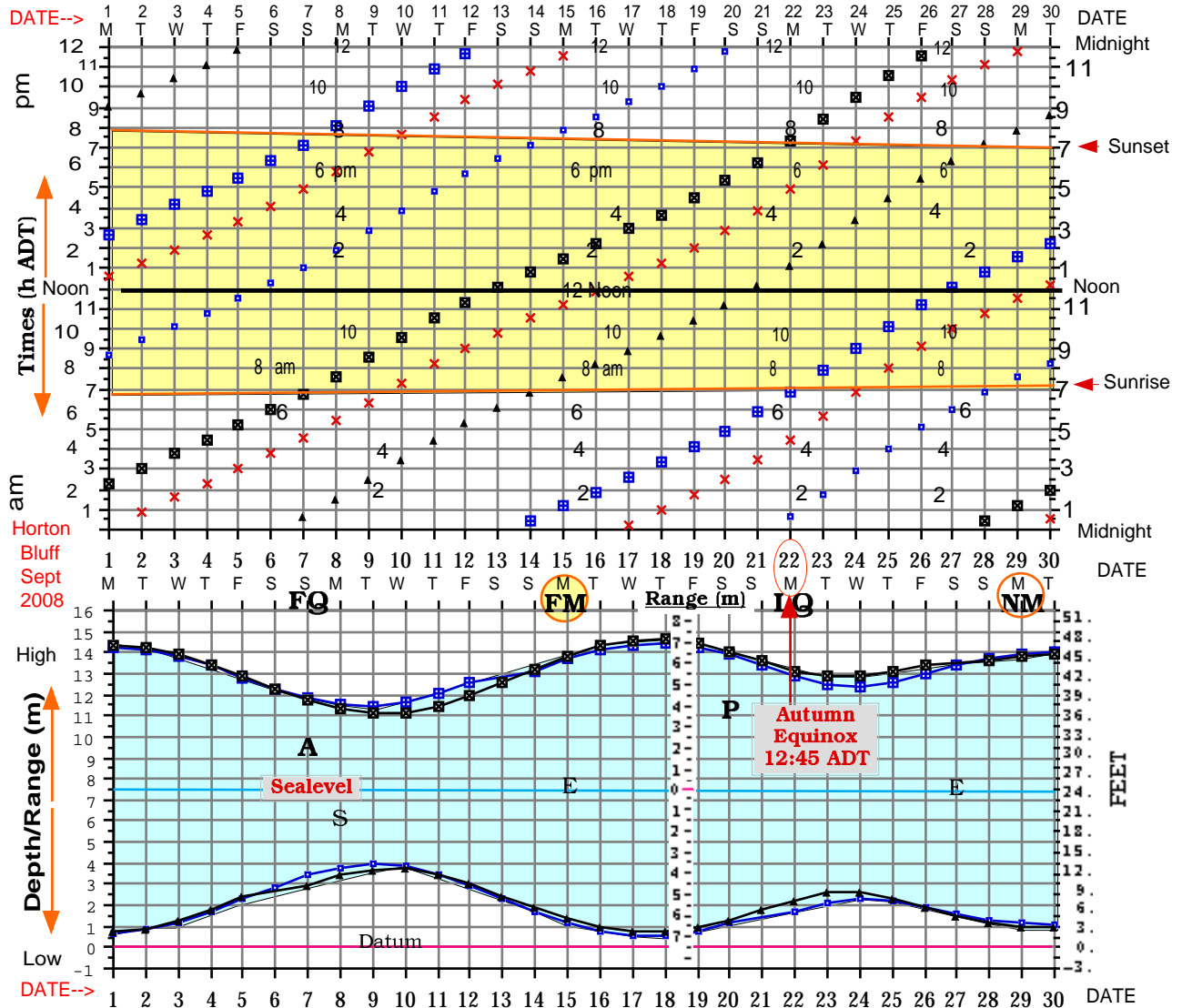


# HORTON BLUFF (Minas Basin south), N.S., SEPTEMBER 2008

## A Graphic Guide for High & Low Tide Times, Tide Range and Sunrise/Sunset

Predictions are for Horton Bluff (near Avonport, N.S.) and are computer generated using the tidal harmonic tables for Burntcoat Head, N.S. These times are a good guide ( $\pm 15$  min or less) for most locations around the **Minas Basin**. Adjustments were made relative to observations recorded at Horton Bluff. Results compare favourably with values obtained using the *Canadian Tide and Current Tables, 2006* on Saint John, N.B. References for astronomical events: *Observer's Handbook 2006* Royal Astronomical Society of Canada and *Starry Night*, a sky simulation program by Sienna Software, Toronto, Ont.

This chart is **not** designed for navigating at sea.



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- High Tide**, Moon near Meridian above south
- High Tide**, Moon near Anti-meridian below north
- Low Tide**, Moon near Western horizon -setting
- Low Tide**, Moon near Eastern horizon -rising

- NM** -New Moon
- FM** -Full Moon
- P** -Perigee: Moon nearest Earth (368 886 km)
- LQ** -Last Quarter Moon
- FQ** -First Quarter Moon
- A** -Apogee: Moon farthest from Earth (404 214 km)

Factors which increase the vertical range of tide, especially when perigee is close to New or Full Moon [**SPRING TIDES**]

**Note:** Weather conditions can significantly affect tide range.

Factors which decrease the vertical range of tide, especially when apogee is close to Quarter Moon [**NEAP TIDES**]

- Moon's Declination to the Equator
- N** -Maximum declination North.
- E** -Declination is 0° (on the Equator)
- S** -Maximum declination South.

- Datum** = lowest point below which the tide seldom falls.
- Sunrise / Sunset
- September 1 to 30, day loses about 93 min of sunlight
- Sept 22 night and day each about 12 hours long
- Tidal Bore in view from Mantua Bridge over Herbert River, Hants Co.

To get the predicted tide time or height, select a date, follow the vertical line to the event, read time(hours) or height (metres) along the horizontal line to the scale on the left.

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