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Cape May Harbor

NOAA Chart 12317

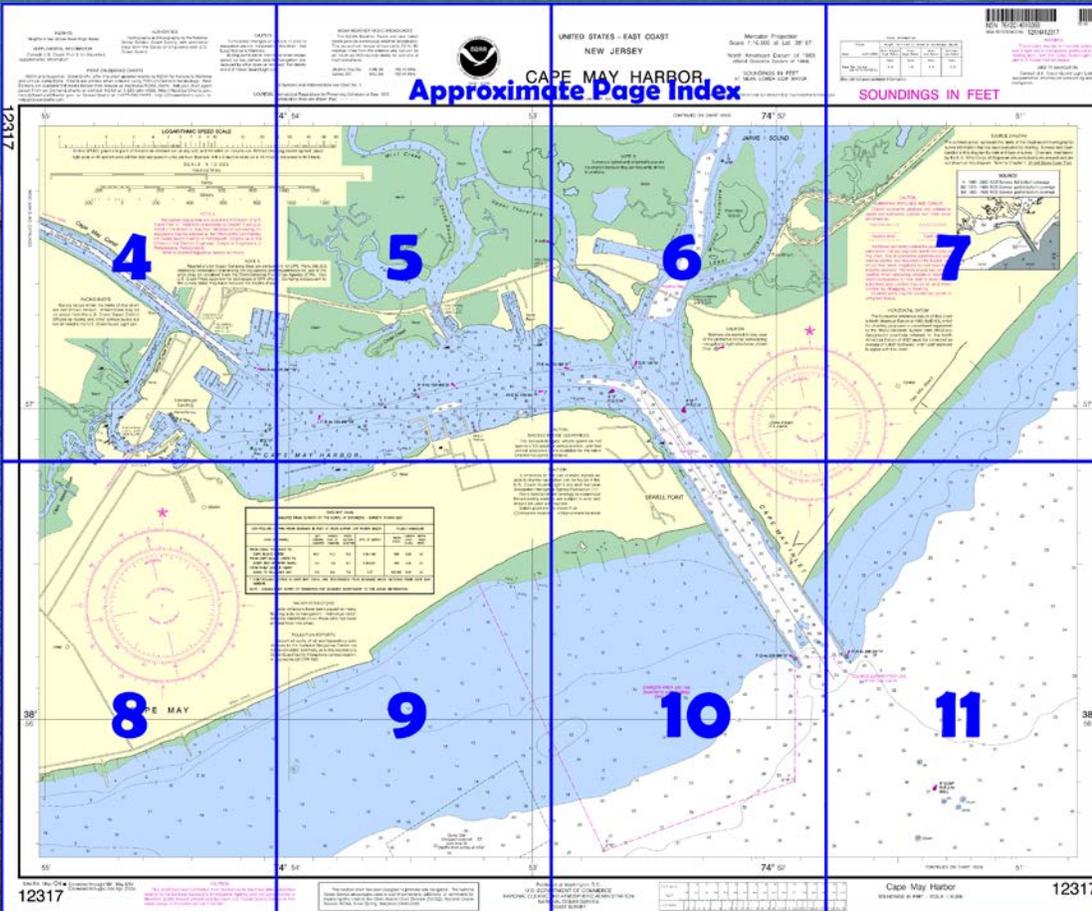


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This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, 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.

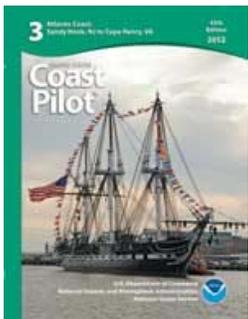
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(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

Cape May Inlet (38°56.2'N., 74°51.8'W.), 34 miles southwest of Absecon Inlet, is protected by jetties whose lights are inshore of the submerged ends. A 327° lighted range marks the channel between the jetties. Buoys mark the channel inside the harbor. At night the lights on the towers on the east side, and from the U.S. Coast Guard rescue tower on the west of the inlet are visible from well offshore.

The danger area of a Coast Guard rifle range extends from **Sewell Point** westward from Cape May Inlet. (See **334.100**, chptr. 2, for limits/regs.) **Pilotage, Cape May Harbor.**—Pilotage is compulsory for all foreign vessels of 100 gross tons or more and all U.S. vessels under register engaged in foreign trade or commerce of 100 gross tons or more.

Pilotage is optional for all U.S. Government vessels and for all U.S. vessels under enrollment in a coastwise trade if they have on board a pilot licensed by the Federal Government to operate in these waters. Pilotage service is available from the Pilots' Association for Bay and River Delaware on a limited 24-hour basis. Arrangements for pilotage can be made through ships' agents or directly. A 24-hour advance notice is requested with updated 6-hour ETA. Pilots will board just southwestward of Lighted Bell Buoy 2CM off Cape May Inlet. (See Pilotage, Bay and River Delaware, Chapter 6.)

Cape May Harbor is used by fishing fleets, pleasure craft, and the Coast Guard. The fishing vessels operate from wharves below and above the bridge at the northeast end of the harbor and wharves in **Schellenger Creek**, at the west end of the harbor. Pleasure-craft facilities are on the north and west sides of the harbor. **Cape May Coast Guard Training Center** and its attendant facilities are on the south side of the harbor. The resort town of **Cape May** fronts the ocean 2 miles west of Cape May Inlet. In 2009, the controlling depth was 17 feet through Cape May Inlet to the inner end of the jetties; thence in 2008, 11.3 feet (14.1 feet at midchannel) to the Coast Guard large wharf on the south side of the harbor; thence shoaling to less than one foot to Schellenger Landing at mouth of Schellenger Creek; thence in 1994, a reported depth of 9 feet through Schellenger Creek; thence in 1999, 10 feet reported at midchannel proceeding northward through Spicer Creek Canal, which connects with the Cape May Canal. Traffic through Schellenger Creek is restricted by the 38-foot-wide fixed span highway bridge with a clearance of 4 feet that remains in the closed position. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.750**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.)

The controlling depth is about 13 feet to the fish wharves above the bridge at the northeast end of the harbor.

Currents.—The current velocity is about 2 knots in Cape May Inlet. **Small-craft facilities.**—Most of the fishing and small-craft facilities are along the northern and western sides of Cape May Harbor, and in Schellenger Creek. (See the small-craft facilities tabulation on chart 12316 for services and supplies available.)

The Coast Guard piers on the inner side of Sewell Point are the largest in the harbor and have depths of 15 feet to 10 feet alongside.

The **Intracoastal Waterway** is a toll-free passage which roughly parallels the Atlantic Coast and extends 118 statute miles through bays, lagoons, thorofares, and land cuts from Manasquan Inlet to Delaware Bay at a point 2 miles north of Cape May Light.

In addition to the Intracoastal Waterway and the waters through which it passes, this chapter also describes the several rivers and tributaries that empty into these waters, as well as some of the more important towns and landings along these waterways.

The Intracoastal Waterway is used mainly by pleasure craft, and commercial and sport fishing vessels. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia Engineer District, has supervision of the waterway's construction, maintenance, and operation. (See Appendix A for address.) In the inland waters, the tides are greatly affected by the winds both in time and height, westerly winds producing low water and easterly winds high water. While the normal range of tide is only about 0.5 foot in sections of the waterway removed from the inlets, strong winds of long duration may cause variations in level of as much as 3 feet below mean low water or 3 feet above mean high water.

Currents.—Current velocities may reach 3 knots in the inlets and in the narrow channels that connect the inlets with the inside waters.

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RCC Norfolk Commander
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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>



THE NATION'S CHART

HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 3 for important supplemental information.

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.

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.

Atlantic City, NJ KHB-38 162.400 MHz
Lewes, DE WXJ-94 162.550 MHz

CAUTION

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

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For Symbols and Abbreviations see Chart No. 1

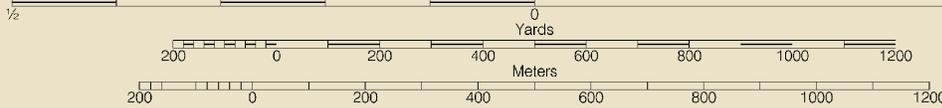
COLREGS: International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972.
Demarcation lines are shown thus: - - - - -

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74° 54'

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Nautical Miles



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 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

NOTE S

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.

RACING BUOYS

Racing buoys within the limits of this chart are not shown hereon. Information may be obtained from the U.S. Coast Guard District Offices as racing and other private buoys are not all listed in the U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

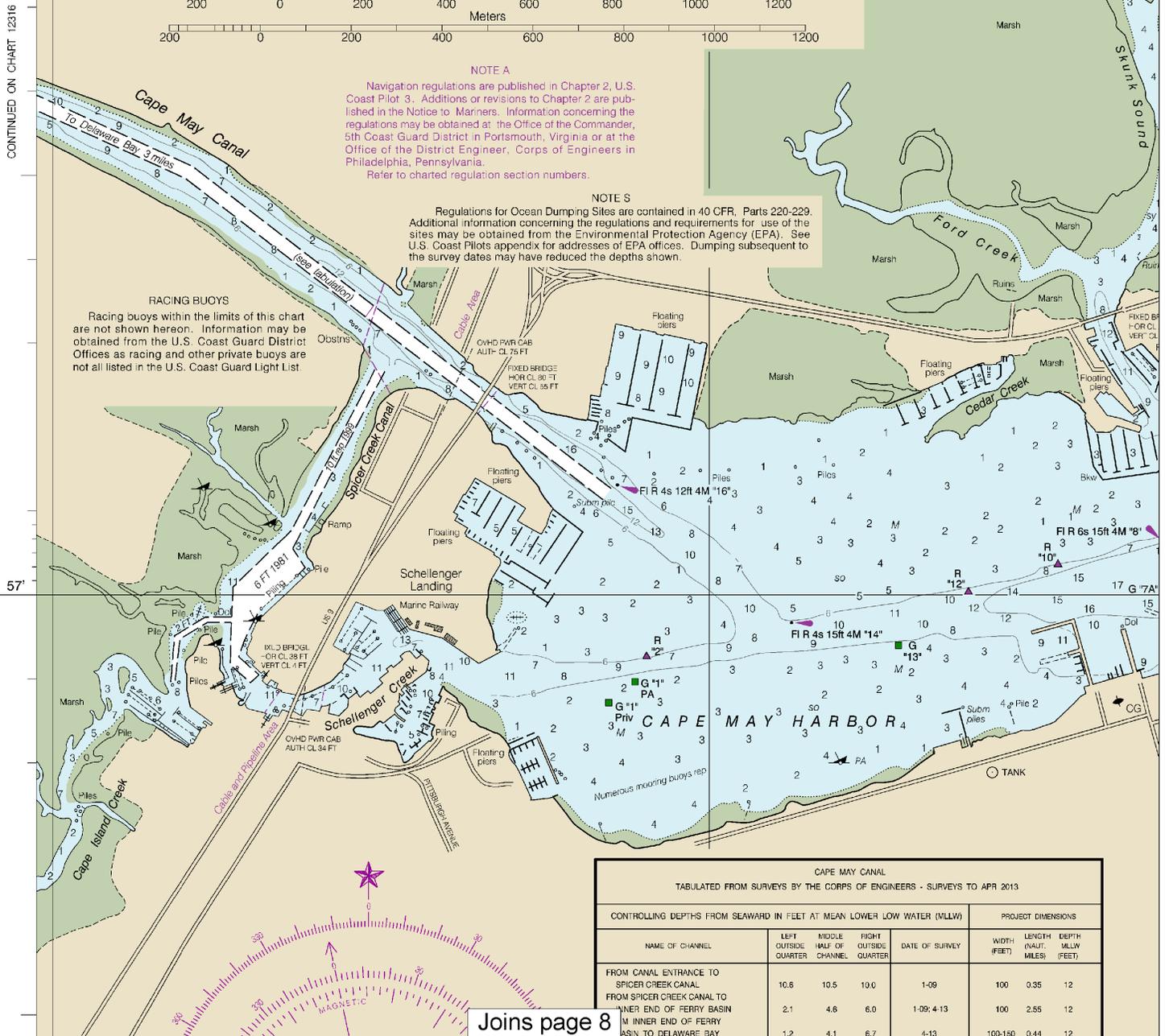
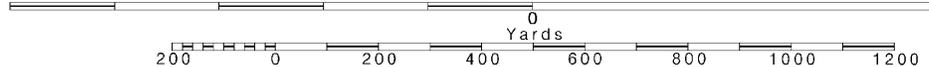


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CAPE MAY HARBOUR



THE NATION'S CHARTMAKER SINCE 1807

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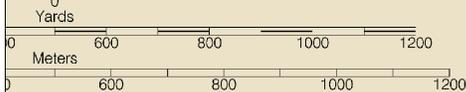
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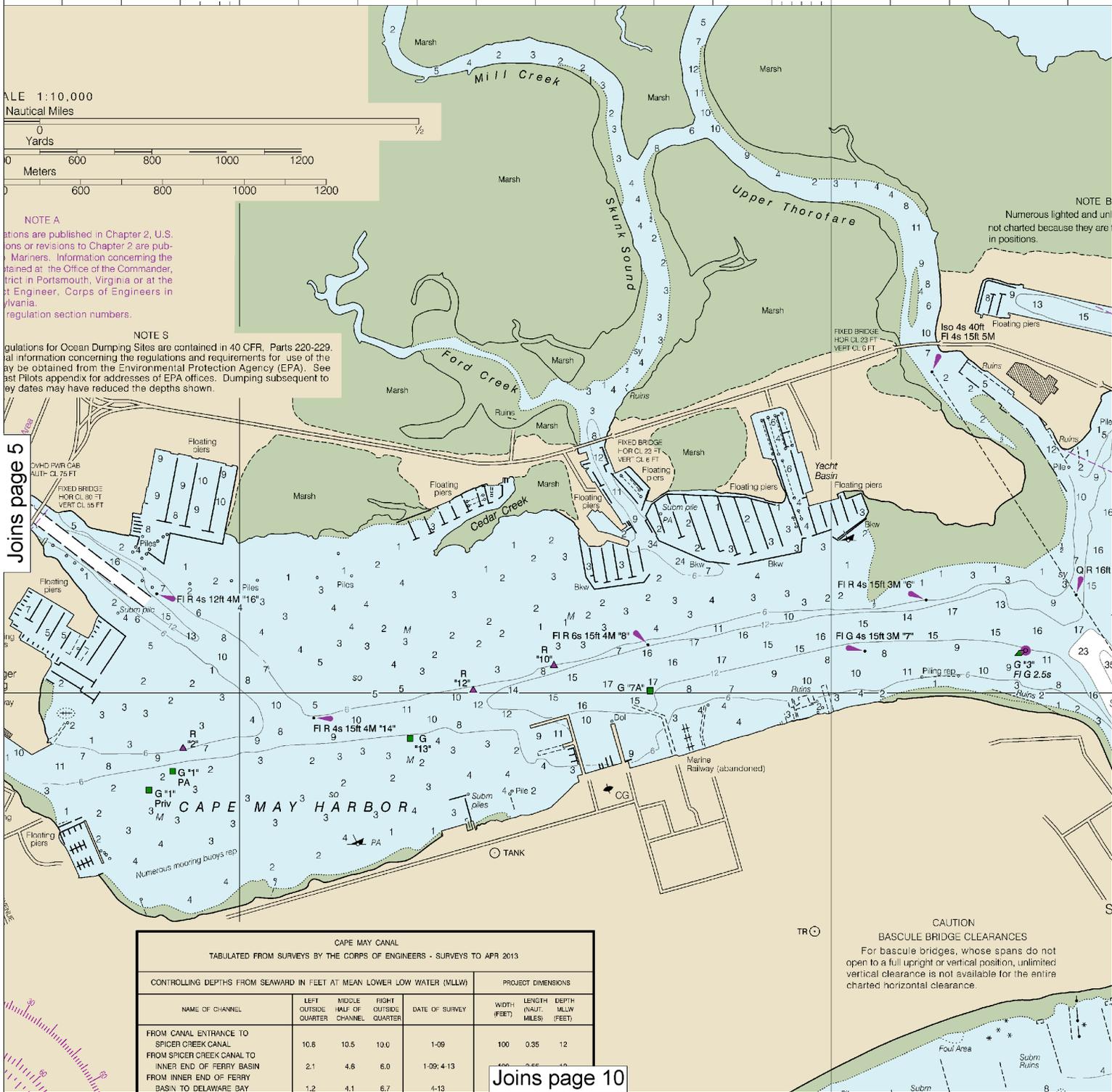
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NOTE B

Numerous lighted and unlighted aids to navigation are not charted because they are in variable positions.

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CAPE MAY CANAL				
TABULATED FROM SURVEYS BY THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS - SURVEYS TO APR 2013				
CONTROLLING DEPTHS FROM SEAWARD IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER (MLLW)				PROJECT DIMENSIONS
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FROM SPICER CREEK CANAL TO INNER END OF FERRY BASIN	2.1	4.6	6.0	1-09; 4-13 100 0.25 12
FROM INNER END OF FERRY BASIN TO DELAWARE BAY	1.2	4.1	6.7	4-13 100 0.25 12

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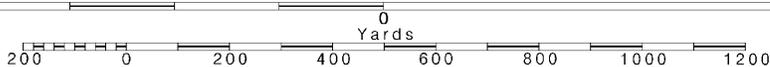
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For bascule bridges, whose spans do not open to a full upright or vertical position, unlimited vertical clearance is not available for the entire charted horizontal clearance.



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COAST

Mercator Projection
Scale 1:10,000 at Lat. 38° 57'
North American Datum of 1983
(World Geodetic System of 1984)

ARBOR

SOUNDINGS IN FEET
AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

Additional information can be obtained at nauticalcharts.noaa.gov.

TIDAL INFORMATION

PLACE	HEIGHT referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)	MEAN HIGHER HIGH WATER		
		Mean Higher High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water
Cape May Harbor, New Jersey	(38°57'N/74°53'W)	4.9	4.6	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>. (Jan 2015)

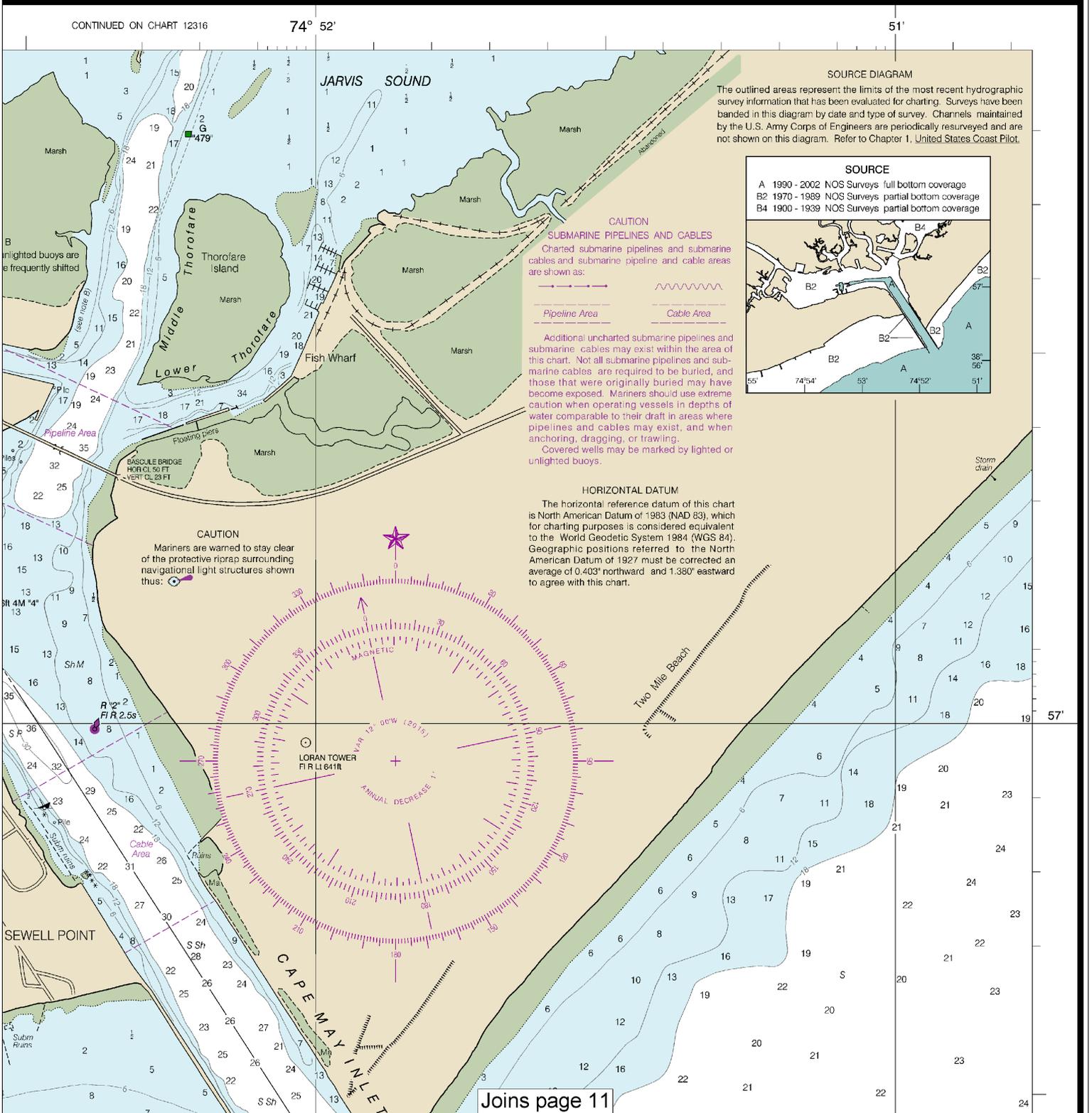
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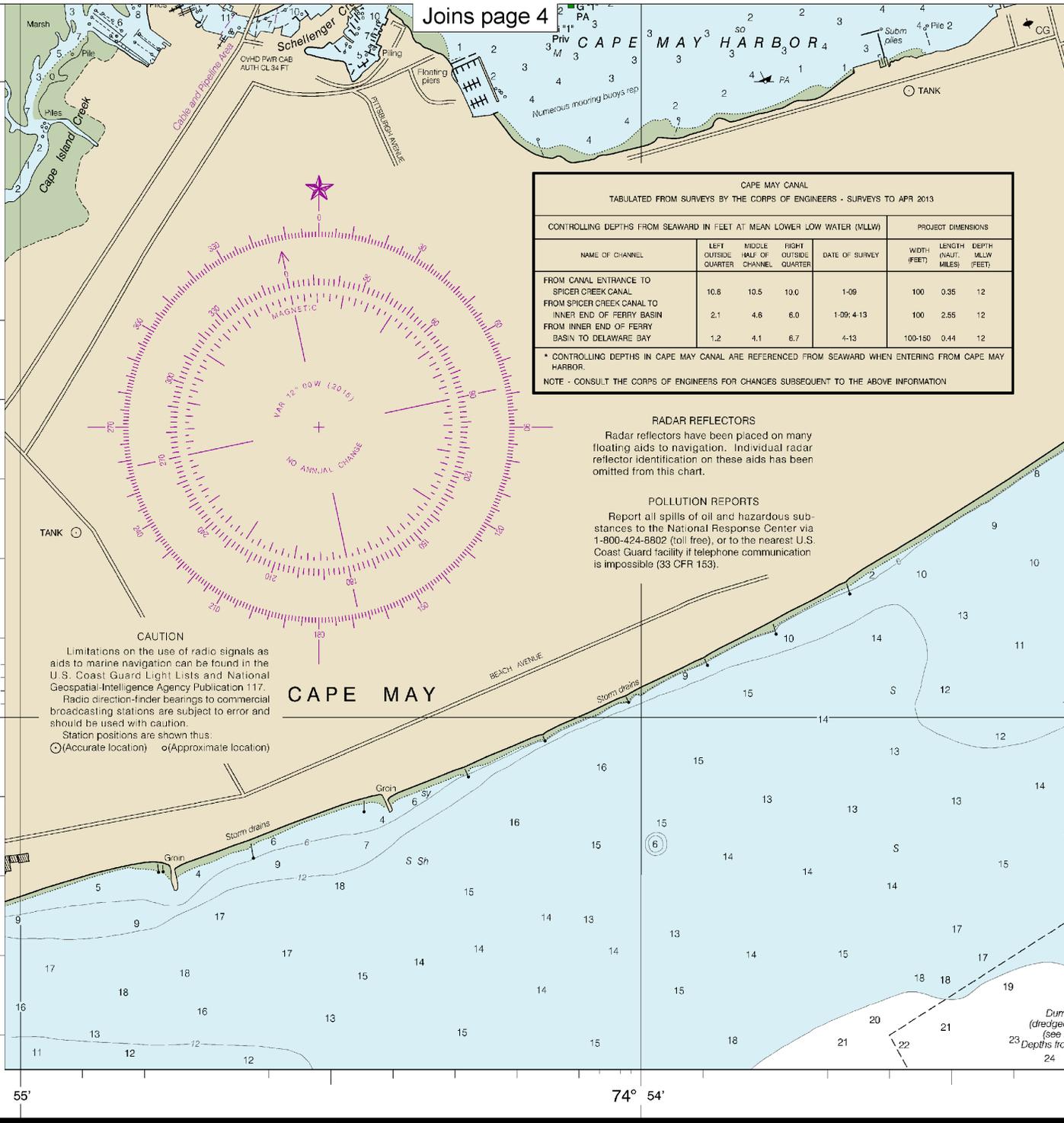
The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

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

SOUNDINGS IN FEET





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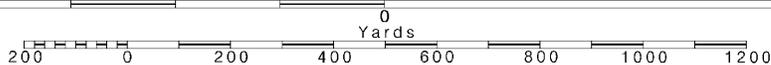
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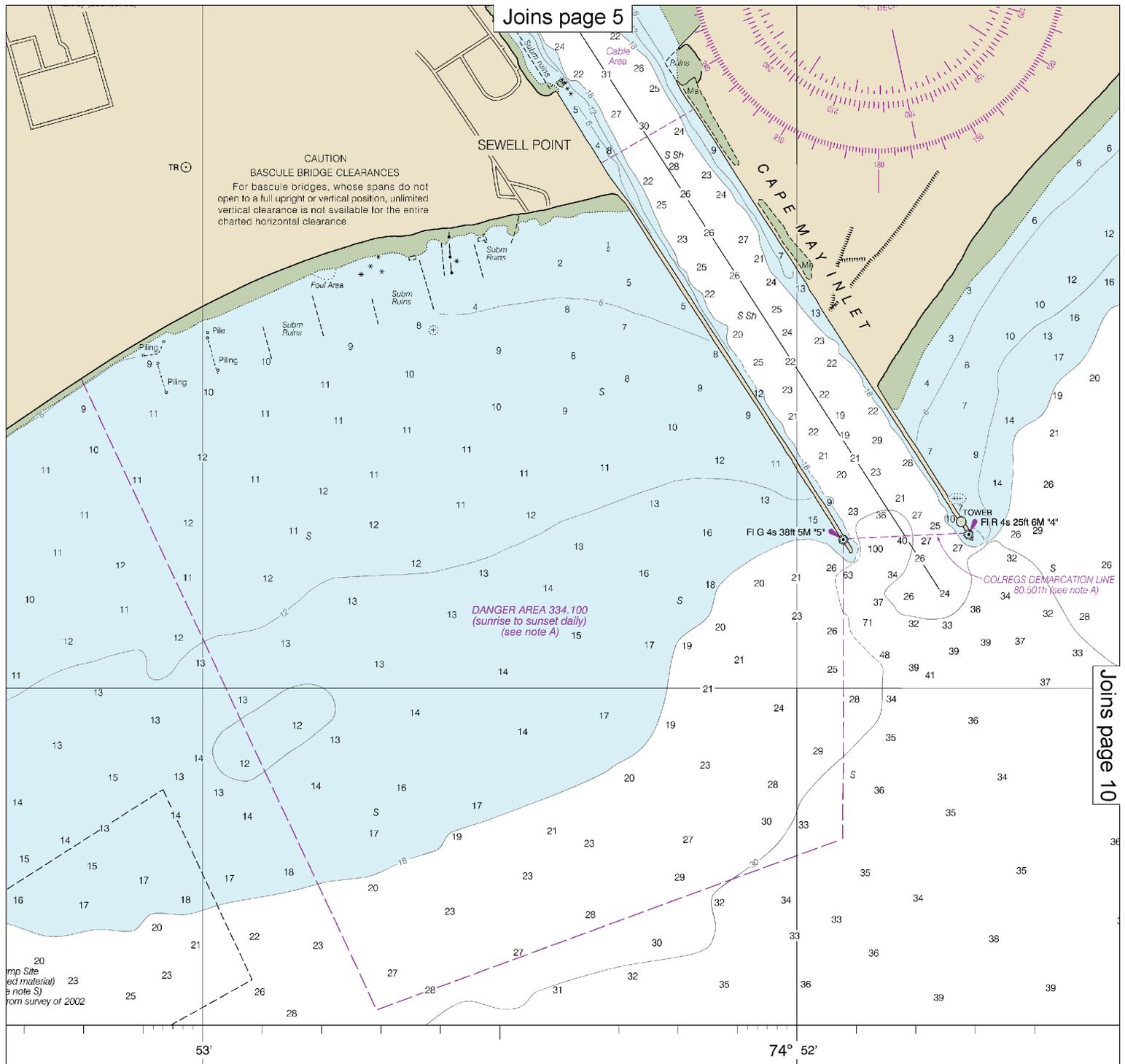
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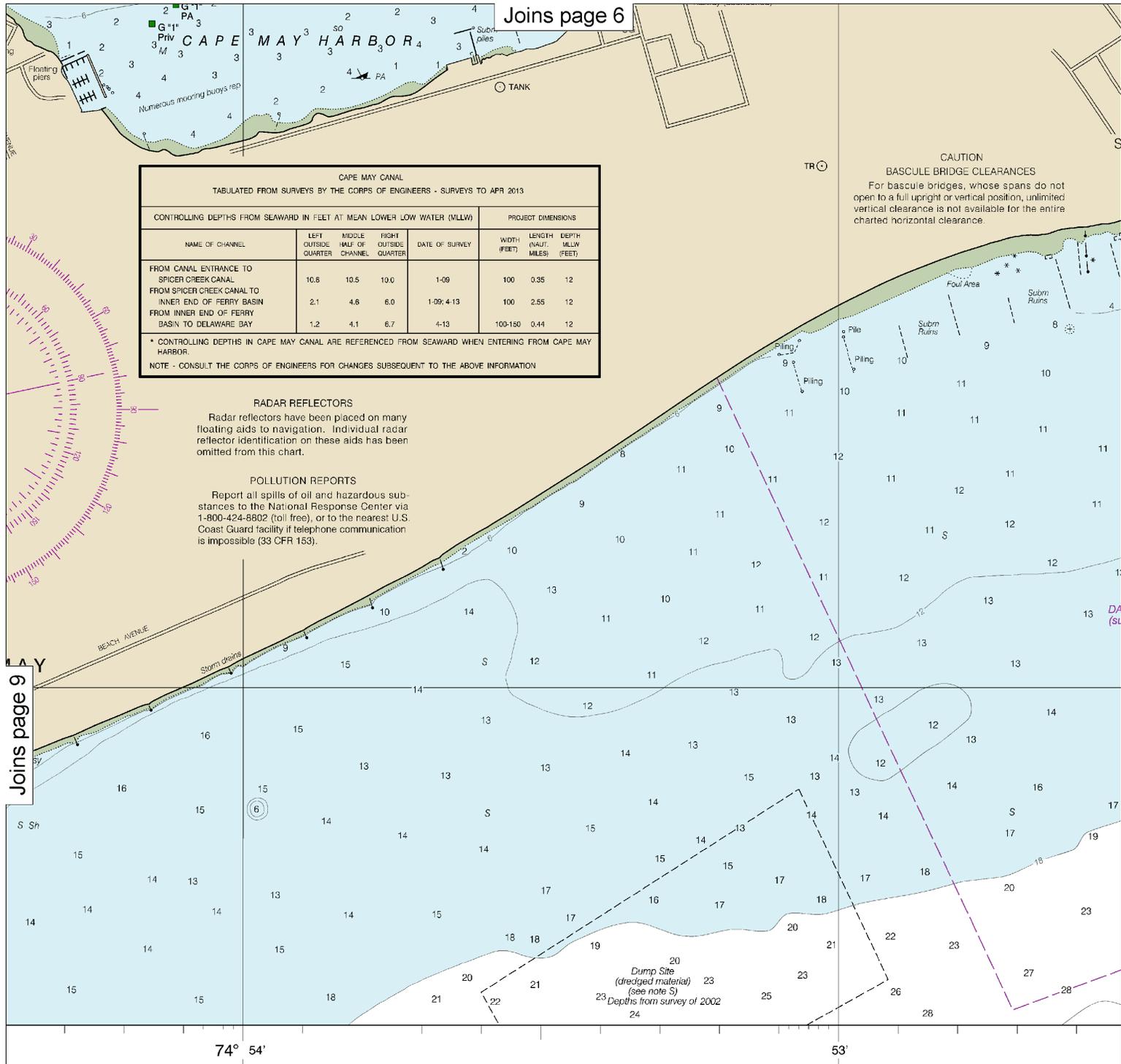
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FATHOMS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
FEET	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90	96	102
METERS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

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SOUNDINGS



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* CONTROLLING DEPTHS IN CAPE MAY CANAL ARE REFERENCED FROM SEAWARD WHEN ENTERING FROM CAPE MAY HARBOR.
NOTE - CONSULT THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR CHANGES SUBSEQUENT TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION

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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.

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).

Dump Site
(dredged material)
(see note S)
23 Depths from survey of 2002
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CAUTION
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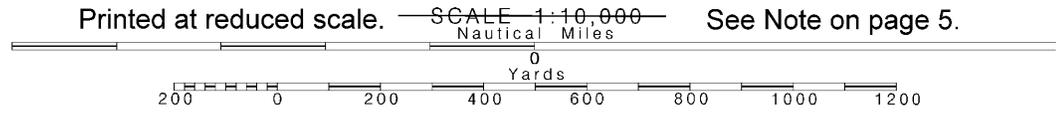
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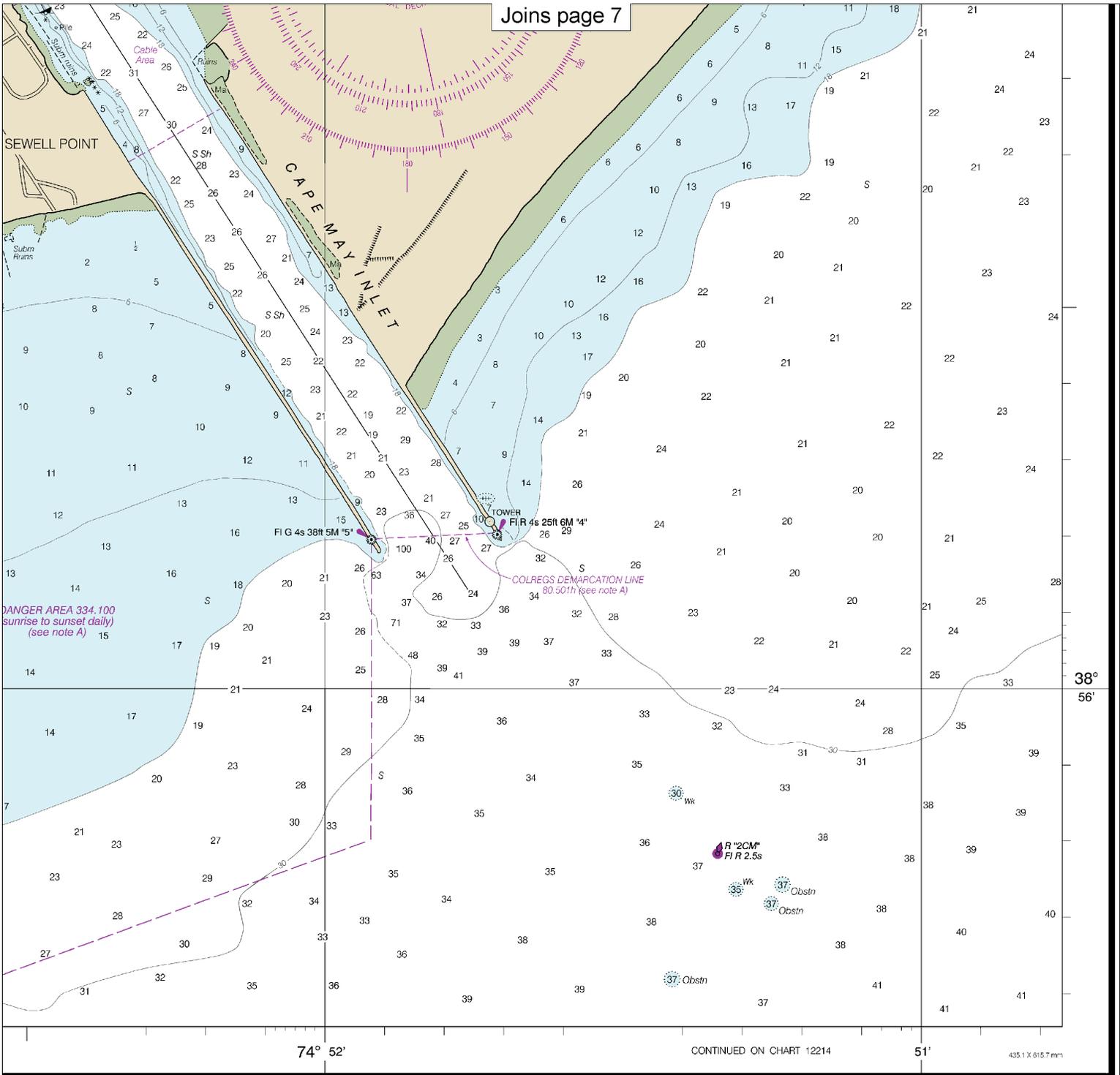
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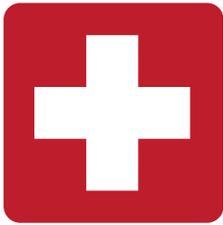
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SOUNDINGS IN FEET - SCALE 1:10,000

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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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- National Weather Service — <http://www.weather.gov/>
- National Hurricane Center — <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>
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