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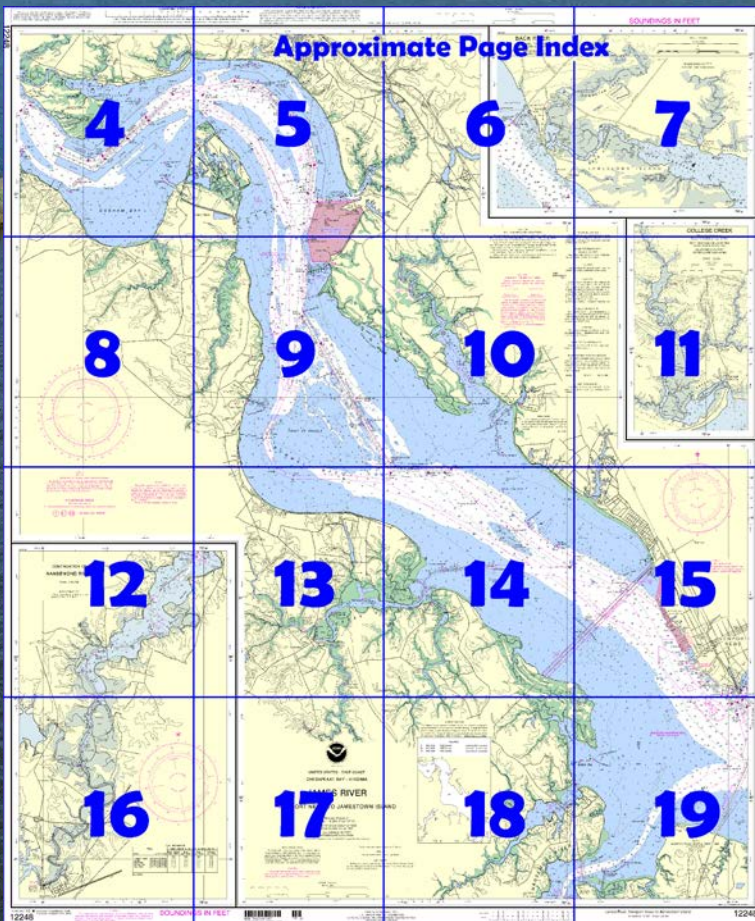
James River – Newport News to Jamestown Island NOAA Chart 12248

A reduced-scale NOAA nautical chart for small boaters

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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™?

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>.

This BookletChart does NOT fulfill chart carriage requirements for regulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

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.

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(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

James River. Drafts of vessels above Newport News do not exceed 15 feet. The James River provides depths of 25 feet to the Richmond Deepwater Terminal and in the Terminal Turning Basin; 18 feet to and in the Richmond Harbor Turning Basin; 18 feet to the Lock at Richmond.

The currents in River follow the channel except between Hog Island and Jamestown Island where they set across Goose Hill Flats.

The places for **supplies** above Newport

News are Hopewell and Richmond.

A channel leads to Suffolk; centerline depth 9.8 feet to Daybeacon 26; 8 feet was to Suffolk.

The current is 0.9 knot and follows the direction of the channel.

2.2 miles southwestward of Pig Point, a channel marked by a seasonal light and daybeacons leads southward into **Bennett Creek**; the depth was 5½ feet in the entrance of the creek. The creek has deeper water inside to the highway bridge, which has a clearance of 20 feet. Gasoline is available below the bridge. From Pig Point to Hollidays Point Nansemond River leads between shoals that bare at low water. There are many fish stakes on the shoals near the mouth.

Great Shoal has an oyster bar that bares ½ foot at low water.

The highway bridge at **Hollidays Point** has a clearance of 7 feet.

Western Branch; the depth was 5 feet in the north half and 6 feet in the south half of the channel for 0.7 mile above the mouth; a midchannel depth of 2½ feet to 0.8 mile above the branch entrance; a midchannel depth of 2 feet to the highway bridge **Reids Ferry**. The channel entrance is marked by daybeacons for 700 feet above the Nansemond River. A marina, 0.7 mile from the Nansemond channel, has a pier with a depth of 10 feet. Gasoline and diesel fuel are available. The bridge at Suffolk has a clearance of 3½ feet.

Batten Bay has depths of 2 to 6 feet. **Ragged Island Creek** is little used.

Chuckatuck Creek has depths of 4 feet in the approach and deeper water inside for 1.7 miles. The channel is marked by lights, buoys, and daybeacons; the channel edges are marked by bush stakes.

A shipyard is at **Crittenden**; berths.

Pagan River; the depths were 7 feet from the entrance to Daybeacon 15, thence 3 feet (4 feet at midchannel) to Smithfield.

Jones Creek; the depth was 5½ feet (6 feet at midchannel); the highway bridge above the mouth has a clearance of 8 feet. A marina and fish pier are at **Rescue**; supplies, fuel, are available. The highway bridge, 2.5 miles above the mouth, has a clearance of 7 feet.

Cypress Creek has depths of 4 feet for 2 miles.

Smithfield. The highway bridge has a clearance of 15 feet. A bridge, with a clearance of 16 feet crosses the river 0.6 mile above the highway at Smithfield.

Deep Creek is an overnight anchorage. A marked channel leads from James River to a turning basin opposite Menchville; the depths were 5 feet (7½ feet at midchannel) from the entrance to the turning basin with 7½ feet in the basin

Dangers.—Numerous stakes, piling, wrecks, and other obstructions are on both sides of the main channel in James River.

Currents.—The currents in James River follow the general direction of the channel, except between Hog Island and Jamestown Island, 25 miles above the mouth, where they set across Goose Hill Flats. In the lower reaches, the velocity of flood is about equal to that of ebb. Near Richmond, the drainage flow predominates and the current seldom, if ever, sets upstream. These normal conditions are subject to change by wind and freshets.

During severe winters some drift **ice** appears, and at times the river freezes over, but navigation to Richmond hardly ever is suspended because the ice is broken up by a tug.

A **restricted area** is at the entrance to the Skiffes Creek channel. (See **334.280**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

A privately marked barge channel with a reported depth of 12 feet in 1978 leads to the Surry Nuclear Power Plant on the west side of James River opposite Skiffes Creek. The nuclear powerplant is operated by the Virginia Electric and Power Co. A 120-foot-high nuclear reactor tower at the station is prominent from all directions on the river.

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

RCC Norfolk

Commander

5th CG District

Norfolk, VA

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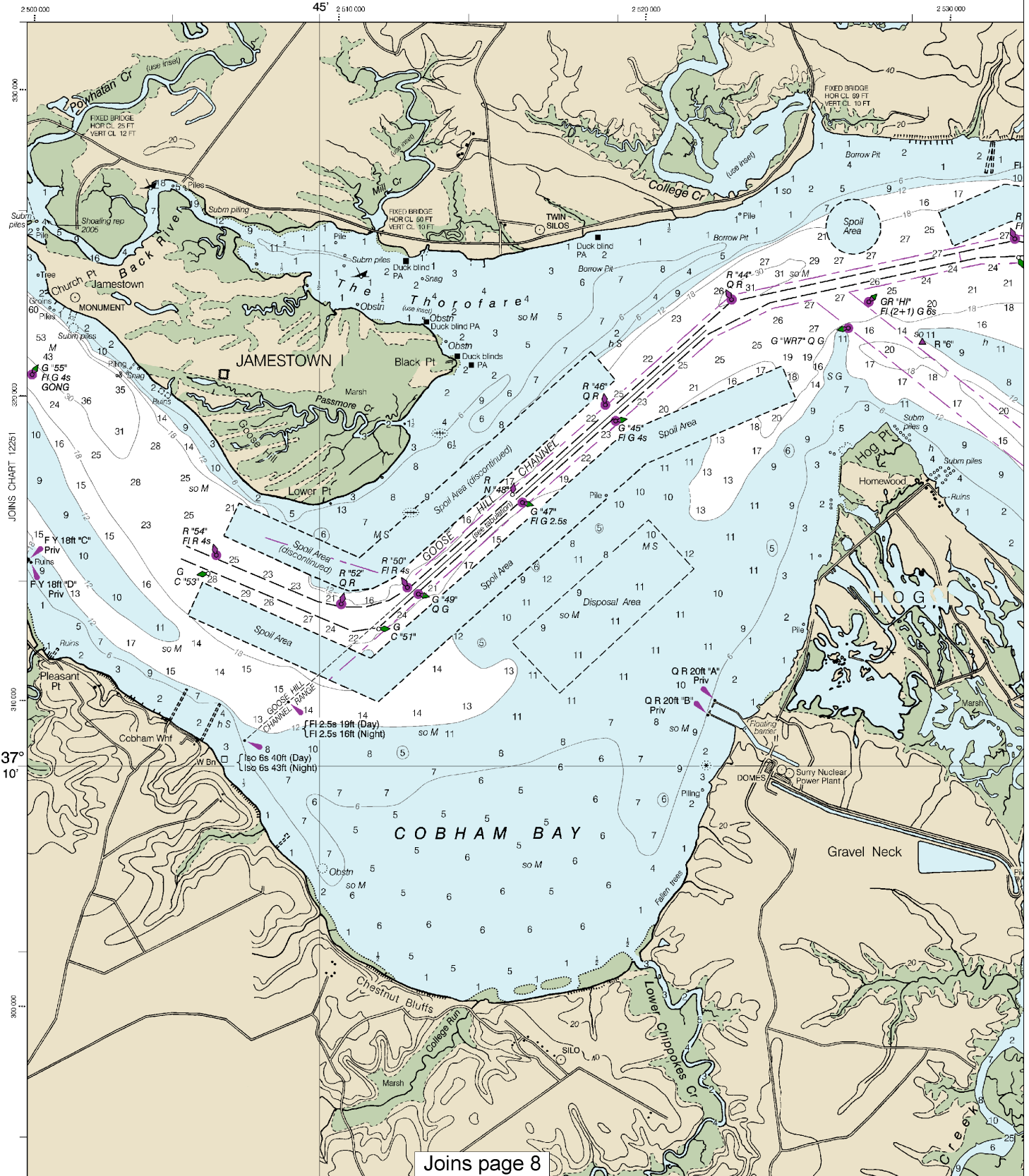
Lateral System As Seen Entering From Seaward

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 <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov>

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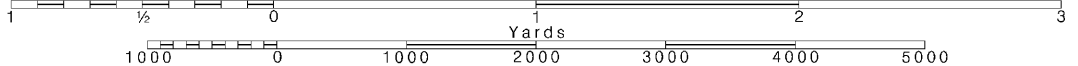
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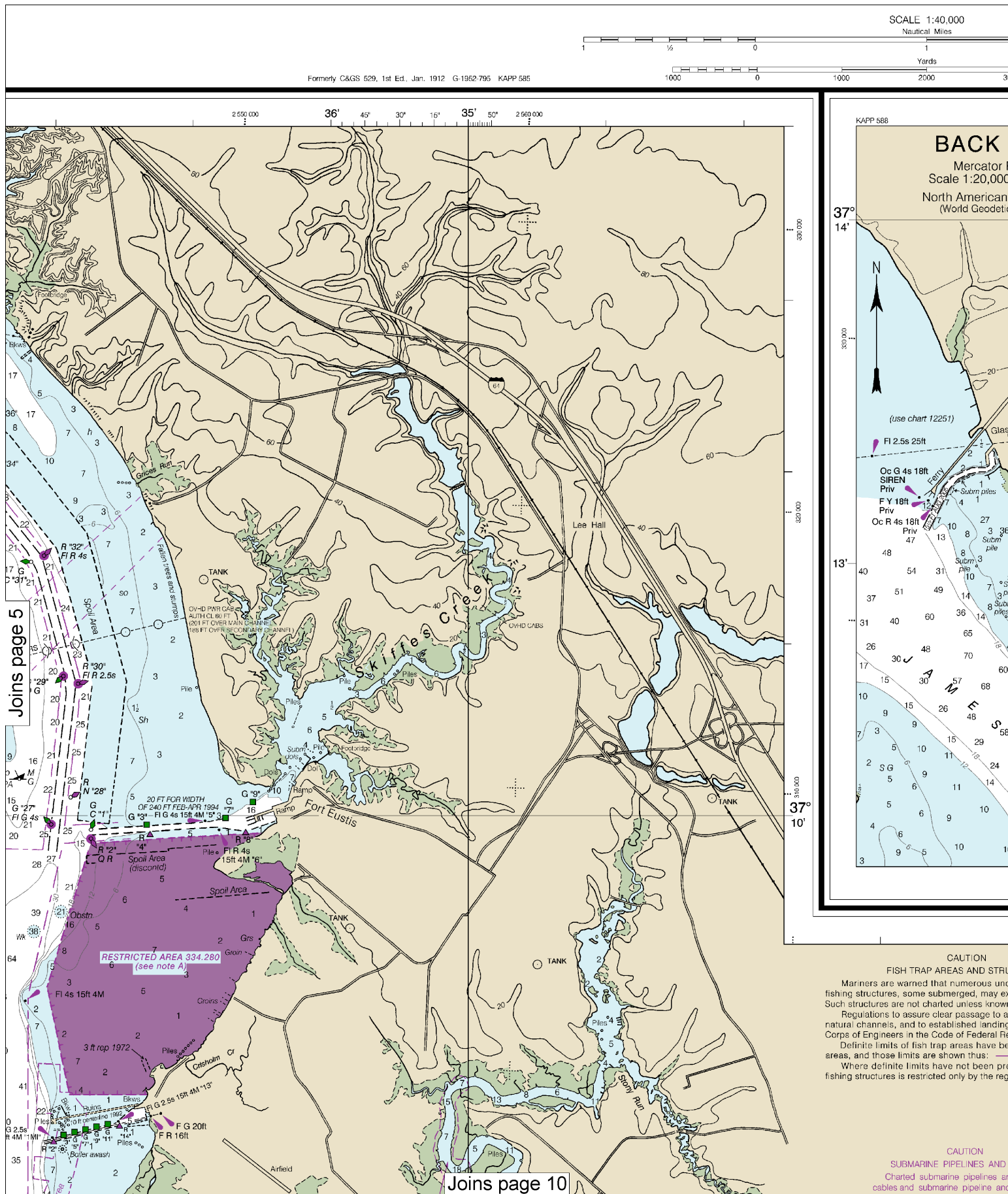
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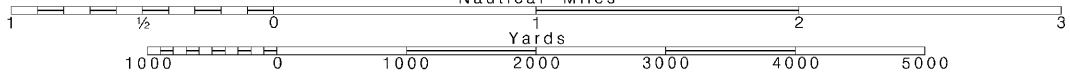
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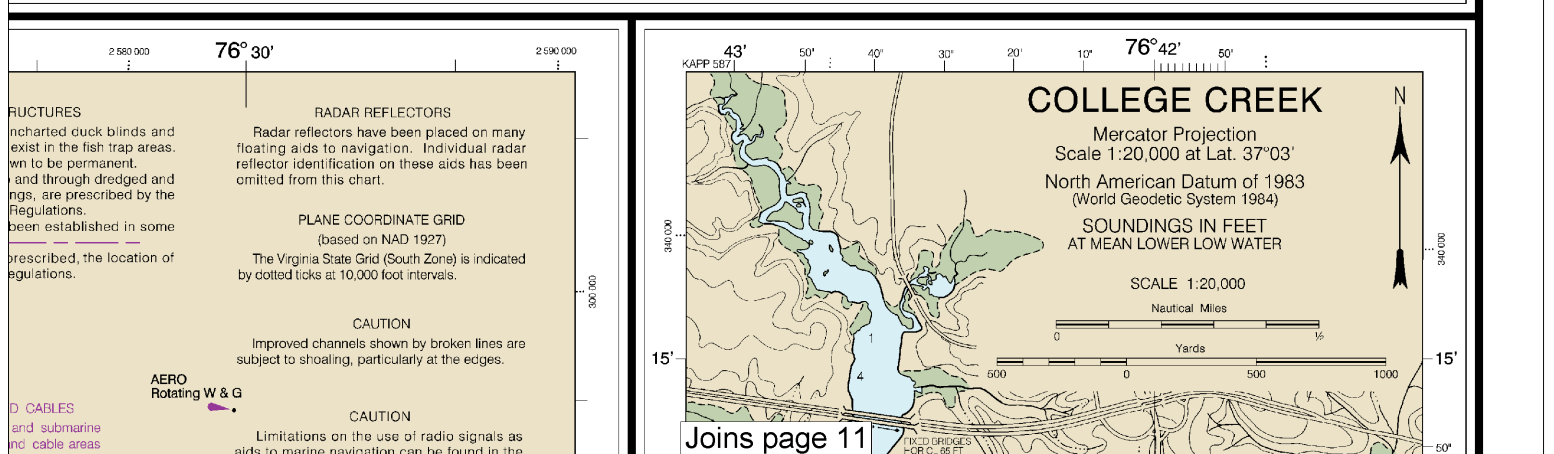
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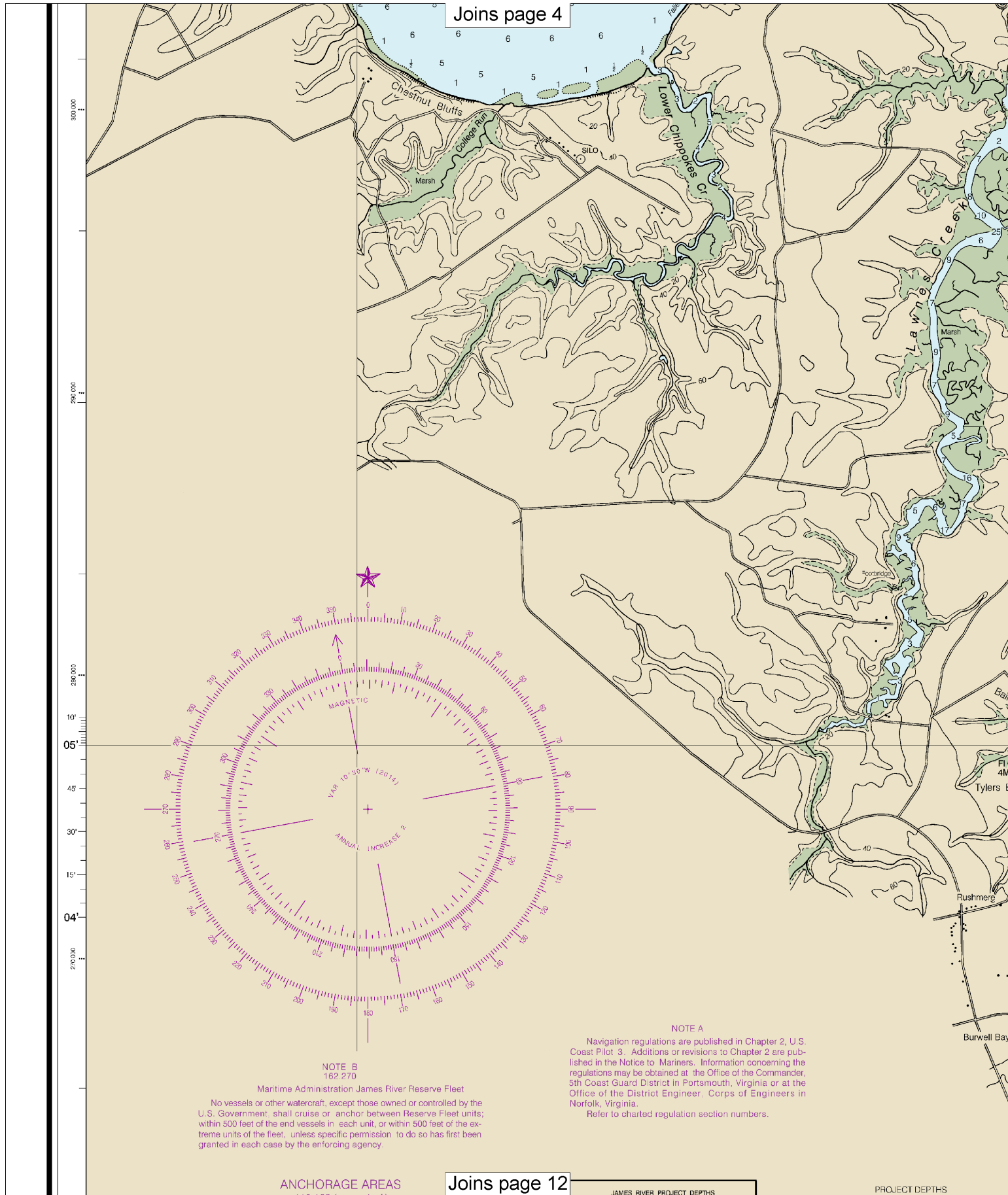
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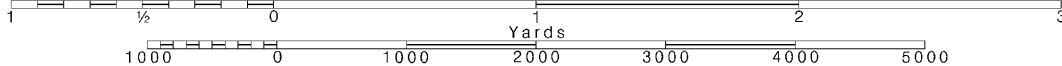
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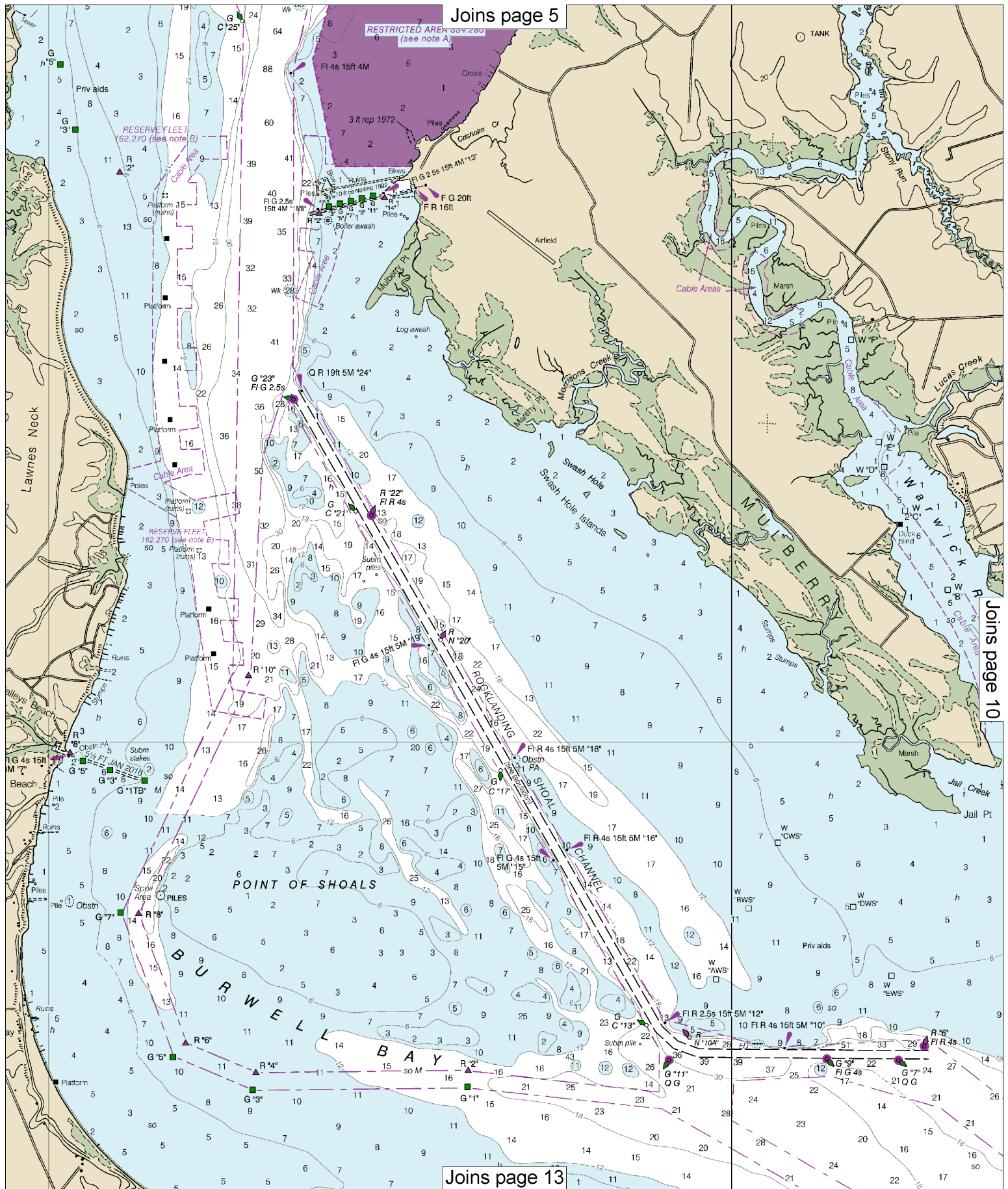
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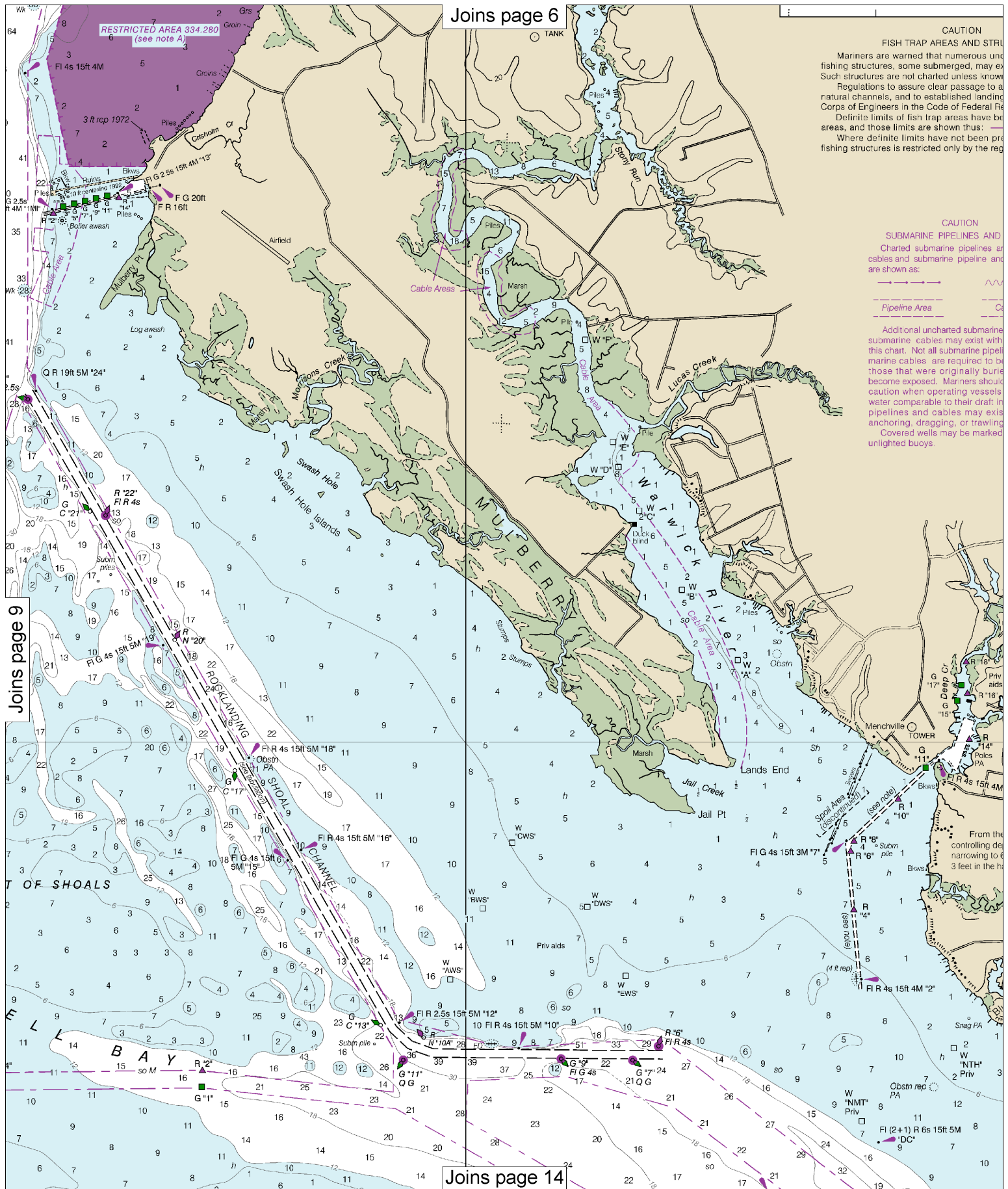




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CAUTION
FISH TRAP AREAS AND STRUCTURES
Mariners are warned that numerous and fishing structures, some submerged, may exist. Such structures are not charted unless known. Regulations to assure clear passage to a natural channels, and to established landing Corps of Engineers in the Code of Federal Regulations. Definite limits of fish trap areas have been shown, and those limits are shown thus: Where definite limits have not been provided, fishing structures is restricted only by the regulations.

CAUTION
SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES
Charted submarine pipelines and submarine cables are shown as:

Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and cables may exist with this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and cables are required to be those that were originally buried. Mariners should exercise caution when operating vessels in areas where pipelines and cables may exist. Covered wells may be marked with unlighted buoys.

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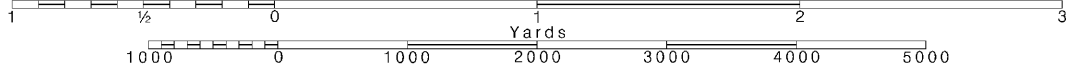
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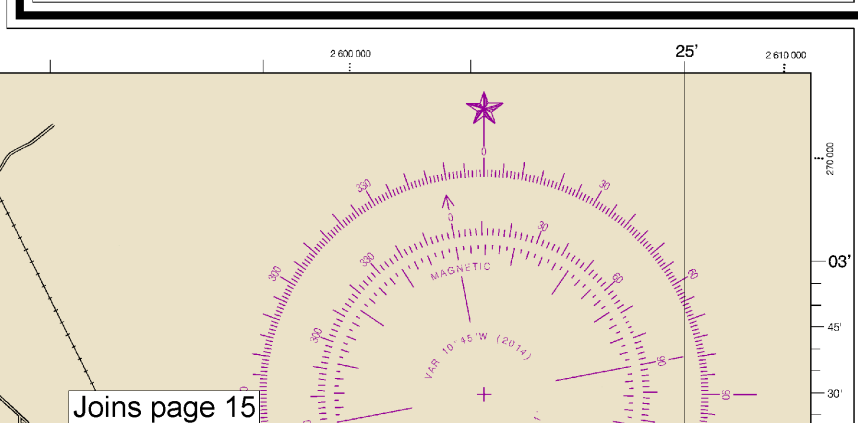
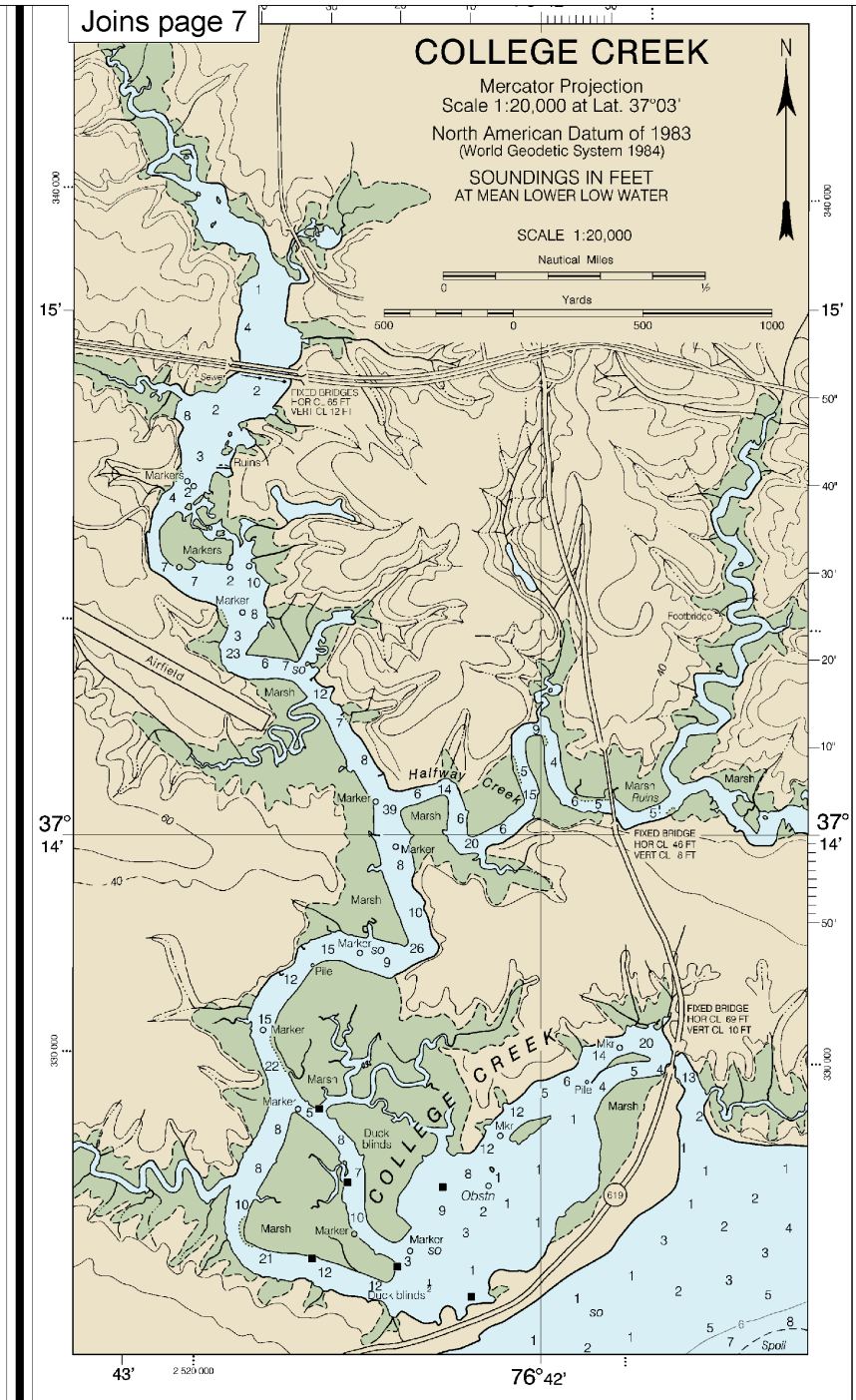
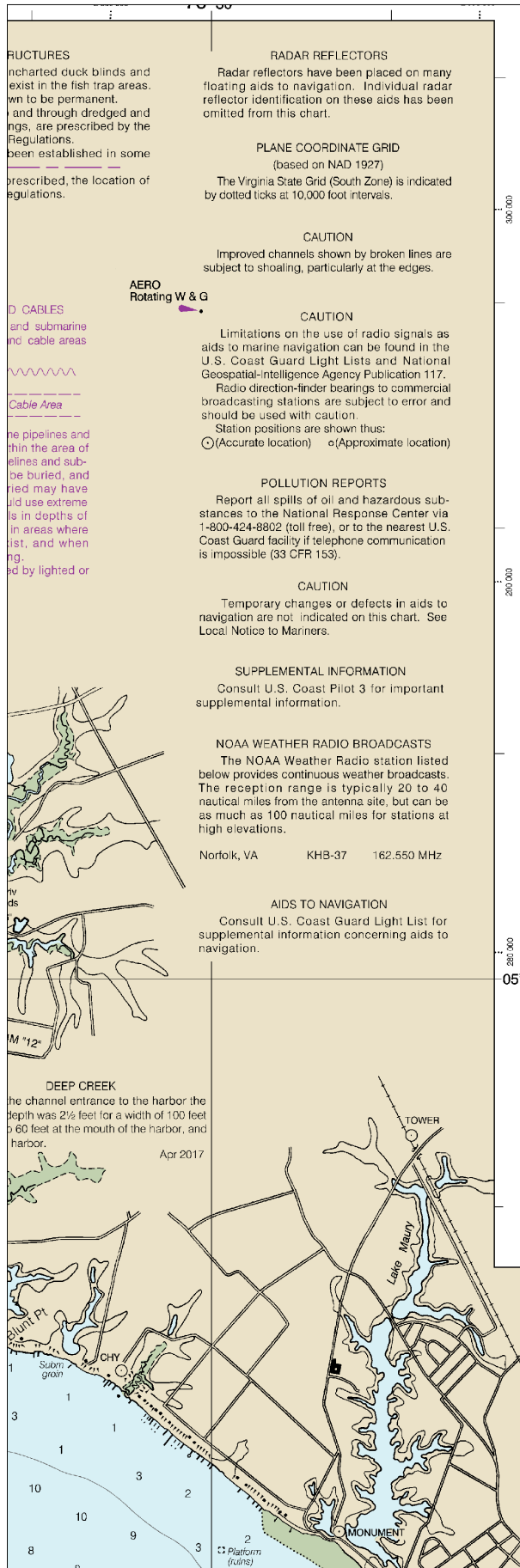
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NOTE B
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Maritime Administration James River Reserve Fleet

No vessels or other watercraft, except those owned or controlled by the U.S. Government, shall cruise or anchor between Reserve Fleet units; within 500 feet of the end vessels in each unit, or within 500 feet of the extreme units of the fleet, unless specific permission to do so has first been granted in each case by the enforcing agency.

ANCHORAGE AREAS

110.168 (see note A)

Limits and designations of anchorage areas are shown in magenta.

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GENERAL ANCHORAGE

NOTE A

Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S. Coast Pilot 3. 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, 5th Coast Guard District in Portsmouth, Virginia or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in Norfolk, Virginia.

Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

JAMES RIVER PROJECT DEPTHS

(see note)

NAME OF CHANNEL	PROJECT DEPTH MLLW (FEET)
ROCKLANDING SHOAL CHANNEL	25
TRIBELL SHOAL CHANNEL	25
GOOSE HILL CHANNEL	25

PROJECT DEPTHS

Channel legends and tabulations, where indicated, reflect U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) project depths. Channel may be significantly shallower, particularly at the end. For detailed channel information and minimum depth reported by USACE, use NOAA Electronic Navigational Chart (ENC) USACE surveys and channel condition reports are available at <http://navigation.usace.army.mil/Survey/Hydro>.

CONTINUATION OF NANSEMOND RIVER

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NANSEMOND RIVER

The project depth is 12 feet to the highway bridge at Suffolk. The channel is currently not maintained.
A 6 foot depth will be maintained as required by using traffic in the Western Branch.

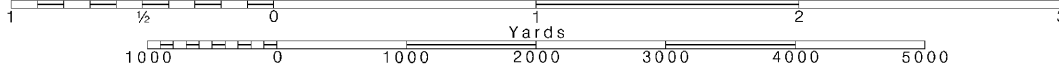
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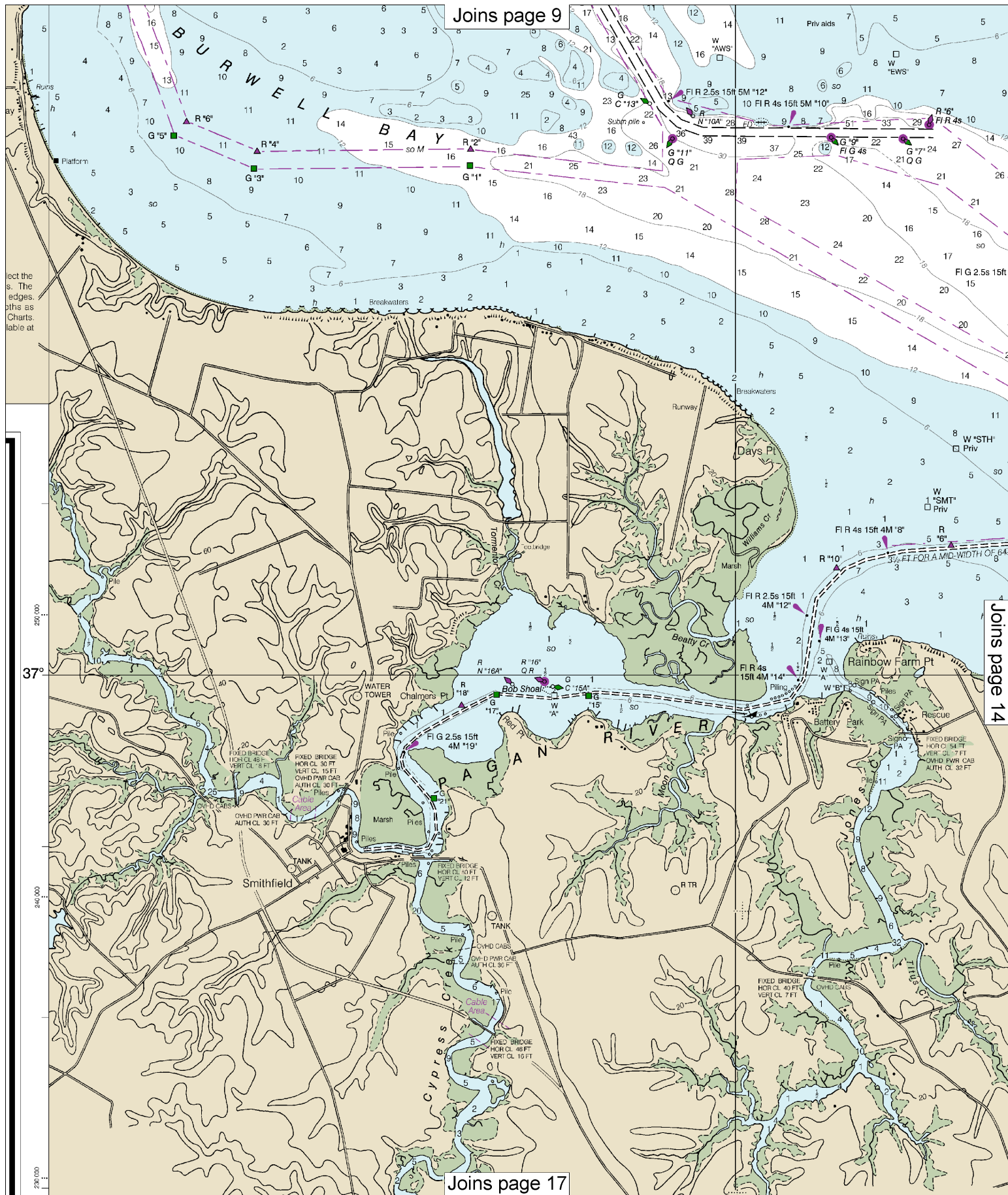
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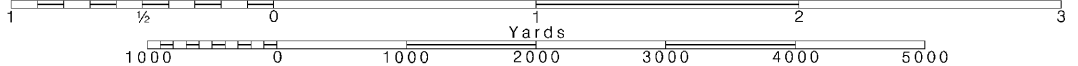
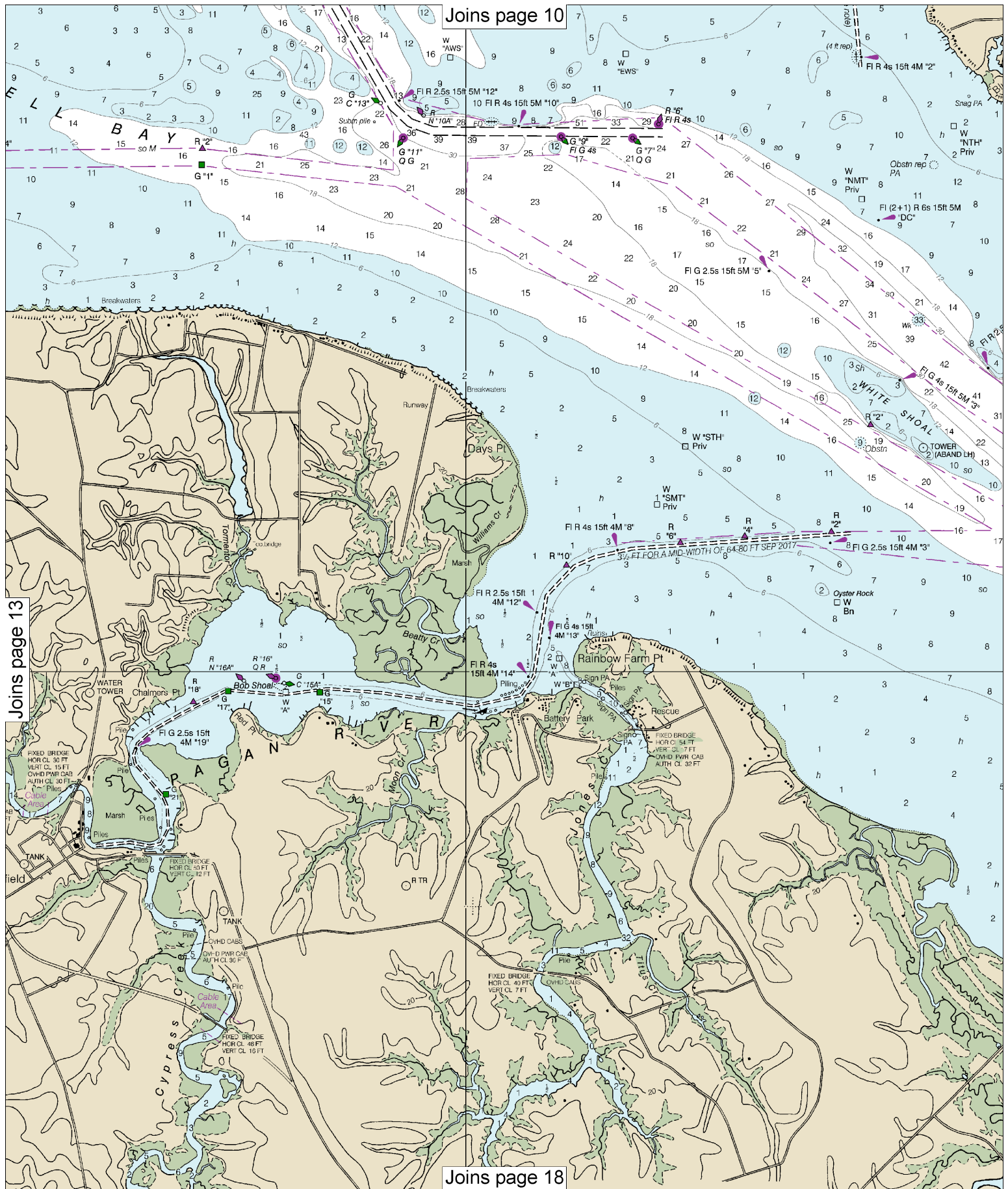
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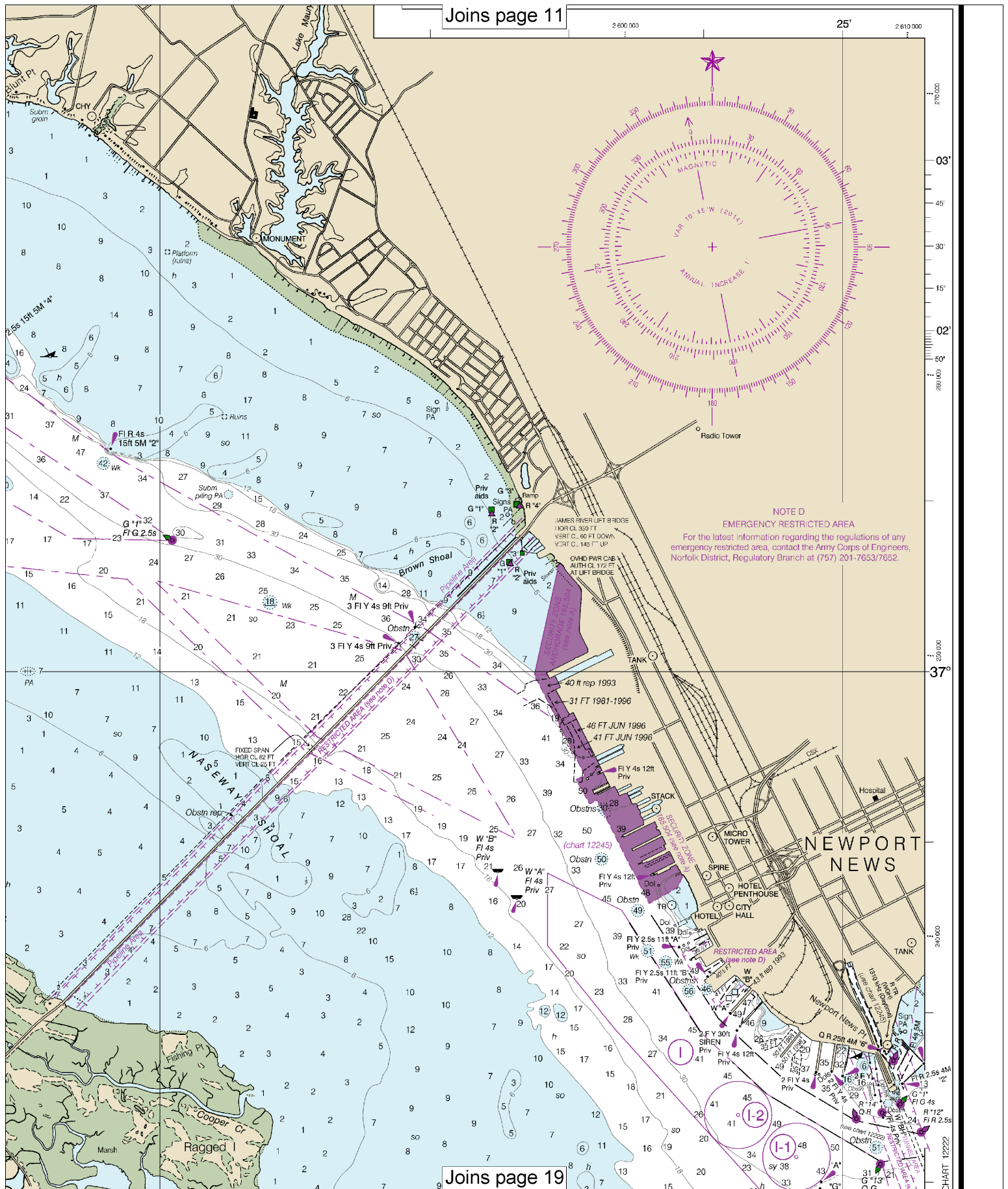
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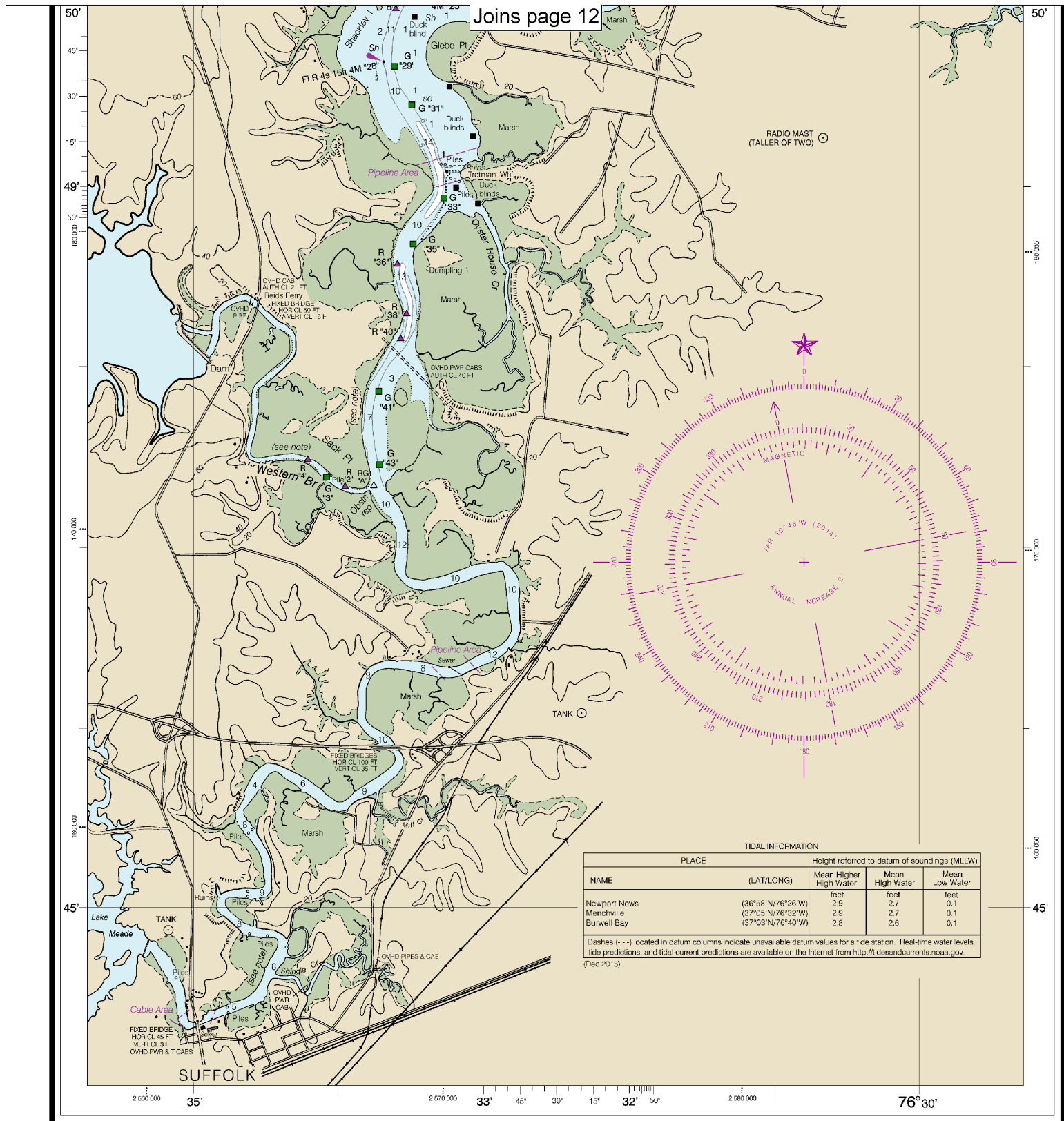






**NOTE D
EMERGENCY RESTRICTED AREA**

For the latest information regarding the regulations of any emergency restricted area, contact the Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District, Regulatory Branch at (757) 201-7653/7652.



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This is the Last Edition of this chart. It will be canceled on Mar 6, 2024
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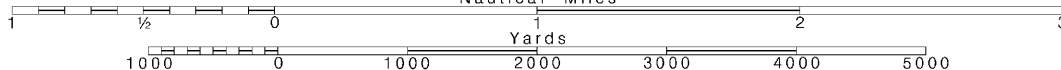
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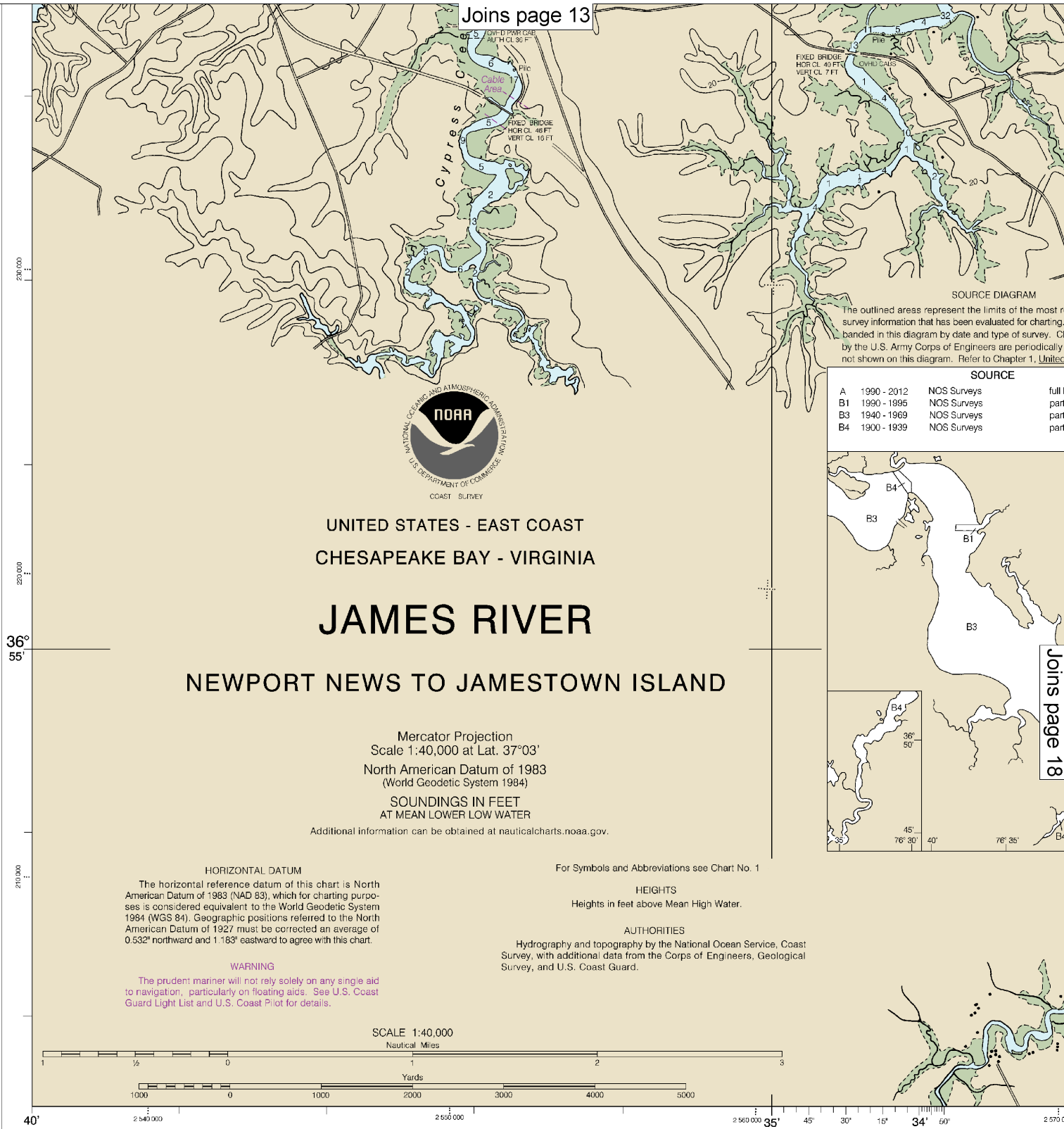
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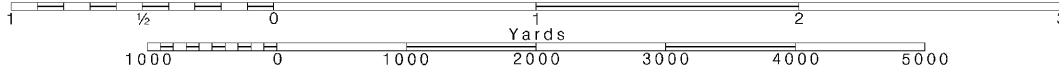
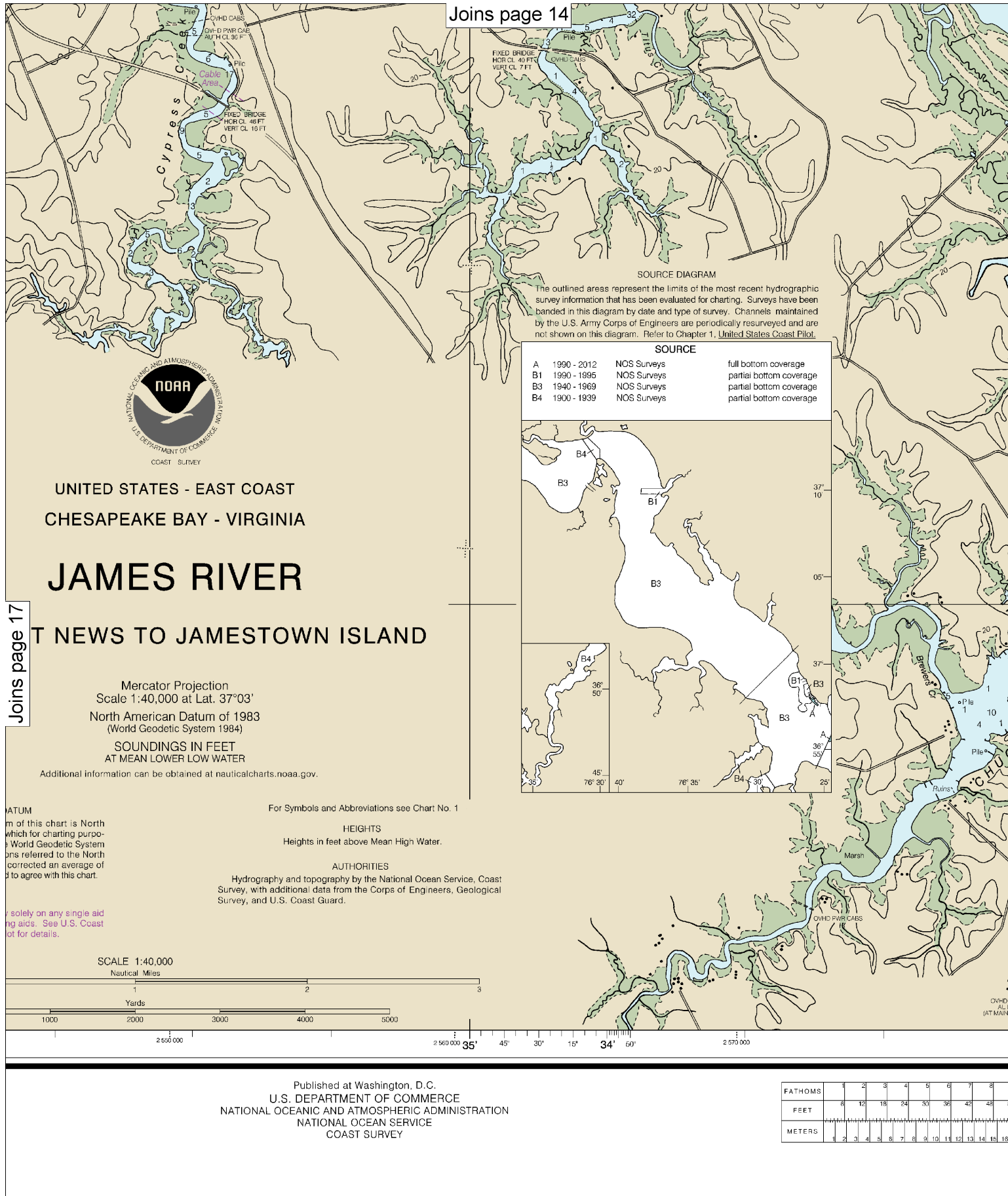
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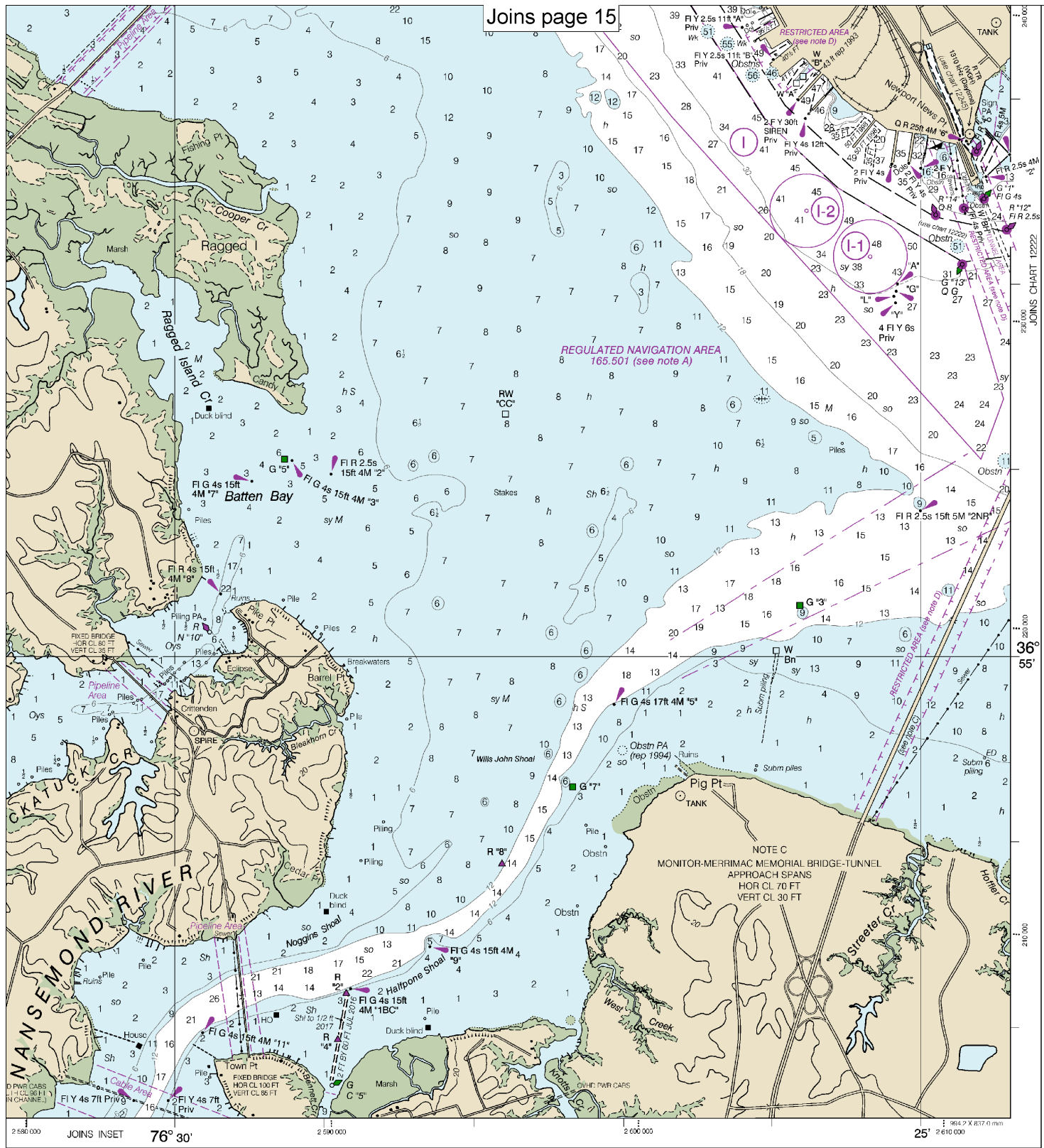




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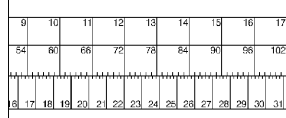
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VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

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.



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.

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/>

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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