

# BookletChart™



## Intracoastal Waterway – Forked Island to Ellender

NOAA Chart 11348

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**What is a BookletChart™?**

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

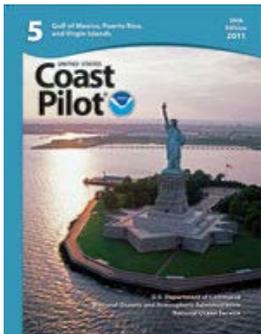
Whenever possible, use the official, full scale NOAA nautical chart for navigation. Nautical chart sales agents are listed on the Internet at <http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov>.

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**Notice to Mariners Correction Status**

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.

For latest Coast Pilot excerpt visit the Office of Coast Survey website at <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=11348>



**(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)**

**Mermentau River** empties into the Gulf of Mexico 86 miles W of Atchafalaya Bay Entrance E of Calcasieu Pass. The entrance channel shifts frequently and should be approached with caution. From the Gulf, the Mermentau leads E through **Lower Mud Lake** and Upper Mud Lake, thence N into the SW side of Grand Lake, out of the N end of Grand Lake to the Intracoastal Waterway and continuing on 32 miles through **Lake Arthur** to the head of

navigation at the junction of **Bayou Nezpique** and **Bayou des Cannes**, where the river is formed.

**Grand Lake**, a summer resort on the NE side of Calcasieu Lake, has numerous private piers.

**Hackberry**, on the NW side of the lake, is an oil drilling center. Both towns have highway connections to Lake Charles.

**Calcasieu River and Channel**. N of Calcasieu Pass, the ship channel cuts across points of land along the W side of Calcasieu Lake to a junction with the Calcasieu River at **Choupique Island**. The channel is straight and well-marked by lights and lighted ranges.

The Intracoastal Waterway crosses the ship channel at the N end of Choupique Island, at the mouth of the **River**, and continues W through **Choupique Cutoff**. N of the intersection with the Intracoastal Waterway, **Industrial Canal** leads NE to a turning basin. From the junction with Industrial Canal, the ship channel follows the natural channel of Calcasieu River to the N side of **Moss Lake**, thence bypassing the river through a landcut about 1 mile long to the W bend of the river just above Haymark Terminal, thence in the natural channel to Rose Bluff, thence through **Rose Bluff Cutoff** and continuing on the same course through a cut across the S end of **Coon Island**; thence, the E or right fork for about 1.5 miles to the port wharves at Port of Lake Charles. Deep water is along midchannel but, unlike most rivers, the deeper water often favors the points rather than the bends.

**Calcasieu Landing** is on the W bank of the Calcasieu River just N of its junction with Choupique Cutoff. A shipyard here has two 2,000-ton floating drydocks which can handle ships up to 200 feet and barges up to 300 feet long and 55 feet wide with drafts of 14 feet for general repairs. A marine railway at the shipyard can handle vessels up to 200 feet. The yard builds tugs, crew boats, and barges up to 200 feet. There are metal, joiner, machine, and welding shops, a floating crane that can handle craft to 60 tons, and tank cleaning facilities. A fuel dock adjoins the shipyard. Diesel fuel is available on a 24-hour basis at the dock or in midstream by barge. The fuel facility monitors VHF-FM channels 13 and 16 continuously.

**Vessels should approach Freshwater Bayou from the Gulf through Freshwater Bayou Safety Fairway.** (See 166.100 through 166.200, chapter 2.)

**Bayou Plaquemine Brule**. A pontoon bridge crosses the bayou N of **Estherwood**. The bridge is operated by cables that are suspended just above the water when the bridge is being opened or closed. The cables are dropped to the bottom when the bridge is in the fully open position, but remain suspended while the bridge is fully closed. Extreme caution is advised in the area of the bridge. **Do not attempt to pass through the bridge until it is fully opened and the cables are dropped to the bottom.** (See 117.1 through 117.59 and 117.489, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.)

**U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center  
24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies**

RCC New Orleans      Commander  
8th CG District      (504) 589-6225  
New Orleans, LA

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To report a chart discrepancy, please use [ocsdata.ncd.noaa.gov/idrs/discrepancy.aspx](http://ocsdata.ncd.noaa.gov/idrs/discrepancy.aspx).

## Lateral System As Seen Entering From Seaward

on navigable waters except Western Rivers



For more information on aids to navigation, including those on Western Rivers, please consult the latest USCG Light List for your area. These volumes are available online at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov>



# NAUTICAL CHART 11348 INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY

## LOUISIANA FORKED ISLAND TO ELLENDER Including the Mermentau River, Grand Lake, and White Lake



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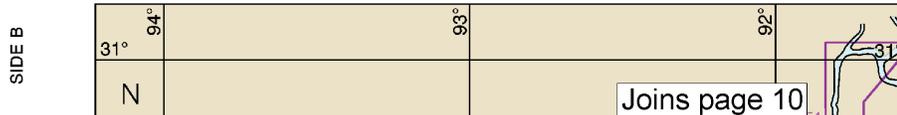
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### NAUTICAL CHART DIAGRAM



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Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, and U.S. Coast Guard.

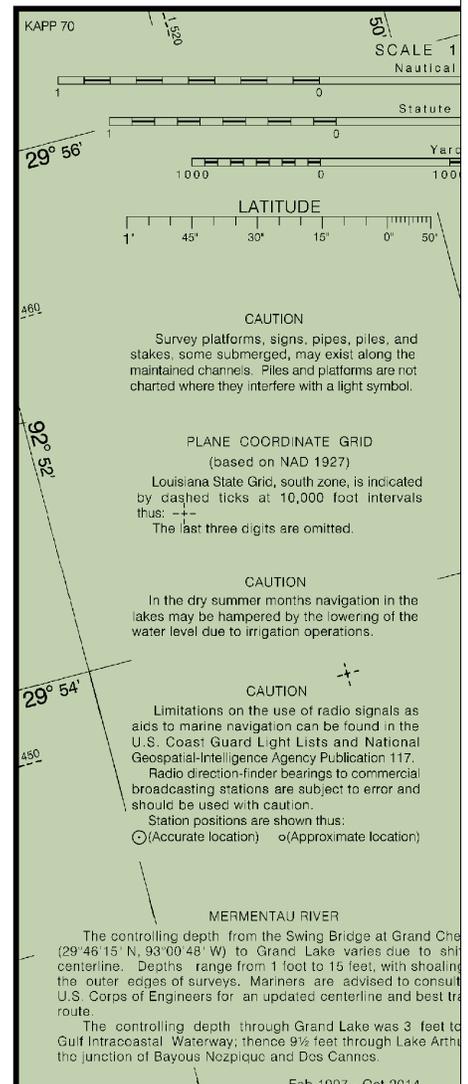
**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**  
Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 5 for important supplemental information.

**CAUTION**  
This chart has been corrected from the Notice to Mariners (NM) published weekly by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and the Local Notice to Mariners (LNM) issued periodically by each U.S. Coast Guard district to the dates shown in the lower left hand corner. Chart updates corrected from Notice to Mariners published after the dates shown in the lower left hand corner are available at [nauticalcharts.noaa.gov](http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov).

**HORIZONTAL DATUM**  
The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.752' northward and 0.518' westward to agree with this chart.

**TIDAL INFORMATION**  
Near real time water level data, predictions and weather data are available via the Internet at <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov>. Annual predictions of the rise and fall of the tides are available in printed form from private sector printers.

**WARNING**  
The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.



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Note: Chart grid lines are aligned with true north.

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**ABBREVIATIONS** (For complete list of Symbols and Abbreviations, see Chart No. 1.)

Aids to Navigation (lights are white unless otherwise indicated):

AERO aeronautical	G green	Mo morse code	R TR radio tower
Al alternating	IQ interrupted quick	N nun	Rot rotating
B black	iso isophase	OBSC obscured	s seconds
Bn beacon	LT lighthouse	Co occulting	SEC sector
C can	M nautical mile	Or orange	St M statute miles
DIA diaphone	m minutes	Q quick	VO very quick
F fixed	MICRO TR microwave tower	R red	W white
F flashing	Mkr marker	Ra Ref radar reflector	WHIS whistle
		R Bn radiobeacon	Y yellow

**Bottom characteristics:**

Blds boulders	Co coral	Gy gray	Oys oysters	so soft
bk broken	G gravel	h hard	Rk rock	Sh shells
Cy clay	Grs grass	M mud	S sand	sy sticky

**Miscellaneous:**

AUTH authorized	Obstr obstruction	PD position doubtful	Subm submerged
ED existence doubtful	PA position approximate	Rep reported	

(1) Wreck, rock, obstruction, or shoal swept clear to the depth indicated.  
 (2) Rocks that cover and uncover, with heights in feet above datum of soundings.  
 COLREGS: International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972.  
 Demarcation lines are shown thus: - - - - -

**PUBLIC BOATING INSTRUCTION PROGRAMS**

The United States Power Squadrons (USPS) and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCGAUX), national organizations of boatmen, conduct extensive boating instruction programs in communities throughout the United States. For information regarding these educational courses, contact the following sources:

USPS - Local Squadron Commander or USPS Headquarters, 1504 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC 27607, 888-367-8777

USCGAUX - COMMANDER (OAX), Eighth Coast Guard District, Hale Boggs Federal Building, Suite 1126, 500 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, 800-524-8835 or USCG Headquarters, Office of the Chief Director (G-OCX), 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593

**MARINE WEATHER FORECASTS**

**NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE**

CITY	TELEPHONE NUMBERS	OFFICE HOURS
Lake Charles, LA	(337) 477-5285 *(337) 439-0000	24 hours daily

\*Recording (24 hours daily)

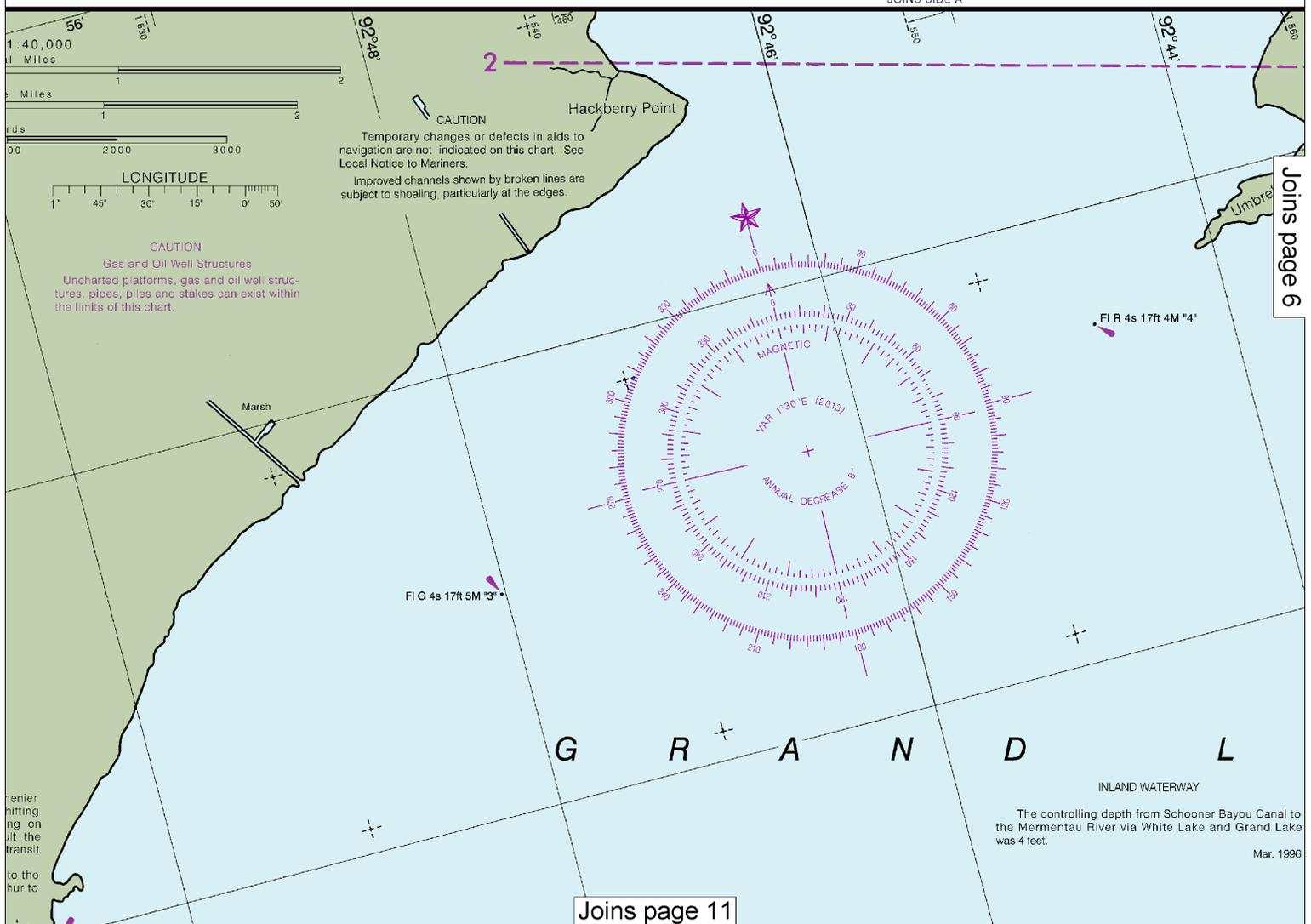
**NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS**

CITY	STATION	FREQ. (MHz)	BROADCAST TIMES
Galveston, TX	KHB-40	162.55	24 hours daily
Lake Charles, LA	KHB-42	162.40	24 hours daily
Baton Rouge, LA	KHB-46	162.40	24 hours daily
Lafayette, LA	WXK-80	162.55	24 hours daily

**BROADCASTS OF MARINE WEATHER FORECASTS AND WARNINGS BY MARINE RADIOTELEPHONE STATIONS**

CITY	STATION	FREQ.	BROADCAST TIMES-CST	SPECIAL WARNING
Galveston, TX	NOY	2670 kHz	4:45, 6:45, & 10:45 AM & 4:45 PM	* On receipt
Galveston, TX	"	157.10 MHz	4:45, 6:45, & 10:45 AM & 4:45 PM	
Pecan Island, LA	"	157.10 MHz	4:45, 6:45, & 10:45 AM & 4:45 PM	
Cameron, LA	"	157.10 MHz	4:45, 6:45, & 10:45 AM & 4:45 PM	
Sabine, TX	"	2670 kHz	4:45, 6:45, & 10:45 AM & 4:45 PM	
Sabine, TX	"	157.10 MHz	4:45, 6:45, & 10:45 AM & 4:45 PM	
Morgans Point, TX	"	157.10 MHz	4:45, 6:45, & 10:45 AM & 4:45 PM	
Freeport, TX	"	157.10 MHz	4:45, 6:45, & 10:45 AM & 4:45 PM	

\*Preceded by announcement on 2182 kHz and 156.8 MHz  
 Broadcast one hour later during Daylight Saving Time  
 Distress calls for small craft are made on 2182 kHz or channel 16 (156.60 MHz) VHF.



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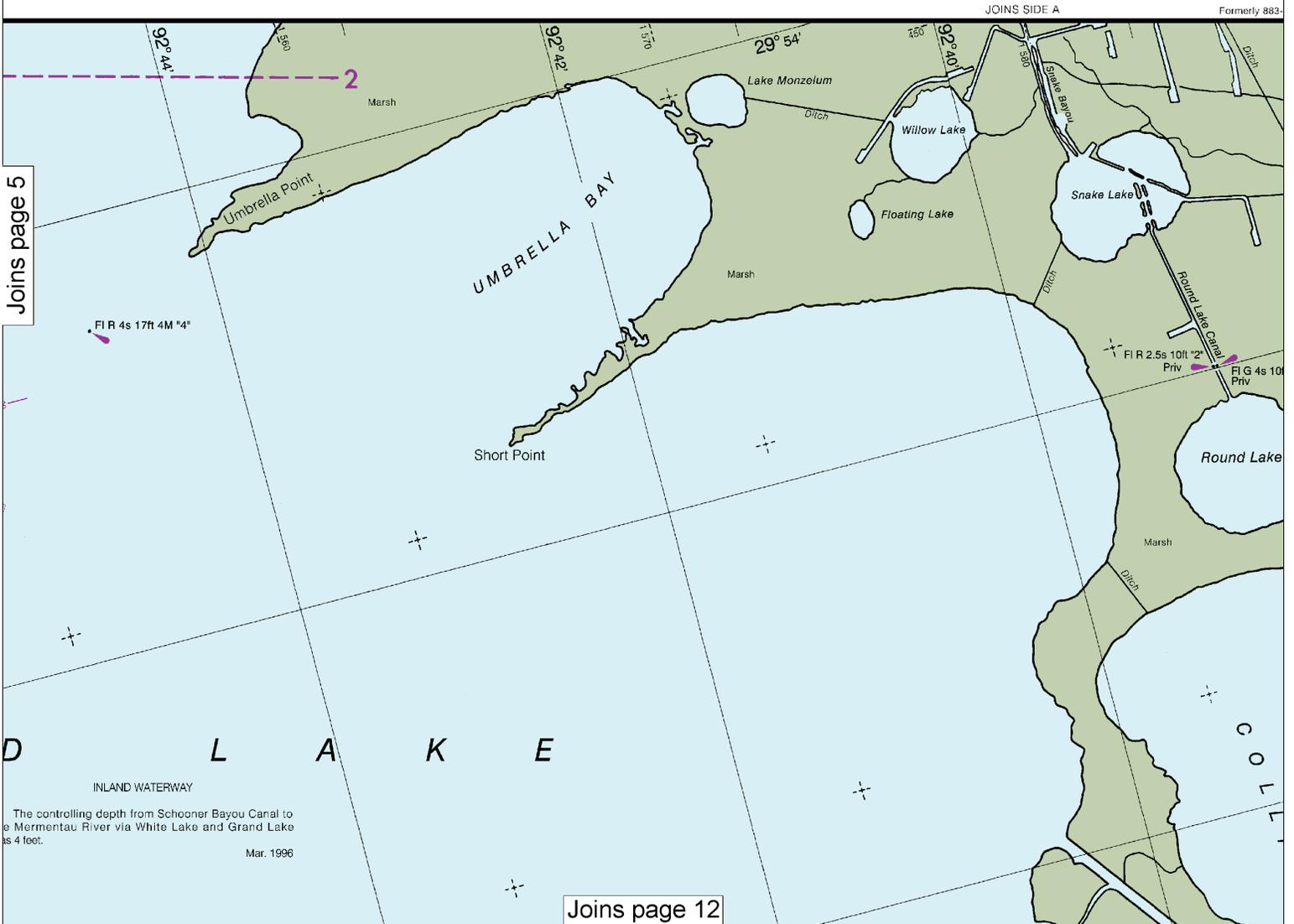
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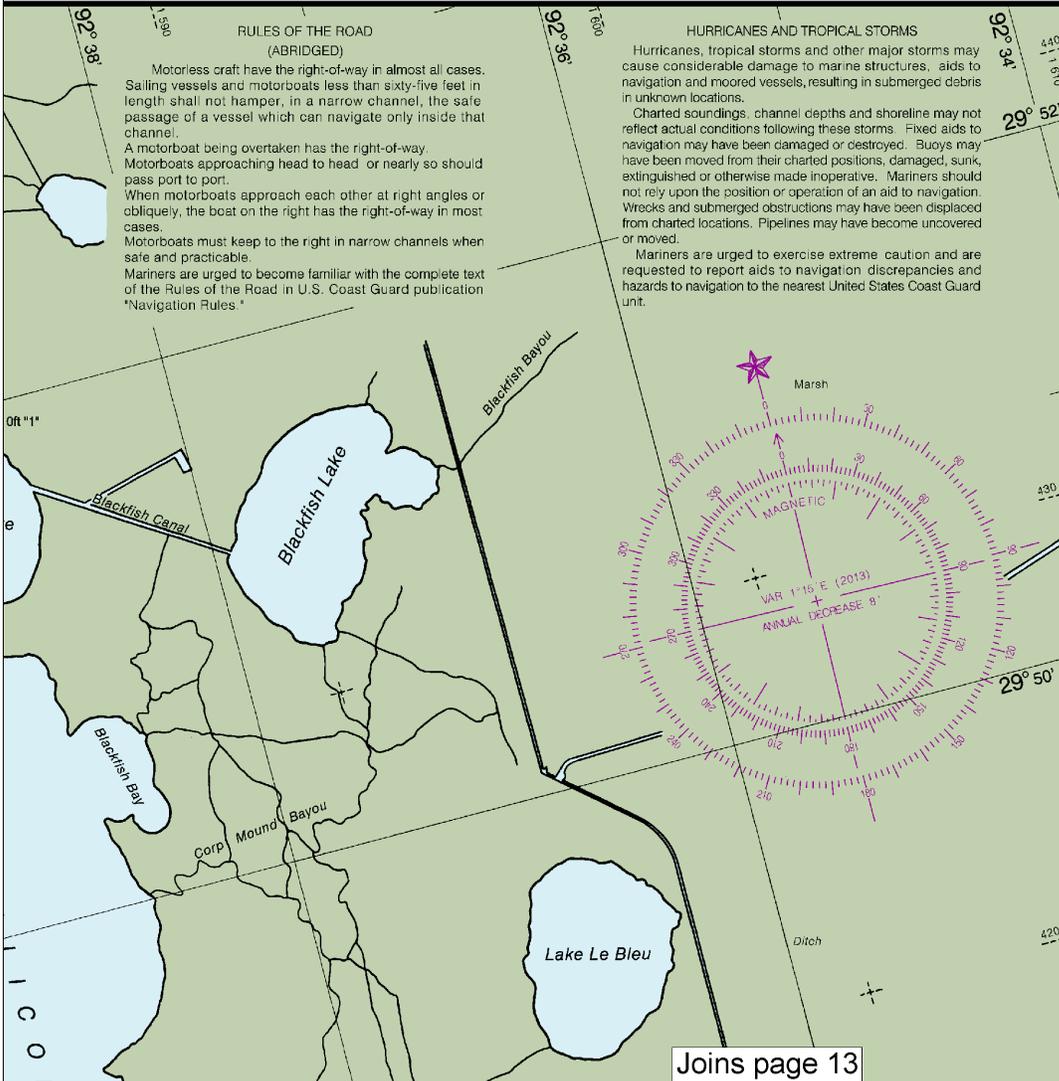
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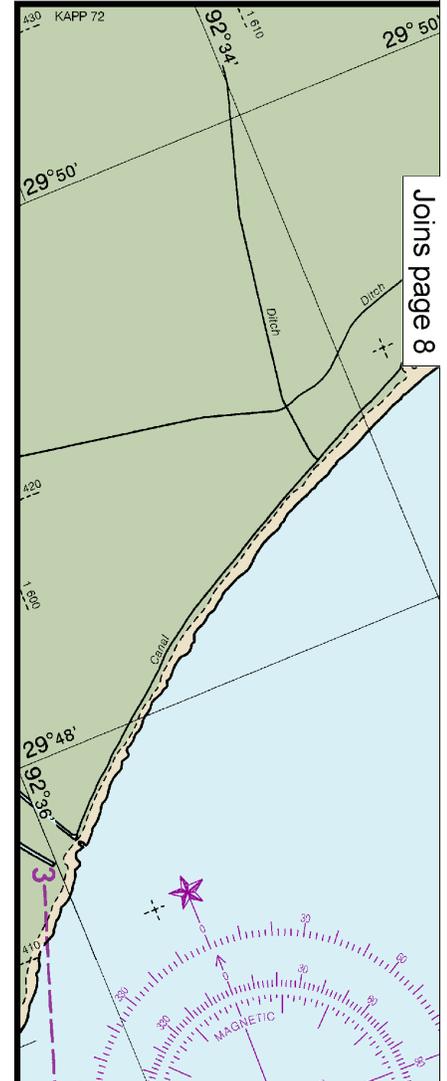
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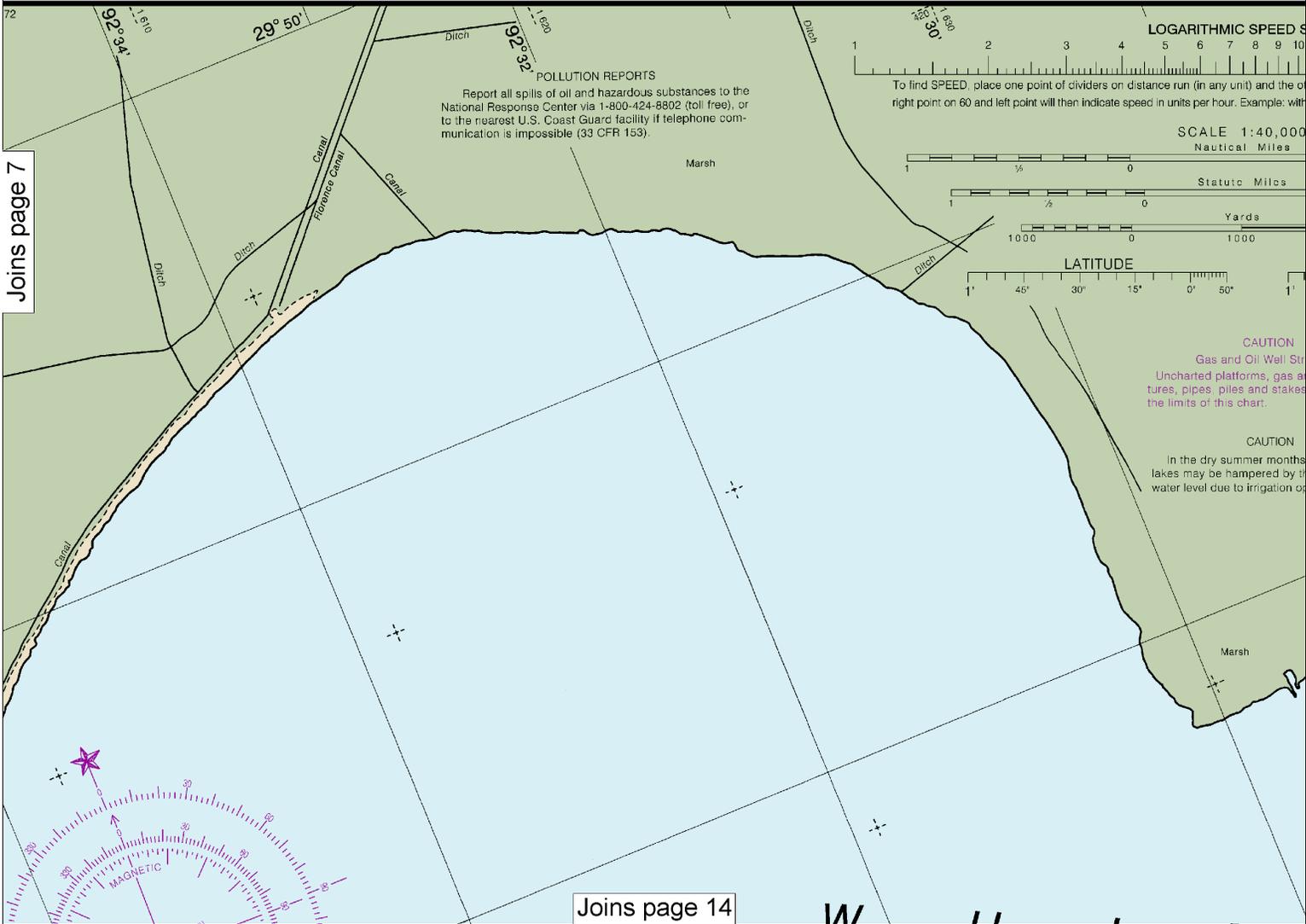
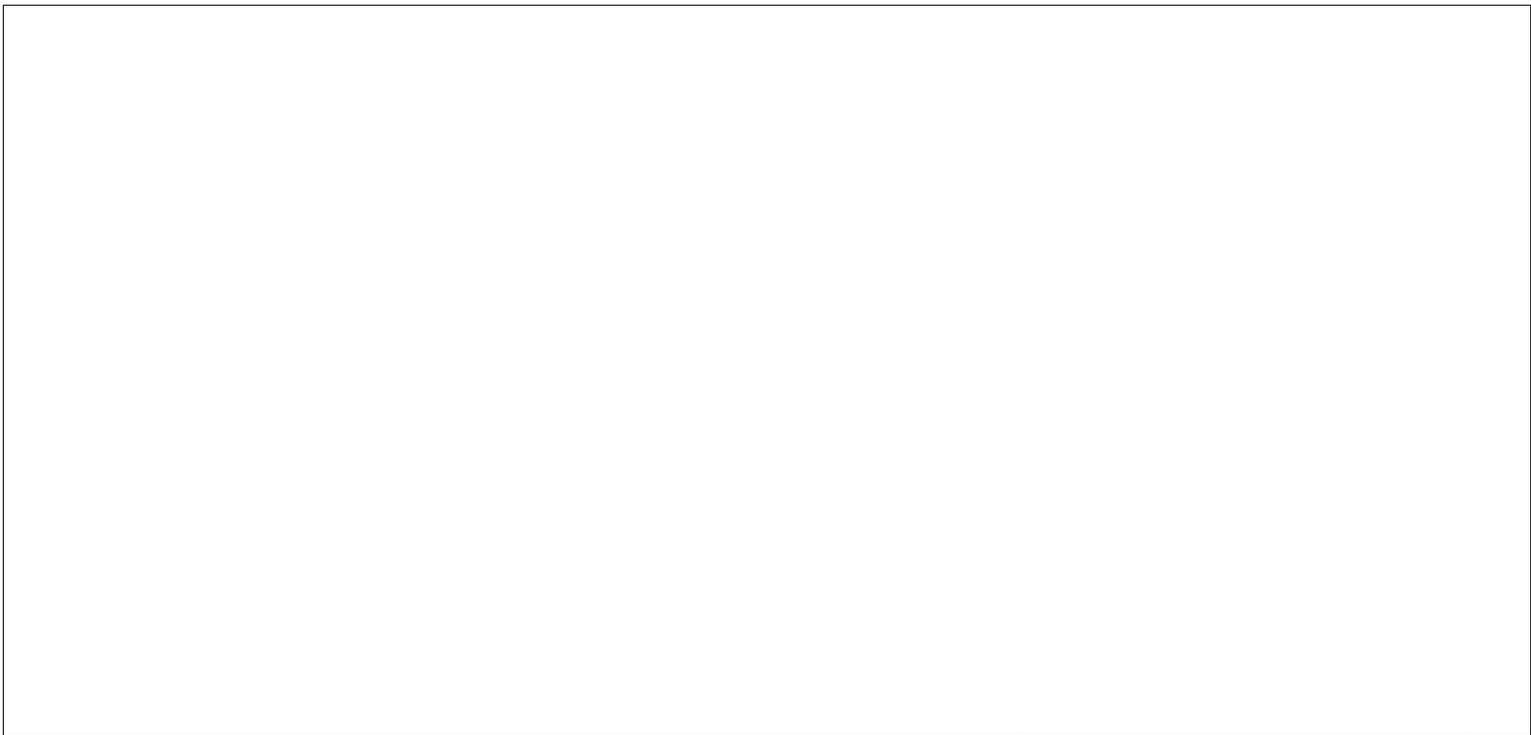
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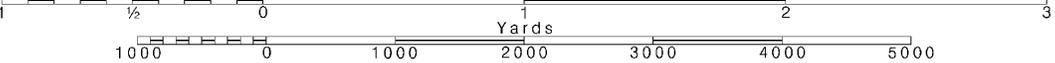


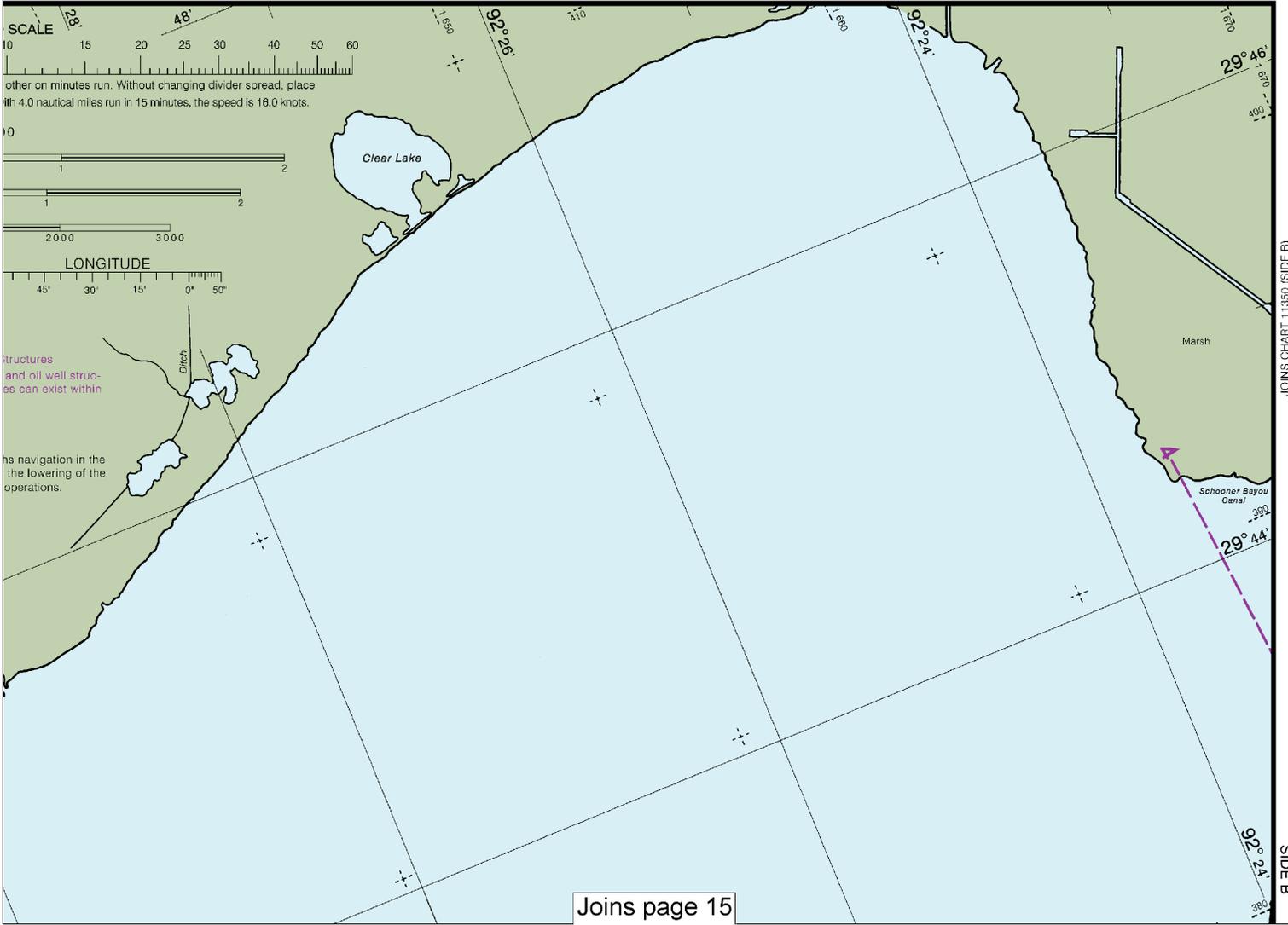
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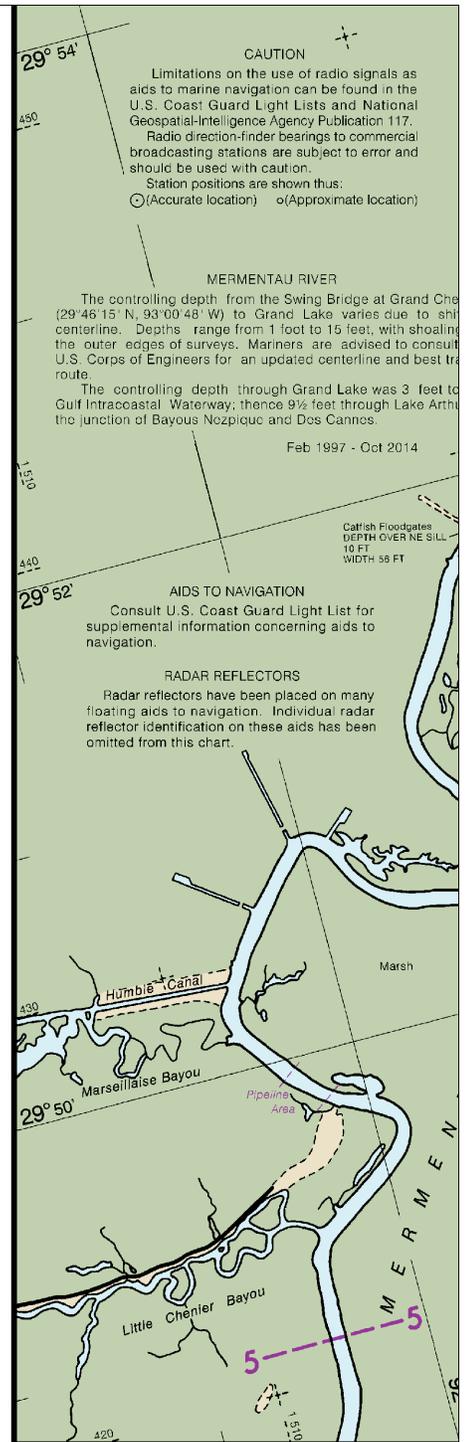
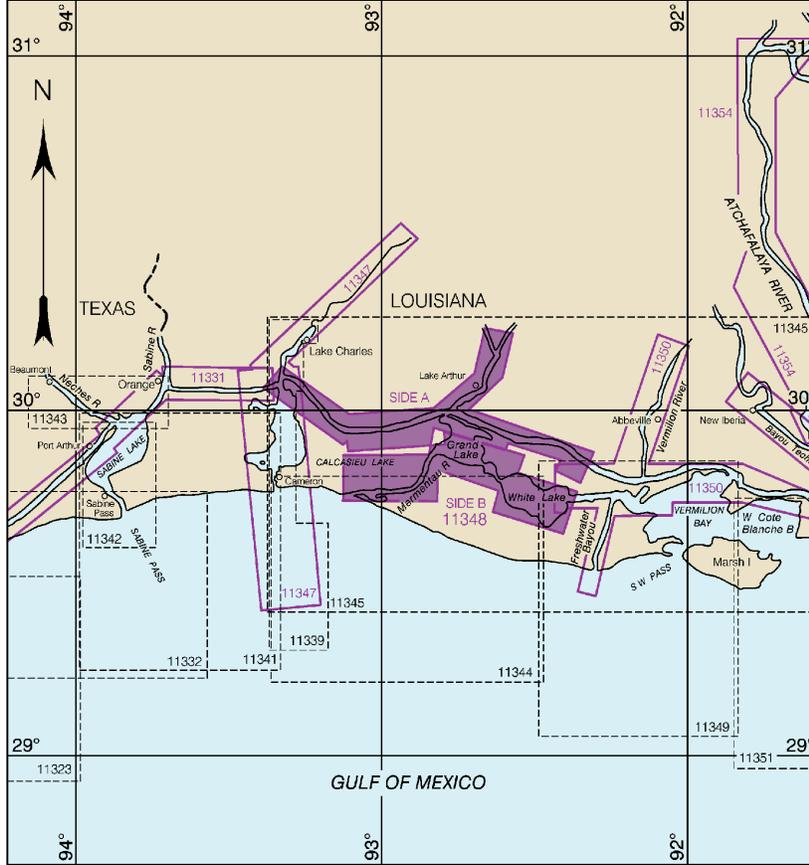
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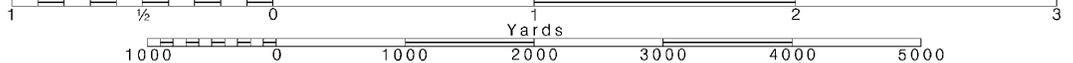
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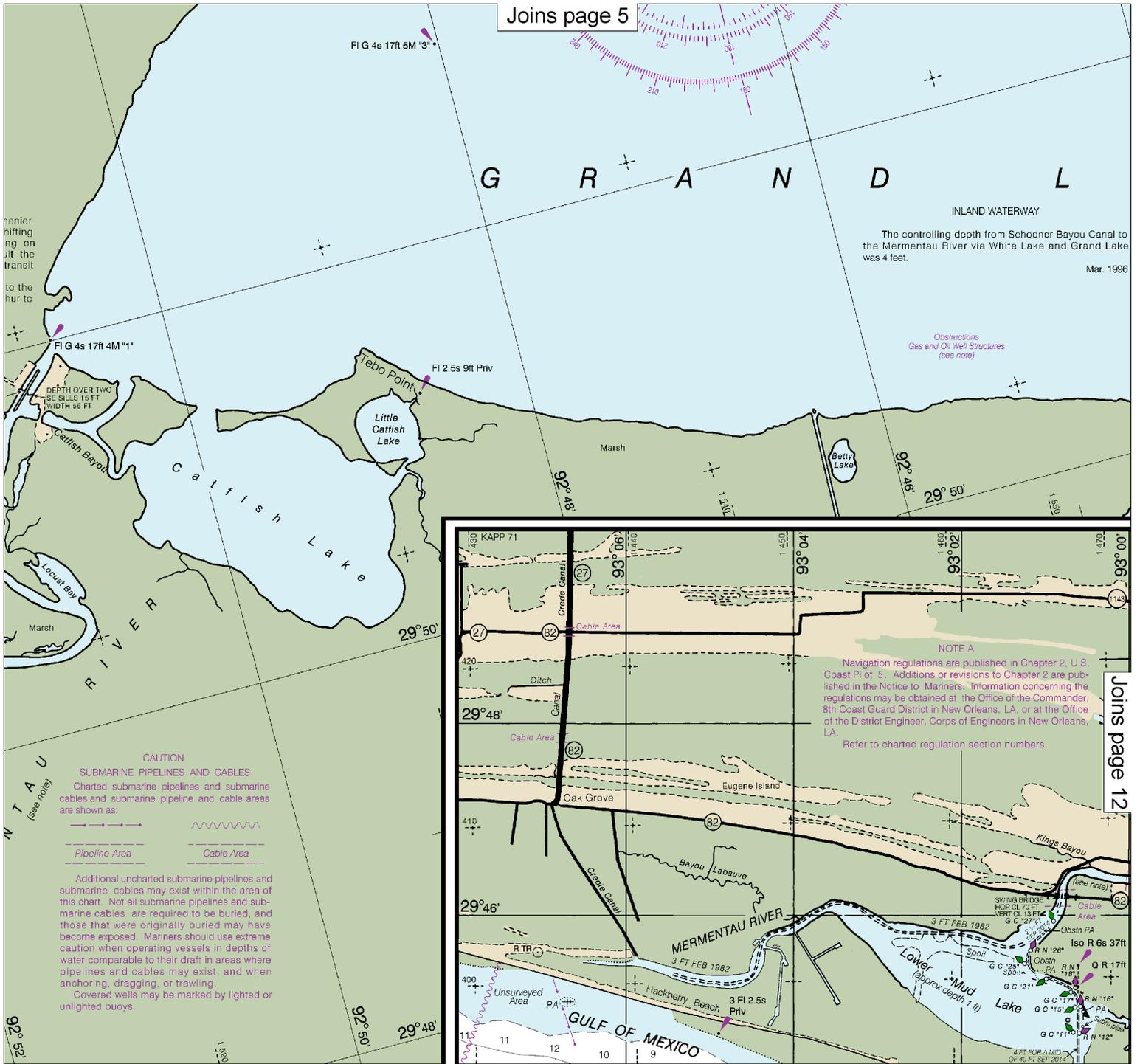
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INLAND WATERWAY  
The controlling depth from Schooner Bayou Canal to the Mermentau River via White Lake and Grand Lake was 4 feet.  
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Obstructions  
Gas and Oil Well Structures  
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FI G 4s 17ft 4M 1"

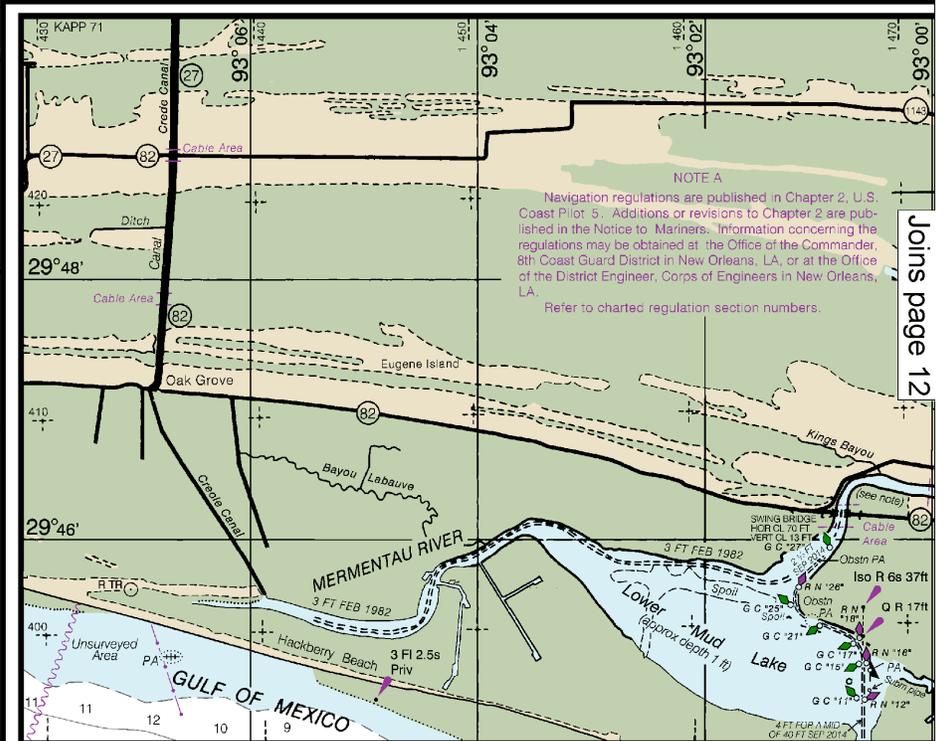
Tebo Point FI 2.5s 9ft Priv

Cattfish Bayou  
Cattfish Lake  
Marsh  
Betty Lake  
RIVER

**CAUTION**  
**SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES**  
Charted submarine pipelines and submarine cables and submarine pipeline and cable areas are shown as:



Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and submarine cables are required to be buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, dragging, or trawling.  
Covered wells may be marked by lighted or unlighted buoys.



**NOTE A**  
Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S. Coast Pilot 5. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are published in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander, 8th Coast Guard District in New Orleans, LA, or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in New Orleans, LA.  
Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

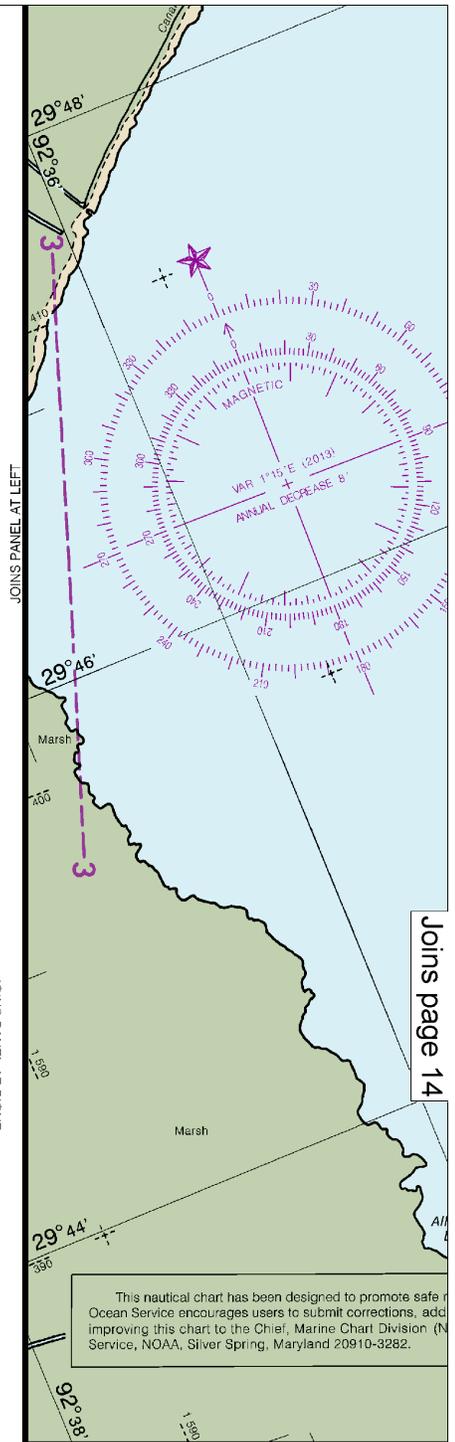
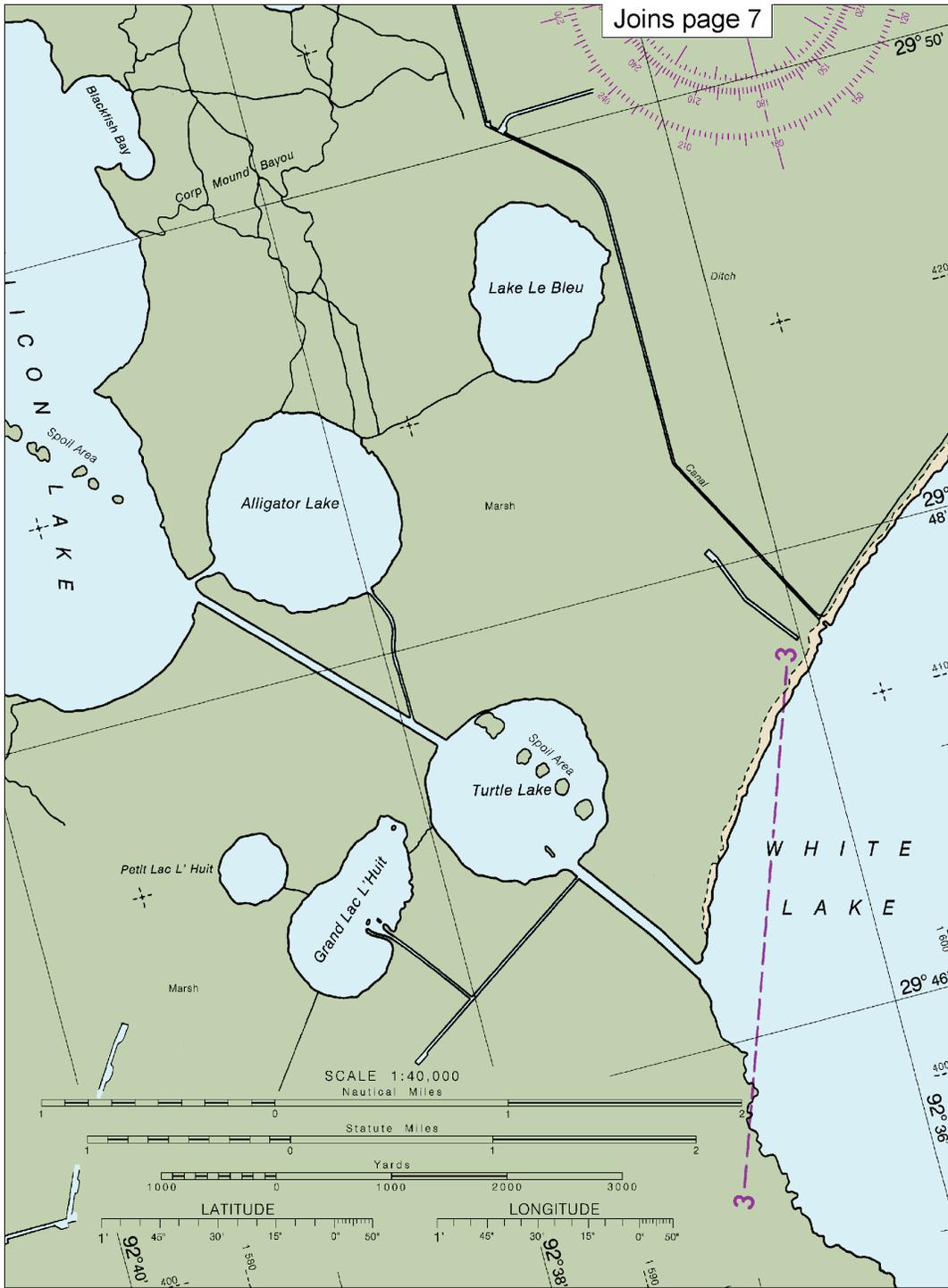
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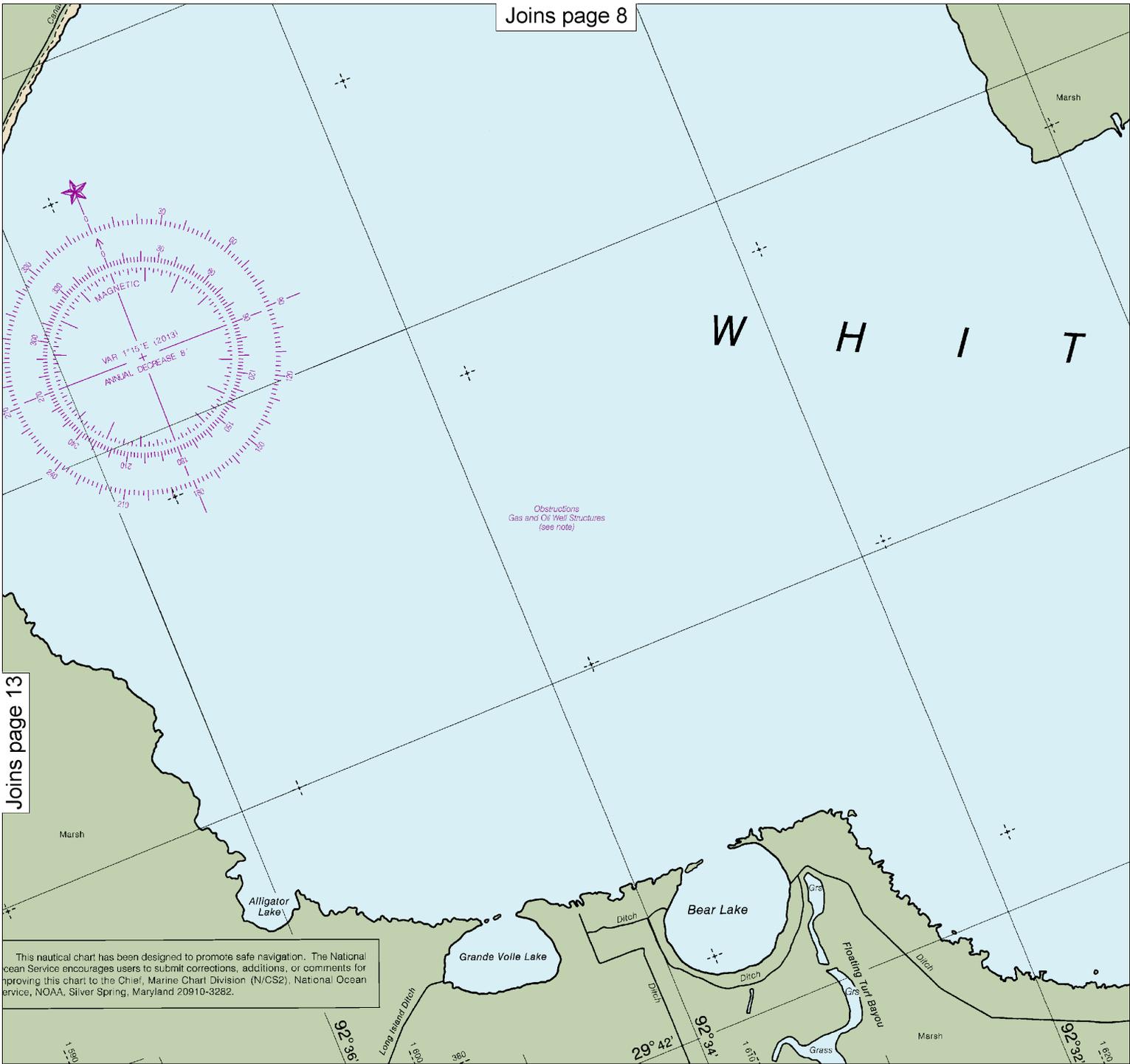
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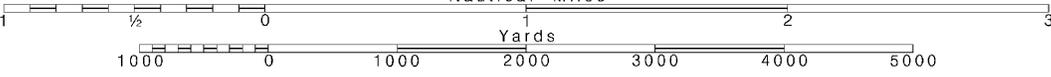
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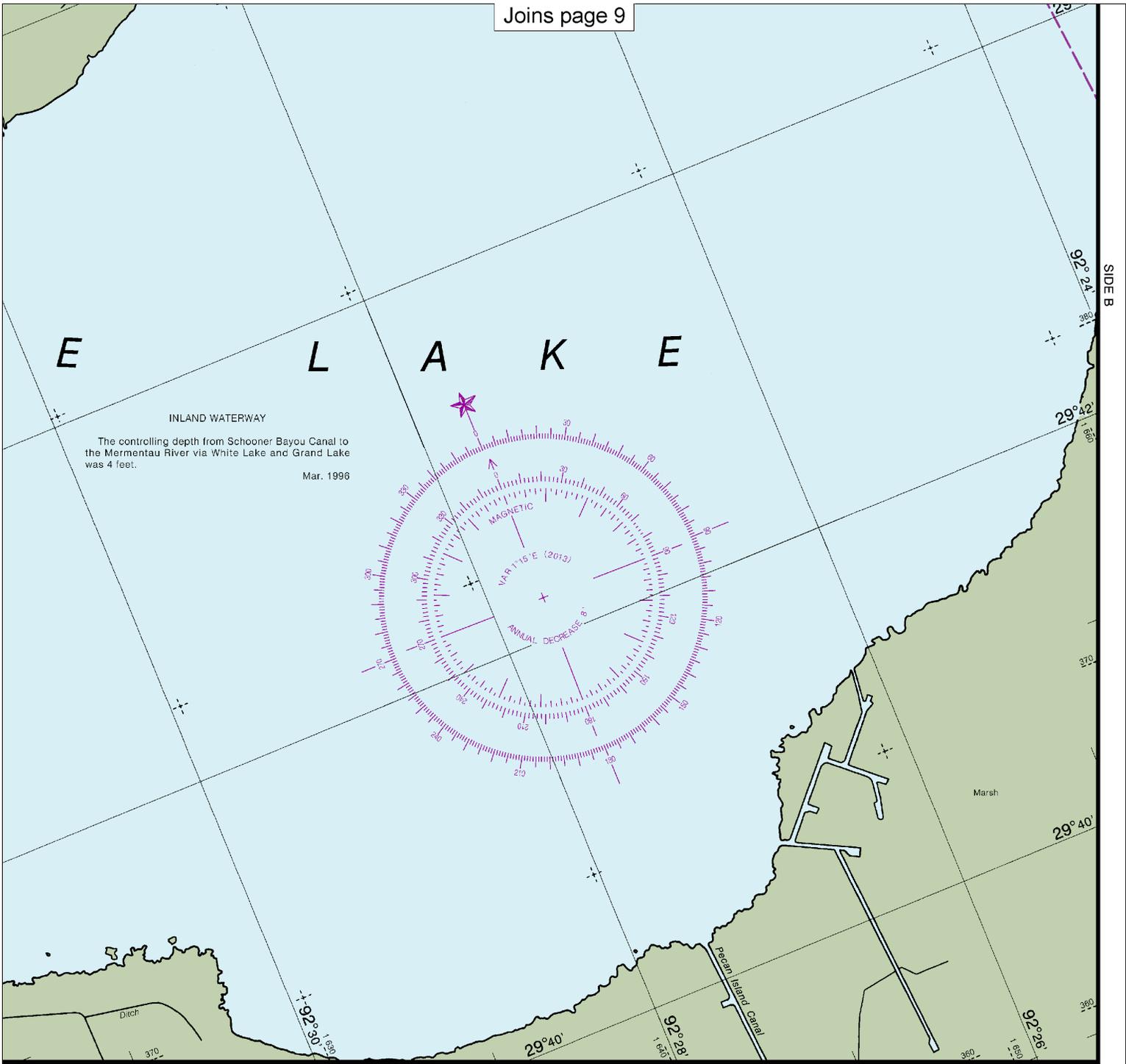
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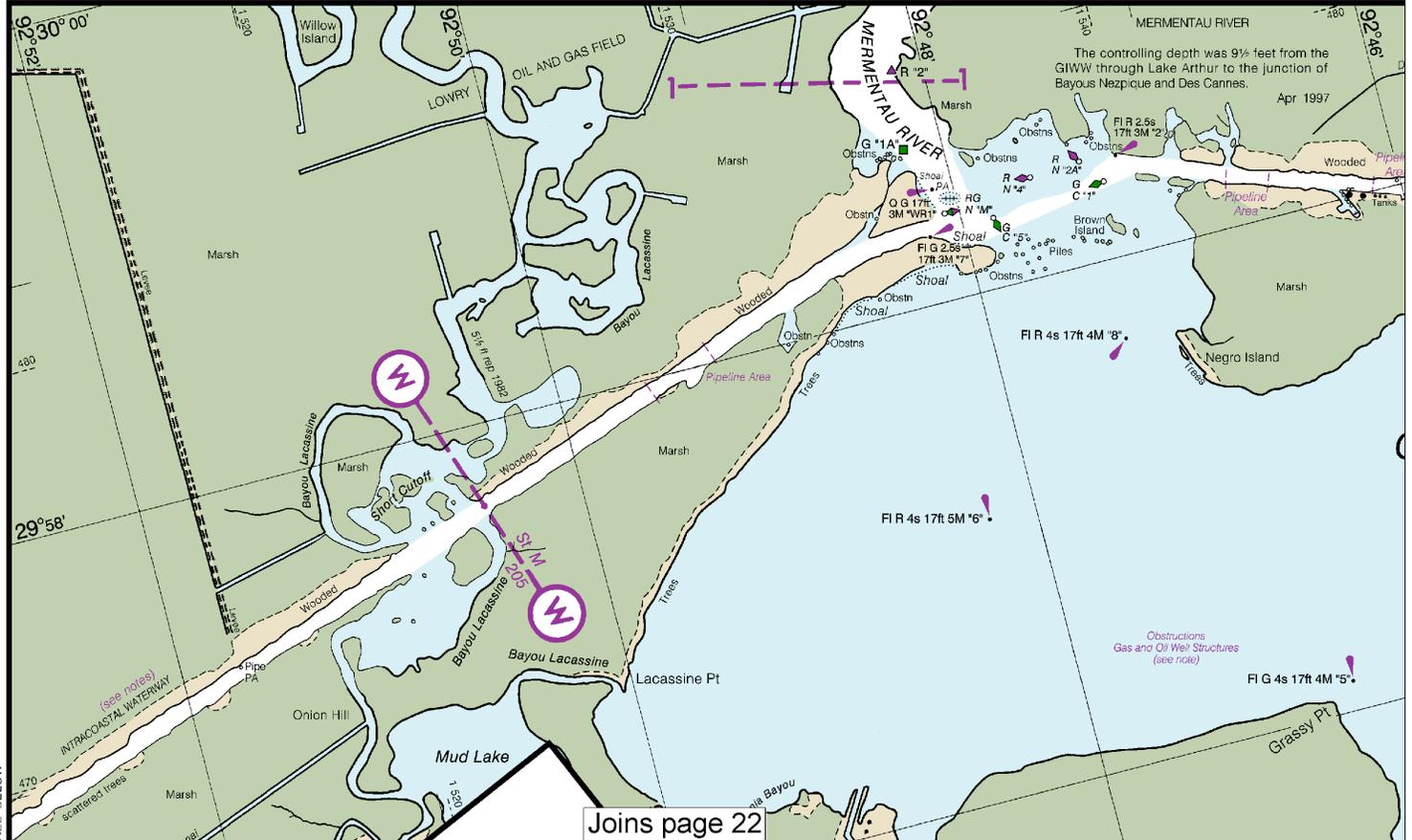
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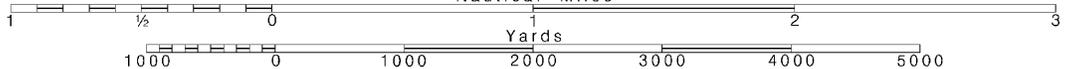
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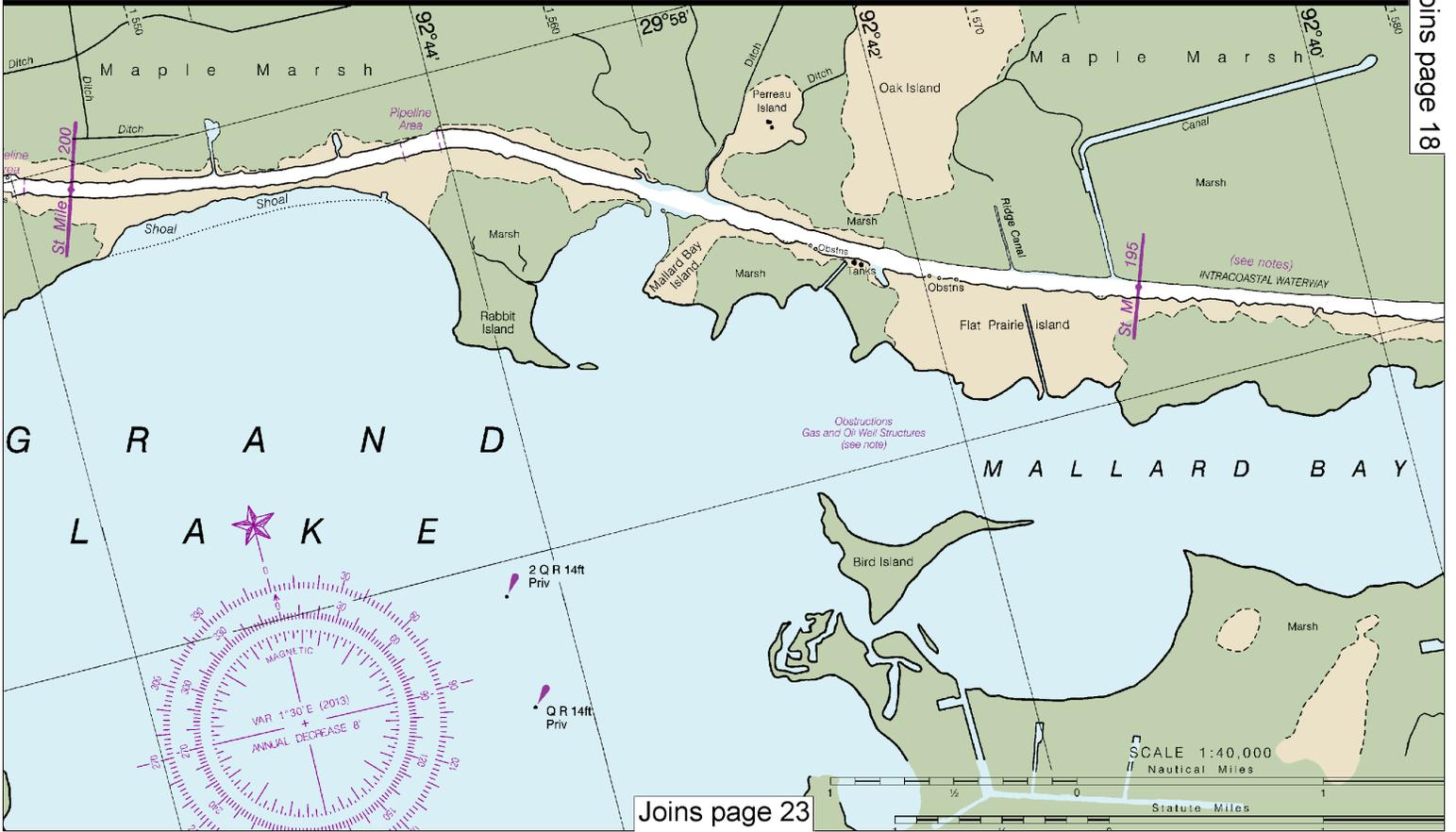
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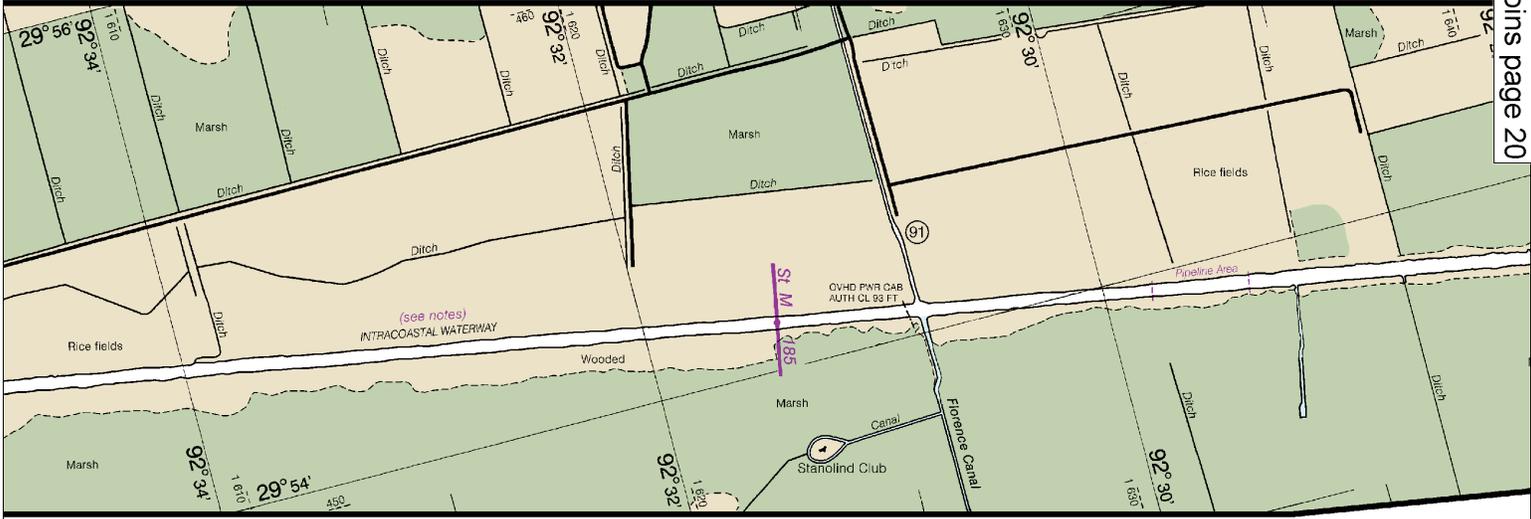
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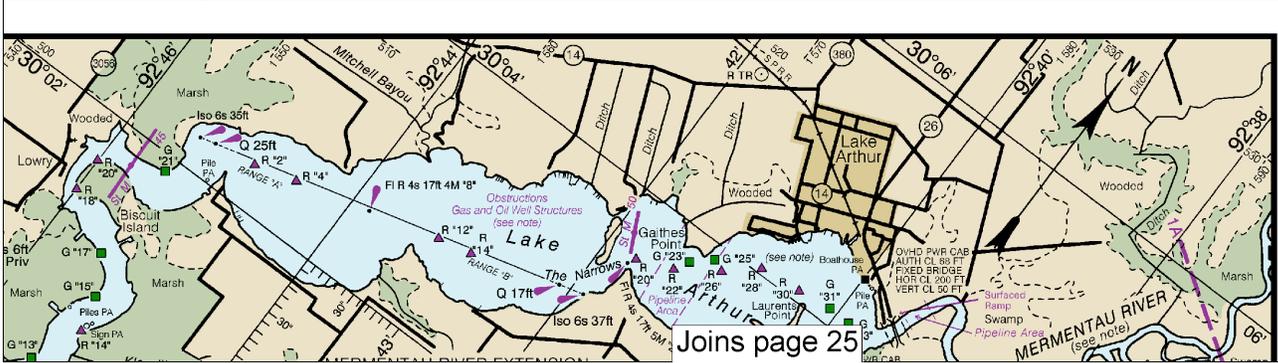




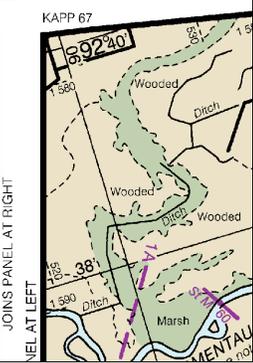
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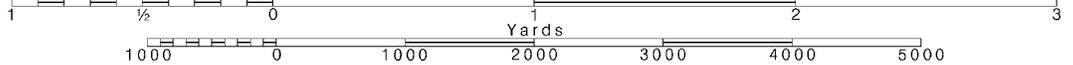


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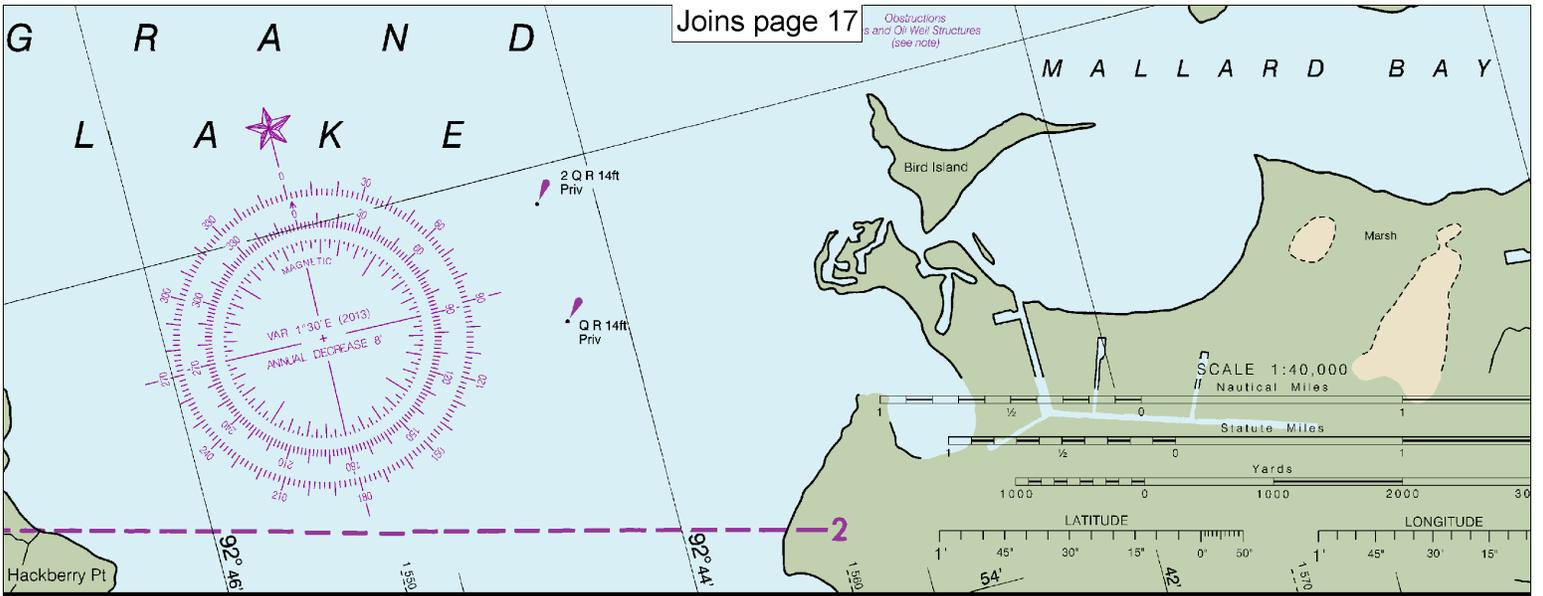
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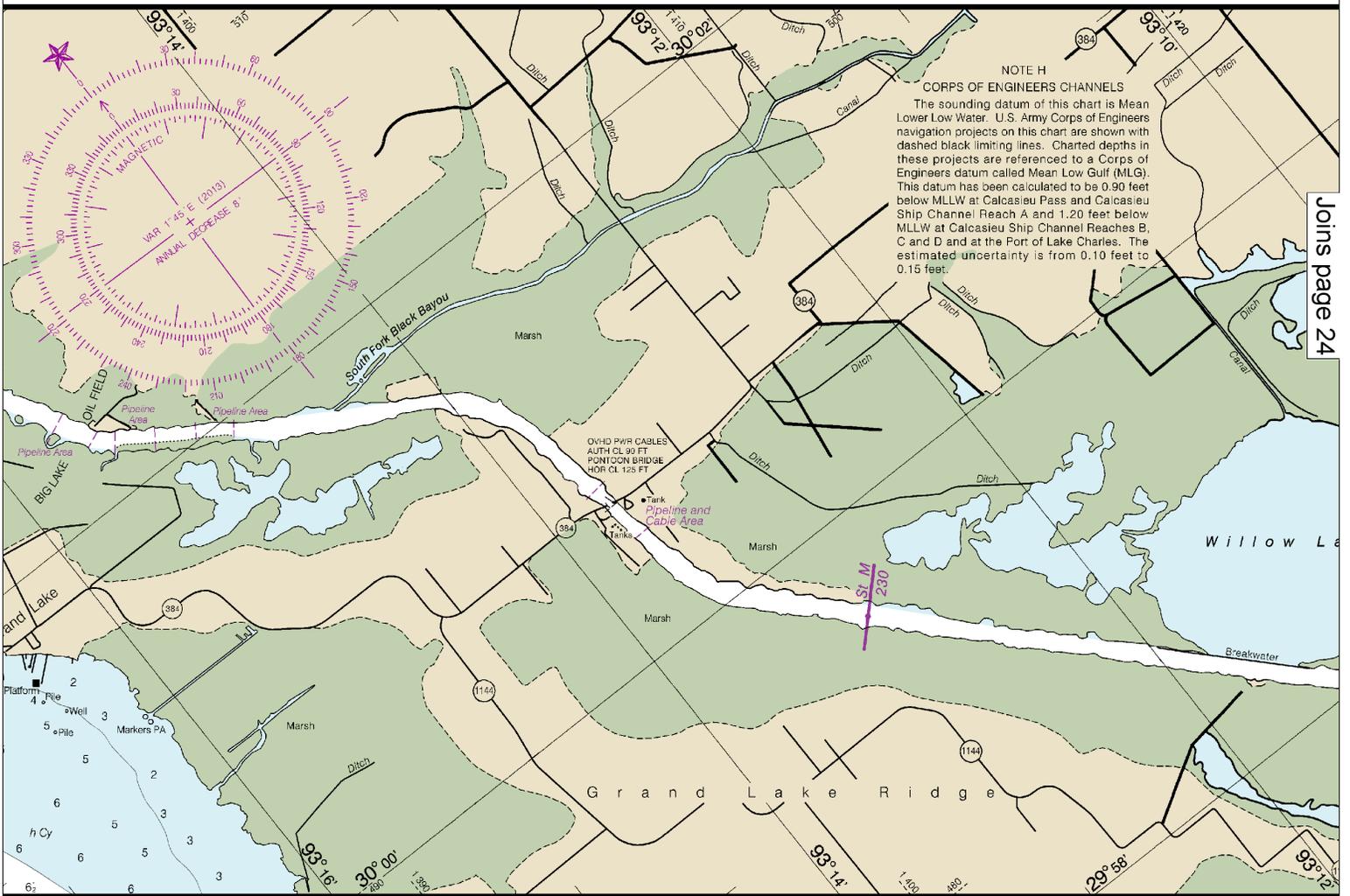






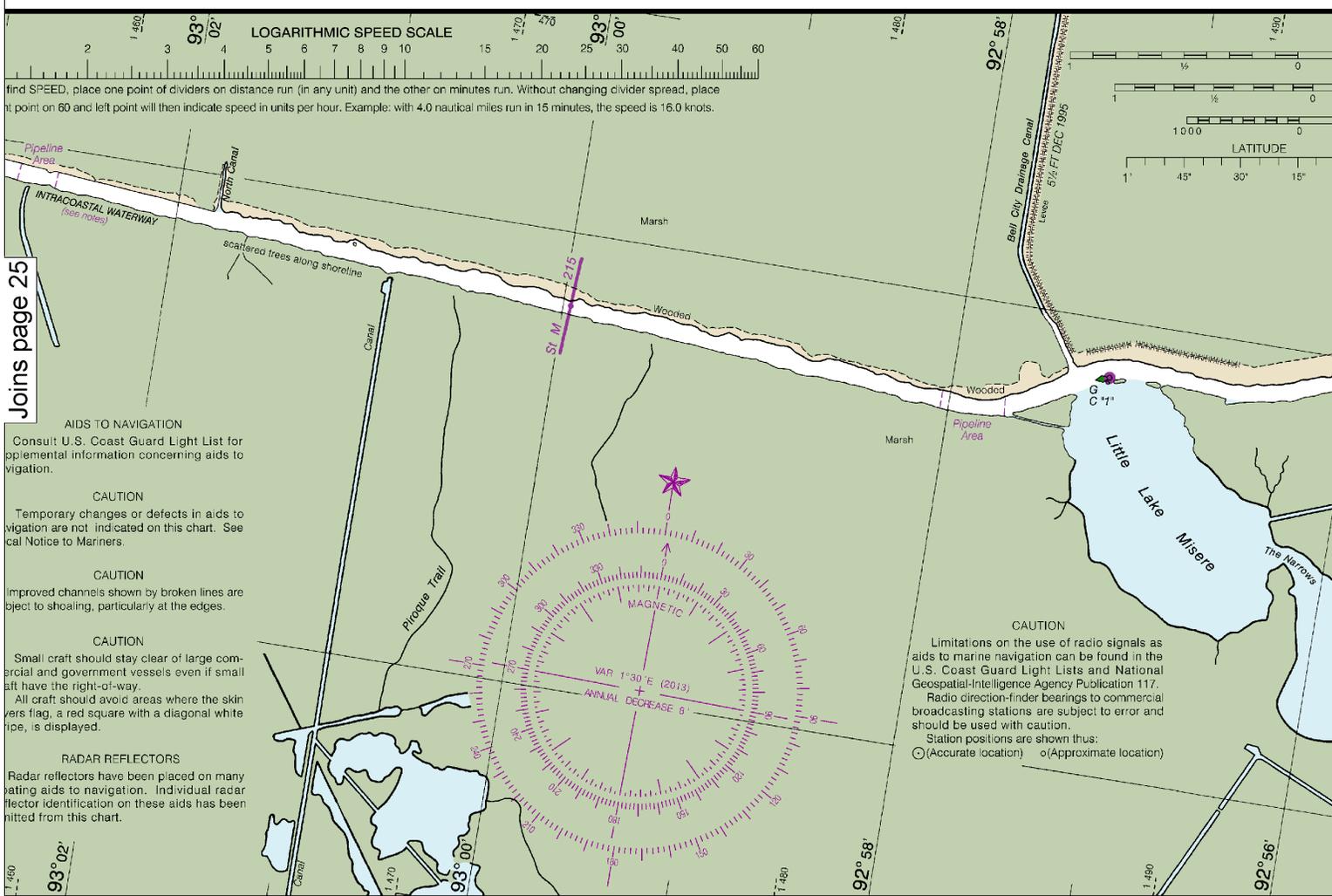
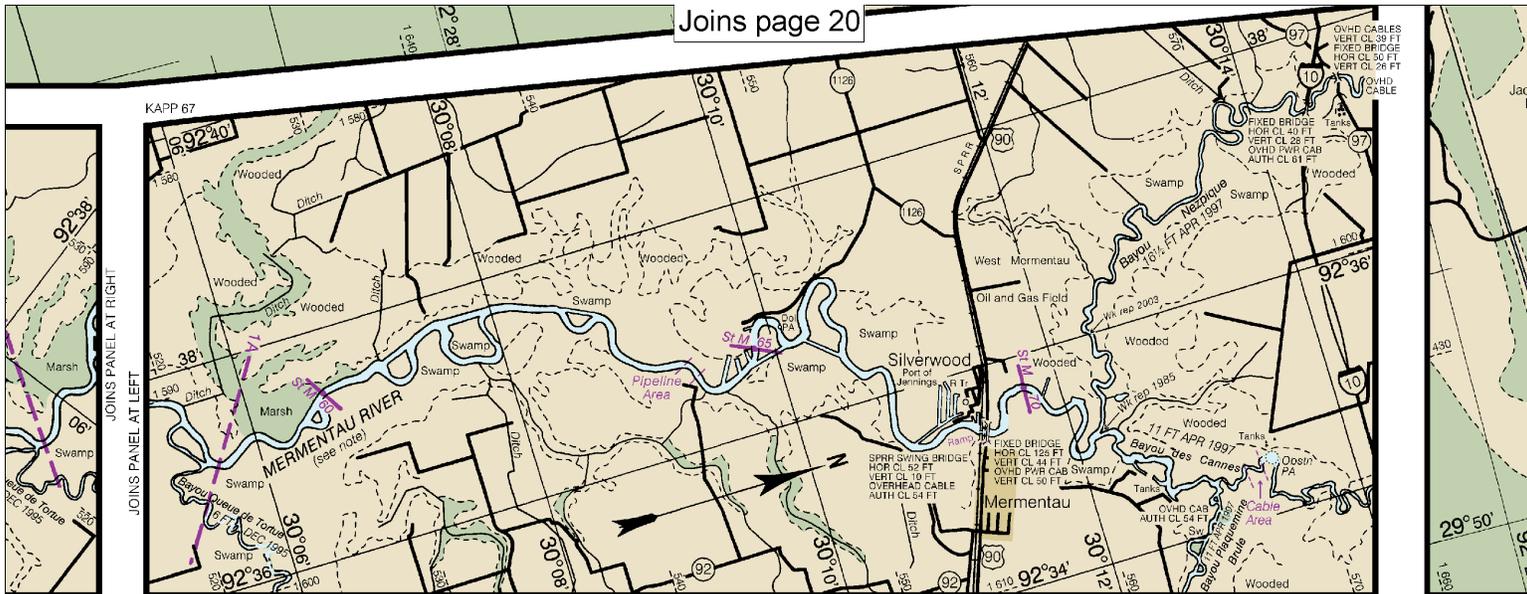


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**AIDS TO NAVIGATION**  
Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

**CAUTION**  
Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See local Notice to Mariners.

**CAUTION**  
Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

**CAUTION**  
Small craft should stay clear of large commercial and government vessels even if small craft have the right-of-way.  
All craft should avoid areas where the skin divers flag, a red square with a diagonal white stripe, is displayed.

**RADAR REFLECTORS**  
Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

**CAUTION**  
Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117.  
Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution.  
Station positions are shown thus:  
○ (Accurate location) ◦ (Approximate location)

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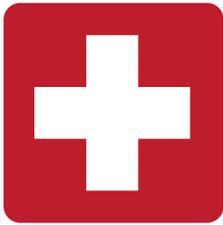
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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

### VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**Channel 6** – Inter-ship safety communications.

**Channel 9** – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

**Channel 13** – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

**Channel 16** – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

**Channel 22A** – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

**Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A** – Recreational boat channels.

**Getting and Giving Help** — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

### Distress Call Procedures

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds — If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

**HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!**



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