A reduced-scale NOAA nautical chart for small boaters
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What is Nautical Charts?

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.

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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.


A private light marks the E side of the entrance to the river. The river channel is rocky and should be used only with local knowledge. Econfina Landing, on the W bank 2 miles above the mouth, has facilities for small craft. Gasoline, water, ice, a launching ramp, and limited berthing are available. State Route 14 leads to U.S. Route 98.

Aucilla River flows into Apalachee Bay 4.5 miles NW of Econfina River. The approach for a distance of 3 miles is a narrow winding channel that is difficult for strangers. A private light on Gambles Point marks the entrance to the river. The river above the mouth is reported to be poorly marked, fast-flowing, and with depths of over 5 feet. It has been further reported that by giving the bends in the river a good berth, and by avoiding the rocks in the channel which are discernible by ripples, boats drawing 4 feet will have little difficulty. Local knowledge is advised.

St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge covers much of the coastal area between Aucilla River and Ochlockonee Bay, about 12 miles SW of St. Marks River. A beach resort is at Shell Point (30°03.4’N., 84°17.4’W.), 5 miles W of St. Marks River. The mean range of tide is 2.5 feet. Shell Point Light (30°02’21”N., 84°17’41”W.), 17 feet above water and shown from a pile with a green and white diamond-shaped daymark, marks the approach. Panacea Harbor, in Dickerson Bay, is about 11 miles SW of St. Marks Light. A dredged channel leads from Apalachee Bay to the public wharf at the town of Panacea. In 2011, the midchannel controlling depth was 5 feet to the public wharf. The channel is marked by lights, buoys, and daybeacons. Panacea is a summer resort and fishing center with a seafood processing plant in the harbor and several more in town. Gasoline and some supplies can be obtained in town.

Ochlockonee Bay, on the W side of Apalachee Bay, is a shallow bay 5 miles long and a mile wide. The approach from Apalachee Bay is obstructed by shoals, which probably shift from time to time. The S half of the mouth is closed entirely by oyster bars. The entrance is between Ochlockonee Point on the N and Bald Point on the S. Ochlockonee Bay Light OB (29°56’00”N., 84°18’00”W.), shown from a dolphin with a green square daymark, about 3 miles SE of Ochlockonee Point, marks the approach to the bay. The mean range of tide is 2.0 feet.

Ochlockonee River, emptying into the head of Ochlockonee Bay, leads W to the junction of Crooked River and then turns N and finally E. A depth of 5 feet, with local knowledge, can be found for 29 miles. U.S. Route 319 highway bridge about 6 miles above the mouth has a fixed span with a clearance of 10 feet. The river is little used. About 8 miles above the mouth, piling of a former railroad bridge is a hazard in the river. A launching ramp is available at a State park on the N side of the river, about 4.5 miles above the mouth.

Crooked River, a narrow, crooked tidal stream 22 miles long, connects Ochlockonee River with Carrabelle River. Crooked River is completely blocked by trees and growth about 10 miles above the E mouth. Ochlockonee Shoal, lying about 8 miles SE of Ochlockonee Point, has depths of 3 to 17 feet. Although the shoal is separated from St. James Island by lanes of moderate depths, there is no safe passage between the shoal and the island except for small craft. A lighted bell buoy is SE of the shoal. The buoy also marks the approach to St. Marks River and Apalachee Bay.

There are three fish havens in Apalachee Bay. The first is 2.2 miles 167° from Shell Point Light, the second about 4.6 miles 161° from St. Marks Light, and the third about 4.5 miles 108° from Ochlockonee Bay Light 2. The first two are unmarked; the third is marked by private buoys.

(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)St. Apalachee Bay, about 170 miles NW of Tampa Bay, is formed by the bend in the coastline from a NW to a SW direction. Depths range from 6 to 20 feet with numerous shoals and rocks, some bare at low water. The bay is the approach to St. Marks River.

Danger zone.—An Air Force rocket-firing range has been established in the Gulf S of Apalachee Bay. (See 334.640, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Econfina River, entering the E part of Apalachee Bay, is shallow and navigable by boats drawing about 2 feet at half tide or better; although lesser depths may be found during protracted periods of offshore winds.
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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Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.
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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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