

Protection of this magnificent estuary requires vigilance. All who share a passion for Pleasant Bay are encouraged to become a member in order to keep informed about watershed issues through our newsletters.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s): _____

Preferred Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Winter Telephone: _____

Summer Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

My Cape Cod home is in:

Brewster _____ Harwich _____
 Chatham _____ Orleans _____
 Other _____

I am a registered voter on Cape Cod: Yes _____
 No _____

Membership Categories

Bay Protector	\$1,000.00	_____
Bay Preservationist	\$500.00	_____
Bay Conservationist	\$250.00	_____
Bay Environmentalist	\$100.00	_____
Bay Steward	\$50.00	_____
Bay Supporter	\$25.00	_____
Other	\$ _____	_____

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Welcome to Pleasant Bay

This estuary is a stunning recreational resource that is available to everyone. We hope you use it wisely and learn to love and protect it. The only cost for its use is an obligation to treat it well.

The Friends of Pleasant Bay (FOPB) was organized in 1985 with the mission to "preserve and enhance the natural, visual, and historic resources of Pleasant Bay." The organization focuses on both the Bay, Cape Cod's largest estuary, and its entire watershed.

In 1987 the Friends successfully achieved designation of the Bay as a Massachusetts **Area of Critical Environmental Concern** (ACEC). Funding by the Friends supported preparation of the Bay's first **Resource Management Plan** in 1998.

Regular updates to the **Resource Management Plan** are now coordinated by the **Pleasant Bay Resource Management Alliance**. This intergovernmental organization allows the Towns of Brewster, Chatham, Harwich, and Orleans to focus on Bay issues together. The Alliance's activities encompass policy development, public information, and scientific research.

Supported by memberships and donations, the Friends provides financial support to many projects and local groups. **Educational Grants** allow students to explore Pleasant Bay through experiential science, art, and humanities projects. **Scientific Grants** support research on wildlife and coastal processes. Other Grants provide financial support to local Land Trusts for their **Land Preservation Acquisitions** on and near the Bay.

In 2017 FOPB Received the **Outstanding Organization Award** from the American Fisheries Society (organized in 1870) and its Southern New England Chapter for "work dedicated to the preservation of one of Cape Cod's most stunning recreational resources."

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Marine Contact Information

US Coast Guard - Emergency: 508-945-0164
 US Coast Guard - Business: 508-945-3830
 Emergency Hailing: VHF Channel 16 or 158.8 MHz
 US Coast Guard - Chatham: www.uscg.mil/d1/stachatham

Harbormasters

Chatham: 508-945-5185
 Harwich: 508-430-7532
 Orleans: 508-240-3755

Lessons, Rentals, Tours

Pleasant Bay Community Boating: 508-945-7245
www.pbcab.cc
 Arey's Pond Sailing School: 508-255-7900
www.areyspondboatyard.com
 Down Cape Charters & Boat Rentals: 508-430-6893
www.downcapeboating.com
 Adventure Chatham: 800-809-1750
www.adventurechatham.com
 Nauset Marine: 508-255-3045
www.nausetmarine.com
 Goose Hummock Shop Rentals: 508-255-0455
www.goose.com
 Beachcomber Tours: 508-945-5265
www.sealwatch.com
 Blue Claw Tours: 508-240-5783
www.blueclawboattours.com
 Mass Audubon Society Tours: 508-349-2615
www.massaudubon.org

Sailing Organizations

Chatham Yacht Club: www.chathamyachtclub.org
 Namequoit Sailing Association: www.namequoitsailing.org

Pumpout Services

Chatham: Pumpout Trailer at Ryders Cove
 By Appointment Only 508-945-5185
 Harwich: Pumpout Boat at Round Cove
 On call 8AM - 10PM
 Channel 68 508-430-7532
 Orleans: Pumpout Cart Nauset Marine East
 7:30AM - 4:30 PM
 Channel 6 or 71 508-255-3045

Oil Discharge Prohibited

The Federal Water Pollution Control Act prohibits the discharge of oil or oily waste into open or navigable waters of the United States. Violators are subject to a penalty of \$5,000.

Local Land Trusts

chathamconservationfoundation.org
brewsterconservationtrust.org
harwichconservationtrust.org
orleansconservationtrust.org

Pleasant Bay Map & Resource Guide



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B Public Beaches

Pleasant Bay Public Beaches are small and without Life Guards. Parking is limited and some are accessible only by foot or boat.

Orleans:	Kents Point (walk in)	B1
	Paw Wah Point (walk in)	B2
	South Orleans Beach	B3
Harwich:	Head of the Bay Beach	B4
Chatham:	Jackknife Beach	B5
	Chatham Light Beach	B6

B Boat Access Only Beaches

Orleans:	Sampson Island	B7
	Hog Island	B8
	Eelmans Point	B9
	Nauset Beach	B10
	Little Sipsons Island	B11
Chatham:	Strong Island	B12,13
	North Beach	B14
	North Beach Island	B15

L Public Launching Ramps

Parking is limited and conditions vary at Launching Ramps and Town Landings.

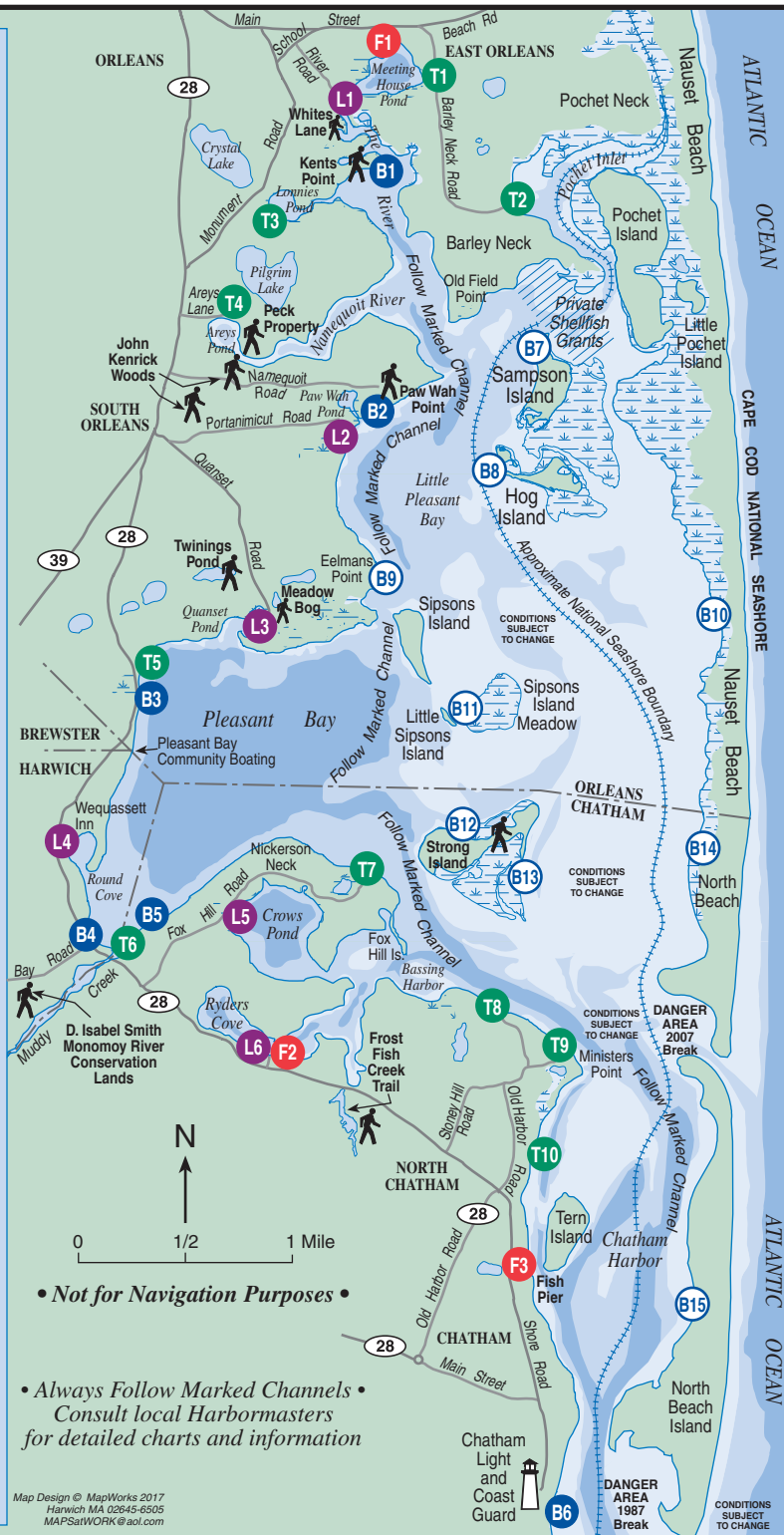
Orleans:	River Road	L1
	Portanimitcut Road	L2
	Quanset Pond	L3
Harwich:	Round Cove	L4
Chatham:	Crows Pond	L5
	Ryders Cove	L6

T Town Landings

Orleans:	Meeting House Pond	T1
	Barley Neck	T2
	Lonnies Pond	T3
	Areys Pond	T4
	South Orleans Beach	T5
Chatham:	Jackknife Harbor	T6
	Strong Island Landing	T7
	Cotchpinicut	T8
	Scatteree	T9
	Cow Yard	T10

F Fuel Docks

Orleans:	Nauset Marine East (Meeting House Pond)	F1
Chatham:	Ryder's Cove Boat Yard	F2
	Chatham Fish Pier	F3



Local Knowledge for Mariners

- Mariners of all kinds navigate Pleasant Bay, from commercial and recreational fisherman to sailors, kayakers, stand up paddle boarders, and rowers. Please be respectful of your fellow boaters.
- There are marked **No Wake Zones** in ponds, coves, channels and rivers. Compliance is enforced. There is also a **150 foot State Regulated No Wake Zone** along the entire shoreline of the bay/estuary and around mooring fields and swimming areas. Power boats should use extreme caution close to shore and in mooring areas. **Always watch for swimmers.**
- Muddy Creek is open to paddling, but tidal currents are strong at the Rt. 28 bridge. **Power boats are prohibited** in Muddy Creek.
- **Personal Water Craft (PWC) are prohibited** in any part of Pleasant Bay by both Federal Law and State approved Local Laws.
- It is illegal to discharge untreated or treated vessel sewage from Type I or II Marine Sanitation Devices in the **Federal Pleasant Bay/Chatham Harbor No Discharge Area (NDA)**. Use Pumpout Services.
- The channel from Chatham Light to Meeting House Pond is marked with buoys numbered south to north. It is important to always follow buoy locations, as these channels are subject to change.
- Nauset Beach is always shifting, with constant changes to ocean entrances. Boaters should always be aware of changing channels and conditions.
- Surf conditions at the ocean entrances can be severe. All vessels should heed the Rough Bar Warning at the Chatham Coast Guard Station - a quick flashing yellow light which indicates surf of two feet or more. A red light at the Harbormaster's office at the Chatham Fish Pier also indicates High Surf.
- Tides in Pleasant Bay do not follow a typical six hour cycle. Mariners should take special care to calculate the tides before venturing out. Areas may become dry before "dead low."
- Shellfishing requires a licence. Contact town Harbormasters for regulations. Do not disturb marked private shellfish grants.

Pleasant Bay by Foot

"Take only pictures and leave only footprints"

Lands protected by Town or Land Trust, with walking trails, provide a special way to enjoy the Pleasant Bay area. Parking is limited and trail conditions vary. Enjoy the views, but avoid poison ivy and ticks by always following maintained trails.

- Trail Guides are available from the 4 Land Trusts •

Conservation Areas

Orleans:	Whites Lane Hensons Way
	Kents Point Frost Fish Lane
	Peck Property Areys Lane
	Paw Wah Point Namequoit Road
	John Kenrick Woods Namequoit Road
	Twinings Pond Quanset Road
	Meadow Bog Quanset Road
Harwich:	D. Isabel Smith Monomoy River Bay Road
Chatham:	Frost Fish Creek Route 28
	Strong Island (boat access only) (Please respect private home)

The Colonial Ordinances of 1641-47 permit fishing, fowling and navigation in the "private tidelands" of the intertidal area between the high and low tide lines. Please respect private property and do not trespass.

Safety on Land & Water

- Always wear a life jacket when boating. Canoeers and kayakers are **required** to wear life jackets between September 15th and May 15th by Massachusetts State Law.
- Keep off the fragile ecosystems of salt marshes, sand dunes and coastal bluffs.
- Keep clear of areas restricted for nesting birds.
- Keep clear of seals on land or water.
- Before shellfishing, obtain a permit and always check for possible contamination and area closings.
- Avoid Poison Ivy and always check for Ticks.