Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers
NOAA Chart 18661

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

- Complete, reduced-scale nautical chart
- Print at home for free
- Convenient size
- Up-to-date with Notices to Mariners
- Compiled by NOAA’s Office of Coast Survey, the nation’s chartmaker
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 Delta Region, the combined deltas of the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers, comprises the feeder rivers, sloughs, and canals that directly or indirectly connect with one or both of the rivers. Hundreds of miles of navigable waterways for small boats are available in the Delta; both local and visiting small craft use these waterways extensively.
San Joaquin River rises in the Sierra Nevada, flows 275 miles in a W direction, and enters Suisun Bay through New York Slough. The winding river is navigable for deep-draft vessels to Stockton. The water is generally fresh at Antioch. The delta of the river is formed of many marshy islands intersected by sloughs and channels. The islands are reclaimed tule and cattail marshes which have been converted to agriculture. Bordering the river are levees that are 12 feet or more higher than the land behind them.

A Federal project provides for a 35-foot channel from the mouth of the San Joaquin River to a turning basin at Stockton, and for suitable passing and turning basins. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of charts for controlling depths.)

Anchorage.—General and explosives anchorages are in the San Joaquin River on the W side of Sherman Island near the mouth, and just N of Venice Cut between Mandeville Island and Venice Island. (See 110.1 and 110.224, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) There are small-craft facilities on the S side of San Joaquin River on both sides of Antioch Bridge. (See the small-craft facilities tabulation on chart 18661 for services and supplies available.)

Pilotage, San Joaquin River.—River pilots, commissioned by the Port of Stockton, are obtained by ship’s agents, through the office of the Port of Stockton, or the San Francisco Bar Pilots.

Threemile Slough, meets the San Joaquin River 5.8 miles above Antioch Bridge and joins the Sacramento River at the N end of Deer Island. The slough is a route frequently used by tugs and barges making passage between Sacramento and Stockton. Near the junction with the Sacramento River is a highway lift bridge with clearances of 16 feet down and 110 feet up at low water. The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 16 and works on channel 9; call sign KMJ-385, Threemile Slough Bridge. (See 117.1 through 117.49, chapter 2, for drawbridge regs.)

Anchorage.—A restricted anchorage area is along the E side of Deer Island. (See 162.205, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Sacramento River rises in the Trinity Mountains in N central California, flows S for 325 miles, and enters Suisun Bay on the N side of Sherman Island. Deep-draft vessels follow the lower Sacramento River to Cache Slough, 1.5 miles above Rio Vista Bridge, thence through a deepwater ship channel to Sacramento, a distance of 37 miles above the mouth of the river. Barges and other small craft also use Sacramento River all the way to Sacramento, a distance of 50 miles. Above Sacramento, small craft go to Colusa, 125 miles above the mouth, but there is no regular navigation above this point.

Cable ferry.—Steamboat Slough enters Cache Slough about 1.8 miles above Rio Vista bridge. A cable ferry crosses the Steamboat Slough about 5 miles above the junction with Cache Slough. The ferry operates 24 hours daily. When the ferry is underway, the cable is suspended below the water surface at varying depths. When the ferry is docked, the cable is about 5 feet below the surface of the water. Warning signs are posted at the crossing. When underway, the ferry shows flashing red lights. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PASS A MOVING CABLE FERRY.

Pilotage, Sacramento River.—River pilots, commissioned by the Port of Sacramento, are arranged for by the ship’s agents, but may be obtained through the the port of Sacramento or the San Francisco Bar Pilots.

Rio Vista is on the NW bank 10.5 miles above the mouth of the Sacramento River. The Rio Vista Coast Guard Station is just S of the town. A small-craft harbor on the S side of the town has gasoline, diesel fuel, water, and berths available. A 20 ton lift here can handle craft up to 40 feet for hull and engine repairs. A large dredging facility is on the NW side of the river just N of the Rio Vista Bridge.

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

RCC Alameda Commander
11th CG District (510) 437-3700
Alameda, CA
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.
This BookletChart was reduced to 75% of the original chart scale. The new scale is 1:53333. Barscales have also been reduced and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart.
Note: Chart grid lines are aligned with true north.
Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification of these aids has been omitted from this chart.

**CAUTION**
Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notices to Mariners.

**CAUTION**
Small craft should stay clear of large commercial and government vessels even if small craft have the right-of-way.
All craft should avoid areas where the skill does exist, a tidal are with a diagonal white stripe, is displayed.

**CAUTION**
**BASALF BRIDGE CLEARANCES**
For basaltic bridges, whose spans do not open to a full vertical or horizontal position, unlimited vertical clearance is not available for the entire charted horizontal clearance.

**POLLEN REPORTS**
Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll-free) or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 163).

**BRIDGE AND OVERHEAD CABLE CLEARANCES**
Clearances are charted as furnished by the Corps of Engineers and U.S. Coast Guard. Overhead cable clearances are referred to High Water (HW) and Low Water (LW).

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The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any range aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

**CAUTION**
**SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES**
Charted submarine pipelines and submarine cable areas are shown as:

- **Pipe Line Area**
- **Cable Area**

Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and submarine cables are required to be charted, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should be aware of the potential danger when operating vessels in deeper or water comparable to their chart area, where pipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, dragging, or towing.

Covered vessels may be marked by lit signal buoys or unlighted buoys.

**NOTE C**
The U.S. Coast Guard operates a mandatory Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) system in the San Francisco Bay and surrounding areas. Vessel operating procedures and designated radio telephone frequencies are published in 33 CFR 116, the U.S. Coast Pilot, and/or the VTS User's Manual. The entire area of this chart falls within the Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) system.

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**Pump-out facilities**

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**SACRAMENTO RIVER**

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**DECKER ISLAND**

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**HORSESHOE BEND**

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**SHERMAN ISLAND**

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**SAN JOAQUIN RIVER**

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**Scale:** 1:40,000

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**See Note on page 5.**

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**Printed at reduced scale.**

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Note: Chart grid lines are aligned with true north.
The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast Pilot.

**SOURCE**

A 1999-1999 NOS Surveys full bottom coverage
B1 1990-1992 NOS Surveys partial bottom coverage
B4 1900-1999 NOS Surveys partial bottom coverage

**PROJECT DEPTHS**

and isolations, where indicated, reflect the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) project depths. The project depths, particularly at the edges of the isolated areas, may not reflect the current minimum depths as shown in NOAA Electronic Navigation Charts. Current channel condition reports are available at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
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.

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/

Quick References
Nautical chart related products and information — http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov
Interactive chart catalog — http://www.charts.noaa.gov/InteractiveCatalog/nrnc.shtml
Chart updates (LNM 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/
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