

# Johnstown Harbour

**CHS Chart No:** 4279 — Bras d'Or Lake

**Amenities:** none

## **Description:**

Four miles to the northeast of Cape George Harbour, Johnstown Harbour (also known locally as Johnston's Harbour) provides excellent protection in a number of inner coves.

The best anchorage is well up in the harbour although any of the indentations are excellent in settled weather. The bar forming the northern entrance to the harbour consists of fine sand in the inner "hook" with a bold shore providing excellent swimming. The dock just inside the entrance was in good repair in 2013.

**Hay Cove** is cut off from the main lake by rocky bars from Sheep Island north to Campbells Island and south to the mainland, but is well worth a visit. From Johnstown Harbour a narrow weedy channel carrying a little over 1 foot allows small dinghies and powerboats to explore this large unspoiled area. However, even here, development seems under way, so it may not remain unspoiled for long.

## **Navigation:**

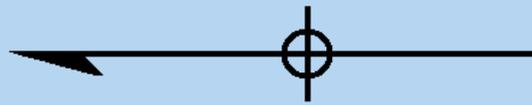
The outer approaches to the harbour are marked with navigation aids. From the west a port bifurcation (GRG) buoy, *QN*, marks the southern extremity of Kelly Shoals and provide a course to the harbour entrance. From the east, a green buoy, *QK1*, at the south end of Red Islands (and the abandoned lighthouse on the shore?) mark the inner channel behind Red Islands, one mile from the entrance to Johnstown Harbour.

The entrance into Johnstown Harbour itself is not marked to guide the vessel in an "S" curve into the inner reaches. A shoal, believed to be the remnants of the ballast of the Government dock, extends from the southern shore at the entrance and one is wise not to cut this shore too closely. The deepest water is close to the bar on the north side of the entrance.

Shallow draft vessels may anchor in the sheltered cove on Campbells Island. The depth is little over 6 feet. Deepest water on approach to this cove is close to the sandbar on the north side.

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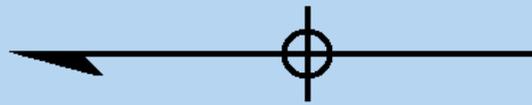
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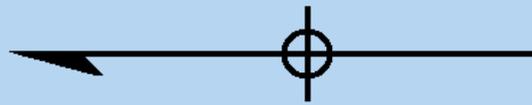
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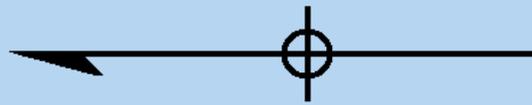
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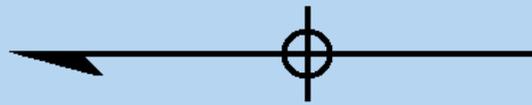
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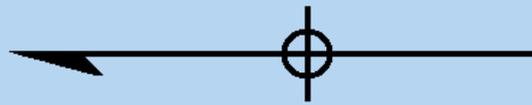
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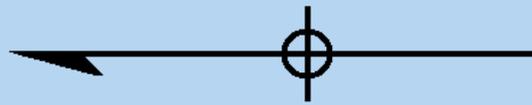
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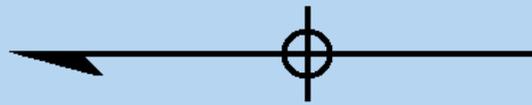
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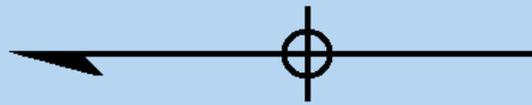
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