BookletChart™

Lake Washington Ship Canal and Lake Washington
NOAA Chart 18447

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.


(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)
Shilshole Bay is between Meadow Point and West Point. It is an open bight from which the Lake Washington Ship Canal is entered, and is the site of the largest marina in the Seattle area. Shilshole Bay Marina, the small-craft basin just N of the canal entrance, is administered by the Port of Seattle. A 4,400-foot breakwater, marked at each end by a light, protects the basin. Elliott Bay indents the E shore of Puget Sound just N of Duwamish Head. The entrance is between West Point on the N and Alki Point 5 miles S. The bay proper, lying E of a line between Magnolia Bluff and Duwamish Head, has a width of about 2 miles and extends SE for nearly the same distance. The bay is deep throughout most of its area.

A speed limit of 4 knots is enforced within the guide piers of the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks. A speed limit of 7 knots is enforced elsewhere in the Lake Washington Ship Canal, except in an area marked by four private buoys in the N part of Lake Union.

The Hiram M. Chittenden Locks, a double lock, and a fixed dam are at the narrows of the entrance to Salmon Bay, 1.2 miles in from the sound. The large lock, a two-chamber structure, has a clear length of 760 feet, width of 80 feet, lift of 26 feet, and depth over the lower miter sill of 29 feet. The small lock has a clear length of 123 feet, width of 28 feet, lift of 26 feet, and depth over the lower sill of 16 feet. Passage time is less than 30 minutes for large vessels and 5 to 10 minutes for small vessels. The lock tenders monitor VHF-FM channel 13, and can be contacted at 206-783-7000 for additional information.

A saltwater barrier extends across the E end of the E chamber of the large lock to reduce the intrusion of saltwater into Lake Washington and to conserve water. (See 207.750, chapter 2, for navigation regulations for Lake Washington Ship Canal, the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks, and the saltwater barrier.)

Salmon Bay extends for about 0.8 mile from the E end of the locks to the Ballard (15th Avenue) Bridge. There are numerous piers and floats with extensive small-craft facilities on the bay. Fishermen’s Terminal, operated by the Port of Seattle, is immediately W of the Ballard Bridge. The terminal is the home port of a large commercial fishing fleet. Depths of 14 to 28 feet are alongside the piers.

From Salmon Bay the canal leads SE to Lake Union, which is about 1 mile long in a N-S direction and about 0.5 mile wide. Depths in the lake range generally from 37 to 41 feet. There is an 11-foot shoal about 200 yards offshore from the SW end of the lake; it is marked by a buoy. Four private buoys in the N part of Lake Union mark an unrestricted speed zone, which is used by boatbuilders around the lake as a testing area. The buoys are frequently repositioned; caution is advised when transiting the area.

Lake Washington Ship Canal is crossed by five bascule bridges and two fixed bridges. Clearances of the drawspans are 14 to 43 feet. (See 117.1 through 117.59 and 117.1051, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The bridgетenders of the drawbridges monitor VHF-FM channel 16 and 13, and work on channel 13. The call signs are as follows: Burlington Northern Railroad, KCE-201; Ballard (15th Avenue), KJA-445; Fremont Avenue, KJA-442; University, KJA-441; Montlake, KJA-438. The fixed bridges have a least clearance of 127 feet. Cables crossing the canal have a least clearance of 155 feet.

State Route 520 pontoon bridge crossing the lake between Seattle and Everett Point has a fixed span at the E and W ends. The clearances are 57 feet at the E end and 44 feet at the W end. The floating drawspans at the center of the bridge provide an opening 100 feet wide. (See 117.1 through 117.59 and 117.1049, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The Interstate Route 90 pontoon bridges between Seattle and East Seattle, on the N end of Mercer Island, have fixed spans at the E and W ends with clearances of 29 feet. The underwater remains of the E and W piers of a former fixed bridge are just SE of the Interstate Route 90 bridge. Mariners should use caution when outside the main navigation channel.
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To report a chart discrepancy, please use ocsdata.ncd.noaa.gov/idrs/discrepancy.aspx.

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

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

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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
PUBLIC BOATING INSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

The United States Power Squadrons (USPS) and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCGAux), national organizations of boaters, conduct extensive boating instruction programs in communities throughout the United States. For information regarding these educational courses, contact the following sources:

USPS - Local Squadron Commander or USPS Headquarters, Post Office Box 30423, Raleigh, N. C. 27612. 919-821-0281.

USCGAux - 13th Coast Guard District, 915 Second Ave., Seattle WA 98174-1067. Tel: 206-653-7590 or USCG Headquartes (68-BAU), Washington, D.C. 20593-0001.

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Pump out facilities
WAHCAGN
LAKE WASHINGTON
SHIP CANAL AND
LAKE WASHINGTON
MERCATOR PROJECTION AT SCALE 1:10,000 & 1:25,000
SOUNDINGS IN FEET
AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER below the locks AND AT LOW WATER ON LAKE which is 20 FEET above the plane of MLW in Puget Sound.

North American Datum of 1983
(NGS Geodetic System 1984)
Note: Chart grid lines are aligned with true north.

Printed at reduced scale.  SCALE 1:10,000
See Note on page 5.
### Determination of Wind Speed from Sea Condition

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<td>Light air</td>
<td>Small, light waves with small crests.</td>
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<td>Gentle breeze</td>
<td>Moderate waves, white crests.</td>
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<td>Fresh breeze</td>
<td>Waves, white foam, strong surf.</td>
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<td>Strong, white foam, strong surf.</td>
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**Pollution Reports**

Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center by calling 1-800-434-4359 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 150).

NOAA encourages users to submit inquiries, discrepancies or comments about this chart at https://www.nmclcharts.noaa.gov/staff/contact.html.

**COLREGS, 80.1396** (see note A)

International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972.

The entire area of this chart falls seaward of the COLREGS Demarcation Line.

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**WARNING**

The present marine chart is not reliance on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.
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.

**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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- Chart and chart related inquiries and comments — http://ocsdata.ncd.noaa.gov/idrs/inquiry.aspx?frompage=ContactUs
- Chart updates (LNMs and NM corrections) — http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/updates/LNM_NM.html
- Coast Pilot online — http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.htm
- Tides and Currents — http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov
- National Data Buoy Center — http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/
- NowCoast web portal for coastal conditions — http://www.nowcoast.noaa.gov/
- National Hurricane Center — http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/
- Pacific Tsunami Warning Center — http://ptwc.weather.gov/
- Contact Us — http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/staff/contact.htm

**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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