

# Glebe Harbor - Cabin Point Waterways

## The Water Waze

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Cabin Point

Glebe Harbor

Ragged Point Beach

Ragged point

Coles Point

Plumb Point

Tidwells



### Do I need a boating license to operate a boat in Virginia?

- All motorboat operators of 10 HP or greater, regardless of age, and all PWC operators 14 years or older must take a boating safety course to get licensed.
- No one under the age of 14 may operate a PWC.
- Operators 14 and 15 years of age must show proof of completing their education and provide a license.
- If you do not have a state driver's license, you can still obtain a boating license in VA
- You need to take a NASBLA-approved boater safety class in person or online to get your license.



### Vessel Fire Extinguishers - Effective 4/2/22

Any non-rechargeable (disposable) fire extinguisher that is older than 12 years should be removed from service from a vessel requiring an extinguisher. Refer to the date of manufacturing on the bottle; for example, "05" means "2005".



**Fishing Guidelines** - 2022 Virginia Fishing Regulations can be found at [www.dwr.virginia.gov](http://www.dwr.virginia.gov). Fishing licenses are also available at Erika Mall.



### Widgeon Grass

**The Boom and Bust Species** the thread-like grass prefers slightly brackish to saltier water. It is one of the dominant species found in the

Virginia portion of the Bay area.

Its abundance can rise and fall from year to year. Scientists caution that the spike in this grass is guaranteed to not last.

This grass is not considered an invasive species. It is part of the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. Known as underwater grasses or submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV), they improve water quality by reducing erosion, trapping loose sediment and absorbing nutrient pollution.

During photosynthesis, they add the dissolved oxygen to the water underwater critters need to survive. They also serve as habitat for vulnerable young fish and crabs, and provide food for migrating waterfowl.

Widgeon Grass can be removed by raking or seining it, but will re-establish from any remaining roots and seeds.

The grass does not grow well in shaded areas like under a dock.

### Characteristics of Widgeon or Ditch Grass

**Stem:** Green or whitish in color, up to 3 feet long. **Leaves** are thread-like and submerged.

For more information:

<https://aquaplant.tamu.edu/management-options/widgeon-grass/>