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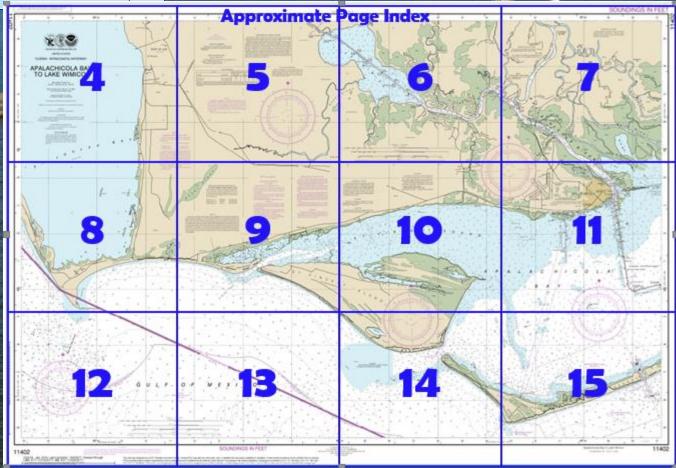
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# Intracoastal Waterway – Apalachicola Bay to Lake Wimico NOAA Chart 11402

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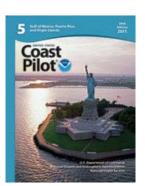
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[Coast Pilot 5, Chapter 9 excerpts]. St. George Island and Little St. George Island, the S boundary of Apalachicola Bay, extend 24 miles W from East Pass. The islands are densely wooded except the E end of St. George Island, which is a low and barren spit. A marked channel leads to the town of Eastpoint, 1 mile NE of Cat Point. The controlling depths were 5 feet in the entrance channel, thence 3 feet in the W arm of the channel paralleling the shore at Eastpoint and 2½ feet in the E arm.

Detached breakwaters parallel the E and W arms of the channel. A bridge-causeway extends from Cat Point to St. George Island. The fixed span over the waterway has a clearance of 50 feet.

**Bulkhead Shoal,** which extends from Cat Point S to Bulkhead Point on St. George Island, marks the dividing line between St. George Sound and Apalachicola Bay. The Intracoastal Waterway has been dredged through this shoal. An overhead power cable with a clearance of 40 feet crosses along the shoal, but is submerged at the waterway channel.

Apalachicola is on the N shore of Apalachicola Bay at the mouth of the Apalachicola River. The principal industries are fishing and oystering. Waterborne commerce consists of petroleum products, chemicals, fertilizer products, sand, gravel, cement, liquid and dry sulfur, grain, feeds, and logs. The port is the gateway for the extensive river systems of the Chattahoochee and Flint Rivers. The Intracoastal Waterway enters Apalachicola River, passes the town, and then continues W through Jackson River.

**Prominent features.**—An abandoned lighthouse (29°35.2'N., 85°02.8'W.), on the SW tip of Little St. George Island, is the most conspicuous object in the West Pass area. From inside the pass on the approach to Apalachicola, the water tank, several microwave and radio towers, and the highway bridges are prominent.

**Dangers.**—A fan-shaped test firing area, marked by unlighted buoys, is centered about 4 miles S of the abandoned lighthouse on Little St. George Island.

Channels.—The main entrance to Apalachicola Bay is through Government Cut (also known as Bob Sikes Pass a dredged cut between St. George and Little St. George Islands from the Gulf into the bay about 4.9 miles E of the abandoned lighthouse. The entrance to the cut is protected by twin jetties. The controlling depth was 1.4 feet (1.9 feet at midchannel). The channel is marked by lighted buoys, a lighted range, and daybeacons.

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Dangers.—A restricted area of Tyndall Air Force Base is close W of Government Cut. (See 334.670, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Caution.—The Apalachicola River entrance lighted range is partly obstructed by the highway bridge. The front range is a flashing light suspended below the bridge deck in the third bent W of the swing span and is difficult to see from the channel entrance. The rear range shows above the bridge deck, but may be difficult to identify in the daytime if vessels with tall masts are docked at the wharves north of the bridge. On the sides of the channel are ruins of wooden jetties extending 2 miles S of the highway bridge.

**Pilotage.**—Pilots are not available, but local fishing guides can be hired as pilots for the adjacent waters and the Gulf.

There is a public hospital in Apalachicola.

**Agricultural quarantine** officials are stationed in Pensacola. (See Appendix A for address.)

**Note:** Mariners are required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to contact Panama City area office by telephone (904-785-5881) for controlling depths and river channel conditions before entering the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, and Flint Rivers system. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the Corps of Engineers refusing to permit completion of passage by any tow in violation

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

RCC New Orleans

Commander

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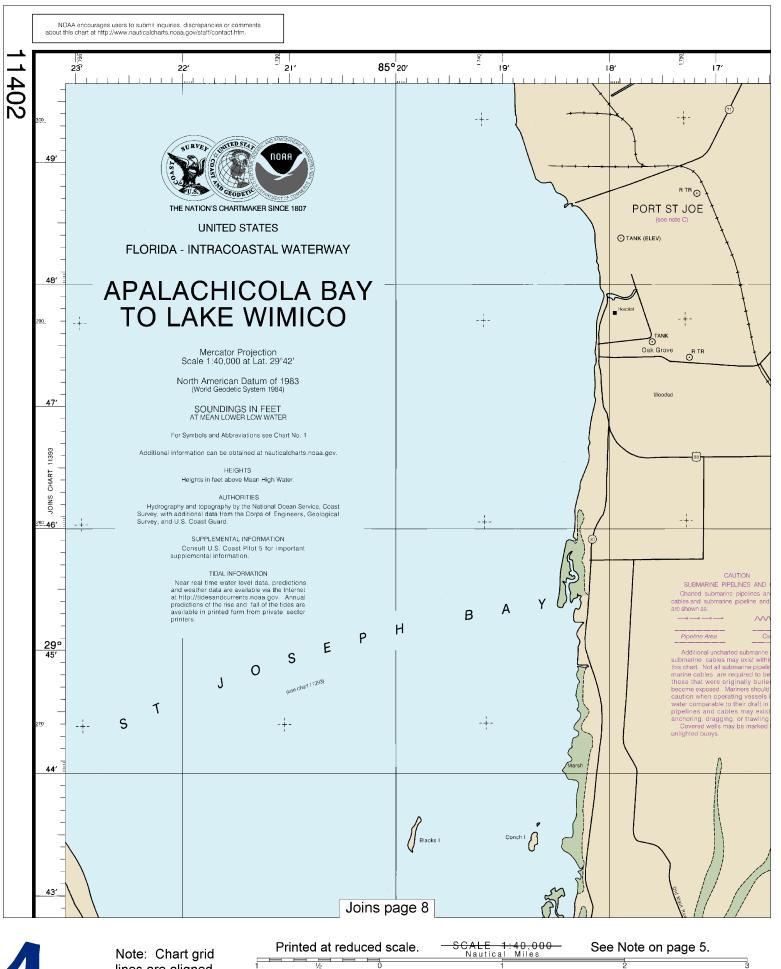
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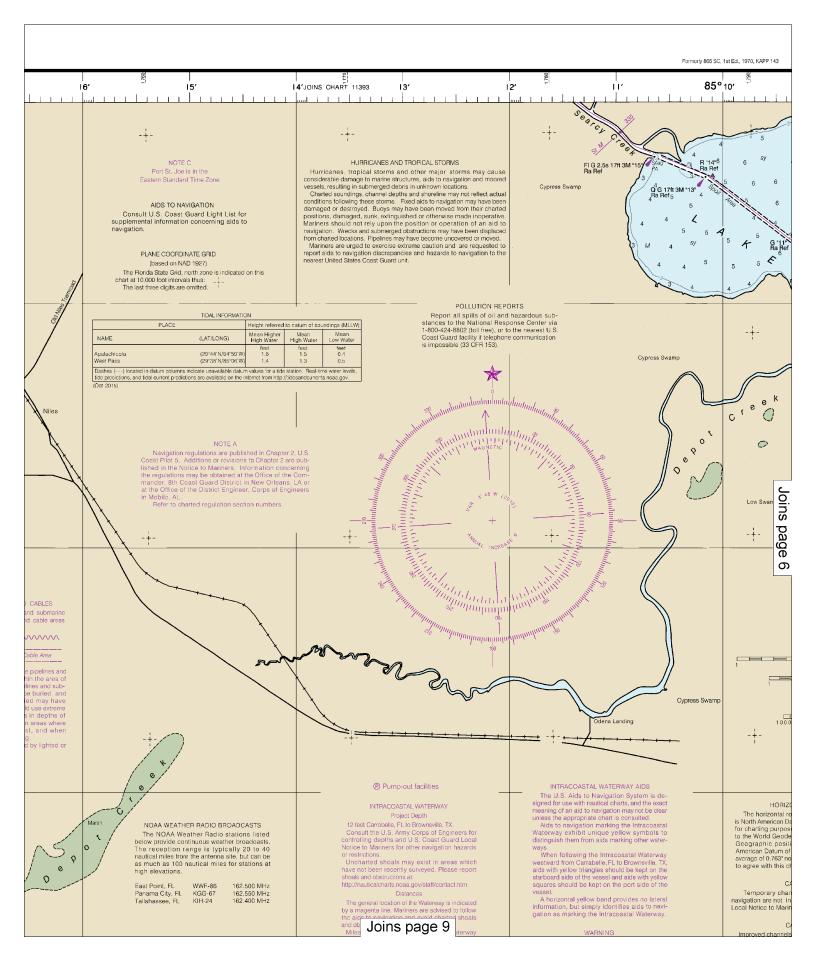


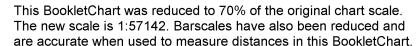
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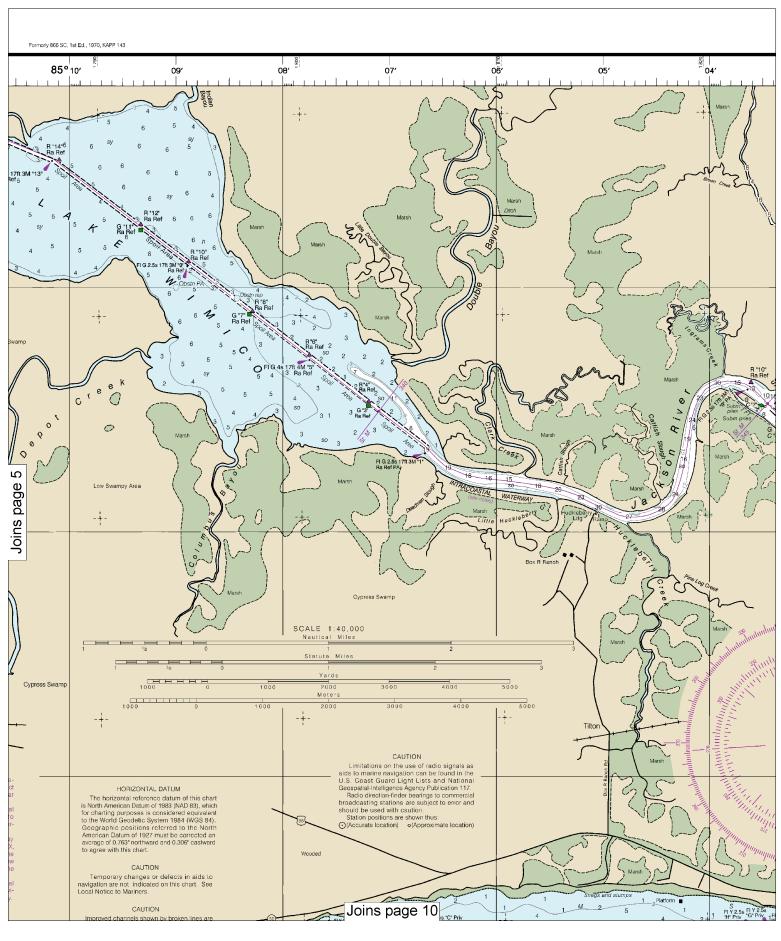
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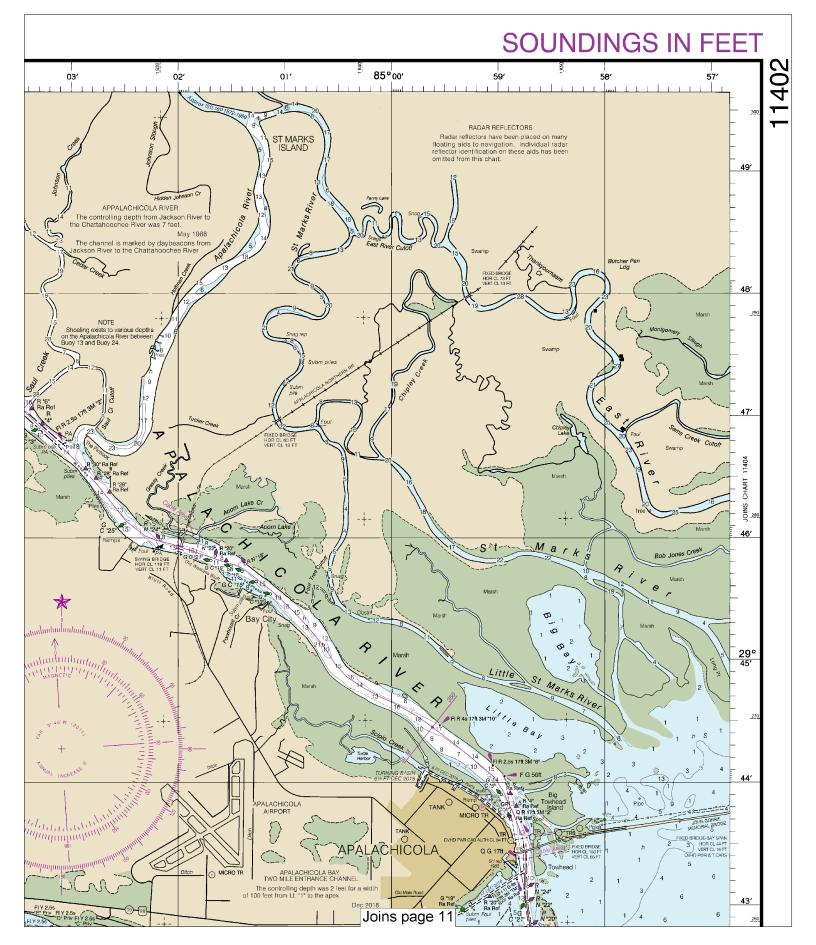


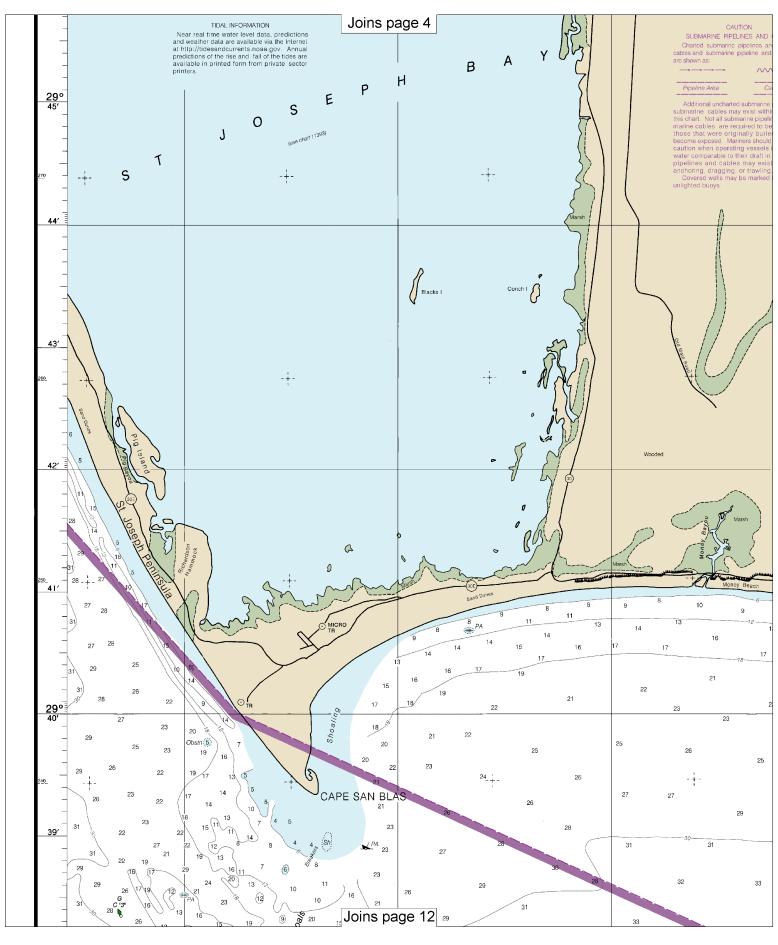




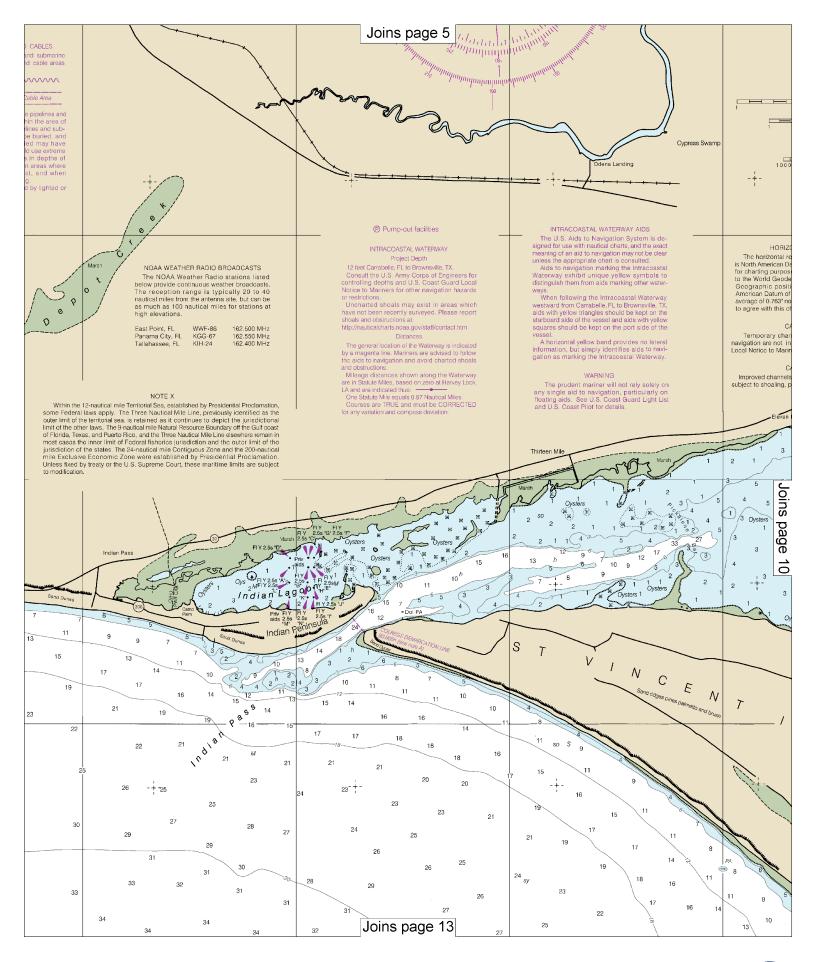


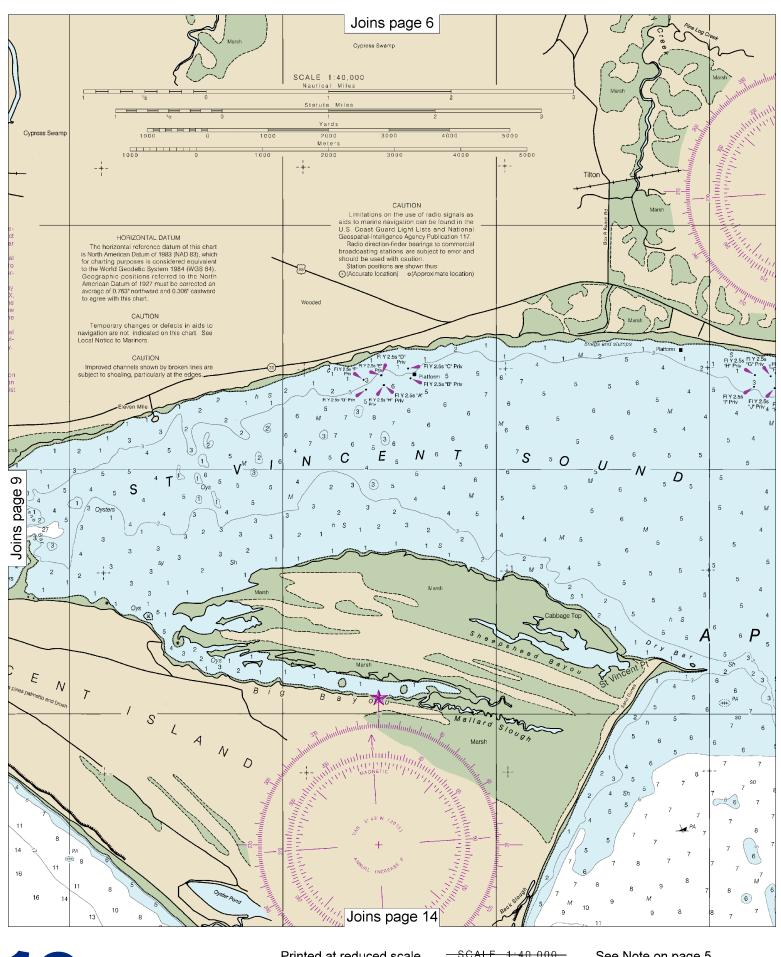




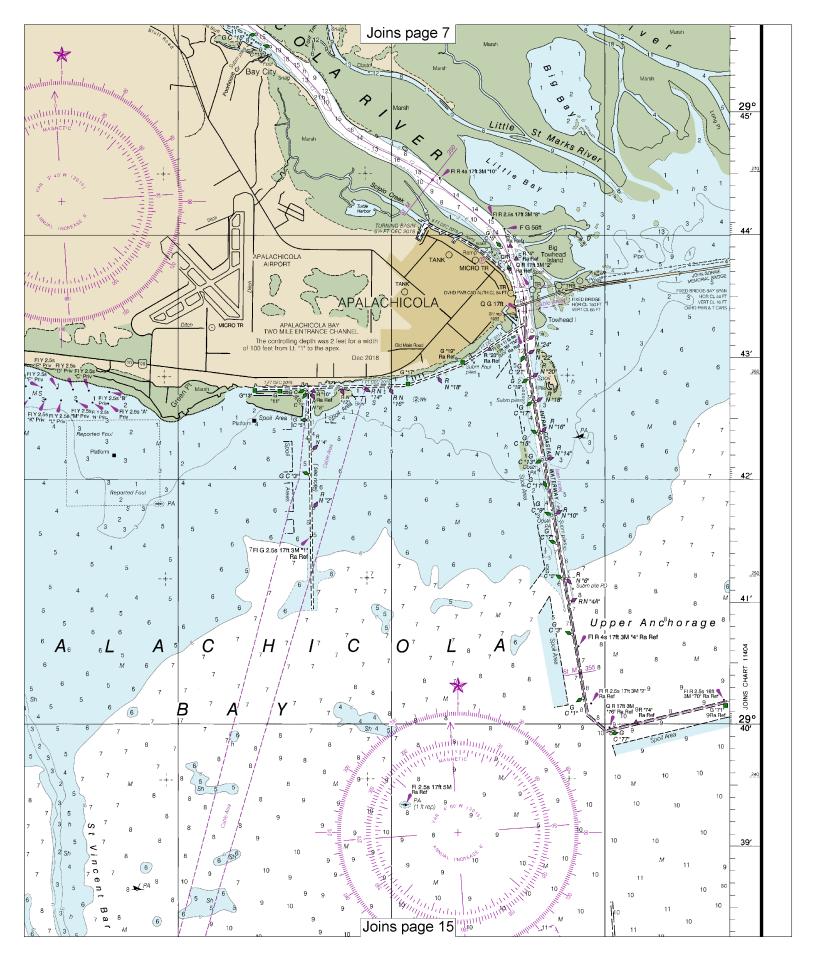


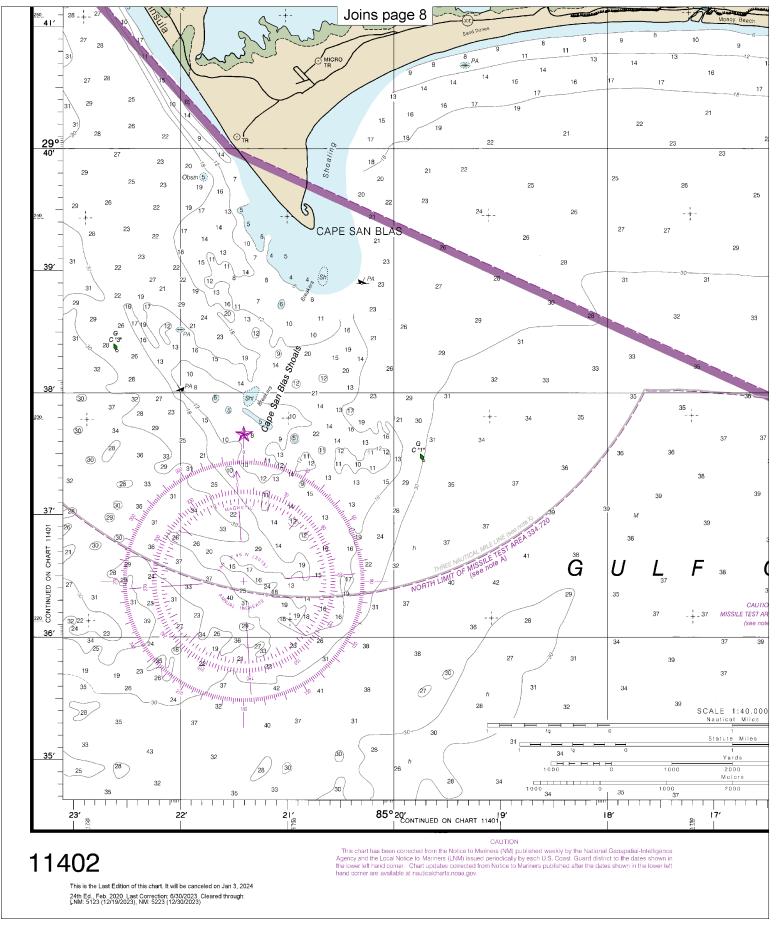




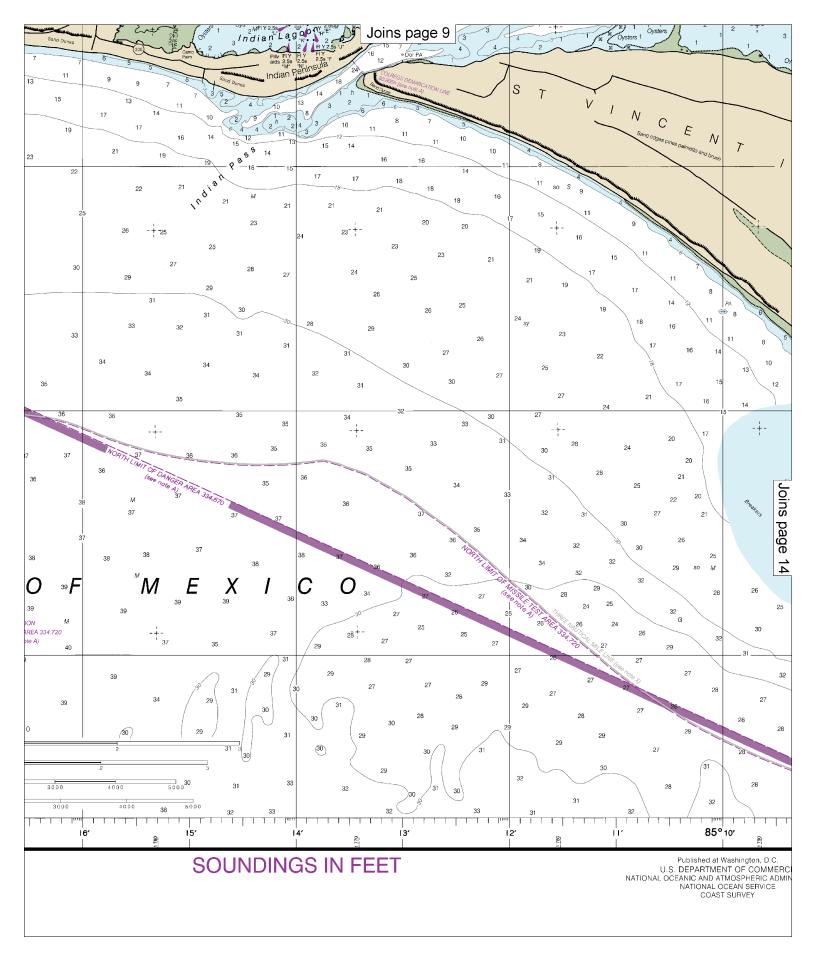


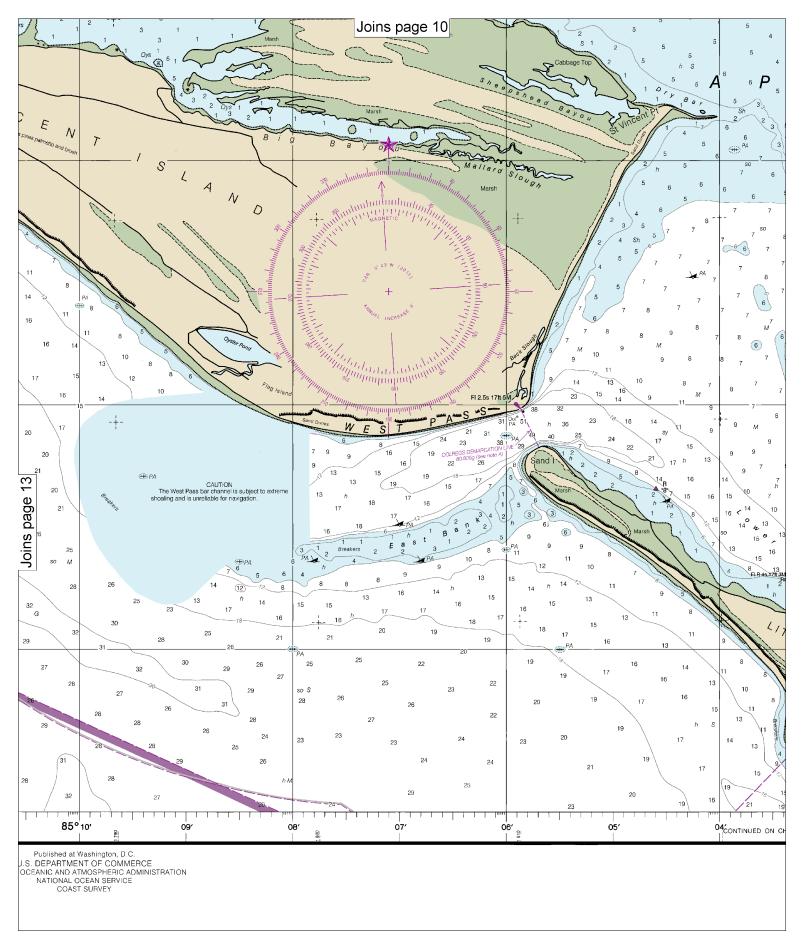




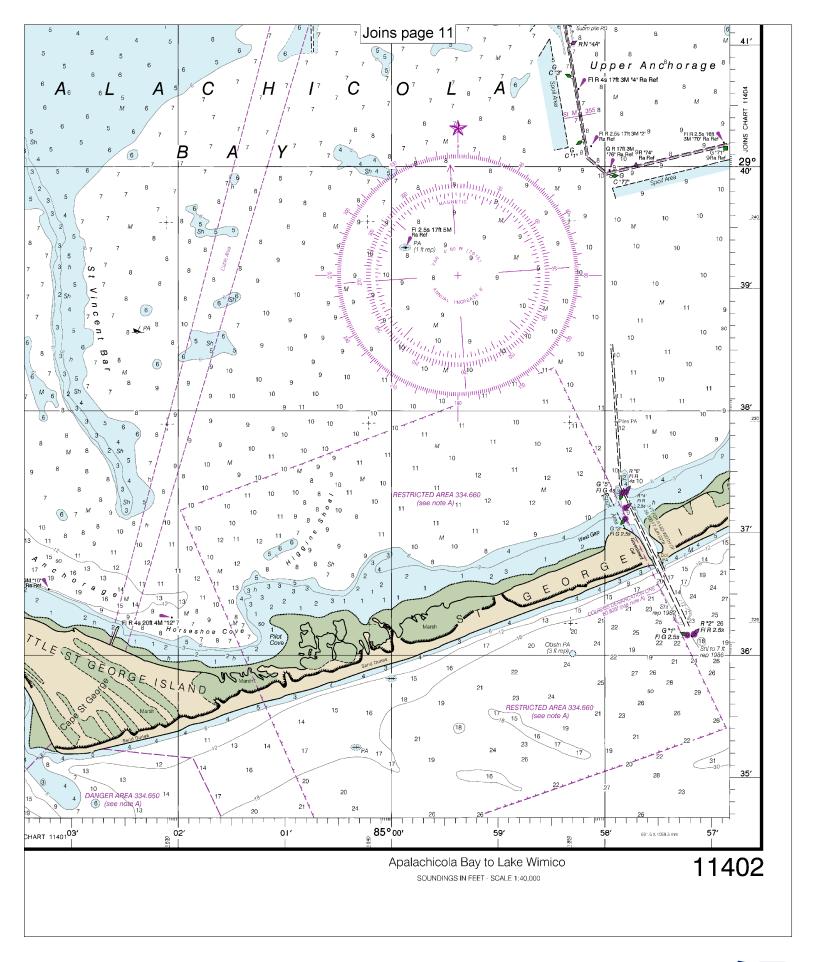














#### VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**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!



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