New London Harbor and Vicinity
NOAA Chart 13213

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Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot

New London Harbor, near the east end of Long Island Sound at the mouth of the Thames River, is an important harbor of refuge. Vessels of deep draft can find anchorage here in any weather and at all seasons.

New London is a city on the west bank of Thames River about 2.5 miles above the mouth. The town of Groton on the east bank is connected to New London by a highway bridge and a railroad bridge. The main harbor comprises the lower 3 miles of Thames River from Long Island Sound to the bridges, and includes Shaw Cove, Greens Harbor, and Winthrop Cove. It is approached through the main entrance channel extending from deep water in Long Island Sound to deep water in the upper harbor.

Greens Harbor, a small-craft shelter just north of the entrance, has general depths of 6 to 17 feet.

Shaw Cove is a dredged basin about 0.8 mile northward of Greens Harbor. In February 1986, the controlling depth was 15 feet in the entrance channel through the south draw of the bridge, thence depths of 11 to 15 feet were available in the basin. The railroad bridge over the entrance has a swing span with clearances of 6½ feet.

Winthrop Cove, northward of Shaw Cove, is part of the main waterfront channel. The fixed railroad bridge near the head of this cove has a clearance of 4 feet.

New London Ledge Light (41°18.3'N., 72°04.7'W.), 58 feet above the water, is shown from a red brick building on a square white pier on the west side of New London Ledge; a fog signal is sounded at the station. Other prominent features in approaching New London Harbor are: New London Harbor Light, on the west side of the entrance channel; the monument at Fort Griswold; the microwave tower atop a building in downtown New London; large sheds at the shipyard on the east side of the river opposite Fort Trumbull; and highway bridge at New London.

Pine Island Channel, northeastward of New London Ledge Light, between Pine Island and Black Ledge, has a rocky and very broken bottom on which the least found depth is 10 feet.

U.S. Naval Submarine Base is on the east side of the Thames River about 2.5 miles above New London.

Mumford Cove is entered about 2 miles west of Mystic Harbor. A privately dredged channel leads northward from the entrance to the head of the cove; two spur channels lead eastward from the main channel, about 0.3 mile and 0.6 mile, respectively, above the entrance. The channels are marked by private seasonal buoys and daybeacons. In July 1981, the channels had a reported controlling depth of 2 feet.

Special anchorages are in the cove. (See 110.1 and 110.50c, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Horseshoe Reef, 0.5 mile southward of Mumford Cove entrance, is awash at low water, and is marked by a buoy. Broken and rocky grounds extend from the reef to the shore eastward of Mumford Point.

Vixen Ledge, with a depth of 10 feet and marked by a buoy, is about 1 mile west of Horseshoe Reef. Pine Island is bluff and grassy, about 1.3 miles west of Mumford Point. It is surrounded by shoal water and rocky bottom, and is marked off the southwest side by a lighted bell buoy. A rock, covered 6 feet, in 41°18'35"N., 72°03'16"W., is about 0.3 mile northwestward of Vixen Ledge.

A special anchorage is on the north side of Pine Island.

Avery Point Light, 41°18'55"N., 72°03'49"W., is shown from a white octagonal concrete tower at Avery Point. An unmarked rock awash is 0.3 mile south of the light. A cove indents the mainland north of Pine Island and east of Avery Point; the entrance is marked by two buoys eastward of Avery Point. Depths shoal from about 10 feet in the entrance to about 1 foot at the head of the cove. A breakwater, marked by a private light, extends southeasterly from the east end of Avery Point. A 5mph speed limit is enforced in the cove.

A yacht club, marina, and launching ramp are in the cove. Berths, guest moorings, gasoline, electricity, water, ice, marine supplies, and a 14-ton mobile hoist are available at the marina; hull and engine repairs can be made. In 2000, a depth of 7.5 feet could be carried to the marina.

A special anchorage is in the cove. (See 110.1 and 110.51, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)
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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.
ANCHORAGE AREAS

110.147 (see note A)

Limits and designations of anchorage areas are shown in magenta.

A B C E

GENERAL ANCHORAGES

NOTE A

Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2 U.S. Coast Pilot. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are published in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commandant, 1st Coast Guard District in Boston, MA, or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in Charleston, SC.

Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

NOTE B

NO DISCHARGE ZONE, 40 CFR 144

This chart identifies within the limits of a No Discharge Zone (NDZ). Under the Clean Water Act, Section 312, all vessels operating within a No Discharge Zone (NDZ) are completely prohibited from discharging any sewage, treated or untreated, into the waters. All vessels with an installed marine sanitation device (MSD) that are navigating, moored, anchored, or docked within a NDZ must have the MSD disabled to prevent the overboard discharge of sewage (treated or untreated) or install a holding tank. Regulations for the NDZ are contained in the U.S. Coast Pilot. Additional information concerning the regulations and requirements may be obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website: http://www.epa.gov/owow/oceans/regulation/maritime_sewage/

NOTE C

Corps of Engineers authorized project depth is 48 feet for a width of 500 feet from the channel entrance to a point in approximate 41° 30’ 30” N., 71° 15’ 09” W. Reference 36 feet to a point in approximate 41° 30’ 30” N., 71° 15’ 09” W.

HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1983 must be corrected an average of 0.39’ northward and 1.72’ eastward to agree with this chart.

CAUTION

BASCULE BRIDGE CLEARANCES

For bascule bridges, whose spans do not open to a full sight or vertical position, unlimited vertical clearance is not available for the entire charted horizontal clearance.

FISHING AND HUNTING STRUCTURES

Unharnessed fish and wildlife harvesting devices and structures such as fish traps, pound nets, croc traps, and duck blinds, some submerged, may exist in the area of this chart, particularly in the near shore area. Mariners should proceed with caution.

WARNER ACTIVATED SOUND SIGNALS

Sound signals labeled with (WARSS) require user activation. See USCG Light List.
Note: Chart grid lines are aligned with true north.
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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