A reduced-scale NOAA nautical chart for small boaters

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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.

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.


(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

Savannah River, the boundary between the States of South Carolina and Georgia, is 65 miles southwestward of Charleston Harbor and 105 miles northward of the entrance to St. Johns River. It is navigable for deep-draft vessels to upper end of Savannah Harbor, 19 miles above the outer ends of the entrance jetties, and for barges to the city of Augusta, 172 miles above the entrance. Savannah, on the south bank of Savannah River about 15 miles above the outer end of the jetties, is the second largest city and chief port of the State of Georgia. It is a leading southern port and is the main distributing point for the surrounding country. The city has considerable coastwise and foreign trade, and is connected with coastal cities to the north and south by the Intracoastal Waterway which crosses Savannah River several miles below the waterfront terminals. The climate is equable, and high-velocity winds are infrequent. The water-borne commerce is of a widely varied nature. Tybee Light (32°01'20"N, 80°50'44"W), 144 feet above water, is shown from an octagonal brick tower, upper and lower thirds black, with a white center, on the northeast end of Tybee Island.

The three water tanks on Hilton Head Island are prominent in the approach from northward. Also prominent from seaward, are the water tank at Tybee Island, the flashing red lights atop the three WBMQ radio towers on Oakland Island, the large chemical plant southwestward of Mackey Point, and the five 200-foot-high tanks on Elba Island, about 9 miles above the entrance. Pinckney Island National Wildlife Refuge, a Marine Protected Area (MPA), is about 0.5 mile W of Hilton Head Island.

Channels.—A Federal project provides for a 44-foot channel across the bar through Tybee Roads to the jetties, thence 42 feet for about 16 miles in the main channel to the turning basin at Kings Island, thence 36 to 42 feet for about 1 mile, thence 30 feet for another 1.4 miles to the head of the project about 500 yards below U.S. Route 17 highway bridge. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of the charts for controlling depths.) The channels are well marked by lighted ranges, lights, and lighted and unlighted buoys. A 2.1-mile-long sediment trap is in Back River on the north side of Hutchinson Island. A tide gate is at the head of the sediment trap.

Anchorage.—Most vessels anchor northward or northwestward of the sea buoy, Tybee Lighted Buoy T (31°57'52"N, 80°43'10"W), where depths range from 19 to 45 feet with good holding ground. There is no anchorage in Savannah River except in an emergency. It is recommended that no vessel, regardless of size, anchor within a two-mile radius of Tybee Lighted Buoy T.

Dangers.—The set of the tidal current in and out of the various sounds and inlets should be carefully considered by vessels approaching Savannah by the inshore route. There are several unmarked obstructions in the approaches. The danger area of an Air Force air-to-air and air-to-water gunnery and bombing range is about 15 miles seaward of the light. (See 334.490, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) The entrance to the Savannah River is protected by jetties. The north jetty is unmarked and awash at mean high water and marked about 0.2 mile seaward of its east end by a light. The south jetty is submerged at mean high water and marked at the east end by a light.

The velocity of the ebb current from the entrance jetties to Savannah is from 2.2 to 3.1 knots. The flood current has a velocity of from 1.6 to 2.4 knots. The current is considerably influenced by winds and freshets. The predicted times of slack water and the times and velocities of strength of flood and ebb at the entrance to Savannah River are given in the Tidal Current Tables. Predictions for a number of other places in Savannah River may be obtained from data in the tables.

Currents set in the direction of the channel except at the entrance near Tybee Light, where the flood sets northwestward across the channel. Between the jetties the flood sets 260°. Freshets occasionally occur in the spring, but do not endanger shipping at the wharves.

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Lateral System As Seen Entering From Seaward

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Note: Chart grid lines are aligned with true north.

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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.

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

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