



A Sweet Waypoint on Lake Ontario

A reclaimed industrial port on the north shore of Lake Ontario is a nexus for area sailors. Located about halfway between the densely populated Toronto area and the popular Thousand Islands, Cobourg is both a waypoint and a destination in its own right.

A concrete pier, now used for visitor parking, protects the east side of the man-made harbor. There is a break wall to the west. The port offers a variety of docking options, from unserviced wall locations, with first night free, to fully serviced slips available through the immaculate municipally run Cobourg Marina (www.cobourg.ca/municipal-departments/marina.html). The harbor is large enough to accommodate anchoring, although some silting occurs close to the western wall. One of the best beaches on the north shore lies just east of the pier. All the usual amenities sought by cruisers are within a 20-minute walk.

While many harbors offer docking and provisioning, few offer it with the grace, style and ambience that this beautifully maintained old Ontario town does. From its magnificent municipal Victoria Hall to the friendly confines of the Dutch Oven bakery, Cobourg is a haven the cruising sailor is reluctant to leave.



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