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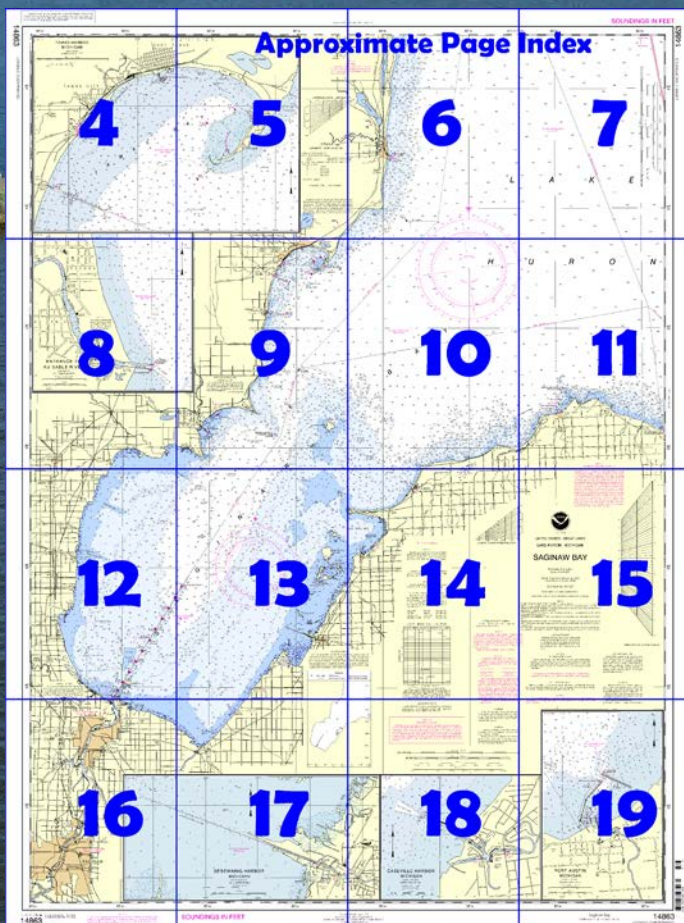
Saginaw Bay NOAA Chart 14863



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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)

From Points aux Barques Light to **Pointe aux Barques** (44°04.1'N., 82°57.9'W.), 9 miles NW, the shore continues low and wooded. Ledges and detached rocky spots render the stretch dangerous within 3 miles of shore. **Orion Rock**, covered 3 feet, is about 0.8 mile offshore 3 miles NW of Points aux Barques Light.

Grindstone City, Mich., a small settlement 5.5 miles NW of Points aux Barques Light, has a small-craft harbor formed by two

jetties. A privately dredged channel, marked by private buoys, leads along the NW side of the SE jetty, thence angles W between projections

on the inner sides of the jetties to a harbor basin. In 1977, the reported controlling depth was 4 feet in approach, entrance channel, and basin. **Port Austin, Mich.**, is a village and small-craft harbor at the mouth of **Bird Creek** about 2 miles SW of Points aux Barques on the shore of a shallow bay between that point and **Flat Rock Point** (44°02.7'N., 83°01.6'W.).

From Port Austin, the E shore of Saginaw Bay trends generally SW for 22 miles to **Sand Point**. From **Flat Rock Point**, 1.5 miles W of Port Austin, the shore consists of low bluffs for 3 miles SSW to the mouth of **Pinnebog River**, thence 3 miles W to **Hat Point**. The bluffs become wooded from Hat Point W for about 8 miles to **Oak Point** (43°58.5'N., 83°15.7'W.). At Oak Point the shore turns SW for 2 miles to Caseville Harbor, thence SW and W for 7 miles to the extremity of Sand Point.

Caseville Harbor, Mich., is at the mouth of the **Pigeon River**, about 18 miles SW of Points aux Barques and 6.5 miles ENE of Sand Point. A white spire in the town is prominent.

Sand Point (43°54.8'N., 83°24.0'W.) is a narrow point extending 4 miles W from about midpoint of the E shore of Saginaw Bay. Canals and approach channels have been privately dredged at the W end and along the S side of the point. Dockage for small craft is available in the canals, but the channels are subject to shoaling and caution is advised.

Quanicassee River, flowing into the SE corner of Saginaw Bay, is practically closed by the bars at its mouth. Depths less than 6 feet extend 2 miles off the mouth. W of the river mouth, the 6-foot contour extends 5 miles offshore and then narrows to about 1 mile at the mouth of Saginaw River. The entrance to Quanicassee River is marked by private seasonal buoys.

In 1977, it was reported that the **Tittabawassee River** was navigable by small boats for only about 1.5 miles above Green Point. Above that point stumps, sunken logs, and snags severely obstruct the river.

The **Shiawassee River**, near Green Point, has an available depth of 5 to 6 feet, and the crooked channel across Shiawassee Flats is 15 or 16 feet deep in many places. Above the flats, the Shiawassee River is very narrow and crooked, but is navigable for small boats to the junction with **Bad River**, and thence the Bad River to the village of St. Charles, 13 miles from Green Point.

Saginaw River Coast Guard Station is on the E side of the river about 1.7 miles above the mouth.

Fluctuations of water level.—The water level in Saginaw Bay is subject to sudden changes due to the wind. A NE gale driving water into the bay can raise the level at the mouth of Saginaw River 3 to 4 feet, sometimes in less than a few hours, while a SW wind sometimes lowers the level sufficiently to cause large vessels to ground in the channel.

Caution.—The course across the mouth of Saginaw Bay is dangerous in heavy weather. Tawas Bay, on the W side of the mouth, has good anchorage with protection from all but SW winds.

Numerous charted and uncharted fish net stakes and structures, some submerged, are in Saginaw Bay.

Fluctuations of water level.—Each year the normal variation in level between the highest and lowest mean monthly stages in the Saginaw River is about 3 feet. In addition, spring floods and excessive rains may cause an abnormal rise of as much as 14 feet in the river at Saginaw. Occasionally a considerable change takes place within a few hours, resulting from the raising or lowering of Saginaw Bay by violent NE or SW winds. Water level information for the river may be obtained by contacting Saginaw Coast Guard Station on VHF-FM channel 16.

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

RCC Cleveland

Commander
9th CG District
Cleveland, OH

(216) 902-6117

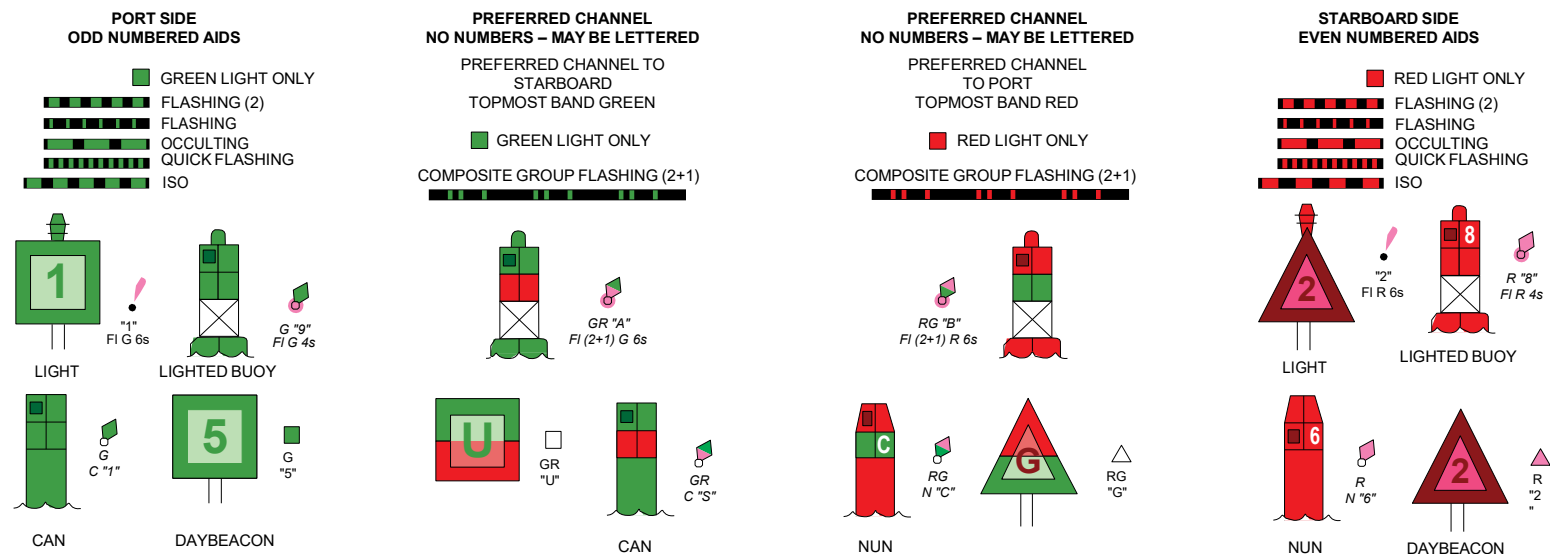
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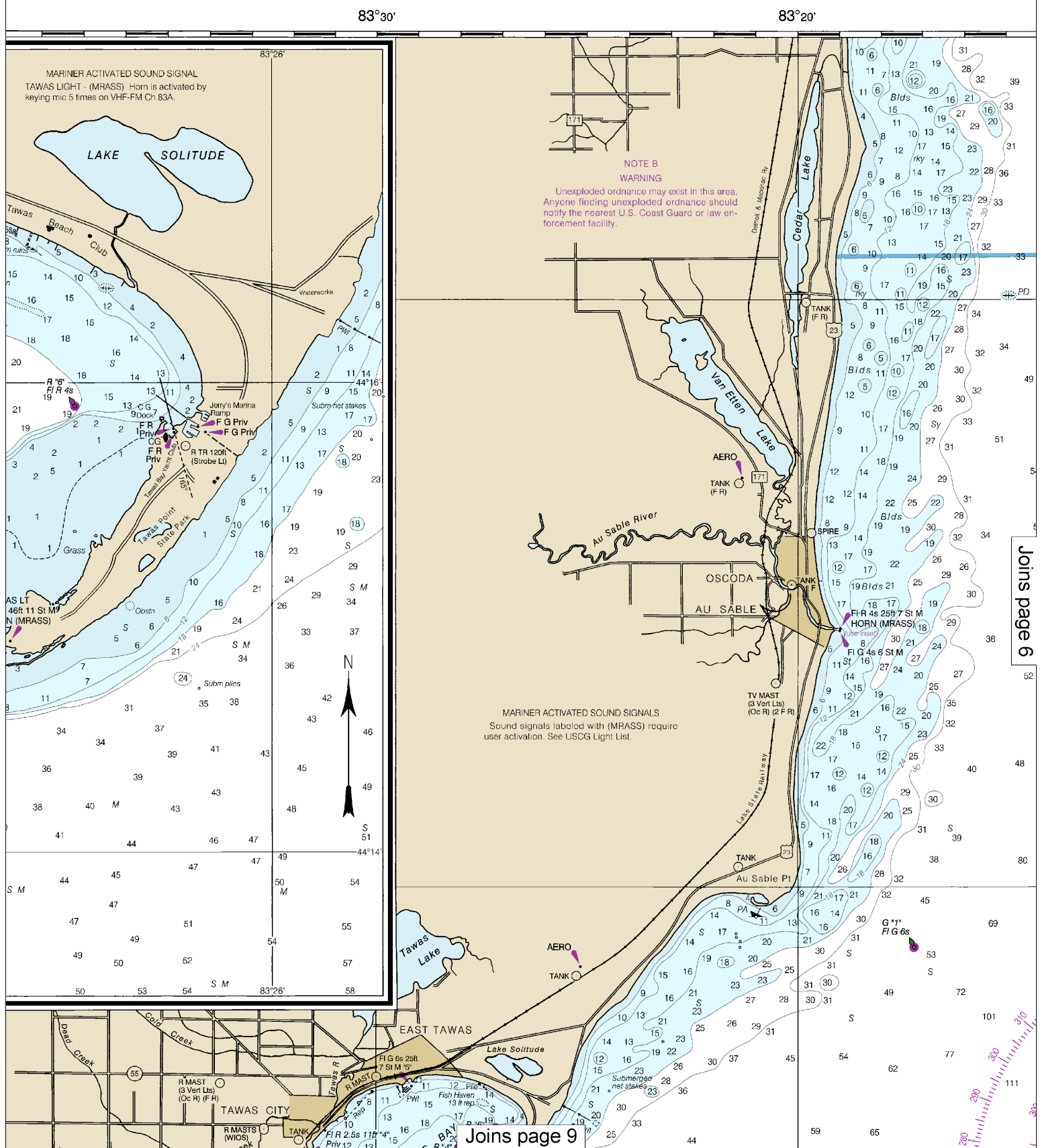
Lateral System As Seen Entering From Seaward

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>



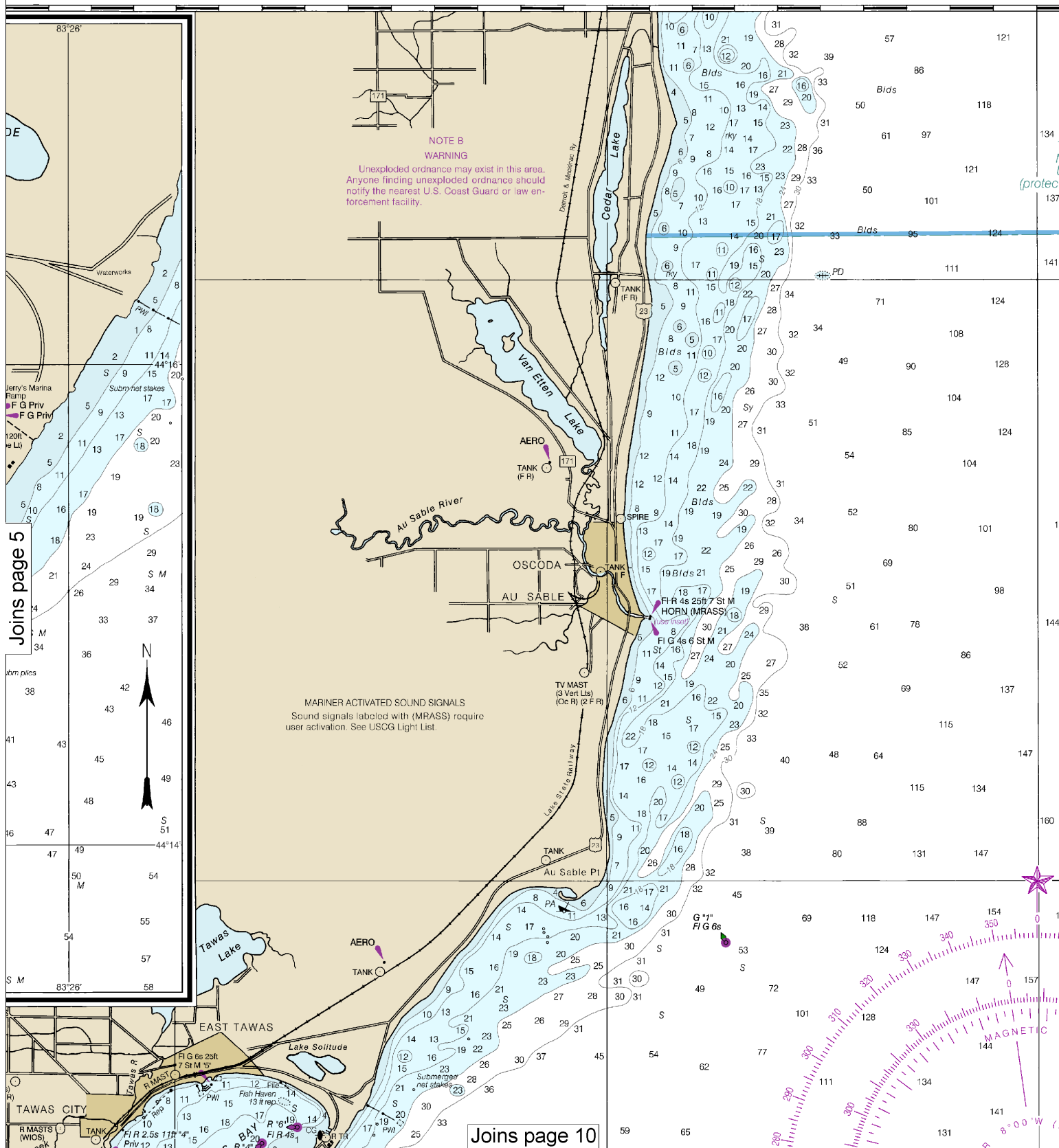


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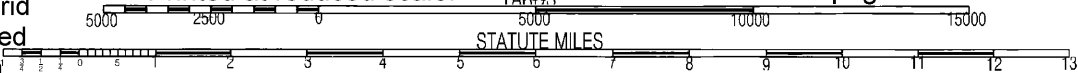
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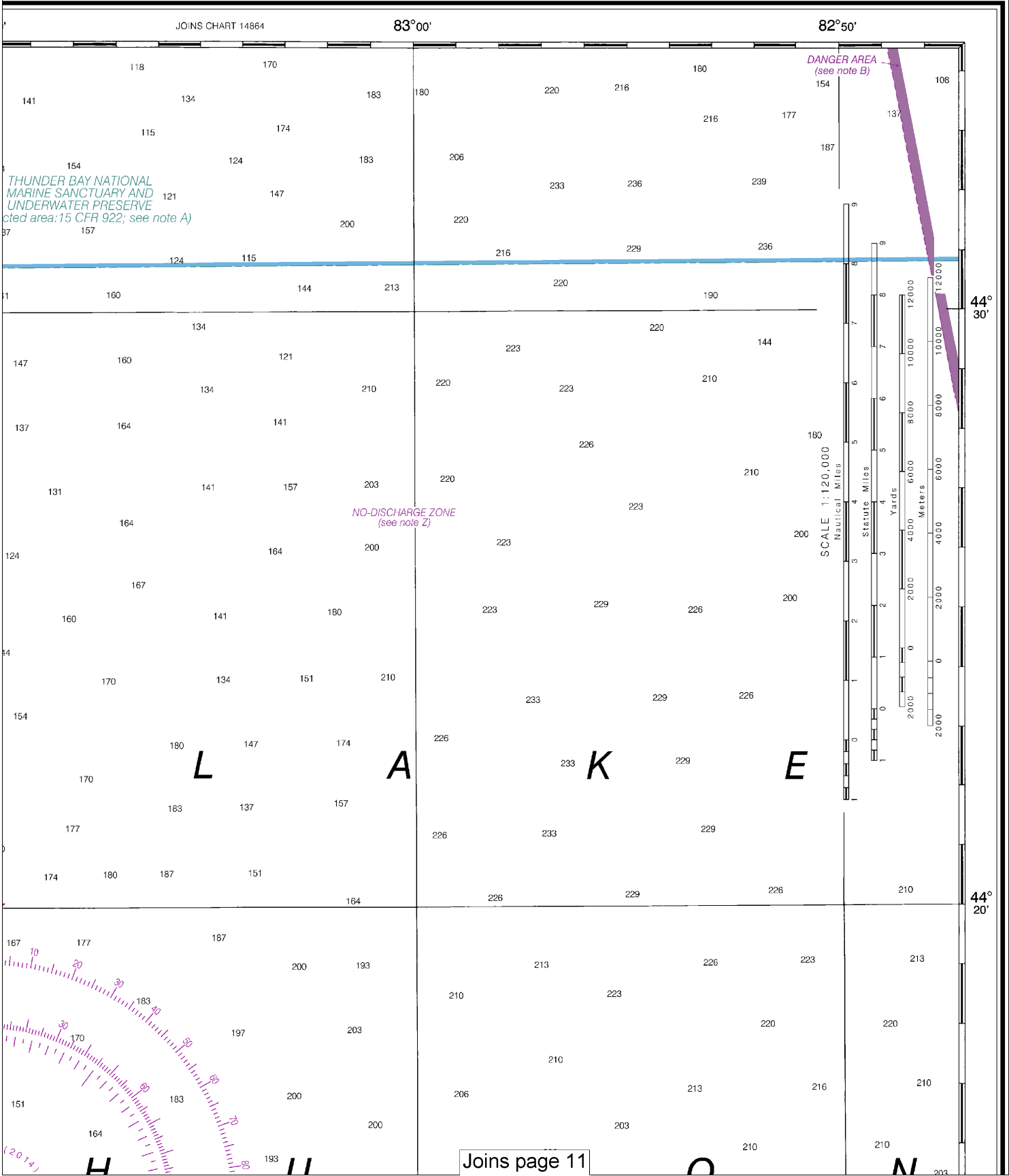
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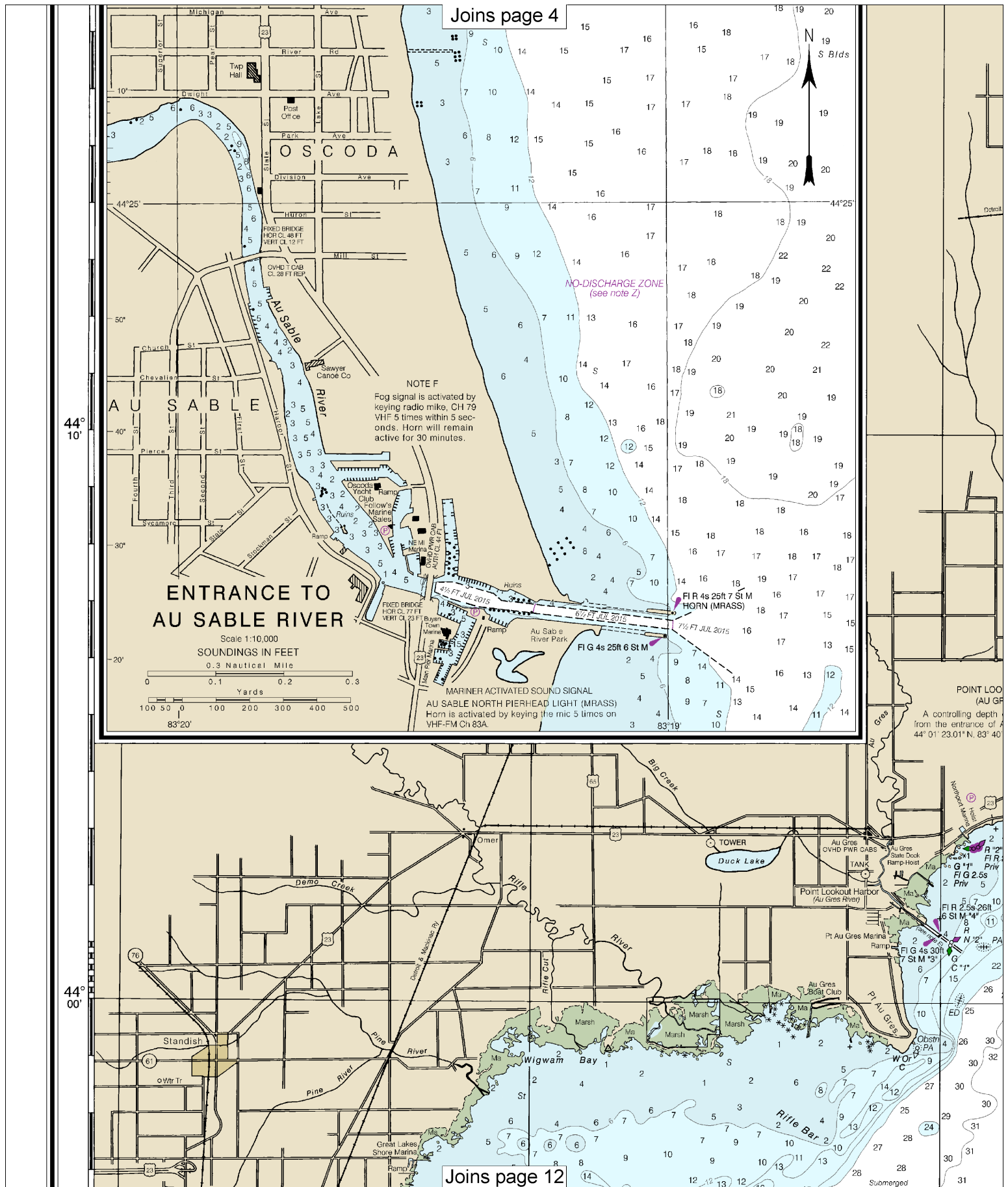


SOUNDINGS IN FEET

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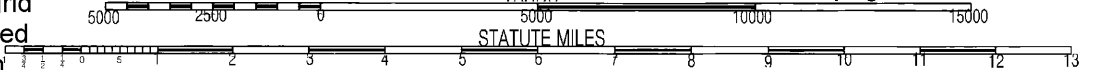
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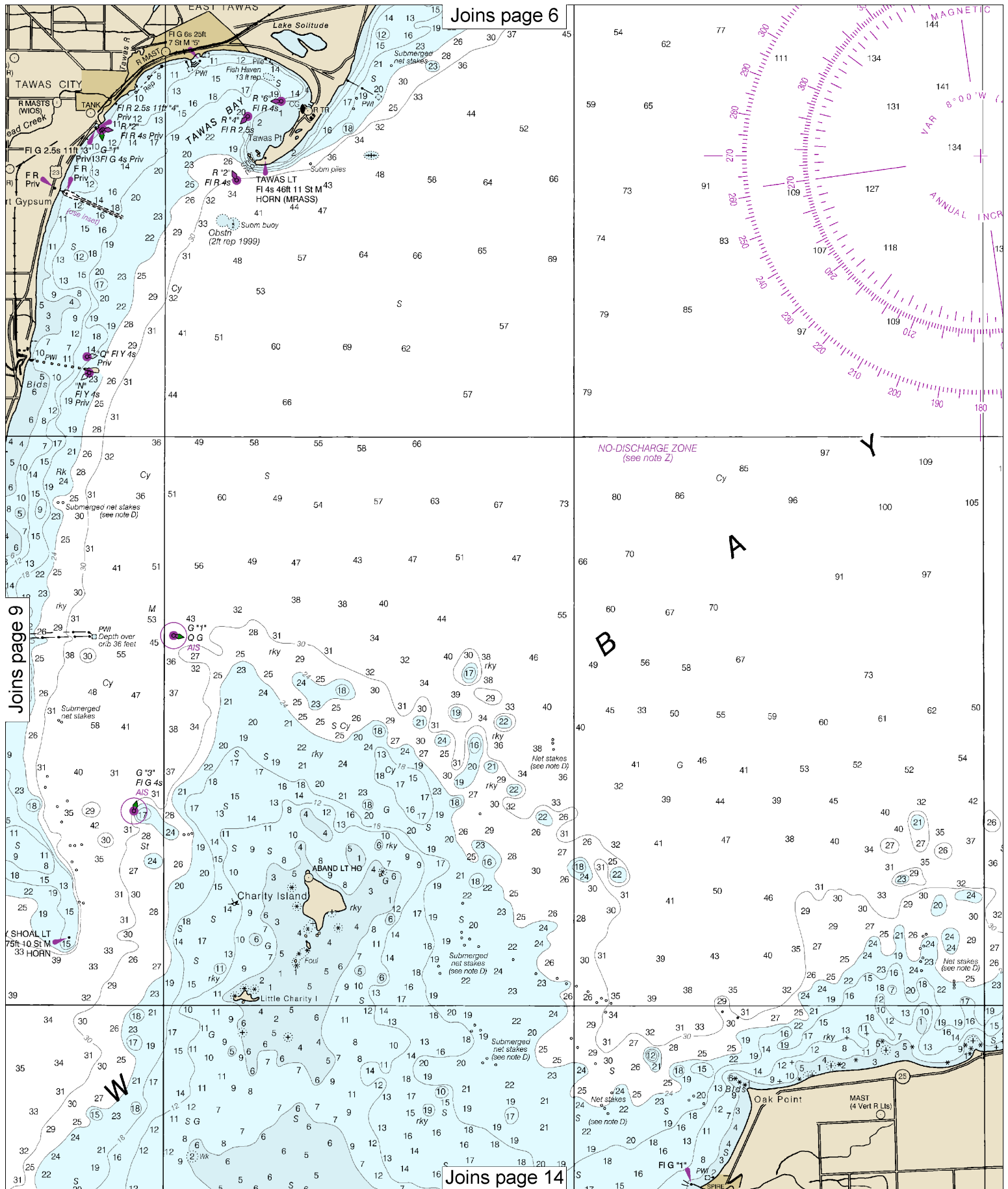
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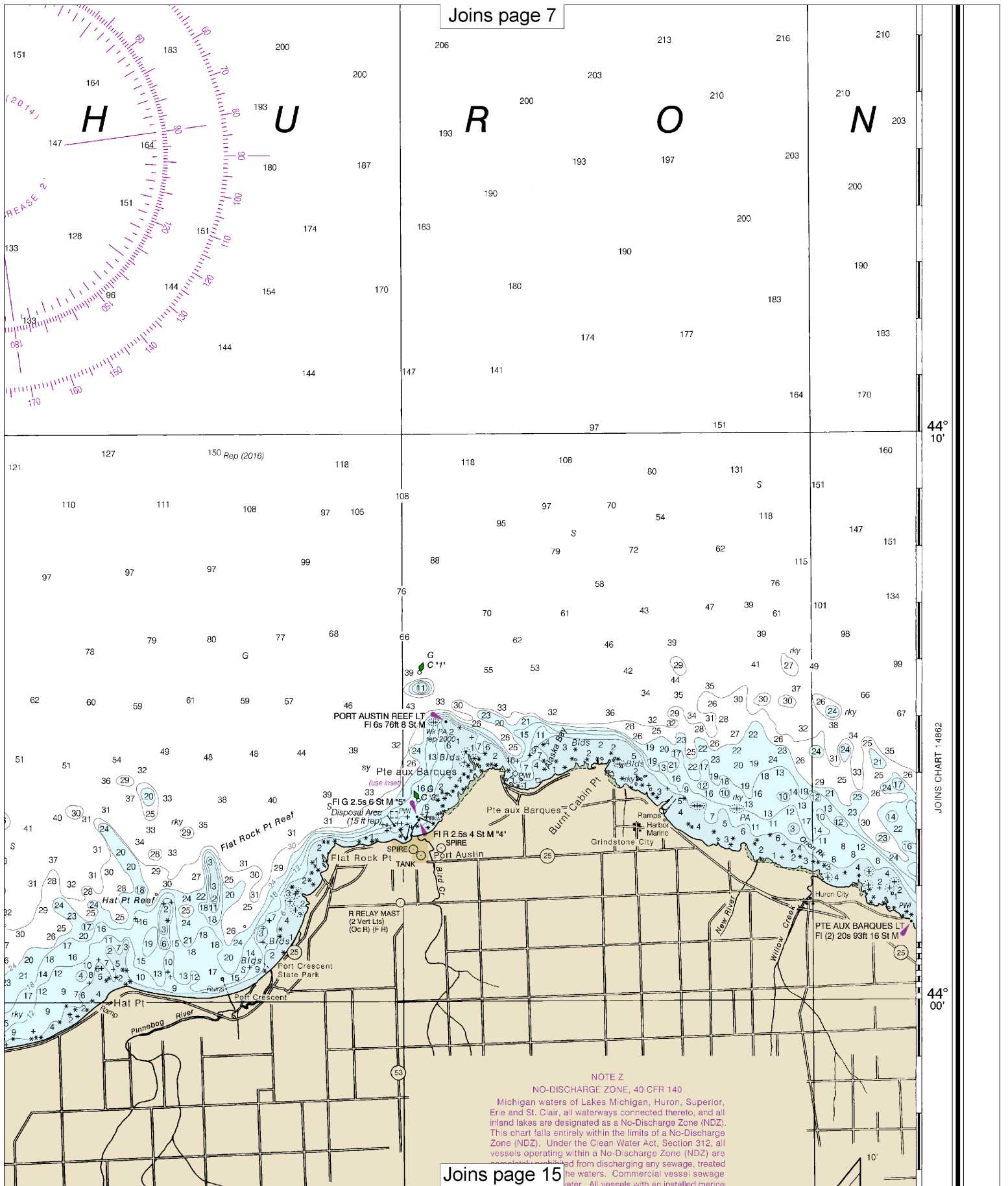
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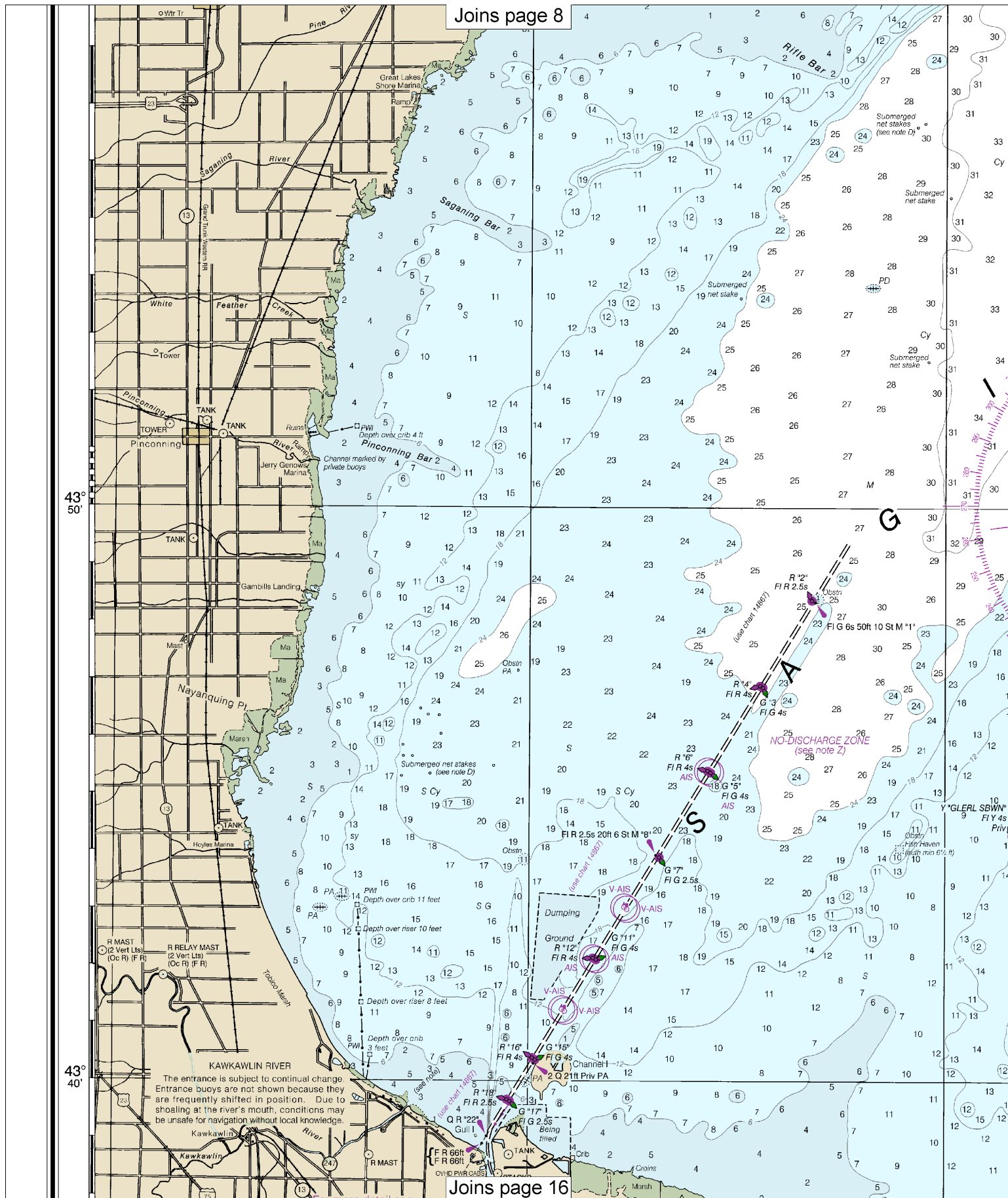




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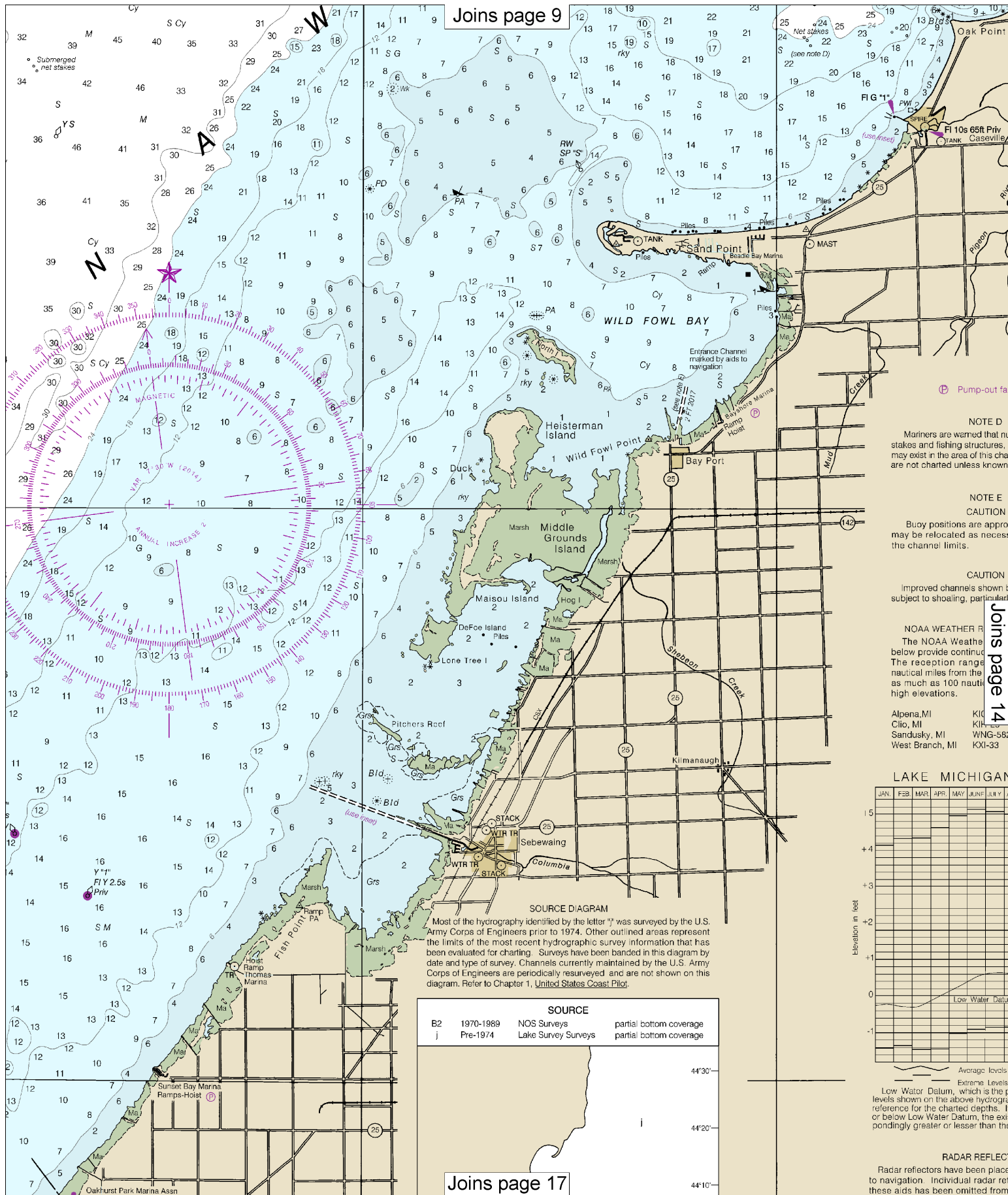
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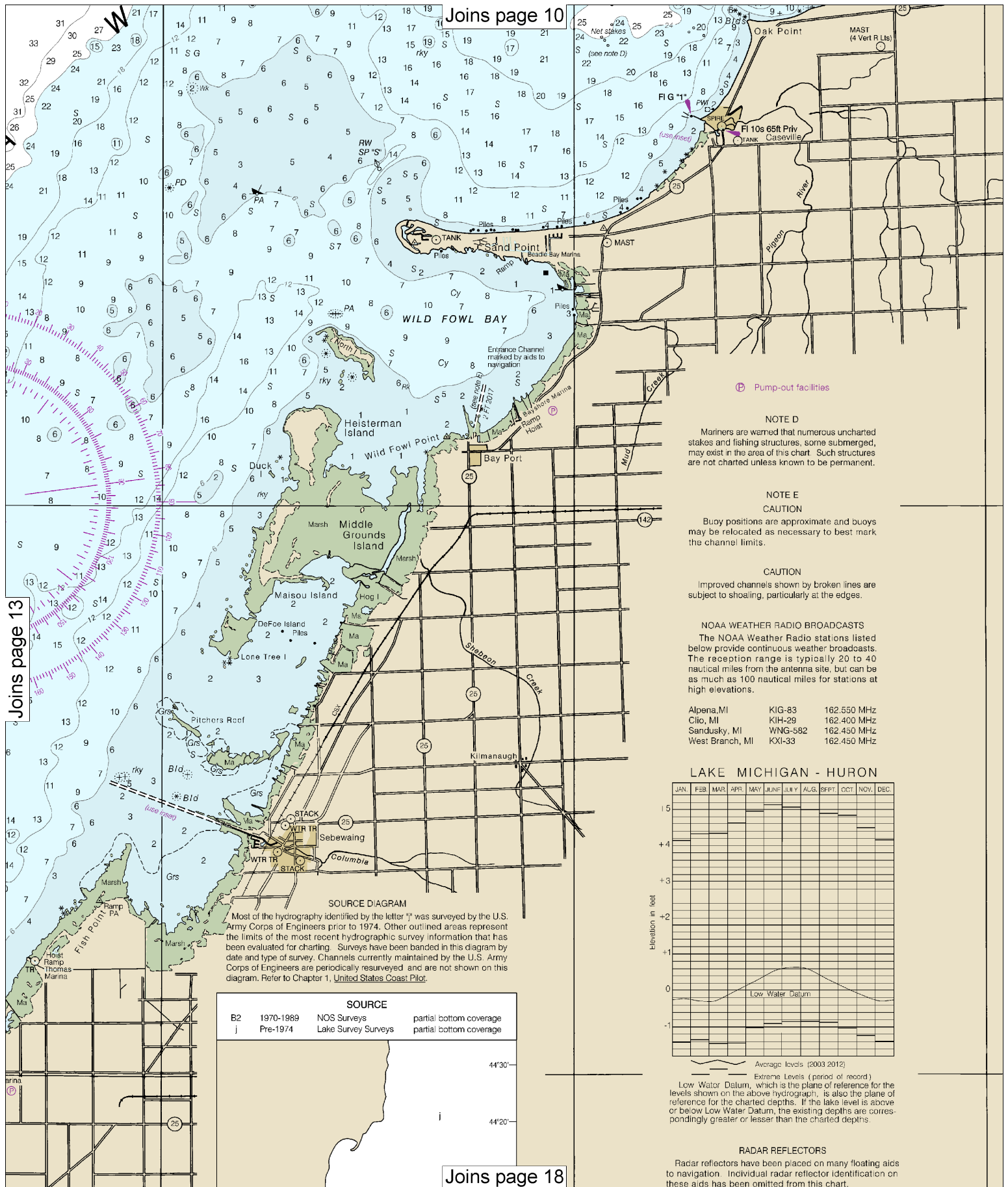
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Pump-out facilities

NOTE D

Mariners are warned that numerous uncharted stakes and fishing structures, some submerged, may exist in the area of this chart. Such structures are not charted unless known to be permanent.

NOTE E

CAUTION

Buoy positions are approximate and buoys may be relocated as necessary to best mark the channel limits.

CAUTION

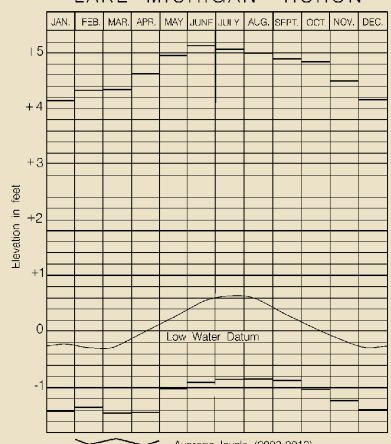
Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

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.

| | | |
|-----------------|---------|-------------|
| Alpena, MI | KIG-83 | 162.550 MHz |
| Clio, MI | KIH-29 | 162.400 MHz |
| Sandusky, MI | WNG-582 | 162.450 MHz |
| West Branch, MI | KXI-33 | 162.450 MHz |

LAKE MICHIGAN - HURON



Low Water Datum, which is the plane of reference for the levels shown on the above hydrograph, is also the plane of reference for the charted depths. If the lake level is above or below Low Water Datum, the existing depths are correspondingly greater or lesser than the charted depths.

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.

SOURCE DIAGRAM
Most of the hydrography identified by the letter "I" was surveyed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers prior to 1974. Other 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 currently 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 | | | |
|--------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| B2 | 1970-1989 | NOS Surveys | partial bottom coverage |
| j | Pre-1974 | Lake Survey Surveys | partial bottom coverage |

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See Note on page 5.

Michigan waters of Lakes Michigan, Huron, Superior, Erie and St. Clair, all waterways connected thereto, and all inland lakes are designated as a No-Discharge Zone (NDZ). This chart falls entirely within the limits of 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. Commercial vessel sewage shall include graywater. 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/.



UNITED STATES - GREAT LAKES
LAKE HURON - MICHIGAN

SAGINAW BAY

Polyconic Projection
Scale 1:120,000

North American Datum of 1983
(World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET

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

NOTES

PLANE OF REFERENCE OF THIS CHART (Low Water Datum).....577.5ft.
Referred to mean water level at Rimouski, Quebec, International Great Lakes Datum (1985).
SAILING DIRECTIONS. Bearings of sailing courses are true and distances given thereon are in statute miles between points of departure.
AIDS TO NAVIGATION. Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.
SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS. For complete list of symbols and abbreviations see Chart No. 1.
BRIDGE AND OVERHEAD CABLE CLEARANCES. When the water surface is above Low Water Datum, bridge and overhead clearances are reduced correspondingly. For clearances see U.S. Coast Pilot 6.
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 6 for important supplemental information.

NOTE A

Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S. Coast Pilot 6. 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, 9th Coast Guard District in Cleveland, Ohio or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in Detroit, Michigan.
Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

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.

Covered wells may be marked by lighted or unlighted buoys.

CAUTION

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The National Ocean Service acknowledges the exceptional cooperation received from members of the Saginaw Bay Power Squadron, District 8, United States Power Squadrons, for continually providing essential information for revising this chart.

CAUTION

POTABLE WATER INTAKE

Vessels operating in fresh water lakes or rivers shall not discharge sewage, or ballast, or bilge water within such areas adjacent to domestic water intakes as are designated by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (21 CFR 1250.93). Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 6 for important supplemental information.

Sailing courses and limits indicated in magenta are recommended by the Lake Carriers Association and the Canadian Shipowners Association.

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).

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.

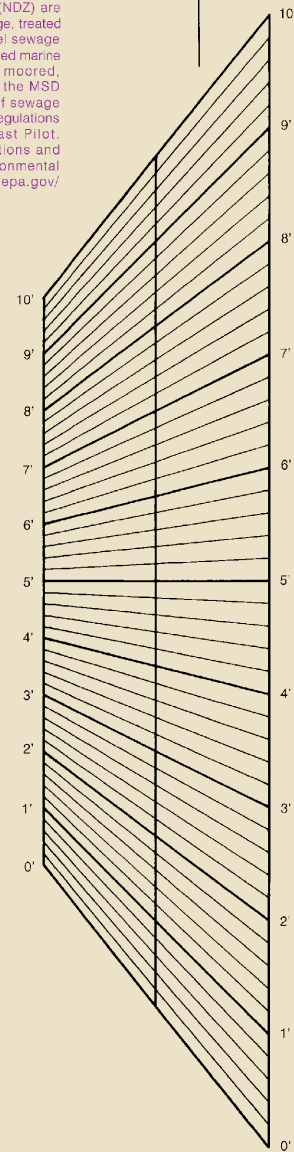
HORIZONTAL DATUM

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 0.061" northward and 0.172" eastward to agree with this chart.

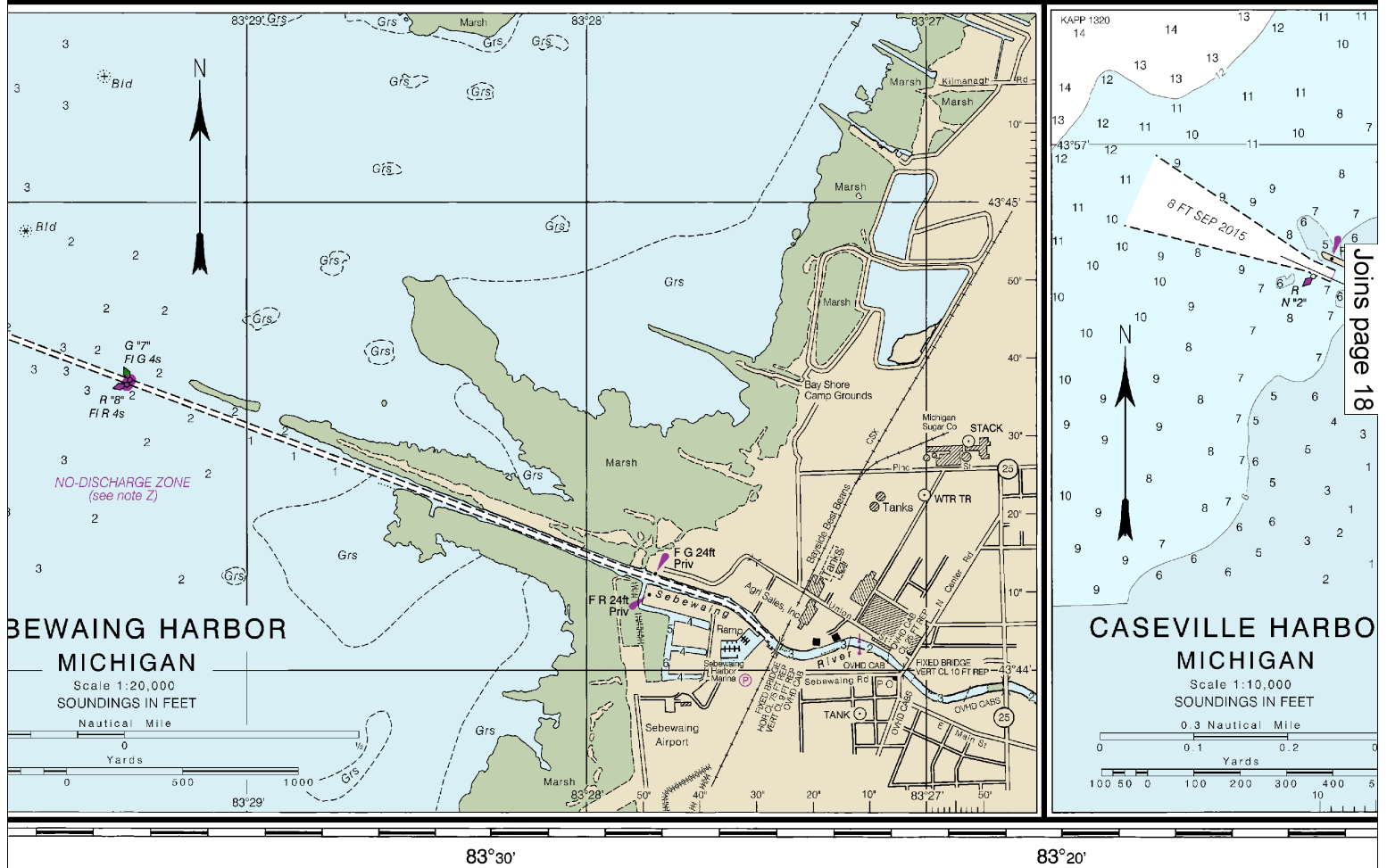
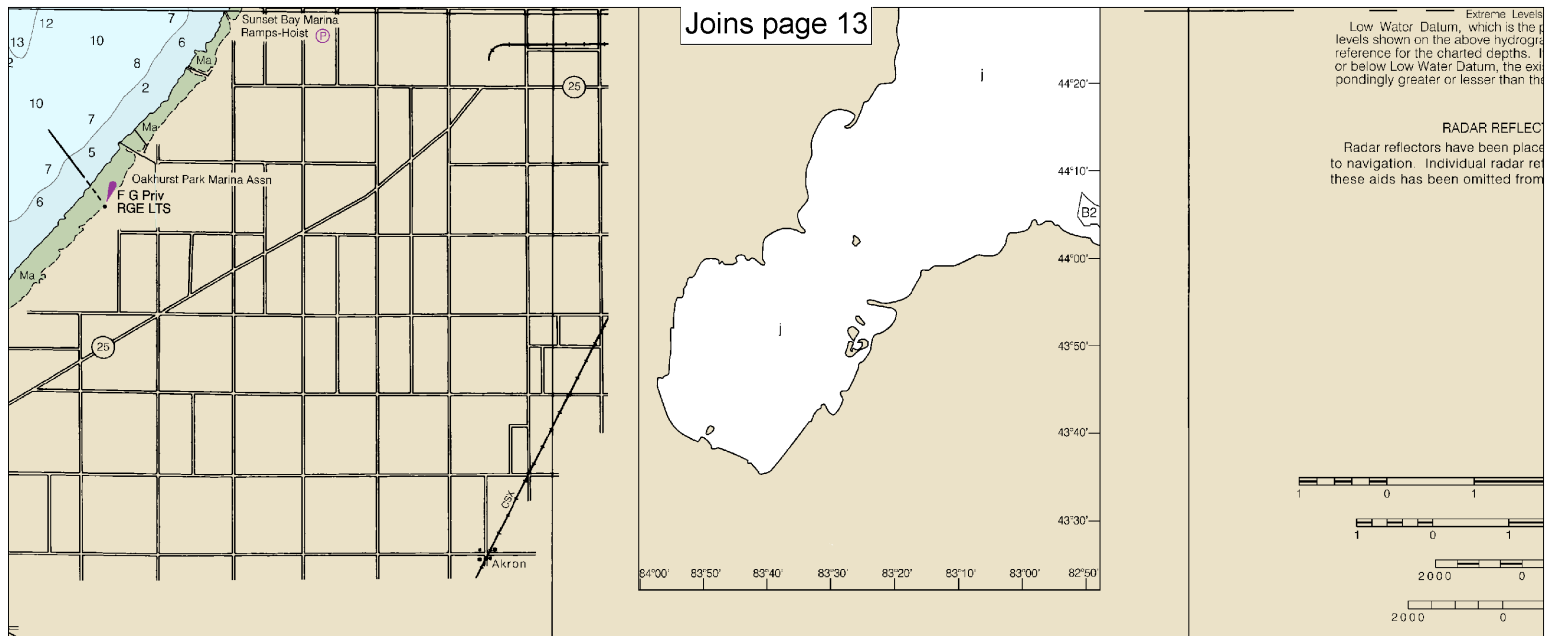
CAUTION

Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117. Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution.

Station positions are shown thus:
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CAUTION

Due to periodic high water conditions in the Great Lakes, some features charted as visible at Low Water Datum may be submerged, particularly in the near shore areas. Mariners should proceed with caution.

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.

Center of buoy is shown by a circle with a dot in the center.

If telephone communication is impossible (3)

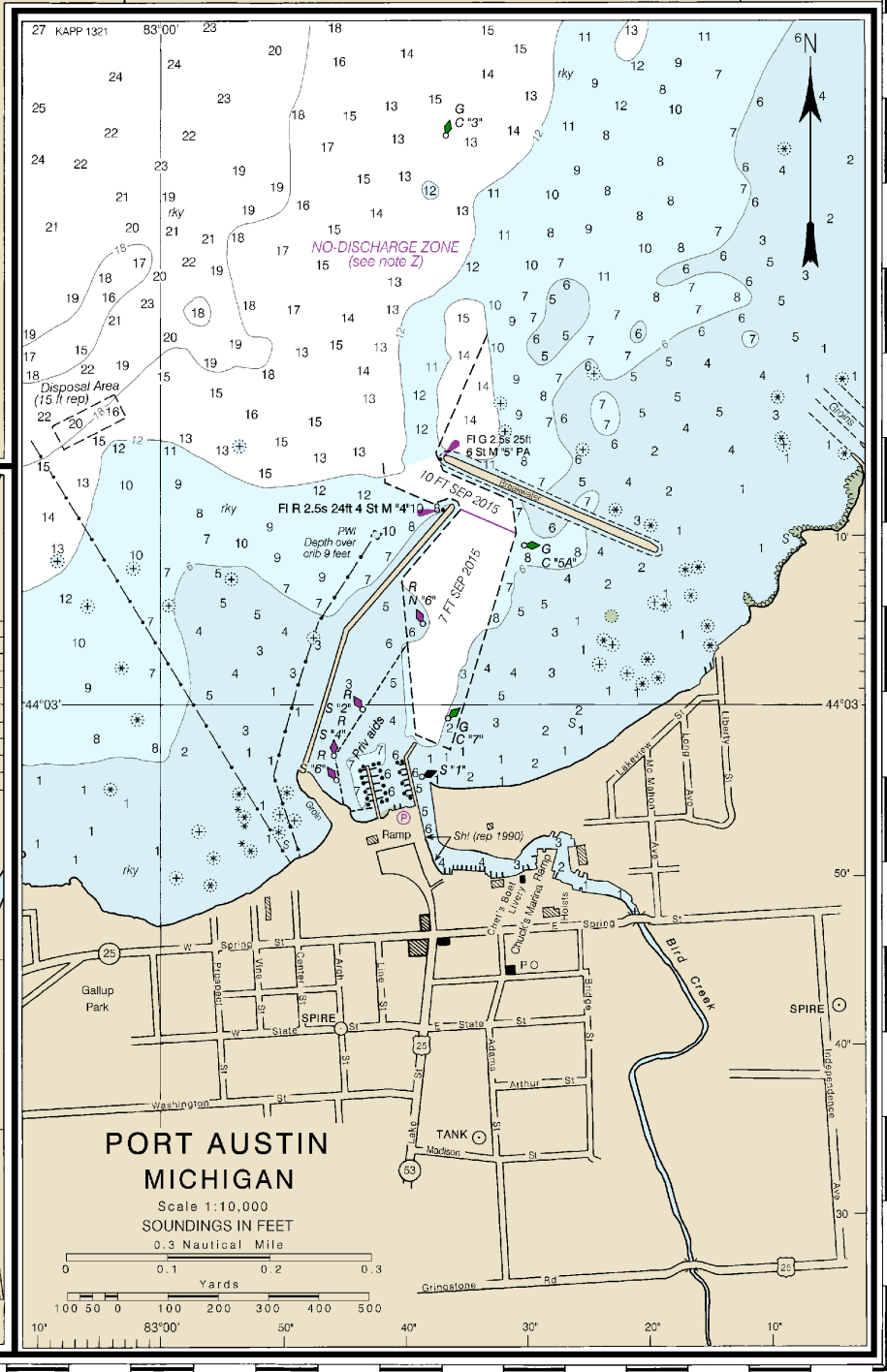
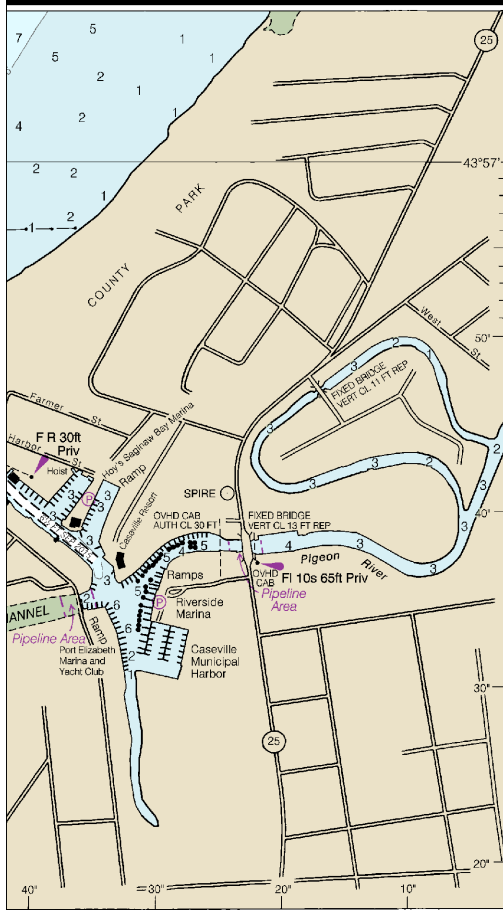
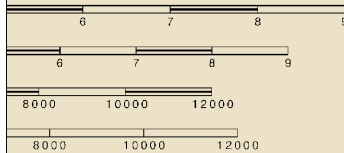
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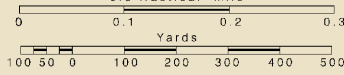
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PORT AUSTIN MICHIGAN

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 SOUNDINGS IN FEET
 0.3 Nautical Mile



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Saginaw Bay
 SOUNDINGS IN FEET - SCALE 1:120,000

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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.

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