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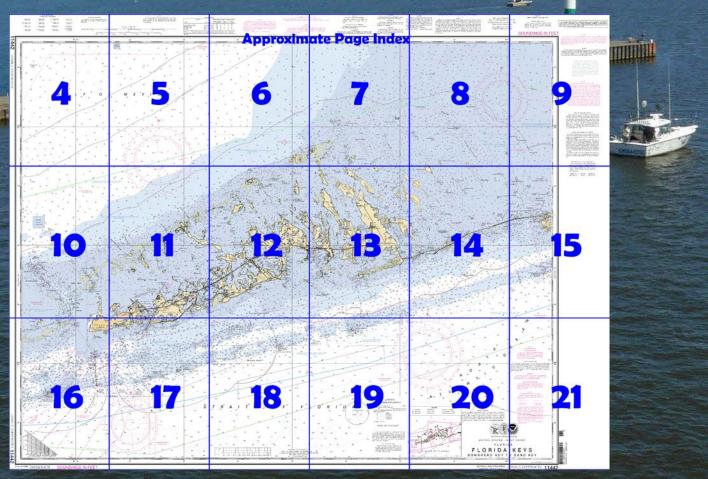


# Florida Keys – Sombrero Key to Sand Key

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#### What are Nautical Charts?

Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. They show water depths, obstructions, buoys, other aids to navigation, and much more. The information is shown in a way that promotes safe and efficient navigation. Chart carriage is mandatory on the commercial ships that carry America's commerce. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing and passenger vessels, and are widely carried by recreational boaters.

#### What is a BookletChart<sup>™</sup>?

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 <a href="http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov">http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov</a>.

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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 <a href="http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=114">http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=114</a> <a href="http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=114">http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=114</a> <a href="http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=114">http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=114</a> <a href="http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=114">http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=114</a> <a href="http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=114">http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=114</a> <a href="http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=114">http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=114</a> <a href="http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbycharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=114">http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbycharts.



(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)
Great White Heron National Wildlife
Refuge and National Key Deer Refuge
extend through the northern part of the
keys from near Vaca Key to Key West.
Looe Key Management Area (Looe Key
National Marine Sanctuary) has been
established to protect and preserve the
coral reef ecosystem and other natural
resources of the waters surrounding
Looe Key, 6 miles south-southeast of
Summerland Key.

**Kemp Channel,** about 2 miles westward of Niles Channel, is between Summerland Key to the east and Cudjoe Key to the west. This channel is highly used by local boaters. A reported controlling depth of 3 feet was

in the entrance, and 5 feet was in the channel. The channel is marked by daybeacons to the highway bridge. Strangers should seek local knowledge before transiting this area.

The northern alternate route of the Intracoastal Waterway leads northwestward from Bahia Honda through **Big Spanish Channel** to Harbor Key Bank, thence along the north side of the Florida Keys to Northwest Channel, thence to Key West. The controlling depth for this route was 2 feet. Numerous submerged pilings are also in this channel. Local knowledge is advised.

At **Mile 1214.2A**, the waterway passes through a crooked channel marked by daybeacons southwest of **Big Spanish Key**. Caution should be exercised in this shoal area. Northward of the key the color of the water is a good indication of the channel location.

At Harbor Key Bank Light 45, Mile 1218.3A, the waterway enters the Gulf of Mexico, turns westward and follows a course of 246° for about 28 miles to the lighted bell buoy at the entrance to Northwest Channel, Mile 1251.1A. A course closer to the Florida Keys should not be attempted because the landmarks are difficult to identify and the bottom inside the 18-foot contour rises abruptly.

The recommended routes to Key West are via Hawk Channel or through Big Spanish Channel; these routes have been described earlier. **Moser Channel** affords passage between the keys from the Gulf of Mexico to Hawk Channel for vessels of 7 to 8 feet in draft. The swing span of Seven Mile Bridge across Moser Channel has been removed; however, the bridge piers remain. The highway bridge south of the former swing span has a clearance of 65 feet.

The tidal current at the Moser Channel bridge floods NNW with an average velocity of 1.4 knots and ebbs SSE with an average velocity of 1.8 knots. Wind effects modify considerably the current velocities and directions.

**Florida Bay,** a triangular-shaped body of water between the Florida Keys and the S coast of the mainland, extends in a general E-W direction from Shell and Bogie Keys to Cape Sable. Depths are shallow and irregular; the bottom is mostly mud. From April to October the waters of the bay are clear and the shoals plainly discernible, but during the winter the water frequently turns milky and renders the shoals indistinguishable. In the E part of the bay are small keys and numerous mudflats which bare, or nearly bare, at low water. The W part of the bay has depths ranging from 7 to 13 feet, and the bottom is covered with loggerhead sponges and turtle grass.

A protected area of the **Everglades National Park** is in the northern part of Florida Bay.

For the protection of wildlife, all keys in the Florida Bay portion of Everglades National Park are closed to landing except those marked as designated camping areas. The killing, collecting, or molesting of animals, the collecting of plants, and waterskiing are prohibited by Federal Regulation.

**Manatees.** Regulated **speed zones** for the protection of manatees are posted throughout the Everglades National Park.

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

**RCC** Miami

Commander

Miami, FL

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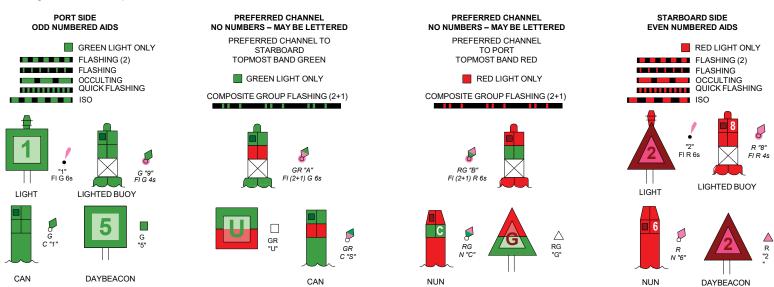
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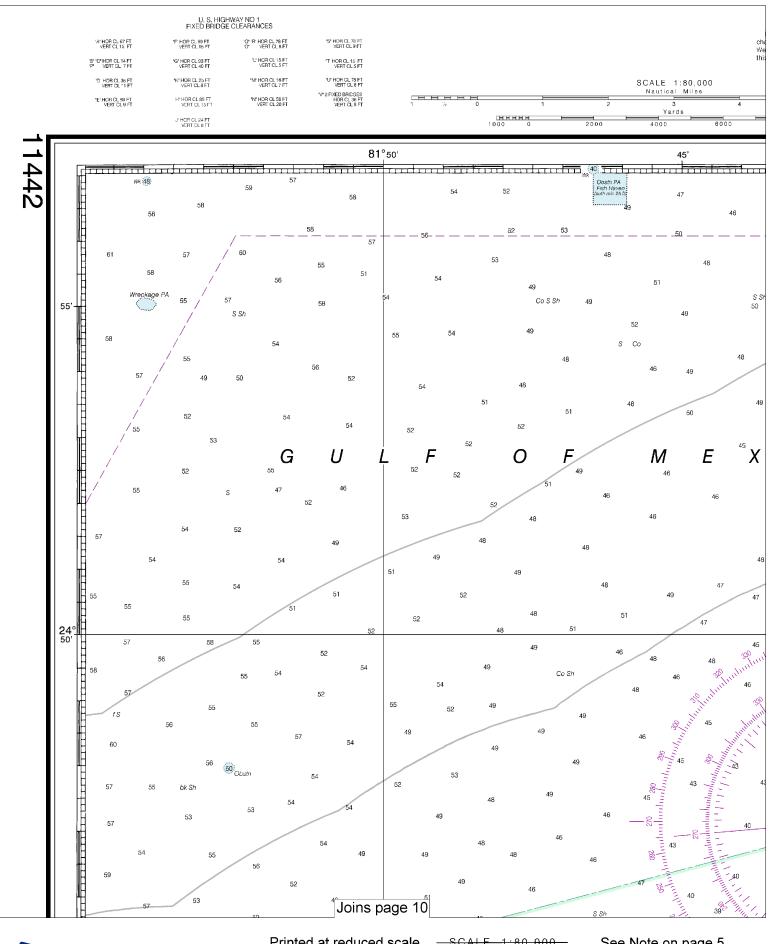
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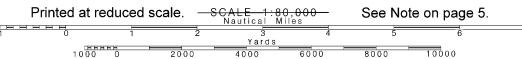
## Lateral System As Seen Entering From Seaward

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 <a href="http://www.navcen.uscg.gov">http://www.navcen.uscg.gov</a>



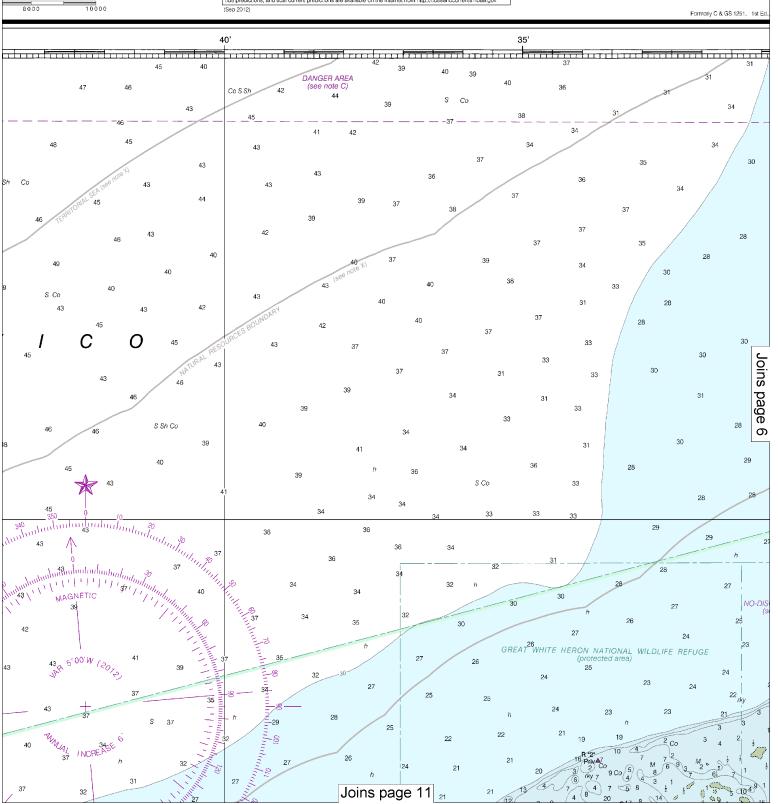


# NOTE E Extensive shoaling has been reported in the marked hannel through the keys from Big Spanish Channel to Key Vest. Mariners should use local knowledge when navigating his waterway. 47

TIDAL INFORMATION								
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NAME	(LAT/LONG)	Mean Higher High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water				
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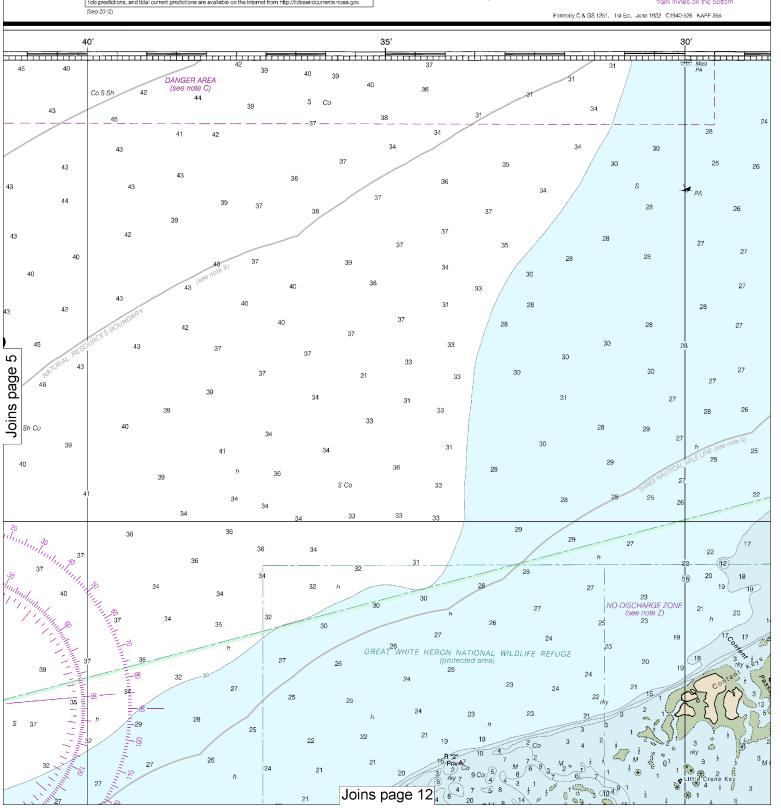
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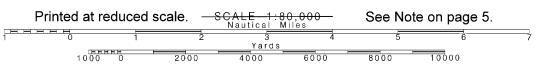
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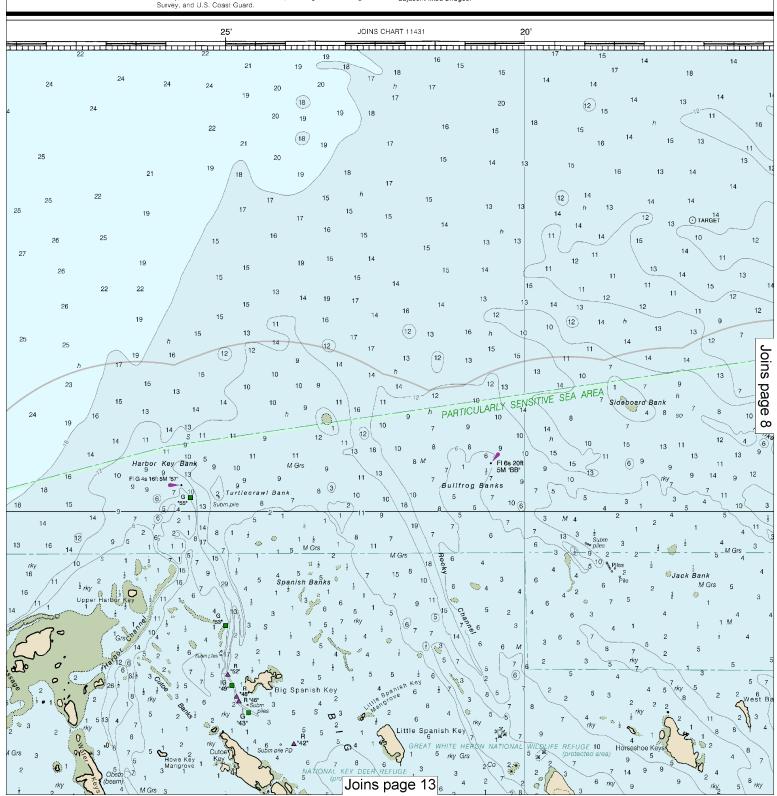
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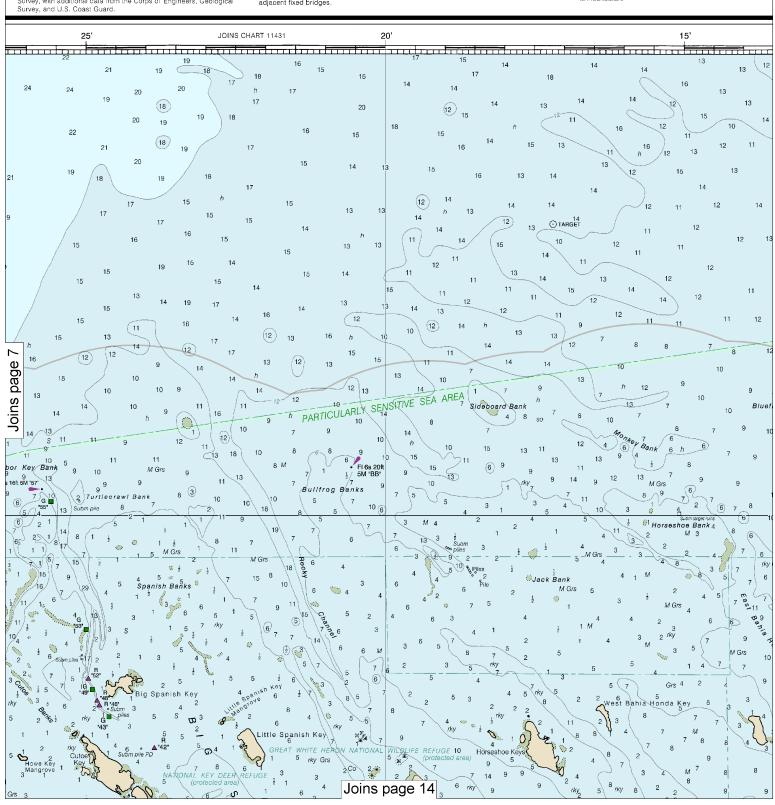
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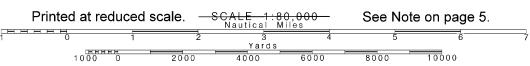
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#### NOTE X

Within the 12-nautical mile Territorial Sea, established by Presis some Federal laws apply. The Three Nautical Mile Line, previou outer limit of the territorial sea, is retained as it continues to dep limit of the other laws. The 9-nautical mile Natural Resource Bound of Florida, Texas, and Puerto Rico, and the Three Nautical Mile Line most cases the inner limit of Federal fisheries jurisdiction and it jurisdiction of the states. The 24-nautical mile Contiguous Zone mile Exclusive Economic Zone were established by Preside Unless fixed by treaty or the U.S. Supreme Court, these maritim to modification.







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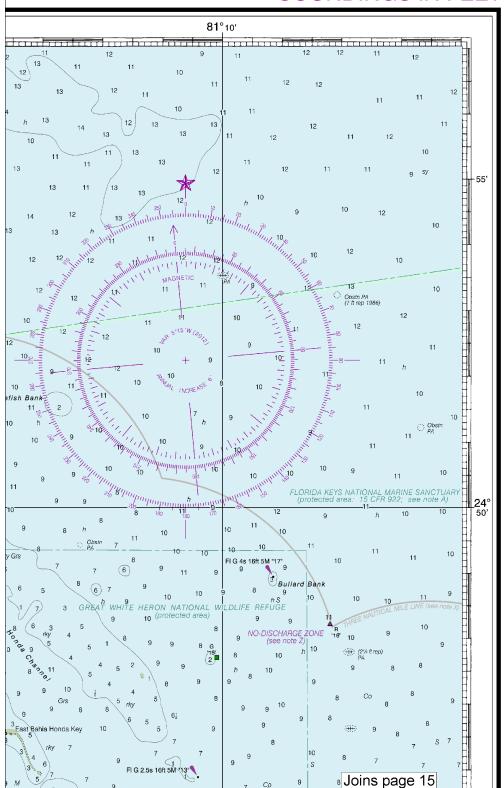
Radio direction-finder bearings to commercia broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution.

Station positions are shown thus:

(Accurate location) o(Approximate location)

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## SOUNDINGS IN FEET



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

Regulations for Ocean Dumping Sites are contained in 40 CFR. Parts 220-229. Additional information concerning the regulations and requirements for use of the sites may be obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). See U.S. Coast Pilots appendix for addresses of EPA offices. Dumping subsequent to the survey dates may have reduced the depths shown

#### PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE SEA AREA

The Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) is indicated by a dashed green limiting line highlighted with a green screened band or by a green screened band used in conjunction with the line symbol for other limits with which the PSSA coincides. A PSSA is an environmentally sensitive area around which mariners should exercise extreme caution. See U.S. Coast Pilot volumes for information regarding this area.

#### NOTE Z NO-DISCHARGE ZONE, 40 CFR 140

All Florida State waters within the Florida Keys National All Florida State waters within the Florida Keys National Marine Sanchutary are designated as a No-Discharge Zone (NDZ). Under the Clean Water Act, Section 312, all vessels operating within a No-Discharge Zone (NDZ) are completely prohibited from discharging any sewage, treated or untreated, into the waters. All vessels with an installed marine sanitation device (MSD) that are navigating, moored, anchored, or docked within a NDZ must have the MSD disabled to prevent the overboard discharge of sewage (treated or untreated) or install a holding tank Regulations for the NDZ are contained in the U.S Coast Pilot. Additional information concerning the regulations and requirements may be obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) web site: http://www.epa.gov/owow/oceans/regulatory/vessel\_sewage/.

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Hurricanes, tropical storms and other major storms may cause considerable damage to marine structures, aids to navigation and moored vessels, resulting in submerged debris in unknown locations.

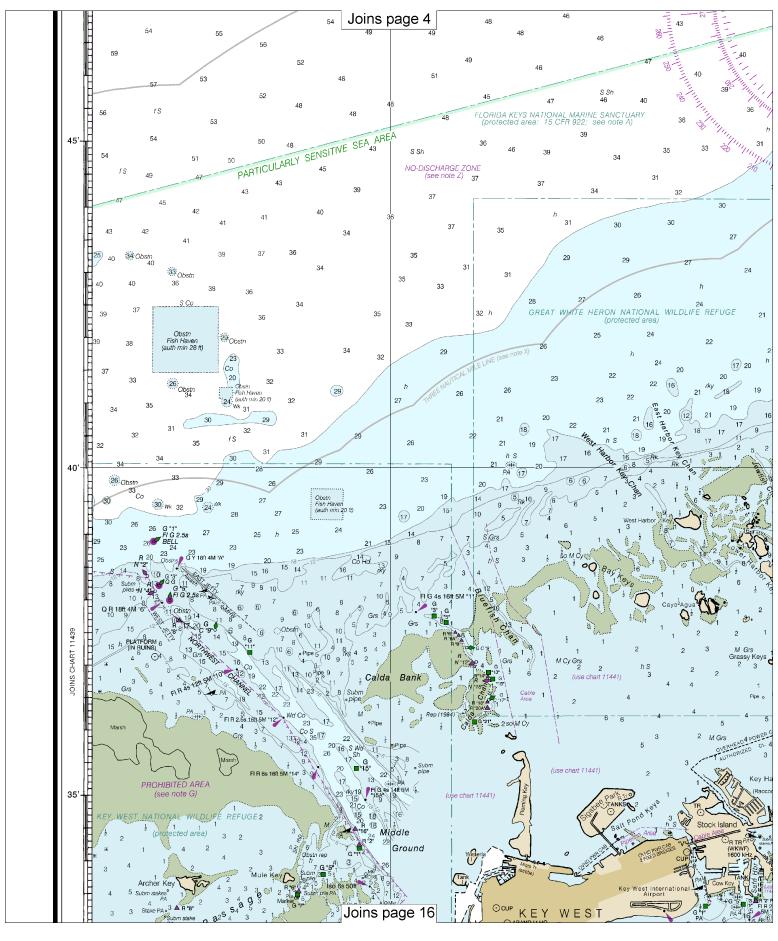
Charted soundings, channel depths and shoreline may not reflect actual conditions following these storms. Fixed aids to navigation may have been damaged or destroyed. Buoys may have been moved from their charted positions, damaged, sunk, extinguished or otherwise made inoperative. Mariners should ont rely upon the position or operation of an aid to navigation. Wrecks and submerged obstructions may have been displaced from charted locations. Pipelines may have become uncovered or moved.

Mariners are urged to exercise extreme caution and are requested to report aids to navigation discrepancies and hazards to navigation to the nearest United States Coast Guard unit.

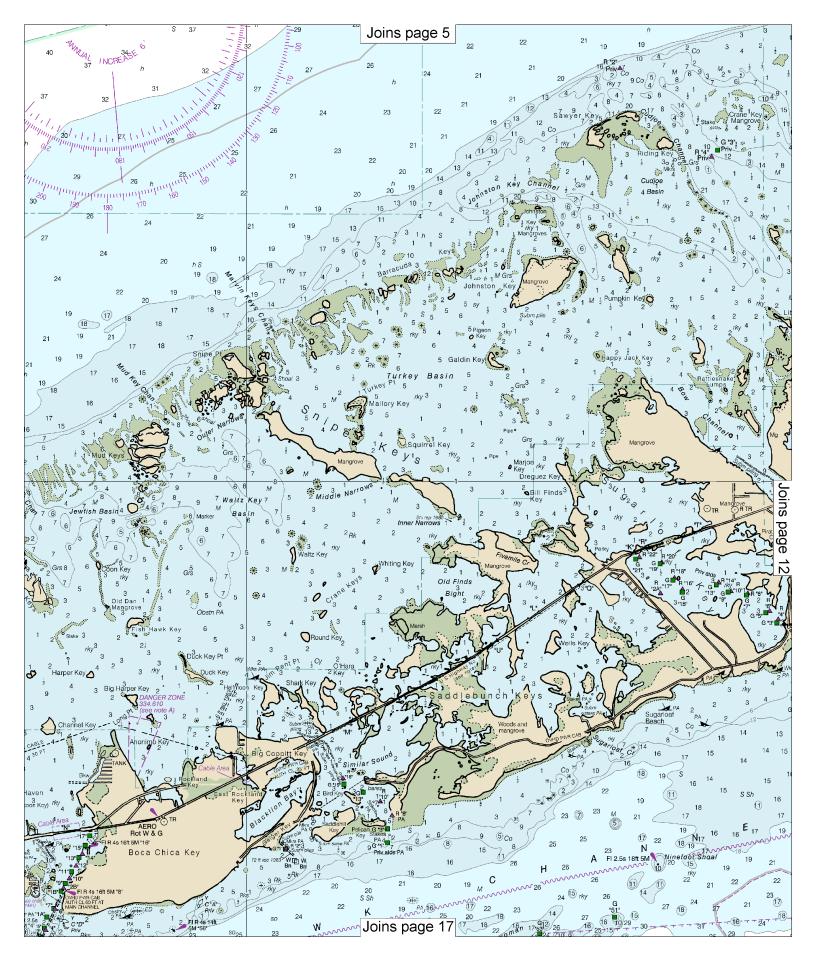
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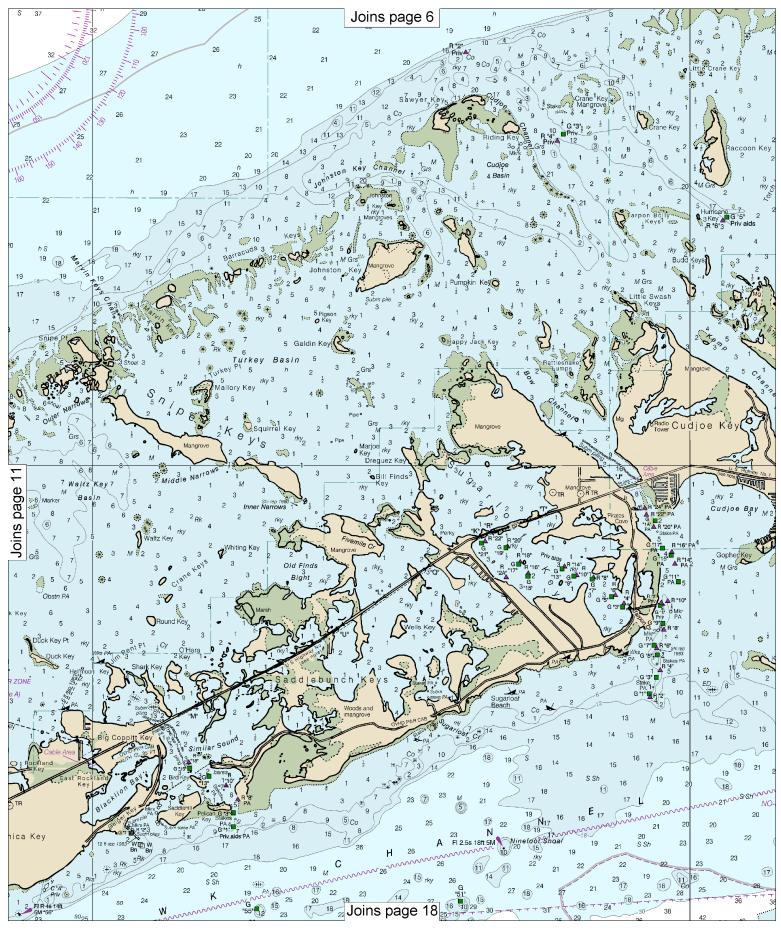
The NOAA Weather Radio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

Teatable Kev. FL WWG-60 162,450 MHz Key West, FL WXJ-95 162,400 MHz

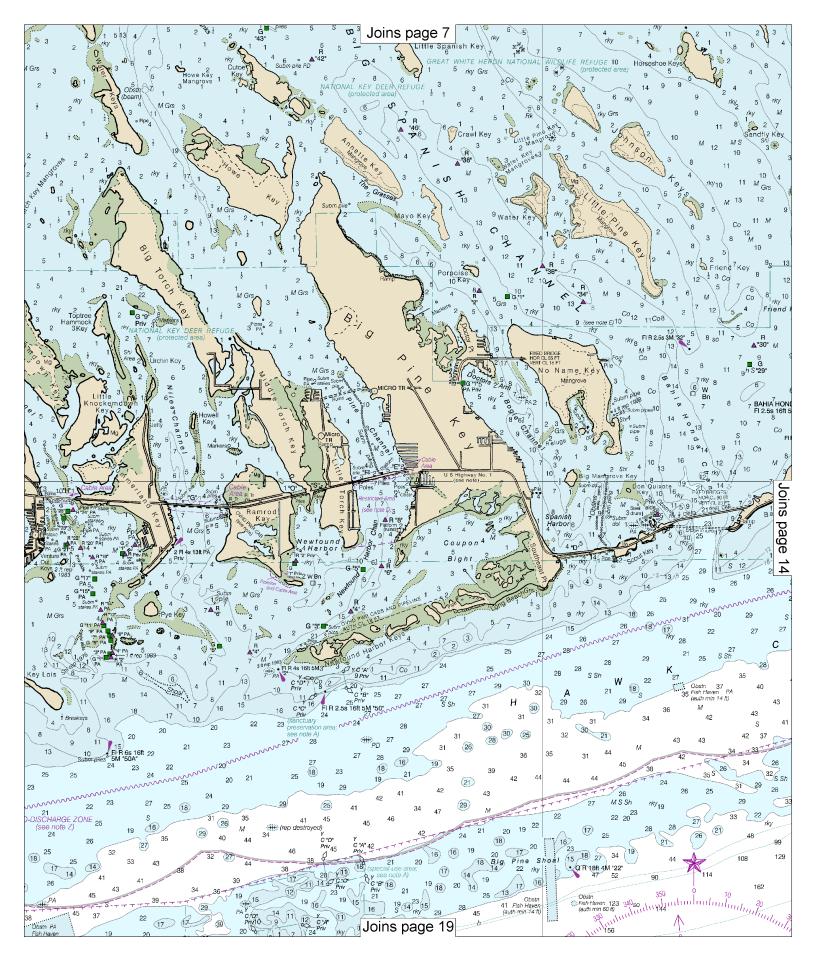


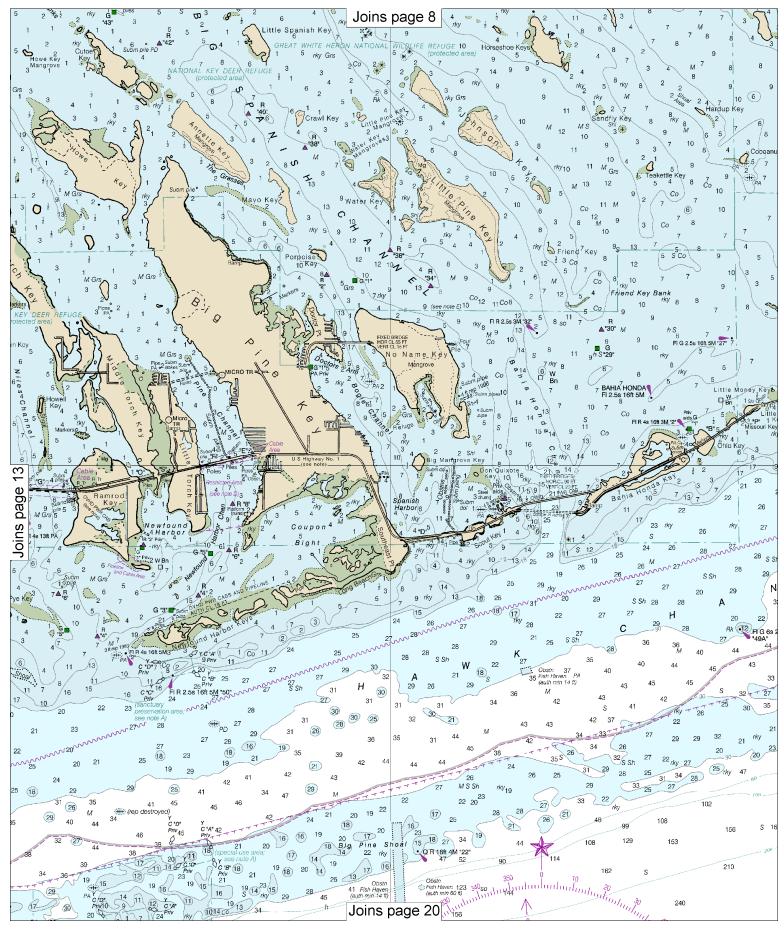




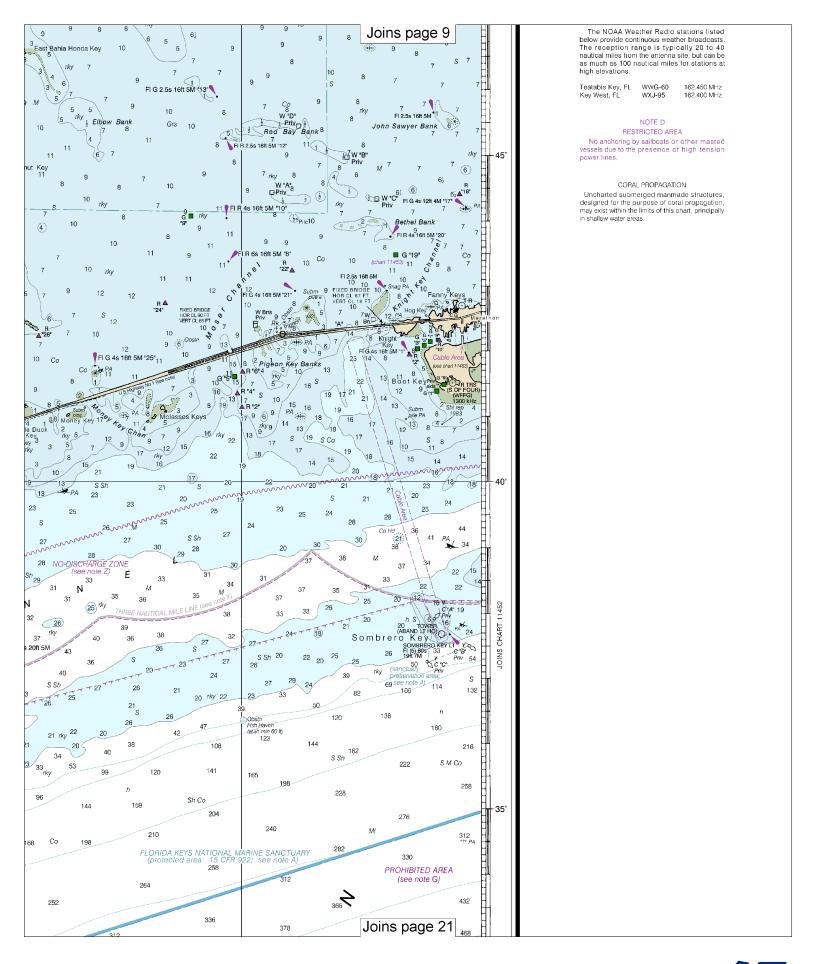


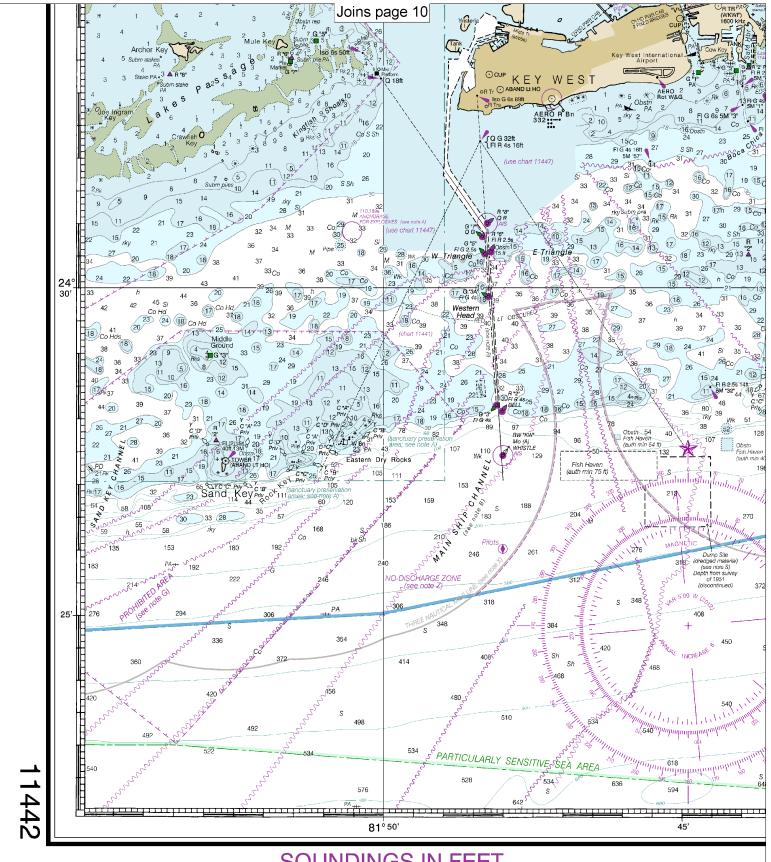








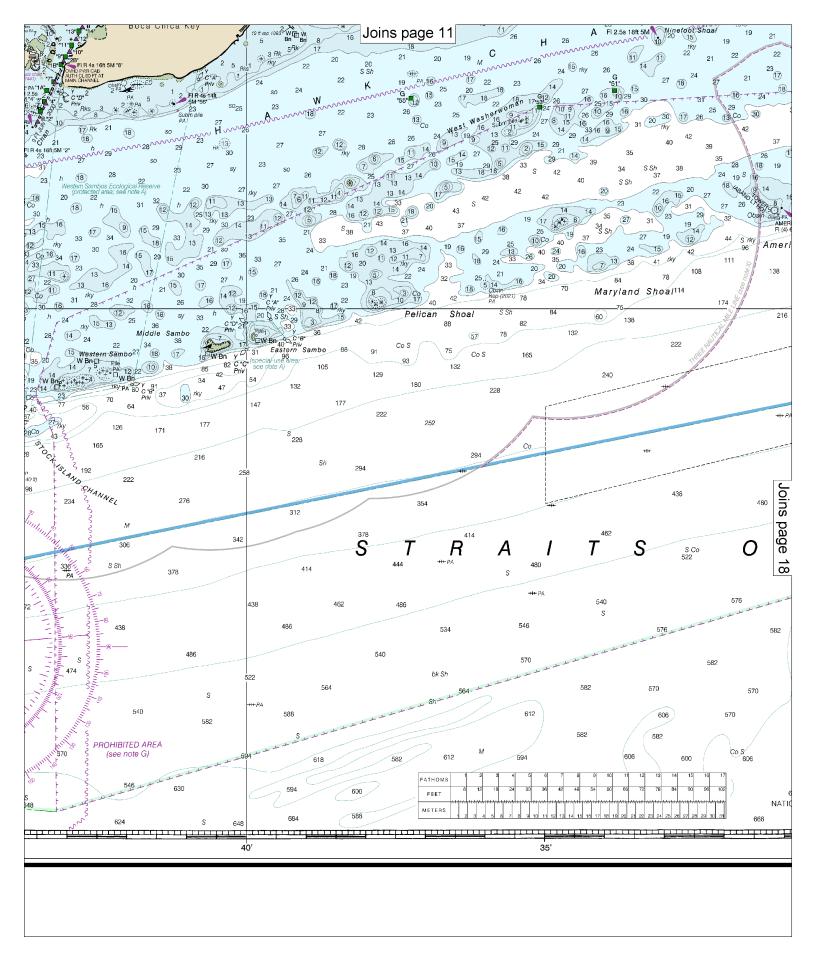


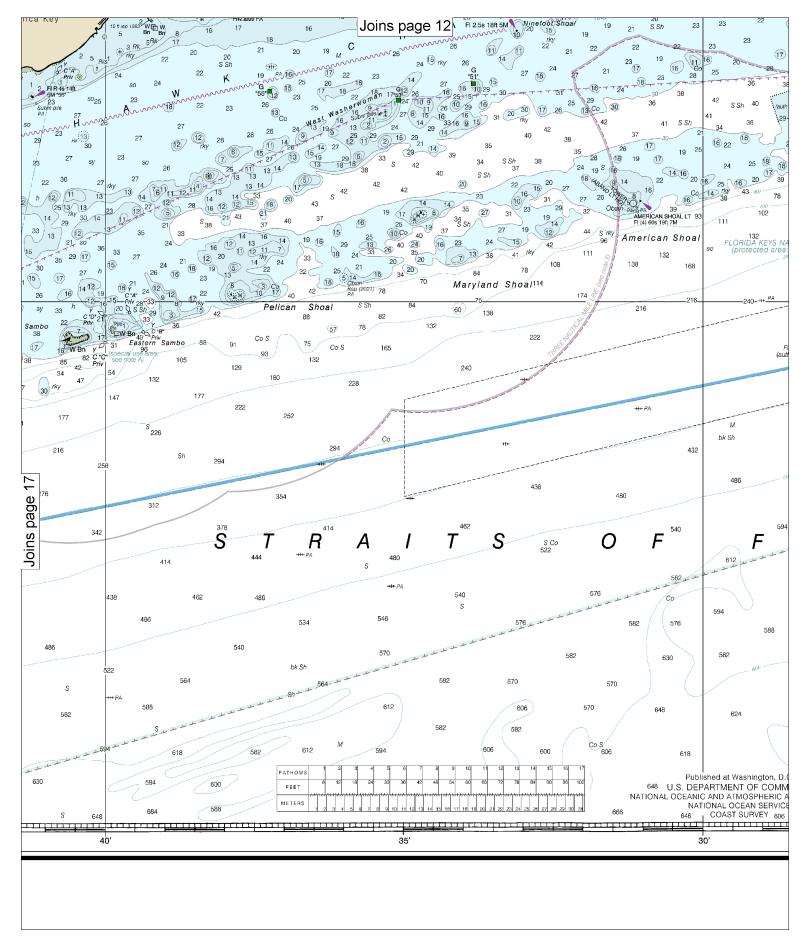


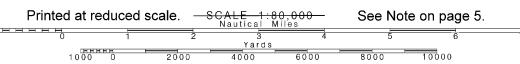
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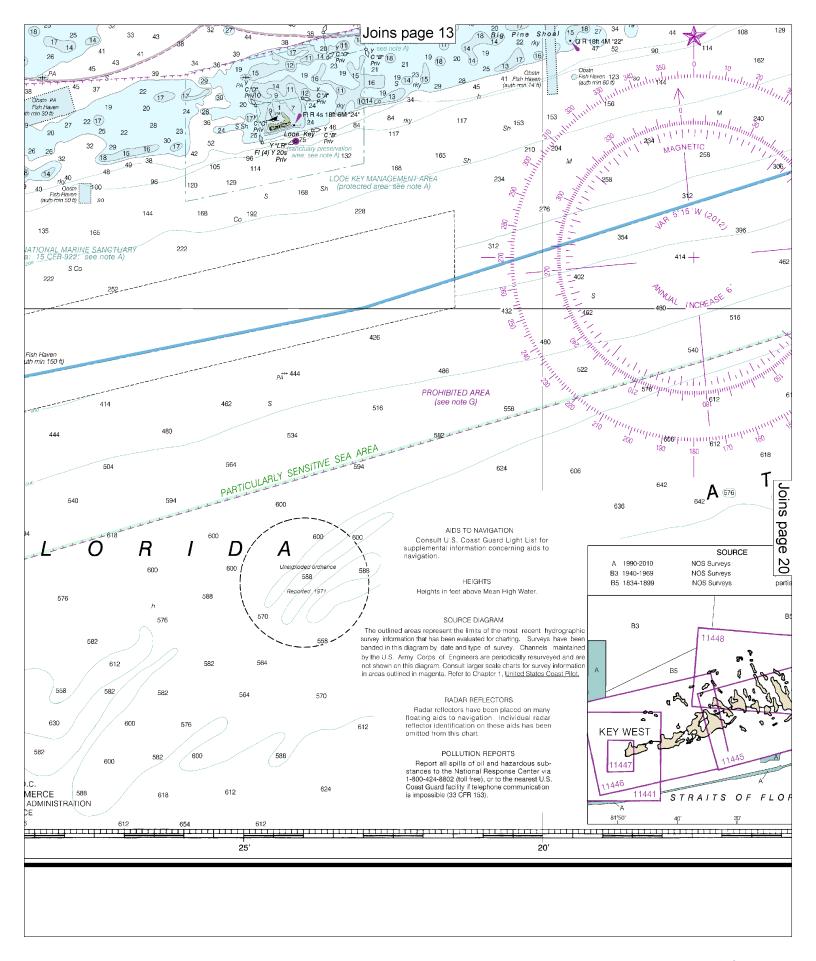
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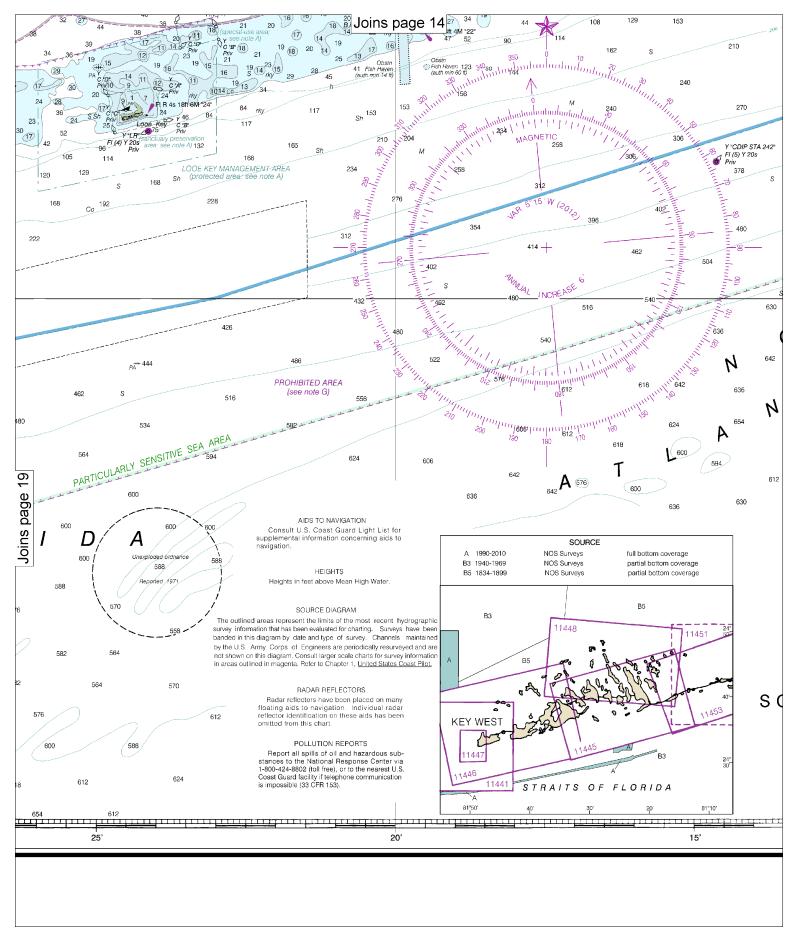


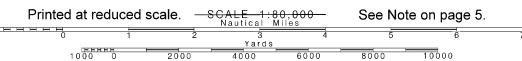


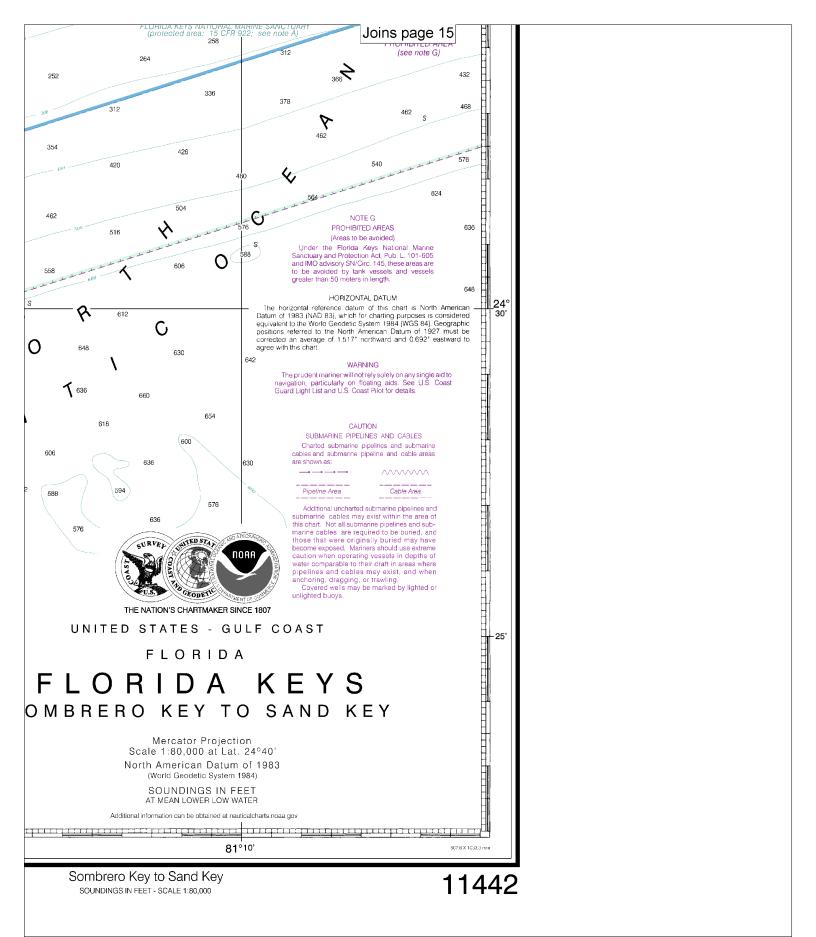














### VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**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.

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NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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