

# Cap Whittle ✦ Blanc-Sablon

This section marks the Eastern boundary of both Québec and the St Lawrence. It leads directly to the Strait of Belle Isle.

Its shoreline is jagged and fairly low, dotted over most of its length with a string of islands and islets. Local effects are marked here, including channelling and katabatic winds in some of the valleys.

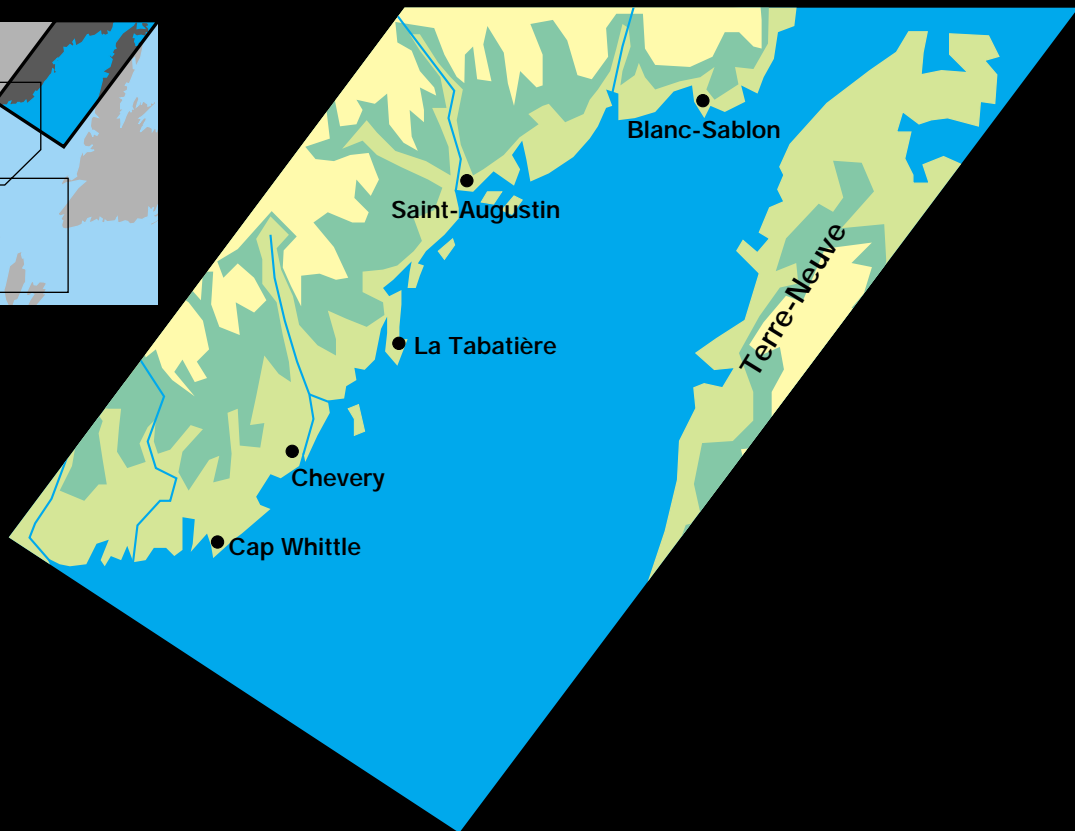
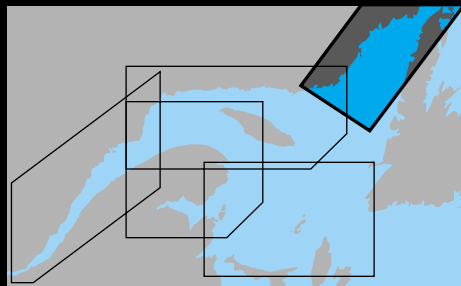
The tides are weak, but the narrow passages between the islands create strong currents.

Up to 20 to 25 nautical miles offshore, high seas are accentuated by the shallow bottom, less than 35 metres deep.

In addition to creating high seas, the Southwesterly wind is strengthened by the funnel effect produced between Québec and Newfoundland shores.

Finally, this section's *trademark* is surely its famous persistent fog. The closer one gets to the Strait, the greater the risk of encountering such fog ✦

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Chart 4440



## 96. Cap Whittle

### Winds Easterly

Steep waves created by channelling and funnelling effects, between Île du Lac and Cap Whittle lighthouse.

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## 97. Île Galibois

### Winds Easterly

Strong swell accentuated by ebb tide, between Île Galibois and Îles Sainte-Marie. Channelling and funnelling effects.

***Advisable to avoid this area.***



## 98. Îles Sainte-Marie

### Winds gale force out of Southwest, Southeast, South and particularly East

Violent, breaking seas up to 20 nautical miles offshore. Area scattered with reefs and shoals.



## 99. Chevery — Rivière Nétagamiou

### Winds Southerly or Southwesterly, at ebb tide

Sharply breaking, short waves.

***Dangerous.***

## 100. Cap Mackinnon (Île du Petit Mécatina)

### Winds Easterly

Breaking seas offshore. Corner effect. Shoals.

***Advisable to avoid this area. Stay more than 3 nautical miles offshore.***



## 101. Baie des Moutons

### Winds Southwesterly, close to point

Strong, breaking waves, sometimes impassable. Sea bottom rises abruptly.

***Dangerous area.***

### Winds gale force from any direction, except Northwest

Uneven bottoms up to 10 or 20 nautical miles offshore.

***Very difficult seas.***



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## 102. Île du Gros Mécatina

### Winds Easterly

Strongly breaking seas between Île du Gros Mécatina and Île Plate. Channelling effect.



## 103. Île aux Trois Collines

### Winds Easterly

Heavy seas. Pronounced corner effect.



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## 104. Baie de Jacques-Cartier to Baie du Vieux Fort

### Winds Northerly

Strong wind channelled by shore up to several nautical miles offshore. Particularly strong at the heads of Mistanoque, Napetipi and des Homards bays.



## 105. Baie de Brador

### Winds Southwesterly

*High waves. Access difficult. In poor weather, avoid passing between Île du Bassin and shore.*



## 106. Banc Perroquet to Île Greenly

### Winds Southwesterly at rising tide

Very strong chop.



## 107. Baie de Blanc-Sablon

### Winds Westerly or Southwesterly, at rising tide

Heavy, confused seas in channel between bay and Île au Bois.

## 108. Strait of Belle Isle

### Winds Southwesterly

Very strong swell at Western entrance, more pronounced when against current. During summer: risk of enormous fog banks in strait.

Persistent fog close to Labrador coast.

### Winds Easterly

Fog in entire strait. Newfoundland coast normally clears first.

### Winds Southwesterly or Northeasterly, against current

Heavy seas.



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