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IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE

Please contact Elbow Cay Properties via voice call, text, or WhatsApp. Or just walk next door to their office!

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HISTORY

Dunwanderin is one of the more historic homes in the settlement, fully renovated and modernized yet retaining its timeless charm and nautical character. Built in the late 1880s by a ship's captain using materials and construction methods more typical of boat building, the house has been home to many of the original Abaco families - the Malones, Alburys, and Cashes. Vernon Malone, who owns the grocery next door, grew up in the house with 6 other family members!. The original front of the house was where the stone/concrete steps are located. In 2007 the Malones sold it to John Doyle and Carol Horvath from Camden, Maine, who spent two years on extensive renovations while living on their boat in Hope Town Harbour. Marc Tucker and Kathy Bonk from Maine bought the house in 2009, selling it to the current owners in June of 2024.

When Hurricane Dorian made landfall on Elbow Cay on September 1, 2019, it brought 220 MPH winds and unbelievably destructive tornadoes while hovering over the island for three days. Many of the houses on the island were either destroyed or badly damaged. Dunwanderin survived without any structural damage - a testament to its ship-worthy construction – and was a welcome sanctuary for many locals in the settlement whose homes were less fortunate.

ABOUT THE OWNERS

Bill and Lynn are from New Bern, an historic coastal town in NC. They honeymooned on Elbow Cay in 1982 and returned often as renters until buying an oceanfront house south of town in 1999 which was months later destroyed by hurricane Floyd. Subsequently at that location, they designed, built, managed, and maintained Calypso, a popular 6 bedroom/6 bathroom rental house optimized for large groups and families. 25 years later, while looking for property on which to build a smaller house more suitable for their personal use, they were shown and fell in love with Dunwanderin. They sold Calypso and purchased Dunwanderin in June of 2024 and have devoted themselves to further improving and refining the home. They are pleased to share it with others as a rental home when they are absent.

WEBSITES TO VISIT: DUNWANDERIN AND THE HOPE TOWN GUIDE

Created in its entirety by the current owners, the dunwanderin.net website is a valuable resource with extensive information about the house, the area, getting around, things to do, and contacts/links. More tailored to the area in general is the hopetownguide.com, also an excellent resource.

WATER – THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU SHOULD KNOW

Most houses on Elbow Cay, including Dunwanderin, have cisterns that store rainwater collected from their roofs, so there is a finite supply. Dunwanderin has an adequate amount for normal, but not excessive, water usage. Please don't waste water. Hint: Don't let the kids play with the water hose or try to solve the world's problems while showering!

Cistern water levels are monitored remotely by the owners and Elbow Cay Properties. Water can be purchased and delivered by truck in an emergency but there could be a delay of days if the delivery trucks are busy with other houses. If water use is excessive and water must be purchased, you may be responsible for the charges.

Dunwanderin's toilets have an independent water system using brackish water from a well, so there is no need to hold back on flushing the toilets. A running toilet should be fixed, but is not a crisis.

YOU CAN DRINK THE WATER

The house has an in-line carbon filter for removing contaminants and an ultraviolet-light sterilization system rendering the water safe to drink.

ICE

The ice maker output is sufficient for beverages. For coolers, bags of ice may be purchased from Vernon's Grocery next door. As an alternative, purchase, freeze, and reuse bottled water.

TOILETS

PLEASE avoid flushing anything but human waste and toilet paper as plumbers are not readily available. As previously mentioned, the toilets flush with non-potable well water so there are no concerns from toilet usage.

POWER OUTAGES AND THE GENERATOR

Power outages do occur on a regular basis, rarely more than a couple of hours. (It's an island thing.) Dunwanderin's generator will start (and stop) automatically. It is meticulously and professionally maintained, but like any machine, breakdowns can occur. Patience and understanding are appreciated while waiting for service.

AIR CONDITIONING

To avoid misplacement, please keep the control clickers on the wall holder near the units at all times.

To use the air conditioning, turn the machine on using the clicker. The "mode" should be set to "cool." A temperature of about 22-24 degrees centigrade works quite well. When the outside temperature is right, opening the windows and using the bedroom fans is quite comfortable. (Turn off the AC!) Breezes flow nicely through the house and you can usually hear the surf!

The upstairs may get warm during the day when the sun is high and bright. The temperature will rapidly decrease to comfortable levels when the sun goes down or is obscured.

OUTDOOR SHOWER

There is no room to add a functional indoor shower to the first floor without compromising the very livable floor plan, so every effort has been made to provide the best possible outdoor shower. Located in the corner on the deck, it is private and roomy, with a motion activated light

for night use, shaving mirror, bench seat, grab rails, and a dispenser for soap/conditioner/shampoo. The adjacent plants thrive on the runoff.

INTERNET

The fiber optic internet is typically quite reliable with only occasional glitches. Look for the "Dunwanderin" SSID in a search for local hot spots. The password is "ElbowCay242". PLEASE UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ALTER ANY OF THE ELECTRICAL OR INTERNET CONNECTIONS IN THE LIVING ROOM CABINETS. If the house systems are corrupted, it may take days for someone to diagnose and reset the hardware.

TVs

All reasonable efforts have been made to simplify their use, nevertheless, they occasionally require attention. This typically includes reconnecting to the house wi-fi by re-entering the house password, which is labeled on the TV, or rebooting the Amino cable box by unplugging for a half minute.

The Amino cable box uses a different remote than the TV and provides the Bahamian version of cable channels. The cable box is "on" when the blue light is evident. It is connected to HDMI1 on the TV. If the cable box asks for a password, it is "1". If no channels show in the guide, you may need to reboot the cable box by briefly unplugging the power cable.

Use your own account to log in to the various **streaming services** like Netflix, Amazon Prime, Apple TV, etc. Remember to log out/sign out before leaving. Most services allow you to do so remotely if you forget.

VHF RADIO

The house has a marine VHF communications radio attached to the outside of the bookcase in the living room. Channel 16 is the all-purpose calling and emergency channel. After calling and reaching your callee, you will be told to switch to a "working channel", typically 14. Follow other's examples, or Google its use. The power supply is located inside the cabinet on the far right. Please turn the radio and power supply off when not in use.

At 8:15 am on weekdays during popular times of the year, listen to the Cruisers' Net on Channel 68 for weather, reports on island events, and business announcements.

LIVING ROOM SOUND SYSTEM

The Edifier speakers in the living room are Bluetooth enabled. With Bluetooth active on your device, press the Bluetooth button on the remote and look for the wireless connection on your device. A full set of instructions is in the back of this house guide.

THE KITCHEN COUNTER AND TABLES

The kitchen counter and dining table are made of 140+ year old Abaco Heart Pine, which is beautiful but soft and easily damaged compared to synthetic or stone materials. It is irreplaceable, and very difficult if not impossible to properly repair. Using the numerous cutting boards, hot mats, and ceramic tiles will help prevent damage. Thank you for using coasters on the painted furniture to avoid rings.

DISHWASHER

The dishwasher typically uses less water than washing by hand, especially if you fill it before running. Hand washing the large knives will help them retain a sharp edge.

HOUSEWARES

An iron, ironing board, and vacuum cleaner are in the downstairs bedroom closet. Kindly empty the vacuum cleaner after use.

Starter supplies of soap, dishwashing detergent, paper towels, and toilet paper are provided. Additional supplies may be purchased at the grocery stores. There is a refill of hand soap under the kitchen sink. Additional shampoo/conditioner/body wash are under the upstairs bathroom sink and under the outdoor shower seat.

If the grill or oven fails to light, contact Elbow Cay Properties so they can arrange for a replacement of the empty LP gas bottle.

THE GIANT DECK UMBRELLA

The umbrella has a LOT of surface area and must be folded in windy conditions. Instructions for operation are located on the refrigerator door and in this guide. Collapse it with the crank so it resembles a folded flower. It is not essential to swing it aside unless it's in your way.

DECK AWNING ABOVE THE DOUBLE DOORS

The fabric awning over the double doors to the deck may flutter in certain higher winds which can be disturbing to the occupants of the upstairs bedroom. The awning can be folded by unhooking the elastic side straps and pulling/securing the line running through the pulleys to the cleat.

LAUNDRY AND CLOTHESLINE

Linens provided with the house - sheets and towels - will be collected at the end of your stay by the housekeeper. For personal items, there is a 24-hour self-service laundry at the nearby Hope Town Canvas shop where tokens can be purchased during business hours. As of March 2025, a washer load is \$7 and a dryer load is \$7. Drop off laundry services are also available upon request at the Canvas shop.

With the usual breezes, clothesline drying is surprisingly fast. The deck clothesline pulls out from the small white plastic reel on a post in the corner of the deck and hooks to a screw on the corner of the shower. You must go back to the reel and secure the tightened line to the white cleat. Clothes pins are in a bag hanging on the wall next to the refrigerator.

TRASH AND PESTS

Trash is collected early in the morning on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings at the end of Lovers Lane across from Vernon's Grocery. Place your bagged trash in one of the existing containers at the corner the night before, or roll out the Dunwaderin trash can from behind the house. (Remember to retrieve it the next day.) Aluminum cans can be placed in the recycling container next to Munchies, across from neighboring Vernon's grocery.

It is recommended that food be stored in the fridge or sealed containers to avoid attracting insects and furry critters. (The house is regularly professionally treated for pests, but 100% success is impossible.)

BEACH AND BEACH TOYS

A beautiful sandy beach is a short walk away, with some nice coral heads within easy swimming distance. Look for a street sign that says "beach access" on the perpendicular sidewalk a couple of blocks south on Back Street. Large beach towels are in the first-floor bathroom or dining room baskets, which also contain beach mats. Along the utility side of the house is a white storage

box containing 4 lightweight beach chairs, two boogie boards, and a skim board on the left side. Please rinse and return them to their storage box.

OUTDOOR FURNITURE AND CUSHIONS

Cushions for the deck furniture, if not already in place, are usually stored in the corner of the living room. They are weather resistant and can stay outside during your visit, but you may want to move them inside if rain is imminent, so you don't have to wait for them to dry..

OUTDOOR TABLE LAMPS, USB CHARGERS

Stored on top of the refrigerator, the lights are recharged via USB ports. USB cables are located at the bookshelf USB hub. Please return the lamps to the top of the refrigerator.

SECURITY, WEB CAMERAS

One may safely traverse the island at any time of the day or night. Assaults are unheard of. Petty theft from inside houses is very rare but does occur and is usually a crime of opportunity. Avoid leaving cash and valuables where easily seen or removed. At night or when absent from the house for long periods of time, lock the doors. Hide your valuables (remember where!) or use the safe in the downstairs bedroom closet - instructions are on top.

Outside web cameras are located at the main entry, the rear deck, and the storage/utility area. Used strictly for security purposes, they are unmonitored and accessible only by the owner. If privacy on the deck is desired, the deck camera can be disabled by unplugging it from the outlet in the dining room.

LOCKS

The key provided by Elbow Cay Properties fits the front door only. The electronic lock to the back door is controlled by the owner and is primarily for service and maintenance access. It is somewhat finicky, and therefore not available to renters.

PETS

Pets are not allowed. The owners love animals, but damage to floors or furniture, however inadvertent, is very difficult to repair properly or in a timely manner. No exceptions.

GOLF CARTS

The tranquil, walk-friendly lanes in the settlement come at the price of some inconvenience. Rental golf carts are not supposed to be in the settlement and must be parked outside the gate adjacent to the Upper Public Dock, which is a delightful 4-minute stroll to/from Dunwanderin. The carts passing through town belong to settlement residents or businesses, or "north end" property owners issued a special gate pass not available to renters.

SECURING A BOAT AT THE DUNWANDER SLIP

The reserved boat slip will accommodate most any outboard boat. Walk to the very end of Lover's Lane and out onto the dock. Look left for the wooden step onto the concrete bulkhead. It is the end slip, identified by a Dunwanderin sign on the bulkhead. Please secure your boat with spring lines (or a stern anchor) to prevent the bow catching the ladder. Typically, the tide is 3-4 feet. See photos at the end of this guide.

RUNNING, WALKING, BIKING – FAVORITE ROUTE

A most pleasant route that encompasses waterfront, shade, and quiet roads with little-to-no vehicular traffic is the north end loop. Go left or right onto Lover's Lane and at the end turn north (toward the harbour entrance), then follow the sidewalk/ road. Total loop distance is 3 miles. To

reduce your distance to 2 miles, turn around at the T in the road at the north end loop. See the map that follows.

EMERGENCIES AND SAFETY

Hope Town Fire and Rescue provides fire and emergency medical services. Their number is **242-801-9991** (posted on the refrigerator door) and you are encouraged to enter it into your phone. HTFR can typically be on site within 15 minutes -one advantage of a small island.

Significant Injuries or health issues are transported via the HTFR boat to the Marsh Harbour hospital, which will typically stabilize the patient for air transport to the US.

Hope Town has a medical clinic near the upper dock which can provide acute care when open and staffed by the resident nurse. Unfortunately, this clinic is not well supported by the Bahamian government and greatly depends upon the voluntary financial contributions of its foreign patients.

It should be obvious that one does not want an injury while on the island due to the challenges of receiving adequate medical attention in a timely manner, therefore, caution should be exercised. Accidents involving golf carts, the most common and desirable method of getting around, can easily result in serious injury or death. Alcohol and/or inexperience are often factors. (The drinking age is 18.) While YOU may be cautious in a cart, on a bike, or on foot, the person tearing around a blind corner on the wrong side of the road after too many drinks may not be. Please be careful and observant.

CONTACTING THE OWNERS

If your questions are not adequately answered in this guide, the house website, or by Elbow Cay Properties, or in case of a true emergency, please contact the owners directly. Suggestions are always appreciated, as well as honest and constructive reviews.

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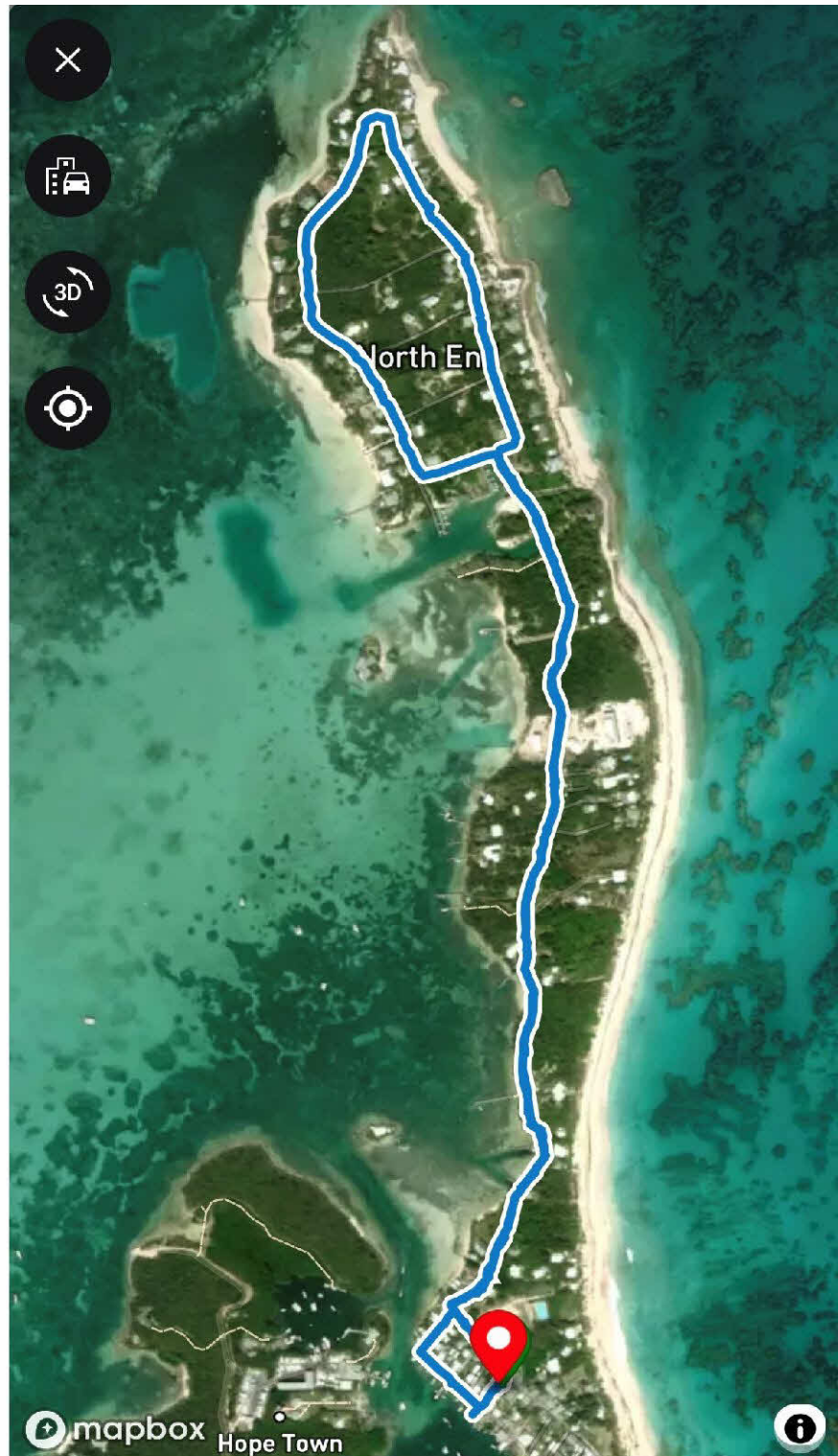
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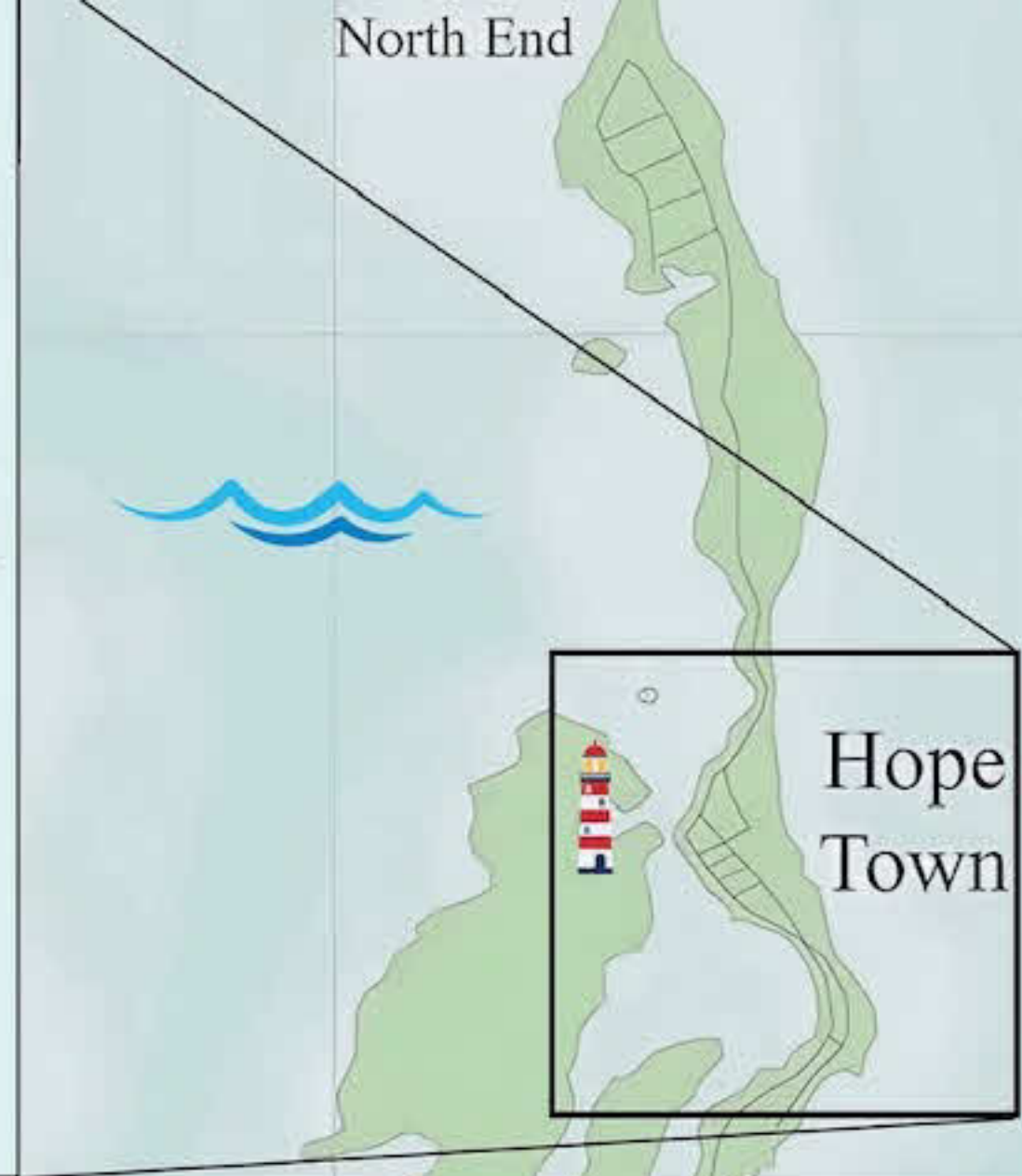


The owners' favorite 3-mile walk or bike ride.
(Turn around at the T of the big loop and it's 2 miles.)



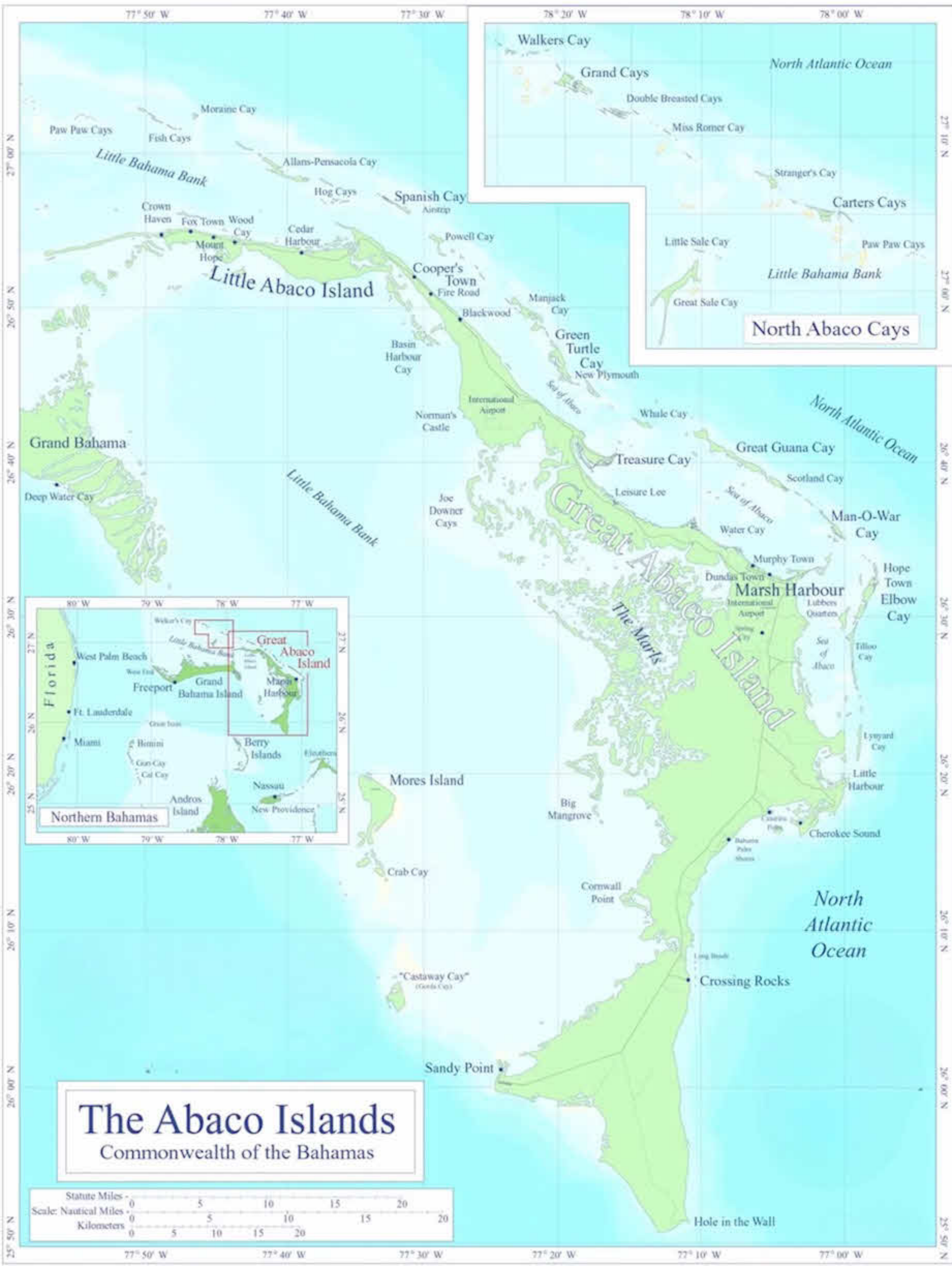
100 STEPS

Hope Town



1. Hope Town Lighthouse
2. Sandbank Boutique
3. Da Crazy Crab Gifts
4. Lighthouse Gift Store
5. Abaco Ceramics
6. Jacks Fine Liquors
7. Cap N Jacks
8. Vernons Grocery
9. Edith's Straw Shop
10. Munchies Takeaway
11. Hope Town Canvas
12. The Bike Shop
13. Loyalist Living Carts
14. Curly Tails Conch Bar
15. Skoops Ice Cream
16. Ebbtide Gift Store
17. Hope Town Clinic
18. Sundried Tees Gifts
19. Hope Town Inn & Marina
20. Lighthouse Marina
21. On Da Beach Bar
22. Sea Biscuit Coffee Shop
23. LVA Convenience Store
24. Sunrise Sports Bar
25. Celestial Water Depot
26. Oasis Juice Bar
27. Firefly Sunset Resort
28. Hope Town Spirits
29. The Laundry Shack
30. Mackeys Takeaway/Bakery
31. Abaco Inn
32. Sea Spray Resort
33. Thirsty Cuda (Occasional)





77° 20' W

77° 10' W

77° 00' W

Central Abaco

Commonwealth of the Bahamas

26° 40' N

26° 30' N

26° 20' N

26° 40' N

26° 30' N

26° 20' N

Green Turtle Cay

New
PlymouthInternational
Airport

Sea of Abaco

No Name Cay

Two Rocks

Channel Rock

Clubb Rocks

Whale Cay

Sandbank Cay's

Don't Rock

Spot Bank Cay

Baker's Bay

Dillon's Cay

Treasure Cay

Great Guana Cay

Scotland Cay

Fool's Cay

Fowl Cay

Leisure Lee

Fish Cays

Water Cay

Sea of Abaco

Atlantic Ocean

Man-O-War
Cay

Dickie's Cay

Garden Cay

Sandy Cay

Matt Lowe's Cay

Point Set Rock

Johnnie's Cay

Great Cistern

Murphy Town

Dundas Town

Marsh Harbour

International
AirportSpring
CityLubbers
Quarters

Witch Point

White Sound

Hope
TownElbow
Cay

Sea of Abaco

Tilloo
Cay

Comerant Cay

Snake
Cay

Iron Cay

Black Point
CayChannel
CayCombs
Cay

Sandy Cay

Spencer's
Bight

North Bar Channel

Lynyrd
CayLittle
HarbourCasurina
Point

Cherokee Sound

Bahama Palm Shores

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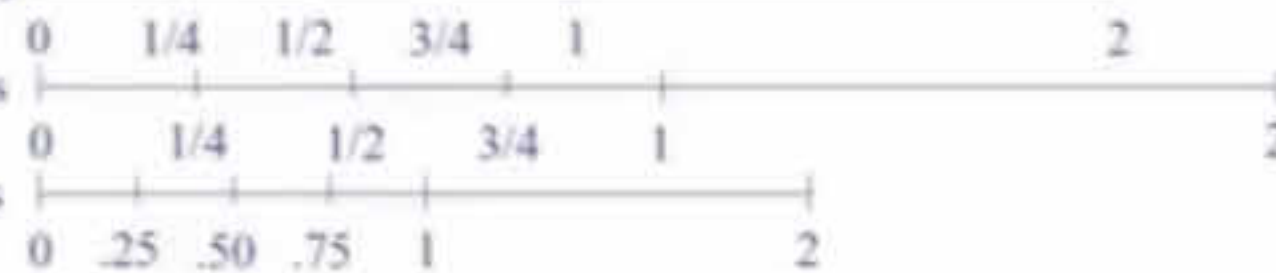
Hub of Abaco

Abaco, Bahamas

Statute Miles

Scale: Nautical Miles

Kilometers



Man-O-War Cay

Dickie's Cay

Garden Cay

Sandy Cay

Long Rock

Point Set Rock

Matt Lowe's Cay

Sugar Loaf Cay

Johnnie's Cay

North End

Hope
Town

Parrot
Cays

Porgee
Rock

Elbow
Cay

White Sound

Lubbers
Quarters

Tahiti
Beach

Tilloo
Cut

Tilloo
Cay

Sea of Abaco

Atlantic Ocean

Sea of Abaco

Atlantic Ocean

Marsh Harbour

Boat Harbour

International
Airport

Great Abaco Island

Witch Point