

# BookletChart™

## Chesapeake Bay – Honga, Nanticoke, Wicomico Rivers and Fishing Bay

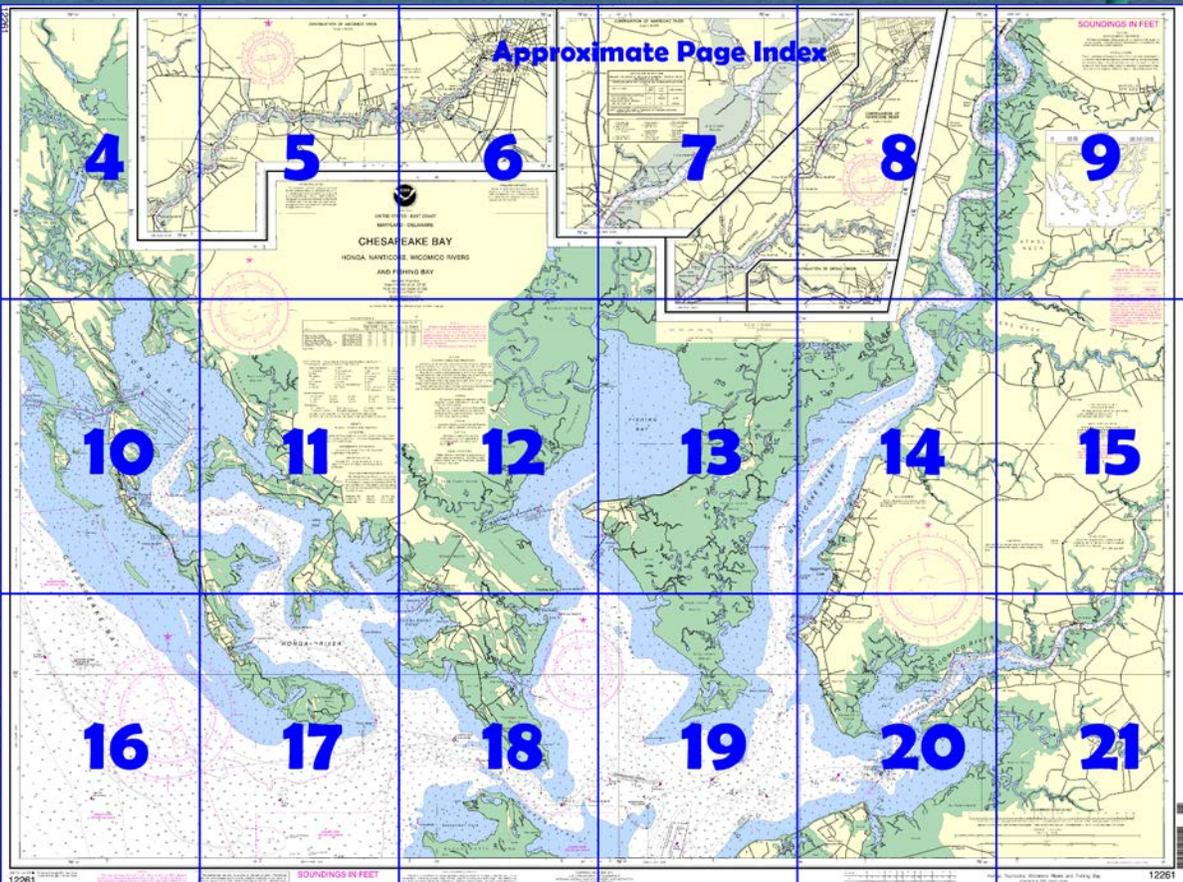
NOAA Chart 12261

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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™?**

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)**

**Wicomico River** flows into the north end of Tangier Sound eastward of the inner approach to Hooper Strait, described earlier, and 26 miles north of Tangier Sound Light. The entrance to Wicomico River is 1.5 miles wide between **Long Point** on the south and Nanticoke Point on the north. Waterborne commerce is largely in fish and shellfish, and fish byproducts.

In 2007-2010, the controlling depth in the marked channel was 10 feet to Light 23, thence 11 feet at midchannel to South Prong at Salisbury.

**Great Shoals Light** (38°12'52"N., 75° 52'46"W.) is shown from a white skeleton tower with a black and white diamond-shaped daymark on

piles in depths of 4 feet on the north side of the channel, 0.5 mile above the mouth; a seasonal sound signal is at the light.

**Currents.**—Strong tidal currents set across the main channel off Monie Bay; the current velocity in the entrance to the river is 0.6 knot on the flood and 0.9 knot on the ebb.

**Ice.**—Ice usually forms on the river as far down as Whitehaven; in ordinary winters the channel usually is open to navigation, but in severe winters it is often closed for extended periods.

**Monie Bay** is a large cove on the southeast side close within the mouth of Wicomico River. The bay has depths of 4 feet to the head, but is used only by small local boats.

**Webster Cove**, on the south side 3.5 miles upriver, is entered by a marked dredged channel which leads to a public wharf inside. In 1995, the controlling depth was 4.5 feet.

**Whitehaven**, on the north bank 6.5 miles above the entrance, has some supplies. Most of the docks are in poor condition. A marine railway can haul out boats up to 150 feet.

A cable ferry crosses the river at Whitehaven. The ferry operates only during daylight hours. The cable is picked up as the ferry moves from bank to bank and is dropped to the bottom when the ferry is not operating. The crossing is unmarked. Caution should be exercised while navigating in the area. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PASS A MOVING CABLE FERRY.**

**Wicomico Creek**, on the south side of Wicomico River 8.5 miles above the mouth, is navigable for small craft for several miles. The marked entrance channel has a controlling depth of about 4 feet with deeper water inside. A small yacht club on the north side of the entrance has gasoline and diesel fuel. A marina about 2.3 miles above the entrance has gasoline, diesel fuel, berths, and marine supplies. Hull and engine repairs can be made; a mobile lift is available.

A cable ferry crosses the Wicomico River at **Upper Ferry**, 15 miles above the mouth. The ferry operates only during daylight hours. The cable, held taut by winches ashore, is suspended at or near the water's surface at all times during daylight hours, but dropped to the bottom during non-daylight hours. The signal for lowering the cable is one blast on the whistle by a transiting vessel. The ferry slips are marked as a ferry crossing and warning signs are posted up and downstream of the crossing. Caution should be exercised when navigating in the area. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PASS A MOVING CABLE FERRY.**

Fishing boats use the large wharf on the south bank, 16.5 miles above the mouth; water is available. An overhead power cable, 17.7 miles above the mouth, has a clearance of 75 feet.

**Shad Point** is 18 miles above the mouth on the southeast side.

**Salisbury**, the head of navigation 20 miles above the mouth, is a major trading center of the Eastern Shore. Wicomico River forks at the city; the **North Prong**, in 1976–1977, had a controlling depth of 7.5 feet or 10 feet at midchannel to the fixed bridge 0.4 mile upstream, but **South Prong** is rarely used. The Main Street highway bridge and the U.S. 50 highway bridge over the entrance to North Prong have 40-foot-wide bascule spans with a minimum clearance of 1 foot. The bridgetenders monitor VHF-FM channel 16 and work on channels 13 and 68; call signs KZA-869 and KYU-697, respectively.

Salisbury is a **customs station**.

Most of the commercial wharves are below the fork, but there are some in North Prong. Traffic to Salisbury consists of petroleum, aggregates, grain, and fertilizer

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## Lateral System As Seen Entering From Seaward

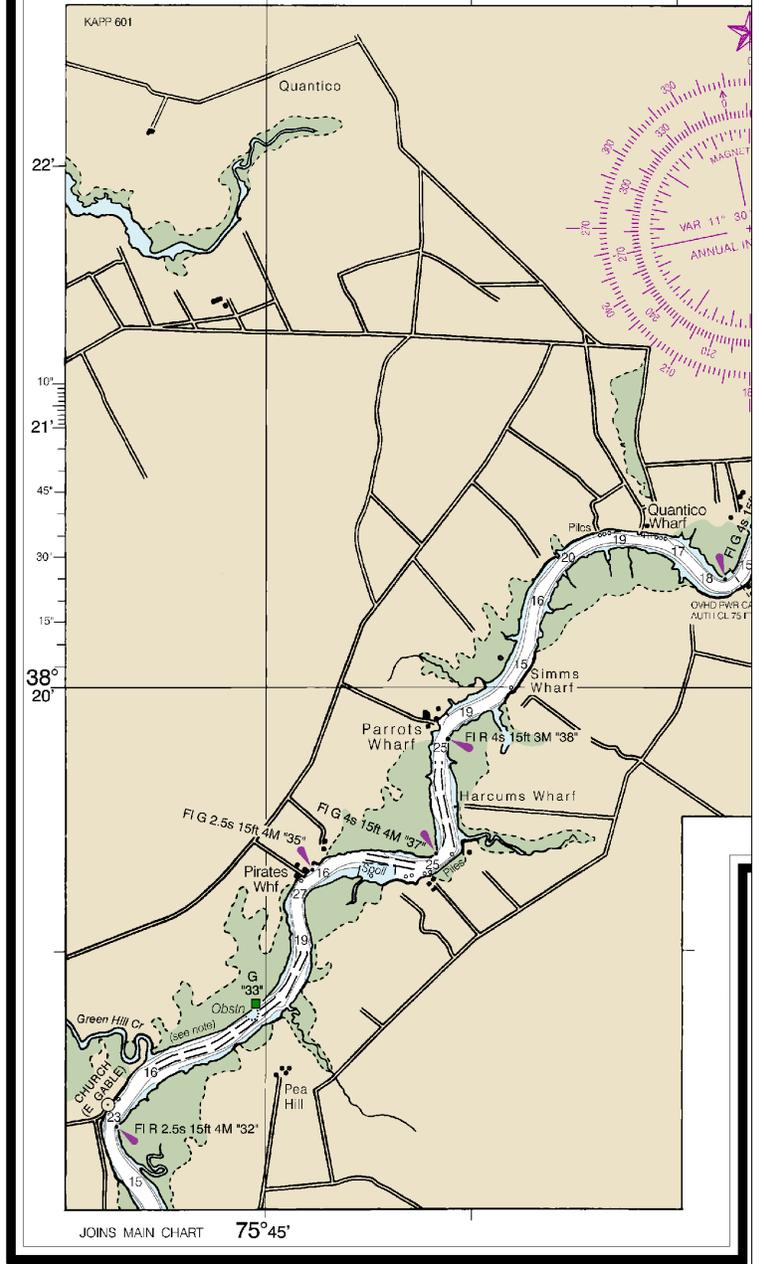
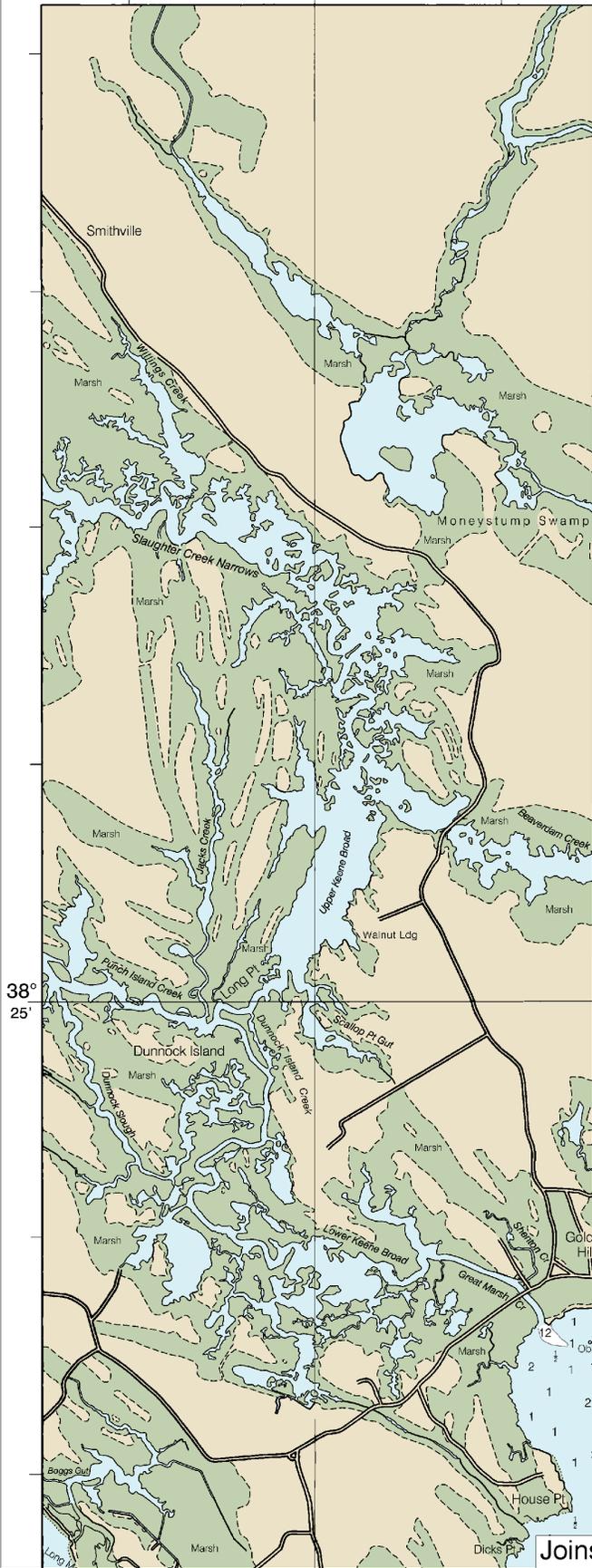
on navigable waters except Western Rivers



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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75° 45'



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10'

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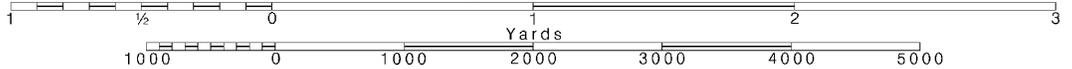
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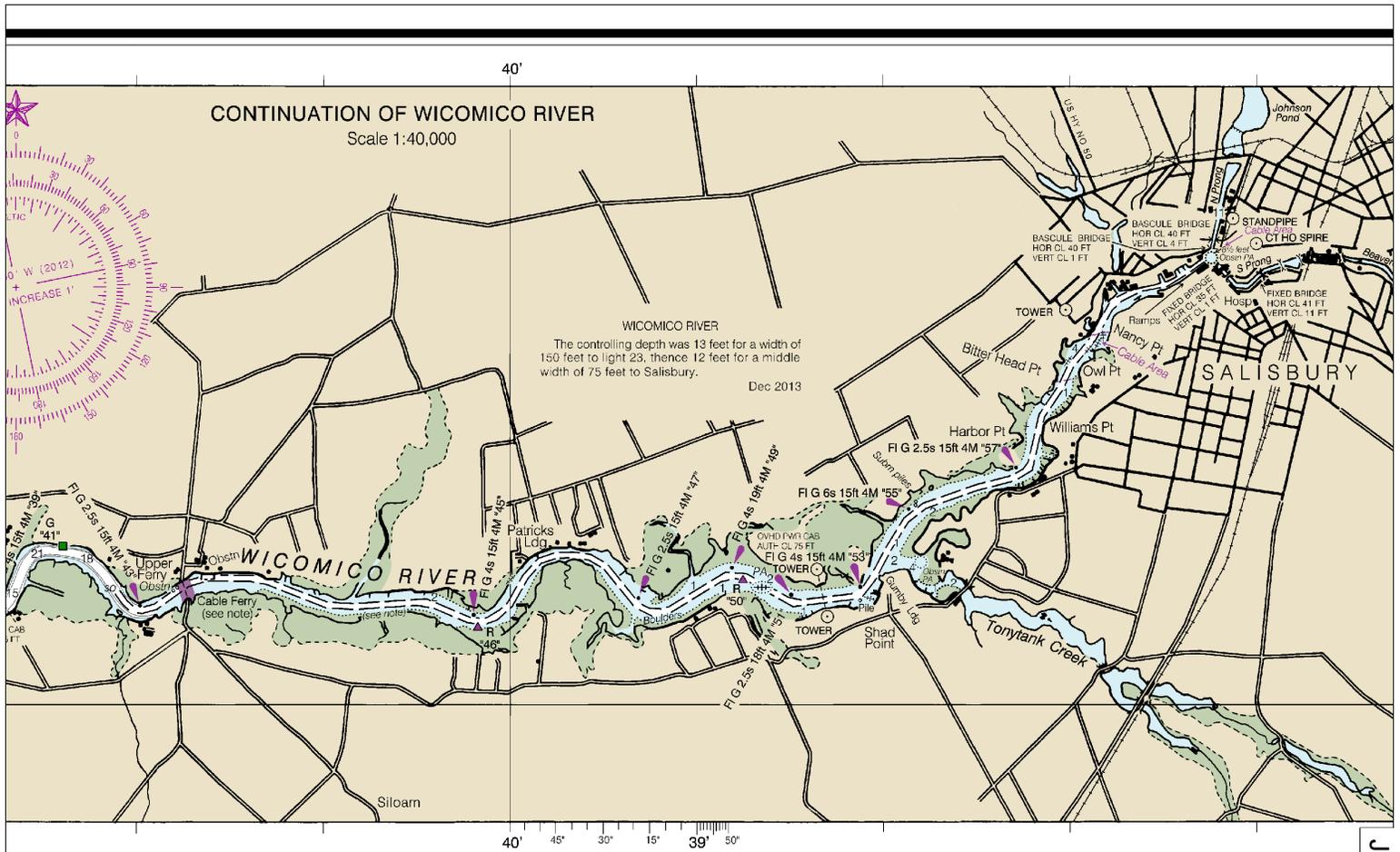
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**HORIZONTAL DATUM**  
The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.424' northward and 1.239' eastward to agree with this chart.

THE NATION'S CHARTMAKER SINCE 1807  
UNITED STATES - EAST COAST  
MARYLAND - DELAWARE

# CHESAPEAKE BAY

## HONGA, NANTICOKE, WICOMICO RIVERS AND FISHING BAY

Mercator Projection  
Scale 1:40,000 at Lat. 38° 20'  
North American Datum of 1983  
(World Geodetic System 1984)  
SOUNDINGS IN FEET  
AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

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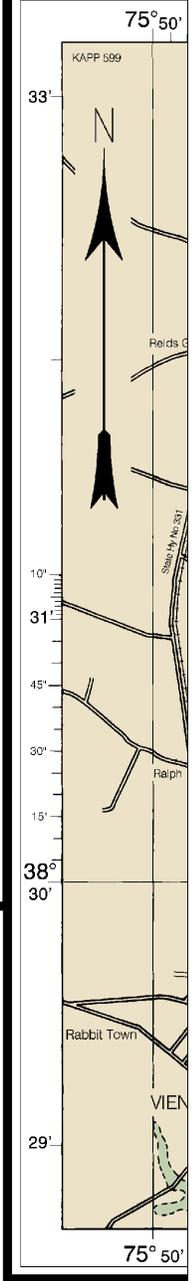
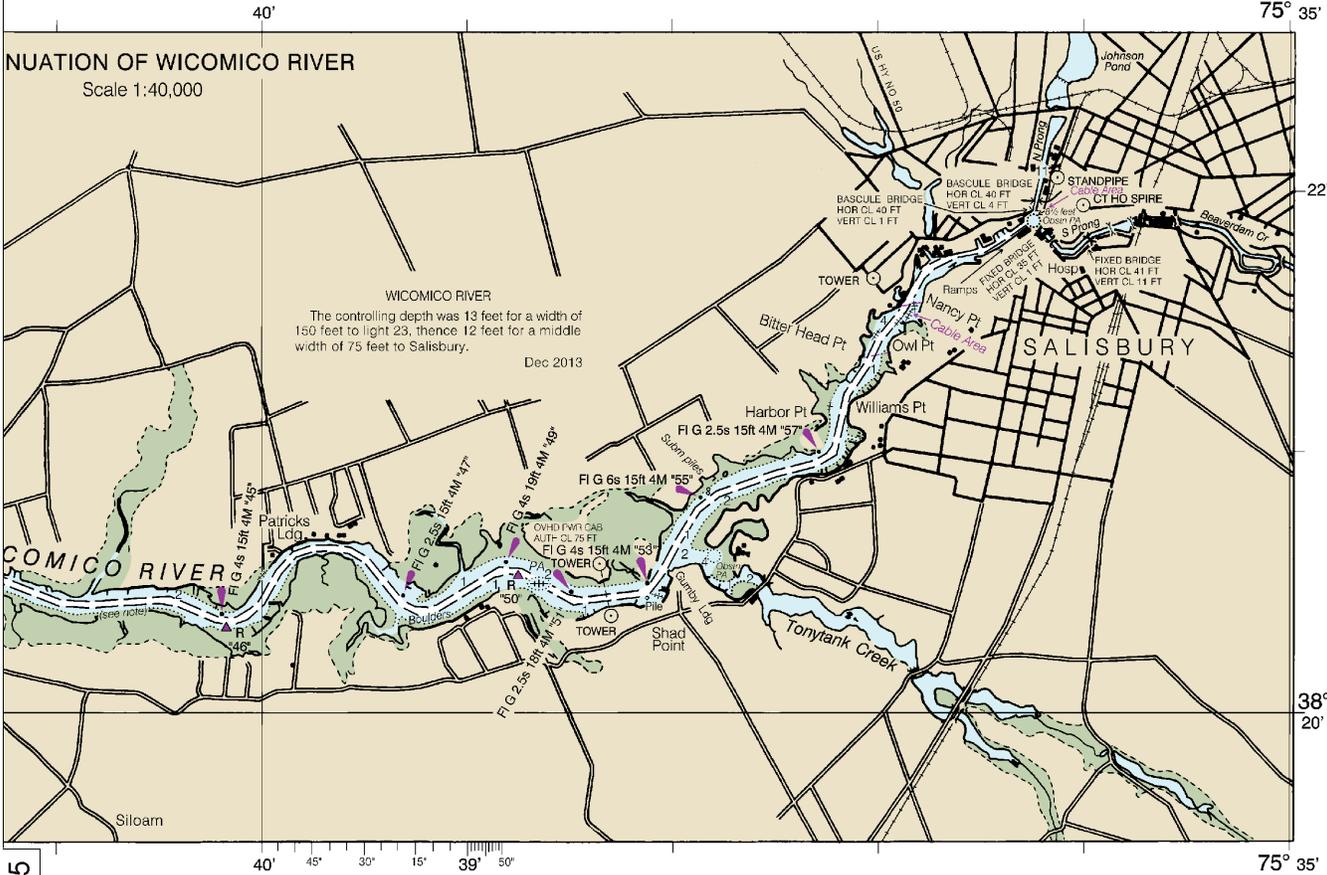
PLACE	Height referred to datum of

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NOTE A

This BookletChart was reduced to 75% of the original chart scale. The new scale is 1:53333. Barscales have also been reduced and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart.





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If this chart is used in conjunction with chart 11833, which is a WGS 84 equivalent, the North coordinates should be corrected an additional 1.239" eastward.



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PLACE	Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)

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CONTINUATION OF NANTICOKE RIVER

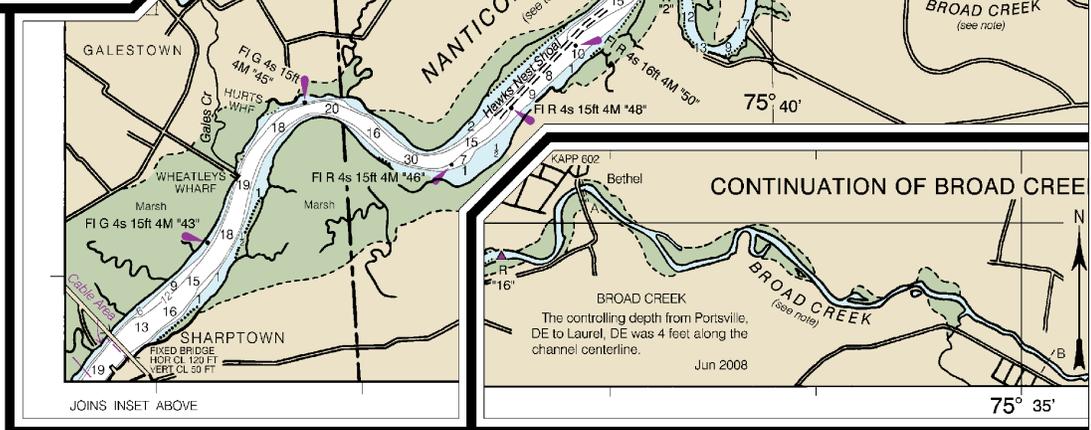
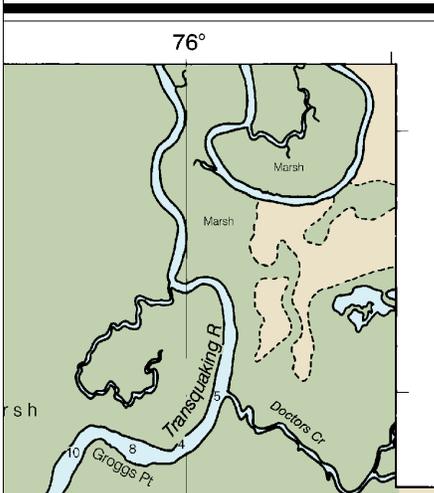
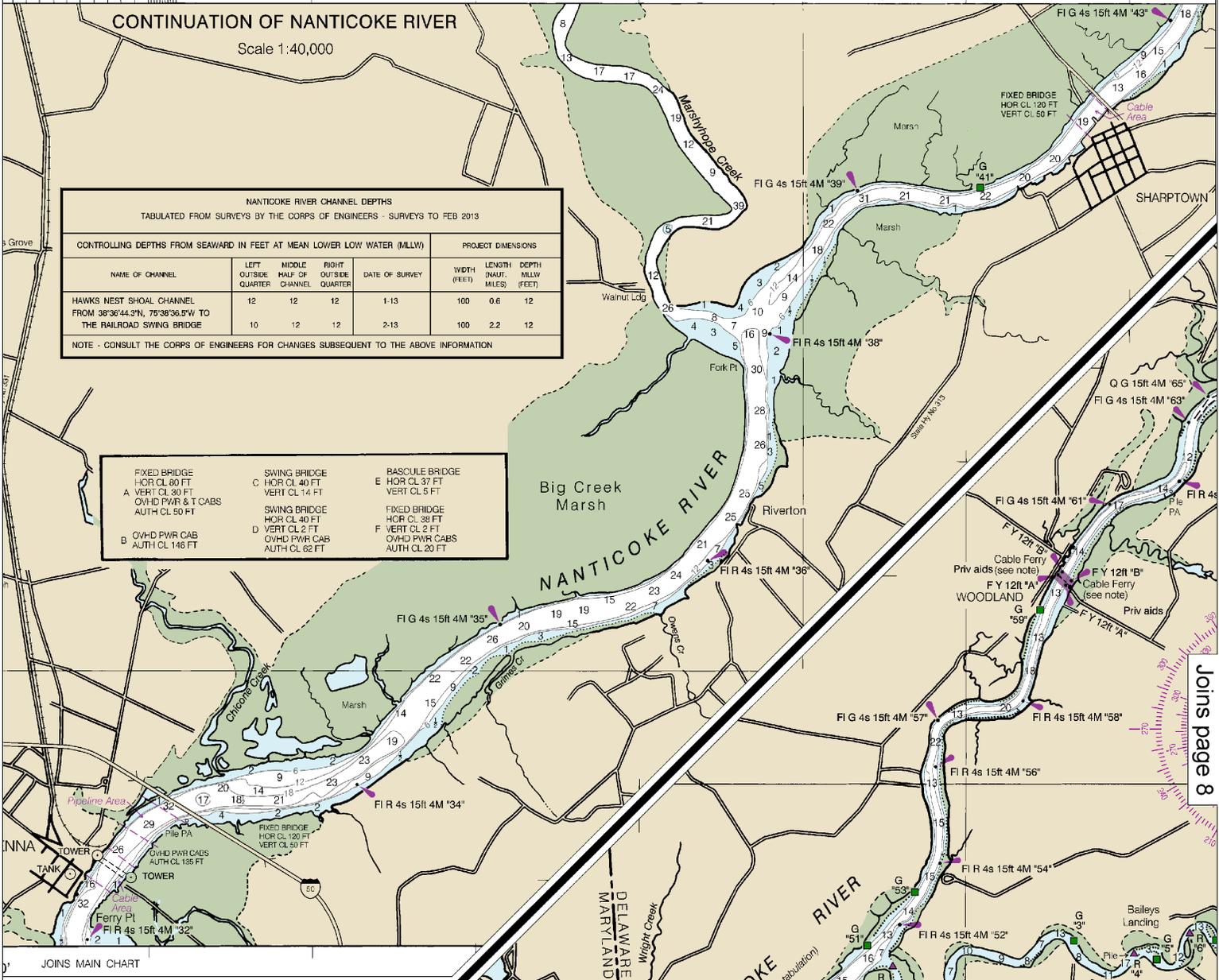
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NANTICOKE RIVER CHANNEL DEPTHS  
TABULATED FROM SURVEYS BY THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS - SURVEYS TO FEB 2013

NAME OF CHANNEL	CONTROLLING DEPTHS FROM SEAWARD IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER (MLLW)			DATE OF SURVEY	PROJECT DIMENSIONS		
	LEFT OUTSIDE QUARTER	MIDDLE MAP OF CHANNEL	RIGHT OUTSIDE QUARTER		WIDTH (FEET)	LENGTH (NAUT. MILES)	DEPTH (FEET)
HAWKS NEST SHOAL CHANNEL FROM 38°36'44.3"N, 75°38'36.5"W TO THE RAILROAD SWING BRIDGE	12	12	12	1-13	100	0.6	12
	10	12	12	2-13	100	2.2	12

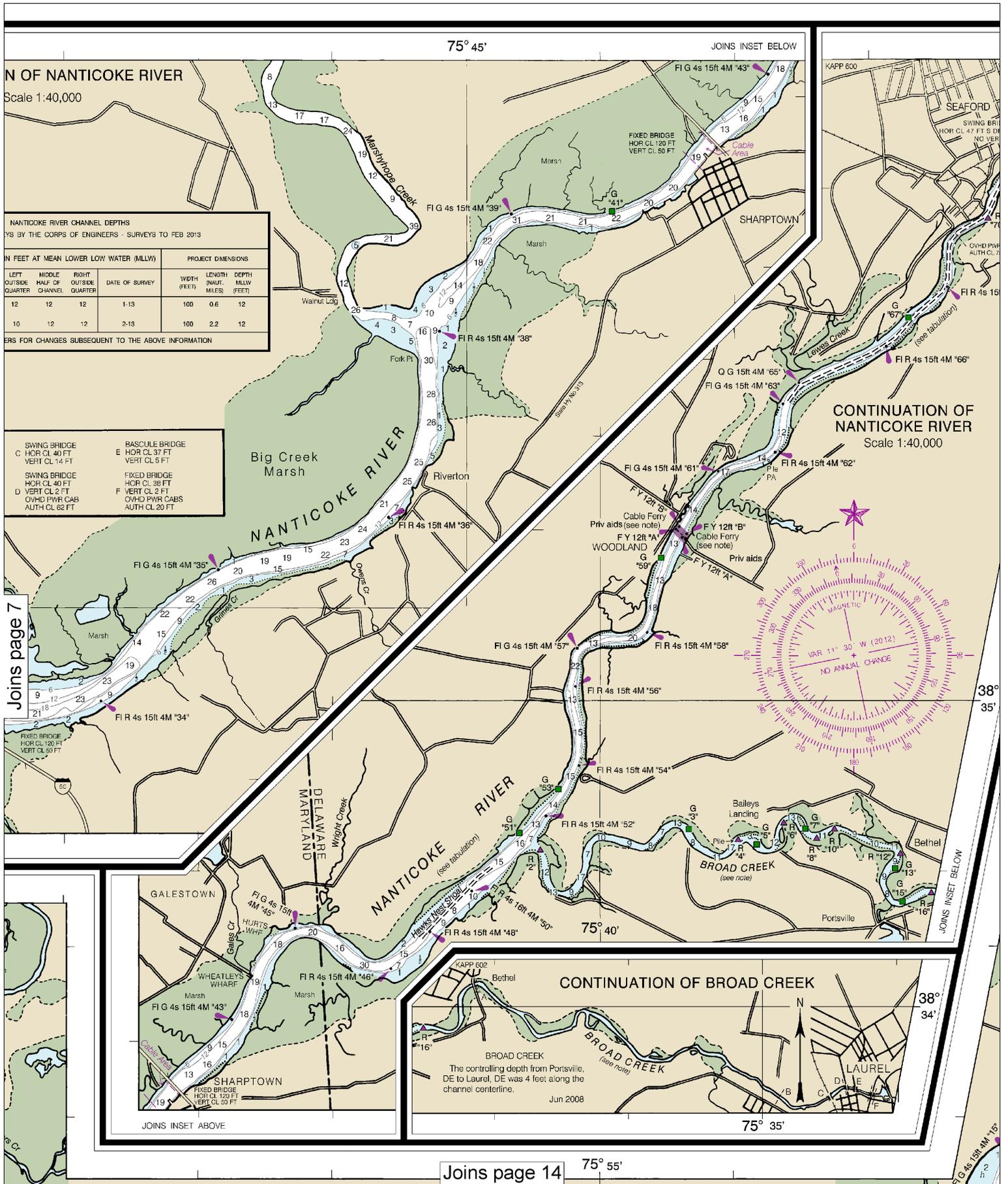
NOTE - CONSULT THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR CHANGES SUBSEQUENT TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION

FIXED BRIDGE HOR CL 80 FT A VERT CL 30 FT OVHD PWR & T CABS AUTH CL 50 FT	SWING BRIDGE C HOR CL 40 FT VERT CL 14 FT	BASCULE BRIDGE E HOR CL 37 FT VERT CL 5 FT
B OVHD PWR CAB AUTH CL 146 FT	SWING BRIDGE HOR CL 40 FT D VERT CL 2 FT OVHD PWR CAB AUTH CL 62 FT	FIXED BRIDGE HOR CL 38 FT F VERT CL 2 FT OVHD PWR CABS AUTH CL 20 FT



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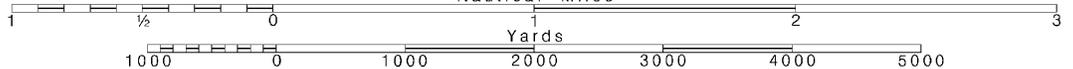


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75° 50'

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45'

# SOUNDINGS IN FEET

## CAUTION BASCULE BRIDGE CLEARANCES

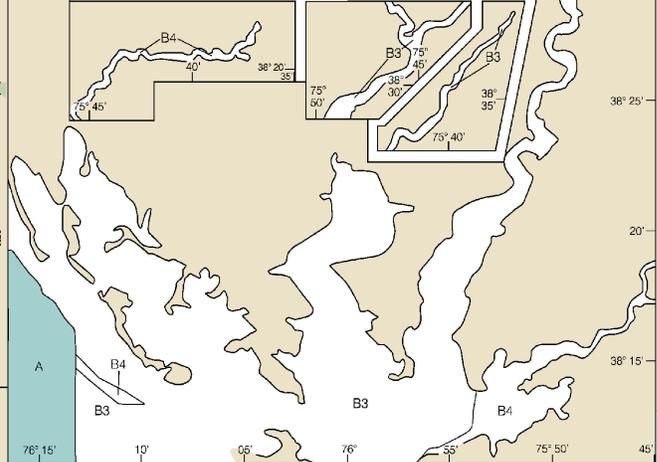
For bascule bridges, whose spans do not open to a full upright or vertical position, unlimited vertical clearance is not available for the entire charted horizontal clearance.

## SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast Pilot.

## SOURCE

A	1990-2015	NOS Surveys	full bottom coverage
B3	1940-1969	NCS Surveys	partial bottom coverage
B4	1900-1939	NCS Surveys	partial bottom coverage



## CAUTION SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES

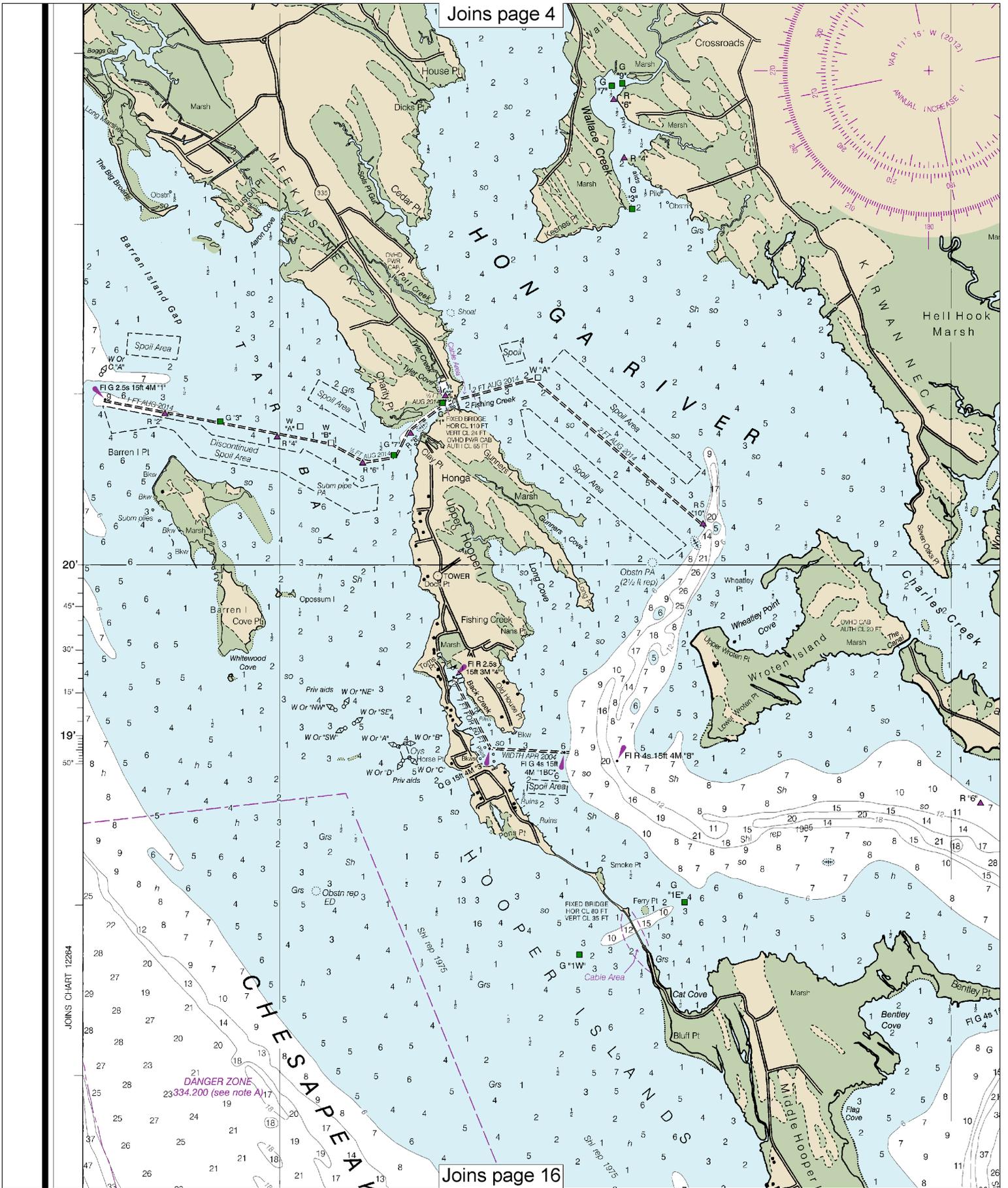
Charted submarine pipelines and submarine cables and submarine pipeline and cable areas are shown as:



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. Coverdred wells may be marked by lighted or

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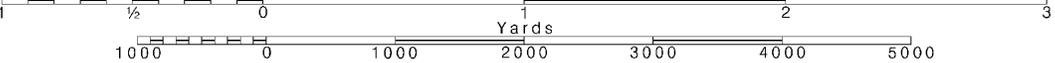
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TIDAL INFORMATION				
NAME	PLACE (LAT/LONG)	Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)		
		Mean Higher High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water
Sharkfin Shoal Light	(38°12'N/75°59'W)	2.5	2.3	0.1
Great Shoals Light, Monie Bay	(38°13'N/75°53'W)	2.6	2.4	0.1
Hoober Strait Light	(38°14'N/76°05'W)	1.7	1.6	0.1
Salisbury, Wicomico R ver	(38°22'N/75°36'W)	3.5	3.2	0.1
Viana, Nanticoke R ver	(38°29'N/75°49'W)	2.3	2.1	0.2

Dashes (---) located in datum columns indicate unavailable datum values for a tide station. Real-time water levels, tide predictions, and tidal current predictions are available on the Internet from <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov>.  
(Nov 2012)

**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   |
| A/ alternating    | IQ interrupted quick     | N num                 | Rot rotating       |
| B black           | iso isophase             | OBSC obscured         | s seconds          |
| Bn beacon         | LT HO lighthouse         | Oc occulting          | SEC sector         |
| C can             | M nautical mile          | Or orange             | St M statute miles |
| DIA diaphone      | m minutes                | Q quick               | VD very quick      |
| F fixed           | MICRO TR microwave tower | R red                 | W white            |
| FI fishing        | Mkr marker               | Ra Ra radar reflector | WHIS whistle       |
|                   |                          | Rn redobeacon         | 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 Costn 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.

**HEIGHTS**

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

**AUTHORITIES**

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 3 for important supplemental information.

**AIDS TO NAVIGATION**

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

**NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS**

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.

- |                 |        |             |
|-----------------|--------|-------------|
| Salisbury, MD   | KEC-92 | 162.475 MHz |
| Heathsville, VA | WXM-57 | 162.400 MHz |
| Lewes, DE       | WXJ-94 | 162.550 MHz |

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Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

**CAUTION**

**FISH TRAP AREAS AND STRUCTURES**

Mariners are warned that numerous uncharted duck blinds and fishing structures, some submerged, may exist in the fish trap areas. Such structures are not charted unless known to be permanent.

Regulations to assure clear passage to and through dredged and natural channels, and to established landings, are prescribed by the Corps of Engineers in the Code of Federal Regulations.

Definite limits of fish trap areas have been established in some areas, and those limits are shown thus: \_\_\_\_\_

Where definite limits have not been prescribed, the location of fishing structures is restricted only by the regulations.

**CAUTION**

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

During some winter months or when endangered by ice, certain aids to navigation are replaced by other types or removed. For details see U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

**CAUTION**

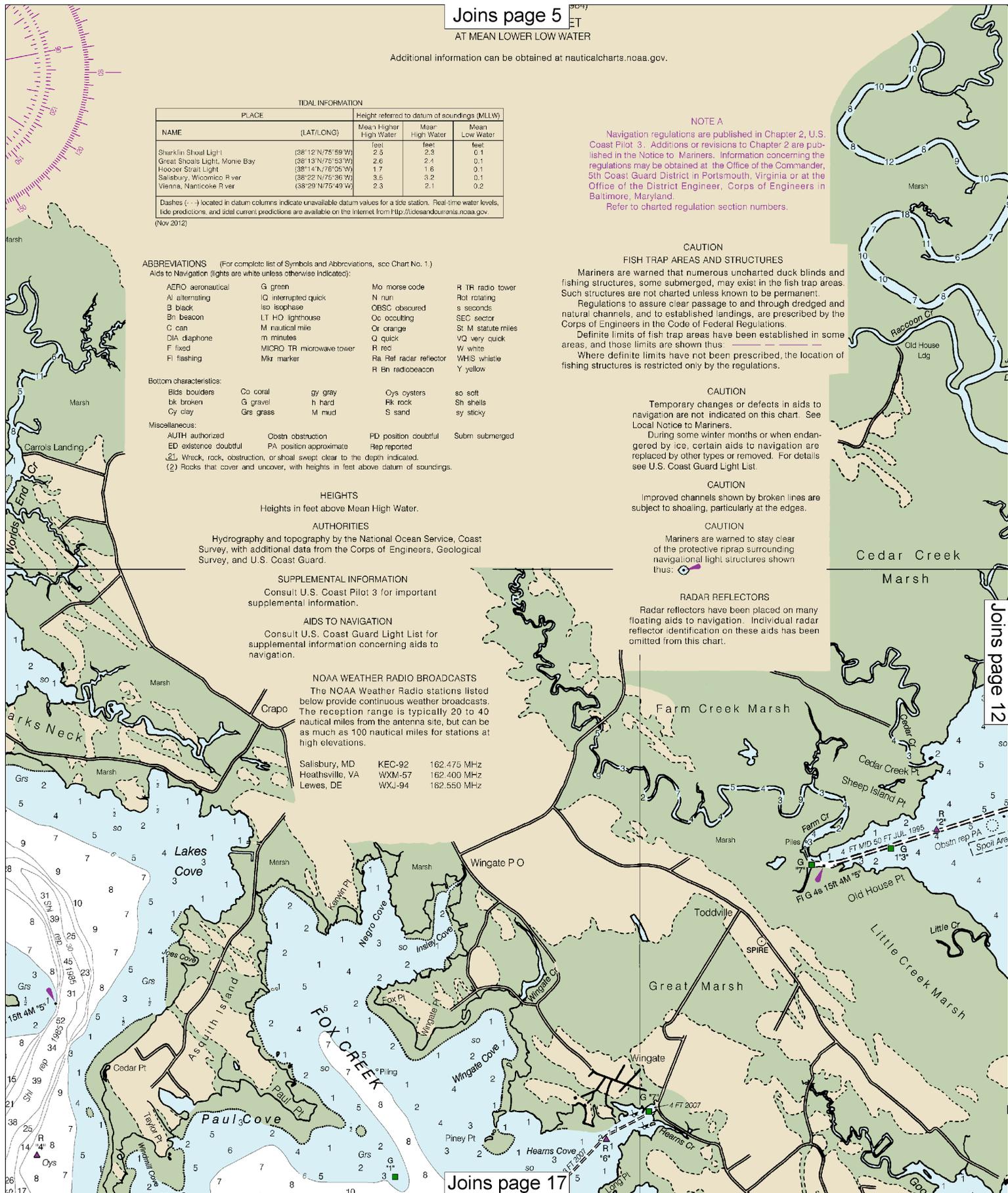
Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

**CAUTION**

Mariners are warned to stay clear of the protective riprap surrounding navigational light structures shown thus: \_\_\_\_\_

**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.



SOUNDINGS IN FEET  
AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

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TIDAL INFORMATION

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buoy	G green	Mo moose code	R TR radio tower
buoy	IQ interrupted quick	N nun	Rt rotating
buoy	iso isophase	OBSC obscured	s seconds
buoy	LT HO lighthouse	OC occulting	SEC sector
buoy	M nautical mile	OC orange	St M statute miles
buoy	m minutes	Q quick	VQ very quick
buoy	MICRO TR microwave tower	R rec	W white
buoy	Mkr marker	Ra Ref radar reflector	WHS whistle
buoy		R Bn radiobeacon	Y yellow

buoy	Co coral	gy gray	Oys oysters	so soft
buoy	G gravel	h hard	Rk rock	SH shells
buoy	Gr grass	M mud	S sand	sy sticky

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buoy	PA position approximate	Rep reported	

HEIGHTS  
Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

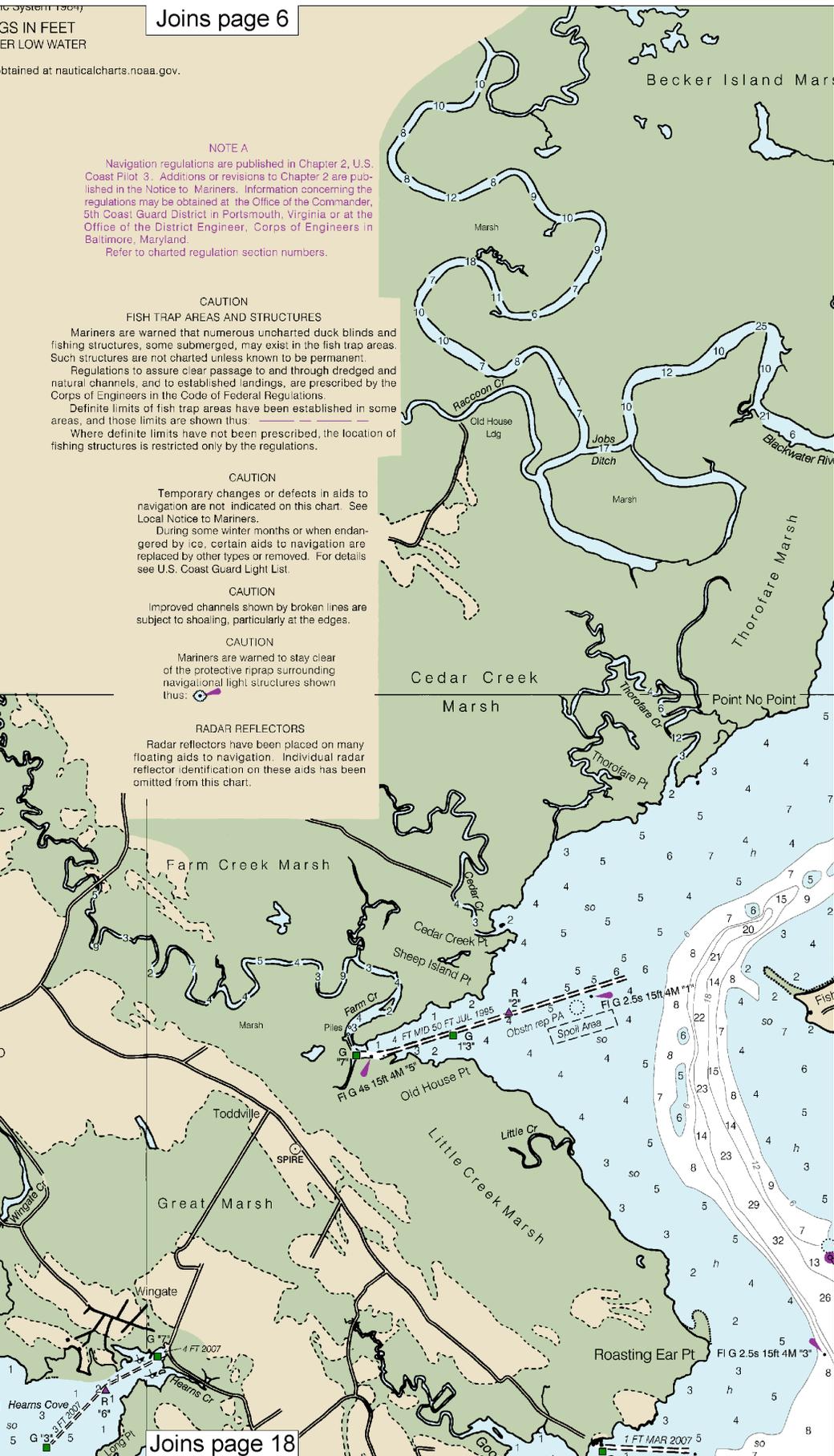
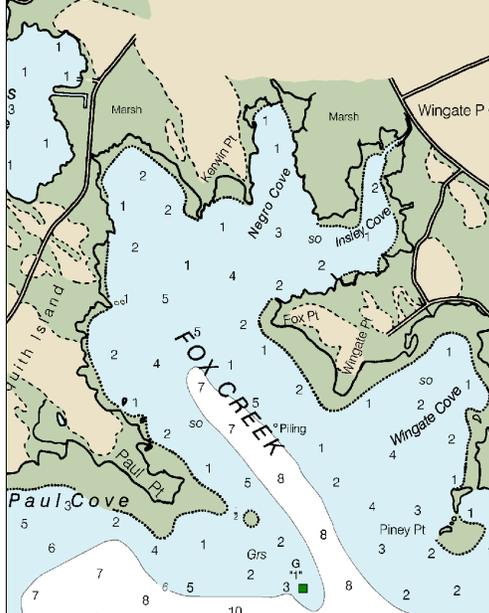
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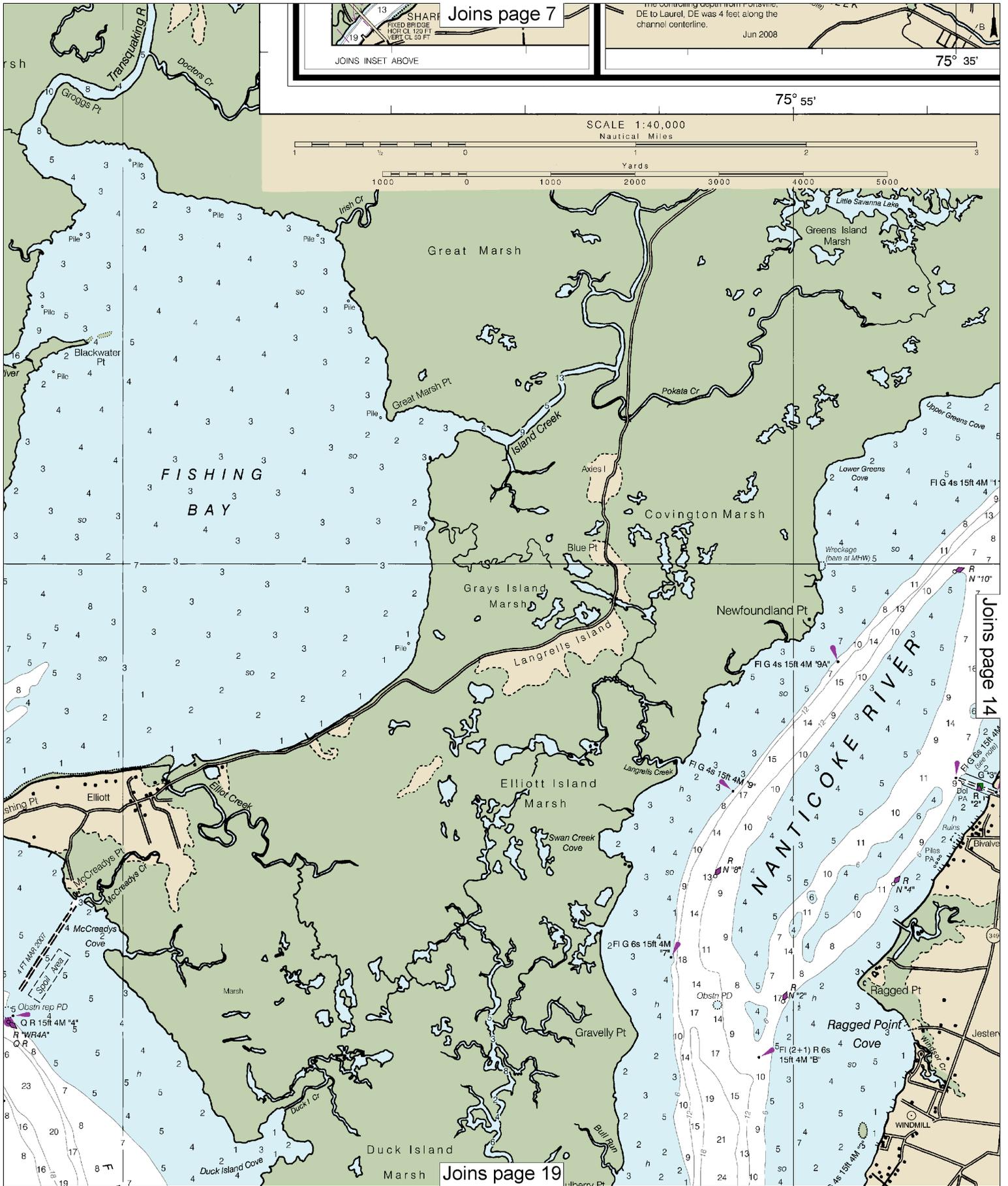
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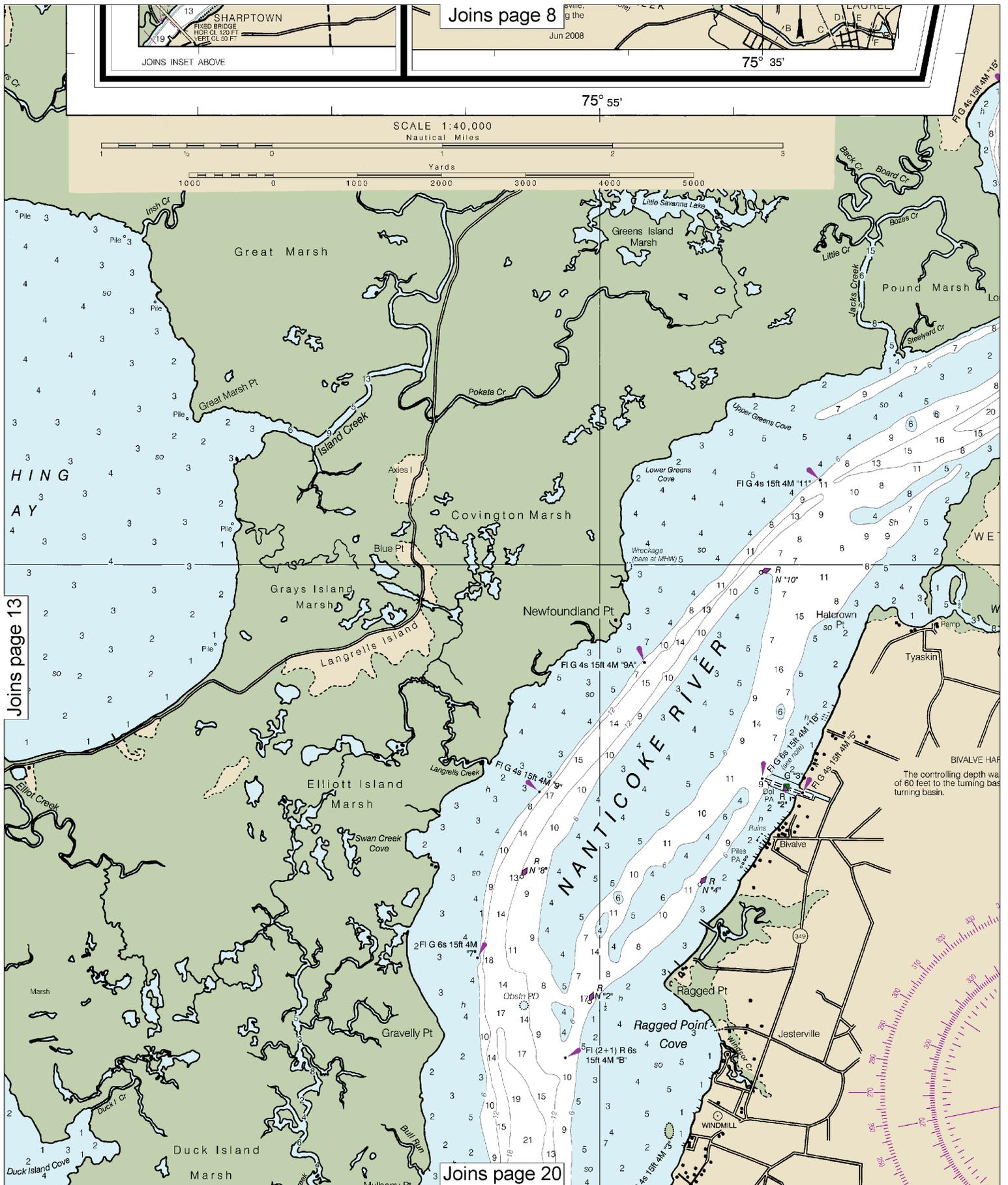
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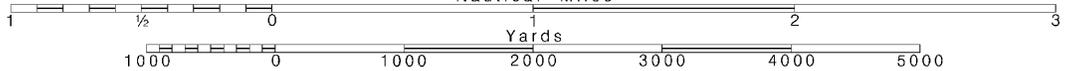


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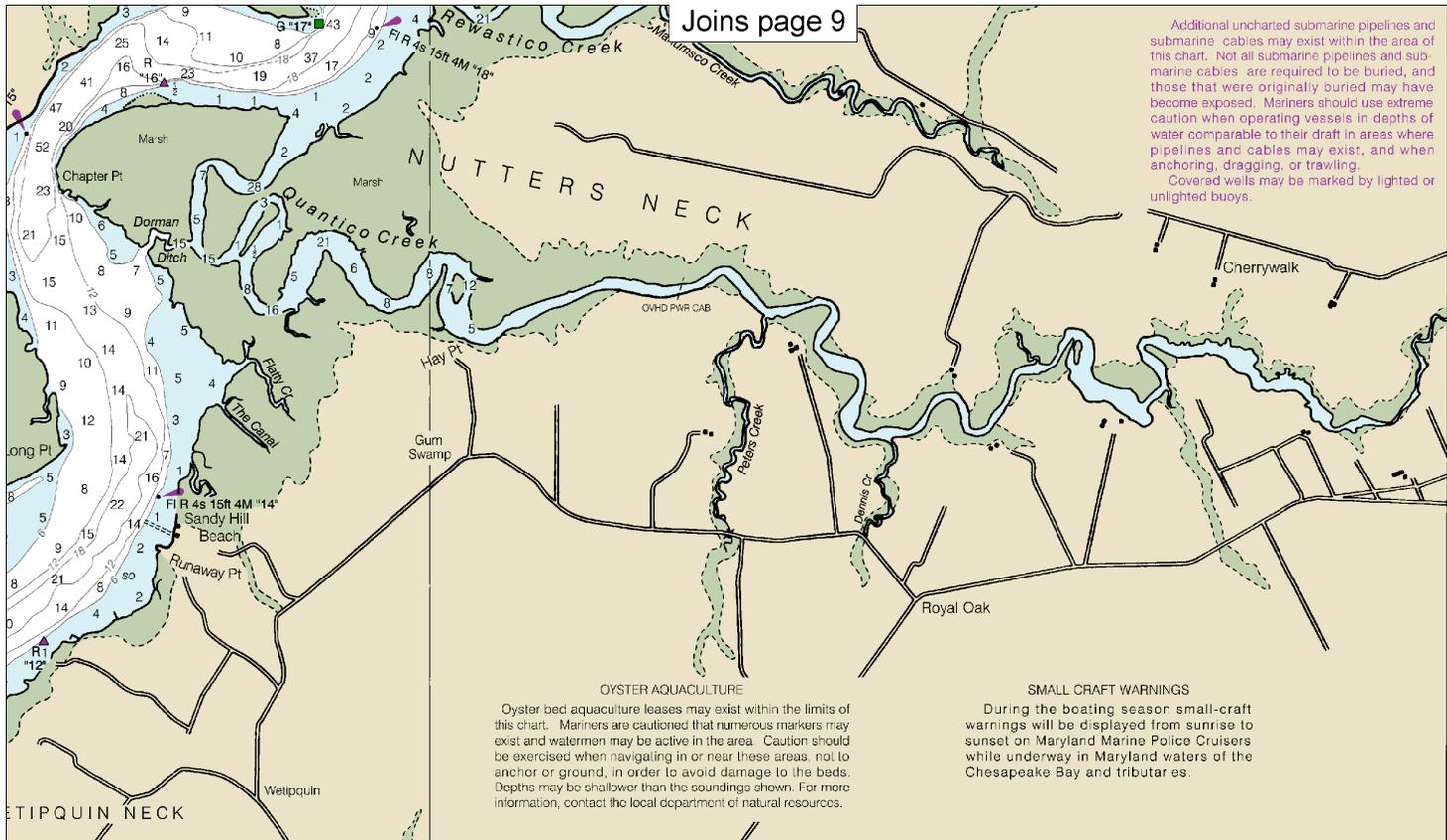
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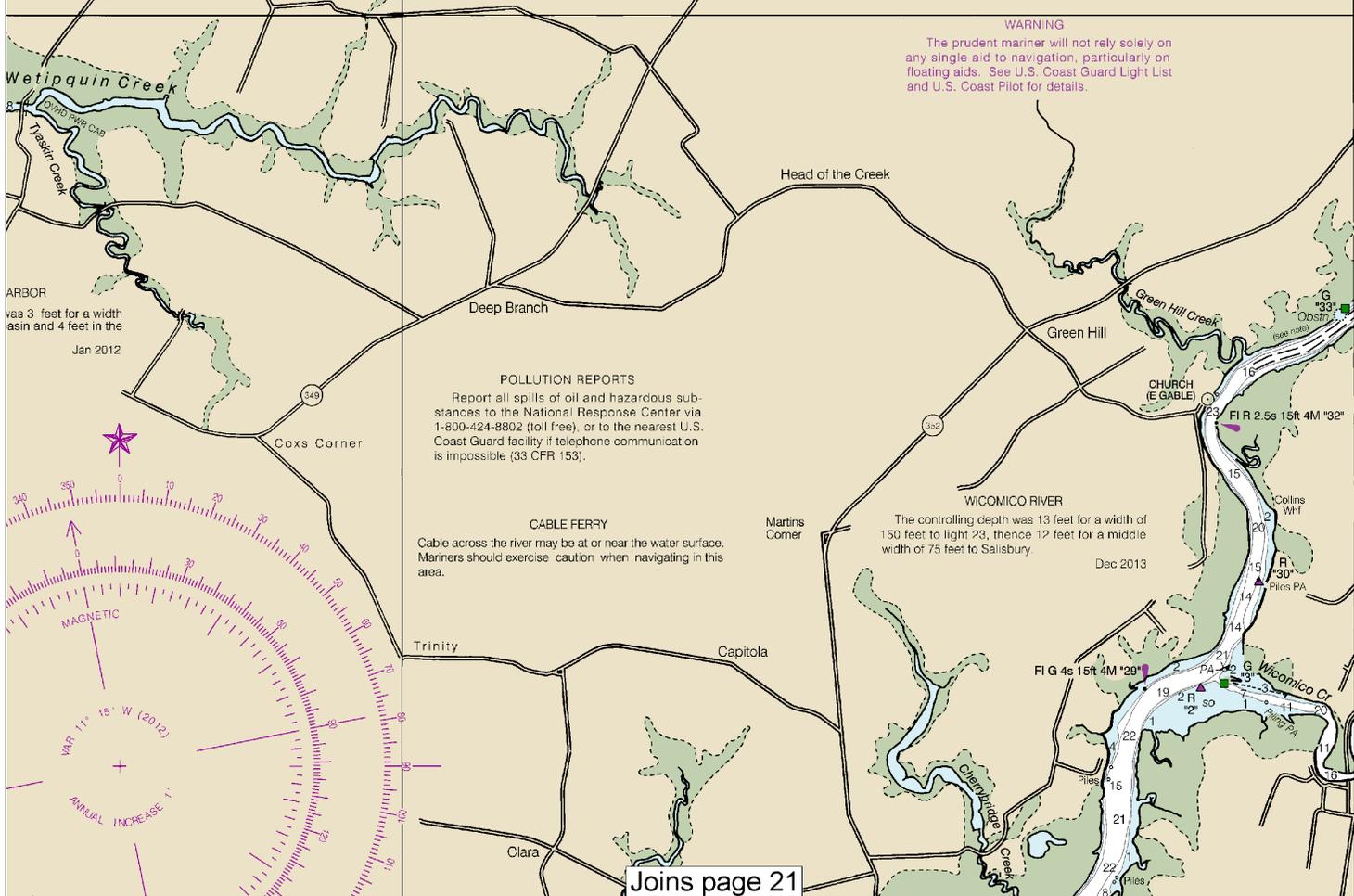
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**OYSTER AQUACULTURE**  
Oyster bed aquaculture leases may exist within the limits of this chart. Mariners are cautioned that numerous markers may exist and watermen may be active in the area. Caution should be exercised when navigating in or near these areas, not to anchor or ground, in order to avoid damage to the beds. Depths may be shallower than the soundings shown. For more information, contact the local department of natural resources.

**SMALL CRAFT WARNINGS**  
During the boating season small-craft warnings will be displayed from sunrise to sunset on Maryland Marine Police Cruisers while underway in Maryland waters of the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries.

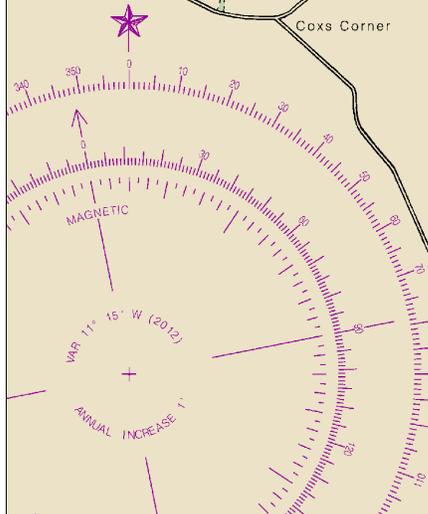
**WARNING**  
The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

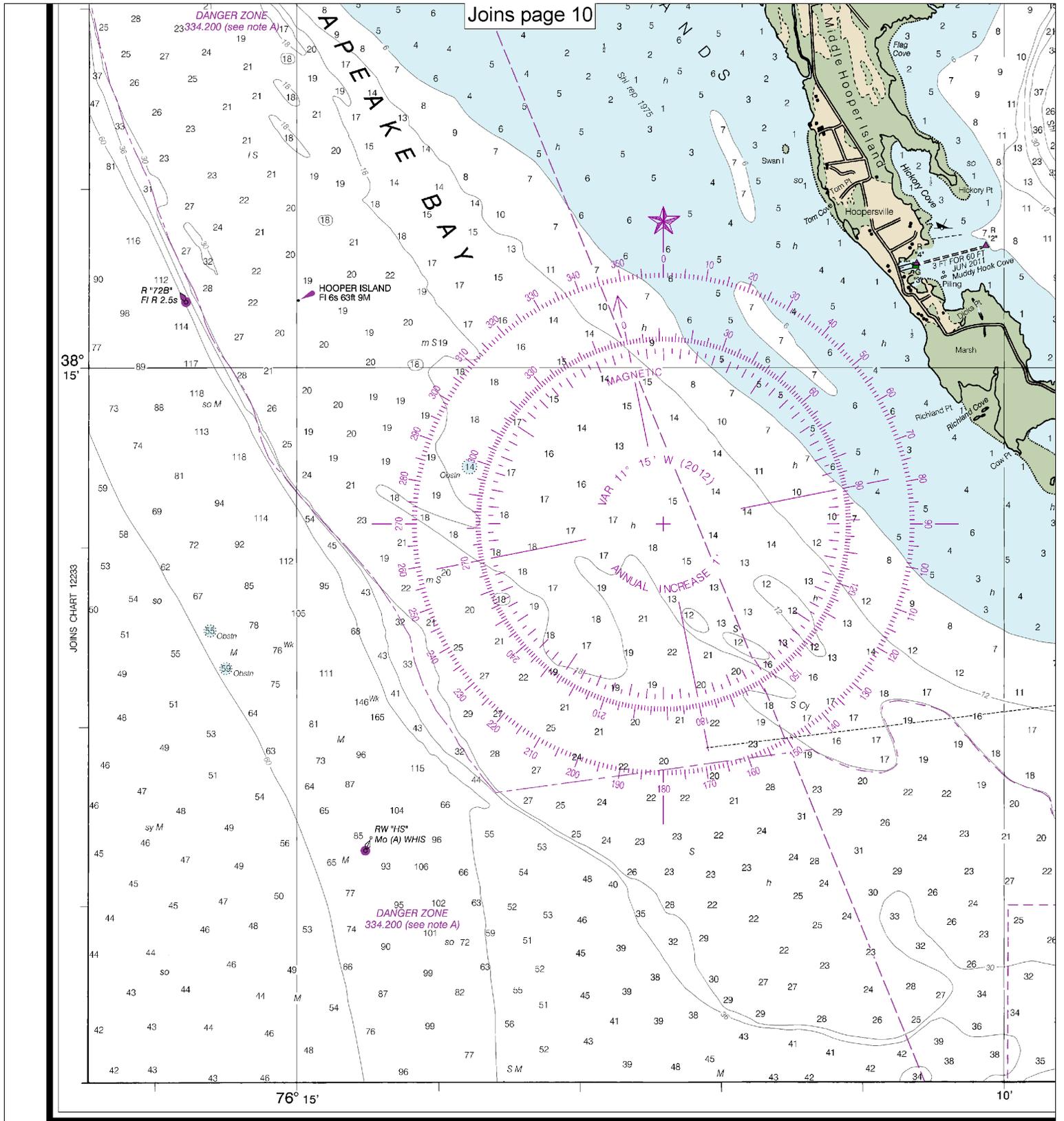


**POLLUTION REPORTS**  
Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

**CABLE FERRY**  
Cable across the river may be at or near the water surface. Mariners should exercise caution when navigating in this area.

The controlling depth was 13 feet for a width of 150 feet to light 23, thence 12 feet for a middle width of 75 feet to Salisbury  
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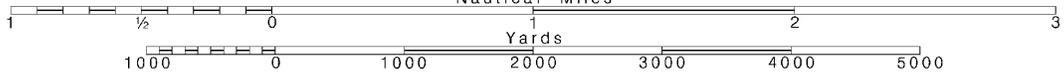
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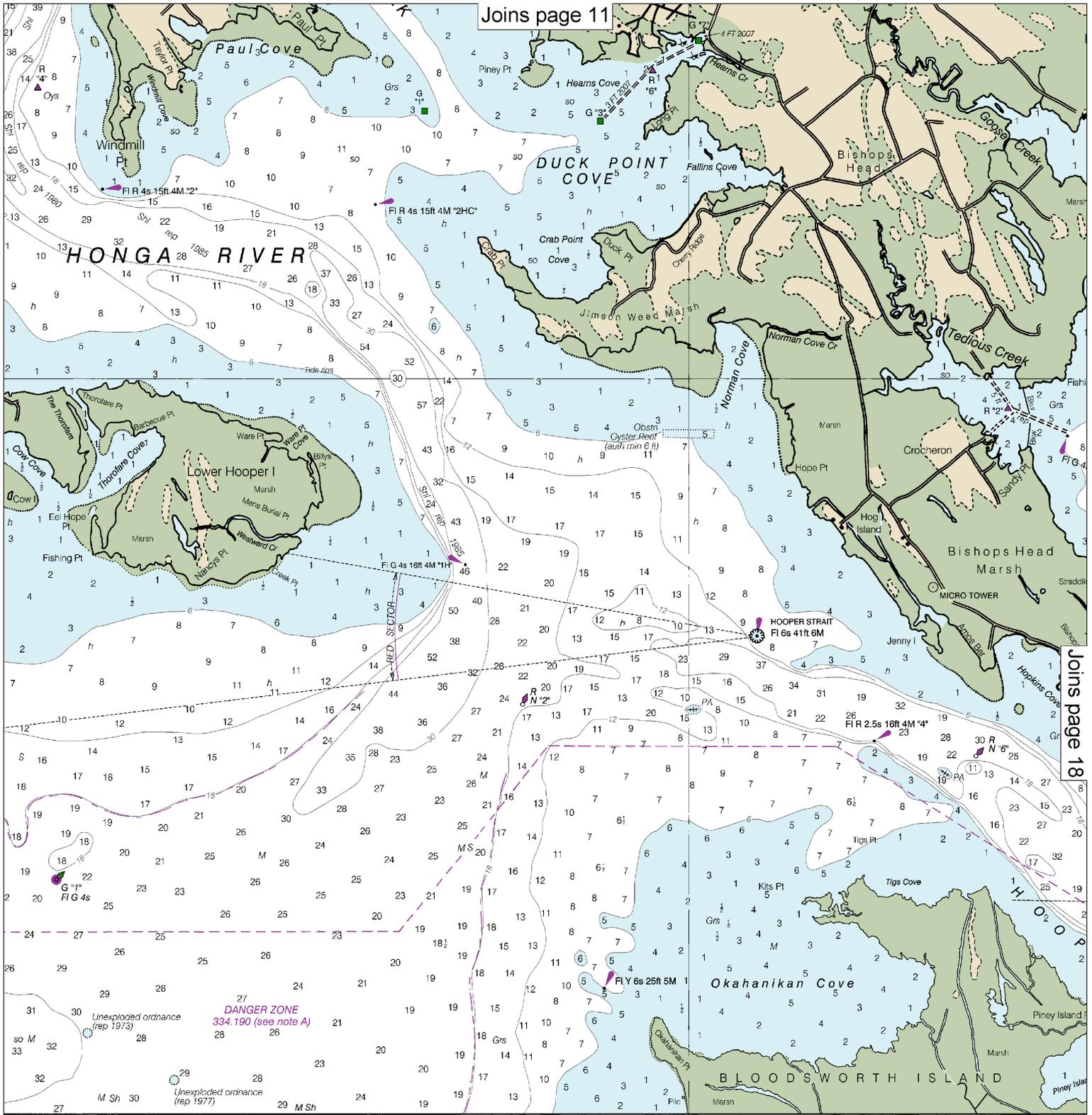
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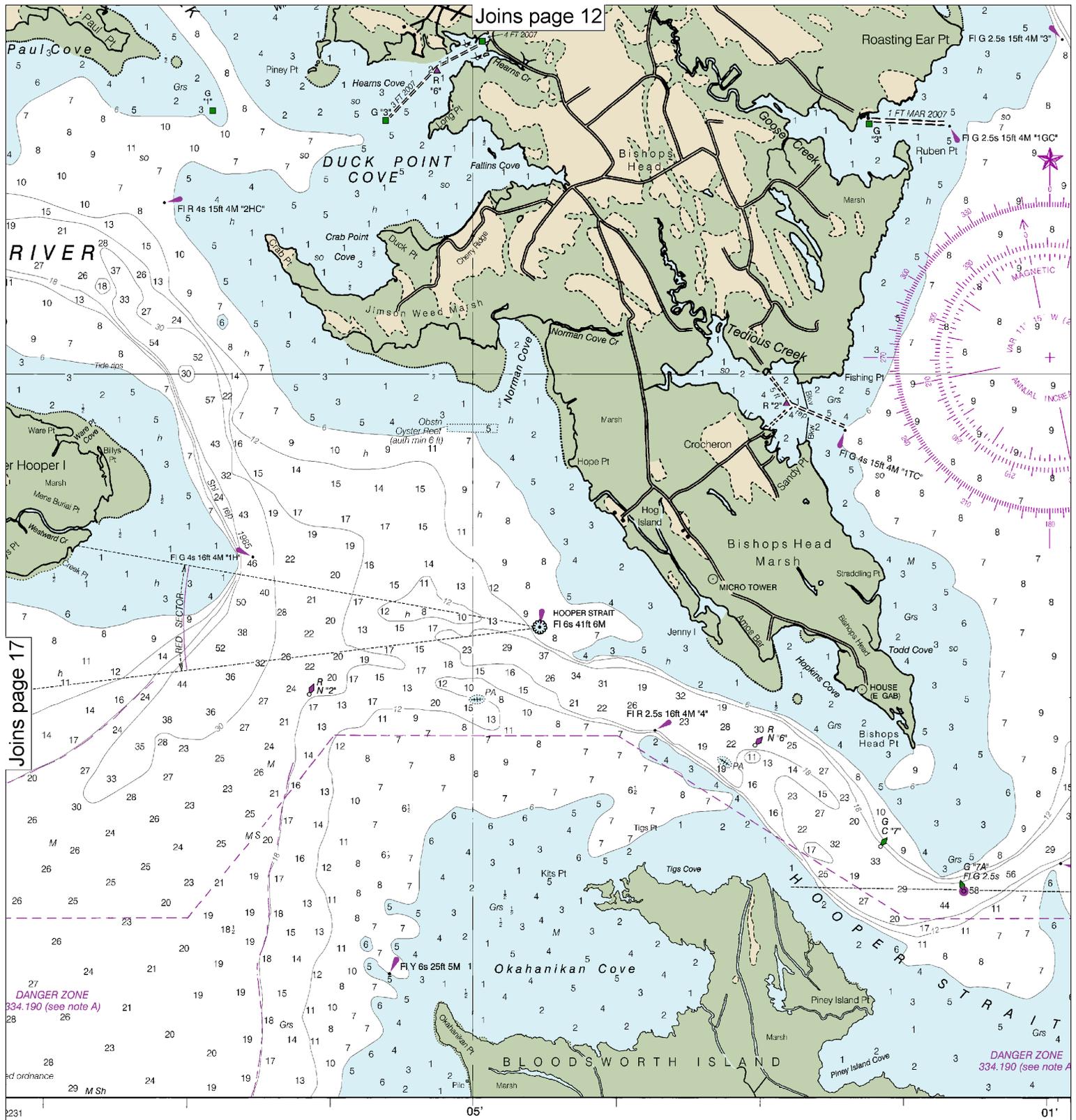


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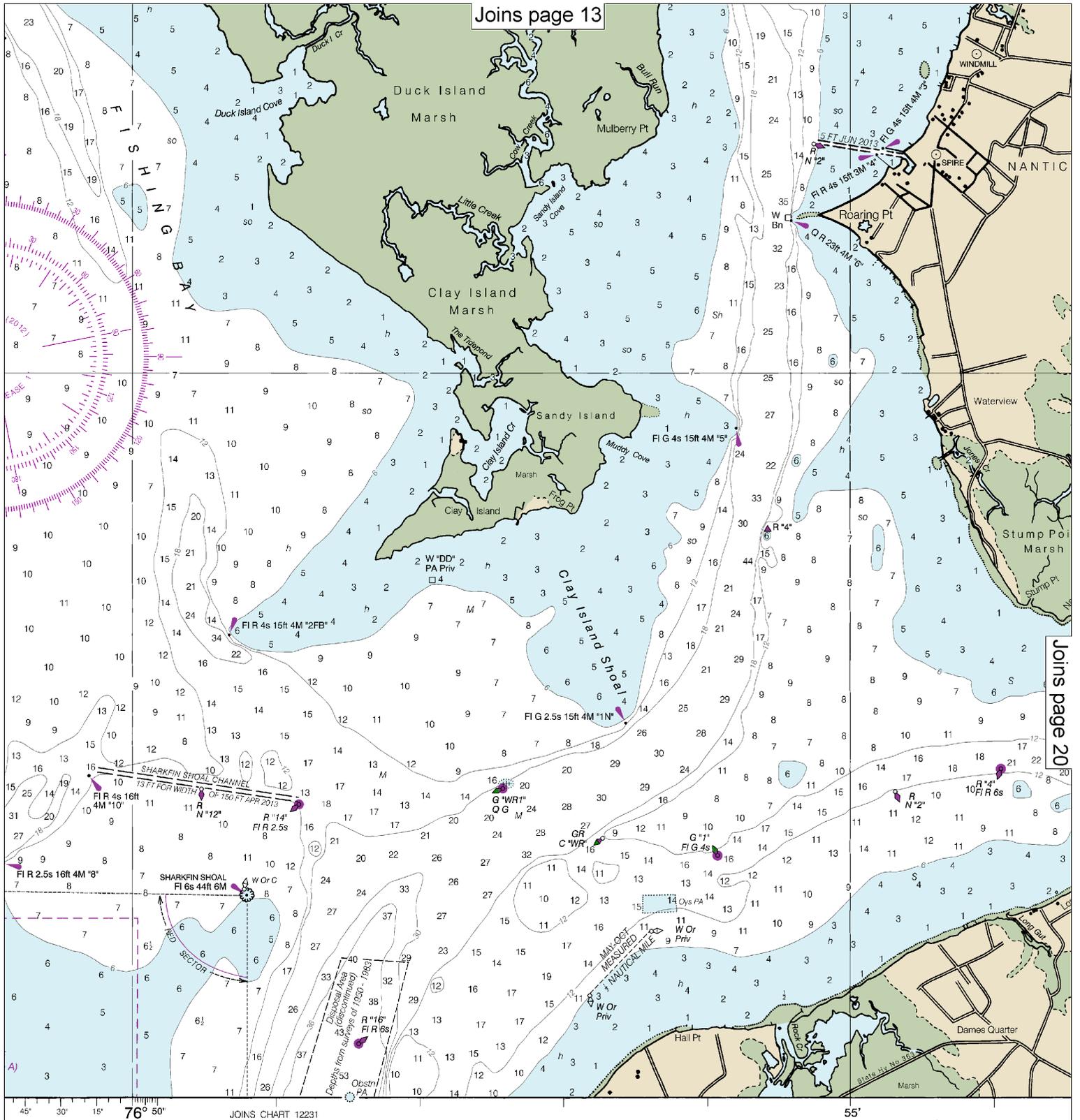
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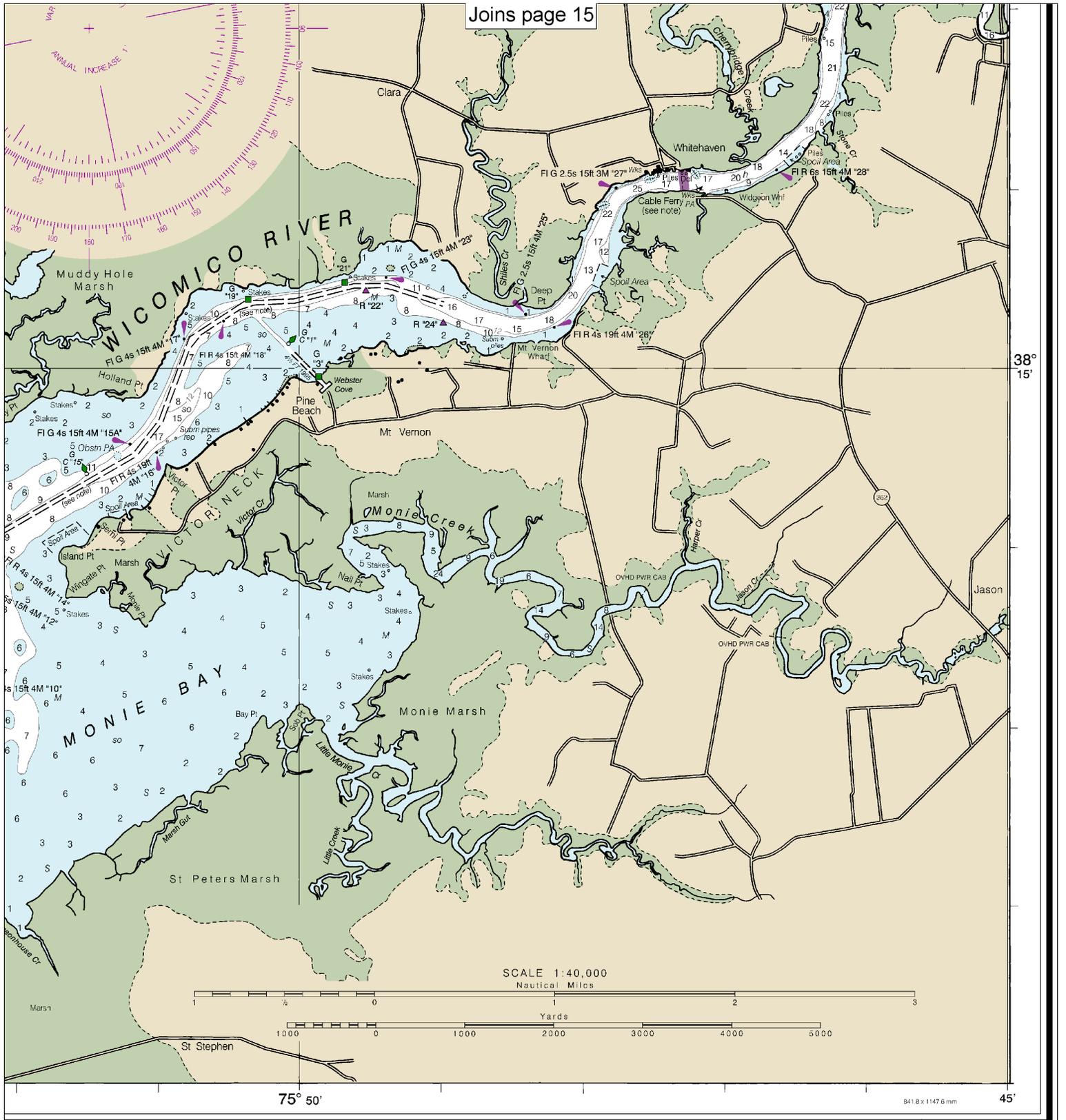




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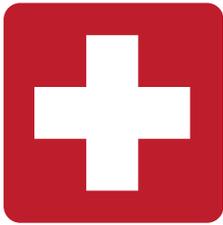


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Honga, Nanticoke, Wicomico Rivers and Fishing Bay  
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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

## 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.

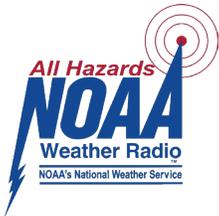
**Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A** – Recreational boat channels.

**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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