

# TOWN OF FALMOUTH SHELLFISH AREAS

## FALL 2025

All areas below are open to **FALMOUTH FAMILY and COMMERCIAL PERMIT HOLDERS** Monday through Sunday **EXCEPTION AS NOTED. COMMERCIAL SHELLFISHING ON SUNDAYS NOVEMBER 1 – APRIL 30.** 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 **DECEMBER 1, 2025** 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 **DECEMBER 1, 2025.**

**CLOSED AREAS IN WAQUOIT BAY:** The southern section, south of a line drawn from 20 Nichols Road to 234 Metoxit Point Road, closes on **December 1, 2025.**

**EEL RIVER (SC-14):** Opens as detailed below. 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 **DECEMBER 1, 2025.**

**OPENING AREAS IN EEL RIVER WEST:** North of a line East to West from #80 Eel River Road #391 Edgewater Drive West (off of Ormand Drive) opens to shellfishing on **DECEMBER 1, 2025.**

**FALMOUTH INNER HARBOR (SC-9):** Opens on **DECEMBER 12, 2025.**

**BOURNES POND (SC-13):** Open except where noted below.

**OPENING AREAS BOURNES POND:** North of a line drawn across from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at #64 Crowell Road to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at the western end of Mary Manuel Way extended opens on **DECEMBER 1, 2025.**

**CLOSED AREA IN BOURNES POND:** The Family Area at the Southern End of Bourne's Pond closes **November 15, 2024.**

**GREEN POND (SC-12):** Opens on **DECEMBER 1, 2025** 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 **DECEMBER 1, 2025** 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 **DECEMBER 6, 2025.**

**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 1, 2025** 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 (south) of a line drawn Penzance Point to the stone pier off 29 Juniper Point Road (Assessor's Property ID 51A 01 040 000B).

**OPENING AREAS IN GREAT HARBOR WOODS HOLE:** Inside (north) of a line drawn Penzance Point to the stone pier off 29 Juniper Point Road (Assessor's Property ID 51A 01 040 000B) opens on **NOVEMBER 15, 2025.**

**QUISSETT HARBOR (BB-58):** Both the inner and outer harbors open on **NOVEMBER 1, 2025.**

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**WEST FALMOUTH HARBOR (BB-54):** Opens on **NOVEMBER 1, 2025** 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 1, 2025**.

**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):**

Fiddler's Cove opens on **NOVEMBER 1, 2025**.

Inner Harbor (Squeteague Harbor) is open.

Rand's Canal opens on **NOVEMBER 7, 2025**.

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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