

# BookletChart™



## ***Strait of Georgia and Strait of Juan de Fuca***

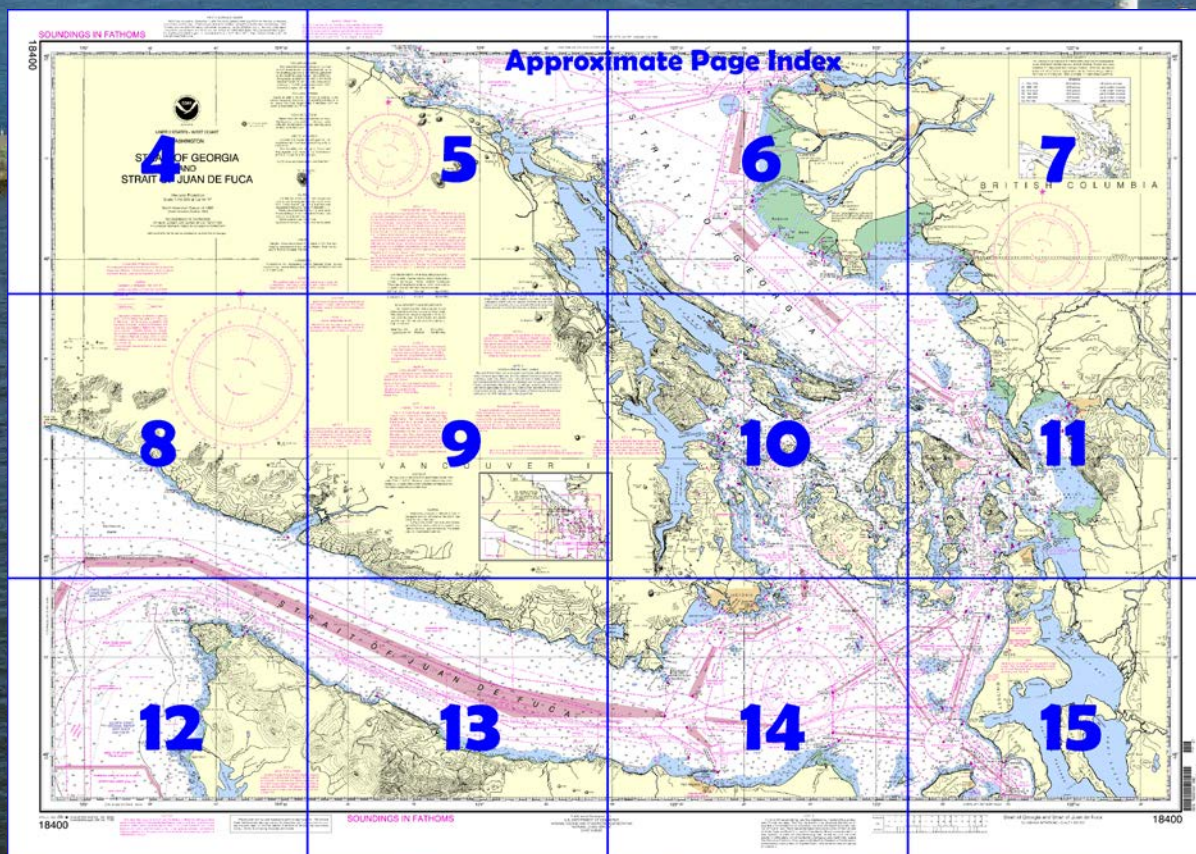
**NOAA Chart 18400**

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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.

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**(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)**  
**Strait of Juan de Fuca** separates the S shore of Vancouver Island, Canada, from the N coast of the State of Washington. The entrance to the strait lies between parallels 48°23'N., and 48°36'N., on the meridian of 124°45'W. This important body of water is the connecting channel between the ocean and the interisland passages extending S to Puget Sound and N to the inland waters of British Columbia and southeastern Alaska. At its entrance and for 50 miles E to Race Rocks, the strait is about 11 miles wide and then widens to about

16 miles for 30 miles E to Whidbey Island, its E boundary. The waters as a rule are deep until near the shore with few outlying dangers, most of which are in the E part.

The navigation of these waters is relatively simple in clear weather. The aids to navigation are numerous. In thick weather, because of strong and irregular currents, extreme caution and vigilance must be exercised. Strangers should take a pilot.

The **Strait of Georgia** extends some 115 miles NW from its S end, in the vicinity of Alden Bank, and is bordered on the W by Vancouver Island, B.C., and on the E by the mainland of Canada. General depths are great and in many places exceed 200 fathoms.

Vessels bound to the Strait of Georgia from Puget Sound should give the SW shore, between Boundary and Active Passes, a berth of at least 2 miles because it is fringed with dangers. Point Roberts, on the N shore, affords an excellent landmark.

A **Cooperative Vessel Traffic Service (CVTS)** has been established in the Strait of Juan de Fuca region, based on an agreement between the United States and Canada. Operated by the U.S. Coast Guard and the Canadian Coast Guard, the system is intended to enhance safe and expeditious vessel movement, and to minimize risk of pollution to the marine environment; the system is **mandatory**. The appropriate Vessel Traffic Center (VTC) (Tofino Traffic, Seattle Traffic, Victoria Traffic) administers the rules issued by both nations, however, it will enforce only its own set of rules within its jurisdiction. The CVTS Exchange lines delineating the sector boundaries and frequency change lines between Vessel Traffic Center management authorities are published below and in the VTS User's Manual. Useful information for operating in the CVTS area is available via <http://www.uscg.mil/d13/cvts>.

**Caution.**—Since logging is one of the main industries of the region, free-floating logs and submerged deadheads or sinkers are a constant source of danger in the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound. The danger is increased during freshets, after storms, and unusually high tides. **Deadheads** or **sinkers** are logs which have become adrift from rafts or booms, have become waterlogged, and float in a vertical position with one end just awash, rising and falling with the tide.

**Currents, Cape Flattery to Race Rocks.**—The currents may attain velocities of 2 to 4 knots, varying with the range of tide, and are influenced by strong winds. E of Race Rocks, in the wider portion of the strait, the velocity is considerably less. At Race Rocks and Discovery Island the velocity may be 6 knots or more.

The **flood current** entering the Strait of Juan de Fuca sets with considerable velocity over Duncan and Duntze Rocks, but, instead of running in the direction of the channel, it has a continued set toward the Vancouver Island shore, is experienced as far as Race Rocks. The flood current velocity is greater on the N shore of the strait than on the S.

The **ebb current** is felt most along the S shore of the strait, and between New Dungeness Light and Crescent Bay there is a decided set S and W, especially during large tides. With the wind and swell against the current, a short choppy sea is raised near the entrance to the strait.

**Pilotage, Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound.**—Pilotage is compulsory for all foreign vessels and U.S. vessels engaged in foreign trade. Pilotage is optional for U.S. vessels engaged in the coastwise trade with a federally licensed pilot on board.

A Canadian Armed Forces **firing** and **practice exercise area** is established in the vicinity of Sheringham Point and San Simon Point about 8 miles to the W.

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

RCC Seattle

Commander  
13<sup>th</sup> CG District  
Seattle, WA

(206) 220-7001



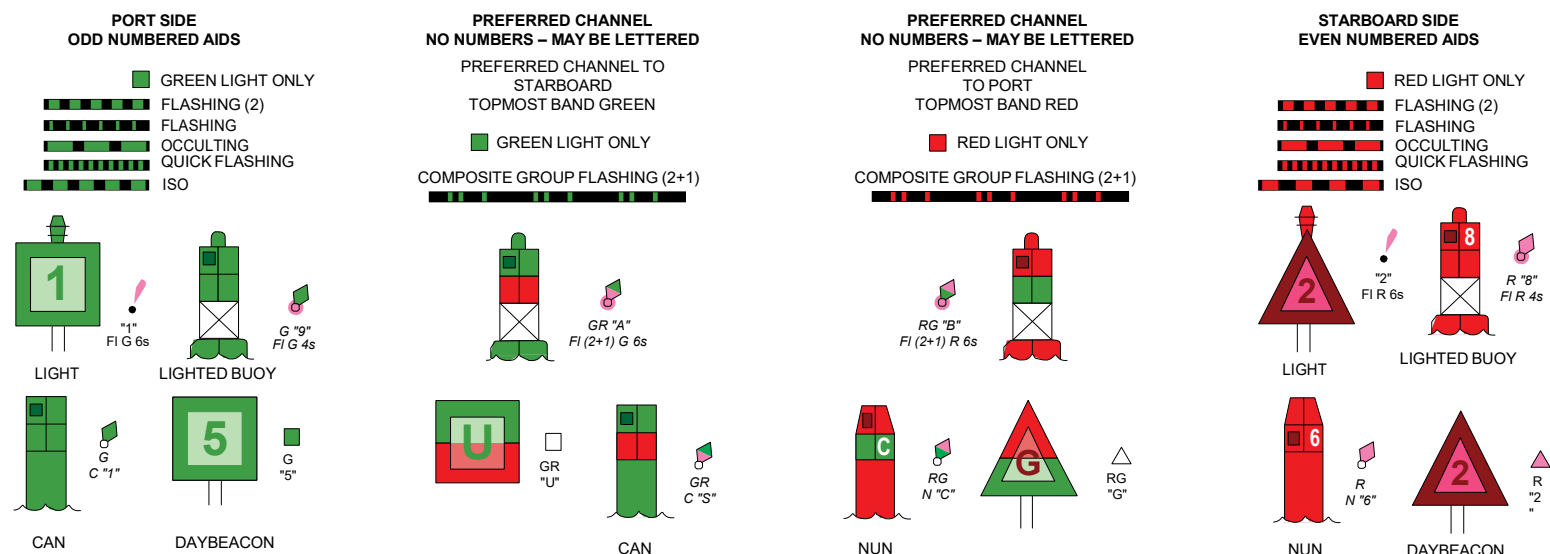
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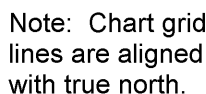
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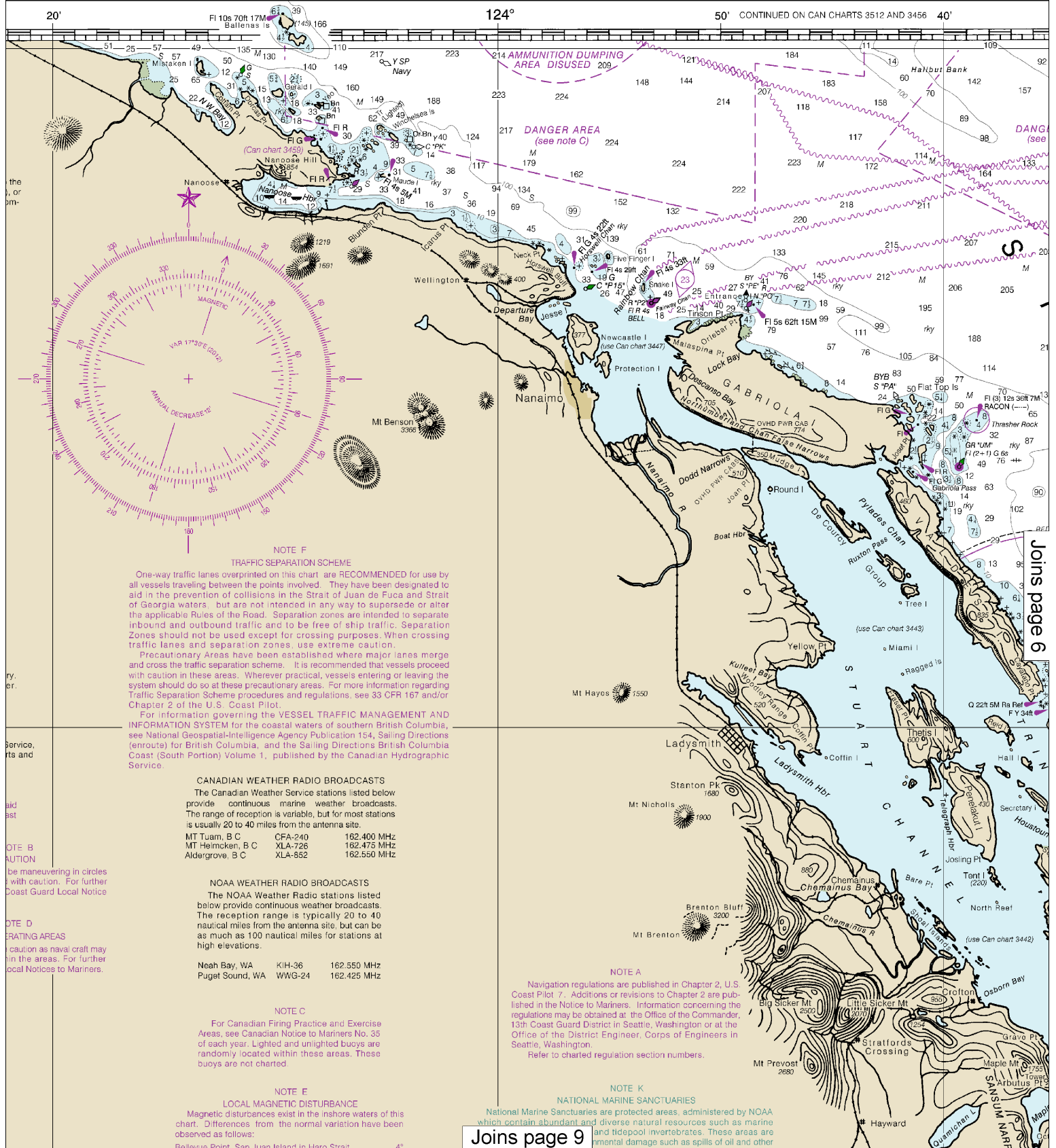
## Lateral System As Seen Entering From Seaward

on navigable waters except Western Rivers



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>



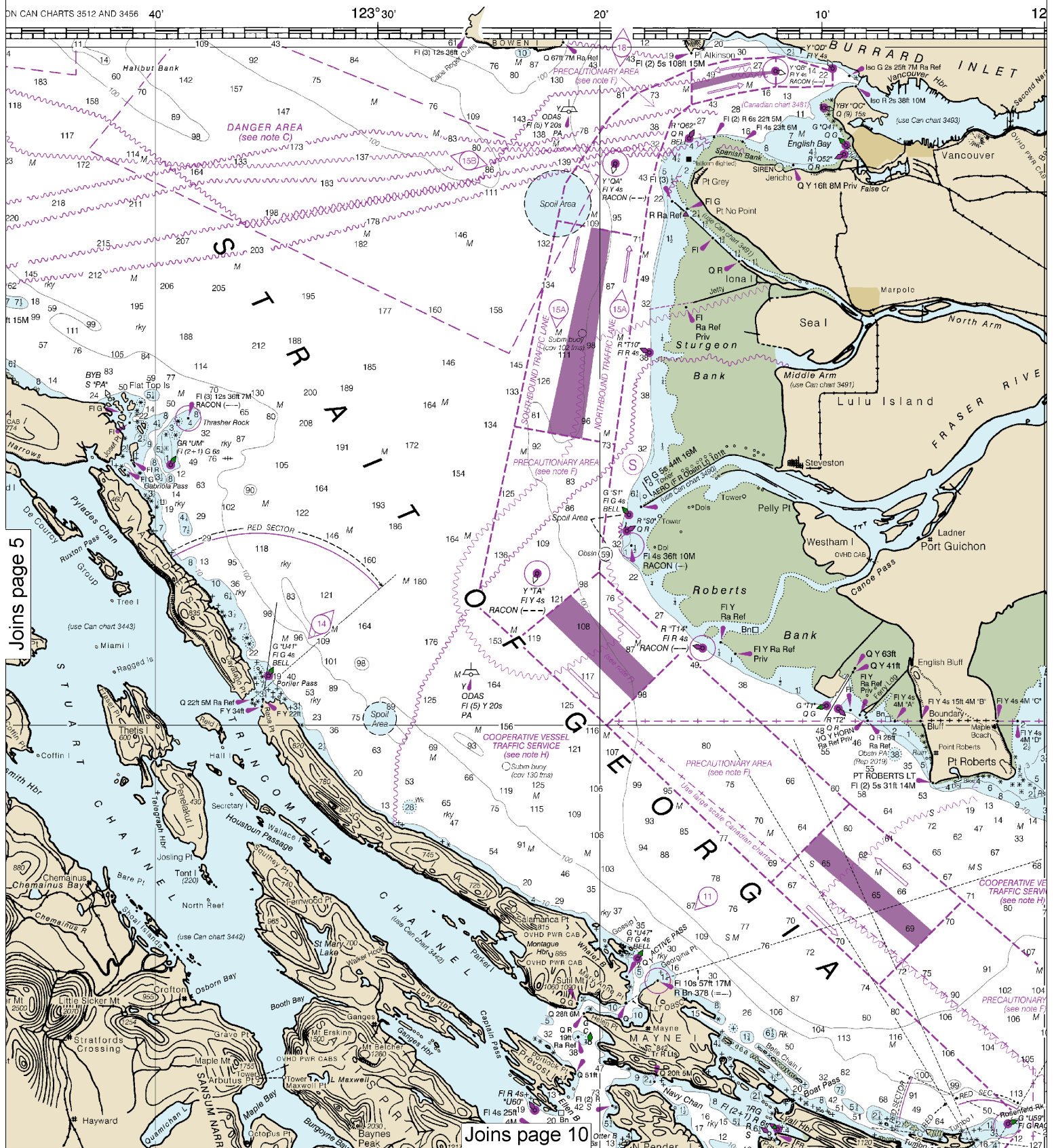


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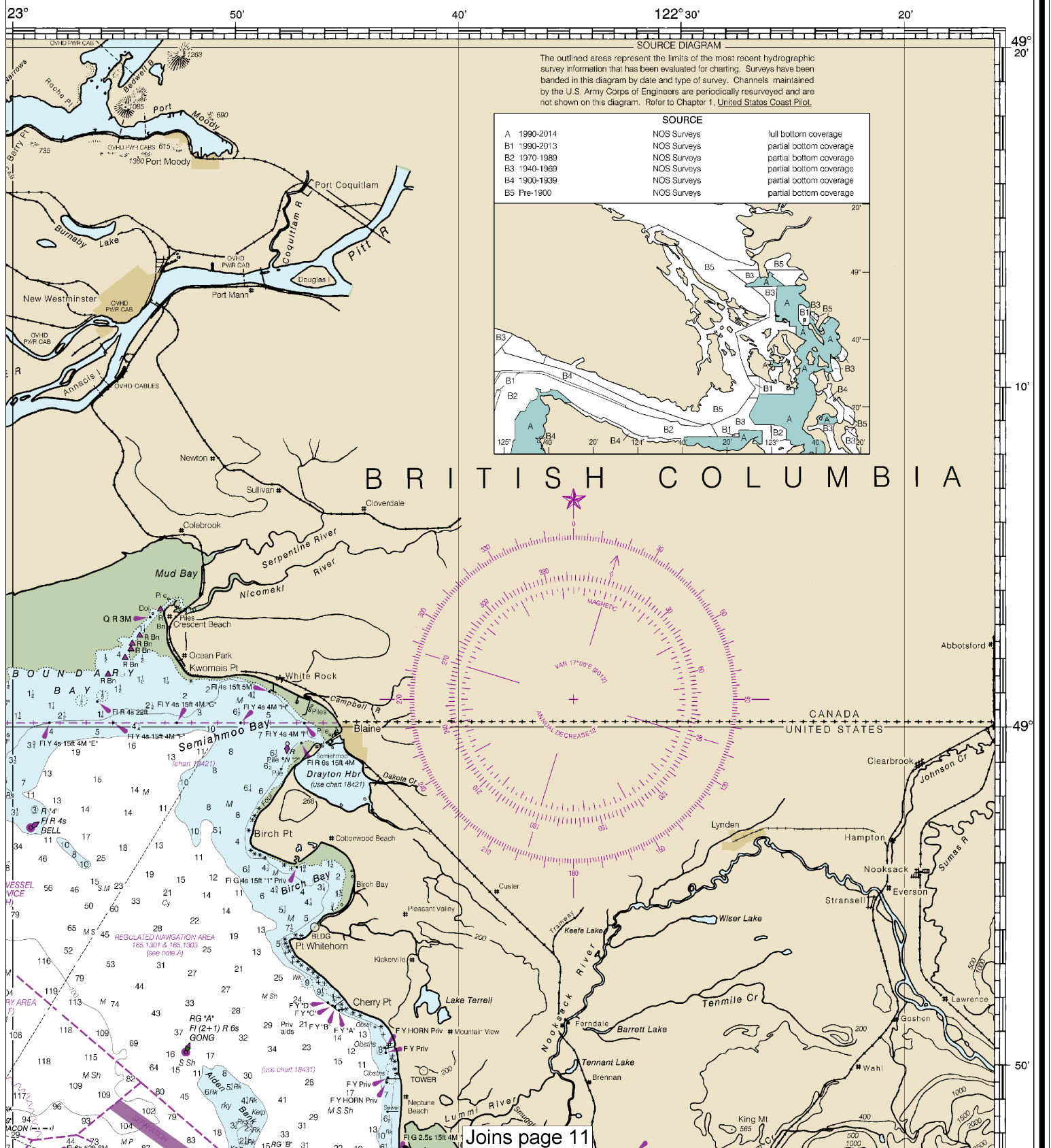


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Service, aids and navigation information for the coastal waters of southern British Columbia, see National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 154, Sailing Directions (enroute) for British Columbia, and the Sailing Directions British Columbia Coast (South Portion) Volume 1, published by the Canadian Hydrographic Service.

**CANADIAN WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS**  
The Canadian Weather Service stations listed below provide continuous marine weather broadcasts. The range of reception is variable, but for most stations is usually 20 to 40 miles from the antenna site.

MT Tuam, B C	CFA-240	162.400 MHz
MT Helmcken, B C	XLA-726	162.475 MHz
Alder Grove, B C	XLA-852	162.550 MHz

**NOTE B**  
**CAUTION**  
be maneuvering in circles with caution. For further Coast Guard Local Notice

**NOTE D**  
**CRATING AREAS**  
caution as naval craft may in the areas. For further local Notices to Mariners.

**NOTE C**  
For Canadian Firing Practice and Exercise Areas, see Canadian Notice to Mariners No. 35 of each year. Lighted and unlighted buoys are randomly located within these areas. These buoys are not charted.

**NOTE E**  
**LOCAL MAGNETIC DISTURBANCE**  
Magnetic disturbances exist in the inshore waters of this chart. Differences from the normal variation have been observed as follows:

Bellevue Point, San Juan Island in Haro Strait	4°
Vicinity of Point Doughty, Orcas Island	more than 2°
SE point of Guemes Island	more than 2° (rep)
Eastern shore of Burrows Bay	4°
March Point	2°

**NOTE L**  
**VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE**  
The U. S. Coast Guard operates a mandatory Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) in this area (Cal Sign Seattle Traffic). The western boundary for VTS Puget Sound is at 48°23'08" N, 124°43'37" W to 48°23'30" N, 124°44'12" W, thence due west to the territorial sea boundary, thence northward to its intersection with the U. S. /Canada International Boundary Line. The northern boundary for VTS Puget Sound is at 49°00'06" in the Strait of Georgia. Vessel operating procedures and designated radio-telephone frequencies are published in 33 CFR 161, the U.S. Coast Pilot, and/or the VTS User's Manual.

**NOTE H**  
Traffic Services (CVTS) system the United States and Canada in the Juan de Fuca Region. Office Center (VTC) (Prince Rupert) Traffic) administers the system. However, it will enforce only its jurisdiction.

**NOTE O**  
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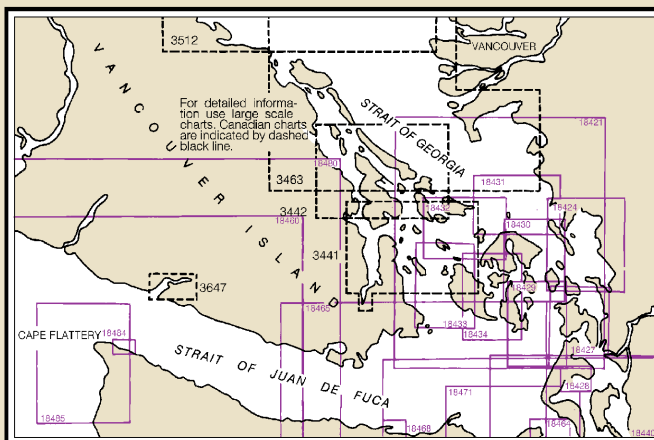
**NOTE A**  
Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S. Coast Pilot 7. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are published in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander, 13th Coast Guard District in Seattle, Washington or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in Seattle, Washington. Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

**NOTE K**  
**NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES**  
National Marine Sanctuaries are protected areas, administered by NOAA which contain abundant and diverse natural resources such as marine mammals, seabirds, fishes, and tidepool invertebrates. These areas are particularly sensitive to environmental damage such as spills of oil and other hazardous materials, discharges, and groundings. Exercise particular caution and follow applicable Sanctuary regulations when transiting these areas to avoid environmental impacts. A full description of Sanctuary regulations may be found in 15 CFR Part 922 and in the Coast Pilot.

**NOTE N**  
**RECOMMENDED TWO-WAY ROUTE**  
The recommended two-way route south of the traffic separation scheme (TSS) formalizes traffic patterns where slower vessels such as tug and barge traffic and fishing vessels pass starboard to starboard. Slower moving traffic transiting eastbound should follow the route established south of the TSS and north of the recommended two-way route line depicted on the chart. Slower moving traffic transiting westbound should follow the route established south of the recommended two-way route line.

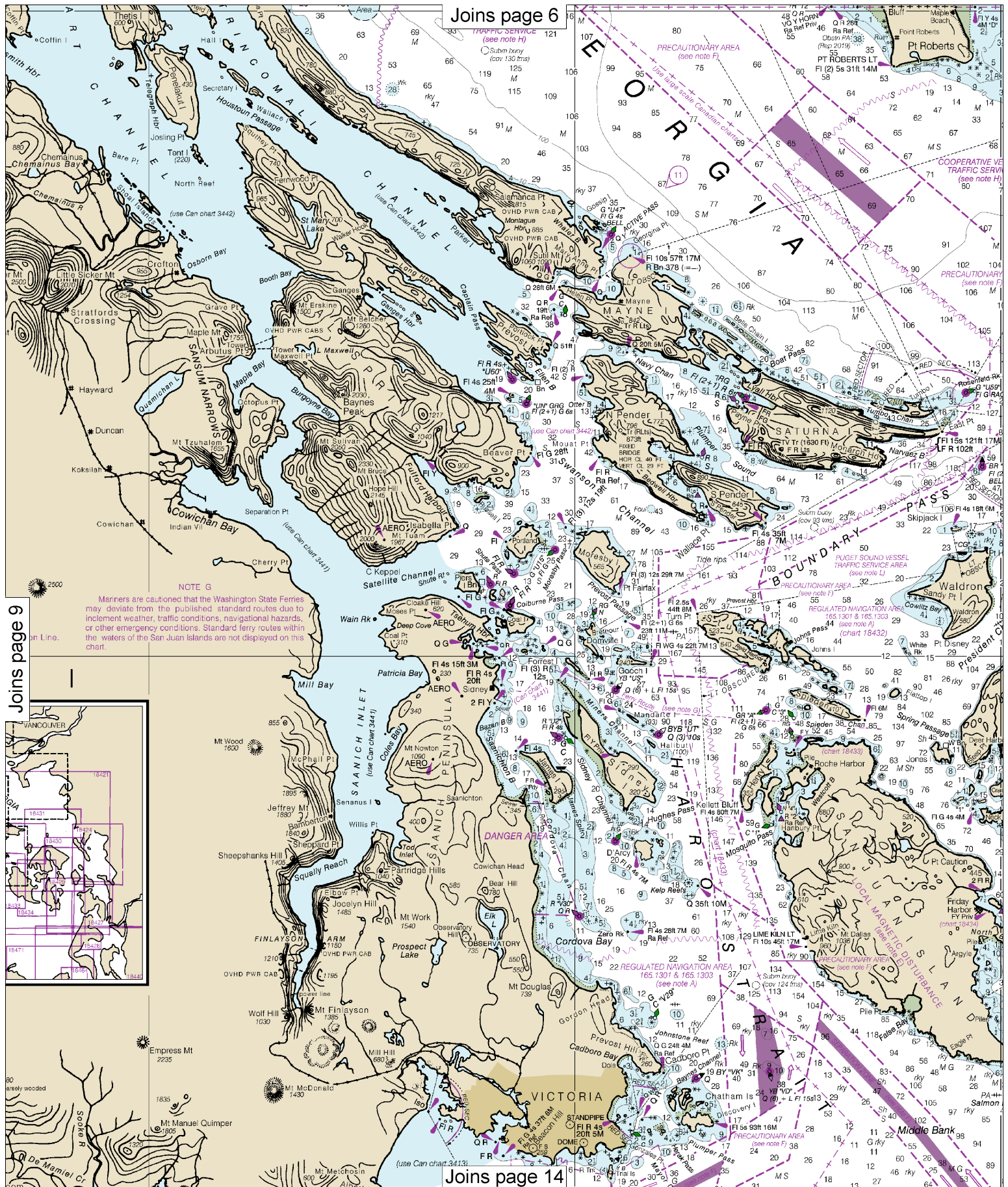
**COLREGS, 80.1385, 80.1390 (see note A)**  
International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972. The entire area of this chart falls seaward of the COLREGS Demarcation Line.

**NOTE G**  
Mariners are cautioned that the waters may deviate from the published at inclement weather, traffic conditions, or other emergency conditions. Stand the waters of the San Juan Islands are chart.



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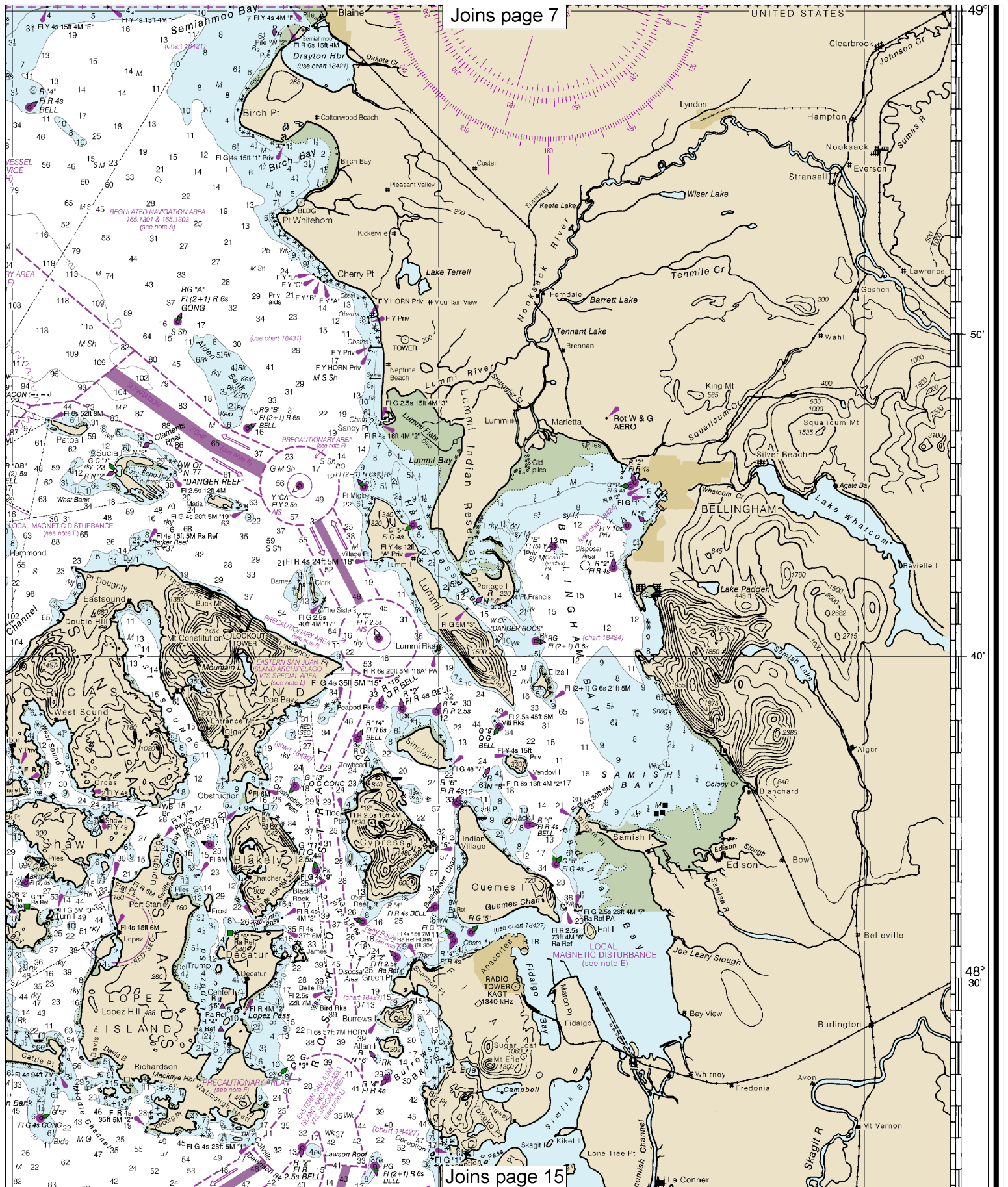
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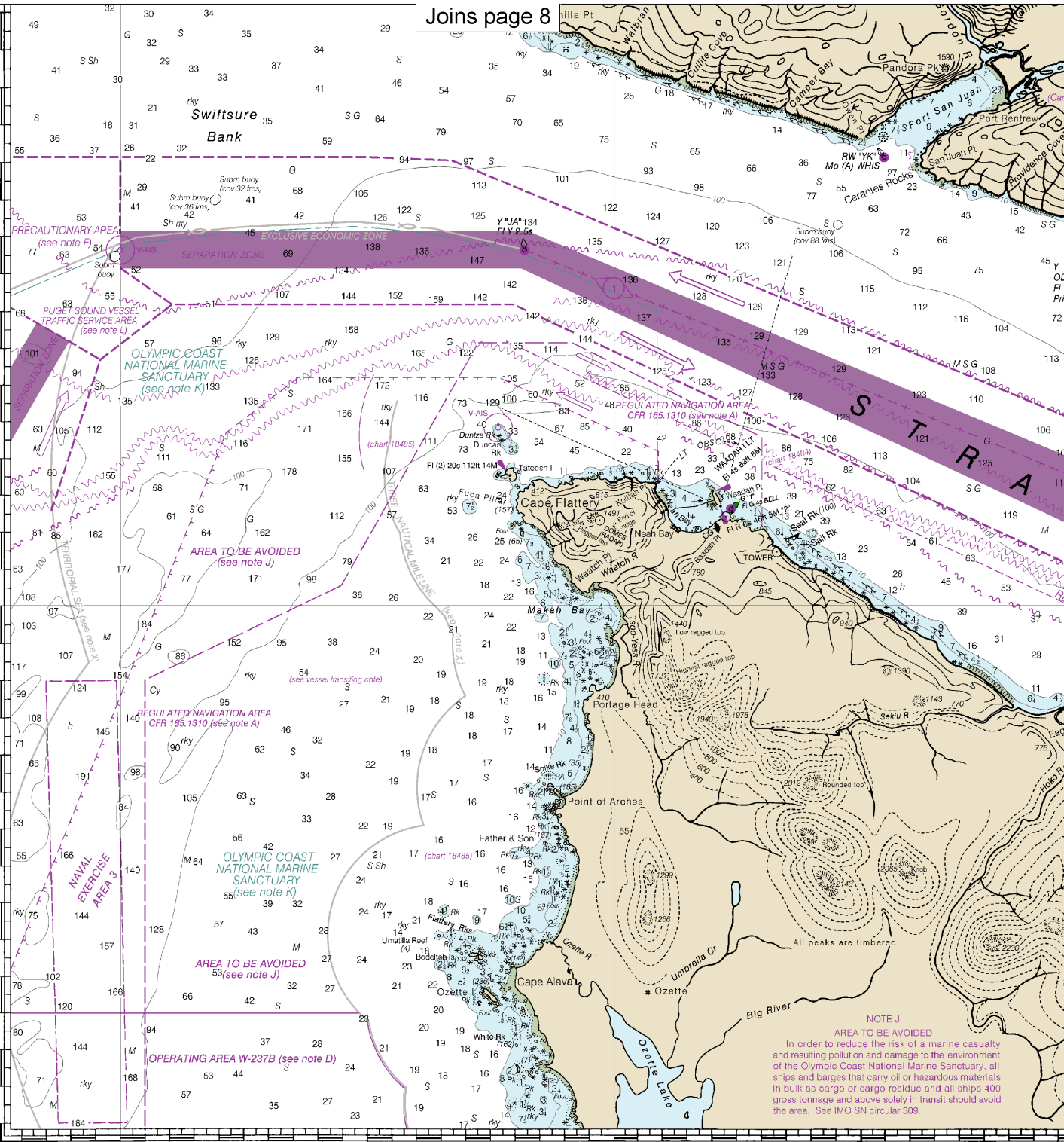
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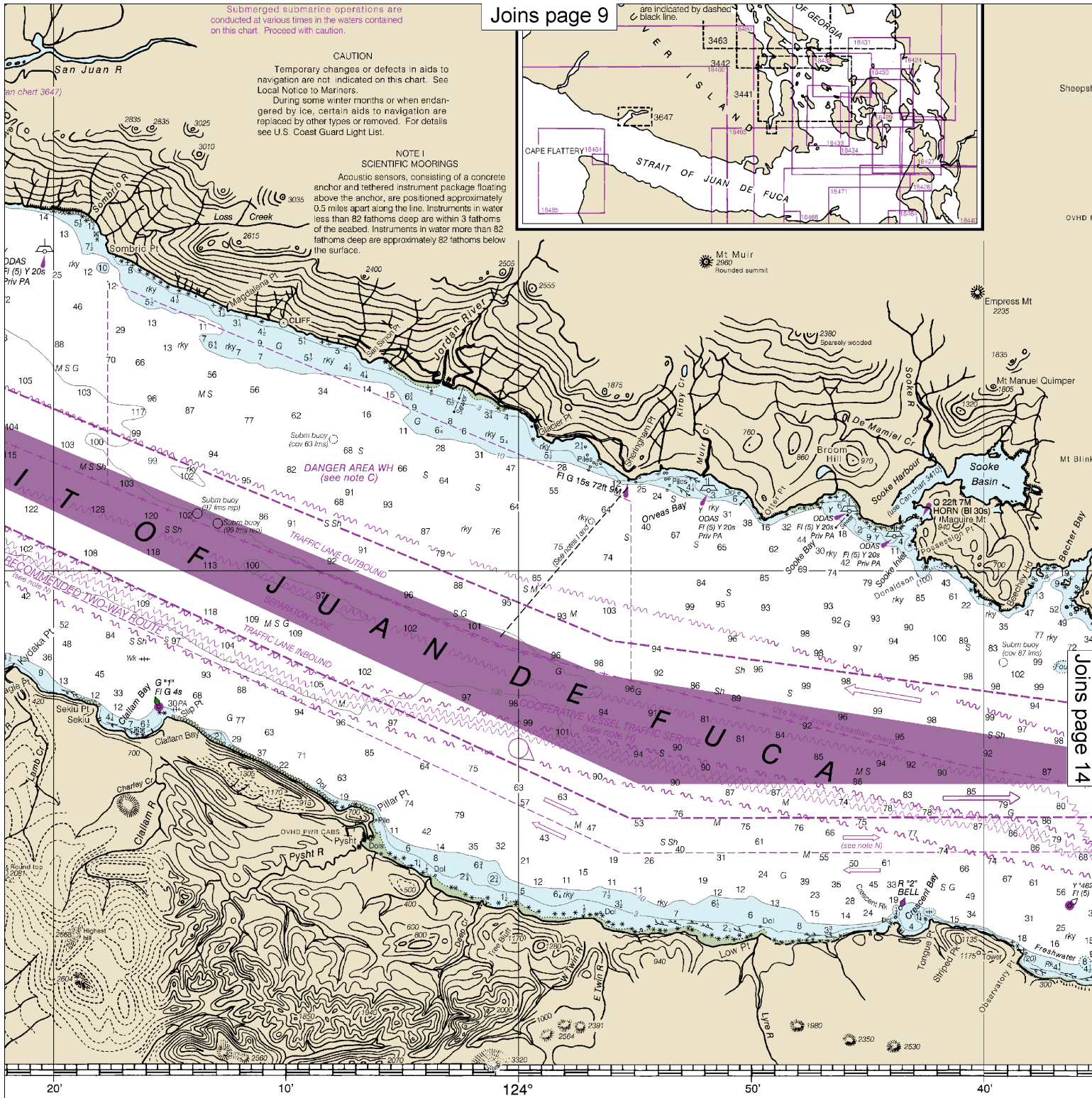
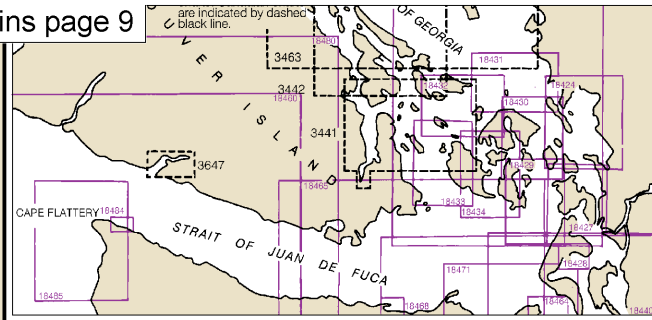
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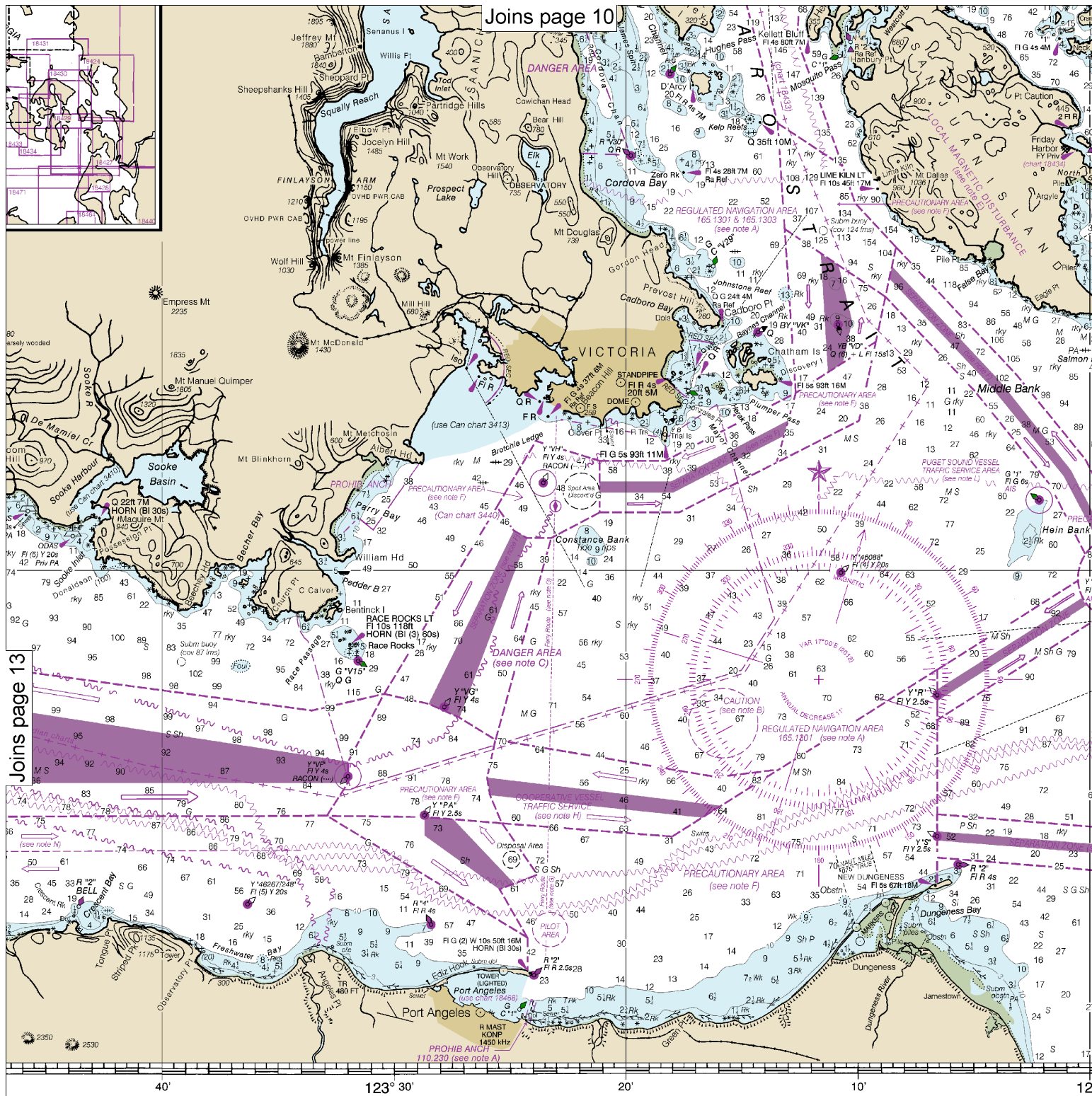


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## VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**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.



**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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