

# BookletChart™

## Cook Inlet – Approaches to Anchorage

NOAA Chart 16665

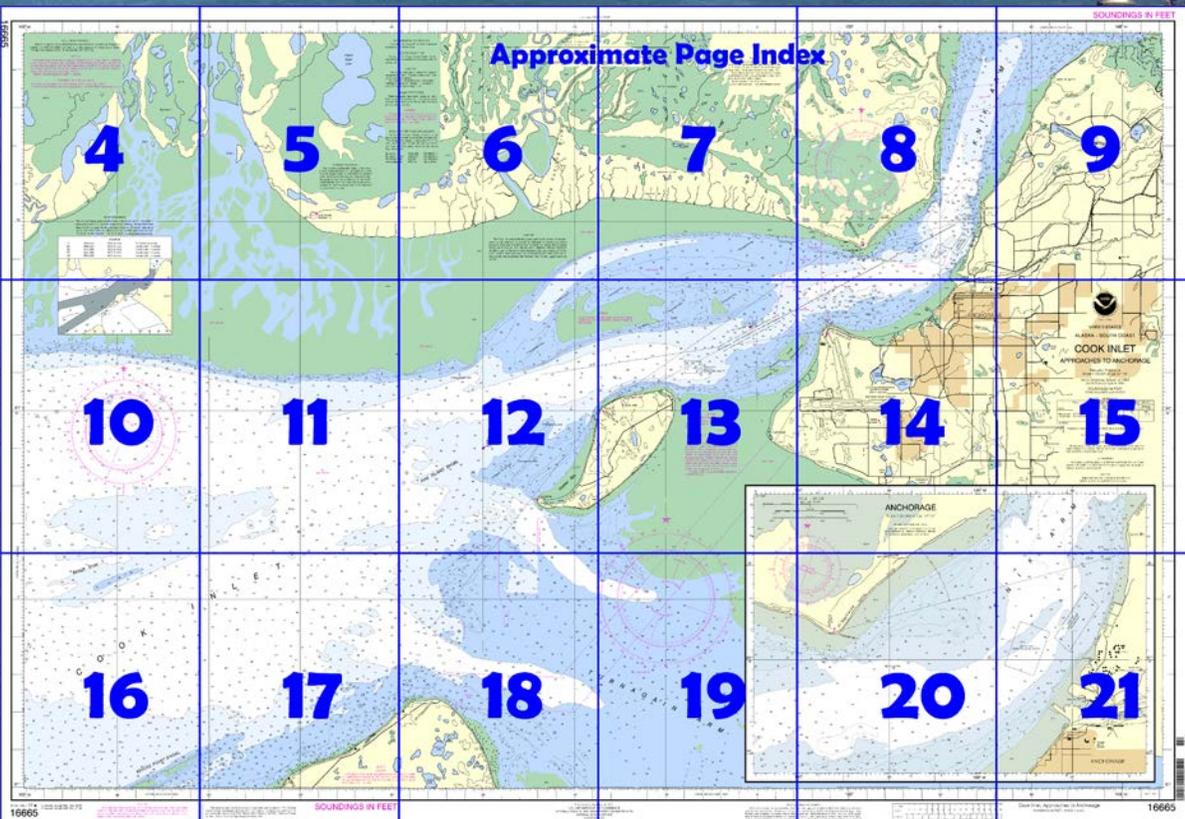


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This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced,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

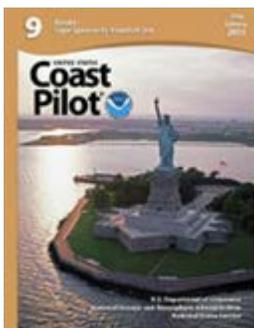
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This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. 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)**

**Caution:** Flood currents are reported to set vessels off the terminal while ebb currents set them on. See Winter Operating Guidelines, Cook Inlet, indexed as such; contact the COTP W Alaska in Anchorage for info. A boulder-strewn shoal with depths of 7 fathoms or less extends N from the NE point of Kalgin Island to West Foreland. The outer boulders which are covered 8 to 11 feet, are 2.5 miles from the island.

Small vessels anchor off the middle of the N end of Kalgin Island, with good shelter from S gales drawing up the inlet. Fair holding ground is from the middle of the N shore W. Caution must be observed, however, at low water when crossing the broken boulder-strewn area with depths of less than 5 fathoms off from the N end.

The highest parts of the offlying shoal between Kalgin Island and West Foreland uncover between 3 and 4 feet. The shoal has been shifting S and extends 5.5 to 10 miles from the N end of Kalgin Island.

**Caution.**—The area surrounding the mouth of Kenai River, for a radius of over 4 miles, is strewn with rocks, boulders, shoals, wrecks, and other obstructions. The bars at the entrance to the river are nearly dry at low water, but there are depths of 8 to 10 feet in places in the river. (See **162.245**, chapter 2, for navigation regulations for the Kenai River.)

**Currents.**—The currents in the river mouth attain velocities of 5 knots or more. Strong SW wind and flood current; SW swell at the river entrance.

**Pilotage, Kenai.**—Pilotage, except for certain exempted vessels, is compulsory for all vessels navigating the inside waters of the State of Alaska. (See **Pilotage, General**, chapter 3, and **Pilotage, Homer**, earlier this chapter, for the pilot pickup stations and other details.)

**Quarantine.**—A U.S. Public Health Service Contract Physician is located at the medical center in Kenai. (See appendix for additional information.)

**Caution.**—The area surrounding the approach to Nikiski is strewn with rocks, boulders, shoals, and other obstructions. A shoal area, about 7 miles long with depths of 2½ to 6 fathoms, marked by a seasonal buoy.

**Note:** Vessels keep clear of the areas in close proximity and downwind of ammonia and LNG loading ops while material is being transferred.

**Currents.**—Nikiski has a PORTS site which provides water level, wind speed and direction, and barometric pressure information, that is updated every ten minutes. The PORTS site is accessible through a voice response system at 907-776-5436.

**Ice** floes are a severe problem at Nikiski during Jan and Feb. See Winter Operating Guidelines, Cook Inlet, indexed as such, earlier this chapter, and contact the COTP W Alaska in Anchorage for more information.

**Pilotage, Nikiski.**—Pilotage, except for certain exempted vessels, is compulsory for all vessels navigating the inside waters of the State of Alaska. (See **Pilotage, General**, chapter 3, **Pilotage, Cook Inlet**, and **Pilotage, Homer**, for the pilot pickup stations and other details.)

**Quarantine.**—A U.S. Public Health Service Contract Physician is located at a medical center in Nikiski. (See Appendix A for additional information.)

**Caution:** A 2 to 3-knot set into Trading Bay exists on an ebb current by S bound vessels when abreast of N end of Middle Ground Shoal.

**Dangers.**—In addition to the dangers in Cook Inlet previously described, **North Point Shoal**, about 2.5 miles NNE of North Point on Fire Island, changes radically from year to year and bares several feet at low water.

**Currents.**—Anchorage has a PORTS site which provides water level, wind speed and direction, and barometric pressure information, that is updated every ten minutes. The PORTS site is accessible through a voice response system at 866-257-6787.

**Ice.**—Upper Cook Inlet rarely, if ever, freezes solid because of the enormous tidal range. Vessels can navigate Cook Inlet in the winter, but the combination of currents and ice floes can cause a strain on mooring lines. See Winter Operating Guidelines, Cook Inlet, and contact the Coast Guard Captain of the Port, Western Alaska in Anchorage for more info. Extra caution should be exercised in the restricted approach to Anchorage. Ice leads can break the wrong way and potentially cause up to 30 course diversion, especially for lower-powered vessels.

**Pilotage, Anchorage.**—Pilotage, except for certain exempted vessels, is compulsory for all vessels navigating the waters of the State of Alaska. (See **Pilotage, General** (indexed), chapter 3, and **Pilotage, Cook Inlet** and **Pilotage, Homer** (indexed), for details.)

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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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40'

35'

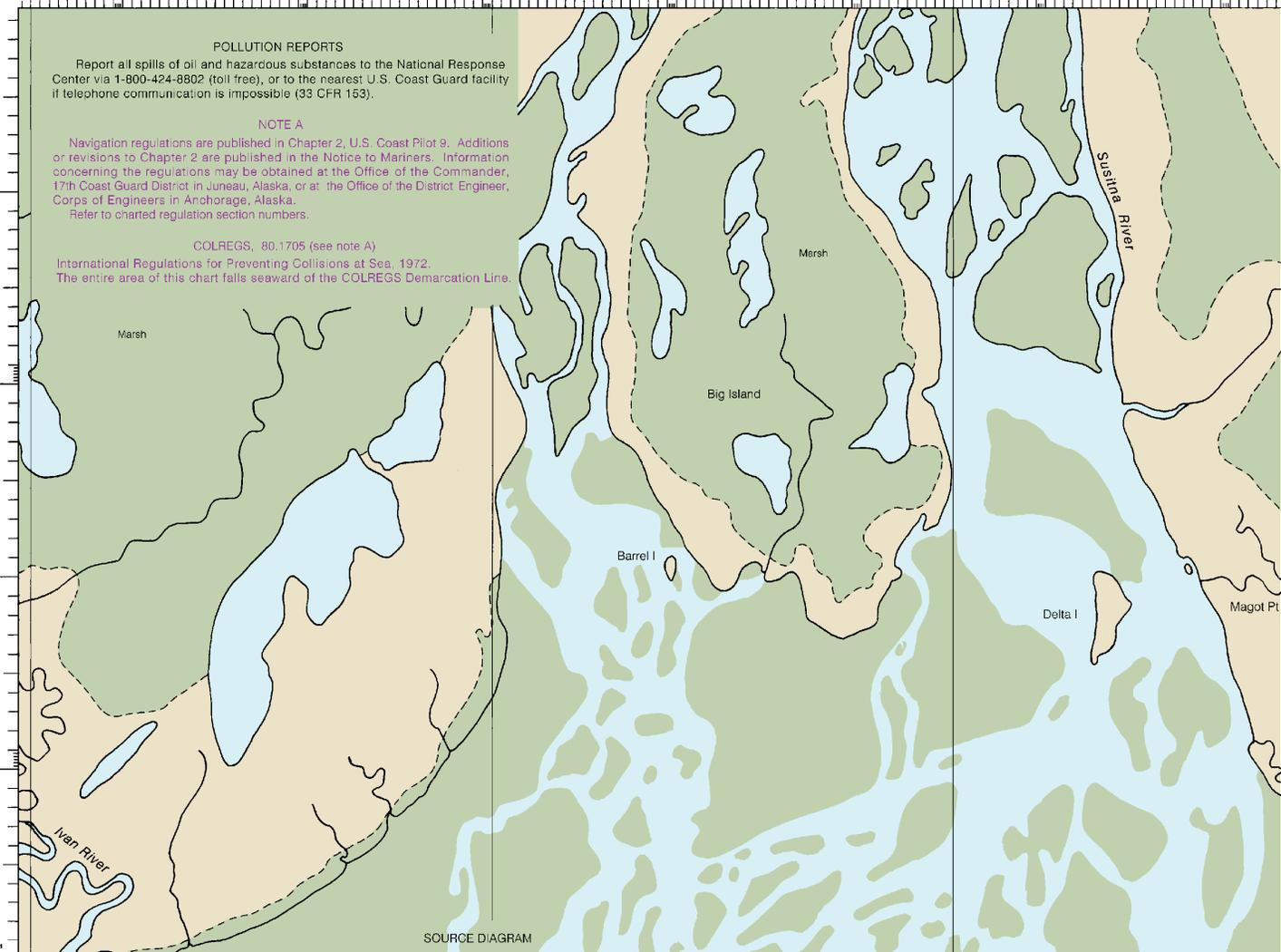
**POLLUTION REPORTS**  
 Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

**NOTE A**

Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S. Coast Pilot 9. 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, 17th Coast Guard District in Juneau, Alaska, or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in Anchorage, Alaska.  
 Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

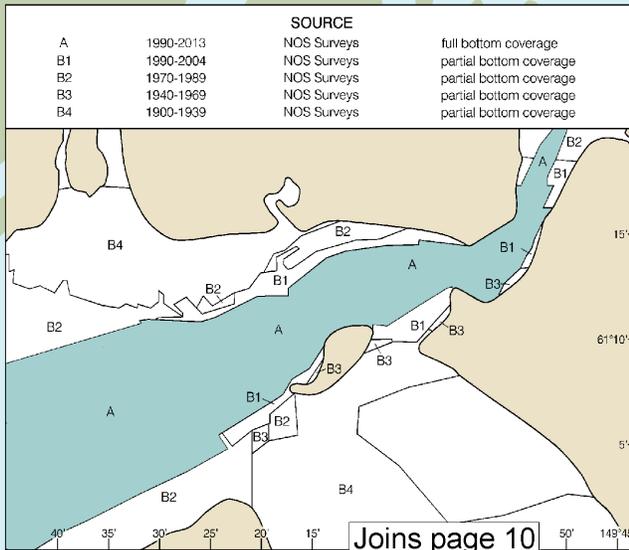
**COLREGS, 80.1705 (see note A)**

International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972.  
 The entire area of this chart falls seaward of the COLREGS Demarcation Line.



**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.



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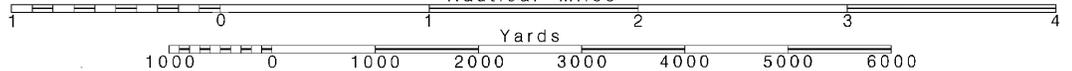
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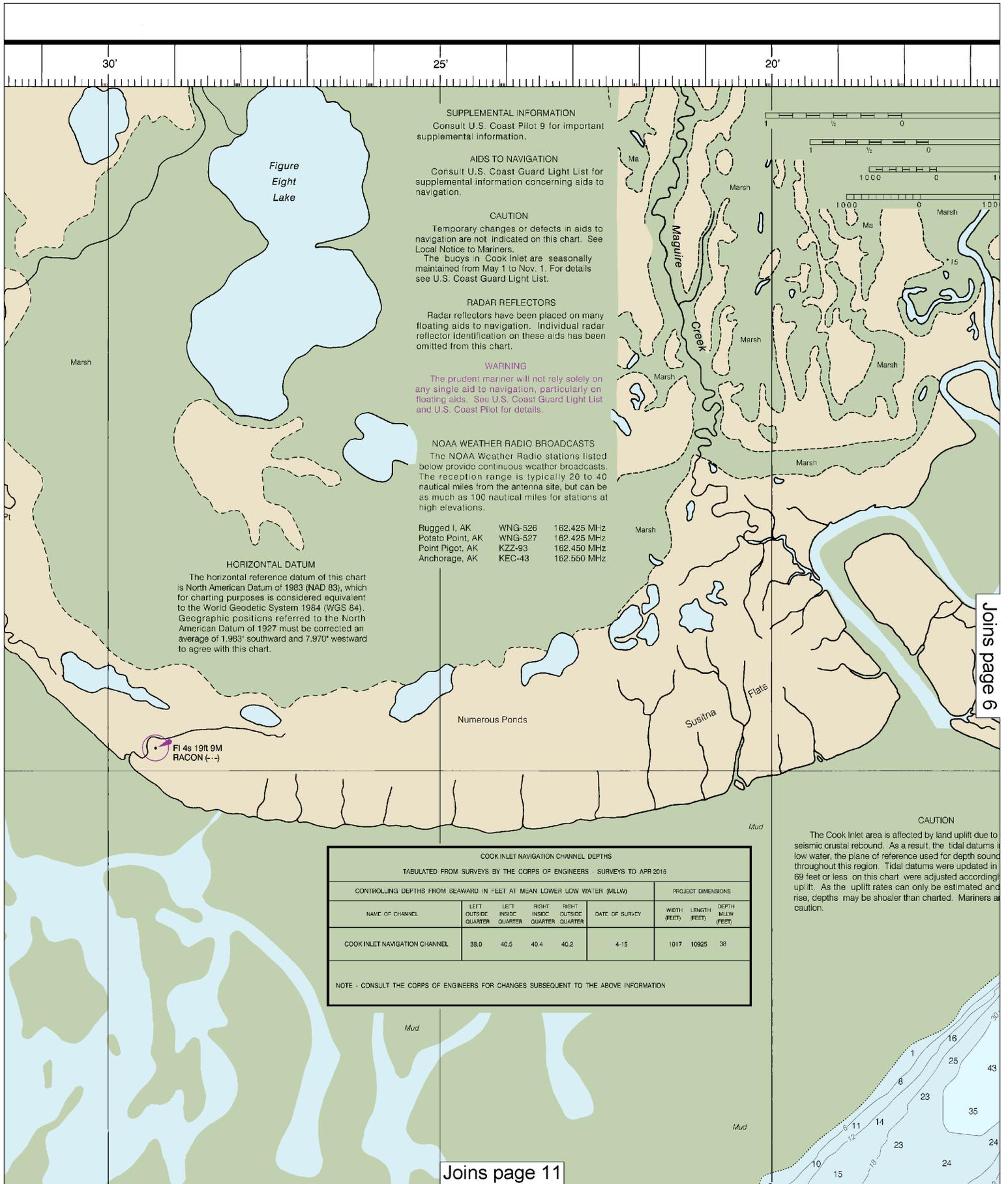
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25'

20'

15'

SCALE 1:50,000  
Nautical Miles

Statute Miles

Yards

Meters

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**  
Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 9 for important supplemental information.

**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.  
The buoys in Cook Inlet are seasonally maintained from May 1 to Nov. 1. For details see U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

**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.

**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.

**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.

Rugged I, AK	WNG-526	162.425 MHz
Potato Point, AK	WNG-527	162.425 MHz
Point Pigot, AK	KZZ-93	162.450 MHz
Anchorage, AK	KEC-43	162.550 MHz

**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 1.983" southward and 7.970" westward agree with this chart.

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Fls 19ft 9M  
RACON (-.-)

Numerous Ponds

Susitna Flats

Little Susitna River

Maguire Creek

Mud

**CAUTION**

The Cook Inlet area is affected by land uplift due to forces such as post-seismic crustal rebound. As a result the tidal datums including mean lower low water, the plane of reference used for depth soundings, have changed throughout this region. Tidal datums were updated in 1999 and depths of 69 feet or less on this chart were adjusted accordingly to account for this uplift. As the uplift rates can only be estimated and areas continue to rise, depths may be shallower than charted. Mariners are urged to exercise caution.

COOK INLET NAVIGATION CHANNEL DEPTHS						
TABULATED FROM SURVEYS BY THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS - SURVEYS TO APR 2015						
CONTROLLING DEPTHS FROM SEAWARD IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER (MLLW)					PROJECT DIMENSIONS	
NAME OF CHANNEL	LEFT OUTSIDE QUARTER	LEFT INSIDE QUARTER	RIGHT INSIDE QUARTER	RIGHT OUTSIDE QUARTER	DATE OF SURVEY	WIDTH (FEET) LENGTH (FEET) DEPTH (FEET)
COOK INLET NAVIGATION CHANNEL	38.0	40.5	40.4	40.2	4-15	1017 10925 38

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

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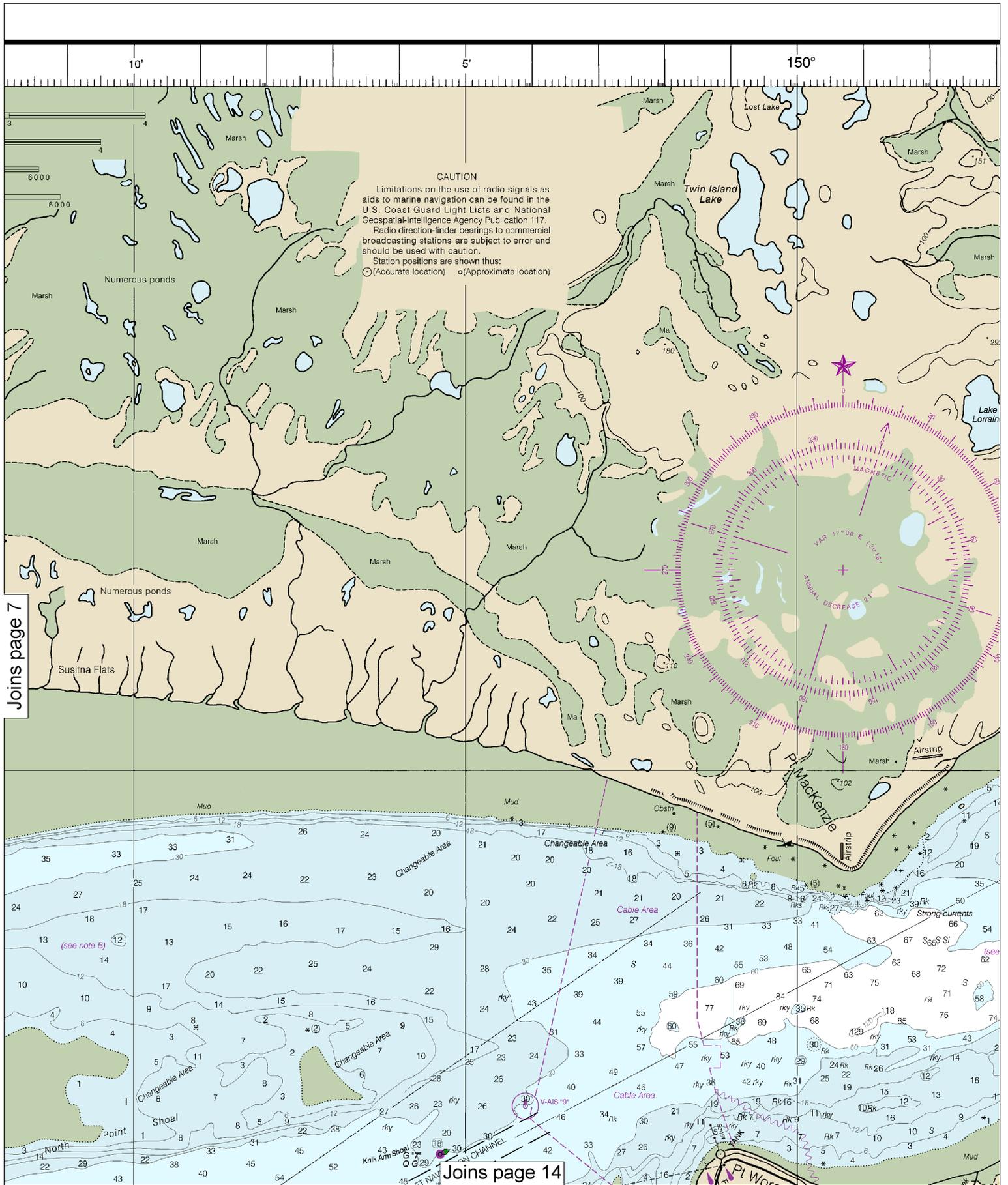
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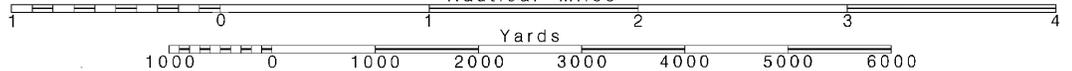


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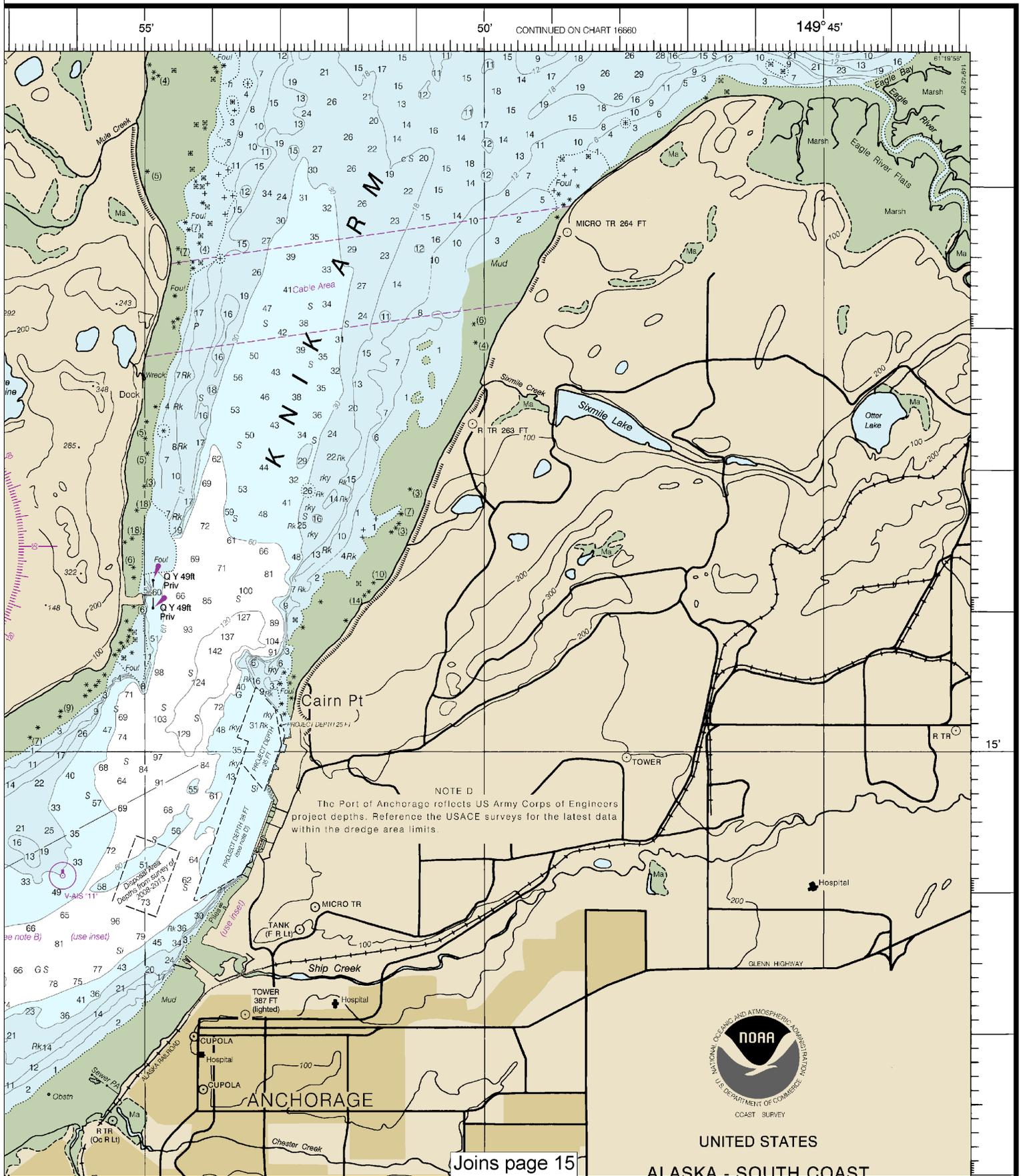
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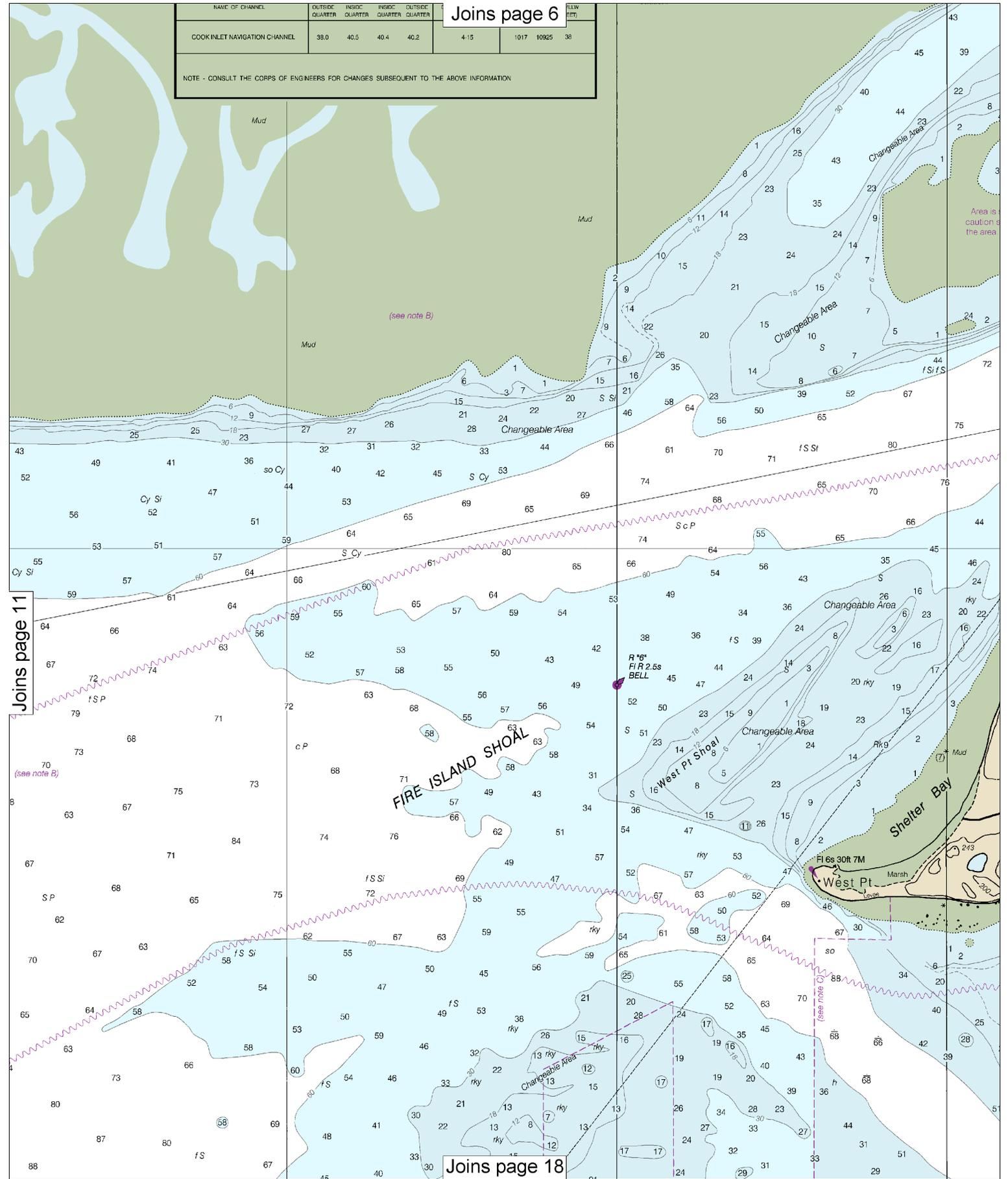


UNITED STATES

ALASKA - SOUTH COAST







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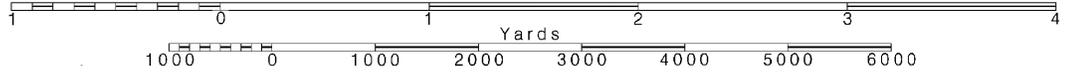
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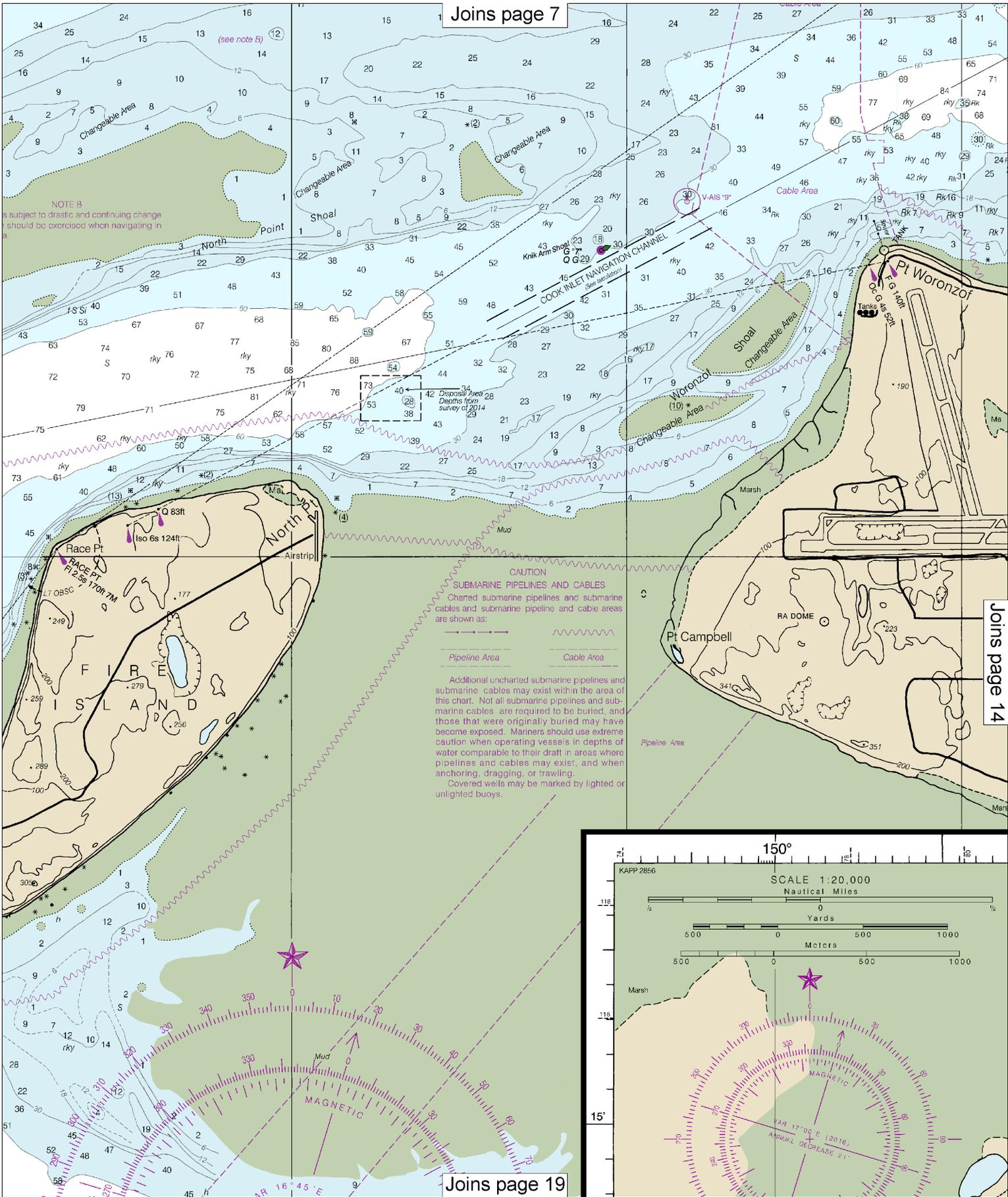
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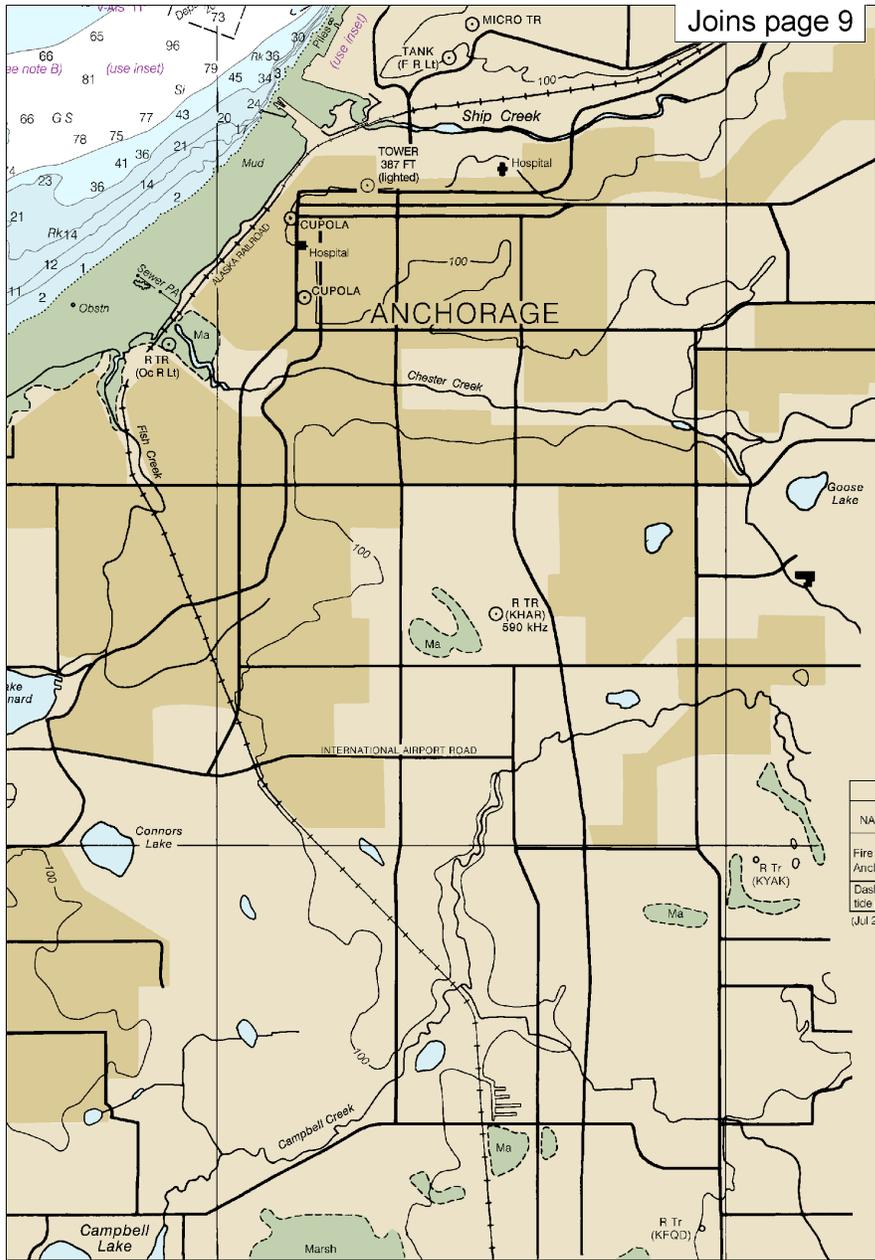
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UNITED STATES  
 ALASKA - SOUTH COAST  
**COOK INLET**  
 APPROACHES TO ANCHORAGE

Mercator Projection  
 Scale 1:50,000 at Lat 61° 10'

North American Datum of 1983  
 (World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET  
 AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

TIDAL INFORMATION				
PLACE	Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)			
NAME	(LAT/LONG)	Mean Higher High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water
Fire Island, Cook Inlet	(61°10'N/150°12'W)	26.9	26.2	2.2
Anchorage, Krik Arm, Cook Inlet	(61°14'N/149°53'W)	29.2	28.4	2.2

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> (Jul 2016)

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For Symbols and Abbreviations see Chart No. 1

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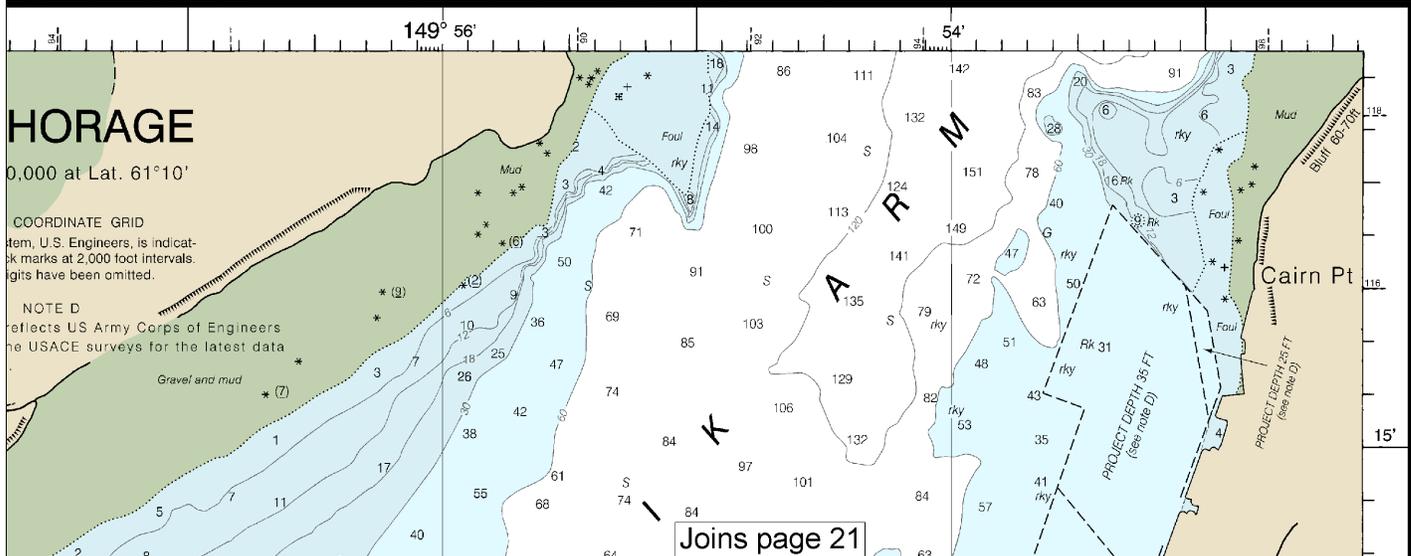
Elevations of rocks, bridges, landmarks and lights are in feet and refer to Mean High Water. Contour and summit elevation values are in feet and refer to Mean Sea Level.

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.

CAUTION

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



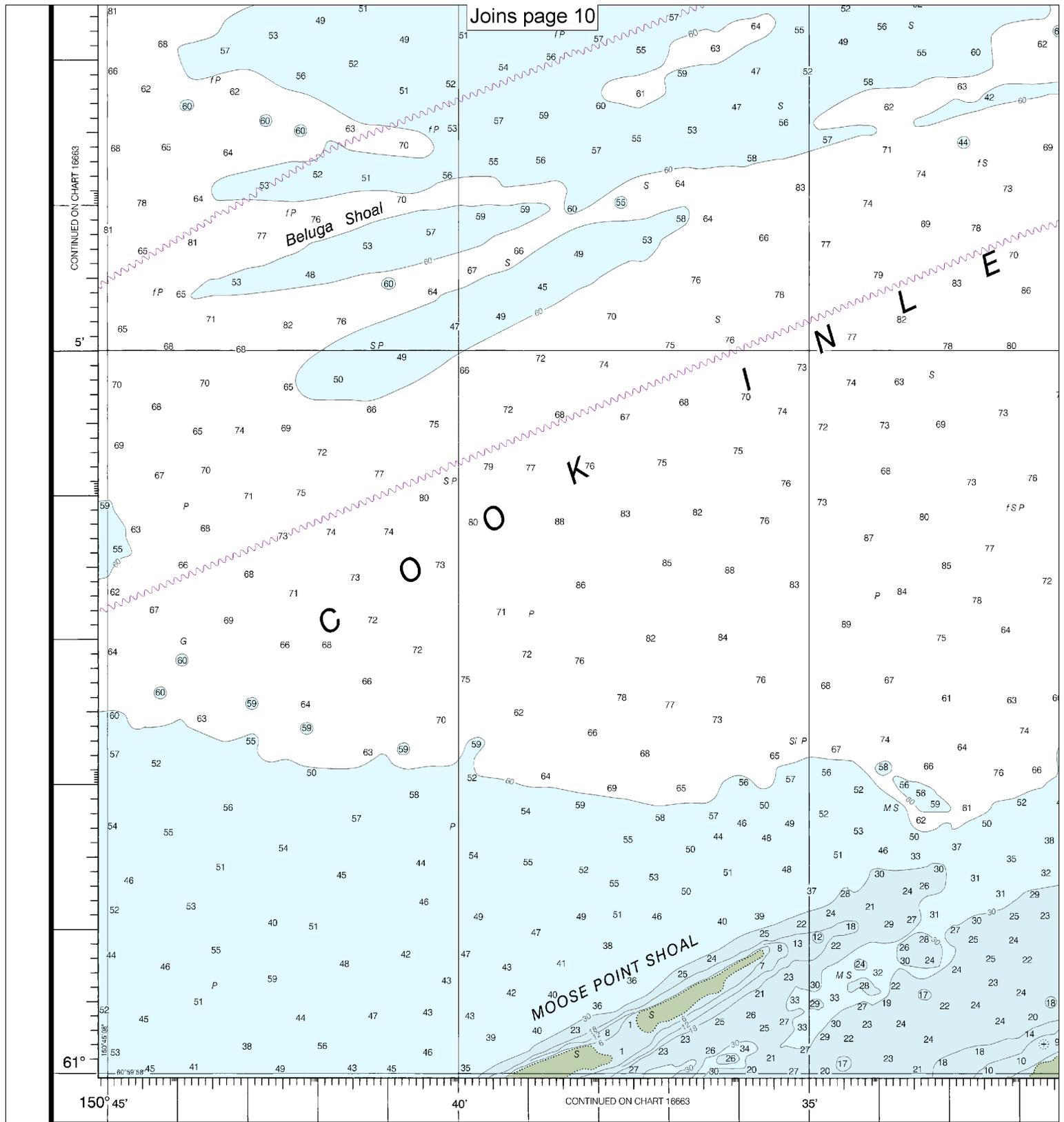
**ANCHORAGE**

Scale 1:50,000 at Lat. 61°10'

COORDINATE GRID  
 Datum, U.S. Engineers, is indicated by asterisks at 2,000 foot intervals. Heights have been omitted.

NOTE D  
 reflects US Army Corps of Engineers data from the USACE surveys for the latest data.

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**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).

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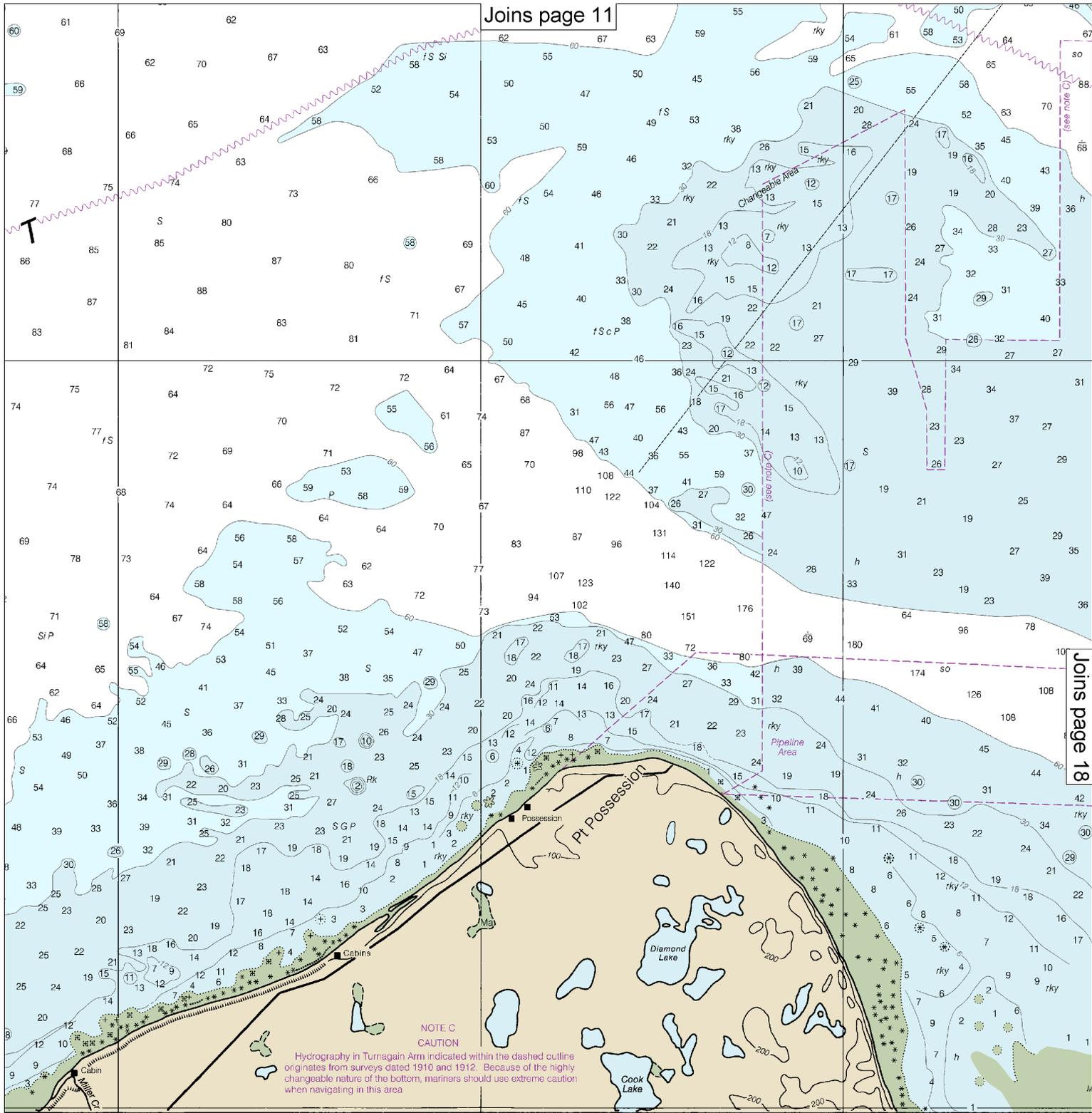
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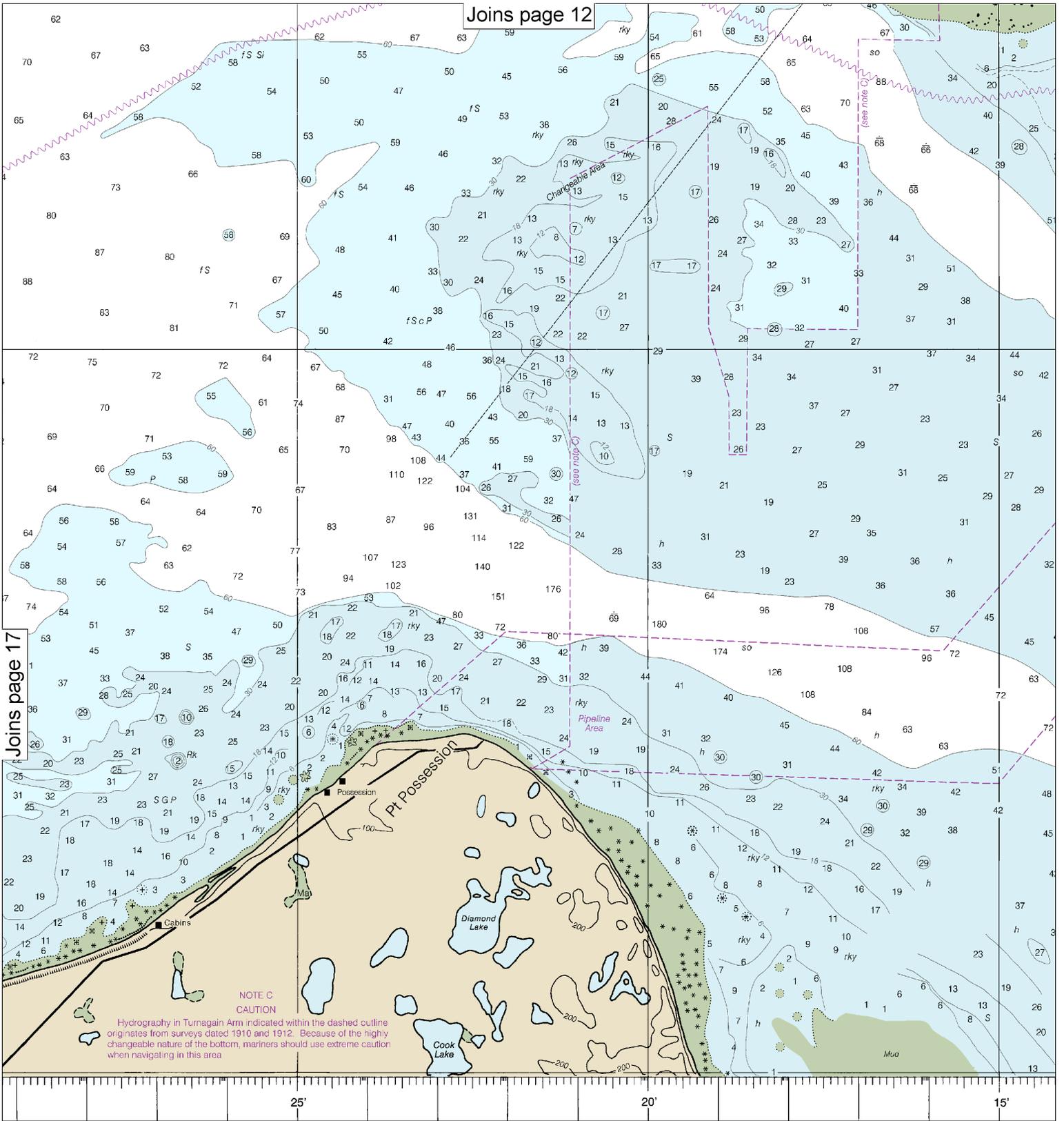




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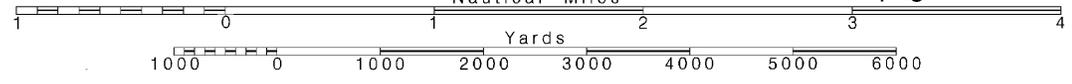
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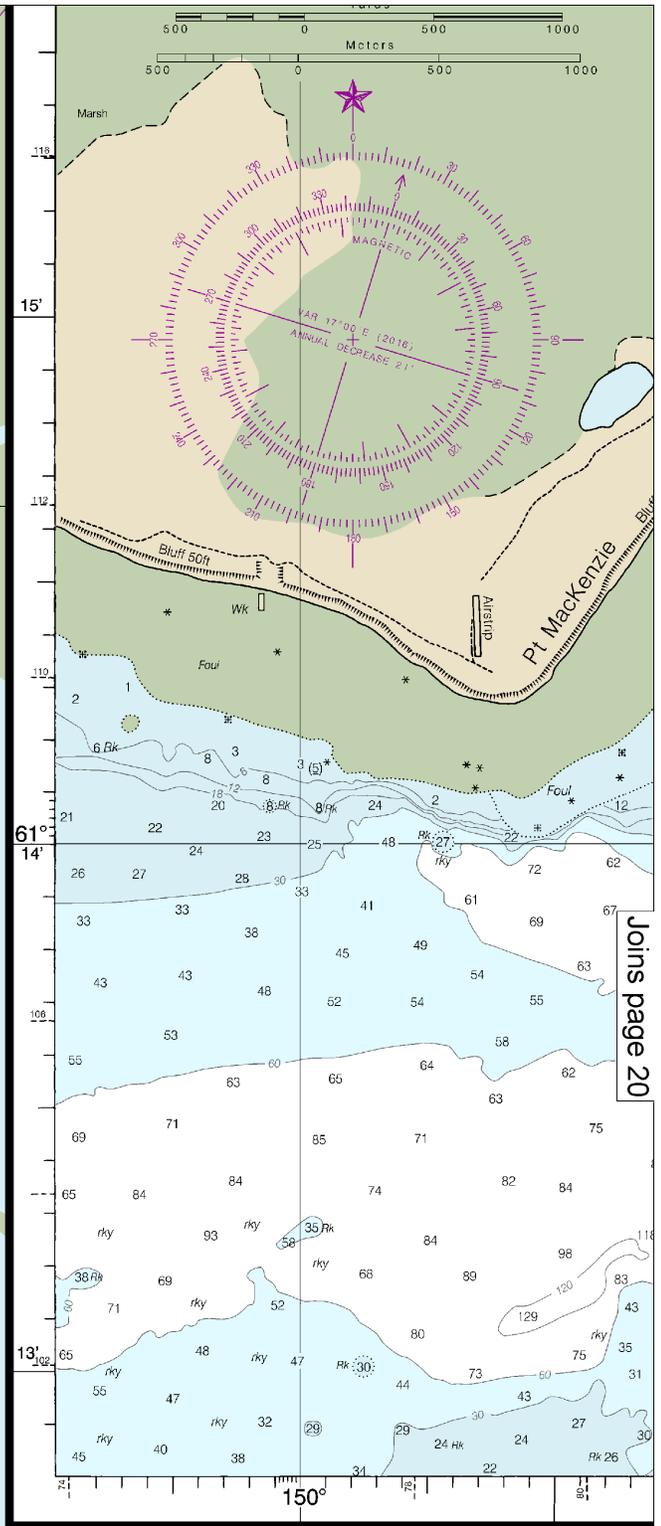
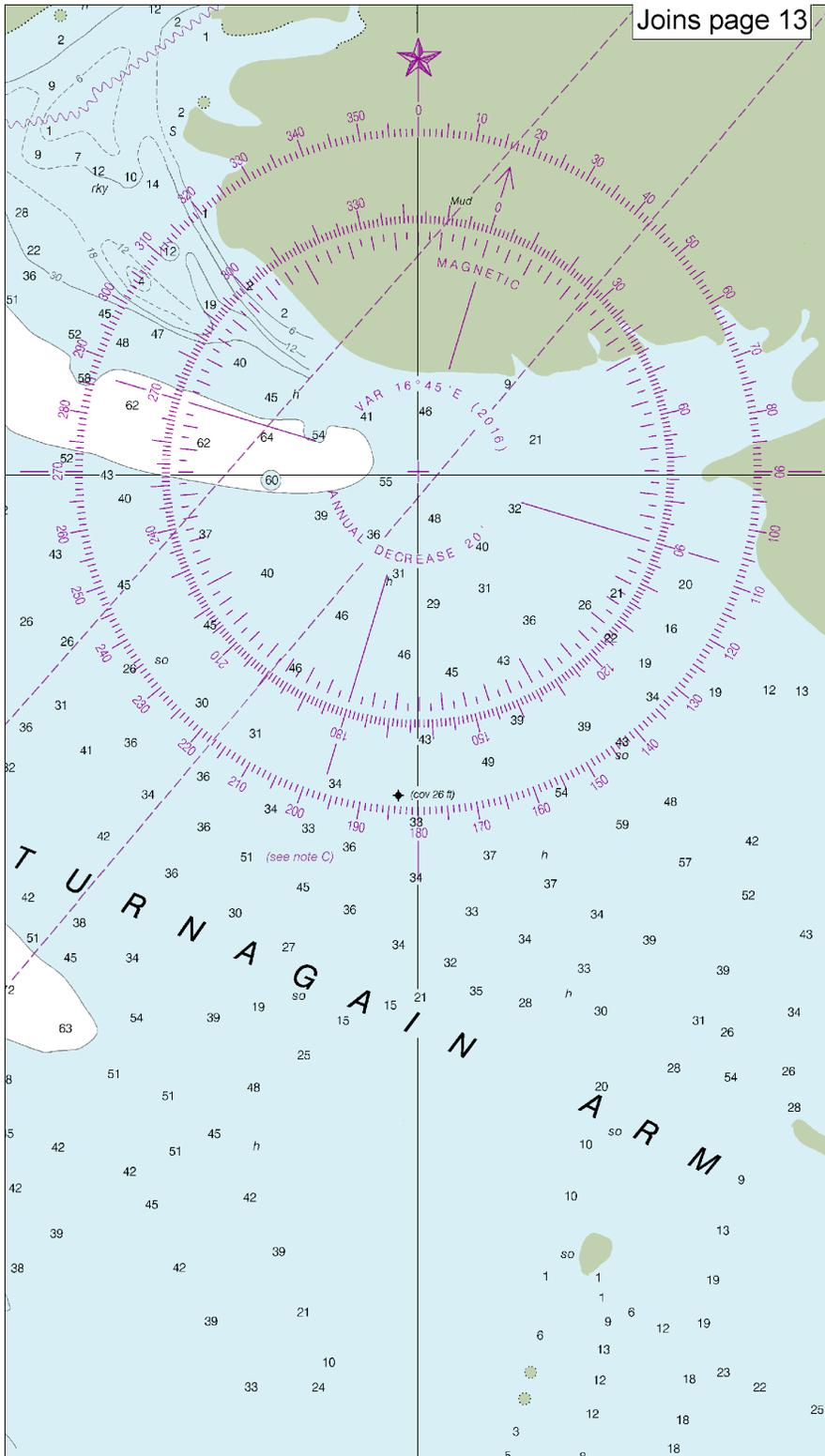
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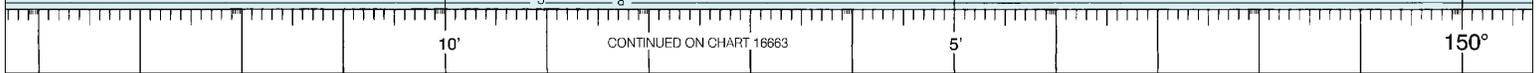
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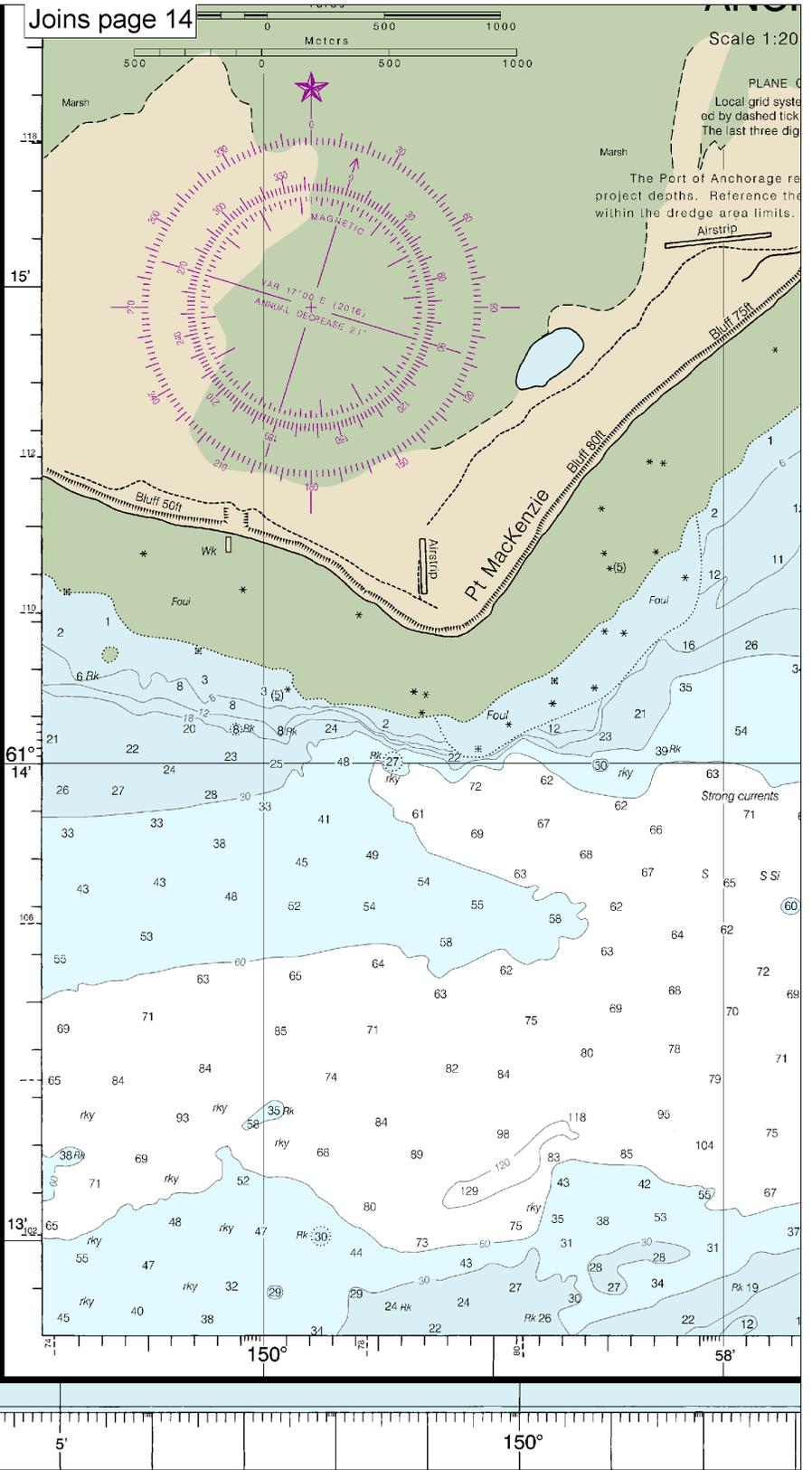
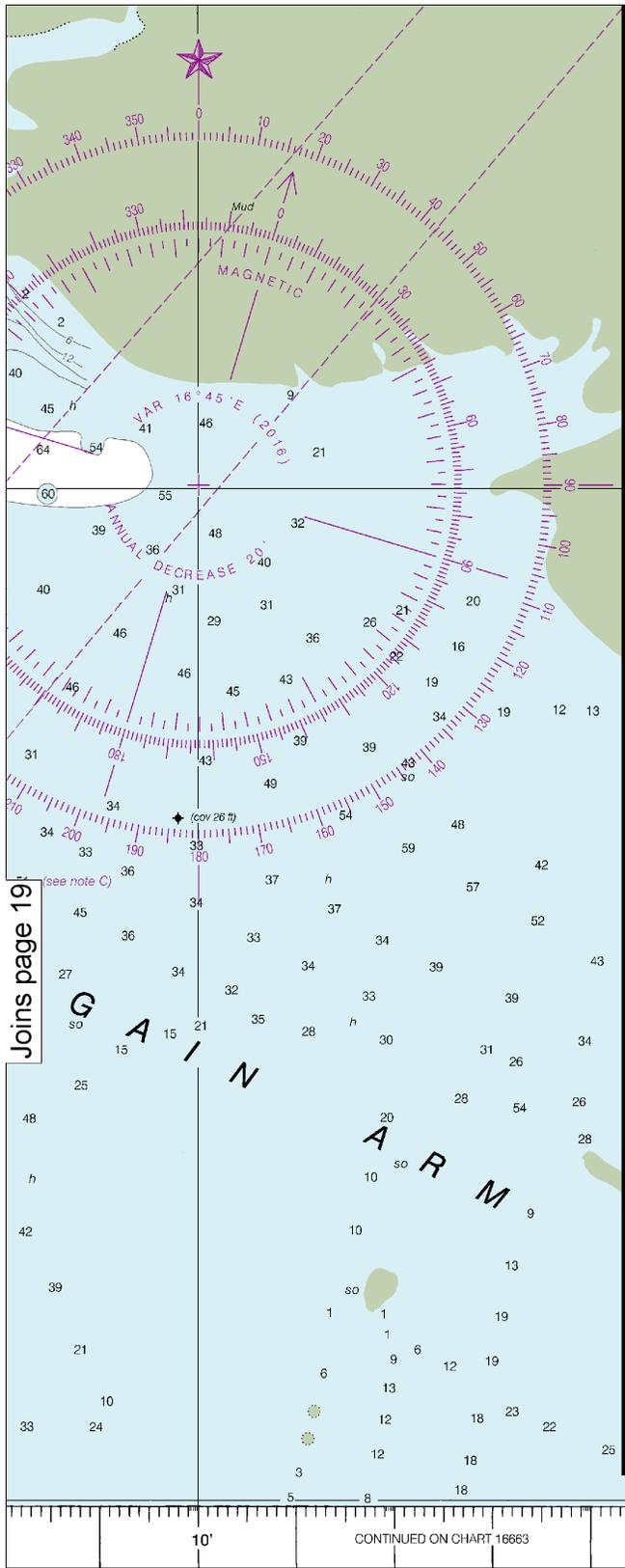
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FEET
METERS

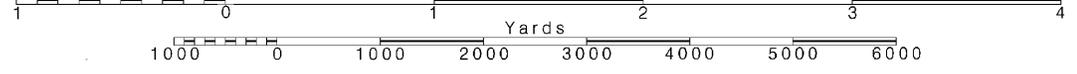
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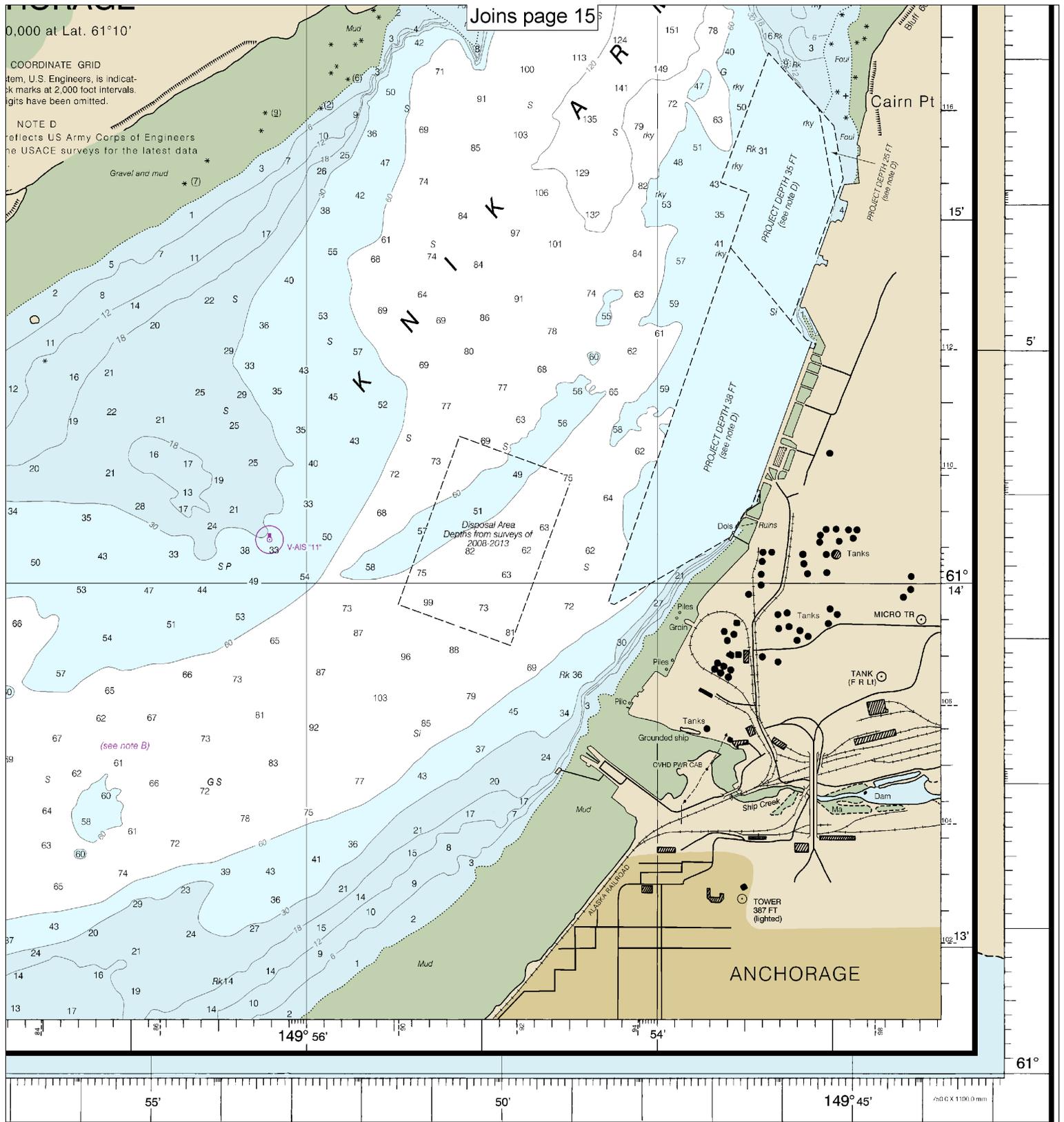
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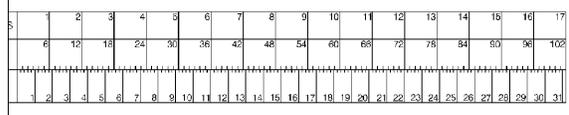


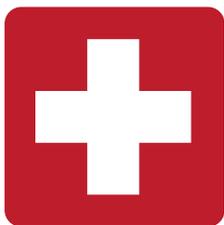


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Cook Inlet, Approaches to Anchorage  
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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

### 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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