait to see you on the pond.

Be safe and have a great summer,

Kathleen McConville | Harbormaster | 401.466.3204

COMMITTEE FOR THE GREAT SALT POND – WHAT WE DO

We are a Tax-exempt Organization whose mission is

To protect and enhance the environmental quality of the Great Salt Pond, including its shorelines and wetlands and to promote appropriate and productive uses of the Pond's resources by residents, visitors and local businesses.

We are like the canary in the coal mine, protecting and providing stewardship for the Great Salt Pond as we defend, advocate and alert the community to problems and opportunities in and around the Pond. The CGSP has protected the pond from many different development initiatives of the past 40-odd years including a ferry terminal, condominiums, massive dock expansions, etc. with our legal defense fund. Additionally, the CGSP has led a number of major initiatives like "no-discharge" (the first on the east coast) and the pump-out boats that patrol the harbor.

Every two weeks during the summer we sample the water at 14 sites to assure it is safe for swimming, for aquaculture and shell fishing, and that it is maintaining its #1 Water Quality rating. We built "walkovers" to protect the dunes that protect the pond and its beaches. We have erected kiosks at several entrances to the Pond to notify visitors of its history, its rules, and what to explore. Annually, we draw people to the Pond where they become aware of its beauty and pristine waters by conducting a one-mile swim from Andy's Way towards Beane Point and back. At our last GSP SWIM 145 individuals of all ages made the loop. The Committee also designs a new Block Island Burgee to raise money every year.

Most of our income, however, is derived from donations, membership fees and the GSP SWIM. Most of the money is spent on legal fees which are used to stop overly aggressive developers. So far we have been successful in the legal efforts to keep the Pond the way that it has been, but it remains a daily battle. Sound interesting? Become a **Boating Member** at our discounted \$30 fee to share in our mission to support the Great Salt Pond.

GREAT SALT POND (GSP) BOATER'S DIRECTORY

This directory is published to help boaters on the GSP who want to know where one might find help as well as what there is to see and do WITHIN DINGHY AND SHORT WALKING DISTANCE from the shore.

All phone numbers have a 401.466 prefix unless indicated otherwise.

EMERGENCY

- 1 **Harbormaster** – 3204 • Channel 12
Coast Guard – 401.789.0444 – Point Judith • Channels 16 & 22
Police/Fire/Rescue Squad – Emergency call 911 • Non-Emergency call 3220
Block Island Medical Center – 911; Normal 2974 • BIHealthServices.com
South County Hospital, Wakefield, RI – 401.782.8000 • SouthCountyHealth.org
Westerly Hospital, Westerly, RI – 401.596.6000 • WesterlyHospital.org
Atlantic Animal Hospital – 401.364.2275 • AtlanticAnimalHospital.com – Dr. S. Hoffer
McQuade's Pharmacy – 401.596.0277 • McQuadeRX.com – Will deliver to Airport. No pharmacies on Island.
Dental Care – 401.539.2461. Wood River Health visits Block Island every Thursday.
Westerly CVS – 401.596.8182. Delivers to airport.

MARINE SERVICES

- Pump-out Boat** – Channel 73 (a FREE service)
- 1 **Launch Service** – Channel 68 (Old Port Marine Services) • OldPortMarine.com
Water Boat – Channel 71
A.H. Edwards Marine – 2655 • Channel 12. Marine mechanic.
 - 4 **Block Island Marine** – Channel 12. Marine mechanic. Lunch Service; Fuel Dock – Diesel & Gas.

TRANSPORTATION

- 1, 2, 3 **TAXI STANDS** – Located at all the marinas.
CAR RENTAL
4 **BI Bike and Car Rental** – 401.466.2297 • Located at the Hog Pen. BlockIslandBikeAndCarRental.com.
BIKE RENTAL
1 **New Harbor Boat Basin** – 2631 • NewHarborBoatBasin.com
3 **Champlin's Marina** – 7777 • ChamplinsResort.com

FISHING/BAIT/CLAMMING GEAR

- 1 **Clam license** available at Harbormaster's Office (3204) in the grocery store building next to The Oar Restaurant.
- 5 **Block Island Fish Works** – 5392 • BIFishWorks.com
- 6 **Twin Maples** – 5547 • Home of EAT FISH Apparel

FISHING CHARTERS

- 7 **Pale Horse Fishing Charters** – 802.379.0336 • PaleHorseCharters.net. Can take 10 passengers.
- 5 **Block Island Fish Works** – 5392 • BIFishWorks.com. Deep sea fishing, fly-fishing.

MARINAS

- 1 **New Harbor Boat Basin** – 401.480.1429 • Channel 9. Slips, grocery store, ice, showers, no gas.
- 4 **Block Island Marine** – 2297 • 401.741.8145. Adjacent to Hogpen. Marina mechanic. Limited marina supplies and outboard mechanic. Marina adjacent to BIMl. Rents bikes and cars and repairs outboard engines. No water or gas.
- 2 **Payne's Dock** – 5572 and 401.864.3832 • PaynesDock.com
Gift Shop, gas, water, and ice. Look for large USA Flag.
- 3 **Champlin's** – 7777 • Channel 11 • ChamplinsResort.com. Full-service resort with fuel dock, ice, electric service, lodging, ice cream shop, taco truck, laundry machines, dinghy dock.
- 13 **Dinghy Beach Access** – To Crecent Beach and Fred Benson Town Beach

SAILING CHARTERS

- 1 **Block Island Community Sailing Charters** – 401.741.5136 • Info@SailBI.org • SailBI.org. Up to 6 passengers for an afternoon or evening sail. New Harbor Boat Basin.
- 9 **The Block Island Club** – 5939 • BlockIslandClub.org • For quick reply email info@BlockIslandClub.org. Weekly membership.

RESTAURANTS

- 1 **The Oar** – 8820 • BlockIslandResorts.com/Dining. Right behind Boat Basin Dock. Look for 5 flags flying on a gaff-rigged pole.
- 3 **Champlin's** – 7777 • ChamplinsResort.com. Four restaurants: The Landing, Café Boutique, Sugar Shack and Blockamole.
- 8 **Dead Eye Dick's** – 2654 • DeadEyeDicksBI.com. Down the street from Payne's Dock.

MORE FOOD

- Aldo's Bakery** – 2198. Delivers pastries and coffee to your boat in the morning.
- 8 **Dick's Fish & Provisions** – 2042 • Dicksfish.com. Fresh seafood, live lobster, grab and go sushi, groceries.
 - 1 **Grocery Store** – 5189 • 401.378.7350. New Harbor Boat Basin, limited grocery, marine supplies, beach supplies.
Kimberly's – 401.466.8600. Catering functions.
 - 2 **Lobster Craft** – 5572 • 203.873.1777. Located on Payne's Dock. Noon to evenings.
 - 5 **Payne's Donuts** – Down the street from BIMl.
 - 10 **Sullivan House** – 5020 • TheSullivanHouse.com. Weddings and private functions.
 - 2 **The Cracked Mug** – 401.450.6653. Breakfast Sandwiches and Coffee at Payne's Dock.

BARS & ENTERTAINMENT

- 8 **Dead Eye Dick's** – 2654 • DeadEyeDicksBI.com. Not every night, call.
- 2 **Mahogany Shoals** – 5572 • PaynesDock.com. On the dock at Payne's Dock.
- 3 **Pier 7** – 7777 • ChamplinsResorts.com. On the shore at Champlin's.
- 3 **Trader Vic's** – 7777 • ChamplinsResorts.com. On the dock at Champlin's.
- 1 **The Oar** – 8820 • BlockIslandResorts.com/Dining. Right behind Boat Basin Dock. Look for 5 flags flying on a gaff-rigged pole.
- 3 **Champlin's** – 7777 • ChamplinsResort.com. Dock bar with live entertainment.

EDUCATION & AMUSEMENTS

- 7 **BLOCK ISLAND MARITIME (BIMl) – Aquarium and Exploration Center.** 401.500.3501 • BlockIslandMaritime.org.
Next to Dead Eye Dick's. BIMl has a daily supervised program for children and an Adult Marine Lecture Series on Tuesday evenings. Launch Tour of the Pond.

FISHING INSTRUCTION

- 7 **Block Island Fishing Academy** – 802.688.3654 • BlockIslandFishingAcademy.com. Located at BIMl.

KAYAKING & PADDLE BOARDING

- 7 **Pond and Beyond** – 2773 • PondAndBeyondKayak.com. Located at BIMl, tours and instruction available.
- 5 **Fort Island Kayaks & PaddleBoard** – 401.742.3992 • BIFishworks.com. Located near the Hog Pen.
- 3 **Champlin's Marina** – 7777 • ChamplinsResort.com. Bumper Boats and water sports equipment.

RECREATIONAL SAILING, LESSONS & BOAT RENTALS

- 1 **Block Island Community Sailing** • 401.741.5136 • info@sailbi.org • sailbi.org. New Harbor Boat Basin.
- 9 **THE BLOCK ISLAND CLUB** – 5939 • BlockIslandClub.org. Email info@BlockIslandClub.org. Weekly membership.
Sailing instruction, swimming lessons, sailboat rentals, tennis and pickleball courts and instruction.
FARMERS MARKET – Located at Legion Park behind Boat Basin. Saturdays and Wednesdays from 9:00–11:30 am.
GLASS FLOAT SEARCH – Hundreds of colorful glass orbs (size of orange) are hidden every year on beaches and trails. Eagerly sought by tourists and collectors. Join in the search.
<https://www.blockislandinfo.com/glass-float-project/tips-and-etiquette/>
SKATE PARK & PLAYGROUND
- 11 **Ball O'Brian Skate Park & Playground** – a short walk from Boat Basin takes you to a skate boarder's heaven, swings, and things for kids. Tennis, basketball and Pavillion.
FIREWORKS – July 1, 2024 – Look East at 9:00 pm for a spectacular show.
- 1 **FOURTH OF JULY PARADE** – July 4, 2024 – Begins in back of The Oar at 11:00 am. Proceeds to the statue of Rebecca in Town.
- 12 **GREAT SALT POND SWIM** – Saturday, July 27 at Andy's Way. 1/4 mile Youth Swim at 9 am; 1 mile Swim at 11:00 am.
Not a race, but a well supervised swim on the Pond.
- 14 **SUMMER SYMPHONY** – August 15 at Champlin's Marina, 5:00-7:00 pm. For information visit, BlockIslandChamber.com
- 15 **COMMITTEE FOR THE GREAT SALT POND ANNUAL MEETING** – September 8, 2024 at The Narragansett at 4:00 pm.