Apostle Islands
NOAA Chart 14973

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

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What are Nautical Charts?

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™?

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)

The State boundary between Michigan and Wisconsin, about 1 mile northeast of Saxon Harbor, follows the course of Montreal River. The river is not navigable. Saxon Harbor, 57 miles southwest of Ontonagon Harbor, is at the original mouth of Oronto Creek.

Small-craft facilities.--A 300-foot mooring dock with a launching ramp is on the east side of the harbor. Berths, gasoline, electricity, marine supplies, and sewage pump-out facilities are available in the harbor.

From Saxon Harbor, the shore extends northwest for about 21 miles to the west end of Long Island at the entrance to Chequamegon Bay.

Marble Point, about 4 miles northwest of Saxon Harbor, is at the west end of the bluffs that characterize the shore west of the Porcupine Mountains. West of Marble Point to Chequamegon Bay, the shore is low and marshy, and shoals extend no more than 0.7 mile from shore.

Long Island is an extension of Chequamegon Point, separated from it by a reappearing sandbar. The island and point, both sandy and wooded, have a total length of about 7 miles and a width of less than 0.25 mile. Together they form the northeast side of Chequamegon Bay.

Chequamegon Point Light (46°43'42"N., 90°48'36"W.), 33 feet above the water, is shown from a white cylindrical tower on the west end of Long Island.

The Apostle Islands are north of this stretch of shore. Madeline Island, the 5 island of the group, is 1.5 miles north of Long Island. South Channel, the deepwater passage between Madeline and Long Islands, is the east approach to Chequamegon Bay. The north side of the channel is marked by a lighted buoy that marks the extent of shoals off the southwest end of Madeline Island. La Pointe Light (46°43'42"N., 90°47'06"W.), 70 feet above the water, is shown from a white cylindrical tower on the north side of Long Island.

Chequamegon Bay, separated from Lake Superior by Chequamegon Point and Long Island, is about 12 miles long and 5 miles wide. The bay is entered through the deep water west of Long Island. The deep water follows close to the west shore of the bay to within about 4 miles of the head, thence extends S across the bay to the wharves at Ashland. The limit of the shoal border off Houghton Point, on the west shore 3 miles southwest of Chequamegon Point Light, is marked by a lighted buoy north of Ashland, the east part of the bay is filled with a flat. The shoalest water is around Oak Point in the E corner of the bay. The west edge of the flat is marked by a lighted buoy 2.2 miles south of Houghton Point. Above Ashland, the bay shoals gradually toward the head.

Ashland Harbor, serving the city of Ashland, WI, is on the southeast side near the head of Chequamegon Bay. The harbor is sheltered from the storms of Lake Superior by Chequamegon Point, Long Island, and the Apostle Islands. However, the size of the bay permits the generation of waves within itself, and in NE storms, when accompanied by swells coming in from the lake, heavy seas occur in the bay. A breakwater northeast of the Ashland wharves provides protection for the harbor facilities. The city of Ashland is on a low bluff that fronts the southeast side of the bay. Stacks and spires in the city are prominent.

Caution.—Much of the Ashland waterfront is in ruins. Piles and submerged piles extend up to 2,300 feet from shore throughout the area. The remains of piles are often adrift in the harbor.

In 1987, submerged debris was reported immediately north of the Ashland Breakwater, extending at least 4,900 feet off the breakwater, with heaviest concentration at a point about 2,790 feet, 061° from Ashland Breakwater Light.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine.—(See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.) Quarantine is enforced in accordance with the regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.) Ashland is a customs port of entry.

Small-craft facilities.—Berths and launching ramps for small craft are available at the city dock, 0.6 mile northeast of C. Reiss Coal Co. Dock, and at a boat club 1.8 miles northeast of the city dock. Fuel is available by tank truck.

U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center

24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies

RCC Cleveland
9th CG District
Cleveland, OH
(216) 902-6117
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 TOPMOST BAND GREEN
- GREEN LIGHT ONLY
- COMPOSITE GROUP FLASHING (2+1)

PREFERRED CHANNEL
NO NUMBERS – MAY BE LETTERED
- PREFERRED CHANNEL TO PORT TOPMOST BAND RED
- RED 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
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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!

NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/

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