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Dear Stakeholder,

Survey for New Hampshire 2024-2025 In-Water Marine Debris Removal

NH legislature had passed HB 442 in 2023, which provided New Hampshire Fish and Game (NHFG) additional funds for a period of two years for in-water lost/derelict gear recovery, removal, and disposal.

To best utilize the legislative funds for these in-water cleanup events, NHFG will need to determine where best to concentrate in-water cleanup efforts with help from the fishing industry, diving industry, and other interested ocean users. The fishing industry has provided some information on locations of lost/derelict gear via survey and maps sent out earlier this year. Now NHFG would like to ask the dive community's assistance in providing additional information leading to concentrated areas of in-water derelict trap gear.

Enclosed you will find a short questionnaire and four maps of NH coastal waters. Please fill out the questionnaire and mark on the map(s) where you have encountered derelict fishing gear. The survey and map(s) will provide NHFG with information in identifying areas of concentrated derelict gear.

Thank you for your help in identifying where derelict fishing gear may be within NH waters. If you have any questions, please call (603) 868-1095 or email Lauren Staples or Robert Atwood at Lauren.Staples@wildlife.nh.gov or Robert.Atwood@wildlife.nh.gov.

Sincerely,

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2024 **In-Water** Marine Debris Removal Survey

Please answer the questions below pertaining to your **saltwater** diving experience in New Hampshire and return with relevant marked map(s):

- 1) Where do you generally saltwater dive?
 - a. Saltwater bays, harbors, rivers
 - b. Within 100 ft of open coastline
 - c. Between 100 ft to 1 mile of open coastline
 - d. Between 1-2 miles of open coastline
 - e. Between 2-3 miles of open coastline
 - f. Isle of Shoals area

- 2) How many saltwater dives do you generally conduct in a year? _____

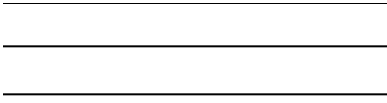
- 3) In what months do you generally saltwater dive? _____

- 4) Do you observe lost/derelict fishing gear when you saltwater dive?
Never___ Occasionally___ Often___

- 5) How do you recognize lost/derelict fishing gear when you saltwater dive?

- 6) Please mark the location of lost/derelict gear you have encountered on the attached map(s) with an "X".

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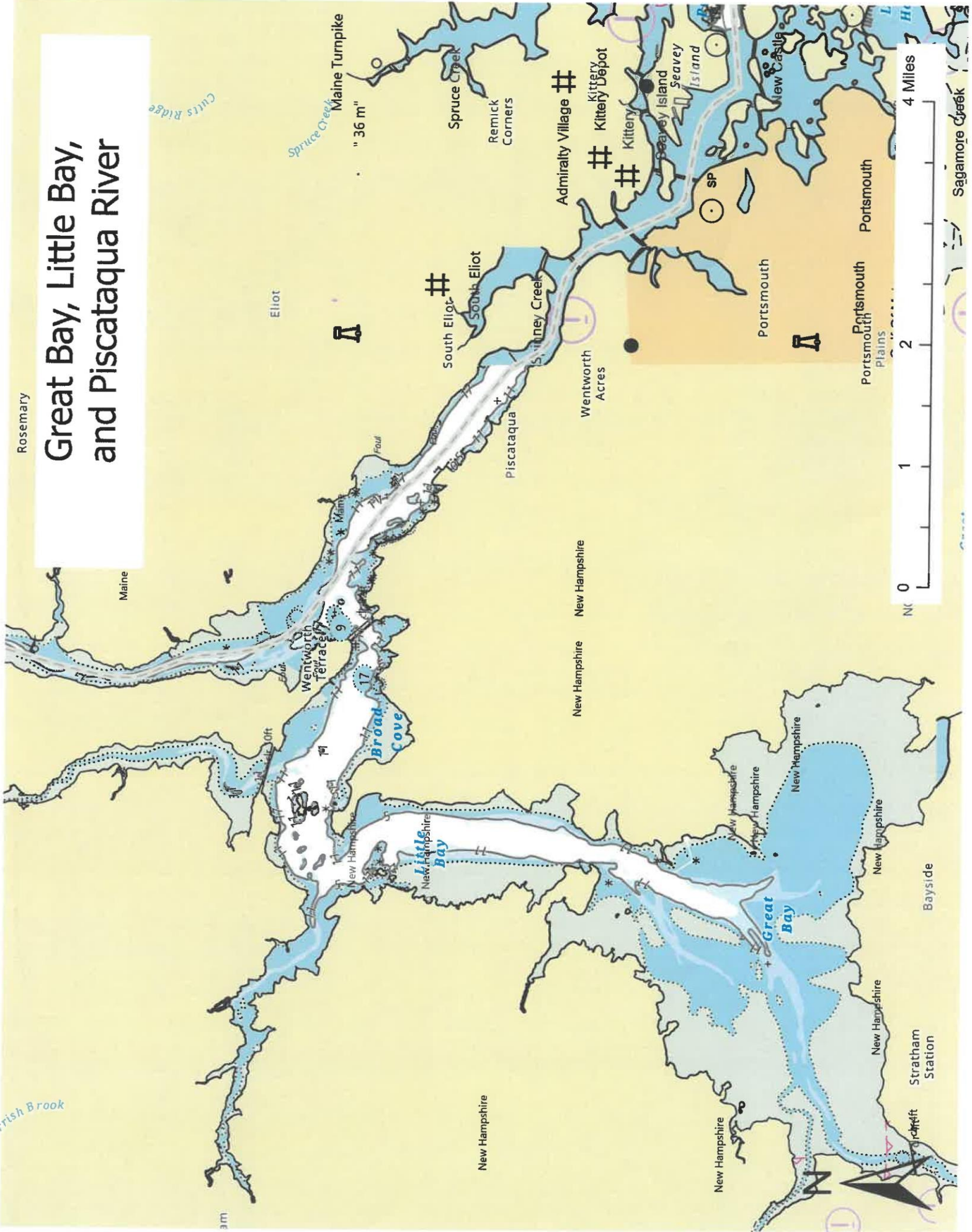
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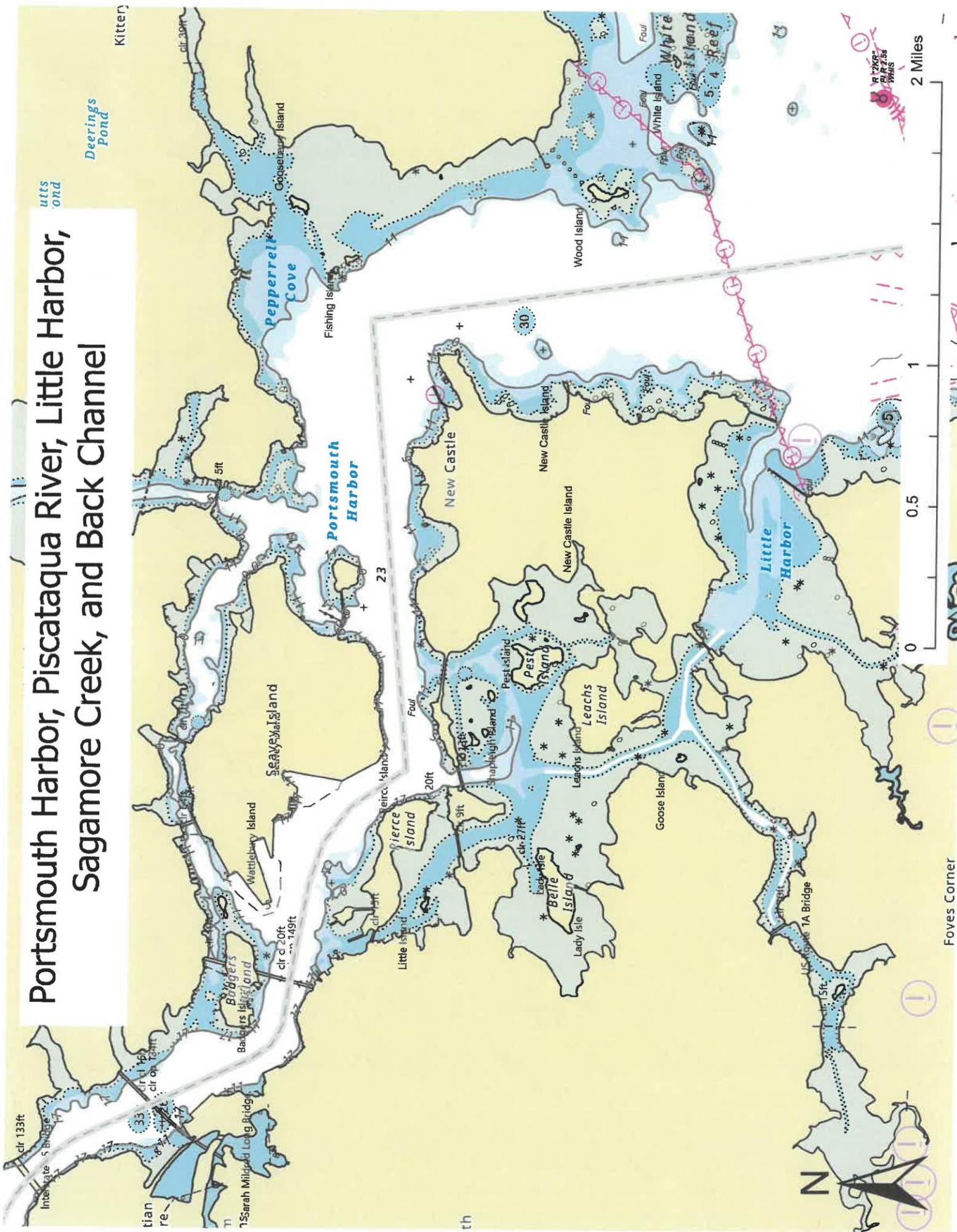
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Great Bay, Little Bay, and Piscataqua River

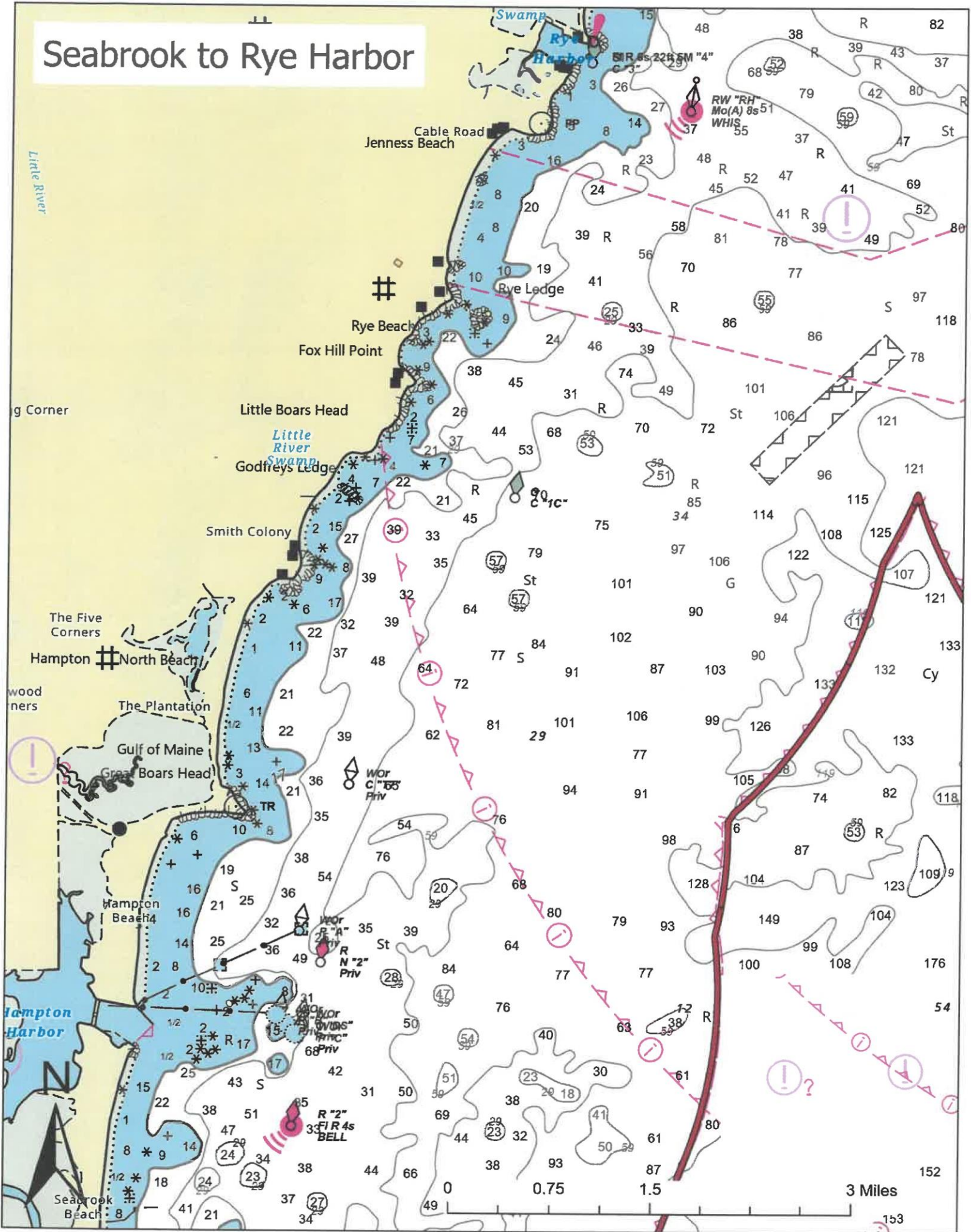


Portsmouth Harbor, Piscataqua River, Little Harbor, and Back Channel

Sagamore Creek, and Back Channel



Seabrook to Rye Harbor



Isles of Shoals

