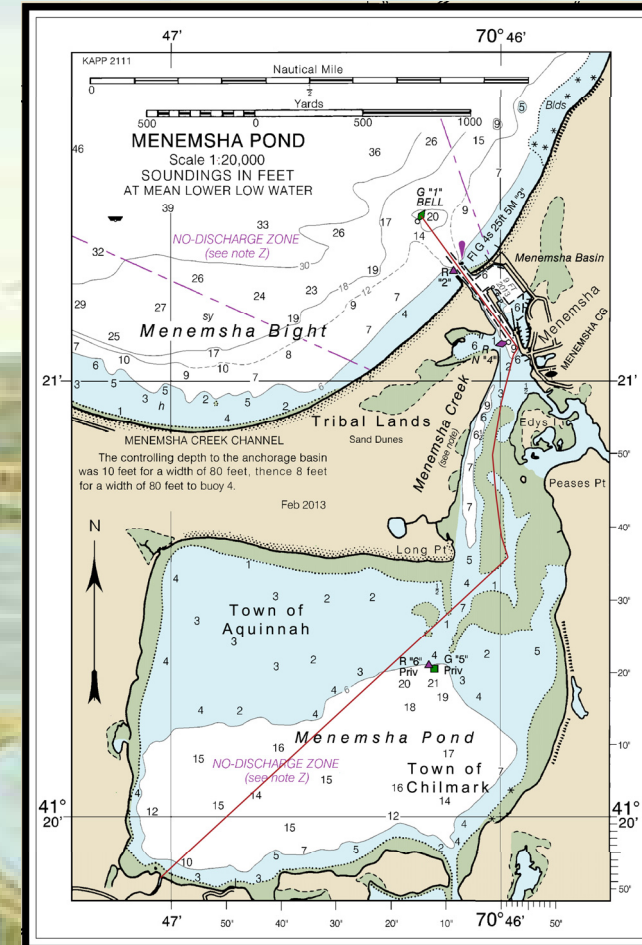
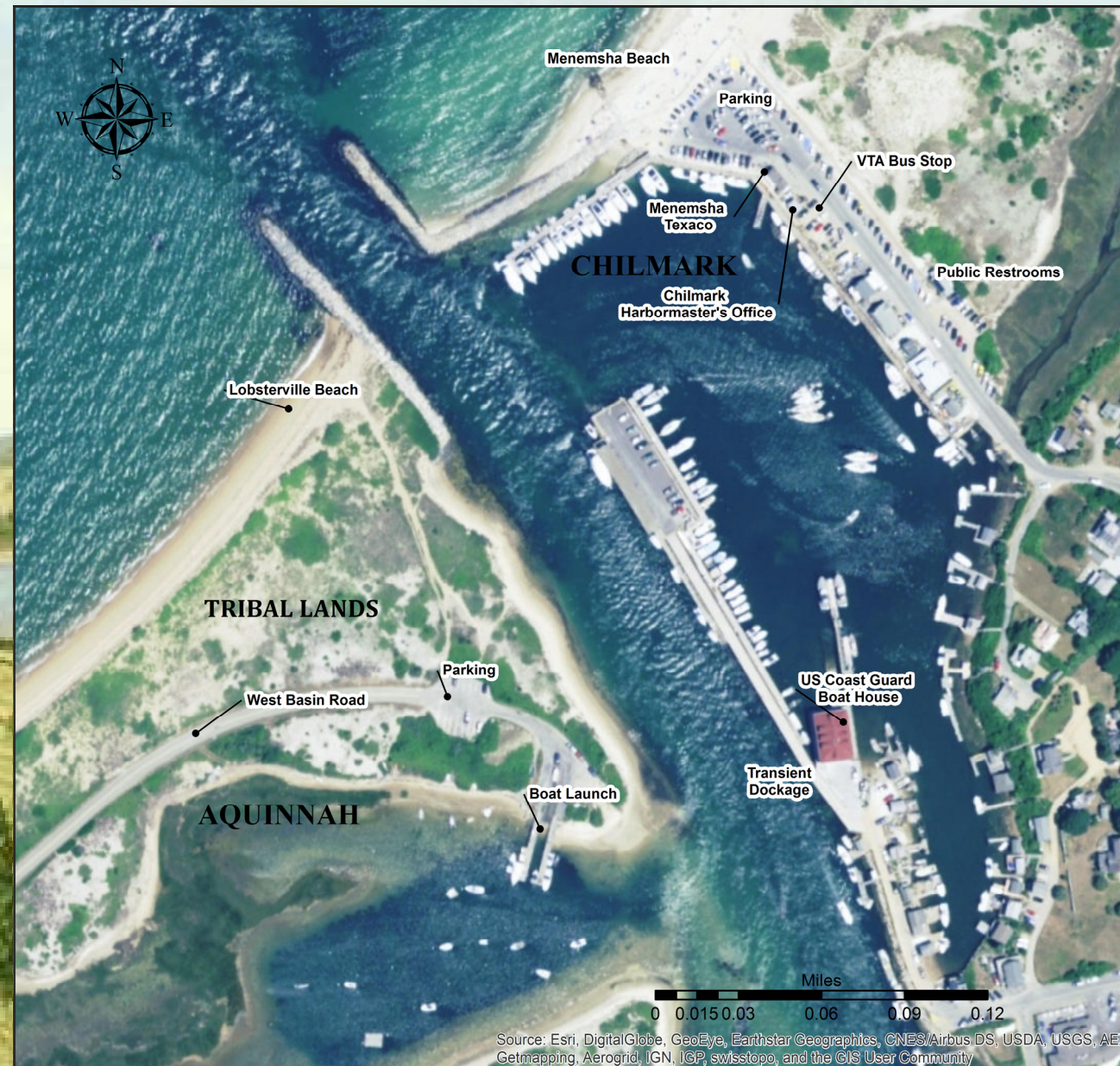


If you are involved in a boating accident, report the accident to the Harbormaster of Chilmark or Aquinnah, depending on where the accident occurred.

If the damage exceeds \$100 or results in major injuries or missing persons, also report to: US Coast Guard Station in Menemsha (508) 645-2661 Division of Marine and Recreational Vehicles (508) 564-4961

Boating Rules and Regulations

- **No overnight anchorage.**
- **No discharge of waste of any kind.** Contact the Chilmark Harbormaster for use of the pump-out facilities.
- Maximum speed limit is 4 knots. No wake is permitted.
- Maintain a 150ft distance from red and green channel markers.
- Yellow markers delineate aquaculture areas.
- Safety First! Please be courteous and conscious of those sharing the waterways with you. Swimmers, non-motorized boats and wildlife may be present. Be aware.
- Wind surfing is not allowed in Menemsha Basin, Menemsha Creek, the channel or within 300 feet of the beach.
- No swimming or diving in the harbor or channel from Memorial Day to Labor Day.
- Do not tie vessel to any navigation aids.
- No anchorage in the harbor or navigational channels.
- Mooring by permit only. See the Harbormasters.
- Life Jackets: Each paddler must have a USCG-approved Type I, II, III, or V life jacket. A child 12-years old or younger must wear their USCG-approved, appropriately-sized life jacket while on board any vessel.
- If you're on the water after sunset, you need to have a lighting device to warn other boaters.
- The USCG define SUP boards operated outside a surfing, swimming or bathing area as "vessels" and therefore need to adhere to those rules. It is not advised to use these in Menemsha Channel, as they create a navigational hazard.



Complete, detailed copies of the Town's Rules and Regulations can be found on-line or are available from the Harbormasters.

Aquinnah <http://goo.gl/6t5QkO>

Chilmark <http://goo.gl/G7D840>

Taking of Shellfish in both towns requires a permit. To obtain a Shellfish Permit, contact the town that you will be shellfishing in.



Navigation

Boaters be aware that the current runs swiftly through the inlet. The inner harbor is just inside the inlet and both are well-marked. The inlet continues into Menemsha Pond. Also be aware that there are very shallow sections and navigate accordingly. **Recent dredging activities have altered the channel bottom significantly. Follow the channel markers and watch the tides.**

Menemsha Harbor Fees 2017

Daily Transient/Slip Dockage:

\$3.00 per foot, per day

Hourly Transient/Slip Dockage:

\$10.00 for each four (4) hours

Electricity:

\$15.00 per day for 30 Amp

\$30.00 per day for 50 Amp

Town of Chilmark Transient Mooring Fees:

\$35.00 per day for inside moorings

\$20.00 per day for outside moorings

Mooring Permit Fee:

\$100 for Residents & Non-

Residents

Anchorage available in Menemsha

Bight, outside of the harbor

The Town of Aquinnah has no transient moorings available.

Services

A town-maintained dinghy dock is located on the seaward end of the town wharf. Services in the Town of Menemsha include fuel, groceries, dining, fish markets and fishing tackle, antiques, art, books, and clothing. For a complete list of services and contacts, see the Harbor Master.

- Heads: 2 Toilet(s), 2 Shower(s) (with dressing rooms)
- WiFi internet services are available
- No laundry services available
- Pump-Out: On-Call—Chilmark Harbormaster
- Public Transportation (VTA) <http://www.vineyardtransit.com>
- Tide Charts: <http://www.CapeTides.com> (Menemsha Harbor)

Eco-Friendly Boating

The impact of recreational boating on aquatic ecosystems is significant. Even small quantities of toxic products in the water can disrupt this balance, with lasting harmful effects.

How can you help?

- Read the label and choose phosphate- and chlorine-free products that are non-toxic and environmentally safe, such as vinegar and baking soda.
- Avoid conducting boat maintenance on the docks or over the water.
- Use more elbow grease and fewer cleaning products, scrub and rinse with fresh-water.
- Properly dispose of unused boat maintenance products.

Contacts

Aquinnah Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

Brian Vanderhoop

(508)645-2307

Tues 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Town Hall: (508)645-2300

Chilmark Harbormaster

Dennis Jason

(508)645-2100 x 2846 (Year Round)

(508)645-2846 (Harbor seasonal)

Daily 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM (Seasonal)

After-Hours Arrival: Call on VHF Ch 9

Town Hall: (508)645-2100

Emergency Services

In case of an emergency:

- Medical: Call **911** and specify that you are on Martha's Vineyard in Menemsha, MA
- US Coast Guard Station in Menemsha: **(508) 645-2661**
- Division of Marine and Recreational Vehicles **(508) 564-4961**
- BoatU.S. Towing Services: **(800) 888-4869**
- Sea Tow Towing Services: **(800) 473-2869**
- Aquinnah Police Department **(508) 645-2313**
- Chilmark Police Department **(508) 645-3310**

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Welcome to Menemsha Harbor Rules and Regulations



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The Menemsha Pond Watershed, comprising Menemsha, Squibnocket, Stonewall, and Nashaquitza ponds, is shared between the Wampanoag Tribe, and the towns of Aquinnah and Chilmark Massachusetts. The Towns and the Tribe are committed to supporting the protection, enhancement, and preservation of the cultural and aquatic resources. This area has a rich history of shell-fishing, lush eelgrass beds, and prime habitat for wildlife of all kinds.

