

### **Fishing Tips:**

The best fishing is when the water is COLD. So, in May, June and the end of September you can fish just to the LEFT of our beach at the point. Cast out into the deeper water. Yes, we catch some great fish right here !

During July and August you will need to travel to colder and deeper waters. Thus, Meadow Point will be your best bet along with the jetty at the end of Cross Street. You can also travel to the canal. The fishing is great all year long.

Try using bait/ squid on a regular hook. It works great.

You are responsible for following all the rules, regulations, laws and parking laws. There are too many for me to explain in depth. Sorry. Massachusetts DOES require a fishing license. You can get one online.

### **Boating Tips for those renting/ bringing a motor boat:**

Here are all the details on how to enjoy our shallow Bay safely and not plug up the engine. I realize that you are knowledgeable when it comes to boats, so some please excuse me for over simplifying the task at hand.

Do not try to take the boat out one/two hours either side of low tide. Difficult navigation. By doing this you will suck up the silt, clog the impellers and thermostat and overheat the engine. The "muck" is deadly to the engine. Those one/two hours are best (just easier) spent at the pool.

Now, that is not to say that you can't come or go during that low tide. Here is the secret. I anchor my boat in front of Mike Lyles house on the sandbar. That way I can get in and out at very low tides. I usually place the boat there for just the couple of hours that are needed for the tide to adjust, then I go back and move it. Be aware of which way the tide is moving and how much slack the anchor line has. I sometimes set a second small anchor off the rear to just keep the boat in the deeper water.

Go down the beach stairs, make a LEFT towards the narrows. Walk three houses down. There is a "point" with a sandbar. This is also identified by the hawks nest way up in the tree. Anchor off this sandbar for the time needed to move the boat (either seaward or home). The sandbar is quite obvious.

If you are out all day and the tides dont match your plans (or even come close), anchor at Crocker Neck or at our point just outside of the sandbar. Walk down the road. Very easy. We have done this many times. Yes, you can drive too.

Of course, you can try tilting the engine and adjust it as you come in or out from the beach. This works fine EXCEPT for one hour either side of dead low tide. You "may" get away with it between hour 4 and 5 DEPENDING on your boat, engine and total weight. Contrary to what many folks believe, NOBODY has any right to the water in front of their house. So don't feel like you are intruding. Also, YES you can walk along anyones beach to access the water (the millionaires HATE this).

Now for anchoring at SBH. One of the reasons I went to a smaller boat was to anchor it right at our house.

I nose in my boat to the beach and attach the front line (15feet) to the piling on the beach. I then set a second small anchor off the rear to keep the boats rear in the water and not let it drag or get pushed up on shore. The second small anchor is in the pool house. It is a black mushroom. Help yourself.

The channel out to "The Spit" is marked by the line of moorings, just up until you are South of the marina. Then they have regular channel markers. The YELLOW buoys mark the oyster beds !! Stay away from yellow markers.

The Harbormaster and Environmental Police and Clam Warden CAN issue you a speeding ticket !!! FYI. It is mostly the Harbormaster in our Bay. The no wake zones are clearly marked.

There is a HUGE underwater rock, southeast of the marina, near Ryefield point, clearly marked. Stay away. You can catch a glimpse of the Kraft house just around the corner, his boat is "Mudslide"

Ski and tube at the safe tide times ONLY. Occasionally there is flotsam and jetsam, be aware !! The best ski and tube place is South of Ryefield Point in the big Bay. We also ski at the North end of our Bay (be careful).

Best place to boat.... look at your charts. .... go to Sampson's Island and Waquoit Bay. Easy to get to and fun/ scenic.

Things to know:

- gas is at the marina around the corner
- there is a LARGE sandbar at the entrance to Popponessett Bay
- there is a shallow area outside of our bay to the East, be aware at low tide.
- no skiing in North Bay on the weekends.
- Cotuit has a Town Dock off Main Street.
- we love hanging out on Sampsons island and enjoying lunch and beers.
- beach your boat on the North side of the Spit ONLY, you will see where.

