

# Little Harbour West

47° 22.4' N x 054° 48.5' W

Chart # 4615

A narrow, finger-like intrusion into steeply rising hills, Little Harbour West offers a sheltered anchorage for vessels of limited draft.

**Approach:** Maintain a mid-channel course when entering Little Harbour. Favouring the port side when approaching and passing Manning's Point will keep the vessel in about 8 feet of water. The harbour widens and water depths increase to 10 to 12 feet just north of the Point. Plan to terminate your entry here since the harbour's northern half is very shallow.

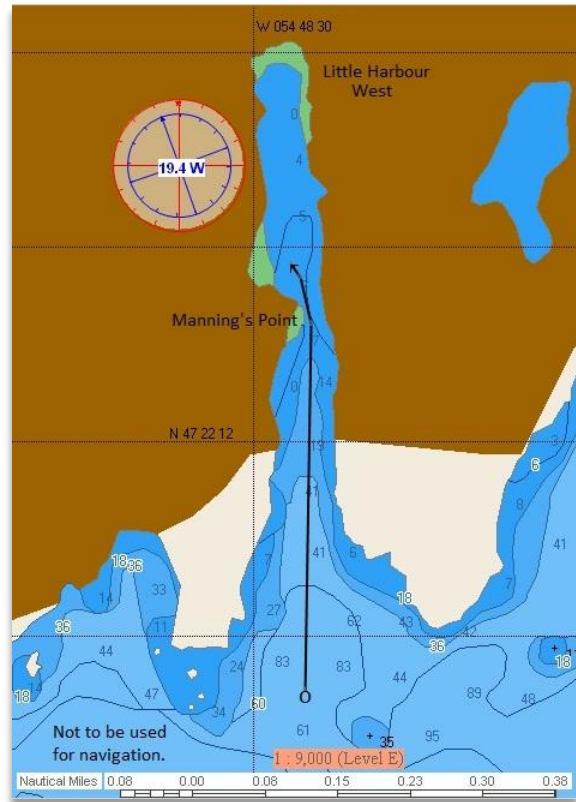
**Anchoring:** Good holding ground may be found on the western side of the harbour just beyond Manning's Point. Although our anchor always firmly held, a strong southwesterly wind (funneling into the harbour as a southerly) motivated us to run a line ashore to the Point during one of our 2010 visits.

**History:** Along with many other communities in this area of Placentia Bay, Little Harbour West was resettled in the late 1960s. The 1845 census recorded a population of 10, a number that peaked at around 130 by the mid-1930s. A church and school were constructed there in the late 1800s and several lobster factories operated in the community in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. A harbour too small for the larger fishing craft required to pursue increasingly distant fishing grounds is believed to be a significant factor in Little Harbour's gradual depopulation and eventual resettlement.

**Ashore:** Trails following the cart paths of the former community may be found along the shore. Little Harbour currently has six seasonal homes, two of which are original to the community. There are currently no permanent residents, although the Lake family spends 7 to 8 months there each year. Little Harbour has recently become home to the European Green Crab, a smallish member of the crab family and an aggressive invasive species. Look for it along the shore and in shallow pools at the water's edge.

Further information may be obtained through Little Harbour's webcard at <http://iprox.mi.mun.ca/PlacentiaBay.htm>.

**Jim Wyse and Patricia Morrissey aboard Staragan in 2010.**



Source: BoatCruiser™ from [Navsim](#) with C-Map from [Jeppesen](#).



Staragan anchored north of Manning's Point at Little Harbour West. Photo by Brenda Gagnon.