

# BookletChart™



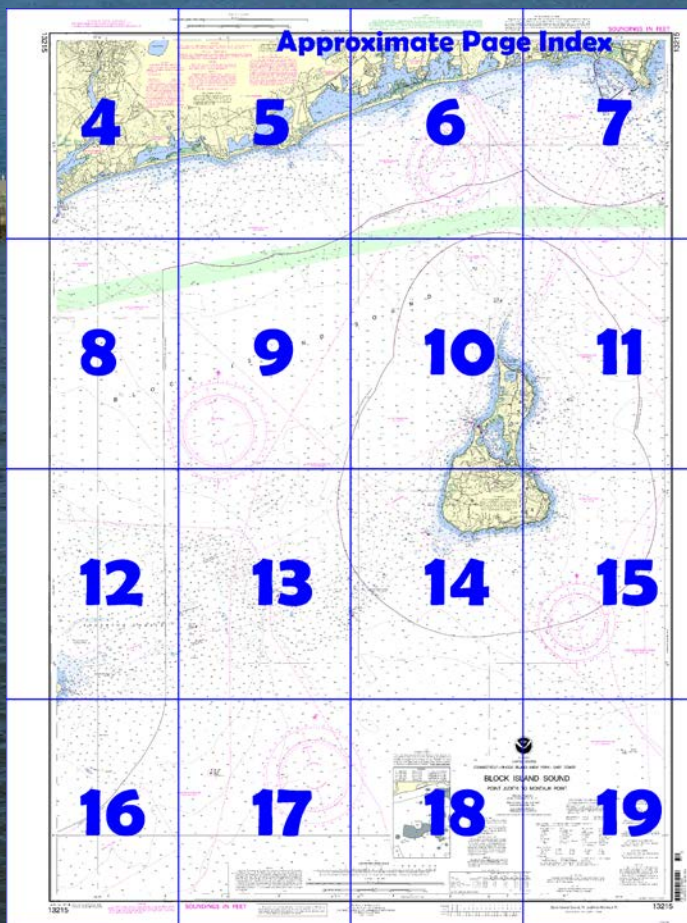
## ***Block Island Sound – Point Judith to Montauk Point*** **NOAA Chart 13215**

***A reduced-scale NOAA nautical chart for small boaters***

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### What are Nautical Charts?

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### 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.

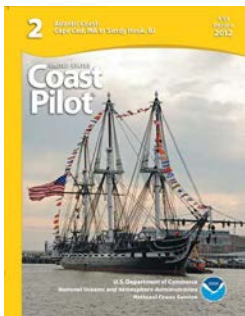
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This BookletChart does NOT fulfill chart carriage requirements for regulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

### 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.

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#### (Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

**Block Island Sound** is a deep navigable waterway forming the eastern approach to Long Island Sound, Fishers Island Sound, and Gardiners Bay from the Atlantic Ocean. It has two entrances from the Atlantic: an eastern entrance from Rhode Island Sound between Block Island and Point Judith, and a southern entrance between Block Island and Montauk Point. The sound is connected with Long Island Sound by The Race and other passages

to the southwest, and with Fishers Island Sound by several passages between rocky reefs from Watch Hill Point to East Point, Fishers Island. The deep water in the central part of Block Island Sound will accommodate vessels of the greatest draft.

Westward of Gardiners Island, enclosed between the northeastern and eastern ends of Long Island, are Gardiners Bay, Shelter Island Sound, Little Peconic Bay, and Great Peconic Bay. This area is well protected but generally shallow, and is not suited for deep-draft vessels. The shoreline is marked by many indentations and shallow harbors. These waters are much used by commercial fishing vessels and small pleasure craft because of the protection afforded and the many anchorages.

**Block Island North Reef** is a sand shoal with a least depth of 11 feet extending 1 mile northward from **Sandy Point** at the north end of Block Island. The shoal should be avoided by all vessels; its depths change frequently, and its position is also subject to a slow change. It is steep-to on all sides, so that soundings alone cannot be depended on to clear it. A lighted bell buoy is 1.5 miles northward of the point.

**Southwest Ledge**, 5.5 miles west-southwestward of Block Island Southeast Light, has a least known depth of 21 feet and is marked on its southwest side by Southwest Ledge Lighted Whistle Buoy 2. Rocky patches extend 1.5 miles northeastward from the ledge. The sea breaks on the shoaler places on the ledge in heavy weather.

Several other dangers that must be guarded against are northward and westward of Southwest Ledge Lighted Whistle Buoy 2. These dangers are: 37-foot sounding, marked by a lighted buoy, about 2.2 mile 280° from the lighted whistle buoy and numerous rocks up to 1.1 miles north of the lighted whistle buoy.

The deepest passage in the southern entrance to Block Island Sound is just westward of Southwest Ledge and has a width of over 2 miles; this is the best passage for deep draft vessels. The area between Southwest Ledge Lighted Whistle Buoy 2 and Block Island Sound South Entrance Obstruction Lighted Buoy BIS is known locally as Montauk Channel. Mariners should keep in mind that vessels with a draft in excess of 38 feet will not be allowed to transit this area. Further, pilots using Montauk Channel shall consider draft, sea and swell, wind, visibility, current and vessel traffic. When these conditions pose a threat to the safety of any person, vessel, prudent navigation or safety of the environment, Montauk Channel shall not be used.

Between the inner patch of rocks and the shoals, which extend 0.9 mile from Block Island, is a channel 1.3 miles wide, with a depth of about 31 feet. Vessels using this channel should round the southwest end of Block Island at a distance of 1.5 miles.

The entrance between Point Judith and Block Island is used by vessels coming from the bays and sounds eastward to Long Island Sound. The route generally used is through The Race. This entrance is clear with the exception of Block Island North Reef and the numerous large boulders extending about 4 miles south-southeastward of Point Judith. The coast from Point Judith nearly to Watch Hill should be given a berth of over 1 mile, avoiding the broken ground with depths less than 30 feet.

**Pilotage, Block Island Sound and Long Island Sound.**—Pilotage is compulsory for foreign flag vessels and U.S. vessels which are under register (i.e. engaged in foreign trade) in Block Island Sound and Long Island Sound. Vessels should not enter Block Island Sound or Long Island Sound without a state licensed pilot. See Pilotage, Long Island Sound (indexed as such), chapter 8. The Point Judith Pilot Station is the primary pilot boarding location for entry into Block Island Sound and Long Island Sound. Vessels bound for Long Island Sound ports may board pilots at the Point Judith Pilot Station, centered on 41°17.0'N., 71°30.5'W. There is a secondary pilot station which may be used with special arrangement at any point south of the Montauk Point Pilot Station, centered on 41°02.0'N., 71°42.0'W.

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

RCC Boston	Commander	
	1st CG District	(617) 223-8555
	Boston, MA	



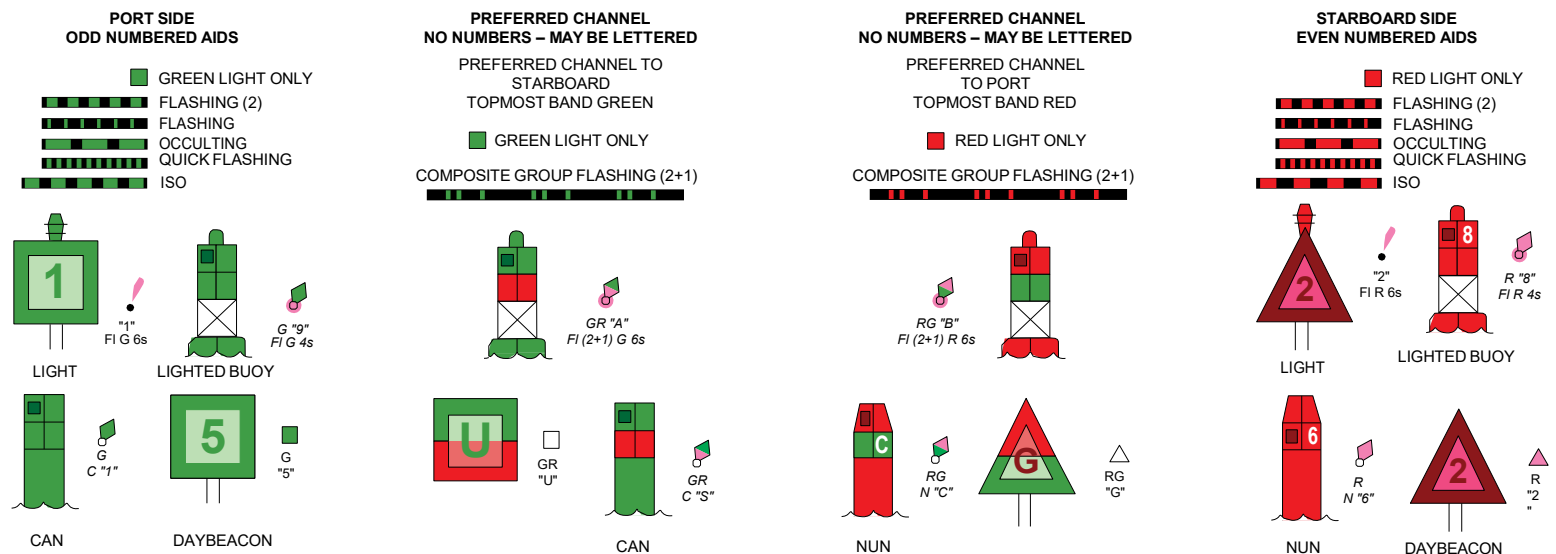
# Navigation Manager Regions



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## Lateral System As Seen Entering From Seaward

on navigable waters except Western Rivers



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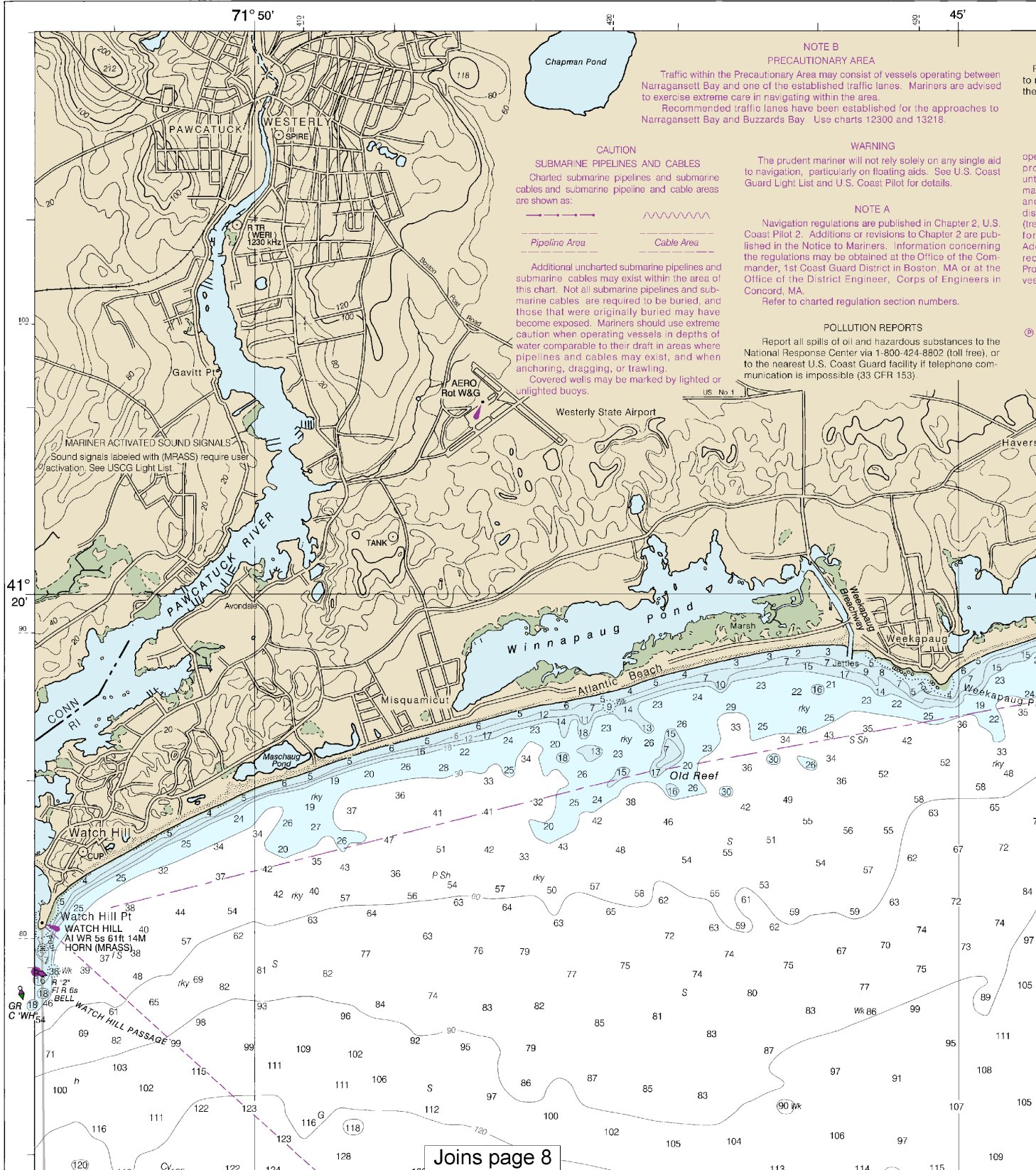
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International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972.  
The entire area of this chart falls seaward of the COLREGS Demarcation Line.

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Yards

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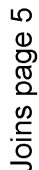
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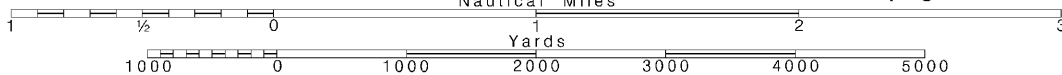


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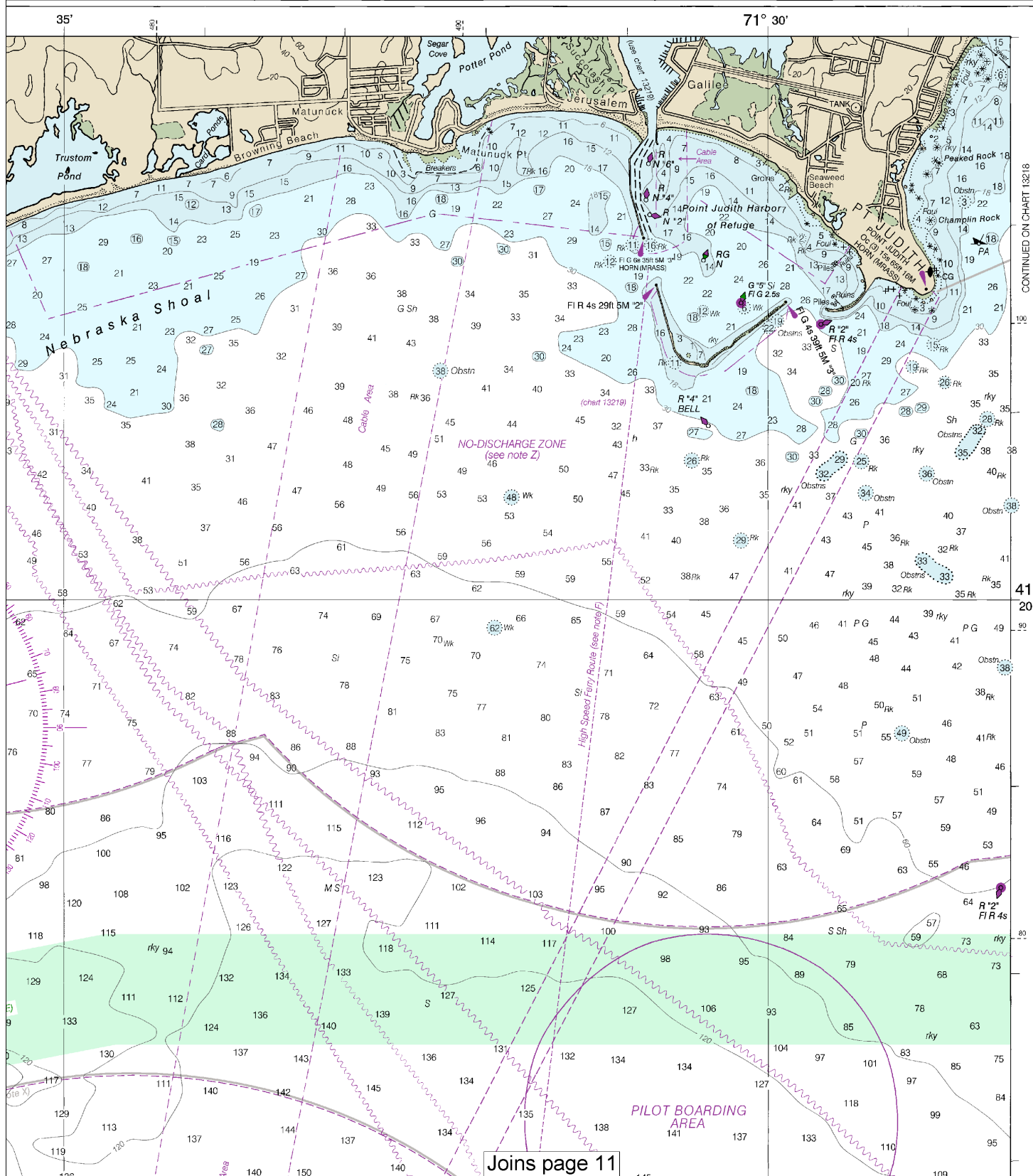


NOTE E  
RECOMMENDED VESSEL ROUTE

For deep draft vessels (including tugs and barges) entering and departing Rhode Island Sound, Narragansett Bay, and the Narragansett River, deep draft commercial vessels (including tugs and barges) are requested to follow the designated recommended routes, while not excluded from these routes, should exercise caution in and around these areas and formation concerning deep draft vessels (including tugs and barges) transiting these routes. See U.S. Coast Guard Notice to Mariners for appropriate.

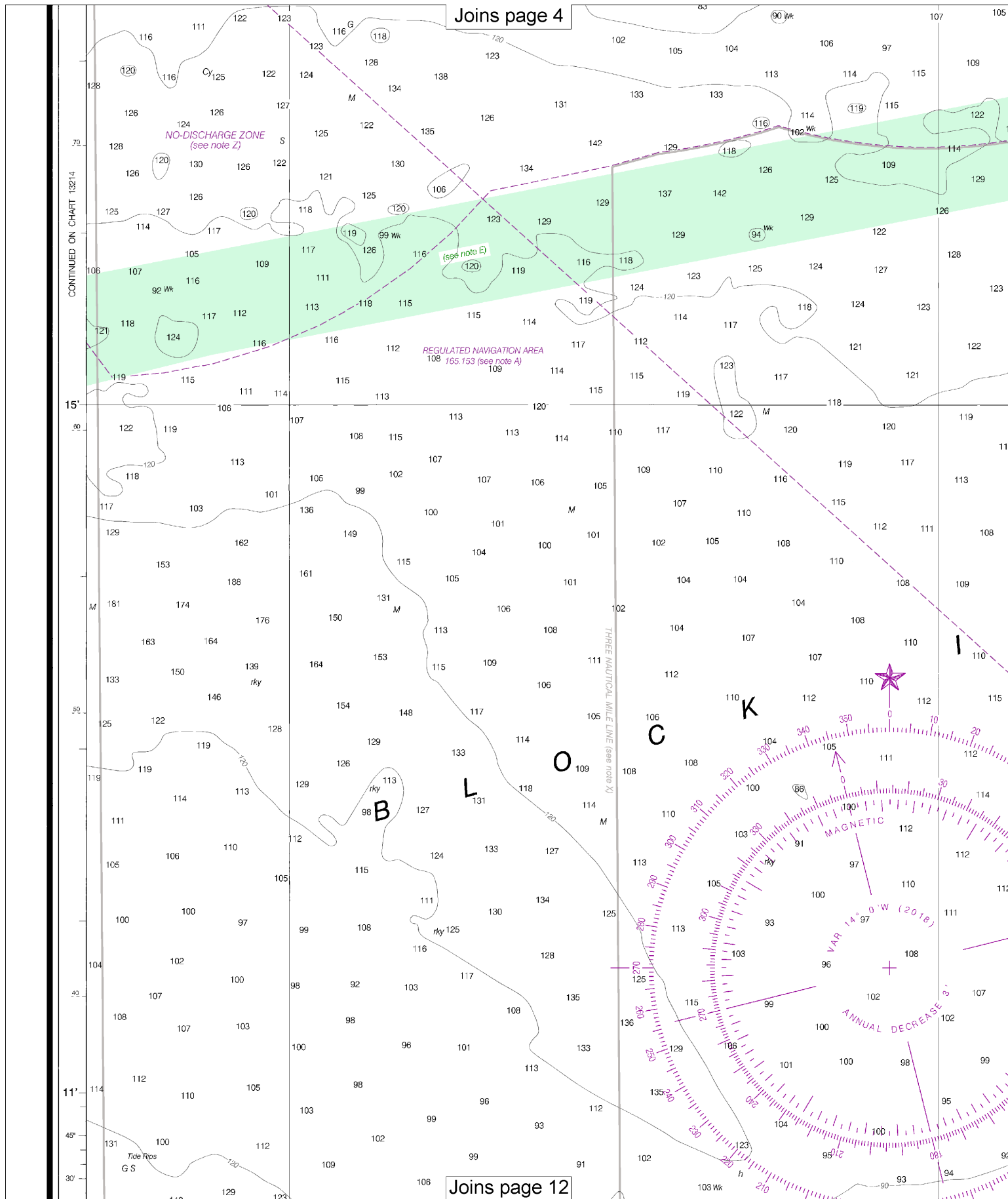
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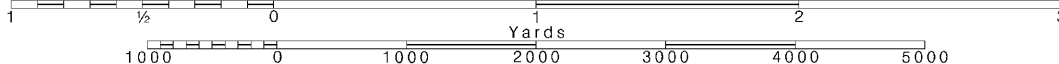
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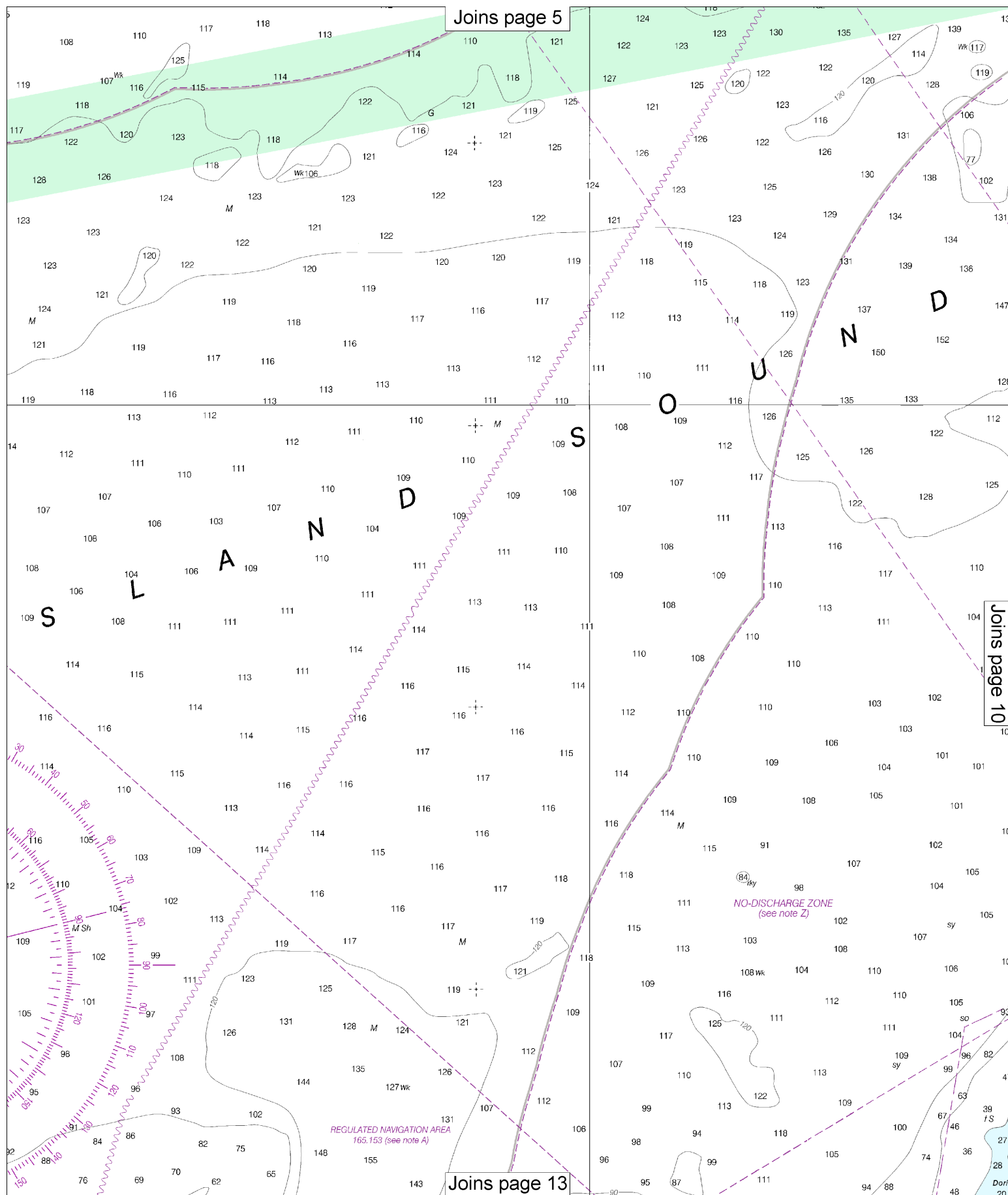
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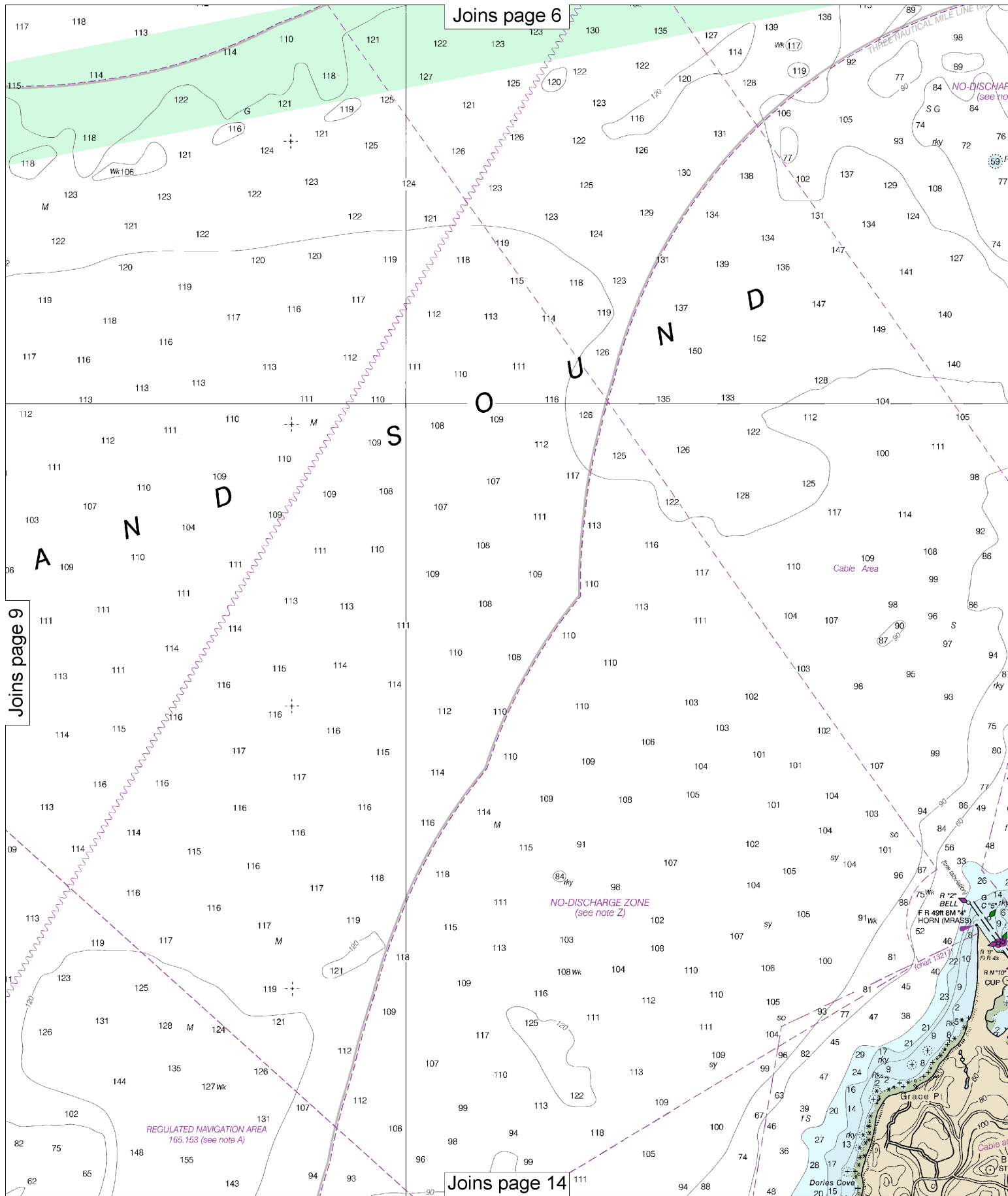
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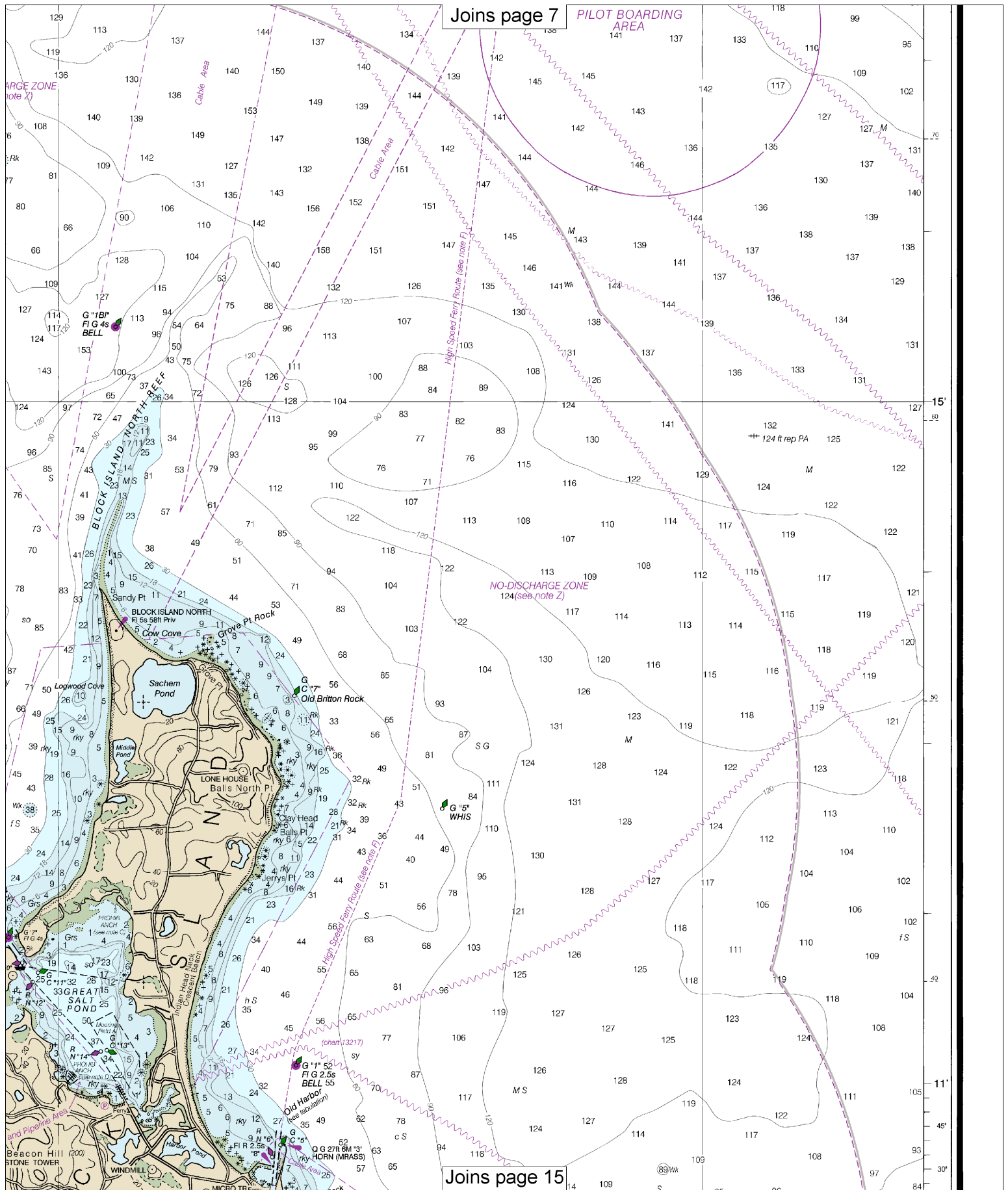
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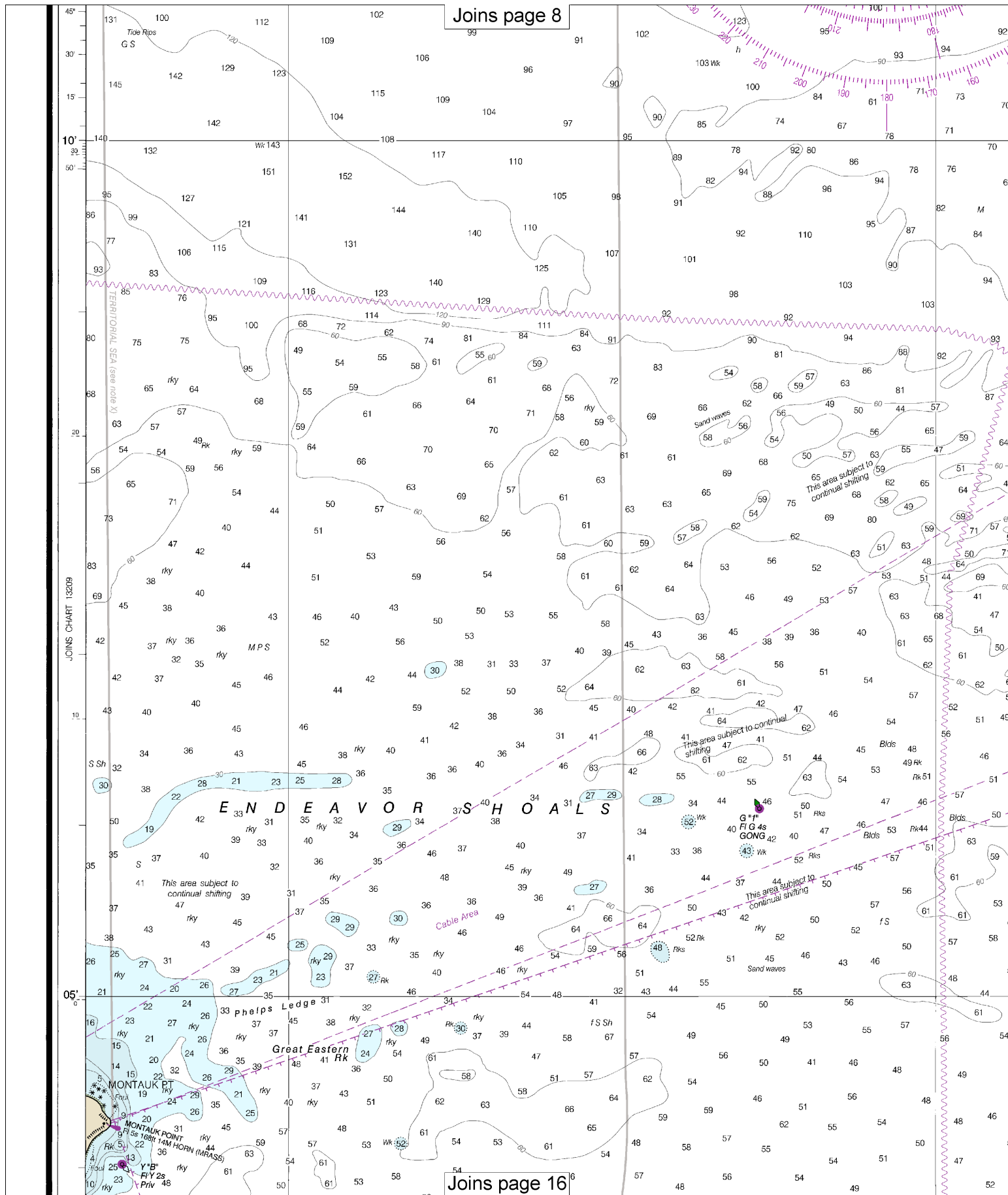






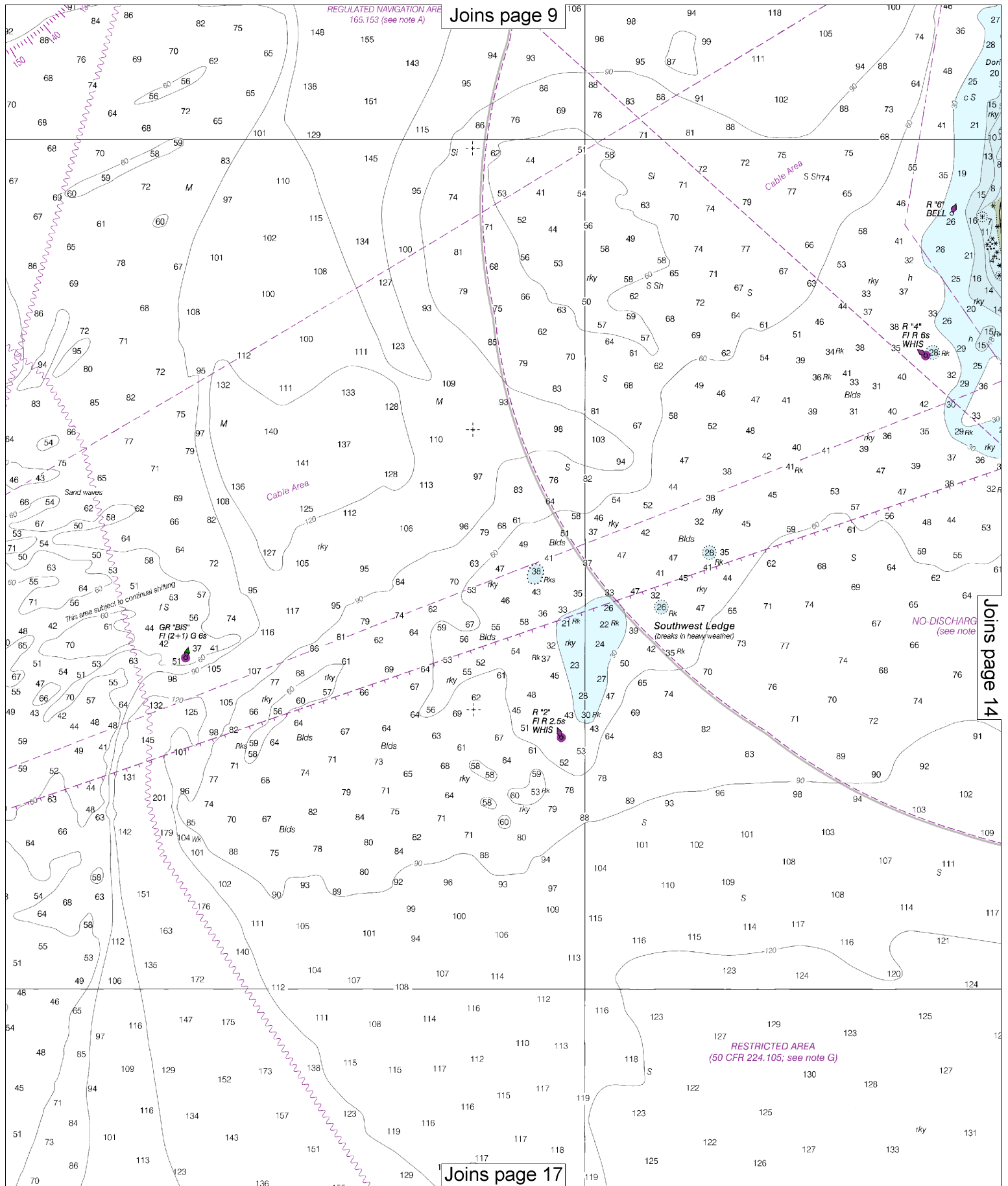


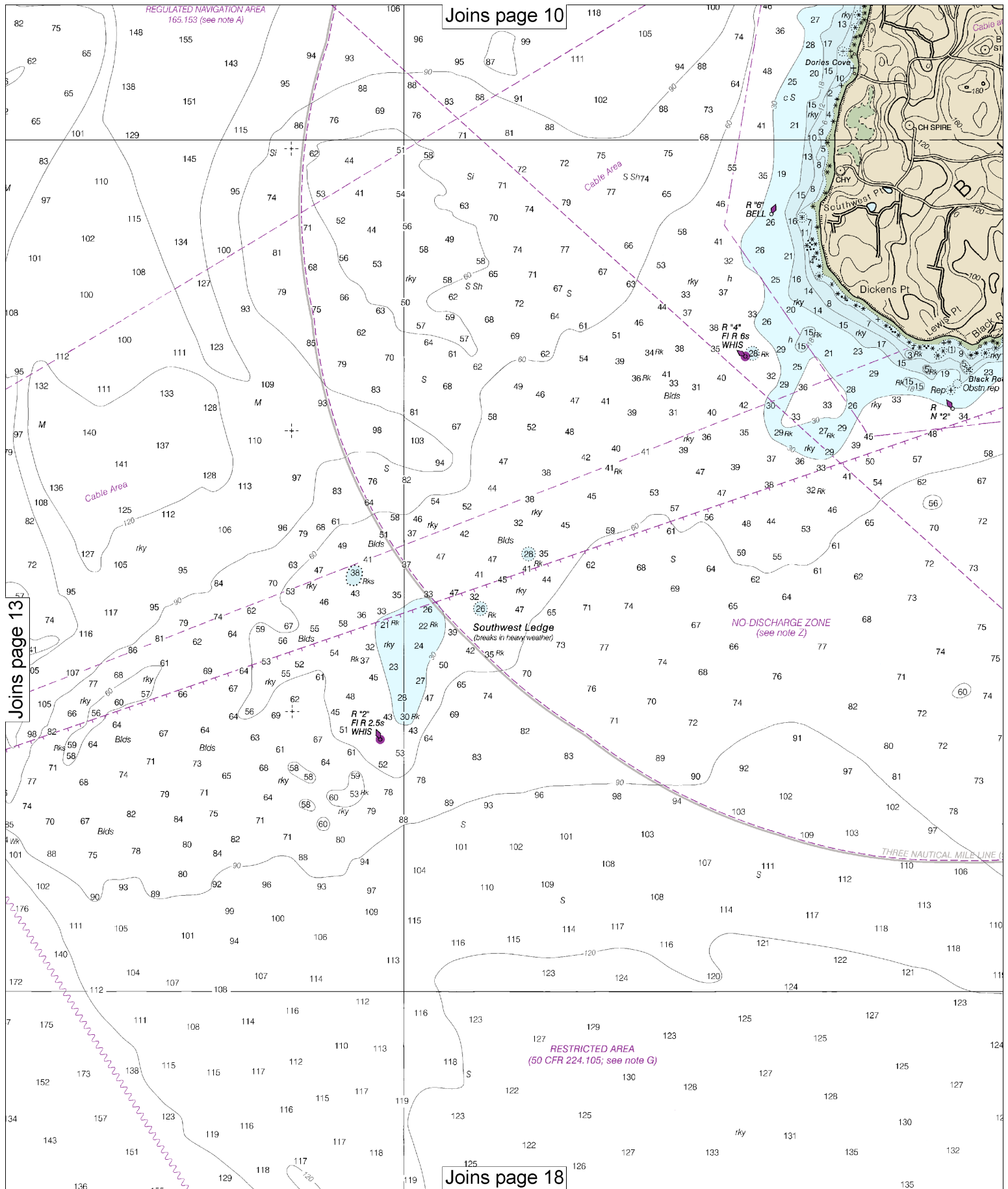




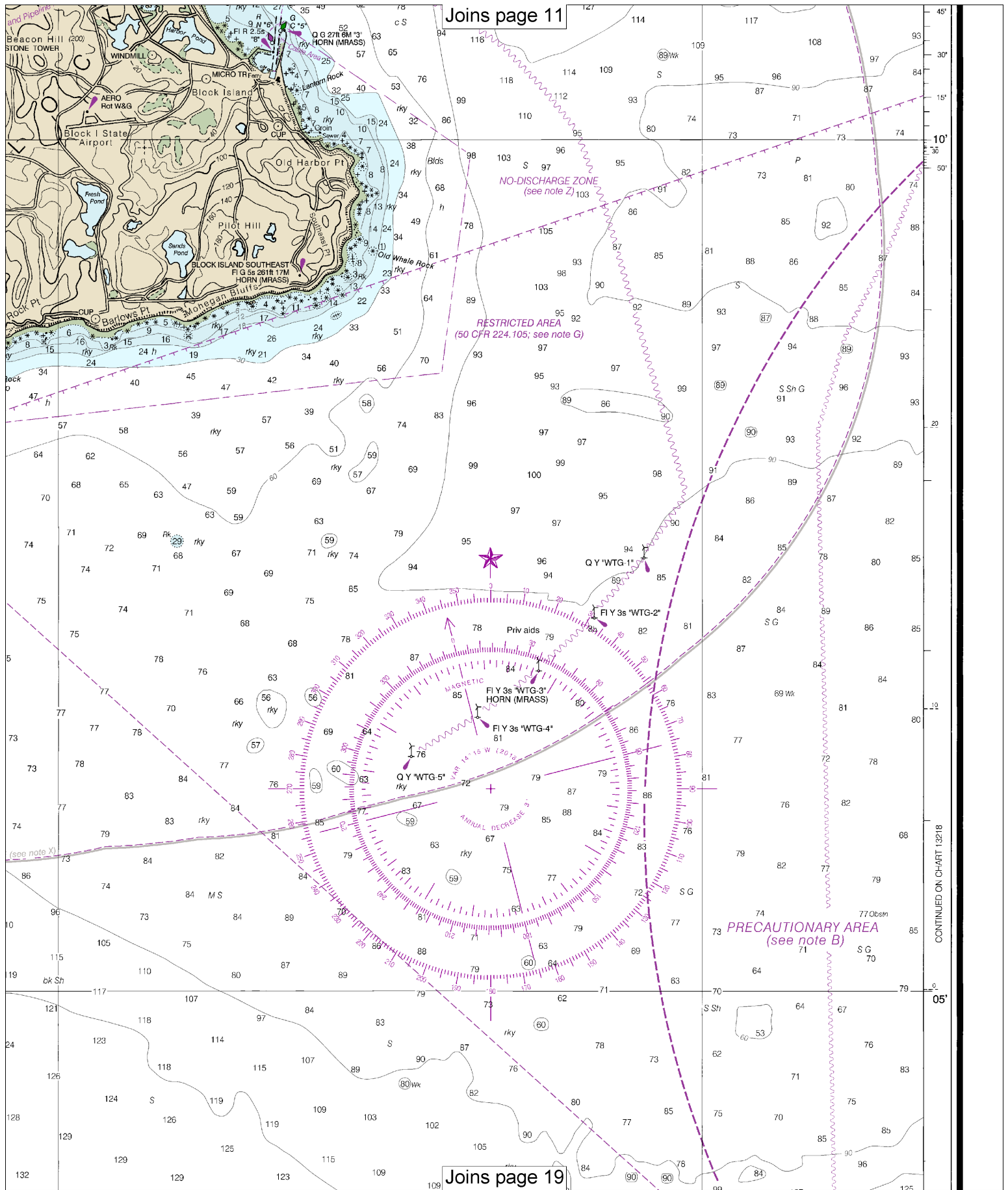
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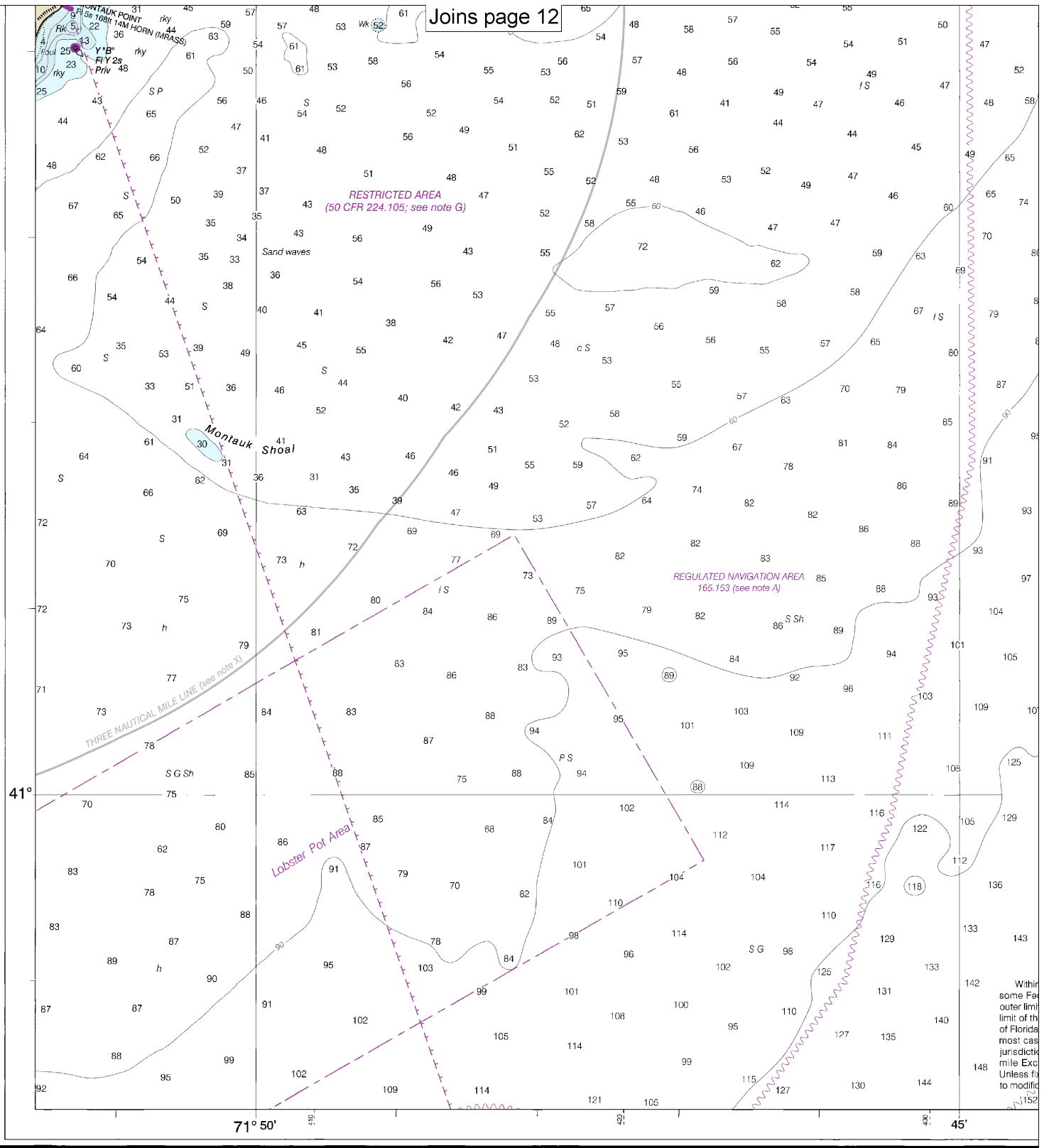
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CAUTION

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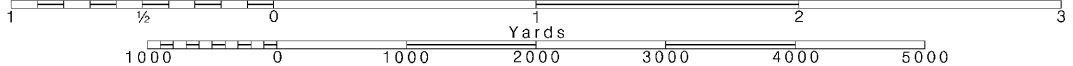
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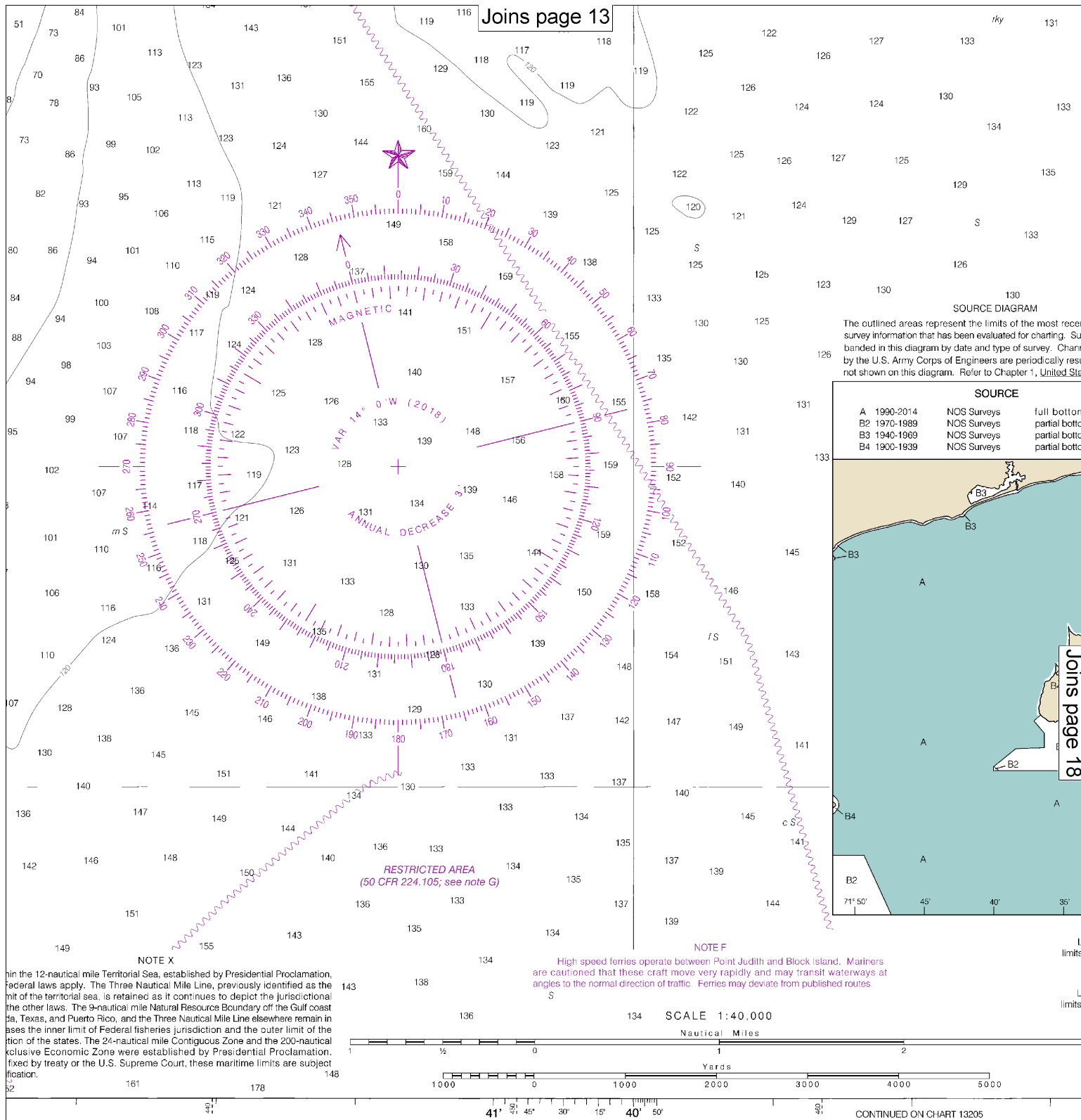
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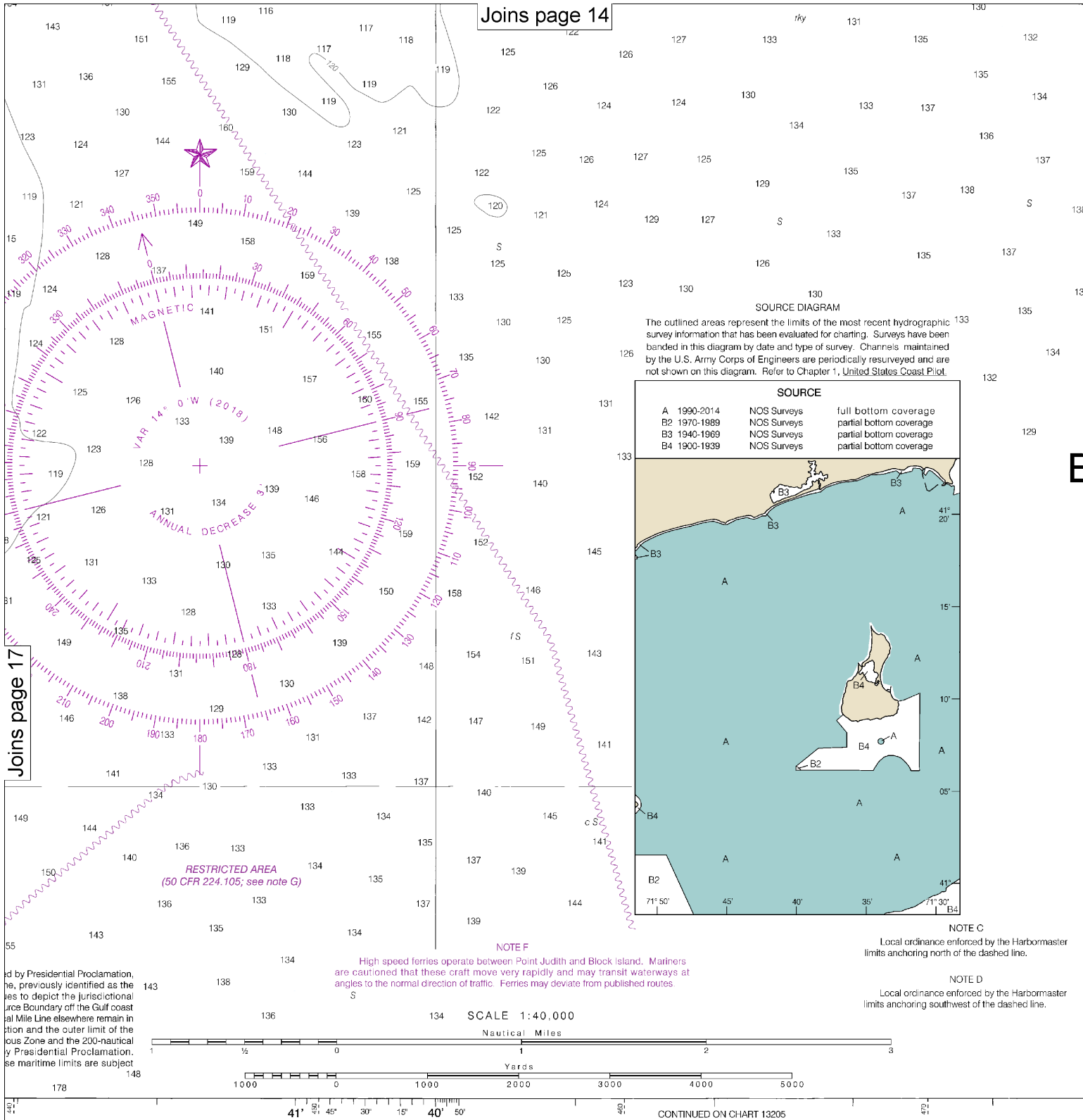




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FEET	6	12	18	24	30
METERS	1	2	3	4	5

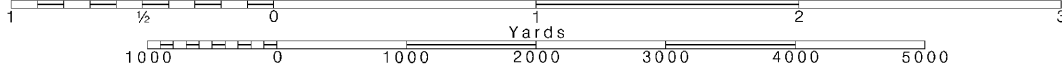
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UNITED STATES - EAST COAST

CONNECTICUT - RHODE ISLAND - NEW YORK

## BLOCK ISLAND SOUND

## POINT JUDITH TO MONTAUK POINT

Mercator Projection  
Scale 1:40,000 at Lat. 41°12'  
North American Datum of 1983  
(World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET  
AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

For Symbols and Abbreviations see Chart No. 1

Additional information can be obtained at [nauticalcharts.noaa.gov](http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov).

## TIDAL INFORMATION

PLACE	(LAT/LONG)	Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)		
		Mean Higher High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water
Point Judith	(41°22'N/71°29'W)	3.4	3.1	0.1
Watch Hill Point	(41°18'N/71°52'W)	2.9	2.7	0.1
Block Island Old Harbor	(41°10'N/71°33'W)	3.2	3.0	0.1
Montauk Point	(41°04'N/71°52'W)	2.9	2.6	0.1

Dashes (---) located in datum columns indicate unavailable datum values for a tide station. Real-time water levels, tide predictions, and tidal current predictions are available on the Internet from <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov>. (Jul 14)

## HEIGHTS

Elevations of rocks, bridges, landmarks and lights are in feet and refer to Mean High Water. Contour and summit elevation values are in feet and refer to Mean Sea Level.

## AUTHORITIES

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

PLANE COORDINATE GRID  
(based on NAD 1927)

The Rhode Island State Grid is indicated on this chart at 10,000 foot intervals thus: The last three digits are omitted.

## 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 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.364" northward and 1.777" eastward to agree with this chart.

## CAUTION

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 2 for important supplemental information.

## NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

New London, CT KHB-47 162.550 MHz  
Providence, RI WXJ-39 162.400 MHz

## FISH TRAP AREAS

Boundary lines of fish trap areas are shown thus: Submerged piling may exist in these areas.

**AIDS TO NAVIGATION**  
Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

## CAUTION

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

During some winter months or when endangered by ice, certain aids to navigation are replaced by other types or removed. For details see U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

## 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:

○ (Accurate location) ○ (Approximate location)

BLOCK ISLAND CHANNEL DEPTHS  
TABULATED FROM SURVEYS BY THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS - REPORT OF JUL 2017  
AND SURVEYS TO JUN 2017

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)
OLD HARBOR	A15.0	B15.0	C15.0	6-17	170-140	0.32
ANCHORAGE BASIN		D12.3	E12.0	6-17	7.8 ACRES	15
GREAT SALT POND	15.5	13.3	3.0	6-17	0.9 ACRES	15
					150	0.49

A. EXCEPT FOR SHOALING TO 12.9 FEET WITHIN 10 FEET OF LIMIT AND TO 9.8 FEET WITHIN THE LAST 50 FEET.  
B. EXCEPT FOR SHOALING TO 8.7 FEET WITHIN THE LAST 50 FEET OF CHANNEL.  
C. EXCEPT FOR SHOALING TO 11.4 FEET WITHIN 10 FEET OF LIMIT AND TO 4.8 FEET WITHIN THE LAST 100 FEET.  
D. EXCEPT FOR SHOALING TO 1.8 FEET WITHIN 60 FEET OF NORTH, WEST, SOUTHWEST, AND SOUTH LIMITS.  
E. EXCEPT FOR SHOALING TO 10.4 FEET WITHIN 5 FEET OF EAST LIMIT.

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

## NOTE G

RIGHT WHALE SEASONAL MANAGEMENT AREA  
All vessels greater than or equal to 65 feet in length must slow to speeds of 10 knots or less in seasonal management areas.

35'

40'

40'

71°30'

11426 X 6144 mm

Block Island Sound, Point Judith to Montauk Point  
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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.



**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/>

## 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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