BookletChart™

Cape Henlopen to Indian River Inlet
NOAA Chart 12216

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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
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(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)
The Cape May-Lewes Ferry crosses the channel in Delaware Bay northward of Cape Henlopen. In bad weather small craft anchor behind the breakwaters north and west of Cape Henlopen.

Harbor of Refuge is behind the breakwater that begins 0.7 mile north of Cape Henlopen and extends north-northwestward. Harbor of Refuge Light, (38°48.9’N, 75°05.6’W), 72 feet above the water, is shown from a white conical tower on a cylindrical substructure near the south end of the breakwater; the station has a fog signal. A light marks the breakwater near its northern end.

The harbor has depths of 17 to 70 feet between the breakwater and a shoal ridge, 8 to 12 feet deep, 1 mile to the southwest. The entrance from across The Shears has depths of 10 feet or less. Harbor of Refuge affords good protection during easterly gales.

Breakwater Harbor is excellent for light-draft vessels in all weather except heavy northwesterly gales and even then affords considerable protection.

Two channels lead through Breakwater Harbor. The channel from the northeast and the ferry basin had depths of 10 feet. The channel from the north had a depth of 10 feet.

Roosevelt Inlet. The inlet is protected by jetties that are awash at low water; each marked by a light on its outer end. The channel is marked by the jetty lights and a 213° lighted range. The current velocity is 0.9 knot in Roosevelt Inlet. Gasoline and diesel fuel can be obtained at a yacht club on the northeast side.

Broadkill River is entered by an inside passage that extends 2 miles from the Roosevelt Inlet jetties to the old mouth of the river.

Twin bridges over Broadkill River have a clearance of 18 feet. Above the bridges, the river has numerous snags and much floating debris.

The Lewes and Rehoboth Canal extends 8 miles from Roosevelt Inlet to Rehoboth Bay. The entrance to Rehoboth Bay is between marked, submerged, stone jetties southwest of Dewey Beach. The speed limit is 4 miles per hour in the canal.

Bridges and cables.—The U.S. Route 9 Business highway bridge over the canal at Lewes has a bascule span with a clearance of 15 feet. The overhead power cable to the west of the bridge has a clearance of 68 feet. The Delaware Coast Line railroad bridge, 0.2 mile southeastward of the highway bridge, has a 46-foot swing span with a clearance of 10 feet; the span remains in the open position except for infrequent passage of trains; the overhead cable at the bridge has a clearance of 68 feet. The U.S. Route 9 fixed highway bridge 100 yards southeastward of the railroad bridge has a 46-foot span with a clearance of 35 feet.

These bridges restrict the normal water flow in the canal and produce very strong currents. Small craft should proceed with caution in these areas.

The State Route 1 Alternate highway bridge over the canal at Rehoboth Beach, 6.5 miles from Roosevelt Inlet, has a 49-foot bascule span with a clearance of 16 feet; the overhead power cables on the north side of the bridge have a least clearance of 55 feet. The State Route 1 fixed highway bridge, 0.3 mile farther southward, has a clearance of 35 feet. The overhead power cables on the north and south side of the bridge have a least clearance of 55 feet. (See 117.1 through 117.59 and 117.239, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.)

A channel leads from Indian River Inlet through Indian River Bay and up Indian River to Millsboro, 12 miles above the inlet. The channel from the entrance to Buoy 20 in Indian River Bay is subject to continual change due to severe shoaling. The channel is marked by uncharted buoys that are frequently shifted to mark the best water. The channel to Millsboro is marked by daybeacons and seasonal buoys.

Currents.—The current velocity is about 2 knots; caution is necessary, because the buoys sometimes tow under. The fixed highway bridge over Indian River Inlet has a clearance of 35 feet for a midwidth of 100 feet or 32 feet for a width of 200 feet. The stub ends of a former drawbridge, now used as fishing piers, are close westward of the bridge. An overhead power cable with a clearance of 66 feet crosses the inlet about 100 yards westward of the bridge.

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Lateral System As Seen Entering From Seaward
on navigable waters except Western Rivers

PORT SIDE
ODD NUMBERED AIDS

GREEN LIGHT ONLY
FLASHING (2)
FLASHING OCCULTING
QUICK FLASHING
ISO

PREferred CHANNEL
NO NUMBERS – MAY BE LETTERED
PREFERRED CHANNEL TO STARBOARD
TOPMOST BAND GREEN
GREEN LIGHT ONLY
COMPOSITE GROUP FLASHING (2+1)

STARBOARD SIDE
EVEN NUMBERED AIDS

RED LIGHT ONLY
FLASHING (2)
FLASHING OCCULTING
QUICK FLASHING
ISO

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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.

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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