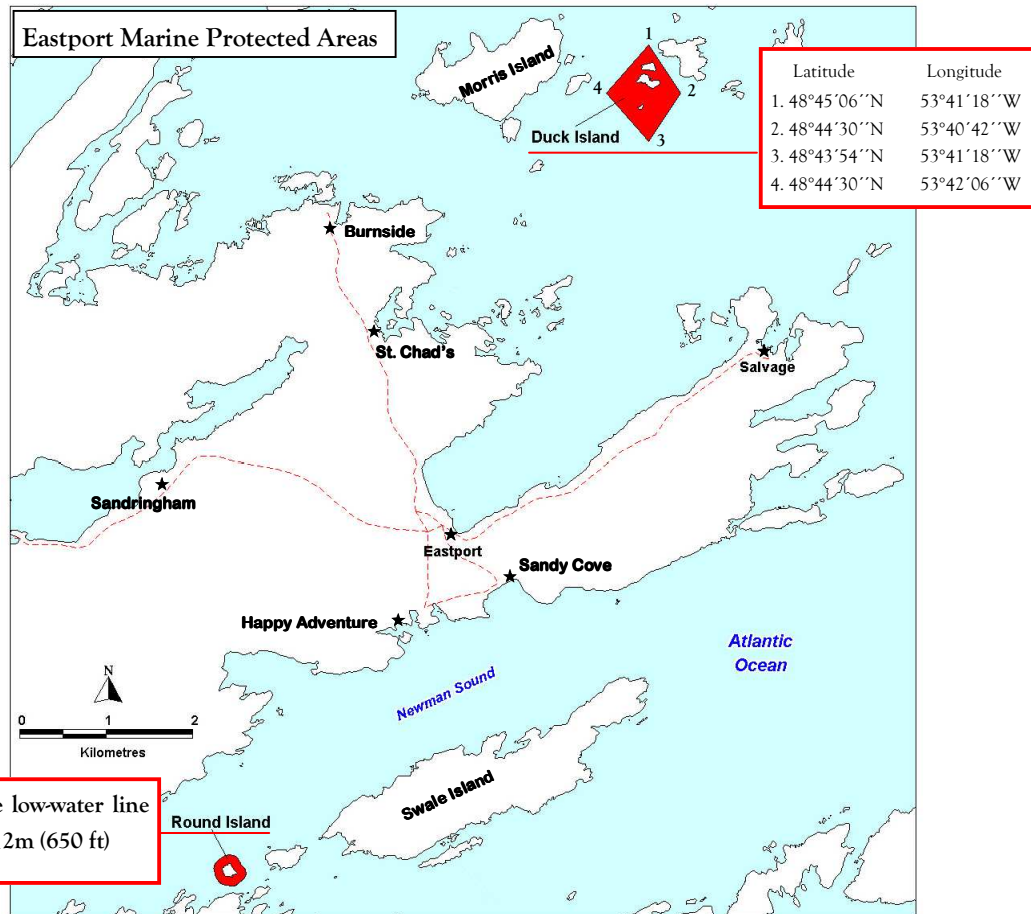


What Boaters Need to Know



THE EASTPORT MARINE PROTECTED AREAS are small areas surrounding Round Island in Newman Sound and Duck Islands in Morris Channel that are protected under Canada's *Oceans Act*. The regulations governing the Eastport Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) were developed in consultation with fishers and other community stakeholders with the goal of supporting a sustainable fishery in the Eastport area.

FEDERAL REGULATIONS state that within the Eastport Marine Protected Areas,

"...no person shall

(a) disturb, damage or destroy, or remove from the marine protected area, any living marine organism or any part of its habitat;

or

(b) carry out any activity – including depositing, discharging or dumping any substance, or causing any substance to be deposited, discharged or dumped – that is likely to result in the disturbance, damage, destruction or removal of a living marine organism or any part of its habitat."

That means no fishing or mussel picking, or moving rocks or pulling up seaweed. The law allows some exceptions in cases of public safety and for scientific research.

VIOLATIONS OF MPA REGULATIONS could result in fines under the *Oceans Act* ranging from \$100,000 to \$500,000.

As in any pristine area, the best policy is to take nothing away, and leave nothing behind.