

BookletChart™

Unimak and Akutan Passes and Approaches

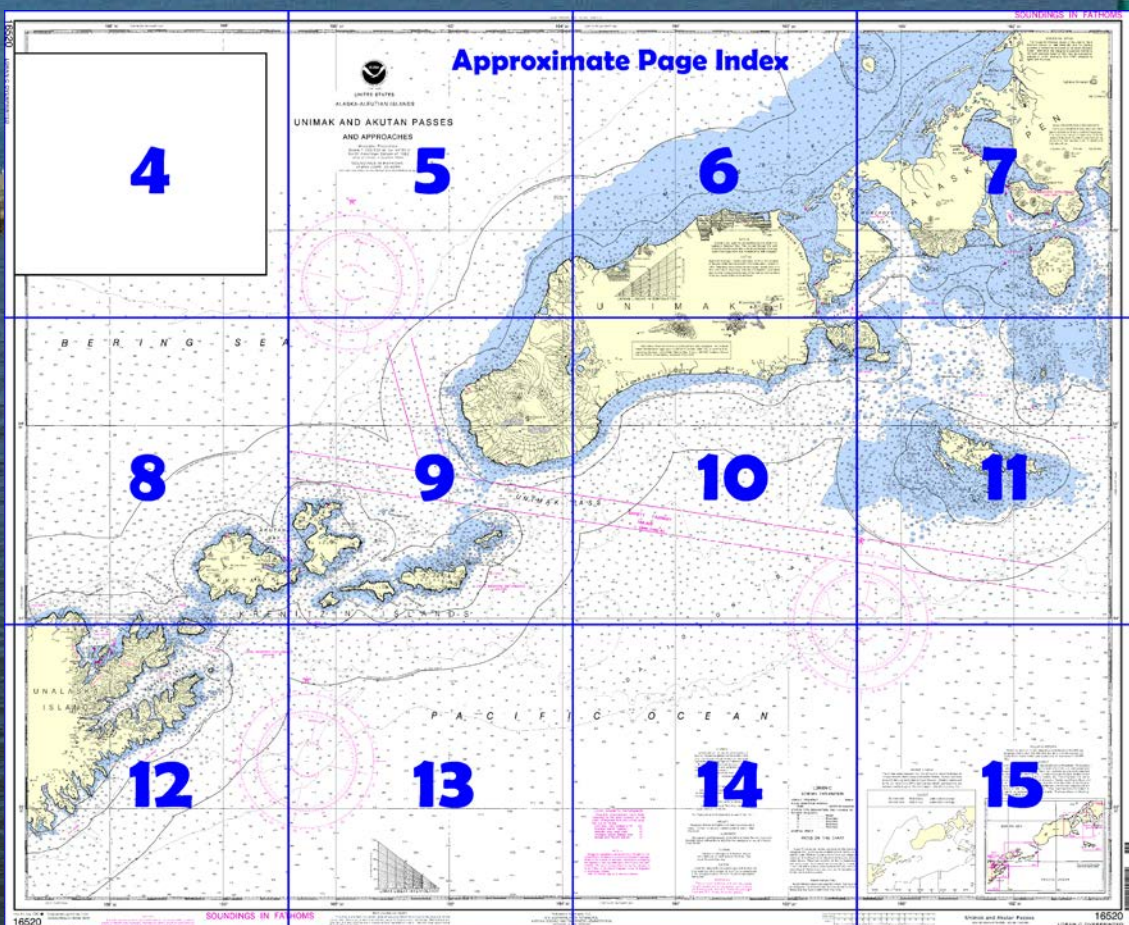
NOAA Chart 16520

A reduced-scale NOAA nautical chart for small boaters

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- Complete, reduced-scale nautical chart
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- Compiled by NOAA's Office of Coast Survey, the nation's chartmaker



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What are Nautical Charts?

Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. They show water depths, obstructions, buoys, other aids to navigation, and much more. The information is shown in a way that promotes safe and efficient navigation. Chart carriage is mandatory on the commercial ships that carry America's commerce. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing and passenger vessels, and are widely carried by recreational boaters.

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.

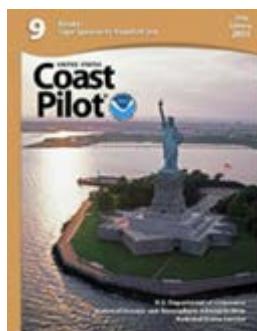
Whenever possible, use the official, full scale NOAA nautical chart for navigation. Nautical chart sales agents are listed on the Internet at <http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov>.

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.

For latest Coast Pilot excerpt visit the Office of Coast Survey website at <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=16520>.



(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

Dangers along the N side of Sanak Islands are within 0.5 mile of the shore, except **Crowley Rock**, 1.5 miles offshore 348° from Sanak Peak. This rock has several small pinnacles with a least depth of ½ fathom over them. The rock, not always marked by kelp, only breaks in a disturbed sea and occasionally shows a prominent slick. Foul ground of numerous reefs, islands, islets, shoals, and covered and uncovered rocks extends almost 6 miles S and over 12

miles W of Sanak Islands; heavy breakers extend a considerable distance offshore. **Aleks Rock**, 16.7 miles 241° from Sanak Peak, is covered 1½

fathoms and is the farthest outlying known rock SW of Sanak Islands. A 7½-fathom pinnacle is 4 miles N of the rock.

The harbors on the S side of the Sanak Islands, except possibly Peterson Bay, should not be approached without local knowledge.

Caton Island, at the E end of the Sanak group, is rolling and grass covered. Most of the beaches are composed of rocky ledges, or boulders and gravel. Steep and prominent bluffs are on the NW point. The low E side and the S side of the island are fringed with rocky ledges up to 1 mile offshore.

Whale Bay, on the NE side of Caton Island, is extremely shoal.

Temporary anchorage in S winds can be had W of Caton Island and S of Lida Island. Approaching the anchorage from E, stand in near the visible rocks off the E end of Lida Island, taking care to avoid the partially covered reef, nearly 0.5 mile E of Lida Island, that extends N from Caton Island. Anchor about 0.4 mile from Caton Island, and 0.3 to 0.5 mile S of Lida Island, in 6 to 7 fathoms, sandy bottom. Care should be taken not to approach the S side of the anchorage.

If the anchorage S of Lida Island is approached from W, steer for the SW side of Caton Island on 144°, passing about 0.5 mile S of Lida Island, and leaving a rock that uncovers, 0.5 mile N from **Wanda Island**, about 0.4 mile on the starboard hand, and anchor as directed above. The W end of Lida Island should not be approached closer than 0.5 mile.

Caton Harbor, between Sanak Island on the E and Caton Island on the W, is large and affords anchorage in 2 to 3 fathoms, sandy bottom; it is protected on the S by Elma Island and on the N by the islands and reefs between Caton Island and Sanak Island. The harbor is protected from all swells, and schooners of considerable size have wintered here. These waters provide the best all-weather anchorage for small vessels in the Sanak Islands. Water in small quantities may be obtained.

Princess Rock, off the W end of the islet in the center of Caton Harbor, is the most prominent feature in the vicinity. It is high and grassy on top; extensive reefs surround the rock.

The best entrance to Caton Harbor is from the N through a narrow channel close to the W end of Caton Island. Proceed as directed for entering the anchorage S of Lida Island from W, and when well past the rock that uncovers, 0.5 mile N of Wanda Island, bring the S side of the rock that uncovers in range with Northeast Point astern, and stand in, keeping the range astern, course 125°, until close to Caton Island. Then keep the bare rocks and kelp projecting from Caton Island close aboard on the port hand, but do not approach the kelp on the starboard hand; the least depth in the narrowest part of the passage is 3½ fathoms, shoaling inside to 3 fathoms. When past the rocks on the port hand, steer 193° for about 0.5 mile, and anchor in about 3 fathoms with Princess Rock in line with Sanak Mountain, bearing 294°. This anchorage is about 0.5 mile from Caton Island, and the same distance from the nearest reef on the W side. Anchorage, with probably better shelter from NE gales, can be made off the sand beach on Caton Island, just inside the narrow entrance.

To enter **Caton Harbor** from the S through Devils Pass, W from Elma Island, or through Southeast Pass, E of Elma Island, requires local knowledge to avoid the reefs and breakers. These passes should not be attempted by a stranger. Surveys indicate a controlling depth of 1½ fathoms in the approach to Devils Pass with deeper water through the narrow part of the pass. Tide rips in Devils Pass are at times dangerous to small craft.

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Lateral System As Seen Entering From Seaward

on navigable waters except Western Rivers



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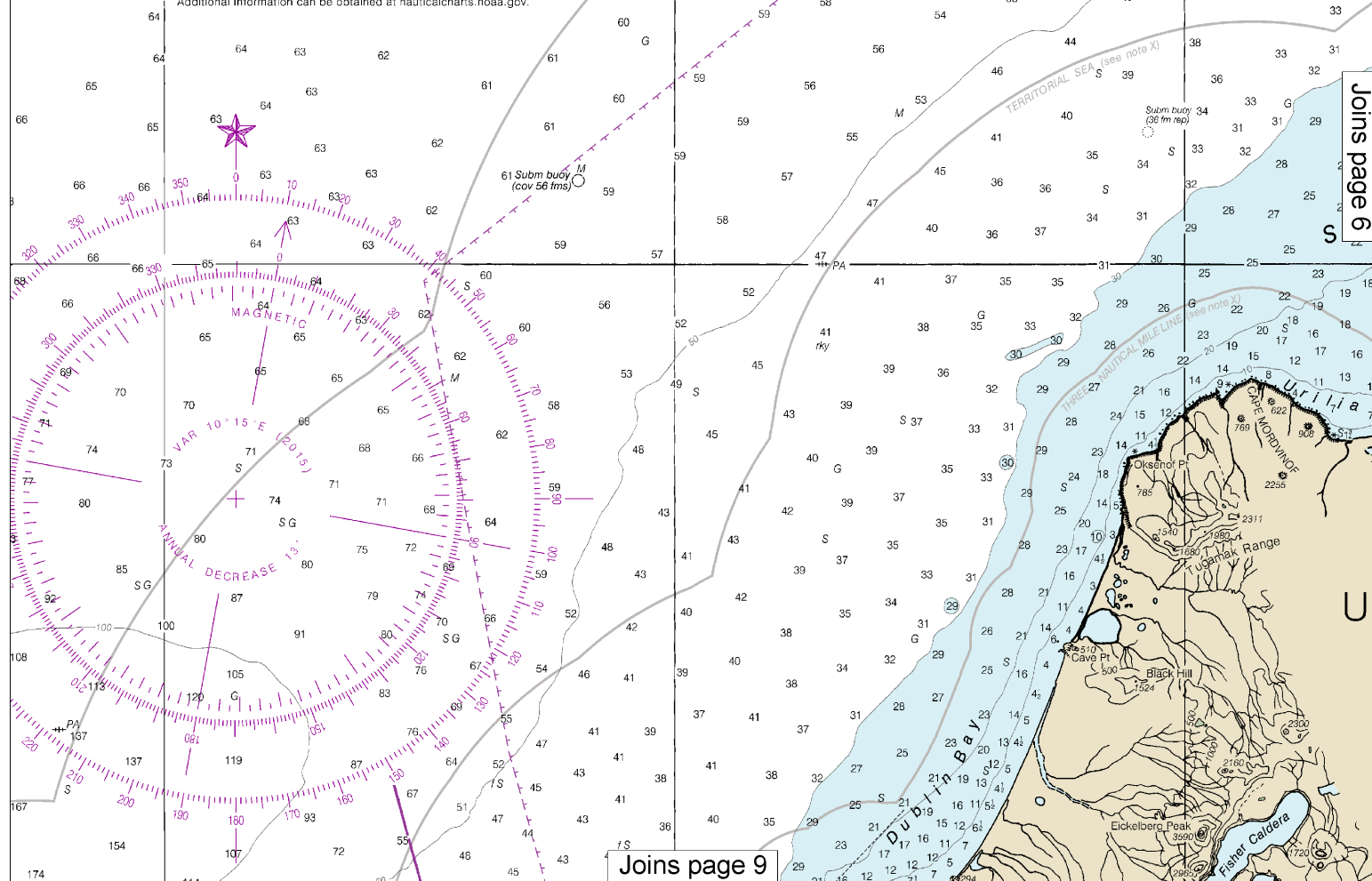
ALASKA-ALEUTIAN ISLANDS

NIMAK AND AKUTAN PASSES

AND APPROACHES

Mercator Projection
Scale 1:300,000 at Lat 54°20.5'
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SOUNDINGS IN FATHOMS
AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

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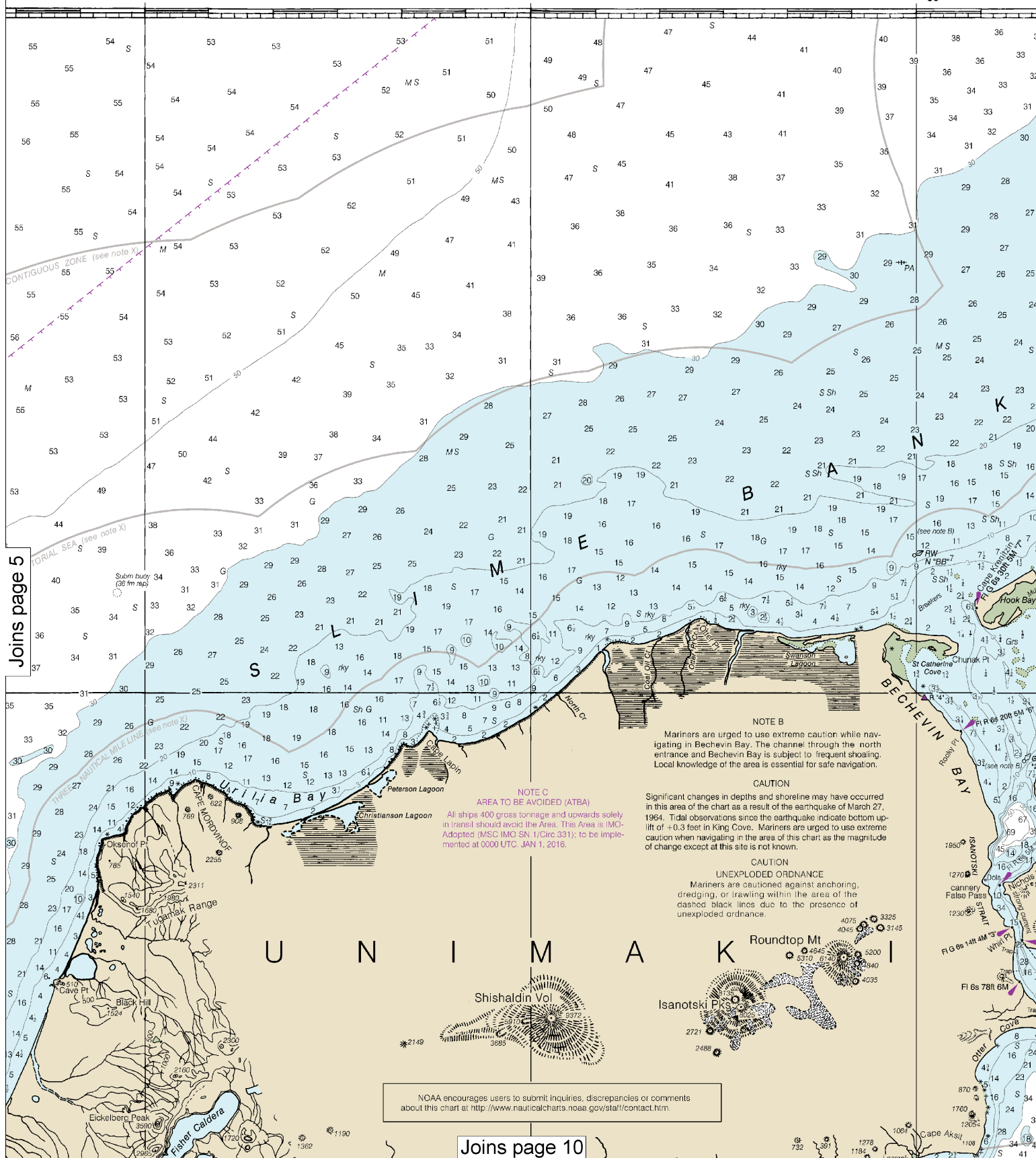
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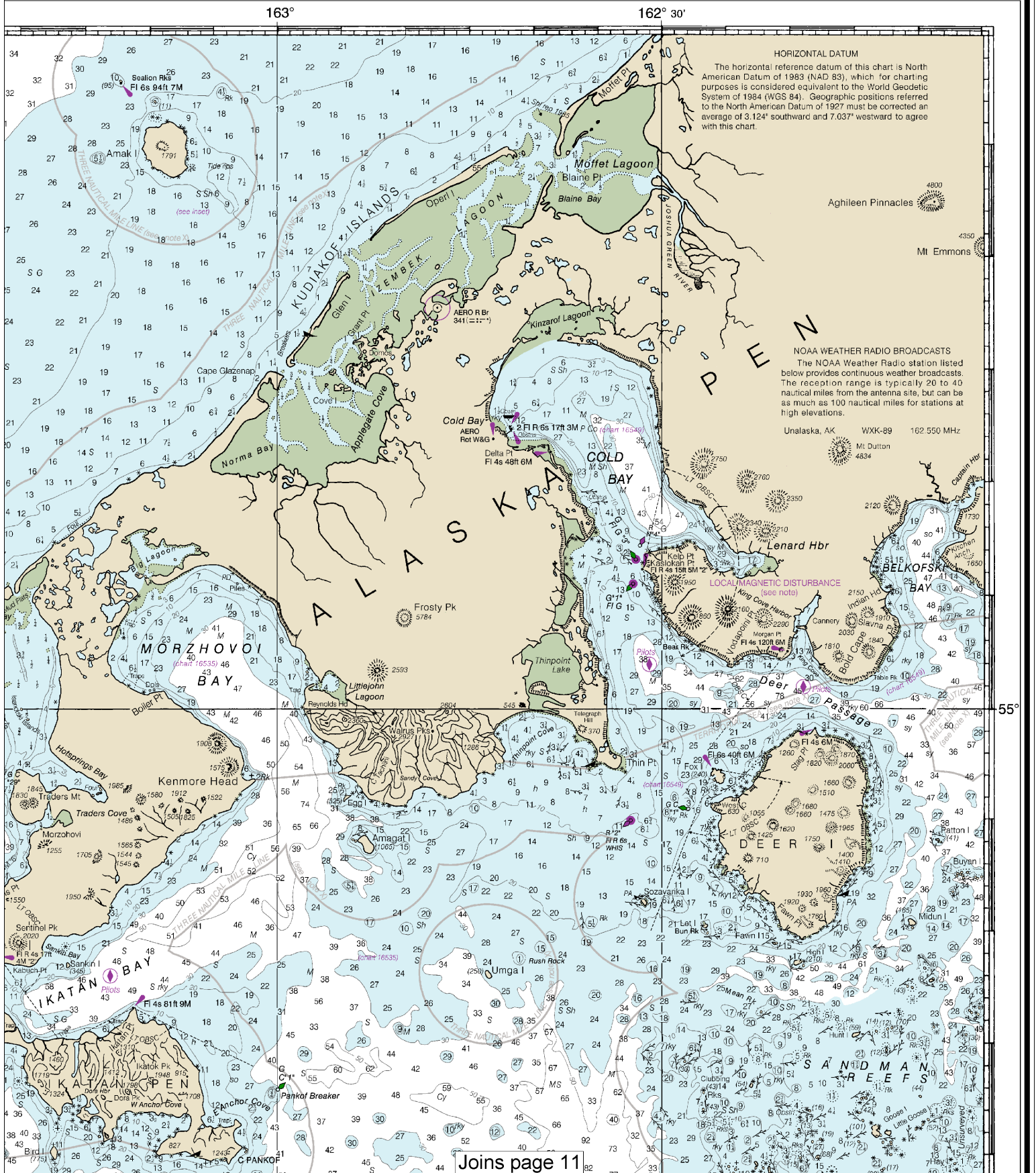
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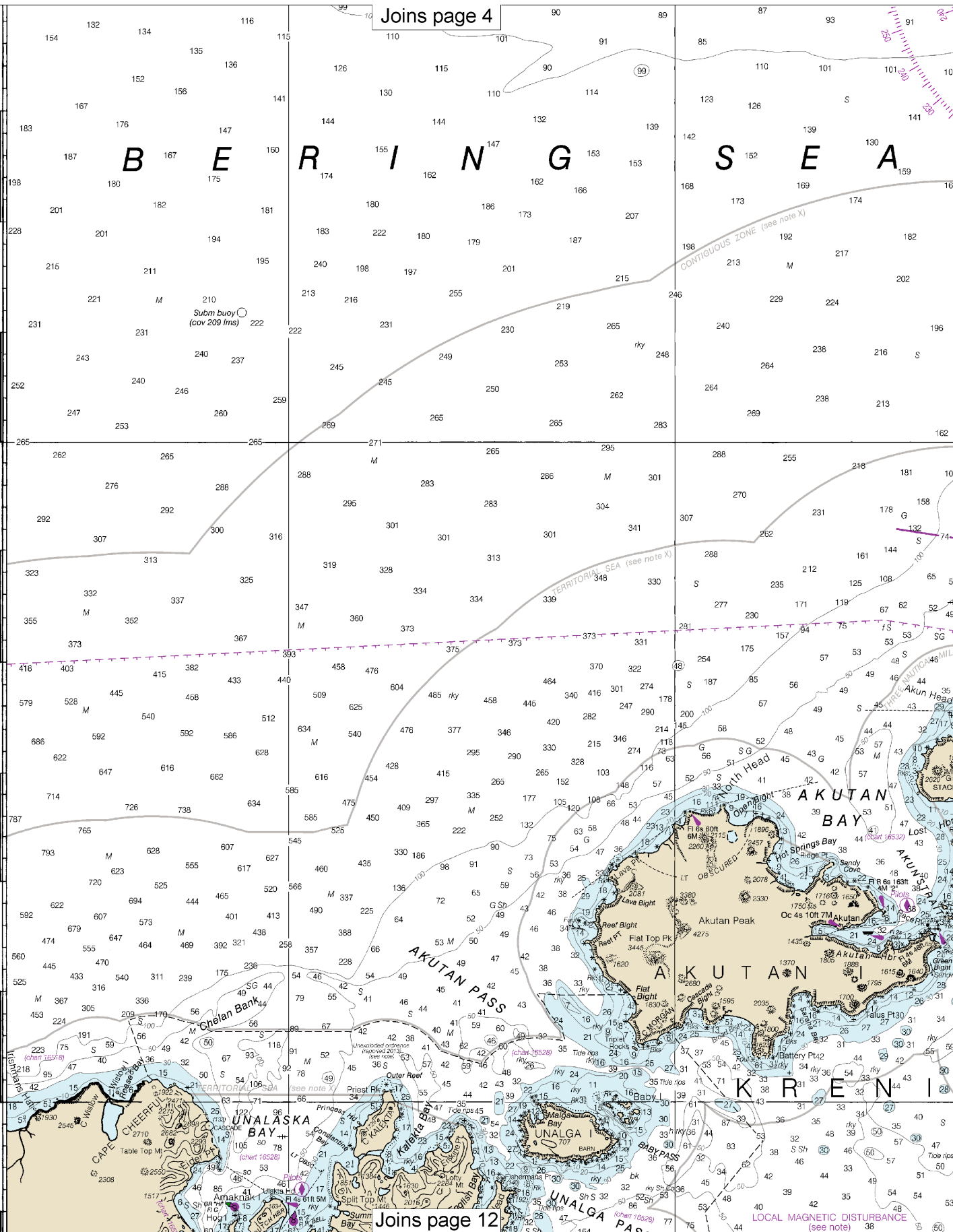
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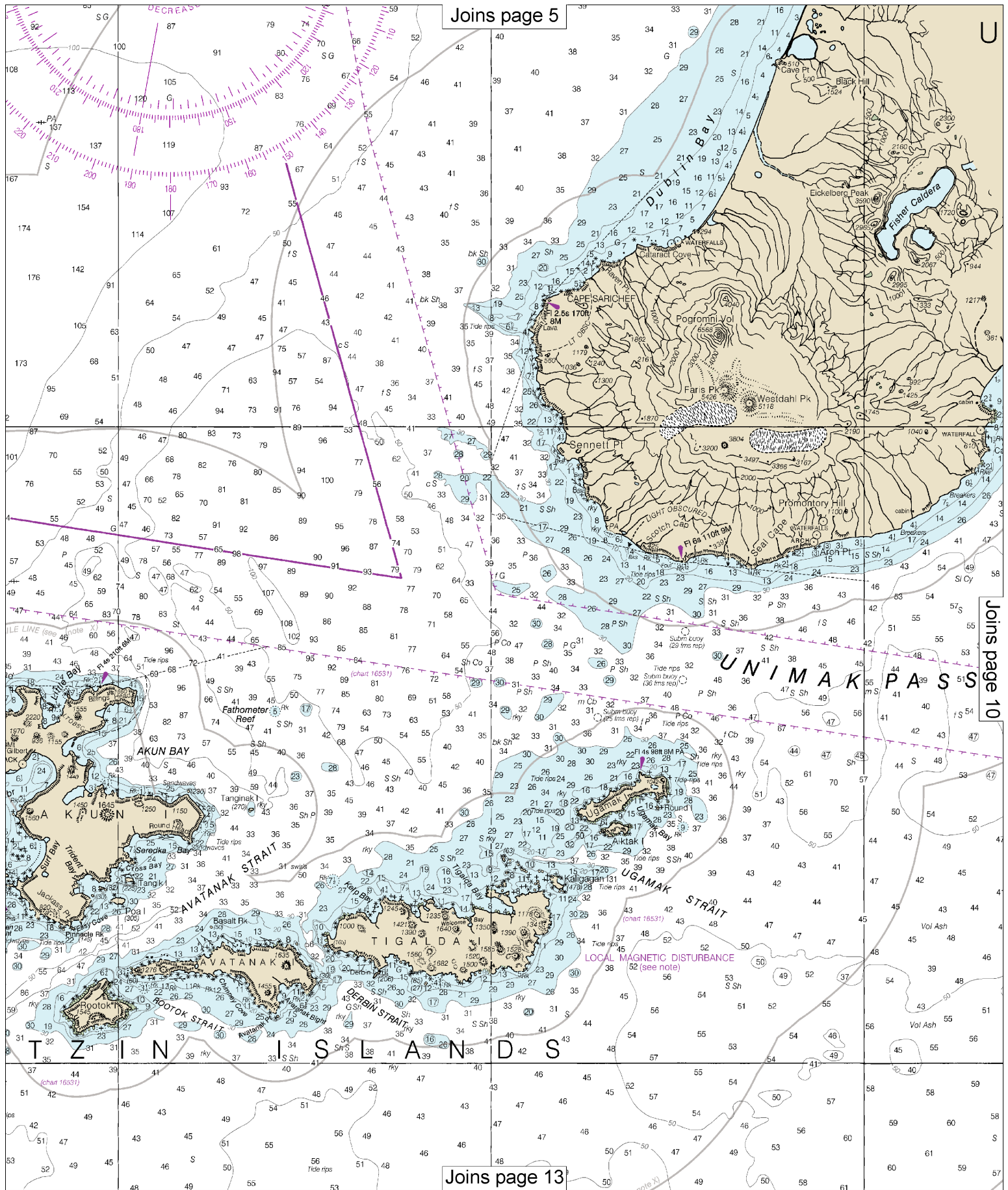
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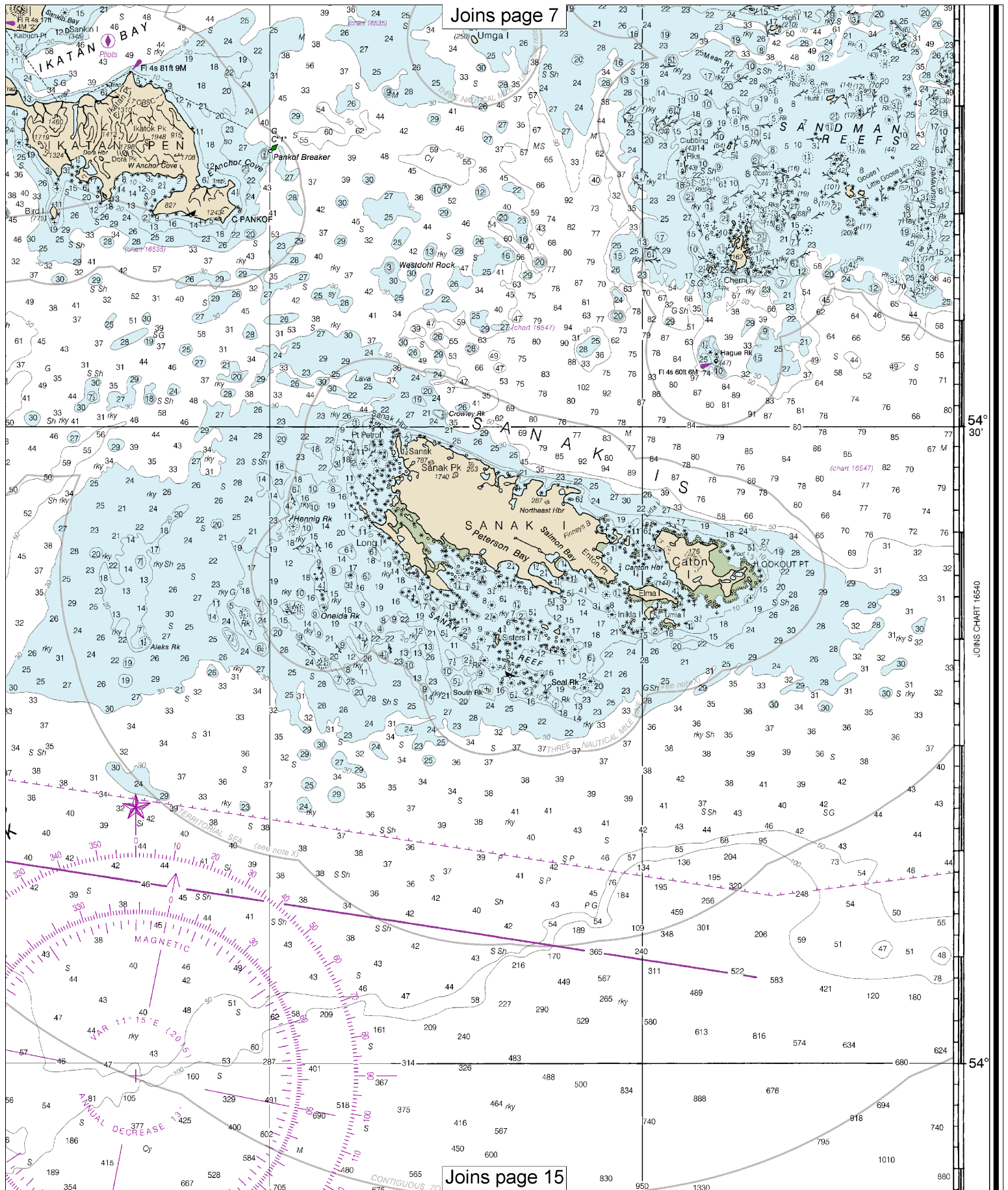
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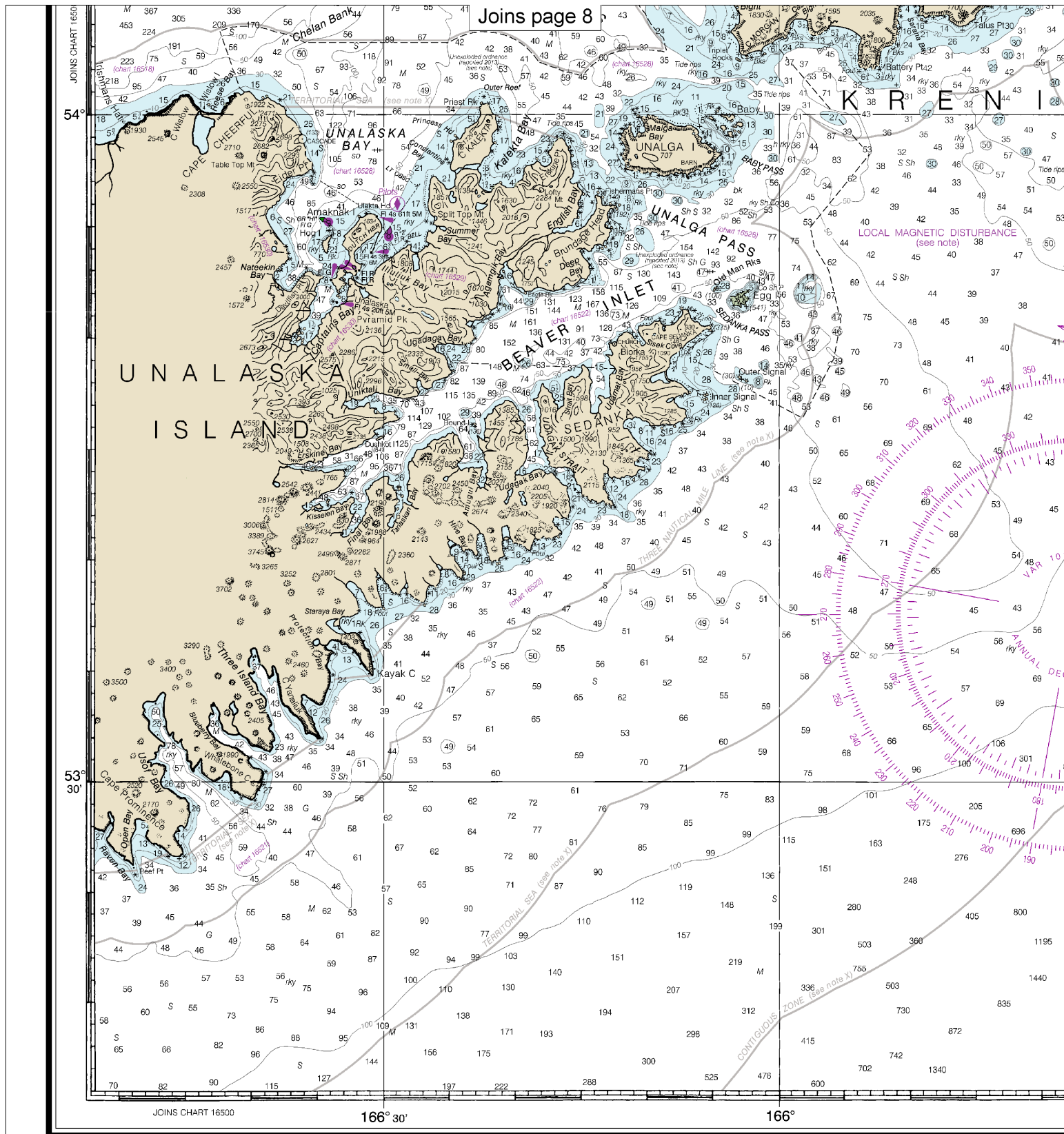
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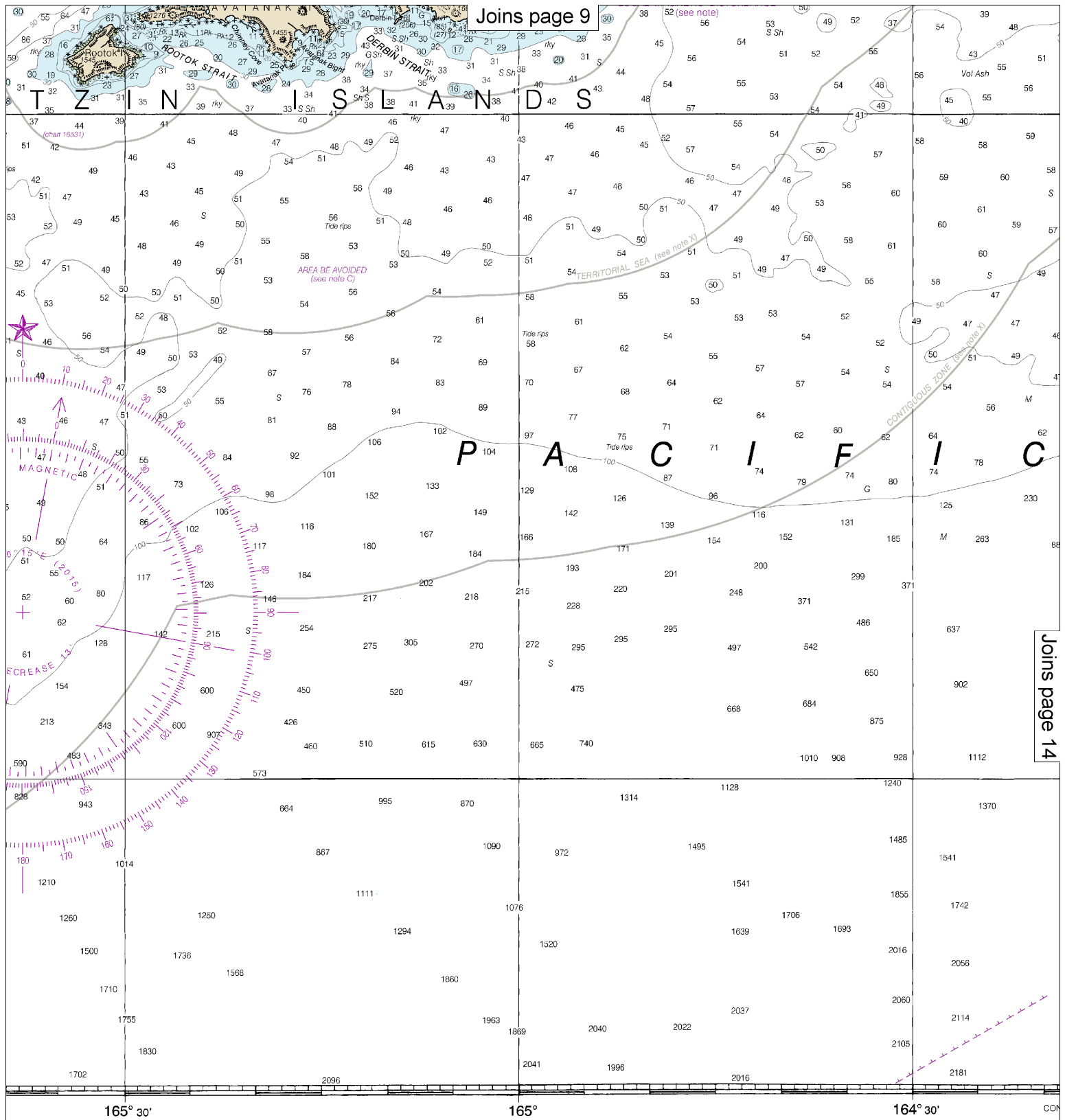
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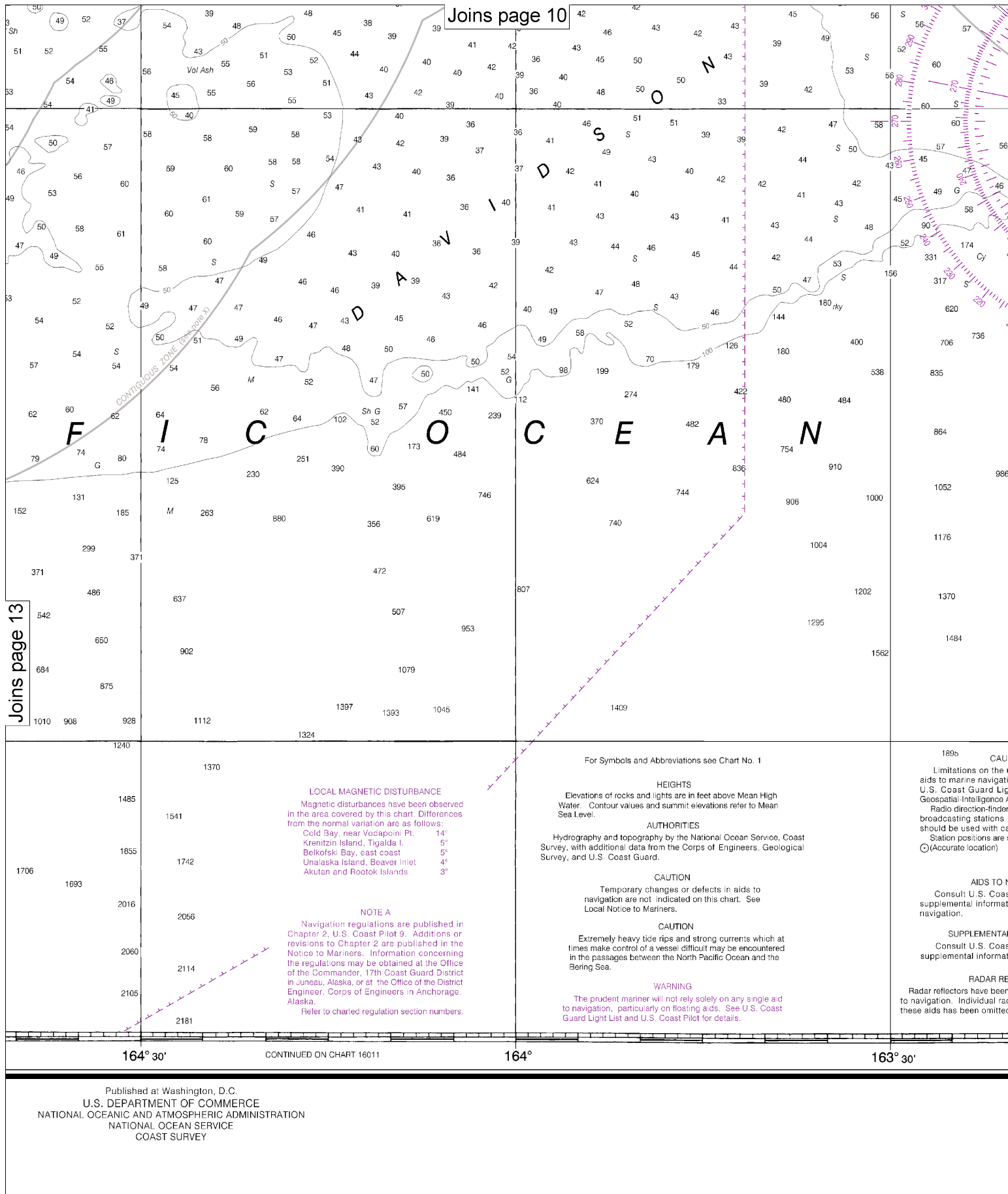
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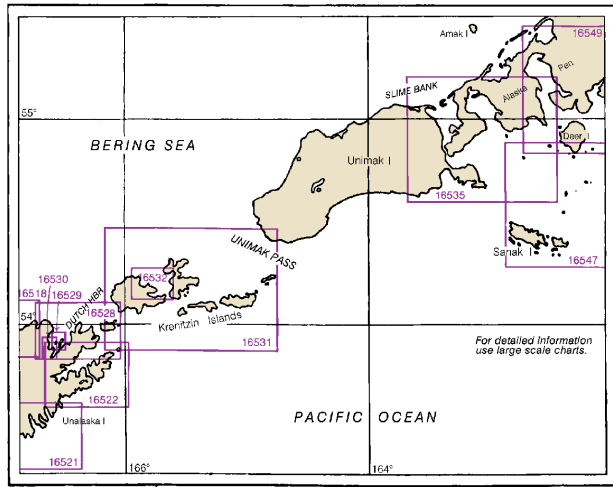
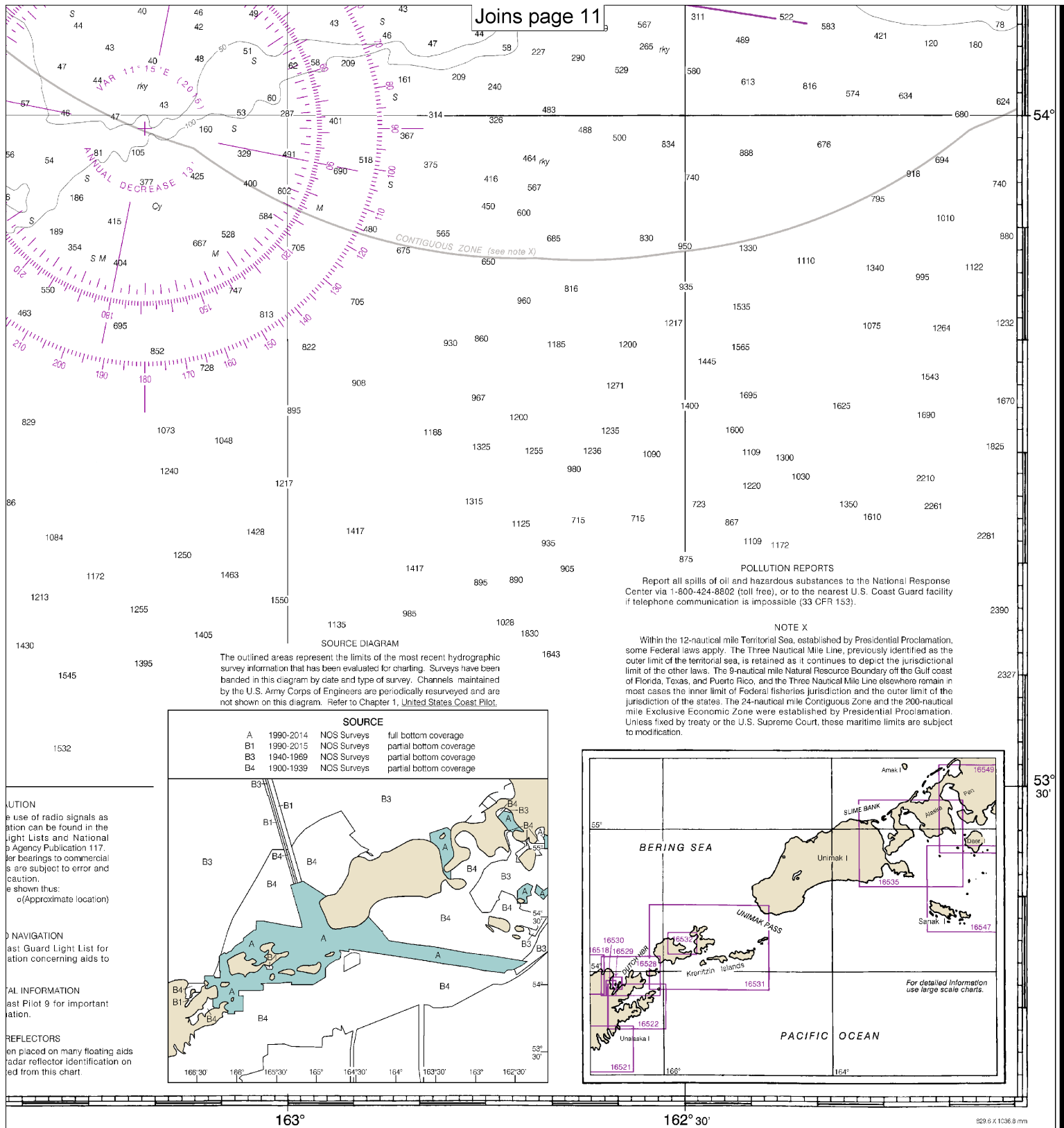
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IN FATHOMS

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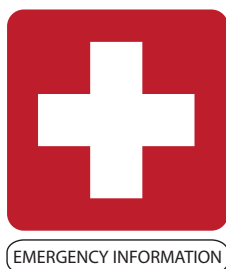




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SOUNDINGS IN FATHOMS - SCALE 1:300 000

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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.



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<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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