

# BookletChart™

## Cape Hatteras to Charleston

NOAA Chart 11520

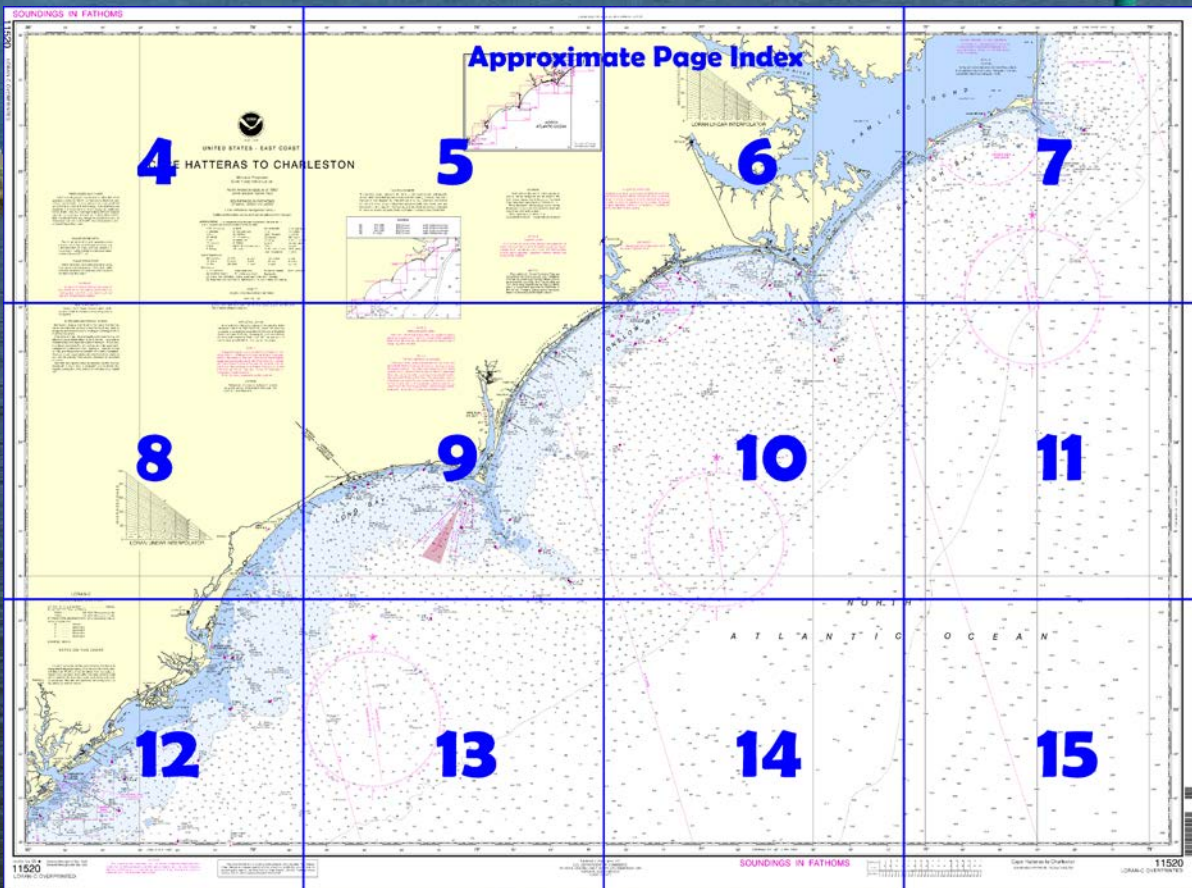


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**(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)**

This chapter describes Virginia and North Carolina coastline between Cape Henry and Cape Lookout, known as The **Outer Banks**, and the sounds and tributary waters behind the banks through which the Intracoastal Waterway passes. The Outer Banks, a line of long, low, and narrow islands, include the Portsmouth Islands, the uninhabited Core Banks, and Bodie, Hatteras, and Ocracoke Islands, parts of which comprise the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

There are no deepwater ports along this stretch of the coast. Oregon, Hatteras, and Ocracoke Inlets provide the main entrances to the shallow, sandy-bottom waters behind The Outer Banks.

**Weather.**—This stretch of coast is subject to strong winds and rough seas from both tropical and extratropical storms and occasionally to dense, spring, sea fog which hugs coastal routes landward of the Gulf Stream. Rough weather and numerous shoals have combined to give the seas off the Outer Banks the reputation of “Graveyard of the Atlantic.” Winter provides the greatest likelihood of rough weather, due to the frequent extratropical storms. Fueled by the Gulf Stream, about 3 to 6 storms per month affect these waters. Their movement is toward the northeast or east at 25 to 30 knots. Not all of these systems are severe weather producers, but, in winter, gales blow about 5 percent of the time near Diamond Shoals and up to 10 percent to the east and northeast. From December through March, seas of 8 feet or more are encountered about 20 to 25 percent of the time near Diamond Shoals and even more often to the east. Maximum wave heights have been estimated at more than 40 feet. Steep waves of 5 feet or more with periods of less than 6 seconds are uncommon. However, those of 5 feet or more with 6- to 9-second periods occur about 30 percent of the time creating problems for vessels in the 100- to 400-foot range. Winter storms also produce rain and snow which can hamper visibility along the routes through this region. Visibilities drop below 0.5 mile less than 3 percent of the time, except in late winter and spring.

**Location of the Gulf Stream.**—Up-to-date information on the location, width, and maximum surface temperature of the Gulf Stream System is available in a variety of ways. Such information is broadcast by NOAA Weather Radio stations from Key West, Florida, to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina.

**Extratropical Cyclones.**—One of the more frequent weather features the mariner encounters along the coast is the winter storm or “Nor'easter.” These extratropical systems can develop in any month. Their size can vary from an insignificant wave along a front to a gigantic circulation that covers most of the western North Atlantic. Winds can reach hurricane force and seas of 40 feet (12 m) and more have been encountered. While these storms are usually well forecasted they can develop or deepen explosively, particularly off Cape Hatteras, over the Gulf Stream, giving rise to the term “Hatteras Storms.” These winter storms, present in all months, are most frequent and intense from November through March. December, January and February are the heart of the season, when an average of four to six storms per month roam these waters.

**Tropical Cyclones.**—A tropical cyclone is a warm core, low pressure system that develops over tropical oceans. It exhibits a rotary, counterclockwise circulation in the Northern Hemisphere around a center or “eye.” In small tropical cyclones the diameter of the area of destructive winds may not exceed 25 miles (46 km) while in the greatest storms the diameter may reach 500 miles (925 km). At the center is a comparatively calm, sometimes clear, area known as the eye. The diameter of the eye can vary from about 5 to 25 miles (9 to 46 km). Winds are usually strongest near the center. They can reach 175 knots or more in an intense hurricane. (See **Coast Pilot 4, Chapter 3** for an extensive discussion of Tropical Cyclones, Tropical Cyclone Climatology, Hurricane Warning and Forecasts, Hurricane Havens, Tropical Cyclones at Sea, Maneuvering for a Tropical Cyclone.)

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24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies**

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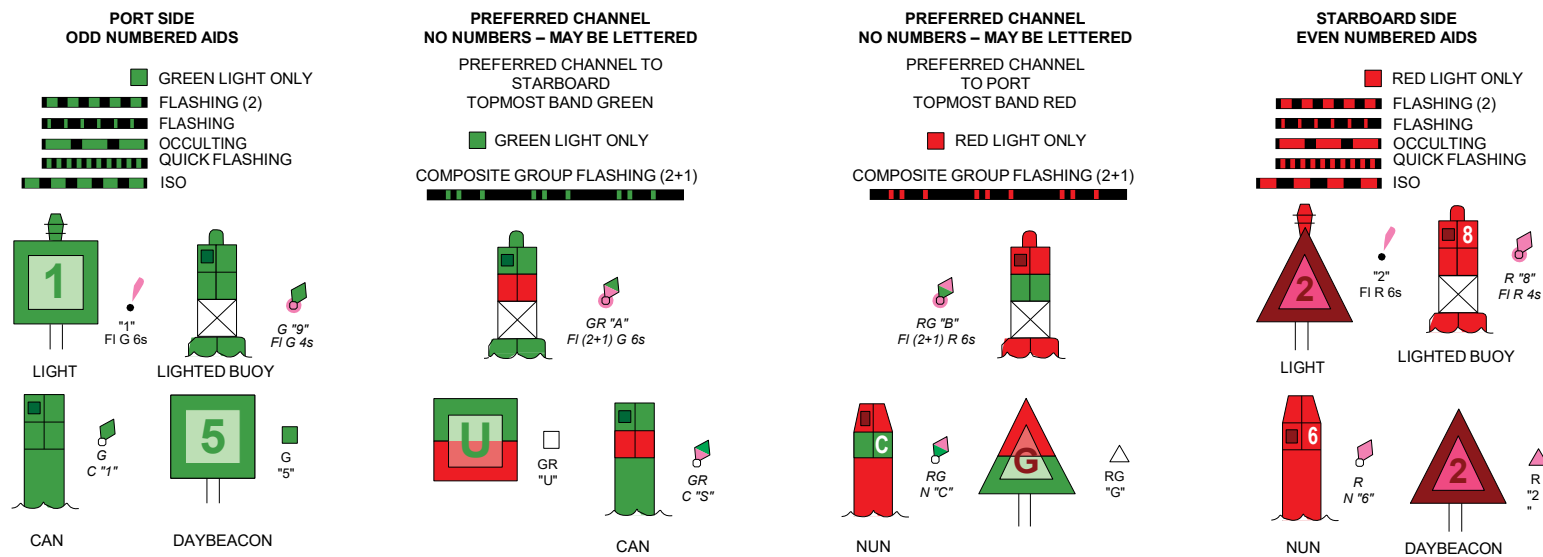
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## Lateral System As Seen Entering From Seaward

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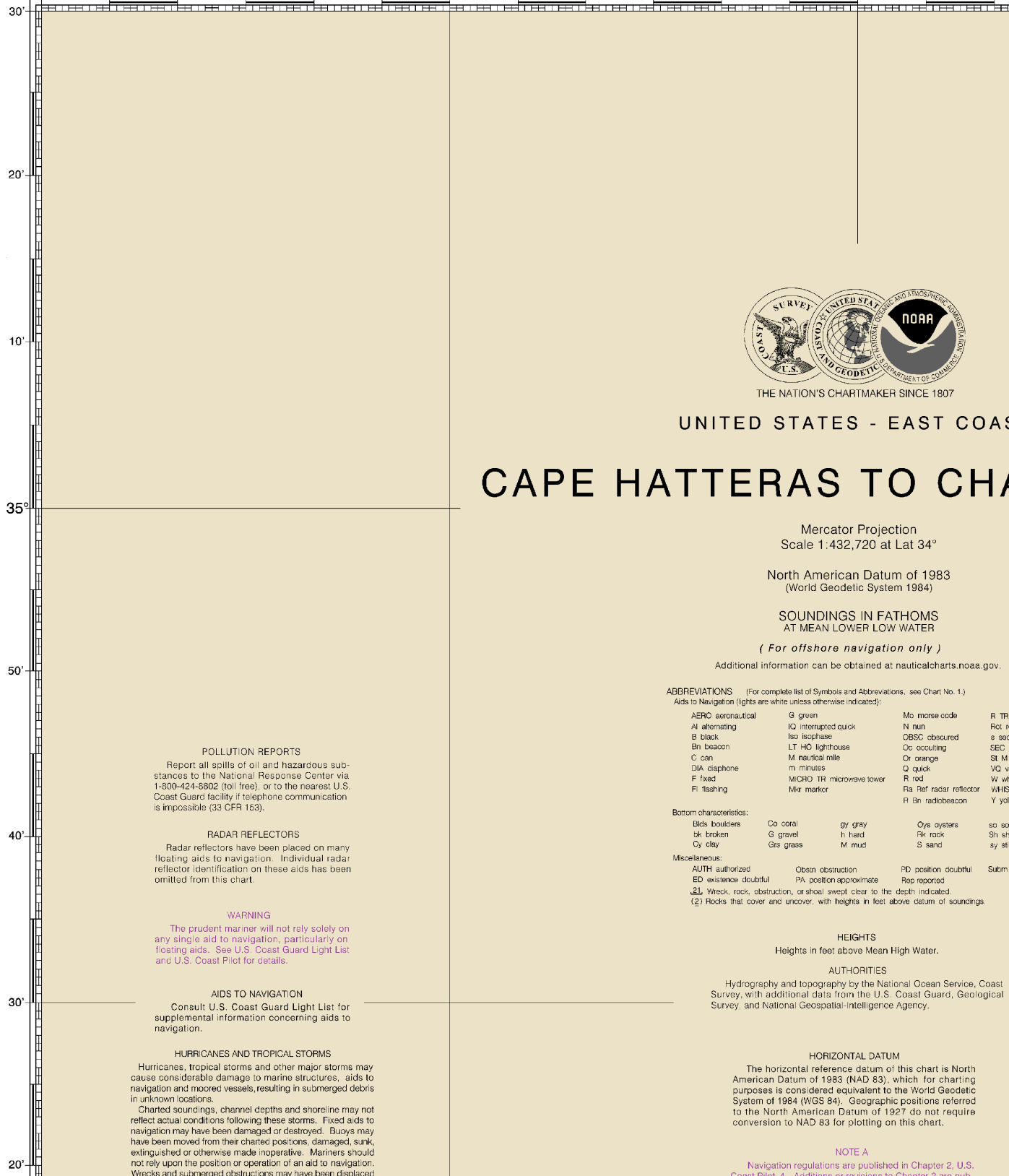


For more information on aids to navigation, including those on Western Rivers, please consult the latest USCG Light List for your area. These volumes are available online at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov>

# SOUNDINGS IN FATHOMS

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80° 50' 40' 30' 20' 10' 79° 50'



THE NATION'S CHARTMAKER SINCE 1807

UNITED STATES - EAST COAST

## CAPE HATTERAS TO CHAR

Mercator Projection  
Scale 1:432,720 at Lat 34°

North American Datum of 1983  
(World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FATHOMS  
AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

( For offshore navigation only )

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**POLLUTION REPORTS**  
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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.

**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.

**AIDS TO NAVIGATION**  
Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

**HURRICANES AND TROPICAL STORMS**  
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**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 moose code	R TR radio tower
Al alternating	IG interrupted quick	N nun	Rot rotating
B black	Isb isophase	OBSC obscured	s seconds
Bn beacon	LT LD 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
Fl flashing	Mkr marker	Ra Ref radar reflector	WHIS white
		R Bn radiobeacon	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	Gra grass	M mud	S sand	sy sticky

**Miscellaneous:**

AUTH authorized	Obstn 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 U.S. Coast Guard, Geological Survey, and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

**HORIZONTAL DATUM**  
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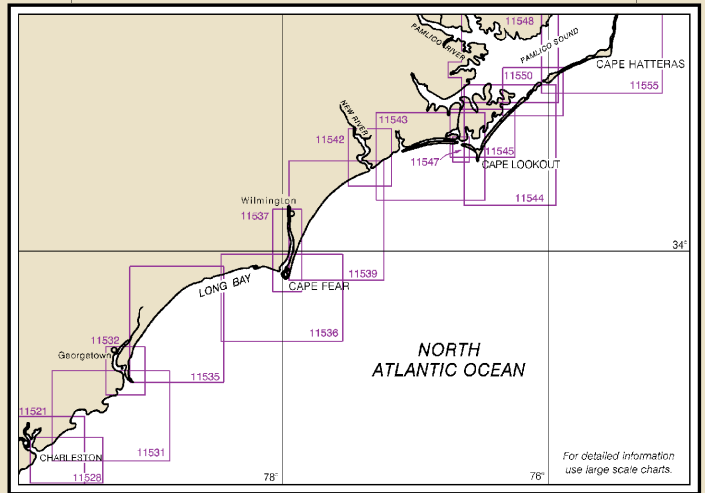
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Note: Chart grid lines are aligned with true north.

40' 30' 20' 10' 78° 50' 40' 30'



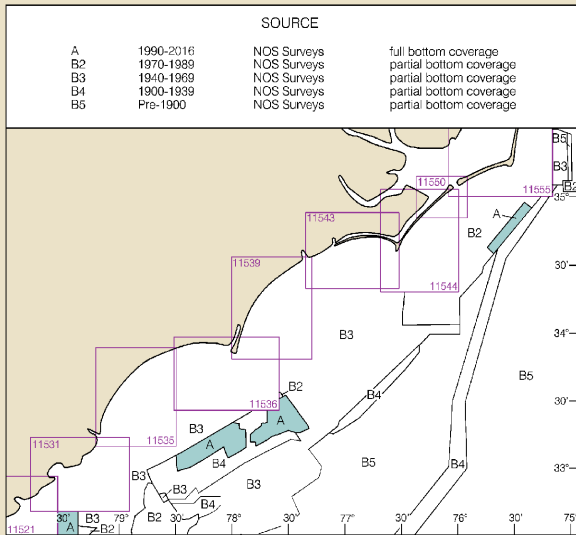
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SOURCE DIAGRAM

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. Consult larger scale charts for survey information in areas outlined in magenta. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast Pilot.

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:  
 ○ (Accurate location)    ◐ (Approximate location)



NOTE B  
DANGER AREA

Area is open to unrestricted surface navigation but all vessels are cautioned neither to anchor (except as shown) dredge, trawl, lay cables, bottom, nor conduct any other similar type of operation because of residual danger from mines on the bottom.

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.

NOTE D  
PRECAUTIONARY AREA

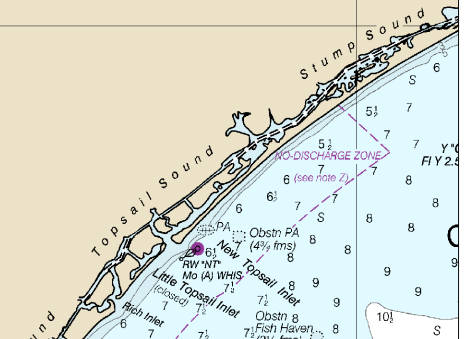
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NOTE E  
TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME

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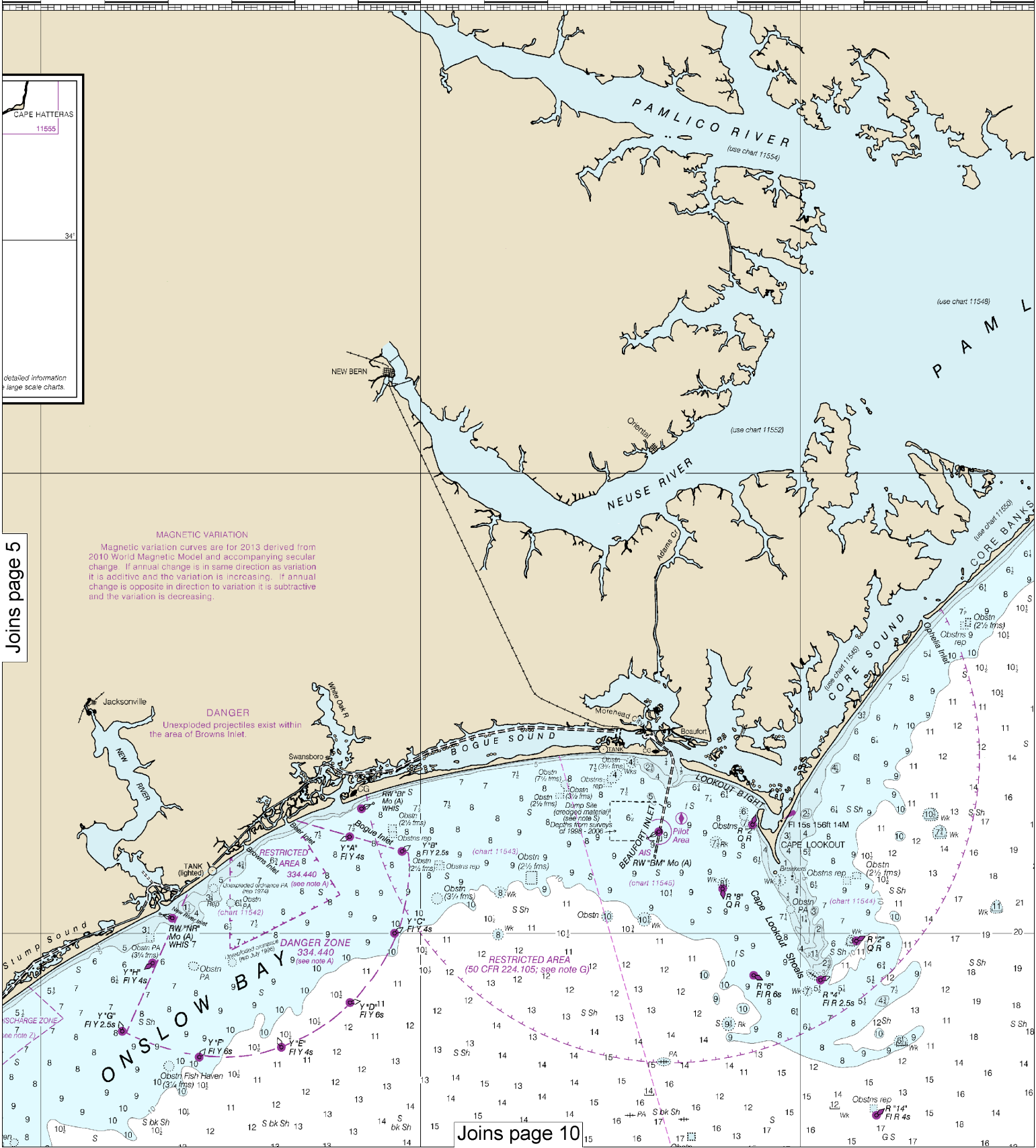
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detailed information  
large scale charts.

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**MAGNETIC VARIATION**  
Magnetic variation curves are for 2013 derived from 2010 World Magnetic Model and accompanying secular change. If annual change is in same direction as variation it is additive and the variation is increasing. If annual change is opposite in direction to variation it is subtractive and the variation is decreasing.

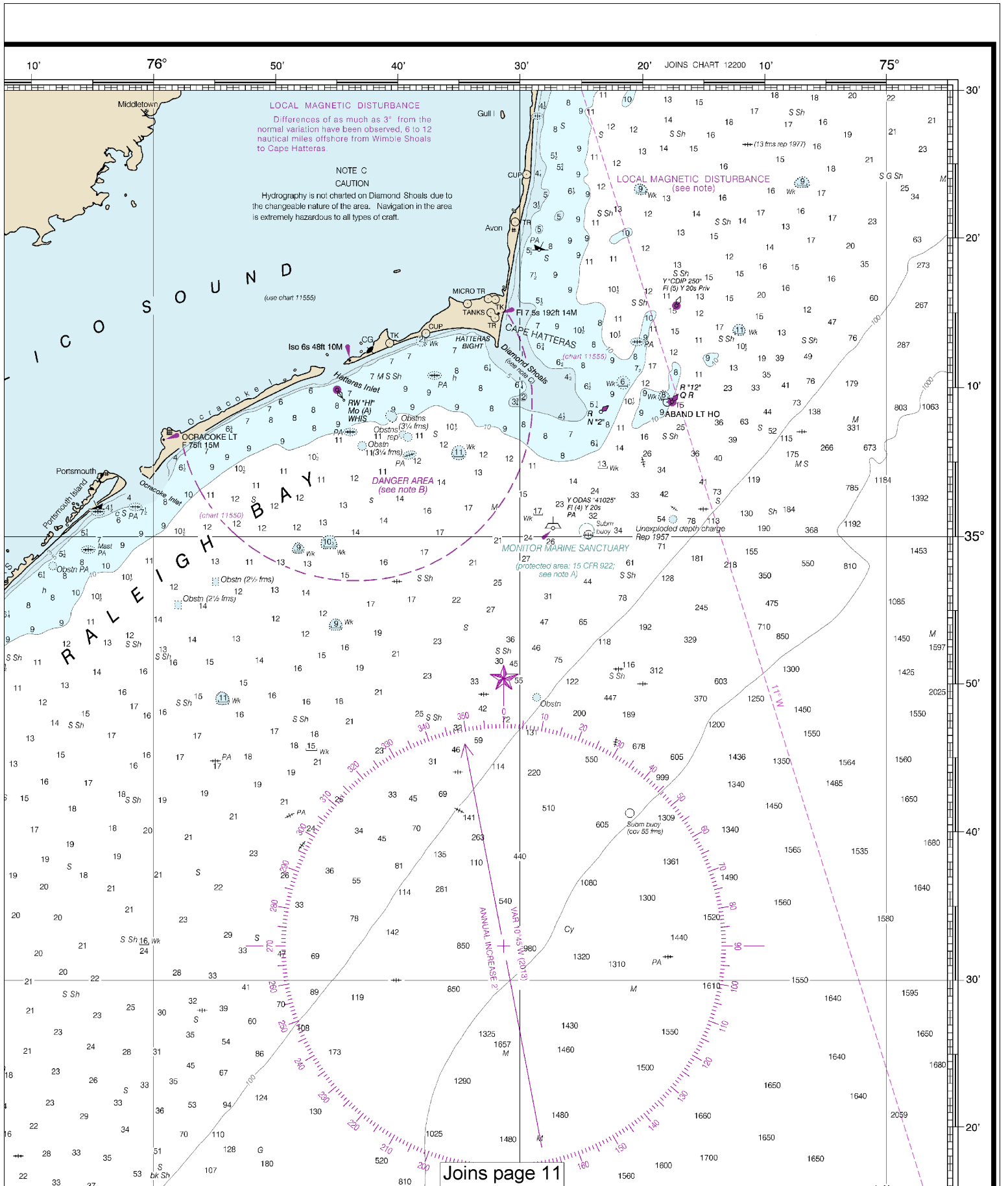
**DANGER**  
Unexploded projectiles exist within the area of Browns Inlet.



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### NOTE Z

#### NO-DISCHARGE ZONE, 40 CFR 140

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. 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/](http://www.epa.gov/owow/oceans/regulatory/vessel_sewage/).

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### CAUTION

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

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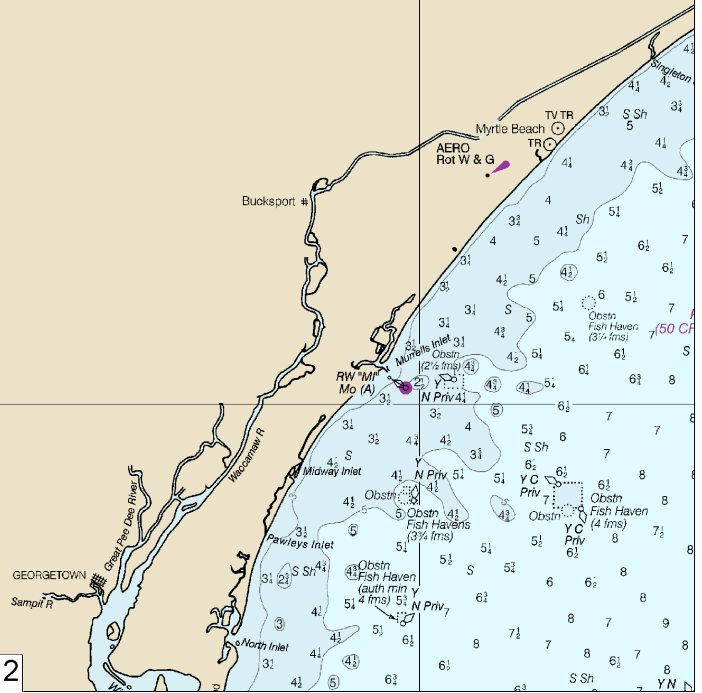
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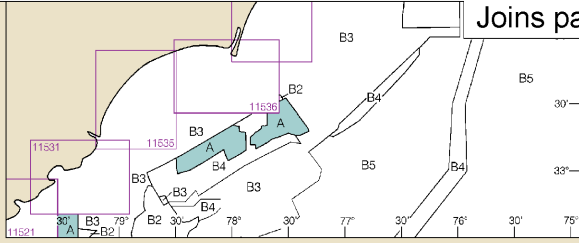
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NOTE F

RIGHT WHALE CRITICAL HABITAT

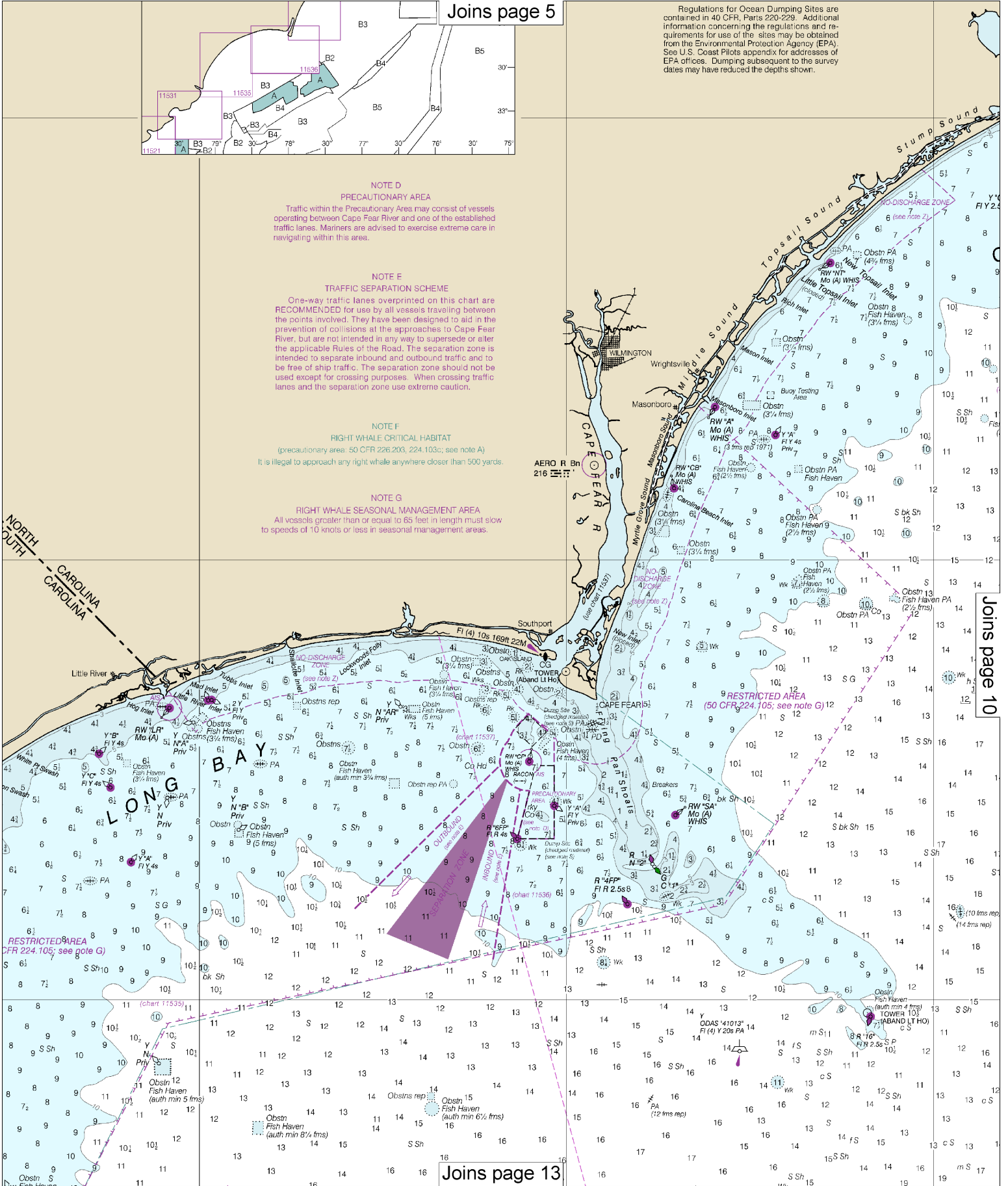
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It is illegal to approach any right whale anywhere closer than 500 yards.

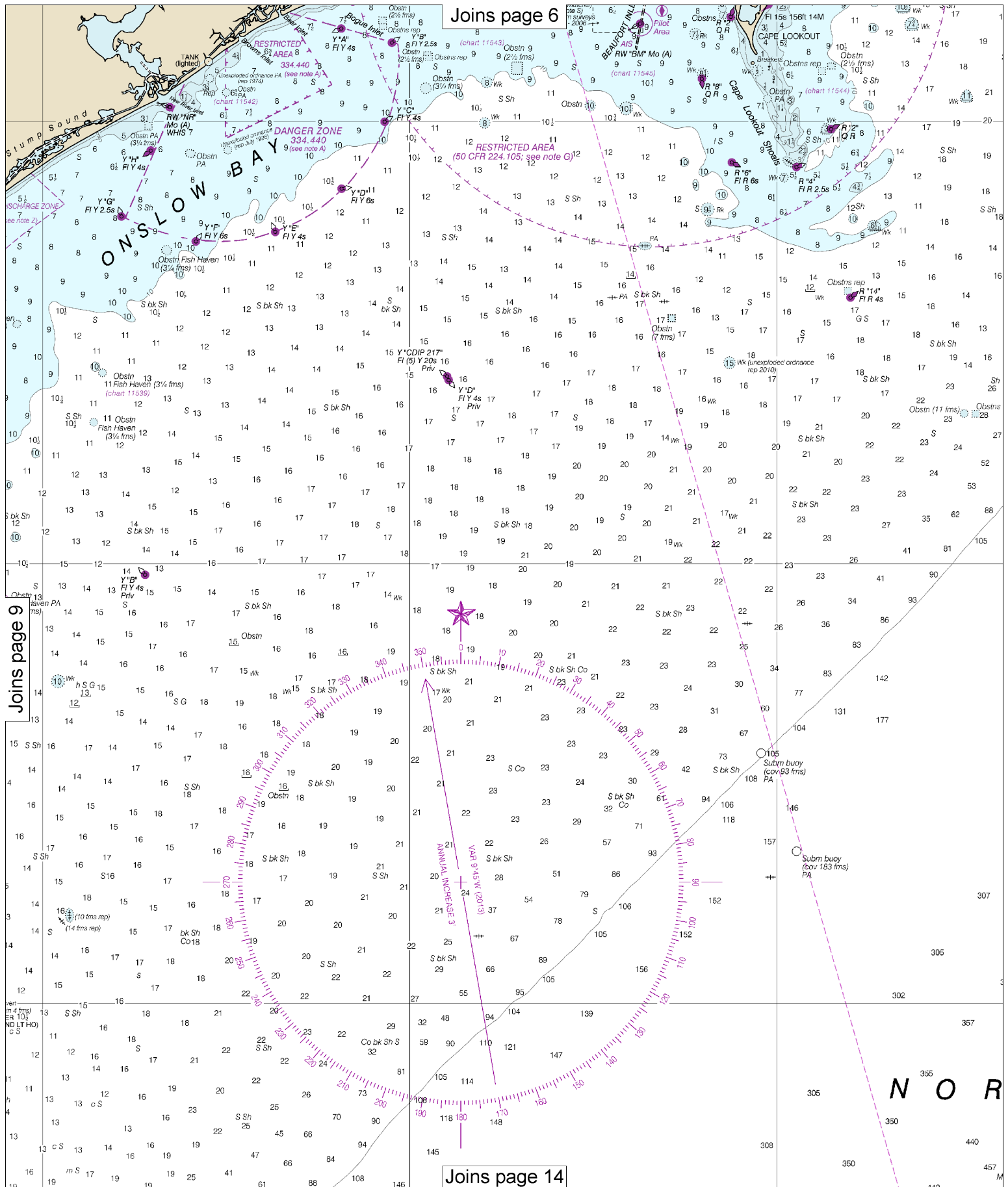
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RIGHT WHALE SEASONAL MANAGEMENT AREA

All vessels greater than or equal to 65 feet in length must slow to speeds of 10 knots or less in seasonal management areas.

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SOUTH CAROLINA





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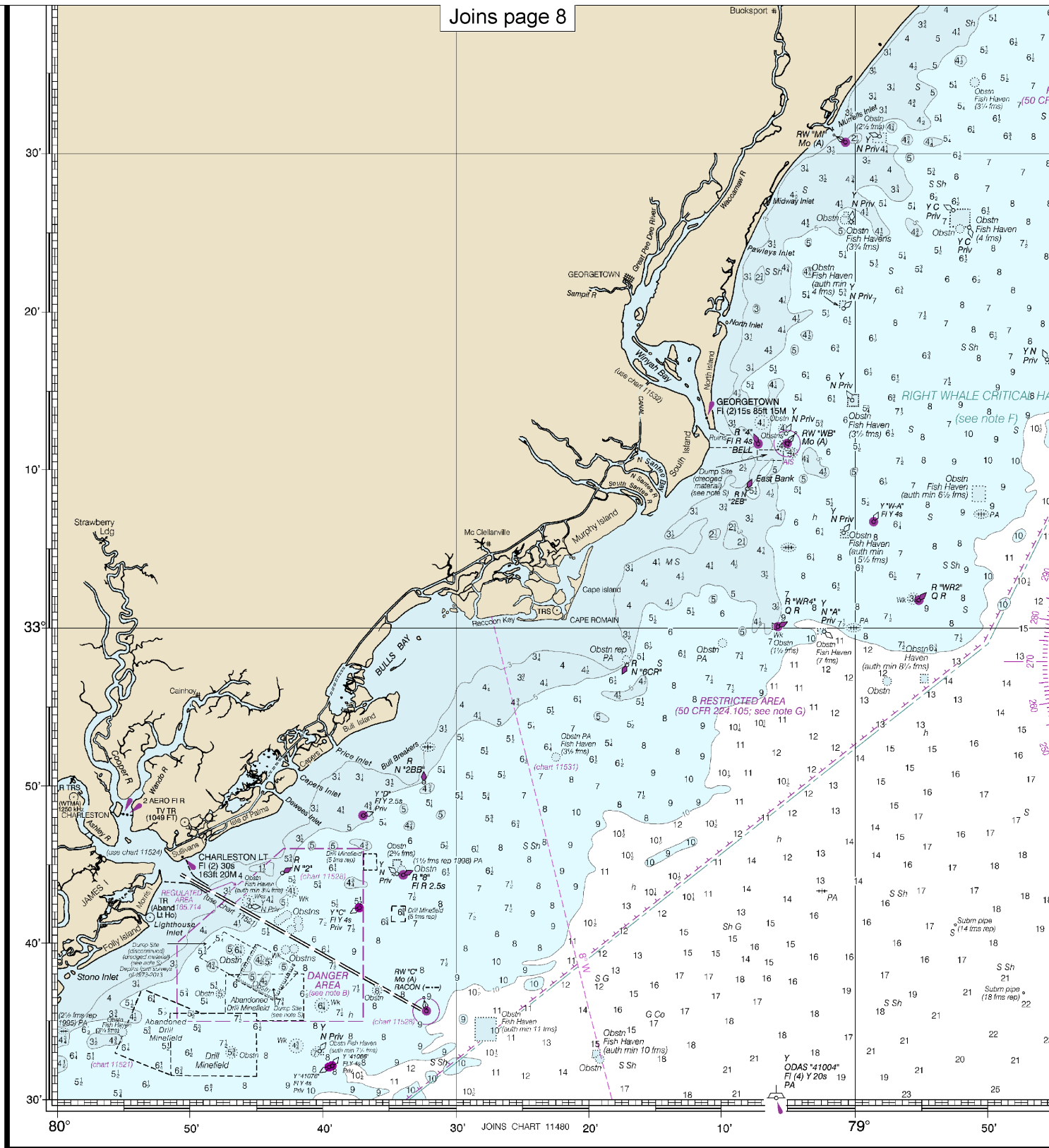
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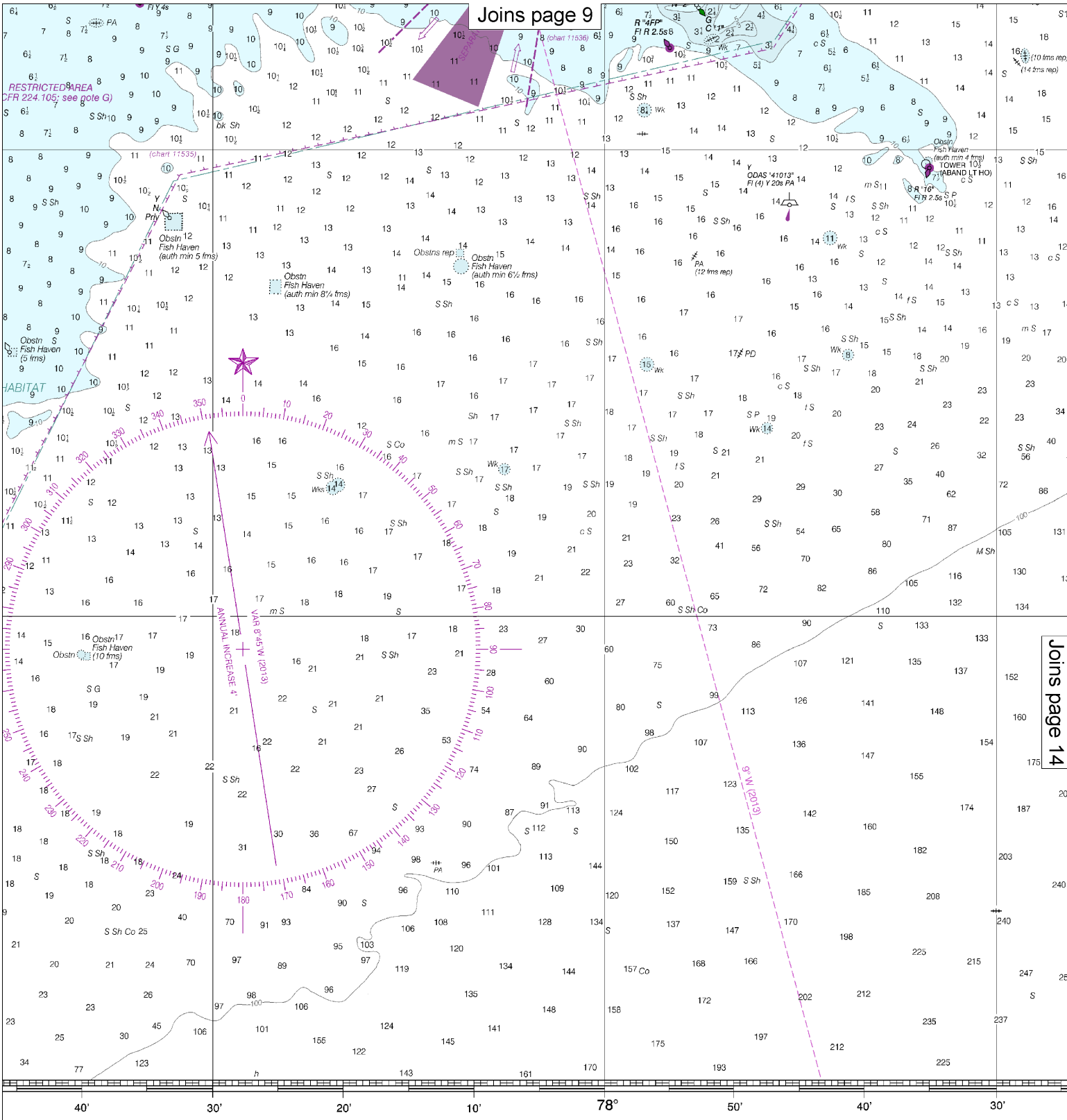
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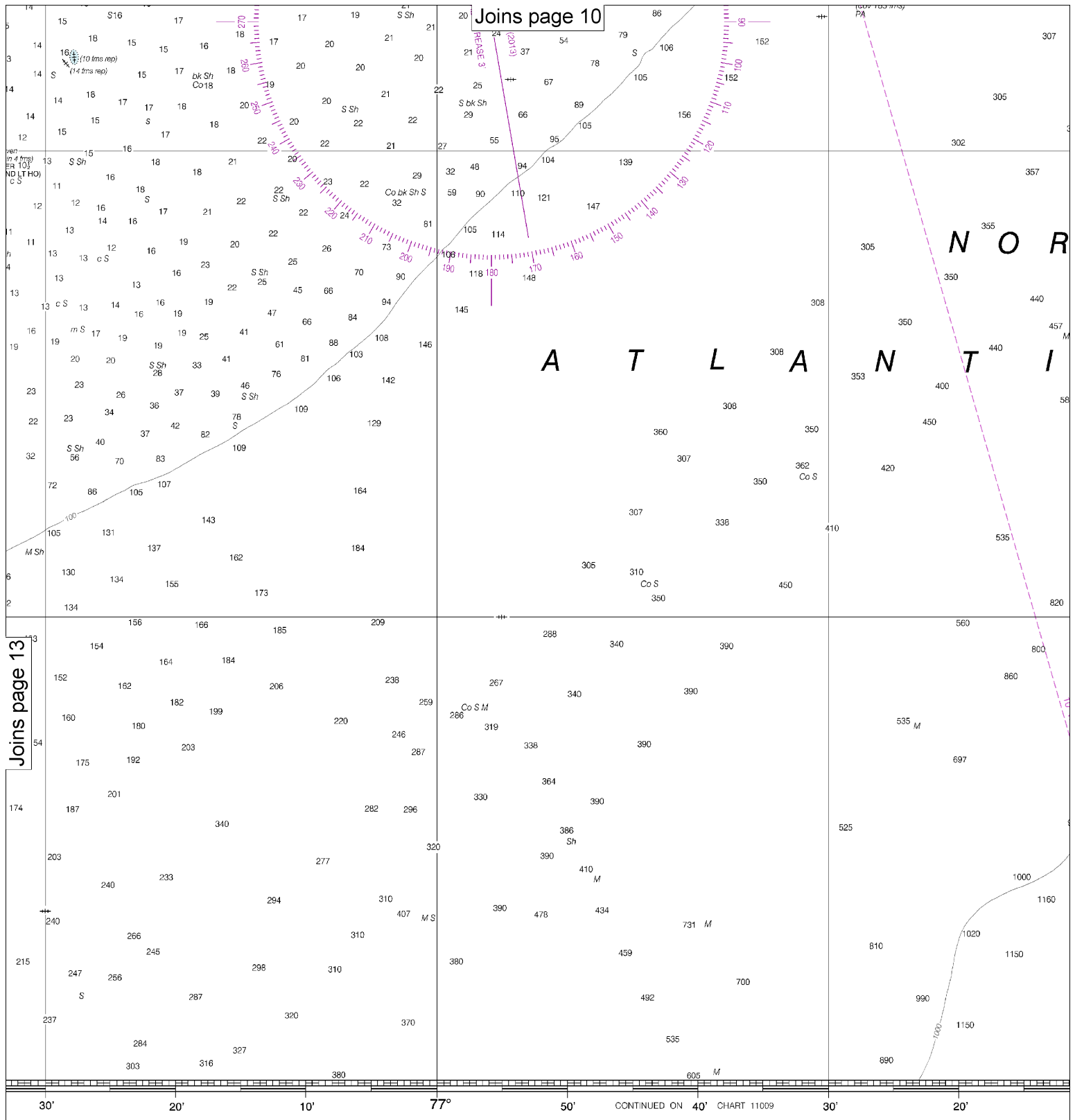
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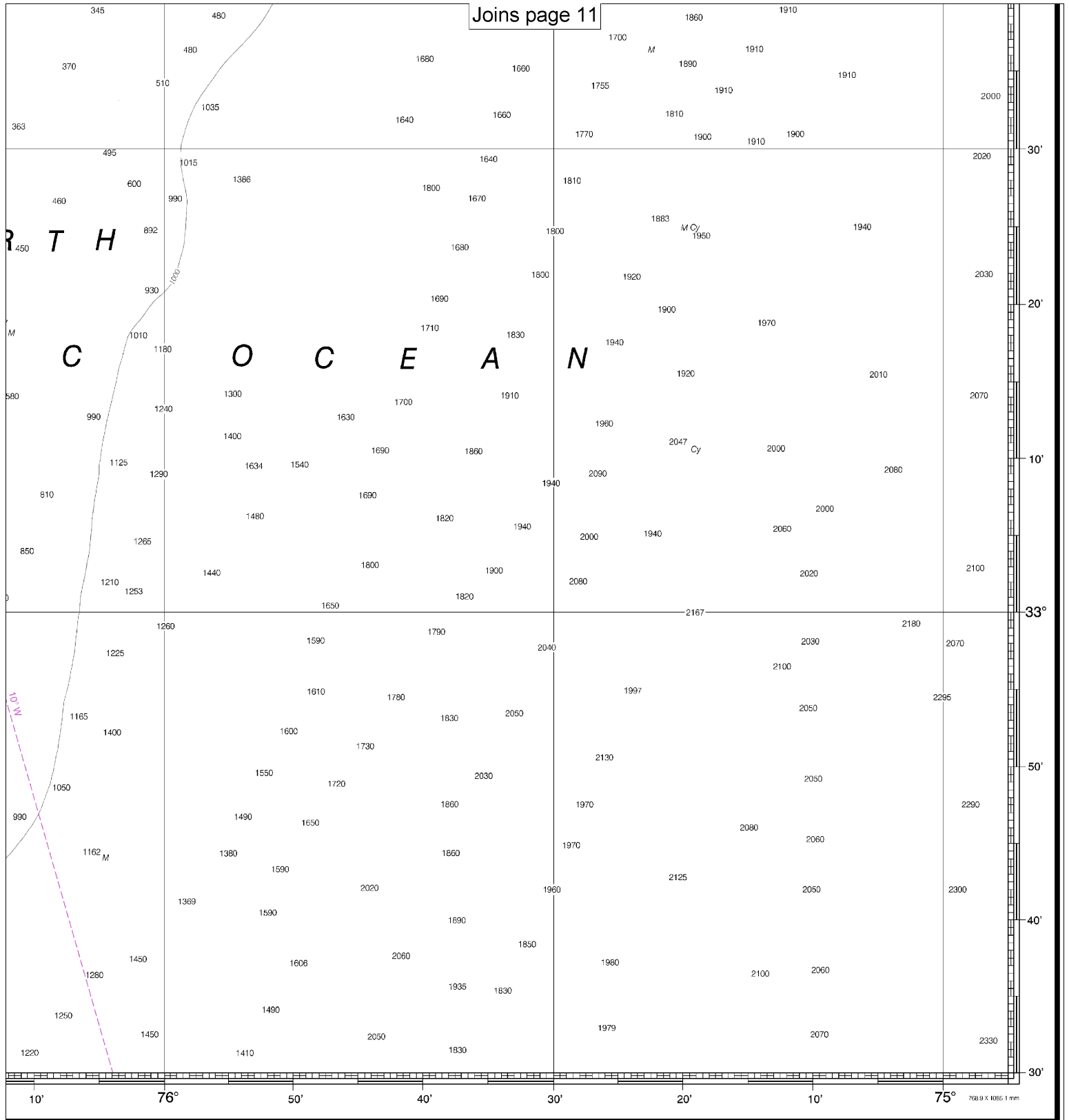
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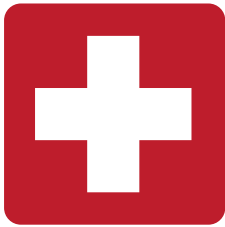
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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

## 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.

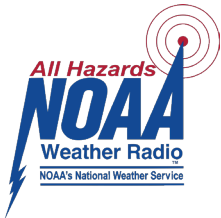
**Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A** – Recreational boat channels.

**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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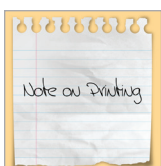
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- National Data Buoy Center — <http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/>
- NowCoast web portal for coastal conditions — <http://www.nowcoast.noaa.gov/>
- National Weather Service — <http://www.weather.gov/>
- National Hurricane Center — <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>
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