





The St Lawrence, from 1 to...

Legend

Calling all sailors

Hot spots

Local listings

Québec  Pointe-des-Monts
Pointe-des-Monts  Cap Whittle
Cap Whittle  Blanc-Sablon
Gaspésie  Baie des Chaleurs
Îles de la Madeleine

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Capitalization

Since the compass points are one of the keys to this publication, we have identified them clearly by capitalizing them in all cases. Example: *North, South, East, West*

Offshore

The term *offshore* refers to anything that is not right beside the shore.

Winds

The shaded portion indicates the wind direction, according to the 8 compass points. In the example below, the illustration indicates Northerly or Northwesterly winds.



Each illustration indicates all of the wind directions users should take into account to ensure pleasant, or at least safe sailing.

Chart numbers

The chart numbers highlighted in the margin refer to the marine charts that are regularly updated by the Canadian Hydrographic Service. These charts are essential for sailors.

Chart 4026

The maps are based on climatological charts of the St Lawrence, published by Environment Canada, Québec Region. 🌊

Seastate

Confused or choppy sea (*rip*)



Cross sea



Reflection



Waves
breaking
shoaling
short
steep



Fog



Effects

Barrier



Channelling



Convergence



Corner



Funnelling



Winds

Katabatic wind



Turbulence



Wind opposing current



Symbols used in the local listings, pages 30 to 69

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The following pages describe the St Lawrence from Portneuf to Le Corps-Mort in terms of its shoreline, shoals, currents and waves.

This section contains maps and local listings describing the difficulties that mariners may encounter, depending on wind and sea conditions.

Markers

The effects referred to in the local listings are exactly the same as those described in the preceding pages:

- **topography**, on wind speed and direction
- **wind**, on sea height and behaviour
- **shoals and currents**, on waves

Guides

This listing should be used in conjunction with the following guides, which are essential to safe sailing:

- Sailing directions
- Marine charts
- Tide and current tables

Wind speed

In the following pages, the wind is assumed to be strong – 20 to 33 knots – except where otherwise indicated 🌪

By the way...

Vessels

- The comments regarding difficulties facing mariners refer to vessels under 14 metres.

Standardization

- Distances and depths are given in nautical miles, metres and fathoms, because these are the types of measurements appearing on the marine charts published by the Canadian Hydrographic Service.

Vive la différence!

Archipel	=	Archipelago
Baie	=	Bay
Banc	=	Banks
Battures	=	Flats
Brisants	=	Reefs
Chenal	=	Channel
De - du - d'	=	Of
Détroit	=	Strait
Haut(s)-fond(s)	=	Shoals
Île	=	Island
Îlets	=	Islets
Le - la - les - l'	=	The
Passage - Passe	=	Pass
Péninsule	=	Peninsula
Pointe	=	Point
Rivière	=	River
Rocher(s)	=	Rock(s)
Traverse	=	Crossing

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The numbers below refer to the locations indicated on pages 30 to 69.

48° 21' - 69° 20' - Point 6A	27	Brisants Barrett and Hauts-fonds du Millieu	20	Hauts-fonds du Milieu	20
48° 21' - 69° 07'	28	Cap au Saumon	16	Heron Channel	131
Anse Saint-Panrace	36	Cap aux Oies to Pointe aux Orignaux	13	Heron Island	131
Baie de Blanc-Sablon	107	Cap d'Espoir to Pointe Bonaventure	123	Île à la Chasse - Northwest tip	80
Baie de Brador	105	Cap de Bon-Désir	26	Île au Perroquet and Île Nue de Mingan	65
Baie de Gaspé	116	Cap de la Table	62	Île aux Basques	25
Baie de Jacques-Cartier to Baie du Vieux-Fort	104	Cap Gaspé	113, 115	Île aux Bouleaux to Petite île aux Bouleaux	71
Baie de Malbaie	119	Cap Mackinnon (Île du Petit Mécatina)	100	Île aux Coudres	3, 9, 11
Baie de Paspébiac	128	Cap Tourmente	4, 6	Île aux Lièvres	17
Baie de Tracadigache	132	Cap Tourmente to Saint-Siméon	6	Île aux Oeufs	41
Baie des Moutons	101	Cap Whittle	96	Île aux Trois Collines	103
Baie des Sept Îles	48	Cap-des-Rosiers	109	Île Blanche	18
Baie des Trilobites	78	Chenal à la Proie - South entrance	73	Île Bonaventure	120
Baie du Vieux-Fort	104	Chenal de l'Ouest	46	Île Brion and Rocher(s) aux Oiseaux	137
Baie-Comeau	35	Chenal de la Petite Île au Marteau	75	Île d'Entrée	139
Baie-Johan-Beetz	86, 87	Chenal de Mingan	70	Île du Bic	29, 30, 31
Baie-Saint-Paul	8	Chenal des Saints	83	Île du Corossol	49
Banc Beaugé	95	Chenal du Fantôme	74	Île du Grand Caouis	42
Banc Blaskowit	54	Chenal Walrus	75	Île du Gros Mécatina	102
Banc de l'île Rouge	24	Chevery - Rivière Nétagamou	99	Île du Havre de Mingan	69
Banc de l'Orphelin	121	Douglastown	117	Île du Petit Mécatina	100
Banc de Mingan	66	Eel Bay	133	Île Galibois	97
Banc des Américains	118	Godbout	38	Île Greenly	106
Banc des Anglais	12	Grande-Vallée	110, 112	Île La Grosse Boule	51
Banc Parent	57	Gros cap à l'Aigle and Cap au Saumon	16	Île La Petite Boule	50
Banc Perroquet to Île Greenly	106	Haut-fond à l'Eau Claire	76	Île Nue de Mingan	65
Bathurst	129	Haut-fond Collins	82	Île Rouge	23, 24
Battures de Manicouagan	34	Haut-fond Court	90	Île Saint-Charles	79
		Haut-fond Leander	122	Île Sainte-Geneviève	84
		Haut-fond Morin	14	Île Verte	21, 25
				Île Verte to Île aux Basques	25

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Îles de Kamouraska	15	Passe de l'île aux Lièvres	17	Québec	1, 2, 3
Îles Sainte-Marie	93, 98	Petite île aux Bouleaux	71	Québec Bridges	2
Kegaska	91	Petite rivière Cascapédia and Rivière Cascapédia	130	Québec to Île aux Coudres	3
L'Anse-Pleureuse	112	Petite rivière Saint-François	7	Rimouski	32
La Grande Île	72	Petite-Vallée to Cap Gaspé	113	Rivière-au-Renard	114
La Grande Pointe à l'Eau Claire	77	Point 6A	27	Rivière-au-Tonnerre	56
La Longue pointe to Île Nue de Mingan	67	Pointe à la Chasse	47	Rivière Jupiter	60
La Longue pointe to Mingan	68	Pointe à Michel	33	Rivière-la-Madeleine	111, 112
La Passe	140	Pointe Argentenay	5	Rivière Moisie	53
La Perle (reef)	138	Pointe au Maquereau	124	Rivière Natashquan	88
La Romaine	92	Pointe aux Jambons	40, 44	Rivière Nétagamiou	99
La Romaine to Îles Sainte-Marie	93	Pointe aux Orignaux	13	Rivière Nouvelle (Baie de Tracadigache)	132
Le Corps-Mort	142	Pointe Bonaventure	123	Rivière Olomane	94
Les Méchins	110, 111	Pointe Carleton	61	Rivière Saint-Jean	64
Les Méchins to Grande-Vallée	110	Pointe de l'Est	136	Rivière Sainte-Marguerite	45
Les Méchins to Rivière- la-Madeleine	111	Pointe de l'Ouest	58	Rivière Sheldrake	55
Maisonnette Point	125	Pointe de la rivière du Loup	19	Rocher de Cacouna to the South tip of Île Verte	21
Matane	37, 109	Pointe de Natashquan	89	Rocher de la Garde	81
Matane to Cap-des-Rosiers	109	Pointe-des-Monts	39	Saint-Siméon	6
Mingan	68	Pointe-des-Monts to Pointe aux Jambons	40	Sept-Îles to Rivière-Saint-Jean	52
Miscou Island (Northwest side)	126	Pointe du Bout d'en Bas	11	Southwest side (Îles de la Madeleine)	141
Mont-Louis	112	Pointe Heath	63	Strait of Belle Isle	108
Mouth of Saguenay	22	Pointe Hérissée	134	Traverse de Saint-Roch	10
Northeast side (Îles de la Madeleine)	135	Pointe Nord-Est	85		
Northwest Miscou Point to Maisonnette Point	125	Pointe Saint-Jean to Cap Tourmente	4		
Northwest side, particularly Pointe Hérissée area	134	Port-Cartier	43		
Passage de l'île aux Coudres	9	Port-Daniel	127		
		Port-Menier	59		
		Portneuf to Québec	1		