New Haven Harbor
NOAA Chart 12371

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.

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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.

For latest Coast Pilot excerpt visit the Office of Coast Survey website at http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=12371

(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

New Haven Harbor, an important harbor of refuge, is about 68 miles from New York, 179 miles from Boston via Cape Cod Canal, and 171 miles from Nantucket Shoals Lighted Horn Buoy N (LNB). It comprises all the tidewater northward of the breakwaters constructed across the mouth of the bay, including the navigable portions of the West, Mill, and Quinnipiac Rivers. It is about 2 miles wide. The inner harbor, northward of Sandy Point and Fort Hale, is shallow for the most part, except where the depths have been increased by dredging. The main entrance channel, between Middle Breakwater and the East Breakwater, leads northward to Tomlinson Bridge at New Haven. Anchorage basins for medium draft vessels are on the west side of the channel north of Sandy Point. Waterborne commerce in the harbor consists of petroleum products, scrap metal, lumber, automobiles, gypsum, paper and pulp products, steel products, chemicals, rock salt, and general cargo.

West River, on the west side of the main channel about 3 miles above Southwest Ledge Light, has a dredged channel marked by buoys to just above the first highway bridge (Kimberly Avenue Bridge), about 1.2 miles above the channel entrance. In April 1996-February 1997, the midchannel controlling depth was 10 feet from the channel entrance to Buoy 18, thence in February 1997, 5 feet at midchannel to just above the first highway bridge, the head of navigation.

Mill River, on the west side of Fair Haven about 4 miles above Southwest Ledge Light, is entered from the main channel through a dredged entrance channel that branches into an east and west fork to the Grand Avenue Bridge, 0.6 mile above the mouth. In June 1982, the controlling depths were 6½ feet (11 feet at midchannel) to the Chapel Street Bridge about 0.25 mile above the entrance, thence 9 feet through the east bridge opening and 3½ feet through the west opening, thence 6½ feet to the junction with the east and west forks, thence 9½ feet at midchannel for about 250 yards in the east fork, thence in 1980, 1 foot at midchannel to the head of the channel, and in 1980–June 1982, 5½ feet at midchannel for about 225 yards in the west fork, thence in 1980, 1½ feet at midchannel to the head of the channel.

Quinnipiac River, on the east side of Fair Haven about 4 miles above Southwest Ledge Light, has a dredged channel to Grand Avenue Bridge, about 1 mile above the mouth. In November-December 1993, the controlling depth was 15 feet at midchannel to the Ferry Street Bridge about 0.5 mile above the mouth, thence 12 feet at midchannel to the Grand Avenue Bridge except for shoaling along the edges.

Inside West Breakwater and the southwest part of Middle Breakwater, anchorage is available for vessels up to a 19-foot draft. Caution should be exercised to avoid the fish stakes in this area.

Vessels may anchor northward of Southwest Ledge Light in depths of 18 to 20 feet, soft bottom in places. Care should be taken to avoid the ledges northward of the East Breakwater. Deep-draft vessels awaiting berthing assignments can anchor about 1 mile southward of the sea buoy; holding ground is excellent.

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Dangers—Townshend ledge, 2.7 miles southeast of Southwest Ledge Light, has a least depth of 18 feet and is marked by a lighted bell buoy. Tomlinson Bridge, at the head of the main harbor at the confluence of Mill and Quinnipiac Rivers, has a vertical lift span with a clearance of 13 feet down and 61 feet up. Just above this bridge is a fixed highway bridge with a clearance of 60 feet. The bridgettender of the Tomlinson Bridge monitors VHF-FM channel 13; call sign KXJ-688. An overhead power cable with a clearance of 91 feet crosses the channel just above the fixed highway bridge.

In the entrance between the breakwaters, the tidal current has a velocity on flood of 1.4 knots, and ebb 0.9 knot. The flood sets 319° and the ebb 152°. In the draw of Tomlinson Bridge, the velocity is 0.4 knot. The flood sets 015° and the ebb 215°. Ebb velocities are increased by freshets. (Consult the Tidal Current Tables for predicted times and velocities of currents.)
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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)
- OCCULTING
- QUICK FLASHING
- ISO

PREFERRED CHANNEL NO NUMBERS – MAY BE LETTERED

- PREFERRED CHANNEL TO STARBOARD
- GREEN LIGHT ONLY
- COMPOSITE GROUP FLASHING (2+1)

PREFERRED CHANNEL TO PORT

- 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
This BookletChart was reduced to 75% of the original chart scale. The new scale is 1:26666. Barscales have also been reduced and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart.
### PROJECT DEPTHS

Channel legends and tabulations, where indicated, reflect the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) project depths. The channel may be significantly shallower, particularly at the edges. For detailed channel information and minimum depths as reported by USACE, use NOAA Electronic Navigational Chart (ENC) surveys and channel condition reports are available at [http://navigation.usace.army.mil/](http://navigation.usace.army.mil/).

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Tabulated from surveys by the U.S. Corps of Engineers - Report of Nov 2011 and Updated to Aug 2017

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**NOTE:** Consult the Corps of Engineers for changes subsequent to the above information.

### Unmarked Fort Hale Channel buoys are positioned by the U.S. Coast Guard to mark the best water.
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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http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/

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