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
Frequent shoal patches. The keys are generally low and covered with mangrove. Together, they form the N boundary of the Straits of Florida.

What are Nautical Charts?

Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. They show water depth, obstructions, buoys, other aids to navigation, and much more. The information shown on the charts is intended to help mariners navigate safely and efficiently, and to avoid accidents at sea. Nautical charts are produced by various organizations, including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Canadian Hydrographic Service (CHS).

What is a BookletChart?

A BookletChart is a reduced-scale version of a standard nautical chart. It is designed to be more portable and convenient for recreational boaters, who may not need all the information contained in a full-scale chart. BookletCharts are available for many areas along the coast of the United States, and they are updated periodically to reflect changes in the marine environment.

Notice to Mariners

A Notice to Mariners is a document that contains information about changes to the marine environment, such as new or altered aids to navigation, or changes in the depths of waterways. These changes can affect the safety of navigation and the ability of mariners to reach their destinations. Notices to Mariners are published in the Government Printing Office (GPO) and are also available online at the NOAA website.

What are Coast Pilots?

Coast Pilots are detailed guides to specific areas of the coast. They are published by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) and are available for download from the NGA website. Coast Pilots include information about the local geography, navigational aids, and maritime regulations.

Local Notice to Mariners

Local Notice to Mariners are notices that are published for specific areas of the coast. They contain information about changes to the marine environment, such as new or altered aids to navigation, or changes in the depths of waterways. Local Notices to Mariners are published by various organizations, including the U.S. Coast Guard, and are available online at the NOAA website.

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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.
GULF OF MEXICO

Mercator Projection
Scale 1: 2,160,000 at Lat. 26°14' North American Datum of 1983
(World Geodetic System 1984)
SOUNDINGS IN FATHOMS
AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER
Additional information can be obtained at nauticalcharts.noaa.gov.

For offshore navigation only.
Detail within the blue tint area is not shown on this chart except on offlying shoals.
Use the 1:80,000 series charts for near-shore navigation.

Compiled from larger scale charts issued by the National Ocean Service, the National Geodetic Intelligence Agency, the British Admiralty, and American Geographical Society.

RADAR REFLECTORS
Radar reflections have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

HORIZONTAL DATUM
The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System of 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 do not require conversion to NAD 83 for plotting on this chart.

NOTE
Unexploded ordnance is known to exist in this area. Ordinance removed from the ocean floor should be reported to the U.S. Coast Guard immediately for disposal instructions. See Annual NM 1 (36).

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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/

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 and chart related inquiries and comments — http://ocsdata.nco.naa.gov/ids/inquiry.aspx?frompage=ContactUs
- 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/
- Contact Us — http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/staff/contact.htm

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