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CABLE FERRY

Cable across the river may be at or near the water surface. Mariners should exercise caution when navigating in this area.

CAUTION

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CAUTION

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NOTE C

TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME

Recommended traffic lanes have been established 1½ miles east of Smith Point Light. See charts 12228 and 12225.

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Courses are TRUE and must be CORRECTED for any variation and compass deviation. The mileage figures on courses are International Nautical Miles and are indicated thus:

SCALE 1:80,000

Nautical Miles / Statute Miles / Yards / LATITUDE / LONGITUDE

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CAUTION

Fixed and floating obstructions, some submerged, may exist within the magenta tinted bridge construction area. Mariners are advised to proceed with caution.

HARRY W. NICE BRIDGE

The center line of the main span is marked by a flashing red AERO obstruction light and a fixed green light surmounted by three fixed white lights mounted vertically 15 feet apart.

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NOTE B

UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE

Unexploded ordnance may exist within the charted limits. River currents may have transported ordnance outside the areas shown.

NOTE D

UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE

Due to hazards of unexploded ordnance, no person or craft in the Middle Danger Zone shall approach closer than 100 yards to the shoreline of the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren.

River currents may have transported ordnance outside the charted limits of the Middle Danger Zone.

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SCALE 1:80,000

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SCALE 1:20,000

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ANACOSTIA AND WASHINGTON CHANNEL DEPTHS

TABULATED FROM SURVEYS BY THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS - REPORT OF NOV 2015 AND SURVEYS TO OCT 2015

CONTROLLING DEPTHS FROM SEAWARD IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER (MLLW)					PROJECT DIMENSIONS		
NAME OF CHANNEL	LEFT OUTSIDE QUARTER	MIDDLE HALF OF CHANNEL	RIGHT OUTSIDE QUARTER	DATE OF SURVEY	WIDTH (FEET)	LENGTH (MILES)	DEPTH MLLW (FEET)
ANACOSTIA CHANNEL	6.0	4.0	4.0	10-15	400	3.0	24
WASHINGTON CHANNEL	9.0	11.0	11.0	10-15	400	2.0	24

NOTE - CONSULT THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR CHANGES SUBSEQUENT TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION

SPEED REGULATIONS

No vessel shall be propelled or operated at a greater rate than six statute miles per hour in the Potomac River upstream from the Arlington Memorial Bridge, in the Washington Channel upstream from Hains Point, in the Anacostia River upstream from Greenleaf Point to the Benning Road Bridge, in, within or bordering any of the anchorage areas; nor shall any vessel be propelled or operated at a greater rate than ten statute miles per hour when passing the wharf area of Alexandria, Virginia, except in case of emergency.

POTOMAC RIVER EXTENSION SCALE 1:40,000

ANACOSTIA RIVER EXTENSION SCALE 1:40,000

This chart is canceled. No new editions will be issued.

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To ensure that this chart was printed at the proper scale, the line below should measure six inches (152 millimeters).

SCALE 1:40,000

NOTE D

Numerous private buoys mark channel and basin at Marbury Point.

CAUTION

BASCULE BRIDGE CLEARANCES

For bascule bridges, whose spans do not open to a full upright or vertical position, unlimited vertical clearance is not available for the entire charted horizontal clearance.

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RACING BUOYS

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CAUTION

All craft should avoid areas where the skin divers flag, a red square with a diagonal white stripe, is displayed.

CAUTION

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NAUTICAL CHART 12285

POTOMAC RIVER

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MARYLAND - VIRGINIA

Mercator Projection
Scale 1:80,000

North American Datum of 1983
(World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET
AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

Additional information can be obtained at nauticalcharts.noaa.gov.

For Symbols and Abbreviations see Chart No. 1

HEIGHTS
Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

AUTHORITIES
Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, U.S. Coast Guard, and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

CAUTION
This chart has been corrected from the Notice to Mariners (NM) published weekly by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and the Local Notice to Mariners (LNM) issued periodically by each U.S. Coast Guard district to the dates shown in the lower left hand corner. Chart updates corrected from Notice to Mariners published after the dates shown in the lower left hand corner are available at nauticalcharts.noaa.gov.

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

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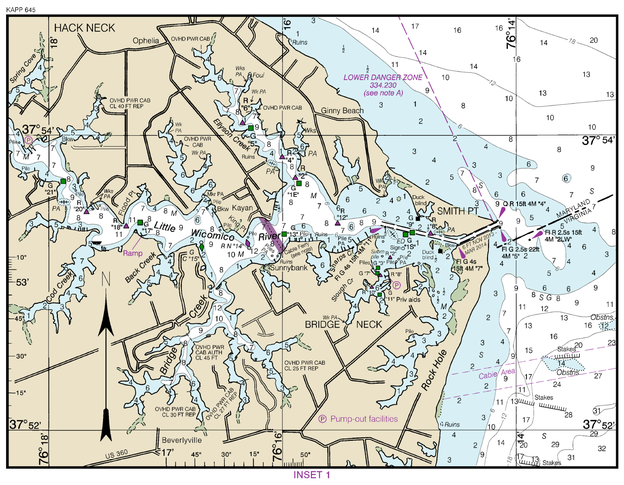

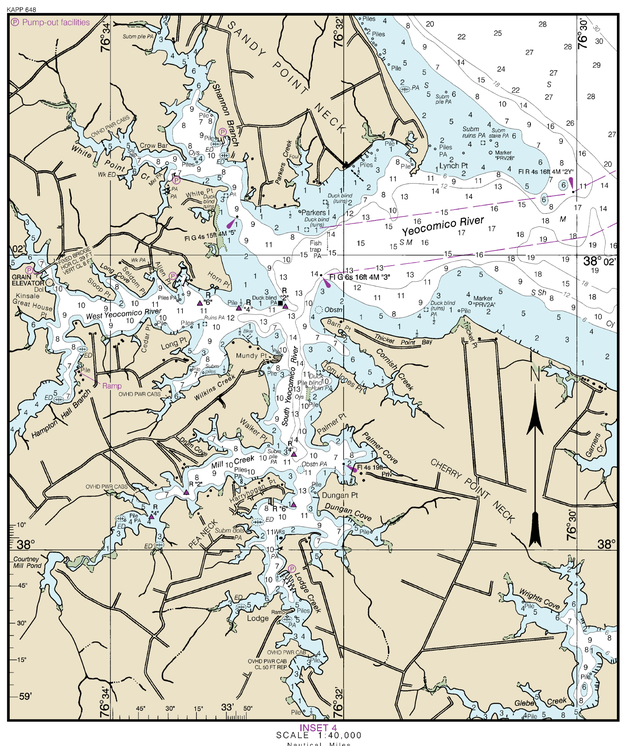

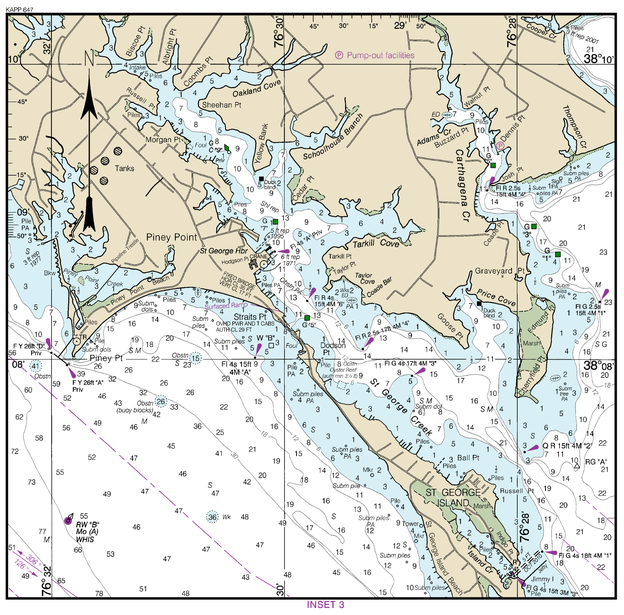

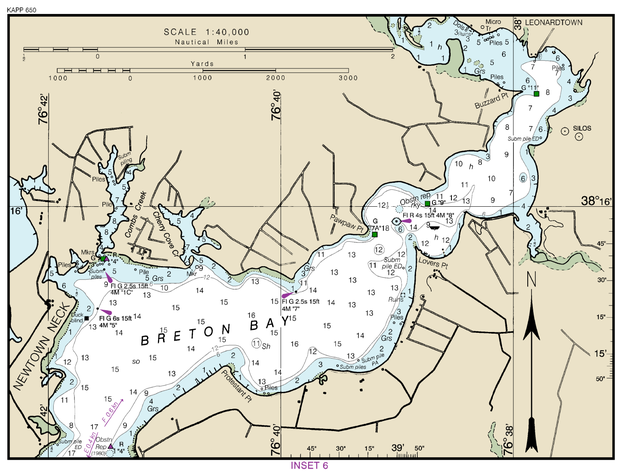

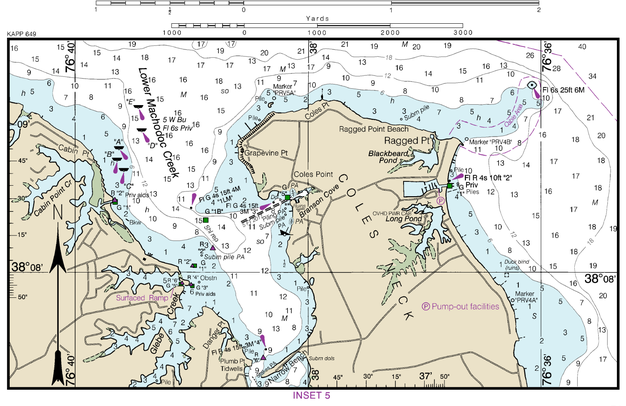

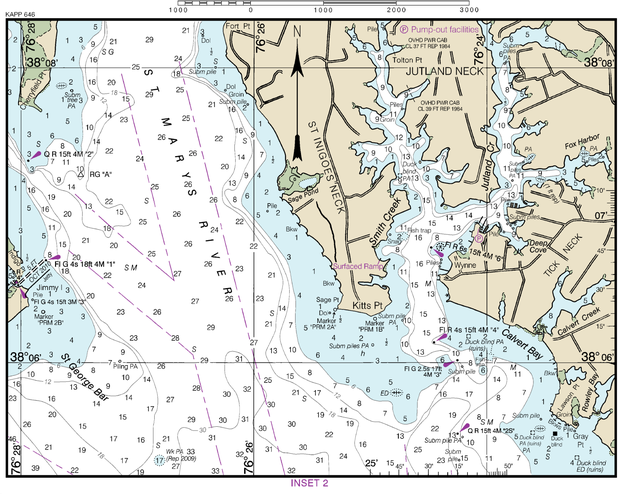

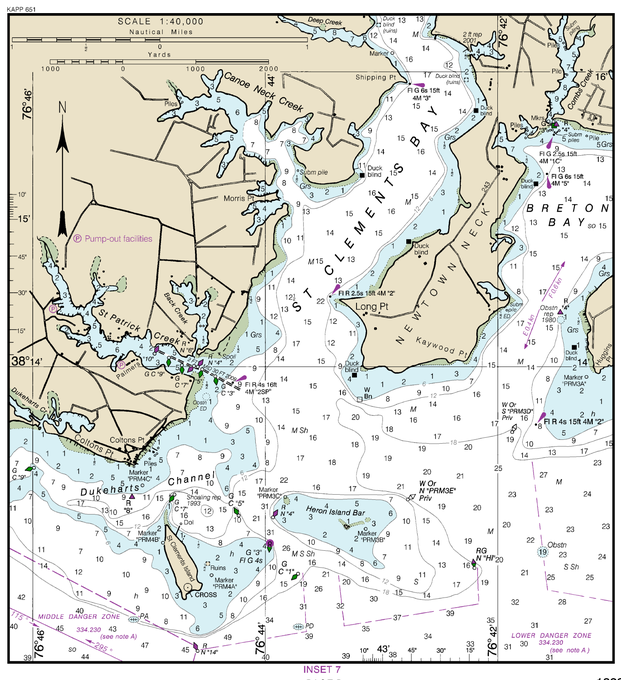

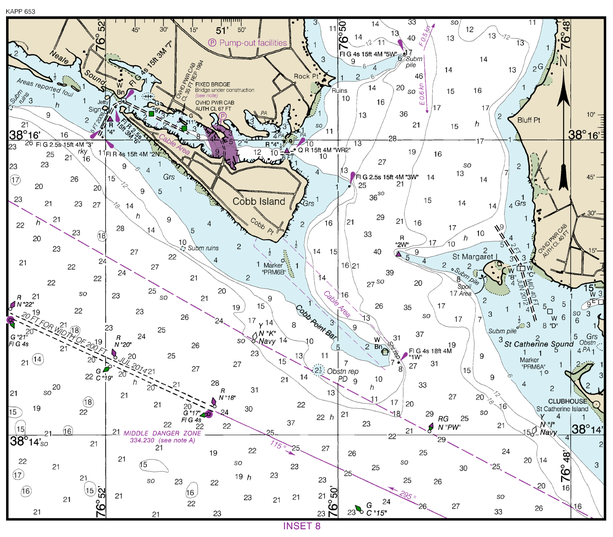

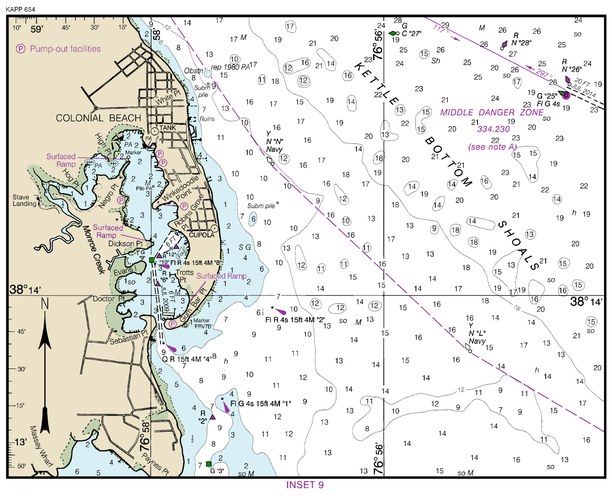

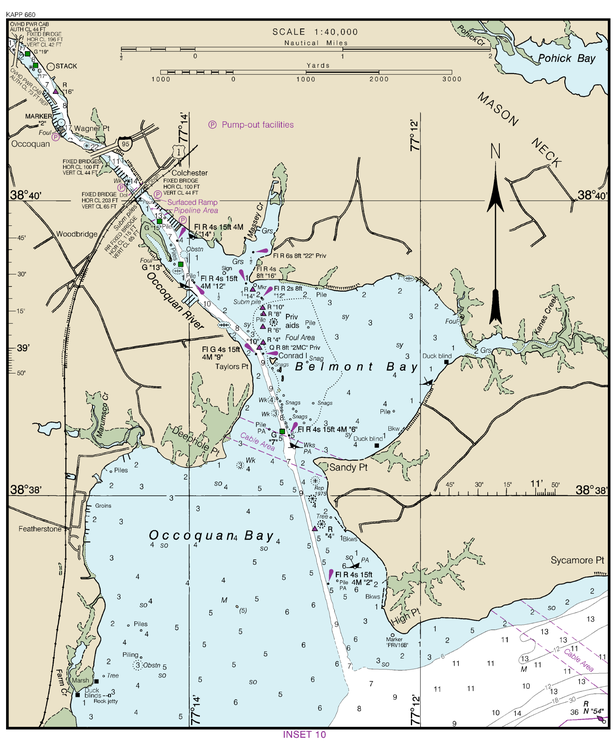

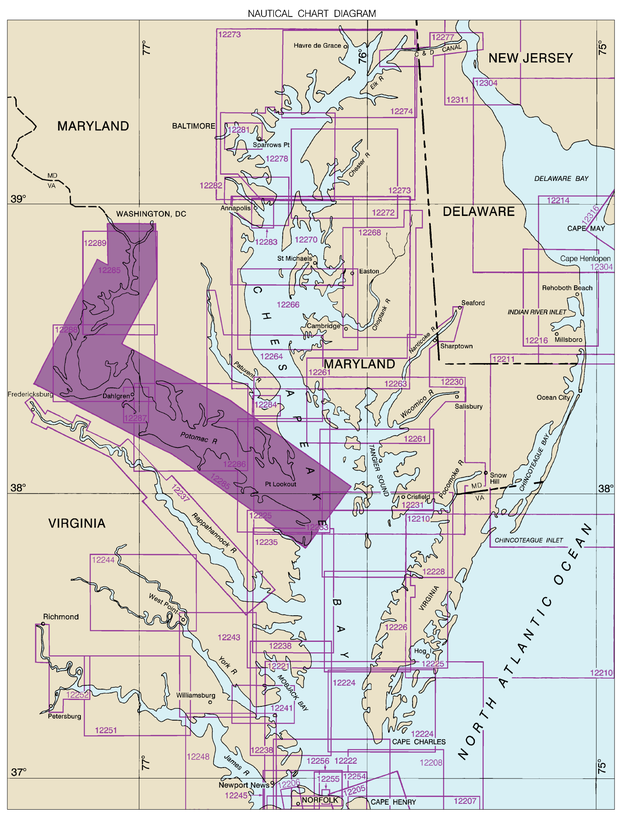
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