



## January 2025

### Berthage

There were \*\* vessels at the Digby Fisherman's Wharf in December 2025.

### 2025 Activities

#### Climate Change Study

A NS Dept Fisheries & Aquaculture study of the Port of Digby determined much of the infrastructure requires immediate attention, and the working deck would need to be at least 1.0 m higher to mitigate sea level rise in the next 40 years.

The **Digby Harbour Concept** has been developed to plan for the phased replacement of the Digby Wharf. This plan allows for continued operations during construction periods.

The NS Dept of Environment sponsored **Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund** will be a major contributor to preparing a 'shovel ready' status for Phase I of the Digby Harbour Concept. This work entails permitting, environmental assessment, and engineering in preparation for future construction.

### Digby Wharf Beyond Capacity

The 2025 lobster season put undue pressure on the facility. The Port of Digby will **NOT** be accepting all vessels in the Fall of 2026.

Only captain/company inquiries for berthage 30 days prior to season opening will be considered for berthage. Berthage will be considered on the following factors:

- Past historical fishing activity.
- Cooperation with DHPA staff.
- Timely settlement of berthage charges.

### Berthage Rate Adjustment (January 2025)

The DHPA is implementing a Home Port vs Visiting Vessel fee structure effective Jan 1, 2025. Using 2024 berthage data, the most frequent users of the facility will be designated as Home Port users. Other Transient users (Visitors) will be subject to a berthage rate premium. The status of an owner and vessel will be reassessed annually using the previous year's data. The Home / Visiting designation will be re-evaluated for berthage invoices starting in January 2026.

Berthage January 2025	Home Port	Visiting Vessel
Weekly	1.45 /m2	2.18 /m2
Monthly	4.37 /m2	6.60 /m2

Keep your account paid on a timely basis to maintain your Home Port status.



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when working at the Digby Wharf.



**Wishing you good fishing,**  
Edwin Chisholm



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