BookletChart™

Columbia River –
John Day Dam to Blalock
NOAA Chart 18535

A reduced-scale NOAA nautical chart for small boaters
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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 Dalles Lock and Dam, 40 (46) miles above Bonneville Dam, has a single lift lock with a vertical lift of about 87.5 feet. Restricted areas are above and below the dam. (See 207.718, chapter 2, for information concerning use, administration, and navigation of The Dalles Lock and Dam.) Lake Celilo provides slack water navigation with a controlling depth of 14 feet for 22 (25.3) miles upstream to the John Day Dam. Depths and clearances are at normal pool level.

Ice.–Ice occasionally interferes with navigation for 2 weeks or more, usually in January or February.

A fixed highway bridge across the downstream approach to the lock at The Dalles Dam has a clearance of 100 feet.

A railroad bridge, 7 (8.1) miles above The Dalles Dam, has a lift span with clearance of 20 feet down and 79 feet up. The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 16 and works on channel 13; call sign KQ-9048. (See 117.1 through 117.59 and 117.869, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.)

The Celilo Park basin 7.7 (8.9) miles above The Dalles Dam, offers shelter to small boats, but there are no facilities except a launching ramp. The entrance to the basin is marked by a light.

At Miller Island, 10.5 (12) miles above The Dalles Dam, the N and S channels are marked by ranges. The main channel is along the N side of the island; however it is reported that the S channel is more frequently used. In 1994, submerged obstructions with depths of 1 to 3 feet were reported in the S channel in about 45°38'17"N., 120°54'56"W. and 45°38'14"N., 120°54'54.5"W.

On the Oregon side just S of Miller Island is Deschutes River, crossed by a fixed bridge with clearance of 20 feet. Small craft occasionally seek shelter here during unfavorable weather.

The Biggs Bridge, 13.6 (17) miles above The Dalles Dam, has a clearance of 88 feet at the center of the fixed highway span. The bridge joins Maryhill, WA, and Biggs Junction, OR.

John Day Dam, 188 (216.3) miles above the mouth of the Columbia and 21 miles above The Dalles Dam, has a single lift lock with a vertical lift of about 105 feet. Restricted areas are above and below the dam. (See 207.718, chapter 2, for information concerning use, administration, and navigation of John Day Dam.) Depths and overhead clearances are at normal pool level.

The rock awash near the E approach to John Day Locks in 45°43'25"N., 120°41'20"W. is marked by a light and sign; mariners are urged to exercise caution when passing N of Lake Umatilla Lighted Buoy 2, so as to avoid being carried to the NW and striking the rock awash.

Lake Umatilla, the pool created by John Day Dam, extends 65 (75) miles to McNary Dam. Depths are generally great, but there are many shoals. The winding channel through the lake has a controlling depth of about 19 feet and is marked by aids to navigation. The chart is the best guide. An overhead power cable with a clearance of 95 feet is about 41 (47.2) miles above John Day Dam.

John Day River is 2.3 miles above John Day Dam on the S side of the Columbia. Just S of the highway bridges over the entrance to the river is the John Day River Recreation Area. There are floats here for about 40 craft and a launching ramp. The fixed highway bridges have a clearance of 19 feet.

At Boardman, 45.6 (52.5) miles above the John Day Dam, there is a small-craft basin protected by a stone breakwater and a jetty. Berths and a launching ramp are available here.

There are 2 woodchip docks, a general cargo dock, and a grain elevator dock at a port about 1.2 miles NE of the small-craft basin at Boardman. A grain elevator dock and barge loading pier is on the Oregon side of the river, about 3 miles NW of Irrigon, OR. Umatilla is on the Oregon side 62 (71.3) miles above the John Day Dam. There is a small-craft basin about 500 yards W of the highway bridge. The E side of the entrance is marked by a light. About 125 covered and uncovered berths, electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, and ice are available. A concrete launching ramp is at the basin.
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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
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.

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