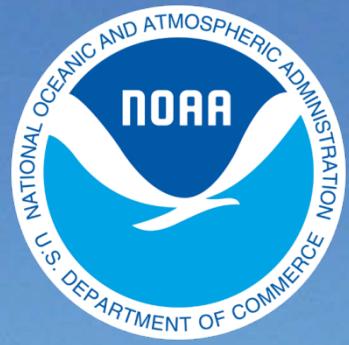


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## Georges Bank and Nantucket Shoals

NOAA Chart 13200

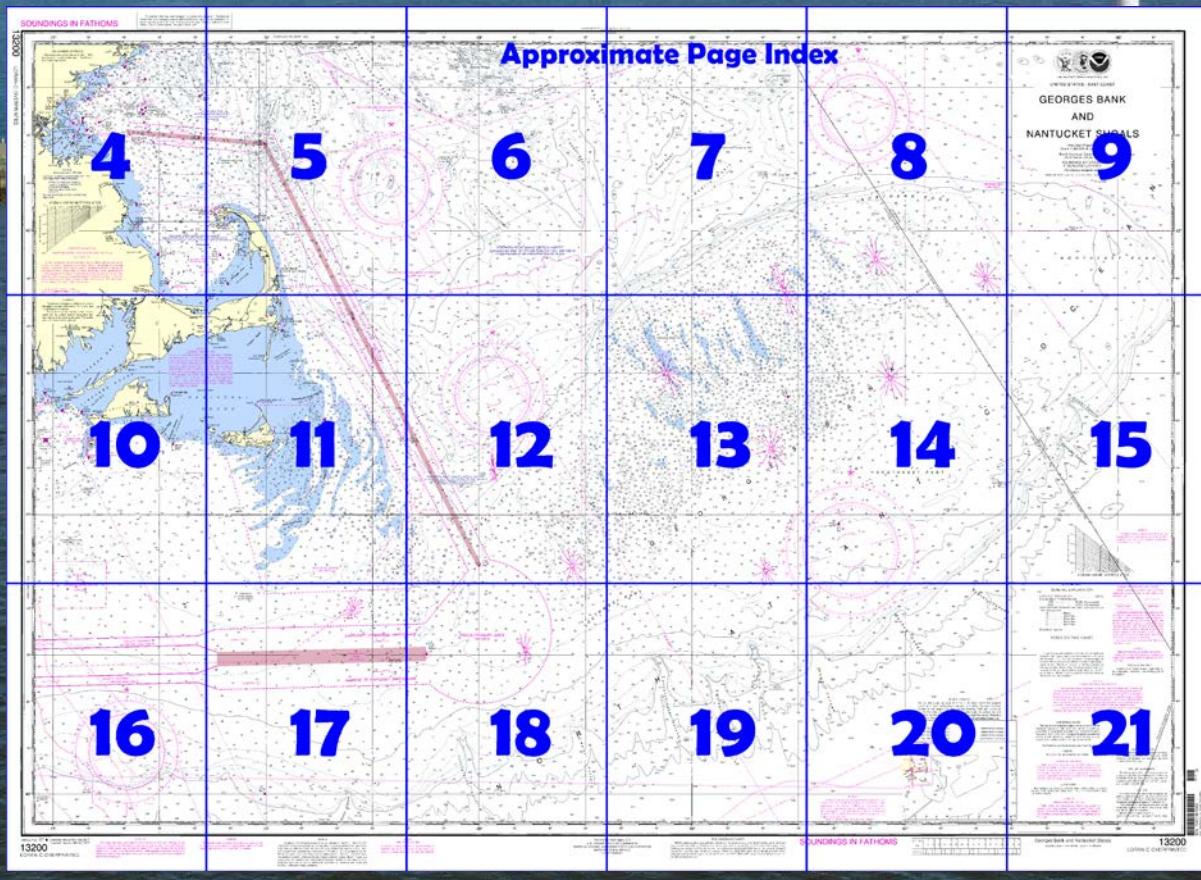


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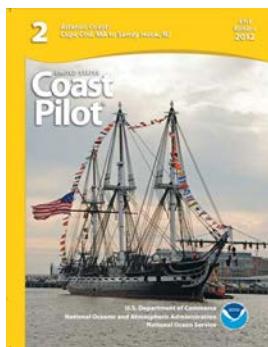
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#### (Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

**Georges Bank**, east of Cape Cod, is an extensive bank with depths of less than 50 fathoms that extend over 150 miles northeastward from the offshore end of Nantucket Shoals.

In heavy weather the danger area is the oval-shaped top of the bank, which is about 80 miles long in a northeast-southwest direction and 50 miles in maximum width. The bottom in this area is extremely broken and irregular, with a great number of ridges and shoal spots having depths of less than 10 fathoms. Between these shoals are channels of varying widths in which depths of about 20 fathoms may be found. All of this area lies within the

30-fathom curve, and so much of it has depths of less than 20 fathoms that it may practically all be considered to lie within a generalized 20-fathom curve.

On the southeast side of the bank, outside the 20-fathom curve, the water deepens gradually and with such regularity that soundings would be of considerable value in approaching the bank. On the northwest side the water deepens more rapidly.

The bottom is mostly sand, sometimes with shell, and in places pebbles. Bottom samples obtained during surveys are described in a great many places on the charts.

The two principal dangers on Georges Bank are Georges Shoal and Cultivator Shoal, which are near the center of the danger area. Around these shoals the sea breaks in depths of 10 fathoms during heavy weather, and the locality should be avoided by deep-draft vessels. Endangered North Atlantic right whales may occur along the northern edge of Georges Bank (peak season: March through July).

**Georges Shoal** is a ridge about 16 miles long on which are several shallow depths of 1½ to 3½ fathoms. A submerged obstruction, the remains of an old Texas tower, is on the shoal in 41°41.8'N., 67°46.4'W.

**Cultivator Shoal**, near the western end of Georges Bank, is a ridge nearly 15 miles long, on which depths of 3 to 10 fathoms are found. The 3-fathom spot is near the north end of the shoal. In 1980, a submerged obstruction was reported about 8.7 miles northwest of the 3-fathom spot in about 41°43'N., 68°23'W.; vessels engaged in bottom operations are advised to exercise caution in the area.

The entire area within the 20-fathom curve has an extremely broken bottom. There are numerous ridges and shoal spots on which depths dangerous to navigation, particularly in heavy weather, may be found. These shoal spots generally have steep sides, and soundings give very little or no indication of their existence. Tide rips and swirls, as well as overfalls, are common in the vicinity of these spots, but are not always visible. They show best with a smooth sea and with the current flowing in certain directions. These disturbances are not usually over the shoalest depths, but are commonly alongside them. Small, detached overfalls may be seen in 20 fathoms of water. The tidal currents are rotary with no period of slack water. The velocity at strength is about 2 knots, and the velocity of the minimum current which occurs about midway between the times of strength is about 1 knot. The flood sets northward, and the ebb southward. The hourly velocities and directions of the tidal current are shown by means of current roses on charts 13200 and 13204.

Between the 50-fathom curve at the eastern end of Georges Bank and the outer 50-fathom curve on Browns Bank to the northeastward is a trough about 25 miles wide.

Ships passing southward and/or westward of the dangerous part of Georges Bank should not approach the bank beyond a least depth of 25 fathoms.

**Nantucket Shoals** is the general name of the numerous different broken shoals which lie southeastward of Nantucket Island and make this one of the most dangerous parts of the coast of the United States for the navigator. These shoals extend 23 miles eastward and 43 miles southeastward from Nantucket Island. They are shifting in nature and the depths vary from 3 and 4 feet on some to 4 and 5 fathoms on others, while slues with depths of 10 fathoms or more lead between those farthest offshore. The easterly edge of the shoals has depths of 3 and 4 fathoms in places.

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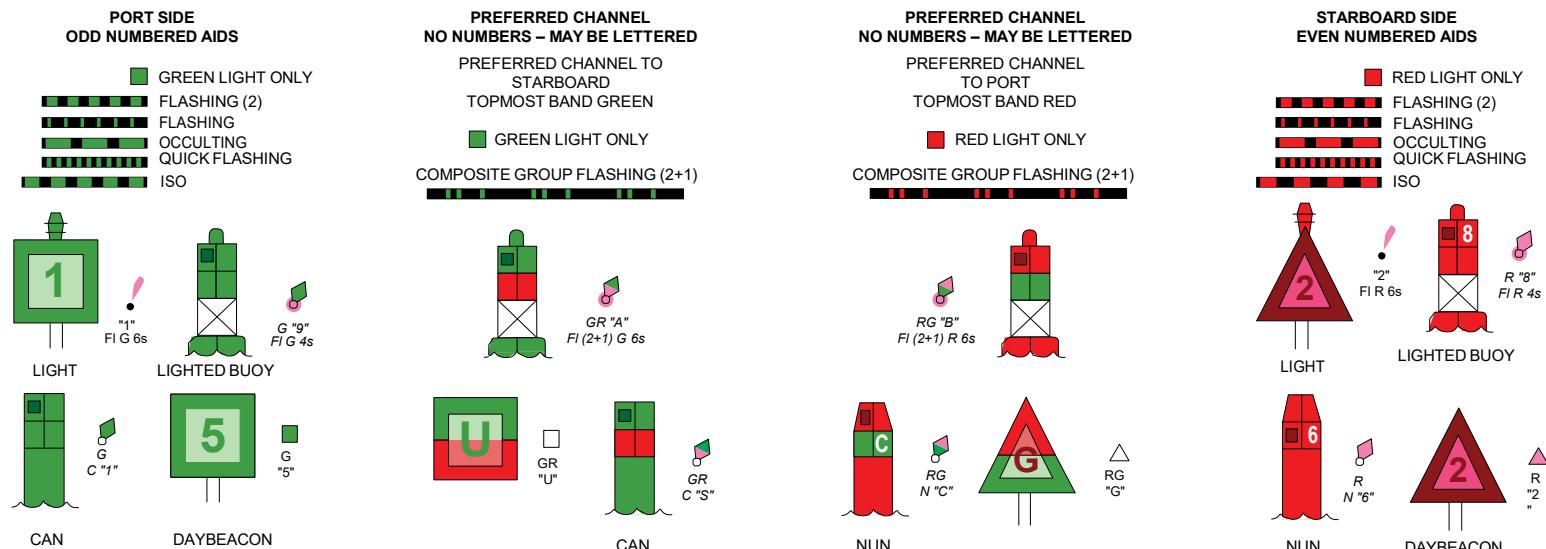
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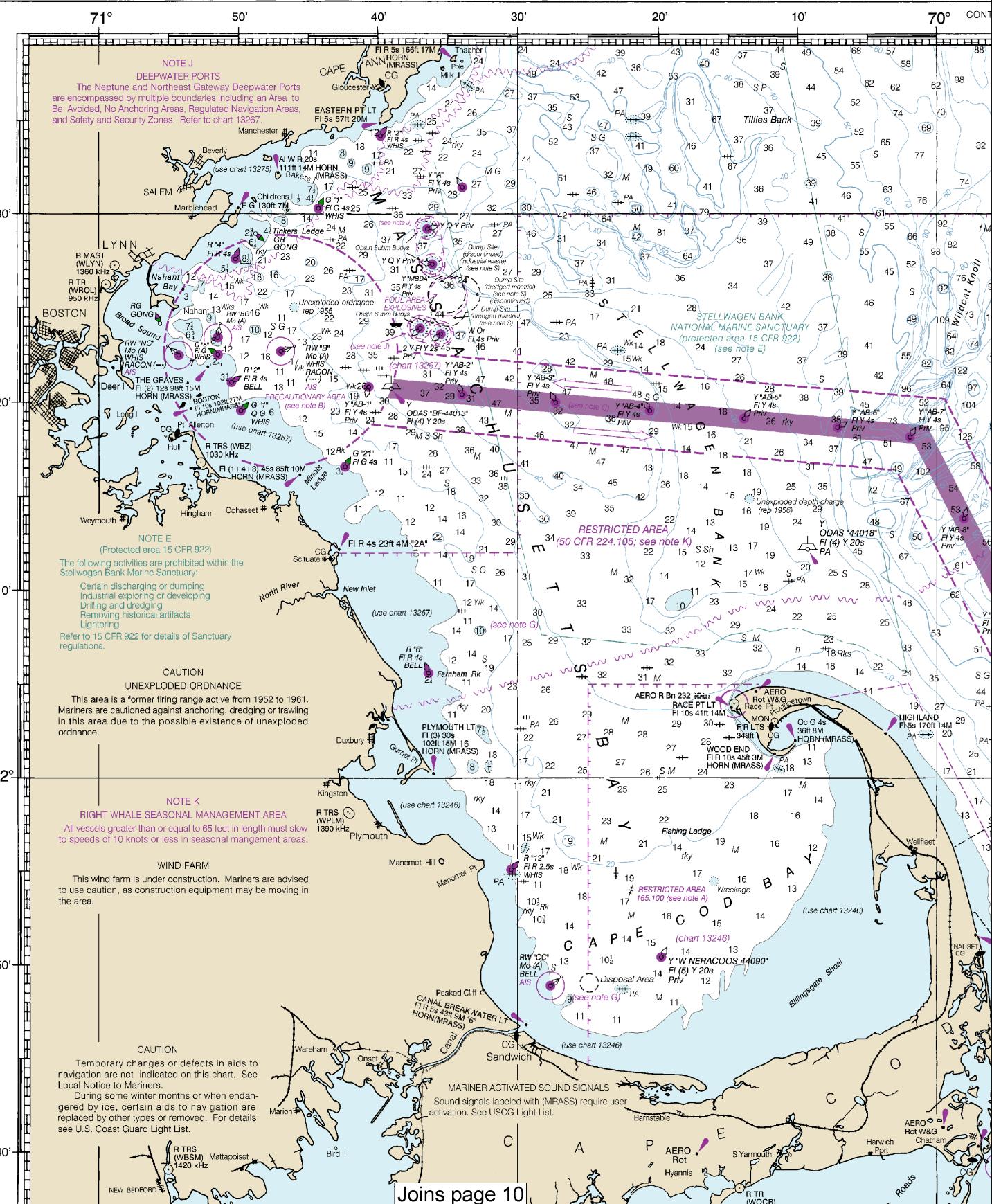
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For more information on aids to navigation, including those on Western Rivers, please consult the latest USCG Light List for your area. These volumes are available online at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov>

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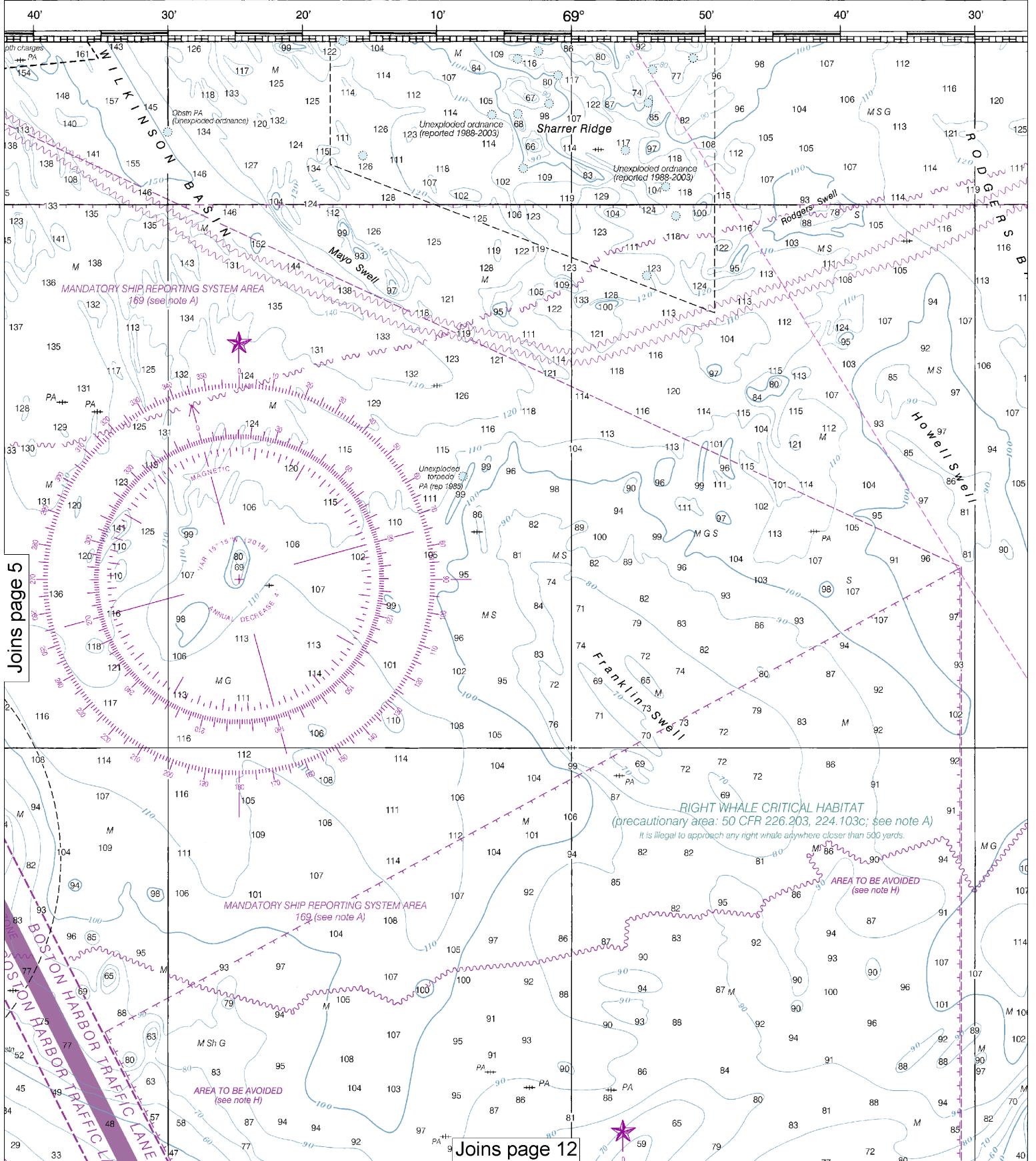
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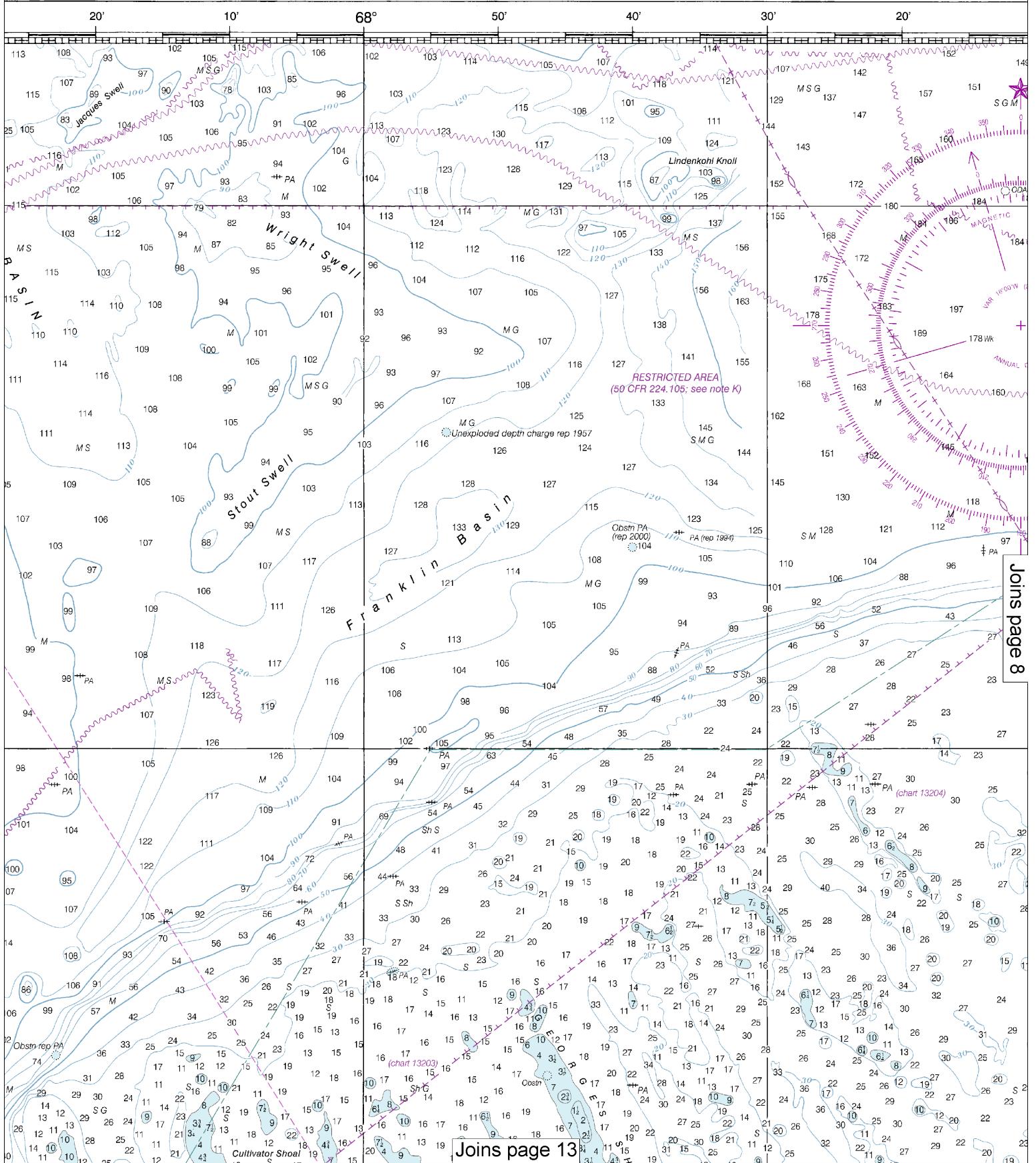
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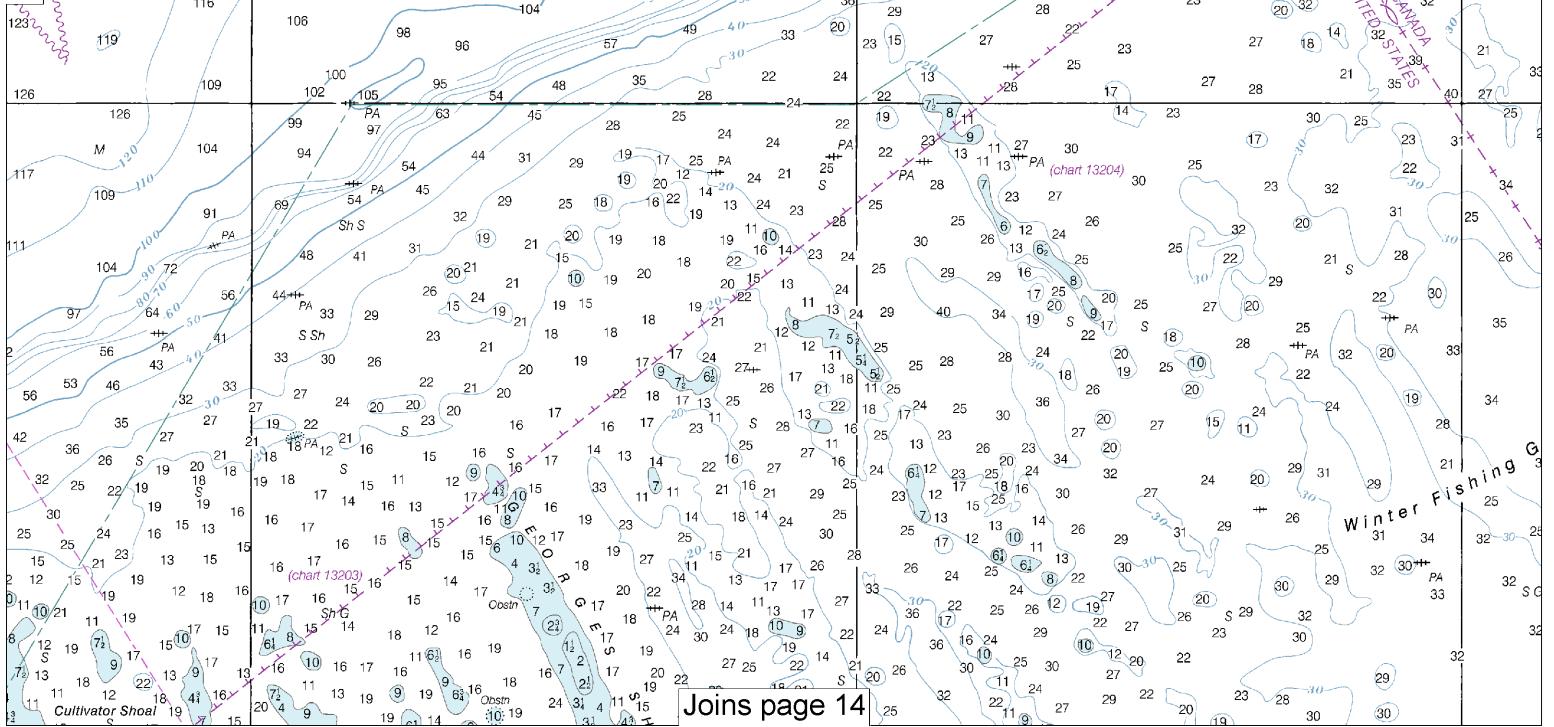




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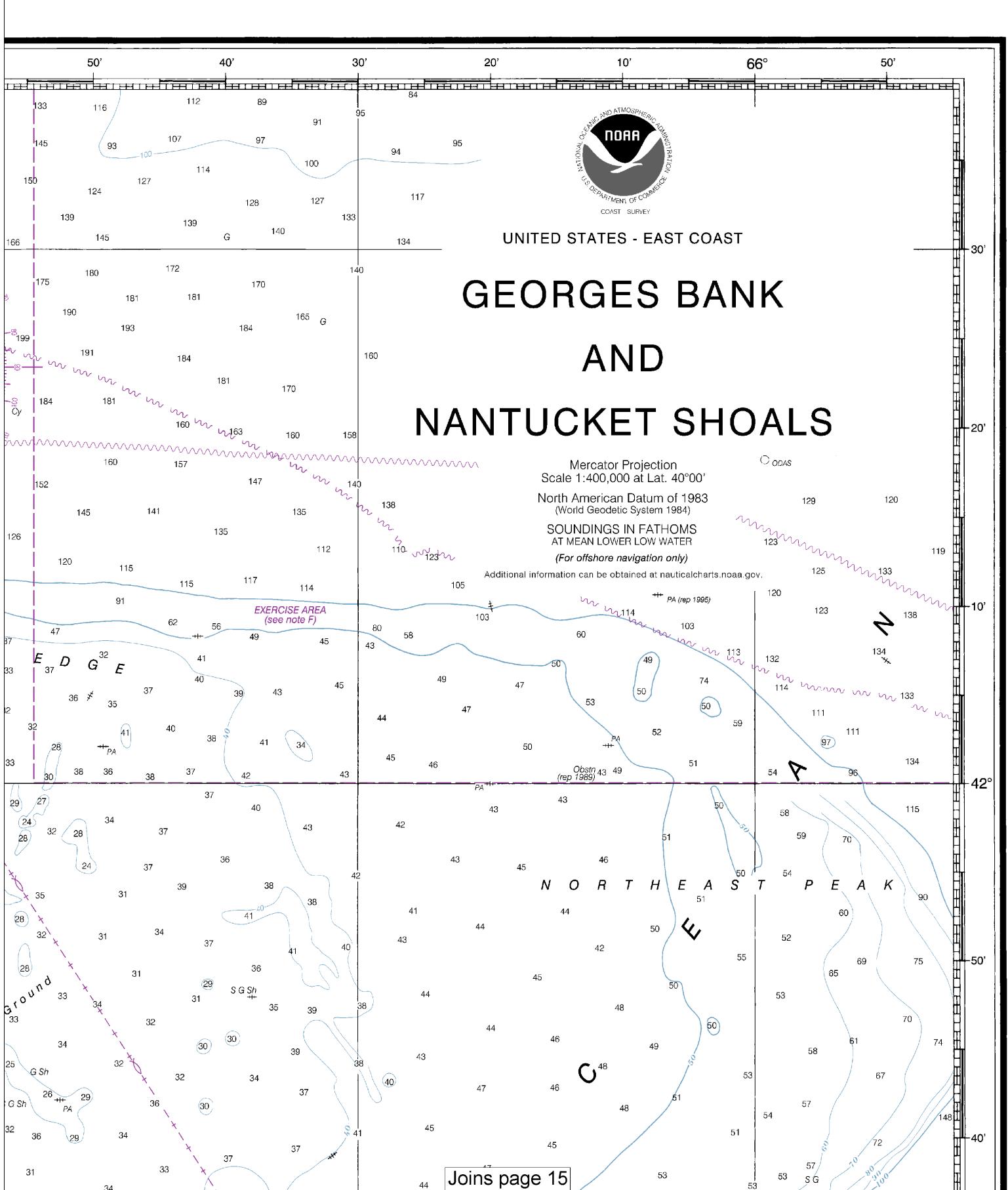
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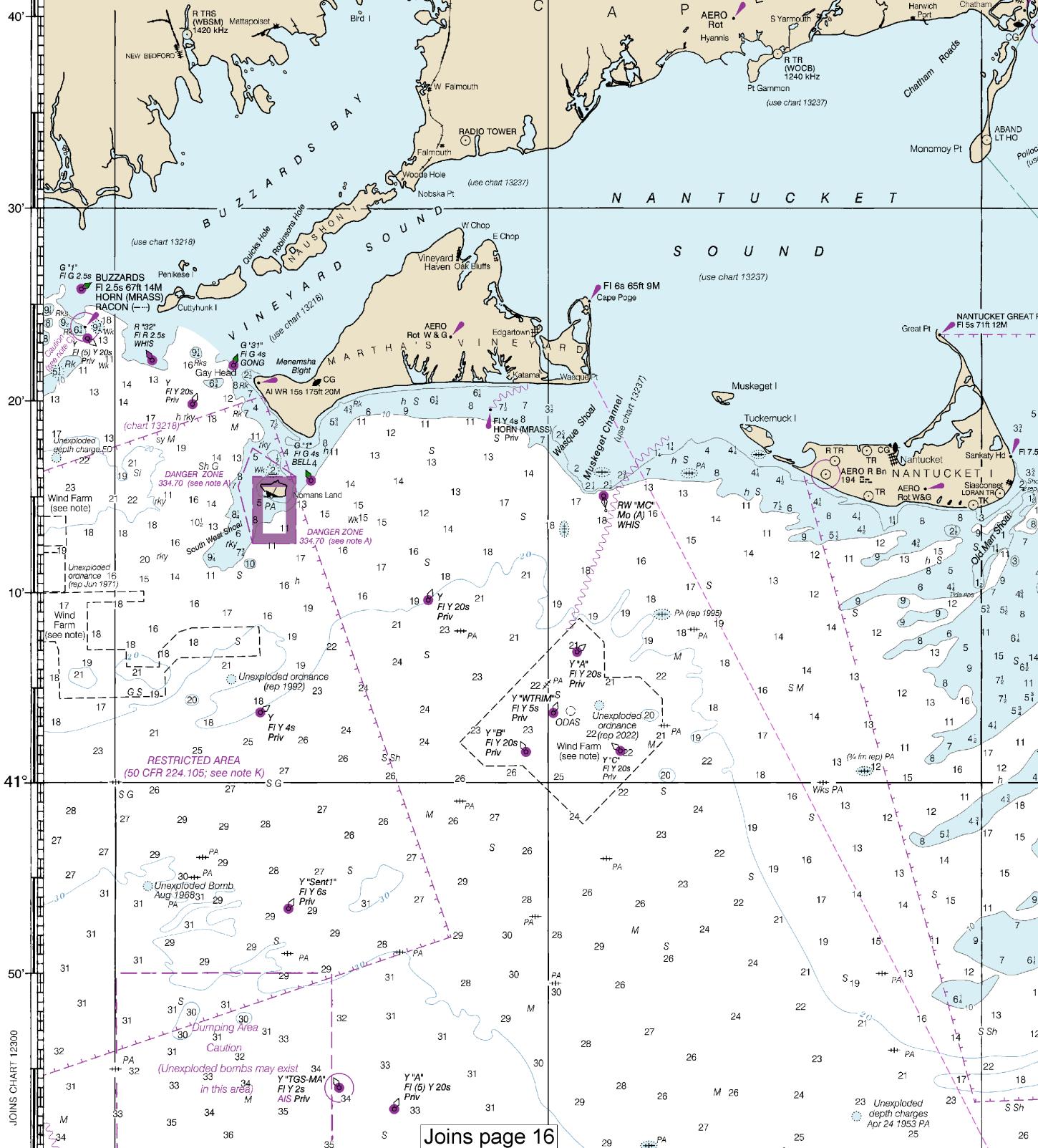


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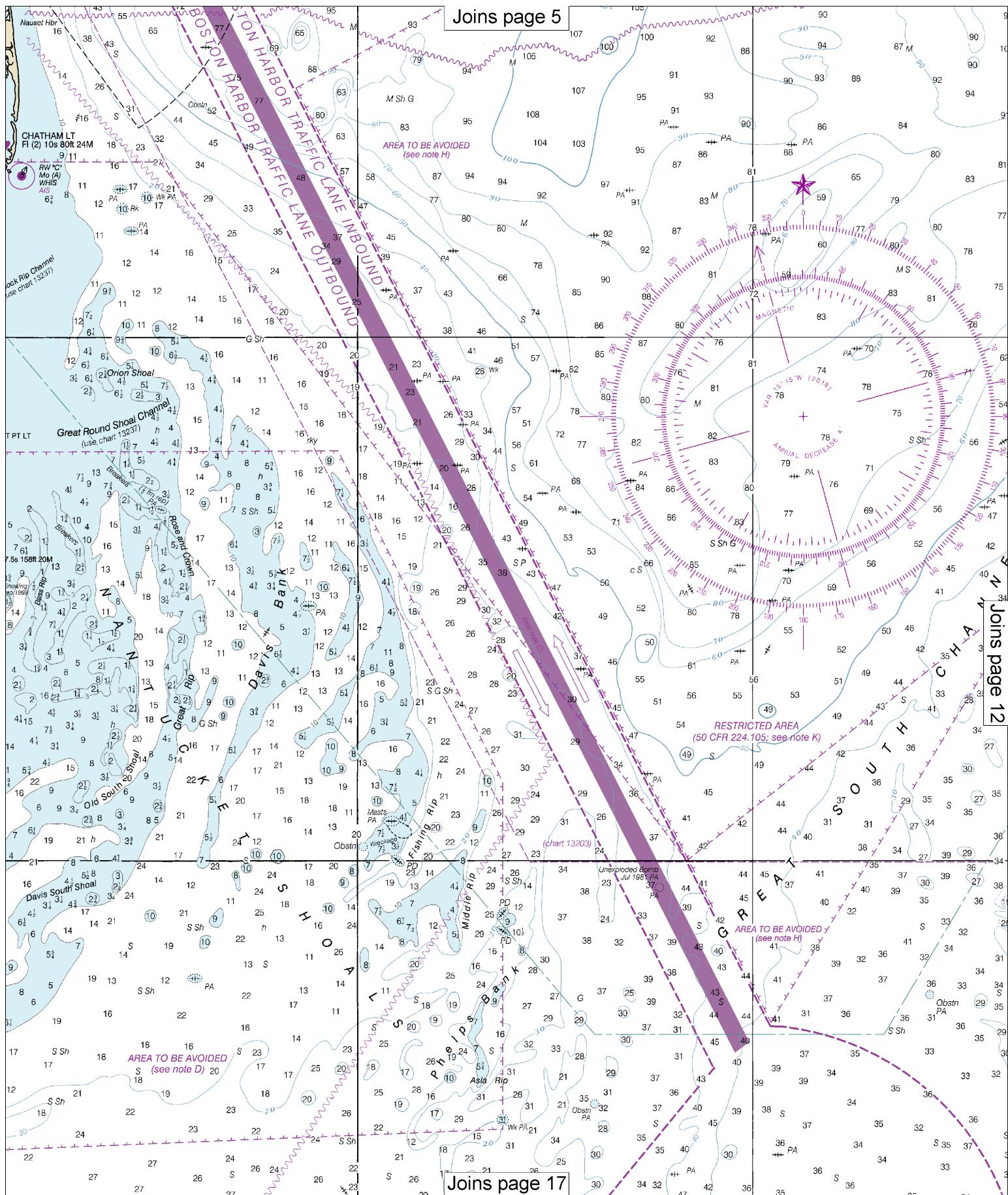
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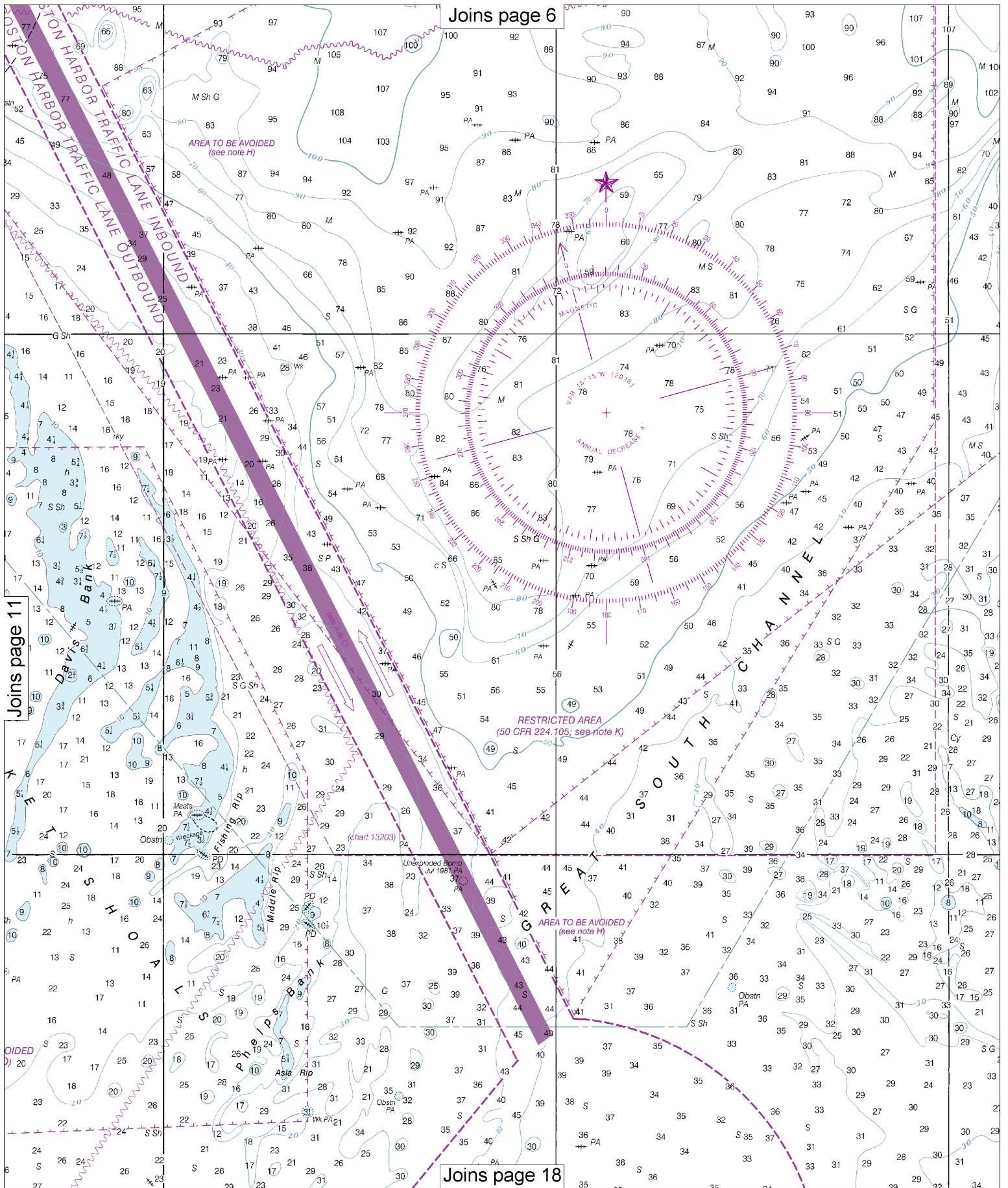
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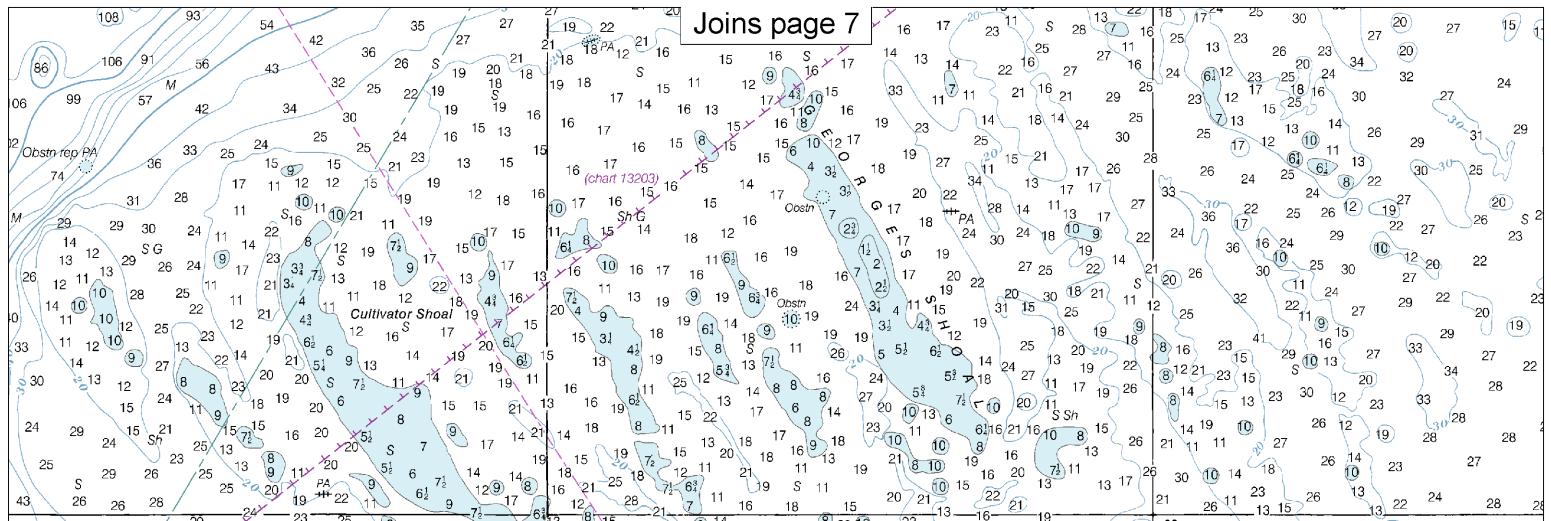




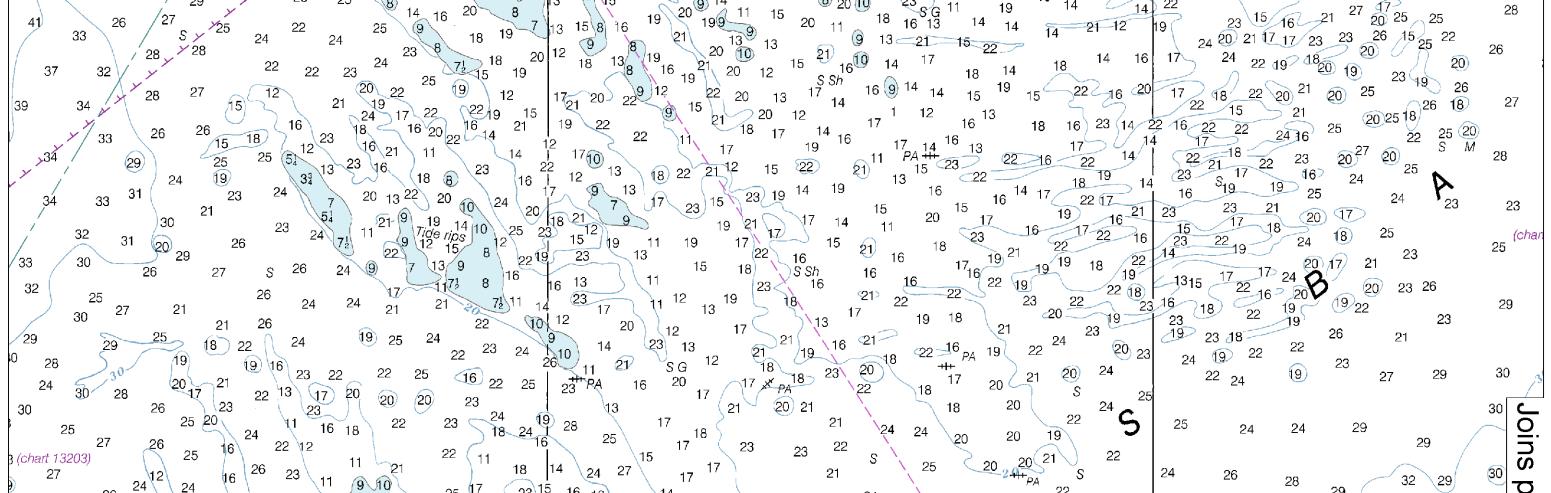
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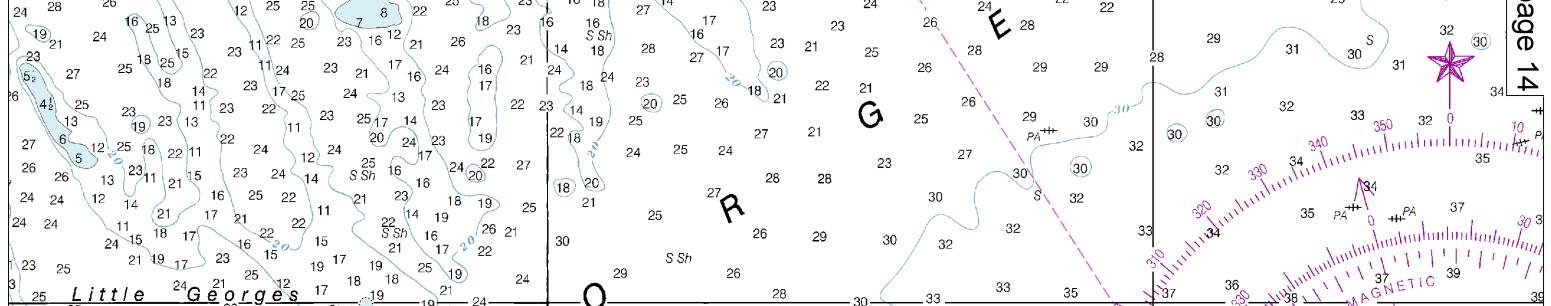
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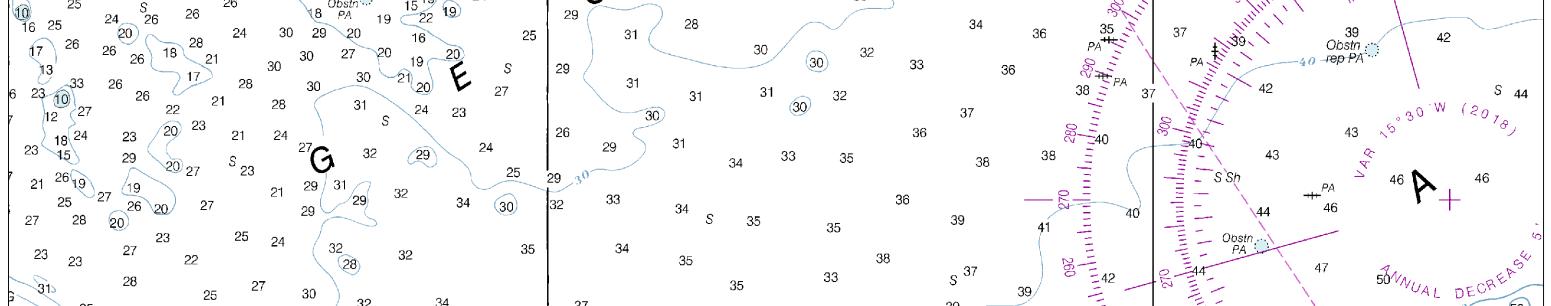
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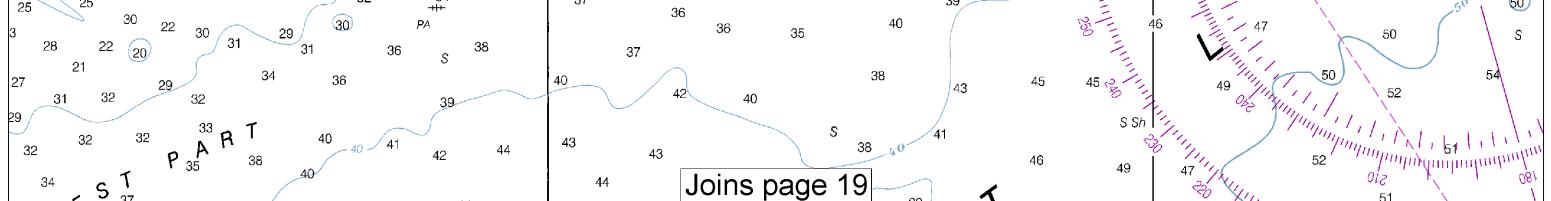
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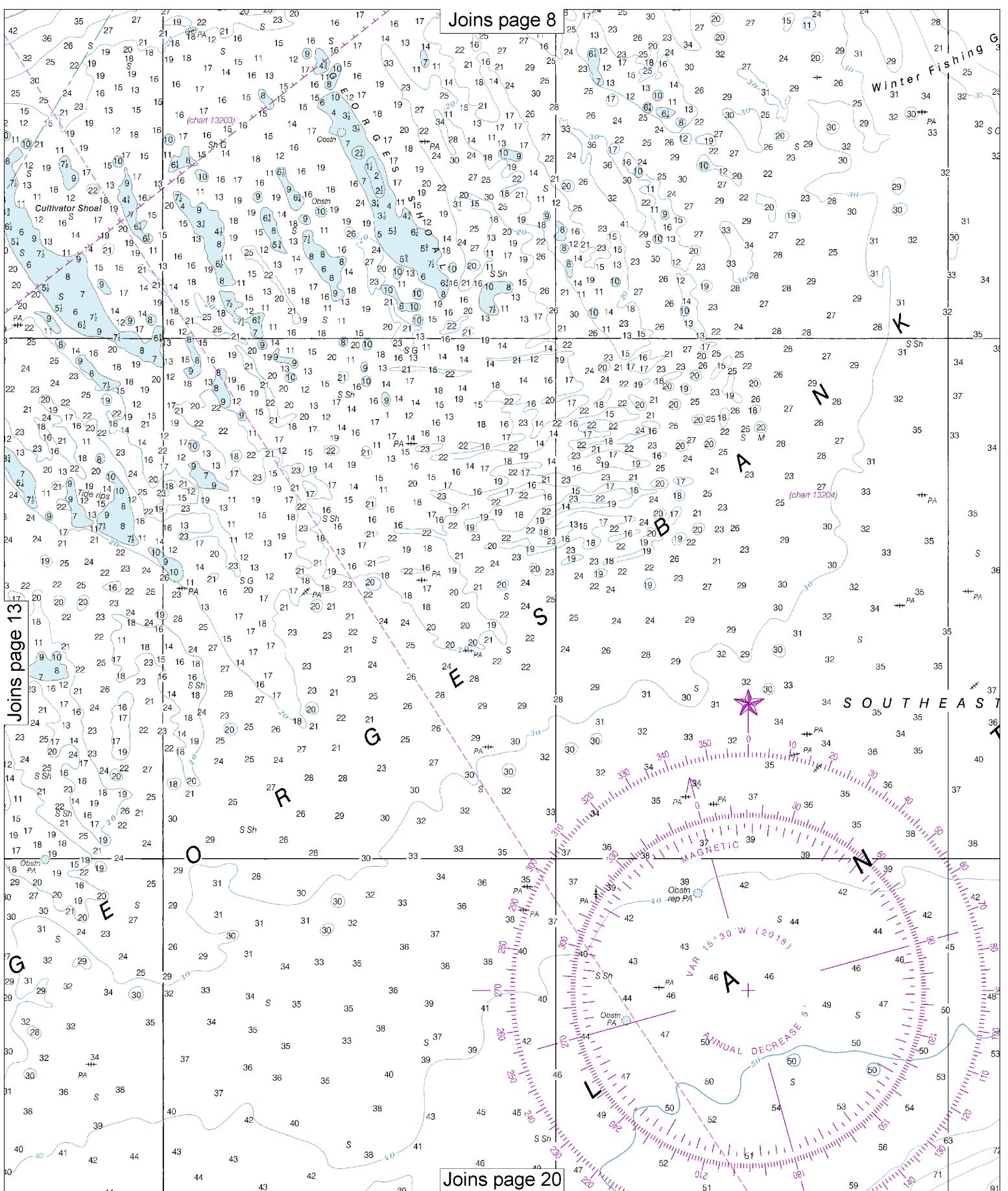
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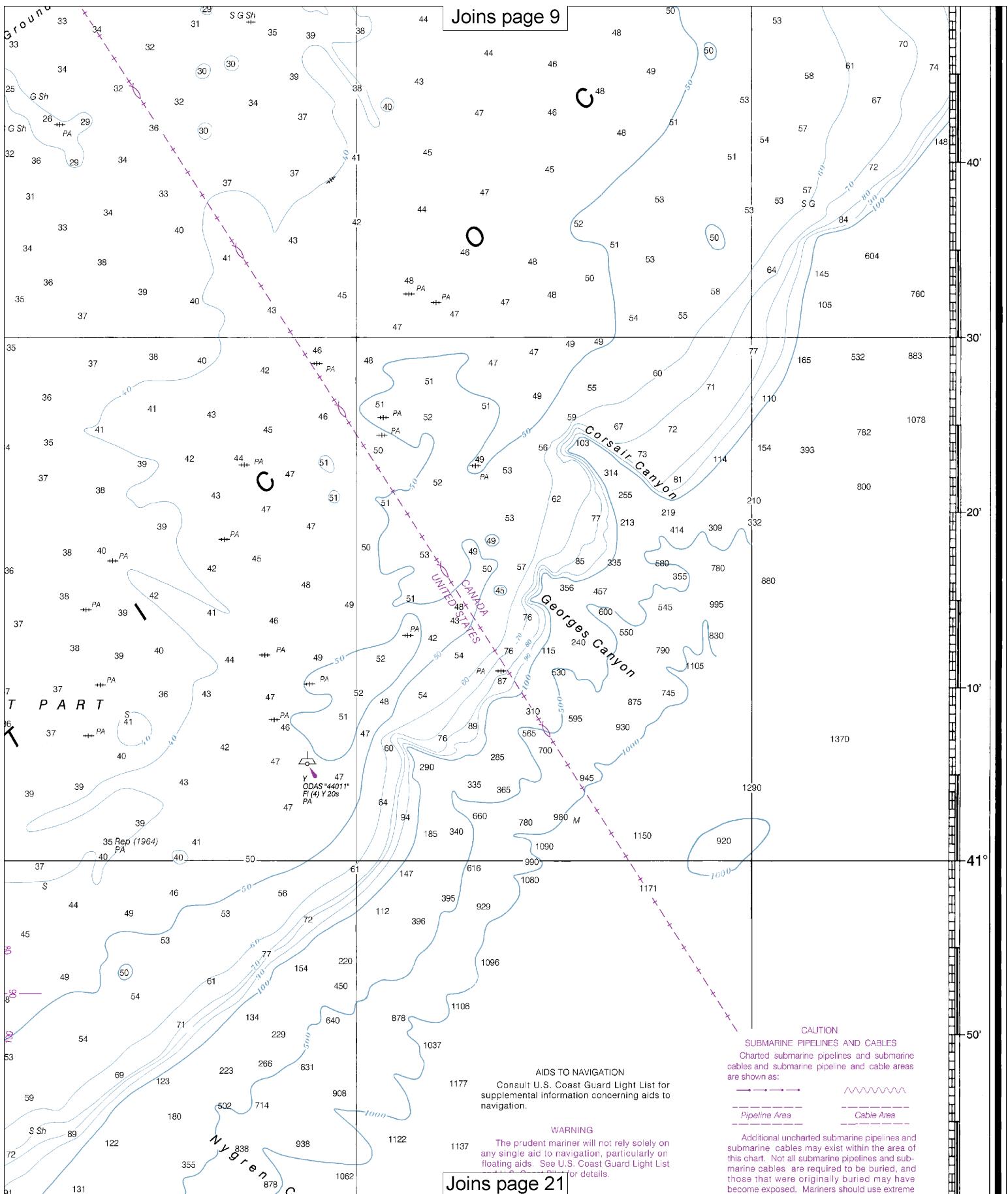


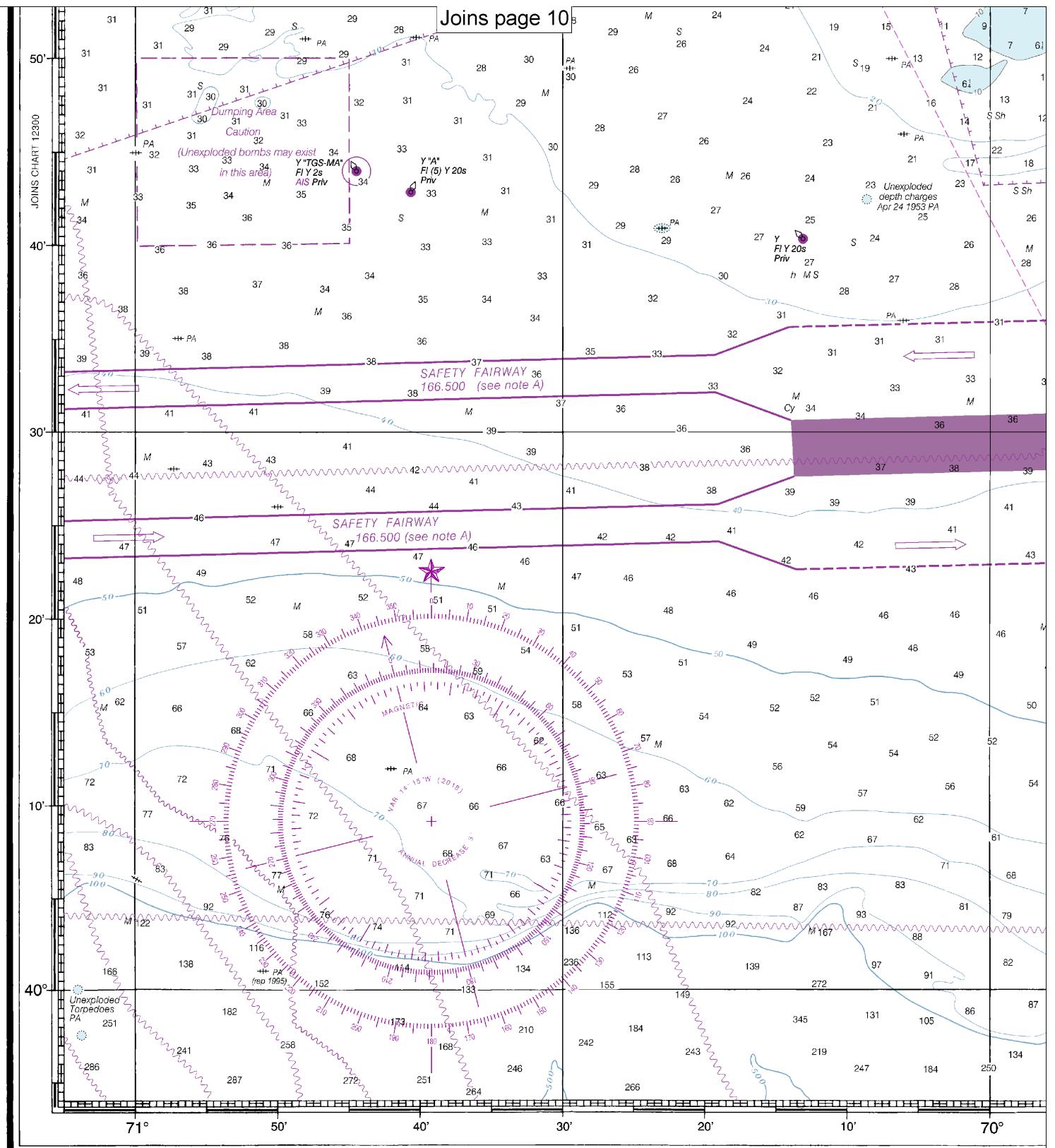
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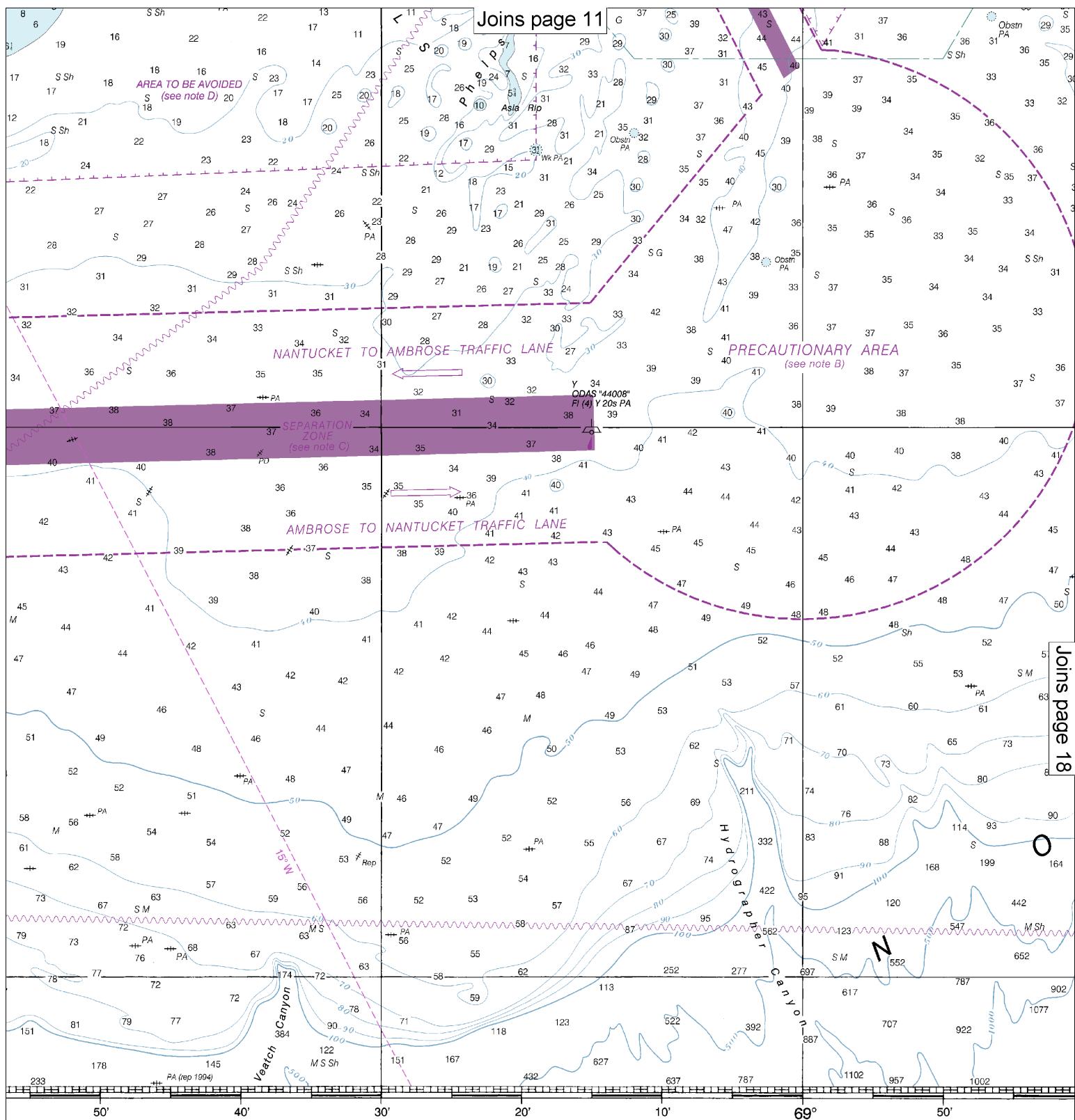


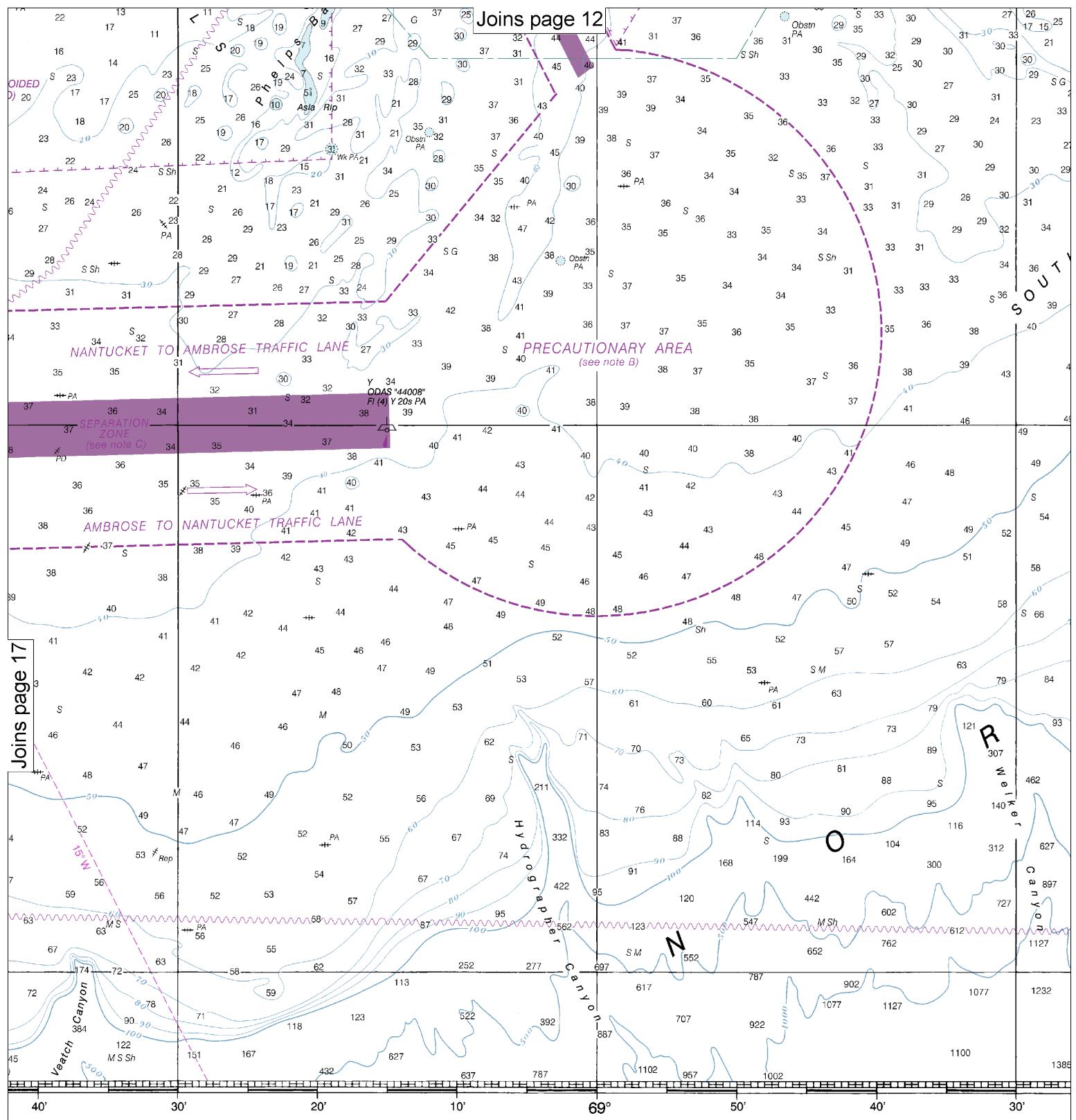
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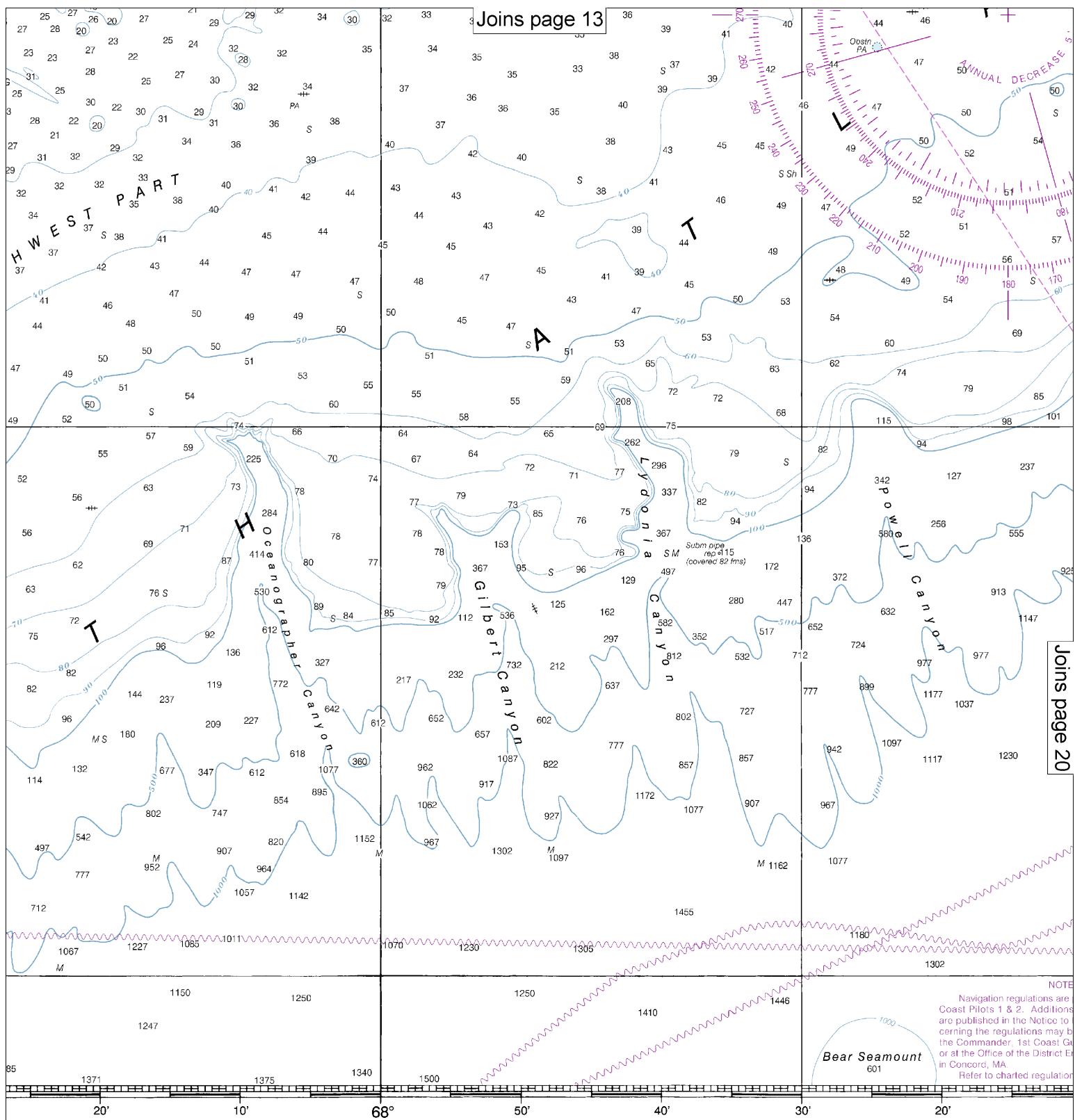




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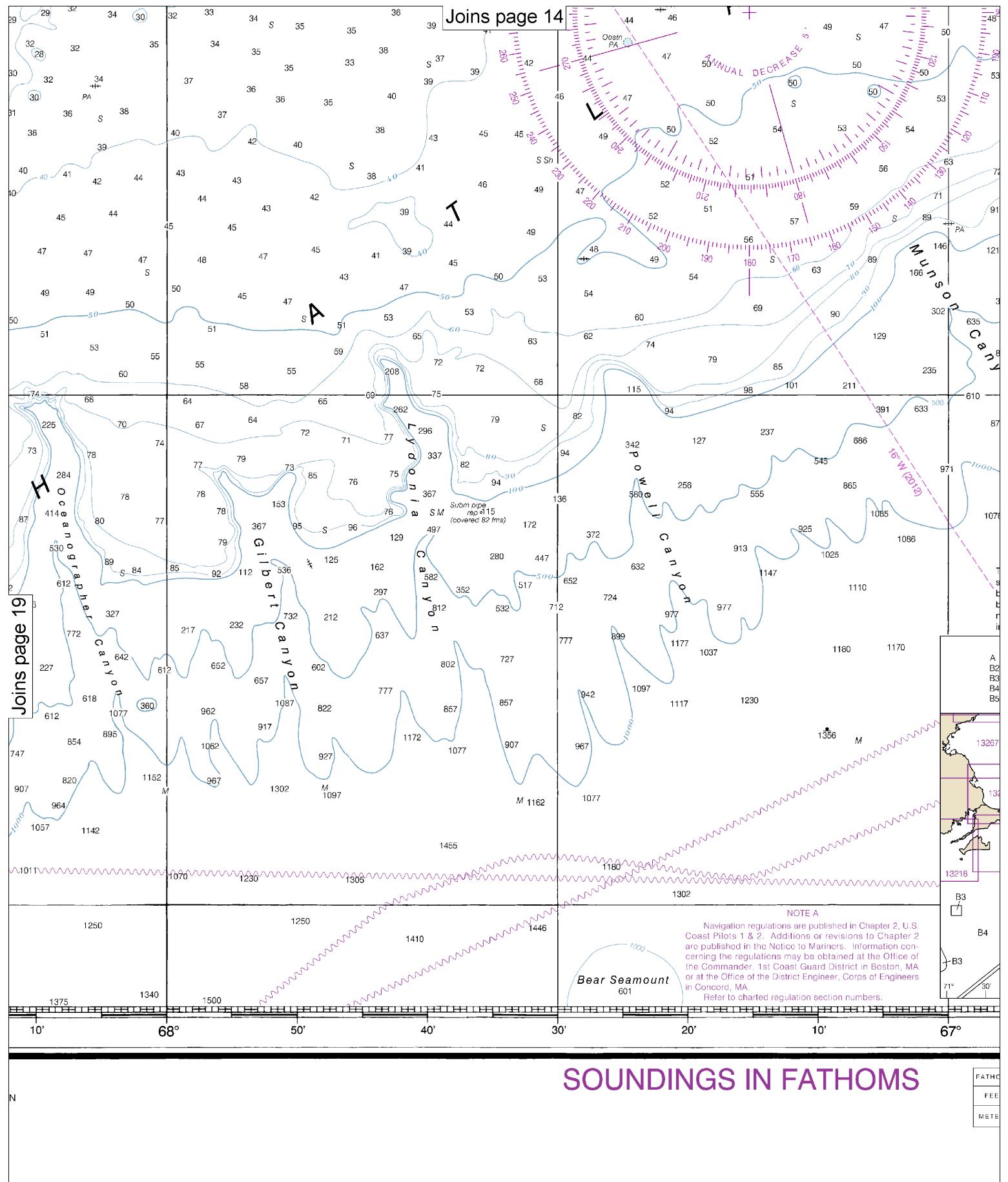
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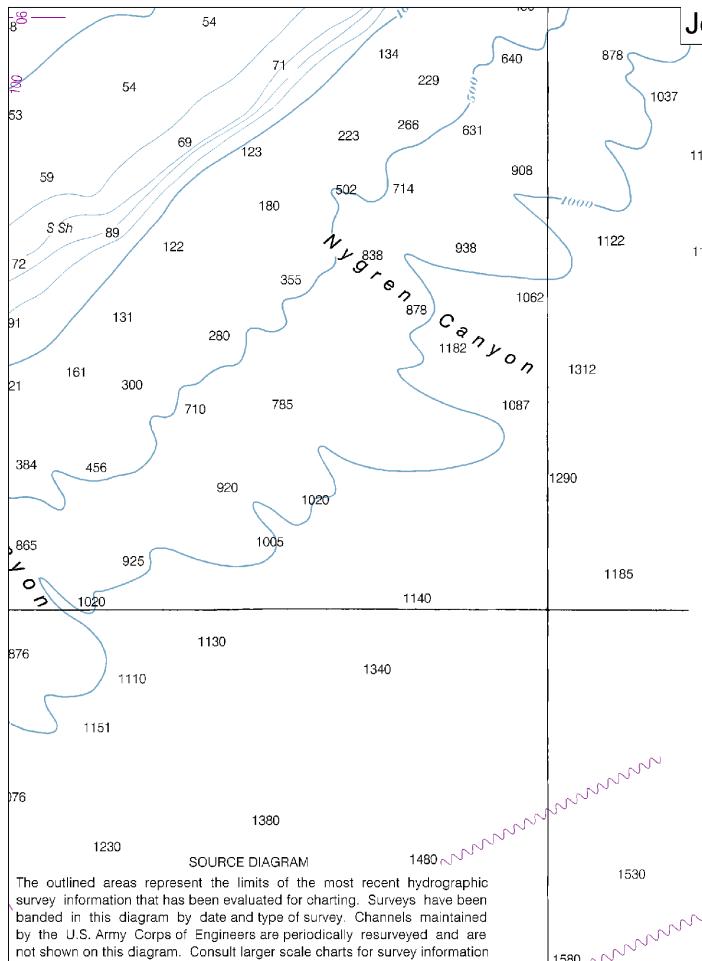
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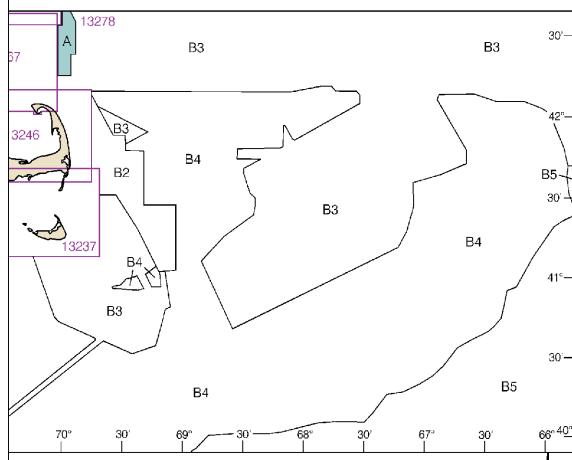
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**SOURCE DIAGRAM**

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. Consult larger scale charts for survey information in areas outlined in magenta. Refer to Chapter 1, *United States Coast Pilot*.

**SOURCE**

A 1990-2005	NOS Surveys	full bottom coverage
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**Georges Bank and Nantucket Shoals**

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**13200**

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

Pipeline 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 buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, dragging, or trawling.

Covered wells may be marked by lighted or unlighted buoys.

**NOTE D**  
**AREA TO BE AVOIDED**

All vessels carrying cargoes of oil or hazardous materials and all other vessels of more than 1,000 gross tons should avoid the area (MSC IMO X.3/II/18).

**NOTE E**

Recommended routing to reduce the likelihood of ship strikes of endangered whales are in effect within this area, but are not depicted on this chart. See larger scale charts.

**NOTE F**  
**FIRING PRACTICE AND EXERCISE AREAS**

Limits of Canadian Firing Practice and Exercise Areas. See Canadian Notice to Mariners No. 35 of each year.

**NOTE X**

Within the 12-nautical miles Territorial Sea, established by Presidential Proclamation, some Federal laws apply. The Three Nautical Mile Line, previously identified as the outer limit of the territorial sea, is retained as it continues to depict the jurisdictional limit of the other laws. The 9-nautical mile Natural Resource Boundary off the Gulf coast of Florida, Texas, and Puerto Rico, and the Three Nautical Mile Line elsewhere remain in most cases the inner limit of Federal fisheries jurisdiction and the outer limit of the jurisdiction of the states. The 24-nautical mile Contiguous Zone and the 200-nautical mile Exclusive Economic Zone were established by Presidential Proclamation. Unless fixed by treaty or the U.S. Supreme Court, these maritime limits are subject to modification.

**NOTE C**  
**TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES**

One-way traffic lanes overprinted on this chart are RECOMMENDED for use by all vessels traveling between the points involved. They have been designed to aid in the prevention of collisions at the approaches to New York Harbor and the approach to Boston Harbor but are not intended in any way to supersede or alter the applicable Rules of the Road. Separation zones are intended to separate inbound and outbound traffic and to be free of ship traffic. Separation zones should not be used except for crossing purposes. When crossing traffic lanes and separation zones use extreme caution.

Recommended traffic lanes have been established for the approach to Narragansett Bay and Buzzards Bay. See Charts 12300 and 13218.

**NOTE H**  
**AREA TO BE AVOIDED**

In order to significantly reduce the risk of ship strikes to the highly endangered North Atlantic Right Whale, ships of 300 gross tons and above should avoid the area between the period of April 1st through July 31st. Reference IMO Sn/Circ. 272.

Where the boundary of the Area to Be Avoided (ATBA) is co-linear with the boundary of the Traffic Separation Scheme or the boundary of the Mandatory Ship Reporting Area, it has been offset slightly for clarity.

**MAGNETIC VARIATION**

Magnetic variation curves are for 2012 derived from 2010 World Magnetic Model and accompanying secular change. If annual change is in same direction as variation it is additive and the variation is increasing. If annual change is opposite in direction to variation it is subtractive and the variation is decreasing.

**AUTHORITIES**

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the U.S. Coast Guard and Canadian Charts.

**NOTE B**  
**PRECAUTIONARY AREAS**

Traffic within the Precautionary Areas may consist of vessels operating between Boston Harbor, New York Harbor and one of the established traffic lanes. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme care in navigating with this area.

For Symbols and Abbreviations see Chart No. *13200*

**HEIGHTS**

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

**RADAR REFLECTORS**

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

**POLLUTION 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 153).

**CAUTION**

Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117.

Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution.

Station positions are shown thus:  
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**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.

EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE  
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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

## 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

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**Channel 22A** – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

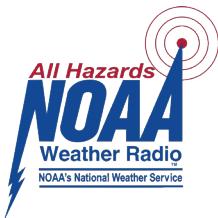
**Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A** – Recreational boat channels.

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## 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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NowCoast web portal for coastal conditions

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