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Casco Bay
NOAA Chart 13290

A reduced-scale NOAA nautical chart for small boaters When possible, use the full-size NOAA chart for navigation.



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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 ships that carry America's commerce. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing and passenger vessels, and are widely carried by recreational boaters.

## What is a BookletChart<sup>™</sup>?

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 <a href="http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov">http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov</a>.

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## **Notice to Mariners Correction Status**

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## (Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

Casco Bay is a very extensive area between Cape Small and Cape Elizabeth, a distance of 17.8 miles. Between these two capes the bay extends up into the land an average distance of about 12 miles. The number of islands in Casco Bay is 136, and many are fertile and under cultivation; nearly all are inhabited. Nearly every large island extends northeast and southwest which is the general course of the bay and of all rivers and coves contained

within its limits.

A **vessel-to-vessel oil transfer anchorage area** Casco Bay, about 3.5 miles northeastward of Portland, has been designated by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection. The area is 1 square

mile beginning at Hussey Sound Buoy 12,  $(43^{\circ}42'10"N., 70^{\circ}09'46"W.)$ ; thence north to  $43^{\circ}43'10"N., 70^{\circ}09'46"W.$ ; thence west to  $43^{\circ}43'10"N., 70^{\circ}11'09"W.$ ; thence south to  $43^{\circ}42'10"N., 70^{\circ}11'09"W.$ ; thence east to origin. (See also chart 13292.)

**Anchorages.**—In the eastern part of Casco Bay, the best anchorage for strangers is in New Meadows River. Local fishermen and yachtsmen frequently use Sebasco and Cundy Harbors. Potts Harbor, Harpswell Harbor, and Mackerel Cove are good anchorages in the middle of the bay for small vessels and yachts.

Merriconeag Sound and Harpswell Sound and the whole Casco Bay westward of Harpswell Neck afford good anchorage for large vessels, except in heavy northeast gales.

Vessels can enter through Broad Sound, Luckse Sound or Hussey Sound and select an anchorage under the lee of some of the many islands, a suitable depth and good holding ground being found in most places. Portland Harbor is a secure anchorage on the western side of the bay and is the one used mostly by larger vessels.

Most of the dangers are marked, and the waters are well charted, so that, with the aid of the chart, no difficulty should be experienced in navigating Casco Bay in clear weather.

**Currents.**—The velocity of the tidal current at strength is about 1 knot in the entrance to Portland Harbor and in Hussey and Broad Sounds. In the open waters of the bay it is generally 0.5 knot or less. Current predictions for a number of locations may be obtained from the Tidal Current Tables.

**Ice.**—Considerable ice forms at the heads of the numerous arms extending northward in Casco Bay, but the principal anchorages are available at any season of the year.

The part of Casco Bay between Cape Small on the east and Halfway Rock Light and Harpswell Neck on the west is full of small islands, ledges, and rocks. Between them, narrow but deep channels lead to the bays and sounds at the head. These arms afford good anchorage for small vessels, but are used only by local fishing and pleasure craft.

**Temple Ledge**, about 1.8 miles southwestward of Cape Small and covered 25 feet, is unmarked. **Lumbo Ledge**, 2 miles west of Temple Ledge and 2.6 miles south of **Ragged Island**, is covered 17 feet and marked by a buoy on its south side.

**East Brown Cow**, 1.6 miles west-northwestward of Cape Small, is 12 feet high and bare. **Mark Island**, 0.8 mile northward of East Brown Cow, is high and thickly wooded. **Mark Island Ledge**, 0.3 mile southwestward of Mark Island, uncovers 3 feet and is marked on its west side by a buoy. **Wyman Ledge**, 0.5 mile east of Mark Island, covered 4 feet, is marked on its eastern side by a buoy.

White Bull, 1 mile westward of Mark Island, is a high, round, and bare islet. White Bull Lighted Gong Buoy WB, about 0.4 mile southeastward of the island, marks the southwestern approach to New Meadows River. Bold Dick, an unmarked rock about 0.7 mile west-southwestward of White Bull, uncovers 7 feet.

The principal dangers are **Gooseberry Island Ledge**, extending about 0.3 mile southwestward of Gooseberry Island, awash at low water and marked by a buoy; **Wood Island South Ledge**, covered 5 feet at the end and extending about 0.3 mile south of Wood Island, marked by a lighted bell buoy about 350 yards westward of the south end of the ledge; **Middle Ledge**, awash and marked by a buoy on its southwestern side; **Pitchpine Ledges**, covered 6 feet and marked on its western side by a buoy; and a 3-foot shoal, marked off its southwest side by a buoy, about 0.2 mile southwestward of Carrying Place Head.

# U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center 24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies

RCC Boston Commander

1st CG District (617) 223-8555 Boston, MA

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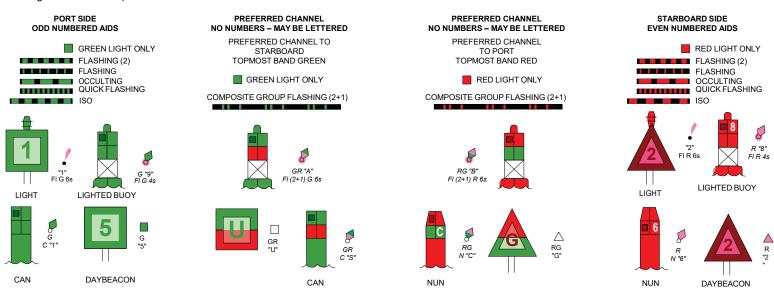
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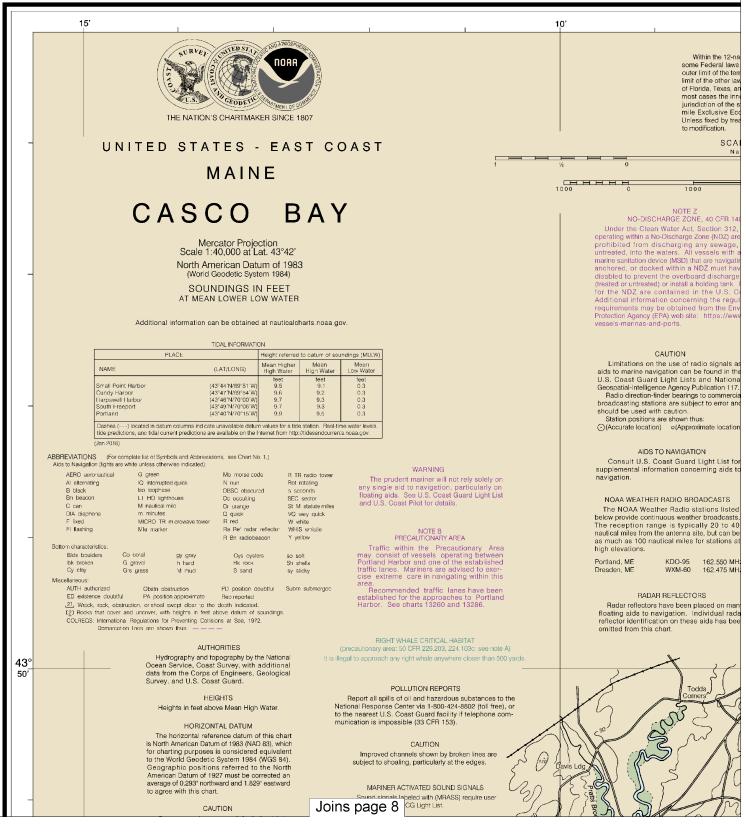
## Lateral System As Seen Entering From Seaward

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 <a href="http://www.navcen.uscg.gov">http://www.navcen.uscg.gov</a>

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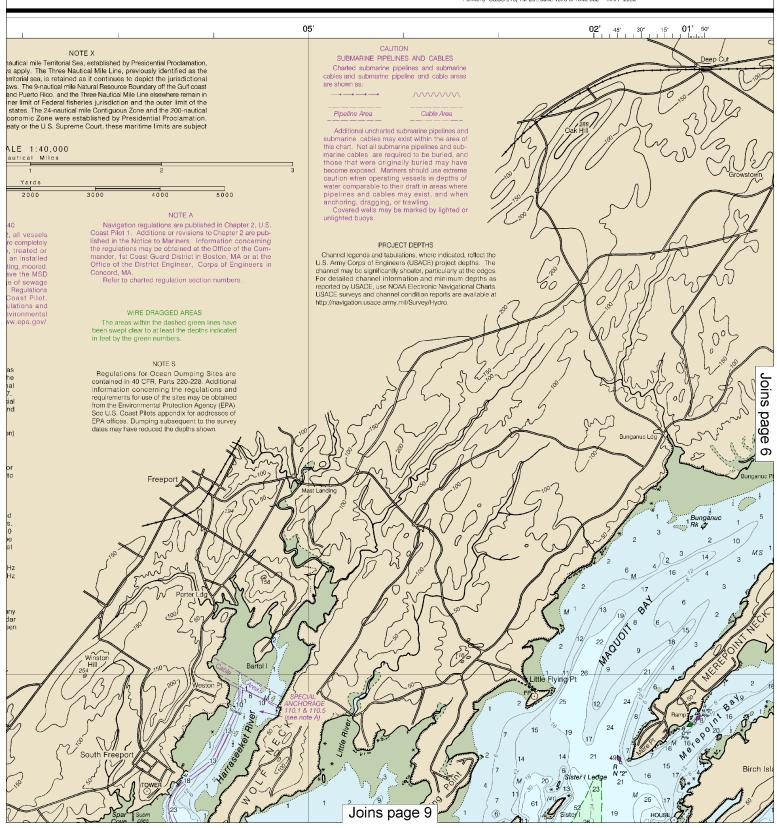
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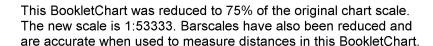
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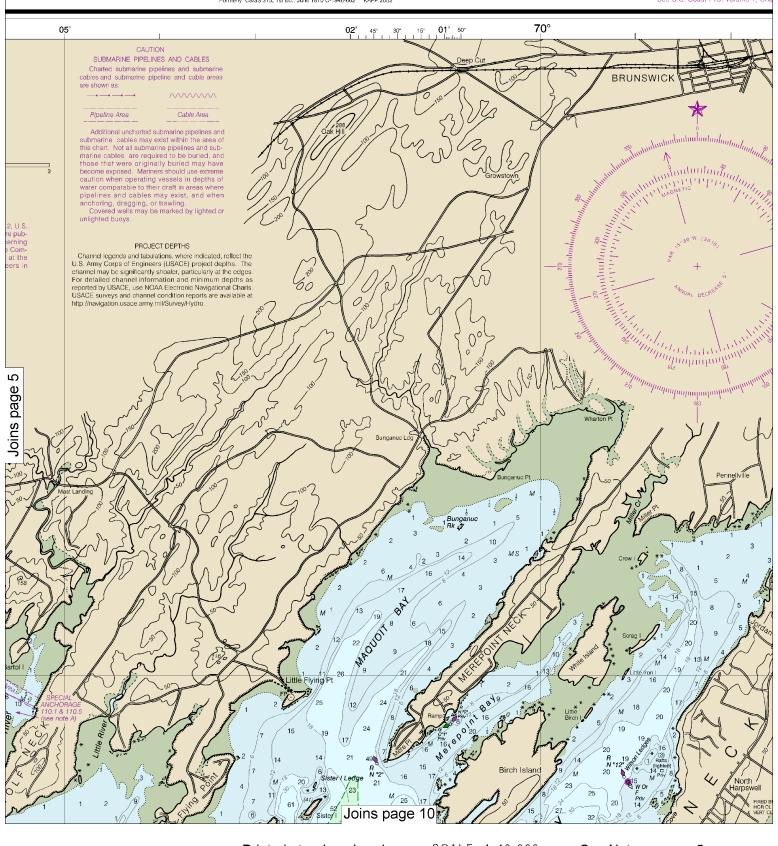






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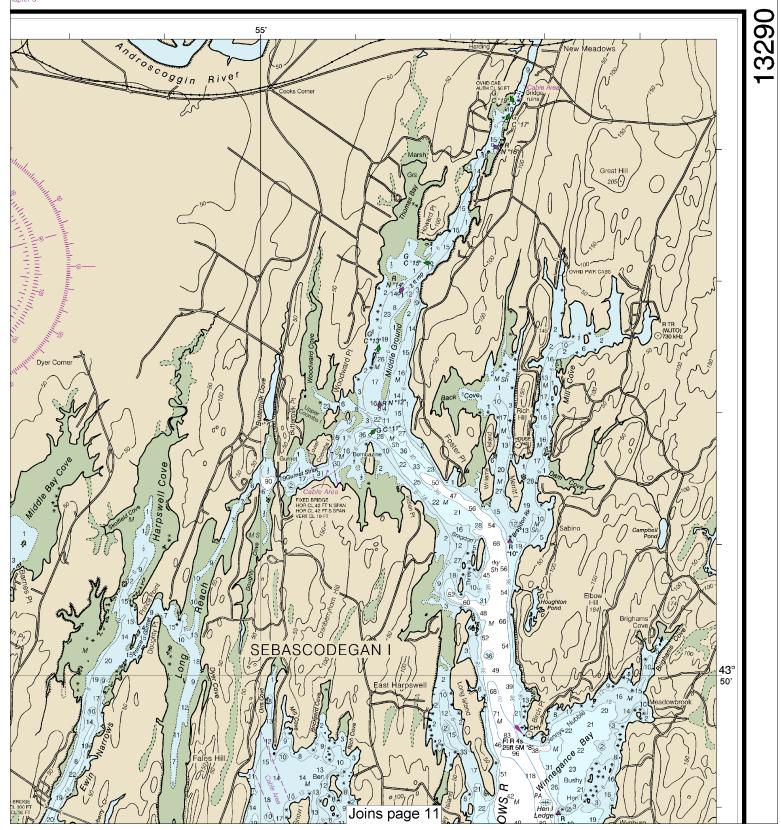
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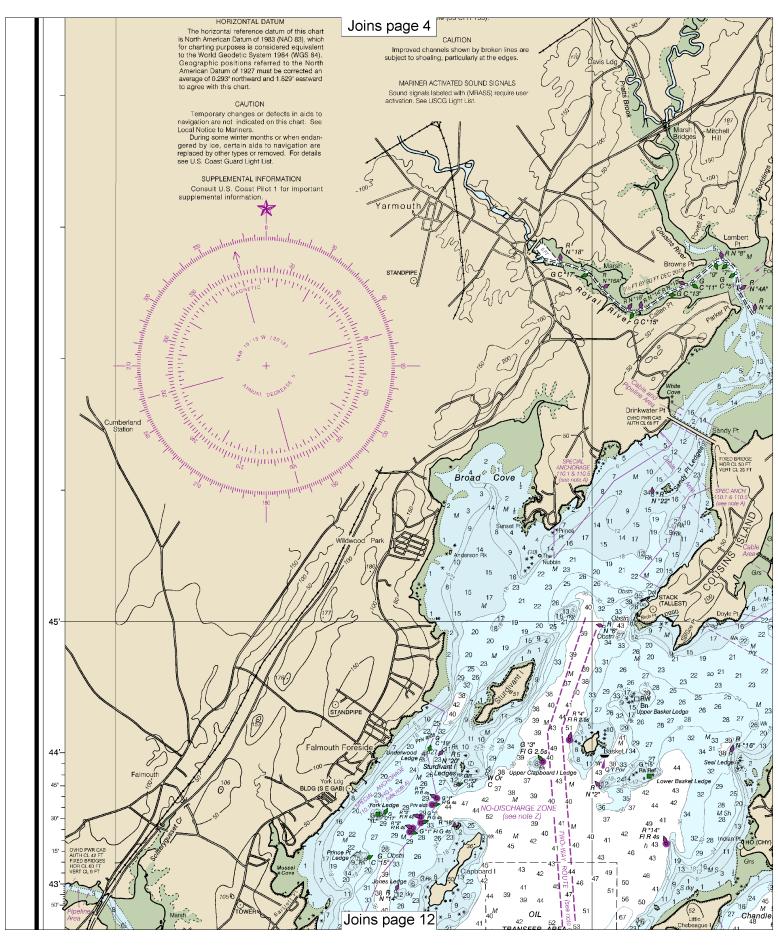




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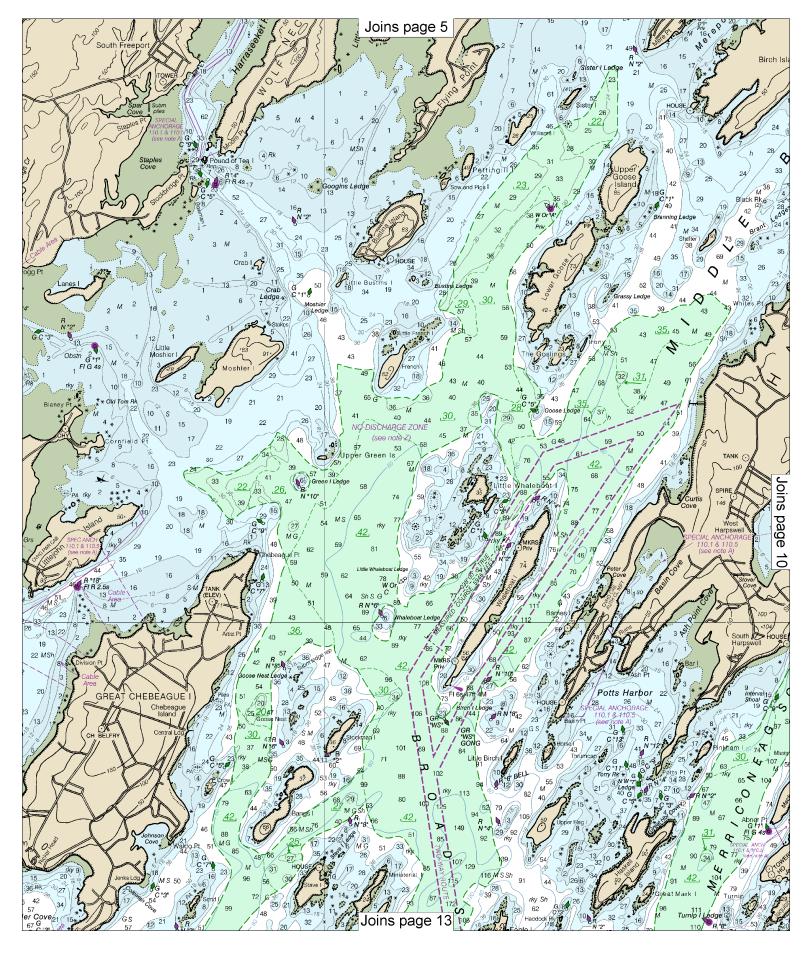
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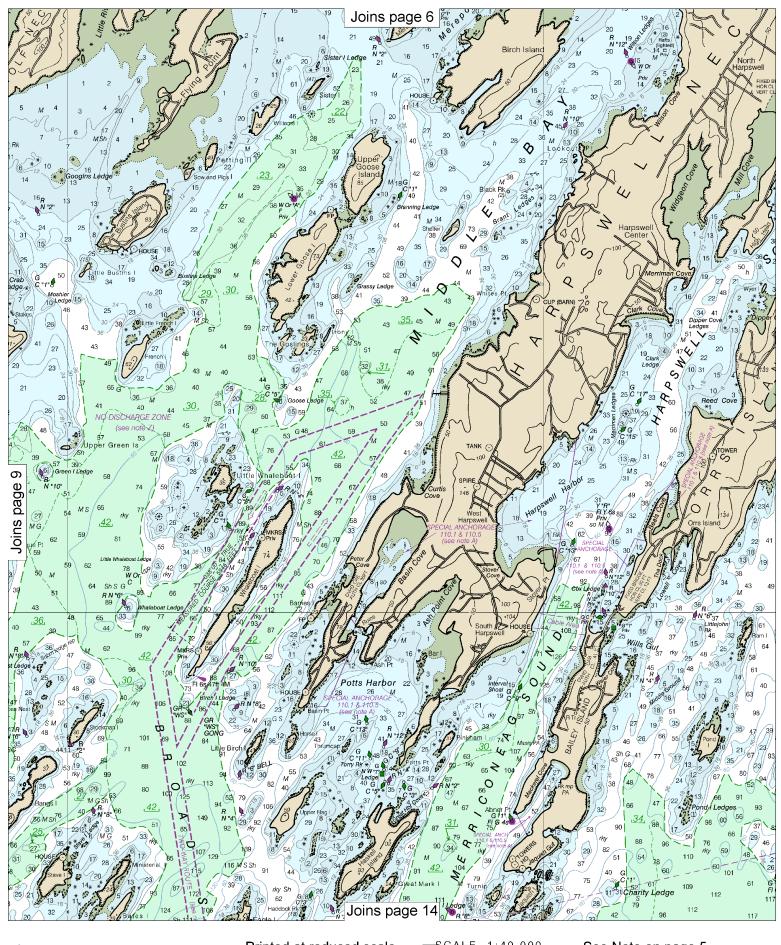
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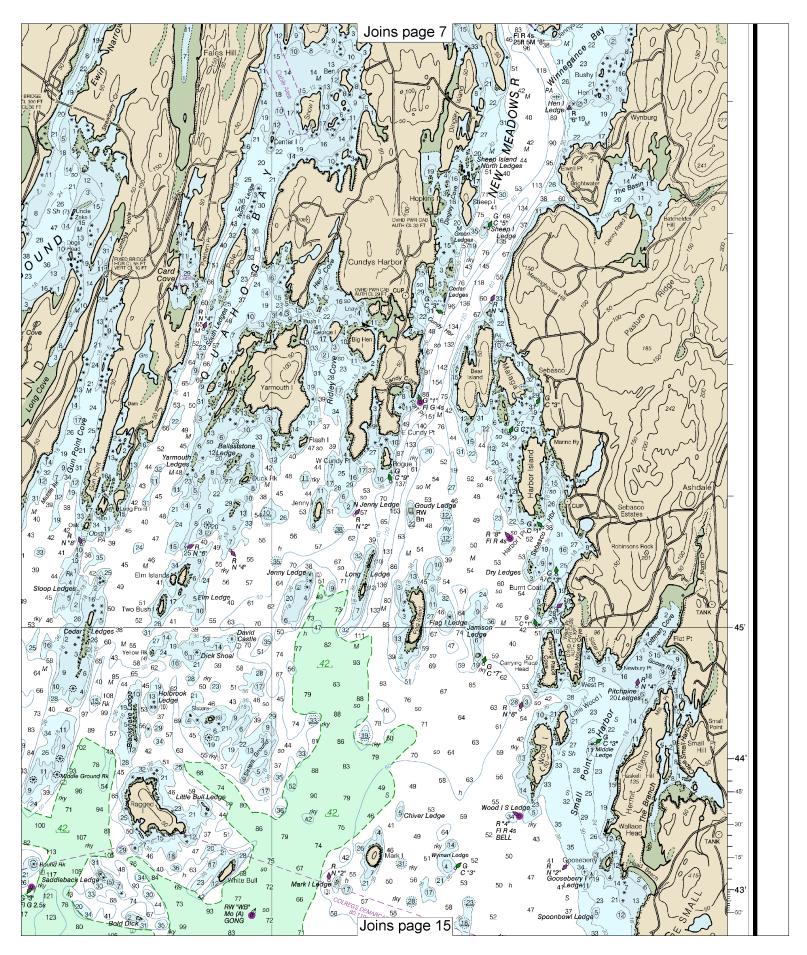
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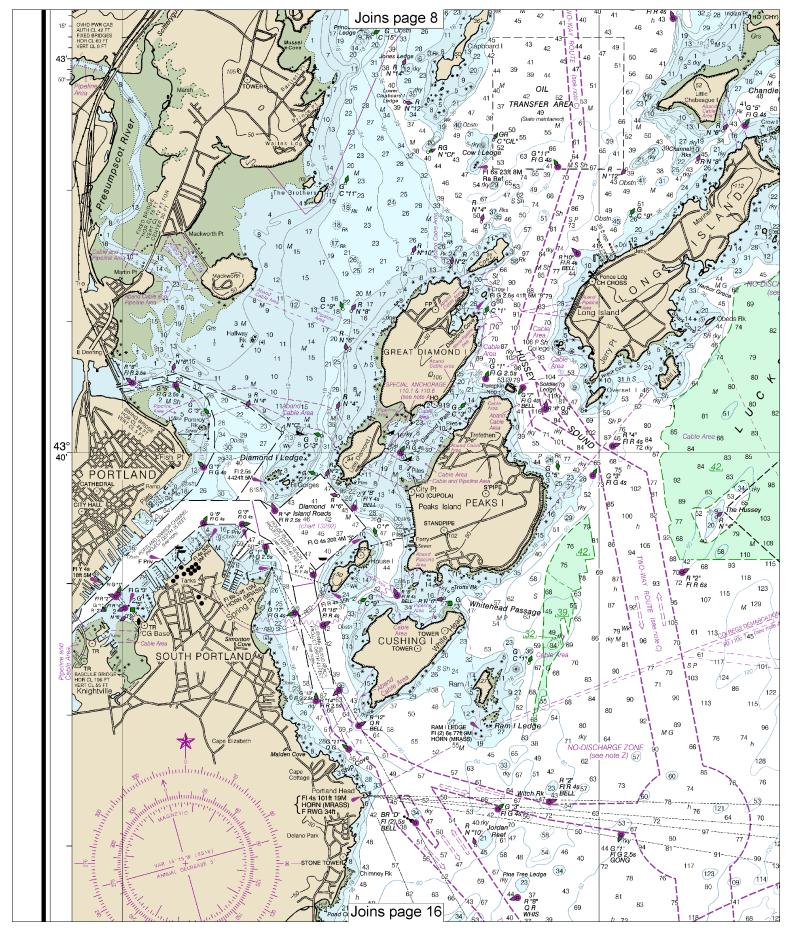
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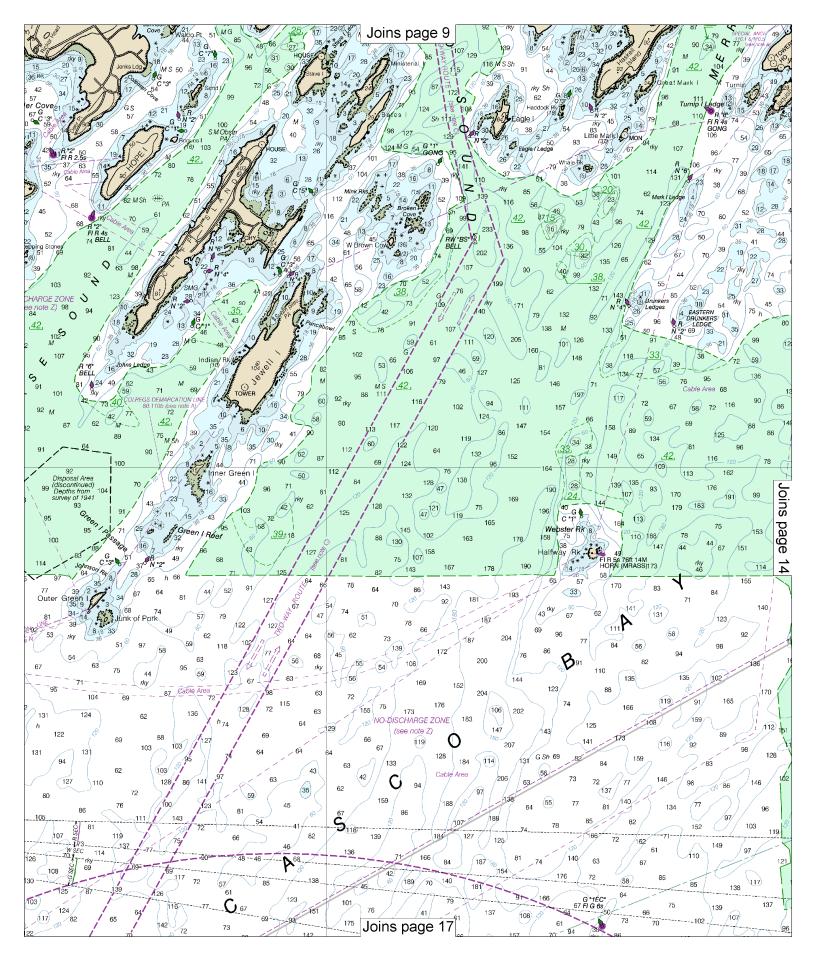
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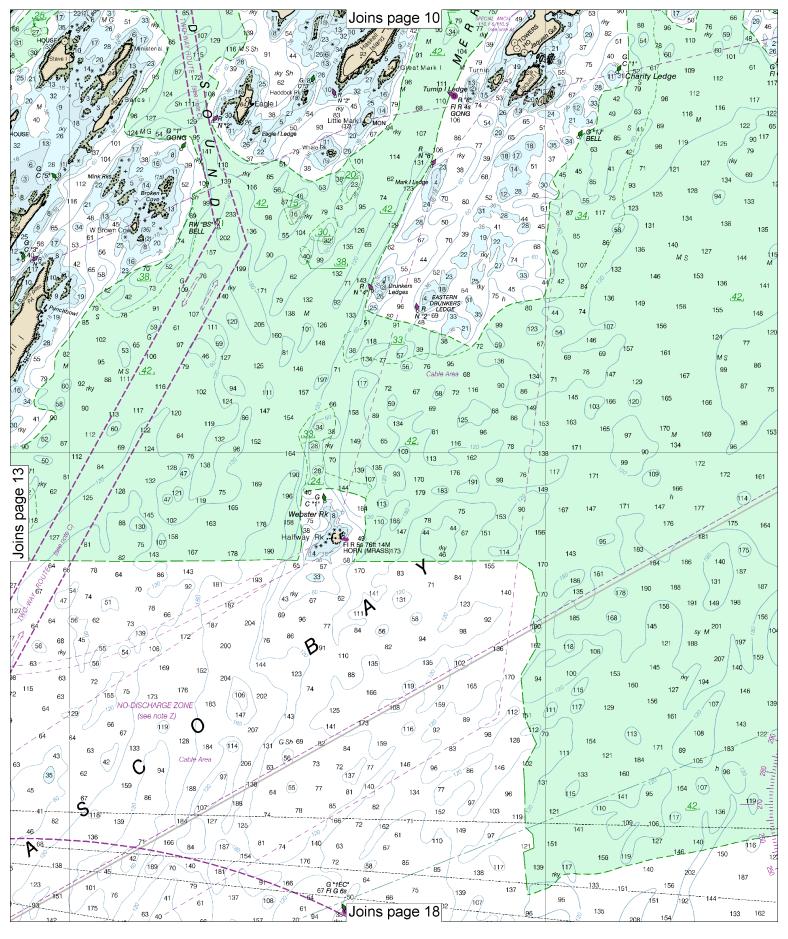
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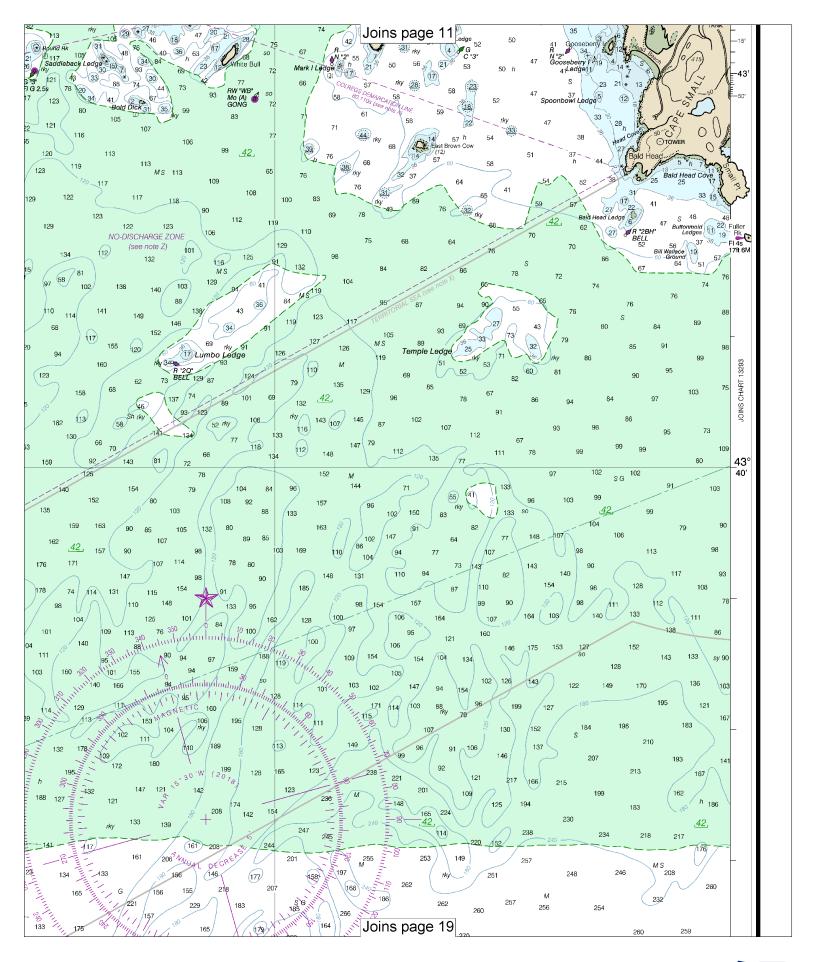
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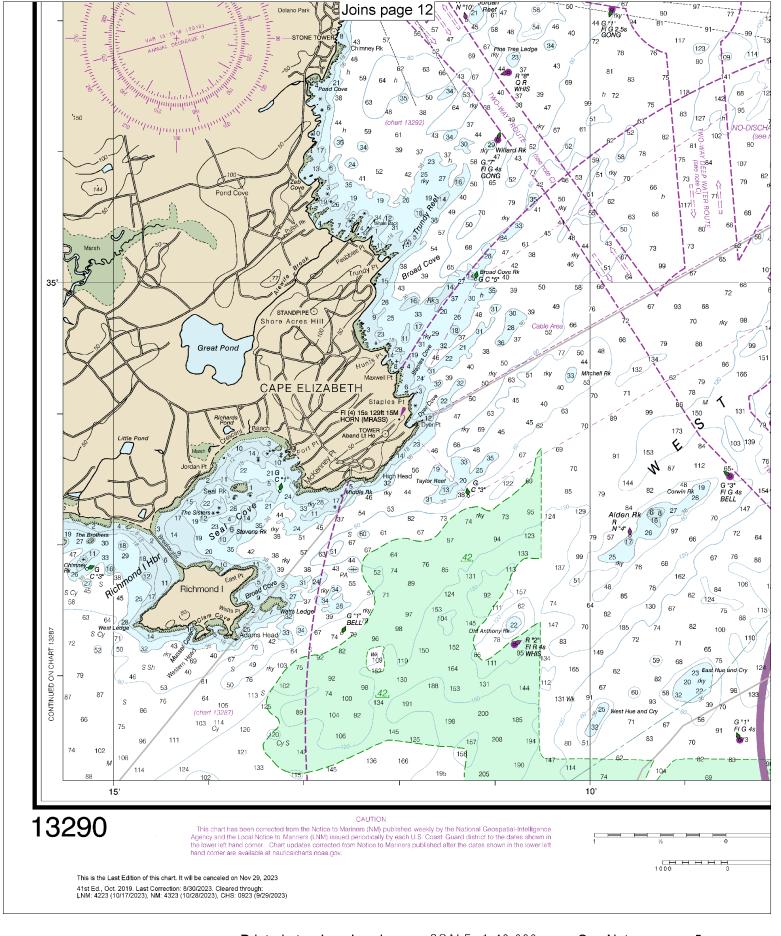
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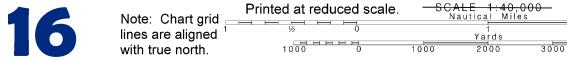
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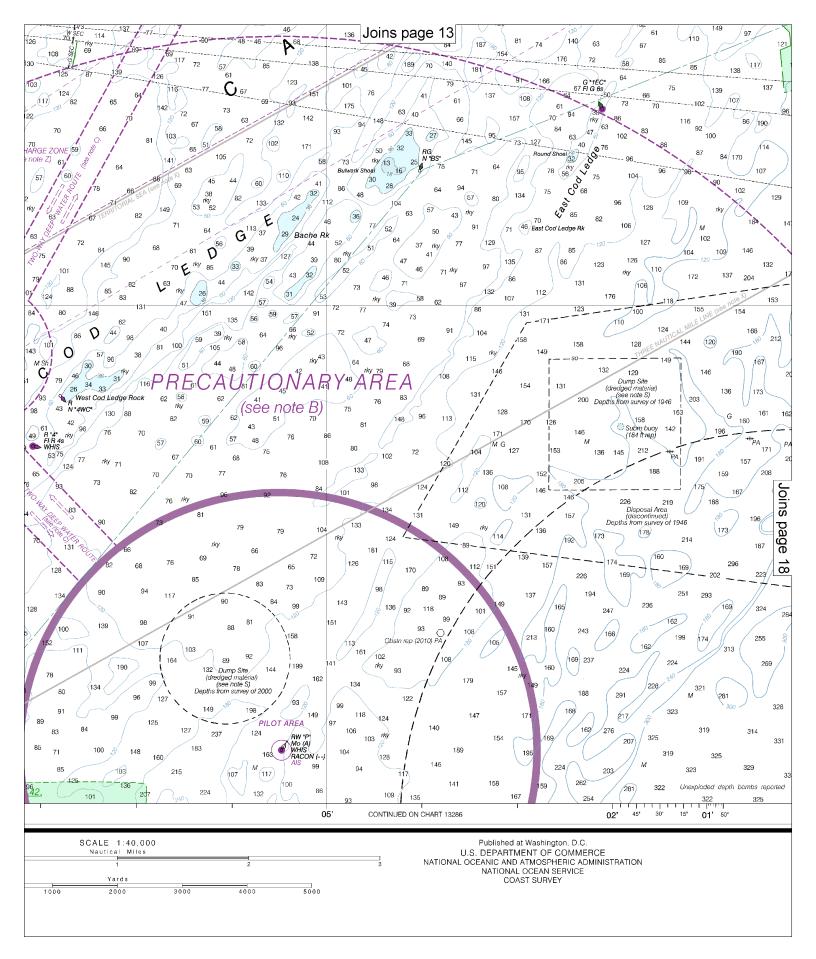
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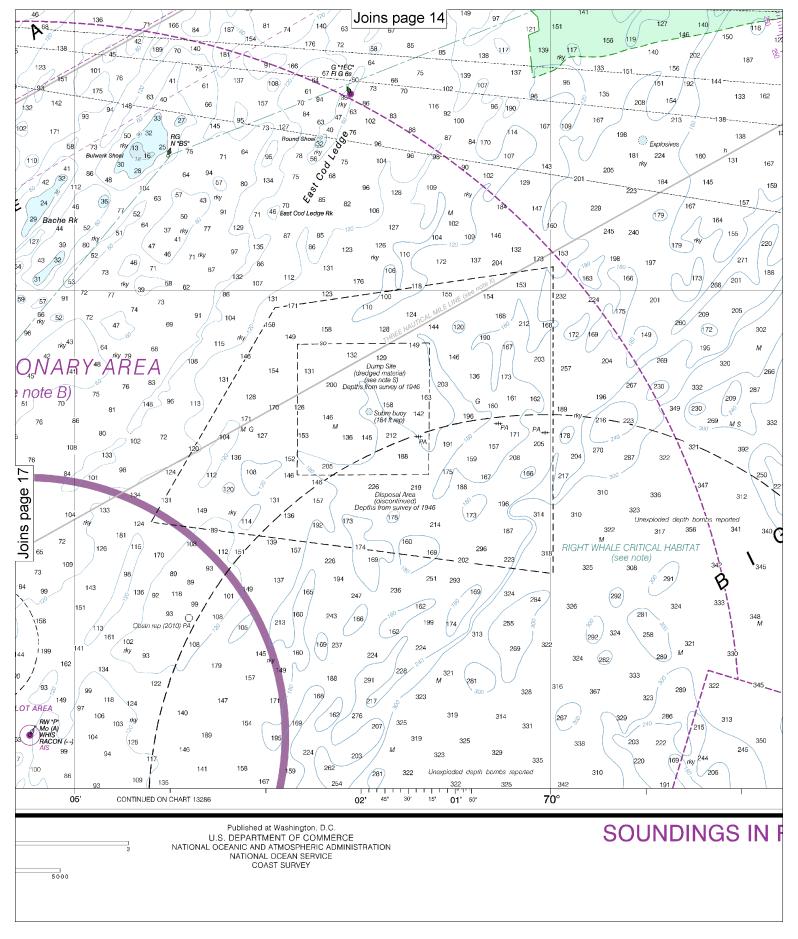












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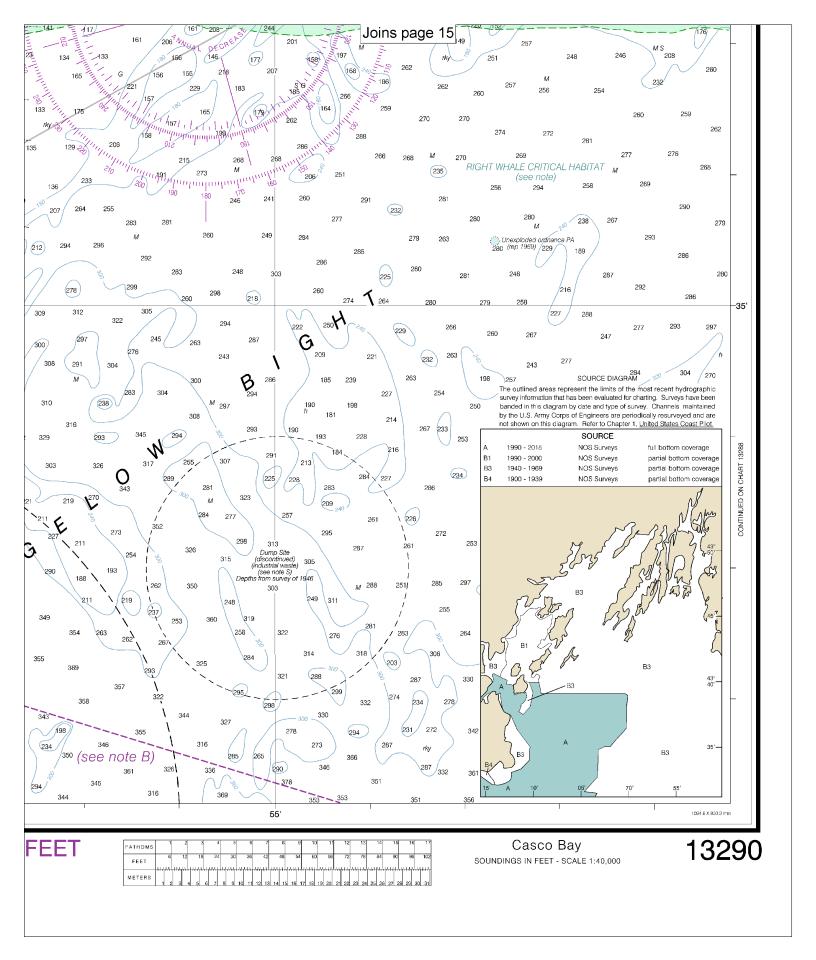
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## VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**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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