

## **BOATERS' GUIDE TO WELLFLEET SHELLFISHING AREAS**

Shellfishing is an important part of the Wellfleet economy.

Shellfishing, and shellfish farming on grants, take place in specific areas throughout the harbor.

Except at times in mid-winter, aquaculture areas are marked with 20" floating yellow balls at each corner. White floats with a red stripe, top and bottom, and a red diamond in the center mark underwater fishing gear.

To protect this industry and yourself, boaters should stay clear of these areas 3 hours before and after low tide.

Motor propellers and center boards as well as kayaks and canoes do most of the damage to shellfishing equipment during this time frame.

Boaters who do such damage may be liable under both local regulations and Massachusetts General Law.

They also risk harming their own craft.

The map on the reverse side shows the locations of both commercial and noncommercial shellfishing areas.

Please be cautious while boating in Wellfleet Harbor.

# **WARNING !**