

## TOWN OF FALMOUTH SHELLFISH AREAS FALL 2023 (NOVEMBER 15, 2023 UPDATE)

All areas below are open to **FALMOUTH FAMILY and COMMERCIAL PERMIT HOLDERS** Monday through Sunday **EXCEPTION AS NOTED. THERE IS NO COMMERCIAL SHELLFISHING ON SUNDAYS.** Please see Town website for open areas maps.  
\*\*\*These dates do not apply to the harvest of bay scallops.\*\*\*

**HAMBLIN'S POND (SC-16):** The Falmouth portion of Hamblin's Pond opens on **NOVEMBER 15, 2023** except for the area 100 feet either side of Seconsett Island Road.

**WAQUOIT BAY (SC-15):** *The use of Jerk rakes, bull rakes and "T" handle rakes is prohibited on the flat outside of the Moonakis River.* Falmouth permits may be used on the Mashpee side of the bay.

**OPEN AREAS IN WAQUOIT BAY:** The north end mooring field, north of a line drawn from 20 Nichols Road to 234 Metoxit Point Road, opens to shellfishing on **NOVEMBER 15, 2023.**

**CLOSED AREAS IN WAQUOIT BAY:** The southern section, south of a line drawn from 20 Nichols Road to 234 Metoxit Point Road, closes on **November 15, 2023.**

**EEL RIVER (SC-14):** Eel River East is open; Eel River West is open; Child's River is closed north of a line from Seaspray Dr to the end of the Seapit Peninsula.

**OPENING AREAS IN EEL RIVER EAST:** All areas on the west side of the river, along Seacoast Shores Blvd and Edgewater Dr East, open to shellfishing on **NOVEMBER 15, 2023.**

**BOURNES POND (SC-13):** All areas in Bournes Pond are open north of the line spanning between #103 Bourne's Pond Rd and Moonpenny Lane – pole 290/7 (Moonpenny Homeowners Interest parcel 45-17-029-015). *Jerk rakes, Bull rakes and "T" handled rakes are prohibited in Bournes Pond.*

**CLOSED AREA IN BOURNES POND:** The Family Area at the Southern End of Bourne's Pond closes **November 15, 2023.**

**GREEN POND (SC-12):** Opens on **NOVEMBER 15, 2023** except where noted below:

**CLOSED AREA IN GREEN POND:** Closed north of a line running from 292 Acapesket Road to 61 Sandcastle Drive.

**GREAT POND (SC-11):** Opens on **NOVEMBER 15, 2023** except where noted below:

**FAMILY/RECREATIONAL AREA:** The Family Area from Priscilla St. to the end of Bourne St. (line at the end of Priscilla St. easterly 300 ft., then southerly 1400 ft., then westerly 350 ft. to the edge of Bourne St.) The Family Area is open to recreational shellfish permit holders on **Saturdays and Sundays only** starting on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023.**

**CLOSED AREAS IN GREAT POND:** Perch Pond is closed. North of a line running from 277 Shorewood Lane on the East side to Teaticket Path on the West side in Great Pond is closed.

**LITTLE HARBOR WOODS HOLE (SC-4):** Opens on **NOVEMBER 15, 2023** east of a line drawn from the stone pier at the north end of Little Harbor to buoy #10 and south of a line drawn from buoy #10 to the southern end of the Coast Guard dock.

**GREAT HARBOR WOODS HOLE (SC-2):** Open outside of a line drawn from the Woods Hole Yacht Club to the NOAA pier to a pier on a point of land off Parker Flat.

**QUISSETT HARBOR (BB-58):** Both the inner and outer harbors open on **NOVEMBER 1, 2023.**

**WEST FALMOUTH HARBOR (BB-54):** Opens on **NOVEMBER 1, 2023** except where noted below:

**FAMILY/RECREATIONAL AREA:** The waters of West Falmouth Harbor northwest of a line that runs 2000 feet will be open to shellfishing from a fixed sign located on the shore at the property line between 162 and 156 Associates Road (Assessor's Map 24 04 004 001 and 24 04 003 002 respectively) to a fixed sign located on the shore at the property line between 148 and Associates Road (Assessor's Map 24 04 002 006A) and Assessor's Map 24 05 010 022E. Open to recreational permit holders on **Saturdays and Sundays only** starting **NOVEMBER 4, 2023.**

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CLOSED AREAS IN WEST FALMOUTH HARBOR: The stream above the Chapaquoit Bridge and Oyster Pond are closed. Snug Harbor is closed.

**MEGANSETT HARBOR (BB-50):** Inner Harbor (Squeteague Harbor) is open.

Rand's Canal and Fiddler's Cove opens on **NOVEMBER 1, 2023.**

CLOSED AREA IN MEGANSETT HARBOR: The Family Area closes **November 15, 2023.**

All coastal areas outside of the rivers, bays and harbors that meet the water quality standards are open to shellfishing.

**ALL AREAS NOT LISTED AS OPEN HEREIN ARE CLOSED.**

Chuck Martinsen, Deputy Director of Marine & Environmental Services/Shellfish Constable

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