Pensacola Bay
NOAA Chart 11383

A reduced-scale NOAA nautical chart for small boaters
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- Compiled by NOAA’s Office of Coast Survey, the nation’s chartmaker
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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.

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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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[Coast Pilot 5, Chapter 9 excerpts].
Bay Channel extends NE for 4 miles to two parallel channels, West Channel and East Channel, that lead N to Inner Harbor Channel, along the wharves at Pensacola. Project depth in these channels is 33 feet.
Bayou Chico Channel is a channel that leads from the bay to a turning basin 1 mile above the entrance to the bayou. A Federal Project provides 15 feet through the entrance channel, thence 14 feet in the inner channel and turning basin.

The channels are marked by lighted ranges, lights, daybeacons, and lighted and unlighted buoys.

Anchorage.--Vessels should anchor in the Pensacola Anchorage, E of the Safety Fairways. In addition, good anchorage can be found in any part of the bay except S of the naval air station. Inside Pensacola Bay, the usual anchorage is off the city of Pensacola where the holding ground is good.

Dangers.--East Bank and Middle Ground form an extensive shoal area that extends 1.6 miles S from the W end of Santa Rosa Island. Caucus Shoal, with depths of 2 to 18 feet, extends 1.5 miles S from the W side of the entrance. Because of shoaling on the E side of the entrance, large vessels are advised to navigate as close as possible to the range line. Shoaling was reported at the entrance to the bay between Buoy 7 and Lighted Bell Buoy 12.

A restricted area and a seaplane restricted area are in Pensacola Bay.

Currents.--The diurnal velocity of the tidal current in Pensacola Bay Entrance in midchannel is about 1.7 knots at strength, although currents of up to 8 knots have been reported in the entrance and up to 5 knots at the Pensacola Naval Air Station pier.

In Caucus Cut, for 2 hours at the strongest of the ebb, the normal current has a velocity of 2 to 2.5 knots, setting SE somewhat across the channel in the vicinity of Fort Pickens. The flood has less velocity and sets along the channels. The flood has greater velocity following a norther than at other times.

Vessels should approach the harbor through the prescribed Safety Fairways. (See 166.100 through 166.200, chapter 2.)

In July 1984, an obstruction was reported in the coastwise safety fairway about 5 miles SE of Caucus Channel entrance in about 30°14'20"N., 87°12'00"W. Several other submerged obstructions are in the fairway about 3.5 miles S of the channel entrance.

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Pilotage is compulsory for all foreign vessels and U.S. vessels under register in foreign trade if drawing over 6 feet.

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

RCC New Orleans Commander
8th CG District (504) 589-6225
New Orleans, LA
Lateral System As Seen Entering From Seaward

PORT SIDE
ODD NUMBERED AIDS
- Green light only
- Flashing (2)
- Occulting
- Quick flashing
- ISO

PREFERRED CHANNEL
NO NUMBERS – MAY BE LETTERED
- Preferred channel to starboard: Topmost band green
- Preferred channel to port: Topmost band red
- Green light only
- Composite group flashing (2+1)

STARBOARD SIDE
EVEN NUMBERED AIDS
- Red light only
- Flashing (2)
- Occulting
- Quick flashing
- ISO

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
PENSACOLA BAY

Mercator Projection
Scale 1:30,000 at Lat. 30° 22’
North American Datum of 1983
(World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET
AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

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Note: Chart grid lines are aligned with true north.

Printed at reduced scale. See Note on page 5.

SCALE 1:30,000
Nautical Miles

1 000 2 000 3 000
1 000 Yards
**PENSACOLA CHANNEL PROJECT DEPTHS (OVER DEEC)**

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A project dimension of 14 feet for a width of 800 feet provided by the U.S. Navy authorized depth is 16 feet for a width of 800 feet.

**SOURCE DIAGRAM**

Red areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are shown on this chart. Refer to Chapter 1, U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

**CABLE AND PIPELINE AREAS**

The cable and pipeline areas listed within the areas of the larger scale charts are shown thereon and are not repeated on this chart.

**PROJECT DEPTHS**

Channel legends and configurations, where indicated, reflect the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) charted depths. The channel may be significantly shallower, particularly at the edges. For detailed information on minimum and maximum depths as reported by USACE, see NOAA Electronic Navigational Charts. USACE surveys and chart corrections are available at [http://navigation.usace.army.mil/SurveyHydro](http://navigation.usace.army.mil/SurveyHydro).

**CAUTION**

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

**CAUTION**

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

For Symbols and Abbreviations see Chart No. 1.
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.

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http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/

**Quick References**
- Nautical chart related products and information — [http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov](http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov)
- Chart updates (LNMs and NM corrections) — [http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/updates/LNM_NM.html](http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/updates/LNM_NM.html)
- Coast Pilot online — [http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.htm](http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.htm)
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