A reduced-scale NOAA nautical chart for small boaters
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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 vessels, 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.


(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

Pamlico River and Tar River are the two names applied to the same river; it is known as the Pamlico below Washington, N.C., and as the Tar above that point. The river rises in Person County, flows in a general southeasterly direction, and empties into the northwestern part of Pamlico Sound. Pamlico River, in 1963, had depths of 12 feet or more for a distance of 20 miles above the mouth to a point just above Core Point.

Above this point a dredged channel leads to Washington, and, in Tar River, a natural channel leads for about 15 miles to the entrance to Hardee Creek, thence for another 3 miles to Greenville. In 1975, the midchannel controlling depth in the dredged channel was 9 feet to a point about 0.4 mile above the second bridge at Washington; thence in Tar River, in 1956-1975, centerline depths of 2½ feet to Hardee Creek, except for shoaling to less than 1 foot at the entrance to Hardee Creek, and thence 2½ feet from Hardee Creek to Greenville. The channel is marked by lights to Washington.

Pamlico River is nontidal; variations in the water level at Washington, due to prevailing winds, seldom exceed 2 feet. The extreme range of the flood or freshet stage for Tar River is 34 feet at Tarboro, 75 miles above the mouth. For the lower section, the extreme range due to winds is 8.5 feet.

South Creek, about 11 miles above the entrance to Pamlico River, empties into the river from the southward. The deeper entrance is southward of Indian Island and the shoal extending westward from that island to Hickory Point (35°21.8’N., 76°41.9’W.), the north point at the entrance to the creek. In 1983, a reported draft of 5 feet could be taken through the channel across the shoal west of Indian Island; a light and a daybeacon mark the best water. The creek has depths of 7 feet or more for 4 miles above Hickory Point. Above this point, a dredged channel leads to Aurora, and thence to Idalia, about 9 miles above Hickory Point. In 1977, the midchannel controlling depth was 4 feet to Aurora; thence in 1976, a centerline depth of 3½ feet to Idalia. The channel is marked by daybeacons as far as Aurora.

Aurora is a town on the west side of South Creek, about 7 miles above Hickory Point. An oil dock here is in ruins. State Route 33 highway bridge, with a 37-foot fixed span and a clearance of 5 feet, crosses the creek at Aurora. Small boats use the creek as far as Idalia, about 2 miles above Aurora.

A channel, marked by private daybeacons, leads to a barge slip at a phosphate plant on the north side of South Creek 3.9 miles southwest of Hickory Point. In 1983, the slip had reported depths of 10 feet.

Bond Creek and Muddy Creek share a common entrance close eastward of South Creek, about 1 mile southward of Hickory Point. The town of South Creek, about 0.5 mile above the entrance, is bordered on the west by Bond Creek, and on the east by Muddy Creek. The entrance is marked by daybeacons. A crabmeat packinghouse is on the east side of town. In 1983, a reported depth of 5 feet could be taken in Bond Creek for about 2.3 miles. In 1990, an obstruction was reported in Bond Creek in about 35°20'26"N., 76°41'49"W. Gasoline and diesel fuel are available at the crabmeat packinghouse pier on Muddy Creek.

North Creek empties into Pamlico River directly opposite South Creek. The channel had a reported centerline depth of 4 feet for about 1.5 miles in 1983, and is marked by a light and daybeacons, but its navigation should not be attempted by strangers. In East Fork, the channel, in 1983, had a reported centerline depth of 5 feet for 1.5 miles above the entrance.

A ferry, operated by the State Roads Commission, crosses Pamlico River about 15 miles above the mouth. The marked channels leading to the northern terminal in Gaylord Bay, about 3.5 miles westward of North Creek, and to the southern terminal about 3 miles westward of Hickory Point, had reported depths of 7 feet in 1983. A privately dredged channel leads to a basin of a phosphate plant on the south side of Pamlico River, about 15.5 miles above the mouth and 4 miles westward of Hickory Point. The channel is marked by private daybeacons. In 1983, the reported controlling depth was 10 feet. The structures at the plant are the most conspicuous objects in the area.
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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.
Note: Chart grid lines are aligned with true north.

Printed at reduced scale. See Note on page 5.
NOTE A
Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S.
Coast Pilot 4. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are pub-
lished in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the
regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander,
5th Coast Guard District, P.O. Box 998, Newport News, Vir-
ginia or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of En-
gineers in Wilmington, North Carolina.
Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

HURRICANES AND TROPICAL STORMS

Hurricanes, tropical storms and other major storms may
cause considerable damage to marine structures, ships,
navigation and moored vessels, resulting in submerged debris
in unknown locations.

Charts soundings, channel depths and shoreline may not
reflect actual conditions following these storms. Fixed aids
to navigation may have been damaged or destroyed. Buoys
may not be on the proper position or operation of an aid to
navigation. Weirs and submerged debris may have been displaced
from charted locations. Pipelines may have become uncovered
or relocated.

Mariners are urged to exercise extreme caution and are
requested to report aids to navigation, discrepancies and
hazards to navigation to the nearest United States Coast Guard
unit.
NOTE 5

Any Terminal Channels at Gaylord Bay and
Dr Island Point are marked by privately maintained
markers.
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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