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Changes 1 through 26 to the previous edition (36th Edition, 2004) have been entered into this edition.

Changes to this edition will be published in the Eleventh Coast Guard District Local Notice to Mariners, the Thirteenth Coast Guard District Local Notice to Mariners, the Fourteenth Coast Guard District Local Notice to Mariners, and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) Notice to Mariners. The changes are also on the internet at http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.htm.

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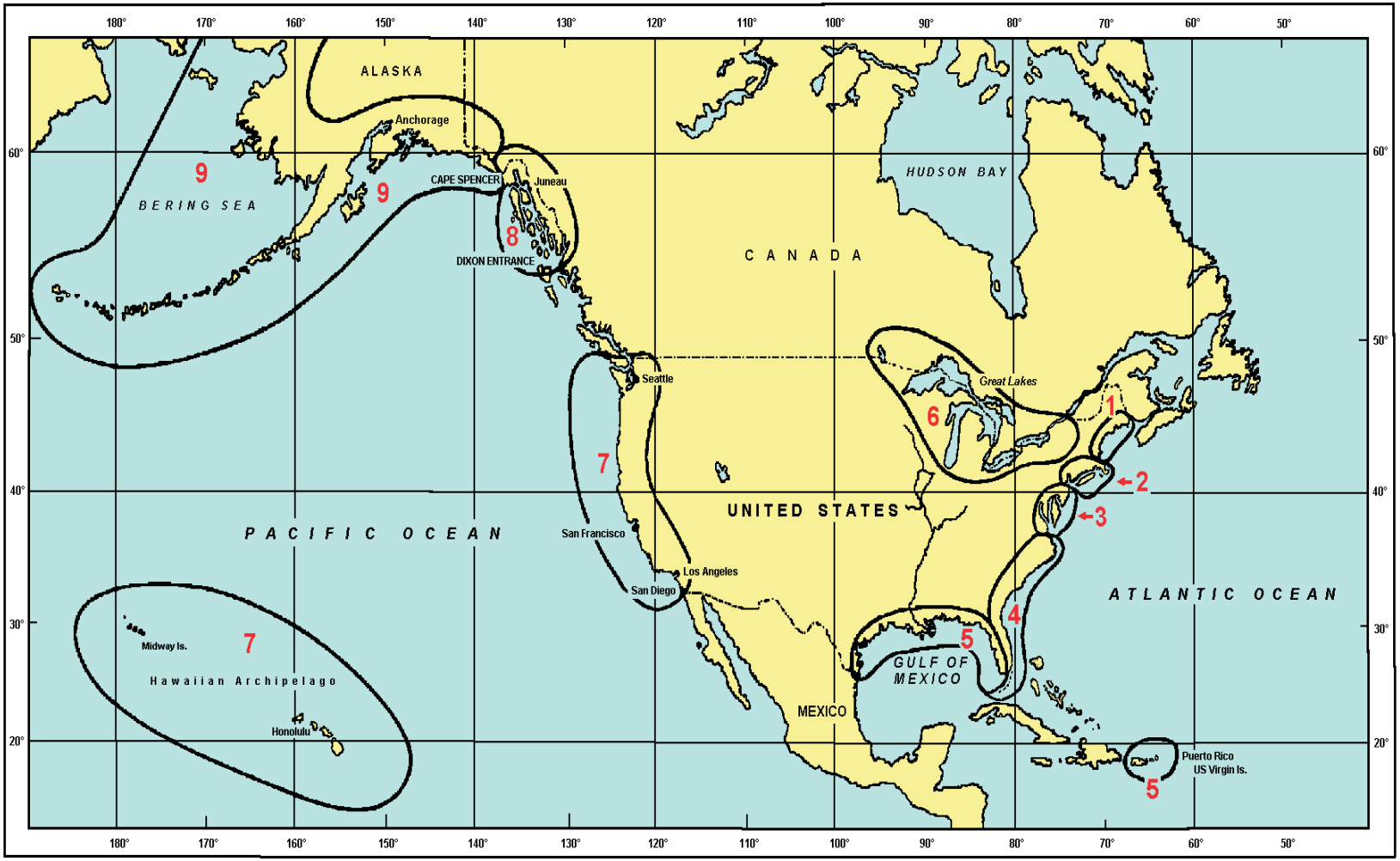

Preface

The United States Coast Pilot is published by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), pursuant to the Act of 6 August 1947 (33 U.S.C. 883a and b), and the Act of 22 October 1968 (44 U.S.C. 1310).

The Coast Pilot supplements the navigational information shown on the nautical charts. The sources for updating the Coast Pilot include but are not limited to field inspections conducted by NOAA, information published in Notices to Mariners, reports from NOAA Hydrographic vessels and field parties, information from other Government agencies, State and local governments, maritime and pilotage associations, port authorities, and mariners.

This volume of Coast Pilot 7, Pacific Coast, California, Oregon, Washington, and Hawaii, cancels the 36th Edition.

Notice.–Amendments are issued to this publication through U.S. Coast Guard Local Notices to Mariners. A subscription to the Local Notice to Mariners is available upon application to the appropriate Coast Guard District Commander (Aids to Navigation Branch). Consult the appendix for addresses. All amendments are also issued in National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Notices to Mariners. Mariners may also download and print amendments from the Internet at http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.htm.

Mariners, and others, are urged to report errors, omissions, or differing conditions to those found in the Coast Pilot, or shown on the charts, in order that they may be fully investigated and corrections made. A Coast Pilot Report form is included in the back of this book and a Marine Information Report form is published in the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Notice to Mariners for your convenience. These reports, and/or suggestions for increasing the usefulness of the Coast Pilot, should be sent to:

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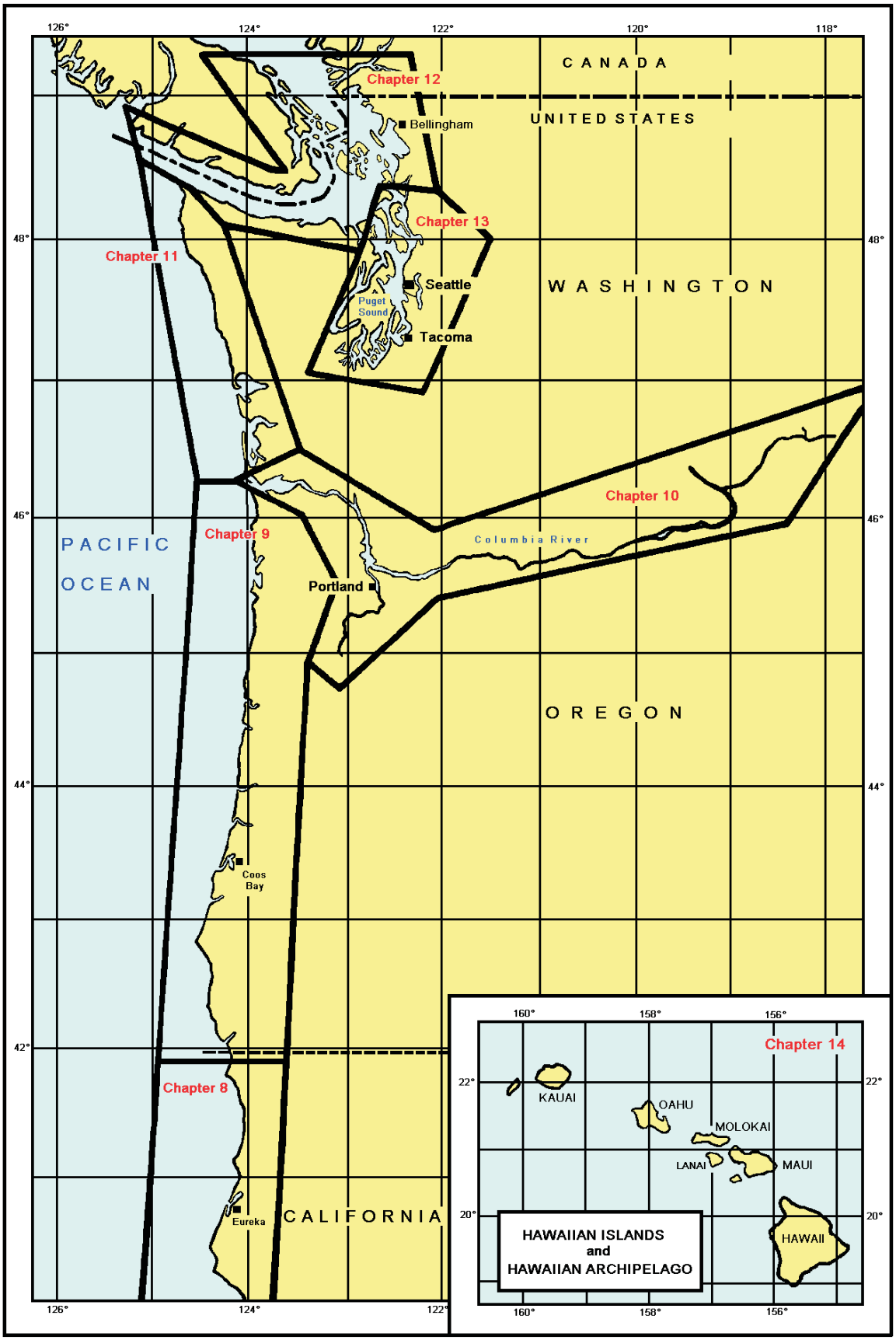
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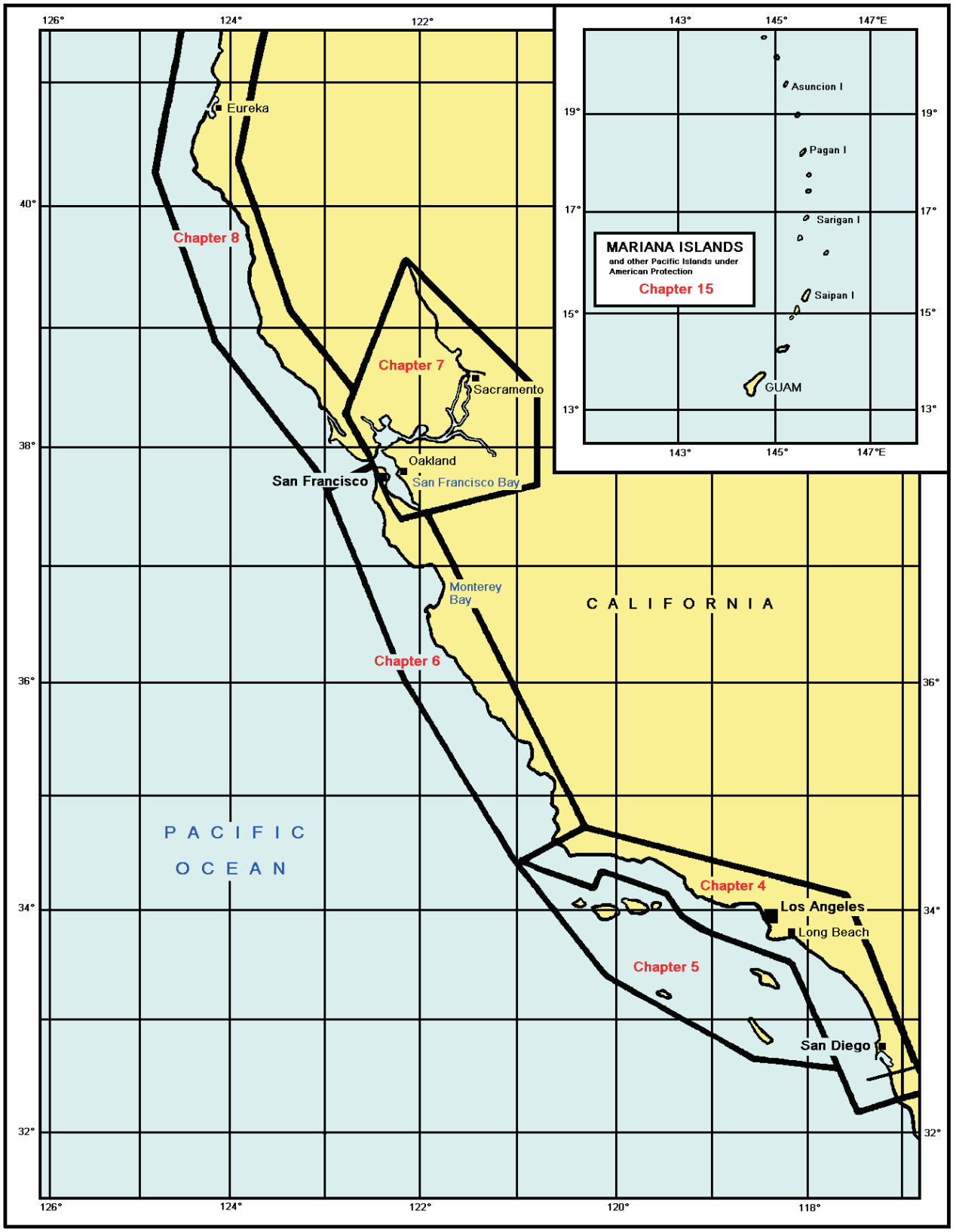
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General Information

The UNITED STATES COAST PILOT

(1) The National Ocean Service Coast Pilot is a series of nine nautical books that cover a wide variety of information important to navigators of U.S. coastal and intracoastal waters, and the waters of the Great Lakes. Most of this book information cannot be shown graphically on the standard nautical charts and is not readily available elsewhere. The subjects in the Coast Pilot include, but are not limited to, channel descriptions, anchorages, bridge and cable clearances, currents, tide and water levels, prominent features, pilotage, towage, weather, ice conditions, wharf descriptions, dangers, routes, traffic separation schemes, small-craft facilities, and Federal regulations applicable to navigation.

Notice

(2) **Amendments to this publication are issued through NOS website http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.htm, U.S. Coast Guard Local Notices to Mariners website http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/lnm/default.htm, and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Notices to Mariners website http://pollux.nss.nga.mil/untm/.**

Bearings

(3) These are true, and expressed in degrees from 000° (north) to 359°, measured clockwise. General bearings are expressed by initial letters of the points of the compass (e.g., N, NNE, NE, etc.). Adjective and adverb endings, except in chapter 2, Navigation Regulations, have been discarded. Whenever precise bearings are intended degrees are used. Light-sector bearings are toward the light.

Bridges and cables

(4) Vertical clearances of bridges and overhead cables are in feet (meters) above mean high water unless otherwise stated; clearances of drawbridges are for the closed position, although the open clearances are also given for vertical-lift bridges. Clearances given in the Coast Pilot are those approved for nautical charting, and are supplied by the U.S. Coast Guard (bridges) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (cables); they may be as-built (verified by actual inspection after completion of structures) or authorized (design values specified in permit issued prior to construction). No differentiation is made in the Coast Pilot between as-built and authorized clearances. (See charts for horizontal clearances of bridges, as these are given in the Coast Pilot only when they are less than 50 feet (15 meters).) Submarine cables are rarely mentioned.

Cable ferries

(5) Cable ferries are guided by cables fastened to shore and sometimes propelled by a cable rig attached to the shore. Generally, the cables are suspended during crossings and dropped to the bottom when the ferries dock. Where specific operating procedures are known they are mentioned in the text. Since operating procedures vary, mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution and seek local knowledge. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PASS A MOVING CABLE FERRY.**

Courses

(6) These are true and are given in degrees clockwise from 000° (north) to 359°. The courses given are the courses to be made good.

Currents.

(7) Stated current velocities are the averages at strength. Velocities are in knots, which are nautical miles per hour. Directions are the true directions to which the currents set.

Depths

(8) Depth is the vertical distance from the chart datum to the bottom and is expressed in the same units (feet, meters or fathoms) as soundings on the applicable chart. (See Chart Datum this chapter for further detail.) The **controlling depth** of a channel is the least depth within the limits of the channel; it restricts the safe use of the channel to drafts of less than that depth. The **centerline controlling depth** of a channel applies only to the channel centerline; lesser depths may exist in the remainder of the channel. The **midchannel controlling depth** of a channel is the controlling depth of only the middle half of the channel. **Federal project depth** is the design dredging depth of a channel constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; the project depth may or may not be the goal of maintenance dredging after completion of the channel, and, for this

reason, project depth must not be confused with controlling depth. **Depths alongside wharves** usually have been reported by owners and/or operators of the waterfront facilities, and have not been verified by Government surveys; since these depths may be subject to change, local authorities should be consulted for the latest controlling depths.

(9) In general, the Coast Pilot gives the project depths for deep-draft ship channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The latest controlling depths are usually shown on the charts and published in the Notices to Mariners. For other channels, the latest controlling depths available at the time of publication are given. **In all cases, however, mariners are advised to consult with pilots, port and local authorities, and Federal and State authorities for the latest channel controlling depths.**

Under-keel clearances

(10) It is becoming increasingly evident that economic pressures are causing mariners to navigate through waters of barely adequate depth, with under-keel clearances being finely assessed from the charted depths, predicted tide levels, and depths recorded by echo sounders.

(11) It cannot be too strongly emphasized that even charts based on modern surveys may not show all seabed obstructions or the shoalest depths, and actual tide levels may be appreciably lower than those predicted.

(12) In many ships an appreciable correction must be applied to shoal soundings recorded by echo sounders due to the horizontal distance between the transducers. This separation correction, which is the amount by which recorded depths therefore exceed true depths, increases with decreasing depths to a maximum equal to half the distance apart of the transducers; at this maximum the transducers are aground. Ships whose transducers are more than 6 feet (1.8 meters) apart should construct a table of true and recorded depths using the Traverse Tables. (Refer to discussion of echo soundings elsewhere in chapter 1.)

(13) Other appreciable corrections, which must be applied to many ships, are for settlement and squat. These corrections depend on the depth of water below the keel, the hull form and speed of the ship.

(14) Settlement causes the water level around the ship to be lower than would otherwise be the case. It will always cause echo soundings to be less than they would otherwise be. Settlement is appreciable when the depth is less than seven times the draft of the ship, and increases as the depth decreases and the speed increases.

(15) Squat denotes a change in trim of a ship underway, relative to her trim when stopped. It usually causes the stern of a vessel to sit deeper in the water. However, it is reported that in the case of mammoth ships squat causes the bow to sit deeper. Depending on the location of the echo sounding transducers, this may cause the recorded depth to be greater or less than it ought to be. **Caution and common sense are continuing requirements for safe navigation.**

Distances

(16) These are in nautical miles unless otherwise stated. A nautical mile is one minute of latitude, or approximately 2,000 yards, and is about 1.15 statute miles.

Heights

(17) These are in feet (meters) above the tidal datum used for that purpose on the charts, usually mean high water. However, the heights of the decks of piers and wharves are given in feet (meters) above the chart datum for depths.

Light and fog signal characteristics.

(18) These are not described, and light sectors and visible ranges are normally not defined. (See Coast Guard Light Lists.)

Obstructions

(19) Wrecks and other obstructions are mentioned only if of a relatively permanent nature and in or near normal traffic routes.

Radio aids to navigation

(20) These are seldom described. (See Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Radio Navigational Aids.)

Ranges

(21) These are not fully described. "**A 339°** Range" means that the rear structure bears 339° from the front structure. (See Coast Guard Light Lists.)

Reported information

(22) Information received by NOS from various sources concerning depths, dangers, currents, facilities, and other subjects, which has not been verified by Government surveys or inspections, is often included in the Coast Pilot; such **unverified information** is qualified as "reported," and should be regarded with caution.

Time

(23) Unless otherwise stated, all times are given in local standard time in the 24-hour system. (Noon is 1200, 2:00 p.m. is 1400, and midnight is 0000.)

Winds

(24) Directions are the true directions from which the winds blow. Unless otherwise indicated, speeds are given in knots, which are nautical miles per hour.

NOTICES TO MARINERS

(25) **Notices to Mariners** are published by Federal agencies to advise operators of vessels of marine information affecting the safety of navigation. The notices include changes in aids to navigation, depths in channels, bridge and overhead cable clearances, reported dangers, and other useful marine information. They should be used routinely for updating the latest editions of nautical charts and related publications.

(26) **Local Notice to Mariners** is issued by each Coast Guard District Commander for the waters under his jurisdiction. (See appendix for Coast Guard district(s) covered by this volume.) These notices are usually published weekly and may be obtained without cost by making application to the appropriate District Commander, or by contacting the Coast Guard internet website address, **http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/lnm**.

(27) **Notice to Mariners,** published weekly by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, is prepared jointly with NOS and the Coast Guard. These notices contain selected items from the Local Notices to Mariners and other reported marine information required by oceangoing vessels operating in both **foreign** and **domestic** waters. Special items covering a variety of subjects and generally not discussed in the Coast Pilot or shown on nautical charts are published annually in Notice to Mariners No. 1. These items are important to the mariner and should be read for future reference. These notices may be obtained by operators or oceangoing vessels, without cost by making application to **National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency** (see National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Procurement Information in appendix).

(28) All active Notice to Mariners effecting Tide and/or Tidal Current Predictions at the date of printing are published in the Tide Tables and the Tidal Current Tables annually.

(29) Notices and reports of **improved channel depths** are also published by district offices of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (see appendix for districts covered by this volume). Although information from these notices/reports affecting NOS charts and related publications is usually published in the Notices to Mariners, the local district engineer office should be consulted where depth information is critical.

(30) **Marine Broadcast Notices to Mariners** are made by the Coast Guard through Coast Guard, Navy, and some commercial radio stations to report deficiencies and important changes in aids to navigation. (See Radio Navigation Warnings and Weather, this chapter.)

(31) Vessels operating within the limits of the Coast Guard districts can obtain information affecting NOS charts and related publications from the Local Notices to Mariners. Small craft using the Intracoastal Waterway and other waterways and small harbors within the United States that are not normally used by oceangoing vessels will require the Local Notices to Mariners to keep charts and related publications up-to-date.

U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES PROVIDING MARITIME SERVICES

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture

(32) The Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Program and Animal Health Programs of this organization are responsible for protecting the Nation's animal population, food and fiber crops, and forests from invasion by foreign pests. They administer agricultural quarantine and restrictive orders issued under authority provided in various acts of Congress. The regulations prohibit or restrict the importation or interstate movement of live animals, meats, animal products, plants, plant products, soil, injurious insects, and associated items that may introduce or spread plant pests and animal diseases which may be new to or not widely distributed within the United States or its territories. Inspectors examine imports at ports of entry as well as the vessel, its stores, and crew or passenger baggage.

(33) The Service also provides an inspection and certification service for exporters to assist them in meeting the quarantine requirements of foreign countries. (See appendix for a list of ports where agricultural inspectors are located and inspections conducted.)

Customs Service, Department of the Treasury

(34) The U.S. Customs Service administers certain laws relating to: entry and clearance of vessels and permits for certain vessel movements between points in the United States; prohibitions against coastwise transportation of passengers and merchandise; salvage, dredging and towing by foreign vessels; certain activities of vessels in the fishing trade; regular and special tonnage taxes on vessels; the landing and delivery of foreign merchandise (including unlading, appraisement, lighterage, drayage, warehousing, and shipment in bond); collection of customs duties, including duty on imported pleasure boats and yachts and 50% duty on foreign repairs to American vessels engaged in trade;

customs treatment of sea and ship's stores while in port and the baggage of crewmen and passengers; illegally imported merchandise; and remission of penalties or forfeiture if customs or navigation laws have been violated. The Customs Service also cooperates with many other Federal agencies in the enforcement of statutes they are responsible for. Customs districts and ports of entry, including customs stations, are listed in the appendix.

(35) The Customs Service may issue, without charge, a **cruising license,** valid for a period of up to 6 months and for designated U.S. waters, to a yacht of a foreign country which has a reciprocal agreement with the United States. A foreign yacht holding a cruising license may cruise in the designated U.S. waters and arrive at and depart from U.S. ports without entering or clearing at the customhouse, filing manifests, or obtaining or delivering permits to proceed, provided it does not engage in trade or violate the laws of the United States or visit a vessel not yet inspected by a Customs Agent and does, within 24 hours of arrival at each port or place in the United States, report the fact of arrival to the nearest customhouse. Countries which have reciprocal agreements granting these privileges to U.S. yachts are Argentina, Australia, Bahama Islands, Bermuda, Canada, Federal Republic of Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Honduras, Jamaica, Liberia, the Netherlands, and New Zealand. Further information concerning cruising licenses may be obtained from the headquarters port for the customs district in which the license is desired. U.S. yacht owners planning cruises to foreign ports may contact the nearest customs district headquarters as to customs requirements.

National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce

(36) The National Ocean Service provides charts and related publications for the safe navigation of marine and air commerce, and provides basic data for engineering and scientific purposes and for other commercial and industrial needs. The principal facilities of NOS are located in Silver Spring, Md.; in Norfolk, Va. (Atlantic Marine Center); and in Seattle, Wash. (Pacific Marine Center). NOAA ships are based at the marine centers. These offices maintain files of charts and other publications which are available for the use of the mariners, who are invited to avail themselves of the facilities afforded. (See appendix for addresses.)

(37) **Sales agents** for Charts, the Coast Pilot, Tide Tables, Tidal and Current Tables, and Tidal Current Charts of the National Ocean Service are located in many U.S. ports and in some foreign ports.

(38) **Nautical charts** are published primarily for the use of the mariner, but serve the public interest in many other ways. They are compiled principally from NOS basic field surveys, supplemented by data from other Government organizations.

(39) **Tide Tables** are computed annually by NOS in advance of the year for which they are prepared. These tables include predicted times and heights of high and low waters for every day in the year for a number of reference stations and differences for obtaining similar predictions for numerous other places. They also include other useful information such as a method of obtaining heights of tide at any time, local mean time of sunrise and sunset for various latitudes, reduction of local mean time to standard time, and time of moonrise and moonset for various ports.

(40) The Tide Tables and Tidal Current Tables for US waters contain the text of all active Notice to Mariners which effect the accuracy and use of tide and tidal current predictions they contain.

(41) Tide Tables and Tidal Current Tables are no longer printed by NOS and the Department of Commerce. Three private printers are printing Tables containing official NOS predictions. (See National Ocean Service Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services, indexed as such, in Appendix for addresses.)

Caution

(42) In using the Tide Tables, slack water should not be confused with high or low water. For ocean stations there is usually little difference between the time of high or low water and the beginning of ebb or flood currents; but for places in narrow channels, landlocked harbors, or on tidal rivers, the time of slack current may differ by several hours from the time of high or low water. The relation of the times of high or low water to the turning of the current depends upon a number of factors, so that no simple general rule can be given. (To obtain the times of slack water, refer to the Tidal Current Tables.)

(43) **Tidal Current Tables** for the coasts of the United States are computed annually by NOS in advance of the year for which they are prepared. These tables include daily predictions of the times of slack water and the times and velocities of strength of flood and ebb currents for a number of waterways, together with differences for obtaining predictions for numerous other places. Also included is other useful information such as a method for obtaining the velocity of current at any time, duration of slack, coastal tidal currents, wind currents, combination of currents, and current diagrams. Some information on the Gulf Stream is included in the tables for the Atlantic coast.

(44) The Tide Tables and Tidal Current Tables for US waters contain the text of all active Notice to Mariners which effect the accuracy and use of tide and tidal current predictions they contain.

(45) Tide Tables and Tidal Current Tables are no longer printed by NOS and the Department of Commerce. Presently, three private printers are printing Tables containing official NOS predictions. (See National Ocean Service Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services, indexed as such, in Appendix for addresses.)

(46) **Tidal Current Charts** are not being maintained or reprinted. NOS has also withdrawn previous editions for distribution.

(47) HOW TO OBTAIN TIDAL PREDICTIONS AND DATA FROM THE NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE

(48) NOS annually computes and prepares manuscripts for the Tide and Tidal Current Prediction Tables. NOS, however, no longer prints and distributes these Tables. The printing from official NOS manuscripts and the distribution of the Tables to sales agents are now done by three private printers. (See National Ocean Service Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services, indexed as such, in Appendix for addresses.) The role of NOS with regard to the publication of the Tables has been redefined to that of maintaining and updating the tidal prediction database from domestic and international sources and generating the annual predictions and associated information. The NOS ceased printing Tide Tables and Tidal Current Tables after 1996 editions.

(49) The titles of the NOS publications affected are:

(50) Tide Tables - East Coast of North and South America including Greenland;

(51) Tide Tables - West Coast of North and South America including the Hawai'ian Islands;

(52) Tide Tables - Central and Western Pacific Ocean and Indian Ocean;

(53) Tide Tables - Europe and West Coast of Africa including the Mediterranean Sea;

(54) Tide Current Tables - Atlantic Coast of North America;

(55) Tide Current Tables - Pacific Coast of North America and Asia;

(56) Publication of "Regional Tide and Tidal Current Tables–New York Harbor to Chesapeake Bay" and "Supplemental Tidal Predictions–Anchorage, Nikiski, Seldovia, and Valdez, Alaska" ceased after the 1996 edition.

(57) Although NOS no longer prints and distributes the Tables in book format, a complete set of Tables for each calender year is available on CD-ROM. The CD-ROM contains Page images in PostScript format. A PostScript reader is also included to allow viewing documents on-screen. Also, a PostScipt compatible printer is required to print Table pages.

(58) In addition to the CD-ROM, limited tide predictions may be obtained from the Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services' home page on the Internet (**http://www.co-ops.nos.noaa.gov**). Furthermore, NOS will continue to provide tide and tidal current predictions and associated information on the various media and in the various formats with which regular customers are familiar.

(59) Thus, all requests for tide and tidal current predictions and associated information continue to be welcome. Requests should be submitted in writing either by fax (**301-713-4500**), e-mail (**Tide.Predictions@noaa.gov**), or by letter (See National Ocean Service Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services, indexed as such, in Appendix for addresses.)

(60) As NOS is no longer printing and distributing the Tables in book-form, the NOS Nautical Chart Sales Agents will no longer obtain the Tables in book-form from the NOS Distribution Division. Instead, they may obtain quantities of the Tables for resale to the public from various private printers and distributors.

(61) The U.S. Coast Guard, through the Federal regulation 33 CFR 164.33, requires certain charts and publications be carried on board vessels of 1,600 gross tons and greater when traversing U.S. waters. NOS has been in contact with the U.S. Coast Guard concerning this regulation. Questions concerning this regulation should be addressed to Chief, Navigation Rules Branch, G-NVT-3, United States Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. 20593-0001, telephone 202-267-0416; fax 202-267-4826.

(62) Anyone with questions or comments regarding the above subject or private printers and distributors wishing more information should write, telephone, fax or e-mail to:

(63) National Ocean Service, NOAA

(64) Products and Services Division (N/OPS3)

(65) Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services

(66) Room 7115

(67) 1305 East-West Highway

(68) Silver Spring, MD 20910-3281

(69) TEL 301-713-2815 Exts. 123, 119, 122 (voice)

(70) FAX 301-713-4500 (24 hours)

(71) EMAIL Tide.Predictions@noaa.gov

(72) Tidal observation data for some of the NOS tide stations and information about how to obtain other data is available on the Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services web site (**http://www.co-ops.nos.noaa.gov**). Tidal observation data is also available in hard copy by mail, and in some instances, by fax.

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(82) EMAIL Stephen.Lyles@noaa.gov

(83) NOS, in partnership with other agencies and institutions, has established a series of Physical Oceanographic Real Time Systems (PORTS®) in selected areas. These PORTS® sites provide constantly updated information on tidal and tidal current conditions, water temperature, and weather conditions. This information is updated every six minutes. The PORTS® sites currently in operation include: Tampa Bay, FL; San Francisco, CA; New York/New Jersey; Houston/Galveston, TX; Chesapeake Bay, VA, MD & DC; Narragansett Bay, RI; Los Angeles/Long Beach, CA; Soo Locks, MI and Delaware River/Bay, DE, NJ & PA. The information is accessible through a computer data connection or by a voice response system at the following numbers:

(84) **TAMPA BAY**
(85) Voice response 727-822-5836 or 727-822-0022
(86) Data 727-822-5931 (2400 baud, –8-1)
(87) **SAN FRANCISCO**
(88) Voice response 707-642-4337
(89) Data 707-642-4608 (2400 baud, –8-1)
(90) **NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY**
(91) Voice response 728-815-9668 or 9684
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(110) 1305 East-West Highway
(111) Silver Spring, MD 20910-3281
(112) TEL 301-713-2877 Exts. 176, 149, 148
(113) FAX 301-713-4437 (24 hours)
(114) EMAIL Stephen.Lyles@noaa.gov

(115) Limited voice response systems for tidal information have been installed in Anchorage and Nikishka, Alaska. For information on these systems contact:

(116) Director
(117) Pacific Marine Center
(118) National Ocean Service
(119) 1801 Fairview Ave. East
(120) Seattle, WA 98102-3767
(121) TEL 206-553-2256
(122) FAX 206-553-2246
(123) **ANCHORAGE**
(124) Voice response 907-277-1903
(125) **NIKISKI**
(126) Voice response 907-776-5436

National Data Buoy Center Meteorological Buoys

(127) The National Data Buoy Center (NDBC) deploys moored meteorological buoys which provide weather data directly to the mariner as well as to marine forecasters. Recently (reported January 1998), a disproportionate number of these buoys have had mooring failures due to abrasion of the nylon mooring line by trawls, tow lines, etc.

(128) These buoys have a watch circle radius (WCR) of 2,000 to 4,000 yards from assigned position (AP). In addition, any mooring in waters deeper than 1,000 feet will have a floating "loop" or catenary that may be as little as 500 feet below the surface. This catenary could be anywhere within the buoy's WCR. Any underwater activity within this radius may contact the mooring causing a failure.

(129) To estimate a buoys WCR in yards, divide the charted depth (in feet) by three. For example, the WCR of a buoy moored at a charted depth of 12,000 feet can estimated at 4,000 yards.

(130) To avoid cutting or damaging a moor, mariners are urged to exercise extreme caution when navigating in the vicinity of meteorological buoys and to remain well clear of the watch circle. If a mooring is accidentally contacted or cut, please notify NDBC at 228-688-2835 or 228- 688-2436.

(131) For further information relating to these buoys consult the NDBC home Page (**http://seaboard.ndbc.noaa.gov**).

Coast Guard, Department of Transportation

(132) The Coast Guard has among its duties the enforcement of the laws of the United States on the high seas and in coastal and inland waters of the U.S. and its possessions; enforcement of navigation and neutrality laws and regulations; establishment and enforcement of navigational regulations upon the Inland Waters of the United States, including the establishment of a demarcation line separating the high seas from waters upon which U.S. navigational rules apply; administration of the Oil Pollution Act of 1961, as amended; establishment and administration of vessel anchorages; approval of bridge locations and clearances over navigable waters; administration of the alteration of obstructive bridges; regulation of drawbridge operations; inspection of vessels of the Merchant Marine; admeasurement of vessels; documentation of vessels; preparation and publication of merchant vessel registers; registration of stack insignia; port security; issuance of Merchant Marine licenses and documents; search and rescue operations; investigation of marine casualties and accidents, and suspension and revocation proceedings; destruction of derelicts; operation of aids to navigation; publication of Light Lists and Local Notices to Mariners; and operation of ice-breaking facilities.

(133) The Coast Guard, with the cooperation of coast radio stations of many nations, operates the **Automated Mutual-assistance Vessel Rescue System (AMVER).** It is an international maritime mutual assistance program which provides important aid to the development and coordination of search and rescue (SAR) efforts in many offshore areas of the world. Merchant ships of all nations making offshore passages are encouraged to voluntarily send movement (sailing) reports and periodic position reports to the AMVER Center at Coast Guard New York via selected radio stations. Information from these reports is entered into an electronic computer which generates and maintains dead reckoning positions for the vessels. Characteristics of vessels which are valuable for determining SAR capability are also entered into the computer from available sources of information.

(134) A worldwide communications network of radio stations supports the AMVER System. Propagation conditions, location of vessel, and traffic density will normally determine which station may best be contacted to establish communications. To ensure that no charge is applied, all AMVER reports should be passed through specified radio stations. Those stations which currently accept AMVER reports and apply no coastal station, ship station, or landline charge are listed in each issue of the "AMVER Bulletin" publication. Also listed are the respective International radio call signs, locations, frequency bands, and hours of operation. The "AMVER Bulletin" is available from AMVER Maritime Relations, U.S. Coast Guard, Battery Park Building, New York, NY 10004, TEL 212-668-7764, FAX 212-668-7684. Although AMVER reports may be sent through nonparticipating stations, the Coast Guard cannot reimburse the sender for any charges applied.

(135) Information concerning the predicted location and SAR characteristics of each vessel known to be within the area of interest is made available upon request to recognized SAR agencies of any nation or vessels needing assistance. Predicted locations are only disclosed for reasons related to marine safety.

(136) Benefits of AMVER participation to shipping include: (1) improved chances of aid in emergencies, (2) reduced number of calls for assistance to vessels not favorably located, and (3) reduced time lost for vessels responding to calls for assistance. An AMVER participant is under no greater obligation to render assistance during an emergency than a vessel who is not participating.

(137) All AMVER messages should be addressed to **Coast Guard New York** regardless of the station to which the message is delivered, except those sent to Canadian stations which should be addressed to **AMVER Halifax** or **AMVER Vancouver** to avoid incurring charges to the vessel for these messages.

(138) Instructions guiding participation in the AMVER System are available in the following languages: Chinese, Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Swedish. The AMVER Users Manual is available from: AMVER Maritime Relations (address above); Commander, Atlantic Area, U.S. Coast Guard, Federal Building, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704-5004; Commander, Pacific Area, U.S. Coast Guard, Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA. 94501-5100; and at U.S. Coast Guard District Offices, Marine Safety Offices, Marine Inspection Offices, and Captain of the Port Offices in major U.S. ports. Requests for instructions should state the language desired if other than English.

(139) For AMVER participants bound for U.S. ports there is an additional benefit. AMVER participation via messages which include the necessary information is considered to meet the requirements of **33 CFR 160**. (See **160.201,** chapter 2, for rules and regulations.)

AMVER Reporting Required

(140) U.S. Maritime Administration regulations effective August 1, 1983, state that certain U.S. flag vessels and foreign flag "War Risk" vessels must report and regularly update their voyages to the AMVER Center. This reporting is required of the following: (a) U.S. flag

vessels of 1,000 gross tons or greater, operating in foreign commerce; (b) foreign flag vessels of 1,000 gross tons or greater, for which an Interim War Risk Insurance Binder has been issued under the provisions of Title XII, Merchant Marine Act, 1936.

(141) Details of the above procedures are contained in the AMVER Users Manual. The system is also published in NGA Pub. 117.

(142) Search and Rescue Operation procedures are contained in the International Maritime Organization (IMO) SAR Manual (MERSAR). U.S. flag vessels may obtain a copy of MERSAR from local Coast Guard Marine Safety Offices and Marine Inspection Offices or by writing to U.S. Coast Guard (G-OSR), Washington, D.C. 20593-0001. Other flag vessels may purchase MERSAR directly from IMO.

(143) The Coast Guard conducts and/or coordinates **search and rescue** operations for surface vessels and aircraft that are in distress or overdue. (See Distress Signals and Communication Procedures this chapter.)

(144) **Light Lists,** published by the Coast Guard, describe aids to navigation, consisting of lights, fog signals, buoys, lightships, daybeacons, and electronic aids, in United States (including Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands) and contiguous Canadian waters. Light Lists are for sale by the Government Printing Office (see appendix for address) and by sales agents in the principal seaports. Light Lists are also available to view on the USCG Navigation Center internet site at www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/lightlists/lightlists.htm. Mariners should refer to these publications for detailed information regarding the characteristics and visibility of lights, and the descriptions of light structures, lightships, buoys, fog signals, and electronic aids.

(145) **Documentation** (issuance of certificates of registry, enrollments, and licenses), admeasurements of vessels, and administration of the various navigation laws pertaining thereto are functions of the Coast Guard. Yacht commissions are also issued, and certain undocumented vessels required to be numbered by the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971 are numbered either by the Coast Guard or by a State having an approved numbering system (the latter is most common). Owners of vessels may obtain the necessary information from any Coast Guard District Commander, Marine Safety Office, or Marine Inspection Office. Coast Guard District Offices, Coast Guard Stations, Marine Safety Offices, Captain of the Port Offices, Marine Inspection Offices, and Documentation Offices are listed in the appendix. (Note: A Marine Safety Office performs the same functions as those of a Captain of the Port and a Marine Inspection Office. When a function is at a different address than the Marine Safety Office, it will be listed separately in the appendix.)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

(146) The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has charge of the improvement of the rivers and harbors of the United States and of miscellaneous other civil works which include the administration of certain Federal laws enacted for the protection and preservation of navigable waters of the United States; the establishment of regulations for the use, administration, and navigation of navigable waters; the establishment of harbor lines; the removal of sunken vessels obstructing or endangering navigation; and the granting of permits for structures or operations in navigable waters, and for discharges and deposits of dredged and fill materials in these waters.

(147) **Restricted areas** in most places are defined and regulations governing them are established by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The regulations are enforced by the authority designated in the regulations, and the areas are shown on the large-scale charts of NOS. Copies of the regulations may be obtained at the District offices of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The regulations also are included in the appropriate Coast Pilot.

(148) Information concerning the various ports, improvements, channel depths, navigable waters, and the condition of the Intracoastal Waterways in the areas under their jurisdiction may be obtained direct from the District Engineer Offices. (See appendix for addresses.)

Fishtraps

(149) The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has general supervision of location, construction, and manner of maintenance of all traps, weirs, pounds, or other fishing structures in the navigable waters of the United States. Where State and/or local controls are sufficient to regulate these structures, including that they do not interfere with navigation, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers leaves such regulation to the State or local authority. (See **33 CFR 330** (not carried in this Pilot) for applicable Federal regulations.) Construction permits issued by the Engineers specify the lights and signals required for the safety of navigation.

Fish havens

(150) **Fish havens,** artificial reefs constructed to attract fish, can be established in U.S. coastal waters only as authorized by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit; the permit specifies the location, extent, and depth over these "underwater junk piles."

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

(151) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provides coordinated governmental action to assure the protection of the environment by abating and controlling

pollution on a systematic basis. The ocean dumping permit program of the Environmental Protection Agency provides that except when authorized by permit, the dumping of any material into the ocean is prohibited by the "Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, Public Law 92–532," as amended (33 USC 1401 et seq.).

(152) Permits for the **dumping of dredged material** into waters of the United States, including the territorial sea, and into ocean waters are issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Permits for the dumping of fill material into waters of the United States, including the territorial sea, are also issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Permits for the dumping of other material in the territorial sea and ocean waters are issued by the Environmental Protection Agency.

(153) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regulations relating to the above are contained in **33 CFR 323-324**; Environmental Protection Agency regulations are in **40 CFR 220-229**. (See Disposal Sites, this chapter.)

(154) Persons or organizations who want to file for an application for an ocean dumping permit should write the Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office for the region in which the port of departure is located. (See appendix for addresses of regional offices and States in the EPA coastal regions.)

(155) The letter should contain the name and address of the applicant; name and address of person or firm; the name and usual location of the conveyance to be used in the transportation and dumping of the material involved; a physical description where appropriate; and the quantity to be dumped and proposed dumping site.

(156) Everyone who writes EPA will be sent information about a final application for a permit as soon as possible. This final application is expected to include questions about the description of the process or activity giving rise to the production of the dumping material; information on past activities of applicant or others with respect to the disposal of the type of material involved; and a description about available alternative means of disposal of the material with explanations about why an alternative is thought by the applicant to be inappropriate.

Federal Communications Commission

(157) The Federal Communications Commission controls non-Government radio communications in the United States, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Commission inspectors have authority to board ships to determine whether their radio stations comply with international treaties, Federal Laws, and Commission regulations. The commission has field offices in the principal U.S. ports. (See appendix for addresses.) Information concerning ship radio regulations and service documents may be obtained from the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554, or from any of the field offices.

Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice

(158) The Immigration and Naturalization Service administers the laws relating to admission, exclusion, and deportation of aliens, the registration and fingerprinting of aliens, and the naturalization of aliens lawfully resident in the United States.

(159) The designated ports of entry for aliens are divided into three classes. Class A is for all aliens. Class B is only for aliens who at the time of applying for admission are lawfully in possession of valid resident aliens' border-crossing identification cards or valid nonresident aliens' border-crossing identification cards or are admissible without documents under the documentary waivers contained in **8 CFR 212.1(a)**. Class C is only for aliens who are arriving in the United States as crewmen as that term is defined in Section 101(a) (10) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. [The term "crewman" means a person serving in any capacity on board a vessel or aircraft. No person may enter the United States until he has been inspected by an immigration officer. A list of the offices covered by this Coast Pilot is given in the appendix.

National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), Department of Defense

(160) The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency provides hydrographic, navigational, topographic, and geodetic data, charts, maps, and related products and services to the Armed Forces, other Federal Agencies, the Merchant Marine and mariners in general. Publications include Sailing Directions, List of Lights, Distances Between Ports, Radio Navigational Aids, International Code of Signals, American Practical Navigator (Bowditch), and Notice to Mariners. (See National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Procurement Information in appendix.)

Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services

(161) The Public Health Service administers foreign quarantine procedures at U.S. ports of entry.

(162) All vessels arriving in the United States are subject to public health inspection. Vessels subject routine boarding for quarantine inspection are only those which have had on board during the 15 days preceding the date of expected arrival or during the period since departure (whichever period of time is shorter) the occurrence of any death or ill person among passengers or crew (including those who have disembarked or

have been removed). The master of a vessel must report such occurrences immediately by radio to the quarantine station at or nearest the port at which the vessel will arrive.

(163) In addition, the master of a vessel carrying 13 or more passengers must report by radio 24 hours before arrival the number of cases (including zero) of diarrhea in passengers and crew recorded in the ship's medical log during the current cruise. All cases that occur after the 24 hour report must also be reported not less than 4 hours before arrival.

(164) "Ill person" means person who:

(165) 1. Has a temperature of 100°F (or 38°C) or greater, accompanied by a rash, glandular swelling, or jaundice, or which has persisted for more than 48 hours; or

(166) 2. Has diarrhea, defined as the occurrence in a 24 hour period of three or more loose stools or of a greater than normal (for the person) amount of loose stools.

(167) Vessels arriving at ports under control of the United States are subject to sanitary inspection to determine whether measures should be applied to prevent the introduction, transmission, or spread of communicable disease.

(168) Specific public health laws, regulations, policies, and procedures may be obtained by contacting U.S. Quarantine Stations, U.S. Consulates or the Chief Program Operations, Division of Quarantine, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Ga. 30333. (See appendix for addresses of U.S. Public Health Service Quarantine Stations.)

Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services

(169) Under the provisions of the Control of Communicable Diseases Regulations (**21 CFR 1240**) and Interstate Conveyance Sanitation Regulations (**21 CFR 1250**), vessel companies operating in interstate traffic shall obtain potable water for drinking and culinary purposes only at watering points found acceptable to the Food and Drug Administration. Water supplies used in watering point operations must also be inspected to determine compliance with applicable Interstate Quarantine Regulations (**42 CFR 72**). These regulations are based on authority contained in the Public Health Service Act (PL 78–410). Penalties for violation of any regulation prescribed under authority of the Act are provided for under Section 368 (42 USC 271) of the Act.

Vessel Watering Points

(170) FDA annually publishes a list of Acceptable Vessel Watering Points. This list is available from most FDA offices or from Interstate Travel Sanitation Subprogram Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA (HFF-312), 200 C Street SW., Washington, D.C. 20204. Current status of watering points can be ascertained by contacting any FDA office. (See appendix for addresses.)

National Weather Service (NWS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce

(171) The National Weather Service provides marine weather forecasts and warnings for the U.S. coastal waters, the Great Lakes, offshore waters, and high seas areas. Scheduled marine forecasts are issued four times daily from more than 20 **National Weather Service Forecast Offices (WSFOs)** around the country, operating 24 hours a day. (See internet website: http://www.weather.gov/) Marine services are also provided by over 50 **National Weather Service Offices** with local areas of responsibility. (See appendix for Weather Service Forecast Offices and Weather Service Offices for the area covered by this Coast Pilot.)

(172) Typically, the forecasts contain information on wind speed and direction, wave heights, visibility, weather, and a general synopsis of weather patterns affecting the region. The forecasts are supplemented with special marine warnings and statements, radar summaries, marine observations, small-craft advisories, gale warnings, storm warnings and various categories of tropical cyclone warnings e.g., tropical depression, tropical storm and hurricane warnings. Specialized products such as coastal flood, seiche, and tsunami warnings, heavy surf advisories, low water statements, ice forecasts and outlooks, and lake shore warnings and statements are issued as necessary.

(173) The principal means of disseminating marine weather services and products in coastal areas is **NOAA Weather Radio.** This network or more than 350 stations nationwide is operated by the NWS and provides continuous broadcasts of weather information for the general public. These broadcasts repeat taped messages every 4-6 minutes. Tapes are updated periodically, usually every 2-3 hours and amended as required to include the latest information. When severe weather threatens, routine transmissions are interrupted and the broadcast is devoted to emergency warnings. (See appendix for NOAA Weather Radio Stations covered by this Coast Pilot.)

(174) In coastal areas, the programming is tailored to the needs of the marine community. Each coastal marine forecast covers a specific area. For example, "Cape Henlopen to Virginia Beach, out 20 miles." The broadcast range is about 40 miles from the transmitting antenna site, depending on terrain and quality of the receiver used. When transmitting antennas are on high

ground, the range is somewhat greater, reaching 60 miles or more. Some receivers are equipped with a warning alert device that can be turned on by means of a tone signal controlled by the NWS office concerned. This signal is transmitted for 13 seconds preceding an announcement of a severe weather warning.

(175) NWS marine weather products are also disseminated to marine users through the broadcast facilities of the Coast Guard, Navy, and commercial marine radio stations. Details on these broadcasts including times, frequencies, and broadcast content are listed on the internet site, **Marine Product Dissemination Information,** (http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/home.htm). For marine weather services in the coastal areas, the NWS publishes a series of Marine Weather Services Charts showing locations of NOAA Weather Radio stations, sites, telephone numbers of recorded weather messages and NWS offices, and other useful marine weather information.

(176) Ships of all nations share equally in the effort to report weather observations. These reports enable meteorologists to create a detailed picture of wind, wave, and weather patterns over the open waters that no other data source can provide and upon which marine forecasts are based. The effectiveness and reliability of these forecasts and warnings plus other services to the marine community are strongly linked to the observations received from mariners. There is an especially urgent need for ship observations in the coastal waters, and the NWS asks that these be made and transmitted whenever possible. Many storms originate and intensify in coastal areas. There may be a great difference in both wind direction and speed between the open sea, the offshore waters, and on the coast itself.

(177) Information on how ships, commercial fishermen, offshore industries, and others in the coastal zone may participate in the marine observation program is available from **National Weather Service Port Meteorological Officers (PMOs).** Port Meteorological Officers are located in major U.S. port cities and the Republic of Panama, where they visit ships in port to assist masters and mates with the weather observation program, provide instruction on the interpretation of weather charts, calibrate barometers and other meteorological instruments, and discuss marine weather communications and marine weather requirements affecting the ships' operations. (See appendix for addresses of Port Meteorological Officers in or near the area covered by this Coast Pilot.)

National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce

(178) Among its functions, NESDIS archives, processes, and disseminates the non-realtime meteorological and oceanographic data collected by government agencies and private institutions. Marine weather observations are collected from ships at sea on a voluntary basis. About 1 million observations are received annually at NESDIS's National Climatic Center. They come from vessels representing every maritime nation. These observations, along with land data, are returned to the mariners in the form of climatological summaries and atlases for coastal and ocean areas. They are available in such NOAA publications as the **U.S. Coast Pilot, Mariners Weather Log,** and **Local Climatological Data, Annual Summary.** They also appear in the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's **Pilot Chart Atlases** and **Sailing Directions Planning Guides.**

DISTRESS SIGNALS AND COMMUNICATION PROCEDURES

Coast Guard search and rescue operations

(179) The Coast Guard conducts and/or coordinates search and rescue operations for surface vessels or aircraft that are in distress or overdue. Search and Rescue vessels and aircraft have special markings, including a wide slash of red-orange and a small slash of blue on the forward portion of the hull or fuselage. Other parts of aircraft, normally painted white, may have other areas painted red to facilitate observation. The cooperation of vessel operators with Coast Guard helicopters, fixed-wing aircraft, and vessels may mean the difference between life and death for some seaman or aviator; such cooperation is greatly facilitated by the prior knowledge on the part of vessel operators of the operational requirements of Coast Guard equipment and personnel, of the international distress signals and procedures, and of good seamanship.

(180) **Note.**–In August 1993, all Coast Guard communication stations and cutters discontinued watchkeeping on the distress frequency 500 kHz. Distress and other calls to Coast Guard communication stations may be made on any of the following HF single sideband radiotelephone channels: 424(4134 kHz), 601(6200 kHz), 816(8240 kHz), or 1205(12242 kHz).

International distress signals

(181) (1) A signal made by radiotelegraphy or by any other signaling method consisting of the group "SOS" in Morse Code.

(182) (2) A signal sent by radiotelephony consisting of the spoken word "MAYDAY."

(183) (3) The International Flag Code Signal of NC.

(184) (4) A signal consisting of a square flag having above or below it a ball or anything resembling a ball.

(185) (5) Flames on the craft (as from a burning oil barrel, etc.)

(186) (6) A rocket parachute flare or hand flare showing a red light.

(187) (7) Rockets or shells, throwing red stars fired one at a time at short intervals.

(188) (8) Orange smoke, as emitted from a distress flare.

(189) (9) Slowly and repeatedly raising and lowering arms outstretched to each side.

(190) (10) A gun or other explosive signal fired at intervals of about 1 minute.

(191) (11) A continuous sounding of any fog-signal apparatus.

(192) (12) The radiotelegraph alarm signal.

(193) (13) The radiotelephone alarm signal.

(194) (14) Signals transmitted by emergency position-indicating radiobeacons.

(195) (15) A piece of orange-colored canvas with either a black square and circle or other appropriate symbol (for identification from the air).

(196) (16) A dye marker.

Radio distress procedures

(197) Distress calls are made on 2182 kHz or VHF-FM channel 16 (MAYDAY). For less serious situations than warrant the distress procedure, the urgency signal PAN-PAN (PAHN-PAHN, spoken three times), or the safety signal SECURITY (SAY-CURITAY, spoken three times), for radiotelephony, are used as appropriate. Since radiotelegraph transmissions are normally made by professional operators, and urgency and safety situations are less critical, only the distress procedures for voice radiotelephone are described. For complete information on emergency radio procedures, see **47 CFR 83** or NGA Pub. 117. **(See appendix for a list of Coast Guard Stations which guard 2182 kHz and 156.80 MHz.)** Complete information on distress guards can be obtained from Coast Guard District Commanders.

(198) Distress calls indicate a vessel or aircraft is threatened by grave and imminent danger and requests immediate assistance. They have absolute priority over all other transmissions. All stations which hear a distress call must immediately cease any transmission capable of interfering with the distress traffic and shall continue to listen on the frequency used for the emission of the distress call. This call shall not be addressed to a particular station, and acknowledgment of receipt shall not be given before the distress message which follows it is sent.

Radiotelephone distress communications include the following actions:

(199) (1) The **radiotelephone alarm signal** (if available): The signal consists of two audio tones, of different pitch, transmitted alternately; its purpose is to attract the attention of persons on radio watch or to actuate automatic alarm devices. It may only be used to announce that a distress call or message is about to follow.

(200) (2) The **distress call,** consisting of:–the distress signal MAYDAY (spoken three times);

(201) the words THIS IS (spoken once);

(202) the call sign or name of the vessel in distress (spoken three times).

(203) (3) The **distress message** follows immediately and consists of:

(204) the distress signal MAYDAY;

(205) the call sign and name of the vessel in distress;

(206) particulars of its position (latitude and longitude, or true bearing and distance from a known geographical position);

(207) the nature of the distress;

(208) the kind of assistance desired;

(209) the number of persons aboard and the condition of any injured;

(210) present seaworthiness of vessel;

(211) description of the vessel (length; type; cabin; masts; power; color of hull, superstructure, trim; etc.);

(212) any other information which might facilitate the rescue, such as display of a surface-to-air identification signal or a radar reflector;

(213) your listening frequency and schedule;

(214) THIS IS (call sign and name of vessel in distress). OVER.

(215) (4) **Acknowledgment of receipt of a distress message:** If a distress message is received from a vessel which is definitely in your vicinity, immediately acknowledge receipt. If it is not in your vicinity, allow a short interval of time to elapse before acknowledging, in order to permit vessels nearer to the vessel in distress to acknowledge receipt without interference. However, in areas where reliable communications with one or more shore stations are practicable, all vessels may defer this acknowledgment for a short interval so that a shore station may acknowledge receipt first. The acknowledgment of receipt of a distress is given as follows:

(216) the call sign or name of the vessel sending the distress (spoken three times);

(217) the words THIS IS;

(218) the call sign or name of acknowledging vessel (spoken three times);

(219) The words RECEIVED MAYDAY.

(220) After the above acknowledgment, allow a momentary interval of listening to insure that you will not interfere with another vessel better situated to render immediate assistance; if not, with the authority of the person in charge of the vessel, transmit:

(221) the word MAYDAY;

(222) the call sign and name of distressed vessel;

(223) the words THIS IS;

(224) the call sign and name of your vessel;

(225) your position (latitude and longitude, or true bearing and distance from a known geographical position);

(226) the speed you are proceeding towards, and the approximate time it will take to reach, the distressed vessel. OVER.

(227) (5) **Further distress messages and other communications:** Distress communications consist of all messages relating to the immediate assistance required by the distressed vessel. Each distress communication shall be preceded by the signal MAYDAY. The vessel in distress or the station in control of distress communications may **impose silence** on any station which interferes. The procedure is:–the words SEELONCE MAYDAY (Seelonce is French for silence). Silence also may be imposed by nearby mobile stations other than the vessel in distress or the station in control of distress communications. The mobile station which believes that silence is essential may request silence by the following procedure:–the word SEELONCE, followed by the word DISTRESS, and its **own** call sign.

(228) (6) **Transmission of the distress procedure by a vessel or shore station not itself in distress:** A vessel or a shore station which learns that a vessel is in distress shall transmit a distress message in any of the following cases:

(229) (a) When the vessel in distress is not itself able to transmit the distress message.

(230) (b) When a vessel or a shore station considers that further help is necessary.

(231) (c) When, although not in a position to render assistance, it has heard a distress message that has not been acknowledged.

(232) In these cases, the transmission shall consist of:

(233) the radiotelephone alarm signal (if available);

(234) the words MAYDAY RELAY (spoken three times);

(235) the words THIS IS;

(236) the call sign and name of vessel (or shore station), spoken three times.

(237) When a vessel transmits a distress under these conditions, it shall take all necessary steps to contact the Coast Guard or a shore station which can notify the Coast Guard.

(238) (7) **Termination of distress:** When distress traffic has ceased, or when silence is no longer necessary on the frequency used for the distress traffic, the station in control shall transmit on that frequency a message to all stations as follows:

(239) the distress signal MAYDAY;

(240) the call TO ALL STATIONS, spoken three times;

(241) the words THIS IS;

(242) the call sign and name of the station sending the message;

(243) the time;

(244) the name and call sign of the vessel in distress;

(245) the words SEELONCE FEENEE (French for silence finished).

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Surface ship procedures for assisting distressed surface vessels.

(246) (1) The following immediate action should be taken by each ship on receipt of a distress message:

(247) (a) Acknowledge receipt and, if appropriate, retransmit the distress message;

(248) (b) Immediately try to take D/F bearings during the transmission of the distress message and maintain a D/F watch on 2182 kHz;

(249) (c) Communicate the following information to the ship in distress:

(250) (i) identity;

(251) (ii) position;

(252) (iii) speed and estimated time of arrival (ETA);

(253) (iv) when available, true bearing of the ship in distress.

(254) (d) Maintain a continuous listening watch on the frequency used for the distress. This will normally be:

(255) (i) 2182 kHz (radiotelephone).

(256) (e) Additionally, maintain watch on VHF-FM channel 16 as necessary;

(257) (f) Operate radar continuously;

(258) (g) If in the vicinity of the distress, post extra lookouts.

(259) (2) The following action should be taken when proceeding to the area of distress:

(260) (a) Plot the position, course, speed, and ETA of other assisting ships.

(261) (b) Know the communication equipment with which other ships are fitted. This information may be obtained from the International Telecommunication Union's List of Ship Stations.

(262) (c) Attempt to construct an accurate "picture" of the circumstances attending the casualty. The important information needed is included under Distress Signals and Communication Procedures, this chapter. Should the ship in distress fail to transmit this information, a ship

proceeding to assist should request what information is needed.

(263) (3) The following on-board preparation while proceeding to the distress area should be considered:

(264) (a) A rope (guest warp) running from bow to quarter at the waterline on each side and secured by lizards to the ship's side to assist boats and rafts to secure alongside;

(265) (b) A derrick rigged ready for hoisting on each side of the ship with a platform cargo sling, or rope net, secured to the runner to assist the speedy recovery of exhausted or injured survivors in the water;

(266) (c) Heaving lines, ladders, and scramble net placed ready for use along both sides of the ship on the lowest open deck and possibly crew members suitably equipped to enter the water and assist survivors;

(267) (d) A ship's liferaft made ready for possible use as a boarding station;

(268) (e) Preparations to receive survivors who require medical assistance including the provision of stretchers;

(269) (f) When own lifeboat is to be launched, any means to provide communications between it and the parent ship will prove to be of very great help;

(270) (g) A line throwing appliance with a light line and a heavy rope, ready to be used for making connection either with the ship in distress or with survival craft.

Aircraft procedures for directing surface craft to scene of distress incident

(271) The following procedures performed in sequence by an aircraft mean that the aircraft is directing a surface craft toward the scene of a distress incident,

(272) (a) Circling the surface craft at least once.

(273) (b) Crossing the projected course of the surface craft close ahead at low altitude, rocking the wings, opening and closing the throttle, or changing the propeller pitch.

(274) (c) Heading in the direction in which the surface craft is to be directed. The surface craft should acknowledge the signal by changing course and following the aircraft. If, for any reason, it is impossible to follow, the surface craft should hoist the international code flag NOVEMBER, or use any other signaling means available to indicate this.

(275) The following procedures performed by an aircraft mean that the assistance of the surface craft is no longer required:

(276) (a) Crossing the wake of the surface craft close astern at a low altitude, rocking the wings, opening and closing the throttle or changing the propeller pitch.

(277) Since modern jet-engined aircraft cannot make the characteristic sound associated with opening and closing the throttle, or changing propeller pitch, ships should be alert to respond to the signals without the sounds, when jets or turboprop aircraft are involved.

Surface ship procedures for assisting aircraft in distress.

(278) 1. When an aircraft transmits a distress message by radio, the first transmission is generally made on the designated air/ground enroute frequency in use at the time between the aircraft and aeronautical station. The aircraft may change to another frequency, possibly another enroute frequency or the aeronautical emergency frequencies of 121.50 MHz or 243 MHz. In an emergency, it may use any other available frequency to establish contact with any land, mobile, or direction-finding station.

(279) 2. There is liaison between Coast Radio Stations aeronautical units, and land–based search and rescue organizations. Merchant ships will ordinarily be informed of aircraft casualties at sea by broadcast messages from Coast Radio Stations, made on the international distress frequency of 2182 kHz. Ships may, however, become aware of the casualty by receiving:

(280) (a) An SOS message from an aircraft in distress which is able to transmit on radiotelephone on 2182 kHz.

(281) (b) A message from a SAR aircraft.

(282) 3. For the purpose of emergency communications with aircraft, special attention is called to the possibility of conducting direct communications on 2182 kHz, if both ship and aircraft are so equipped.

(283) 4. An aircraft in distress will use any means at its disposal to attract attention, make known its position, and obtain help, including some of the signals prescribed by the applicable Navigation Rules.

(284) 5. Aircraft usually sink quickly (e.g. within a few minutes). Every endeavor will be made to give ships an accurate position of an aircraft which desires to ditch. When given such a position, a ship should at once consult any other ships in the vicinity on the best procedure to be adopted. The ship going to the rescue should answer the station sending the broadcast and give her identity, position, and intended action.

(285) 6. If a ship should receive a distress message direct from an aircraft, she should act as indicated in the immediately preceding Paragraph and also relay the message to the nearest Coast Radio Station. Moreover, a ship which has received a distress message direct from an aircraft and is going to the rescue should take a bearing on the transmission and inform the Coast Radio Station and other ships in the vicinity of the call sign of the distressed aircraft and the time at which the distress message was received, followed by the bearing and time at which the signal ceased.

(286) 7. When an aircraft decides to ditch in the vicinity of a ship, the ship should:

(287) (a) Transmit homing bearings to the aircraft, or (if so required) transmit signals enabling the aircraft to take its own bearings.

(288) (b) By day, make black smoke.

(289) (c) By night, direct a searchlight vertically and turn on all deck lights. Care must be taken not to direct a searchlight toward the aircraft, which might dazzle the pilot.

(290) 8. Ditching an aircraft is difficult and dangerous. A ship which knows that an aircraft intends to ditch should be prepared to give the pilot the following information:

(291) (a) Wind direction and force.

(292) (b) Direction, height, and length of primary and secondary swell systems.

(293) (c) Other pertinent weather information.

(294) The pilot of an aircraft will choose his own ditching heading. If this is known by the ship, she should set course parallel to the ditching heading. Otherwise the ship should set course parallel to the main swell system and into the wind component, if any.

(295) 9. A land plane may break up immediately on striking the water, and liferafts may be damaged. The ship should, therefore, have a lifeboat ready for launching, and if possible, boarding nets should be lowered from the ship and heaving lines made ready in the ship and the lifeboat. Survivors of the aircraft may have bright colored lifejackets and location aids.

(296) 10. The method of recovering survivors must be left to the judgment of the master of the ship carrying out the rescue operation.

(297) 11. It should be borne in mind that military aircraft are often fitted with ejection seat mechanisms. Normally, their aircrew will use their ejection seats, rather than ditch. Should such an aircraft ditch, rather than the aircrew bail out, and it becomes necessary to remove them from their ejection seats while still in the aircraft, care should be taken to avoid triggering off the seat mechanisms. The activating handles are invariably indicated by red and or black/yellow coloring.

(298) 12. A survivor from an aircraft casualty who is recovered may be able to give information which will assist in the rescue of other survivors. Masters are therefore asked to put the following questions to survivors and to communicate the answers to a Coast Radio Station. They should also give the position of the rescuing ship and the time when the survivors were recovered.

(299) (a) What was the time and date of the casualty?

(300) (b) Did you bail out or was the aircraft ditched?

(301) (c) If you bailed out, at what altitude?

(302) (d) How many others did you see leave the aircraft by parachute?

(303) (e) How many ditched with the aircraft?

(304) (f) How many did you see leave the aircraft after ditching?

(305) (g) How many survivors did you see in the water?

(306) (h) What flotation gear had they?

(307) (i) What was the total number of persons aboard the aircraft prior to the accident?

(308) (j) What caused the emergency?

Helicopter evacuation of personnel

(309) Helicopter evacuation, usually performed by the Coast Guard, is a hazardous operation to the patient and to the flight crew, and should only be attempted in event of very serious illness or injury. Provide the doctor on shore with all the information you can concerning the patient, so that an intelligent evaluation can be made concerning the need for evacuation. Most rescue helicopters can proceed less than 150 miles offshore (a few new helicopters can travel 250 to 300 miles out to sea), dependent on weather conditions and other variables. If an evaluation is necessary, the vessel must be prepared to proceed within range of the helicopter, and should be familiar with the preparations which are necessary prior to and after its arrival.

(310) **When requesting helicopter assistance:**

(311) (1) Give the accurate position, time, speed, course, weather conditions, sea conditions, wind direction and velocity, type of vessel, and voice and CW frequency for your ship.

(312) (2) If not already provided, give complete medical information including whether or not the patient is ambulatory.

(313) (3) If you are beyond helicopter range, advise your diversion intentions so that a rendezvous point may be selected.

(314) (4) If there are changes to any items reported earlier, advise the rescue agency immediately. Should the patient die before the arrival of the helicopter, be sure to advise those assisting you.

(315) **Preparations prior to the arrival of the helicopter:**

(316) (1) Provide continuous radio guard on 2182 kHz or specified voice frequency, if possible. The helicopter normally cannot operate CW.

(317) (2) Select and clear the most suitable hoist area, preferably aft on the vessel with a minimum of 50 feet (15.2 meters) radius of clear deck. This must include the securing of loose gear, awnings, and antenna wires. Trice up running rigging and booms. If hoist is aft, lower the flag staff.

(318) (3) If the hoist is to take place at night, light the pickup areas as well as possible. Be sure you do not shine any lights on the helicopter, so that the pilot is

not blinded. If there are any obstructions in the vicinity, put a light on them so the pilot will be aware of their positions.

(319) (4) Point searchlight vertically to aid the flight crew in locating the ship and turn them off when the helicopter is on the scene.

(320) (5) Be sure to advise the helicopter of the location of the pickup area on the ship before the helicopter arrives, so that the pilot may make his approach to aft, amidships, or forward, as required.

(321) (6) There will be a high noise level under the helicopter, so voice communications on deck are almost impossible. Arrange a set of hand signals among the crew who will assist.

(322) **Hoist operations:**

(323) (1) If possible, have the patient moved to a position as close to the hoist area as his condition will permit–**time is important.**

(324) (2) Normally, if a litter (stretcher) is required, it will be necessary to move the patient to the special litter which will be lowered by the helicopter. Be prepared to do this as quickly as possible. Be sure the patient is strapped in, face up, and with a life jacket on (if his condition will permit).

(325) (3) Be sure that the patient is tagged to indicate what medication, if any, was administered to him and when it was administered.

(326) (4) Have patient's medical record and necessary papers in an envelope or package ready for transfer with the patient.

(327) (5) Again, if the patient's condition permit, be sure he is wearing a life jacket.

(328) (6) Change the vessel's course to permit the ship to ride as easily as possible with the wind on the bow, preferably on the port bow. Try to choose a course to keep the stack gases clear of the hoist area. Once established, maintain course and speed.

(329) (7) Reduce speed to ease ship's motion, but maintain steerageway.

(330) (8) If you do not have radio contact with the helicopter, when you are in all respects ready for the hoist, signal the helicopter in with a "come on" with your hand, or at night by flashlight signals.

(331) (9) **Allow basket or stretcher to touch deck prior to handling to avoid static shock.**

(332) (10) If a trail line is dropped by the helicopter, guide the basket or stretcher to the deck with the line; keep the line free at all times. This line will not cause shock.

(333) (11) Place the patient in basket, sitting with his hands clear of the sides, or in the litter, as described above. Signal the helicopter hoist operator when ready for the hoist. Patient should signal by a nodding of the head if he is able. Deck personnel give thumbs up.

(334) (12) If it is necessary to take the litter away from the hoist point, unhook the hoist cable and keep it free for the helicopter to haul in. **Do not secure cable or trail line to the vessel or attempt to move stretcher without unhooking.**

(335) (13) When patient is strapped into the stretcher, signal the helicopter to lower the cable, attach cable to stretcher sling (bridle), then signal the hoist operator when the patient is ready to hoist. Steady the stretcher so it will not swing or turn.

(336) (14) If a trail line is attached to the basket or stretcher, use it to steady the patient as he is hoisted. Keep your feet clear of the line, and keep the line from becoming entangled.

Medical advice and/or evacuation

(337) In the event a master of a vessel requires medical advice and/or there is a potential of evacuation the following should be volunteered by the master:

(338) Vessel's name and call sign.

(339) Vessel's position and time at position.

(340) Vessel's course, speed and next port and estimated time of arrival (ETA).

(341) Patient's name, nationality, age, race and sex.

(342) Patient's respiration, pulse and temperature.

(343) Patient's symptoms and nature of illness.

(344) Any known history of similar illness.

(345) Location and type of pain.

(346) Medical supplies carried on board vessel.

(347) Medication given to patient.

(348) Weather.

(349) Communication schedule and frequency.

Coast Guard droppable, floatable pumps

(350) The Coast Guard often provides vessels in distress with emergency pumps by either making parachute drops, by lowering on helicopter hoist, or by delivering by vessel. The most commonly used type of pump comes complete in a sealed aluminum drum about half the size of a 50-gallon oil drum. One single lever on top opens it up. Smoking is cautioned against due to the possible presence of gas fumes inside the can. The pump will draw about 90 gallons per minute. There should be a waterproof flashlight on top of the pump for night use. Operating instructions are provided inside the pump container.

(351) **Preparations for being towed by Coast Guard:**

(352) (1) Clear the forecastle area as well as you can.

(353) (2) If a line-throwing gun is used, keep everyone out of the way until line clears the boat. The Coast Guard vessel will blow a police whistle or otherwise warn you before firing.

(354) (3) Have material ready for chafing gear.

Radar reflectors on small craft

(355) Operators of disabled wooden craft and persons adrift in rubber rafts or boats that are, or may consider themselves to be, the object of a search, should hoist on a halyard or otherwise place aloft as high as possible any metallic object that would assist their detection by radar. Coast Guard cutters and aircraft are radar equipped and thus are able to continue searching in darkness and during other periods of low visibility. It is advisable for coastal fishing boats, yachts, and other small craft to have efficient radar reflectors permanently installed aboard the vessel.

Filing Cruising schedules

(356) Small-craft operators should prepare a cruising plan before starting on extended trips and leave it ashore with a yacht club, marina, friend, or relative. It is advisable to use a checking-in procedure by telephone for each point specified in the cruising plan. Such a trip schedule is vital for determining if a boat is overdue and will assist materially in locating a missing craft in the event search and rescue operations become necessary.

Medical advice

(357) Free medical advice is furnished to seamen by radio through the cooperation of Governmental and commercial radio stations whose operators receive and relay messages prefixed **RADIOMEDICAL** from ships at sea to the U.S. Coast Guard and/or directly to a hospital and then radio the medical advice back to the ships. (See appendix for list of radio stations that provide this service.)

RADIO NAVIGATION WARNINGS AND WEATHER

(358) Marine radio warnings and weather are disseminated by many sources and through several types of transmissions. Morse code radiotelegraph broadcasts of navigational warnings and other advisories are not described, since these transmissions are normally copied only by professional radio operators. U.S. Coast Guard NAVTEX, high-frequency (HF) narrow-band direct printing (radio telex), HF radiofacsimile, and radiotelephone broadcasts of maritime safety information are summarized here. (For complete information on radio warnings and weather see NGA Pub. 117 and the joint National Weather Service/Navy publication **Selected Worldwide Marine Weather Broadcasts**.)

Frequency units

(359) Hertz (Hz), a unit equal to one cycle per second, has been generally adopted for radio frequencies; accordingly, frequencies formerly given in the Coast Pilot in kilocycles (kc) and megacycles (mc) are now stated in **kilohertz (kHz)** and **Megahertz (MHz),** respectively.

Coast Guard radio stations

(360) Coast Guard radio stations provide urgent, safety, and scheduled marine information broadcasts with virtually complete coverage of the approaches and coastal waters of the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

(361) **Urgent and safety radiotelephone broadcasts** of important Notice to Mariners items, storm warnings, and other vital marine information are transmitted upon receipt, and urgent broadcasts are repeated 15 minutes later; additional broadcasts are made at the discretion of the originator. **Urgent** broadcasts are preceded by the urgent signal PAN-PAN (PAHN-PAHN, spoken three times). **Both the urgent signal and message are transmitted on 2182 kHz and/or VHF-FM channel 16. Safety** broadcasts are preceded by the safety signal SECURITY (SAY-CURITAY, spoken three times). **The Safety signal is given on 2182 kHz and/or VHF-FM channel 16, and the message is given on 2670 kHz and/or VHF-FM channel 22A.**

(362) Scheduled radiotelephone broadcasts include routine weather, small-craft advisories, storm warnings, navigational information, and other advisories. Short-range broadcasts are made on **2670 kHz** and/or **VHF-FM channel 22A,** following a preliminary call on **2182 kHz** and/or **VHF-FM channel 16.** (See appendix for a list of stations and their broadcast frequencies and times for the area covered by this Coast Pilot.)

(363) Weather information is not normally broadcast by the Coast Guard on VHF-FM channel 22A in areas where NOAA Weather Radio service is available. See note below regarding VHF-FM channel 22A.

(364) HF single-sideband broadcasts of high seas weather information is available on the (carrier) frequencies 4428.7, 6506.4, 8765.4, 13113.2, and 17307.3 kHz from Portsmouth, VA and San Francisco, CA.

(365) Narrow-band direct printing (radio telex or sitor) broadcasts of NAVAREA and other navigational warnings are transmitted on the following assigned frequencies:

(366) Atlantic ice reports: 5320, 8502, and 12750 kHz.

(367) Other Atlantic warnings: 8490, 16968.8 kHz.

(368) Pacific: 8710.5, 8714.5, 8718, 13077, 13084.5, 17203, 22567, and 22574.5 kHz.

(369) HF radiofacsimile broadcasts of weather and ice charts are made on the following frequencies:

(370) Atlantic: 3242, 7530, 8502 (ice only), 12750 (ice only) kHz.

(371) Pacific: 4298 (Kodiak), 4336, 8459 (Kodiak), 8682, 12730, 17151.2 kHz.

National Standard Abbreviations for Broadcasts

(372) A listing of Standard Abbreviations for Textual Maritime Safety Broadcasts is contained in tables T-31 through T-33. These abbreviations were jointly approved by the U.S. Coast Guard, National Weather Service, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, and the Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services. In addition to appearing in radio broadcasts of the U.S. Coast Guard and National Weather Service, they appear in Notices to Mariners of the U.S. Coast Guard and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, and in NAVTEX

Warning Regarding Coast Guard VHF-FM Channel 22A Broadcasts

(373) The Coast Guard broadcasts urgent and routine maritime safety information to ships on channel 22A (157.10 MHz), the ship station transmit frequency portion of channel 22, of Appendix 18 of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Radio Regulations. This simplex use of channel 22A is not compatible with the international duplex arrangement of the channel (coast transmit 161.70 MHz, ship transmit 157.10 MHz). As a result, many foreign flag vessels having radios tuned to the international channel 22 can not receive these maritime safety broadcasts. A 1987 Coast Guard survey of foreign vessels in U.S. waters indicated that half of foreign vessels in U.S. waters did not have equipment on board capable of receiving channel 22A broadcasts.

(374) Operators of vessels which transit U.S. waters and who do not have VHF-FM radios tunable to USA channel 22A are urged to either obtain the necessary equipment, to monitor the radiotelephone frequency 2182 kHz and tune to 2670 kHz when a broadcast is announced, or to carry a NAVTEX receiver.

NAVTEX

(375) NAVTEX is a maritime radio warning system consisting of a series of coast stations transmitting radio teletype (CCIR Recommendation 476 standard narrow band direct printing, sometimes called Sitor or ARQ/FEC) safety messages on the international standard medium frequency 518 kHz. Coast stations transmit during preset time slots so as to minimize interference with one another. Routine messages are normally broadcast four to six times daily. Urgent messages are broadcast upon receipt, provided that an adjacent station is not transmitting. Since the broadcast uses the medium frequency band, a typical station service radius ranges from 100-500 NM day and night. Interference from or receipt of stations farther away occasionally occurs at night.

(376) Each NAVTEX message broadcast contains a four-character header describing identification of station (first character), message content (second character), and message serial number (third and fourth characters). This header allows the microprocessor in the shipborne receiver to screen messages, selecting only those stations relevant to the user, messages of subject categories needed by the user, and messages not previously received by the user. Selected messages are printed on a roll of paper as received, to be read by the mariner at his convenience. Unwanted messages are suppressed. Suppression of unwanted messages is more and more important to the mariner as the number of messages, including rebroadcasts, increases yearly. With NAVTEX, a mariner will no longer find it necessary to listen to, or sift through, a large number of irrelevant data to obtain the information necessary for safe navigation.

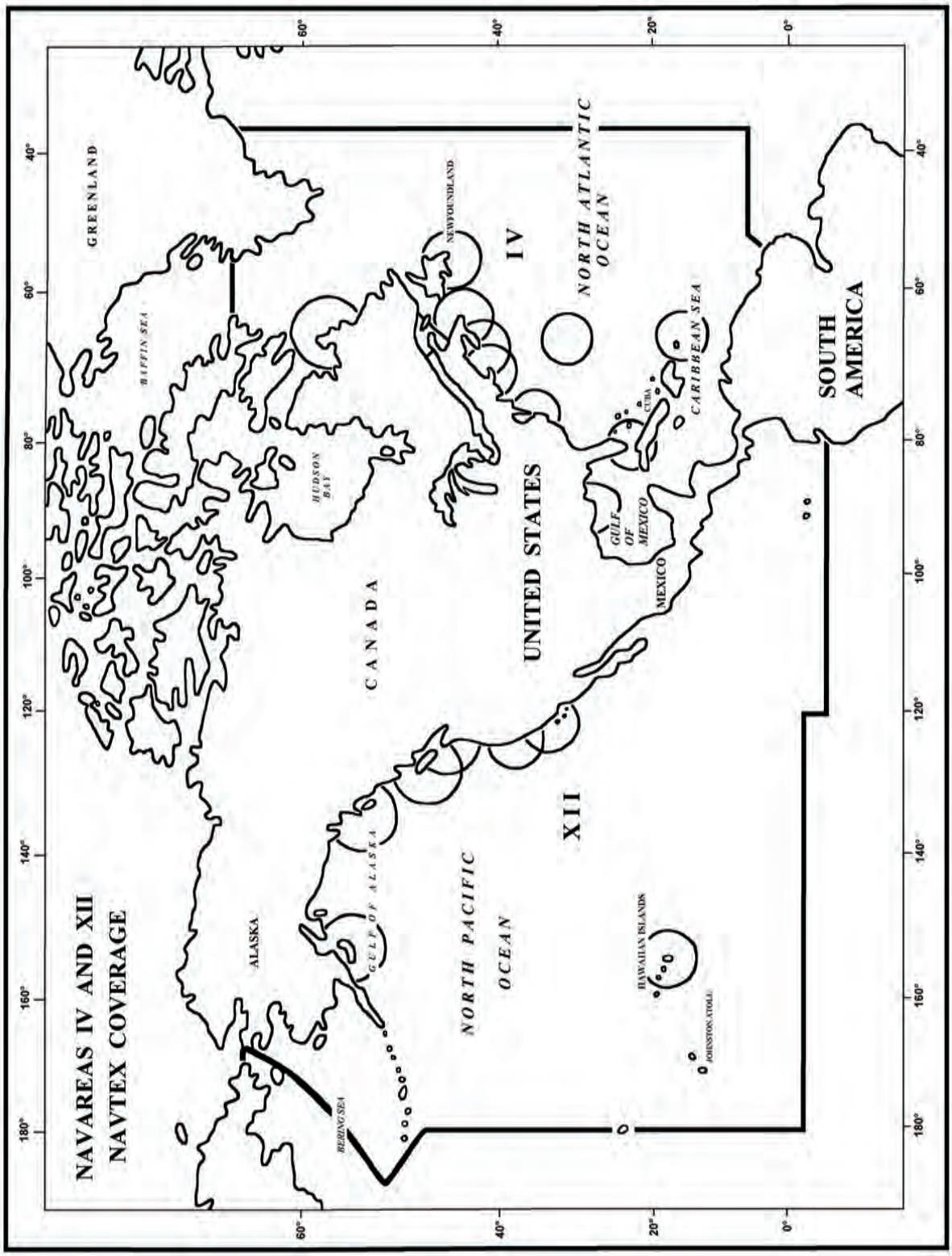
(377) Vessels regulated by the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention, as amended in 1988 (cargo vessels over 300 tons and passenger vessels, on international voyages), and operating in areas where NAVTEX service is available, have been required to carry NAVTEX receivers since 1 August 1993. The USCG discontinued broadcasts of safety information over MF Morse frequencies on that date.

(378) The USCG voice broadcasts (Ch. 22A), often of more inshore and harbor information, will remain unaffected by NAVTEX. With NAVTEX, mariners who do not have the knowledge of Morse code necessary to receive safety messages, or who have difficulty receiving them on a timely basis, should find a significant advantage in owning a NAVTEX receiver. Mariners not able to man a radio on a 24-hour basis in order to hear critical warning messages (e.g. commercial fishermen) should also find a significant advantage in owning a NAVTEX receiver.

(379) See appendix, U.S. NAVTEX Transmitting Stations, for a list of NAVTEX broadcast stations (Atlantic Ocean) and message content.

NOAA Weather Radio

(380) The National Weather Service operates **VHF-FM radio stations**, usually on frequencies 162.40, 162.475, or 162.55 MHz, to provide continuous recorded weather broadcasts. These broadcasts are available to those with suitable receivers within about 40 miles of the antenna site. (See the appendix for a list of these stations in the area covered by this Coast Pilot.)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Commercial radiotelephone coast stations

(381) Broadcasts of coastal weather and warnings are made by some commercial radiotelephone coast stations (marine operators) on the normal transmitting frequencies of the stations. Vessels with suitable receivers and desiring this service may determine the frequencies and schedules of these broadcasts from their local stations, from Selected Worldwide Marine Weather Broadcasts, or from the series of Marine Weather Services Charts published by NWS.

Local broadcast-band radio stations

(382) Many local radio stations in the standard AM and FM broadcast band give local marine weather forecasts from NWS on a regular schedule. These stations are listed on the series of Marine Weather Services Charts published by NWS.

Reports from ships

(383) The master of every U.S. ship equipped with radio transmitting apparatus, on meeting with a tropical cyclone, dangerous ice, subfreezing air temperatures with gale force winds causing severe ice accretion on superstructures, derelict, or any other direct danger to navigation, is required to cause to be transmitted a report of these dangers to ships in the vicinity and to the appropriate Government agencies.

(384) During the West Indies hurricane season, June 1 to November 30, ships in the Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean Sea area, southern North Atlantic Ocean, and the Pacific waters west of Central America and Mexico are urged to cooperate with NWS in furnishing these special reports in order that warnings to shipping and coastal areas may be issued.

Time Signals

(385) The **National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)** broadcasts time signals continuously, day and night, from its radio stations **WWV,** near Fort Collins, Colorado, (40°49'49"N., 105°02'27"W.) on frequencies of 2.5, 5, 10, 15, and 20 MHz, and **WWVH,** Kekaha, Kauai, Hawaii (21°59'26"N., 159°46'00"W.) on frequencies 2.5, 5, 10, and 15 MHz. Services include time announcements, standard time intervals, standard audio frequencies, geophysical alerts, BCD (binary coded decimal) time code, UT1 time corrections, and high seas storm information.

(386) Time announcements are made every minute, commencing at 15 seconds before the minute by a female voice and at 7½ seconds before the minute by a male voice, from WWVH and WWV, respectively. The time given is in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) and referred to the time at Greenwich, England, i.e., Greenwich Mean Time.

(387) **NIST Time and Frequency Dissemination Services, Special Publication 432**, gives a detailed description of the time and frequency dissemination services of the **National Institute of Standards and Technology.** Single copies may be obtained upon request from the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Time and Frequency Division, Boulder, CO 80303. Quantities may be obtained from the Government Printing Office (see appendix for address).

NAUTICAL CHARTS

Reporting chart deficiencies

(388) Users are requested to report all significant observed discrepancies in and desirable additions to NOS nautical charts, including depth information in privately maintained channels and basins; obstructions, wrecks, and other dangers; new landmarks or the nonexistence or relocation of charted ones; uncharted fixed private aids to navigation; and deletions or additions of small-craft facilities. All such reports should be sent to

(389) Chief,
(390) Marine Chart Division (N/CS2)
(391) National Ocean Service, NOAA,
(392) 1315 East-West Highway, Station 7317
(393) Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282.

Chart symbols and abbreviations

(394) The standard symbols and abbreviations approved for use on all regular nautical charts are in **Chart No. 1**, United States of America **Nautical Chart Symbols and Abbreviations**. This product, maintained by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and NOS, is available on the internet website address, http://chartmaker.ncd.noaa.gov.

(395) On certain foreign charts reproduced by the United States, and on foreign charts generally, the symbols and abbreviations used may differ from U.S. approved standards. It is, therefore, recommended that navigators who acquire and use foreign charts and reproductions procure the symbol sheet or Chart No. 1 produced by the same foreign agency.

(396) The mariner is warned that the buoyage systems, shapes, and colors used by other countries often have a different significance than the U.S. system.

Chart Datum

(397) Chart Datum is the particular tidal datum to which soundings and depth curves on a nautical chart or bathymetric map are referred. The tidal datum of **Mean Lower Low Water** is used as Chart Datum along the east, west and Gulf coasts, including the coasts of Alaska,

Hawaii, the West Indies and other United States and United Nations islands of the Pacific.

(398) Mean Lower Low Water is defined as the arithmetic mean of the lower low water height of each tidal day (24.84 hours) observed over the National Tidal Datum Epoch. The National Tidal Datum Epoch is the specific 19-year period adopted by the National Ocean Service, NOAA, as the official time segment over which tide observations are taken and reduced to obtain mean values for tidal datums. The present Epoch is 1960 through 1978.

Horizontal Datum

(399) Nautical charts presently are constructed based on one of a number of horizontal datums which are adopted to best represent individual regions around the world. Horizontal datum, horizontal geodetic datum, and horizontal control datum are synonymous.

(400) The exact placement of lines of latitude and longitude on a nautical chart is dependent on the referenced horizontal datum. Charts of the United States are currently referenced to datums such as the North American Datum of 1927 (NAD 27), Puerto Rican Datum, Old Hawai'ian Datum, and others. Through the use of satellites and other modern surveying techniques, it is now possible to establish global reference systems.

(401) **North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83)** is the new geodetic reference system (horizontal datum) for the United States and Canada. NAD 83 replaces the various datums used in the past on NOS charts, except charts of Hawaii, and other Pacific Ocean islands, which will be compiled on **World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84)**. WGS 84 is equivalent to the NAD 83 for charting purposes.

(402) The parameters of the ellipsoid of reference used with NAD 83 are very close to those used for WGS 84. The ellipsoid used for NAD 83, **Geodetic Reference System 1980 (GRS 80)**, is earth centered or geocentric as opposed to the nongeocentric ellipsoids previously employed. This means that the center of the ellipsoid coincides with the center of mass of the earth.

(403) Many NOS charts have been converted to NAD 83. The NOS publication **Dates of Latest Editions**, published quarterly indicates, to date, which NOS charts have been published to NAD 83.

(404) What does this change in datum mean to the mariner? It means that during the period of conversion, some charts will be referenced to the new NAD 83 datum, while others will still be referenced to the old former datum. Charted features will remain unaffected in their relationship with the surrounding area. Therefore, when comparing charts of the same area, referenced to different horizontal datums, no changes to charted features will be noticed since all features shift by approximately the same amount. The apparent difference will be the shift of the latitude and longitude grid in relation to the charted features. As a result, the geographic positions (latitude and longitude) of all charted features will change.

(405) Each NOS chart that is published carries a standard horizontal datum note identifying the datum used on that chart.

(406) **Case I**: In addition to the standard horizontal datum note, all charts that have been converted to NAD 83 will carry an additional Horizontal Datum Note, similar to the one below, that will inform the mariner if any correction must be made to the latitude and longitude when transferring geographic positions from the previous charted datum to NAD 83.

(407) **Sample Horizontal Datum Note** (on chart 13272, Boston Inner Harbor):

HORIZONTAL DATUM

(408) **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 0.351" northward and 1.819" eastward to agree with this chart.**

(409) For example: One of the coordinates of the anchorage of 33 CFR 110.30(m), Boston Inner Harbor A, is the point 42°21'31.62"N., 71°02'52.37"W. When this anchorage was originally laid out, chart 13272, was on horizontal datum of NAD 27. The current edition of chart 13272 is on NAD 83. Accordingly, to plot the above point on the current chart, first add 0.351" to the latitude and subtract 1.819" from the longitude.

(410) **Case II**. When the magnitude of the shift between the existing chart datum and NAD 83 does not result in a significant plottable difference, on a chart converted to NAD 1983, a note similar to the following appears on the chart:

HORIZONTAL DATUM

(411) **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 (name of the old datum) do not require conversion to NAD 83 for plotting on this chart.**

(412) **Case III**. If a chart is not yet on NAD 83, and NOS re-publishes same without converting it to NAD 83, a note similar to the following appears on the chart:

HORIZONTAL DATUM

(413) **The horizontal reference datum of this chart is (name of the datum). Geographic positions on North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83) must be corrected an average of _____" northward/southward and _____" eastward/westward to agree with this chart. For charting purposes, NAD 83 is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System of 1984 (WGS 1984) datum.**

(414) Nautical chart changes by NOS involving latitude and longitude coordinates, published in Notices to Mariners, include which horizontal datum was used for the coordinates.

(415) Federal Regulations published by the Coast Guard (in **33 CFR**) involving geographic positions (latitude and longitude) include which horizontal datum was used for the coordinates. For example, **33 CFR 110.238**, Apra Harbor, Guam, contains "Datum: (WGS 84)".

Accuracy of a nautical chart

(416) The value of a nautical chart depends upon the accuracy of the surveys on which it is based. The chart reflects what was found by field surveys and what has been reported to NOS Headquarters. The chart represents general conditions at the time of surveys or reports and does not necessarily portray present conditions. Significant changes may have taken place since the date of the last survey or report.

(417) Each sounding represents an actual measure of depth and location at the time the survey was made, and each bottom characteristic represents a sampling of the surface layer of the sea bottom at the time of the sampling. Areas where sand and mud prevail, especially the entrances and approaches to bays and rivers exposed to strong tidal current and heavy seas, are subject to continual change.

(418) In coral regions and where rocks and boulders abound, it is always possible that surveys may have failed to find every obstruction. Thus, when navigating such waters, customary routes and channels should be followed and areas avoided where irregular and sudden changes in depth indicate conditions associated with pinnacle rocks, coral heads, or boulders.

(419) Information charted as "reported" should be treated with caution in navigating the area, because the actual conditions have not been verified by government surveys.

(420) **CAUTION: DO NOT USE A NEW CHART OR PUBLICATION UNTIL IT IS ANNOUNCED IN THE NOTICE TO MARINERS**. It is not considered a valid document until it is announced in the Notice to Mariners. The **date of a chart** is also of vital importance to the navigator. When charted information becomes obsolete, further use of the chart for navigation may be dangerous. The publication, **Dates of Latest Editions**, published quarterly, gives the edition and date of the latest edition of charts published by NOS. It is distributed to sales agents; free copies may be obtained from the sales agents or by writing to Distribution Division (N/ACC3), National Ocean Service. (See appendix for address.)

Source diagrams

(421) The Office of Coast Survey has recently committed to adding a source diagram to all charts 1:500,000 scale and larger. This diagram is intended to provide the mariner with additional information about the density and reliability of the sounding data depicted on the chart. The adequacy with which sounding data depicts the configuration of the bottom depends on the following factors:

(422) •Survey technology employed (sounding and navigation equipment).

(423) •Survey specifications in effect (prescribed survey line spacing and sounding interval).

(424) •Type of bottom (e.g., rocky with existence of submerged pinnacles, flat sandy, coastal deposits subject to frequent episodes of deposition and erosion).

(425) Depth information on nautical charts is based on soundings from the latest available hydrographic survey, which in many cases may be quite old. The age of hydrographic surveys supporting nautical charts varies. Approximately 60 percent of inshore hydrography was acquired by **leadline** (pre-1940) sounding technology.

(426) The sounding information portrayed on NOAA nautical charts is considered accurate but does not, as noted above, represent a complete picture of the seafloor because older sounding technologies only collected discrete samples. For example, a leadline survey provides only a single point sounding. **Electronic echo sounders,** which came into common use during the 1940's, collected continuous soundings along the path of the survey vessel, but no information between survey lines. Full bottom coverage technology which transitioned into use as a supplemental method in the 1990s, has made leadline and conventional echo sounder technologies obsolete in areas of complex bathymetry.

(427) The following shows the eras of survey technology and their impact on the adequacy with which the bottom configuration is portrayed.

(428) Prior to 1940: The majority of survey data acquired prior to 1940 consisted of leadline soundings which were positioned using horizontal sextant angles. This positioning method is considered to be accurate.

ERA	SOUNDING TECHNOLOGY	MAXIMUM LINE SPACING	AREAS OR DEPTHS
PRE-1940	Leadline	50 Meters	Anchorages, Channel Lines
			Open Coast
			Even Bottom
		200 - 300 Meters	0 - 10 Fathoms
		0.5 Mile	10 - 15 Fathoms
		1 - 4 Miles	15 - 100 Fathoms
		Reduced as Necessary	Uneven Bottom
1940 TO 1989	Continuous Recording Echo- sounder		**Harbors & Restricted Areas**
		50 Meters	Shoal Development
		100 Meters	< 20 Fathoms
		200 Meters	20 - 30 Fathoms
		400 Meters	> 30 Fathoms
			Open Coast
			Irregular Bottom
		100 Meters	<20 Fathoms (Rocky points, spits & channel entrances)
			Smooth Bottom
		200 Meters	< 20 Fathoms (All Other Areas)
		400 Meters	20 - 30 Fathoms
		800 Meters	30 - 110 Fathoms
		1600 Meters	110 - 500 Fathoms
1989 TO PRESENT	Continuous Recording Echo- sounder (Metrication)		**Harbors & Restricted Areas**
		100 Meters	< 30 Meters
		200 Meters	30-50 Meters
		400 Meters	> 50 Meters
			Open Coast
		100 Meters	<30 Meters (Rocky points, spits & channel entrances)
		200 Meters	<30 Meters (All Other Areas)
		400 Meters	30 - 50 Meters
		800 Meters	50 - 200 Meters
		1600 Meters	200 - 900 Meters

(429) A deficiency with pre-1940 data exists in the leadline sounding method because it represents discrete single-point sampling. Depths of areas between or outside of leadline sounding points can only be inferred or estimated leaving the possibility of undetected features, especially in areas of irregular relief.

(430) 1940 to present: During this period sounding data has been collected using continuous recording single-beam echo sounders which yield a graphic record of the entire sounding line–not just isolated points. Using this graphic record, features which fall between the standard position fixes can be inserted into the data set. Positioning of the sounding vessel in this era has varied from horizontal sextant angles to modern Global Positioning System satellite fixes.

(431) Although the sampling is continuous along the track of the sounding vessel, features can be missed between sounding lines.

(432) The spacing of sounding lines required to survey an area depends on several factors; such as water depths, bottom configuration, survey scale, general nature of the area, and the purpose of the survey. For example, a 1:10,000-scale survey conducted in an estuary will typically have 100-meter line spacing requirements, but may be reduced to 50 meters or less to adequately develop an irregular bottom, shoal, or some other feature that may present a hazard to navigation. Also,

hydrographic project instructions for surveys may have required line spacing that deviates from these general specifications.

(433) The above table shows the various sounding technologies, line spacings, and areas or depths for each given period of hydrographic surveying. The terminology used to describe the different types of bottom in the table are derived from the first through fourth editions of the Hydrographic Manual and Hydrographic Survey Guideline No. 69.

(434) Referring to the accompanying sample Source Diagram and the above discussion of survey methods over time, a mariner transiting from Point X to Point Y, along the track indicated by the **dotted line**, would have the following information available about the relative quality of the depth information shown on the chart.

(435) Point X lies in an area surveyed by NOS in 1926-27 at a scale of 1:100,000. The sounding data would have been collected by leadline. Depths between sounding points can only be inferred, and undetected features might exist between the sounding points in areas of irregular relief. Caution should be exercised.

(436) The transit continues to cross areas surveyed by NOS in the 1920's using leadline survey technology. As depths decrease, the line spacing decreases, but depths still can only be inferred between sounding points. Shoals and undetected features might exist between the sounding points in areas of irregular relief. Caution must still be exercised.

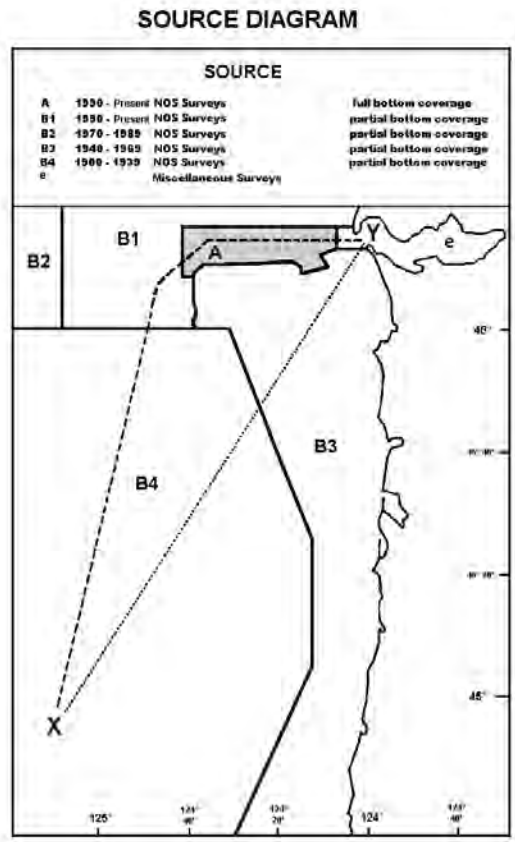
(437) The transit ends in an area charted from miscellaneous surveys. These surveys may be too numerous to depict or vary in age, reliability, origin, or technology used. No inferences about the fitness of the data can be made in this area from the diagram.

(438) Referring again to the accompanying sample Source Diagram, and the above discussion of survey methods over time, a mariner could choose to transit from Point X to Point Y, along the track shown with a **dashed line**.

(439) The transit again starts in an area surveyed by NOS in 1926-27 at a scale of 1:100,000. The sounding data would have been collected by leadline. Depths between sounding points can only be inferred, and undetected features might exist between sounding points in areas of irregular relief. Caution should be exercised.

(440) The transit then crosses an area surveyed by NOS in 1958 at a scale of 1:80,000. The charted hydrography in this area would have been acquired by continuous recording single beam echo sounder. It is possible that features could have been missed between sounding lines, although echo sounders record all depths along a sounding line with varying beam widths.

(441) The transit then crosses an area surveyed by NOS in 1992 at a scale of 1:20,000. The data is collected in metric units acquired by continuous recording single beam echo sounder. It is possible that features could have been missed between sounding lines, although echo sounders record all depths along a sounding line with varying beam widths.



(442) The transit ends in an area where the charted hydrography is derived from miscellaneous surveys. These surveys may be too numerous to depict or vary in age, reliability, origin, or technology used. No inferences about the fitness of the data can be made in this area from the diagram.

(443) By choosing to transit along the track shown by the dashed line, the mariner would elect to take advantage of more recent survey information collected with more modern technology.

U.S. Nautical Chart Numbering System

(444) This chart numbering system, adopted by the National Ocean Service and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, provides for a uniform method of identifying charts published by both agencies. Nautical charts published by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency are identified in the Coast Pilot by an asterisk preceding the chart number.

Corrections to charts

(445) It is essential for navigators to keep charts corrected through information published in the notices to mariners, especially since the NOS no longer hand-corrects charts prior to distribution.

Caution in using small-scale charts

(446) Dangers to navigation cannot be shown with the same amount of detail on small-scale charts as on those of larger scale. Therefore, the largest scale chart of an area should always be used.

(447) The **scales of nautical charts** range from 1:2,500 to about 1:5,000,000. Graphic scales are generally shown on charts with scales of 1:80,000 or larger, and numerical scales are given on smaller scale charts. NOS charts are classified according to scale as follows:

(448) **Sailing charts,** scales 1:600,000 and smaller, are for use in fixing the mariner's position as he approaches the coast from the open ocean, or for sailing between distant coastwise ports. On such charts the shoreline and topography are generalized and only offshore soundings, and the principal lights, outer buoys, and landmarks visible at considerable distances are shown.

(449) **General charts,** scales 1:150,000 to 1:600,000, are for coastwise navigation outside of outlying reefs and shoals.

(450) **Coast charts,** scales 1:50,000 to 1:150,000 are for inshore navigation leading to bays and harbors of considerable width and for navigating large inland waterways.

(451) **Harbor charts,** scales larger than 1:50,000, are for harbors, anchorage areas, and the smaller waterways.

(452) **Special charts,** various scales, cover the Intracoastal waterways and miscellaneous small-craft areas.

Blue tint in water areas

(453) A blue tint is shown in water areas on many charts to accentuate shoals and other areas considered dangerous for navigation when using that particular chart. Since the danger curve varies with the intended purpose of a chart a careful inspection should be made to determine the contour depth of the blue tint areas.

Caution on bridge and cable clearances

(454) For bascule bridges whose spans do not open to a full vertical position, unlimited overhead clearance is not available for the entire charted horizontal clearance when the bridge is open, due to the inclination of the drawspans over the channel.

(455) The charted clearances of overhead cables are for the lowest wires at mean high water unless otherwise stated. **Vessels with masts, stacks, booms, or antennas should allow sufficient clearance under power cables to avoid arcing.**

(456) **Submarine cables and submerged pipelines** cross many waterways used by both large and small vessels, but all of them may not be charted. For inshore areas, they usually are buried beneath the seabed, but, for offshore areas, they may lie on the ocean floor. Warning signs are often posted to warn mariners of their existence.

(457) The installation of submarine cables or pipelines in U.S. waters or the Continental Shelf of the United States is under the jurisdiction of one or more Federal agencies, depending on the nature of the installation. They are shown on the charts when the necessary information is reported to NOS and they have been recommended for charting by the cognizant agency. The chart symbols for submarine cable and pipeline areas are usually shown for inshore areas, whereas, chart symbols for submarine cable and pipeline routes may be shown for offshore areas. Submarine cables and pipelines are not described in the Coast Pilots.

(458) In view of the serious consequences resulting from damage to submarine cables and pipelines, vessel operators should take special care when anchoring, fishing, or engaging in underwater operations near areas where these cables or pipelines may exist or have been reported to exist. Mariners are also warned that the areas where cables and pipelines were originally buried may have changed and they may be exposed; extreme caution should be used when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to the vessel's draft.

(459) Certain cables carry high voltage, while many pipelines carry natural gas under high pressure or petroleum products. Electrocution, fire, or explosion with injury, loss of life, or a serious pollution incident could occur if they are broached.

(460) Vessels fouling a submarine cable or pipeline should attempt to clear without undue strain. Anchors or gear that cannot be cleared should be slipped, but no attempt should be made to cut a cable or a pipeline.

Artificial obstructions to navigation

(461) **Disposal areas** are designated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for depositing dredged material where existing depths indicate that the intent is not to cause sufficient shoaling to create a danger to surface navigation. The areas are charted without blue tint, and soundings and depth curves are retained.

(462) **Disposal Sites** are areas established by Federal regulation (**40 CFR 220-229**) in which dumping of dredged and fill material and other nonbuoyant objects is allowed with the issuance of a permit. Dumping of dredged and fill material is supervised by the Corps of Engineers and all other dumping by the

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). (See U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Environmental Protection Agency, this chapter, and appendix for office addresses.)

(463) **Dumping Grounds** are also areas that were established by Federal regulation (**33 CFR 205**). However, these regulations have been revoked and the use of the areas discontinued. These areas will continue to be shown on nautical charts until such time as they are no longer considered to be a danger to navigation.

(464) Disposal Sites and Dumping Grounds are rarely mentioned in the Coast Pilot, but are shown on nautical charts. **Mariners are advised to exercise caution in and in the vicinity of all dumping areas.**

(465) **Spoil areas** are for the purpose of depositing dredged material, usually near and parallel to dredged channels; they are usually a hazard to navigation. Spoil areas are usually charted from survey drawings from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers after-dredging surveys, though they may originate from private or other Government agency surveys. Spoil areas are tinted blue on the charts and labeled, and all soundings and depth curves are omitted. Navigators of even the smallest craft should avoid crossing spoil areas.

(466) **Fish havens** are established by private interests, usually sport fishermen, to simulate natural reefs and wrecks that attract fish. The reefs are constructed by intentional placement of assorted secondary-use materials and designed fishery habitat, ranging from old trolley cars and barges to scrap building material in areas which may be of very small extent or may stretch a considerable distance along a depth curve; old automobile bodies are a commonly used material. The Corps of Engineers must issue a permit, specifying the location and depth over the reef, before such a reef may be built. However, the reefbuilders' adherence to permit specifications can be checked only with a wire drag. Fish havens are outlined and labeled on the charts and show the minimum authorized depth when known. Fish havens are tinted blue if they have a minimum authorized depth of 11 fathoms or less or if the minimum authorized depth is unknown and they are in depths greater than 11 fathoms but still considered a danger to navigation. Navigators should be cautious about passing over fish havens or anchoring in their vicinity.

(467) **Fishtrap areas** are areas established by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, or State or local authority, in which traps may be built and maintained according to established regulations. The fish stakes which may exist in these areas are obstructions to navigation and may be dangerous. The limits of fishtrap areas and a cautionary note are usually charted. Navigators should avoid these areas.

Local magnetic disturbances

(468) If measured values of magnetic variation differ from the expected (charted) values by several degrees, a magnetic disturbance note will be printed on the chart. The note will indicate the location and magnitude of the disturbance, but the indicated magnitude should not be considered as the largest possible value that may be encountered. Large disturbances are more frequently detected in the shallow waters near land masses than on the deep sea. Generally, the effect of a local magnetic disturbance diminishes rapidly with distance, but in some locations there are multiple sources of disturbances and the effects may be distributed for many miles.

Compass roses on charts

(469) Each compass rose shows the date, magnetic variation, and the annual change in variation. Prior to the new edition of a nautical chart, the compass roses are reviewed. Corrections for annual change and other revisions may be made as a result of newer and more accurate information. On some general and sailing charts, the magnetic variation is shown by isogonic lines in addition to the compass roses.

(470) The **Mercator projection** used on most nautical charts has straight-line meridians and parallels that intersect at right angles. On any particular chart the distances between meridians are equal throughout, but distances between parallels increase progressively from the Equator toward the poles, so that a straight line between any two points is a rhumb line. This unique property of the Mercator projection is one of the main reasons why it is preferred by the mariner.

Echo soundings

(471) Ship's echo sounders may indicate small variations from charted soundings; this may be due to the fact that various corrections (instrument corrections, settlement and squat, draft, and velocity corrections) are made to echo soundings in surveying which are not normally made in ordinary navigation, or to observational errors in reading the echo sounder. Instrument errors vary between different equipment and must be determined by calibration aboard ship. Most types of echo sounders are factory calibrated for a velocity of sound in water of 800 fathoms per second, but the actual velocity may differ from the calibrated velocity by as much as 5 percent, depending upon the temperature and salinity of the waters in which the vessel is operating; the highest velocities are found in warm, highly saline water, and the lowest in icy freshwater. Velocity corrections for these variations are determined and applied to echo soundings during hydrographic surveys. All echo soundings must be corrected for the vessel's

draft, unless the draft observation has been set on the echo sounder.

(472) Observational errors include misinterpreting false echos from schools of fish, seaweed, etc., but the most serious error which commonly occurs is where the depth is greater than the scale range of the instrument; a 400-fathom scale indicates 15 fathoms when the depth is 415 fathoms. Caution in navigation should be exercised when wide variations from charted depths are observed.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Reporting of defects in aids to navigation

(473) Promptly notify the nearest Coast Guard District Commander if an aid to navigation is observed to be missing, sunk, capsized, out of position, damaged, extinguished, or showing improper characteristics.

(474) Radio messages should be prefixed "Coast Guard" and transmitted directly to any U.S. Government shore radio station for relay to the Coast Guard District Commander. Merchant ships may send messages relating to defects noted in aids to navigation through commercial facilities only when they are unable to contact a U.S. Government shore radio station. Charges for these messages will be accepted "collect" by the Coast Guard.

Lights

(475) The range of visibility of lights as given in the Light Lists and as shown on the charts is the **Nominal range,** which is the maximum distance at which a light may be seen in clear weather (meteorological visibility of 10 nautical miles) expressed in nautical miles. The Light Lists give the Nominal ranges for all Coast Guard lighted aids except range and directional lights. **Luminous range** is the maximum distance at which a light may be seen under the existing visibility conditions. By use of the diagram in the Light Lists, Luminous range may be determined from the known Nominal range, and the existing visibility conditions. Both the Nominal and Luminous ranges do not take into account elevation, observer's height of eye, or the curvature of the earth. **Geographic range** is a function of only the curvature of the earth and is determined solely from the heights above sea level of the light and the observer's eye; therefore, to determine the actual Geographic range for a height of eye, the Geographic range must be corrected by a distance corresponding to the height difference, the distance correction being determined from a table of "distances of visibility for various heights above sea level." (See Light List or Coast Pilot table following appendix.) The maximum distances at which lights can be seen may at times be increased by abnormal atmospheric refraction and may be greatly decreased by unfavorable weather conditions such as fog, rain, haze, or smoke. All except the most powerful lights are easily obscured by such conditions. In some conditions of the atmosphere white lights may have a reddish hue. During weather conditions which tend to reduce visibility, colored lights are more quickly lost to sight than are white lights. Navigational lights should be used with caution because of the following conditions that may exist;

(476) A light may be extinguished and the fact not reported to the Coast Guard for correction, or a light may be located in an isolated area where it will take time to correct.

(477) In regions where ice conditions prevail the lantern panes of unattended lights may become covered with ice or snow, which will greatly reduce the visibility and may also cause colored lights to appear white.

(478) Brilliant shore lights used for advertising and other purposes, particularly those in densely populated areas, make it difficult to identify a navigational light.

(479) At short distances flashing lights may show a faint continuous light between flashes.

(480) The distance of an observer from a light cannot be estimated by its apparent intensity. The characteristics of lights in an area should always be checked in order that powerful lights visible in the distance will not be mistaken for nearby lights showing similar characteristics at low intensity such as those on lighted buoys.

(481) The apparent characteristic of a complex light may change with the distance of the observer, due to color and intensity variations among the different lights of the group. The characteristic as charted and shown in the Light List may not be recognized until nearer the light.

(482) Motion of a vessel in a heavy sea may cause a light to alternately appear and disappear, and thus give a false characteristic.

(483) Where lights have different colored sectors, be guided by the correct bearing of the light; do not rely on being able to accurately observe the point at which the color changes. On either side of the line of demarcation of colored sectors there is always a small arc of uncertain color.

(484) On some bearings from the light, the range of visibility of the light may be reduced by obstructions. In such cases, the obstructed arc might differ with height of eye and distance. When a light is cut off by adjoining land and the arc of visibility is given, the bearing on which the light disappears may vary with the distance of the vessel from which observed and with the height of eye. When the light is cut off by a sloping hill or point of land, the light may be seen over a wider arc by a ship far off than by one close to.

(485) Arcs of circles drawn on charts around a light are not intended to give information as to the distance at which it can be seen, but solely to indicate, in the case of lights which do not show equally in all directions, the bearings between which the variation of visibility or obscuration of the light occurs.

(486) Lights of equal candlepower but of different colors may be seen at different distances. This fact should be considered not only in predicting the distance at which a light can be seen, but also in identifying it.

(487) Lights should not be passed close aboard, because in many cases riprap mounds are maintained to protect the structure against ice damage and scouring action.

(488) Many prominent towers, tanks, smokestacks, buildings, and other similar structures, charted as landmarks, display flashing and/or fixed red aircraft obstruction lights. Lights shown from landmarks are charted only when they have distinctive characteristics to enable the mariner to positively identify the location of the charted structure.

Articulated lights

(489) An articulated light is a vertical pipe structure supported by a submerged buoyancy chamber and attached by a universal coupling to a weighted sinker on the seafloor. The light, allowed to move about by the universal coupling, is not as precise as a fixed aid. However, it has a much smaller watch circle than a conventional buoy, because the buoyancy chamber tends to force the pipe back to a vertical position when it heels over under the effects of wind, wave, or current.

Articulated daybeacons

(490) Same description as for articulated lights (see above) except substitute daybeacon for light.

Bridge lights and clearance gages

(491) The Coast Guard regulates marine obstruction lights and clearance gages on bridges across navigable waters. Where installed, clearance gages are generally vertical numerical scales, reading from top to bottom, and show the actual vertical clearance between the existing water level and the lowest point of the bridge over the channel; the gages are normally on the right-hand pier or abutment of the bridge, on both the upstream and downstream sides.

(492) Bridge lights are fixed red or green, and are privately maintained; they are generally not charted or described in the text of the Coast Pilot. All bridge piers (and their protective fenders) and abutments which are in or adjacent to a navigation channel are marked on all channel sides by red lights. On each channel span of a fixed bridge, there is a range of two green lights marking the center of the channel and a red light marking both edges of the channel, except that when the margins of the channel are confined by bridge piers, the red lights on the span are omitted, since the pier lights then mark the channel edges; for multiplespan fixed bridges, the main-channel span may also be marked by three white lights in a vertical line above the green range lights.

(493) On all types of drawbridges, one or more red lights are shown from the drawspan (higher than the pier lights) when the span is closed; when the span is open, the higher red lights are obscured and one or two green lights are shown from the drawspan, higher than the pier lights. The number and location of the red and green lights depend upon the type of drawbridge.

(494) Bridges and their lighting, construction and maintenance are set forth in **33 CFR 114, 115, 116, and 118,** (not carried in this Coast Pilot). Aircraft obstruction lights prescribed by the Federal Aviation Administration, may operate at certain bridges.

Fog signals

(495) Caution should be exercised in the use of sound fog signals for navigation purposes. They should be considered solely as warning devices.

(496) Sound travels through the air in a variable manner, even without the effects of wind; and, therefore, the hearing of fog signals cannot be implicitly relied upon.

(497) Experience indicates that distances must not be judged only by the intensity of the sound; that occasionally there may be areas close to a fog signal in which it is not heard; and that fog may exist not far from a station, yet not be seen from it, so the signal may not be operating. It is not always possible to start a fog signal immediately when fog is observed.

Avoidance of collision with offshore light stations and large navigational buoys (LNB)

(498) Courses should invariably be set to pass these aids with sufficient clearance to avoid the possibility of collision from any cause. Errors of observation, current and wind effects, other vessels in the vicinity, and defects in steering gear may be, and have been the cause of actual collisions, or imminent danger thereof, needlessly jeopardizing the safety of these facilities and their crews, and of all navigation dependent on these important aids to navigation.

(499) Experience shows that offshore light stations cannot be safely used as leading marks to be passed close aboard, but should always be left broad off the course, whenever sea room permits. When approaching fixed offshore light structures and large navigational buoys (LNB) on radio bearings, the risk of collision will be avoided by ensuring that radio bearing does not remain constant.

(500) It should be borne in mind that most large buoys are anchored to a very long scope of chain and, as a result, the radius of their swinging circle is considerable. The charted position is the location of the anchor. Furthermore under certain conditions of wind and current, they are subject to sudden and unexpected sheers which are certain to hazard a vessel attempting to pass close aboard.

Buoys

(501) The aids to navigation depicted on charts comprise a system consisting of fixed and floating aids with varying degrees of reliability. Therefore, prudent mariners will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly a floating aid.

(502) The approximate position of a buoy is represented by the dot or circle associated with the buoy symbol. The approximate position is used because of practical limitations in positioning and maintaining buoys and their sinkers in precise geographical locations. These limitations include, but are not limited to, inherent imprecisions in position fixing methods, prevailing atmospheric and sea conditions, the slope of and the material making up the seabed, the fact that buoys are moored to sinkers by varying lengths of chain, and the fact that buoy body and/or sinker positions are not under continuous surveillance, but are normally checked only during periodic maintenance visits which often occur more than a year apart. The position of the buoy body can be expected to shift inside and outside of the charting symbol due to the forces of nature. The mariner is also cautioned that buoys are liable to be carried away, shifted, capsized, sunk, etc. Lighted buoys may be extinguished or sound signals may not function as a result of ice, running ice or other natural causes, collisions, or other accidents.

(503) For the foregoing reasons, a prudent mariner must not rely completely upon the charted position or operation of floating aids to navigation, but will also utilize bearings from fixed objects and aids to navigation on shore. Further, a vessel attempting to pass close aboard always risks collision with a yawing buoy or with the obstruction the buoy marks.

(504) Buoys may not always properly mark shoals or other obstructions due to shifting of the shoals or of the buoys. Buoys marking wrecks or other obstructions are usually placed on the seaward or channelward side and not directly over a wreck. Since buoys may be located some distance from a wreck they are intended to mark, and since sunken wrecks are not always static, extreme caution should be exercised when operating in the vicinity of such buoys.

Caution, channel markers.

(505) Lights, daybeacons, and buoys along dredged channels do not always mark the bottom edges. Due to local conditions, aids may be located inside or outside the channel limits shown by dashed lines on a chart. The Light List tabulates the offset distances for these aids in many instances.

(506) Aids may be moved, discontinued, or replaced by other types to facilitate dredging operations. Mariners should exercise caution when navigating areas where dredges with auxiliary equipment are working.

(507) Temporary changes in aids are not included on the charts.

SATELLITE POSITION INDICATING RADIO BEACON (EPIRB)

(508) Emergency position indicating radiobeacons (EPIRBs), devices which cost from $200 to over $2000, are designed to save your life if you get into trouble by alerting rescue authorities and indicating your location. EPIRB types are described in the accompanying table.

EPIRB Types

Type	Frequency	Description
Class A	121.5/243 MHz	Float-free automatically activated, detectable by aircraft and satellite. Coverage limited (see Chart).
Class B	121.5/243 MHz	Manually activated version of Class A.
Class C	VHF ch 15/16	Manually activated, operates on maritime channels only. Not detectable by satellite. Not authorized after 2/1/99
Class S	121.5/243 MHz	Similar to Class B, except it floats, or is an integral part of a survival craft.
Cat I	406/121.5 MHz	Float-free, automatically activated EPIRB. Detectable by satellite anywhere in the world.
Cat II	406/121.5 MHz	Similar to Category I, except is manually activated.

121.5/243 MHz EPIRBs

(509) These are the most common and least expensive type of EPIRB, designed to be detected by overflying commercial or military aircraft. Satellites were designed to detect these EPIRBs, but are limited for the following reasons:

(510) (i) Satellite detection range is limited for these EPIRBs (satellites must be within line of sight of both

the EPIRB and a ground terminal for detection to occur) (see Chart),

(511) (ii) EPIRB design and frequency congestion cause these devices to be subject to a high false alert/false alarm rate (over 99%); consequently, confirmation is required before search and rescue forces can be deployed.

(512) (iii) EPIRBs manufactured before October 1989 may have design or construction problems (e.g. some models will leak and cease operating when immersed in water), or may not be detectable by satellite.

Class C EPIRBs

(513) These are manually activated devices intended for pleasure craft who do not venture far offshore and for vessels on the Great Lakes. They transmit a short burst on VHF-FM channel 16 and a longer homing signal on channel 15. Their usefulness depends upon a coast station or another vessel guarding channel 16 and recognizing the brief, recurring tone as an EPIRB. Class C EPIRBs are not recognized outside of the United States.

(514) New class C EPIRB stations will not be authorized after February 1, 1995. Class C EPIRB stations installed on board vessels before February 1, 1995, may be used until February 1, 1999, and not thereafter.

406 MHz EPIRBs

(515) The 406 MHz EPIRB was designed to operate with satellites. Its signal allows a satellite local user terminal to accurately locate the EPIRB (much more accurately than 121.5/243 MHz devices), and identify the vessel (the signal is encoded with the vessel's identity) anywhere in the world (there is no range limitation). These devices also include a 121.5 MHz homing signal, allowing aircraft and rescue craft to quickly find the vessel in distress. These are the only type of EPIRB which must be certified by Coast Guard approved independent laboratories before they can be sold in the United States.

(516) All 406 MHz EPIRBs must be registered with NOAA. The beacon registration must be renewed every two years, and re-registered if you change your boat, your address, or your primary phone number. For information or to have the registration/re-registration form faxed, mariners can call: 1-888-212-7283, or go to the NOAA website to get the form at www.sarsat.noaa.gov. Mail the signed original form to:

(517) NOAA SARSAT Beacon Registration

(518) E/SP3, Room 3320, FB-4

(519) 5200 Auth Road

(520) Suitland, MD 20746-4304

(521) Beacon registration/re-registration may be expedited by faxing a completed copy of the form to NOAA at 301-568-8649, as well as mailing the signed original form to the address above.

(522) By 1 August 1993, an automatically activated, float-free version of this EPIRB will be required on Safety of Life at Sea Convention vessels (passenger ships and ships over 300 tons, on international voyages) of any nationality. The Coast Guard requires U.S. commercial fishing vessels carry this device (by May 1990, unless they carry a Class A EPIRB), and will require the same for other U.S. commercial uninspected vessels which travel more than 3 miles offshore.

The COSPAS-SARSAT system

(523) COSPAS: Space System for Search of Distress Vessels (a Russian acronym); SARSAT: Search and Rescue Satellite-Aided Tracking. COSPAS-SARSAT is an international satellite-based search and rescue system established by the U.S., Russia, Canada and France to locate emergency radio beacons transmitting on the frequencies 121.5, 243 and 406 MHz. Since its inception only a few years ago, COSPAS-SARSAT has contributed to the saving of 1240 lives (as of June 6, 1989), 554 of these mariners. The Coast Guard operates two local user terminals, satellite earth stations designed to received EPIRB distress calls forwarded from COSPAS-SARSAT satellites, located in Kodiak, Alaska and Point Reyes, California. The Air Force operates a third terminal at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

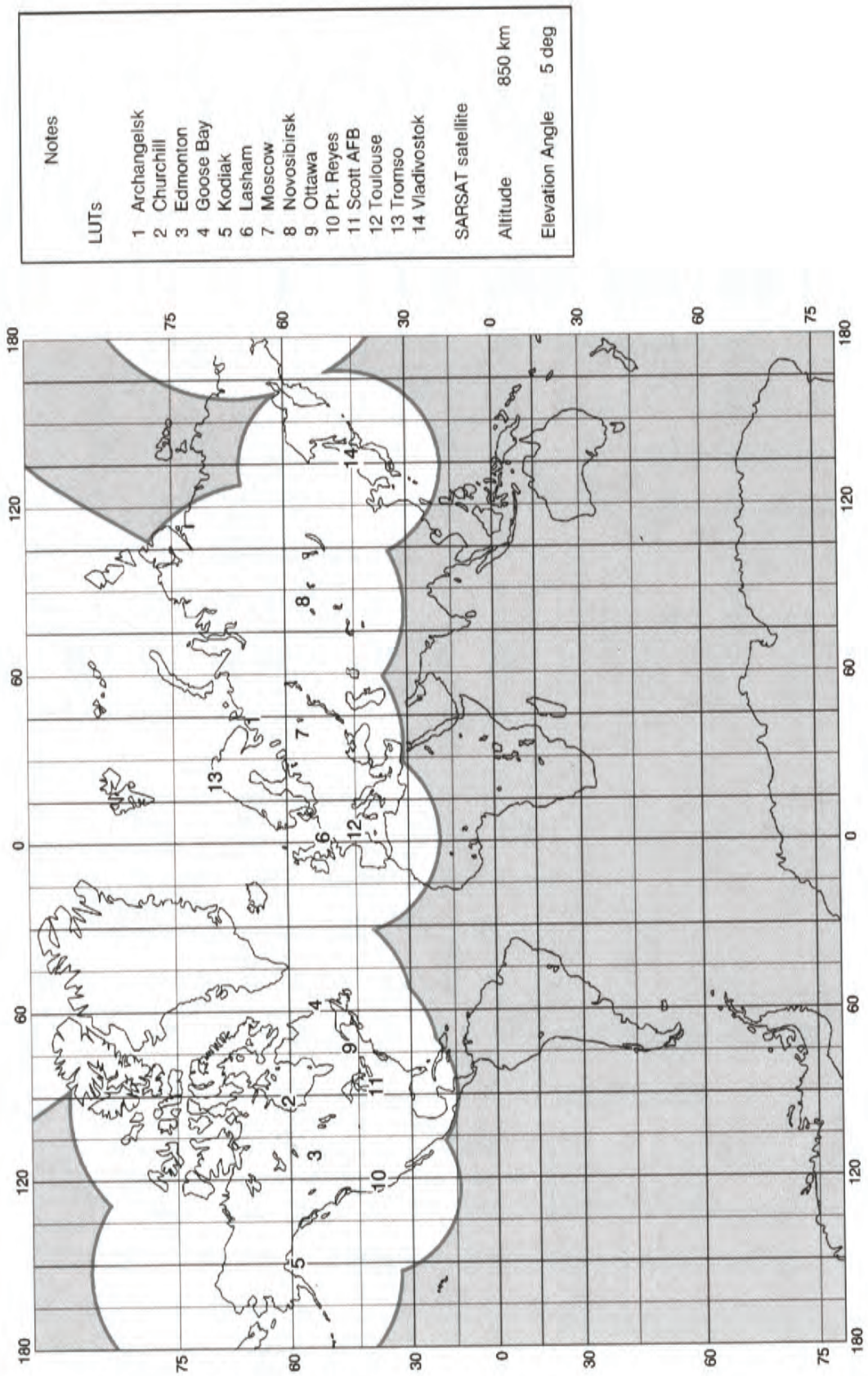
(524) Testing EPIRBs

(525) The Coast Guard urges those owning EPIRBs to periodically examine them for water tightness, battery expiration date and signal presence. FCC rules allow Class A, B, and S EPIRBs to be turned on briefly (for three audio sweeps, or one second only) during the first five minutes of each hour. Signal presence can be detected by an FM radio tuned to 99.5 MHz, or an AM radio tuned to any vacant frequency and located close to an EPIRB. FCC rules allow Class C EPIRBs to be tested within the first five minutes of every hour, for not more than five seconds. Class C EPIRBs can be detected by a marine radio tuned to channel 15 or 16. 406 MHz EPIRBs can be tested through its self-test function, which is an integral part of the device.

(526) **Radar beacons (Racons)** are low-powered radio transceivers that operate in the marine radar X-band frequencies. When activated by a vessel's radar signal, **Racons** provide a distinctive visible display on the vessel's radarscope from which the range and bearing to the beacon may be determined. (See Light List and NGA Pub. 117 for details.)

LORAN-C

(527) LORAN, an acronym for LOng RAnge Navigation, is an electronic aid to navigation consisting of shore-based



1988 Satellite Visibility Area of SARSAT LUTs
(represents approximate System coverage at 121.5 MHz;
at 406 MHz, the System covers the entire globe)

radio transmitters. The LORAN system enables users equipped with a LORAN receiver to determine their position quickly and accurately, day or night, in practically any weather.

(528) A LORAN-C chain consists of three to five transmitting stations separated by several hundred miles. Within a chain, one station is designated as master while the other stations are designated as secondaries. Each secondary station is identified as either whiskey, x-ray, yankee, or zulu.

(529) The master station is always the first station to transmit. It transmits a series of nine pulses. The secondary stations then follow in turn, transmitting eight pulses each, at precisely timed intervals. This cycle repeats itself endlessly. The length of the cycle is measured in microseconds and is called a Group Repetition Interval (GRI).

(530) LORAN-C chains are designated by the four most significant digits of their GRI. For example, a chain with a GRI of 89,700 microseconds is referred to as 8970. A different GRI is used for each chain because all LORAN-C stations broadcast in the same 90 to 110 kilohertz frequency band and would otherwise interfere with one another.

(531) The LORAN-C system can be used in either a hyperbolic or range mode. In the widely used hyperbolic mode, a LORAN-C line of position is determined by measuring the time difference between synchronized pulses received from two separate transmitting stations. In the range mode, a line of position is determined by measuring the time required by LORAN-C pulses to travel from a transmitting station to the user's receiver.

(532) A user's position is determined by locating the crossing point of two lines of position on a LORAN-C chart. Many receivers have built-in coordinate converters which will automatically display the receiver's latitude and longitude. With a coordinate converter, a position can be determined using a chart that is not overprinted with LORAN-C lines of position.

(533) **CAUTION: The latitude/longitude computation on some models is based upon an all seawater propagation path. This may lead to error if the LORAN-C signals from the various stations involve appreciable overland propagation paths. These errors may put the mariner at risk in areas requiring precise positioning if the proper correctors (ASF) are not applied. Therefore, it is recommended that mariners using Coordinate Converters check the manufacturer's operating manual to determine if and how corrections are to be applied to compensate for the discontinuity caused by the overland paths.**

(534) There are two types of LORAN-C positioning accuracy: absolute and repeatable. Absolute accuracy is a measure of the navigator's ability to determine latitude and longitude position from the LORAN-C time differences measured. Repeatable accuracy is a measure of the LORAN-C navigator's ability to return to a position where readings have been taken before.

(535) The absolute positioning accuracy of LORAN-C is 0.25 nautical miles, 95% confidence within the published coverage area using standard LORAN-C charts and tables. Repeatable accuracy depends on many factors, so measurements must be taken to determine the repeatable accuracy in any given area. Coast Guard surveys have found repeatable accuracies between 30 and 170 meters in most ground wave coverage areas. LORAN-C position determination on or near the baseline extensions are subject to significant errors and, therefore, should be avoided whenever possible. The use of skywaves is not recommended within 250 miles of a station being used, and corrections for these areas are not usually tabulated.

(536) If the timing or pulse shape of a master-secondary pair deviates from specified tolerances, the first two pulses of the secondary station's pulse train will blink on and off. The LORAN-C receiver sees this blinking signal and indicates a warning to the user. This warning will continue until the signals are once again in tolerance. A blinking signal is not exhibited during off-air periods, so a separate receiver alarm indicates any loss of signal. Never use a blinking secondary signal for navigation.

(537) In coastal waters, LORAN-C should not be relied upon as the only aid to navigation. A prudent navigator will use radar, radio direction finder, fathometer and any other aid to navigation, in addition to the LORAN-C receiver.

LORAN-C Interference

(538) Interference to LORAN-C may result from radio transmissions by public or private sources operating near the LORAN-C band of 90-110 kHz.

LORAN-C Charts and Publications

(539) Navigational charts overprinted with LORAN-C lines of position are available from National Ocean Service, Distribution Division (N/ACC3). (See appendix for address)

GPS Navigation System

(540) GPS is a space-based positioning, velocity, and time system that has three major segments: space, control, and user. The Space Segment is composed of 24 satellites in six orbital planes. The satellites operate in circular 20,200 km (10,900 nm) orbits at an inclination angle, relative to the equator, of 55° and with a 12-hour period. The system normally operates with twenty-one

satellites in service, the remaining three serving as active spares. At any given time, a minimum of four satellites are observable from any position on earth, providing instantaneous position information. Each satellite transmits on two L band frequencies: 1575.42 MHz (L1) and 1227.6 MHz (L2). L1 carries a precise (P) code and a course/acquisition (C/A) code. L2 carries the P code. A navigation data message is superimposed on the codes. The same navigation data message is carried on both frequencies. This message contains satellite ephemeris data, atmospheric propagation correction data, and satellite clock bias.

(541) The Control Segment consists of five monitor stations, three of which have uplink capabilities, located in Colorado, Hawaii, Kwajalein, Diego Garcia, and Ascension Island. The monitor stations use a GPS receiver to passively track all satellites in view, accumulating ranging data from the satellites' signals. The information from the monitor stations is processed at the Master Control Station (MCS), located in Colorado Springs, CO, to determine satellite orbits and to update the navigation message of each satellite. The updated information is transmitted to the satellites via ground antennas. The ground antennas, located at Kwajelein, Diego Garcia, and Ascension Island, are also used for transmitting and receiving satellite control information.

(542) The User Segment consists of antennas and receiver-processors that provide positioning, velocity, and precise timing to the user. The GPS receiver makes time-of-arrival measurements of the satellite signals to obtain the distance between the user and the satellites. The distance calculations, known as pseudoranges, together with range rate information, are converted to yield system time and the user's three-dimensional position and velocity with respect to the satellite system. A time coordination factor then relates the satellite system to earth coordinates. A minimum of four pseudoranges are needed to produce a three-dimensional fix (latitude, longitude, and altitude). GPS receivers compute fix information in terms of the **World Geodetic System (1984)**, which may need datum shift correction before it can be accurately plotted on a chart. **There are three different types of receivers**. **Sequential** receivers track only one satellite at a time, computing a fix after a series of pseudoranges have been sequentially measured; these receivers are inexpensive but slow. **Continuous** receivers have at least four channels to process information from several satellites simultaneously; these process fix information the fastest. **Multiplex** receivers switch at a fast rate from satellite to satellite, receiving and processing data from several satellites simultaneously, producing a fix by a sort of "round-robin" process.

(543) GPS provides two services for position determination, **Standard Positioning Service (SPS)** and **Precise Positioning Service (PPS)**. Accuracy of a GPS fix varies with the capability of the user equipment. SPS is the standard level of positioning and timing accuracy that is available, without restrictions, to any user on a continuous worldwide basis. SPS provides positions with a horizontal accuracy of approximately 100 meters. PPS, limited to authorized users, provides horizontal accuracy of 30 meters or less.

Differential GPS (DGPS):

(544) The U.S. Coast Guard provides a Differential GPS (**DGPS**) service for public use in all U.S. harbors and approach areas, including the Great Lakes, Puerto Rico, most of Alaska, and Hawaii. The system provides radionavigational accuracy of 10 meters or less. DGPS reference stations determine range errors and generate corrections for all GPS satellites in view. Monitor stations independently verify the quality of the DGPS broadcast. For further information and/or operational questions regarding GPS or DGPS, contact:

(545) Commanding Officer
(546) U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center
(547) 7323 Telegraph Road
(548) Alexandria, VA 22310-3998
(549) TEL: (703) 313-5900; FAX: (703) 313-5920;
(550) Electronic Bulletin Board Service 703-313-5910;
(551) E-mail: NISWS@smtp.navcen.uscg.mil.

(552) LORAN-C, GPS, DGPS, AND GENERAL RADIONAVIGATION USER INFORMATION

(553) The Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard has consolidated radionavigation operational control, management, and information responsibilities of the Commandant Radionavigation Division (G-NRN), Commander Atlantic Area (ATL), and Commander Pacific Area (PTL) at one field unit, entitled Navigation Center (NAVCEN). NAVCEN address:

(554) Commanding Officer
(555) USCG Navigation Center
(556) 7323 Telegraph Road
(557) Alexandria, VA 22310-3998.

(558) A reorganized G-NRN Staff remains at Coast Guard Headquarters for policy and planning functions of the radionavigation program.

(559) NAVCEN provides the following services:

(560) **Computer Bulletin Board (BBS)**: The BBS provides Loran–C, GPS, Marine Radiobeacon, Differential GPS (DGPS), and general radionavigation user information and status. It is accessed by computer users with modems. The Coast Guard does not charge for access to the BBS. Modem setup parameters: 8 bits, no parity, 1 stop; 300-14400 BAUD; call (703) 313-5910.

(561) **GPS System**: Current status recorded voice announcements are available; phone (703) 313-5907. Printed materials on GPS may also be obtained; phone (703) 313-5900.

(562) **Loran-C information**: the current operational status of all Loran-C stations is available from the coordinator of chain operations (**COCO**) or the **Regional Manager**. The COCO monitors the day-to-day operations of the Loran-C chain and provides information with a recorded telephone announcement or responds to queries directed to the COCO personally. The Regional Managers monitor the operation of the Loran-C chains in their areas. Pertinent telephone numbers follow:

(563) COCO Canadian east coast (CEC-5930) and Labrador Sea (LABSEA-7930) chains is located at Loran Monitor Station St. Anthony Newfoundland Canada. Recorded announcement: (709) 454-3261. COCO: (709) 454-2392.

(564) COCO Great Lakes (GKLS-8970) and northeast US (NEUS-9960) chains is located at Loran Station Seneca, NY. Recorded announcement: (607) 869-5395. COCO: (607) 869-1334.

(565) COCO southeast US (SEUS-7980) and south central US (SOCUS-9310) chains is located at Loran Station Malone, FL. Recorded announcement: (205) 899-5227. COCO: (205) 899- 5225/6.

(566) Information concerning the Gulf of Alaska (7960), Canadian west coast (5990), US west coast (9940), Russian-American (5980), North Pacific (9990), and North Central US (8290) chains may be obtained from the USCG Pacific Area Loran-C Regional Manager in Alameda, CA at (510) 437-3232.

(567) **European Loran-C information:**

(568) Information concerning the Icelandic (9980), Norwegian Sea (7970), and Mediterranean Sea (7990) chains may be obtained from the Regional Manager at U.S. Coast Guard Activities Europe, London, UK at 011-44-71-872-0943. If additional information is required after contacting COCO'S or the Pacific or European Regional Managers, contact the NAVCEN by calling (703) 313-5900 or by writing: Commanding Officer (OPS), NAVCEN (address above).

(569) Scheduled Loran-C unusable times are published by announcements in USCG Local Notice to Mariners, Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Shipping (NOTSHIP'S), FAA Notice to Airmen (NOTAMS), FAA NOTAM "D"s, and on the pre-recorded service for the pertinent chain. In many cases scheduled outages are preceded by Coast Guard Marine Radio Voice and NAVTEX Broadcasts in the areas where coverage will be affected.

(570) Military or government users with an official **Government Plain Language Address (PLAD)** desiring inclusion on notification messages should request such in writing to NAVCEN; address above. Requests must include a point of contact, telephone number, why you need this service, and a Government PLAD. Due to the time sensitive nature of this information it is sent only by government message. These messages and other Loran-C information are also available to the public in the Loran-C section of the NAVCEN Bulletin Board (BBS).

(571) If you have a problem with Loran, contact the applicable COCO or Regional Manager for the rate used. If you need to check about unusable time, system failures or report abnormalities, note the rate used, model of receiver, location, type of problem, date, and time occurred. This will enable the COCO or Regional Manager to quickly check the records for the period in question and to provide a more exact answer to you.

(572) **WWV and WWVH broadcasts**: Broadcasts from WWV of Fort Collins, CO and WWVH of Kekaha, Kauai, HI contain GPS information. Broadcasts from WWV at 14 to 15 minutes after each hour and from WWVH at 43 to 44 minutes after each hour.

(573) **U.S. Naval Observatory**: The U.S. Naval Observatory (USNO) provides the following services: automated data services for Loran–C and GPS information: data service (menu driven) parameters - 8 bit, no parity, 1 stop, 1200 to 2400 BAUD, access password CESIUM133. Time service: (900) 410-8463 or (202) 762-1401. General information: (202) 762-1467.

(574) **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration:** The U.S. Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Space Environment Services Center (SESC) disseminates information regarding solar activity, radio propagation, ionospheric, and geomagnetic conditions. For more information:

(575) For general information, and information about WWV and satellite broadcasts, write or call:

(576) U.S. Department of Commerce

(577) Space Environment Services Center, R/E/SE2

(578) 325 Broadway

(579) Boulder, CO 80303

(580) Telephone (303) 497-3171.

Uniform State Waterway Marking System

(581) Many bodies of water used by boatmen are located entirely within the boundaries of a State. The Uniform State Waterway Marking System (USWMS) has been developed to indicate to the small-boat operator hazards, obstructions, restricted or controlled areas, and to provide directions. Although intended primarily for waters within the state boundaries, USWMS is suited for use in all water areas, since it supplements and is generally compatible with the Coast Guard lateral

system of aids to navigation. The Coast Guard is gradually using more aids bearing the USWMS geometric shapes described below.

(582) Two categories of waterway markers are used. Regulatory markers, buoys, and signs use distinctive standard shape marks to show regulatory information. The signs are white with black letters and have a wide orange border. They signify speed zones, Fish havens, danger areas, and directions to various places. Aids to navigation on State waters use red and black buoys to mark channel limits. Red and black buoys are generally used in pairs. The boat should pass between the red buoy and its companion black buoy. If the buoys are not placed in pairs, the distinctive color of the buoy indicates the direction of dangerous water from the buoy. White buoys with red tops should be passed to the south or west, indicating that danger lies to the north or east of the buoy. White buoys with black tops should be passed to the north or east. Danger lies to the south or west. Vertical red and white striped buoys indicate a boat should not pass between the buoy and the nearest shore. Danger lies inshore of the buoy.

DESTRUCTIVE WAVES

(583) Unusual sudden changes in water level can be caused by tsunamis or violent storms. These two types of destructive waves have become commonly known as **tidal waves,** a name which is technically incorrect as they are not the result of tide-producing forces.

(584) **Tsunamis (seismic sea waves)Seismic sea waves** are set up by submarine earthquakes. Many such seismic disturbances do not produce sea waves and often those produced are small, but the occasional large waves can be very damaging to shore installations and dangerous to ships in harbors.

(585) These waves travel great distances and can cause tremendous damage on coasts far from their source. The wave of April 1, 1946, which originated in the Aleutian Trench, demolished nearby Scotch Cap Lighthouse and caused damages of $25 million in the Hawai‘ian Islands 2,000 miles away. The wave of May 22-23, 1960, which originated off Southern Chile, caused widespread death and destruction in islands and countries throughout the Pacific.

(586) The speed of tsunamis varies with the depth of the water, reaching 300 to 500 knots in the deep water of the open ocean. In the open sea they cannot be detected from a ship or from the air because their length is so great, sometimes a hundred miles, as compared to their height, which is usually only a few feet (a meter or 2). Only on certain types of shelving coasts do they build up into waves of disastrous proportions.

(587) There is usually a series of waves with crests 10 to 40 minutes apart, and the highest may occur several hours after the first wave. Sometimes the first noticeable part of the wave is the trough which causes a recession of the water from shore, and people who have gone out to investigate this unusual exposure of the beach have been engulfed by the oncoming crest. Such an unexplained withdrawal of the sea should be considered as nature's warning of an approaching wave.

(588) Improvements have been made in the quick determination and reporting of earthquake epicenters, but no method has yet been perfected for determining whether a sea wave will result from a given earthquake. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center, O‘ahu, Hawaii, of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is headquarters of a warning system which has field reporting stations (seismic and tidal) in most countries around the Pacific. When a warning is broadcast, waterfront areas should be vacated for higher ground, and ships in the vicinity of land should head for the deep water of the open sea.

Storm surge

(589) A considerable rise or fall in the level of the sea along a particular coast may result from strong winds and sharp change in barometric pressure. In cases where the water level is raised, higher waves can form with greater depth and the combination can be destructive to low regions, particularly at high stages of tide. Extreme low levels can result in depths which are considerably less than those shown on nautical charts. This type of wave occurs especially in coastal regions bordering on shallow waters which are subject to tropical storms.

(590) **Seiche** is a stationary vertical wave oscillation with a period varying from a few minutes to an hour or more, but somewhat less than the tidal periods. It is usually attributed to external forces such as strong winds, changes in barometric pressure, swells, or tsunamis disturbing the equilibrium of the watersurface. Seiche is found both in enclosed bodies of water and superimposed upon the tides of the open ocean. When the external forces cause a short-period horizontal oscillation on the water, it is called **surge.**

(591) The combined effect of seiche and surge sometimes makes it difficult to maintain a ship in its position alongside a pier even though the water may appear to be completely undisturbed, and heavy mooring lines have been parted repeatedly under such conditions. Pilots advise taut lines to reduce the effect of the surge.

SPECIAL SIGNALS FOR CERTAIN VESSELS

Special signals for surveying vessels

(592) National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) vessels engaged in survey operations and limited in their ability to maneuver because of the work being performed (handling equipment over-the-side such as water sampling or conductivity-temperature-density (CTD) casts, towed gear, bottom samplers, etc., and divers working on, below or in proximity of the vessel) are required by Navigation Rules, International-Inland, Rule 27, to exhibit:

(593) (b)(i) three all-round lights in a vertical line where they can best be seen. The highest and lowest of these lights shall be red and the middle light shall be white;

(594) (ii) three shapes in a vertical line where they can best be seen. The highest and lowest of these shapes shall be balls and the middle one a diamond;

(595) (iii) when making way through the water, masthead lights, sidelights and a sternlight, in addition to the lights prescribed in subparagraph (b)(i); and

(596) (iv) when at anchor, in addition to the lights or shapes prescribed in subparagraphs(b)(i) and (ii) the light, lights or shapes prescribed in Rule 30, Anchored Vessels and Vessels Aground.

(597) The color of the above shapes is black.

(598) A NOAA vessel engaged in hydrographic survey operations (making way on a specific trackline while sounding the bottom) is not restricted in its ability to maneuver and therefore exhibits at night only those lights required for a power-driven vessel of its length.

(599) **Warning signals for Coast Guard vessels while handling or servicing aids to navigation** are the same as those prescribed for surveying vessels. (See Special signals for surveying vessels, this chapter.)

MINECLEARING-CAUTION–ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS

Mineclearing Operations

(600) (a) United States vessels engaged in mineclearing operations or exercises are hampered to a considerable extent in their maneuvering powers.

Other Vessels Must Keep Clear of Mineclearance Vessels (COLREGS 1972).

(601) (b) With a view to indicating the nature of the work on which they are engaged, these vessels will show the signals hereinafter mentioned. For the public safety, all other vessels, whether steamers or sailing craft, must endeavor to keep out of the way of vessels displaying these signals and not approach them inside the distances mentioned herein, especially remembering that it is dangerous to pass between the vessels of a pair or group sweeping together.

(602) (c) All vessels towing sweeps are to show:

(603) **BY DAY.**–A black ball at the fore mast and a black ball at the end of each fore yard.

(604) **BY NIGHT.**–All around green lights instead of the black balls, and in a similar manner.

(605) (d) Vessels or formations showing these signals are not to be approached nearer than 1,000 meters. Under no circumstances is a vessel to pass through a formation of minesweepers.

(606) (e) Mineclearance vessels should be prepared to warn merchant vessels which persist in approaching too close by means of any of the appropriate signals from the International Code of Signals.

(607) (f) In fog, mist, falling snow, heavy rainstorms, or any other conditions similarly restricting visibility, whether by day or night, mineclearance vessels while towing sweeps when in the vicinity of other vessels will sound signals for a vessel towing (1 prolonged blast followed by 2 short blasts).

Helicopters Conducting Mineclearance Operations

(608) (g) The United States is increasingly employing helicopters to conduct mineclearance operations or exercises. When so engaged, helicopters, like vessels, are considerably hampered in their ability to maneuver. Accordingly, surface craft approaching helicopters engaged in mineclearance operations should take safety precautions similar to those described in (b) and (d) above with respect to mineclearance vessels.

(609) (h) Helicopters towing mineclearance gear and accompanying surface escorts, if any, will use all available means to warn approaching ships of the operations or exercises being conducted. Also, measures will be taken where practicable to mark or light the gear or objects being towed.

(610) (i) Mineclearance helicopters are equipped with a rotating beacon which has selectable red and amber modes. The amber mode is used during towing operations to notify/warn other vessels that the helicopter is towing. While towing, the helicopter's altitude varies from 15 to 95 meters above the water and speeds vary from 0 to 30 knots.

(611) (j) General descriptions and approximate dimensions for towed mineclearance gear currently being used in conjunction with helicopters are as follows:

(612) (1) Mechanical sweep gear consisting, in part, of large lengths of submerged cables and explosive cutters. The only items normally visible on the surface are three to five international orange floats, depending upon the quantity of gear in use, which generally define the dimensions of the tow. The maximum width is 100

meters and the maximum distance behind the helicopter is 600 meters.

(613) (2) Acoustical sweep device weighing approximately 70 pounds (32 kg). This device is towed behind the helicopter on a 250-meter orange polypropylene tow cable. When dead in the water, the gear will rise to the surface, supported by a yellow float.

(614) (3) A hydrofoil platform containing equipment used for magnetic influence sweeping. The platform is towed on the end of a 140-meter cable and trails electrodes in the water which extend 185 meters behind the platform. Very often, the aforementioned acoustical sweep device is towed in conjunction with this platform by attaching it to the end of one of the electrodes by a 30-meter polypropylene tow line. In this configuration, the total length of the tow is 215 and 350 meters, respectively, behind the hydrofoil platform and helicopter. Special care must be exercised when crossing astern of the hydrofoil platform as the towed cable is barely visible, and the attached acoustic device is submerged just beneath the surface and is not visible to surface vessels.

(615) (k) Helicopters employed in mineclearance operations and their tows may function at night as well as day, and in various types of weather conditions. The major danger to any surface vessel is getting the various cables wrapped in its screws. Small craft also are subject to the risk of collision with the hydrofoil platform

Submarine Emergency Identification Signals and Hazard to Submarines

(616) U.S. submarines are equipped with signal ejectors which may be used to launch identification signals, including emergency signals. Two general types of signals may be used: smoke floats and flares or stars. A combination signal which contains both smoke and flare of the same color may also be used. The smoke floats, which burn on the surface, produce a dense, colored smoke for a period of fifteen to forty-five seconds. The flares or stars are propelled to a height of three hundred to four hundred feet (90 to 120 meters) from which they descend by small parachute. The flares or stars burn for about twenty-five seconds. The color of the smoke or flare/star has the following meaning:

(617) (a) **GREEN OR BLACK**.–Used under training exercise conditions only to indicate that a torpedo has been fired or that the firing of a torpedo has been simulated.

(618) (b) **YELLOW**.–Indicates that submarine is about to come to periscope depth from below periscope depth. Surface craft terminate antisubmarine counter-attack and clear vicinity of submarine. Do not stop propellers.

(619) (c) **RED**.–Indicates an emergency condition within the submarine and that it will surface immediately, if possible. Surface ships clear the area and stand by to give assistance after the submarine has surfaced. In case of repeated red signals, or if the submarine fails to surface within reasonable time, she may be assumed to be disabled. Buoy the location, look for submarine buoy and attempt to establish sonar communications. Advise U.S. Naval authorities immediately.

(620) (d) **WHITE**.–Two white flares/smoke in succession indicates that the submarine is about to surface, usually from periscope depth (non-emergency surfacing procedure). Surface craft should clear the vicinity of the submarine.

(621) Submarine Marker Buoy consists of a cylindrically shaped object about 3 feet by 6 feet with connecting structure and is painted international orange. The buoy is a messenger buoy with a wire cable to the submarine; this cable acts as a downhaul line for a rescue chamber. The buoy may be accompanied by an oil slick release to attract attention. A submarine on the bottom in distress and unable to surface will, if possible, release this buoy. If an object of this description is sighted, it should be investigated and U.S. Naval Authorities advised immediately.

(622) Transmission of the International Distress Signal (SOS) will be made on the submarine's sonar gear independently or in conjunction with the red emergency signal as conditions permit. Submarines may employ any or all of the following additional means to attract attention and indicate their position while submerged:

(623) Release of dye marker.

(624) Release of air bubble.

(625) Ejection of oil.

(626) Pounding on the hull.

(627) United States destroyer-type vessels in international waters will, on occasion, stream a towed underwater object at various speeds engaged in naval maneuvers. All nations operating submarines are advised that this underwater object in the streamed condition constitutes a possible hazard to submerged submarines.

Vessels Constrained by their Draft

(628) International Navigation Rules, Rule 28, states that a vessel constrained by her draft may, in addition to the lights prescribed for power-driven vessels in Rule 23, exhibit where they can best be seen three all-around red lights in a vertical line, or a cylinder.

NAVIGATION RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Traffic Separation Schemes (Traffic Lanes)

(629) To increase the safety of navigation, particularly in converging areas of high traffic density, routes incorporating traffic separation have been adopted by the IMO in certain areas of the world. In the interest of safe navigation, it is recommended that through traffic use these schemes, as far as circumstances permit, by day and by night and in all weather conditions.

(630) The International Maritime Organization (IMO) is recognized as the only international body responsible for establishing and recommending measures on an international level concerning ships' routing. In deciding whether or not to adopt or amend a traffic separation scheme, IMO will consider whether the scheme complies with the design criteria for traffic separation schemes and with the established methods of routing. IMO also considers whether the aids to navigation proposed will enable mariners to determine their position with sufficient accuracy to navigate the scheme in accordance with Rule 10 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (72 COLREGS).

(631) General principles for navigation in Traffic Separation Schemes are as follows:

(632) 1. A ship navigating in or near a traffic separation scheme adopted by IMO shall in particular comply with Rule 10 of the 72 COLREGS to minimize the development of risk of collisions with another ship. The other rules of the 72 COLREGS apply in all respects, and particularly the steering and sailing rules if risk of collision with another ship is deemed to exist.

(633) 2. Traffic separation schemes are intended for use by day and by night in all weather, ice-free waters or under light ice conditions where no extraordinary maneuvers or assistance by icebreaker(s) is required.

(634) 3. Traffic separation schemes are recommended for use by all ships unless stated otherwise. Bearing in mind the need for adequate underkeel clearance, a decision to use a traffic separation scheme must take into account the charted depth, the possibility of changes in the sea-bed since the time of last survey, and the effects of meteorological and tidal conditions on water depths.

(635) 4. A deep water route is an allied routing measure primarily intended for use by ships which require the use of such a route because of their draft in relation to the available depth of water in the area concerned. Through traffic to which the above consideration does not apply should, if practicable, avoid following deep water routes. When using a deep water route mariners should be aware of possible changes in the indicated depth of water due to meteorological or other effects.

(636) 5. The arrows printed on charts merely indicate the general direction of traffic; ships should not set their courses strictly along the arrows.

(637) 6. Vessels should, so far as practicable, keep clear of a traffic separation line or separation zone.

(638) 7. Vessels should avoid anchoring in a traffic separation scheme or in the area near its termination.

(639) 8. The signal "YG" meaning "You appear not to be complying with the traffic separation scheme" is provided in the International Code of Signals for appropriate use.

(640) **Note**.–Several governments administering Traffic Separation Schemes have expressed their concern to IMO about the large number of infringements of Rule 10 of the 72 COLREGS and the dangers of such contraventions to personnel, vessels and environment. Several governments have initiated surveillance of traffic separation schemes for which they are responsible and are providing documented reports of vessel violations to flag states. As in the past, the U.S. Coast Guard will investigate these reports and take appropriate action. Mariners are urged to comply at all times with the 72 COLREGS and, in particular, Rule 10 when operating in or near Traffic Separation Schemes.

(641) 9. Notice of temporary adjustments to traffic separation schemes for emergencies or for accommodation of activities which would otherwise contravene Rule 10 or obstruct navigation may be made in Notices to Mariners. Temporary adjustments may be in the form of a precautionary area within a traffic lane, or a shift in the location of a lane.

(642) 10. The IMO approved routing measures which affect shipping in or near U.S. waters are:

TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES

(643) In the Approaches to Portland, Maine

(644) In the Approaches to Boston, Massachusetts

(645) In the Approaches to Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island and Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts

(646) Off New York

(647) Off Delaware Bay

(648) In the Approaches to Chesapeake Bay

(649) In the Approaches to Galveston Bay

(650) Off San Francisco

(651) In the Santa Barbara Channel

(652) In the Approaches to Los Angeles-Long Beach

(653) In the Strait of Juan de Fuca

(654) In Puget Sound and its Approaches

(655) In Prince William Sound, Alaska

(656) When approved or established, traffic separation scheme details are announced in Notice to Mariners, and later depicted on appropriate charts and included in the Coast Pilot and Sailing Directions.

MARINE POLLUTION

Compliance with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act or Clean Water Act

(657) The Federal Water Pollution Control Act (FWPCA) or Clean Water Act (CWA) was passed to restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of our nations waters.

No-Discharge Zones

(658) Section 312 of the FWPCA, entitled "Marine Sanitation Devices" (see **40 CFR 140** in Chapter 2), gives the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and States the authority to designate certain areas as No-Discharge Zones (NDZ) for vessel sewage. Freshwater lakes, freshwater reservoirs, or other freshwater impoundments whose entrances and exits prohibit traffic by regulated vessels (vessels with installed toilets) are, by regulation, NDZs. Rivers that do not support interstate navigation vessel traffic are also NDZs by regulation. Water bodies that can be designated as NDZs by States and EPA include: the Great Lakes and their connecting waterways, freshwater lakes and impoundments accessible through locks, and other flowing waters that support interstate navigation by vessels subject to regulation.

(659) Inside No-Discharge Zone waters, discharge of any sewage, whether treated or untreated, is completely prohibited.

(660) Discharge of sewage in waters not designated under **40 CFR 140** as No-Discharge Zones is regulated by the Marine Sanitation Device Standard (see **40 CFR 140** in Chapter 2.)

Oil Pollution

(661) The FWPCA also prohibits the discharge of quantities of either oil or hazardous substance which may be harmful into or upon the navigable waters of the United States. This prohibition also applies to adjoining shorelines, waters of the contiguous zone, activities connected with the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OSLA) and Deepwater Port Act of 1974, and such discharges which may affect natural resources belonging to the United States or under its exclusive management authority, including those resources under the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. Furthermore, in the event a spill does occur in violation of the Act the person in charge of a vessel or onshore or offshore facility is required to notify the Coast Guard as soon as he has knowledge of the spill. Such notification is to be by the most rapid means available to the National Response Center (1-800-424-8802, nationwide 24 hour number).

Compliance with the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships

(662) The Act to Prevent Pollution from ships (33 U.S.C. 1901) implements into U.S. law the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 (MARPOL 73/78). Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 deals with oil and oily waste, Annex II with hazardous chemicals and other substances referred to as Noxious Liquid Substances (NLS), and Annex V deals with the prevention of marine pollution by plastics and other garbage produced during vessel operations.

(663) Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 is applicable to oceangoing tankers over 150 gross tons and all other oceangoing ships over 400 gross tons. The MARPOL 73/78 requirements include oily waste discharge limitations, oily-water separating equipment, monitoring and alarm systems for discharges from cargo areas, cargo pump rooms and machinery space bilges. Ships to which Annex I MARPOL 73/78 is applicable are also required to have an International Oil Pollution Prevention (IOPP) Certificate verifying that the vessel is in compliance with the requirements of MARPOL 73/78 and that any required equipment is on board and operational. Vessels must also maintain an Oil Record Book recording all oil transfers and discharges. The Oil Record Book is available from USCG Supply Center Baltimore or any local Captain of the Port.

(664) Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 is applicable to oceangoing vessels and non-self propelled oceangoing ships which carry Noxious Liquid Substances (NLS) in bulk. The Annex II requirements include discharge restrictions for various classes of cargo residues; the maintenance of a Cargo Record Book for recording all NLS cargo and residue transfers and discharges; and a Procedures and Arrangements Manual describing the correct procedures for off loading and prewashing cargo tanks.

(665) Annex II NLS cargoes are classified in one of four categories, A,B,C, or D. Category A is the most hazardous to the environment. Category A and other substances which tend to solidify in tanks must be prewashed in port under the supervision of a Prewash Surveyor prior to departure from the off loading terminal. Vessel discharges must be underwater when discharge at sea is allowed. Tanks which carry Category B and C NLS must be tested to ensure that after tank stripping only a minimal amount of residues will remain. Reception facilities must be able to assist in cargo stripping operations by reducing back pressure during the final stages of off loading.

(666) Terminals and ports receiving oceangoing tankers, or any other oceangoing ships of 400 GT or more, carrying residues and mixtures containing oil, or

receiving oceangoing ships carrying NLSs, are required to provide adequate reception facilities for the wastes generated. Coast Guard Captains of the Port issue a Certificate of Adequacy to terminals or ports to show that they are in compliance with federal reception facility requirements. An oceangoing tanker or any other oceangoing ship of 400 GT or more required to retain oil or oily residues and mixtures on board and an oceangoing ship carrying a Category A, B or C NLS cargo or NLS residue in cargo tanks that are required to be prewashed, may not enter any port or terminal unless the port or terminal holds a valid Certificate of Adequacy or unless the ship is entering under force majeure.

(667) Annex V is applicable to all recreational, fishing, uninspected and inspected vessels, and foreign flag vessels on the navigable waters and all other waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, out to and including the Exclusive Economic Zone (200 miles).

(668) Annex V prohibits the disposal of any and all plastic material from any vessel anywhere in the marine environment. Dunnage, lining and packing materials which float may be disposed of beyond 25 miles from the nearest land. Other garbage that will not float may be disposed of beyond 12 miles of land, except that garbage which can pass through a 25mm mesh screen (approximately 1 square inch) may be disposed of beyond 3 miles. Dishwater is not to be considered garbage within the meaning of Annex V when it is the liquid residue from the manual or automatic washing of dishes or cooking utensils. More restrictive disposal regimes apply in waters designated "Special Areas." This Annex requires terminals to provide reception facilities at ports and terminals to receive plastics and other garbage from visiting vessels.

(669) The civil penalty for each violation of MARPOL 73/78 is not more than $25,000. The criminal penalty for a person who knowingly violates the MARPOL Protocol, or the regulations (**33 CFR 151, 155, 157, and 158**), consists of a fine of not more than $250,000 and/or imprisonment for not more than 5 years; U.S. law also provides criminal penalties up to $500,000 against organizations which violate MARPOL.

Packaged Marine Pollutants

(670) On October 1, 1993, new regulations under the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (HMTA) took effect, implementing MARPOL Annex III in the United States. MARPOL Annex III deals with the prevention of marine pollution by harmful substances in packaged form.

(671) Annex III of MARPOL 73/78 applies to all ships carrying harmful substances in packaged form. Annex III provides standards for stowage, packing, labeling, marking, and documentation of substances identified as marine pollutants in the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code). On 5 November 1992, the U.S. Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) amended the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR, 49 CFR 100-177) to list and regulate these marine pollutants in all modes of transportation. Under the HMR, marine pollutants are listed in a separate appendix, and a new "marine pollutant mark" will be required for those materials. The marine pollutant mark is used in addition to any existing labels or placards designating a hazardous substance.

(672) Marine pollutants are divided into two classes: marine pollutants and severe marine pollutants. A solution or mixture containing 10% or more of any marine pollutant falls into the class of "marine pollutant." The "severe marine pollutant" class consists of those materials that contain 1% or more of any specified "severe marine pollutant" substance. Marine pollutants that do not meet the criteria for any other hazard class are transported as an environmentally hazardous substance, solid or liquid, N.O.S. (class 9).

Ocean Dumping

(673) The Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended (33 USC 1401 et seq.), regulates the dumping of all material, except fish waste, into ocean waters. Radiological, chemical and biological warfare agents and other high level radioactive wastes are expressly banned from ocean disposal. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issues permits for the disposal of dredged spoils; the Environmental Protection Agency is authorized to issue permits for all other dumping activities. Surveillance and enforcement to prevent unlawful transportation of material for dumping or unlawful dumping under the Act has been assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard. The Act provides civil penalties of up to $50,000 and criminal penalties of up to $50,000 and/or one year imprisonment.

Other requirements for the protection of navigable waters

(674) It is not lawful to tie up or anchor vessels or to float lografts in navigable channels in such manner as to obstruct normal navigation. When a vessel or raft is wrecked and sunk in a navigable channel it is the duty of the owner to immediately mark it with a buoy or beacon during the day and a light at night until the sunken craft is removed or abandoned.

Obligation of deck officers.

(675) Licensed deck officers are required to acquaint themselves with the latest information published in Notice to Mariners regarding aids to navigation.

Improper use of searchlights prohibited

(676) No person shall flash or cause to be flashed the rays of a searchlight or other blinding light onto the bridge or into the pilothouse of any vessel underway. The International Code Signal "PG2" may be made by a vessel inconvenienced by the glare of a searchlight in order to apprise the offending vessel of the fact.

Use of Radar.

(677) Navigation Rules, International-Inland, Rule 7, states, in part, that every vessel shall use all available means appropriate to the prevailing circumstances and conditions to determine if risk of collision exists. If there is any doubt such risk shall be deemed to exist. Proper use shall be made of radar equipment if fitted and operational, including long-range scanning to obtain early warning of risk of collision and radar plotting or equivalent systematic observation of detected objects.

(678) This rule places an additional responsibility on vessels which are equipped and manned to use radar to do so while underway during periods of reduced visibility without in any way relieving commanding officers of the responsibility of carrying out normal precautionary measures.

(679) Navigation Rules, International-Inland, Rules 6, 7, 8, and 19 apply to the use of radar.

Danger signal

(680) Navigation Rules, International-Inland, Rule 34(d), states that when vessels in sight of one another are approaching each other and from any cause either vessel fails to understand the intentions or actions of the other, or is in doubt whether sufficient action is being taken by the other to avoid collision, the vessel in doubt shall immediately indicate such doubt by giving at least five short and rapid blasts on the whistle. Such signal may be supplemented by a light signal of at least five short and rapid flashes.

Narrow channels

(681) Navigation Rules, International-Inland, Rule 9(b) states: A vessel of less than 65.6 feet (20 meters) in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can safety navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway.

Control of shipping in time of emergency or war

(682) In time of war or national emergency, merchant vessels of the United States and those foreign flag vessels, which are considered under effective U.S. control, will be subject to control by agencies of the U.S. Government. The allocation and employment of such vessels, and of domestic port facilities, equipment, and services will be performed by appropriate agencies of the War Transport Administration. The movement, routing, and diversion of merchant ships at sea will be controlled by appropriate naval commanders. The movement of merchant ships within domestic ports and dispersal anchorages will be coordinated by the U.S. Coast Guard. The commencement of naval control will be signaled by a general emergency message. (See NGA Pub. 117 for emergency procedures and communication instructions.)

Exclusive Economic Zone of the United States

(683) Established by a Presidential Proclamation on March 10, 1983, the Exclusive Economic Zone (**EEZ**) of the United States is a zone contiguous to the territorial sea, including zones contiguous to the territorial sea of the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (to the extent consistent with the Covenant and the United Nations Trusteeship Agreement), and United States overseas territories and possessions. The EEZ extends to a distance of 200 nautical miles from the baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured. In cases where the maritime boundary with a neighboring state remains to be determined, the boundary of the EEZ shall be determined by the United States and the other state concerned in accordance with equitable principles.

(684) Within the EEZ, the United States has asserted, to the extent permitted by international law, (a) sovereign rights for the purpose of exploring, exploiting, conserving and managing natural resources, both living and nonliving, of the seabed and subsoil and the superjacent waters and with regard to other activities for the economic exploitation and exploration of the zone, such as the production of energy from the water, currents and winds; and (b) jurisdiction with regard to the establishment and use of artificial islands, and installations and structures having economic purposes, and the protection and preservation of the marine environment.

(685) Without prejudice to the sovereign rights and jurisdiction of the United States, the EEZ remains an area beyond the territory and territorial sea of the United States in which all states enjoy the high seas freedoms of navigation, overflight, the laying of submarine cables and pipelines, and other internationally lawful uses of the sea.

(686) This Proclamation does not change existing United States policies concerning the continental shelf, marine mammals and fisheries, including highly migratory species of tuna which are not subject to United States jurisdiction and require international agreements for effective management.

(687) The United States will exercise these sovereign rights and jurisdiction in accordance with the rules of international law.

(688) The seaward limit of the EEZ is shown on the nautical chart as a line interspersed periodically with EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE. The EEZ boundary is coincidental with that of the Fishery Conservation Zone.

U.S. Fishery Conservation Zone

(689) The United States exercises exclusive fishery management authority over all species of fish, except tuna, within the fishery conservation zone, whose seaward boundary is 200 miles from the baseline from which the U.S. territorial sea is measured; all anadromous species which spawn in the United States throughout their migratory range beyond the fishery conservation zone, except within a foreign country's equivalent fishery zone as recognized by the United States; all U.S. Continental Shelf fishery resources beyond the fishery conservation zone. Such resources include American lobster and species of coral, crab, abalone, conch, clam, and sponge, among others.

(690) No foreign vessel may fish, aid, or assist vessels at sea in the performance of any activity relating to fishing including, but not limited to preparation, supply, storage, refrigeration, transportation or processing, within the fishery conservation zone, or fish for anadromous species of the United States or Continental Shelf fishery resources without a permit issued in accordance with U.S. law. These permits may only be issued to vessels from countries recognizing the exclusive fishery management authority of the United States in an international agreement. The owners or operators of foreign vessels desiring to engage in fishing off U.S. coastal waters should ascertain their eligibility from their own flag state authorities. Failure to obtain a permit prior to fishing, or failure to comply with the conditions and restrictions established in the permit may subject both vessel and its owner or operators to administrative, civil, and criminal penalties. (Further details concerning foreign fishing are given in **50 CFR 611**.)

(691) Reports of foreign fishing activity within the fishery conservation zone should be made to the U.S. Coast Guard. Immediate reports are particularly desired, but later reports by any means also have value. Reports should include the activity observed, the position, and as much identifying information (name, number, homeport, type, flag, color, size, shape, etc.) about the foreign vessel as possible, and the reporting party's name and address or telephone number.

Bridge-to-bridge Radiotelephone Communication

(692) Voice radio bridge-to-bridge communication between vessels is an effective aid in the prevention of collisions where there is restricted maneuvering room and/or visibility. VHF-FM radio is used for this purpose, due to its essentially line-of-sight characteristic and relative freedom from static. As VHF-FM has increasingly come into use for short-range communications in U.S. harbors and other high-traffic waters, so has the number of ships equipped with this gear increased.

(693) The Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Regulations, effective January 1, 1973, require vessels subject to the Act while navigating to be equipped with at least one single channel transceiver capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF-FM channel 13 (156.65 MHz), the Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone frequency. Vessels with multichannel equipment are required to have an additional receiver so as to be able to guard VHF-FM channel 13 (156.65 MHz), the Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone frequency, in addition to VHF-FM channel 16 (156.80 MHz), the National Distress, Safety and Calling frequency required by Federal Communications Commission regulations. (See **26.01 through 26.10,** chapter 2, for Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Regulations.)

(694) Mariners are reminded that the use of bridge-to-bridge voice communications in no way alters the obligation to comply with the provisions of the Navigation Rules, International-Inland.

VHF-FM Radiotelephone

(695) VHF-FM channel 16 (156.800 MHz) is the international distress, urgency, safety, calling and reply frequency for vessels and public and private coastal stations. In 1992, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) designated VHF-FM channel 9 (156.450 MHz) for use as a general purpose calling frequency for non-commercial vessels, such as recreational boats. This move was designed to relieve congestion on VHF-FM channel 16. Non-commercial vessels are encouraged to use VHF-FM channel 9, for routine communications but distress, urgency, and safety calls should continue to be initially made on VHF-FM channel 16.

(696) The following table provides the frequency equivalents and general usage of selected VHF-FM channels which appear in the Coast Pilot. The letter "A" appended to a channel number indicates that U.S. operation of the particular channel is different than the international operation, i.e., U.S. stations transmit and receive on the same frequency and international stations use different frequencies.

(697) The information given here is extracted from the "Maritime Radio Users Handbook" published by the Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services. Ordering information for this valuable, comprehensive publication is included in the appendix.

(698) All channels given below are designated for both ship-to-ship and ship-to-coast communications except as noted.

VHF Channel	Ship Frequency (MHz)		Channel Usage
	Transit	Receive	
1A	156.050	156.050	Port Operations and Commercial, VTS. (see footnote 2)
5A	156.250	156.250	Port Operations or VTS (see footnote 1)
6	156.300	156.300	Intership Safety
7A	156.350	156.350	Commercial
8	156.400	156.400	Commercial (Intership only)
9	156.450	156.450	Boater Calling. Commercial and Non-Commercial
10	156.500	156.500	Commercial
11	156.550	156.550	Commercial. VTS in selected areas.
12	156.600	156.600	Port Operations. VTS in selected areas.
13	156.650	156.650	Intership Navigation Safety (Bridge-to-bridge). (see footnote 4)
14	156.700	156.700	Port Operations. VTS in selected areas.
15	----------	156.750	Environmental (Receive only). Used by Class C EPIRBs.
16	156.800	156.800	International Distress, Safety and Calling. (See footnote 5)
17	156.850	156.850	State Control
18A	156.900	156.900	Commercial
19A	156.950	156.950	Commercial
20	157.000	161.600	Port Operations (duplex)
20A	157.000	157.000	Port Operations
21A	157.050	157.050	U.S. Coast Guard only
22A	157.100	157.100	Coast Guard Liaison/Maritime Safety Information Broadcasts. (Channel 16)
23A	157.150	157.150	U.S. Coast Guard only
24	157.200	161.800	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
25	157.250	161.850	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
26	157.300	161.900	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
27	157.350	161.950	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
28	157.400	162.000	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
63A	156.175	156.175	Port Operations and Commercial, VTS. (see footnote 2)
65A	156.275	156.275	Port Operations
66A	156.325	156.325	Port Operations
67	156.375	156.375	Commercial. (see footnote 3)
68	156.425	156.425	Non-Commercial
69	156.475	156.475	Non-Commercial
70	156.525	156.525	Digital Selective Calling (voice communications not allowed)
71	156.575	156.575	Non-Commercial
72	156.625	156.625	Non-Commercial (Intership only)
73	156.675	156.675	Port Operations
74	156.725	156.725	Port Operations
77	156.875	156.875	Port Operations (Intership only)
78A	156.925	156.925	Non-Commercial
79A	156.975	156.975	Commercial. Non-Commercial in Great Lakes only
80A	157.025	157.025	Commercial. Non-Commercial in Great Lakes only
81A	157.075	157.075	U.S. Government only-Environmental protection operations
82A	157.125	157.125	U.S. Government only
83A	157.175	157.175	U.S. Coast Guard only
84	157.225	161.825	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
85	157.275	161.875	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
86	157.325	161.925	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
87	157.375	161.975	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
88	157.425	162.025	Public Correspondence only near Canadian border.
88A	157.425	157.425	Commercial, Intership only.

Footnotes to table:

1. Houston, New Orleans and Seattle areas.
2. Available only in New Orleans/Lower Mississippi area.
3. Used for bridge-to-bridge communications in Lower Mississippi River. Intership only.
4. Ships >20m in length maintain a listening watch on this channel in US waters.
5. Ships required to carry radio, USCG, and most coast stations maintain a listening watch on this channel.

Navigation Regulations

(1) This chapter contains extracts from **Code of Federal Regulations** (CFR) that are of importance to mariners in the area covered by this Coast Pilot. Sections of little value to the mariner are sometimes omitted. Omitted sections are signified by the following [...]

(2) Extracts from the following titles are contained in this chapter.

Title 15 (15 CFR): Commerce and Foreign Trade

Part 922 National Marine Sanctuary Program Regulations

Title 33 (33 CFR): Navigation and Navigable Waters

Part 26 Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Regulations

Part 80 COLREGS Demarcation Lines

Part 110 Anchorage Regulations

Part 117 Drawbridge Operation Regulations

Part 147 Safety Zones

Part 157 Rules for the Protection of the Marine Environment Relating to Tank Vessels Carrying Oil in Bulk

Part 160 Ports and Waterways Safety-General

Part 161 Vessel Traffic Management

Part 162 Inland Waterways Navigation Regulations

Part 164 Navigation Safety Regulations (in part)

Part 165 Regulated Navigation Areas and Limited Access Areas

Part 166 Shipping Safety Fairways

Part 167 Offshore Traffic Separation Schemes

Part 168 Escort Requirements for Certain Tankers

Part 207 Navigation Regulations

Part 334 Danger Zones and Restricted Area Regulations

Title 40 (40 CFR): Protection of Environment

Part 140 Marine Sanitation Device Standard

Title 46 (46 CFR): Shipping

Part 15 Manning Requirements

Note

(3) These regulations can only be amended by the enforcing agency or other authority cited in the regulations. Accordingly, requests for changes to these regulations should be directed to the appropriate agency for action. In those regulations where the enforcing agency is not cited or is unclear, recommendations for changes should be directed to the following Federal agencies for action:

(4) **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration:** (15 CFR 922);

(5) **U.S. Coast Guard:** (33 CFR 26, 80, 110, 117, 147, 157, 160, 161, 162, 164, 165, 166, 167, and 168; 46 CFR 15);

(6) **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:** (33 CFR 207 and 334).

(7) **Environmental Protection Agency:** (40 CFR 140).

TITLE 15–COMMERCE AND FOREIGN TRADE

PART 922–National Marine Sanctuary Program Regulations

Subpart A–General

§922.1 Applicability of regulations.

(8) Unless noted otherwise, the regulations in subparts A, D and E apply to all thirteen National Marine Sanctuaries for which site-specific regulations appear in Subparts F through R, respectively. Subparts B and C apply to the site evaluation list and to the designation of future Sanctuaries.

§922.2 Mission, goals, and special policies.

(9) (a) In accordance with the standards set forth in title III of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended, also known as the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (Act) the mission of the National Marine Sanctuary program (Program) is to identify, designate and manage areas of the marine environment of special national, and in some cases international, significance due to their conservation, recreational, ecological, historical, research, educational, or aesthetic qualities.

(10) (b) The goals of the Program are to carry out the mission to:

(11) (1) Identify and designate as National Marine Sanctuaries areas of the marine environment which are of special national significance;

(12) (2) Provide authority for comprehensive and coordinated conservation and management of these marine areas, and activities affecting them, in a manner which complements existing regulatory authorities;

(13) (3) Support, promote, and coordinate scientific research on, and monitoring of, the resources of these marine areas, especially long-term monitoring and research of these areas:

(14) (4) Enhance public awareness, understanding, appreciation, and wise use of the marine environment;

(15) (5) Facilitate to the extent compatible with the primary objective of resource protection, all public and private uses of the resources of these marine areas not prohibited pursuant to other authorities;

(16) (6) Develop and implement coordinated plans for the protection and management of these areas with appropriate Federal agencies, State and local governments, Native American tribes and organizations, international organizations, and other public and private interests concerned with the continuing health and resilience of these marine areas;

(17) (7) Create models of, and incentives for, ways to conserve and manage these areas;

(18) (8) Cooperate with global programs encouraging conservation of marine resources; and

(19) (9) Maintain, restore, and enhance living resources by providing places for species that depend upon these marine areas to survive and propagate.

(20) (c) To the extent consistent with the policies set forth in the Act, in carrying out the Program's mission and goals:

(21) (1) Particular attention will be given to the establishment and management of marine areas as National Marine Sanctuaries for the protection of the area's natural resource and ecosystem values; particularly for ecologically or economically important or threatened species or species assemblages, and for offshore areas where there are no existing special area protection mechanisms;

(22) (2) The size of a National Marine Sanctuary, while highly dependent on the nature of the site's resources, will be no larger than necessary to ensure effective management;

(23) (d) Management efforts will be coordinated to the extent practicable with other countries managing marine protected areas;

(24) (e) Program regulations, policies, standards, guidelines, and procedures under the Act concerning the identification, evaluation, registration, and treatment of historical resources shall be consistent, to the extent practicable, with the declared national policy for the protection and preservation of these resources as stated in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 16 U.S.C. 470 et seq., the Archeological and Historical Preservation Act of 1974, 16 U.S.C. 469 et seq., and the Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (ARPA), 16 U.S.C. 470aa et seq. The same degree of regulatory protection and preservation planning policy extended to historical resources on land shall be extended, to the extent practicable, to historical resources in the marine environment within the boundaries of designated National Marine Sanctuaries. The management of historical resources under the authority of the Act shall be consistent, to the extent practicable, with the Federal archeological program by consulting the Uniform Regulations, ARPA (43 CFR part 7) and other relevant Federal regulations. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology may also be consulted for guidance. These guidelines are available from the Office of Ocean and Coastal Management at (301) 713-3125.

§922.3 Definitions.

(25) *Act* means title III of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1431 et seq., also known as the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

(26) *Active Candidat*e means a site selected by the Secretary from the Site Evaluation List for further consideration for possible designation as a National Marine Sanctuary.

(27) *Assistant Administrator* means the Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), or designee.

(28) *Benthic community* means the assemblage of organisms, substrate, and structural formations found at or near the bottom that is periodically or permanently covered by water.

(29) *Commercial fishing* means any activity that results in the sale or trade for intended profit of fish, shellfish, algae, or corals.

(30) *Conventional hook and line gear* means any fishing apparatus operated aboard a vessel and composed of a single line terminated by a combination of sinkers and hooks or lures and spooled upon a reel that may be hand or electrically operated, hand-held or mounted. This term does not include bottom longlines.

(31) *Cultural resources* means any historical or cultural feature, including archaeological sites, historic structures, shipwrecks, and artifacts.

(32) *Director* means, except where otherwise specified, the Director of the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOAA, or designee.

(33) *Exclusive economic zone* means the exclusive economic zone as defined in the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S. 1801 et seq.

(34) *Fish wastes* means waste materials resulting from commercial fish processing operations.

(35) *Historical resource* means a resource possessing historical, cultural, archaeological or paleontological significance, including sites, structures, districts, and objects significantly associated with or representative of earlier people, cultures and human activities and events. Historical resources also include "historical properties", as defined in the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended 16 U.S.C. 470 et seq., and its implementing regulations, as amended.

(36) *Indian tribe* means any American Indian tribe, band, group, or community recognized as such by the Secretary of the Interior.

(37) *Injure* means to change adversely, either in the long or short term, a chemical, biological or physical attribute of, or the viability of. This includes, but is not limited to, to cause the loss of or destroy.

(38) *Lightering* means at-sea transfer of petroleum-based products, materials or other matter from vessel to vessel.

(39) *Marine* means those areas of coastal and ocean waters, the Great Lakes and their connecting waters, and submerged lands over which the United States exercises jurisdiction, including the exclusive economic zone, consistent with international law.

(40) *Mineral* means clay, stone, sand, gravel, metalliferous ore, non-metalliferous ore, or any other solid material or other matter of commercial value.

(41) *National historic landmark* means a district, site, building, structure or object designated as such by the Secretary of the Interior under the National Historic Landmarks Program (36 CFR part 65).

(42) *National Marine Sanctuary* means an area of the marine environment of special national significance due to its resource or human-use values, which is designated as such to ensure its conservation and management.

(43) *Person* means any private individual, partnership, corporation or other entity; or any officer, employee, agent, department, agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government, of any State or local unit of government, or of any foreign government.

(44) *Regional Fishery Management Council* means any fishery council established under section 302 of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

(45) *Sanctuary quality* means any particular and essential characteristic of a Sanctuary, including, but not limited to, water, sediment, and air quality.

(46) *Sanctuary resource* means any living or non-living resource of a National Marine Sanctuary that contributes to the conservation, recreational, ecological, historical, research, educational, or aesthetic value of the Sanctuary, including, but not limited to, the substratum of the area of the Sanctuary, other submerged features and the surrounding seabed, carbonate rock, corals and other bottom formations, coralline algae and other marine plants and algae, marine invertebrates, brine-seep biota, phytoplankton, zooplankton, fish, seabirds, sea turtles and other marine reptiles, marine mammals and historical resources.

(47) *Secretary* means the Secretary of the United States Department of Commerce, or designee.

(48) *Shunt* means to discharge expended drilling cuttings and fluids near the ocean seafloor.

(49) *Site Evaluation List (SEL)* means a list of selected natural and historical resource sites selected by the Secretary as qualifying for further evaluation for possible designation as National Marine Sanctuaries.

(50) *State* means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, and any other commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.

(51) *Subsistence use* means the customary and traditional use by rural residents of areas near or in the marine environment for direct personal or family consumption as food, shelter, fuel, clothing, tools, or transportation; for the making and selling of handicraft articles; and for barter, if for food or non-edible items other than money, if the exchange is of a limited and non-commercial nature.

(52) *Take or taking* means:

(53) (1) For any marine mammal, sea turtle, or seabird listed as either endangered or threatened pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, collect or injure, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct;

(54) (2) For any other marine mammal, sea turtle, or seabird, to harass, hunt, capture, kill, collect or injure, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct.

(55) For the purpose of both (1) and (2) of this definition, this includes, but is not limited to, to collect any dead or injured marine mammal, sea turtle or seabird, or any part thereof; to restrain or detain any marine mammal, sea turtle or seabird, or any part thereof, no matter how temporarily; to tag any sea turtle, marine mammal or seabird; to operate a vessel or aircraft or to do any other act that results in the disturbance or molestation of any marine mammal, sea turtle or seabird.

(56) *Tropical fish* means fish or minimal sport and food value, usually brightly colored, often used for aquaria purposes and which lives in a direct relationship with live bottom communities.

(57) *Vessel* means a watercraft of any description capable of being used as a means of transportation in/on the waters of the Sanctuary.

§922.4 Effect of National Marine Sanctuary designation.

(58) The designation of a National Marine Sanctuary, and the regulations implementing it, are binding on any person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. Designation does not constitute any claim to territorial jurisdiction on the part of the United States for designated sites beyond the U.S. territorial sea, and the regulations implementing the designation shall be applied in accordance with generally recognized principles of international law, and in accordance with treaties, conventions, and other agreements to which the United States is a party. No regulation shall apply to a person who is not a citizen, national, or resident alien of the United States, unless in accordance with:

(59) (a) Generally recognized principles of international law;

(60) (b) An agreement between the United States and the foreign state of which the person is a citizen; or

(61) (c) An agreement between the United States and the flag state of the foreign vessel, if the person is a crew member of the vessel.

Subpart D–Management Plan Development and Implementation

§922.30 General.

(62) (a) The Secretary shall implement each management plan, and applicable regulations, including carrying out surveillance and enforcement activities and conducting such research, monitoring, evaluation, and education programs as are necessary and reasonable to carry out the purposes and policies of the Act.

(63) (b) Consistent with Sanctuary management plans, the Secretary shall develop and implement site-specific contingency and emergency-response plans designed to protect Sanctuary resources. The plans shall contain alert procedures and actions to be taken in the event of an emergency such as a shipwreck or an oil spill.

§922.31 Promotion and coordination of Sanctuary use.

(64) The Secretary shall take such action as is necessary and reasonable to promote and coordinate the use of National Marine Sanctuaries for research, monitoring, and education purposes. Such action may include consulting with Federal agencies, or other persons to promote use of one or more Sanctuaries for research, monitoring and education, including coordination with the National Estuarine Research Reserve System.

Subpart E–Regulations of General Applicability

§922.40 Purpose.

(65) The purpose of the regulations in this Subpart and in Subparts F through R is to implement the designations of the thirteen National Marine Sanctuaries for which site specific regulations appear in Subparts F through R, respectively, by regulating activities affecting them, consistent with their respective terms of designation in order to protect, preserve and manage and thereby ensure the health, integrity and continued availability of the conservation, ecological, recreational, research, educational, historical and aesthetic resources and qualities of these areas. Additional purposes of the regulations implementing the designation of the Florida Keys and Hawai‘ian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuaries are found at §§922.160, and 922.180, respectively.

§922.41 Boundaries.

(66) The boundary for each of the thirteen National Marine Sanctuaries covered by this part is described in Subparts F through R, respectively.

§922.42 Allowed Activities.

(67) All activities (e.g., fishing, boating, diving, research, education) may be conducted unless prohibited or otherwise regulated in Subparts F through R, subject to any emergency regulations promulgated pursuant to §§922.44, 922.111(c), 922.165, 922.186, or 922.196, subject to all prohibitions, regulations, restrictions, and conditions validly imposed by any Federal, State, or local authority of competent jurisdiction, including Federal and State fishery management

authorities, and subject to the provisions of section 312 of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (NMSA), (16 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.). The Assistant Administrator may only directly regulate fishing activities pursuant to the procedure set forth in section 304(a)(5) of the NMSA.

§922.43 Prohibited or otherwise regulated activities.

(68) Subparts F through R set forth site-specific regulations applicable to the activities specified therein.

§922.44 Emergency Regulations.

(69) Where necessary to prevent or minimize the destruction of, loss of, or injury to a Sanctuary resource or quality, or minimize the imminent risk of such destruction, loss, or injury, any and all such activities are subject to immediate temporary regulation, including prohibition. The provisions of this section do not apply to the Cordell Bank, Florida Keys, Hawai'ian Islands Humpback Whale, and Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuaries. See §§922.111(c), 922.165, 922.186, and 922.196, respectively, for the authority to issue emergency regulations with respect to those sanctuaries.

§922.45 Penalties.

(70) (a) Each violation of the NMSA or FKNMSPA, any regulation in this part, or any permit issued pursuant thereto, is subject to a civil penalty of not more than $100,000. Each day of a continuing violation constitutes a separate violation.

(71) (b) Regulations setting forth the procedures governing administrative proceedings for assessment of civil penalties, permit sanctions, and denials for enforcement reasons, issuance and use of written warnings, and release or forfeiture of seized property appear at 15 CFR part 904.

§922.46 Response costs and damages.

(72) Under section 312 of the Act, any person who destroys, causes the loss of, or injures any Sanctuary resource is liable to the United States for response costs and damages resulting from such destruction, loss or injury, and any vessel used to destroy, cause the loss of, or injure any Sanctuary resource is liable in rem to the United States for response costs and damages resulting from such destruction, loss or injury.

§922.47 Pre-existing authorizations or rights and certifications of pre-existing authorizations or rights.

(73) (a) Leases, permits, licenses, or rights of subsistence use or access in existence on the date of designation of any National Marine Sanctuary shall not be terminated by the Director. The Director may, however, regulate the exercise of such leases, permits, licenses, or rights consistent with the purposes for which the Sanctuary was designated.

(74) (b) The prohibitions listed in Subparts F through P, and Subpart R do not apply to any activity authorized by a valid lease, permit, license, approval or other authorization in existence on the effective date of Sanctuary designation, or in the case of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary the effective date of the regulations in Subpart P, and issued by any Federal, State or local authority of competent jurisdiction, or by any valid right of subsistence use or access in existence on the effective date of Sanctuary designation, or in the case of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary the effective date of the regulations in Subpart P, provided that the holder of such authorization or right complies with certification procedures and criteria promulgated at the time of Sanctuary designation, or in the case of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary the effective date of the regulations in Subpart P, and with any terms and conditions on the exercise of such authorization or right imposed by the Director as a condition of certification as the Director deems necessary to achieve the purposes for which the Sanctuary was designated.

§922.48 National Marine Sanctuary permits—application procedures and issuance criteria.

(75) (a) A person may conduct an activity prohibited by Subparts F through O, if conducted in accordance with the scope, purpose, terms and conditions of a permit issued under this section and Subparts F through O, as appropriate. For the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, a person may conduct an activity prohibited by Subpart P if conducted in accordance with the scope, purpose, terms and conditions of a permit issued under §922.166. For the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, a person may conduct an activity prohibited by Subpart R in accordance with the scope, purpose, terms and conditions of a permit issued under §922.195.

(76) (b) Applications for permits to conduct activities otherwise prohibited by Subparts F through O should be addressed to the Director and sent to the address specified in Subparts F through O, or Subpart R, as appropriate. An application must include:

(77) (1) A detailed description of the proposed activity including a timetable for completion:

(78) (2) The equipment, personnel and methodology to be employed;

(79) (3) The qualifications and experience of all personnel;

(80) (4) The potential effects of the activity, if any, on Sanctuary resources and qualities; and

(81) (5) Copies of all other required licenses, permits, approvals or other authorizations.

(82) (c) Upon receipt of an application, the Director may request such additional information from the applicant as he or she deems necessary to act on the application and may seek the views of any persons or entity, within or outside the Federal government, and may hold a public hearing, as deemed appropriate.

(83) (d) The Director, at his or her discretion, may issue a permit, subject to such terms and conditions as he or she deems appropriate, to conduct a prohibited activity, in accordance with the criteria found in Subparts F through O, or Subpart R, as appropriate. The Director shall further impose, at a minimum, the conditions set forth in the relevant subpart.

(84) (e) A permit granted pursuant to this section is nontransferable.

(85) (f) The Director may amend, suspend, or revoke a permit issued pursuant to this section for good cause. The Director may deny a permit application pursuant to this section, in whole or in part, if it is determined that the permittee or applicant has acted in violation of the terms and conditions of a permit or of the regulations set forth in this section or Subparts F through O, Subpart R or for other good cause. Any such action shall be communicated in writing to the permittee or applicant by certified mail and shall set forth the reason(s) for the action taken. Procedures governing permit sanctions and denials for enforcement reasons are set forth in subpart D of 15 CFR part 904.

§922.49 Notification and review of applications for leases, licenses, permits, approvals or other authorizations to conduct a prohibited activity.

(86) (a) A person may conduct an activity prohibited by Subparts L through P, or Subpart R, if such activity is specifically authorized by any valid Federal, State, or local lease, permit, license, approval, or other authorization issued after the effective date of Sanctuary designation, or in the case of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary after the effective date of the regulations in Subpart P provided that:

(87) (1) The applicant notifies the Director, in writing, of the application for such authorization (and of any application for an amendment, renewal, or extension of such authorization) within fifteen (15) days of the date of filing of the application or the effective date of Sanctuary designation, or in the case of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary the effective date of the regulations in Subpart P of this part, whichever is later;

(88) (2) The applicant complies with the other provisions of this §922.49;

(89) (3) The Director notifies the applicant and authorizing agency that he or she does not object to issuance of the authorization (or amendment, renewal or extension); and

(90) (4) The applicant complies with any terms and conditions the Director deems reasonably necessary to protect Sanctuary resources and qualities.

(91) (b) Any potential applicant for an authorization described in Paragraph (a) of this section may request the Director to issue a finding as to whether the activity for which an application is intended to be made is prohibited by Subparts L through P, or Subpart R, as appropriate.

(92) (c) Notification of filings of applications should be sent to the Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management at the address specified in Subparts L through P, or Subpart R as appropriate. A copy of the application must accompany the notification.

(93) (d) The Director may request additional information from the applicant as he or she deems reasonably necessary to determine whether to object to issuance of an authorization described in Paragraph (a) of this section, or what terms and conditions are reasonably necessary to protect Sanctuary resources and qualities. The information requested must be received by the Director within 45 days of the postmark date of the request. The Director may seek the views of any persons on the application.

(94) (e) The Director shall notify, in writing, the agency to which application has been made of his or her pending review of the application and possible objection to issuance. Upon completion of review of the application and information received with respect thereto, the Director shall notify both the agency and applicant, in writing, whether he or she has an objection to issuance and what terms and conditions he or she deems reasonably necessary to protect Sanctuary resources and qualities, and reasons therefor.

(95) (f) The director may amend the terms and conditions deemed reasonably necessary to protect Sanctuary resources and qualities whenever additional information becomes available justifying such an amendment.

(96) (g) Any time limit prescribed in or established under this §922.49 may be extended by the Director for good cause.

(97) (h) The applicant may appeal any objection by or terms or conditions imposed by the Director, to the Assistant Administrator in accordance with the procedures set forth in §922.50.

§922.50 Appeals of administrative action.

(98) (a)(1) Except for permit actions taken for enforcement reasons (see subpart D of 15 CFR part 904 for applicable procedures), an applicant for, or a holder of, a National Marine Sanctuary permit; an applicant for, or a holder of, a Special Use permit pursuant to section 310 of the Act; a person requesting certification of an existing lease, permit, license or right of subsistence use or access under §922.47; or, for those Sanctuaries described in Subparts L through P and Subpart R, an applicant for a lease, permit, license or other authorization issued by any Federal, State, or local authority of competent jurisdiction (hereinafter appellant) may appeal to the Assistant Administrator:

(99) (i) The granting, denial, conditioning, amendment, suspension or revocation by the Director of a National Marine Sanctuary or Special Use permit;

(100) (ii) The conditioning, amendment, suspension or revocation of a certification under §922.47; or

(101) (iii) For those Sanctuaries described in Subparts L through P and Subpart R, the objection to issuance of the imposition of terms and conditions on a lease, permit, license or other authorization issued by any Federal, State, or local authority of competent jurisdiction.

(102) (2) For those National Marine Sanctuaries described in subparts F through K, any interested person may also appeal the same actions described in §922.50(a)(1)(i) and (ii). For appeals arising from actions taken with respect to these National Marine Sanctuaries, the term "appellant" includes any such interested persons.

(103) (b) An appeal under Paragraph (a) of this section must be in writing, state the action(s) by the Director appealed and the reason(s) for the appeal, and be received within 30 days of receipt of notice of the action by the Director. Appeals should be addressed to the Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, NOAA 1305 East-West Highway, 13th Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

(104) (c)(1) The Assistant Administrator may request the appellant to submit such information as the Assistant Administrator deems necessary in order for him or her to decide the appeal. The information requested must be received by the Assistant Administrator within 45 days of the postmark date of the request. The Assistant Administrator may seek the views of any other persons. For the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary, if the appellant has request a hearing, the Assistant Administrator shall grant an informal hearing. For all other National Marine Sanctuaries, the Assistant Administrator may determine whether to hold an informal hearing on the appeal. If the Assistant Administrator determines that an informal hearing should be held, the Assistant Administrator may designate an officer before whom the hearing shall be held.

(105) (2) The hearing officer shall give notice in the **Federal Register** of the time, place and subject matter of the hearing. The appellant and the Director may appear personally or by counsel at that hearing and submit such material and present such arguments as deemed appropriate by the hearing officer. Within 60 days after the record for the hearing closes, the hearing officer shall recommend a decision in writing to the Assistant Administrator.

(106) (d) The Assistant Administrator shall decide the appeal using the same regulatory criteria as for the initial decision and shall base the appeal decision on the record before the Director and any information submitted regarding the appeal, and, if a hearing has been held, on the record before the hearing officer and the hearing officer's recommended decision. The Assistant Administrator shall notify the appellant of the final decision and the reason(s) therefore in writing. The Assistant Administrator's decision shall constitute final agency action for the purpose of the Administrative Procedure Act.

(107) (e) Any time limit prescribed in or established under this section other than the 30-day limit for filing an appeal may be extended by the Assistant Administrator or hearing office for good cause.

Subpart G–Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary

§922.70 Boundary.

(108) The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (Sanctuary) consists of an area of the waters off the coast of California of approximately 1252.5 square nautical miles (NM) adjacent to the following islands and offshore rocks: San Miguel Island, Santa Cruz Island, Santa Rosa Island, Anacapa Island, Santa Barbara Island, Richardson Rock, and Castle Rock (collectively the islands) extending seaward to a distance of six NM. The boundary coordinates are listed in appendix A to this subpart.

§922.71 Prohibited or otherwise regulated activities.

(109) (a) Except as may be necessary for the national defense (subject to the terms and conditions of Article 5, Section 2 of the Designation Document) or to respond to an emergency threatening life, property, or the environment, or except as may be permitted by the Director in accordance with §922.48 and §922.72, the following activities are prohibited and thus are unlawful for any

person to conduct or to cause to be conducted within the Sanctuary;

(110) (1) Exploring for, developing, and producing hydrocarbons except pursuant to leases executed prior to March 30, 1981, and except the laying of pipeline, if the following oil spill contingency equipment is available at the site of such operations:

(111) (i) 1,500 feet of open ocean containment boom and a boat capable of deploying the boom;

(112) (ii) One oil skimming device capable of open ocean use; and

(113) (iii) Fifteen bales of oil sorbent material, and subject to all prohibitions, restrictions and conditions imposed by applicable regulations, permits, licenses or other authorizations and consistency reviews including those issued by the Department of the Interior, the Coast Guard, the Corps of Engineers, the Environmental Protection Agency and under the California Coastal Management Program and its implementing regulations.

(114) (2) Discharging or depositing or depositing any material or other matter except;

(115) (i) Fish or fish parts and chumming materials (bait);

(116) (ii) Water (including cooling water) and other biodegradable effluents incidental to vessel use of the Sanctuary generated by:

(117) (A) Marine sanitation devices;

(118) (B) Routine vessel maintenance, e.g., deck wash down;

(119) (C) Engine exhaust; or

(120) (D) Meals on board vessels;

(121) (iii) Effluents incidental to hydrocarbon exploration and exploitation activities allowed by Paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(122) (3) Except in connection with the laying of any pipeline as allowed by Paragraph (a)(1) of this section, within 2 NM of any Island:

(123) (i) Constructing any structure other than a navigation aid,

(124) (ii) Drilling through the seabed, or

(125) (iii) Dredging or otherwise altering the seabed in any way, other than

(126) (A) To anchor vessels, or

(127) (B) To bottom trawl from a commercial fishing vessel.

(128) (4) Except to transport persons or supplies to or from an island, operating within one NM of an Island any vessel engaged in the trade of carrying cargo, including, but not limited to, tankers and other bulk carriers and barges, or any vessel engaged in the trade of servicing offshore installations. In no event shall this section be construed to limit access for fishing (including kelp harvesting), recreational, or research vessels.

(129) (5) Disturbing seabirds or marine mammals by flying motorized aircraft at less than 1000 feet over the waters within one NM of any Island except:

(130) (i) For enforcement purposes;

(131) (ii) To engage in kelp bed surveys; or

(132) (iii) To transport persons or supplies to or from an Island.

(133) (6) Removing or damaging any historical or cultural resource.

(134) (b) All activities currently carried out by the Department of Defense within the Sanctuary are essential for the national defense and, therefore, not subject to the prohibitions in this section. The exemption of additional activities having significant impact shall be determined in consultation between the Director and the Department of Defense.

§922.72 Permit procedures and criteria.

(135) (a) Any person in possession of a valid permit issued by the Director in accordance with this section and §922.48 may conduct any activity in the Sanctuary prohibited under §922.71 if such activity is either:

(136) (1) Research related to the resources of the Sanctuary,

(137) (2) To further the educational value of the Sanctuary; or

(138) (3) For salvage or recovery operations.

(139) (b) Permit applications shall be addressed to: Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, ATTN: Manager, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, 113 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109.

(140) (c) In considering whether to grant a permit the Director shall evaluate such matters as:

(141) (1) The general professional, and financial responsibility of the applicant;

(142) (2) The appropriateness of the methods envisioned to the purpose(s) of the activity;

(143) (3) The extent to which the conduct of any permitted activity may diminish or enhance the value of the Sanctuary as a source of recreation, or as a source of educational or scientific information;

(144) (4) The end value of the activity and

(145) (5) Such other matters as may be deemed appropriate.

(146) (d) The Director may observe any permitted activity and/or require the submission of one or more reports of the status or progress of such activity. Any information obtained shall be available to the public.

Appendix A to Subpart G of Part 922–Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Boundary Coordinates

Point No.	Latitude North	Longitude west
Northern Channel Islands Section		
01	33°56'28.959"	119°16'23.800"
02	33°58'03.919"	119°14'56.964"
03	34°01'33.846"	119°14'07.740"
04	34°04'24.203"	119°15'21.308"
05	34°06'06.653"	119°17'27.002"
06	34°06'54.809"	119°19'46.046"
07	34°06'57.988"	119°23'24.905"
08	34°06'51.627"	119°24'04.198"
09	34°07'01.640"	119°25'40.819"
10	34°06'59.904"	119°26'50.959"
11	34°08'02.002"	119°28'47.501"
12	34°08'17.693"	119°29'27.698"
13	34°08'52.234"	119°30'39.562"
14	34°09'16.780"	119°35'22.667"
15	34°09'05.106"	119°36'41.694"
16	34°08'02.782"	119°39'33.421"
17	34°08'46.870"	119°41'48.621"
18	34°09'35.563"	119°45'57.284"
19	34°09'32.627"	119°46'37.335"
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23	34°10'21.586"	119°51'05.146"
24	34°10'33.161"	119°53'17.044"
25	34°10'36.545"	119°55'57.373"
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27	34°08'07.255"	120°01'07.233"
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32	34°06'36.285"	120°12'39.335"
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34	34°08'10.759"	120°15'07.017"
35	34°09'12.290"	120°17'07.046"
35A.	34°09'50.706"	120°17'31.649"
36	34°10'56.346"	120°18'40.520"
36B.	34°11'28.249"	120°19'29.123"
37	34°12'08.078"	120°21'00.835"
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38	34°12'18.754"	120°25'39.373"
38D	34°11'33.184"	120°27'33.921"
39	34°12'19.470"	120°30'22.620"
39E.	34°12'17.540"	120°32'19.959"
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50	33°53'23.129"	120°17'39.927"
51	33°50'39.990"	120°15'13.874"
52	33°49'53.260"	120°13'41.904"
53	33°49'03.437"	120°12'06.750"
54	33°48'36.087"	120°11'10.821"
55	33°47'39.280"	120°07'59.707"
56	33°47'37.617"	120°06'04.002"
57	33°47'59.351"	120°04'08.370"
58	33°48'38.700"	120°02'33.188"
59	33°48'52.167"	120°01'50.244"
60	33°50'28.488"	119°59'50.820"
61	33°50'55.128"	119°55'19.934"
62	33°52'13.338"	119°52'53.439"
63	33°52'04.900"	119°52'10.719"
64	33°51'39.919"	119°47'21.152"
65	33°51'48.592"	119°46'13.213"
66	33°51'35.798"	119°44'34.589"

Point No.	Latitude North	Longitude west
67	33°51'35.374"	119°41'12.738"
68	33°52'23.857"	119°39'14.708"
69	33°53'09.365"	119°37'30.784"
70	33°53'12.754"	119°35'35.793"
71	33°53'17.114"	119°34'54.567"
72	33°53'38.865"	119°32'51.578"
73	33°54'02.277"	119°31'06.274"
74	33°54'56.444"	119°28'54.052"
75	33°54'39.349"	119°27'37.512"
76	33°54'15.236"	119°25'23.779"
77	33°54'07.847"	119°24'22.849"
78	33°54'04.682"	119°22'58.006"
79	33°54'14.311"	119°21'44.573"
80	33°54'22.824"	119°21'09.003"
81	33°54'46.904"	119°19'54.677"
82	33°55'05.834"	119°19'19.027"
Santa Barbara Island Section		
83	33°28'56.904"	119°10'04.092"
84	33°26'32.364"	119°10'01.328"
85	33°24'19.904"	119°08'52.236"
86	33°23'26.019"	119°07'54.826"
87	33°22'04.836"	119°05'16.716"
88	33°21'49.387"	119°04'01.551"
89	33°21'44.594"	119°02'49.887"
90	33°21'49.556"	119°01'37.839"
91	33°22'07.538"	118°59'49.357"
92	33°22'27.774"	118°58'51.623"
93	33°22'47.957"	118°58'07.633"
94	33°23'20.805"	118°57'14.375"
95	33°24'18.458"	118°56'08.450"
96	33°26'24.130"	118°54'51.352"
97	33°29'02.820"	118°54'22.276"
98	33°31'27.917"	118°54'50.367"
99	33°32'17.935"	118°55'18.396"
100.	33°35'10.090"	118°59'40.091"
101.	33°35'24.575"	119°01'22.108"
102.	33°35'06.497"	119°03'59.463"
103.	33°34'48.322"	119°05'03.374"
104.	33°32'37.151"	119°08'37.201"
105.	33°30'41.731"	119°09'45.845"

Subpart H-Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary

§922.80 Boundary.

(147) (a) The Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (Sanctuary) consists of an area of the waters adjacent to the coast of California north and south of the Point Reyes Headlands, between Bodega Head and Rocky Point and the Farallon Islands (including Noonday Rock), and includes approximately 948 square nautical miles (NM). The boundary coordinates are listed in Appendix A to this subpart.

(148) (b) The shoreward boundary follows the mean high tide line and the seaward limit of Point Reyes National Seashore. Between Bodega Head and Point Reyes Headlands, the Sanctuary extends seaward 3 NM beyond State waters. The Sanctuary also includes the waters within 12 NM of the Farallon Islands, and between the Islands and the mainland from Point Reyes Headlands to Rocky Point. The Sanctuary includes Bodega Bay, but not Bodega Harbor.

§922.81 Definitions.

(149) In addition to those definitions found at §922.3, the following definition applies to this subpart:

(150) *Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS)* means those areas established by the State of California prior to the designation of the Sanctuary except that for purposes of the regulations in this subpart, the area established around the Farallon Islands shall not be included.

(151) *Motorized personal watercraft* means a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of motive power and which is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing, or kneeling on the vessel, rather than the conventional manner or sitting or standing inside the vessel.

§922.82 Prohibited or otherwise regulated activities.

(152) (a) Except as may be necessary for national defense (subject to the terms and conditions of Article 5, Section 2 of the Designation Document) or to respond to an emergency threatening life, property or the environment, or except as may be permitted by the Director in accordance with §922.48 and §922.83, the following activities are prohibited and thus are unlawful for any person to conduct or to cause to be conducted within the Sanctuary:

(153) (1) Exploring for, developing and producing oil or gas except that pipelines related to hydrocarbon operations outside the Sanctuary may be placed at a distance greater than 2 NM from the Farallon Islands, Bolinas Lagoon, and ASBS where certified to have no significant effect on Sanctuary resources in accordance with §922.84.

(154) (2) Discharging or depositing any material or other matter except:

(155) (i) Fish or fish parts and chumming materials (bait).

(156) (ii) Water (including cooling water) and other biodegradable effluents incidental to vessel use of the Sanctuary generated by:

(157) (A) Marine sanitation devices;

(158) (B) Routine vessel maintenance, e.g., deck wash down;

(159) (C) Engine exhaust; or

(160) (D) Meals on board vessels.

(161) (iii) Dredge material disposed of at the interim dumpsite now established approximately 10 NM south of the southeast Farallon Island and municipal sewage provided such discharges are certified in accordance with §922.84.

(162) (3) Except in connection with the laying of pipelines or construction of an outfall if certified in accordance with §922.84:

(163) (i) Constructing any structure other than a navigation aid,

(164) (ii) Drilling through the seabed, and

(165) (iii) Dredging or otherwise altering the seabed in any way other than by anchoring vessels or bottom trawling from a commercial fishing vessel, except for routine maintenance and navigation, ecological maintenance, mariculture, and the construction of docks and piers in Tomales Bay.

(166) (4) Except to transport persons or supplies to or from islands or mainland areas adjacent to Sanctuary waters, within an area extending 2 NM from the Farallon Islands, Bolinas Lagoon, or any ASBS, operating any vessel engaged in the trade of carrying cargo including but not limited to tankers and other bulk carriers and barges, or any vessel engaged in the trade of servicing offshore installations. In no event shall this section be constructed to limit access for fishing, recreational or research vessels.

(167) (5) Disturbing seabirds or marine mammals by flying motorized aircraft at less than 1,000 feet over the waters within one NM of the Farallon Islands, Bolinas Lagoon, or any ASBS except to transport persons or supplies to or from the Islands or for enforcement purposes.

(168) (6) Removing or damaging any historical or cultural resource.

(169) (7) Operation of motorized personal watercraft, except for the operation of motorized personal watercraft for emergency search and rescue mission or law enforcement operations (other than routine training activities) carried out by National Park Service, U.S. Coast Guard, Fire or Police Departments or other Federal, State or local jurisdictions.

(170) (b) All activities currently carried out by the Department of Defense within the Sanctuary are essential for the national defense and, therefore, not subject to the prohibitions in this section. The exemption of additional activities having significant impacts shall be determined in consultation between the Director and the Department of Defense.

§922.83 Permit procedures and criteria.

(171) (a) Any person in possession of a valid permit issued by the Director in accordance with this section and §922.48 may conduct any activity in the Sanctuary, prohibited user §922.82, if such an activity is

(172) (1) Research related to the resources of the Sanctuary,

(173) (2) To further the educational value of the Sanctuary, or

(174) (3) For salvage or recovery operations.

(175) (b) Permit applications shall be addressed to the Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, ATTN: Manager, Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, Fort Mason, building #201, San Francisco, CA 94123.

(176) (c) In considering whether to grant a permit, the Director shall evaluate

(177) (1) The general professional and financial responsibility of the applicant,

(178) (2) The appropriateness of the methods envisioned to the purpose(s) of the activity,

(179) (3) The extent to which the conduct of any permitted activity may diminish or enhance the value of the Sanctuary,

(180) (4) The end value of the activity, and

(181) (5) Other matters as deemed appropriate.

(182) (d) The Director may observe any permitted activity and/or require the submission of one or more reports of the status or progress of such activity. Any information obtained will be made available to the public.

§922.84 Certification of other permits.

(183) (a) A permit, license, or other authorization allowing the discharge of municipal sewage, the laying of any pipeline outside 2 NM from the Farallon Islands, Bolinas Lagoon and ASBS, or the disposal of dredge material at the interim dumpsite now established approximately 10 NM south of the Southeast Farallon

Island prior to the selection of a permanent dumpsite shall be valid if certified by the Director as consistent with the purpose of the Sanctuary and having no significant effect on Sanctuary resources. Such certification may impose terms and conditions as deemed appropriate to ensure consistency.

(184) (b) In considering whether to make the certifications called for in this section, the Director may seek and consider the views of any other person or entity, within or outside the Federal government, and may hold a public hearing as deemed appropriate.

(185) (c) Any certification called for in this section shall be presumed unless the Director acts to deny or condition certification within 60 days from the date that the Director receives notice of the proposed permit and the necessary supporting data.

(186) (d) The Director may amend, suspend, or revoke any certification made under this section whenever continued operation would violate any terms or conditions of the certification. Any such action shall be forwarded in writing to both the holder of the certified permit and the issuing agency and shall set forth reason(s) for the action taken

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Subpart J–Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary

§922.100 Scope of regulations.

(187) The provisions of the subpart J apply only to the area of the Territory of American Samoa within the boundary of the Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Sanctuary). Neither the provisions of this subpart J nor any permit issued under their authority shall be construed to relieve a person from any other requirements imposed by statute or regulation of the Territory of American Samoa or of the United States. In addition, no statute or regulation of the Territory of American Samoa shall be construed to relieve a person from the restrictions, conditions, and requirements contained in this subpart J.

§922.101 Boundary.

(188) The Sanctuary is a 163-acre (0.25 sq. mi.) coastal embayment formed by a collapsed volcanic crater on the island of Tutuila, Territory of American Samoa and includes Fagatele Bay in its entirety. The landward boundary is defined by the mean high water (MHHW) line between Fagatele Point (14°22'15"S, 170°46'5"W) and Steps Point (14°22'44"S, 170°45'27"W). The seaward boundary of the Sanctuary is defined by a straight line between Fagatele Point and Steps Point.

§922.102 Prohibited or otherwise regulated activities.

(189) (a) Except as may be necessary for national defense or to respond to an emergency threatening life, property, or the environment, or as may be permitted by the Director in accordance with §922.48 and §922.104, the

following activities are prohibited and thus are unlawful for any person to conduct or to cause to be conducted within the Sanctuary:

(190) (1)(i)(A) Gathering, taking, breaking, cutting, damaging, destroying, or possessing any invertebrate, coral, bottom formation, or marine plant.

(191) (B) Taking, gathering, cutting, damaging, destroying, or possessing any crown-of-thorns starfish (Acanthaster planci).

(192) (c) Possessing or using poisons, electrical charges, explosives, or similar environmentally destructive methods.

(193) (D) Possessing or using spearguns, including such devices known as Hawai'ian slings, pole spears, arbalettes, pneumatic and spring-loaded spearguns, bows and arrows, bang sticks, or any similar taking device.

(194) (E) Possessing or using a seine, trammel net, or any type of fixed net.

(195) (ii) There shall be a rebuttable presumption that any items listed in this Paragraph (a)(1) found in the possession of a person within the Sanctuary have been used, collected, or removed within or from the Sanctuary.

(196) (2)(i) Operating a vessel closer than 200 feet (60.96 meters) from another vessel displaying a dive flag at a speed exceeding three knots.

(197) (ii) Operating a vessel in a manner which causes the vessel to strike or otherwise cause damage to the natural features of the Sanctuary.

(198) (3) Diving or conducting diving operations from a vessel not flying in a conspicuous manner the international code flag alpha "A."

(199) (4) Littering, depositing, or discharged, into the waters of the Sanctuary, any material or other matter.

(200) (5) Disturbing the benthic community by dredging, filling, dynamiting, bottom trawling, or otherwise altering the seabed.

(201) (6) Removing, damaging, or tampering with any historical or cultural resource within the boundary of the Sanctuary.

(202) (7) Ensnaring, entrapping, or fishing for any sea turtle listed as a threatened or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.

(203) (8) Except for law enforcement purposes, using or discharging explosives or weapons of any description. Distress signaling devices, necessary and proper for safe vessel operation, and knives generally used by fishermen and swimmers shall not be considered weapons for purposes of this section.

(204) (9) Marking, defacing, or damaging in any way, or displacing or removing or tampering with any signs, notices, or placards, whether temporary or permanent, or with any monuments, stakes, posts, or other boundary markers related to the Sanctuary.

(205) (b) In addition to those activities prohibited or otherwise regulated under Paragraph (a) of this section, the following activities are prohibited and thus are unlawful for any person to conduct or to cause to be conducted landward of the straight line connecting Fagatele Point (14°22'15"S., 170°46'5"W.) and Matautuloa Benchmark (14°22'18"S., 170°45'35"W.).

(206) (1) Possessing or using fishing poles, handlines, or trawls.

(207) (2) Fishing commercially.

§922.103 Management and enforcement.

(208) The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has primary responsibility for the management of the Sanctuary pursuant to the Act. The American Samoa Economic and Development Planning Office (EDPO) will assist NOAA in the administration of the Sanctuary, and act as the lead agency, in conformance with the Designation Document, these regulations, and the terms and provisions of any grant or cooperative agreement. NOAA may act to deputize enforcement agents of the American Samoa Government (ASG) to enforce the regulations in this subpart in accordance with existing law. If NOAA chooses to exercise this provision, a memorandum of understanding shall be executed between NOAA and the ASG or the person(s) or entity authorized to act on their behalf.

§922.104 Permit procedures and criteria.

(209) (a) Any person in possession of a valid permit issued by the Director, in consultation with the EDPO, in accordance with this section and §922.48, may conduct an activity otherwise prohibited by §922.102 in the Sanctuary if such activity is judged not to cause long-term or irreparable harm to the resources of the Sanctuary, and is:

(210) (1) Related to research involving Sanctuary resources designed to enhance understanding of the Sanctuary environment or to improve resource management decisionmaking;

(211) (2) Intended to further the educational value of the Sanctuary and thereby enhance understanding of the Sanctuary environment or improve resource management decisionmaking; or

(212) (3) For salvage or recovery operations.

(213) (b) Permit applications shall be addressed to the Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management; ATTN: Sanctuary Coordinator, Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary, P.O. Box 4318, Pago Pago, AS 96799.

(214) (c) In considering whether to grant a permit, the Director shall evaluate such matters as:

(215) (1) The general professional and financial responsibility of the applicant;

(216) (2) The appropriateness of the methods being proposed for the purpose(s) of the activity;

(217) (3) The extent to which the conduct of any permitted activity may diminish or enhance the value of the Sanctuary as a source of recreation, education, or scientific information; and

(218) (4) The end value of the activity.

(219) (d) In addition to meeting the criteria in this section and §922.48, the applicant also must demonstrate to the Director that:

(220) (1) The activity shall be conducted with adequate safeguards for the environment; and

(221) (2) The environment shall be returned to, or will regenerate to, the condition which existed before the activity occurred.

(222) (e) The Director may, at his or her discretion, grant a permit which has been applied for pursuant to this section, in whole or in part, and subject the permit to such condition(s) as he or she deems necessary. A permit granted for research related to the Sanctuary may include, but is not limited to, the following conditions:

(223) (1) The Director may observe any activity permitted by this section;

(224) (2) Any information obtained in the research site shall be made available to the public; and

(225) (3) The submission of one or more reports of the status of such research activity may be required.

Subpart K–Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary

§922.110 Boundary

(226) The Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary (Sanctuary) consists of a 397.05 square nautical mile (NM) area of marine waters approximately 50 miles west-northwest of San Francisco, California extending at 180° from the northernmost boundary of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary to the 1,000 fathom isobath northwest of the Bank, then south along this isobath to the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary boundary and back to the northwest along this boundary to the beginning point. The boundary coordinates are listed in appendix A to this subpart.

§922.111 Prohibited or otherwise regulated activities.

(227) (a) Except as necessary for national defense or to respond to an emergency threatening life, property or the environment, or except as permitted in accordance with §922.48 and §922.112 or certified in accordance with §922.47, the following activities are prohibited and thus are unlawful for any person to conduct or to cause to be conducted:

(228) (1)(i) Depositing or discharging, from any location within the boundary of the Sanctuary, material or other matter of any kind except:

(229) (A) Fish, fish parts, chumming materials (bait) produced and discarded during routine fishing activities conducted in the Sanctuary; and

(230) (B) Water (including cooling water) and other biodegradable effluents incidental to use of a vessel in the Sanctuary and generated by: Marine sanitation devices approved by the United States Coast Guard; routine vessel maintenance, e.g., deck wash down; engine exhaust; or meals on board vessels.

(231) (ii) Depositing or discharging, from any location beyond the boundaries of the Sanctuary, material or other matter of any kind, except for the exclusions listed in Paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section, which enter the Sanctuary and injure a Sanctuary resource.

(232) (2) Removing, taking, or injuring or attempting to remove, take, or injure benthic invertebrate or algae located on Cordell Bank or within the 50 fathom isobath surrounding the Bank. There is a rebuttable presumption that any such resource found in the possession of a person within the Sanctuary was taken or removed by that person. This prohibition does not apply to accidental removal, injury, or takings during normal fishing operations.

(233) (3) Exploring for, or developing or producing, oil, gas, or minerals in any area of the Sanctuary.

(234) (b) All activities being carried out by the Department of Defense (DOD) within the Sanctuary on the effective date of designation that are necessary for national defense are exempt from the prohibitions contained in the regulations in this subpart. Additional DOD activities initiated after the effective date of designation that are necessary for national defense will be exempted by the Director after consultation between the Department of Commerce and DOD. DOD activities not necessary for national defense, such as routine exercises and vessel operations, are subject to all prohibitions contained in the regulations in this subpart.

(235) (c) Where necessary to prevent immediate, serious, and irreversible damage to a Sanctuary resource, any activity may be regulated within the limits of the Act on an emergency basis for no more than 120 days.

§922.112 Permit procedures and criteria.

(236) (a) If a person wishes to conduct an activity prohibited under §922.111, that person must apply for, receive, and have in possession on board any vessel used a valid permit issued pursuant to this section and

§922.48 authorizing that person to conduct that activity.

(237) (b) Permit applications shall be addressed to the Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management; ATTN: Manager, Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, Fort Mason, Building #201, San Francisco, CA 94123.

(238) (c) The Director, at his or her discretion, may issue a permit subject to such terms and conditions as deemed appropriate, to conduct an activity otherwise prohibited by §922.111, if the Director finds that the activity will further research related to Sanctuary resources; further the educational or historical value of the Sanctuary; further salvage or recovery operations in or near the Sanctuary in connection with a recent air or marine casualty; or assist in the management of the Sanctuary. In deciding whether to issue a permit, the Director may consider such factors as the professional qualifications and financial ability of the applicant as related to the proposed activity; the appropriateness of the methods and procedures proposed by the applicant for the conduct of the activity; the extent to which the conduct of the activity may diminish or enhance the values for which the Sanctuary was designated; and the end value of the applicants overall activity.

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1	38°15'51.72"	123°10'52.44"
2	38°07'55.88"	123°38'33.53"
3	38°06'45.21"	123°38'00.40"
4	38°04'58.41"	123°37'14.34"
5	38°04'28.22"	123°37'17.83"
6	38°03'42.75"	123°36'55.66"
7	38°03'11.10"	123°36'19.78"
8	38°02'46.12"	123°36'21.98"
9	38°02'02.74"	123°35'56.56"
10	38°01'27.10"	123°35'55.12"
11	38°01'22.28"	123°36'55.13"
12	38°01'11.54"	123°37'28.21"
13	38°00'49.16"	123°37'29.77"
14	37°59'54.49"	123°36'47.90"
15	37°59'12.39"	123°35'59.55"
16	37°58'39.40"	123°35'14.85"
17	37°58'00.57"	123°34'42.93"
18	37°57'18.99"	123°33'43.15"
19	37°56'56.42"	123°32'51.97"
20	37°56'18.90"	123°32'49.24"
21	37°55'22.37"	123°32'36.96"
22	37°54'26.10"	123°32'21.73"
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24	37°52'34.93"	123°31'18.90"
25	37°51'42.81"	123°31'19.10"
26	37°50'59.58"	123°31'02.96"
27	37°49'22.64"	123°29'34.07"
28	37°48'49.14"	123°28'44.61"
29	37°48'36.95"	123°28'08.29"
30	37°48'03.37"	123°28'23.27"
31	37°47'41.54"	123°28'01.97"
32	37°04'01.78"	123°27'16.78"
33	37°46'51.92"	123°26'48.98"
34	37°46'13.20"	123°26'04.79"
35	37°46'00.73"	123°25'36.99"
36	37°50'25.31"	123°25'26.53"
37	37°54'32.28"	123°23'16.49"
38	37°57'45.71"	123°19'17.72"
39	37°59'29.27"	123°14'12.16"
40	37°59'43.71"	123°08'27.55"
41	38°03'10.20"	123°07'44.35"
42	38°04'01.64"	123°06'58.92"
43	38°08'33.32"	123°04'56.24"
44	38°12'42.06"	123°07'10.21"

Subpart M–Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

§922.130 Boundary.

(239) (a) The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Sanctuary) consists of an area of approximately 4,024 square nautical miles of coastal and ocean waters, and the submerged lands thereunder, in and surrounding Monterey Bay, off the central cost of California.

(240) (b) The northern terminus of the boundary is located along the southern boundary of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and runs westward to approximately 123°07'W. The boundary then extends south in an arc which generally follows the 500

fathom isobath. At approximately 37°03'N., the boundary arcs south to 122°25'W., 36°10'N., due west of Partington Point. The boundary again follows the 500 fathom isobath south to 121°41'W., 35°33'N., due west of Cambria. The boundary then extends shoreward towards the mean high-water line. The landward boundary is defined by the mean high-water line between the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and Cambria, exclusive of a small area off the north coast of San Mateo County and the City and County of San Francisco between Point Bonita and Point San Pedro. Pillar Point, Santa Cruz, Moss Landing and Monterey harbors are excluded from the Sanctuary boundary shoreward from their respective International Collision at Sea regulation (Colreg.) demarcation lines except for Moss Landing Harbor, where all of Elkhorn Slough east of the Highway One bridge is included within the Sanctuary boundary. The boundary coordinates are listed in appendix A to this subpart.

§922.131 Definitions.

(241) In addition to those definitions found at §922.3, the following definitions apply to this subpart:

(242) *Attract* or *attracting* means the conduct of any activity that lures or may lure white sharks by using food, bait, chum, dyes, acoustics or any other means, except the mere presence of human beings (e.g., swimmers, divers, boaters, kayakers, surfers).

(243) *Federal Project* means any water resources development project conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or operating under a permit or other authorization issued by the Corps of Engineers and authorized by Federal law.

(244) *Hand tool* means a hand-held implement, utilized for the collection of jade pursuant to §922.132(a)(1), that is no greater than 36 inches in length and has no moving parts (e.g., dive knife, pry bar or abalone iron). Pneumatic, mechanical, electrical, hydraulic or explosive tools are, therefore, examples of what does not meet this definition.

(245) M*otorized personal water craft* means any motorized vessel that is less than fifteen feet in length as manufactured, is capable of exceeding a speed of fifteen knots, and has the capacity to carry not more than the operator and one other person while in operation. The term includes, but is not limited to, jet skis, wet bikes, surf jets, miniature speed boats, air boats, and hovercraft.

§922.132 Prohibited or otherwise regulated activities.

(246) (a) Except as specified in paragraphs (b) through (f) of this section, the following activities are prohibited and thus are unlawful for any person to conduct or to cause to be conducted:

(247) (1) Exploring for, developing or producing oil, gas or minerals within the Sanctuary except: jade may be collected (meaning removed) from the area bounded by the 35°55'20"N latitude parallel (coastal reference point: beach access stairway at south Sand Dollar Beach), the 35°53'20"N latitude parallel (coastal reference point: westernmost tip of Cape San Martin), and from the mean high tide line seaward to the 90-foot isobath (depth line) (the "authorized area") provided that:

(248) (i) Only jade already loose from the seabed may be collected;

(249) (ii) No tool may be used to collect jade except:

(250) (A) A hand tool (as defined in §922.131) to maneuver or lift the jade or scratch the surface of a stone as necessary to determine if it is jade;

(251) (B) A lift bag or multiple lift bags with a combined lift capacity of no more than two hundred pounds; or

(252) (C) A vessel (except for motorized personal watercraft) (see Paragraph (a)(7) of this section) to provide access to the authorized area;

(253) (iii) Each person may collect only what that person individually carries; and

(254) (iv) For any loose piece of jade that cannot be collected under paragraphs (a)(1)(ii) and (iii) of this section, any person may apply for a permit to collect such a loose piece by following the procedures in §922.133.

(255) (2)(i) Discharging or depositing, from within the boundary of the Sanctuary, any material or other matter except:

(256) (A) Fish, fish parts, chumming materials or bait used in or resulting from traditional fishing operations in the Sanctuary;

(257) (B) Biodegradable effluent incidental to vessel use and generated by marine sanitation devices approved in accordance with section 312 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, (FWPCA), 33 U.S.C. 1322 et seq.;

(258) (C) Water generated by routine vessel operations (e.g., cooling water, deck wash down and graywater as defined by section 312 of the FWPCA) excluding oily wastes from bilge pumping;

(259) (D) Engine exhaust; or

(260) (E) Dredged material deposited at disposal sites authorized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (in consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE)) prior to the effective date of Sanctuary designation (January 1, 1993), provided that the activity is pursuant to, and complies with the terms and conditions of, a valid Federal permit or approval existing on January 1, 1993.

(261) (ii) Discharging or depositing, from beyond the boundary of the Sanctuary, any material or other matter that subsequently enters the Sanctuary and injures a Sanctuary resource or quality, except those listed in paragraphs (a)(2)(i) (A) through (D) of this section and dredged material deposited at the authorized disposal sites described in appendix B to this subpart, provided that the dredged material disposal is pursuant to, and complies with the terms and conditions of, a valid Federal permit or approval.

(262) (3) Moving, removing or injuring, or attempting to move, remove or injure, a Sanctuary historical resource. This prohibition does not apply to moving, removing or injury resulting incidentally from kelp harvesting, aquaculture or traditional fishing operations.

(263) (4) Drilling into, dredging or otherwise altering the seabed of the Sanctuary; or constructing, placing or abandoning any structure, material or other matter on the seabed of the Sanctuary, except as an incidental result of:

(264) (i) Anchoring vessels;

(265) (ii) Aquaculture, kelp harvesting or traditional fishing operations;

(266) (iii) Installation of navigation aids;

(267) (iv) Harbor maintenance in the areas necessarily associated with Federal Projects in existence on January 1, 1993, including dredging of entrance channels and repair, replacement or rehabilitation of breakwaters and jetties;

(268) (v) Construction, repair, replacement or rehabilitation of docks or piers; or

(269) (vi) Collection of jade pursuant to Paragraph (a)(1) of this section, provided that there is no constructing, placing, or abandoning any structure, material, or other matter on the seabed of the Sanctuary.

(270) (5) Taking any marine mammal, sea turtle or seabird in or above the Sanctuary, except as permitted by regulations, as amended, promulgated under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, as amended, (MMPA), 16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq., the Endangered Species Act, as amended, (ESA), 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq., and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, as amended, (MBTA), 16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.

(271) (6) Flying motorized aircraft, except as necessary for valid law enforcement purposes, at less than 1,000 feet above any of the four zones within the Sanctuary described in appendix C to this subpart.

(272) (7) Operating motorized personal water craft within the Sanctuary except within the four designated zones and access routes within the Sanctuary described in appendix D to this subpart.

(273) (8) Possessing within the Sanctuary (regardless of where taken, moved or removed from), except as necessary for valid law enforcement purposes, any historical resource, or any marine mammal, sea turtle or seabird taken in violation of regulations, as amended, promulgated under the MMPA, ESA or MBTA.

(274) (9) Interfering with, obstructing, delaying or preventing an investigation, search, seizure or disposition of seized property in connection with enforcement of the Act or any regulation or permit issued under the Act.

(275) (10) Attracting any white shark in that part of the Sanctuary out to the seaward limit of State waters. For the purposes of this prohibition, the seaward limit of State waters is a line three nautical miles distant from the coastline of the State, where the coastline is the line of ordinary low water along the portion of the coast in direct contact with the open sea. The coastline for Monterey Bay, which is inland waters, is the straight line marking the seaward limit of the Bay, determined by connecting the following two points: 36°57'06"N., 122°01'45"W. and 36°38'16"N., 121°56 '03"W.

(276) (b) The prohibitions in paragraphs (a)(2) through (9) of this section do not apply to activities necessary to respond to emergencies threatening life, property or the environment.

(277) (c)(1) All Department of Defense activities shall be carried out in a manner that avoids to the maximum extent practicable any adverse impacts on Sanctuary resources and qualities. The prohibition in paragraphs (a)(2) through (9) of this section do not apply to existing military activities carried out by the Department of Defense, as specifically identified in the Final environmental Impact Statement and Management Plan for the Proposed Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (NOAA, 1992). (Copies of the FEIS/MP are available from the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, 299 Foam Street, Suite D, Monterey, CA 93940). New activities may be exempted from the prohibitions in paragraphs (a)(2) through (9) of this section by the Director after consultation between the Director and the Department of Defense.

(278) (2) In the event of threatened or actual destruction of, loss of, or injury to a Sanctuary resource or quality resulting from an untoward incident, including but not limited to spills and groundings, caused by the Department of Defense, the cognizant component shall promptly coordinate with the Director for the purpose of taking appropriate actions to respond to and mitigate the harm and, if possible, restore or replace the Sanctuary resource or quality.

(279) (d) The prohibitions in Paragraph (a)(1) of this section as it pertains to jade collection in the Sanctuary, paragraphs (a) (2) and (8) of this section, and Paragraph (a)(10) of this section do not apply to any activity executed in accordance with the scope, purpose, terms

and conditions of a National Marine Sanctuary permit issued pursuant to §§922.48 and 922.133 or a Special Use permit issued pursuant to section 310 of the Act.

(280) (e) The prohibitions in Paragraph (a) (2) through (8) of this section do not apply to any activity authorized by any lease, permit, license, approval or other authorization issued after January 1, 1993 and issued by any Federal, State or local authority of competent jurisdiction, provided that the applicant complies with §922.49, the Director notifies the applicant and authorizing agency that he or she does not object to issuance of the authorization, and the applicant complies with any terms and conditions the Director deems necessary to protect Sanctuary resources and qualities. Amendments, renewals and extensions of authorizations in existence on the effective date of designation constitute authorizations issued after the effective date.

(281) (f) Notwithstanding paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section, in no event may the Director issue a National Marine Sanctuary permit under §§922.48 and 922.133 or a Special Use permit under section 310 of the Act authorizing, or otherwise approve: the exploration for, development or production of oil, gas or minerals within the Sanctuary, except for the collection of jade pursuant to Paragraph (a)(1) of this section; the discharge of primary-treated sewage within the Sanctuary (except by certification, pursuant to §922.47, of valid authorizations in existence on January 1, 1993 and issued by other authorities of competent jurisdiction); or the disposal of dredged material within the Sanctuary other than at sites authorized by EPA (in consultation with COE) prior to January 1, 1993. Any purported authorizations issued by other authorities within the Sanctuary shall be invalid

§922.133 Permit procedures and criteria.

(282) (a) A person may conduct an activity prohibited by §922.132(a)(1) as it pertains to jade collection in the Sanctuary, §922.132(a) (2) through (8), and §922.132(a) (10), if conducted in accordance with the scope, purpose, terms and conditions of a permit issued under this section and §922.48.

(283) (b) Applications for such permits should be addressed to the Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management; ATTN: Manager, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, 299 Foam Street, Suite D, Monterey, CA 93940.

(284) (c) The Director, at his or her discretion, may issue a permit, subject to such terms and conditions as he or she deems appropriate, to conduct an activity prohibited by §922.132(a)(1) as it pertains to jade collection in the Sanctuary, §922.132(a) (2) through (8), and §922.132(a)(10) if the Director finds the activity will have only negligible short-term adverse effects on Sanctuary resources and qualities and will: further research related to Sanctuary resources and qualities; further the educational, natural or historical resource value of the Sanctuary; further salvage or recovery operations in or near the Sanctuary in connection with a recent air or marine casualty; allow the removal, without the use of pneumatic, mechanical, electrical, hydraulic or explosive tools, of loose jade from the Jade Cove area under §922.132 (a)(1)(iv); assist in managing the Sanctuary; or further salvage or recovery operations in connection with an abandoned shipwreck in the Sanctuary title to which is held by the State of California. In deciding whether to issue a permit, the Director shall consider such factors as: the professional qualifications and financial ability of the applicant as related to the proposed activity; the duration of the activity and the duration of its effects; the appropriateness of the methods and procedures proposed by the applicant for the conduct of the activity; the extent to which the conduct of the activity may diminish or enhance Sanctuary resources and qualities; the cumulative effects of the activity; and the end value of the activity. For jade collection, preference will be given for applications proposing to collect loose pieces of jade for research or educational purposes. In addition, the Director may consider such other factors as he or she deems appropriate.

(285) (d) It shall be a condition of any permit issued that the permit or a copy thereof be displayed on board all vessels or aircraft used in the conduct of the activity.

(286) (e) The Director may, *inter alia*, make it a condition of any permit issued that any data or information obtained under the permit be made available to the public.

(287) (f) The Director may, *inter alia*, make it a condition of any permit issued that a NOAA official be allowed to observe any activity conducted under the permit and/or that the permit holder submit one or more reports on the status, progress or results of any activity authorized by the permit.

§922.134 Notification and review.

(288) (a) (Reserved)

(289) (b)(1) NOAA has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the State of California, EPA and the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments regarding the Sanctuary regulations relating to water quality within State waters within the Sanctuary. With regard to permits, the MOA encompasses:

(290) (i) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits issued by the State of California under §13377 of the California Water Code; and

(291) (ii) Waste Discharge Requirements issued by the State of California under §13263 of the California Water Code.

(292) (2) The MOA specifies how the process of §922.49 will be administered within State waters within the Sanctuary in coordination with the State permit program.

Appendix A to Subpart M of Part 922– Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Boundary Coordinates

(Appendix Based on North American Datum of 1983)

Point No.	Latitude north	Longitude west
1	37°52'56.09055"	122°37'39.12564"
2	37°39'59.06176"	122°45'03.79307"
3	37°36'58.39164"	122°46'09.73871"
4	37°34'17.30224"	122°48'14.38141"
5	37°31'47.55649"	122°51'35.56769"
6	37°30'34.11030"	122°54'22.12170"
7	37°29'39.05866"	123°00'27.70792"
8	37°30'29.47603"	123°05'46.22767"
9	37°31'17.66945"	123°07'47.63363"
10	37°27'10.93594"	123°08'24.32210"
11	37°20'35.37491"	123°07'54.12763"
12	37°13'40.21805"	123°06'15.50600"
13	37°07'48.76810"	123°01'43.10994"
14	37°03'46.60999"	122°54'45.39513"
15	37°02'06.30955"	122°46'35.02125"
16	36°55'17.56782"	122°48'21.41121"
17	36°48'22.74244"	122°48'56.29007"
18	36°41'30.91516"	122°48'19.49739"
19	36°34'45.76070"	122°46'26.96772"
20	36°28'24.18076"	122°43'32.43527"
21	36°22'20.70312"	122°39'28.42026"
22	36°16'43.93588"	122°34'26.77255"
23	36°11'44.53838"	122°28'37.16141"
24	36°07'26.88988"	122°21'54.97541"
25	36°04'07.08898"	122°14'39.75924"
26	36°01'28.22233"	122°07'00.19068"
27	35°59'45.46381"	121°58'56.36189"
28	35°58'59.12170"	121°50'26.47931"
29	35°58'53.63866"	121°45'22.82363"

(Appendix Based on North American Datum of 1983)

Point No.	Latitude north	Longitude west
30	35°55'45.60623"	121°42'40.28540"
31	35°50'15.84256"	121°43'09.20193"
32	35°43'14.26690"	121°42'43.79121"
33	35°35'41.88635"	121°41'25.07414"
34	35°33'11.75999"	121°37'49.74192"
35	35°33'17.45869"	121°05'52.89891"
36	37°35'39.73180"	122°31'14.96033"
37	37°36'49.21739"	122°37'00.22577"
38	37°46'00.98983"	122°39'00.40466"
39	37°49'05.69080"	122°31'46.30542"

Appendix B to Subpart M of Part 922– Dredged Material Disposal Sites Adjacent to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

(Appendix Based on North American Datum of 1983.)

(293) As of January 1, 1993, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers operates the following dredged material disposal site adjacent to the Sanctuary off of the Golden Gate:

Point No.	Latitude north	Longitude west
1	37°45.875'	122°34.140'
2	37°44.978'	122°37.369'
3	37°44.491'	122°37.159'
4	37°45.406'	122°33.389'
5	37°45.875'	122°34.140'

(294) In addition, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, as of January 1, 1993, is (in consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) in the process of establishing a dredged material disposal site outside the northern boundary of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and within one of three study areas described in 57 FR 43310, Sept. 18, 1992. When that disposal site is authorized, this appendix will be updated to incorporate its precise location.

Appendix C to Subpart M of Part 922– Zones Within the Sanctuary Where Overflights Below 1,000 Feet Are Prohibited

(295) The four zones are:

(296) (1) From mean high water out to three nautical miles (NM) between a line extending from Point Santa Cruz on a southwesterly heading of 220° and a line extending from 2.0 NM north of Pescadero Point on a southwesterly heading of 240°;

(297) (2) From mean high water out to three NM between a line extending from the Carmel River mouth on a westerly heading of 270° and a line extending due west along latitude 35°33'17.5612" off of Cambria;

(298) (3) From mean high water and within a five NM arc drawn from a center point at the end of Moss Landing Pier; and

(299) (4) Over the waters of Elkhorn Slough east of the Highway One bridge to Elkhorn Road.

Appendix D to Subpart M of Part 922—Zones and Access Routes Within the Sanctuary Where the Operation of Motorized Personal Watercraft is Allowed

(300) The four zones and access routes are:

(301) (1) The approximately one [1.0] NM^2 area off Pillar Point Harbor from harbor launch ramps, through harbor entrance to the northern boundary of Zone One bounded by

(302) (a) 37°29.6'N. (flashing 5-second breakwater entrance light and horn located at the seaward end of the outer west breakwater), 122°29.1'W.;

(303) (b) 37°28.9'N. (bell buoy), 122°29.0'W.;

(304) (c) 37°28.8'N., 122°28'W.; and

(305) (d) 37°29.6'N., 122°28'W.;

(306) (2) The approximately five [5.0] NM^2 area off of Santa Cruz Small Craft Harbor from harbor launch ramps, through harbor entrance, and then along a 100 yard wide access route southwest along a true bearing of approximately 196° (180° magnetic) to the whistle buoy at 36°56.3'N., 122°00.6'W. Zone Two is bounded by

(307) (a) 36°55.0'N., 122°02'W.;

(308) (b) 36°55.0'N.,121°58'W.;

(309) (c) 36°56.5'N., 121°58'W.; and

(310) (d) 36°56.5'N.,122°02'W.;

(311) (3) The approximately six [6.0] NM^2 area off of Moss Landing Harbor from harbor launch ramps, through harbor entrance, and then along a 100 yard wide access route due west to the eastern boundary of Zone Three bounded by

(312) (a) 36°50.0'N., 121°49.3'W.;

(313) (b) 36°50.0'N., 121°50.8'W.;

(314) (c) 36°46.7'N., 121°50.8'W.;

(315) (d) 36°46.7'N., 121°49.0'W.;

(316) (e) 36°47.9'N. (bell buoy), 121°48.1'W.; and

(317) (f) 36°48.9'N., 121°48.2'W.; and

(318) (4) The approximately five [5.0] NM^2 area off of Monterey Harbor from harbor launch ramps to the seaward end of the U.S. Coast Guard Pier, and then along a 100 yard wide access route due north to the southern boundary of Zone Four bounded by

(319) (a) 36°38.7'N., 121°55.4'W.;

(320) (b) 36°36.9'N., 121°52.5'W.;

(321) (c) 36°38.3'N., 121°51.3'W.; and

(322) (d) 36°40.0'N., 121°54.4'W.

Subpart O–Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary

§922.150 Boundary.

(323) (a) The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (Sanctuary) consists of an area of approximately 2500 square nautical mile (NM) (approximately 8577 sq. kilometers) of coastal and ocean waters, and the submerged lands thereunder, off the central and northern coast of the State of Washington.

(324) (b) The Sanctuary boundary extends from Koitlah Point due north to the United States/Canada international boundary. The Sanctuary boundary then follows the U.S./Canada international boundary seaward to the 100 fathom isobath. The seaward boundary of the Sanctuary approximates the 100 fathom isobath in a southerly direction from the U.S./Canada international boundary to a point due west of the mouth of the Copalis River cutting across the heads of Nitnat, Juan de Fuca and Quinault Canyons. The coastal boundary of the Sanctuary is the mean higher high water line when adjacent to Federally managed lands cutting across the mouths of all rivers and streams, except where adjacent to Indian reservations, State and county owned lands; in such case, the coastal boundary is the mean lower low water line. La Push harbor is excluded from the Sanctuary boundary shoreward of the International Collision at Sea regulation (Colreg.) demarcation lines. The boundary coordinates are listed in appendix A to this subpart.

§922.151 Definitions.

(325) In addition to those definitions found at §922.3, the following definitions apply to this subpart:

(326) *Federal Project* means any water resources development project conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or operating under a permit or other authorization issued by the Corps of Engineers and authorized by Federal law.

(327) *Indian reservation* means a tract of land set aside by the Federal Government for use by a Federally recognized American Indian tribe and includes, but is not limited to, the Makah, Quileute, Hoh and Quinault Reservations.

(328) *Traditional fishing* means fishing using a commercial or recreational fishing method that has been used in the Sanctuary before the effect date of Sanctuary designation (July 22, 1994), including the retrieval of fishing gear.

(329) *Treaty* means a formal agreement between the United States Government and an Indian tribe.

§922.152 Prohibited or otherwise regulated activities.

(330) (a) Except as specified in paragraphs (b) through (g) of this section, the following activities are prohibited and thus are unlawful for any person to conduct or to cause to be conducted:

(331) (1) Exploring for, developing or producing oil, gas or minerals within the Sanctuary.

(332) (2)(i) Discharging or depositing, from within the boundary of the Sanctuary, any material or other matter except:

(333) (A) Fish, fish parts, chumming materials or bait used in or resulting from traditional fishing operations in the Sanctuary;

(334) (B) Biodegradable effluent incidental to vessel use and generated by marine sanitation devices approved in accordance with section 312 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, (FWPCA), 33 U.S.C. 1322 et seq.;

(335) (C) Water generated by routine vessel operations (e.g., cooling water, deck wash down and graywater as defined by section 312 of the FWPCA) excluding oily wastes from bilge pumping;

(336) (D) Engine exhaust; or

(337) (E) Dredge spoil in connection with beach nourishment projects related to harbor maintenance activities.

(338) (ii) Discharging or depositing, from beyond the boundary of the Sanctuary, any material or other matter, except those listed in paragraphs (a)(2)(i) (A) through (E) of this section, that subsequently enters the Sanctuary and injures a Sanctuary resource or quality.

(339) (3) Moving, removing or injuring, or attempting to move, remove or injure, a Sanctuary historical resource. This prohibition does not apply to moving, removing or injury resulting incidentally from traditional fishing operations.

(340) (4) Drilling into, dredging or otherwise altering the seabed of the Sanctuary; or constructing, placing or abandoning any structure, material or other matter on the seabed of the Sanctuary, except as an incident result of:

(341) (i) Anchoring vessels;

(342) (ii) Traditional fishing operations;

(343) (iii) Installation of navigation aids;

(344) (iv) Harbor maintenance in the areas necessarily associated with Federal Projects in existence on July 22, 1994, including dredging of entrance channels and repair, replacement or rehabilitation of breakwaters and jetties;

(345) (v) Construction, repair, replacement or rehabilitation of boat launches, docks or piers, and associated breakwaters and jetties; or (vi)Beach nourishment projects related to harbor maintenance activities.

(346) (5) Taking any marine mammal, sea turtle or seabird in or above the Sanctuary, except as authorized by the Marine Mammal Protection Act, as amended, (MMPA), 16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq., the Endangered Species Act, as amended, (ESA), 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq., and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, as amended, (MBTA), 16 U.S.C. 703 et seq., or pursuant to any Indian treaty with an Indian tribe to which the United States is a party, provided that the Indian treaty right is exercised in accordance with the MMPA, ESA and MBTA, to the extent that they apply.

(347) (6) Flying motorized aircraft at less than 2,000 feet both above the Sanctuary within one NM of the Flattery Rocks, Quillayute Needles, or Copalis National Wildlife Refuge, or within one NM seaward from the coastal boundary of the Sanctuary, except for activities related to tribal timber operations conducted on reservation lands, or to transport persons or supplies to or from reservation lands as authorized by a governing body of an Indian tribe.

(348) (7) Possessing within the Sanctuary (regardless of where taken, moved or removed from) any historical resource, or any marine mammal, sea turtle, or seabird taken in violation of the MMPA, ESA or MBTA, to the extent that they apply.

(349) (8) Interfering with, obstructing, delaying or preventing an investigation, search, seizure or disposition of seized property in connection with enforcement of the Act or any regulation or permit issued under the Act.

(350) (b) The prohibitions in Paragraph (a)(2) through (4), (6) and (7) of this section do not apply to activities necessary to respond to emergencies threatening life, property or the environment.

(351) (c) The prohibitions in paragraphs (a)(2) through (4), (6) and (7) of this section do not apply to activities necessary for valid law enforcement purposes.

(352) (d)(1) All Department of Defense military activities shall be carried out in a manner that avoids to the maximum extent practicable any adverse impacts on Sanctuary resources and qualities.

(353) (i) Except as provided in Paragraph (d)(2) of this section, the prohibitions in paragraphs (a) (2) through (7) of this section do not apply to the following military activities performed by the Department of Defense in W-237A, W-237B, and Military Operating Areas Olympic A and B in the Sanctuary:

(354) (A) Hull integrity tests and other deep water test;

(355) (B) Live firing of guns, missiles, torpedoes, and chaff;

(356) (C) Activities associated with the Quinault Range including the in-water testing of non-explosive torpedoes; and

(357) (D) Anti-submarine warfare operations.

(358) (ii) New activities may be exempted from the prohibitions in paragraphs (a) (2) through (7) of this section by the Director after consultation between the Director and the Department of Defense. If it is determined that an activity may be carried out, such activity shall be carried out in a manner that avoids to the maximum extent practicable any adverse impact on Sanctuary resources and qualities. Civil engineering and other civil works projects conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are excluded from the scope of this Paragraph (d).

(359) (2) The Department of Defense is prohibited from conducting bombing activities within the Sanctuary.

(360) (3) In the event of threatening or actual destruction of, loss of, or injury to a Sanctuary resource or quality resulting from an untoward incident, including but not limited to spills and groundings caused by the Department of Defense, the Department of Defense shall promptly coordinate with the Director for the purpose of taking appropriate actions to respond to and mitigate the harm and, if possible, restore or replace the Sanctuary resource or quality.

(361) (e) The prohibitions in paragraphs (a) (2) through (7) of this section do not apply to any activity executed in accordance with the scope, purpose, terms and conditions of a National Marine Sanctuary permit issued pursuant to §922.48 and §922.153 or a Special Use permit issued pursuant to section 310 of the Act.

(362) (f) Members of a federally recognized Indian tribe may exercise aboriginal and treaty-secured rights, subject to the requirements of other applicable law, without regard to the requirements of this part. The Director may consult with the governing body of a tribe regarding ways the tribe may exercise such rights consistent with the purposes of the Sanctuary.

(363) (g) The prohibitions in paragraphs (a) (2) through (7) of this section do not apply to any activity authorized by any lease, permit, license, or other authorization issued after July 22, 1994 and issued by any Federal, State or local authority of competent jurisdiction, provided that the applicant complies with §922.49, the Director notifies the applicant and authorizing agency that he or she does not object to issuance of the authorization, and the applicant complies with any terms and conditions the Director deems necessary to protect Sanctuary resources and qualities. Amendments, renewals and extensions of authorizations in existence on the effective date of designation constitute authorizations issued after the effective date.

(364) (h) Notwithstanding paragraphs (e) and (g) of this section, in no event may the Director issue a National Marine Sanctuary permit under §922.48 and §922.153 or a Special Use permit under section 310 of the Act authorizing, or otherwise approve: The exploration for, development or production of oil, gas or minerals within the Sanctuary; the discharge of primary-treated sewage within the Sanctuary (except by certification, pursuant to §922.47, of valid authorizations in existence on July 22, 1994 and issued by other authorities of competent jurisdiction); the disposal of dredged material within the Sanctuary other than in connection with beach nourishment projects related to harbor maintenance activities; or bombing activities within the Sanctuary. Any purported authorizations issued by other authorities after July 22, 1994 for any of these activities within the Sanctuary shall be invalid.

§922.153 Permit procedures and criteria.

(365) (a) A person may conduct an activity prohibited by paragraphs (a) (2) through (7) of §922.152 if conducted in accordance with the scope, purpose, terms and conditions of a permit issued under this section and §922.48.

(366) (b) Applications for such permits should be addressed to the Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management; ATTN: Manager, Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary, 138 West First Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362.

(367) (c) The Director, at his or her discretion, may issue a permit, subject to such terms and conditions as he or her deems appropriate, to conduct an activity prohibited by paragraphs (a) (2) through (7) of §922.152, if the Director finds that the activity will not substantially injure Sanctuary resources and qualities and will: further research related to Sanctuary resources and qualities; further the educational, natural or historical resource value of the Sanctuary; further salvage or recovery operations in or near the Sanctuary in connection with a recent air or marine casualty; assist in managing the Sanctuary; further salvage or recovery operations in connection with an abandoned shipwreck in the Sanctuary title to which is held by the State of Washington; or promote the welfare of any Indian tribe adjacent to the Sanctuary. In deciding whether to issue a permit, the Director may consider such factors as: the professional qualifications and financial ability of the applicant as related to the proposed activity; the duration of the activity and the duration of its effects; the appropriateness of the methods and procedures proposed by the applicant for the conduct of the activity; the extent to which the conduct of the activity may diminish or enhance Sanctuary resources and qualities; the cumulative effects of the activity; the end value of the activity;

and the impacts of the activity on adjacent Indian tribes. Where the issuance or denial of a permit is requested by the governing body of an Indian tribe, the Director shall consider and protect the interests of the tribe to the fullest extent practicable in keeping with the purposes of the Sanctuary and his or her fiduciary duties to the tribe. The Director may also deny a permit application pursuant to this section, in whole or in part, if it is determined that the permittee or applicant has acted in violation of the terms or conditions of a permit or of the regulations in this subpart. In addition, the Director may consider such other factors as he or she deems appropriate.

(368) (d) It shall be a condition of any permit issued the permit or a copy thereof be displayed on board all vessels or aircraft used in the conduct of the activity.

(369) (e) The Director may, *inter alia*, make it a condition of any permit issued that any data or information obtained under the permit be made available to the public.

(370) (f) The Director may, *inter alia*, make it a condition of any permit issued that a NOAA official be allowed to observe any activity conducted under the permit and/or that the permit holder submit one or more reports on the status, progress or results of any activity authorized by the permit.

(371) (g) The Director shall obtain the express written consent of the governing body of an Indian tribe prior to issuing a permit, if the proposed activity involves or affects resources of cultural or historical significance to the tribe.

(372) (h) Removal, or attempted removal of any Indian cultural resource or artifact may only occur with the express written consent of the governing body of the tribe or tribes to which such resource or artifact pertains, and certification by the Director that such activities occur in a manner that minimizes damages to the biological and archeological resources. Prior to permitting entry onto a significant cultural site designated by a tribal governing body, the Director shall require the express written consent of the governing body of the tribe or tribes to which such cultural site pertains.

§922.154 Consultation with the State of Washington, affected Indian tribes, and adjacent county governments.

(373) (a) The Director shall regularly consult with the State of Washington, the governing bodies of tribes with reservations adjacent to the Sanctuary, and adjacent county governments regarding areas of mutual concern, including Sanctuary programs, permitting, activities, development, and threats to Sanctuary resources.

(374) (b) The Director shall, when requested by such governments, enter into a memorandum of understanding regarding such consultations.

Appendix A to Subpart O of Part 922—Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Boundary Coordinates (Based on North American Datum of 1983)

Point No.	Latitude north	Longitude west
1	47°07'45.0"	124°11'02.0"
2	47°07'45.0"	124°58'12.0"
3	47°35'05.0"	125°00'00.0"
4	47°40'05.0"	125°04'44.0"
5	47°50'01.0"	125°05'42.0"
6	47°57'13.0"	125°29'13.0"
7	48°07'33.0"	125°38'20.0"
8	48°15'00.0"	125°40'54.0"
9	48°18'21.2"	125°30'02.9"
10	48°20'15.2"	125°22'52.9"
11	48°26'46.2"	125°09'16.9"
12	48°27'09.2"	125°08'29.9"
13	48°28'08.2"	125°05'51.9"
14	48°29'43.2"	125°00'10.9"
15	48°29'56.2"	124°59'19.9"
16	48°30'13.2"	124°54'56.9"
17	48°30'21.2"	124°50'25.9"
18	48°30'10.2"	124°47'17.9"
19	48°29'36.4"	124°43'38.1"
20	48°28'08.0"	124°38'13.0"
21	48°23'17.0"	124°38'13.0"

Subpart Q–Hawai'ian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

§922.180 Purpose.

(375) (a) The purpose of the regulations in this subpart is to implement the designation of the Hawai'ian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary by regulating activities affecting the resources of the Sanctuary or any of the qualities, values, or purposes for which the Sanctuary was designated, in order to protect, preserve, and manage the conservation, ecological, recreational, research, educational, historical, cultural, and aesthetic resources and qualities of the area. The regulations are intended to supplement and complement

existing regulatory authorities; to facilitate to the extent compatible with the primary objective of protecting the humpback whale and its habitat, all public and private uses of the Sanctuary, including uses of Hawai'ian natives customarily and traditionally exercised for subsistence, cultural, and religious purposes, as well as education, research, recreation, commercial and military activities; to reduce conflicts between compatible uses; to maintain, restore, and enhance the humpback whale and its habitat; to contribute to the maintenance of natural assemblages of humpback whales for future generations; to provide a place for humpback whales that are dependent on their Hawai'ian Islands wintering habitat for reproductive activities, including breeding, calving, and nursing, and for the long-term survival of their species; and to achieve the other purposes and policies of the HINMSA and NMSA.

(376) (b) These regulations may be modified to fulfill the Secretary's responsibilities for the Sanctuary, including the provision of additional protections for humpback whales and their habitat, if reasonably necessary, and the conservation and management of other marine resources, qualities and ecosystems of the Sanctuary determined to be of national significance. The Secretary shall consult with the Governor of the State of Hawaii on any modification to the regulations contained in this part. For any modification of the regulations contained in this part that would constitute a change in a term of the designation, as contained in the Designation Document for the Sanctuary, the Secretary shall follow the applicable requirements of section 303 and 304 of the NMSA, and sections 2305 and 2306 of the HINMSA.

(377) (c) Section 304(e) of the NMSA requires the Secretary to review management plans and regulations every five years, and make necessary revisions. Upon completion of the five year review of the Sanctuary management plan and regulations, the Secretary will re-propose the Sanctuary management plan and regulations in their entirety with any proposed changes thereto. The Governor of the State of Hawaii will have the opportunity to review the re-proposed management plan and regulations before they take effect and if the Governor certifies any term or terms of such management plan or regulations as unacceptable, the unacceptable term or terms will not take effect in State waters of the Sanctuary.

§922.181 Boundary.

(378) (a) Except for excluded areas described in Paragraph (b) of this section, the Hawai'ian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary consists of the submerged lands and waters off the coast of the Hawai'ian Islands seaward from the shoreline, cutting across the mouths of rivers and streams:

(379) (1) To the 100-fathom (183 meter) isobath from Kailiu Point eastward to Mokolea Point, Kauai;

(380) (2) To the 100-fathom (183 meter) isobath from Puaena Point eastward to Mahie Point, and from the Kapahulu Groin in Waikiki eastward to Makapuu Point, Oahu;

(381) (3) To the 100-fathom (183 meter) isobath from Cape Halawa, Molokai, south and westward to Ilio Point, Molokai; southwestward to include Penguin Banks; eastward along the east side of Lanai; to the waters seaward of the three nautical mile limit north of Kahoolawe, to the Hanamanoia Lighthouse on Maui, and northward along the shoreline to Lipoa Point, Maui;

(382) (4) To the deep water area of Pailolo Channel from Cape Halawa, Molokai, to Lipoa Point, Maui, and southward;

(383) (5) To the 100-fathom (183 meter) isobath from Upolu Point southward to Keahole Point, Hawaii.

(384) (b) Excluded from the Sanctuary boundary are the following commercial ports and small boat harbors:

(385) *Hawaii (Big Island)*

(386) Kawaihae Boat Harbor & Small Boat Basin

(387) *Lanai*

(388) Kaumalapau Harbor, Manele Harbor

(389) *Maui*

(390) Lahaina Boat Harbor

(391) Maalae Boat Harbor

(392) *Molokai*

(393) Hale o Lono Harbor

(394) Kaunakakai Harbor

(395) *Oahu*

(396) Kuapa Pond (Hawaii Kai)

(397) (c) The coordinates of the lateral extents of each boundary area within the Sanctuary boundary appear in Appendix A of this subpart Q.

§922.182 Definitions.

(398) (a) *Acts* means the Hawai'ian Islands National Marine Sanctuary Act (HINMSA; sections 2301-2307 of Public Law 102-587), and the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (NMSA; also known as Title III of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA), as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.).

(399) *Adverse impact* means an impact that independently or cumulatively damages, diminishes, degrades, impairs, destroys, or otherwise harms.

(400) *Alteration of the seabed* means drilling into, dredging, or otherwise altering a natural physical characteristic of the seabed of the Sanctuary; or constructing, placing, or abandoning any structure, material, or other matter on the seabed of the Sanctuary.

(401) *Habitat* means those areas that provide space for individual and population growth and normal behavior of humpback whales, and include sites used for reproductive activities, including breeding, calving and nursing.

(402) *Military activities* means those military activities conducted by or under the auspices of the Department of Defense and any combined military activities carried out by the Department of Defense and the military forces of a foreign nation.

(403) *Sanctuary* means the Hawai'ian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary.

(404) *Sanctuary* resource means any humpback whale, or the humpback whale's habitat within the Sanctuary.

(405) *Shoreline* means the upper reaches of the wash of the waves, other than storm or seismic waves, at high tide during the season of the year in which the highest wash of the waves occurs, usually evidenced by the edge of vegetation growth, or the upper limit of debris left by the wash of the waves.

(406) *Take or taking a humpback whale* means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, capture, collect or injure a humpback whale, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. The term includes, but is not limited to, any of the following activities: collecting any dead or injured humpback whale, or any part thereof; restraining or detaining any humpback whale, or any part thereof, no matter how temporarily; tagging any humpback whale; operating a vessel or aircraft or doing any other act that results in the disturbing or molesting of any humpback whale.

(407) (b) Other terms appearing in the regulations in this subpart are defined at 15 CFR 922.3, and/or in the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1401 et seq., and 16 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.

§922.183 Allowed activities.

(408) (a) All activities except those prohibited by §922.184 may be undertaken in the Sanctuary subject to any emergency regulations promulgated pursuant to §922.185, subject to the interagency cooperation provisions of section 304(d) of the NMSA [16 U.S.C. 1434(d)] and §922.187 of this subpart, and subject to the liability established by section 312 of the NMSA and §922.46. All activities are also subject to all prohibitions, restrictions, and conditions validly imposed by any other Federal, State, or county authority of competent jurisdiction.

(409) (b) Included as activities allowed under the first sentence of Paragraph (a) of this section are all classes of military activities, internal or external to the Sanctuary, that are being or have been conducted before the effective date of the regulations in this subpart, as identified in the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Management Plan. Paragraphs (a) (1) through (5) of §922.184 do not apply to these classes of activities, nor are these activities subject to further consultation under section 304(d) of the NMSA.

(410) (c) Military activities proposed after the effective date of the regulations in this subpart, are also included as allowed activities under the first sentence of Paragraph (a) of this section. Paragraphs (a) (1) through (5) of §922.184 apply to these classes of activities unless–

(411) (1) They are not subject to consultation under section 304(d) of the NMSA and §922.187 of this subpart, or

(412) (2) Upon consultation under section 304(d) of the NMSA and §922.187 of this subpart, NOAA's findings and recommendations include a statement that paragraphs (a)(1) through (5) of §922.184 do not apply to the military activity.

(413) (d) If a military activity described in paragraphs (b) or (c)(2) of this section is modified such that it is likely to destroy, cause the loss of, or injure a Sanctuary resource in a manner significantly greater than was considered in a previous consultation under section 304(d) of the NMSA and §922.187 of this subpart, or if the modified activity is likely to destroy, cause the loss of, or injure any Sanctuary resource not considered in a previous consultation under section 304(d) of the NMSA and §922.187 of this subpart, the modified activity will be treated as a new military activity under Paragraph (c) of this section.

(414) (e) If a proposed military activity subject to section 304(d) of the NMSA and §922.187 of this subpart is necessary to respond to an emergency situation and the Secretary of Defense determines in writing that failure to undertake the proposed activity during the period of consultation would impair the national defense, the Secretary of the military department concerned may request the Director that the activity proceed during consultation. If the Director denies such a request, the Secretary of the military department concerned may decide to proceed with the activity. In such case, the Secretary of the military department concerned shall provide the Director with a written statement describing the effects of the activity on Sanctuary resources once the activity is completed.

§922.184 Prohibited activities.

(415) (a) The following activities are prohibited and thus unlawful for any person to conduct or cause to be conducted.

(416) (1) Approaching, or causing a vessel or other object to approach, within the Sanctuary, by any means, within 100 yards of any humpback whale except as authorized under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, as

amended (MMPA), 16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq., and the Endangered Species Act, as amended (ESA), 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.;

(417) (2) Operating any aircraft above the Sanctuary within 1,000 feet of any humpback whale except as necessary for takeoff or landing from an airport or runaway, or as authorized under the MMPA and the ESA;

(418) (3) Taking any humpback whale in the Sanctuary except as authorized under the MMPA and the ESA;

(419) (4) Possessing within the Sanctuary (regardless of where taken) any living or dead humpback whale or part thereof taken in violation of the MMPA or the ESA;

(420) (5) Discharging or depositing any material or other matter in the Sanctuary; altering the seabed of the Sanctuary; or discharging or depositing any material or other matter outside the Sanctuary if the discharge or deposit subsequently enters and injures a humpback whale or humpback whale habitat, provided that such activity:

(421) (i) Requires a Federal or State permit, license, lease, or other authorization; and

(422) (ii) Is conducted:

(423) (A) Without such permit, license, lease, or other authorization, or

(424) (B) Not in compliance with the terms or conditions of such permit, license, lease, or other authorization.

(425) (6) Interfering with, obstructing, delaying or preventing an investigation, search, seizure or disposition of seized property in connection with enforcement of either of the Acts or any regulations issued under either of the Acts.

(426) (b) The prohibitions in paragraphs (a)(1) through (5) of this section do not apply to activities necessary to respond to emergencies threatening life, property or the environment; or to activities necessary for valid law enforcement purposes. However, while such activities are not subject to paragraphs (a)(1) through (5) of this section, this Paragraph (b) does not exempt the activity from the underlying prohibition or restriction under other applicable laws and regulations (e.g., MMPA, ESA, and CWA).

(427) (c) Any Sanctuary fishery regulations shall not take effect in Hawaii State waters until established by the State Board of Land and Natural Resources.

§922.185 Emergency Regulations.

(428) Where necessary to prevent or minimize the destruction of, loss of, or injury to a Sanctuary resource, or to minimize the imminent risk of such destruction, loss, or injury, any and all activities are subject to immediate temporary regulation, including prohibition. Before issuance of such regulations the Director shall consult to the extent practicable with any relevant Federal agency and the Governor of the State of Hawaii. Emergency regulations shall not take effect in State waters of the Sanctuary until approved by the Governor of Hawaii.

§922.186 Penalties; appeals.

(429) (a) Pursuant to section 307 of the NMSA, each violation of either of the Acts, or regulation in this subpart is subject to a civil penalty of not more than $100,000. Each such violation is subject to forfeiture of property or Sanctuary resources seized in accordance with section 307 of the NMSA. Each day of a continuing violation constitutes a separate violation.

(430) (b) Regulations setting forth the procedures governing the administrative proceedings for assessment of civil penalties for enforcement reasons, issuance and use of written warnings, and release or forfeiture of seized property appear at 15 CFR part 904.

(431) (c) A person subject to an action taken for enforcement reasons for violation of the regulations in the subpart or either of the Acts may appeal pursuant to the applicable procedures in 15 CFR part 904.

§922.187 Interagency Cooperation.

(432) Under section 304(d) of the NMSA, Federal agency actions internal or external to a national marine sanctuary, including private activities authorized by licenses, leases, or permits, that are likely to destroy, cause the loss of, or injure any sanctuary resource are subject to consultation with the Director. The Federal agency proposing an action shall determine whether the activity is likely to destroy, cause the loss of, or injure a Sanctuary resource. To the extent practicable, consultation procedures under section 304(d) of the NMSA may be consolidated with interagency cooperation procedures required by other statutes, such as the ESA. The Director will attempt to provide coordinated review and analysis of all environmental requirements.

Appendix A to Subpart Q—Hawai'ian Islands Humpback Whale, National Marine Sanctuary Boundary Description and Coordinates of the Lateral Boundary Closures and Excluded Areas.

(433) Appendix A provides a text and pictorial (see Figures 1-3) description of the Sanctuary boundary with specific lateral closure points and exclusion areas. The lateral extends (bounds) of each boundary area are closed by straight lines defined by at least two points. It may be necessary to extend these lines beyond the defining points to intersect the actual 100 fathom contour or the shoreline. Each point corresponds to a bounds number indicated in Figure 2. Digital files of the Sanctuary boundary (available in three common formats, ESRI Shape File, MapInfo Table and an ASCII Exchange format) are available from the Sanctuary

Bound No. (Fig. 2)	Geographic name	No. of points	Latitude	Longitude
1	Kailiu Pt., Kauai	2	22°13'24.7" 22°16'33.5"	– 159°34'52.2" – 159°35'59.4"
2	Mokolea Pt., Kauai	2	22°13'29.9" 22°14'55.4"	– 159°22'55.8" – 159°22'19.3"
3	Puaena Pt., N. Oahu	2	21°38'24.6" 21°36'08.4"	– 158°08'26.0" – 158°06'24.5"
4	Mahie Pt., N. Oahu	2	21°33'37.3" 21°35'32.2"	– 157°51'51.9" – 157°50'05.5"
5	Kapahulu Groin, S. Oahu	3	21°15'05.7" 21°16'06.1" 21°16'06.2"	– 157°50'27.5" – 157°49'25.7" – 157°49'23.8"
6	Makapuu Pt. S. Oahu	2	21°18'39.6" 21°19'44.7"	– 157°38'56.7" – 157°35'46.1"
7	Ilio Pt., Molokai	2	21°13'25.7" 21°13'27.0"	– 157°18'45.8" – 157°15'14.4"
8	Pailolo Channel, C. Halawa to Lipoa Pt.	2	21°01'29.8" 21°09'29.5"	– 156°38'22.0" – 156°42'37.2"
9	Hanamanoia Lighthouse, Maui	2	20°34'21.8" 20°34'58.4"	– 156°26'51.1" – 156°24'45.2"
10	3 NM closure around Kahoolawe	51	20°35'58.1" 20°35'59.9" 20°36'03.9" 20°36'06.6" 20°36'16.3" 20°36'25.7" 20°36'34.6" 20°36'39.9" 20°36'43.8" 20°36'50.8" 20°36'59.0" 20°37'08.7" 20°37'18.1" 20°37'27.0" 20°37'35.5" 20°37'43.4" 20°37'50.9" 20°37'56.4" 20°37'59.0" 20°38'06.0" 20°38'08.6" 20°38'10.8" 20°38'17.2" 20°38'18.9" 20°38'23.4" 20°38'30.3" 20°38'36.6" 20°38'42.4"	– 156°29'32.0" – 156°29'33.0" – 156°29'35.5" – 156°29'36.9" – 156°29'43.1" – 156°29'49.9" – 156°29'57.3" – 156°30'02.2" – 156°30'05.5" – 156°30'12.1" – 156°30'16.5" – 156°30'22.7" – 156°30'29.5" – 156°30'36.8" – 156°30'44.8" – 156°30'53.4" – 156°31'02.4" – 156°31'10.0" – 156°31'13.2" – 156°31'22.7" – 156°31'26.8" – 156°31'29.9" – 156°31'39.9" – 156°31'43.0" – 156°31'48.4" – 156°31'58.0" – 156°32'07.9" – 156°32'18.3"

Bound No. (Fig. 2)	Geographic name	No. of points	Latitude	Longitude
			20°38'43.4" 20°38'46.4" 20°38'51.5" 20°38'56.0" 20°38'59.8" 20°39'03.0" 20°39'04.0" 20°39'04.4" 20°39'05.3" 20°39'06.8" 20°39'08.6" 20°39'08.9" 20°39'09.7" 20°39'10.1" 20°39'11.0" 20°39'12.1" 20°39'12.5" 20°39'12.4" 20°39'12.6" 20°39'12.2" 20°39'11.8" 20°39'11.7" 20°39'11.3"	– 156°32'20.5" – 156°32'25.9" – 156°32'36.7" – 156°32'47.7" – 156°32'59.1" – 156°33'10.7" – 156°33'15.7" – 156°33'17.0" – 156°33'21.1" – 156°33'28.7" – 156°33'40.7" – 156°33'44.4" – 156°33'49.6" – 156°33'53.8" – 156°34'00.3" – 156°34'12.4" – 156°34'24.4" – 156°34'25.4" – 156°34'30.5" – 156°34'42.6" – 156°34'47.7" – 156°34'48.9" – 156°34'55.8"
11	Technical Closure North of Kahoolawe	2	20°41'39.2" 20°41'45.0"	– 156°37'07.5" – 156°38'03.6"
12	Upolu Pt., Hawaii (Big Island)	2	20°16'05.3" 20°17'59.9"	– 155°51'00.5" – 155°51'17.2"
13	Keahole Pt., Hawaii (Big Island)	2	19°43'39.6" 19°43'41.5"	– 156°03'42.7" – 156°04'14.5"
14	Kawaihae Harbor, Big Island exclusion	2	20°02'14.3" 20°02'25.3"	– 155°50'02.5" – 155°49'57.7"
15	Haleolono Harbor, Molokai exclusion	2	21°05'03.5" 21°05'04.8"	– 157°14'58.6" – 157°14'55.2"
16	Kaunakakai Harbor, Molokai exclusion	4	21°05'13.9" 21°04'49.2" 21°04'38.5" 21°05'07.4"	– 157°01'35.7" – 157°01'58.3" – 157°01'41.2" – 157°01'15.0"
17	Kaumalapau Harbor, Lanai exclusion	2	20°47'09.2" 20°47'01.1"	– 156°59'32.2" – 156°59'31.3"
18	Manele Harbor, Lanai exclusion	2	20°44'33.2" 20°44'35.2"	– 156°53'12.9" – 156°53'14.1"
19	Lahaina Harbor, Maui exclusion	2	20°52'18.3" 20°52'18.8"	– 156°40'45.0" – 156°40'44.0"
20	Maalaea Harbor, Maui exclusion	2	20°47'32.1" 20°47'24.8"	– 156°30'35.0" – 156°30'39.6"
21	Western closure Kuapa Pond (Hawaii Kai), Oahu	2	21°17'07.0" 21°17'06.5"	– 157°43'07.7" – 157°43'07.0"
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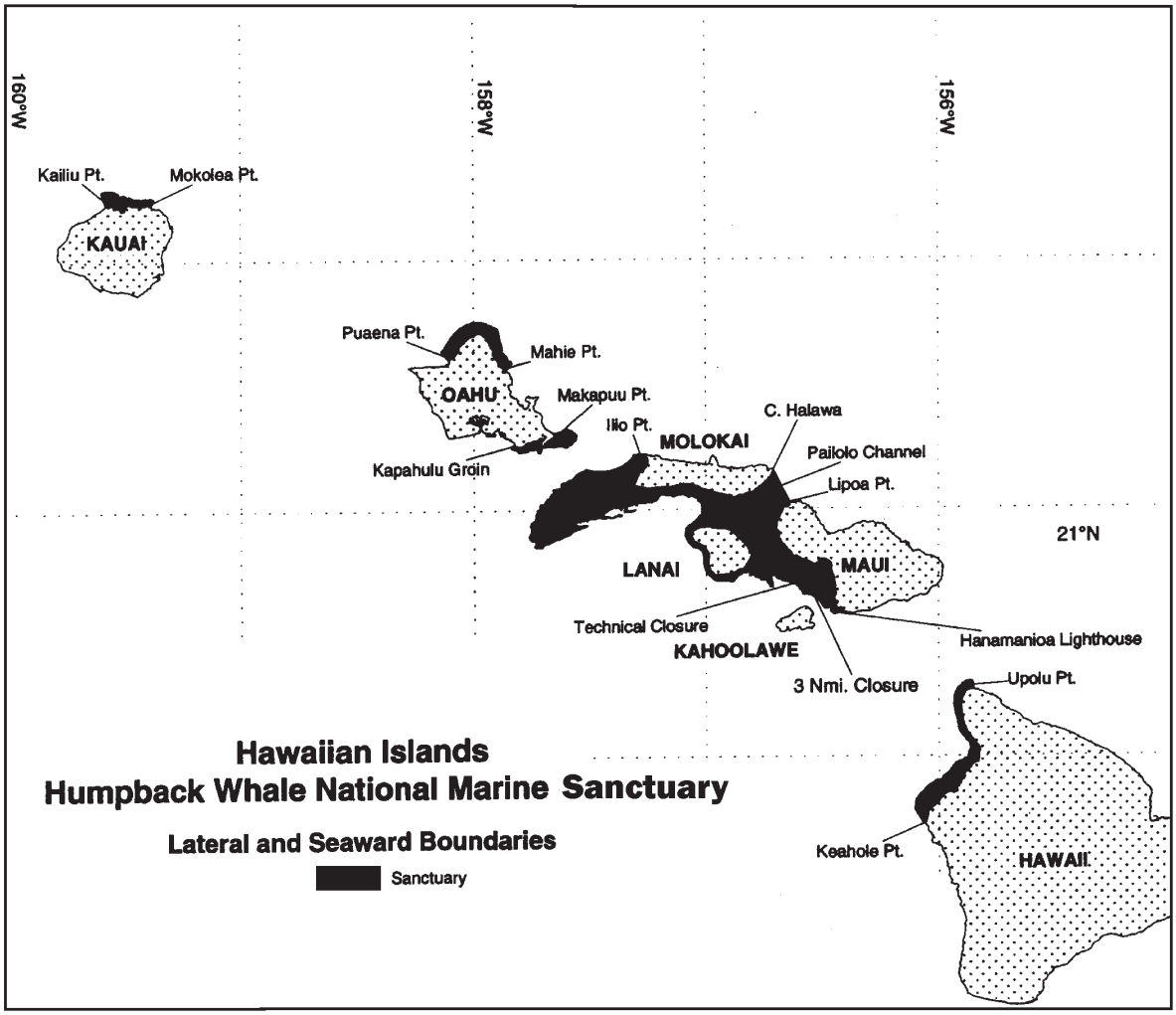
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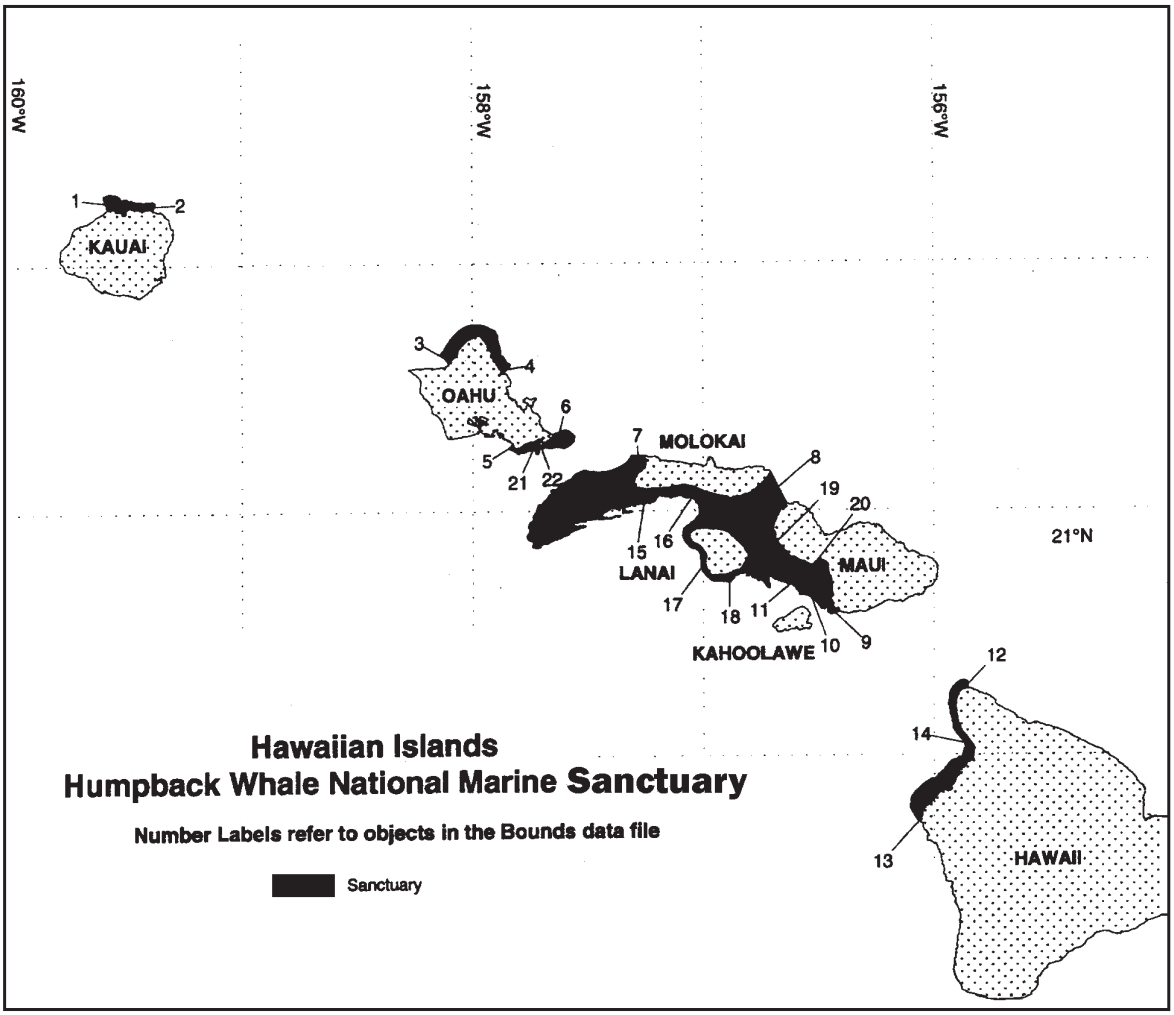
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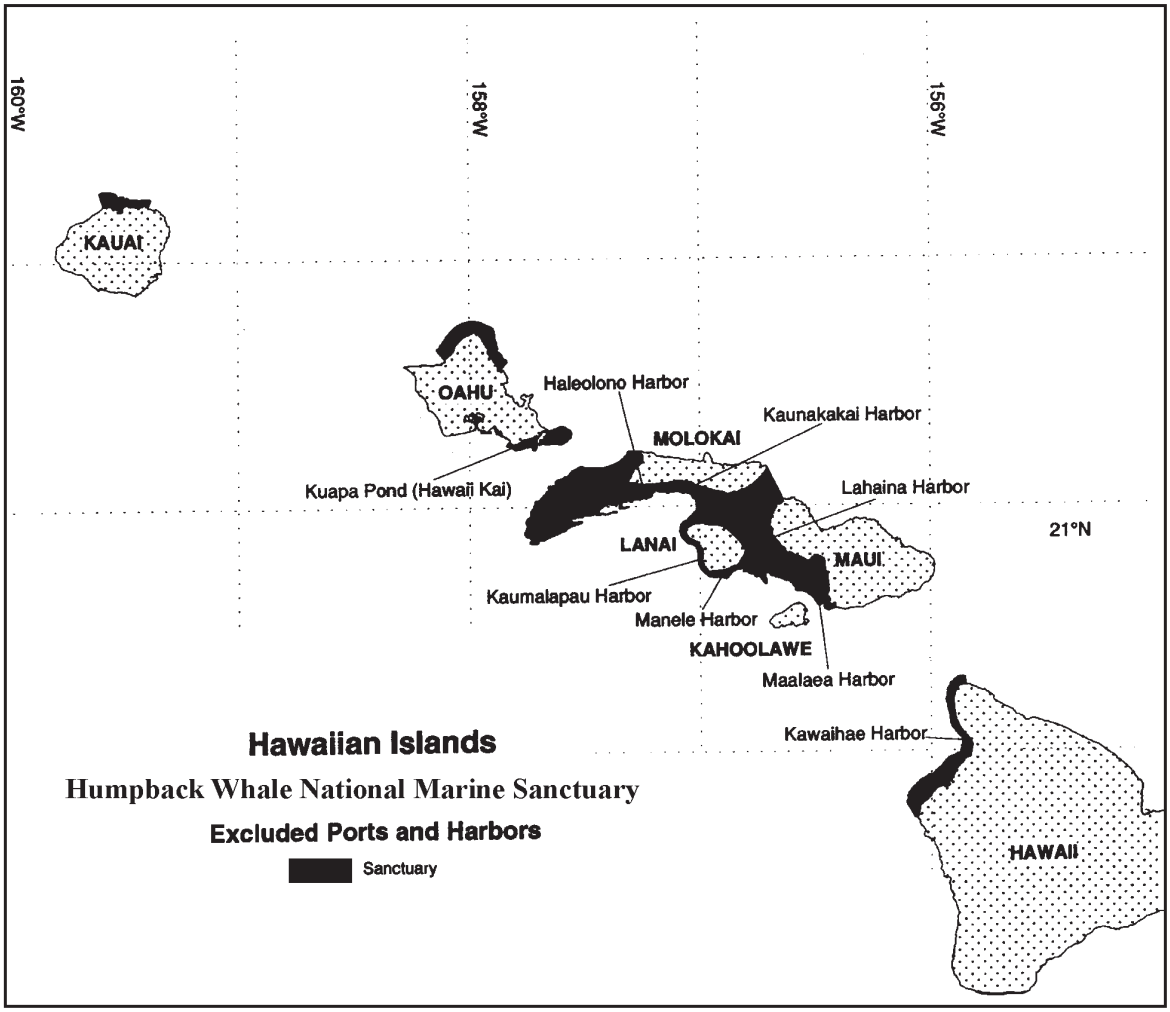
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Figure 3

office in Kihei, Maui, at the address listed above or by calling (808) 879-2818. These digital geographies are the best available representation of the verbal legal delineation and were derived from: the Hawai'ian shoreline as supplied by State of Hawaii through the Office of Planning GIS Office, the NOAA and State of Hawaii agreed upon lateral boundary and exclusion areas, and the 100 fathom isobath digitized from the following 1:80,000 scale NOAA nautical charts-19327 —

(434) West Coast of Hawaii (9th ED, 4/29/89),

(435) 19347—Channels between Molokai, Maui, Lanai, and Kahoolawe (17th ED, 12/13/97),

(436) 19351—Channels between Oahu, Molokai, and Lanai (8th ED, 7/01/89),

(437) 19357—Island of Oahu (20th ED, 9/21/96), and

(438) 19381—Island of Kauai (8th ED, 7/17/1993).

(439) For the portion of the Lanai region of the HIHWNMS west of Chart 19351, [157°42.8'W.] the 100 fathom contour was derived from the 1:250.999 chart 19340—Hawaii to Oahu (24th ED, 1/09/1993).

(440) All digital geography data have been referenced to WGS84 (NAD83) and have been converted to geographic (latitude and longitude) coordinates.

Sanctuary Boundary

(441) A. As defined by the specific lateral boundaries in B, and except for excluded areas described in Paragraph C of this section, the Hawai'ian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary consists of the submerged lands and waters off the coast of the Hawai'ian Islands seaward from the shoreline, cutting across the mouths of rivers and streams (see Figure 1):

(442) 1. To the 100-fathom (183 meter) isobath from Kailiu Point eastward to Mokolea Point, Kauai;

(443) 2. To the 100-fathom (183 meter) isobath from Puaena Point eastward to Mahie Point, and from the Kapahulu Groin in Waikiki eastward to Makapuu Point, Oahu;

(444) 3. To the 100-fathom (183 meter) isobath from Cape Halawa, Molokai, south and westward to Ilio Point, Molokai; southwestward to include Penguin Banks; eastward along the east side of Lanai; to the waters seaward of the three nautical mile limit north of Kahoolawe, to the Hanamanoia Lighthouse on Maui, and northward along the shoreline to Lipoa Point, Maui;

(445) 4. To the deep water area of Pailolo Channel from Cape Halawa, Molokai, to Lipoa Point, Maui, and southward;

(446) 5. To the 100-fathom (183 meter) isobath from Upolu Point southward to Keahole Point, Hawaii.

(447) B. Lateral Closure Bounds for the Hawai'ian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Boundary (see Figure 2).

(448) C. Excluded Ports and Harbors Bounds (See Figure 3).

TITLE 33–NAVIGATION AND NAVIGABLE WATERS

Part 26–Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Regulations

§26.01 Purpose (a) The purpose of this part is to implement the provisions of the Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act. This part–

(449) (1) Requires the use of the vessel bridge-to-bridge radiotelephone;

(450) (2) Provides the Coast Guard's interpretation of the meaning of important terms in the Act;

(451) (3) Prescribes the procedures for applying for an exemption from the Act and the regulations issued under the Act and a listing of exemptions.

(452) (b) Nothing in this part relieves any person from the obligation of complying with the rules of the road and the applicable pilot rules.

§26.02 Definitions. For the purpose of this part and interpreting the Act–

(453) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating:

(454) "Act" means the "Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act", 33 U.S.C. sections 1201–1208;

(455) "Length" is measured from end to end over the deck excluding sheer;

(456) "Power-driven vessel" means any vessel propelled by machinery; and

(457) "Towing vessel" means any commercial vessel engaged in towing another vessel astern, alongside, or by pushing ahead.

(458) "Vessel Traffic Services (VTS)" means a service implemented under Part 161 of this chapter by the United States Coast Guard designed to improve the safety and efficiency of vessel traffic and to protect the environment. The VTS has the capability to interact with marine traffic and respond to traffic situations developing in the VTS area.

(459) "Vessel Traffic Service Area or VTS Area" means the geographical area encompassing a specific VTS area of service as described in Part 161 of this chapter. This area of service may be subdivided into sectors for the purpose of allocating responsibility to individual Vessel Traffic Centers or to identify different operating requirements.

(460) **Note:** Although regulatory jurisdiction is limited to the navigable waters of the United States, certain

vessels will be encouraged or may be required, as a condition of port entry to report beyond this area to facilitate traffic management within the VTS area.

§26.03 Radiotelephone required.

(461) (a) Unless an exemption is granted under §26.09 and except as provided in Paragraph (a)(4) of this section, this part applies to:

(462) (1) Every power-driven vessel of 20 meters or over in length while navigating;

(463) (2) Every vessel of 100 gross tons and upward carrying one or more passengers for hire while navigating;

(464) (3) Every towing vessels of 26 feet or over in length while navigating; and

(465) (4) Every dredge and floating plant engaged in or near a channel or fairway in operations likely to restrict or affect navigation of other vessels except for an unmanned or intermittently manned floating plant under the control of a dredge.

(466) (b) Every vessel, dredge, or floating plant described in Paragraph (a) of this section must have a radiotelephone on board capable of operation from its navigational bridge, or in the case of a dredge, from its main control station, and capable of transmitting and receiving on the frequency or frequencies within the 156-162 Mega-Hertz band using the classes of emissions designated by the Federal Communications Commission for the exchange of navigational information.

(467) (c) The radiotelephone required by Paragraph (b) of this section must be carried on board the described vessels, dredges, and floating plants upon the navigable waters of the United States.

(468) (d) The radiotelephone required by Paragraph (b) of this section must be capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF FM channel 22A (157.1 MHz).

(469) (e) While transiting any of the following waters, each vessel described in Paragraph (a) of this section also must have on board a radiotelephone capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF FM channel 67 (156.375 MHz):

(470) (1) The lower Mississippi River from the territorial sea boundary, and within either the Southwest Pass safety fairway or the South Pass safety fairway specified in 33 CFR 166.200, to mile 242.4 AHP (Above Head of Passes) near Baton Rouge;

(471) (2) The Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet from the territorial sea boundary, and within the Mississippi River-Gulf outlet Safety Fairway specified in 33 CFR 166.200, to that channel's junction with the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal; and

(472) (3) The full length of the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal from its junction with the Mississippi River to that canal's entry to Lake Pontchartrain at the New Seabrook vehicular bridge.

(473) (f) In addition to the radiotelephone required by Paragraph (b) of this section each vessel described in Paragraph (a) of this section while transiting any waters within a Vessel Traffic Service Area, must have on board a radiotelephone capable of transmitting and receiving on the VTS designated frequency in Table 161.12(c) (VTS and VMRS Centers, Call Signs/MMSI, Designated Frequencies, and Monitoring Areas).

(474) **Note:** A single VHF-FM radio capable of scanning or sequential monitoring (often referred to as "dual watch" capability) will not meet the requirements for two radios.

§26.04 Use of the designated frequency.

(475) (a) No person may use the frequency designated by the Federal Communications Commission under section 8 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. 1207 (a), to transmit any information other than information necessary for the safe navigation of vessels or necessary tests.

(476) (b) Each person who is required to maintain a listening watch under section 5 of the Act shall, when necessary, transmit and confirm, on the designated frequency, the intentions of his vessel and any other information necessary for the safe navigation of vessels.

(477) (c) Nothing in these regulations may be construed as prohibiting the use of the designated frequency to communicate with shore stations to obtain or furnish information necessary for the safe navigation of vessels.

(478) (d) On the navigable waters of the United States, channel 13 (156.65 MHz) is the designated frequency required to be monitored in accordance with §26.05(a) except that in the area prescribed in §26.03(e), channel 67 (156.375 MHz) is the designated frequency.

(479) (e) On those navigable waters of the United States within a VTS area, the designated VTS frequency is an additional designated frequency required to be monitored in accordance with §26.05.

(480) **Note:** As stated in 47 CFR 80.148(b), a VHF watch on Channel 16 (156.800 MHz) is not required on vessels subject to the Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act and participating in a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) system when the watch is maintained on both the vessel bridge-to-bridge frequency and a designated VTS frequency.

§26.05 Use of radiotelephone.

(481) Section 5 of the Act states that the radiotelephone required by this Act is for the exclusive use of the master or person in charge of the vessel, or the person designated by the master or person in charge to pilot or direct the movement of the vessel, who shall maintain a listening watch on the designated frequency. Nothing herein shall be interpreted as precluding the use of

portable radiotelephone equipment to satisfy the requirements of this act.

§26.06 Maintenance of radiotelephone; failure of radiotelephone.

(482) Section 6 of the Act states – (a) Whenever radiotelephone capability is required by this Act, a vessel's radiotelephone equipment shall be maintained in effective operating condition. If the radiotelephone equipment carried aboard a vessel ceases to operate, the master shall exercise due diligence to restore it or cause it to be restored to effective operating condition at the earliest practicable time. The failure of a vessel's radiotelephone equipment shall not, in itself, constitute a violation of this Act, nor shall it obligate the master of any vessel to moor or anchor his vessel; however, the loss of radiotelephone capability shall be given consideration in the navigation of the vessel.

§26.07 Communications.

(483) No person may use the service of, and no person may serve as, a person required to maintain a listening watch under section 5 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. 1204, unless the person can communicate in the English language.

§26.08 Exemption procedures.

(484) (a) The Commandant has redelegated to the Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, with the reservation that this authority shall not be further redelegated, the authority to grant exemptions from provisions of the Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act and this part.

(485) (b) Any person may petition for an exemption from any provision of the Act or this part;

(486) (c) Each petition must be submitted in writing to U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, and must state:

(487) (1) The provisions of the Act or this part from which an exemption is requested; and

(488) (2) The reasons why marine navigation will not be adversely affected if the exemption is granted and if the exemption relates to a local communication system how that system would fully comply with the intent of the concept of the Act but would not conform in detail if the exemption is granted.

§26.09 List of exemptions.

(489) (a) All vessels navigating on those waters governed by the navigation rules for Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters (33 U.S.C. 241 et seq.) are exempt from the requirements of the Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act and this part until May 6, 1975.

(490) (b) Each vessel navigating on the Great Lakes as defined in the Inland Navigation Rules Act of 1980 (33 U.S.C. 2001 et seq.) and to which the Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act (33 U.S.C. 1201-1208) applies is exempt from the requirements in 33 U.S.C. 1203, 1204, and 1205 and the regulations under §§26.03, 26.04, 26.05, 26.06, and 26.07. Each of these vessels and each person to whom 33 U.S.C. 1208(a) applies must comply with Articles VII, X, XI, XII, XIII, XV, and XVI and Technical Regulations 1–9 of "The Agreement Between the United States of America and Canada for Promotion of Safety on the Great Lakes by Means of Radio, 1973."

§26.10 Penalties. Section 9 of the Act states–

(491) (a) Whoever, being the master or person in charge of a vessel subject to the Act, fails to enforce or comply with the Act or the regulations hereunder; or whoever, being designated by the master or person in charge of a vessel subject to the Act to pilot or direct the movement of a vessel fails to enforce or comply with the Act or the regulations hereunder–is liable to a civil penalty of not more than $500 to be assessed by the Secretary.

(492) (b) Every vessel navigated in violation of the Act or the regulations hereunder is liable to a civil penalty of not more than $500 to be assessed by the Secretary, for which the vessel may be proceeded against in any District Court of the United States having jurisdiction.

(493) (c) Any penalty assessed under this section may be remitted or mitigated by the Secretary, upon such terms as he may deem proper.

Part 80–COLREGS Demarcation Lines

§80.01 General basis and purpose of demarcation lines.

(494) (a) The regulations in this part establish the lines of demarcation delineating those waters upon which mariners shall comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS) and those waters upon which mariners shall comply with the Inland Navigation Rules.

(495) (b) The waters inside of the lines are Inland Rules waters. The waters outside the lines are COLREGS waters.

(496) (c) Geographic coordinates expressed in terms of latitude or longitude, or both, are not intended for plotting on maps or charts whose referenced horizontal datum is the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), unless such geographic coordinates are expressly labeled NAD 83. Geographic coordinates without the NAD 83 reference may be plotted on maps or charts referenced to NAD

83 only after application of the appropriate corrections that are published on the particular map or chart being used.

§80.1102 Santa Catalina Island, CA.

(497) The 72 COLREGS shall apply to the harbors on Santa Catalina Island.

§80.1104 San Diego Harbor, CA.

(498) A line drawn from Zuniga Jetty Light "V" to Zuniga Jetty Light "Z"; thence to Point Loma Light.

§80.1106 Mission Bay, CA.

(499) A line drawn from Mission Bay South Jetty Light 2 to Mission Bay North Jetty Light 1.

§80.1108 Oceanside Harbor, CA.

(500) A line drawn from Oceanside South Jetty Light 4 to Oceanside Breakwater Light 3.

§80.1110 Dana Point Harbor, CA.

(501) A line drawn from Dana Point Jetty Light 6 to Dana Point Breakwater Light 5.

§80.1112 Newport Bay, CA.

(502) A line drawn from Newport Bay East Jetty Light 4 to Newport Bay West Jetty Light 3.

§80.1114 San Pedro Bay-Anaheim Bay, CA.

(503) (a) A line drawn across the seaward extremities of the Anaheim Bay Entrance Jetties; thence to Long Beach Breakwater East End Light 1.

(504) (b) A line drawn from Long Beach Channel Entrance Light 2 to Long Beach Light.

(505) (c) A line drawn from Los Angeles Main Entrance Channel Light 2 to Los Angeles Light.

§80.1116 Redondo Harbor, CA.

(506) A line drawn from Redondo Beach East Jetty Light 2 to Redondo Beach West Jetty Light 3.

§80.1118 Marina Del Rey, CA.

(507) (a) A line drawn from Marina Del Rey Breakwater South Light 1 to Marina Del Rey Light 4.

(508) (b) A line drawn from Marina Del Rey Breakwater North Light 2 to Marina Del Rey Light 3.

(509) (c) A line drawn from Marina Del Rey Light 4 to the seaward extremity of the Ballona Creek South Jetty.

§80.1120 Port Hueneme, CA.

(510) A line drawn from Port Hueneme East Jetty Light 4 to Port Hueneme West Jetty Light 3.

§80.1122 Channel Islands Harbor, CA.

(511) (a) A line drawn from Channel Islands Harbor South Jetty Light 2 to Channel Islands Harbor Breakwater South Light 1.

(512) (b) A line drawn from Channel Islands Harbor Breakwater North Light to Channel Islands Harbor North Jetty Light 5.

§80.1124 Ventura Marina, CA.

(513) A line drawn from Ventura Marina South Jetty Light 6 to Ventura Marina Breakwater South Light 3; thence to Ventura Marina North Jetty Light 7.

§80.1126 Santa Barbara Harbor, CA.

(514) A line drawn from Santa Barbara Harbor Light 4 to Santa Barbara Harbor Breakwater Light.

§80.1130 San Luis Obispo Bay, CA.

(515) A line drawn from the southernmost extremity of Fossil Point to the seaward extremity of Whaler Island Breakwater.

§80.1132 Estero-Morro Bay, CA.

(516) A line drawn from the seaward extremity of the Morro Bay East Breakwater to the Morro Bay West Breakwater Light.

§80.1134 Monterey Harbor, CA.

(517) A line drawn from Monterey Harbor Light 6 to the northern extremity of Monterey Municipal Wharf 2.

§80.1136 Moss Landing Harbor, CA.

(518) A line drawn from the seaward extremity of the pier located 0.3 mile south of Moss Landing Harbor Entrance to the seaward extremity of the Moss Landing Harbor North Breakwater.

§80.1138 Santa Cruz Harbor, CA.

(519) A line drawn from the seaward extremity of the Santa Cruz Harbor East Breakwater to Santa Cruz Harbor West Breakwater Light; thence to Santa Cruz Light.

§80.1140 Pillar Point Harbor, CA.

(520) A line drawn from Pillar Point Harbor Light 6 to Pillar Point Harbor Entrance Light.

§80.1142 San Francisco Harbor, CA.

(521) A straight line drawn from Point Bonita Light through Mile Rocks Light to the shore.

§80.1144 Bodega and Tomales Bay, CA.

(522) (a) An east-west line drawn from Sand Point to Avalis Beach.

(523) (b) A line drawn from the seaward extremity of Bodega Harbor North Breakwater to Bodega Harbor Entrance Light 1.

§80.1146 Albion River, CA.

(524) A line drawn on an axis of 030o true through Albion River Light 1 across Albion Cove.

§80.1148 Noyo River, CA.

(525) A line drawn from Noyo River Entrance Daybeacon 4 to Noyo River Entrance Light 5.

§80.1150 Arcata-Humboldt Bay, CA.

(526) A line drawn from Humboldt Bay Entrance Light 4 to Humboldt Bay Entrance Light 3.

§80.1152 Crescent City Harbor, CA.

(527) A line drawn from Crescent City Entrance Light to the southeasternmost extremity of Whaler Island.

§80.1305 Chetco River, Oreg.

(528) A line drawn across the seaward extremities of the Chetco River Entrance Jetties.

§80.1310 Rogue River, Oreg.

(529) A line drawn across the seaward extremities of the Rogue River Entrance Jetties.

§80.1315 Coquille River, Oreg.

(530) A line drawn across the seaward extremities of the Coquille River Entrance Jetties.

§80.1320 Coos Bay, Oreg.

(531) A line drawn across the seaward extremities of the Coos Bay Entrance Jetties.

§80.1325 Umpqua River, Oreg.

(532) A line drawn across the seaward extremities of the Umpqua River Entrance Jetties.

§80.1330 Siuslaw River, Oreg.

(533) A line drawn across the seaward extremities of the Siuslaw River Entrance Jetties.

§80.1335 Alsea Bay, Oreg.

(534) A line drawn from the seaward shoreline on the north of the Alsea Bay Entrance 165° true across the channel entrance.

§80.1340 Yaquina Bay, Oreg.

(535) A line drawn across the seaward extremities of the Yaquina Bay Entrance Jetties.

§80.1345 Depoe Bay, Oreg.

(536) A line drawn across the Depoe Bay Channel entrance parallel with the general trend of the highwater shoreline.

§80.1350 Netarts Bay, Oreg.

(537) A line drawn from the northernmost extremity of the shore on the south side of Netarts Bay north to the opposite shoreline.

§80.1355 Tillamook Bay, Oreg.

(538) A line drawn across the seaward extremities of the Tillamook Bay Entrance Jetties.

§80.1360 Nehalem River, Oreg.

(539) A line drawn approximately parallel with the general trend of the highwater shoreline across the Nehalem River Entrance.

§80.1365 Columbia River Entrance, Oreg./Wash.

(540) A line drawn from the seaward extremity of the Columbia River North Jetty (above water) 155° true to the seaward extremity of the Columbia River South Jetty (above water).

§80.1370 Willapa Bay, WA.

(541) A line drawn from Willapa Bay Light 169.8° true to the westernmost tripod charted 1.6 miles south of Leadbetter Point.

§80.1375 Grays Harbor, Wash.

(542) A line drawn from across the seaward extremities (above water) of the Grays Harbor Entrance Jetties.

§80.1380 Quillayute River, Wash.

(543) A line drawn from the seaward extremity of the Quillayute River Entrance East Jetty to the overhead power cable tower charted on James Island; thence a straight line through Quillayute River Entrance Light 3 to the shoreline.

§80.1385 Strait of Juan de Fuca.

(544) The 72 COLREGS shall apply on all waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

§80.1390 Haro Strait and Strait of Georgia.

(545) The 72 COLREGS shall apply on all waters of the Haro Strait and the Strait of Georgia.

§80.1395 Puget Sound and Adjacent Waters.

(546) The 72 COLREGS shall apply on all waters of Puget Sound and adjacent waters, including Lake Union, Lake Washington, Hood Canal, and all tributaries.

§80.1410 Hawai'ian Island Exemption from General Rule.

(547) Except as provided elsewhere in this part for Mamala Bay and Kaneohe Bay on Oahu; Port Allen and Nawiliwili Bay on Kauai; Kahului Harbor on Maui; and Kawailae and Hilo Harbors on Hawaii, the 72 COLREGS shall apply on all other bays, harbors, and lagoons of the Hawai'ian Island (including Midway).

§80.1420 Mamala Bay, Oahu, Hawaii.

(548) A line drawn from Barbers Point Light to Diamond Head Light.

§80.1430 Kaneohe Bay, Oahu, Hawaii.

(549) A straight line drawn from Pyramid Rock Light across Kaneohe Bay through the center of Mokolii Island to the shoreline.

§80.1440 Port Allen, Kauai, Hawaii.

(550) A line drawn from Hanapepe Light to Hanapepe Bay Breakwater Light.

§80.1450 Nawiliwili Harbor, Kauai, Hawaii.

(551) A line drawn from Nawiliwili Harbor Breakwater Light to Kukii Point Light.

§80.1460 Kahului Harbor, Maui, HI.

(552) A line drawn from Kahului Harbor Entrance East Breakwater Light to Kahului Harbor Entrance West Breakwater Light.

§80.1470 Kawaihae Harbor, Hawaii.

(553) A line drawn from Kawaihae Light to the seaward extremity of the Kawaihae South Breakwater.

§80.1480 Hilo Harbor, Hawaii.

(554) A line drawn from the seaward extremity of the Hilo Breakwater 265° true (as an extension of the seaward side of the breakwater) to the shoreline 0.2 nautical mile north of Alealea Point.

§80.1495 U.S. Pacific Island Possessions.

(555) The 72 COLREGS shall apply on the bays, harbors, lagoons, and waters surrounding the U.S. Pacific Island of American Samoa, Baker, Howland, Jarvis, Johnson, Palmyra, Swains and Wake Islands.

Part 110–Anchorage Regulations

§110.1 General.

(556) (a) The areas described in subpart A of this part are designated as special anchorage areas for purposes of 33 U.S.C. §§2030(g) and 2035(j). Vessels of less than 20 meters in length, and barges, canal boats, scows, or other nondescript craft, are not required to sound signals required by rule 35 of the Inland Navigation Rules (33 U.S.C. 2035). Vessels of less than 20 meters are not required to exhibit anchor lights or shapes required by rule 30 of the Inland Navigation Rules (33 U.S.C. 2030).

(557) (b) The anchorage grounds for vessels described in Subpart B of this part are established, and the rules and regulations in relation thereto adopted, pursuant to the authority contained in section 7 of the act of March 4, 1915, as amended (38 Stat. 1053; 33 U.S.C. 471).

(558) (c) All bearings in the part are referred to true meridian.

(559) (d) Geographic coordinates expressed in terms of latitude or longitude, or both, are not intended for plotting on maps or charts whose referenced horizontal datum is the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), unless such geographic coordinates are expressly labeled NAD 83. Geographic coordinates without the NAD 83 reference may be plotted on maps or charts referenced to NAD 83 only after application of the appropriate corrections that are published on the particular map or chart being used.

Subpart A–Special Anchorage Areas

§110.90 San Diego Harbor, California.

(560) (a) Area A–1. In North San Diego Bay, the Shelter Island Yacht Basin Anchorage, the water area enclosed by a line beginning at

(561) 32°42'56.7"N., 117°13'47.1"W.; thence southwesterly to

(562) 32°42'53.6"N., 117°13'51.3"W.; thence northwesterly to

(563) 32°43'01.3"N., 117°13'59.1"W.; thence northeasterly to

(564) 32°43'02.6"N., 117°13'55.5"W.; thence southeasterly to

(565) 32°42'59.8"N., 117°13'50.4"W.; thence southeasterly to the point of beginning.

(566) (b) Area A–1a. In North San Diego Bay, the Shelter Island Roadstead Anchorage east of Shelter Island, the water area 55 feet either side of a line beginning at

(567) 32°42'33.6"N., 117°13'48.3"W.; thence northeasterly to

(568) 32°42'36.0"N., 117°13'45.1"W.

(569) (c) Area A–1b. The water area off Shelter Island's eastern shore, 210 feet shoreward of a line beginning at

(570) 32°42'43.9"N., 117°13'34.3"W.; thence northeasterly to

(571) 32°42'52.8"N., 117°13'22.4"W.

(572) (d) Area A–1c. The water area off Shelter Island's eastern shore, 210 feet shoreward of a line beginning at

(573) 32°42'55.0"N., 117°13'19.4"W.; thence northeasterly to

(574) 32°43'03.5"N., 117°13'07.6"W.

(575) (e) Area A–2. In North San Diego Bay, the America's Cup Harbor Anchorage, the water area enclosed by a line beginning at

(576) 32°43'13.7"N., 117°13'23.8"W; thence northeasterly to

(577) 32°43'16.7"N., 117°13'16.4"W.; thence northeasterly to

(578) 32°43'22.6"N., 117°13'25.8"W.; thence westerly to

(579) 32°43'22.5"N., 117°13'29.6"W.; thence southwesterly to

(580) 32°43'19.0"N., 117°13'32.6"W.; thence southeasterly to the point of beginning.

(581) (f) Area A–3. In North San Diego Bay, the Laurel Street Roadstead Anchorage, the water area enclosed by a line beginning at

(582) 32°43'30.5"N., 117°10'28.5"W.; thence southwesterly to

(583) 32°43'29.8"N., 117°10'34.2"W.; thence southwesterly to

(584) 32°43'25.8"N., 117°10'36.1"W.; thence southerly to

(585) 32°43'20.2"N., 117°10'36.1"W.; thence westerly to

(586) 32°43'20.2"N., 117°10'52.9"W.; thence northeasterly to

(587) 32°43'29.8"N., 117°10'48.0"W., thence northeasterly following a line parallel to, and 200 feet bayward of, the shoreline of San Diego Bay adjoining Harbor Drive to the point of beginning.

(588) (g) Area A–4. In Central San Diego Bay, the Bay Bridge Roadstead Anchorage, the water area enclosed by a line beginning at

(589) 32°41'32.1"N., 117°09'43.1"W.; thence southwesterly to

(590) 32°41'19.1"N., 117°09'46.1"W.; thence southeasterly to

(591) 32°41'17.8"N., 117°09'44.3"W.; thence southeasterly to

(592) 32°41'14.9"N., 117°09'37.9"W.; thence northeasterly to

(593) 32°41'26.9"N., 117°09'35.1"W., thence southwesterly to the point of beginning.

(594) (h) Area A–5. In Central San Diego Bay, the Glorietta Bay Anchorage, the water area enclosed by a line beginning at

(595) 32°40'42.2"N., 117°10'03.1"W.; thence southwesterly to

(596) 32°40'41.2"N., 117°10'06.6"W.; thence northwesterly to

(597) 32°40'46.2"N., 117°10'15.6"W.; thence northeasterly to

(598) 32°40'46.7"N., 117°10'14.1"W.; thence southeasterly the point of beginning.

(599) (i) Area A–6. In Fiddler's Cove, the water enclosed by a line beginning at

(600) 32°39'10.4"N., 117°08'49.4"W.; thence northwesterly to

(601) 32°39'14.9"N., 117°08'51.8"W.; thence northeasterly to

(602) 32°39'17.6"N., 117°08'47.5"W.; thence northwesterly to

(603) 32°39'19.8"N., 117°08'48.8"W.; thence northeasterly to

(604) 32°39'24.4"N., 117°08'41.4"W.; thence southeasterly to

(605) 32°39'15.7"N., 117°08'36.0"W.; thence southwesterly to the point of beginning.

(606) **Note:** This area is located on Federal property owned by the United States Navy, and it is reserved for active duty military, their dependents, retirees and DOD employees only.

(607) (j) Area A–8. In South San Diego Bay, the Sweetwater Anchorage, the water enclosed by a line beginning at

(608) 32°39'12.2"N., 117°07'45.1"W.; thence easterly to

(609) 32°39'12.2"N., 117°07'30.1"W.; thence southerly to

(610) 32°38'45.2"N., 117°07'30.1"W.; thence westerly to

(611) 32°38'45.2"N., 117°07'45.1"W.; thence northerly to the point of beginning.

(612) (k) Area A–9. In North San Diego Bay, the Cruiser Anchorage, the water enclosed by a line beginning at

(613) 32°43'35.9"N., 117°11'06.2"W.; thence southwesterly to

(614) 32°43'31.5"N., 117°11'13.2"W.; thence southeasterly to

(615) 32°43'28.9"N., 117°11'11.0"W.; thence southeasterly to

(616) 32°43'25.9"N., 117°11'07.7"W.; thence northeasterly to

(617) 32°43'34.8"N., 117°11'03.2"W.; thence northwesterly to the point of beginning. All coordinates in this section use Datum: NAD 83.

(618) **Note:** Mariners anchoring in these anchorages, excluding Anchorage A–6, should consult applicable local ordinances of the San Diego Unified Port District. Temporary floats or buoys for marking anchors are allowed. Fixed moorings, piles or stakes are prohibited. All moorings shall be positioned so that no vessel, when anchored, shall at any time extend beyond the limits of the area. See Captain of the Port Notice 6–97, a copy of which can be obtained by calling (619) 683-6495.

§110.91 Mission Bay, California.

(619) (a) Area M–1. In San Juan Cove, the entire water area west of a line drawn from 32°46'53.6"N., 117°14'52.5"W.; to El Carmel Point North Light; 32°46'48.0"N., 117°14'50.1"W.

(620) **Note.**–Control over the anchoring of vessels and the placing of temporary moorings in this area is exercised by the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department pursuant to local ordinances.

(621) (b) Area M–2. In Santa Barbara Cove, the entire water area west of a line drawn from

(622) 32°46'40.0"N., 117°14'47.0"W.; to

(623) 32°46'33.5"N., 117°14'45.5"W.

(624) **Note.**–Control over the anchoring of vessels and the placing of temporary mooring in this area is exercised by the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department pursuant to local ordinances.

(625) (c) Area M–3. In Mariners Basin, the entire water area west of a line drawn from latitude 32°45'49.2"N., longitude 117°14'42.9"W.; to Mission Point Light; latitude 32°45'43.7"N., longitude 117°14'41.9"W.

(626) **Note.**–Control over the anchoring of vessels and the placing of temporary moorings in this area is exercised by the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department pursuant to local ordinances.

(627) (d) Area M–4. In Quivira Basin, the water area enclosed by that portion of a circle of 45 yard radius from 32°45'42.8"N., 117°14'25.6"W.; through the arc from 354°T to 088°T.

(628) **Note.**–Control over the anchoring of vessels and the placing of temporary moorings in this area is exercised by the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department pursuant to local ordinances.

§110.93 Dana Point Harbor, Calif.

(629) The area in Dana Point Harbor, Calif. commencing at a point at

(630) 33°27'36.2"N., 117°42'20.4"W.; thence 016°20' True for 612 feet to a point at

(631) 33°27'42.1"N., 117°42'18.4"W.; thence 106°20' True for 85 feet to a point at

(632) 33°27'41.8"N., 117°42'17.7"W.; thence 196°20' True for 222 feet to a point at

(633) 33°27'39.7"N., 117°42'18.2"W.; thence 182°20' True 234 feet to a point at

(634) 33°27'37.4"N., 117°42'18.2"W.; thence 166°20' True for 499 feet to a point at

(635) 33°27'32.6"N., 117°42'16.8"W.; thence 320° True for 470 feet to the point of origin.

§110.95 Newport Bay Harbor, Calif.

(636) (a) Area A–1. In Lido Channel, northeast of a line parallel to and 195 feet from the pierhead line along the southwest shore of Lido Isle; north of the south U.S. Bulkhead line off Lido Isle extended; southwest of a line parallel to and 120 feet from the pierhead line along the southwest shore of Lido Isle; and southeast of the north side of Via Barcelona, on Lido Isle, extended.

(637) **NOTE:** This area is reserved for recreational and other small craft. Fore and aft moorings will be allowed in this area conforming to the City of Newport Beach Harbor Ordinance No. 543 for recreational and small craft of such size and alignment as permitted by the harbor master.

(638) (b) Area A–2. East of the east side of 15th Street extended; north of a line parallel to and 250 feet from the pierhead line between 14th and 15th Streets, this line being the north line of Newport Channel, and extending east in a straight line to an intersection with a line bearing 268° from Lido Isle East Light 2, this line being the northwest line of the main fairway; west of the east side of 13th Street extended; and south of a line parallel to and 220 feet from the pierhead line off the south shore of Lido Isle.

(639) **NOTE:** This area is reserved for recreational and other small craft. Fore and aft moorings will be allowed in this area conforming to the City of Newport Beach Harbor Ordinance No. 543 for recreational and small craft of such size and alignment as permitted by the harbor master.

(640) (c) Area A–3. A rectangular area, 40 feet wide and 885 feet long, on the west side of Upper Bay Channel, 120 feet east of and parallel to the west pierhead line, the south end being 50 feet north from U.S. Bulkhead Station 130.

(641) **NOTE:** This area is reserved for recreational and other small craft. Fore and aft moorings will be allowed in this area conforming to Orange County Harbor Ordinance No. 490 for recreational and small craft of such size and alignment as permitted by the harbor master.

(642) (d) Area A–4. South of a line bearing 268° from Newport Bay Channel Light 11, this line being the south line of the main fairway; north of a line parallel to and 200 feet from the pierhead line off 11th to 8th Streets; and west of a line bearing 203° from Newport Bay Channel Light 12, passing through the pierhead line at the east end of Lido Isle.

(643) **NOTE:** This area is reserved for recreational and other small craft. Fore and aft moorings will be allowed in this area conforming to the City of Newport Beach Harbor Ordinance No. 543 for recreational and small craft of such size and alignment as permitted by the harbor master.

(644) (e) Area A–5 (Newport Harbor Yacht Club). East of a line bearing 23° from the center of the north end of 8th Street, being parallel to and 150 feet distant from the east end of Area A–4; north of a line parallel to and 200 feet from the pierhead line off 7th and 8th Streets; northwest of a line parallel to and 200 feet from the northwest pierhead line off Bay Island; and south of a line bearing 268° from Newport Bay Channel Light 11, this line being the southerly line of the main fairway.

(645) **NOTE:** This area is reserved for recreational and other small craft. Fore and aft moorings will be allowed in this area conforming to the City of Newport Beach Harbor Ordinance No. 543 for recreational and small craft of such size and alignment as permitted by the harbormaster.

(646) (f) Area A–6. Northwest of Harbor Island, beginning at a point on the Newport City line 107 feet from the angle point northwest of Harbor Island; thence 036°27', 55 feet; thence 303°18', 300 feet; thence 216°27', 72 feet; thence 165°12', 211 feet; thence 75°11'44", approximately 216 feet, to the point of beginning.

(647) **NOTE:** This area is reserved for recreational and other small craft. Fore and aft moorings will be allowed in this area conforming to Orange County Harbor Ordinance No. 490 for recreational and small craft of such size and alignment as permitted by the harbor master.

(648) (g) Area A–7. East of a line parallel to and 150 feet from the east pierhead line off Bay Island; north of a line parallel to and 150 feet from the pierhead line off Fernando Street; northwest of the east side of Adams Street extended; and southwest of a line bearing 131° from Newport Bay Channel Light 11, being parallel to and 100 feet southwest of the southwest line of the main channel.

(649) **NOTE:** This area is reserved for recreational and other small craft. Fore and aft moorings will be allowed in this area conforming to the City of Newport Beach Harbor Ordinance No. 543 for recreational and small craft of such size and alignment as permitted by the harbor master.

(650) (h) Area A–8. Northeast of a line parallel to and 270 feet from the southwest pierhead line from Collins Isle to Balboa Island; north of a line bearing 311° from Newport Bay Channel Lighted Buoy 10 and passing through Newport Bay Channel Light 12, this line being the northeast line of the main channel; southwest of a line parallel to and 150 feet from the southwest pierhead line from Collins Isle to Balboa Island; and southeast of a line bearing 238° from U.S. Station 160.

(651) **NOTE:** This area is reserved for recreational and other small craft. Fore and aft moorings will be allowed in this area conforming to the City of Newport Beach Harbor Ordinance No. 543 for recreational and small craft of such size and alignment as permitted by the harbor master.

(652) (i) Area A–9. In Balboa Island Channel, east of a line bearing due north from U.S. Station 151, being 25 feet west of the end of Emerald Avenue; north of a line parallel to and 75 feet from the north pierhead line off Balboa Island; west of the east side of Amethyst Avenue extended; and south of a line parallel to and 150 feet from the north pierhead line of Balboa Island.

(653) **NOTE:** This area is reserved for recreational and other small craft. Fore and aft moorings will be allowed in this area conforming to the City of Newport Beach Harbor Ordinance No. 543 for recreational and small craft of such size and alignment as permitted by the harbor master.

(654) (j) Area A–10. Southeast of a line bearing 209° from Newport Bay Channel Lighted Buoy 10 and passing through the east side of the end of "A" Street; north of an irregular line parallel to and 150 feet from the north pierhead line off Balboa Peninsula from "A" to "K" Streets; south of the south line of the main channel; and south and southeast of an irregular line parallel to and 375 feet from the north pierhead line off Balboa Peninsula.

(655) **NOTE:** This area is reserved for recreational and other small craft. Fore and aft moorings will be allowed in this area conforming to the City of Newport Beach Harbor Ordinance No. 543 for recreational and small craft of such size and alignment as permitted by the harbor master.

(656) (k) Area A–11. Northeast of a line bearing 108°30' from Newport Bay Channel Lighted Buoy 10, this line being the northeast line of the main channel; north of a line parallel to and 350 feet from the south pierhead line off Balboa Island; west of the west bulkhead line of the Grand Canal extended; and south of a line parallel to and 150 feet from the south pierhead off Balboa Island.

(657) **NOTE:** This area is reserved for recreational and other small craft. Fore and aft moorings will be allowed in this area conforming to the City of Newport Beach Harbor Ordinance No. 543 for recreational and small craft of such size and alignment as permitted by the harbor master.

(658) (1) Area A–12 (Balboa Yacht Club). South of a line parallel to and 150 feet from the south pierhead line off Balboa Island; west of the east end pierhead line off Balboa Island extended and bearing 161°; north of a line parallel to and 700 feet from the south pierhead line off Balboa Island; and east of a line parallel to and 1,000 feet from the east boundary, bearing 161° from the point of intersection of the east bulkhead line of Grand Canal and the south bulkhead line off Balboa Island.

(659) **NOTE:** This area is reserved for recreational and other small craft. Single moorings will be allowed in this area conforming to the City of Newport Beach Harbor Ordinance No. 543 for pleasure boats and yachts of such sizes and alignments as permitted by the harbor master.

(660) (m) (Reserved)

(661) (n) Area B–1. Southeast of a line bearing 237° from Lido Isle West Light 4 and being parallel to and 200 feet from the pierhead line off the southeast end of Rhine

Point; northeast of the southwest bulkhead line off Rhine Point extended; north of a line parallel to and 250 feet from the pierhead line between 15th and 18th Streets, this line being the north line of Newport Channel; west of the west side of 15th Street extended; and south of a line parallel to and 220 feet from the pierhead off the south shore of Lido Isle.

(662) **NOTE:** This area is reserved for recreational and other small craft. Fore and aft moorings will be allowed in this area conforming to the City of Newport Beach Harbor Ordinance No. 543 for recreational and small craft of such size and alignment as permitted by the harbor master.

§110.100 Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors, Calif.

(663) (a) (Reserved)

(664) (b) Area A–2. Consisting of two parts in the outer basin of Fish Harbor on the east and west sides of Fish Harbor Entrance Channel described as follows:

(665) (1) Part 1. Beginning at a point at the intersection of westerly side of Fish Harbor Entrance Channel and the outer jetty; thence southwesterly along the jetty about 900 feet to the shore; thence northerly about 500 feet; thence northeasterly about 650 feet, on a line parallel to jetty; thence southeasterly about 500 feet, along the westerly side of Fish Harbor Entrance Channel to the point of beginning.

(666) (2) Part 2. Beginning at a point at the intersection of the east side of Fish Harbor Entrance Channel and Fish Harbor mole (outer Fish Harbor); thence northwesterly along the channel line about 850 feet to the southerly side of the Fairway; thence northeasterly and easterly along the southerly side of the Fairway, about 478 and 565 feet respectively to its intersection with Fish Harbor mole; thence southerly and southwesterly along the mole to the point of beginning.

§110.111 Marina del Rey Harbor, Calif. An area in the main channel within the following described boundaries:

(667) Beginning at the most northeasterly corner at
(668) 33°58'58", 118°26'46"; thence southerly to
(669) 33°58'53", 118°26'46"; thence southeasterly to
(670) 33°58'52", 118°26'45"; thence southerly to
(671) 33°58'39", 118°26'45"; thence westerly to
(672) 33°58'38", 118°26'55"; thence northerly to
(673) 33°59'00" 118°26'55"; thence easterly to the point of beginning.

(674) **NOTE:** This area is reserved for yachts and other recreational craft and for all types of small craft during storm, stress, or other emergency. Single and fore-and-aft moorings will be allowed in the area as permitted by the Director of the Department of Small Craft Harbors, Los Angeles County.

§110.115 Santa Barbara Harbor, Calif.

(675) North of the Santa Barbara breakwater; seaward of the line of mean high water; and southwest of a line bearing 46°30' from the north corner of Bath Street and Cabrillo Boulevard to the end of the Santa Barbara breakwater; excluding a fairway 225 feet wide, 100 feet from each side of and parallel to the Navy pier.

(676) **NOTE:** Fore and aft moorings will be allowed in this area conforming to the City of Santa Barbara Harbor Ordinance No. 2106 for yachts and small craft of such size and alignment as permitted by the harbor master.

§110.120 San Luis Obispo Bay, Calif.

(677) (a) Area A–1. Area A–1 is the water area bounded by the San Luis Obispo County wharf, the shoreline, a line drawn from the southernmost point of Fossil Point to latitude 35°10'18.5"N., longitude 120°43'38.5"W.; thence to the southeast corner of the San Luis Obispo County wharf.

(678) (b) Area A–2. Area A–2 is the water area enclosed by a line drawn from the outer end of Whaler Island breakwater at latitude 35°09'22"N., longitude 120°44'56"W., to the Marre Chimney at latitude 35°10'56"N., longitude 120°44'31"W.

(679) **NOTE:** The Port San Luis Harbor District prescribes local regulations for mooring and boating activities in these areas.

§110.125 Morro Bay Harbor, Calif.

(680) (a) Area A–1. Opposite the City of Morro Bay, beginning 50 feet west of the intersection of the west channel line and the prolongation of the center line of Seventh Street; thence in a generally southeasterly direction and parallel to the channel line for a distance of 450 yards; thence 166° and parallel to the revetment for a distance of 1,025 yards; thence 270° for a distance of 200 yards; thence 346° for a distance of about 1,425 yards to meet the prolongation of the center line of Seventh Street; and thence to the point of beginning.

(681) (b) Area A–2. Beginning at a point 322° and 150 feet from the high water line on the most westerly part of Fairbanks Point; thence continuing on this bearing for a distance of 1,346 feet; thence 052° for a distance of 450 feet and thence generally southeasterly parallel to and 150 feet from the mean high water line to the point of beginning.

(682) **NOTE:** Moorings and boating activities will be allowed in these areas conforming to applicable City of Morro Bay ordinances and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

§110.126 Monterey Harbor, Calif.

(683) The waters of Monterey Harbor between the shoreline and the following coordinates: Beginning at a point on the shoreline at

(684) 36°36'27.5"N., 121°53'35.0"W.; thence to

(685) 36°36'32.4"N., 121°53'31.0"W., in an easterly direction to

(686) 36°36'28.8"N., 121°53'19.0"W.; thence south to

(687) 36°36'23.1"N., 121°53'19.0"W.; thence to the north end of Municipal Wharf No. 1 at

(688) 36°36'20.0"N., 121°53'28.0"W.

§110.126a San Francisco Bay, California.

(689) Richardson Bay Anchorage. That portion of Richardson Bay, north of a line bearing 257° from Peninsula Point to the shore at Sausalito, except for federally-maintained channels, and all channels approved for private use therein.

(690) **NOTE:** Mariners anchoring in the special anchorage area should consult applicable ordinances of the Richardson Bay Regional Agency and the County of Marin. These ordinances establish requirements on matters including the anchoring of vessels, placement of moorings, and use of anchored and moored vessels within the special anchorage area. Information on these local agency requirements may be obtained from the Richardson Bay Harbor Administrator.

§110.127 Lake Mohave and Lake Mead, Nevada and Arizona.

(691) (a) Willow Beach, Ariz. That portion of Lake Mohave enclosed by the shore and a line connecting the following points, excluding a 100-foot-wide fairway, extending westerly from the launching ramp, as established by the Superintendent, Lake Mead Recreation Area:

(692) "a" 35°52'30"N., 114°39'35"W.

(693) "b" 35°52'10"N., 114°39'35"W.

(694) (b) Katherine, Ariz. That portion of Lake Mohave enclosed by the shore and a line connecting the following points, excluding a 100-foot-wide fairway, extending westerly from the launching ramp, as established by the Superintendent, Lake Mead Recreation Area:

(695) "a" 35°13'33"N., 114°34'38"W.

(696) "b" 35°13'05"N., 114°34'40"W.

(697) (c) El Dorado Canyon, Nev. That portion of Lake Mohave enclosed by the shore and a line connecting the following points, excluding a 50-foot-wide fairway, extending easterly from the launching ramp, as established by the Superintendent, Lake Mead Recreation Area:

(698) "a" 35°42'37"N., 114°42'21"W.

(699) "b" 35°42'08"N., 114°42'10"W.

(700) (d) Cottonwood Cove, Nev. That portion of Lake Mohave enclosed by the shore and a line connecting the following points, excluding a 200-foot-wide fairway extending northeasterly from the launching ramp, as established by the Superintendent, Lake Mead Recreation Area:

(701) "a" 35°29'46"N., 114°40'55"W.

(702) "b" 35°29'33"N., 114°40'45"W.

(703) (e) Overton Beach, Nev.–(1) Area "A". That portion of Lake Mead enclosed by the shore and lines connecting the following points, excluding two 300-foot-wide fairways, extending northwesterly and southwesterly from the launching ramps, as established by the Superintendent, Lake Mead Recreation Area:

(704) "a" 36°27'05"N., 114°21'48"W.

(705) "b" 36°27'15"N., 114°21'20"W.

(706) "c" 36°26'32"N., 114°20'45"W.

(707) "d" 36°25'49"N., 114°20'50"W.

(708) "e" 36°25'00"N., 114°21'27"W.

(709) "f" 36°25'19"N., 114°22'10"W.

(710) (f) Echo Bay, Nev. That portion of Lake Mead enclosed by the shore and lines connecting the following points, excluding a 100-foot-wide fairway, extending southwesterly from the launching ramp, as established by the Superintendent, Lake Mead Recreation Area:

(711) "a" 36°18'30"N., 114°25'10"W.

(712) "b" 36°18'20"N., 114°24'00"W.

(713) "c" 36°17'35"N., 114°24'05"W.

(714) "d" 36°17'40"N., 114°24'27"W.

(715) (g) Callville Bay, Nev. That portion of Lake Mead enclosed by the shore and lines connecting the following points, excluding a 200-foot-wide fairway, extending southeasterly from the launching ramp, as established by the Superintendent, Lake Mead Recreation Area:

(716) "a" 36°09'00"N., 114°42'40"W.

(717) "b" 36°08'10"N., 114°42'03"W.

(718) "c" 36°08'06"N., 114°42'40"W.

(719) (h) Las Vegas Wash, Nev. That portion of Lake Mead enclosed by the shore and a line connecting the following points, excluding a 200-foot-wide fairway, extending easterly from the launching ramp, as established by the Superintendent, Lake Mead Recreation Area:

(720) "a" 36°07'23"N., 114°49'45"W.

(721) "b" 36°06'29"N., 114°49'45"W.

(722) (i) Hemenway Harbor, Nev. That portion of Lake Mead enclosed by the shore and lines connecting the following points, excluding a 100-foot-wide fairway, extending easterly from the launching ramp at Boulder Beach and a 600-foot-wide fairway, extending northeasterly from the launching ramp at Hemenway Harbor, both as established by the Superintendent, Lake Mead Recreation Area:

(723) "a" 36°04'05"N., 114°48'15"W.

(724) "b" 36°03'25"N., 114°48'10"W.

(725) "c" 36°01'20"N., 114°45'15"W.

(726) (j) Kingman Wash, Ariz. That portion of Lake Mead enclosed by the shore and a line connecting the following points, excluding a 100-foot-wide fairway, extending westerly from the launching ramp, as established by the Superintendent, Lake Mead Recreation Area:

(727) "a" 36°02'34"N., 114°42'50"W.

(728) "b" 36°02'05"N., 114°43'05"W.

(729) (k) Temple Bar, Ariz. That portion of Lake Mead enclosed by the shore and lines connecting the following points, excluding a 200-foot-wide fairway, extending southwesterly from the launching ramp, as established by the Superintendent, Lake Mead Recreation Area:

(730) "a" 36°02'21"N., 114°19'29"W.

(731) "b" 36°02'34"N., 114°18'46"W.

(732) "c" 36°02'03"N., 114°18'13"W.

(733) (l) Greggs, Ariz. That portion of Lake Mead enclosed by the shore and a line connecting the following points, excluding a 100-foot-wide fairway, extending northerly from the launching ramp, as established by the Superintendent, Lake Mead Recreation Area:

(734) "a" 36°00'35"N., 114°13'49"W.

(735) "b" 36°00'35"N., 114°14'10"W.

(736) (m) Pierce Ferry, Ariz. That portion of Lake Mead enclosed by the shore and a line connecting the following points, excluding a 100-foot-wide fairway, extending easterly from the launching ramp, as established by the Superintendent, Lake Mead Recreation Area:

(737) "a" 36°08'42"N., 113°59'24"W.

(738) "b" 36°07'18"N., 113°58'32"W.

(739) (n) South Bay, Ariz. That portion of Lake Mead enclosed by the shore and a line connecting the following points, excluding one 100-foot wide fairway, extending westerly from the launching ramp, as established by the Superintendent, Lake Mead Recreation Area:

(740) "a" 36°06'26"N., 114°06'13"W.

(741) "b" 36°05'00"N., 114°06'50"W.

(742) "c" 36°05'00"N., 114°06'13"W.

(743) **Note:** Fixed moorings, piles, or stakes are prohibited. Single and fore and aft temporary moorings will be allowed. The anchoring of vessels and the placing of temporary moorings will be under the jurisdiction and at the discretion of the Superintendent, Lake Mead Recreation Area, National Park Service.

§110.127a and 110.127b.

(744) (Do not apply to this Coast Pilot.)

§110.127c Trinidad Bay, Calif.

(745) The waters of Trinidad Bay beginning at the southernmost point of Trinidad Head at

(746) 41°03'04"N., 124°08'56"W.; thence east to Prisoner Rock at

(747) 41°03'09"N., 124°08'37"W.; thence east to

(748) 41°03'09"N., 124°08'19"W.; thence north to 41°03'26"N.,

(749) 124°08'21"W.; thence following the shoreline to Trinidad Bay in a westerly and southerly direction to the point of beginning.

(750) **NOTE.**–The area will be principally for use by sport and commercial fishing vessels. Temporary floats and buoys for anchoring will be allowed in the area. Fixed moorings, piles or stakes are prohibited. All moorings shall be placed so that no vessel when anchored or moored shall at any time extend beyond the limits of the area. The anchoring of all vessels and placing of all moorings will be under the supervision of the City of Trinidad or such other authority as may be designated by the City Council of the City of Trinidad, California.

§110.128 Columbia River at Portland, Oreg.

(751) The waters of the Columbia River between Sand Island and Government Island, bounded on the west by pile dike U.S. 5.75 and a line extending true north from the northerly end of the dike to the south shore of Sand Island and bounded on the east by a line bearing 339°15' true, from a point on Government Island at latitude 45°35'10", longitude 122°32'41", to the southerly shore of Sand Island.

§110.128b Island of Hawaii, Hawaii.

(752) (a) Hilo Bay. The waters of Hilo Bay enclosed by a line beginning at

(753) 19°43'55.5"N. 155°03'30"W. thence to

(754) 19°44'08"N. 155°04'19"W. thence to 19°43'51"N. 155°04'30"W. thence to

(755) 19° 44'10"N. 155°05'29"W. thence along the shoreline to the beginning point. (Datum: OHD)

(756) (b) Kuhio Bay. The waters of Kuhio Bay enclosed by a line beginning at

(757) 19°44'13"N. 155°03'25"W. thence to

(758) 19° 44'15"N. 155°03'25"W. thence along the shoreline to the beginning point. (Datum: OHD)

§110.128c Island of Kauai, Hawaii.

(759) (a) Nawiliwili Bay. The waters of Nawiliwili Bay enclosed by a line beginning at

(760) 21°57'12.5"N. 159°21'38"W. thence to

(761) 21° 57'26"N. 159°21'39.5"W. thence along the shoreline to the beginning point. (Datum: OHD)

§110.128d Island of Oahu, Hawaii.

(762) (a) Kaneohe Bay

(763) (1). The waters of Kaneohe Bay enclosed by a line beginning at

(764) 21°26'28"N. 157°46'00"W. thence to

(765) 21°26'00"N. 157°46'14"W. thence to

(766) 21°26'20"N. 157°47'24"W. thence to

(767) 21°27'00"N. 157°48'25"W. thence to

(768) 21°26'46"N. 157°48'37"W. thence along the shoreline to the beginning point.

(769) (b) Kaneohe Bay (2). The waters of Kaneohe Bay enclosed by a line beginning at 21°27'28"N. latitude, 157°49'08"W. longitude; thence to 21°28'10"N. latitude, 157°50'03"W. longitude; thence to 21°29'10"N. latitude, 157°50'40"W. longitude; thence to 21°30'46"N. latitude, 157°50'14"W. longitude; thence along the shoreline to the beginning point.

(770) (c) Keehi Lagoon. The waters of Keehi Lagoon bounded by a line connecting the following points:

(771) 21°19'35.0"N., 157°54'06.0"W.

(772) 21°19'37.7"N., 157°53'58.0"W.

(773) 21°19'06.4"N., 157°53'41.9"W.

(774) 21°19'00.8"N., 157°53'44.1"W.

(775) 21°18'59.9"N., 157°53'49.7"W.

(776) 21°19'04.9"N., 157°53'50.0"W. and thence to the point of beginning.

(777) (d) Sans Souci Beach. The waters of Sans Souci Beach enclosed by a line beginning at 21°15'49"N. latitude, 157°49'31"W. longitude; thence to 21°15'49.2"N. latitude, 157°49'29"W. longitude; thence to 21°15'56.2"N. latitude, 157°49'31"W. longitude; thence to 21°15'56"N. latitude, 157°49'33"W. longitude; thence to the beginning point.

(778) (e) Iroquois Point Lagoon. The waters of Iroquois Point Lagoon enclosed by a line beginning at 21°19'53"N. latitude, 157°58'30"W. longitude; thence to 21°19'56"N. latitude, 157°58'31"W. longitude; thence along the shoreline to the beginning point.

(779) (f) Hickam AFB Marina (1)a. The waters of Hickam AFB Marina enclosed by a line beginning at 21°19'13"N. latitude, 157°57'40"W. longitude; thence to 21°18'45"N. latitude, 157°57'40"W. longitude; thence to 21°18'45"N. latitude, 157°57'28.5"W. longitude; thence to 21°19'10"N. latitude, 157°57'28.5"W. longitude; thence along the shoreline to the beginning point.

(780) (g) Hickam AFB Marina (2). The waters of Hickam AFB Marina enclosed by a line beginning at 21°19'11"N. latitude, 157°57'10"W. longitude; thence to 21°18'46.2"N. latitude, 157°57'20"W. longitude; thence to 21°18'46.2"N. latitude, 157°57'05.2"W. longitude; thence along the shoreline to the beginning point.

(781) (h) Aiea Bay. The waters of Aiea Bay enclosed by a line beginning at 21°22'20"N. latitude, 157°56'30"W. longitude; thence to 21°22'27"N. latitude, 157°56'40.5"W. longitude; thence to 21°22'30"N. latitude, 157°56'40.5"W. longitude; thence to 21°22'37"N. latitude, 157°56'22.5"W. longitude; thence to 21°22'37"N. latitude, 157°56'19"W. longitude; thence along the shoreline to the beginning point.

Subpart B–Anchorage Grounds

§110.210 San Diego Harbor, CA.

(782) (a) The anchorage grounds. (1) Special anchorage for U.S. Government vessels (NAD 83). The waters bounded by a line connecting the following points:

(783) 32°42'13.2"N., 117°14'11.0"W.

(784) 32°41'12.0"N., 117°14'00.3"W. and thence along the shoreline to the point of beginning.

(785) (2) Special anchorage for U.S. Government vessels (NAD 83). The waters bounded by a line connecting the following points:

(786) 32°43'25.6"N., 117°12'46.1"W.

(787) 32°43'25.3"N., 117°12'52.0"W.

(788) 32°43'08.2"N., 117°12'58.0"W.

(789) 32°42'57.9"N., 117°12'54.0"W. and thence easterly along the northern boundary of the channel to:

(790) 32°43'05.0"N., 117°11'30.5"W.

(791) 32°43'27.2"N., 117°11'14.0"W. and thence along the shoreline of Harbor Island to the point of beginning.

(792) (3) "B" Street Merchant Vessel Anchorage (NAD 83). The waters bounded by a line connecting the following points:

(793) 32°43'00.8"N., 117°10'36.3"W.

(794) 32°43'00.8"N., 117°11'23.0"W.

(795) 32°43'05.0"N., 117°11'30.5"W.

(796) 32°43'27.2"N., 117°11'14.0"W.

(797) 32°43'20.2"N., 117°10'53.0"W. and thence due east to the shoreline, and thence along the shoreline and pier to the point of beginning.

(798) (b) The regulations. (1) The anchorages described in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section are reserved exclusively for the anchorage of vessels of the United States Government and of authorized harbor pilot boats. No other vessels shall anchor in this area except by special permission obtained in advance from the Commander, Naval Base, San Diego, CA. The administration of these anchorages is exercised by the Commander, Naval Base, San Diego, CA.

(799) (2) The area described in Paragraph (a)(3) of this section is reserved for the use of merchant vessels calling at the Port of San Diego while awaiting a berth. The administration of this anchorage is exercised by the Port Director, San Diego Unified Port District.

(800) (3) Vessels anchoring in San Diego Harbor shall leave a free passage for other craft and shall not obstruct the approaches to the wharves in the harbor.

§110.212 Newport Bay Harbor, Calif.

(801) (a) The anchorage grounds–(1) Temporary Anchorage C–1. Southeast of a line parallel to and 170 feet from the pierhead line at the east end of Lido Isle; north of a line parallel to and 250 feet north of a line bearing 268° from Newport Bay Channel Light 11, this line being the north line of the main fairway; northwest of a line of 120 feet in length bearing 203° from the point of the pierhead line off the west end of Harbor Island; and southwest of the pierhead line off the northeast shore of Lido Isle extended.

(802) (2) Temporary Anchorage C–2. A parallelogram-shaped area, 100 feet wide and 400 feet long, lying 100 feet bayward from and parallel to the existing pierhead line, and adjoining and on the north side of Anchorage C–3 described in Paragraph (a)(3) of this section.

(803) (i) Vessels may anchor temporarily in Temporary Anchorages C–1 and C–2 when necessary and space permits, but shall move promptly when the necessity passes or upon order of the harbor master.

(804) (ii) Vessels anchoring in Temporary Anchorages C–1 and C–2 shall comply with all applicable Pilot Rules, including that requiring anchor lights at night.

(805) (iii) Floats or buoys for marking anchors or mooring in place and fixed mooring piles or stakes are prohibited.

(806) (3) Anchorage C–3. A parallelogram-shaped area, 100 feet wide and 500 feet long, lying 100 feet bayward from and parallel to the existing pierhead line, and adjoining and on the south side of Temporary Anchorage C–2 described in Paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

(807) (i) This area is reserved for recreational and other small craft.

(808) (ii) Fore and aft moorings will be allowed in this area conforming to Orange County Harbor Ordinance No. 490 and other local harbor regulations for recreational and small craft of such size and alignment as permitted by the harbor master.

(809) (iii) All vessels using this area are required to maintain anchor lights from sunset to sunrise.

(810) (b) The regulations. (1) Vessels may anchor temporarily in these areas when necessary and space permits, but shall move promptly when the necessity passes or upon order of the harbor master.

(811) (2) Vessels anchoring in these areas shall comply with all applicable Pilot Rules, including that requiring anchor lights at night.

(812) (3) Floats or buoys for marking anchors or moorings in place and fixed mooring piles or stakes are prohibited.

§110.214 Los Angeles and Long Beach harbors, California.

(813) (a) *General Regulations*.

(814) (1) *Anchorage Assignment*. (i) Unless otherwise directed by the Captain of the Port Los Angeles-Long Beach, the pilot stations for the Port of Long Beach and the Port of Los Angeles will assign the use of commercial anchorages within their jurisdictions (Long Beach and Los Angeles Harbors respectively). All anchorages outside (seaward) of the federal breakwater will be assigned by the Los Angeles-Long Beach Vessel Traffic Information Service (VTIS). The master, pilot, or person in charge of a vessel must notify the appropriate pilot station (for anchorages inside the federal breakwater) or the VTIS (for anchorages outside the federal breakwater) of their intention to anchor, upon anchoring, and at least fifteen minutes prior to departing an anchorage. All anchorage assignments will be made as described in this part unless modified by the Captain of the Port.

(815) (ii) Radio communications for port entities governing anchorages are as follows: Los Angeles-Long Beach Vessel Traffic Information Service, call sign "LA-Long Beach Traffic", Channel 14 VHF–FM; Los Angeles Port Pilots, Channel 73 VHF–FM; Long Beach Port Pilots, Channel 74 VHF-FM.

(816) (iii) The exact boundary separating the Port of Long Beach from the Port of Los Angeles is published in local Port Tariffs. For purposes of this rule, Long Beach waters are those east, and Los Angeles waters are those west, of the following locations:

(817) (A) Inner Harbor: The Henry Ford (Badger Avenue) Bridge.

(818) (B) Middle Harbor: The Pier 400 Transportation Corridor.

(819) (C) Outer Harbor: The western boundary of Commercial Anchorage B.

(820) (2) *Required approvals, permits and notifications.*

(821) (i) No vessel may anchor anywhere within Los Angeles or Long Beach harbors for more than 10 consecutive days unless an extended anchorage permit is obtained from the Captain of the Port. In determining whether an extended anchorage permit will be granted, consideration will be given, but not necessarily limited to: the current and anticipated demands for anchorage space within the harbor, the duration requested, the condition of the vessel, and the reason for the request.

(822) (ii) No vessel while carrying, loading, or unloading division 1.1 or 1.2 materials as defined in 49 CFR 173.50, or Cargoes of Particular Hazard (COPH) as defined in 33 CFR 126.10, or Certain Dangerous Cargoes (CDC) as defined in 33 CFR 160.203, may anchor without first obtaining a permit issued by the Captain of the Port.

TABLE 110.214(C)

Anchorage	General Location	Purpose	Specific regulations
A	Los Angeles Harbor	Commercial	Note a.
B	Long Beach Harbor	do	Do.
C	do	do	Notes a, g.
D	do	Commercial & Naval	Notes a, b, g.
E	do	Commercial	Note c.
F	Outside Breakwater	do	Notes c, g.
G	do	do	Notes c, d.
N	Los Angeles Harbor	Small Craft	Notes e.
P	Long Beach Harbor	do	Note f.
Q	do	do	Notes c, g.

NOTES:

a. Bunkering and lightering are permitted.

b. West of 118°09'48"W priority for use of the anchorage will be given to commercial vessels over 244 meters (approximately 800 feet). East of 118°09'48"W priority for use of the anchorage will be given to Naval and Public vessels, vessels under Department of Defense charter, and vessels requiring use of the explosives anchorage.

c. Bunkering and lightering are prohibited.

d. This anchorage is within a Regulated Navigation Area and additional requirements apply as set forth in 33 CFR 165.1109(e).

e. This anchorage is controlled by the Los Angeles Port Police. Anchoring, mooring and recreational boating activities conforming to applicable City of Los Angeles ordinances and regulations are allowed in this anchorage.

f. This anchorage is controlled by the Long Beach Harbor Master. Anchoring, mooring and recreational boating activities conforming to applicable City of Long Beach ordinances and regulations are allowed in this anchorage.

g. When the explosives anchorage is activated portions of this anchorage lie within the explosives anchorage and the requirements of paragraph (d) of this section apply.

(823) (iii) Vessels requiring use of an explosives anchorage should contact the Captain of the Port at least 24 hours prior to the anticipated need for the explosives anchorage to allow for proper activation of that anchorage.

(824) (iv) Except with the prior approval of the Captain of the Port, or, in the case of an emergency, with approval of the Captain of the Port immediately subsequent to anchoring, no commercial vessel greater than 1600 gross tons may anchor in Los Angeles-Long Beach Harbor unless it maintains the capability to get underway within 30 minutes. Any vessel unable to meet this requirement must immediately notify the Captain of the Port and make arrangements for an adequate number of tugs to respond to the vessel within 30 minutes notice.

(825) (v) In anchorages where lightering is authorized, the Captain of the Port must be notified at least 4 hours in advance of a vessel conducting lightering operations (see 33 CFR 156.118).

(826) (3) *Other General Requirements.*

(827) (i) When at anchor, all commercial vessels greater than 1600 gross tons shall, at all times, have a licensed deck officer on watch and maintain a continuous radio listening watch unless subject to one of the exemptions in this Paragraph. The radio watch must be on CH–13 VHF-FM when anchored inside the federal breakwater, and on CH–14 VHF–FM or on CH–16 VHF–FM when anchored outside the federal breakwater, except for unmanned barges; vessels which have less than 100 gallons of oil or fuel onboard regardless of how the fuel is carried; and other vessels receiving advance approval from the Captain of the Port.

(828) (ii) When sustained wind speeds exceed 40 knots, all anchored commercial vessels greater than 1600 gross tons shall ensure their propulsion plant is placed in immediate standby and a second anchor is made ready to let go. Vessels unable to comply with this requirement must immediately notify the Captain of the Port. In such case, the Captain of the Port may require

the vessel to have one or more tugs standing by to render immediate assistance.

(829) (4) *Prohibitions.* Within Los Angeles Harbor, Long Beach Harbor, and the Los Angeles-Long Beach Precautionary Area, except for emergency reasons, or with the prior approval of the Captain of the Port, vessels are prohibited from anchoring outside of designated anchorage areas. In the event a vessel anchors outside a designated anchorage area for emergency reasons, the master, pilot, or person in charge of the vessel shall:

(830) (i) Position the vessel so as to minimize the danger to other vessels and facilities:

(831) (ii) Immediately notify the Captain of the Port by the most expeditious means of the vessel's location and the reason(s) for the emergency anchoring; and

(832) (iii) Move the vessel as soon as the emergency condition prompting anchoring outside a designated area abates, or as soon as ordered to move by the Captain of the Port, whichever occurs sooner.

(833) (5) *Exemption from rules.* The Captain of the Port may, upon request, or whenever he/she deems appropriate, authorize a deviation from any rule in this section.

(834) (b) *The anchorage grounds.* Locations of anchorage grounds are as described in this section. Specific requirements for individual anchorages are contained paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section. All coordinates referenced use datum: NAD 83.

(835) (1) *Commercial Anchorage A (Los Angeles Harbor).* A circular area with a radius of 400 yards (approximately 366 meters), centered in position 33°43'19.2"N., 118°14'18.5"W.

(836) (2) *Commercial Anchorage B (Long Beach Harbor).* An area enclosed by a line joining the following coordinates:

(837) 33°44'37.0"N., 118°13'00.0"W.; thence south/southeast to

(838) 33°44'12.0"N., 118°12'36.2"W.; thence southeast to

(839) 33°43'38.2"N., 118°11'36.9"W.; thence southwest to

(840) 33°43'26.1"N., 118°11'47.2"W.; thence west to

(841) 33°43'26.1"N., 118°12'22.7"W.; thence west/southwest to .

(842) 33°42'58.9"N., 118°13'53.0"W.; thence north/northwest to

(843) 33°44'15.3"N., 118°14'26.6"W.; thence northeast to

(844) 33°44'25.1"N., 118°14'15.6"W.; thence southeast to

(845) 33°44'22.8"N., 118°13'51.0"W.; thence east/northeast to the beginning point.

(846) (3) *Commercial Anchorage C (Long Beach Harbor).* An area enclosed by a line joining the following coordinates:

(847) 33°44'20.0"N., 118°08'26.2"W.; thence west to

(848) 33°44'23.5"N., 118°09'32.6"W.; thence north to

(849) 33°44'52.8"N., 118°09'32.2"W.; thence southeast to .

(850) 33°44'25.2"N., 118°08'26.2"W.; thence south to the beginning point.

(851) (4) *Commercial Anchorage D (Long Beach Harbor).* An area enclosed by a line beginning near the east end of the Long Beach Breakwater and joining the following(4) Commercial Anchorage D (Long Beach Harbor). An area enclosed by a line beginning near the east end of the Long Beach Breakwater and joining the following coordinates: coordinates:

(852) 33°43'27.2"N.; 118°08'12.6"W.; thence west to

(853) 33°43'27.2"N.; 118°10'46.5"W.; thence north to

(854) 33°43'51.0"N.; 118°10'46.5"W.; thence northeast to

(855) 33°44'18.5"N.; 118°10'27.2"W.; thence east to

(856) 33°44'18.5"N.; 118°08'12.6"W.; thence south to the beginning point.

(857) (5) *Commercial Anchorage E (Long Beach Harbor).* An area enclosed by a line joining the following coordinates:

(858) 33°44'55.3"N., 118°09'40.2"W.; thence southwest to

(859) 33°44'18.5"N., 118°09'56.8"W.; thence west to

(860) 33°44'18.5"N., 118°10'27.2"W.; thence northwest to

(861) 33°44'27.6"N., 118°10'41.0"W.; thence west/northwest to

(862) 33°44'29.0"N., 118°10'57.4"W.; thence north/northwest to

(863) 33°45'06.4"N., 118°11'09.5"W.; thence northeast to

(864) 33°45'15.2"N., 118°10'46.1"W.; thence southeast to the beginning point.

(865) (6) *Commercial Anchorage F (outside of Long Beach Breakwater).* The waters southeast of the Long Beach Breakwater bounded by a line connecting the following coordinates:

(866) 33°43'05.1"N., 118°07'59.0"W.; thence west to

(867) 33°43'05.1"N., 118°10'36.5"W.; thence south/southeast to

(868) 33°40'23.0"N., 118°08'35.3"W.; thence east to

(869) 33°40'23.0"N., 118°06'03.0"W.; and thence north/northwest to the beginning point.

(870) (7) *Commercial Anchorage G (outside of the Middle Breakwater).* The waters south of the Middle Breakwater bounded by a line connecting the following coordinates:

(871) 33°43'05.4"N., 118°11'18.0"W.; thence west to

(872) 33°43'05.4"N., 118°12'18.7"W.; thence west/southwest to

(873) 33°42'25.9"N., 118°14'19.2"W.; thence southeast to

(874) 33°41'40.3"N., 118°13'05.2"W.; thence east/northeast to

(875) 33°42'08.8"N., 118°11'36.8"W.; and thence north-/northeast to the beginning point.

(876) (8) *General Anchorage N (Los Angeles Harbor).* The waters near Cabrillo Beach shoreward of a line connecting the following coordinates:

(877) 33°42'55.9"N., 118°16'44.4"W.

(878) 33°42'26.8"N., 118°16'33.9"W.

(879) (9) *General Anchorage P (Long Beach Harbor).* The waters within an area beginning at Alamitos Bay West Jetty Light "1" and connecting the following coordinates

(880) 33°44'14.5"N., 118°07'19.2"W.; thence northwest to

(881) 33°44'20.6"N., 118°07'31.7"W.; thence northwest

(882) 33°45'06.5"N., 118°09'34.0"W.; thence along the eastern shoreline of Island White to the lighted marker at

(883) 33°45'13.5"N., 118°09'34.0"W.; thence northwest to

(884) 33°45'37.1"N., 118°10'38.5"W.; thence north/northwest to

(885) 33°45'49.4"N., 118°10'38.8"W.; and thence east/southeast along the Long Beach shoreline and the Alamitos Bay West Jetty to the beginning point.

(886) (10) General Anchorage Q (Long Beach Harbor/Alamitos Bay/Anaheim Bay). The waters within an area described as follows:

(887) 33°44'36.0"N., 118°08'13.0"W.; thence east/southeast to

(888) 33°44'20.6"N., 118°07'31.7"W.; thence along a line described as an arc, radius of 460 meters (approximately 1509 feet) centered on

(889) 33°44'12.5"N., 118°07'16.5"W.; to

(890) 33°44'04.8"N., 118°07'01.0"W.; thence northwest to

(891) 33°44'11.1"N., 118°07'13.0"W.; thence north/northeast to

(892) 33°44'24.0"N., 118°07'04.1"W.; thence east/southeast to

(893) 33°44'22.5"N., 118°06'57.0"W.; thence along the shoreline of Seal Beach and Anaheim Bay W. Jetty to

(894) 33°43'39.1"N., 118°06'06.8"W.; thence west/southwest to

(895) 33°43'27.8"N., 118°07'39.9"W.; thence northwest to

(896) 33°43'38.4"N., 118°07'48.2"W.; thence west to

(897) 33°43'38.4"N., 118°08'12.9"W.; and thence north to the beginning point.

(898) (11) *Explosives Anchorage (Long Beach Harbor).* A circular area with a radius of 1,909 yards (1,745 meters), centered in position 33°43'37.0"N., 118°09'05.3"W.

(899) (c) *Individual anchorage requirements:*

(900) (1) Table 110.214(c) lists anchorage grounds, identifies the purpose of each anchorage, and contains specific regulations applicable to certain anchorages. Requirements for the explosives anchorage are contained in Paragraph (d) of this section.

(901) (2) The geographic boundaries of each anchorage are contained in Paragraph (b) of this section.

(902) (d) *Explosives Anchorage (Long Beach Harbor).*

(903) (1) Priority for use of this anchorage shall be given to vessels carrying, loading, or unloading division 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 or 1.4 (explosive) materials as defined in 49 CFR 173.50, or Cargoes of Particular Hazard (COPH) as defined in 33 CFR 126.10, or Certain Dangerous Cargoes (CDC) as defined in 33 CFR 160.203.

(904) (2) Vessels requiring the use of this anchorage shall notify the Captain of the Port at least 24 hours in advance of their intentions including the estimated times of arrival, departure, net explosive weight, and whether the vessel will be loading or unloading. Vessels may not use this anchorage without first obtaining a permit issued by the Captain of the Port.

(905) (3) No vessel containing more than 680 metric tons (approximately 749 tons) of net explosive weight (NEW) may anchor in this anchorage;

(906) (4) Bunkering and lightering operations are permitted in the explosives anchorage, except that vessels engaged in the loading or unloading of explosives shall not simultaneously conduct bunkering or lightering operations.

(907) (5) Each anchored vessels loading, unloading or laden with explosives, must display a red flag of a least 1.2 square meters (approximately 16 square feet) in size by day, and at night the flag must be illuminated by spotlight;

(908) (6) When a vessel displaying the red flag occupies the explosive anchorage, no other vessel may anchor within the Explosives Anchorage.

(909) **Note:** When the explosives anchorage is activated, portions of Anchorage "C", "D", "F" and "Q" are encompassed by the explosives anchorage.

§110.215 Anaheim Bay Harbor, California; U.S. Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, California; Naval Explosives Anchorage.

(910) (a) The anchorage ground. The waters of Anaheim Bay Harbor between the east side of the Entrance Channel and the East Jetty, and the West side of the Entrance Channel and the West Jetty as outlined in the following two sections:

(911) (1) East Side:

(912) 33°44'03.0"N., 118°05'35.0"W.

(913) 33°43'53.0"N., 118°05'15.0"W.

(914) 33°43'49.0"N., 118°05'18.0"W.

(915) 33°43'36.5"N., 118°05'56.0"W.

(916) 33°43'37.0"N., 118°05'57.0"W.

(917) 33°44'03.0"N., 118°05'35.0"W.

(918) (2) West Side:

(919) 33°44'05.0"N., 118°05'40.0"W.
(920) 33°44'06.0"N., 118°05'56.5"W.
(921) 33°44'01.0"N., 118°06'01.0"W.
(922) 33°43'40.5"N., 118°06'03.0"W.
(923) 33°43'39.5"N., 118°06'02.0"W.
(924) 33°44'05.0"N., 118°05'40.0"W.

(925) (b) The regulations. (1) This area is reserved for use of naval vessels carrying or transferring ammunition or explosives under standard military restrictions as established by the Safety Manual, Armed Service Explosives Board.

(926) (2) No pleasure or commercial craft shall navigate or anchor within this area at any time without first obtaining permission from the Commanding officer, Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, California. This officer will extend full cooperation relating to public use of the area and will fully consider every reasonable request for the passage of small craft in light of requirements for national security and safety of persons and property.

(927) (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed as relieving the owner or operator of any vessel from the regulations contained in Part 334.930 of Title 33, covering navigation in Anaheim Bay Harbor.

(928) (4) The regulations in this section shall be administered by the Commanding Officer U.S. Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, California and by such agencies as he may designate, and enforced by the Captain of the Port, Los Angeles-Long Beach, California.

§110.216 Pacific Ocean at Santa Catalina Island, Calif.

(929) (a) The anchorage grounds–(1) Descanso Bay. Shoreward of a line connecting the promontories known as White Rock and Casino Point.

(930) (2) Isthmus Cove. All the waters bounded by aline connecting the following coordinates, beginning at 33°27'12"N., 118°30'05"W. (the promontory known as Lion Head); thence southeast to 33°26'55.5"N., 118°28'44"W.; thence west-southwest to 33°26'50"N., 118°29'08"W.; thence southwest to 33°26'39"N., 118°29'19"W.; thence along the shoreline returning to the point of origin, excluding the following-described non-anchorage area: an area 300 feet wide (170 feet west and 130 feet east of the centerline of the Catalina Island Steamship Line pier), extending 1600 feet from the foot of the pier, and an area 150 feet seaward of the shoreline extending approximately 1500 feet east and 1500 feet northwest of the centerline of said pier.

(931) Datum: NAD 83

(932) (b) The regulations. (1) The Descanso Bay anchorage is reserved for yachts and other small craft. Floats or buoys for marking anchors or moorings in place will be allowed in this area. Fixed mooring piles or stakes are prohibited.

(933) (2) The Isthmus Cove anchorage shall be available for anchorage of all types of craft. Temporary floats or buoys for marking anchors or moorings in place will be allowed in this area. Fixed mooring piles or stakes are prohibited.

(934) (3) The non-anchorage area described in Paragraph (a)(2) of this section shall be used only by commercial vessels. Commercial vessels of 15 feet draft or over may anchor in this area seaward of the Catalina Island Steamship Line pier during hours between sunrise and sunset. The use of this area for anchorage is forbidden to all other craft at all times. Fixed mooring piles or stakes and floats or buoys for marking anchors or moorings in place are prohibited.

(935) (4) The instructions of the Captain of the Port requiring vessels to anchor bow and stern, or with two bow anchors, or requiring shifting the anchorage of any vessel within the anchorage grounds for the common safety or convenience, or for otherwise enforcing the regulations in this section, shall be promptly complied with by owners, masters, and persons in charge of vessels.

(936) (5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as relieving the owner or person in charge of any vessels or plant from the penalties of law for obstructing navigation or for obstructing or interfering with range lights, or for not complying with the navigation laws in regard to lights, fog signals, or for otherwise violating law.

§110.218 Pacific Ocean at San Clemente Island, Calif.; in vicinity of Wilson Cove.

(937) (a) The anchorage grounds. Shoreward of a line beginning at a point on the beach bearing 153° true, 1,400 yards, from Wilson Cove Light; thence 062° true, 0.67 nautical mile, thence 332° true, 1.63 nautical miles; thence 241°31' true to the shore line.

(938) (b) The regulations. (1) This area is reserved exclusively for anchorage of United State Government vessels or vessels temporarily operating under Government direction, and no vessel, except in an emergency, shall anchor in the area without first obtaining permission from the Commandant, Eleventh Naval District, or the Senior Naval Officer present who shall in turn notify the Commandant promptly.

(939) (2) No vessel shall anchor in such a manner as to unreasonably obstruct the approach to the wharf.

§110.220 Pacific Ocean at San Nicolas Island, Calif.; restricted anchorage areas.

(940) (a) The restricted areas–(1) East area. All waters within a circle having a radius of one nautical mile centered at latitude 33°13'45", longitude 119°25'50" (the

former position of San Nicolas Island East End Light), which point bears approximately 101°, 420 yards, from San Nicolas Island East End Light.

(941) (2) West area. Shoreward of a line bearing 276° true from San Nicolas Island south side light a distance of six nautical miles; thence to a point bearing 270° true, two nautical miles, from the westernmost point of the island; thence 60° to a point due north of the northernmost point of the island; thence 180° true to the shore.

(942) (b) The regulations. Except in an emergency, no vessel shall anchor in these restricted areas without authority of the Commandant, Eleventh Naval District. Cargo vessels destined for San Nicolas Island may anchor in the east area for unloading or loading.

§110.222 Pacific Ocean at Santa Barbara Island, Calif.

(943) (a) The anchorage grounds. Shoreward of a line beginning at the Santa Barbara Island Light on the northeast end of the island and bearing 23° true a distance of 1.515 nautical miles seaward from the beach; thence 140°30' true, 2.54 nautical miles; thence 212°30' true, 2.30 nautical miles; thence 296°30' true, 0.96 nautical mile; and thence 325° true to the beach.

(944) (b) The regulations. The anchorage shall be available for anchorage of all types of craft. Temporary floats or buoys for marking anchors in place will be permitted in this area.

§110.224 San Francisco Bay, San Pablo Bay, Carquinez Strait, Suisun Bay, Sacramento River, San Joaquin River, and connecting waters, CA.

(945) (a) General Regulations.

(946) (1) Within the navigable waters of San Francisco Bay, San Pablo Bay, Carquinez Strait, Suisun Bay, New York Slough, San Joaquin River Deep Water Channel, the Stockton Turning Basin, the Sacramento River Deep Water Ship Channel between Suisun Bay and the east end of the West Sacramento Turning Basin, and connecting waters, anchoring is prohibited outside of designated anchorages except when required for safety or with the written permission of the Captain of the Port. Each vessel anchoring outside an established anchorage area shall immediately notify the Captain of the Port of her position and reason for anchoring.

(947) (2) No vessel may permanently moor in areas adjacent to the San Joaquin River Deep Water Channel except with the written permission of the Captain of the Port.

(948) (3) Each vessel anchoring for safety reasons in the San Joaquin River Deep Water Channel, the Sacramento River Deep Water Ship Channel, or the Stockton or West Sacramento Turning Basins shall be positioned as near to the edge of the channel or turning basin as possible so as not to interfere with navigation, or obstruct the approach to any pier, wharf, slip, or boat harbor and shall move as soon as the reason for anchoring no longer exists or when notified to move by the Captain of the Port.

(949) (4) No vessel may anchor within a tunnel, cable, or pipeline area shown on a Government chart.

(950) (5) No vessel may moor, anchor, or tie up to any pier, wharf, or other vessel in such a manner as to extend into an adjacent channel or fairway.

(951) (6) No vessel in such a condition that it is likely to sink or otherwise become a menace or obstruction to navigation or anchorage of other vessels may occupy an anchorage, except when unforeseen circumstances create conditions of imminent peril to personnel and then only for such period as may be authorized by the Captain of the Port.

(952) (7) Each vessel carrying explosives shall only anchor in an explosives anchorage except as authorized by Paragraph (a)(1) or (a)(17) of this section.

(953) (8) No vessel other than a vessel under Federal supervision may go alongside or in any manner moor to any Government-owned vessel, mooring buoy, or pontoon boom, their anchor cables, or any of their appendages. No vessel other than a vessel under Federal supervision may obstruct or interfere in any manner with the mooring, unmooring, or servicing of vessels owned by the United States.

(954) (9) The Captain of the Port may require any vessel in a designated anchorage area to moor with two or more anchors.

(955) (10) Each vessel that will not have sufficient personnel on board to weigh anchor at any time shall anchor with two anchors with mooring swivel, unless otherwise authorized by the Captain of the Port.

(956) (11) Deep-draft vessels shall take precedence over vessels of lighter draft in the deeper portions of all anchorages. Light-draft barges and vessels shall anchor away from the deeper portions of the anchorage so as not to interfere with the anchoring of deep-draft vessels. Should circumstances warrant, the Captain of the Port may require lighter draft vessels to move to provide safe anchorage, particularly in Anchorages 7 and 9, for deep-draft vessels.

(957) (12) Barges towed in tandem to any anchorage shall nest together when anchoring.

(958) (13) Each vessel that is notified by the Captain of the Port or his authorized representative to shift her position shall promptly shift her position.

(959) (14) No person may use these anchorages for any purpose other than the purpose stated in these anchorage regulations.

(960) (15) Where these regulations require that a vessel notify the Captain of the Port, the operator of the vessel

shall transmit such report to the San Francisco Vessel Traffic Service.

(961) **Note**.–Vessel Traffic Service guards VHF-FM Channel 13 (156.65 MHz) and Channel 14 (156.70 MHz).

(962) (16) Nothing in this section may be construed as relieving any vessel or the owner or person in charge of any vessel from the penalties of law for obstructing or interfering with range lights or for not complying with the laws relating to lights, day signals, and fog signals and other navigation laws and regulations.

(963) (17) The District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, may issue written permission for anchoring a single barge carrying explosives in quantities considered by the District Engineer as safe and necessary in the vicinity of work being done directly under the District Engineer supervision or under a Department of the Army permit. When issuing such a permit, the District Engineer shall prescribe the conditions under which the explosives must be stored and handled and shall furnish a copy of the permit and a copy of the rules and regulations for storing and handling to the Captain of the Port.

(964) (18) No vessel may anchor in a "dead ship" status (propulsion or control unavailable for normal operations) at any anchorage other than in Anchorage 9 as specified in Table 110.224(d)(1) without prior approval of the Captain of the Port.

(965) (b) Naval Anchorages. In addition to the General Regulations in Paragraph (a) of this section, the following regulations apply to each naval anchorage described in this section.

(966) (1) Naval anchorages are intended for public vessels of the United States, but may be used by other vessels when not required for use by public vessels.

(967) (2) Other vessels using a naval anchorage shall promptly notify the Captain of the Port upon anchoring and upon departure and shall be prepared to move within one hour upon notice should the anchorage be required for public vessels.

(968) (c) Explosive Anchorages. In addition to the General Regulations in Paragraph (a) of this section, the following regulations apply to each explosives anchorage described in this section.

(969) (1) Explosives anchorages and, where established, surrounding forbidden anchorage zones, are temporarily activated as needed by the Captain of the Port. When not activated, explosives anchorages and surrounding forbidden anchorage zones become part of the general anchorage which encompasses them or, if not located within the boundaries of a general anchorage, become available for general navigation.

(970) (2) Notice of activation and deactivation of explosives anchorages will be disseminated by Coast Guard Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

(971) (3) Each vessel which anchors in an explosives anchorage or surrounding forbidden anchorage zone while such anchorage is not activated shall be prepared to move within one hour if the anchorage is activated.

(972) (4) Unless otherwise authorized by the Captain of the Port:

(973) (i) No vessel may anchor in an activated explosives anchorage except vessels loaded with, loading, or unloading explosives.

(974) (ii) No vessel may enter or remain in an activated explosives anchorage except (A) vessels loaded with, loading or unloading explosives, (B) lighters or barges delivering cargo to or from such vessels, or (c) a tug authorized by Paragraph (c)(7)(iii) of this section.

(975) (iii) No vessel carrying explosives or on which explosives are to be loaded may enter or remain in an activated explosives anchorage without written permission from the Captain of the Port. Such a permit must be obtained before entering the anchorage and may be revoked at any time.

(976) (iv) No vessel may anchor in the forbidden anchorage zone surrounding an activated explosives anchorage.

(977) (5) Each vessel loaded with, loading, or unloading explosives, while within an explosives anchorage, shall display by day at her masthead, or at least 10 feet above the upper deck if the vessel has no mast, a red flag at least 16 square feet in area.

(978) (6) Each passing vessel shall reduce speed as necessary so as to insure that its wake does not interfere with cargo transfer operations aboard any vessel displaying a red flag in an explosives anchorage.

(979) (7) The Captain of the Port may:

(980) (i) Issue permission to any vessel carrying flammable solids, oxidizing materials, corrosive liquids, flammable liquids, compressed gases, or poisonous substances to occupy a berth in an activated explosives anchorage. Such a permit must be obtained before entering the anchorage and may be revoked at any time.

(981) (ii) Require any person having business on board a vessel which is loaded with, loading, or unloading explosives to have a document that is acceptable to the Coast Guard for identification purposes and to show that document to the Captain of the Port.

(982) (iii) Require a non-self-propelled vessel, or a self-propelled vessel that is unable to maneuver under its own power, that occupies an activated explosives anchorage to be attended by a tug.

(983) (d) Anchorage Grounds.

(984) (1) Table 110.224(d)(1) lists anchorage grounds, identifies the purpose of each anchorage, and contains specific regulations applicable to certain anchorages.

(985) (2) The geographic boundaries of each anchorage are contained in Paragraph (e) of this section.

Table 110.224(d)(1)

Anchorage No.	General location	Purpose	Specific regulation
4	San Francisco Bay	General	Notes a,b.
5	do	do	do
6	do	do	Note a.
7	do	do	Notes a,b,c,d,e.
8	do	do	Notes a,b,c.
9	do	do	Notes a,b,m.
10	do	Naval	Note a.
12	do	Explosives	Notes a,f.
13	do	do	Notes a,e,g.
14	do	do	Notes a,f,h.
18	San Pablo Bay	General	
19	do	do	Note b.
20	do	do	
21	do	Naval	
22	Carquinez Strait	General	
23	Benicia	General	Notes c,d,e,l.
24	Carquinez Strait	General	Note j.
26	Suisun Bay	do	Note k.
27	do	do	
28	San Joaquin River	do	
30	do	Explosives	

(986) **Notes**.–a. When sustained winds are in excess of 25 knots each vessel greater than 300 gross tons using this anchorage shall maintain a continuous radio watch on VHF-FM channel 13 (156.65 MHz) and VHF-FM channel 14 (156.70 MHz). This radio watch must be maintained by a person who fluently speaks the English language.

(987) b. Each vessel using this anchorage may not project into adjacent channels or fairways.

(988) c. This anchorage is primarily for use by vessels requiring a temporary anchorage waiting to proceed to pier facilities or other anchorage grounds. This anchorage may not be used by vessels for the purpose of loading any dangerous cargoes or combustible liquids unless authorized by the Captain of the Port.

(989) d. Each vessel using this anchorage may not remain for more than 12 hours unless authorized by the Captain of the Port.

(990) e. Each vessel using this anchorage shall be prepared to move within 1 hour upon notification by the Captain of the Port.

(991) f. The maximum total quantity of explosives that may be on board a vessel using this anchorage shall be limited to 3,000 tons unless otherwise authorized with the written permission of the Captain of the Port.

(992) g. The maximum total quantity of explosives that may be on board a vessel using this anchorage shall be limited to 50 tons except that, with the written permission of the Captain of the Port, each vessel in transit, loaded with explosives in excess of 50 tons, may anchor temporarily in this anchorage provided that the hatches to the holds containing explosives are not opened.

(993) h. Each vessel using this anchorage will be assigned a berth by the Captain of the Port on the basis of the maximum quantity of explosives that will be on board the vessel.

(994) i. [Reserved]

(995) j. Each vessel using this anchorage shall promptly notify the Captain of the Port, upon anchoring and upon departure.

(996) k. see §162.270 of this title establishing restricted areas in the vicinity of the Maritime Administration Reserve Fleet.

(997) l. Vessels using this anchorage must exceed 15 feet draft, have engines on standby, and have a pilot on board.

(998) m. Any vessel anchoring in a “dead-ship” status shall have one assist tug of adequate bollard pull on standby and immediately available (maximum of 15 minute response time) to provide emergency maneuvering. When the sustained winds are 20 knots or greater, or when the wind gusts are 25 knots or greater, the tug must be alongside.

(999) (e) Boundaries.

(1000) (1) Anchorage No. 4. Bounded by the west shore of San Francisco Bay and the following lines: Beginning on the shore southwest of Point San Quentin at

(1001) 37°56'28"N., 122°28'54"W.; thence east-southeasterly to

(1002) 37°55'55"N., 122°26'49"W.; thence southwesterly to

(1003) 37°54'13"N., 122°27'24"W.; thence southeasterly to the shore of Tiburon Peninsula at Point Chauncey at

(1004) 37°53'40.5"N., 122°26'55"W. When Explosives Anchorage No. 13 is activated by the Captain of the Port, it and the forbidden anchorage zone surrounding it are excluded from Anchorage No. 4.

(1005) (2) Anchorage No. 5, Southampton Shoal. In San Francisco Bay at Southampton Shoal bounded by a line connecting the following coordinates:

(1006) 37°55'48"N., 122°25'52"W; to

(1007) 37°55'50"N., 122°26'32"W; to
(1008) 37°54'49"N., 122°26'39"W; to
(1009) 37°54'03"N., 122°26'06"W; to
(1010) 37°53'25"N., 122°25'30"W; to
(1011) 37°53'23"N., 122°25'09"W; to
(1012) 37°55'19"N., 122°25'33"W; to
(1013) 37°55'42"N., 122°25'45"W; thence back to
(1014) 37°55'48"N., 122°25'52"W.
(1015) (3) Anchorage No. 6. Bounded by the east shore of San Francisco Bay and the following lines: Beginning at the shore of the southernmost extremity of Point Isabel at
(1016) 37°53'46"N., 122°19'19"W.; thence westerly along the north shore of Brooks Island to the jetty extending westerly therefrom; thence westerly along the jetty to its bayward end at
(1017) 37°54'13"N., 122°23'27"W.; thence south-southeasterly to
(1018) 37°49'53"N., 122°21'39"W.; thence southeasterly to
(1019) 37°49'32.5"N., 122°21'20.5"W.; thence easterly to
(1020) 37°49.34"N., 122°20'13"W.; thence east-southeasterly to
(1021) 37°49'30"N., 122°19'45.5"W.; thence east-northeasterly to the shore at Emeryville at
(1022) 37°50'04"N., 122°17'41"W.; excluding from this area, however, the channel to Berkeley Marina delineated by lines joining the following points:
(1023) 37°52'08"N., 122°19'07"W.
(1024) 37°52'03"N., 122°19'17.5"W.
(1025) 37°52'00"N., 122°19.15.5"W.
(1026) 37°51'01"N., 122°22'07"W.
(1027) 37°50'43"N., 122°22'00"W.
(1028) 37°50'53"N., 122°21'32"W.
(1029) 37°51'47"N., 122°18'59"W.
(1030) (4) Anchorage No. 7, Treasure Island. In San Francisco Bay at Treasure Island bounded a line connecting the following coordinates:
(1031) 37°49'36"N., 122°22'40"W; to
(1032) 37°50'00"N., 122°22'57"W; to
(1033) 37°50'00"N., 122°23'44"W; to
(1034) 37°49'22.5"N., 122°23'44"W; to
(1035) 37°48'40.5"N., 122°22'38"W; to
(1036) 37°49'00.0"N., 122°22'16"W; thence along the shore to
(1037) 37°49'36"N., 122°22'40"W.
(1038) (5) Anchorage No. 8. In San Francisco Bay bounded by the west shore of Alameda Island and the following lines:
(1039) Beginning at
(1040) 37°47'52.0"N., 122°19'58.0"W.; thence west-northwesterly to
(1041) 37°48'02.5"N., 122°21'01.5"W.; thence west-southwesterly to
(1042) 37°47'51.5"N., 122°21'40.0"W.; thence south-southwesterly to
(1043) 37°47'35.5"N., 122°21'50.0"W.; thence south-southeasterly to
(1044) 37°46'40.0"N., 122°21'23.0"W.; thence easterly to
(1045) 37°46'36.5"N., 122°19'52.0"W.; thence northerly to shore at
(1046) 37°46'53.0"N., 122°19'53.5"W. (NAD 83).
(1047) (6) Anchorage No. 9. In San Francisco Bay bounded on the east by the eastern shore of San Francisco Bay and on the north by the southern shore of Alameda Island and a line beginning at
(1048) 37°46'21.5"N., 122°19'07.0"W.; thence westerly to
(1049) 37°46'30.0"N., 122°21'56.0"W.; thence south-south easterly to
(1050) 37°41'45.0"N., 122°20'22.0"W. (San Bruno Channel Light 1); thence south-southeasterly to
(1051) 37°38'38.5"N., 122°18'48.5 "W. (San Bruno Channel Light 5); thence southeasterly to
(1052) 37°36'05.0"N., 122°14'18.0"W.; thence northeasterly to shore at
(1053) 37°37'38.5"N., 122°09'06.5"W. (NAD 83).
(1054) (7) Anchorage No. 10. In San Francisco Bay bounded by the east shore of Sausalito and the following lines: Beginning on the shore of Sausalito at 37°51'20"N., 122°28'38"W.; thence southeasterly to
(1055) 37°50'57.5"N., 122°27'57"W.; thence southwesterly to the shore of Sausalito at
(1056) 37°50'36"N., 122°28'34"W.
(1057) (8) Anchorage No. 12. In San Francisco Bay east of the city of San Francisco Bay east of the city of San Francisco a circular area having a radius of 500 yards centered at
(1058) 37°44'32.5"N., 122°20'27.5"W. A 667-yard-wide forbidden anchorage zone surrounds this anchorage.
(1059) (9) Anchorage No. 13. In San Francisco Bay east of the Tiburon Peninsula a circular area having a radius of 333 yards centered at
(1060) 37°55'26"N., 122°27'27"W. A 667-yard-wide forbidden anchorage zone surrounds this anchorage except where such zone would extend beyond the limits of Anchorage No. 4.
(1061) **Note:** see §110.224(e)(2) for a description of Anchorage No. 4.
(1062) (10) Anchorage No. 14. In San Francisco Bay east of Hunters Point an area 1,000 yards wide and 2,760 yards long, the end boundaries of which are semicircles, with a radii of 500 yards and center, respectively at
(1063) 37°42'37"N., 122°19'48"W.;
(1064) 37°43'29"N., 122°19'48"W. (NAD 83); and the side boundaries of which are parallel tangents joining the semicircles. A forbidden anchorage zone extends 667 yards out from the perimeter on each side.

(1065) (11) Anchorage No. 18. In San Pablo Bay bounded by the west shore of San Pablo Bay and the following lines: Beginning at the shore at Point San Pedro at
(1066) 37°59'16"N., 122°26'47"W.; thence easterly to
(1067) 37°59'16"N., 122°26'26"W.; thence northerly to
(1068) 38°03'46"N., 122°25'52.5"W.; thence northwesterly to the shore south of the entrance to Novato Creek at
(1069) 38°05'13.5"N., 122°29'04"W.; excluding from this area, however, the channel to Hamilton Field and the extension of this channel easterly to the boundary of the anchorage, and the pipeline area therein.
(1070) (12) Anchorage No. 19. In San Pablo Bay bounded by the northeast shore of San Pablo Bay and the following lines: Beginning at the shore of Tubbs Island at
(1071) 38°07'39"N., 122°25'18"W.; thence southerly to
(1072) 38°00'36"N., 122°25'20"W.; thence northeasterly to
(1073) 38°03'13"N., 122°19'46"W.; thence east-northeasterly to
(1074) 38°03'37"N., 122°17'13"W.; thence northerly to the long dike extending southwesterly from Mare Island at
(1075) 38°03'52.5"N., 122°17'10"W.; thence along the long dike to the shore at Mare Island.
(1076) (13) Anchorage No. 20. In San Pablo Bay bounded by the southeast shore of San Pablo Bay and the following lines: Beginning at the northeast corner of Parr Terminal No. 4 at Point San Pablo at
(1077) 37°57'59"N., 122°25'35"W.; thence northeasterly to
(1078) 38°01'27.5"W., 122°21'33"W.; thence east-northeasterly to the Union Oil Co. pier at Oleum at
(1079) 38°03'18"N., 122°15'37"W.; and thence along this pier to the shore.
(1080) (14) Anchorage No. 21. In San Pablo Bay south of Mare Island a rectangular area beginning at
(1081) 38°03'56"N., 122°15'56"W.; thence easterly to
(1082) 38°04'02"N., 122°15'20"W.; thence southerly to
(1083) 38°03'48"N., 122°15'16"W.; thence westerly to
(1084) 38°03'42"N., 122°15'52"W.; thence northerly to the point of beginning.
(1085) (15) Anchorage No. 22, Carquinez Strait. In Carquinez Strait an area bounded by a line connecting the following coordinates:
(1086) 38°02'36.8"N., 122°09'59"W.; to
(1087) 38°02'06.6"N., 122°09'46.7"W.; to
(1088) 38°01'53.8"N., 122°09'00"W.; to
(1089) 38°02'33.9"N., 122°09'00"W.; thence back to
(1090) 38°02'36.8"N., 122°09'59"W.
(1091) (16) Anchorage No. 23, Benicia. In Carquinez Strait an area bounded by a line connecting the following coordinates:
(1092) 38°02'33.9"N., 122°09'00"W.; to
(1093) 38°01'53.8"N., 122°09'00"W.; to
(1094) 38°01'57.4"N., 122°08'19.3"W.; to
(1095) 38°02'33.0"N., 122°08'18.6"W.; thence back to
(1096) 38°02'33.9"N., 122°09'00"W.
(1097) (17) Anchorage No. 24. Bounded by the north shore of Carquinez Strait and the following points:
(1098) Beginning on the shore at Dillon Point at
(1099) 38°03'44"N., 122°11'34"W.; thence southeasterly to
(1100) 38°03'21"N., 122°10'43"W.; thence southeasterly to
(1101) 38°02'36"N., 122°10'03"W. (Carquinez Strait Light 23); thence to the shore at the Benicia City Wharf at
(1102) 38°02'40"N., 122°09'55"W. (NAD 83).
(1103) (18) Anchorage No. 26. On the west side of Suisun Bay, adjacent to and northeast of the city of Benicia within the following boundaries: Beginning on the shore northeast of Army Point at
(1104) 38°02'54"N., 122°07'37"W.; thence south-southeasterly along the Southern Pacific bridge to
(1105) 38°02'38"N., 122°07'24"W.; thence easterly to
(1106) 38°02'42"N., 122°07'07.5"W.; thence northeasterly to
(1107) 38°05'42"N., 122°04'06"W.; thence northwesterly to the shore at
(1108) 38°05'58"N., 122°04'28"W.; thence along the shore to the point of beginning.
(1109) (19) Anchorage No. 27. In the northeast portion of Suisun Bay bounded by the north shore and the following lines: Beginning on the shore of Grizzly Island at
(1110) 38°08'13"N., 122°02'42.5"W.; thence southerly to tripod at Preston Point on Roe Island at
(1111) 38°04'16"N., 122°02'42"W.; thence along the south shore of Roe Island to
(1112) 38°04'05"N., 122°01'35"W; thence east-southeasterly to
(1113) 38°03'42.5"N., 121°58'54"W.; thence easterly to the shore of Chipps Island at
(1114) 38°03'42.5"N., 121°55'05"W.
(1115) (20) Anchorage No. 28. The area bounded on the east by the shore of Lower Sherman Island and the following lines: Beginning at Point Sacramento on Lower Sherman Island at
(1116) 38°03'45"N., 121°50'17.5"W.; thence southwesterly to
(1117) 38°03'37.5"N., 121°50'31"W.; thence south-southeasterly to
(1118) 38°02'11"N., 121°49'58"W.; thence to the shore of Lower Sherman Island at
(1119) 38°02'23"N., 121°49'49"W.
(1120) (21) Anchorage No. 30. The portion of the Old San Joaquin River Channel bounded on the west by the shore of Mandeville Point and the following lines: Beginning on the shore of Mandeville Point at
(1121) 38°04'01"N., 121°32'05"W.; thence northeasterly to
(1122) 38°04'07.5"N., 121°31'58"W.; thence southeasterly to
(1123) 38°03'47"N., 121°31'42.5"W.; thence westerly to the shore of Mandeville Point at

(1124) 38°03'47.5"N., 121°31'56"W.

§110.228 Columbia River, Oregon and Washington.

(1125) (a) The anchorage grounds.-(1) Astoria North Anchorage. An area enclosed by a line beginning north of Astoria, Oregon, at latitude 46°11'47"N., longitude 123°49'39"W.; thence continuing northerly to

(1126) 46°12'05"N., 123°49'35"W.; thence northeasterly to

(1127) 46°13'16"N., 123°46'23"W.; thence southerly to

(1128) 46°13'01"N., 123°46'12"W.; thence southwesterly to

(1129) 46°11'52"N., 123°49'13"W.; thence westerly to the point of beginning.

(1130) (2) Astoria South Anchorage. An area enclosed by a line beginning north of Astoria, Oregon at

(1131) 46°11'38"N., 123°48'59"W.; thence continuing northerly to

(1132) 46°11'47"N., 123°49'08"W.; thence northeasterly to

(1133) 46°13'03"N., 123°45'50"W.; thence northeasterly to

(1134) 46°13'07"N., 123°45'37"W.; thence southerly to

(1135) 46°12'56"N., 123°45'30"W.; thence southwesterly to

(1136) 46°12'24"N., 123°46'33"W.; thence southwesterly to

(1137) 46°12'07"N., 123°47'24"W.; thence southwesterly to the point of beginning.

(1138) (3) Longview Anchorage. An area enclosed by a line beginning southeast of Longview, Washington, at

(1139) 46°07'15"N., 122°59'08"W.; thence continuing northeasterly to

(1140) 46°07'23"N., 122°58'56"W.; thence southeasterly to

(1141) 46°06'58"N., 122°58'20"W; thence southeasterly to

(1142) 46°06'42"N., 122°57'56"W.; thence southerly to

(1143) 46°06'33"N., 122°58'04"W; thence westerly to

(1144) 46°06'35"N., 122°58'10"W.; thence northwesterly to

(1145) 46°06'42"N., 122°58'23"W.; thence northwesterly to the point of beginning.

(1146) (4) Kalama Anchorage. An area enclosed by a line beginning northeast of Sandy Island at

(1147) 46°00'59"N., 122°51'31"W.; thence continuing southeasterly to

(1148) 46°00'55"N., 122°51'27"W.; thence southeasterly to

(1149) 46°00'36"N., 122°51'11"W.; thence southerly to

(1150) 45°59'42"N., 122°50'48"W.; thence westerly to

(1151) 45°59'39"N., 122°50'59"W.; thence northerly to

(1152) 46°00'35"N., 122°51'26"W.; thence northwesterly to

(1153) 46°00'52"N., 122°51'41"W., thence northeasterly to the point of beginning.

(1154) (5) Woodland Anchorage. An area enclosed by a line beginning east of Columbia City, Oregon, at

(1155) 45°53'56"N., 122°48'13"W.; thence continuing easterly to

(1156) 45°53'58"N., 122°47'58"W.; thence southerly to

(1157) 45°53'29"N., 122°47'41"W.; thence westerly to

(1158) 45°53'21"N., 122°47'59"W.; thence northerly to

(1159) 45°53'42"N., 122°48'09"W.; thence northerly to the point of beginning.

(1160) (6) Henrici Bar Anchorage. An area enclosed by a line beginning near the mouth of Bachelor Slough at

(1161) 45°47'25"N., 122°46'45"W.; thence continuing southeasterly to

(1162) 45°46'46"N., 122°46'10"W.; thence southeasterly to

(1163) 45°46'26"N., 122°45'56"W.; thence southerly to

(1164) 45°46'04"N., 122°45'46"W.; thence southerly to

(1165) 45°45'42"N., 122°45'41"W.; thence southerly to

(1166) 45°45'38"N., 122°45'41"W.; thence westerly to

(1167) 45°45'38"N., 122°45'48"W.; thence northerly to

(1168) 45°46'17"N., 122°46'06"W.; thence northwesterly to

(1169) 45°47'21"N., 122°46'55"W.; thence northeasterly to the point of beginning.

(1170) (7) Willow Bar Anchorage. An area enclosed by a line beginning northeast of Reeder Point at

(1171) 45°43'41"N., 122°45'36"W.; thence continuing easterly to

(1172) 45°43'40"N., 122°45'26"W.; thence southerly to

(1173) 45°41'28"N., 122°46'12"W.; thence westerly to

(1174) 45°41'30"N., 122°46'22"W.; thence northerly to the point of beginning.

(1175) (8) Kelley Point Anchorage. An area enclosed by a line beginning east of Kelley Point at

(1176) 45°39'07"N., 122°45'36"W.; thence continuing northeasterly to

(1177) 45°39'11"N., 122°45'32"W.; thence southerly to

(1178) 45°39'03"N., 122°45'17"W.; thence westerly to

(1179) 45°38'58"N., 122°45'22"W.; thence northerly to the point of beginning.

(1180) (9) Hayden Island Anchorage. An area enclosed by a line beginning south of Mathews Point at

(1181) 45°38'44"N., 122°44'35"W.; thence continuing easterly to

(1182) 45°38'27"N., 122°43'21"W.; thence southeasterly to

(1183) 45°38'12"N., 122°43'03"W.; thence westerly to

(1184) 45°38'19"N., 122°43'40"W.; thence northwesterly to

(1185) 45°38'42"N., 122°44'36"W.; thence northeasterly to the point of beginning.

(1186) (b) The regulations. (1) All designated anchorages are intended for the primary use of deep-draft vessels over 200 feet in length.

(1187) (2) If a vessel under 200 feet in length is anchored in a designated anchorage, the master or person in charge of the vessel shall:

(1188) (i) Ensure that the vessel is anchored so as to minimize conflict with large, deep-draft vessels utilizing or seeking to utilize the anchorage; and

(1189) (ii) Move the vessel out of the area if requested by the master of a large, deep-draft vessel seeking to enter or depart the area or if directed by the Captain of the Port.

(1190) (3) No vessel may occupy a designated anchorage for more than 30 consecutive days without a permit from the Captain of the Port.

(1191) (4) No vessel being layed-up or dismantle or undergoing major alterations or repairs may occupy a designated anchorage without a permit from the Captain of the Port.

(1192) (5) No vessel carrying a Cargo of Particular Hazard listed in §126.10 (not in this Coast Pilot) may occupy a designated anchorage without permission from the Captain of the Port.

(1193) (6) No vessel in a condition such that it is likely to sink or otherwise become a hazard to the operation of other vessels shall occupy a designated anchorage except in an emergency and then only for such periods as may be authorized by the Captain of the Port.

(1194) (7) Except as allowed for emergencies, no vessel may occupy either the Henrici Bar or Willow Bar Anchorages during the commercial drift fishing seasons established by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). Vessels occupying either of these anchorages at the time a drift fishing season is announced must depart prior to commencement of the season. In no case, however, shall a vessel have less than 48 hours to effect the move.

(1195) (8) ODFW will normally notify the Captain of the Port four days in advance of any commercial drift fishing season. Once notified, the Captain of the Port will inform the Portland Steamship Operators Association (PSOA) via the Merchant's Exchange and will notify the Columbia River and Bar Pilots.

§110.229 Straits of Juan de Fuca, Wash.

(1196) (a) Anchorage grounds–(1) Nonanchorage area (Port Angeles Harbor). Beginning at a point on the shore at

(1197) 48°07'04.5"N., 123°24'15.6"W.; thence to

(1198) 48°07'39.1"N., 123°24'00"W.; thence to

(1199) 48°07'36.7"N., 123°23'46"W.; thence to a point on the shoreline at

(1200) 48°06'57.4"N., 123°24'04"W.

(1201) (b) The regulations. (1) No vessel may anchor in this nonanchorage area at any time.

(1202) (2) Dragging, seining, fishing, or other activities which may foul underwater installations within this nonanchorage area are prohibited.

(1203) (3) Vessels may transit this nonanchorage area, but must proceed by the most direct route and without unnecessary delay.

(1204) (4) The city of Port Angeles will mark this area with signs on the shoreline visible (during normal daylight) 1 mile to seaward reading "Do Not Anchor in This Area."

§110.230 Puget Sound Area, Wash.

(1205) (a) The anchorage grounds–(1) Freshwater Bay emergency explosives anchorage, Strait of Juan de Fuca. All of Freshwater Bay and adjacent waters shoreward of a line beginning at Observatory Point,

(1206) 48°09'03", 123°38'12", thence due north approximately 1,150 yards to

(1207) 48°09'36", 123°38'12"; thence 090°, approximately 6,450 yards, to

(1208) 48°09'36", 123°33'27"; thence 180° to the shoreline.

(1209) (i) This area does not constitute an explosives anchorage for loading or discharging explosives, but is established exclusively for use by explosives laden vessels enroute to the ammunition dumping area which encounter adverse weather and sea conditions and are forced to await more favorable conditions before proceeding to sea.

(1210) (1–a) Bellingham Bay general anchorage. The waters of Bellingham Bay within a circular area with a radius of 2,000 yards, having its center at

(1211) 48°44'15", 122°32'25".

(1212) (1–b) Bellingham Bay explosives anchorage. The waters of Bellingham Bay within a circular area with a radius of 1,000 yards, having its center at

(1213) 48°42'48", 122°33'37".

(1214) (2) Port Townsend explosives anchorages–(i) Fair weather anchorage area. A circular area having a radius of 300 yards, whose center is at

(1215) 48°06'26", 122°43'46".

(1216) (ii) Foul weather anchorage area. A circular area having a radius of 300 yards, whose center is at

(1217) 48°04'05", 122°44'52".

(1218) (3) Holmes Harbor general anchorage. All of Holmes Harbor lying southerly of a line ranging 310° through Baby (Hackney) Island, between the shores of Whidbey Island.

(1219) (4) Port Gardner general anchorage, Possession Sound. Beginning at a point bearing 211°, 560 yards, from Snohomish River Light 5; thence 180°, 675 yards; thence 216°, 250 yards; thence 254°, 800 yards; thence 302°, 1,700 yards; thence 49°, 1,280 yards; thence approximately 115°, 1,525 yards, to the point of beginning.

(1220) (5) (Reserved)

(1221) (6) Thorndike Bay emergency explosives anchorage, Hood Canal. Beginning at a point bearing 267°, 3,500 yards, from Hood Canal Light 7; thence 180° 1,000 yards, to a point approximately 251°, 3,725 yards, from Hood Canal Light 7; thence 270°, 1,350 yards, to a point approximately 256°, 5,000 yards, from Hood Canal Light 7; thence due north 1,000 yards, to a point approximately 268°, 4,900 yards, from Hood Canal Light 7; thence approximately 090°, 1,350 yards, to the point of beginning.

(1222) (7) Smith Cove general anchorage (west), Elliott Bay. Shoreward of a line beginning at Fourmile Rock Light; thence to a point bearing 207°, 1,100 yards, from Fourmile Rock Light; thence southeasterly to point bearing 006°30', 2,075 yards, from Duwamish Head Light 2; thence due north to the shore of Smith Cove.

(1223) (8) Smith Cove General Anchorage (east) Elliott Bay. Shoreward of a line beginning at

(1224) 47°37'36.3"N., 122°22'38"W.; thence due south 1,350 yards to

(1225) 47°36'56.6"N., 122°22'38"W.; thence due east to the shore at

(1226) 47°36'56.6"N., 122°21'18.8"W.

(1227) (9) Eliott Bay General Anchorage (east). Shoreward of a line beginning at the northeast corner of Harbor Island at

(1228) 47°35'26.2"N., 122°20'41"W.; thence due north 1,025 yards to

(1229) 47°35'56.5"N., 122°20'41"W.; thence due west on said line to its intersection with the east line of the West Waterway at

(1230) 47°35'56.5"N., 120°21'25.5"W; thence due south to the northwest corner of Harbor Island at

(1231) 47°35'17.3"N., 122°21'25.5"W.

(1232) (10) Elliott Bay General Anchorage (west). Shoreward of a line beginning at

(1233) 47°35'06.7"N., 122°21'36.8"W.; thence due north to

(1234) 47°35'46"N., 122°21'36.8"W.; thence on a bearing 335° T for 400 yards to

(1235) 47°35'56.5"N., 122°21'44"W.; thence due west to Duwamish Head Light; thence due south to the shoreline.

(1236) (11) Orchard Point general anchorage, Puget Sound. Beginning at Orchard Point Light; thence 106°, two miles; thence 180° to the northern shore of Blake Island; thence west and south along the shoreline to the southern end of Blake Island at approximate longitude 122°29'16"; thence 250° to the dock at Harper; thence westerly and northerly along the shoreline to the point of beginning.

(1237) (12) (Reserved)

(1238) (13) Commencement Bay general anchorage. A quadrilateral area bounded as follows: Beginning at

(1239) 47°17'37"N., 122°26'00"W.; thence due south to

(1240) 47°17'19"N., 122°26'00"W.; thence due east to a point bearing 286°T from Hylebos Waterway Light 1 at a distance of 450 yards; thence due north to

(1241) 47°17'33"N., 122°25'00"W.; thence west northwest to the point of beginning.

(1242) (14) Cherry Point general anchorage. The waters within a circular area with a radius of 0.8 nautical mile, having its center at

(1243) 48°48'30"N., 122°46'00"W.

(1244) (b) The regulations. (1) No vessel shall anchor in any general anchorage described in Paragraph (a) of this section without prior permission from the Captain of the Port, or his authorized representative. No vessel shall occupy any general anchorage for a period longer than 30 days unless a permit is obtained from the Captain of the Port for that purpose. No vessel in a condition such that it is likely to sink or otherwise become a menace or obstruction to the navigation or anchorage of other vessels shall occupy a general anchorage except in an emergency and then only for such period as may be permitted by the Captain of the Port. A berth in a general anchorage, if available, may be assigned to any vessel by the Captain of the Port upon application and he may grant revocable permits for the continuous use of the same berth.

(1245) (2) Explosive anchorages are reserved for vessels carrying explosives. All vessels carrying explosives shall be within these areas when anchored.

(1246) (3) Whenever any vessel not fitted with mechanical power, anchors in an explosive anchorage, the Captain of the Port may require the attendance of a tug upon such vessel, when, in his judgment, such action is necessary.

(1247) (4) Vessels carrying explosives shall comply with the general regulations in Paragraph (b)(1) of this section, when applicable.

(1248) (5) Every vessel at anchor in an explosives anchorage shall display by day a red flag at least 16 square feet in area at its mast head or at least 10 feet above the upper deck if the vessel has no mast, and by night a red light in the same position specified for the flag. These signals shall be in addition to day signals and lights required to be shown by all vessels when at anchor.

(1249) (6) Every vessel constructed of wood shall, unless there are steel bulwarks or metallic cases or cargo on board, be fitted with radar reflector screens of metal of sufficient size to permit target indication on the radar screen of commercial type radars.

(1250) (7) Fishing and navigation by pleasure and commercial craft are prohibited within the area at all times when vessels which are anchored in the area for the purpose of loading or unloading explosives display a red flag by day and a red light by night, unless special permission is granted by the Captain of the Port.

(1251) (8) No explosives handling in any explosive anchorage will be undertaken by any vessel unless personnel from the Captain of the Port are on board to supervise the handling of explosives.

(1252) (9) No vessel shall remain at anchor in any explosive anchorage unless there is on board such vessel a competent watchman or a tug in attendance.

§110.235 Pacific Ocean (Mamala Bay), Honolulu Harbor, Hawaii (Datum: NAD 83).

(1253) (a) The anchorage grounds–(1) Anchorage A. The waters bounded by the arc of a circle with a radius of 350 yards with the center located at:

(1254) 21°16'57"N., 157°53'12"W.

(1255) (2) Anchorage B. The waters bounded by a line connecting the following coordinates:

(1256) 21°17'06"N., 157°54'40"W.; to

(1257) 21°17'22"N., 157°54'40"W.; to

(1258) 21°17'22"N., 157°54'19"W., to

(1259) 21°17'06"N., 157°54'19"W., and thence to

(1260) 21°17'06"N., 157°54'40"W.

(1261) (3) Anchorage C. The waters bounded by the arc of a circle with a radius of 450 yards with the center located at:

(1262) 21°17'09"N., 157°54'55"W.

(1263) (4) Anchorage D. The waters bounded by the arc of a circle with a radius of 450 yards with the center located at:

(1264) 21°17'21"N., 157°55'20"W.

(1265) (b) The regulations. (1) Anchors must be placed inside the anchorage areas.

(1266) (2) The anchorages are general anchorages for commercial vessels. Anchorage A should be use only if Anchorages B, C, and D are full.

(1267) (3) No bunkering operations or vessel to vessel transfer of oil in bulk of any kind is permitted within Anchorage A.

(1268) (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed as relieving the owner or person in charge of any vessel from complying with the rules of navigation and with safe navigation practice.

(1269) (c) Before entering into the anchorage grounds in this section you must first obtain permission from the Captain of the Port Honolulu.

§110.236 Pacific Ocean Off Barbers Point, Island of Oahu, Hawaii: Offshore pipeline terminal anchorages.

(1270) (a) *The anchorage ground*–(1) *Anchorage A*. The waters within an area described as follows: A circle of 1,000 feet radius centered at 21°17'43.6"N., 158°07'36.1"W. (Datum NAD 83)

(1271) (2) *Nonanchorage area A*. The waters extending 300 feet on either side of a line bearing 059° from anchorage A to the shoreline at 21°18'10.6"N., 158°06'47.1"W. (Datum NAD 83)

(1272) (3) *Anchorage B*. The waters enclosed by a line beginning at

(1273) 21°16'20.1"N., 158°04'59.1"W.; thence to

(1274) 21°15'52.5"N., 158°05'07.0"W.; thence to

(1275) 21°15'59.7"N., 158°05'35.9"W.; thence to

(1276) 21°16'27.4"N., 158°05'28.0"W.; thence to the point of beginning. (Datum NAD 83)

(1277) (4) *Nonanchorage area B*. The waters extending 300 feet on either side of a line bearing 334.5° from anchorage B to the shoreline at

(1278) 21°17'39.1"N., 158°06'03.2"W. (Datum NAD 83)

(1279) (5) *Anchorage C*. The waters enclosed by a line beginning at

(1280) 21°16'46.6"N., 158°04'29.1"W.; thence to

(1281) 21°16'46.6"N., 158°04'02.1"W.; thence to

(1282) 21°16'32.6"N., 158°04'02.1"W.; thence to

(1283) 21°16'32.6"N., 158°04'29.1"W.; thence to the point of beginning. (Datum NAD 83)

(1284) (6) *Nonanchorage area C*. The waters extending 300 feet on either side of a line bearing 306° from anchorage C to the shoreline at

(1285) 21°17'42.6"N., 158°05'57.9"W. (Datum NAD 83)

(1286) (7) *Anchorage D*. The waters enclosed by a line beginning at

(1287) 21°17'48.6"N., 158°07'10.1"W.; thence to

(1288) 21°17'44.6"N., 158°07'06.1"W.; thence to

(1289) 21°17'37.6"N., 158°07'14.1"W.; thence to

(1290) 21°17'41.6"N., 158°07'18.1"W.; thence to the point of beginning. (Datum NAD 83)

(1291) (b) The regulations.–(1) No vessels may anchor, moor, or navigate in anchorages A, B, C, or D except–

(1292) (i) Vessels using the anchorages and their related pipelines for loading or unloading;

(1293) (ii) Commercial tugs, lighters, barges, launches, or other vessels engaged in servicing the anchorage facilities or vessels using them.

(1294) (iii) Public vessels of the United States.

(1295) (2) When vessels are conducting loading or unloading operations as indicated by the display of a red flag (international code flag B) at the masthead, passing vessels of over 100 gross tons shall not approach within 1,000 yards at a speed in excess of 6 knots.

(1296) (3) The owner of any vessel wanting to use an anchorage ground and use of the related pipeline facilities shall notify the captain of the port, Honolulu, Hawaii, and the Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Air Station, Barbers Point, Hawaii, at least 24 hours in advance of desired occupancy of the anchorage ground by the vessel. Such notification must include the maximum height above the waterline of the uppermost portion of the vessel's mast and a description of the masts' lighting including height of the highest anchor light and

any aircraft warning lights to be displayed by the vessel at night.

(1297) (4) When, in the opinion of the Captain of the Port, or his authorized representative, oil transfer operations within these anchorages could jeopardize the safety of vessels or facilities in the area, or cause an undue risk of oil pollution, such oil transfer operations shall be immediately terminated until such time as the cognizant Coast Guard officer determines that the danger has subsided.

(1298) (5) Nonanchorage areas A, B, and C are established for the protection of submerged pipelines. Except for vessels servicing pipeline facilities, no anchoring, dragging, seining or other potential pipeline fouling activities are permitted within these areas.

(1299) (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed as relieving the owner or person in charge of any vessel from complying with the rules of the road and safe navigation practice.

(1300) (7) The regulations of this section are enforced by the captain of the port or his duly authorized representative.

§110.237 Pacific Ocean at Waimea, Hawaii, Naval Anchorage.

(1301) (a) The anchorage grounds. All the waters within a circle having a radius of 300 yards centered at 21°56'50.7"N., 159°41'22.9"W. (Datum NAD 83).

(1302) (b) The regulation. Except in an emergency, no vessel except a Naval vessel may anchor or moor in this anchorage without permission of the Captain of the Port, Honolulu, Hawaii.

§110.238 Apra Harbor, Guam.

(1303) (a) The Anchorage grounds (Datum WGS 84). (1) General Anchorage. The waters bounded by a line connecting the following points:

Latitude	Longitude
13°27'32.0"N	144°39'36.8"E
13°27'21.0"N	144°39'22.8"E
13°27'12.5"N	144°37'25.4"E

(1304) and thence along the shoreline to

Latitude	Longitude
13°27'45.5"N	144°39'34.8"E

(1305) and thence to the point of beginning.

(1306) (2) Explosives Anchorage 701. The water in Naval Anchorage A bounded by the arc of a circle with a radius of 350 yards and located at:

Latitude	Longitude
13°26'54.0"N	144°37'53.5"E

(1307) (3) Naval Explosives Anchorage 702. The waters in the General Anchorage bounded by the arc of a circle with a radius of 350 yards and with the center located at:

Latitude	Longitude
13°27'29.9"N	144°38'13.0"E

(1308) (4) Naval Anchorage A. The waters bounded by a line connecting the following points:

Latitude	Longitude
13°26'47.3"N	144°37'42.6"E
13°27'02.0"N	144°37'42.6"E
13°27'10.6"N	144°39'00.8"E
13°26'59.6"N	144°39'00.8"E
13°26'59.6"N	144°39'08.6"E
13°26'54.3"N	144°39'08.6"E
13°26'54.3"N	144°39'24.2"E
13°26'42.2"N	144°39'24.2"E
13°26'40.4"N	144°38'01.8"E

(1309) and thence to the point of beginning.

(1310) (5) Naval Anchorage B. The waters bounded by a line connecting the following points:

Latitude	Longitude
13°26'43.7"N	144°39'53.3"E
13°26'53.6"N	144°40'03.8"E
13°26'51.0"N	144°40'06.0"E
13°26'41.0"N	144°39'56.0"E

(1311) and thence along the shoreline to the point of beginning.

(1312) (b) *The regulations*–(1) *General Anchorage*. Any vessel may anchor in the General Anchorage except vessels carrying more than 25 tons of high explosives.

(1313) (2) *Explosives Anchorage 701*. Vessels carrying more than 25 tons of high explosives must use Anchorage 701, unless otherwise directed by the Captain of the Port.

(1314) (3) *Explosives Anchorage 702*. Except Naval vessels using the anchorage as directed by local Naval authorities, no vessel may anchor so that any part of the hull or rigging, or the anchor tackle may extend into Anchorage 702 at any time.

(1315) (4) *Naval Anchorages A and B*. (i) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(3)(ii) of this section, non-naval vessels may not anchor within these anchorages or use the mooring buoys therein without permission of the

local Naval authorities obtained through the Captain of the Port. (There is a user charge for the use of these mooring buoys.)

(1316) (ii) Small craft that are continuously manned and capable of getting underway may anchor within these anchorages during daylight hours without prior approval of the Captain of the Port.

(1317) (5) *General regulations*. (i) Vessels may use the Naval mooring buoys in the General Anchorage without charge for a period up to 72 hours if authorized by the Captain of the Port. Vessels so moored shall promptly move at their own expense upon notification from the Captain of the Port.

(1318) (ii) Except for vessels not more than 65 feet in length, all vessels shall anchor in an anchorage ground.

(1319) (iii) Vessels anchored in an anchorage ground shall place their anchors within the anchorage ground so that no portion of the hull or rigging at any time extends outside the anchorage ground.

(1320) (iv) No vessel may anchor in the harbor for more than 30 consecutive days without permission of the Captain of the Port.

§110.239 Island of Tinian, CNMI.

(1321) (a) The anchorage grounds (based on 1944 Saipan Datum):

(1322) (1) Explosives Anchorage A. A circular area intersecting the shoreline having a radius of 1,900 yards centered at 14°58'57.0"N., 145°35'40.8"E.

(1323) (2) Explosives Anchorage B. A circular area intersecting the shoreline having radius of 1,900 yards centered at 14°58'15.9"N., 145°35'54.8"E.

(1324) (b) The regulations: Explosives Anchorages A and B; with the exception of explosives laden naval vessels at explosives anchorage A and B, no vessel may anchor within these areas without permission of the Captain of the Port. No vessel of more than 500 gross tons displacement may enter these areas except for the purpose of anchoring in accordance with this section.

Part 117–Drawbridge Operation Regulations

Subpart A–General Requirements

§117.1 Purpose.

(1325) This subpart prescribes general requirements relating to the use and operation of drawbridges across the navigable waters of the United States.

(1326) **Note.**–The primary jurisdiction to regulate drawbridges across the navigable waters of the United States is vested in the Federal Government. Laws, ordinances, regulations, and rules which purport to regulate these bridges and which are not promulgated by the Federal Government have no force and effect.

§117.3 Applicability.

(1327) The provisions of this subpart not in conflict with the provisions of Subpart B apply to each drawbridge.

(1328) **Note.**–For all of the requirements applicable to a drawbridge listed in Subpart B, one must review the requirements in Subpart A and §§117.51 through 117.99 of Subpart B, as well as the requirements in Subpart B applicable to the particular drawbridge in question.

§117.4 Definitions.

(1329) Certain terms used in this part are defined in this section.

(1330) Appurtenance. The term "appurtenance" means an attachment or accessory extending beyond the hull or superstructure that is not an integral part of the vessel and is not needed for a vessel's piloting, propelling, controlling, or collision avoidance capabilities.

(1331) **Lowerable.** The term "lowerable" means the nonstructural vessel appurtenance can be mechanically or manually lowered and raised again. The term "lowerable" also applies to a nonstructural vessel appurtenance which can be modified to make the item flexible, hinged, collapsible, or telescopic such that it can be mechanically or manually lowered and raised again. Failure to make the modification is considered equivalent to refusing to lower a lowerable nonstructural appurtenance that is not essential to navigation. Examples of appurtenances which are considered to be lowerable include, but are not limited to, fishing outriggers, radio antennae, television antennae, false stacks, and masts purely for ornamental purposes. Examples of appurtenances which are not considered to be lowerable include, but are not limited to, radar antennae, flying bridges, sailboat masts, piledriver leads, spud frames on hydraulic dredges, drilling derricks' substructures and buildings, cranes on drilling or construction vessels, or other items of permanent and fixed equipment.

(1332) **Nonstructural**. The term "nonstructural" means that the item is not rigidly fixed to the vessel and is thus susceptible to relocation or alteration.

(1333) **Not essential to navigation**. The term "not essential to navigation" means the nonstructural vessel appurtenance does not adversely affect the vessel's piloting, propulsion, control or collision avoidance capabilities when in the lowered position.

§117.5 When the draw shall open.

(1334) Except as otherwise required by this subpart, drawbridges shall open promptly and fully for the passage of

vessels when a request to open is given in accordance with this subpart.

§117.7 General duties of drawbridge owners and tenders.

(1335) (a) Drawbridge owners and tenders shall operate the draw in accordance with the requirement in this part.

(1336) (b) Except for drawbridges not required to open for the passage of vessels, owners of drawbridges shall ensure that:

(1337) (1) The necessary drawtenders are provided for the safe and prompt opening of the draw;

(1338) (2) The operating machinery of the draw is maintained in a serviceable condition; and

(1339) (3) The draws are operated at sufficient intervals to assure their satisfactory operation.

§117.9 Delaying opening of a draw.

(1340) No person shall unreasonably delay the opening of a draw after the signals required by §117.15 have been given.

(1341) **Note.**–Trains are usually controlled by the block method. That is, the track is divided into blocks or segments of a mile or more in length. When a train is in a block with a drawbridge, the draw may not be able to open until the train has passed out of the block and the yardmaster or other manager has "unlocked" the drawbridge controls. The maximum time permitted for delay is defined in Subpart B for each affected bridge. Land and water traffic should pass over or through the draw as soon as possible in order to prevent unnecessary delays in the opening and closure of the draw.

§117.11 Unnecessary opening of the draw.

(1342) No vessel owner or operator shall –

(1343) (a) Signal a drawbridge to open if the vertical clearance is sufficient to allow the vessel, after all lowerable nonstructural vessel appurtenances that are not essential to navigation have been lowered, to safely pass under the drawbridge in the closed position; or

(1344) (b) Signal a drawbridge to open for any purpose other than to pass through the drawbridge opening.

§117.15 Signals.

(1345) (a) General. (1) The operator of each vessel requesting a drawbridge to open shall signal the drawtender and the drawtender shall acknowledge that signal. The signal shall be repeated until acknowledged in some manner by the drawtender before proceeding.

(1346) (2) The signals used to request the opening of the draw and to acknowledge that request shall be sound signals, visual signals, or radiotelephone communications described in this subpart.

(1347) (3) Any of the means of signaling described in this subpart sufficient to alert the party being signaled may be used.

(1348) (b) Sound signals. (1) Sound signals shall be made by whistle, horn, megaphone, hailer, or other device capable of producing the described signals loud enough to be heard by the drawtender.

(1349) (2) As used in this section, "prolonged blast" means a blast of four to six seconds duration and "short blast" means a blast of approximately one second duration.

(1350) (3) The sound signal to request the opening of a draw is one prolonged blast followed by one short blast sounded not more than three seconds after the prolonged blast. For vessels authorized to be passed through a draw during a scheduled closure period, the sound signal to request the opening of the draw during that period is five short blasts sounded in rapid succession.

(1351) (4) When the draw can be opened immediately, the sound signal to acknowledge a request to open the draw is one prolonged blast followed by one short blast sounded not more than 30 seconds after the requesting signal.

(1352) (5) When the draw cannot be opened immediately, or is open and shall be closed promptly, the sound signal to acknowledge a request to open the draw is five short blasts sounded in rapid succession not more than 30 seconds after the vessel's opening signal. The signal shall be repeated until acknowledged in some manner by the requesting vessel.

(1353) (c) Visual signals. (1) The visual signal to request the opening of a draw is–

(1354) (i) A white flag raised and lowered vertically; or

(1355) (ii) A white, amber, or green light raised and lowered vertically.

(1356) (2) When the draw can be opened immediately, the visual signal to acknowledge a request to open the draw, given not more than 30 seconds after the vessel's opening signal, is–

(1357) (i) A white flag raised and lowered vertically;

(1358) (ii) A white, amber, or green light raised and lowered vertically, or

(1359) (iii) A fixed or flashing white, amber, or green light or lights.

(1360) (3) When the draw cannot be opened immediately, or is open and must be closed promptly, the visual signal to acknowledge a request to open the draw is–

(1361) (i) A red flag or red light swung back and forth horizontally in full sight of the vessel given not more than 30 seconds after the vessel's opening signal; or

(1362) (ii) A fixed or flashing red light or lights given not more than 30 seconds after the vessel's opening signal.

(1363) (4) The acknowledging signal when the draw cannot open immediately or is open and must be closed

promptly shall be repeated until acknowledged in some manner by the requesting vessel.

(1364) (d) Radiotelephone communications. (1) Radiotelephones may be used to communicate the same information provided by sound and visual signals.

(1365) **NOTE**: Call signs and radio channels for drawbridges equipped with radiotelephones are included with the bridge descriptions in chapters 4 through 14.

(1366) (2) The vessel and the drawtender shall monitor the frequency used until the vessel has cleared the draw.

(1367) (3) When radiotelephone contact cannot be initiated or maintained, sound or visual signals under this section shall be used.

§117.17 Signaling for contiguous drawbridges.

(1368) When a vessel must pass two or more drawbridges close together, the opening signal is given for the first bridge. After acknowledgment from the first bridge that it will promptly open, the opening signal is given for the second bridge, and so on until all bridges that the vessel must pass have been given the opening signal and have acknowledged that they will open promptly.

§117.19 Signaling when two or more vessels are approaching a drawbridge.

(1369) When two or more vessels are approaching the same drawbridge at the same time, or nearly the same time, whether from the same or opposite directions, each vessel shall signal independently for the opening of the draw and the drawtender shall reply in turn to the signal of each vessel. The drawtender need not reply to signals by vessels accumulated at the bridge for passage during a scheduled open period.

§117.21 Signaling for an opened drawbridge.

(1370) When a vessel approaches a drawbridge with the draw in the open position, the vessel shall give the opening signal. If no acknowledgment is received within 30 seconds, the vessel may proceed, with caution, through the open draw.

§117.23 Installation of radiotelephones.

(1371) (a) When the District Commander deems it necessary for reasons of safety of navigation, the District Commander may require the installation and operation of a radiotelephone on or near a drawbridge.

(1372) (b) The District Commander gives written notice of the proposed requirement to the bridge owner.

(1373) (c) All comments the owner wishes to submit shall be submitted to the District Commander within 30 days of receipt of the notice under Paragraph (b) of this section.

(1374) (d) If, upon consideration of the comments received, the District Commander determines that a radiotelephone is necessary, the District Commander notifies the bridge owner that a radiotelephone shall be installed and gives a reasonable time, not to exceed six months, to install the radiotelephone and commence operation.

§117.24 Radiotelephone installation identification.

(1375) (a) The Coast Guard authorizes, and the District Commander may require the installation of a sign on drawbridges, on the upstream and downstream sides, indicating that the bridge is equipped with and operates a VHF radiotelephone in accordance with §117.23.

(1376) (b) The sign shall give notice of the radiotelephone and its calling and working channels-

(1377) (1) In plain language; or

(1378) (2) By a sign consisting of the outline of a telephone handset with the long axis placed horizontally and a vertical three-legged lightning slash superimposed over the handset. The slash shall be as long vertically as the handset is wide horizontally and normally not less than 27 inches and no more than 36 inches long. The preferred calling channel should be shown in the lower left quadrant and the preferred working channel should be shown in the lower right quadrant.

§117.31 Operation of draw for emergency situations.

(1379) (a) When a drawtender is informed by a reliable source that an emergency vehicle is due to cross the draw, the drawtender shall take all reasonable measures to have the draw closed at the time the emergency vehicle arrives at the bridge.

(1380) (b) When a drawtender receives notice, or a proper signal as provided in §117.15 of this part, the drawtender shall take all reasonable measures to have the draw opened, regardless of the operating schedule of the draw, for passage of the following, provided this opening does not conflict with local emergency management procedures which have been approved by the cognizant Coast Guard Captain of the Port:

(1381) (1) Federal, State, and local government vessels used for public safety;

(1382) (2) vessels in distress where a delay would endanger life or property;

(1383) (3) commercial vessels engaged in rescue or emergency salvage operations; and

(1384) (4) vessels seeking shelter from severe weather.

§117.33 Closure of draw for natural disasters or civil disorders.

(1385) Drawbridges need not open for the passage of vessels during periods of natural disasters or civil disorders

declared by the appropriate authorities unless otherwise provided for in Subpart B or directed to do so by the District Commander.

§117.35 Operations during repair or maintenance.

(1386) (a) When operation of the draw must deviate from the regulations in this part for scheduled repair or maintenance work, the drawbridge owner shall request approval from the District Commander at least 30 days before the date of the intended change. The request shall include a brief description of the nature of the work to be performed and the times and dates of requested changes. The District Commander's decision is forwarded to the applicant within five working days of the receipt of the request. If the request is denied, the reasons for the denial are forwarded with the decision.

(1387) (b) When the draw is rendered inoperative because of damage to the structure or when vital, unscheduled repair or maintenance work shall be performed without delay, the drawbridge owner shall immediately notify the District Commander and give the reasons why the draw is or should be rendered inoperative and the expected date of completion of the repair or maintenance work.

(1388) (c) All repair or maintenance work under this section shall be performed with all due speed in order to return the draw to operation as soon as possible.

(1389) (d) If the operation of the draw will be affected for periods of less than 60 days, the regulations in this part will not be amended. Where practicable, the District Commander publishes notice of temporary deviations from the regulations in this part in the Federal Register and Local Notices to Mariners. If operation of the draw is expected to be affected for more than 60 days, the District Commander publishes temporary regulations covering the repair period.

§117.37 Opening or closure of draw for public interest concerns.

(1390) (a) For reasons of public health or safety or for public functions, such as street parades and marine regattas, the District Commander may authorize the opening or closure of a drawbridge for a specified period of time.

(1391) (b) Requests for opening or closure of a draw shall be submitted to the District Commander at least 30 days before the proposed opening or closure and include a brief description of the proposed event or other reason for the request, the reason why the opening or closure is required, and the times and dates of the period the draw is to remain open or closed.

(1392) (c) Approval by the District Commander depends on the necessity for the opening or closure, the reasonableness of the times and dates, and the overall effect on navigation and users of the bridge.

§117.39 Closure of draw due to infrequent use.

(1393) Upon written request by the owner or operator of a drawbridge, the District Commander may, after notice in the Federal Register and opportunity for public comment, permit the draw to be closed and untended due to infrequency of use of the draw by vessels. The District Commander may condition approval on the continued maintenance of the operating machinery.

§117.41 Maintenance of draw in fully open position.

(1394) The draw may be maintained in the fully open position to permit the passage of vessels and drawtender service discontinued if the District Commander is notified in advance. The draw shall remain in the fully open position until drawtender service is restored or authorization under §117.39 is given for the draw to remain closed and untended.

§117.43 Changes in draw operation requirements for regulatory purposes.

(1395) In order to evaluate suggested changes to the drawbridge operation requirements, the District Commander may authorize temporary deviations from the regulations in this part for periods not to exceed 90 days. Notice of these deviations is disseminated in the Local Notices to Mariners and published in the Federal Register.

§117.45 Operation during winter in the Great Lakes area.

(1396) (a) The Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District, may determine that drawbridges located in the Ninth Coast Guard District need not open during the winter season when general navigation is curtailed, unless a request to open the draw is given at least 12 hours before the time of the intended passage.

(1397) (b) Notice of these determinations is disseminated in Local Notices to Mariners and other appropriate media. Notices indicate–

(1398) (1) The name and location of the bridge affected;

(1399) (2) The period of time covered; and

(1400) (3) The telephone number and address of the party to whom requests for openings are given.

§117.47 Clearance gauges.

(1401) (a) Clearance gauges are required for drawbridges across navigable waters of the United States discharging into the Atlantic Ocean south of Delaware Bay (including the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal, DE) or into the Gulf of Mexico (including coastal waterways contiguous thereto and tributaries to such waterways and the

Lower Atchafalaya River, LA), except the Mississippi River and its tributaries and outlets.

(1402) (b) Except for provisions in this part which specify otherwise for particular drawbridges, clearance gauges shall be designed, installed, and maintained according to the provisions of 33 CFR 118.160 (not carried in this Coast Pilot).

(1403) **Note.**–Clearance gauge requirements, if any, for drawbridges other than those referred to in this section are listed in Subpart B under the appropriate bridge.

§117.49 Process of violations.

(1404) (a) Complaints of alleged violations under this part are submitted to the District Commander of the Coast Guard District in which the drawbridge is located.

(1405) (b) Penalties for violations under this part are assessed and collected under Subpart 1.07 of Part 1 of this chapter (not published in this Coast Pilot; see 33 CFR 1.07).

Subpart B–Specific Requirements

§117.51 Purpose.

(1406) This subpart prescribes specific requirements relating to the operation of certain drawbridges.

(1407) **Note.**–The drawbridges under this subpart are listed by the waterway they cross and by the state in which they are located. Waterways are arranged alphabetically by state. The drawbridges listed under a waterway are generally arranged in order from the mouth of the waterway moving upstream. The drawbridges on the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway are listed from north to south and on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway from east to west.

§117.53 Applicability.

(1408) (a) The requirements in this subpart apply to the bridges listed and are in addition to, or vary from, the general requirements in Subpart A.

(1409) (b) A requirement in this subpart which varies from a general requirement in Subpart A supersedes the general requirement.

(1410) (c) All other general requirements in Subpart A not at variance apply to the bridges listed in this subpart.

(1411) (d) The draws of a number of the bridges listed in this subpart need not open for the passage of vessels during certain periods, however, this does not preclude the bridge owner from directing the drawtender to open the draw during these periods.

(1412) §117.55 Posting of requirements.

(1413) (a) The owner of each drawbridge under this subpart, other than removable span bridges, shall ensure that a sign summarizing the requirements in this subpart applicable to the bridge is posted both upstream and downstream of the bridge. The requirements to be posted need not include those in Subpart A or §§117.51 through 117.99.

(1414) (b) The signs shall be of sufficient size and so located as to be easily read at any time from an approaching vessel.

(1415) (c) If advance notice is required to open the draw, the signs shall also state the name, address, and telephone number of the person to be notified.

§117.57 Advance notice.

(1416) Owners and tenders of drawbridges requiring advance notice to open shall use all reasonable means to open the draw at the requested time and give due regard to the possibility that a brief delay may be experienced by the vessel giving the advance notice.

§117.59 Special requirements due to hazards.

(1417) For the duration of occurrences hazardous to safety or navigation, such as floods, freshets, and damage to the bridge or fender system, the District Commander may require the owner of an operational drawbridge listed in this subpart to have the bridge attended full time and open on signal.

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§117.140 General.

(1418) In California, when fog prevails by day or night, the drawtender, after sounding the opening signal, shall toll a bell continuously during the approach and passage of a vessel.

§117.141 American River.

(1419) The draw of the Jiboom Street bridge, mile 0.1 at Sacramento, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

§117.143 Bishop Cut.

(1420) The draw of the San Joaquin County highway bridge, mile 1.0 between King Island and Bishop Tract, shall open on signal if at least 12 hours notice is given to the San Joaquin County Department of Public Works at Stockton.

§117.145 Burns Cutoff.

(1421) The draw of the Daggett Road bridge, mile 3.0 at Stockton, shall open on signal if at least 48 hours notice is given to the U.S. Naval Communications Station at Stockton.

§117.147 Cerritos Channel.

(1422) (a) The draw of the Commodore Schuyler F. Heim highway bridge, mile 4.9 at Long Beach, shall open on signal; except that, from 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday except Federal holidays, the draws need not be opened for the passage of vessels. The opening signal for the Commodore Schuyler Heim bridge is three prolonged blasts. The acknowledging signal is two prolonged blasts followed by one short blast when the draw will open immediately and five short blasts when the draw will not open immediately. Channel 13 (156.65 MHz) or other assigned frequencies may be used.

(1423) (b) The draw of the Henry Ford Avenue railroad bridge, mile 4.8 at Long Beach, shall be maintained in the fully open position except when a train is crossing or for maintenance. If the draw is in the closed position, the opening signal is two short blasts followed by one prolonged blast. The acknowledging signal is two prolonged blasts followed by one short blast when the draw will open immediately and five short blasts when the draw will not open immediately. Channel 13 (156.65 MHz) or other assigned frequencies may be used.

§117.149 China Basin, Mission Creek.

(1424) The draws of the 3rd Street bridge, mile 0.0, and the 4th Street bridge, mile 0.2, both at San Francisco, shall open on signal if at least one hour notice is given.

§117.150 Connection Slough.

(1425) The draw of the Reclamation District No. 2027 bridge between Mandeville and Bacon Islands, mile 2.5 near Stockton, shall open on signal from May 1 through October 31 from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., and from November 1 through April 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. At all other times, the draw shall open on signal if at least four hours notice is given to the drawtender during regular operating hours, or to the Rio Vista bridge across the Sacramento River, mile 12.8. The draw shall open on signal if at least one hour notice is given for emergency vessels owned, operated or controlled by the United States or the State of California, for commercial vessels engaged in rescue or emergency salvage operations, or for vessels in distress.

§117.151 Cordelia Slough (a tributary of Suisun Bay).

(1426) The draw of the Union Pacific railroad bridge, mile 1.5 at Suisun, shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given.

§117.153 Corte Madera Creek.

(1427) The draw of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District bridge, mile 0.5 near Greenbrae, shall be maintained in the fully open position, except for the crossing of trains or for maintenance.

§117.157 Georgiana Slough.

(1428) The draws of the Sacramento County highway bridges, mile 4.5 near Isleton, and mile 12.4 near Walnut Grove, shall open on signal from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. from May 1 through October 31. The draws shall open on signal from November 1 through April 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. At all other times, the draws of these bridges shall open on signal if at least four hours notice is given to the drawtender at the Rio Vista bridge across the Sacramento River, mile 12.8.

§117.159 Grant Line Canal.

(1429) The draw of the San Joaquin County highway bridge, mile 5.5 at Tracy, shall open on signal if at least 12 hours notice is given to the San Joaquin County Department of Public Works at Stockton.

§117.161 Honker Cut.

(1430) The draw of the San Joaquin County (Eightmile Road) bridge, mile 0.3 between Empire Tract and King Island at Stockton, shall open on signal if at least 12 hours notice is given to the San Joaquin County Department of Public Works at Stockton.

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§117.T164 Islais Creek.

(1431) The Third Street Drawbridge, Isalis Creek mile (0.4), at San Francisco, California need not open for vessels from 12:01 a.m., September 3, 2003 until 12:01 a.m., September 2, 2004.

§117.165 Lindsey Slough.

(1432) The center span of the Hastings Farms highway bridge, mile 2.0 between Egbert and Lower Hastings Tracts, shall be removed for the passage of maintenance vessels if at least 72 hours notice is given to the Hastings Island Land Company office at Rio Vista.

§117.167 Little Potato Slough.

(1433) The draw of the California Department of Transportation highway bridge, mile 0.1 at Terminus, shall open on signal if at least 4 hours notice is given to the drawtender at the Rio Vista bridge across the Sacramento River, mile 12.8.

§117.169 Mare Island Strait and the Napa River.

(1434) (a) The draw of the Mare Island Drawbridge, mile 2.8, at Vallejo shall open on signal between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily, and upon two hours advance notice all other times. When the drawbridge operator is present, mariners may contact the drawbridge via marine radio or telephone at 707-648-4313 for drawspan operation. When the drawbridge operator is not present, mariners may contact the City of Vallejo via the same telephone number to schedule drawspan operation.

(1435) (b) The draw of the Northwestern Pacific railroad bridge, mile 10.6 at Brazos, shall be maintained in the fully open position, except for the crossing of trains or for maintenance. When the draw is closed and visibility at the drawtender's station is less than one mile, up or down the channel, the drawtender shall sound two prolonged blasts every minute. When the draw is opened, the drawtender shall sound three short blasts.

(1436) (c) The draw of the Maxwell highway bridge, mile 17.6 near Imola, shall open on signal if at least 72 hours notice is given to the California Department of Transportation office at Napa.

§117.171 Middle River.

(1437) (a) The draw of the San Joaquin County (Bacon Island Road) highway bridge, mile 8.6 between Bacon Island and Lower Jones Tract, shall open on signal from May 15 through September 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. From September 16 through May 14, the draw shall open on signal from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Thursday through Monday. At all other times, the draw shall open on signal if at least 12 hours notice is given to the San Joaquin County Department of Public Works at Stockton.

(1438) (b) The draw of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad bridge, mile 9.8 near Middle River Station, shall open on signal if at least 12 hours notice is given to the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Manager of Structures at San Bernardino.

(1439) (c) The California Route 4 Bridge, mile 15.1, between Victoria Island and Drexler Tract need not open for the passage of vessels.

§117.173 Miner Slough.

(1440) The draw of the California Department of Transportation highway bridge, mile 5.5 between the northerly end of Ryer Island and Holland Tract, shall open on signal if at least 12 hours notice is given to the drawtender at the Rio Vista bridge across the Sacramento River, mile 12.8.

§117.175 Mokelumne River.

(1441) (a) The draw of the California Department of Transportation highway bridge, the Mokelumne River Bridge, mile 3.0, at East Isleton shall open upon signal as follows:

(1442) (1) From November 1 through April 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(1443) (2) From May 1 through October 31 from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., except that during the following periods the draw need only open for recreational vessels on the hour, 20 minutes past the hour, and 40 minutes past the hour:

(1444) Saturdays 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

(1445) Sundays 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.

(1446) Memorial Day; 4th of July and

(1447) Labor Day 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.

(1448) (3) At all other times the draw shall open on signal if at least 4 hours notice is given to the drawtender at Rio Vista bridge over the Sacramento River, mile 12.8.

(1449) (4) Emergency vessels of the United States, state or commercial vessels engaged in rescue or emergency salvage operations, and vessels in distress shall be passed as soon as possible but no later than one hour after notice is given.

(1450) (b) The draw of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Counties (Millers Ferry) highway bridge, mile 12.1 over the North Fork of the Mokelumne River near Walnut Grove, shall open on signal from May 1 through October 31 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. At all other times, the draw shall open on signal if at least 12 hours notice is given to the San Joaquin County Department of Public Works at Stockton.

(1451) (c) The removable span of the San Joaquin County highway bridge over the South Fork of the Mokelumne River, mile 18.0 at New Hope Landing, shall be removed as soon as possible upon notification by the District Commander that an emergency exists which requires the removal.

(1452) (d) The draws of the bridges above New Hope Landing need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

§117.177 Mud Slough.

(1453) The draw of the Union Pacific railroad bridge, mile 0.7 near Alviso, shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given.

§117.179 Newark Slough.

(1454) The draw of the San Mateo County Transportation Department railroad bridge, mile 0.5 near Newark, shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given to the San Mateo Transportation Department, at San Carlos.

§117.181 Oakland Inner Harbor Tidal Canal.

(1455) The draws of the Alameda County highway drawbridges at Park Street, mile 5.2; Fruitvale Avenue, mile 5.6; and High Street, mile 6.0; and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers railroad drawbridge, mile 5.6 at Fruitvale Avenue, shall open on signal; except that, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday except Federal holidays, the draws need not be opened for the passage of vessels. However, the draws shall open during the above closed periods for vessels which must, for reasons of safety, move on a tide or slack water, if at least two hours notice is given. The draws shall open as soon as possible for vessels in distress and emergency vessels, including commercial vessel engaged in rescue or emergency salvage operations.

§117.183 Old River.

(1456) The draw of the California Department of Transportation (Route 4) highway bridge, mile 14.8 between Victoria Island and Byron Tract, shall open on signal from May 1 through October 31 from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and from November 1 through April 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. At all other times, the draw shall open on signal if at least four hours notice is given to the drawtender at the Rio Vista bridge across the Sacramento River, mile 12.8.

§117.185 Pacheco Creek.

(1457) The draw of the Contra Costa County highway bridge, mile 1.0, and Union Pacific railroad bridge, mile 1.1, both near Martinez, shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given.

§117.187 Petaluma River.

(1458) (a) The draws of the Northwestern Pacific railroad bridges, mile 0.8 at Blackpoint and mile 12.4 at Haystack Landing, shall be maintained in the fully open position, except for the crossing of trains or for maintenance. When the draw is closed and visibility from the drawtender's station is less than one mile up or down the channel, the drawtender shall sound two long blasts every minute. When the draw is reopened, the drawtender shall sound three short blasts.

(1459) (b) The draw of the Petaluma highway bridge at "D" Street, mile 13.7 at Petaluma, shall open on signal if at least four hours notice is given for openings from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and if at least 24 hours notice is given for openings from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. The draw shall open as soon as possible for vessels in distress and vessels, including commercial vessels, engaged in rescue or emergency salvage operations.

§117.189 Sacramento River.

(1460) (a) The draws of each bridge from Isleton to American River junction shall open on signal from May 1 through October 31 from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and from November 1 through April 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. At all other times, the draws shall open on signal if at least four hours notice is given to the drawtender at the Rio Vista bridge across the Sacramento River, mile 12.8.

(1461) (b) The draws of the California Department of Transportation bridges, mile 90.1 at Knights Landing, and Mile 135.5 at Meridian, shall open on signal if at least 12 hours notice is given to the California Department of Transportation at Marysville.

(1462) (c) The draws of the bridges above Meridian need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

§117.191 San Joaquin River.

(1463) (a) The draw of the Port of Stockton railroad bridge, mile 39.7 at Stockton, shall open on signal if at least 12 hours notice is given to the Port Director.

(1464) (b) The draws of the U.S. Navy drawbridge, mile 39.8, Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad bridge, mile 40.6, and California Highway 4 bridge (Garwood Bridge), mile 41.6, need not be opened for the passage of vessels. The owners or agencies controlling the bridges shall restore the draws to full operation within six months of notification to take such action from the District Commander.

(1465) (c) Drawbridges above the Old River junction need not open for the passage of vessels.

§117.193 San Leandro Bay.

(1466) The draws of the California Department of Transportation highway bridge, mile 0.0 (kilometer 0.0) and the City of Alameda bicycle bridge, mile 0.1 (kilometer 0.2) between Alameda and Bay Farm Island, shall open on signal; except that, from 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., the draws shall open on signal if at least 12 hours notice is given. Notice shall be given to the drawtender of the Bay Farm Island bridges from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and to the drawtender of the Park Street bridge at Alameda at all other times. The draws need not be opened for the passage of vessels from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

§117.195 Snodgrass Slough.

(1467) The draw of the Sacramento County bridge, mile 4.4 at Walnut Grove, shall open on signal if at least 72 hours notice is given to Sacramento County Transportation Operations and Maintenance office at Sacramento. The draw shall open as soon as possible for vessels in distress, and vessels, including commercial vessels, engaged in rescue or emergency salvage operations or emergency flood control efforts.

§117.197 Sonoma Creek.

(1468) The draw of the Northwestern Pacific railroad bridge, mile 5.4 at Wingo, shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given.

§117.199 Steamboat Slough.

(1469) The draw of the California Department of Transportation highway bridge, mile 11.2 at the head of Grand Island, shall open on signal from May 1 through October 31 from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. At all other times, the draw shall open on signal if at least four hours notice is given to the drawtender at the Rio Vista bridge across the Sacramento River, mile 12.8.

§117.201 Sutter Slough.

(1470) The draw of the Sacramento County highway bridge, mile 6.4 near Courtland, need not be opened for the passage of vessels. However, the draw shall be returned to operable condition within six months after notification by the District Commander to do so.

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§117.381 Clearwater River.

(1471) The draws of the Camas Prairie railroad bridge, mile 0.6 at Lewiston, shall open on signal if at least three hours notice is given to the Camas Prairie Railroad in Lewiston.

§117.383 Pend Oreille River.

(1472) The draw of the Burlington Northern railroad bridge, mile 111.3 near Sandpoint, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

§117.385 Snake River.

(1473) The drawspan of the U.S. 12 bridge, mile 140.0, between Lewiston, Idaho, and Clarkston, Washington, operates as follows:

(1474) (a) The draw need not open for the passage of vessels except at these hours:

(1475) (1) From March 15 through November 15 at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m., and 9 p.m.

(1476) (2) From November 16 through March 14 at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m.

(1477) (b) Requests for openings shall be given to the Washington State Department of Transportation.

(1478) (1) Monday through Thursday of every week, except holidays, the draw shall open if at least two hours notice is given.

(1479) (2) Friday through Sunday of every week, except holidays, the draw shall open if notice is given by 5 p.m. of the preceding Wednesday.

(1480) (3) The draw shall open on holidays if notice is given by 5 p.m. two workdays, excluding Friday, preceding the holiday.

(1481) (4) The draw shall open at any time for the passage of vessels engaged in an emergency.

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§117.861 Blind Slough.

(1482) The draws of the Portland and Western railroad bridge, mile 1.1 at Knappa, shall open on signal if at least one hour notice is given. However, the draw shall open promptly on signal from four hours before to four hours after each day's authorized commercial fishing period established by the Columbia River Compact (Washington State Department of Fisheries and the Fish Commission of Oregon) for the Columbia River Fishery below Bonneville Dam.

§117.865 Clatskanie River.

(1483) The draw of the Portland and Western railroad bridge, mile 0.7 at Clatskanie, shall open on signal if at least one hours notice is given. However, the draw shall open promptly on signal from four hours before to four hours after each day's authorized commercial fishing period established by the Columbia River Compact (Washington State Department of Fisheries and the Fish Commission of Oregon) for the Columbia River Fishery below Bonneville Dam.

§117.869 Columbia River.

(1484) (a) The draws of the Interstate 5 Bridges, mile 106.5, between Portland, OR, and Vancouver, WA, shall open on signal except that the draws need not be opened for the passage of vessels from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday except federal holidays.

(1485) (1) When the river gauge at the bridge indicates 6.0 feet, or more, as determined by the drawtender on duty, the draws need not open for the passage of commercial vessels from 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, and for all other vessels the draws need not open from 5:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

(1486) (2) When the river gauge at the bridge indicates 5.9 feet, or less, as determined by the drawtender on duty, the draws need not open for the passage of any vessels from 5:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

(1487) (b) The draw of the Port of Hood River bridge, mile 169.8 at Hood River, shall open on signal if at least 12 hours notice is given.

(1488) (c) The draw of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad bridge, mile 201.2, between Celilo, Oregon, and Wishram, Washington, is automated and is normally maintained in the fully open-to-navigation position.

(1489) (1) Lights. All lights required for automated operation shall be visible to marine traffic for a distance of at least 2 miles and shall be displayed at all times, day and night.

(1490) (i) When the draw is fully open, a steady green light shall be displayed at the center of the drawspan on both upstream and downstream sides.

(1491) (ii) When the draw is not fully open, a steady red light shall be displayed at the center of the drawspan on both upstream and downstream sides.

(1492) (iii) When the draw is about to close, flashing yellow lights in the form of a down-pointing arrow shall be displayed at the center of the drawspan on both upstream and downstream sides.

(1493) (2) Operation. When a train approaches the bridge, the yellow lights shall start flashing. After an 8-minute delay, the green lights shall change to red, the drawspan shall lower and lock, and the yellow lights shall be extinguished. Red lights shall continue to be displayed until the train has crossed and the drawspan is again in the fully open position. At that time, the red lights shall change to green.

(1494) (3) Vessels equipped with radiotelephones may contact Burlington Northern Santa Fe to obtain information on the status of the bridge. Bridge status information also may be obtained by calling the commercial telephone number posted at the drawspan of the bridge.

§117.871 Coos Bay.

(1495) The draw of the Union Pacific railroad bridge, mile 9.0 at North Bend, shall be maintained in the fully open position, except for the crossing of trains or for maintenance. During foggy weather, a fog bell installed in the center of the draw shall be rung continuously, striking every 10 seconds. At any time during foggy weather when the draw is closed and passage is not clear for vessels, a siren shall be sounded continuously. The siren shall be capable of being heard at a distance of one mile from the draw. When the bridge is again opened, the siren shall be stopped, indicating that the way is clear for the passage of vessels.

§117.873 Coos River.

(1496) The draw of the Oregon State secondary highway bridge, mile 2.2 near Eastside, shall open on signal if at least 12 hours notice is given.

§117.875 Coquille River.

(1497) The draws of the US 101 highway bridge, mile 3.5 at Bandon, Oregon, shall open on signal if at least two hours notice is given to the drawtender at the Coos Bay South Slough bridge.

§117.879 Isthmus Slough.

(1498) The draw of the Oregon State secondary highway bridge, mile 1.0 at Coos Bay, shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given.

§117.881 John Day River.

(1499) (a) The draw of the Portland and Western railroad bridge, mile 0.0 near Astoria, shall open on signal if at least one hour notice is given. However, the draw shall open promptly on signal from four hours before to four hours after each day's authorized commercial fishing period established by the Columbia River Compact (Washington State Department of Fisheries and the Fish Commission of Oregon) for the Columbia River Fishery below Bonneville Dam.

§117.887 North Portland Harbor (Oregon Slough).

(1500) The draw of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad bridge, mile 3.2 at Portland, shall open on signal if at least one half hours notice is given.

§117.889 Siuslaw River.

(1501) (a) The draw of the US 101 bridge, mile 5.0 at Florence, shall open on signal if at least two hours notice is given.

(1502) (b) The draw of the Central Oregon and Pacific railroad bridge, mile 8.0 near Cushman, shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given.

§117.892 South Slough.

(1503) The draw of the Oregon State highway bridge across South Slough at Charleston shall open on signal for the passage of vessels, except that between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., from June 1 through September 30, the draw need be opened only on the hour and half-hour. This exception shall not apply to vessels in distress, commercial tugs and/or tows, or public vessels of the United States.

§117.893 Umpqua River.

(1504) (a) The draw of the US 101 bridge, mile 11.1 at Reedsport, Oregon, shall open on signal if at least two hours notice is given.

(1505) (b) The draw of the Central Oregon and Pacific railroad bridge, mile 11.5 at Reedsport, shall be maintained in the fully open position, except for the crossing of trains or other railroad equipment or for maintenance. During foggy weather when the draw is closed

and the channel is not clear for the passage of vessels, a fog horn with an audible range of one-half mile from the draw shall be sounded. Two clear signals of approximately six seconds duration each, repeated at intervals of 60 seconds from completion of the second signal to commencement of the next signal, shall be sounded and repeated from commencement of closure to full opening of the draw. When the draw is again in the open position, the fog horn shall be stopped, indicating that the channel is clear for the passage of vessels.

(1506) (c) The draw of the US 101 bridge across the side channel of the Umpqua River, mile 11.1 near Reedsport, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

§117.895 Wallooskee River.

(1507) The draw of the Oregon State secondary highway bridge, mile 1.0 near Astoria, shall open on signal if at least 48 hours notice is given.

§117.897 Willamette River.

(1508) (a) The draw of the following bridges operate as follows:

(1509) (1) The draws shall open on signal except that from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday the draws of the Broadway, Steel (upper deck only), Burnside, Morrison, and Hawthorne Bridges need not open for the passage of vessels. These closed periods are not effective on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. At least one hour's notice shall be given for openings of the Steel Bridge (upper deck only), Burnside Bridge and Morrison Bridge, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. At all other times at least two hours notice shall be given. Notice shall be given by marine radio, telephone, or other means to the drawtender at the Broadway Bridge for vessels bound upstream and to the drawtender at the Hawthorne Bridge for vessels bound downstream. During Rose Festival Week or when the water elevation reaches and remains above +12 feet, the draws will open on signal without advance notice, except during the normal closed periods identified in this Paragraph (a)(1). Opening signals are as follows:

(1510) (i) Broadway Bridge, Portland, mile 11.7, two prolonged followed by one short blast.

(1511) (ii) Steel Bridge, Portland, mile 12.1, one prolonged followed by one short blast.

(1512) (iii) Burnside Bridge, Portland, mile 12.4, one prolonged followed by two short blasts.

(1513) (iv) Morrison Bridge, Portland, mile 12.8, one prolonged followed by three short blasts.

(1514) (v) Hawthorne Bridge, Portland, mile 13.1, one prolonged followed by four short blasts.

(1515) (2) The closed periods do not apply to harbor patrol or fire boats answering calls and, for the Broadway Bridge only, oceangoing vessels of 750 gross tons or over.

(1516) (3) Signals to open shall be given by vessels at a distance of at least 1,000 feet from the bridge, except in case of a vessel leaving a wharf or anchorage or when waiting less than 1,000 feet from the bridge. In these cases, the signal must be given early enough to allow the operator of the bridge sufficient time in which to clear and open the draw before arrival of the vessel.

(1517) (4) In case two vessels which are approaching from opposite directions meet at or near the bridge, the vessel bound downstream has the right of way.

(1518) (b) The draws of the Union Pacific railroad bridges, mile 84.3, at Salem; mile 119.6, at Albany; and mile 164.3, near Harrisburg, need not open for the passage of vessels. However, the draws shall be returned to operable condition within six months after notification by the District Commander to do so.

(1519) (c) The draw of the Oregon State highway bridge, mile 132.1, at Corvallis, shall open on signal if at least seven days notice is given. However, the draw need not be opened on Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays.

§117.899 Youngs Bay and Lewis and Clark River.

(1520) (a) The draw of the US101 (New Youngs Bay) highway bridge, mile 0.7, across Youngs Bay at Smith Point shall open on signal for the passage of vessels if at least one half-hour notice is given to the drawtender at the Lewis and Clark River Bridge by marine radio, telephone, or other suitable means from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. At all other times at least a four-hour notice by telephone is required. The opening signal shall be two prolonged blasts followed by one short blast.

(1521) (b) The draw of the Oregon State (Old Youngs Bay) highway bridge, mile 2.4, across Youngs Bay foot of Fifth Street, shall open on signal for the passage of vessels if at least one half-hour notice is given to the drawtender at the Lewis and Clark River Bridge by marine radio, telephone, or other suitable means from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. At all other times at least a four-hour notice is required. The opening signal is two prolonged blasts followed by one short blast.

(1522) (c) The draw of the Oregon State (Lewis and Clark River) highway bridge, mile 1.0, across the Lewis and Clark River, shall open on signal for the passage of vessels if at least one half-hour notice is given by marine radio, telephone, or other suitable means from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 4

p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. At all other times at least a four-hour notice is required. The opening signal is one prolonged blast followed by four short blasts.

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§117.1031 Chehalis River.

(1523) The draw of the SR-101 highway bridge, mile 0.1, at Aberdeen, shall open on a signal of two short blasts followed by one prolonged blast from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset, except that from 7:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, the draw need not be opened for the passage of vessels of less than 5,000 gross tons. At all other times, the draw shall open on signal if at least one hour notice is given by marine radio, telephone, or other suitable means to the Washington Department of Transportation.

§117.1035 Columbia River.

(1524) (a) The term drawtender, as used in this section means the operator of the drawspan, whether that person may be a train crew member, maintenance person, or an officially designated drawtender.

(1525) (b) The draw of the semi-automated Union Pacific railroad bridge (Kalan Bridge), mile 323.4, near Kennewick, Washington, is normally maintained in the fully open position with no drawtender in attendance. A radar beacon (RACON) is located at the center of the drawspan. The RACON operates only when the drawspan is fully open, by responding with the Morse letter "K" to X-band radar signals. When necessary to close the drawspan for the passage of a train or for maintenance, a drawtender shall be dispatched to operate the draw from either of the remote control stations located at the ends of the bridge. Operation of the bridge shall be as follows:

(1526) (1) The drawtender shall broadcast a radio message over Channel 16-VHF to all vessels in the vicinity that the Kalan Bridge will be closing in two minutes. If after two minutes no response is received, the drawtender shall broadcast a message over Channel 13-VHF that the Kalan Bridge is closing. Both messages shall be broadcast twice.

(1527) (2) Prior to activating the closing sequence the drawtender shall visually inspect the waterway for marine traffic approaching the bridge. The closing sequence shall not be activated until after marine traffic has cleared the bridge.

(1528) (3) When the closing sequence is activated, the following functions occur automatically: The RACON is deactivated, red strobe lights on the lift towers and on the channel piers start flashing, a downward pointing arrow consisting of amber colored lights is displayed from the center of the drawspan and a recorded message is broadcast over Channel 13-VHF advising that the Kalan Bridge is closed to river traffic. The radio message is repeated every five minutes, the red lights continue to flash and the downward pointing arrow is displayed, until the lift span returns to the up and locked position. At the end of the ten minutes, a horn sounds for 30 seconds, the span begins closing and the centerspan navigation lights turn from green to red. The horn sounds for 30 seconds at 10 minute intervals, until the lift span returns to the up and locked position.

(1529) (4) If for any reason during the closing sequence a danger is posed to marine traffic, the closing sequence shall be stopped and the bridge reopened until the threat of danger has passed.

(1530) (5) If the bridge is to be temporarily closed for maintenance or for purposes other than the passage of a train, the drawtender shall continually monitor Channels 13 and 16 for calls from approaching vessels, and respond to inquiries from vessels about the closure.

(1531) (6) After a train has cleared the bridge, the following functions occur automatically: The drawspan returns to the fully open and locked position, the RACON is reactivated, the arrow display and the red strobe lights are extinguished, the red centerspan navigation lights return to green and a recorded message is broadcast over Channel 13-VHF that the Kalan Bridge is open for marine traffic.

(1532) (7) Bridge status information may be obtained by calling the commercial telephone number posted at the drawspan of the bridge.

(1533) (c) The draw of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad bridge at mile 328.0, between Pasco and Kennewick, shall open on signal from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. At all other times the draw shall open on signal if at least 2 hour's notice is given through the General Yardmaster, Pasco, Washington.

§117.1037 Cowlitz River.

(1534) (a) The draw of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad bridge, mile 1.5, shall operate as follows:

(1535) (1) The draw shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given.

(1536) (2) In the event of an emergency declared by the Cowlitz County Department of Emergency Services, the bridge shall be capable of opening upon two hours notice. Notification of emergencies and requests for openings during emergencies are initiated through the Cowlitz County Department of Emergency Services.

(1537) (3) The operating machinery of the draw shall be maintained in a serviceable condition and the draw shall be opened and closed at intervals frequent enough

to make certain that the machinery is in proper order for satisfactory operation.

(1538) (4) During periods of fog or similar periods of reduced visibility, the drawtender, after acknowledging the signal to open, shall toll a bell continuously during the approach and passage of the vessel.

(1539) (b) The draw of the Allen Street Bridge, mile 5.5, need not open for the passage of vessels.

§117.1041 Duwamish Waterway.

(1540) (a) The draws of each bridge across the Duwamish Waterway shall open on signal, except as follows:

(1541) (1) From Monday through Friday, except all Federal holidays but Columbus Day, the draws of the First Avenue South Bridges, mile 2.5, need not be opened for the passage of vessels from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., except: The draws shall be open at any time for a vessel of 5,000 gross tons and over, a vessel towing a vessel of 5,000 gross tons and over, and a vessel proceeding to pick up for towing a vessel of 5,000 gross tons and over.

(1542) (2) The draw of the South Park highway bridge, mile 3.8, need not be opened for the passage of vessels from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

(1543) (b) The following bridges shall open on the specified signals:

(1544) (1) Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad bridge, mile 0.4, and Southwest Spokane Street bridge, mile 0.3, one prolonged blast followed quickly by three short blasts.

(1545) (2) Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad bridge, mile 0.4, one prolonged blast followed quickly by one short blast.

(1546) (3) First Avenue South bridge, mile 2.5, three prolonged blasts.

(1547) (4) South Park highway bridge, mile 3.8, one prolonged blast followed quickly by one short blast and one prolonged blast.

(1548) (c) When fog prevails by day or by night, the drawtender of bridges listed in this section, after giving the acknowledging signal to open, shall toll a bell continuously during the approach and passage of vessels.

§117.1045 Hood Canal.

(1549) The draw of the Washington State pontoon highway bridge near Port Gamble operates as follows:

(1550) (a) The draw shall open on signal if at least one hour's notice is given. The draw shall be opened horizontally for 300 feet unless the maximum opening of 600 feet is requested.

(1551) (b) Telephone requests for bridge openings may be directed as collect calls to the Toll Office at the bridge site. The call may also be made by direct telephone communication through the Seattle Marine Operator, Station KOH, or through other marine wire or radio telephone service.

(1552) (c) During unusual or emergency periods, the authorized representative of the owner of or agency controlling the bridge shall open the draw on a demand basis for specified periods of time, normally not exceeding 48 hours, when requested by the Department of the Navy. While on a demand basis, a drawtender shall be in attendance on the bridge with radio communication equipment in operation.

§117.1047 Hoquiam River.

(1553) (a) When fog prevails by day or night, the drawtender of each bridge listed in this section, after giving the acknowledging signal to open, shall toll a bell continuously during the approach and passage of vessels.

(1554) (b) The draw of the Puget Sound and Pacific railroad bridge, mile 0.3 at Hoquiam, shall be maintained in the fully open position except for the passage of trains or for maintenance. When the draw of the bridge is closed and the visibility at the drawtender's station is less than one mile up or down the channel, the drawtender shall sound two long blasts every minute. When the draw is reopened, the drawtender shall sound one long blast followed by one short blast.

(1555) (c) The draw of the Simpson Avenue bridge, mile 0.5 at Hoquiam, shall open on signal if at least a one hour notice is given by marine radio, telephone, or other suitable means to the Washington Department of Transportation. The opening signal is two prolonged blasts followed by one short blast.

(1556) (d) The draw of the Riverside Avenue Bridge, mile 0.9, at Hoquiam, shall open on signal if at least one hour notice is given by marine radio, telephone, or other suitable means to the Washington Department of Transportation. The opening signal is two prolonged blasts followed by two short blasts.

§117.1049 Lake Washington.

(1557) The draw of the Evergreen Point Floating Bridge between Seattle and Bellevue shall operate as follows:

(1558) (a) The draw shall open on signal if at least two hours notice is given.

(1559) (b) Telephone requests for bridge opening may be directed as collect calls to the Highway Radio or made by direct telephone communication through the Seattle Marine Operator, Station KOH, or through other marine wire or radiotelephone service.

(1560) (c) The draw need not be opened from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for all Federal holidays other than Columbus Day.

§117.1051 Lake Washington Ship Canal.

(1561) (a) When fog prevails by day or by night, the drawtender of each bridge listed in this section, after giving the acknowledging signal to open, shall toll a bell continuously during the approach and passage of vessels.

(1562) (b) All non-self-propelled vessels, craft, or rafts navigating this waterway for which the opening of any draw is necessary shall be towed by a suitable self-propelled vessel while passing the draw.

(1563) (c) The draw of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad bridge, mile 0.1, shall open on signal.

(1564) (d) The draws of the Ballard Bridge, mile 1.1, Fremont Bridge, mile 2.6, and University Bridge, mile 4.3, shall open on signal, except that:

(1565) (1) The draws need not be opened for a period of up to 10 minutes after receiving an opening request, if needed to pass accumulated vehicular traffic. However, the draws shall open without delay, when requested by vessels engaged in towing operations.

(1566) (2) The draws need not open from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, except all Federal holidays but Columbus Day for any vessel of less than 1,000 tons, unless the vessel has in tow a vessel of 1,000 gross tons or over.

(1567) (3) Between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. the draws shall open if at least one hour notice is given by telephone, radiotelephone, or otherwise to the drawtender at the Fremont Avenue bridge.

(1568) (e) The draw of the Montlake Bridge, mile 5.2 shall open on signal, except that:

(1569) (i) The draw need not open for a period of up to 10 minutes after receiving an opening request, if needed to pass accumulated vehicular traffic. However, the draw shall open without delay, when requested by vessels engaged in towing operations.

(1570) (2) For any vessel or watercraft of less than 1,000 gross tons, unless the vessel has in tow a vessel of 1,000 gross tons or over, from Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays:

(1571) (i) The draw need not open from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. from April 30 to September 1 and from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. from September 1 to April 30.

(1572) (ii) The draw need open only on the hour and half hour from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

§117.1053 Lewis River.

(1573) The draw of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad bridge, 2.0 at Woodland, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

§117.1055 Skagit River.

(1574) The draws of all bridges across the Skagit river need not be opened for the passage of vessels. However, the draws shall be returned to operable condition within one year after notification by the District Commander to do so.

§117.1057 Skamokawa Creek.

(1575) The draw of the Washington State highway bridge at Skamokawa need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

§117.1058 Snake River.

(1576) (a) The draw of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad bridge across the Snake River at mile 1.5 between Pasco and Burbank is automated and is normally maintained in the fully open to navigation position.

(1577) (b) Lights. All lights required for automated operation shall be visible for a distance of at least 2 miles and shall be displayed at all times, day and night.

(1578) (1) When the draw is fully open, a steady green light shall be displayed at the center of the drawspan on both upstream and downstream sides.

(1579) (2) When the draw is not fully open, a steady red light shall be displayed at the center of the drawspan on both upstream and downstream sides.

(1580) (3) When the draw is about to close, flashing yellow lights in the form of a down-pointing arrow shall be displayed at the center of the drawspan on both upstream and downstream sides.

(1581) (4) A similar set of red, green, and yellow lights shall be displayed on a remote lighting panel located near the north end, upstream side, of the Washington State highway bridge at mile 2.2. These lights shall be synchronized with the lights on the railroad bridge and shall be visible to vessels traveling downstream throughout the passage of the channel adjacent to Strawberry Island.

(1582) (c) Operation. When a train approaches the bridge, the yellow lights shall start flashing. After an eight-minute delay, the green lights shall change to red, the drawspan shall lower and lock, and the yellow lights shall be extinguished. Red lights shall continue to be displayed until the train has crossed and the drawspan is again in the fully open position. At that time, the red lights shall change green.

(1583) (d) Vessels equipped with radiotelephones may contact Burlington Northern Santa Fe to obtain information on the status of the bridge. Bridge status information also may be obtained by calling the commercial telephone number posted at the drawspan of the bridge.

§117.1059 Snohomish River, Steamboat Slough, and Ebey Slough.

(1584) (a) Drawtenders of bridges listed in this section shall acknowledge sound signals as follows:

(1585) (1) When draw can be opened immediately, two prolonged blasts followed by one short blast or three loud and distinct strokes of a bell.

(1586) (2) When draw cannot be opened immediately, or when it is open and must be closed promptly, two prolonged blasts or two loud and distinct strokes of a bell. This signal may also be used by a vessel to countermand its call signal.

(1587) (b) When fog prevails by day or by night, the drawtender of each bridge listed in this section, after giving the acknowledging signal to open, shall toll a bell continuously during the approach and passage of vessels.

(1588) (c) The draws of the twin, SR529, highway bridges across the Snohomish River, mile 3.6, at Everett, shall open on signal if at least one hour notice is given. On weekdays Monday through Friday, notice for openings shall be given by marine radio, telephone, or other means to the drawtender at the SR529 highway bridge across Ebey Slough, at Marysville, and at all other times to the drawtender at the twin SR529 bridges at Everett. One signal opens both draws. During freshets, a drawtender shall be in constant attendance and the draws shall open on signal when so ordered by the District Commander.

(1589) (d) The draw of the SR2 highway bridge across the Snohomish River, mile 6.9, at Everett, shall open on signal if at least four hours notice is given. During freshets, a drawtender shall be in constant attendance and the draw shall open on signal when so ordered by the District Commander.

(1590) (e) The draw of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad bridge across the Snohomish River, mile 15.5, at Snohomish, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

(1591) (f) The draw of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad bridge across Steamboat Slough, mile 1.0, near Marysville, shall open on signal if at least four hours notice is given. The opening signal is one prolonged blast followed by one short blast and one prolonged blast.

(1592) (g) The draws of the twin, SR529, highway bridges across Steamboat Slough, miles 1.1 and 1.2, near Marysville, shall open on signal if at least four-hours notice is given. On weekdays, Monday through Friday, notice for openings shall be given by marine radio, telephone, or other means to the drawtender at the SR529 highway bridge across Ebey Slough, at Marysville, and at all other times to the drawtender at the twin SR529 bridges at Everett. One signal opens both draws. During freshets, a drawtender shall be in constant attendance and the draws shall open on signal when so ordered by the District Commander.

(1593) (h) The draws of the SR529 highway bridge across Ebey Slough, mile 1.6, at Marysville, shall open on signal if at least one-hour notice is given. On weekdays, Monday through Friday, notice for openings shall be given by marine radio, telephone, or other means to the drawtender at this bridge, and at all other times to the drawtender at the SR529 bridges across the Snohomish River at Everett. During freshets, a drawtender shall be in constant attendance and the draws shall open on signal when so ordered by the District Commander.

§117.1061 Tacoma Harbor.

(1594) (a) When fog prevails by day or night, the drawtender of each bridge listed in this section, after giving the acknowledging signal to open, shall toll a bell continuously during the approach and passage of vessels.

(1595) (b) The draw of the South 11th Street bridge across City Waterway, mile 0.6 at Tacoma, shall open on signal if at least two hours notice is given. However, the draw need not be opened from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday except Federal holidays for vessels of less than 1,000 gross tons, unless the vessels have in tow a vessel of 1,000 gross tons or over or unless the opening of the draw is required for the pickup of a vessel of 1,000 gross tons or over for towing. In emergencies, openings shall be made as soon as possible upon notification to the Washington State Department of Transportation.

§117.1063 Willapa River South Fork

(1596) The draw of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission bridge across the South Fork Willapa River, mile 0.3, at Raymond, shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given.

§117.1065 Wishkah River.

(1597) (a) When fog prevails by day or by night, the drawtender of each bridge listed in this section, after giving the acknowledging signal to open, shall toll a bell continuously during the approach and passage of vessels.

(1598) (b) The draw of the Puget Sound and Pacific railroad bridge, mile 0.1 at Aberdeen, shall be maintained in the fully open position, except for the passage of trains or for maintenance. When the draw of the bridge is closed and the visibility at the drawtender's station is less than one mile up or down the channel, the drawtender shall sound two prolonged blasts every minute. When the draw is reopened, the drawtender

shall sound one prolonged blast followed by one short blast.

(1599) (c) The draws of the Heron Street bridge, mile 0.2, and the Wishkah Street bridge, mile 0.4, at Aberdeen, shall open on signal if at least one hour notice is given by marine radio, telephone, or other suitable means to the Washington Department of Transportation. The opening signal for both bridges is one prolonged blast followed by two short blasts.

(1600) **Note.**–Call signs and radio channels for drawbridges equipped with radiotelephones are included with the bridge descriptions in chapters 4 through 14.

Part 147–Safety Zones

§147.1 Purpose of safety zones.

(1601) Safety zones may be established around OCS facilities being constructed, maintained, or operated on the Outer Continental Shelf to promote the safety of life and property on the facilities, their appurtenances and attending vessels, and on the adjacent waters within the safety zones. Regulations adopted for safety zones may extend to the prevention or control of specific activities and access by vessels or persons, and include measures to protect the living resources of the sea from harmful agents. The regulations do not encompass the operating equipment or procedures used in the drilling for and production of oil, gas, or other minerals, or the transportation of oil, gas, or other minerals by pipeline except as they relate to the safety of life and property on OCS facilities and on the waters adjacent to OCS facilities or to the protection of the living resources of the sea within a safety zone from harmful agents.

§147.5 Delegation of authority.

(1602) The authority to establish safety zones and to issue and enforce safety zone regulations in accordance with the provisions of this part is delegated to District Commanders

§147.10 Establishment of safety zones.

(1603) (a) Whenever it comes to the attention of the District Commander that a safety zone and regulations may be required concerning any OCS facility being constructed, maintained, or operated on the Outer Continental Shelf or its appurtenances and attending vessels, or the adjacent waters, the District Commander may initiate appropriate inquiry to determine whether a safety zone and regulations should be established. In making this determination, the District Commander considers all relevant safety factors, including existing or reasonably foreseeable congestion of vessels, the presence of unusually harmful or hazardous substances, and any obstructions within 500 meters of the OCS facility. If the District Commander determines that the circumstances warrant the establishment of a safety zone and regulations the District Commander takes action as necessary consistent with the provisions of this part.

(1604) (b) Except as provided in Paragraph (c) of this section, a safety zone and necessary regulations may be established concerning any OCS facility being constructed, maintained or operated on the Outer Continental Shelf, following publication of a notice of proposed rule making in the **FEDERAL REGISTER** and after interested parties have been given the opportunity to submit comments. A zone and necessary regulations may be in effect during any period when construction equipment and materials are within 500 meters of the construction site until the removal of all portions of the facility.

(1605) (c) A safety zone and necessary regulations may be established without public rule making procedures when the District Commander determined that imminent danger exists with respect to the safety of life and property of an OCS facility constructed, maintained, or operated on the Outer Continental Shelf, its appurtenances and attending vessels or adjacent waters. A safety zone and regulations may be made effective on the date the rule is published in the **FEDERAL REGISTER.** However, if circumstances require, they may be placed into effect immediately, followed promptly by publication in the **FEDERAL REGISTER.** The District Commander may utilize, in addition to broadcast Notices to Mariners, Local Notices to Mariners, and Notices to Mariners, newspapers, and broadcasting stations to disseminate information concerning a safety zone and regulations pertaining thereto. The public may comment concerning the establishment of a safety zone or regulations under this Paragraph. A safety zone or regulations may be modified or withdrawn, as appropriate, based on the comments received.

(1606) (d) Geographic coordinates expressed in terms of latitude or longitude, or both, are not intended for plotting on maps or charts whose referenced horizontal datum is the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), unless such geographic coordinates are expressly labeled NAD 83. Geographic coordinates without the NAD 83 reference may be plotted on maps or charts reference to NAD 83 only after application of the appropriate corrections that are published on the particular map or chart being used.

§147.15 Extent of safety zones.

(1607) A safety zone establishment under this part may extend to a maximum distance of 500 meters around the

OCS facility measured from each point on its outer edge or from its construction site, but may not interfere with the use of recognized sea lanes essential to navigation.

§147.20 Definitions.

(1608) Unless otherwise stated, the term "attending vessel" refers to any vessel which is operated by the owner or operator of an OCS facility located in the safety zone, which is used for the purpose of carrying supplies, equipment or personnel to or from the facility, which is engaged in construction, maintenance, alteration, or repair of the facility, or which is used for further exploration, production, transfer or storage of natural resources from the seabed beneath the safety zone.

§147.1102 Platform GRACE safety zone.

(1609) (a) Description: The area within a line 500 meters from each point on the structure's outer edge. The position of the center of the structure is 34°10'47"N., 119°28'05"W.

(1610) (b) Regulations: No vessel may enter or remain in this safety zone except the following: (1) An attending vessel, (2) a vessel under 100 feet in length overall not engaged in towing, or (3) a vessel authorized by the Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District.

§147.1103 Platform GINA safety zone.

(1611) (a) Description: The area within a line 500 meters from each point on the structure's outer edge. The position of the center of the structure is 34°07'02"N., 119°16'35"W.

(1612) (b) Regulations: No vessel may enter or remain in this safety zone except the following: (1) An attending vessel, (2) a vessel under 100 feet in length overall not engaged in towing, or (3) a vessel authorized by the Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District.

§147.1104 Platform ELLEN and ELLY safety zone.

(1613) (a) Description: The areas within a line 500 meters from each point on the outer edge of each structure. The structures are approximately 120 meters apart. The position of the center of each structure is: Platform Ellen, 33°34'57"N., 118°07'42"W.; and Platform Elly, 33°35'00"N., 118°07'40"W.

(1614) (b) Regulations: No vessel may enter or remain in this safety zone except the following: (1) An attending vessel serving either structure, (2) a vessel under 100 feet in length overall not engaged in towing, or (3) a vessel authorized by the Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District.

§147.1105 Platform HONDO safety zone.

(1615) (a) Description: The area within a line 500 meters from each point on the structure's outer edge. The position of the center of the structure is 34°23'27"N., 120°07'14"W.

(1616) (b) Regulations: No vessel may enter or remain in this safety zone except for the following: (1) An attending vessel, (2) a vessel under 100 feet in length overall not engaged in towing, or (3) a vessel authorized by the Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District.

§147.1106 Exxon Santa Ynez offshore storage and treatment vessel mooring safety zone.

(1617) (a) Description: The area within a line 1108 meters from the center of the mooring. The position of the center of the mooring is 34°24'19"N., 120°06'00"W.

(1618) (b) Regulations: No vessel may enter or remain in this safety zone except the following: (1) An attending vessel, (2) a vessel under 100 feet in length overall not engaged in towing, or (3) a vessel authorized by the Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District.

§147.1107 Platform GILDA safety zone.

(1619) (a) Description: The area within a line 500 meters from each point on the structure's outer edge. The position of the center of the structure is 34°10'56"N., 119°25'07"W.

(1620) (b) Regulations: No vessel may enter or remain in this safety zone except for the following: (1) An attending vessel, (2) a vessel under 100 feet in length overall not engaged in towing, or (3) a vessel authorized by the Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District.

§147.1108 Platform EDITH safety zone.

(1621) (a) Description: The area within a line 500 meters from each point on the structure's outer edge. The position of the center of the structure is 33°35'45"N., 118°08'27"W.

(1622) (b) Regulations: No vessel may enter or remain in this safety zone except for the following: (1) An attending vessel, (2) a vessel under 100 feet in length overall not engaged in towing, or (3) a vessel authorized by the Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District.

§147.1109 Platform HERMOSA Safety Zone.

(1623) (a) Description: The area within a line 500 meters from each point on the structure's outer edge. The position of the center of the structure is 34°27'19"N., 120°38'47"W.

(1624) (b) Regulations: No vessel may enter or remain in this safety zone except the following: (1) An attending vessel, (2) a vessel under 100 feet in length overall not engaged in towing or (3) a vessel authorized by the Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District.

§147.1110 Platform HARVEST Safety Zone.

(1625) (a) Description: The area within a line 500 meters from each point on the structure's outer edge. The position of the center of the structure is 34°28'09.5"N., 120°40'46.1"W.

(1626) (b) Regulations: No vessel may enter or remain in this safety zone except for the following: (1) An attending vessel, (2) a vessel under 100 feet in length overall not engaged in towing or (3) a vessel authorized by the Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District.

§147.1111 Platform EUREKA Safety Zone.

(1627) (a) Description: The area within a line 500 meters from each point on the structure's outer edge. The position of the center of the structure is 33°33'50"N., 118°07'00"W.

(1628) (b) Regulations: No vessel may enter or remain in this safety zone except the following: remain in this safety zone except the following: (1) An attending vessel, (2) a vessel under 100 feet in length overall not engaged in towing or (3) a vessel authorized by the Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District.

§147.1112 Platform HIDALGO Safety Zone.

(1629) (a) Description: The area within a line 500 meters from each point on the structure's outer edge. The position of the center of the structure is 34°29'42"N, 120°42'08"W.

(1630) (b) Regulations: No vessel may enter or remain in this safety zone except the following: (1) An attending vessel, (2) a vessel under 100 feet in length overall not engaged in towing or (3) a vessel authorized by the Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District.

§147.1113 Platform GAIL Safety Zone.

(1631) (a) Description: The area within a line 500 meters from each point on the structure's outer edge. The position of the center of the structure is 34°07'30"N., 119°24'01"W.

(1632) (b) Regulations: No vessel may enter or remain in this safety zone except the following (1) An attending vessel, (2) a vessel under 100 feet in length overall not engaged in towing, or (3) a vessel authorized by the Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District.

§147.1114 Platform HARMONY Safety Zone.

(1633) (a) Description: The area within a line 500 meters from each point on the structure's outer edge. The position of the center of the structure is 34°22'36"N., 120°10'03"W.

(1634) (b) Regulation: No vessel may enter or remain in this safety zone except the following: (1) an attending vessel; (2) a vessel under 100 feet in length overall not engaged in towing; or (3) a vessel authorized by the Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District.

§147.1115 Platform HERITAGE Safety Zone.

(1635) (a) Description: The area within a line 500 meters from each point on the structure's outer edge. The position of the center of the structure is 34°21'01"N., 120°16'45"W.

(1636) (b) Regulation: No vessel may enter or remain in this safety zone except the following: (1) An attending vessel; (2) a vessel under 100 feet in length overall not engaged in towing; or (3) a vessel authorized by the Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District.

§147.1116 Platform IRENE Safety Zone.

(1637) (a) Description: The area within a line 500 meters from each point on the structure's outer edge. The position of the center of the structure is 34°36'37.5"N., 120°43'46"W.

(1638) (b) Regulation: No vessel may enter or remain in this safety zone except the following: (1) An attending vessel; (2) a vessel under 100 feet in length overall not engaged in towing; or (3) a vessel authorized by the Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District.

Part 157-Rules for the Protection of the Marine Environment relating to Tank Vessels Carrying Oil in Bulk

Subpart A-General

§157.01 Applicability.

(1639) (a) Unless otherwise indicated, this part applies to each vessel that carries oil in bulk as cargo and that is:

(1640) (1) Documented under the laws of the United States (a U.S. vessel); or

(1641) (2) Any other vessel that enters or operates in the navigable waters of the United States, or that operates, conducts lightering under 46 U.S.C. 3715, or receives cargo from or transfers cargo to a deepwater port under 33 U.S.C. 1501 et seq., in the United States Exclusive Economic Zone, as defined in 33 U.S.C. 2701(8).

(1642) (b) This part does not apply to a vessel exempted under 46 U.S.C. 2109 or 46 U.S.C. 3702.

§157.02 Incorporation by reference.

(1643) (a) Certain material is incorporated by reference into this part with the approval of the Director of the Federal Register under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. To enforce any edition other than that specified in Paragraph (b) of this section, the Coast Guard must publish notice of change in the FEDERAL REGISTER;

and the material must be available to the public. All approved material is available for inspection at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street NW., suite 700, Washington, DC, and at the U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Operating and Environmental Standards (G-MSO), 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, and is available from the sources indicated in Paragraph (b) of this section.

(1644) (b) The material approved for incorporation by reference in this part and the sections affected are as follows:

§157.03 Definitions.

(1645) Except as otherwise stated in a subpart:

(1646) *Amidships* means the middle of the length.

(1647) *Animal fat* means a non-petroleum oil, fat, or grease derived from animals and not specifically identified elsewhere in this part.

(1648) *Ballast voyage* means the voyage that a tank vessel engages in after it leaves the port of final cargo discharge.

(1649) *Breadth or B* means the maximum molded breadth of a vessel in meters.

(1650) *Cargo tank length* means the length from the forward bulkhead of the forwardmost cargo tanks, to the after bulkhead of the aftermost cargo tanks.

(1651) *Center tank* means any tank inboard of a longitudinal bulkhead.

(1652) *Clean ballast* means ballast which:

(1653) (1) If discharged from a vessel that is stationary into clean, calm water on a clear day, would not—

(1654) (i) Produce visible traces of oil on the surface of the water or on adjoining shore lines; or

(1655) (ii) Cause a sludge or emulsion to be deposited beneath the surface of the water or upon adjoining shore lines; or

(1656) (2) If verified by an approved cargo monitor and control system, has an oil content that does not exceed 15 p.m.

(1657) *Combination carrier* means a vessel designed to carry oil or solid cargoes in bulk.

(1658) *Crude oil* means any liquid hydrocarbon mixture occurring naturally in the earth, whether or not treated to render it suitable for transportation, and includes crude oil from which certain distillate fractions may have been removed, and crude oil to which certain distillate fractions may have been added.

(1659) *Deadweight* or *DWT* means the difference in metric tons between the lightweight displacement and the total displacement of a vessel measured in water of specific gravity 1.025 at the load waterline corresponding to the assigned summer freeboard.

(1660) *Dedicated clean ballast tank* means a cargo tank that is allocated solely for the carriage of clean ballast.

(1661) *Domestic trade* means trade between ports or places within the United States, its territories and possessions, either directly or via a foreign port including trade on the navigable rivers, lakes, and inland waters.

(1662) *Double bottom* means watertight protective spaces that do not carry any oil and which separate the bottom of tanks that hold any oil within the cargo tank length from the outer skin of the vessel.

(1663) *Double hull* means watertight protective spaces that do not carry any oil and which separate the sides, bottom, forward end, and aft end of tanks that hold any oil within the cargo tank length from the outer skin of the vessel as prescribed in §157.10d.

(1664) *Doubles sides* means watertight protective spaces that do not carry any oil and which separate the sides of tanks that hold any oil within the cargo tank length from the outer skin of the vessel.

(1665) *Existing vessel* means any vessel that is not a new vessel.

(1666) *Fleeting* or *assist towing vessel* means any commercial vessel engaged in towing astern, alongside, or pushing ahead, used solely within a limited geographic area, such as a particular barge fleeting area or commercial facility, and used solely for restricted service, such as making up or breaking up larger tows.

(1667) *Foreign trade* means any trade that is not domestic trade.

(1668) *From the nearest land* means from the baseline from which the territorial sea of the United States is established in accordance with international law.

(1669) *Fuel oil* means any oil used as fuel for machinery in the vessel in which it is carried.

(1670) *Inland vessel* means a vessel that is not oceangoing and that does not operate on the Great Lakes.

(1671) *Instantaneous rate of discharge of oil content* means the rate of discharge of oil in liters per hour at any instant, divided by the speed of the vessel in knots at the same instant.

(1672) *Integrated tug barge* means a tug and a tank barge with a mechanical system that allows the connection of the propulsion unit (the tug) to the stern of the cargo carrying unit (the tank barge) so that the two vessels function as a single self-propelled vessel.

(1673) Large primary structural member includes any of the following:

(1674) (1) Web frames.

(1675) (2) Girders.

(1676) (3) Webs.

(1677) (4) Main brackets.

(1678) (5) Transverses.

(1679) (6) Stringers.

(1680) (7) Struts in transverse web frames when there are 3 or more struts and the depth of each is more than 1/15 of the total depth of the tank.

(1681) *Length or L* means the distance in meters from the fore side of the stem to the axis of the rudder stock on a waterline at 85 percent of the least molded depth measured from the molded baseline, or 96 percent of the total length on that waterline, whichever is greater. In vessels designed with drag, the waterline is measured parallel to the designed waterline.

(1682) *Lightweight* means the displacement of a vessel in metric tons without cargo, fuel oil, lubricating oil, ballast water, fresh water, and feedwater in tanks, consumable stores, and any persons and their effects.

(1683) *Major conversion* means a conversion of an existing vessel that:

(1684) (1) Substantially alters the dimensions or carrying capacity of the vessel, except a conversion that includes only the installation of segregated ballast tanks, dedicated clean ballast tanks, a crude oil washing system, double sides, a double bottom, or a double hull;

(1685) (2) Changes the type of vessel;

(1686) (3) Substantially prolongs the vessel's service life; or

(1687) (4) Otherwise so changes the vessel that it is essentially a new vessel, as determined by the Commandant (G-MOC).

(1688) *MARPOL 73/78* means the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating to that Convention. A copy of MARPOL 73/78 is available from the International Maritime Organization, 4 Albert Embankment, London, SE1, 7SR, England.

(1689) *New vessel* means:

(1690) (1) A U.S. vessel in domestic trade that:

(1691) (i) Is constructed under a contract awarded after December 31, 1974;

(1692) (ii) In the absence of a building contract, has the keel laid or is at a similar stage of construction after June 30, 1975;

(1693) (iii) Is delivered after December 31, 1977; or

(1694) (iv) Has undergone a major conversion for which:

(1695) (A) The contract is awarded after December 31, 1974;

(1696) (B) In the absence of a contract, conversion is begun after June 30, 1975; or

(1697) (C) Conversion is completed after December 31, 1977; and

(1698) (2) A foreign vessel or a U.S. vessel in foreign trade that;

(1699) (i) Is constructed under a contract awarded after December 31, 1975;

(1700) (ii) In the absence of a building contract, has the keel laid or is at a similar stage of construction after June 30, 1976;

(1701) (iii) Is delivered after December 31, 1979; or

(1702) (iv) Has undergone a major conversion for which:

(1703) (A) The contract is awarded after December 31, 1975;

(1704) (B) In the absence of a contract, conversion is begun after June 30, 1976; or

(1705) (C) Conversion is completed after December 31, 1979.

(1706) *Non-petroleum oil* means oil of any kind that is not petroleum-based. It includes, but is not limited to, animal fat and vegetable oil.

(1707) *Oceangoing* has the same meaning as defined in §151.05 of this chapter.

(1708) *Officer in charge of a navigational watch* means any officer employed or engaged to be responsible for navigating or maneuvering the vessel and for maintaining a continuous vigilant watch during his or her periods of duty and following guidance set out by the master, international or national regulations, and company policies.

(1709) *Oil means* oil of any kind or in any form including, but not limited to, petroleum, fuel oil, sludge, oil refuse, and oil mixed with wastes other than dredged spoil. This includes liquid hydrocarbons as well as animal and vegetable oils.

(1710) *Oil cargo residue* means any residue of oil cargo whether in solid, semi-solid, emulsified, or liquid form from cargo tanks and cargo pump room bilges, including but not limited to, drainages, leakages, exhausted oil, muck, clingage, sludge, bottoms, paraffin (wax), and any constituent component of oil. The term "oil cargo residue" is also known as "cargo oil residue."

(1711) *Oily mixture* means a mixture, in any form, with any oil content. "Oily mixture" includes, but is not limited to–

(1712) (1) Slops from bilges;

(1713) (2) Slops from oil cargoes (such as cargo tank washings, oily waste, and oily refuse);

(1714) (3) Oil residue; and

(1715) (4) Oily ballast water from cargo or fuel oil tanks, including any oil cargo residue.

(1716) *Oil residue* means–

(1717) (1) Oil cargo residue; and

(1718) (2) Other residue of oil whether in solid, semi-solid, emulsified, or liquid form resulting from drainages, leakages, exhausted oil and other similar occurrences from machinery spaces.

(1719) *Oil spill response vessel* means a vessel that is exclusively dedicated to operations to prevent or mitigate environmental damage due to an actual or impending accidental oil spill. This includes a vessel that performs routine service as an escort for a tank vessel, but excludes a vessel that engages in any other commercial activity, such as the carriage of any type of cargo.

(1720) *Oil tanker* means a vessel that is constructed or adapted primarily to carry crude oil or products in bulk

as cargo. This includes a tank barge, a tankship, and a combination carrier, as well as a vessel that is constructed or adapted primarily to carry noxious liquid substances in bulk as cargo and which also carries crude oil or products in bulk as cargo.

(1721) *Other non-petroleum oil* means an oil of any kind that is not petroleum oil, an animal fat, or a vegetable oil.

(1722) *Permeability of a space* means the ratio of volume within a space that is assumed to be occupied by water to the total volume of that space.

(1723) *Petroleum oil* means petroleum in any form, including but not limited to, crude oil, fuel oil, sludge, oil residue, and refined products.

(1724) *Primary towing vessel* means any vessel engaged in towing astern, alongside, or pushing ahead and includes the tug in an integrated tug barge. It does not include fleeting or assist towing vessels.

(1725) *Product* means any liquid hydrocarbon mixture in any form, except crude oil, petrochemicals, and liquefied gases.

(1726) *Segregated ballast* means the ballast water introduced into a tank that is completely separated from the cargo oil and fuel oil system and that is permanently allocated to the carriage of ballast.

(1727) *Slop tank* means a tank specifically designated for the collection of cargo drainings, washings, and other oily mixtures.

(1728) *Tank* means an enclosed space that is formed by the permanent structure of a vessel, and designed for the carriage of liquid in bulk.

(1729) *Tank barge* means a tank vessel not equipped with a means of self-propulsion.

(1730) *Tank vessel* means a vessel that is constructed or adapted primarily to carry, or that carries, oil or hazardous material in bulk as cargo or cargo residue, and that—

(1731) (1) Is a vessel of the United States;

(1732) (2) Operates on the navigable waters of the United States; or

(1733) (3) Transfers oil or hazardous material in a port or place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. This does not include an offshore supply vessel, or a fishing vessel or fish tender vessel of not more than 750 gross tons when engaged only in the fishing industry.

(1734) *Tankship* means a tank vessel propelled by mechanical power or sail.

(1735) *Vegetable oil* means a non-petroleum oil or fat not specifically identified elsewhere in this part that is derived from plant seeds, nuts, kernels, or fruits.

(1736) *Wing tank* means a tank that is located adjacent to the side shell plating.

§157.04 Authorization of classification societies.

(1737) (a) The Coast Guard may authorize any classification society (CS) to perform certain plan reviews, certifications, and inspections required by this part on vessels classed by that CS except that only U.S. classification societies may be authorized to perform those plan reviews, inspections, and certifications for U.S. vessels.

(1738) (b) If a CS desires authorization to perform the plan reviews, certifications, and inspections required under this part, it must submit to the Commandant (G-MOC), U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, DC 20593-0001, evidence from the governments concerned showing that they have authorized the CS to inspect and certify vessels on their behalf under the MARPOL 73/78.

(1739) (c) The Coast Guard notifies the CS in writing whether or not it is accepted as an authorized CS. If authorization is refused, reasons for the refusal are included.

(1740) (d) Acceptance as an authorized CS terminates unless the following are met:

(1741) (1) The authorized CS must have each Coast Guard regulation that is applicable to foreign vessels on the navigable waters of the United States.

(1742) (2) Each issue concerning equivalents to the regulations in this part must be referred to the Coast Guard for determination.

(1743) (3) Copies of any plans, calculations, records of inspections, or other documents relating to any plan review, inspection, or certification performed to meet this part must be made available to the Coast Guard.

(1744) (4) Each document certified under §§157.116(a)(2), 157.118(b)(1)(ii), and 157.216(b)(1)(11) must be marked with the name or seal of the authorized CS.

(1745) (5) A copy of the final documentation that is issued to each vessel that is certified under this part must be referred to the Commandant (G-MOC), U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. 20593-0001.

Subpart B–Design, Equipment, and Installation

§157.08 Applicability of Subpart B.

(1746) **NOTE:** An "oil tanker" as defined in §157.03 includes barges as well as self-propelled vessels.

(1747) (a) Sections 157.10d and 157.11(g) apply to each vessel to which this part applies.

(1748) (b) Sections 157.11 (a) through (f), 157.12, 157.15, 157.19(b)(3), 157.33, and 157.37 apply to each vessel to which this part applies that carries 200 cubic meters or more of crude oil or products in bulk as cargo, as well as to each oceangoing oil tanker to which this part

applies of 150 gross tons or more. These sections do not apply to a foreign vessel which remains beyond the navigable waters of the United States and does not transfer oil cargo at a port or place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(1749) (c) Section 157.21 applies to each oil tanker to which this part applies of 150 gross tons or more that is oceangoing or that operates on the Great Lakes. This section does not apply to a foreign vessel which remains beyond the navigable waters of the United States and does not transfer oil cargo at a port or place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(1750) (d) Sections in subpart B of 33 CFR part 157 that are not specified in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section apply to each oceangoing oil tanker to which this part applies of 150 gross tons or more, unless otherwise indicated in paragraphs (e) through (m) of this section. These sections do not apply to a foreign vessel which remains beyond the navigable waters of the United States and does not transfer oil cargo at a port or place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(1751) (e) Sections 157.11 (a) through (f), 157.12, and 157.15 do not apply to a vessel, except an oil tanker, that carries less than 1,000 cubic meters of crude oil or products in bulk as cargo and which retains oil mixtures on board and discharges them to a reception facility.

(1752) (f) Sections 157.11 (a) through (f), 157.12, 157.13, and 157.15 do not apply to a tank vessel that carries only asphalt, carbon black feedstock, or other products with similar physical properties, such as specific gravity and cohesive and adhesive characteristics, that inhibit effective product/water separation and monitoring.

(1753) (g) Sections 157.11 (a) through (f), 157.12, 157.13, 157.15, and 157.23 do not apply to a tank barge that cannot ballast cargo tanks or wash cargo tanks while underway.

(1754) (h) Sections 157.19 and 157.21 do not apply to a tank barge that is certificated by the Coast Guard for limited short protected coastwise routes if the barge is otherwise constructed and certificated for service exclusively on inland routes.

(1755) (i) Section 157.09(d) does not apply to any:

(1756) (1) U.S. vessel in domestic trade that is constructed under a contract awarded before January 8, 1976;

(1757) (2) U.S. vessel in foreign trade that is constructed under a contract awarded before April 1, 1977; or

(1758) (3) Foreign vessel that is constructed under a contract awarded before April 1, 1977.

(1759) (j) Sections 157.09 and 157.10a do not apply to a new vessel that:

(1760) (1) Is constructed under a building contract awarded after June 1, 1979;

(1761) (2) In the absence of a building contract, has the keel laid or is at a similar stage of construction after January 1, 1980;

(1762) (3) Is delivered after June 1, 1982; or

(1763) (4) Has undergone a major conversion for which:

(1764) (i) The contract is awarded after June 1, 1979;

(1765) (ii) In the absence of a contract, conversion is begun after January 1, 1980; or

(1766) (iii) Conversion is completed after June 1, 1982.

(1767) (k) Sections 157.09(b)(3), 157.10(c)(3), 157.10a(d)(3), and 157.10b(b)(3) do not apply to tank barges.

(1768) (1) Section 157.10b does not apply to tank barges if they do not carry ballast while they are engaged in trade involving the transfer of crude oil from an offshore oil exploitation or production facility on the Outer Continental Shelf of the United States.

(1769) (m) Section 157.12 does not apply to a U.S. vessel that:

(1770) (1) Is granted an exemption under Subpart F of this part; or

(1771) (2) Is engaged solely in voyages that are:

(1772) (i) Between ports or places within the United States, its territories or possessions;

(1773) (ii) Of less than 72 hours in length; and

(1774) (iii) At all times within 50 nautical miles of the nearest land.

(1775) (n) Section 157.10d does not apply to:

(1776) (1) A vessel that operates exclusively beyond the navigable waters of the United States and the United States Exclusive Economic Zone, as defined in 33 U.S.C. 2701(8);

(1777) (2) An oil spill response vessel;

(1778) (3) Before January 1, 2015–

(1779) (i) A vessel unloading oil in bulk as cargo at a deepwater port licensed under the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.); or

(1780) (ii) A delivering vessel that is offloading oil in bulk as cargo in lightering activities–

(1781) (A) Within a lightering zone established under 46 U.S.C. 3715(b)(5); and

(1782) (B) More than 60 miles from the territorial sea base line, as defined in 33 CFR 2.05-10.

(1783) (4) A vessel documented under 46 U.S.C., Chapter 121, that was equipped with a double hull before August 12, 1992;

(1784) (5) A barge of less than 1,500 gross tons as measured under 46 U.S.C., Chapter 145, carrying refined petroleum in bulk as cargo in or adjacent to waters of the Bering Sea, Chukchi Sea, and Arctic Ocean and waters tributary thereto and in the waters of the Aleutian Islands and the Alaskan Peninsula west of 155 degrees west longitude; or

(1785) (6) A vessel in the National Defense Reserve Fleet pursuant to 50 App. U.S.C. 1744.

§157.10d Double hulls on tank vessels.

(1786) (a) With the exceptions stated in §157.08(n), this section applies to a tank vessel—

(1787) (1) For which the building contract is awarded after June 30, 1990; or

(1788) (2) That is delivered after December 31, 1993;

(1789) (3) That undergoes a major conversion for which;

(1790) (i) The contract is awarded after June 30, 1990; or

(1791) (ii) Conversion is completed after December 31, 1993; or

(1792) (4) That is otherwise required to have a double hull by 46 U.S.C. 3703a(c).

(1793) **NOTE:** 46 U.S.C. 3703a(c) is shown in appendix G to this part.

(1794) (b) Each vessel to which this section applies must be fitted with:

(1795) (1) A double hull in accordance with this section; and

(1796) (2) If §157.10 applies, segregated ballast tanks and a crude oil washing system in accordance with that section.

(1797) (c) Except on a vessel to which §157.10d(d) applies, tanks within the cargo tank length that carry any oil must be protected by double sides and a double bottom as follows:

(1798) (1) Double sides must extend for the full depth of the vessel's side or from the uppermost deck, disregarding a rounded gunwale where fitted, to the top of the double bottom. At any cross section, the molded width of the double side, measured at right angles to the side shell plating, from the side of tanks containing oil to the side shell plating, must not be less than the distance w as shown in Figure 157.10d(c) and specified as follows:

(1799) (i) For a vessel of 5,000 DWT and above: w=[0.5+(DWT/20,000)] meters; or, w=2.0 meters (79 in.), whichever is less, but in no case less than 1.0 meter (39 in.).

(1800) (ii) For a vessel of less than 5,000 DWT: w=[0.4+(2.4)(DWT/20,000)] meters, but in no case less than 0.76 meter (30 in.).

(1801) (iii) For a vessel to which Paragraph (a)(4) of this section applies: w=0.76 meter (30 in.), provided that the double side was fitted under a construction or conversion contract awarded prior to June 30, 1990.

(1802) (2) At any cross section, the molded depth of the double bottom, measured at right angles to the bottom shell plating, from the bottom of tanks containing oil to the bottom shell plating, must not be less than the distance h as shown in Figure 157.10d(c) and specified as follows:

(1803) (i) For a vessel of 5,000 DWT and above: h=B/15; or, h=2.0 meters (79 in.), whichever is less, but in no case less than 1.0 meter (39 in.).

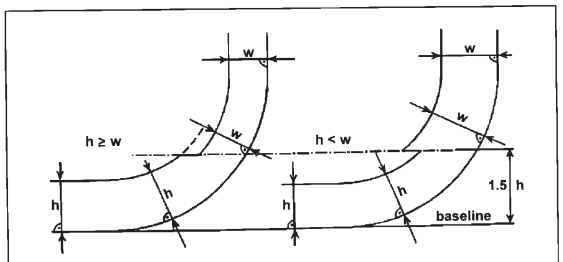


Figure 157.10d(c) Minimum Double Hull Dimensions

(1804) (ii) For a vessel of less than 5,000 DWT: h=B/15, but in no case less than 0.76 meter (30 in.).

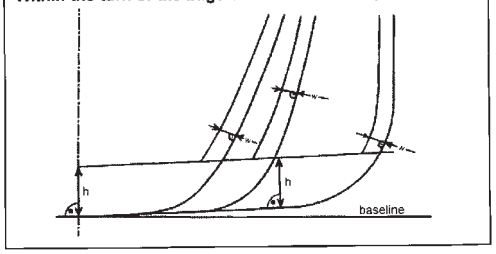
(1805) (iii) For a vessel to which Paragraph (a)(4) of this section applies: h=B/15; or, h=2.0 meters (79 in.), whichever is the lesser, but in no case less than 0.76 meter (30 in.), provided that the double bottom was fitted under a construction or conversion contract awarded prior to June 30, 1990.

(1806) (3) For a vessel built under a contract awarded after September 11, 1992, within the turn of the bilge or at cross sections where the turn of the bilge is not clearly defined, tanks containing oil must be located inboard of the outer shell—

(1807) (i) For a vessel of 5,000 DWT and above: At levels up to 1.5h above the base line, not less than the distance h, as shown in Figure 157.10d(c) and specified in Paragraph (c)(2) of this section. At levels greater than 1.5h above the base line, not less than the distance w, as shown in Figure 157.10d(c) and specified in Paragraph (c)(1) of this section.

(1808) (ii) For a vessel of less than 5,000 DWT: Not less the distance h above the line of the mid-ship flat bottom, as shown in Figure 157.10d(c)(3)(ii) and specified in Paragraph (c)(2) of this section. At levels greater than h above the line of the mid-ship flat bottom, not less than the distance w, as shown in Figure 157.10d(c)(3)(ii) and specified in Paragraph (c)(1) of this section.

Figure 157.10d(c)(3)(ii) - Minimum Double Hull Dimensions Within the turn of the bilge of Vessels under 5,000 DWT



(1809) (4) For a vessel to which §157.10(b) applies that is built under a contract awarded after September 11, 1992.

(1810) (i) The aggregate volume of the double sides, double bottom, forepeak tanks, and afterpeak tanks must not be less than the capacity of segregated ballast tanks required under §157.10(b). Segregated ballast tanks that may be provided in addition to those required under §157.10(b) may be located anywhere within the vessel.

(1811) (ii) Double side and double bottom tanks used to meet the requirements of §157.10(b) must be located as uniformly as practicable along the cargo tank length. Large inboard extensions of individual double side and double bottom tanks, which result in a reduction of overall side or bottom protection, must be avoided.

(1812) (d) A vessel of less than 10,000 DWT that is constructed and certificated for service exclusively on inland or limited short protected coastwise routes must be fitted with double sides and a double bottom as follows:

(1813) (1) A minimum of 61 cm. (2 ft.) from the inboard side of the side shell plate, extending the full depth of the side or from the main deck to the top of the double bottom, measured at right angles to the side shell; and

(1814) (2) A minimum of 61 cm. (2 ft.) from the top of the bottom shell plating, along the full breadth of the vessel's bottom, measured at right angles to the bottom shell.

(1815) (3) For a vessel to which Paragraph (a)(4) of this section applies, the width of the double sides and the depth of the double bottom may be 38 cm. (15 in.), in lieu of the dimensions specified in paragraphs (d)(1) and (d)(2) of this section, provided that the double side and double bottom tanks were fitted under a construction or conversion contract awarded prior to June 30, 1990.

(1816) (4) For a vessel built under a contract awarded after September 11, 1992, a minimum 46 cm. (18 in.) clearance for passage between framing must be maintained throughout the double sides and double bottom.

(1817) (e) Except as provided in Paragraph (e)(3) of this section, a vessel must not carry any oil in any tank extending forward of:

(1818) (1) The collision bulkhead; or

(1819) (2) In the absence of a collision bulk-head, the transverse plane perpendicular to the centerline through a point located:

(1820) (i) The lesser of 10 meters (32.8 ft.) or 5 percent of the vessel length, but in no case less than 1 meter (39 in.), aft of the forwarded perpendicular;

(1821) (ii) On a vessel of less than 10,000 DWT tons that is constructed and certificated for service exclusively on inland or limited short protected coastwise routes, the lesser of 7.62 meters (25 ft.) or 5 percent of the vessel length, but in no case less than 61 cm. (2 ft.), aft of the headlog or stem at the freeboard deck; or

(1822) (iii) On each vessel which operates exclusively as a box or trail barge, 61 cm. (2 ft.) aft of the headlog.

(1823) (3) This Paragraph does not apply to independent fuel oil tanks that must be located on or above the main deck within the areas described in paragraphs (e)(1) and (e)(2) of this section to serve adjacent deck equipment that cannot be located further aft. Such tanks must be as small and as far aft as is practicable.

(1824) (f) On each vessel, the cargo tank length must not extend aft to any point closer to the stern than the distance equal to the required width of the double side, as prescribed in §157.10d(c)(1) or §157.10d(d)(1).

Subpart G–Interim Measures for Certain Tank Vessels Without Double Hulls Carrying Petroleum Oils

§157.400 Purpose and applicability.

(1825) (a) The purpose of this subpart is to establish mandatory safety and operational requirements to reduce environmental damage resulting from petroleum oil spills.

(1826) (b) This subpart applies to each tank vessels specified in §157.01 of this part that—

(1827) (1) Is 5,000 gross tons or more;

(1828) (2) Carries petroleum oil in bulk as cargo or oil cargo residue; and

(1829) (3) Is not equipped with a double hull meeting §157.10d of this part, or an equivalent to the requirements of §157.10d, but required to be equipped with a double hull at a date set forth in 46 U.S.C. 3703a (b)(3) and (c)(3).

§157.445 Maneuvering performance capability.

(1830) (a) A tankship owner or operator shall ensure that maneuvering tests in accordance with IMO Resolution A.751(18), sections 1.2, 2.3-2.4, 3-4.2, and 5 (with Explanatory Notes in MSC/Circ. 644) have been conducted by July 29, 1997. Completion of maneuvering performance tests must be shown by—

(1831) (1) For a foreign flag tankship, a letter from the flag administration or an authorized classification society, as described in §157.04 of this part, stating the requirements in Paragraph (a) of this section have been met; or

(1832) (2) For a U.S. flag tankship, results from the vessel owner confirming the completion of the tests or a letter from an authorized classification society, as described in §157.04 of this part, stating the requirements in Paragraph (a) of this section have been met.

(1833) (b) If a tankship undergoes a major conversion or alteration affecting the control systems, control surfaces, propulsion system, or other areas which may be expected to alter maneuvering performance, the

tankship owner or operator shall ensure that new maneuvering tests are conducted as required by Paragraph (a) of this section.

(1834) (c) If a tankship is one of a class of vessels with identical propulsion, steering, hydrodynamic, and other relevant design characteristics, maneuvering performance test results for any tankship in the class may be used to satisfy the requirements of Paragraph (a) of this section.

(1835) (d) The tankship owner or operator shall ensure that the performance test results, recorded in the format of Appendix 6 of the Explanatory Notes in MSC/Circ. 644., are prominently displayed in the wheelhouse.

(1836) (e) Prior to entering the port or place of destination and prior to getting underway, the tankship master shall discuss the results of the performance tests with the pilot while reviewing the anticipated transit and the possible impact of the tankship's maneuvering capability on the transit.

Part 160–Ports and Waterways Safety-General

Subpart A–General

§160.1 Purpose.

(1837) (a) This subchapter contains regulations implementing the Ports and Waterways Safety Act (33 U.S.C. 1221) and related statutes.

§160.3 Definitions.

(1838) For the purposes of this subchapter:

(1839) "Bulk" means material in any quantity that is shipped, stored, or handled without the benefit of package, label, mark or count and carried in integral or fixed independent tanks.

(1840) "Captain of the Port" means the Coast Guard officer designated by the Commandant to command a Captain of the Port Zone as described in part 3 of this chapter.

(1841) "Commandant" means the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard.

(1842) "Commanding Officer, Vessel Traffic Services" means the Coast Guard officer designated by the Commandant to command a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) as described in part 161 of this chapter.

(1843) "Deviation" means any departure from any rule in this subchapter.

(1844) "District Commander" means the Coast Guard officer designated by the Commandant to command a Coast Guard District as described in part 3 of this chapter.

(1845) "ETA" means estimated time of arrival.

(1846) "Length of Tow" means, when towing with a hawser, the length in feet from the stern of the towing vessel to the stern of the last vessel in tow. When pushing ahead or towing alongside, length of tow means the tandem length in feet of the vessels in tow excluding the length of the towing vessel.

(1847) "Person" means an individual, firm, corporation, association, partnership, or governmental entity.

(1848) "State" means each of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, and any other commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.

(1849) "Tanker" means a self-propelled tank vessel constructed or adapted primarily to carry oil or hazardous materials in bulk in the cargo spaces.

(1850) "Tank Vessel" means a vessel that is constructed or adapted to carry, or that carries, oil or hazardous material in bulk as cargo or cargo residue.

(1851) "Vehicle" means every type of conveyance capable of being used as a means of transportation on land.

(1852) "Vessel" means every description of watercraft or other artificial contrivance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on water.

(1853) "Vessel Traffic Services (VTS)" means a service implemented under Part 161 of this chapter by the United States Coast Guard designed to improve the safety and efficiency of vessel traffic and to protect the environment. The VTS has the capability to interact with marine traffic and respond to traffic situations developing in the VTS area.

(1854) "Vessel Traffic Service Area or VTS Area" means the geographical area encompassing a specific VTS area of service as described in Part 161 of this chapter. This area of service may be subdivided into sectors for the purpose of allocating responsibility to individual Vessel Traffic Centers or to identify different operating requirements.

(1855) **Note:** Although regulatory jurisdiction is limited to the navigable waters of the United States, certain vessels will be encouraged or may be required, as a condition of port entry, to report beyond this area to facilitate traffic management within the VTS area.

(1856) "VTS Special Area" means a waterway within a VTS area in which special operating requirements apply.

§160.5 Delegations.

(1857) (a) District Commanders and Captains of the Ports are delegated the authority to establish safety zones.

(1858) (b) Under the provisions of 33 CFR 6.04–1 and 6.04–6, District Commanders and Captains of the Ports

have been delegated authority to establish security zones.

(1859) (c) Under the provisions 33 CFR §1.05–1, District Commanders have been delegated authority to establish regulated navigation areas.

(1860) (d) Subject to the supervision of the cognizant Captain of the Port and District Commander, Commanding Officers, Vessel Traffic Services are delegated authority under 33 CFR 1.01-30 to discharge the duties of the Captain of the Port that involve directing the operation, movement and anchorage of vessels within a Vessel Traffic Service area including management of vessel traffic within anchorages, regulated navigation areas and safety zones, and to enforce Vessel Traffic Service and ports and waterways safety regulations. This authority may be exercised by Vessel Traffic Center personnel. The Vessel Traffic Center may, within the Vessel Traffic Service area, provide information, make recommendations, or to a vessel required under Part 161 of this chapter to participate in a Vessel Traffic Service, issue an order, including an order to operate or anchor as directed; require the vessel to comply with orders issued; specify times of entry, movement or departure; restrict operations as necessary for safe operation under the circumstances; or take other action necessary for control of the vessel and the safety of the port or of the marine environment.

§160.7 Appeals.

(1861) (a) Any person directly affected by a safety zone or an order or direction issued under this subchapter (33 CFR Subchapter P) may request reconsideration by the official who issued it or in whose name it was issued. This request may be made orally or in writing, and the decision of the official receiving the request may be rendered orally or in writing.

(1862) (b) Any person directly affected by the establishment of a safety zone or by an order or direction issued by, or on behalf of, a Captain of the Port may appeal to the District Commander through the Captain of the Port. The appeal must be in writing, except as allowed under Paragraph (d) of this section, and shall contain complete supporting documentation and evidence which the appellant wishes to have considered. Upon receipt of the appeal, the District Commander may direct a representative to gather and submit documentation or other evidence which would be necessary or helpful to a resolution of the appeal. A copy of this documentation and evidence is made available to the appellant. The appellant is afforded five working days from the date of receipt to submit rebuttal materials. Following submission of all materials, the District Commander issues a ruling, in writing, on the appeal. Prior to issuing the ruling, the District Commander may, as a matter of discretion, allow oral presentation on the issues.

(1863) (c) Any person directly affected by the establishment of a safety zone or by an order or direction issued by a District Commander, or who receives an unfavorable ruling on an appeal taken under Paragraph (b) of this section, may appeal through the District Commander to the Chief, Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. 20593. The appeal must be in writing, except as allowed under Paragraph (d) of this section. The District Commander forwards the appeal, all the documents and evidence which formed the record upon which the order or direction was issued or the ruling under Paragraph (b) of this section was made, and any comments which might be relevant, to the Chief, Office of Marine Safety Security and Environmental Protection. A copy of this documentation and evidence is made available to the appellant. The appellant is afforded five working days from the date of receipt to submit rebuttal materials to the Chief, Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection. The decision of the Chief, Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection is based upon the materials submitted, without oral argument or presentation. The decision of the Chief, Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection is issued in writing and constitutes final agency action.

(1864) (d) If the delay in presenting a written appeal would have significant adverse impact on the appellant, the appeal under paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section may initially be presented orally. If an initial presentation of the appeal is made orally, the appellant must submit the appeal in writing within five days of the oral presentation to the Coast Guard official to whom the presentation was made. The written appeal must contain, at a minimum, the basis for the appeal and a summary of the material presented orally. If requested, the official to whom the appeal is directed may stay the effect of the action while the ruling is being appealed.

Subpart B–Control of Vessel and Facility Operations

§160.101 Purpose.

(1865) This subpart describes the authority exercised by District Commanders and Captains of the Ports to insure the safety of vessels and waterfront facilities, and the protection of the navigable waters and the resources therein. The controls described in this subpart are directed to specific situations and hazards.

§160.103 Applicability.

(1866) (a) This subpart applies to any–

(1867) (1) Vessel on the navigable waters of the United States, except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section;

(1868) (2) Bridge or other structure on or in the navigable waters of the United States; and

(1869) (3) Land structure or shore area immediately adjacent to the navigable waters of the United States.

(1870) (b) This subpart does not apply to any vessel on the Saint Lawrence Seaway.

(1871) (c) Except pursuant to international treaty, convention, or agreement, to which the United States is a party, this subpart does not apply to any foreign vessel that is not destined for, or departing from, a port or place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and that is in–

(1872) (1) Innocent passage through the territorial sea of the United States;

(1873) (2) Transit through the navigable waters of the United States which form a part of an international strait.

§160.105 Compliance with orders.

(1874) Each person who has notice of the terms of an order issued under this subpart must comply with that order.

§160.107 Denial of entry.

(1875) Each District Commander or Captain of the Port, subject to recognized principles of international law, may deny entry into the navigable waters of the United States or to any port or place under the jurisdiction of the United States, and within the district or zone of that District Commander or Captain of the Port, to any vessel not in compliance with the provisions of the Port and Tanker Safety Act (33 U.S.C. 1221–1232) or the regulations issued thereunder.

§160.109 Waterfront facility safety.

(1876) (a) To prevent damage to, or destruction of, any bridge or other structure on or in the navigable waters of the United States, or any land structure or shore area immediately adjacent to those waters, and to protect the navigable waters and the resources therein from harm resulting from vessel or structure damage, destruction, or loss, each District Commander or Captain of the Port may–

(1877) (1) Direct the handling, loading, unloading, storage, stowage, and movement (including the emergency removal, control, and disposition) of explosives or other dangerous articles and substances, including oil or hazardous material as those terms are defined in 46 U.S.C. 2101 on any structure on or in the navigable waters of the United States, or any land structure or shore area immediately adjacent to those waters; and

(1878) (2) Conduct examinations to assure compliance with the safety equipment requirements for structures.

§160.111 Special orders applying to vessel operations.

(1879) Each District Commander or Captain of the Port may order a vessel to operate or anchor in the manner directed when–

(1880) (a) The District Commander or Captain of the Port has reasonable cause to believe that the vessel is not in compliance with any regulation, law or treaty;

(1881) (b) The District Commander or Captain of the Port determines that the vessel does not satisfy the conditions for vessel operation and cargo transfers specified in §160.113; or

(1882) (c) The District Commander or Captain of the Port has determined that such order is justified in the interest of safety by reason of weather, visibility, sea conditions, temporary port congestion, other temporary hazardous circumstances, or the condition of the vessel.

§160.113 Prohibition of vessel operation and cargo transfers.

(1883) (a) Each District Commander or Captain of the Port may prohibit any vessel, subject to the provisions of chapter 37 of Title 46, U.S. Code, from operating in the navigable waters of the United States, or from transferring cargo or residue in any port or place under the jurisdiction of the United States, and within the district or zone of that District Commander or Captain of the Port, if the District Commander or the Captain of the Port determines that the vessel's history of accidents, pollution incidents, or serious repair problems creates reason to believe that the vessel may be unsafe or pose a threat to the marine environment.

(1884) (b) The authority to issue orders prohibiting operation of the vessels or transfer of cargo or residue under Paragraph (a) of this section also applies if the vessel:

(1885) (1) Fails to comply with any applicable regulation;

(1886) (2) Discharges oil or hazardous material in violation of any law or treaty of the United States;

(1887) (3) Does not comply with applicable vessel traffic service requirements;

(1888) (4) While underway, does not have at least one licensed deck officer on the navigation bridge who is capable of communicating in the English language.

(1889) (c) When a vessel has been prohibited from operating in the navigable waters of the United States under paragraphs (a) or (b) of this section, the District Commander or Captain of the Port may allow provisional entry into the navigable waters of the United States, or

into any port or place under the jurisdiction of the United States and within the district or zone of that District Commander or Captain of the Port, if the owner or operator of such vessel proves to the satisfaction of the District Commander or Captain of the Port, that the vessel is not unsafe or does not pose a threat to the marine environment, and that such entry is necessary for the safety of the vessel or the persons on board.

(1890) (d) A vessel which has been prohibited from operating in the navigable waters of the United States, or from transferring cargo or residue in a port or place under the jurisdiction of the United States under the provisions of Paragraph (a) or (b)(1), (2) or (3) of this section, may be allowed provisional entry if the owner or operator proves, to the satisfaction of the District Commander or Captain of the Port that has jurisdiction, that the vessel is no longer unsafe or a threat to the environment, and that the condition which gave rise to the prohibition no longer exists.

§160.115 Withholding of clearance.

(1891) (a) Each District Commander or Captain of the Port may request the Secretary of the Treasury, or the authorized representative thereof, to withhold or revoke the clearance required by 46 U.S.C. App. 91 of any vessel, the owner or operator of which is subject to any penalties under 33 U.S.C. 1232.

Subpart C–Notifications of Arrivals, Departures, Hazardous Conditions, and Certain Dangerous Cargos

§160.201 General.

(1892) This subpart contains requirements and procedures for submitting Notices of Arrival (NOA) and Notice of Hazardous Condition. The sections in this subpart describe:

(1893) (a) Applicability and exemptions from requirements in this subpart;

(1894) (b) Required information in an NOA;

(1895) (c) Required changes to an NOA;

(1896) (d) Methods and times for submission of an NOA and changes to an NOA;

(1897) (e) How to obtain a waiver; and

(1898) (f) Requirements for submission of the Notice of Hazardous Conditions.

§160.202 Applicability.

(1899) (a) This subpart applies to U.S. and foreign vessels bound for or departing from ports or places in the United States.

(1900) (b) This subpart does not apply to recreational vessels under 46 U.S.C. *4301 et seq.*

(1901) (c) Unless otherwise specified in this subpart, the owner, agent, master, operator, or person in charge of a vessel regulated by this subpart is responsible for compliance with the requirements in this subpart.

(1902) (d) Towing vessels controlling a barge or barges required to submit an NOA under this subpart must submit only one NOA containing the information required for the towing vessel and each barge under its control.

§160.203 Exemptions.

(1903) (a) Except for reporting notice of hazardous conditions, the following vessels are exempt from requirements in this subpart:

(1904) (1) Passenger and supply vessels when they are employed in the exploration for or in the removal of oil, gas, or mineral resources on the continental shelf.

(1905) (2) Oil Spill Recovery Vessels (OSRVs) when engaged in actual spill response operations or during spill response exercises.

(1906) (3) Vessels operating upon the following waters:

(1907) (i) Mississippi River between its sources and mile 235, Above Head of Passes;

(1908) (ii) Tributaries emptying into the Mississippi River above mile 235;

(1909) (iii) Atchafalaya River above its junction with the Plaquemine-Morgan City alternate waterway and the Red River; and

(1910) (iv) The Tennessee River from its confluence with the Ohio River to mile zero on the Mobile River and all other tributaries between those two points.

(1911) (b) If not carrying certain dangerous cargo or controlling another vessel carrying certain dangerous cargo, the following vessels are exempt from NOA requirements in this subpart:

(1912) (1) Vessels 300 gross tons or less, except for foreign vessels entering any port or place in the Seventh Coast Guard District as described in 33 CFR 3.35–1(b).

(1913) (2) Vessels operating exclusively within a Captain of the Port Zone.

(1914) (3) Vessels arriving at a port or place under force majeure.

(1915) (4) Towing vessels and barges operating solely between ports or places in the continental United States.

(1916) (5) Public vessels.

(1917) (6) Except for tank vessels, U.S. vessels operating solely between ports or places in the United States on the Great Lakes.

(1918) (c) Vessels less than 500 gross tons need not submit the International Safety Management (ISM) Code Notice (Entry (7) to Table 160.206).

(1919) (d) [Suspended]

(1920) (e) [Suspended]

§160.204 Definitions.

(1921) As used in this subpart:

(1922) *Agent* means any person, partnership, firm, company or corporation engaged by the owner or charterer of a vessel to act in their behalf in matters concerning the vessel.

(1923) *Barge* means a non-self propelled vessel engaged in commerce.

(1924) *Carried in bulk* means a commodity that is loaded or carried on board a vessel without containers or labels and received and handled without mark or count.

(1925) *Certain dangerous cargo* (CDC) includes any of the following:

(1926) (1) Division 1.1 or 1.2 explosives as defined in 49 CFR 173.50.

(1927) (2) Division 1.5D blasting agents for which a permit is required under 49 CFR 176.415 or, for which a permit is required as a condition of a Research and Special Programs Administration exemption.

(1928) (3) Division 2.3 "poisonous gas", as listed in 49 CFR 172.101 that is also a "material poisonous by inhalation" as defined in 49 CFR 171.8, and that is in a quantity in excess of 1 metric ton per vessel.

(1929) (4) Division 5.1 oxidizing materials for which a permit is required under 49 CFR 176.415 or for which a permit is required as a condition of a Research and Special Programs Administration exemption.

(1930) (5) A liquid material that has a primary or subsidiary classification of Division 6.1 "poisonous material" as listed 49 CFR 172.101 that is also a "material poisonous by inhalation," as defined in 49 CFR 171.8 and that is in a bulk packaging, or that is in a quantity in excess of 20 metric tons per vessel when not in a bulk packaging.

(1931) (6) Class 7, "highway route controlled quantity" radioactive material or "fissile material, controlled shipment," as defined in 49 CFR 173.403.

(1932) (7) Bulk liquefied chlorine gas and Bulk liquefied gas cargo that is flammable and/or toxic and carried under 46 CFR 154.7.

(1933) (8) The following bulk liquids:

(1934) (i) Acetone cyanohydrin,

(1935) (ii) Allyl alcohol,

(1936) (iii) Chlorosulfonic acid,

(1937) (iv) Crotonaldehyde,

(1938) (v) Ethylene chlorohydrin,

(1939) (vi) Ethylene dibromide,

(1940) (vii) Methacrylonitrile, and

(1941) (viii) Oleum (fuming sulfuric acid).

(1942) *Charterer* means the person or organization that contracts for the majority of the carrying capacity of a ship for the transportation of cargo to a stated port for a specified period. This includes "time charterers" and "voyage charterers."

(1943) *Crewmember* means all persons carried on board the vessel to provide navigation and maintenance of the vessel, its machinery, systems, and arrangements essential for propulsion and safe navigation or to provide services for other persons on board.

(1944) *Great Lakes* means Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie, and Ontario, their connecting and tributary waters, the Saint Lawrence River as far as Saint Regis, and adjacent port areas.

(1945) *Gross tons* means the tonnage determined by the tonnage authorities of a vessel's flag state in accordance with the national tonnage rules in force before the entry into force of the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969 ("Convention"). For a vessel measured only under Annex I of the Convention, gross tons means that tonnage. For a vessel measured under both systems, the higher gross tonnage is the tonnage used for the purposes of the 300-gross-ton threshold.

(1946) *Hazardous condition* means any condition that may adversely affect the safety of any vessel, bridge, structure, or shore area or the environmental quality of any port, harbor, or navigable waterway of the United States. It may, but need not, involve collision, allision, fire, explosion, grounding, leaking, damage, injury or illness of a person aboard, or manning-shortage.

(1947) *Nationality* means the state (nation) in which a person is a citizen or to which a person owes permanent allegiance.

(1948) *Operator* means any person including, but not limited to, an owner, a charterer, or another contractor who conducts, or is responsible for, the operation of a vessel.

(1949) *Persons in addition to crewmembers* mean any person onboard the vessel, including passengers, who are not included on the list of crewmembers.

(1950) *Port or place of departure* means any port or place in which a vessel is anchored or moored.

(1951) *Port or place of destination* means any port or place in which a vessel is bound to anchor or moor.

(1952) *Public vessel* means a vessel that is owned or demise-(bareboat) chartered by the government of the United States, by a State or local government, or by the government of a foreign country and that is not engaged in commercial service.

(1953) *Time charterer* means the party who hires a vessel for a specific amount of time. The owner and his crew manage the vessel, but the charterer selects the ports of destination.

(1954) *Voyage charterer* means the party who hires a vessel for a single voyage. The owner and his crew manage the vessel, but the charterer selects the ports of destination.

(1955) (9) Ammonium nitrate and ammonium nitrate based fertilizers, in bulk, listed as a Division 5.1 material in 49 CFR 172.101.

(1956) (10) Propylene oxide, alone or mixed with ethylene oxide, in bulk.

§160.206 Information required in an NOA.

(1957) (a) Each NOA must contain all of the information items specified in Table 160.206.

(1958) (b) Vessels operating solely between ports or places in the continental United States need submit only the name of and date of arrival and departure for the last port or places visited to meet the requirements in entries (2)(i) and (ii) to Table 160.206 of this section.

(1959) (c) You may submit a copy of INS Form I–418 to meet the requirements of entries (4) and (5) in Table 160.206.

(1960) (d) Any vessel planning to enter two or more consecutive ports or places in the United States during a single voyage may submit one consolidated Notification of Arrival at least 96 hours before entering the first port or place of destination. The consolidated notice must include the name of the port or place and estimated arrival and departure date for each destination of the voyage. Any vessel submitting a consolidated notice under this section must still meet the requirements of §160.208 of this part concerning requirements for charges to an NOA.

§160.208 Changes to a submitted NOA.

(1961) (a) Unless otherwise specified in this section, when submitted NOA information changes, vessels must submit a notice of change within the times required in §160.212.

(1962) (b) Changes in the following information need not be reported:

(1963) (1) Changes in arrival or departure times that are less than six (6) hours;

(1964) (2) Changes in vessel location or position of the vessel at the time of reporting (entry (2)(vi) to Table 160.206); and

(1965) (3) Changes to crewmembers' position or duties on the vessel (entry (5)(v) to Table 160.206).

(1966) (c) When reporting changes, submit only the name of the vessel, original NOA submission date, the port of arrival, the specific items to be corrected, and the new location or position of the vessel at the time of reporting. Only changes to NOA information need to be submitted.

§160.210 Methods for submitting an NOA.

(1967) (a) [Suspended]

(1968) (b) *Saint Lawrence Seaway transits*. Those vessels transiting the Saint Lawrence Seaway inbound, bound for a port or place in the United States, may meet the submission requirements of paragraph (a) of this section by submitting the required information to the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation and the Saint Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation of Canada by fax at 315-764-3235 or at 315-764-3200.

(1969) (c) *Seventh Coast Guard District*. Those foreign vessels 300 or less gross tons operating in the Seventh Coast Guard District must submit an NOA to the cognizant Captain of the Port (COTP).

(1970) (d) [Suspended]

(1971) (e) *Submission to the National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC)*. Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, vessels must submit NOA information required by §160.206 (entries 1-9 to Table 160.206) to the NVMC, United States Coast Guard, 408 Coast Guard Drive, Kearneysville, WV 25430, By:

(1972) (1) Electronic submission via the electronic NOA (e-NOA) available on the NVMC web site at

(1973) http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov.

(1974) (2) Electronic submission via web service of formatted XML (eXtensible Markup Language) documents. E-mail sans@nvmc.uscg.gov to ask for the XML schema details;

(1975) (3) E-mail at sans@nvmc.uscg.gov. Workbook available at http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov;

(1976) (4) Fax at 1-800-547-8724 or 304-264-2684. Workbook available at http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov; or,

(1977) (5) Telephone at 1-800-708-9823 or 304-264-2502.

§160.212 When to submit an NOA.

(1978) (a) *Submission of NOA*. (1) Except as set out in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, all vessels must submit NOAs within the times required in paragraph (a)(3) of this section.

(1979) (2) Towing vessels, when in control of a vessel carrying CDC and operating solely between ports or places in the continental United States, must submit an NOA before departure but at least 12 hours before entering the port or place of destination.

(1980) (3) Times for submitting NOAs areas follows:

If your voyage time is–	You must submit an NOA–
(i) 96 hours or more; or	At least 96 hours before entering the port or place of destination; or
(ii) Less than 96 hours	Before departure but at least 24 hours before entering the port or place of destination.

(1981) (b) *Submission of changes to NOA*. (1) Except as set out in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, vessels must submit changes in NOA information within the times required in paragraph (b)(3) of this section.

TABLE 160.206.—NOA INFORMATION ITEMS

Required information	Vessels not carrying CDC	Vessels Carrying CDC	
		Vessels	Towing vessels controlling vessels carrying CDC
(1) Vessel Information:			
(i) Name;	X	X	X
(ii) Name of the registered owner;	X	X	X
(iii) Country of registry;	X	X	X
(iv) Call sign;	X	X	X
(v) International Maritime Organization (IMO) international number or, if vessel does not have an assigned IMO international number, substitute with official number;	X	X	X
(vi) Name of the operator;	X	X	X
(vii) Name of the charterer; and	X	X	X
(viii) Name of classification society	X	X	X
(2) Voyage Information:			
(i) Names of last five ports or places visited;	X	X	X
(ii) Dates of arrival and departure for last five ports or places visited;	X	X	X
(iii) For each port or place in the United States to be visited, list the names of the receiving facility, the port or place, the city, and the state;	X	X	X
(iv) For each port or place in the United States to be visited, the estimated date and time of arrival;	X	X	X
(v) For each port or place in the United States to be visited, the estimated date and time of departure;	X	X	X
(vi) The location (port or place and country) or position (latitude and longitude or waterway and mile marker) of the vessel at the time of reporting; and	X	X	X
(vii) The name and telephone number of a 24-hour point of contact	X	X	X
(3) Cargo Information:			
(i) A general description of cargo, other than CDC, onboard the vessel (e.g.: grain, container, oil, etc);	X	X	X
(ii) Name of each certain dangerous cargo carried, including cargo UN number, if applicable; and	.....	X	X
(iii) Amount of each certain dangerous cargo carried	.....	X	X
(4) Information for each Crewmember Onboard:			
(i) Full name;	X	X	X
(ii) Date of birth;	X	X	X
(iii) Nationality;	X	X	X
(iv) Passport or mariners document number (type of identification and number);	X	X	X
(v) Position or duties on the vessel; and	X	X	X
(vi) Where the crewmember embarked (list port or place and country)	X	X	X
(5) Information for each Person Onboard in Addition to Crew:	X	X	X
(i) Full name;	X	X	X
(ii) Date of birth;	X	X	X

TABLE 160.206.—NOA INFORMATION ITEMS

Required information	Vessels not carrying CDC	Vessels Carrying CDC	
		Vessels	Towing vessels controlling vessels carrying CDC
(iii) Nationality;	X	X	X
(iv) Passport number; and	X	X	X
(v) Where the person embarked (list port or place and country)			
(6) Operational condition of equipment required by §164.35 of this chapter	X	X	X
(7) International Safety Management (ISM) Code Notice:			
(i) The date of issuance for the company's Document of Compliance certificate that covers the vessel;	X	X	X
(ii) The date of issuance for the vessel's Safety Management Certificate; and	X	X	X
(iii) The name of the Flag Administration, or the recognized organization(s) representing the vessel flag administration, that issued those certificates	X	X	X
(8) [Suspended]			

(1982) (2) Towing vessels, when in control of a vessel carrying CDC and operating solely between ports or places in the continental United States, must submit changes to an NOA as soon as practicable but at least 6 hours before entering the port or place of destination.

(1983) (3) Times for submitting changes to NOAs are as follows:

If your remaining voyage time is–	Then you must submit changes to an NOA–
(i) 96 hours or more;	As soon as practicable but at least 24 hours before entering the port or place of destination;
(ii) Less than 96 hours but not less than 24 hours; or	As soon as practicable but at least 24 hours before entering the port or place of destination; or
(iii) Less than 24 hours	As soon as practicable but at least 12 hours before entering the port or place of destination.

(1984) (c) [Suspended]

§160.214 Waivers.

(1985) The Captain of the Port may waive, within that Captain of the Port's designated zone, any of the requirements of this subpart for any vessel or class of vessels upon finding that the vessel, route area of operations, conditions of the voyage, or other circumstances are such that application of this subpart is unnecessary or impractical for purposes of safety, environmental protection, or national security.

§160.215 Notice of hazardous conditions.

(1986) Whenever there is a hazardous condition either aboard a vessel or caused by a vessel or its operation, the owner, agent, master, operator, or person in charge shall immediately notify the nearest Coast Guard Marine Safety Office or Group Office. (Compliance with this section does not relieve responsibility for the written report required by 46 CFR 4.05–10.)

Part 161–Vessel Traffic Management

Subpart A–Vessel Traffic Services

Federal Rules

§161.1 Purpose and Intent.

(1987) (a) The purpose of this part is to promulgate regulations implementing and enforcing certain sections of the Ports and Waterways Safety Act (PWSA) setting up a national system of Vessel Traffic Services that will enhance navigation, vessel safety, and marine environmental protection and promote safe vessel movement by reducing the potential for collisions, rammings, and groundings, and the loss of lives and property associated with these incidents within VTS areas established hereunder.

(1988) (b) Vessel Traffic Services provide the mariner with information related to the safe navigation of a waterway. This information, coupled with the mariner's compliance with the provisions set forth in this part,

enhances the safe routing of vessels through congested waterways or waterways of particular hazard. Under certain circumstances, a VTS may issue directions to control the movement of vessels in order to minimize the risk of collision between vessels, or damage to property or the environment.

(1989) (c) The owner, operator, charterer, master, or person directing the movement of a vessel remains at all times responsible for the manner in which the vessel is operated and maneuvered, and is responsible for the safe navigation of the vessel under all circumstances. Compliance with these rules or with a direction of the VTS is at all times contingent upon the exigencies of safe navigation.

(1990) (d) Nothing in this part is intended to relieve any vessel, owner, operator, charterer, master, or person directing the movement of a vessel from the consequences of any neglect to comply with this part or any other applicable law or regulations (e.g., the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS) or the Inland Navigation Rules) or of the neglect of any precaution which may be required by the ordinary practice of seamen, or by the special circumstances of the case.

§161.2 Definitions.

(1991) For the purposes of this part:

(1992) *Cooperative Vessel Traffic Services (CVTS)* means the system of vessel traffic management established and jointly operated by the United States and Canada within adjoining waters. In addition, CVTS facilitates traffic movement and anchorages, avoids jurisdictional disputes, and renders assistance in emergencies in adjoining United States and Canadian waters.

(1993) *Hazardous Vessel Operating Condition* means any condition related to a vessel's ability to safely navigate or maneuver, and includes, but is not limited to:

(1994) (1) The absence or malfunction of vessel operating equipment, such as propulsion machinery, steering gear, radar system, gyrocompass, depth sounding device, automatic radar plotting aid (ARPA), radiotelephone, automated dependent surveillance equipment, navigational lighting, sound signaling devices or similar equipment.

(1995) (2) Any condition on board the vessel likely to impair navigation, such as lack of current nautical charts and publications, personnel shortage, or similar condition.

(1996) (3) Vessel characteristics that affect or restrict maneuverability, such as cargo arrangement, trim, loaded condition, underkeel clearance, speed, or similar characteristics.

(1997) *Precautionary Area* means a routing measure comprising an area within defined limits where vessels must navigate with particular caution and within which the direction of traffic may be recommended.

(1998) *Navigable waters* means all navigable waters of the United States including the territorial sea of the United States, extending to 12 nautical miles from United States baselines, as described in Presidential Proclamation No. 5928 of December 27, 1988.

(1999) *Towing Vessel* means any commercial vessel engaged in towing another vessel astern, alongside, or by pushing ahead.

(2000) *Vessel Movement Center (VMC)* means the shore-based facility that operates the vessel tracking system for a Vessel Movement Reporting System (VMRS) area or sector within such an area. The VMC does not necessarily have the capability or qualified personnel to interact with marine traffic, nor does it necessarily respond to traffic situations developing in the area, as does a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS).

(2001) *Vessel Movement Reporting System (VMRS)* means a mandatory reporting system used to monitor and track vessel movements. This is accomplished by a vessel providing information under established procedures as set forth in this part in the areas defined in Table 161.12(c) (VTS and VMRS Centers, Call Signs/MMSI, Designated Frequencies, and Monitoring Areas).

(2002) *Vessel Movement Reporting System (VMRS) User* means a vessel, or an owner, operator, charterer, Master, or person directing the movement of a vessel that is required to participate in a VMRS.

(2003) *Vessel Traffic Center (VTC)* means the shore-based facility that operates the vessel traffic service for the Vessel Traffic Service area or sector within such an area.

(2004) *Vessel Traffic Services (VTS)* means a service implemented by the United States Coast Guard designed to improve the safety and efficiency of vessel traffic and to protect the environment. The VTS has the capability to interact with marine traffic and respond to traffic situations developing in the VTS area.

(2005) *Vessel Traffic Service Area or VTS* Area means the geographical area encompassing a specific VTS area of service. This area of service may be subdivided into sectors for the purpose of allocating responsibility to individual Vessel Traffic Centers or to identify different operating requirements.

(2006) **Note:** Although regulatory jurisdiction is limited to the navigable waters of the United States, certain vessels will be encouraged or may be required, as a condition of port entry, to report beyond this area to facilitate traffic management within the VTS area.

(2007) *VTS Special Area* means a waterway within a VTS area in which special operating requirements apply.

(2008) *VTS User* means a vessel, or an owner, operator, charterer, master, or person directing the movement of a vessel, that is:

(2009) (a) Subject to the Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act; or

(2010) (b) Required to participate in a VMRS within a VTS area (VMRS User).

(2011) *VTS User's Manual* means the manual established and distributed by the VTS to provide the mariner with a description of the services offered and rules in force for that VTS. Additionally, the manual may include chartlets showing the area and sector boundaries, general navigational information about the area, and procedures, radio frequencies, reporting provisions and other information which may assist the mariner while in the VTS area.

§161.3 Applicability.

(2012) The provisions of this subpart shall apply to each VTS User and may also apply to any vessel while underway or at anchor on the navigable waters of the United States within a VTS area, to the extent the VTS considers necessary.

§161.4 Requirement to carry the rules.

(2013) Each VTS User shall carry on board and maintain for ready reference a copy of these rules.

(2014) **Note:** These rules are contained in the applicable U.S. Coast Pilot, the VTS User's Manual which may be obtained by contacting the appropriate VTS, and periodically published in the Local Notice to Mariners. The VTS User's Manual and the World VTS Guide, an International Maritime Organization (IMO) recognized publication, contain additional information which may assist the prudent mariner while in the appropriate VTS area.

§161.5 Deviations from the rules.

(2015) (a) Requests to deviate from any provision in this part, either for an extended period of time or if anticipated before the start of a transit, must be submitted in writing to the appropriate District Commander. Upon receipt of the written request, the District Commander may authorize a deviation if it is determined that such a deviation provides a level of safety equivalent to that provided by the required measure or is a maneuver considered necessary for safe navigation under the circumstances. An application for an authorized deviation must state the need and fully describe the proposed alternative to the required measure.

(2016) (b) Requests to deviate from any provision in this part due to circumstances that develop during a transit or immediately preceding a transit, may be made verbally to the appropriate VTS Commanding Officer. Requests to deviate shall be made as far in advance as practicable. Upon receipt of the request, the VTS Commanding Officer may authorize a deviation if it is determined that, based on vessel handling characteristics, traffic density, radar contacts, environmental conditions and other relevant information, such a deviation provides a level of safety equivalent to that provided by the required measure or is a maneuver considered necessary for safe navigation under the circumstances.

Services, VTS Measures, and Operating Requirements

§161.10 Services.

(2017) To enhance navigation and vessel safety, and to protect the marine environment, a VTS may issue advisories, or respond to vessel requests for information, on reported conditions within the VTS area, such as:

(2018) (a) Hazardous conditions or circumstances;

(2019) (b) Vessel congestion;

(2020) (c) Traffic density;

(2021) (d) Environmental conditions;

(2022) (e) Aids to navigation status;

(2023) (f) Anticipated vessel encounters;

(2024) (g) Another vessel's name, type, position, hazardous vessel operating conditions, if applicable, and intended navigation movements, as reported;

(2025) (h) Temporary measures in effect;

(2026) (i) A description of local harbor operations and conditions, such as ferry routes, dredging, and so forth;

(2027) (j) Anchorage availability; or

(2028) (k) Other information or special circumstances.

§161.11 VTS measures.

(2029) (a) A VTS may issue measures or directions to enhance navigation and vessel safety and to protect the marine environment, such as, but not limited to:

(2030) (1) Designating temporary reporting points and procedures;

(2031) (2) Imposing vessel operating requirements; or

(2032) (3) Establishing vessel traffic routing schemes.

(2033) (b) During conditions of vessel congestion, restricted visibility, adverse weather, or other hazardous circumstances, a VTS may control, supervise, or otherwise manage traffic, by specifying times of entry, movement, or departure to, from, or within a VTS area.

§161.12 Vessel operating requirements.

(2034) (a) Subject to the exigencies of safe navigation, a VTS User shall comply with all measures established or directions issued by a VTS.

(2035) (b) If, in a specific circumstance, a VTS User is unable to safely comply with a measure or direction

issued by the VTS, the VTS User may deviate only to the extent necessary to avoid endangering persons, property or the environment. The deviation shall be reported to the VTS as soon as is practicable.

(2036) (c) When not exchanging communications, a VTS User must maintain a listening watch as required by §26.04(e) of this chapter on the VTS frequency designated in Table 161.12(c) (VTS and VMRS Centers, Call Signs/MMSI, Designated Frequencies, and Monitoring Areas). In addition, the VTS User must respond promptly when hailed and communicate in the English language.

(2037) **Note to §161.12(c):** As stated in 47 CFR 80.148(b), a very high frequency watch on Channel 16 (156.800 MHz) is not required on vessels subject to the Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act and participating in a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) system when the watch is maintained on both the vessel bridge-to-bridge frequency and a designated VTS frequency.

(2038) (d) As soon as practicable, a VTS User shall notify the VTS of any of the following:

(2039) (1) A marine casualty as defined in 46 CFR 4.05-1;

(2040) (2) Involvement in the ramming of a fixed or floating object;

(2041) (3) A pollution incident as defined in §151.15 of this chapter:

(2042) (4) A defect or discrepancy in an aid to navigation;

(2043) (5) A hazardous condition as defined in §160.203 of this chapter;

(2044) (6) Improper operation of vessel equipment required by Part 164 of this chapter;

(2045) (7) A situation involving hazardous materials for which a report is required by 49 CFR 176.48; and

(2046) (8) A hazardous vessel operating condition as defined in §161.2.

§161.13 VTS Special Area Operating Requirements.

(2047) The following operating requirements apply within a VTS Special Area:

(2048) (a) A VTS User shall, if towing astern, do so with as short a hawser as safety and good seamanship permits.

(2049) (b) A VMRS User shall: (1) Not enter or get underway in the area without prior approval of the VTS;

(2050) (2) Not enter a VTS Special Area if a hazardous vessel operating condition or circumstance exists;

(2051) (3) Not meet, cross, or overtake any other VMRS User in the area without prior approval of the VTS; and

(2052) (4) Before meeting, crossing, or overtaking any other VMRS User in the area, communicate on the designated vessel bridge-to-bridge radiotelephone frequency, intended navigation movements, and any other information necessary in order to make safe passing arrangements. This requirement does not relieve a vessel of any duty prescribed by the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS) or the Inland Navigation Rules.

Subpart B–Vessel Movement Reporting System

§161.15 Purpose and Intent.

(2053) (a) A Vessel Movement Reporting System (VMRS) is a system used to monitor and track vessel movements within a VTS or VMRS area. This is accomplished by requiring that vessels provide information under established procedures as set forth in this part, or as directed by the Center.

(2054) (b) To avoid imposing an undue reporting burden or unduly congesting radiotelephone frequencies, reports shall be limited to information which is essential to achieve the objectives of the VMRS. These reports are consolidated into three reports (sailing plan, position, and final).

§161.16 Applicability.

(2055) Unless otherwise stated, the provisions of this subpart apply to the following vessels and VMRS Users:

(2056) (a) Every power-driven vessel of 40 meters (approximately 131 feet) or more in length, while navigating;

(2057) (b) Every towing vessel of 8 meters (approximately 26 feet) or more in length, while navigating; or

(2058) (c) Every vessel certificated to carry 50 or more passengers for hire, when engaged in trade.

§161.17 Definitions.

(2059) As used in the subpart:

(2060) *Center* means a Vessel Traffic Center or Vessel Movement Center.

(2061) *Published* means available in a widely-distributed and publicly available medium (e.g., VTS User's Manual, ferry schedule, Notice to Mariners).

§161.18 Reporting requirements.

(2062) (a) A Center may: (1) Direct a vessel to provide any of the information set forth in Table 161.18(a) (IMO Standard Ship Reporting System);

(2063) (2) Establish other means of reporting for those vessels unable to report on the designated frequency; or

(2064) (3) Require reports from a vessel in sufficient time to allow advance vessel traffic planning.

(2065) (b) All reports required by this part shall be made as soon as is practicable on the frequency designated in Table 161.12(c) (VTS and VMRS Centers, Call Signs/MMSI, Designated Frequencies, and Monitoring Areas).

TABLE 161.12(C).—VTS and VMRS Centers, Call Signs/MMSI, Designated Frequencies, and Monitoring Areas

Center MMSI[1] Call Sign	Designated frequency (Channel designation)—purpose[2]	Monitoring area[3] [4]
Berwick Bay—003669950 Berwick Traffic	156.550 MHz (Ch. 11)	The waters south of 29°45'N., west of 91°10'W., north of 29°37'N., and east of 91°18'W.
Houston-Galveston—003669954	. . . . .	The navigable waters north of 29°N., west of 94°20'W., south of 29°49'N., and east of 95°20'W.
Houston Traffic	156.550 MHz (Ch. 11) . . . . . . 156.250 MHz (Ch. 5A) —For Sailing Plans only	The navigable waters north of a line extending due west from the southern most end of Exxon Dock #1 (20°43.37'N., 95°01.27'W.
Houston Traffic	156.600 MHz (Ch. 12) . . . . . . 156.250 MHz (Ch. 5A) —For Sailing Plans only	The navigable waters south of a line extending due west from the southern most end of Exxon Dock #1 (20°43.37'N., 95°01.27'W.)
Los Angeles/Long Beach: MMSI/To be determined *San Pedro Traffic*	156.700 MHz (Ch. 14).	Vessel Movement Reporting System Area: The navigable waters within a 25 nautical mile radius of Point Fermin Light (33°42.3'N., 118°17.6'W.)
Louisville: Not applicable Louisville Traffic	156.650 MHz (Ch. 13)	The waters of the Ohio River between McAlpine Locks (Mile 606) and Twelve Mile Island (Mile 593), only when the McAlpine upper pool gauge is at approximately 13.0 feet or above.
Lower Mississippi River[5]—0036699952 *New Orleans Traffic*	156.700 MHz (Ch. 14)	The navigable waters of the Lower Mississippi River below 30°38.7'N., 91°17.5'W. (Port Hudson Light at 255 miles Above Head of Passes (AHP)), the Southwest Pass, and, within a 12 nautical miles radius around 28°54.3'N., 89°25.7'W. (Southwest Pass Entrance Light at 19.9 miles Below Head of Passes)
New Orleans Traffic	156.600 MHz (Ch. 12)	.*New Orleans Sector*. The navigable waters of the Lower Mississippi River bounded on the north by a line drawn perpendicular at 29°56.4'N., 90°08.36'W. and on the south by a line drawn perpendicularly at 29°56.24'N., 89°59.86'W. (88 and 106 miles AHP).
New York —003669951 *New York Traffic*	156.550 MHz (Ch.11) . . . . . . —For Sailing Plans Only 156.600 MHz (Ch. 12) —For vessels at anchor	The area consists of the navigable waters of the Lower New York Bay bounded on the east by a line drawn from Norton Point to Breezy Point; on the south by a line connecting the entrance buoys at the Ambrose Channel, Swash Channel, and Sandy Hook Channel to Sandy Hook Point; and on the southeast including the waters of Sandy Hook Bay south to a line drawn at latitude 40°25'N.; then west in the Raritan Bay to the Raritan River Railroad Bridge, then north into waters of the Arthur Kill and Newark Bay to the Lehigh Valley Draw Bridge at latitude 40°41.9'N.; and then east including the waters of the Kill Van Kull and the Upper New York Bay north to a line drawn east-west from the Holland Tunnel ventilator shaft at latitude 40°43.7'N., longitude 74°01.6'W., in the Hudson River; and then continuing east including the waters of the East River to the Throgs Neck Bridge, excluding the Harlem River.

TABLE 161.12(C).—VTS and VMRS Centers, Call Signs/MMSI, Designated Frequencies, and Monitoring Areas

Center MMSI[1] Call Sign	Designated frequency (Channel designation)—purpose[2]	Monitoring area[3] [4]
New York Traffic	156.700 MHz (Ch. 14)	The navigable waters of the Lower New York Bay west of a line drawn from Norton Point to Breezy Point; and north of a line connecting the entrance buoys of Ambrose Channel, Swash Channel, and Sandy Hook Channel, to Sandy Hook Point; on the southeast including the waters of the Sandy Hook Bay south to a line drawn at latitude 40°25'N.; then west into the waters of Raritan Bay East Reach to a line drawn from Great Kills Light south through Raritan Bay East Reach LGB #14 to Comfort PT, NJ; then north including the waters of the Upper New York Bay south of 40°42.40'N. (Brooklyn Bridge) and 40°43.70'N. (Holand Tunnel Ventilator Shaft); west through the KVK into the Arthur Kill north of 40°38.25'N. (Arthur Kill Railroad Bridge); then north into the waters of the Newark Bay, south of 40°41.95'N. (Lehigh Valley Draw Bridge).
New York Traffic	156.600 MHz (Ch. 12)	The navigable waters of the Raritan Bay south to a line drawn at latitude 40°26'N.; then west of a line drawn from Great Kills Light south through the Raritan Bay East Reach LGB #14 to Point Comfort, NJ; then west to the Raritan River Railroad Bridge; and north including the waters of the Arthur Kill to 40°28.25'N. (Arthur Kill Railroad Bridge); including the waters of the East River north of 40°42.40'N. (Brooklyn Bridge) to the Throgs Neck Bridge, excluding the Harlem River.
Port Arthur[5]—003669955 *Sabine Traffic*	To be determined	The navigable waters south of 30°10'N., east of 94°20'W., west of 93°22'W. and, north of 29°10'N.
Prince William Sound—003669958 *Valdez Traffic*	156.650 MHz (Ch. 13)	The navigable waters south of 61°05'N., east of 147°20'W., north of 60°N., and west of 146°30'W.; and, all navigable waters in Port Valdez.
Puget Sound[6] *Seattle Traffic*—003669957	156.700 MHz (Ch. 14)	The waters of Puget Sound, Hood Canal and adjacent waters south of a line connecting Marrowstone Point and Lagoon Point in Admiralty Inlet and south of a line drawn due east from the southernmost tip of Possession Point on Whidbey Island to the shoreline.
Seattle Traffic—003669957	156.250 MHz (Ch. 5A)	The waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca east of 124°40'W. excluding the waters in the central portion of the Strait of Juan de Fuca north and east of Race Rocks; the navigable waters of the Strait of Georgia east of 122°52'W.; the San Juan Island Archipelago, Rosario Strait, Bellingham Bay; Admiralty Inlet north of a line connecting Marrowstone Point and Lagoon Point and all waters east of Whidbey Island North of a line drawn due east from the southernmost tip of Possession Point on Whidbey Island to the shoreline
Tofino Traffic—003160012	156.725 MHz (Ch. 74)	The waters west of 124°40'W. within 50 nautical miles of the coast of Vancouver Island including the waters north of 48°N., and east of 127°W.
Victoria Traffic—003160010 . . .	156.550 MHz (Ch. 11)	The waters of the Strait of Georgia west of 122°52'W., the navigable waters of the central Strait of Juan de Fuca north and east of Race Rocks, including the Gulf Island Archipelago, Boundary Pass and Haro Strait.

TABLE 161.12(C).—VTS and VMRS Centers, Call Signs/MMSI, Designated Frequencies, and Monitoring Areas

Center MMSI[1] Call Sign	Designated frequency (Channel designation)—purpose[2]	Monitoring area[3] [4]
San Francisco—003669956 *San Francisco Traffic*	156.700 MHz (Ch. 14)	The navigable waters of the San Francisco Offshore Precautionary Area, the navigable waters shoreward of the San Francisco Offshore Precautionary Area east of 122°42.0'W. and north of 37°40.0'N. extending eastward through the Golden Gate, and the navigable waters of San Francisco Bay and as far east as the port of Stockton on the San Joaquin River, as far north as the port of Sacramento on the Sacramento River.
San Francisco Traffic	156.600 MHz (Ch. 12)	The navigable waters within a 38 nautical mile radius of Mount Tamalpais (37°55.8'N., 122°34.6'W.) west of 122°42.0'W. and south of 37°40.0'N. and excluding the San Francisco Offshore Precautionary Area.
St. Marys River —003669953 *Soo Traffic*	156.600 MHz (Ch. 12).	The waters of the St. Marys River between 45°57'N. (De Tour Reef Light) and 46°38.7'N. (Ile Parisienne Light), except the St. Marys Falls Canal and those navigable waters east of a line from 46°04.16'N. and 46°01.57'N. (La Pointe to Sims Point in Potagannissing Bay and Worsley Bay).

Notes:

[1]Maritime Mobile Service Identifier (MMSI) is a unique nine-digit number assigned that identifies ship stations, ship earth stations, coast stations, coast earth stations, and group calls for use by a digital selective calling (DSC) radio, an INMARSAT ship earth station or AIS. AIS requirements are set forth in §§161.21 and 164.46 of this subchapter. The requirements set forth in §§161.21 and 164.46 of this subchapter apply in those areas denoted with a MMSI number.

[2]In the event of a communication failure, difficulties or other safety factors, the Center may direct or permit a user to monitor and report on any other designated monitoring frequency or the bridge-to-bridge navigational frequency, 156.650 MHz (Channel 13) or 156.375 MHz (Ch. 67), to the extent that doing so provides a level of safety beyond that provided by other means. The bridge-to-bridge navigational frequency, 156.650 MHz (Ch. 13), is used in certain monitoring areas where the level of reporting does not warrant a designated frequency.

[3]All geographic coordinates (latitude and longitude) are expressed in North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83).

[4]Some monitoring areas extend beyond navigable waters. Although not required, users are strongly encouraged to maintain a listening watch on the designated monitoring frequency in these areas. Otherwise, they are required to maintain watch as stated in 47 CFR 80.148.

[5]Until rules regarding VTS Lower Mississippi River and VTS Port Arthur are published, vessels are exempted of all VTS and VMRS requirements set forth in 33 CFR part 161, except those set forth in §§161.21 and 161.46 of this subchapter.

[6]A Cooperative Vessel Traffic Service was established by the United States and Canada within adjoining waters. The appropriate Center administers the rules issued by both nations; however, enforces only its own set of rules within its jurisdiction. Note, the bridge-to-bridge navigational frequency, 156.650 MHz (Ch. 13), is not so designated in Canadian waters, therefore users are encouraged and permitted to make passing arrangements on the designated monitoring frequencies.

TABLE 161.18(a).--THE IMO STANDARD SHIP REPORTING SYSTEM

A	ALPHA	Ship	Name, call sign or ship station identity, and flag.
B	BRAVO.....	Dates and time of event	A 6 digit group giving day of month (first two digits), hours and minutes (last four digits). If other than UTC state time zone used.
C	CHARLIE	Position	A 4 digit group giving latitude in degrees and minutes suffixed with N (north) or S (south) and a 5 digit group giving longitude in degrees and minutes suffixed with E (east) or W (west); or,
D	DELTA	Position	True bearing (first 3 digits) and distance (state distance) in nautical miles from a clearly identified landmark (state landmark).
E	ECHO	True course	A 3 digit group.
F	FOXTROT	Speed in knots and tenths of knots	A 3 digit group.
G	GOLF	Port of Departure	Name of last port of call.
H	HOTEL	Date, time and point of entry system.	Entry time expressed as in (B) and into the entry position expressed as in (C) or (D).
I	INDIA	Destination and expected time of arrival.	Name of port and date time group expressed as in (B).
J	JULIET	Pilot	State whether a deep sea or local pilot is on board.
K	KILO	Date, time and point of exit from system.	Exit time expressed as in (B) and exit position expressed as in (C) or (D).
L	LIMA	Route information	Intended track.
M	MIKE	Radio	State in full names of communications stations/frequencies guarded.
N	NOVEMBER	Time of next report	Date time group expressed as in (B).
O	OSCAR	Maximum present static draught in meters.	4 digit group giving meters and centimeters.
P	PAPA	Cargo on board	Cargo and brief details of any dangerous cargoes as well as harmful substances and gases that could endanger persons or the environment.
Q	QUEBEC	Defects, damage, deficiencies or limitations.	Brief detail of defects, damage, deficiencies or other limitations.
R	ROMEO	Description of pollution or dangerous goods lost.	Brief details of type pollution (oil, chemicals, etc) or dangerous goods lost overboard; position expressed as in (C) or (D).
S	SIERRA	Weather conditions	Brief details of weather and sea conditions prevailing.
T	TANGO	Ship's representative and/or owner.	Details of name and particulars of ship's representative and/or owner for provision of information.
U	UNIFORM	Ship size and type	Details of length, breadth, tonnage, and type, etc., as required.
V	VICTOR	Medical personnel	Doctor, physician's assistant, nurse, no medic.
W	WHISKEY	Total number of persons on board.	State number.
X	XRAY	Miscellaneous	Any other information as appropriate. (i.e., a detailed description of a planned operation, which may include: its duration; effective area; any restrictions to navigation; notification procedures for approaching vessels; in addition, for a towing operation; configuration, length of the tow, available horsepower, etc.; for a dredge or floating plant: configuration of pipeline, mooring configuration, number of assist vessels, etc.).

(2066) (c) When not exchanging communications, a VMRS User must maintain a listening watch as described in §26.04(e) of this chapter on the frequency designated in Table 161.12(c) (VTS and VMRS Centers, Call Signs/MMSI, Designated Frequencies, and Monitoring Areas). In addition, the VMRS User must respond promptly when hailed and communicate in the English language.

(2067) **Note:** As stated in 47 CFR 80.148(b), a VHF watch on Channel 16 (156.800 MHz) is not required on vessels subject to the Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act and participating in a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) system when the watch is maintained on both the vessel bridge-to-bridge frequency and a designated VTS frequency.

(2068) (d) A vessel must report:

(2069) (1) Any significant deviation from its Sailing Plan, as defined in §161.19, or from previously reported information; or

(2070) (2) Any intention to deviate from a VTS issued measure or vessel traffic routing system.

(2071) (e) When reports required by this part include time information, such information shall be given using the local time zone in effect and the 24-hour military clock system.

§161.19 Sailing Plan (SP).

(2072) Unless otherwise stated, at least 15 minutes before navigating a VTS area, a vessel must report the:

(2073) (a) Vessel name and type;

(2074) (b) Position;

(2075) (c) Destination and ETA;

(2076) (d) Intended route;

(2077) (e) Time and point of entry; and

(2078) (f) Dangerous cargo on board or in its tow, as defined in §160.203 of this chapter, and other required information as set out in §160.211 and §160.213 of this chapter, if applicable.

§161.20 Position Report (PR).

(2079) A vessel must report its name and position:

(2080) (a) Upon point of entry into a VMRS area;

(2081) (b) At designated points as set forth in Subpart C; or

(2082) (c) When directed by the Center.

§161.21 Automated reporting.

(2083) (a) Unless otherwise directed, vessels equipped with an Automatic Identification System (AIS) are required to make continuous, all stations, AIS broadcasts, in lieu of voice Position Reports, to those Centers denoted in Table 161.12(c) of this part.

(2084) (b) Should an AIS become non-operational, while or prior to navigating a VMRS area, it should be restored to operating condition as soon as possible, and, until restored a vessel must:

(2085) (1) Notify the Center;

(2086) (2) Make voice radio Position Reports at designated reporting points as required by §161.20(b) of this part; and

(2087) (3) Make any other reports as directed by the Center.

§161.22 Final Report (FR).

(2088) A vessel must report its name and position:

(2089) (a) On arrival at its destination; or

(2090) (b) When leaving a VTS area.

§161.23 Reporting exemptions.

(2091) (a) Unless otherwise directed, the following vessels are exempted from providing Position and Final Reports due to the nature of their operation:

(2092) (1) Vessels on a published schedule and route;

(2093) (2) Vessels operating within an area of a radius of three nautical miles or less; or

(2094) (3) Vessels escorting another vessel or assisting another vessel in maneuvering procedures.

(2095) (b) A vessel described in Paragraph (a) of this section must:

(2096) (1) Provide a Sailing Plan at least 5 minutes but not more than 15 minutes before navigating within the VMRS area; and

(2097) (2) If it departs from its promulgated schedule by more than 15 minutes or changes its limited operating area, make the established VMRS reports, or report as directed.

Subpart C–Vessel Traffic Service and Vessel Movement Reporting System Areas and Reporting Points

(2098) **Note:** All geographic coordinates contained in part 161 (latitude and longitude) are expressed in North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83).

§161.50 Vessel Traffic Service San Francisco.

(2099) The VTS area consists of all the navigable waters of San Francisco Bay Region south of the Mare Island Causeway Bridge and the Petaluma River Entrance Channel Daybeacon 19 and Petaluma River Entrance Channel Light 20 and north of the Dunbarton Bridge; its seaward approaches within a 38 nautical mile radius of Mount Tamalpais (37°55.8'N., 122°34.6'W.); and its navigable tributaries as far east as the port of Stockton on the San Joaquin River, as far north as the port of Sacramento on the Sacramento River.

§161.55 Vessel Traffic Service Puget Sound and the Cooperative Vessel Traffic Service for the Juan de Fuca Region.

(2100) The Vessel Traffic Service Puget Sound area consists of the navigable waters of the United States bounded by a line drawn from the Washington State coastline at 48°23'08"N., 124°43'37"W. on Cape Flattery to the Cape Flattery Light at 48°23'30"N., 124°44'12"W. on Tatoosh Island, due west to the U.S.Territorial Sea Boundary; thence northward along the U.S. Territorial Sea Boundary to its intersection with the U.S./Canada International Boundary; thence east along the U.S./Canada International Boundary through the waters known as the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Haro Strait, Boundary Pass, and the Strait of Georgia to the Washington State coastline at 49°00'06"N., 122°45'18"W. (International Boundary Range C Rear Light). This area includes: Puget Sound, Hood Canal, Possession Sound, the San Juan Island Archipelago, Rosario Strait, Guemes Channel, Bellingham Bay, the U.S. waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the Strait of Georgia, and all waters adjacent to the above.

(2101) (b) Vessel Traffic Service Puget Sound participates in a U.S./Canadian Cooperative Vessel Traffic Service (CVTS) to jointly manage vessel traffic in the Juan de Fuca Region. The CVTS for the Juan de Fuca Region consists of all waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca and its offshore approaches, southern Georgia Strait, the Gulf and San Juan Archipelagos, Rosario Strait, Boundary Pass and Haro Strait, bounded on the northwest by 48°35'45"N.; and on the southwest by 48°23'30"N.; and on the west by the rhumb line joining 48°35'45"N., 124°47'30"W. with 48°23'30"N., 124°48'37"W.; and on the northeast in the Strait of Georgia, by a line drawn along 49°N. from Vancouver Island to Semiahmoo Bay; and on the southeast, by a line drawn from McCurdy Point on the Quimper Peninsula to Point Partridge on Whidbey Island. Canadian and United States Vessel Traffic Centers (Tofino, B.C., Canada, Vancouver, BC, Canada and Seattle, WA) manage traffic within the CVTS area irrespective of the International Boundary.

(2102) (c) VTS Special Areas. (1) The Rosario Strait VTS Special Area consists of those waters bounded to the south by the center of Precautionary Area "RB" (a circular area of 2,500 yards radius centered at 48°26'24"N., 122°45'12"W.), and to the north by the center of Precautionary Area "C" (a circular area of 2,500 yards radius centered at 48°40'34"N., 122°42'44"W.; Lighted Buoy "C"); and

(2103) **Note:** The center of precautionary area "RB" is not marked by a buoy. All precautionary areas are depicted on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) nautical charts.

(2104) (2) The Guemes Channel VTS Special Area consists of those waters bounded to the west by Shannon Point on Fidalgo Island and to the east by Southeast Point on Guemes Island.

(2105) (d) Additional VTS Special Area Operating Requirements. The following additional requirements are applicable in the Rosario Strait and Guemes Channel VTS Special Areas:

(2106) (1) A vessel engaged in towing shall not impede the passage of a vessel of 40,000 dead weight tons or more.

(2107) (2) A vessel of less than 40,000 dead weight tons is exempt from the provision set forth in §161.13(b)(1) of this part.

(2108) (3) A vessel of less than 100 meters in length is exempt from the provisions set forth in §161.13(b)(3) of this part. Approval will not be granted for:

(2109) (i) A vessel of 100 meters or more in length to meet or overtake; or cross or operate within 2,000 yards (except when crossing astern) of a vessel of 40,000 dead weight tons or more; or

(2110) (ii) A vessel of 40,000 dead weight tons or more to meet or overtake; or cross or operate within 2,000 yards (except when crossing astern) of a vessel of 100 meters or more in length.

(2111) (e) Reporting Point. Inbound vessels in the Strait of Juan de Fuca upon crossing 124°W.

§161.60 Vessel Traffic Service Prince William Sound.

(2112) (a) The VTS area consists of the navigable waters of the United States north of a line drawn from Cape Hinchinbrook Light to Schooner Rock Light, comprising that portion of Prince William Sound between 146°30'W. and 147°20'W. and includes Valdez Arm, Valdez Narrows and Port Valdez.

(2113) (b) The Valdez Arm VTS Special Area consists of the waters of the Valdez Arm Traffic Separation Scheme (described in §167.1703 of this chapter); the waters northeast of a line drawn from shoreline to shoreline thorugh the points 60°58.04'N., 146°46.52'W. and 60°58.93'N., 146°48.86'W.; and southwest of a line bearing 307° (T) from Tongue Point at 61°02.10'N., 146°40.00'W.

(2114) (c) The Valdez Narrows VTS Special Area consists of those waters of Valdez Arm, Valdez Narrows, and Port Valdez northeast of a line bearing 307° True from Tongue Point at 61°02'06"N., 146°40'W.; and southwest of a line bearing 307° True from Entrance Island Light at 61°05'06"N., 146°36'42"W.

(2115) (d) Additional VTS Special Area Operating Requirements. The following additional requirements are applicable in the Valdez Narrows VTS Special Area:

(2116) (1) No VMRS User shall proceed north of 61°N. without prior approval of the VTS.

TABLE 161.60(d)–VTS PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REPORTING POINTS

Designator	Geographic name	Geographic description	Latitude/ Longitude	Notes
1A	Cape Hinchinbrook	Cape Hinchinbrook	60°16'18"N 146°45'30"W	Northbound Only.
1B	Schooner Rock	Schooner Rock	60°18'42"N 146°51'36"W	Southbound Only.
2A	Naked Island	Naked Island	60°40'00"N 146°01'24"W	Northbound Only.
2B	Naked Island	Naked Island	60°40'00"N 146°05'00"W	Southbound Only.
3A	Bligh Reef	Bligh Reef Light (Pilot Embark) .	60°50'36"N 146°57'30"W	Northbound Only.
3B	Bligh Reef	Bligh Reef Light (Pilot Disembark).	60°51'00"N 146°01'24"W	Southbound Only.
4A	Rocky Point	Rocky Point	60°57'48"N 146°47'30"W	Northbound Only.
4B	Rocky Point	Rocky Point	60°5748”N 146°50’00”W	Southbound Only.
5	Entrance Island	Entrance Island Light.	61°05’24”N 146°37’30”W	

(2117) (2) For a vessel listed in Paragraph (c)(3) of this section–

(2118) (i) Approval to enter this area will not be granted to a vessel when a tank vessel of more than 20,000 deadweight tons is navigating therein;

(2119) (ii) A northbound vessel shall remain south of 61°N. until the VTS has granted permission to proceed; and

(2120) (iii) A southbound vessel shall remain in Port Valdez east of 146°35'W. and north of 61°06'N. until the VTS has granted permission to proceed.

(2121) (3) Paragraph (c)(2) of this section applies to–

(2122) (i) A vessel of 1,600 gross tons or more; and

(2123) (ii) A towing vessel of 8 meters or more in length, except for a vessel performing duties as an escort vessel as defined in 33 CFR Part 168.

(2124) (e) Reporting Points.

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§162.1 General.

(2125) Geographic coordinates expressed in terms of latitude or longitude, or both, are not intended for plotting on maps or charts whose referenced horizontal datum is the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), unless such geographic coordinates are expressly labeled NAD 83. Geographic coordinates without the NAD 83 reference may be plotted on maps or charts referenced to NAD 83 only after application of the appropriate corrections that are published on the particular map or chart being used.

§162.195 Santa Monica Bay, Calif.; restricted area.

(2126) (a) The area. The waters of the Pacific Ocean, Santa Monica Bay, in an area extending seaward from the shoreline a distance of about 5 nautical miles (normal to the shoreline) and basically outlined as follows:

(2127) Station

(2128) A–33°54'59"N., 118°25'41"W.

(2129) B–33°54'59"N., 118°28'00"W.

(2130) C–33°53'59.5"N., 118°31'37"W.

(2131) D–33°56'19.5"N., 118°34'05"W.

(2132) E–33°56'25"N., 118°26'29"W.

(2133) (b) The regulations. (1) Vessels shall not anchor within the area at any time without permission.

(2134) (2) Dredging, dragging, seining, or other fishing operations which might foul underwater installations within the area are prohibited.

(2135) (3) All vessels entering the area, other than vessels operated by or for the United States, the State of California, the county of Los Angeles, or the city of Los Angeles, shall proceed across the area by the most direct route and without unnecessary delay. The area will be open and unrestricted to small recreational craft for recreational activities at all times.

(2136) (4) The placing of buoys, markers, or other devices requiring anchors will not be permitted.

(2137) (5) The city of Los Angeles will maintain a patrol of the area as needed.

§162.200 Marina del Rey, Calif.; restricted area.

(2138) (a) The area. That portion of the Pacific Ocean lying shoreward of the offshore breakwater and the most seaward 1,000 feet of the entrance channel between the north and south jetties, and basically outlined as follows:

(2139) Station

(2140) A–33°57'46.0"N., 118°27'39.5"W.

(2141) B–33°57'52.3"N., 118°27'43.6"W.

(2142) C–33°57'48.6"N., 118°27'48.8"W.

(2143) D–33°57'29.8"N., 118°27'34.7"W.

(2144) E–33°57'30.9"N., 118°27'29.1"W.

(2145) F–33°57'37.4"N., 118°27'33.8"W.

(2146) G–33°57'42.4"N., 118°27'23.0"W.

(2147) H–33°57'50.6"N., 118°27'28.3"W.

(2148) (b) The regulations. (1) Vessels shall not anchor within the area at any time without permission except in an emergency.

(2149) (2) Dredging, dragging, seining, or other fishing operations which might foul underwater installations within the area are prohibited.

(2150) NOTE.–The Corps of Engineers also has regulations dealing with this section in 33 CFR 207.

§162.205 Suisun Bay, San Joaquin River, and connecting waters, CA.

(2151) (a) San Joaquin River Deep Water Channel between Suisun Bay and the easterly end of the channel at Stockton; use, administration, and navigation–(1) Maximum speed. The maximum speed for all ocean-going craft shall not exceed 10 miles per hour above the lower end of New York Slough, seven miles per hour above Criminal Point, or five miles per hour while passing any wharf, dock, or moored craft. As used in this Paragraph, the speed of a vessel when navigating with the current shall be its rate of movement in excess of the velocity of the current.

(2152) (2) Passing. All craft passing other boats, barges, scows, etc., in motion, moored or anchored, shall slow down and take every necessary precaution to avoid damage.

(2153) (3) Right of way. (i) United States dredges, tugs, launches, derrick boats, and similar plant of contractors executing river and harbor improvement work for the United States, and displaying the signals prescribed by the regulations contained in 33 CFR 80, shall have the right of way and other craft shall exercise special caution to avoid interference with the work on which the plant is engaged. Dredges, whether Federal or contractors' plant, working the channel must, however, take special care to give ocean-going vessels sufficient room for passing, and must lift both spuds and the ladder, and pull clear, if an adequate width of clear channelway cannot otherwise be provided. Ocean-going vessels may show at the masthead a black ball not more than 20 inches in diameter as a signal to the dredge, and may also blow five long blasts of the whistle when within reasonable hearing distance of the dredge, such signal to be followed at the proper time by the passing signal described in the local pilot rules. The dredge shall promptly acknowledge both signals in the usual manner.

(2154) (ii) Light-draft vessels when meeting or being overtaken by ocean-going vessels, shall give the right of way to such vessels by making use of the shallower portions of the waterway.

(2155) (iii) Rafts and tows must promptly give the channel side demanded upon proper signal by a vessel, and must be handled in such a manner as not to obstruct or interfere with the free use of the waterway by other craft.

(2156) (4) Collisions. (i) Ocean-going vessels in collision in the channel or turning basin must, if still afloat and in a condition making anchorage necessary, be immediately removed to an approved anchorage ground, or if in such condition that beaching is necessary, they shall be temporarily beached on the northwest side of Mandeville Island or in the Old River.

(2157) (ii) Light-draft vessels suffering collision shall be disposed of as directed by the District Commander or his authorized representative.

(2158) (5) Wrecks. In no case following accidents of fire or collision will a vessel be allowed to remain either anchored or grounded in the channel, or beached at any place where it endangers other vessels, while settlement is pending with the underwriters.

(2159) (6) Other laws and regulations. In all other respects, the existing Federal laws and rules and regulations affecting navigable waters of the United States will govern in this channel.

(2160) (b) Sacramento Deep Water Ship Channel between Suisun Bay and easterly end of Turning Basin at West Sacramento; use, administration, and navigation–(1) Maximum speed for all ocean-going craft–(i) Between Tolands Landing (Mile 6.2) and Rio Vista Bridge. When going against a current of two knots or more, the maximum speed over the bottom shall not exceed 8 knots. When going with the current, in slack water, or against a current of two knots or less, the maximum speed through the water shall not exceed 10 knots.

(2161) (ii) Between Rio Vista Bridge and Port of Sacramento. When going against a current of two knots or more, the maximum speed over the bottom shall not

exceed 5 knots. When going with the current, in slack water, or against a current of two knots or less, the maximum speed through the water shall not exceed 7 knots.

(2162) (iii) Speed past docks or moored craft. Within 550 feet of the centerline of the channel the speed shall be the minimum required to maintain steerageway; wind, tide, current, etc., being taken into consideration.

(2163) (iv) Passing. All craft passing other boats, barges, scows, etc., underway, moored or anchored, shall take every necessary precaution to avoid damage.

(2164) (v) Speed, high-water precautions. When passing another vessel (underway, anchored, or tied up); a wharf or other structure; work under construction; plant engaged in river and harbor improvement; levees withstanding flood waters; buildings partially or wholly submerged by high water; or any other structure liable to damage by collision, suction or wave action; vessels shall give as much leeway as circumstances permit and reduce their speed sufficiently to preclude causing damage to the vessel or structure being passed. As deemed necessary for public safety during high river stages, floods, or other emergencies, the District Commander may prescribe, by navigation bulletins or other means, the limiting speed in knots or temporarily close the waterway or any reach of it to traffic. Since this subparagraph pertains directly to the manner in which vessels are operated, masters of vessels shall be held responsible for strict observance and full compliance herewith.

(2165) (2) Right of way. (i) Dredges, tugs, launches, derrick boats and other similar equipment, executing river and harbor improvement work for the United States, and displaying the signals prescribed by the regulations contained in 33 CFR 80, shall have the right-of-way and other craft shall exercise special caution to avoid interference with the work on which the plant is engaged. Dredges, whether Federal or contractor's plant, working the channel must however, take special care to give ocean-going vessels sufficient room for passing, and must lift both spuds and the ladder, and pull clear, if an adequate width of clear channelway cannot otherwise be provided.

(2166) (ii) Vessels intending to pass dredges or other types of floating plant working in navigable channels, when within a reasonable distance therefrom and not in any case over a mile, shall indicate such intention by one long blast of the whistle, and shall be directed to the proper side for passage by the sounding, by the dredge or other floating plant, of the signal prescribed in the inland pilot rules for vessels underway and approaching each other from opposite directions, which shall be answered in the usual manner by the approaching vessel. If the channel is not clear, the floating plant shall sound the alarm or danger signal and the approaching vessel shall slow down or stop and await further signal from the plant.

(2167) (iii) When the pipeline from a dredge crosses the channel in such a way that an approaching vessel cannot pass safely around the pipeline or dredge, there shall be sounded immediately from the dredge the alarm or danger signal and the approaching vessel shall slow down or stop and await further signal from the dredge. The pipeline shall then be opened and the channel cleared as soon as practicable; when the channel is clear for passage the dredge shall so indicate by sounding the usual passing signal as prescribed in Paragraph (c)(2)(ii) of this section. The approaching vessel shall answer with a corresponding signal and pass promptly.

(2168) (iv) When any pipeline or swinging dredge shall have given an approaching vessel or tow the signal that the channel is clear, the dredge shall straighten out within the cut for the passage of the vessel or tow.

(2169) (v) Shallow draft vessels when meeting or being overtaken by ocean-going vessels, shall give the right-of-way to such vessels by making use of the shallower portions of the waterway, wherever possible.

(2170) (vi) Tows should promptly give the channel side requested by proper signal from a vessel, and should be handled in such a manner as not to obstruct or interfere with the free use of the waterway by other craft.

(2171) (3) Obstruction of traffic. (i) Except as provided in Paragraph (c)(2) of this section no person shall willfully or carelessly obstruct the free navigation of the waterway, or delay any vessel having the right to use the waterway.

(2172) (ii) No vessel shall anchor within the channel except in distress or under stress of weather. Any vessel so anchored shall be moved as quickly as possible to such anchorage as will leave the channel clear for the passage of vessels.

(2173) (iii) Motorboats, sailboats, rowboats, and other small craft shall not anchor or drift in the regular ship channel except under stress of weather or in case of breakdown. Such craft shall be so operated that they will not interfere with or endanger the movement of commercial or public vessels.

(2174) (4) Collisions. (i) Ocean-going vessels in collision in the channel or turning basin, must if still afloat and in a condition making anchorage necessary, be immediately removed to an approved anchorage ground, or if in such condition that beaching is necessary, they shall be temporarily beached on the southwest side of Ryer Island from Mile 15.0 to Mile 16.3 or in the Harbor and Turning Basin at West Sacramento.

(2175) (ii) Light-draft vessels suffering collision shall be disposed of as directed by the District Commander or his authorized representative.

(2176) (5) Marine accidents. Masters, mates, pilots, owners, or other persons using the waterway to which this Paragraph applies shall notify the District Commander, and in the case of undocumented vessels, the State Division of Small Craft Harbors also, by the most expeditious means available of all marine accidents, such as fire, collision, sinking or stranding, where there is possible obstruction of the channel or interference with navigation or where damage to Government property is involved, furnishing a clear statement as to the name, address, and ownership of the vessel or vessels involved, the time and place, and the action taken. In all cases, the owner of the sunken vessel shall take immediate steps to mark the wreck properly.

(2177) (6) Other laws and regulations. In all other respects, existing Federal laws and rules and regulations affecting navigable waters of the United States will govern in this channel.

(2178) (c) Sacramento River, Decker Island Restricted Anchorage for Vessels of the U.S. Government-(1) The anchorage ground. An elongated area in the Sacramento River bounded on the west by the shore of Decker Island and the following lines: Beginning on the shore at Decker Island North End Light at latitude 38°06'16"N., longitude 121°42'32.5"W.; thence easterly to

(2179) 38°06'15"N., 121°42'27"W.; thence southerly to

(2180) 38°05'22"N., 121°42'30"W.; thence southwesterly to

(2181) 38°05'08"N., 121°42'40"W.; thence west southwesterly to

(2182) 38°05'02"N., 121°42'50"W.; thence northwesterly to the shore of Decker Island at 38°05'04"N., 121°42'52.5"W. (2) Special Regulation. No Vessel or other craft except those owned by or operating under contract with the United States may navigate or anchor within 50 feet of any moored Government vessel in the area. Commercial and pleasure craft shall not moor to buoys or chains of Government vessels, nor may they, while moored or underway, obstruct the passage of Government or other vessels through the area.

(2183) NOTE.–The Corps of Engineers also has regulations dealing with this section in 33 CFR 207.

§162.210 Lake Tahoe, Calif.; restricted areas along south shore.

(2184) (a) The areas-(1) Baldwin Beach, under the control of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture. The waters of Lake Tahoe shoreward of a line described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the high waterline with the west boundary line of Lot 2, Section 26, Township 13 North (Mount Diablo Base Line), Range 17 East (Mount Diablo Meridian); thence north 300 feet; thence southeasterly about 2,850 feet to the east line of Section 26 at a point 300 feet north of the high waterline; thence northeasterly 1,740 feet to a point 300 feet north of the high waterline; thence southeasterly about 1,810 feet to the projected east line of the former Baldwin property at a point 300 feet north of the high waterline; and thence south 300 feet to the high waterline.

(2185) (2) Camp Richardson, under the control of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture. The waters of Lake Tahoe shoreward of a line described as follows: Beginning at the southeasterly corner of sec. 25, T. 13 N., R. 17 E., Mount Diablo Base and Meridan; thence north 410 feet along the east line of sec. 25; thence northwesterly 95 feet to the high waterline which is the true point of beginning; thence north 130 feet; thence southeasterly 565 feet; and thence south 130 feet to the high waterline.

(2186) (3) Pope Beach, under the control of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture. The waters of Lake Tahoe shoreward of a line described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the high waterline with the west line of the former Pope property, about 750 feet westerly of the west boundary line of Lot 2, Section 6, Township 12 North (Mount Diablo Base Line), Range 18 East (Mount Diablo Meridian); thence north 300 feet; thence southeasterly 4,200 feet to a point 300 feet north of the high waterline; and thence south 300 feet to the high waterline.

(2187) (4) El Dorado County Beach. The waters of Lake Tahoe shoreward of a line described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the high waterline with the west boundary line of Lot 1, Section 32, Township 13 North (Mount Diablo Base Line), Range 18 East (Mount Diablo Meridian); thence north 500 feet; thence northeasterly about 1,350 feet to the projected east line of Lot 1 at a point 500 feet north of the high waterline; and thence south 500 feet to the high waterline.

(2188) (b) The regulations. No sail or machine-propelled watercraft, except vessels owned or controlled by the U.S. Coast Guard, shall navigate or anchor in the restricted area.

§162.215 Lake Tahoe, Nev.; restricted area adjacent to Nevada Beach.

(2189) (a) The restricted area. The waters of Lake Tahoe shoreward of a line described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the high waterline with a line projected in a general southerly direction 200 feet from a point lying 310 feet west of section corner common to section 15, 16, 21, and 22, Township 13 North (Mt. Diablo Base Line), Range 18 East (Mt. Diablo Meridian); thence 300 feet lakeward at right angles to the

high waterline; thence southeasterly approximately 2,170 feet to the projected south boundary line of the Forest Service property at a point 300 feet west of the high waterline; and thence east 300 feet to the high waterline.

(2190) (b) The regulations. No sail or motor propelled water craft, except vessels owned or controlled by the United States Government and vessels duly authorized by the United States Coast Guard shall navigate or anchor in the restricted area.

§162.220 Hoover Dam, Lake Mead, and Lake Mohave (Colorado River), Ariz.-Nev.

(2191) (a) Lake Mead and Lake Mohave; restricted areas–(1) The areas. That portion of Lake Mead extending 700 feet upstream of the axis of Hoover Dam and that portion of Lake Mohave (Colorado River) extending 4,500 feet downstream of the axis of Hoover Dam.

(2192) (2) The regulations. The restricted areas shall be closed to navigation and other use by the general public. Only vessels owned by or controlled by the U.S. Government and the States of Arizona and Nevada shall navigate or anchor in the restricted areas: Provided, however, The Regional Director, Region 3, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Boulder City, Nev., may authorize, by written permit, individuals or groups to navigate or anchor in the restricted areas when it is deemed in the public interest. Copies of said permits shall be furnished the enforcing agencies.

(2193) (b) Lake Mead; speed regulation. In that portion of Lake Mead extending 300 feet upstream of the restricted area described in Paragraph (a) of this section, a maximum speed of 5 miles per hour shall not be exceeded.

(2194) (c) Supervision. The regulations in this section shall be supervised by the District Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District.

§162.225 Columbia and Willamette Rivers, Washington and Oregon; administration and navigation.

(2195) (a) Supervision. The District Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District, has certain administrative supervision over the Columbia and Willamette Rivers, and is charged with the enforcement under his direction of emergency regulations to govern navigation of these streams.

(2196) (b) Speed. During very high water stages (usually 25 feet or more on the Vancouver, Washington, gage) when lives, floating plant or major shore installations are endangered, the District Commander shall have authority to prescribe such temporary speed regulations as he may deem necessary for the public safety. During critical periods of freshets under 25 feet on the Vancouver, Washington, gage when construction is in progress, rehabilitation, or other unusual emergency makes a major shore installation susceptible to loss or major damage from wave action, the District Commander shall have authority to prescribe for a particular limited reach of the river as appropriate such temporary speed regulations as he may deem necessary to protect the integrity of such structure. All speed regulations prescribed by the District Commander shall be obeyed for the duration of the emergency and shall be terminated at the earliest practicable time that improved stream conditions permit.

§162.230 Columbia River, Wash.

(2197) (a) Grand Coulee Dam discharge channel; restricted area–(1) The area. That portion of the Columbia River between Grand Coulee Dam (situated at river mile 596.6) and river mile 593.7.

(2198) (2) The regulations. (i) No vessel shall enter or navigate within the area without permission from the enforcing agency.

(2199) (ii) The regulation in this section shall be enforced by the Chief, Power Field Division, Columbia Basin Project, U.S. Department of the Interior, Coulee Dam, Washington.

§162.235 Puget Sound Area, Wash.

(2200) (a) Waterway connecting Port Townsend and Oak Bay; use, administration, and navigation-(1) Works to which regulations apply. The "canal grounds" when used in this Paragraph shall mean that area between the south end of the jetties in Oak Bay and the northerly end of the dredge channel approximately 400 yards northwest of Port Townsend Canal Light. The "canal" is the water lying between these limits and the banks containing the same.

(2201) (2) Speed. The speed limit within the canal grounds shall not exceed five miles per hour.

(2202) (3) Signals. All boats desiring to use the canal shall give one long and one short whistle. Southbound boats shall sound the signal within 600 yards of Port Townsend Canal Light. Northbound boats shall sound this signal at least 500 feet south from the end of the jetties in Oak Bay. If no other boat answers the signal the first boat shall have the right of way through the canal. Any approaching boat that is in the canal shall answer by giving the same signal and the first boat shall not enter the canal until the second boat shall have passed through the canal. In the case of boats going in the same direction the boat which is in the canal shall not answer the signal of the boat desiring to enter.

(2203) (4) Passing. Steamers shall not under any circumstances attempt to pass each other in the canal, either when going in the same or opposite directions.

(2204) (5) Anchoring. No steamers or boats shall anchor or tie up within the canal grounds unless they are well over on the tide flats to the west of the dredged channel, and off the right of way belonging to the United States.

(2205) (6) Tows. No tow shall enter or pass through the canal with a towline more than 200 feet in length.

(2206) (7) Delaying traffic. No person shall cause or permit any vessel or boat of which he is in charge, or on which he is employed, to obstruct the canal in any way or delay in passing through it.

(2207) (b) West Waterway, Seattle Harbor; navigation. (1) The movement of vessels of 250 gross tons or over and all vessels with tows of any kind through the narrow section of West Waterway between the bend at Fisher's Flour Mill dock and the bend at the junction of East Waterway with Duwamish Waterway, and through the draws of the City of Seattle and Northern Pacific Railway Company bridges crossing this narrow section, shall be governed by red and green traffic signal lights mounted on the north and south sides of the west tower of the City Light power crossing at West Spokane Street.

(2208) (2) Two green lights, one vertically above the other, displayed ahead of a vessel, shall indicate that the waterway is clear. Two red lights, one vertically above the other, displayed ahead of a vessel, shall indicate that the waterway is not clear.

(2209) (3) A vessel approaching the narrow section and drawbridges from either end of the waterway shall give one long blast of a whistle and shall not enter the narrow section until green lights are displayed.

(2210) (4) One vessel may follow another vessel in either direction, but the channel shall not be kept open in the same direction for an unreasonable time if a vessel is waiting at the other end.

(2211) (5) Tugs, launches, and small craft shall keep close to one side of the channel when vessels or boats with tows are passing.

(2212) (6) All craft shall proceed with caution. The display of a green light is not a guarantee that the channel is clear of traffic, and neither the United States nor the City of Seattle will be responsible for any damage to vessels or other property which may be chargeable to mistakes in the operation of the signal lights or to their failure to operate.

(2213) **NOTE.**–The Corps of Engineers also has regulations dealing with this section in 33 CFR 207.

§162.270 Restricted areas in vicinity of Maritime Administration Reserve Fleets.

(2214) (a) The regulations in this section shall govern the use and navigation of waters in the vicinity of the following National Defense Reserve Fleets of the Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

(2215) (1) James River Reserve Fleet, Fort Eustis, Virginia.

(2216) (2) Beaumont Reserve Fleet, Neches River near Beaumont, Texas.

(2217) (3) Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet near Benicia, California.

(2218) (b) No vessels or other watercraft, except those owned or controlled by the United States Government, shall cruise or anchor between Reserve Fleet units within 500 feet of the end vessels in each Reserve Fleet unit, or within 500 feet of the extreme units of the fleets, unless specific permission to do so has first been granted in each case by the enforcing agency.

(2219) (c) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the respective Fleet Superintendents and such agencies as they may designate.

Part 164–Navigation Safety Regulations (in part). For a complete description of this part see 33 CFR 164.

§164.01 Applicability.

(2220) (a) This part (except as specifically limited by this section) applies to each self-propelled vessel of 1600 or more gross tons (except as provided in Paragraph (c) and (d) of this section, or for foreign vessels described in §164.02) when it is operating in the navigable waters of the United States except the St. Lawrence Seaway.

(2221) (b) Sections 164.70 through 164.82 of this part apply to each towing vessel of 12 meters (39.4 feet) or more in length operating in the navigable waters of the United States other than the St. Lawrence Seaway; except that a towing vessel is exempt from the requirements of §164.72 if it is–

(2222) (1) Used solely within a limited geographic area, such as a fleeting-area for barges or a commercial facility, and used solely for restricted service, such as making up or breaking up larger tows;

(2223) (2) Used solely for assistance towing as defined by 46 CFR 10.103;

(2224) (3) Used solely for pollution response; or

(2225) (4) Any other vessel exempted by the Captain of the Port (COTP). The COTP, upon written request, may, in writing, exempt a vessel from §164.72 for a specified route if he or she decides that exempting it would not allow its unsafe navigation under anticipated conditions.

(2226) (c) Provisions of §§164.11(a)(2) and (c), 164.30, 164.33, and 164.46 do not apply to warships or other vessels owned, leased, or operated by the United States Government and used only in government noncommercial service when these vessels are equipped with electronic navigation systems that have met the applicable agency regulations regarding navigation safety.

(2227) (d) Provisions of §164.46 apply to some self-propelled vessels of less 1600 gross tonnage.

§164.02 Applicability exception for foreign vessels.

(2228) (a) Except as provided in §164.46(a)(2) of this part including §§164.38 and 164.39, this part does not apply to vessels that:

(2229) (1) Are not destined for, or departing from, a port or place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States; and

(2230) (2) Are in:

(2231) (i) Innocent passage through the territorial sea of the United States; or

(2232) (ii) Transit through navigable waters of the United States which form a part of an international strait.

§164.03 Incorporation by references.

(2233) (a) Certain material is incorporated by reference into this part with the approval of the Director of the Federal Register under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. To enforce any edition other than that specified in Paragraph (b) of this section, the Coast Guard must publish notice of change in the Federal Register and the material must be available to the public. All approved material is available for inspection at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC, and at the U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Environmental Protection Division (G-MWV), Room 2100, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 and is available from the sources indicated in Paragraph (b) of this section.

(2234) (b) The materials approved for incorporation by reference in this part and the sections affected are as follows:

(2235) *American Petroleum Institute (API)*, 1220 L Street NW., Washington, DC 20005

(2236) API Specifications 9A, Specification for Wire Rope, Section 3, Properties and Tests for Wire and Wire Rope, May 28, 1984. . . . . **164.74**

(2237) *American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959.*

(2238) ASTM D4268-93, Standard Test Method for Testing Fiber Ropes **164.74**

(2239) *Cordage Institute*, 350 Lincoln Street, Hingham, MA 02043

(2240) CIA-3, Standard Test Methods for Fiber Rope Including Standard Terminations, Revised, June 1980 . . . . . **164.74**

(2241) **International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)**

(2242) 3, rue de Varemb, Geneva, Switzerland.

(2243) IEC 61993–2, Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems—

(2244) Automatic identification systems (AIS)—part 2: Class A shipborne equipment of the universal automatic identification system (AIS)—Operational and performance requirements, methods of test and required test results First edition, 2001–12 . . . **164.46**

(2245) *International Maritime Organization (IMO)*, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR, U.K. IMO Resolution A342(IX), Recommendation on Performance Standards for Automatic Pilots, adopted November 12, 1975 . . . . . **164.13**

(2246) Resolution MSC.74(69), Annex 3, Recommendation on Performance Standards for a Universal Shipborne Automatic Identification System (AIS), adopted May 12, 1998 . . . . . **164.46**

(2247) SN/Circ.227, Guidelines for the Installation of a Shipborne Automatic Identification System (AIS), dated January 6, 2003 . . . . . **164.46**

(2248) SOLAS, International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, and 1988 Protocol relating thereto, 2000 Amendments, effective January and July 2002, (SOLAS 2000 Amendments) **164.46**

(2249) Conference resolution 1, Adoption of amendments to the Annex to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, and amendments to Chapter V of SOLAS 1974, adopted December 12, 2002 **164.46**

(2250) *International Telecommunication Union Radiocom- munication Bureau (ITU-R)*, Place de Nations CH-1211 Geneva 20 Switzerland

(2251) (1) ITU-R Recommendation M.821, Optional Expansion of the Digital Selective-Calling System for Use in the Maritime Mobile Service, 1992 . . . . . **164.43**

(2252) (2) ITU-R Recommendation M.825, Characteristics of a Transponder System Using Digital Selective-Calling Techniques for Use with Vessel Traffic Services and Ship-to-Ship Identification, 1992. . . . . **164.43**

(2253) ITU–R Recommendation M.1371–1, Technical characteristics for a universal shipborne automatic identification system using time division multiple access in the VHF maritime mobile band, 1998-2001 . . . . . **164.46**

(2254) *Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services*, 655 Fifteenth Street, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20005

(2255) (1) RTCM Paper 12-78/DO-100, Minimum Performance Standards, Loran C Receiving Equipment, 1977 . . . . . **164.41**

(2256) (2) RTCM Paper 194-93/SC104-STD, RTCM Recommended Standards for Differential NAVSTAR GPS Service, Version 2.1, 1994 . . . . . **164.43**

(2257) (3) RTCM Paper 71-95/SC112-STD, RTCM Recommended Standards for Marine Radar Equipment Installed on Ships of Less Than 300 Tons Gross Tonnage, Version 1.1, October 10, 1995 . . . . . **164.72**

(2258) (4) RTCM Paper 191-93/SC112-X, RTCM Recommended Standards for Maritime Radar Equipment Installed on Ships of 300 Tons Gross Tonnage and Upwards, Version 1.2, December 20, 1993 . . **164.72**

§164.11 Navigation underway: General.

(2259) The owner, master, or person in charge of each vessel underway shall ensure that:

(2260) (a) The wheelhouse is constantly manned by persons who–

(2261) (1) Direct and control the movement of the vessel; and

(2262) (2) Fix the vessel's position;

(2263) (b) Each person performing a duty described in Paragraph (a) of this section is competent to perform that duty;

(2264) (c) The position of the vessel at each fix is plotted on a chart of the area and the person directing the movement of the vessel is informed of the vessel's position;

(2265) (d) Electronic and other navigational equipment, external fixed aids to navigation, geographic reference points, and hydrographic contours are used when fixing the vessel's position;

(2266) (e) Buoys alone are not used to fix the vessel's position;

(2267) **Note:** Buoys are aids to navigation placed in approximate positions to alert the mariner to hazards to navigation or to indicate the orientation of a channel. Buoys may not maintain an exact position because strong or varying currents, heavy seas, ice, and collisions with vessels can move or sink them or set them adrift. Although buoys may corroborate a position fixed by other means, buoys cannot be used to fix a position: however, if no other aids are available, buoys alone may be used to establish an estimated position.

(2268) (f) The danger of each closing visual or each closing radar contact is evaluated and the person directing the movement of the vessel knows the evaluation;

(2269) (g) Rudder orders are executed as given;

(2270) (h) Engine speed and direction orders are executed as given;

(2271) (i) Magnetic variation and deviation and gyrocompass errors are known and correctly applied by the person directing the movement of the vessel;

(2272) (j) A person whom he has determined is competent to steer the vessel is in the wheelhouse at all times (See also 46 U.S.C. 8702(d), which requires an able seaman at the wheel on U.S. vessels of 100 gross tons or more in narrow or crowded waters during low visibility);

(2273) (k) If a pilot other than a member of the vessel's crew is employed, the pilot is informed of the draft, maneuvering characteristics, and peculiarities of the vessel and of any abnormal circumstances on the vessel that may affect its safe navigation.

(2274) (1) Current velocity and direction for the area to be transited are known by the person directing the movement of the vessel;

(2275) (m) Predicted set and drift are known by the person directing movement of the vessel;

(2276) (n) Tidal state for the area to be transited is known by the person directing movement of the vessel;

(2277) (o) The vessel's anchors are ready for letting go;

(2278) (p) The person directing the movement of the vessel sets the vessel's speed with consideration for–

(2279) (1) The prevailing visibility and weather conditions;

(2280) (2) The proximity of the vessel to fixed shore and marine structures;

(2281) (3) The tendency of the vessel underway to squat and suffer impairment of maneuverability when there is small underkeel clearance;

(2282) (4) The comparative proportions of the vessel and the channel;

(2283) (5) The density of marine traffic;

(2284) (6) The damage that might be caused by the vessel's wake;

(2285) (7) The strength and direction of the current; and

(2286) (8) Any local vessel speed limit;

(2287) (q) The tests required by §164.25 are made and recorded in the vessel's log; and

(2288) (r) The equipment required by this part is maintained in operable condition.

(2289) (s) Upon entering U.S. waters, the steering wheel or lever on the navigating bridge is operated to determine if the steering equipment is operating properly under manual control, unless the vessel has been steered under manual control from the navigating bridge within the preceding 2 hours, except when operating on the Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters.

(2290) (t) At least two of the steering-gear power units on the vessel are in operation when such units are capable of simultaneous operation, except when the vessel is sailing on the Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters, and except as required by Paragraph (u) of this section.

(2291) (u) On each passenger vessel meeting the requirements of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960 (SOLAS 60) and on each cargo vessel meeting the requirements of SOLAS 74 as amended in 1981, the number of steering-gear power units necessary to move the rudder from 35° on either side to 30° on the other in not more than 28 seconds must be in simultaneous operation.

§164.13 Navigation underway: tankers.

(2292) (a) As used in this section, "tanker" means a self-propelled tank vessel, including integrated tug barge combinations, constructed or adapted primarily to carry oil or hazardous material in bulk in the cargo spaces and inspected and certificated as a tanker.

(2293) (b) Each tanker must have an engineering watch capable of monitoring the propulsion system, communicating with the bridge, and implementing manual control measures immediately when necessary. The watch must be physically present in the machinery spaces or in the main control space and must consist of at least a licensed engineer.

(2294) (c) Each tanker must navigate with at least two licensed deck officers on watch on the bridge, one of whom may be a pilot. In waters where a pilot is required, the second officer, must be an individual licensed and assigned to the vessel as master, mate, or officer in charge of a navigational watch, who is separate and distinct from the pilot.

(2295) (d) Except as specified in Paragraph (e) of this section, a tanker may operate with an auto pilot engaged only if all of the following conditions exist:

(2296) (1) The operation and performance of the automatic pilot conforms with the standards recommended by the International Maritime Organization in IMO Resolution A.342(IX).

(2297) (2) A qualified helmsman is present at the helm and prepared at all times to assume manual control.

(2298) (3) The tanker is not operating in any of the following areas:

(2299) (i) The areas of the traffic separation schemes specified in subchapter P of this chapter.

(2300) (ii) The portions of a shipping safety fairway specified in part 166 of this chapter.

(2301) (iii) An anchorage ground specified in part 110 of this chapter.

(2302) (iv) An area within one-half nautical mile of any U.S. shore.

§164.15 Navigation bridge visibility.

(2303) (a) The arrangement of cargo, cargo gear, and trim of all vessels entering or departing from U.S. ports must be such that the field of vision from the navigation bridge conforms as closely as possible to the following requirements:

(2304) (1) From the conning position, the view of the sea surface must not be obscured by more than the lesser of two ship lengths or 500 meters (1640 feet) from dead ahead to 10 degrees on either side of the vessel. Within this arc of visibility any blind sector caused by cargo, cargo gear, or other permanent obstruction must not exceed 5 degrees.

(2305) (2) From the conning position, the horizontal field of vision must extend over an arc from at least 22.5 degrees abaft the beam on one side of the vessel, through dead ahead, to at least 22.5 degrees abaft the beam on the other side of the vessel. Blind sectors forward of the beam caused by cargo, cargo gear, or other permanent obstruction must not exceed 10 degrees each, nor total more than 20 degrees, including any blind sector within the arc of visibility described in Paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(2306) (3) From each bridge wing, the field of vision must extend over an arc from at least 45 degrees on the opposite bow, through dead ahead, to at least dead astern.

(2307) (4) From the main steering position, the field of vision must extend over an arc from dead ahead to at least 60 degrees on either side of the vessel.

(2308) (b) clear view must be provided through at least two front windows at all times regardless of weather condition.

§164.19 Requirements for vessels at anchor.

(2309) The master or person in charge of each vessel that is anchored shall ensure that–

(2310) (a) A proper anchor watch is maintained;

(2311) (b) Procedures are followed to detect a dragging anchor; and

(2312) (c) Whenever weather, tide, or current conditions are likely to cause the vessel's anchor to drag, action is taken to ensure the safety of the vessel, structures, and other vessels, such as being ready to veer chain, let go a second anchor, or get underway using the vessel's own propulsion or tug assistance.

§164.25 Tests before entering or getting underway.

(2313) (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section no person may cause a vessel to enter into or get underway on the navigable waters of the United States unless no more than 12 hours before entering or getting underway, the following equipment has been tested:

(2314) (1) Primary and secondary steering gear. The test procedure includes a visual inspection of the steering gear and its connecting linkage, and where applicable, the operation of the following:

(2315) (i) Each remote steering gear control system.

(2316) (ii) Each steering position located on the navigating bridge.

(2317) (iii) The main steering gear from the alternative power supply, if installed.

(2318) (iv) Each rudder angle indicator in relation to the actual position of the rudder.

(2319) (v) Each remote steering gear control system power failure alarm.

(2320) (vi) Each remote steering gear power unit failure alarm.

(2321) (vii) The full movement of the rudder to the required capabilities of the steering gear.

(2322) (2) All internal vessel control communications and vessel control alarms.

(2323) (3) Standby or emergency generator, for as long as necessary to show proper functioning, including steady state temperature and pressure readings.

(2324) (4) Storage batteries for emergency lighting and power systems in vessel control and propulsion machinery spaces.

(2325) (5) Main propulsion machinery, ahead and astern.

(2326) (b) Vessels navigating on the Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters, having once completed the test requirements of this sub-part, are considered to remain in compliance until arriving at the next port of call on the Great Lakes.

(2327) (c) Vessels entering the Great Lakes from the St. Lawrence Seaway are considered to be in compliance with this sub-part if the required tests are conducted preparatory to or during the passage of the St. Lawrence Seaway or within one hour of passing Wolfe Island.

(2328) (d) No vessel may enter, or be operated on the navigable waters of the United States unless the emergency steering drill described below has been conducted within 48 hours prior to entry and logged in the vessel logbook, unless the drill is conducted and logged on a regular basis at least once every three months. This drill must include at a minimum the following:

(2329) (1) Operation of the main steering gear from within the steering gear compartment.

(2330) (2) Operation of the means of communications between the navigating bridge and the steering compartment.

(2331) (3) Operation of the alternative power supply for the steering gear if the vessel is so equipped.

§164.30 Charts, publications, and equipment: General.

(2332) No person may operate or cause the operation of a vessel unless the vessel has the marine charts, publications, and equipment as required by §§164.33 through 164.41 of this part.

§164.33 Charts and publications.

(2333) (a) Each vessel must have the following:

(2334) (1) Marine charts of the area to be transited, published by the National Ocean Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, or a river authority that–

(2335) (i) Are of a large enough scale and have enough detail to make safe navigation of the area possible; and

(2336) (ii) Are currently corrected.

(2337) (2) For the area to be transited, a currently corrected copy of, or applicable currently corrected extract from, each of the following publications:

(2338) (i) U.S. Coast Pilot.

(2339) (ii) Coast Guard Light List.

(2340) (3) For the area to be transited, the current edition of, or applicable current extract from:

(2341) (i) Tide tables published by private entities using data provided by the National Ocean Service.

(2342) (ii) Tidal current tables published by private entities using data provided by the National Ocean Service, or river current publication issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, or a river authority.

(2343) (b) As an alternative to the requirements for Paragraph (a) of this section, a marine chart or publication, or applicable extract, published by a foreign government may be substituted for a U.S. chart and publication required by this section. The chart must be of large enough scale and have enough detail to make safe navigation of the area possible, and must be currently corrected. The publication, or applicable extract, must singly or in combination contain similar information to the U.S. Government publication to make safe navigation of the area possible. The publication, or applicable extract must be currently corrected, with the exceptions of tide and tidal current tables, which must be the current editions.

(2344) (c) As used in this section, "currently corrected" means corrected with changes contained in all Notices to Mariners published by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, or an equivalent foreign government publication, reasonably available to the vessel, and that is applicable to the vessel's transit.

§164.35 Equipment: All vessels.

(2345) Each vessel must have the following:

(2346) (a) A marine radar system for surface navigation.

(2347) (b) An illuminated magnetic steering compass, mounted in a binnacle, that can be read at the vessel's main steering stand.

(2348) (c) A current magnetic compass deviation table or graph or compass comparison record for the steering compass, in the wheelhouse.

(2349) (d) A gyrocompass.

(2350) (e) An illuminated repeater for the gyrocompass required by Paragraph (d) of this section that is at the main steering stand, unless that gyrocompass is illuminated and is at the main steering stand.

(2351) (f) An illuminated rudder angle indicator in the wheelhouse.

(2352) (g) The following maneuvering information prominently displayed on a fact sheet in the wheelhouse:

(2353) (1) A turning circle diagram to port and starboard that shows the time and distance and advance and

transfer required to alter course 90 degrees with maximum rudder angle and constant power settings, for either full or half speeds, or for full and slow speeds. For vessels whose turning circles are essentially the same for both directions, a diagram showing a turning circle in one direction, with a note on the diagram stating that turns to port and starboard are essentially the same, may be substituted.

(2354) (2) The time and distance to stop the vessel from either full and half speeds, or from full and slow speeds, while maintaining approximately the initial heading with minimum application of rudder.

(2355) (3) For each vessel with a fixed propeller, a table of shaft revolutions per minute for a representative range of speeds.

(2356) (4) For each vessel with a controllable pitch propeller, a table of control settings for a representative range of speeds.

(2357) (5) For each vessel that is fitted with an auxiliary device to assist in maneuvering, such as a bow thruster, a table of vessel speeds at which the auxiliary device is effective in maneuvering the vessel.

(2358) (6) The maneuvering information for the normal load and normal ballast condition for–

(2359) (i) Calm weather-wind 10 knots or less, calm sea;

(2360) (ii) No current;

(2361) (iii) Deep water conditions-water depth twice the vessel's draft or greater; and

(2362) (iv) Clean hull.

(2363) (7) At the bottom of the fact sheet, the following statement:

(2364) **Warning.**

(2365) The response of the (name of the vessel) may be different from that listed above if any of the following conditions, upon which the maneuvering information is based, are varied:

(2366) (1) Calm weather-wind 10 knots or less, calm sea;

(2367) (2) No current;

(2368) (3) Water depth twice the vessel's draft or greater;

(2369) (4) Clean hull; and

(2370) (5) Intermediate drafts or unusual trim.

(2371) (h) An echo depth sounding device.

(2372) (i) A device that can continuously record the depth readings of the vessel's echo depth sounding device, except when operating on the Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters.

(2373) (j) Equipment on the bridge for plotting relative motion.

(2374) (k) Simple operating instructions with a block diagram, showing the changeover procedures for remote steering gear control systems and steering gear power units, permanently displayed on the navigating bridge and in the steering gear compartment.

(2375) (1) An indicator readable from the centerline conning position showing the rate of revolution of each propeller, except when operating on the Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters.

(2376) (m) If fitted with controllable pitch propellers, an indicator readable from the centerline conning position showing the pitch and operational mode of such propellers, except when operating on the Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters.

(2377) (n) If fitted with lateral thrust propellers, an indicator readable from the centerline conning position showing the direction and amount of thrust of such propellers, except when operating on the Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters.

(2378) (o) A telephone or other means of communication for relaying headings to the emergency steering station. Also, each vessel of 500 gross tons and over and constructed on or after June 9, 1995 must be provided with arrangements for supplying visual compass-readings to the emergency steering station.

§164.37 Equipment: Vessels of 10,000 gross tons or more.

(2379) (a) Each vessel of 10,000 gross tons or more must have, in addition to the radar system under §164.35(a), a second marine radar system that operates independently of the first.

(2380) **Note.**–Independent operation means two completely separate systems, from separate branch power supply circuits or distribution panels to antennas, so that failure of any component of one system will not render the other system inoperative.

(2381) (b) On each tanker of 10,000 gross tons or more that is subject to 46 U.S.C. 3708, the dual radar system required by this part must have a short range capability and a long range capability; and each radar must have true north features consisting of a display that is stabilized in azimuth.

§164.38 Automatic radar plotting aids (ARPA). (See 33 CFR 164.)

§164.39 Steering gear; Foreign tankers.

(2382) (a) This section applies to each foreign tanker of 10,000 gross tons or more, except a public vessel, that–

(2383) (1) Transfers oil at a port or place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States; or

(2384) (2) Otherwise enters or operates in the navigable waters of the United States, except a vessel described by §164.02 of this part.

(2385) (b) *Definitions*. The terms used in this section are as follows:

(2386) *Constructed* means the same as in Chapter II-1, Regulationsn1.1.2 and 1.1.3.1, of SOLAS 74.

(2387) *Existing tanker* means a tanker–

(2388) (1) For which the building contract is placed on or after June 1, 1979;

(2389) (2) In the absence of a building contract, the keel of which is laid or which is at a similar stage of construction on or after January 1, 1980;

(2390) (3) The delivery of which occurs on or after June 1, 1982; or

(2391) (4) That has undergone a major conversion contracted for on or after June 1, 1979; or construction of which was begun on or after January 1, 1980, or completed on or after June 1, 1982.

(2392) *Public vessel, oil hazardous materials, and foreign vessel* mean the same as in 46 U.S.C. 2101.

(2393) *SOLAS 74* means the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended.

(2394) *Tanker* means a self-propelled vessel defined as a tanker by 46 U.S.C. 2101(38) or as a tank vessel by 46 U.S.C. 2101(39).

(2395) (c) Each tanker constructed on or after September 1, 1984, must meet the applicable requirements of Chapter II-1, Regulations 29 and 30, of SOLAS 74.

(2396) (d) Each tanker constructed before September 1, 1984, must meet the requirements of Chapter II-1, Regulation 29.19, of SOLAS 74.

(2397) (e) Each tanker of 40,000 gross tons or more, constructed before September 1, 1984, that does not meet the single-failure criterion of Chapter II-1, Regulation 29.16, of SOLAS 74, must meet the requirements of Chapter II-1, Regulation 29.20, of SOLAS 74.

(2398) (f) Each tanker constructed before September 1, 1984, must meet the applicable requirements of Chapter II-1, Regulations 29.14 and 29.15, of SOLAS 74.

§164.40 Devices to indicate speed and distance.

(2399) (a) Each vessel required to be fitted with an Automatic Radar Plotting Aid (ARPA) under §164.38 must be fitted with a device to indicate speed and distance of the vessel either through the water, or over the ground. Vessels constructed prior to September 1, 1984, must have this equipment according to the following schedule:

(2400) (1) Each tank vessel constructed before September 1, 1984, operating on the navigable waters of the United States–

(2401) (i) If of 40,000 gross tons or more, by January 1, 1985;

(2402) (ii) If of 10,000 gross tons or more but less than 40,000 gross tons, by January 1, 1986.

(2403) (2) Each self-propelled vessel constructed before September 1, 1984, that is not a tank vessel, operating on the navigable waters of the United States–

(2404) (i) If of 40,000 gross tons or more, by September 1, 1986;

(2405) (ii) If of 20,000 gross tons or more, but less than 40,000 gross tons, by September 1, 1987;

(2406) (iii) If of 15,000 gross tons or more, but less than 20,000 gross tons, by September 1, 1988.

(2407) (b) The device must meet the following specifications:

(2408) (1) The display must be easily readable on the bridge by day or night.

(2409) (2) Errors in the indicated speed, when the vessel is operating free from shallow water effect, and from the effects of wind, current, and tide, should not exceed 5 percent of the speed of the vessel, or 0.5 knot, whichever is greater.

(2410) (3) Errors in the indicated distance run, when the vessel is operating free from shallow water effect, and from the effects of wind, current, and tide, should not exceed 5 percent of the distance run of the vessel in one hour or 0.5 nautical mile in each hour, whichever is greater.

§164.41 Electronic position fixing devices.

(2411) (a) Each vessel calling at a port in the continental United States, including Alaska south of Cape Prince of Wales, except each vessel owned or bareboat chartered and operated by the United States, or by a state or its political subdivision, or by a foreign nation, and not engaged in commerce, must have one of the following:

(2412) (1) A Type I or II LORAN C receiver as defined in Section 1.2(e), meeting Part 2 (Minimum Performance Standards) of the Radio Technical Commission for Marine Services (RTCM) Paper 12-78/DO-100 dated December 20, 1977, entitled "Minimum Performance Standards (MPS) Marine Loran-C Receiving Equipment". Each receiver installed on or after June 1, 1982, must have a label with the information required under Paragraph (b) of this section. If the receiver is installed before June 1, 1982, the receiver must have the label with the information required under Paragraph (b) by June 1, 1985.

(2413) (2) A satellite navigation receiver with:

(2414) (i) Automatic acquisition of satellite signals after initial operator settings have been entered; and

(2415) (ii) Position updates derived from satellite information during each usable satellite pass.

(2416) (3) A system that is found by the Commandant to meet the intent of the statements of availability, coverage, and accuracy for the U.S. Coastal Confluence Zone (CCZ) contained in the U.S. "Federal Radionavigation Plan" (Report No. DOD-NO 4650.4-P, I or No. DOT-TSC-RSPA-80-16, I). A person desiring a finding by the Commandant under this subparagraph must submit a written application describing the device to the Office of Navigation Safety and Waterway Services, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001.

After reviewing the application, the Commandant may request additional information to establish whether or not the device meets the intent of the Federal Radionavigation Plan.

(2417) **Note.**–The Federal Radionavigation Plan is available from the National Technical Information Service, Springfield, Va. 22161, with the following Government Accession Numbers:

(2418) Vol 1, ADA 116468

(2419) Vol 2, ADA 116469

(2420) Vol 3, ADA 116470

(2421) Vol 4, ADA 116471

(2422) (b) Each label required under Paragraph (a)(1) of this section must show the following:

(2423) (1) The name and address of the manufacturer.

(2424) (2) The following statement by the manufacturer:

(2425) This receiver was designed and manufactured to meet Part 2 (Minimum Performance Standards) of the RTCM MPS for Marine Loran-C Receiving Equipment.

§164.42 Rate of turn indicator.

(2426) Each vessel of 100,000 gross tons or more constructed on or after September 1, 1984, shall be fitted with a rate of turn indicator.

§164.43 Automatic Identification System Shipborne Equipment –Prince William Sound.

(2427) (a) Until December 31, 2004, each vessel required to provide automated position reports to a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) under §165.1704 of this subchapter must do so by an installed Automated Dependent Surveillance Shipborne Equipment (ADSSE) system consisting of a:

(2428) (1) Twelve-channel all-in-view Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) receiver;

(2429) (2) Marine band Non-Directional Beacon receiver capable of receiving DGPS error correction messages;

(2430) (3) VHF-FM transceiver capable of Digital Selective Calling (DSC) on the designated DSC frequency; and

(2431) (4) Control unit.

(2432) (b) An ADSSE must have the following capabilities:

(2433) (1) Use DGPS to sense the position of the vessel and determine the time of the position using Universal Coordinated Time (UTC);

(2434) (2) Fully use the broadcast type 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 16 messages, as specified in RTCM Recommended Standards for Differential NAVSTAR GPS Service in determining the required information;

(2435) (3) Achieve a position error which is less than ten meters (32.8 feet) 2 distance root mean square (2 drms) from the true North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83) in the position information transmitted to a VTS;

(2436) (4) Achieve a course error of less than 0.5 degrees from true course over ground in the course information transmitted to a VTS;

(2437) (5) Achieve a speed error of less than 0.05 knots from true speed over ground in the speed information transmitted to a VTS;

(2438) (6) Receive and comply with commands broadcast from a VTS as DSC messages on the designated DSC frequency;

(2439) (7) Receive and comply with RTCM messages broadcast as minimum shift keying modulated medium frequency signals in the marine radiobeacon band, and supply the messages to the DGPS receiver;

(2440) (8) Transmit the vessel's position, tagged with the UTC position solution, course over ground, speed over ground, and Lloyd's identification number to a VTS;

(2441) (9) Display a visual alarm to indicate to shipboard personnel when a failure to receive or utilize the RTCM messages occurs;

(2442) (10) Display a separate visual alarm which is triggered by a VTS utilizing a DSC message to indicate to shipboard personnel that the U.S. Coast Guard DGPS system cannot provide the required error correction messages; and

(2443) (11) Display two RTCM type 16 messages, one of which must display the position error in the position error broadcast.

(2444) (c) An ADSSE is considered non-operational if it fails to meet the requirements of Paragraph (b) of this section.

(2445) **Note:** Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) areas and operating procedures are set forth in Part 161 of this chapter.

§164.46 Automatic Identification System (AIS).

(2446) (a) The following vessels must have an installed, operational AIS that complies with the IMO Resolution MSC.74(69), ITU–R Recommendation M.1371–1, and IEC 61993–2, and that is installed using IMO SN/Circ.277 (Incorporated by reference, see §164.03) as of the date specified. "Length" refers to "registered length" as defined in 46 CFR, part 69.

(2447) (1) Self-propelled vessels of 65 feet or more in length engaged in commercial service and on an international voyage, not later than December 31, 2004.

(2448) (2) Nothwithstanding paragraph (a)(1) of this section, the following vessels subject to the International Convention for Safety at Life at Sea, 1974, (SOLAS) as amended, that are on an international voyage must also comply with SOLAS, chapter V, as amended by SOLAS 2000 Amendments and Conference resolution 1 (Incorporated by reference, see §164.03):

(2449) (i) Passenger vessels, of 150 gross tonnage or more, not later than July 1, 2003;

(2450) (ii) Tankers, regardless of tonnage, not later than the first safety survey for safety equipment on or after July 1, 2003;

(2451) (iii) Vessels, other than passenger vessels or tankers, of 50,000 gross tonnage or more, not later than July 1, 2004; and

(2452) (iv) Vessels, other than passenger vessels or tankers, of 300 gross tonnage or more but less than 50,000 gross tonnage, not later than the first safety survey for safety equipment on or after July 1, 2004, but no later than December 31, 2004.

(2453) (b) Nothwithstanding paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section, the following vessels, transiting an area listed in table 161.12(c) of §161.12 of this part.

(2454) (1) Each self-propelled vessel of 65 feet or more in length, engaged in commercial service;

(2455) (2) Each towing vessel of 26 feet or more in length and more than 600 horsepower;

(2456) (3) Each vessel of 100 gross tons or more carrying one or more passengers for hire; and

(2457) (4) Each passenger vessel certificated to carry 50 or more passengers for hire.

(2458) (c) The vessels listed in paragraph (b) of this section must comply according to the following schedule:

(2459) (1) For VTS St. Marys River, not later than December 31, 2003;

(2460) (2) For VTS Berwick Bay, VMRS Los Angeles/Long Beach, VTS Lower Mississippi River, VTS Port Arthur and VTS Prince William Sound, not later than July 1, 2004; and

(2461) (3) For VTS Houston-Galveston, VTS New York, VTS Puget Sound, and VTS San Francisco, not later than December 31, 2004.

(2462) (d) The requirements for Vessel Bridge-to Bridge radiotelephones in §§26.04(a) and (c), 26.05, 26.06 and 26.07 of this chapter, also apply to AIS. The term "effective operating condition" used in §26.06 includes accurate input and upkeep of all AIS data fields, including estimated time of arrival, destination, and number of people on board.

(2463) (e) The use of a portable AIS is permissible, only to the extent that electromagnetic interference does not affect the proper function of existing navigation and communication equipment on board, and such that only one AIS unit may be in operation at any one time.

(2464) (f) The AIS Pilot Plug, on each vessel over 1,600 gross tons, on international voyage, shall be available for pilot use, easily accessible from the primary conning position of the vessel, and near an AC power receptacle.

§164.51 Deviations from rules: Emergency.

(2465) Except for the requirements of §164.53(b), in an emergency, any person may deviate from any rule in this part to the extent necessary to avoid endangering persons, property, or the environment.

§164.53 Deviations from rules and reporting: Non-operating equipment.

(2466) (a) If during a voyage any equipment required by this part stops operating properly, the person directing the movement of the vessel may continue to the next port of call, subject to the directions of the District Commander or the Captain of the Port, as provided by 33 CFR 160.

(2467) (b) If the vessel's radar, radio navigation receivers, gyrocompass, echo depth sounding device, or primary steering gear stops operating properly, the person directing the movement of the vessel must report or cause to be reported that it is not operating properly to the nearest Captain of the Port, District Commander, or, if participating in a Vessel Traffic Service, to the Vessel Traffic Center, as soon as possible.

§164.55 Deviations from rules: Continuing operation or period of time.

(2468) The Captain of the Port, upon written application, may authorize a deviation from any rule in this part if he determines that the deviation does not impair the safe navigation of the vessel under anticipated conditions and will not result in a violation of the rules for preventing collisions at sea. The authorization may be issued for vessels operating in the waters under the jurisdiction of the Captain of the Port for any continuing operation or period of time the Captain of the Port specifies.

§164.61 Marine casualty reporting and record retention.

(2469) When a vessel is involved in a marine casualty as defined in 46 CFR 4.03–1, the master or person in charge of the vessel shall–

(2470) (a) Ensure compliance with 46 CFR 4.05, "Notice of Marine Casualty and Voyage Records," and

(2471) (b) Ensure that the voyage records required by 46 CFR 4.05–15 are retained for–

(2472) (1) 30 days after the casualty if the vessel remains in the navigable waters of the United States; or

(2473) (2) 30 days after the return of the vessel to a United States port if the vessel departs the navigable waters of the United States within 30 days after the marine casualty.

§164.70 Definitions.

(2474) For purposes of §§164.72 through 164.82, the term–

(2475) *Current edition* means the most recent published version of a publication, chart, or map required by §164.72.

(2476) *Currently corrected edition* means a current or previous edition of a publication required by §164.72, corrected with changes that come from Notice to Mariners (NTMs) or Notices to Navigation reasonably available and that apply to the vessel's transit. Hand-annotated river maps from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) are currently corrected editions if issued within the previous 5 years.

(2477) *Great Lakes* means the Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters including the Calumet River as far as the Thomas J. O'Brien Lock and Controlling Works (between miles 326 and 327), the Chicago River as far as the east side of the Ashland Avenue Bridge (between miles 321 and 322), and the Saint Lawrence River as far east as the lower exit of Saint Lambert Lock.

(2478) *Swing-meter* means an electronic or electric device that indicates that rate of turn of the vessel on board which it is installed.

(2479) *Towing vessel* means a commercial vessel engaged in or intending to engage in pulling, pushing or hauling alongside, or any combination of pulling, pushing, or hauling alongside.

(2480) *Western Rivers* means the Mississippi River, its tributaries, South Pass, and Southwest Pass, to the navigational-demarcation lines dividing the high seas from harbors, rivers, and other inland waters of the United States, and the Port Allen-Morgan City Alternative Route, and that part of the Atchafalaya River above its junction with the Port Allen-Morgan City Alternative Route including the Old River and the Red River and those waters specified by §§89.25 and 89.27 of this chapter, and such other, similar waters as are designated by the COTP.

§164.72 Navigational-safety equipment, charts or maps, and publications required on towing vessels.

(2481) (a) Except as provided by §164.01(b), each towing vessel must be equipped with the following navigational-safety equipment:

(2482) (1) *Marine Radar*. By August 2, 1997, a marine radar that meets the following applicable requirements:

(2483) (i) For a vessel of less than 300 tons gross tonnage that engages in towing on navigable waters of the U.S., including Western Rivers, the radar must meet–

(2484) (A) The requirements of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) specified by 47 CFR part 80; and

(2485) (B) RTCM Standard for Marine Radar Equipment Installed on Ships of Less Than 300 Tons Gross Tonnage, RTCM Paper-71-95/SC112-STD, Version 1.1, display Category II and stabilization Category Bravo.

(2486) (ii) For a vessel of less than 300 tons gross tonnage that engages in towing seaward of navigable waters of the U.S. or more than three nautical miles from shore on the Great Lakes, the radar must meet–

(2487) (A) The requirements of the FCC specified by 47 CFR part 80; and

(2488) (B) RTCM Standard for Marine Radar Equipment Installed on Ships of Less Than 300 Tons Gross Tonnage, RTCM Paper 71-95/SC112-STD, Version 1.1, display Category I and stabilization Category Alpha.

(2489) (iii) For a vessel of 300 tons gross tonnage or more that engages in towing on navigable waters of the U.S., including Western rivers, the radar must meet–

(2490) (A) The requirements of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) specified by 47 CFR part 80; and

(2491) (B) RTCM Recommended Standards for Marine Radar Equipment Installed on Ships of 300 Tons Gross Tonnage and Upwards, RTCM Paper 191–93/SC112–X, Version 1.2 except the requirements for azimuth stabilization in Paragraph 3.10.

(2492) (iv) For a vessel of 300 tons gross tonnage or more that engages in towing seaward of navigable waters of the U.S. or more than three nautical miles from shore on the Great Lakes, the radar must meet–

(2493) (A) The requirements of the FCC specified by 47 CFR Part 80; and

(2494) (B) RTCM Recommended Standards for Marine Radar Equipment Installed on Ships of 300 Tons Gross Tonnage and Upwards, RTCM Paper 191–93/SC112–X, Version 1.2.

(2495) (v) A towing vessel with an existing radar must meet the applicable requirements of paragraphs (a)(1)(i) through (iv) of this section by August 2, 1998; except that a towing vessel with an existing radar must meet the display and stabilization requirements of Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(B) of this section by August 2, 2001.

(2496) (2) *Searchlight*. A searchlight, directable from the vessel's main steering station and capable of illuminating objects at a distance of at least two times the length of the tow.

(2497) (3) *VHF-FM Radio*. An installation or multiple installations of VHF-FM radios as prescribed by part 26 of this chapter and 47 CFR part 80, to maintain a continuous listening watch on the designated calling channel, VHF-FM Channel 13 (except on portions of the Lower Mississippi River, where VHF-FM Channel 67 is the designated calling channel), and to separately monitor the International Distress and Calling Channel, VHF-FM Channel 16, except when transmitting or receiving traffic on other VHF-FM channels or when

TABLE 164.72—EQUIPMENT, CHARTS OR MAPS, AND PUBLICATIONS OF TOWING VESSELS FOR 12 METERS OR MORE IN LENGTH

	Western rivers	U.S. navigable waters other than Western rivers	Waters seaward of navigable waters and 3 NM or more from shore on the Great Lakes
Marine Radar: Towing vessels of less than 300 GT.	RTCM Paper 71-95/SC112-STD Version 1.1, Display Category II[1] Stabilization Category BRAVO.	RTCM Paper 71-95/SC112-STD Version 1.1, Display Category II[1] Stabilization Category BRAVO.	RTCM Paper 71-95/SC112-STD Version 1.1, Display Category I[2] Stabilization Category ALPHA.
Towing vessels of 300 GT or more.	RTCM Paper 191-93/SC112-X Version 1.2 (except the Azmuth stabilization requirement in paragraph 3.10).[1]	RTCM Paper 191-93/SC112-X Version 1.2 (except the Azmuth stabilization requirement in paragraph 3.10).[1]	RTCM Paper 191-93/SC112-X Version 1.2.[1]
Searchlight	X	X	X.
VHF-FM radio	X	X	X.
Magnetic compass	X[3]	X	X.
Swing-meter	X[3]		
Echo depth-sounding device.		X	X.
Electronic position-fixing device.			X.
Charts or maps	(1) Large enough scale	(1) Large enough scale	(1) Large enough scale.
	(2) Current edition or currently corrected edition	(2) Current edition or currently corrected edition	(2) Currently corrected edition.
General publications.	(1) U.S. Coast Guard Light List	(1) U.S. Coast Guard Light List	(1) U.S. Coast Guard Light List.
	(2) Notices to Navigation or Local Notice to Mariners.	(2) Local Notices to Mariners	(2) Local Notice to Mariners.
	(3) River-current Tables	(3) Tidal-current Tables	(3) Tidal-current Tables.
	. . . . .	(4) Tide Tables	(4) Tide Tables.
	. . . . .	(5) U.S. Coast Pilot	(5) U.S. Coast Pilot.

Notes:

[1]Towing vessels with existing radar must meet this requirement by August 2, 1998.

[2]Towing vessels with existing radar must meet this requirement by August 2, 1998, but do not need to meet the display and stabilization requirement until August 2, 2001.

[3]A towing vessel may carry either a swing-meter or a magnetic compass.

participating in a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) or monitoring a channel of a VTS. (Each U.S. towing vessel of 26 feet (about 8 meters) or more in length, except a public vessel, must hold a ship-radio-station license for radio transmitters (including radar and EPIRBs), and each operator must hold a restricted operator's license or higher. To get an application for either license, call (800) 418-FORM or (202) 418-FORM, or write to the FCC; Wireless Bureau, Licensing Division; 1270 Fairfield Road; Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245.)

(2498) (4) *Magnetic Compass*. Either–

(2499) (i) An illuminated swing-meter or an illuminated car-type magnetic steering compass readable from the vessel's main steering station, if the vessel engages in towing exclusively on Western Rivers; or

(2500) (ii) An illuminated card-type magnetic steering compass readable from the vessel's main steering station.

(2501) (5) *Echo Depth-Sounding Device*. By August 2, 2001, an echo depth-sounding device readable from the vessel's main steering station, unless the vessel engages in towing exclusively on Western Rivers.

(2502) (6) *Electronic Position-Fixing Device*. An electronic position-fixing device, either a LORAN-C receiver or a satellite navigational system such as the Global Positioning System (GPS) as required by §164.41, if the vessel engages in towing seaward of navigable waters of the U.S. or more than three nautical miles from shore on the Great Lakes.

(2503) (b) Each towing vessel must carry on board and maintain the following:

(2504) (1) *Charts or maps*. Marine charts or maps of the areas to be transited, published by the National Ocean Service (NOS), the ACOE, or a river authority that satisfy the following requirements.

(2505) (i) The charts or maps must be of a large enough scale and have enough detail to make safe navigation of the areas possible.

(2506) (ii) The charts or maps must be either–

(2507) (A) Current editions or currently corrected editions, if the vessel engages in towing exclusively on navigable waters of the U.S., including Western Rivers; or

(2508) (B) Currently corrected editions, if the vessel engages in towing seaward of navigable waters of the U.S. or more than three nautical miles from shore on the Great Lakes.

(2509) (iii) The charts or maps may be, instead of charts or maps required by paragraphs (b)(1) (i) and (ii) of this section, currently corrected marine charts or maps, or applicable extracts, published by a foreign government. These charts or maps, or applicable extracts, must contain information similar to that on the charts or maps required by paragraphs (b)(1) (i) and (ii) of the section, be of large enough scale, and have enough detail to make safe navigation of the areas possible, and must be currently corrected.

(2510) (2) *General publications*. A currently corrected edition of, or an applicable currently corrected extract from, each of the following publications for the area to be transited:

(2511) (i) If the vessel is engaged in towing exclusively on Western Rivers–

(2512) (A) U.S. Coast Guard Light List;

(2513) (B) Applicable Notices to Navigation published by the ACOE, or Local Notices to Marines (LNMs) published by the Coast Guard, for the area to be transited, when available; and

(2514) (c) River-current tables published by the ACOE or a river authority, if available.

(2515) (ii) if the vessel is engaged other than in towing exclusively on Western Rivers–

(2516) (A) Coast Guard Light List;

(2517) (B) Notices to Mariners published by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, or LNMs published by the Coast Guard;

(2518) (C) Tidal-current tables published by private entities using data provided by the NOS, or river-current tables published by the ACOE or a river authority;

(2519) (D) Tide tables published by private entities using data provided by the NOS; and

(2520) (E) U.S. Coast Pilot.

(2521) (c) Table 164.72, following, summarizes the navigational-safety equipment, charts or maps, and publications required for towing vessels of 12 meters or more in length:

§164.74 Towline and terminal gear for towing astern.

(2522) (a) *Towline*. The owner, master, or operator of each vessel towing astern shall ensure that the strength of each towline is adequate for its intended service, considering at least the following factors:

(2523) (1) The size and material of each towline must be–

(2524) (i) Appropriate for the horsepower or bollard pull of the vessel;

(2525) (ii) Appropriate for the static loads and dynamic loads expected during the intended service;

(2526) (iii) Appropriate for the sea conditions expected during the intended service;

(2527) (iv) Appropriate for exposure to the marine environment and to any chemicals used or carried on board the vessel;

(2528) (v) Appropriate for the temperatures of normal stowage and service on board the vessel;

(2529) (vi) Compatible with associated navigational-safety equipment; and

(2530) (vii) Appropriate for the likelihood of mechanical damage.

(2531) (2) Each towline as rigged must be–

(2532) (i) Free of knots;

(2533) (ii) Spliced with a thimble, or have a poured socket at its end; and

(2534) (iii) Free of wire clips except for temporary repair, for which the towline must have a thimble and either five wire clips or as many wire clips as the manufacturer specifies for the nominal diameter and construction of the towline, whichever is more.

(2535) (3) The condition of each towline must be monitored through the–

(2536) (i) Keeping on board the towing vessel or in company files of a record of the towline's initial minimum breaking strength as determined by the manufacturer, by a classification ("class") society authorized in §157.04 of this chapter, or by a tensile test that meets API Specifications 9A, Specification for Wire Rope, Section 3; ASTM D 4268 (incorporated by reference, see §164.03), Standard Test Method for Testing Fiber Ropes; or Cordage Institute CIA 3, Standard Test Methods for Fiber Rope Including Standard Terminations;

(2537) (ii) If the towline is purchased from another owner, master, or operator of a vessel with the intent to use it as a towline or if it is retested for any reason, keeping on board the towing vessel or in company files of a record of each retest of the towline's minimum breaking strength as determined by a class society authorized in §157.04 of this chapter or by a tensile test that meets API Specification 9A, Section 3; ASTM D 4268 (incorporated by reference, see §164.03); or Cordage Institute CIA 3, Standard Test Methods;

(2538) (iii) Conducting visual inspections of the towline in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, or at least monthly, and whenever the serviceability of the towline is in doubt (the inspections being conducted by the owner, master, or operator, or by a person on whom the owner, master, or operator confers the responsibility to take corrective measures appropriate for the use of the towline);

(2539) (iv) Evaluating the serviceability of the whole towline or any part of the towline, and removing the whole or part from service either as recommended by the manufacturer or a class society authorized in §157.04 of this chapter or in accordance with a replacement schedule developed by the owner, master, or operator that accounts for at least the–

(2540) (A) Nautical miles on, or time in service of, the towline;

(2541) (B) Operating conditions experienced by the towline;

(2542) (C) History of loading of the towline;

(2543) (D) Surface condition, including corrosion and discoloration, of the towline;

(2544) (E) Amount of visible damage to the towline;

(2545) (F) Amount of material deterioration indicated by measurements of diameter and, if applicable, measurements of lay extension of the towline; and

(2546) (G) Point at which a tensile test proves the minimum breaking strength of the towline inadequate by the standards of Paragraph (a)(1) of this section, if necessary; and

(2547) (v) Keeping on board the towing vessel or in company files of a record of the material condition of the towline when inspected under paragraphs (a)(3)(iii) and (iv) of this section. Once this record lapses for three months or more, except when a vessel is laid up or out of service or has not deployed its towline, the owner, master, or operator shall retest the towline or remove it from service.

(2548) (b) *Terminal gear*. The owner, master, or operator of each vessel towing astern shall ensure that the gear used to control, protect, and connect each towline meets the following criteria:

(2549) (1) The material and size of the terminal gear are appropriate for the strength and anticipated loading of the towline and for the environment;

(2550) (2) Each connection is secured by at least one nut with at least one cotter pin or other means of preventing its failure;

(2551) (3) The lead of the towline is appropriate to prevent sharp bends in the towline from fairlead blocks, chocks, or tackle;

(2552) (4) There is provided a method, whether mechanical or non-mechanical, that does not endanger operating personnel but that easily releases the towline;

(2553) (5) The towline is protected from abrasion or chafing by chafing gear, lagging, or other means;

(2554) (6) Except on board a vessel towing in ice on Western Rivers or one using a towline of synthetic or natural fiber, there is fitted a winch that evenly spools and tightly winds the towline; and

(2555) (7) If a winch is fitted, there is attached to the main drum a brake that has holding power appropriate for the horsepower or bollard pull of the vessel and can be operated without power to the winch.

§164.76 Towline and terminal gear for towing alongside and pushing ahead.

(2556) The owner, master, or operator of each vessel towing alongside or pushing ahead shall ensure the face wires, spring lines, and push gear used–

(2557) (a) Are appropriate for the vessel's horsepower;

(2558) (b) Are appropriate for the arrangement of the tow;

(2559) (c) Are frequently inspected; and

(2560) (d) Remain serviceable.

§164.78 Navigation under way: Towing vessels.

(2561) (a) The owner, master, or operator of each vessel towing shall ensure that each person directing and controlling the movement of the vessel–

(2562) (1) Understands the arrangement of the tow and the effects of maneuvering on the vessel towing and on the vessel, barge, or object being towed;

(2563) (2) Can fix the position of the vessel using installed navigational equipment, aids to navigation, geographic reference-points, and hydrographic contours;

(2564) (3) Does not fix the position of the vessel using buoys alone (Buoys are aids to navigation placed in approximate positions either to alert mariners to hazards to navigation or to indicate the orientation of a channel. They may not maintain exact charted positions, because strong or varying currents, heavy seas, ice and collisions with vessels can move or sink them or set them adrift. Although they may corroborate a position fixed by other means, they cannot fix a position; however, if no other aids are available, buoys alone may establish an estimated position.);

(2565) (4) Evaluates the danger of each closing visual or radar contact;

(2566) (5) Knows and applies the variation and deviation, where a magnetic compass is fitted and where charts or maps have enough detail to enable this type of correction;

(2567) (6) Knows the speed and direction of the current, and the set, drift, and tidal state for the area to be transited;

(2568) (7) Proceeds at a safe speed taking into account the weather, visibility, density of traffic, draft of tow, possibility of wake damage, speed and direction of the current, and local speed-limits; and

(2569) (8) Monitors the voyage plan required by §164.80.

§164.80 Tests inspections, and voyage planning.

(2570) (a) The owner, master, or operator of each towing vessel of less than 1,600 GT shall ensure that the following tests and inspections of gear occur before the vessel embarks on a voyage of more than 24 hours or when each new master or operator assumes command:

(2571) (1) *Steering-systems*. A test of the steering-gear-control system; a test of the main steering gear from the alternative power supply, if installed; a verification of the rudder-angle indicator relative to the actual position of the rudder; and a visual inspection of the steering gear and its linkage.

(2572) (2) *Navigational equipment*. A test of all installed navigational equipment.

(2573) (3) *Communications*. Operation of all internal vessel control communications and vessel-control alarms, if installed.

(2574) (4) *Lights*. Operation of all navigational lights and all searchlights.

(2575) (5) *Terminal gear*. Visual inspection of tackle; of connections of bridle and towing pendant, if applicable; of chafing gear; and the winch brake, if installed.

(2576) (6) *Propulsion systems*. Visual inspection of the spaces for main propulsion machinery, of machinery, and of devices for monitoring machinery.

(2577) (b) The owner, master, or operator of each towing vessel of 1,600 GT or more shall ensure that the following tests of equipment occur at the frequency required by §164.25 and that the following inspections of gear occur before the vessel embarks on a voyage of more than 24 hours or when each new master or operator assumes command:

(2578) (1) *Navigational equipment*. Tests of onboard equipment as required by §164.25.

(2579) (2) *Terminal gear*. Visual inspection of tackle; of connections of bridle and towing pendant, if applicable; of chafing gear; and of the winch brake, if installed.

(2580) (c)(1) The voyage-planning requirements outlined in this section do not apply to you if your towing vessel is–

(2581) (i) Used solely for any of the following services or any combination of these services–

(2582) (A) Within a limited geographic area, such as fleeting-area for barges or a commercial facility, and used for restricted service, such as making up or breaking up larger tows:

(2583) (B) For harbor assist;

(2584) (C) For assistance towing as defined by 46 CFR 10.103;

(2585) (D) For response to emergency or pollution;

(2586) (ii) A public vessel that is both owned, or demise chartered, and operated by the United States Government or by a government of a foreign country; and that is not engaged in commercial service;

(2587) (iii) A foreign vessel engaged in innocent passage; or

(2588) (iv) Exempted by the Captain of the Port (COTP).

(2589) (2) If you think your towing vessel should be exempt from these voyage planning requirements for a specified route, you should submit a written request to the appropriate COTP. The COTP will provide you with a written response granting or denying your request.

(2590) (3) If any part of a towing vessel's intended voyage is seaward of the baseline (i.e. the shoreward boundary) of the territorial sea of the U.S.,then the owner, master, or operator of the vessel, employed to tow a barge or barges, must ensure that the voyage with the barge or barges is planned, taking into account all pertinent information before the vessel embarks on the voyage. The master must check the planned route for proximity to hazards before the voyage begins. During a voyage, if a

decision is made to deviate substantially from the planned route, then the master or mate must plan the new route before deviating from the planned route. The voyage plan must follow company policy and consider the following (related requirements noted in parentheses):

(2591) (i) Applicable information from nautical charts and publication (also see paragraph (b) of section 164.72), including Coast Pilot, Coast Guard Light List, and Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners for the port of departures, all ports of call, and the destination;

(2592) (ii) Current and forecast weather, including visibility, wind, and sea state for the port of departure, all ports of call, and the destination (also see paragraphs (a)(7) of section 164.78 and (b) of section 164.82);

(2593) (iii) Data on tides and currents for the port of departure, all ports of call, and the destination, and the river staged and forecast, if appropriate;

(2594) (iv) Forward and after drafts of the barge or barges and under-keel and vertical clearances (air-gaps) for all bridges, ports, and berthing areas;

(2595) (v) Pre-departure checklists;

(2596) (vi) Calculated speed and estimated time of arrival at proposed waypoints;

(2597) (vii) Communication contacts at any Vessel Traffic Services, bridges, and facilities, and any port specific requirements for VHF radio;

(2598) (viii) Any master's or operator's standings orders detailing closest points of approach, special conditions, and critical maneuvers; and

(2599) (ix) Whether the towing vessel has sufficient power to control the tow under all foreseeable circumstances.

§164.82 Maintenance, failure, and reporting.

(2600) (a) *Maintenance*. The owner, master, or operator or each towing vessel shall maintain operative the navigational-safety equipment required by §164.72.

(2601) (b) *Failure*. If any of the navigational-safety equipment required by §164.72 fails during a voyage, the owner, master, or operator of the towing vessel shall exercise due diligence to repair it at the earliest practicable time. He or she shall enter its failure in the log or other record carried on board. The failure of equipment, in itself, does not constitute a violation of this rule; nor does it constitute unseaworthiness; nor does it obligate an owner, master, or operator to moor or anchor the vessel. However, the owner, master, or operator shall consider the state of the equipment-along with such factors as weather, visibility, traffic, and the dictates of good seamanship-in deciding whether it is safe for the vessel to proceed.

(2602) (c) *Reporting*. The owner, master, or operator of each towing vessel whose equipment is inoperative or otherwise impaired while the vessel is operating within a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Area shall report the fact as required by 33 CFR 161.124. (33 CFR 161.124 requires that each user of a VTS report to the Vessel Traffic Center as soon as practicable:

(2603) (1) Any absence or malfunction of vessel-operating equipment for navigational safety, such as propulsion machinery, steering gear, radar, gyrocompass, echo depth-sounding or other sounding device, automatic dependent surveillance equipment, or navigational lighting;

(2604) (2) Any condition on board the vessel likely to impair navigation, such as shortage of personnel or lack of current nautical charts or maps, or publications; and

(2605) (3) Any characteristics of the vessel that affect or restrict the maneuverability of the vessel, such as arrangement of cargo, trim, loaded condition, under-keel clearance, and speed.)

(2606) (d) *Deviation and authorization*. The owner, master, or operator of each towing vessel unable to repair within 96 hours an inoperative marine radar required by §164.72(a) shall so notify the Captain of the Port (COTP) and shall seek from the COTP both a deviation from the requirements of this section and an authorization for continued operation in the area to be transited. Failure of redundant navigational-safety equipment, including but not limited to failure of one of two installed radars, where each satisfies §164.72(a), does not necessitate either a deviation or an authorization.

(2607) (1) The initial notice and request for a deviation and an authorization may be spoken, but the request must also be written. The written request must explain why immediate repair is impracticable, and state when and by whom the repair will be made.

(2608) (2) The COTP, upon receiving even a spoken request, may grant a deviation and an authorization from any of the provisions of §§164.70 through 164.82 for a specified time if he or she decides that they would not impair the safe navigation of the vessel under anticipated conditions.

Part 165–Regulated Navigation Areas and Limited Access Areas

Subpart A–General

§165.1 Purpose of part.

(2609) The purpose of this part is to–

(2610) (a) Prescribe procedures for establishing different types of limited or controlled access areas and regulated navigation areas;

(2611) (b) Prescribe general regulations for different types of limited or controlled access areas and regulated navigation areas;

(2612) (c) Prescribe specific requirements for established areas; and

(2613) (d) List specific areas and their boundaries.

§165.5 Establishment procedures.

(2614) (a) A safety zone, security zone, or regulated navigation area may be established on the initiative of any authorized Coast Guard official.

(2615) (b) Any person may request that a safety zone, security zone, or regulated navigation area be established. Except as provided in Paragraph (c) of this section, each request must be submitted in writing to either the Captain of the Port or District Commander having jurisdiction over the location as described in 33 CFR 3, and include the following:

(2616) (1) The name of the person submitting the request;

(2617) (2) The location and boundaries of the safety zone, security zone, or regulated navigation area;

(2618) (3) The date, time, and duration that the safety zone, security zone, or regulated navigation area should be established;

(2619) (4) A description of the activities planned for the safety zone, security zone, or regulated navigation area;

(2620) (5) The nature of the restrictions or conditions desired; and

(2621) (6) The reason why the safety zone, security zone, or regulated navigation area is necessary.

(2622) (Requests for safety zones, security zones, and regulated navigation areas are approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control numbers 2115-0076, 2115-0219, and 2115-0087.)

(2623) (c) Safety Zones and Security Zones. If, for good cause, the request for a safety zone or security zone is made less than 5 working days before the zone is to be established, the request may be made orally, but it must be followed by a written request within 24 hours.

§165.7 Notification.

(2624) (a) The establishment of these limited access areas and regulated navigation areas is considered rulemaking. The procedures used to notify persons of the establishment of these areas vary depending upon the circumstances and emergency conditions. Notification may be made by marine broadcasts, local notice to mariners, local news media, distribution in leaflet form, and on-scene oral notice, as well as publication in the Federal Register.

(2625) (b) Notification normally contains the physical boundaries of the area, the reasons for the rule, its estimated duration, and the method of obtaining authorization to enter the area, if applicable, and special navigational rules, if applicable.

(2626) (c) Notification of the termination of the rule is usually made in the same form as the notification of its establishment.

§165.8 Geographic coordinates.

(2627) Geographic coordinates expressed in terms of latitude or longitude, or both, are not intended for plotting on maps or charts whose referenced horizontal datum is the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), unless such geographic coordinates are expressly labeled NAD 83. Geographic coordinates without the NAD 83 reference may be plotted on maps or charts referenced to NAD 83 only after application of the appropriate corrections that are published on the particular map or chart being used.

§165.9 Geographic application of limited and controlled access areas and regulated navigation areas.

(2628) (a) *General*. The geographic application of the limited and controlled access areas and regulated navigation areas in this part are determined based on the statutory authority under which each is created.

(2629) (b) *Safety zones and regulated navigation areas*. These zones and areas are created under the authority of the Ports and Waterways Safety Act, 33 U.S.C. 1221–1232. Safety zones established under 33 U.S.C. 1226 and regulated navigation areas may be established in waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States as defined in §2.38 of this chapter, including the territorial sea to a seaward limit of 12 nautical miles from the baseline.

(2630) (c) *Security zones*. These zones have two sources of authority—the Ports and Waterways Safety Act, 33 U.S.C. 1221–1232, and the Act of June 15, 1917, as emended by both the Magnuson Act of August 9, 1950 ("Magnuson Act"), 50 U.S.C. 191–195, and sec. 104 the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-295, 116 Stat. 2064). Security zones established under either 33 U.S.C. 1226 or 50 U.S.C. 191 may be established in waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States as defined in §2.38 of this chapter, including the territorial sea to a seaward limit of 12 nautical miles from the baseline.

(2631) (d) *Naval vessel protection zones*. These zones are issued under the authority of 14 U.S.C. 91 and 633 and may be established in waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States as defined in §2.38 of this chapter, including the territorial sea to a seaward limit of 3 nautical miles from the baseline.

Subpart B–Regulated Navigation Areas

§165.10 Regulated navigation area.

(2632) A regulated navigation area is a water area within a defined boundary for which regulations for vessels navigating within the area have been established under this part.

§165.11 Vessel operating requirements (regulations).

(2633) Each District Commander may control vessel traffic in an area which is determined to have hazardous conditions, by issuing regulations–

(2634) (a) Specifying times of vessel entry, movement, or departure to, from, within, or through ports, harbors, or other waters;

(2635) (b) Establishing vessel size, speed, draft limitations, and operating conditions; and

(2636) (c) Restricting vessel operation, in a hazardous area or under hazardous conditions, to vessels which have particular operating characteristics or capabilities which are considered necessary for safe operation under the circumstances.

§165.13 General regulations.

(2637) (a) The master of a vessel in a regulated navigation area shall operate the vessel in accordance with the regulations contained in Subpart F.

(2638) (b) No person may cause or authorize the operation of a vessel in a regulated navigation area contrary to the regulations in this Part.

Subpart C–Safety Zones

§165.20 Safety zones.

(2639) A Safety Zone is a water area, shore area, or water and shore area to which, for safety or environmental purposes, access is limited to authorized persons, vehicles, or vessels. It may be stationary and described by fixed limits or it may be described as a zone around a vessel in motion.

§165.23 General regulations.

(2640) Unless otherwise provided in this part–

(2641) (a) No person may enter a safety zone unless authorized by the COTP or the District Commander.

(2642) (b) No person may bring or cause to be brought into a safety zone any vehicle, vessel, or object unless authorized by the COTP or the District Commander.

(2643) (c) No person may remain in a safety zone or allow any vehicle, vessel, or object to remain in a safety zone unless authorized by the COTP or the District Commander; and

(2644) (d) Each person in a safety zone who has notice of a lawful order or direction shall obey the order or direction of the COTP or District Commander issued to carry out the purposes of this subpart.

Subpart D–Security Zones

§165.30 Security Zones.

(2645) (a) A security zone is an area of land, water, or land and water which is so designated by the Captain of the Port or District Commander for such time as is necessary to prevent damage or injury to any vessel or waterfront facility, to safeguard ports, harbors, territories, or waters of the United States or to secure the observance of the rights and obligations of the United States.

(2646) (b) The purpose of a security zone is to safeguard from destruction, loss, or injury from sabotage or other subversive acts, accidents, or other causes of a similar nature–

(2647) (1) Vessels,

(2648) (2) Harbors,

(2649) (3) Ports and

(2650) (4) Waterfront facilities–in the United States and all territory and water, continental or insular, that is subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

§165.33 General regulations.

(2651) Unless otherwise provided in the special regulations in Subpart F of this part–

(2652) (a) No person or vessel may enter or remain in a security zone without the permission of the Captain of the Port;

(2653) (b) Each person and vessel in a security zone shall obey any direction or order of the Captain of the Port;

(2654) (c) The Captain of the Port may take possession and control of any vessel in the security zone;

(2655) (d) The Captain of the Port may remove any person, vessel, article, or thing from a security zone;

(2656) (e) No person may board, or take or place any article or thing on board, any vessel in a security zone without the permission of the Captain of the Port; and

(2657) (f) No person may take or place any article or thing upon any waterfront facility in a security zone without the permission of the Captain of the Port.

Subpart E–Restricted Waterfront Areas

§165.40 Restricted waterfront areas.

(2658) The Commandant, may direct the COTP to prevent access to waterfront facilities, and port and harbor areas, including vessels and harbor craft therein. This section may apply to persons who do not possess the

credentials outlined in §125.09 of this chapter when certain shipping activities are conducted that are outlined in §125.15 of this chapter.

Subpart F–Specific Regulated Navigation Areas and Limited Access Areas

§165.1101 Security Zone: San Diego Bay, California.

(2659) (a) *Location*. The following area is a security zone: The water area within Naval Station, San Diego enclosed by the following points: Beginning at

(2660) 32°41'16.5"N., 117°08'01"W. (Point A); thence running southwesterly to

(2661) 32°41'02.5"N., 117°08'08.05"W. (Point B); to

(2662) 32°40'55.0"N., 117°08'00.0"W. (Point C); to

(2663) 32°40'49.5"N., 117°07'55.5"W. (Point D); to

(2664) 32°40'44.6"N., 117°07'49.3"W. (Point E); to

(2665) 32°40'37.8"N., 117°07'43.2"W., (Point F); to

(2666) 32°40'30.9"N., 117°07'39.0"W. (Point G);

(2667) 32°40'24.5"N., 117°07'35.0"W. (Point H); to

(2668) 32°40'17.2"N., 117°07'30.8"W. (Point I); to

(2669) 32°40'10.6"N., 117°07'30.5"W. (Point J); to

(2670) 32°39'59.0"N., 117°07'29.0"W. (Point K); to

(2671) 32°39'49.8"N., 117°07'27.2"W. (Point L); to

(2672) 32°39'43.0"N., 117°07'25.5"W. (Point M);

(2673) 32°39'36.5"N., 117°07'24.2"W., (Point N); thence running easterly to

(2674) 32°39'38.5"N., 117°07'06.5"W. (Point O); thence running generally northwesterly along the shoreline of the Naval Station to the place of beginning. All coordinates referenced use datum: NAD 1983.

(2675) (b) *Regulations*. (1) In accordance with the general regulations in §165.33 of this part, entry into the area of this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port San Diego; Commander, Naval Base San Diego; or Commander, Navy Region Southwest.

(2676) (2) Persons desiring to transit the area of the security zone may contact the Captain of the Port at telephone number 619-683-6495 or on VHF channel 16 (156.8 MHz) to seek permission to transit the area. If permission is granted all persons and vessels must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port or his or her designated representative.

(2677) (c) *Authority*. In addition to 33 U.S.C. 1231 and 50 U.S.C. 191, the authority for this section includes 33 U.S.C. 1226.

(2678) (d) *Enforcement*. The U.S. Coast Guard may be assisted in the patrol and enforcement of this security zone by the U.S. Navy.

§165.1102 Security Zone: San Diego Bay, California.

(2679) (a) *Location*. The following area is a security zone: The water area adjacent to the Naval Ocean Systems Center, San Diego, California, and the Naval Supply Center, San Diego, California, described as follows:

(2680) Commencing at a point on the shoreline of Point Loma, at

(2681) 32°41'57.8"N., 117°14'17.5"W (Point A), for a place of beginning; thence easterly to

(2682) 32°41'56.0"N., 117°14'09.9"W (Point B); thence northeasterly to

(2683) 32°42'03.8"N., 117°14'04.7"W (Point C); thence northeasterly to

(2684) 32°42'10.2"N., 117°14'00.6"W (Point D); thence northwesterly to

(2685) 32°42'14.6"N., 117°14'02.1"W (Point E); thence northwesterly to

(2686) 32°42'22.7"N., 117°14'05.8"W (Point F); thence northwesterly to

(2687) 32°42'28.3"N., 117°14'08.4"W (Point G); thence westerly to

(2688) 32°42'28.3"N., 117°14'09.6"W (Point H); thence generally southerly along the shorelines of Point Loma to the place of beginning (Point A).

(2689) (b) *Regulations*. In accordance with the general regulations in §165.33 of this part, entry into the area of this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port, the Commander, Naval Base, San Diego, the Commander, Naval Ocean Systems Center, San Diego, or the Commanding Officer, Naval Supply Center, San Diego. Section 165.33 also contains other general requirements.

§165.1103 Security Zone: San Diego Bay, CA.

(2690) (a) *Location*. The following area is a security zone: The water adjacent to the Naval Submarine Base, San Diego commencing on a point on the shoreline of Ballast Point, at 32°41'11.2"N., 117°13.57.0"W. (Point A), thence northerly to

(2691) 32°41'31.8"N., 117°14'00.6"W. (Point B), thence westerly to

(2692) 32°41'32.7"N., 117°14'03.2"W. (Point C), thence southwesterly to

(2693) 32°41'30.5"N., 117°14'17.5"W. (Point D), thence generally southeasterly along the shoreline of the Naval Submarine Base to the point of beginning. (Point A). All coordinates referenced use datum: NAD 1983.

(2694) (b) R*egulations*. (1) In accordance with the general regulations in §165.33 of this part, entry into the area of this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port San Diego; Commander, Naval Base Point Loma; or Commander, Navy Region Southwest.

(2695) (2) Persons desiring to transit the area of the security zone may contact the Captain of the Port at telephone number 619-683-6495 or on VHF channel 16 (156.8 MHz) to seek permission to transit the area. If permission is granted, all persons and vessels must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port or his or her designated representative.

(2696) (c) *Authority*. In addition to 33 U.S.C. 1231 and 50 U.S.C. 191, the authority for this section includes 33 U.S.C. 1226.

(2697) (d) *Enforcement*. The U.S. Coast Guard may be assisted in the patrol and enforcement of this security zone by the U.S. Navy.

§165.1104 Security Zone: San Diego Bay, CA.

(2698) (a) *Location*. The following area is a security zone: on the waters along the northern shoreline of Naval Base Coronado, the area enclosed by the following points: Beginning at

(2699) 32°42'53.0"N., 117°11'45.0 W. (Point A); thence running northerly to

(2700) 32°42'55.5"N., 117°11'45.0"W., (Point B); thence running easterly to

(2701) 32°42'57.0"N., 117°11'31.0"W., (Point C); thence southeasterly to

(2702) 32°42'42.0"N., 117°11'04.0"W. (Point D); thence southeasterly to

(2703) 32°42'21.0"N., 117°10'47.0"W. (Point E) thence running southerly to

(2704) 32°42'13.0"N., 117°10'51.0"W. (Point F); thence running generally northwesterly along the shoreline of Naval Base Coronado to the place of beginning. All coordinates referenced use datum: NAD 1983.

(2705) (b) *Regulations*. (1) In accordance with the general regulations in Sec. 165.33 of this part, entry into the area of this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port San Diego; Commander, Naval Base Coronado, or Commander, Navy Region Southwest.

(2706) (2) Persons desiring to transit the area of the security zone may contact the Captain of the Port at telephone number 619-683-6495 or on VHF channel 16 (156.8 MHz) to seek permission to transit the area. If permission is granted, all persons and vessels must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port or his or her designated representative.

(2707) (c) *Authority*. In addition to 33 U.S.C. 1231 and 50 U.S.C. 191, the authority for this section includes 33 U.S.C. 1226.

(2708) (d) *Enforcement*. The U.S. Coast Guard may be assisted in the patrol and enforcement of this security zone by the U.S. Navy.

§165.1105 Security Zone: San Diego Bay, California.

(2709) (a) *Location*: (1) The following area is a security zone: The water area adjacent to Naval Air Station North Island, Coronado, California, and within 100 yards (91 meters) of Bravo Pier, and vessels moored thereto, bounded by the following points (when no vessel is moored at the pier):

(2710) (i) 32°41'53.0"N., 117°13'33.6"W.;

(2711) (ii) 32°41'53.0"N., 117°13'40.6"W.;

(2712) (iii) 32°41'34.0"N., 117°13'40.6"W.;

(2713) (iv) 32°41'34.0"N., 117°13'34.1"W.

(2714) (2) Because the area of this security zone is measured from the pier and from vessels moored thereto, the actual area of this security zone will be larger when a vessel is moored at Bravo Pier.

(2715) (b) *Regulations*: In accordance with the general regulations in §165.33 of this part, entry into the area of this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port or the Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station North Island. Section 165.33 also contains other general requirements.

§165.1106 San Diego Bay, California–safety zone.

(2716) (a) The waters of San Diego Bay enclosed by the following boundaries are a safety zone:

(2717) From a point located on the boundary of Coast Guard Air Station San Diego, California at latitude 32°43'37.2"N., longitude 117°10'45.0"W. (point A), for a point of beginning; thence southeasterly to latitude 32°43'36.2"N., longitude 117°10'41.5"W. (point B); thence southwesterly to latitude 32°43'20.2"N., longitude 117°10'49.5"W. (point C); thence northwesterly to latitude 32°43'25.7"N., longitude 117°11'04.6"W. (point D); thence northeasterly to latitude 32°43'35.7"N., longitude 117°10'59.5"W. (point E); thence generally easterly along the air station boundary to the point of beginning (point A).

(2718) (b) (1) In accordance with the general regulations in §165.23 of this Part, entry into the area of this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port, except as provided for below.

(2719) (2) Vessels may transit the area of this safety zone without permission, but may not anchor, stop, remain within the zone, or approach within 100 yards (92 meters) of the land area of Coast Guard Air Station San Diego or structures attached thereto.

§165.1107 San Diego Bay, California.

(2720) (a) *Location*. The area encompassed by the following geographic coordinates is a regulated navigation area:

(2721) 32°41'24.6"N., 117°14'21.9"W.

(2722) 32 41'34.2"N., 117°13'58.5"W.

(2723) 32°41'34.2"N., 117°13'37.2"W., thence south along the shoreline to

(2724) 32°41'11.2"N., 117°13'31.3"W.

(2725) 32°41'11.2"N., 117°13'58.5"W., thence north along the shoreline to the point of origin.

(2726) Datum: NAD 1983.

(2727) (b) *Regulations*. (1) During submarine docking/undocking operations at the U.S. Naval Submarine Base on Ballast Point, San Diego Bay, California, mariners transiting within the regulated navigation area shall proceed at a speed that generates no wake from their vessel.

(2728) (2) The Coast Guard will issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners, and if time permits a Local Notice to Mariners, to inform the maritime community of the dates and times of the submarine docking/undocking operations covered by paragraph (b)(1).

(2729) (3) The master and/or operator of a vessel within the regulated navigation area shall comply with any other orders or directions issued by the Coast Guard as required for the safety of the submarine docking/undocking operations covered by paragraph (b)(1).

§165.1108 Security Zones; Cruise Ships, Port of San Diego, California.

(2730) (a) *Definition*. "Cruise Ship" as used in this section means a passenger vessel, except for a ferry, 100 gross tons or more, authorized to carry more than 12 passengers for hire; capable of making international voyages lasting more than 24 hours, any part of which is on the high seas; and for which passengers are embarked, disembarked or at a port of call in the San Diego port.

(2731) (b) *Location*. The following areas are security zones:

(2732) (1) All waters, extending from the surface to the sea floor, within a 100 yard radius around any cruise ship that is anchored at a designated anchorage within the San Diego port area inside the sea buoys bounding the port of San Diego.

(2733) (2) The shore area and all waters, extending from the surface to the sea floor, within a 100 yard radius around any cruise ship that is moored at any berth within the San Diego port area inside the sea buoys bounding the Port of San Diego; and

(2734) (3) All waters, extending from the surface to the sea floor, within a 100 yard radius around any cruise ship that is underway on the waters inside the sea buoys bounding the Port of San Diego.

(2735) (c) *Regulations*. (1) In accordance with the general regulation in §165.33 of the part, entry into or remaining in these zones is prohibited unless authorized by the Coast Guard Captain of the Port, San Diego or his designated representative.

(2736) (2) Persons desiring to transit the area of the security zones may contact the Captain of the Port at telephone number (619) 683-6495 or on VHF-FM channel 16 (156.8 MHz) to seek permission to transit the area. If permission is granted, all persons and vessels must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port or his or her designated representative.

(2737) (d) *Authority*. In addition to 33 U.S.C. 1231 and 50 U.S.C. 191, the authority for this section includes 33 U.S.C. 1226.

(2738) (e) *Enforcement*. The U.S. Coast Guard may be assisted in the patrol and enforcement of the security zones by the San Diego Harbor Police.

§165.1110 Security Zone: Coronado Bay Bridge, San Diego, CA.

(2739) (a) *Location*. All navigable waters of San Diego Bay, from the surface to the sea floor, within 25 yards of all piers, abutments, fenders and pilings of the Coronado Bay Bridge. These security zones will not restrict the main navigational channel nor will it restrict vessels from transiting through the channel.

(2740) (b) *Regulations*. (1) Under §165.33, entry into, transit through, loitering, or anchoring within any of these security zones by all persons and vessels is prohibited, unless authorized by the Captain of the Port, or his designated representative. Mariners seeking permission to transit through a security zone may request authorization to do so from Captain of the Port or his designated representative. The Coast Guard can be contacted on San Diego Bay via VHF-FM channel 16.

(2741) (2) Vessels may enter a security zone if it is necessary for safe navigation and circumstances do not allow sufficient time to obtain permission from the Captain of the Port.

§165.1120 Security Zone; Naval Amphibious Base, San Diego, CA.

(2742) (a) *Location.* The following area is a security zone: the waters of San Diego Bay, enclosed by lines connecting the following points: Beginning at

(2743) 32°40'30.0"N., 117°10'03.0"W. (Point A): thence running northeasterly to

(2744) 32°40'54.0"N., 117°09'35.5"W. (Point B); thence running northeasterly to

(2745) 32°40'55.0"N., 117°09'27.0"W. (Point C); thence running southeasterly to

(2746) 32°40'43.0"N., 117°09'09.0"W. (Point D); thence running southerly to

(2747) 32°40'39.0"N., 117°09'08.0"W. (Point E); thence running southwesterly to

(2748) 32°40'30.0"N., 117°09'12.9"W. (Point F); thence running a short distance to

(2749) 32°40'29.0"N., 117°09'14.0"W. (Point G); thence running southwesterly to

(2750) 32°40'26.0"N., 117°09'17.0"W. (Point H); thence running northwesterly to the shoreline to

(2751) 32°40'31.0"N., 117°09'22.5"W. (Point I), thence running along the shoreline to the beginning point.

(2752) (b) *Regulations*. In accordance with the general regulations in §165.33 of this part, entry into the area of this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port or the Commander, Navy Region Southwest.

(2753) (c) *Enforcement*. The U.S. Coast Guard may be assisted in the patrol and enforcement of this security zone by the U.S. Navy.

§165.1121 Security Zone: Fleet Supply Center Industrial Pier, San Diego, CA.

(2754) (a) *Location*. The following area is a security zone; the waters of San Diego Bay extending approximately 100 feet from the north, west, and south sides of the Fleet Industrial Supply Center enclosed by lines connecting the following points: Beginning at

(2755) 32°42'50"N., 117°10'25'W. (Point A); to

(2756) 32°42'50"N., 117°10'38'W. (Point B); to

(2757) 32°42'54"N., 117°10'38'W. (Point C); to

(2758) 32°42'54"N., 117°10'25'W. (Point D).

(2759) (b) *Regulations*. In accordance with the general regulations in §165.33, entry into the area of this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port or the Commander, Navy Region Southwest. Section 165.33 also contains other general requirements.

(2760) (c) *Enforcement*. The U.S. Coast Guard may be assisted in the patrol and enforcement of this security zone by the U.S. Navy.

§165.1131 Security Zone: Wilson Cove, San Clemente Island, California.

(2761) (a) Location. The following area is a security zone: The water area adjacent to San Clemente Island, California within 1.5 nautical miles (1.73 statute miles, 2.8 kilometers) of the shoreline of San Clemente Island from Wilson Cove North End Light (LLNR 2565) to Spruce Pier, approximately 4.1 nautical miles (4.7 statute miles, 7.65 kilometers) southeast of Wilson Cove North End Light, described as follows: Starting at a point on the shoreline of San Clemente Island, California, in position

(2762) 33°01'25.0"N., 118°33'43.0"W. for a place of beginning (point A), thence northeasterly to

(2763) 33°02'11.0"N., 118°32'13.5"W. (point B), thence southeasterly to

(2764) 32°58'40.5"N., 118°29'15.5"W. (point C), thence southwesterly to

(2765) 32°57'54.0"N., 118°31'17.2"W. (point D), thence northwesterly along the shoreline of San Clemente Island to the place of beginning.

(2766) (b) Regulations. In accordance with the general regulations in §165.33 of this part, entry into the area of this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port, San Diego, California. Section 165.33 also contains other general requirements.

§165.1151 Security Zones; Liquefied Hazardous Gas Tank Vessels, San Pedro Bay, California.

(2767) (a) *Definition*. "Liquefied Hazardous Gas" as used in this section means a liquid containing one or more of the products listed in Table 127.005 of this part that is carried in bulk on board a tank vessel as liquefied petroleum gas, liquefied natural gas, or similar liquefied gas products.

(2768) (b) *Location*. The following areas are security zones:

(2769) (1) All waters, extending from the surface of the sea floor, within a 500 yard radius around any liquefied hazardous gas (LHG) tank vessel that is anchored at a designated anchorage either inside the Federal breakwaters bounding San Pedro Bay or outside at designated anchorages within three nautical miles of the breakwater;

(2770) (2) The shore area and all waters, extending from the surface to the sea floor, within a 500 yard radius around any LHG tank vessel that is moored, or in the process of mooring, at any berth within the Los Angeles or Long Beach port areas inside the Federal breakwaters bounding San Pedro Bay;

(2771) (3) All waters, extending from the surface to the sea floor, within 1000 yards ahead and 500 yards on each side and astern of any LHG tank vessel that is underway either on the waters inside the Federal breakwaters bounding San Pedro Bay or on the waters within three nautical miles seaward of the Federal breakwaters.

(2772) (c) *Regulations*. (1) In accordance with the general regulations in §165.33 of this part, entry into or remaining in these zones is prohibited unless authorized by the Coast Guard Captain of the Port Los Angeles-Long Beach, or his or her designated representative.

(2773) (2) Persons desiring to transit the area of the security zone may contact the Captain of the Port at telephone number (800) 221-USCG (8724) or on VHF-FM channel 16 (156.8 MHz) to seek permission to transit the area. If permission is granted, all persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port or his or her designated representative.

(2774) (3) When any LHG tank vessels approach within 500 yards of a vessel that is moored or anchored, the stationary vessel must stay moored or anchored while

it remains within the LHG tank vessel's security zone unless it is either ordered by or given permission from the Captain of the Port Los Angeles-Long Beach to do otherwise.

(2775) (d) *Authority*. In addition to 33 U.S.C. 1231 and 50 U.S.C. 191, the authority for this section includes 33 U.S.C. 1226.

(2776) *(e) Enforcement*. The U.S. Coast Guard may be assisted in the patrol and enforcement of these security zones by the Los Angeles Port Police and the Long Beach Police Department.

§165.1152 San Pedro Bay, California—Regulated navigation area.

(2777) (a) *Applicability:* This section applies to all vessels unless otherwise specified. (Note: All geographic coordinates are defined using North American Datum 1983 (NAD 83)).

(2778) (b) *Deviations*. The Captain of the Port of Los Angeles-Long Beach or his or her designated representative may authorize a deviation from the requirements of this regulation when it is deemed necessary in the interests of safety.

(2779) (c) *Location*. (1) The San Pedro Bay Regulated Navigation Area (RNA) consists of the water area enclosed by the Los Angeles-Long Beach breakwater and a line connecting Point Fermin Light at 33°42.30'N., 118°17.60'W., with the following geographical positions:

Latitude	Longitude
33°35.50'N.	118°17.60'W.
33°35.50'N.	118°09.00'W.
33°37.70'N.	118°06.50'W.
33°43.40'N.	118°10.80'W.

(2780) (2) The San Pedro Bay RNA consists of the following named sub-areas, defined by lines connecting their respective geographic coordinates:

(2781) (i) *The Los Angeles Pilot Area:*

Latitude	Longitude
33°42.50'N.	118°15.10'W. (Los Angeles Light)
33°42.62'N.	118°14.70'W.
33°41.30'N.	118°13.50'W.
33°40.85'N.	118°14.90'W.
33°42.50'N.	118°15.10'W.

(2782) (ii) T*he Long Beach Pilot Area:*

Latitude	Longitude
33°43.40'N.	118°11.20'W. (Long Beach Light)
33°43.40'N.	118°10.80'W.
33°41.50'N.	118°10.22'W.
33°40.52'N.	118°10.22'W.
33°40.52'N.	118°10.82'W.
33°41.50'N.	118°10.82'W.
33°43.40'N.	118°11.20'W.

(2783) (iii) *The Los Angeles Deep Water Traffic Lane:*

Latitude	Longitude
33°42.47'N.	118°14.95'W.
33°42.56'N.	118°14.75'W.
33°39.48'N.	118°13.32'W.
33°39.42'N.	118°13.55W.
33°42.47'N.	118°14.95'W.

(2784) (iv) *The Long Beach Deep Water Traffic Lane:*

Latitude	Longitude
33°43.43'N.	118°11.15'W.
33°43.39'N.	118°10.90'W.
33°41.51'N.	118°10.71'W.
33°41.50'N.	118°10.95W.
33°43.43'N.	118°11.15'W.

(2785) (v) *Los Angeles Deep Water Pilot Area:* A 0.5 nm radius around 33°39.00'N., 118°13.19'W.

(2786) (d) *General Regulations*. The following regulations contained in paragraphs (d)(1) through (d)(3) of this section apply to power driven vessels of 1,600 or more gross tons, a towing vessel of 8 meters (approximately 26 feet) or over in length engaged in towing, or vessels of 100 gross tons and upward carrying one or more passengers for hire.

(2787) (1) A vessel shall not exceed a speed of 12 knots through the water within the RNA.

(2788) (2) A vessel navigating within the RNA, shall have its engine(s) ready for immediate maneuver and shall operate its engine(s) in a control mode and on fuel that will allow for an immediate response to any engine order, ahead or astern, including stopping its engine(s) for an extended period of time.

(2789) (3) A vessel navigating within the RNA shall maintain a minimum separation from other vessels of at least 0.25 nm.

(2790) (e) *Specific Regulations*—(1) Los Angeles Pilot Area. (i) No vessel may enter the Los Angeles Pilot Area unless it is entering or departing Los Angeles Harbor entrance (Angels Gate).

(2791) (ii) Vessels entering the Los Angeles Pilot Area shall pass directly through without stopping or loitering except as necessary to embark or disembark a pilot.

(2792) (2) *Long Beach Pilot Area.* (i) No vessel may enter the Long Beach Pilot Area unless it is entering or departing Long Beach Harbor entrance (Queens Gate).

(2793) (ii) Vessels entering the Long Beach Pilot Area shall pass directly through without stopping or loitering except as necessary to embark or disembark a pilot.

(2794) (iii) Every vessel shall leave Long Beach Approach Lighted Whistle Buoy "LB" to port when entering and departing Long Beach Channel and departing vessels shall pass across the southern boundary of the Long Beach Pilot Area.

(2795) (3) *Los Angeles and Long Beach Deep Water Traffic Lanes*. When a vessel of 50 foot draft or greater is using the Los Angeles or Long Beach Deep Water Traffic Lane no other vessel shall enter the Deep Water Traffic Lane if it will result in a meeting, crossing or overtaking situation.

(2796) (4) *Los Angeles Deep Water Pilot Area.* When a vessel of 50 foot draft or greater is embarking or disembarking a pilot in the Los Angeles Deep Water Pilot Area no other vessel shall enter the Deep Water Pilot Area.

(2797) (5) Vessels described in Paragraph (d) of this section may not enter the waters between Commercial Anchorage G and the Middle Breakwater as defined by an area enclosed by the line beginning at Los Angeles Main Channel Entrance Light 2 (33°42.70'N., 118°14.70'W.), thence east along the Middle Breakwater to Long Beach Light (33°43.40'N., 118°11.20'W.), thence south to (33°43.08'N., 118°11.26'W.), thence westerly to (33°43.08'N., 118°12.26'W.), thence southwesterly parallel to the breakwater to (33°42.43'N., 118°14.30'W.), thence to the point of origin, unless such vessel is:

(2798) (i) In an emergency;

(2799) (ii) Proceeding to anchor in or departing Commercial Anchorage G;

(2800) (iii) Standing by with confirmed pilot boarding arrangements; or,

(2801) (iv) Engaged in towing vessels to or from Commercial Anchorage G, or to or from the waters between Commercial Anchorage G and the Middle Breakwater.

§165.1154 Security Zones; Cruise Ships, San Pedro Bay, California.

(2802) (a) *Definition*. "Cruise ship" as used in this section means a passenger vessel, except for a ferry, over 100 feet in length, authorized to carry more than 12 passengers for hire; making voyages lasting more than 24 hours, any part of which is on the high seas; and for which passengers are embarked or disembarked in the Port of Los Angeles or Port of Long Beach.

(2803) (b) *Location*. The following areas are security zones:

(2804) (1) All waters, extending from the surface to the sea floor, within a 100 yard radius around any cruise ship that is anchored at a designated anchorage either inside the Federal breakwaters bounding San Pedro Bay or outside at designated anchorages within 3 nautical miles of the Federal breakwaters;

(2805) (2) The shore area and all waters, extending from the surface to the sea floor, within a 100 yard radius around any cruise ship that is moored, or is in the process of mooring, at any berth within the Los Angeles or Long Beach port areas inside the Federal breakwaters bounding San Pedro Bay; and

(2806) (3) All waters, extending from the surface to the sea floor, within 200 yards ahead, and 100 yards on each side and astern of a cruise ship that is underway either on the waters inside the Federal breakwaters bounding San Pedro Bay or on the waters within 3 nautical miles seaward of the Federal breakwaters.

(2807) (c) *Regulations*.

(2808) (1) In accordance with the general regulations in Sec. 165.33 of this part, entry into or remaining in these zones is prohibited unless authorized by the Coast Guard Captain of the Port, Los Angeles-Long Beach, or his designated representative.

(2809) (2) Persons desiring to transit the area of the security zone may contact the Captain of the Port at telephone number 1-800-221-USCG (8724) or on VHF-FM channel 16 (156.8 MHz) to seek permission to transit the area. If permission is granted, all persons and vessels must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port or his or her designated representative.

(2810) (3) When a cruise ship approaches within 100 yards of a vessel that is moored, or anchored, the stationary vessel must stay moored or anchored while it remains within the cruise ship's security zone unless it is either ordered by, or given permission from, the COTP Los Angeles-Long Beach to do otherwise.

(2811) (d) *Authority*. In addition to 33 U.S.C. 1231 and 50 U.S.C. 191, the authority for this section includes 33 U.S.C. 1226.

(2812) (e) *Enforcement*. The U.S. Coast Guard may be assisted in the patrol and enforcement of the security

zone by the Los Angeles Port Police and the Long Beach Police Department.

§165.1155 Security Zone; Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Avila Beach, California.

(2813) (a) *Location*. The following area is a security zone: all waters of the Pacific Ocean, from surface to bottom, within a 2,000 yard radius of Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant centered at position 35°12'23"N., 120°51'23"W. [Datum: NAD 83].

(2814) (b) *Regulations*. (1) In accordance with the general regulations in §165.33 of this part, entry into or remaining in this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Coast Guard Captain of the Port, Los Angeles-Long Beach, or his or her designated representative.

(2815) (2) Persons desiring to transit the area of the security zone may contact the Captain of the Port at telephone number 1-800-221-8724 or on VHF-FM channel 16 (156.8 MHz). If permission is granted, all persons and vessels must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port or his or her designated representative.

(2816) (c) *Authority*. In addition to 33 U.S.C. 1231, the authority for this section includes 33 U.S.C. 1226.

§165.T11–078 Security Zones; Golden Gate Bridge and the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, San Francisco Bay, California.

(2817) (a) *Location*. All waters extending from the surface to the sea floor, 25 yards around all piers, abutments, fenders and pilings of the Golden Gate Bridge and the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, San Francisco Bay, California.

(2818) (b) *Regulations*. (1) In accordance with the general regulations in §165.33 of this part, entry into these security zones is prohibited, unless doing so is necessary for safe navigation, to conduct official business such as scheduled maintenance or retrofit operations, or unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port San Francisco Bay, or his designated representative.

(2819) (2) Persons desiring to transit the area of the security zone may contact the Captain of the Port at telephone number 510-437-3073 or on VHF-FM channel 16 (156.8 MHz) to seek permission to transit the area. If permission is granted, all persons and vessels must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port or his or her designated representative.

(2820) (d) *Authority*. In addition to 33 U.S.C. 1231, the authority for this section includes 33 U.S.C. 1226.

(2821) (e) *Enforcement*. All persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the Coast Guard Captain of the Port or the designated on-scene patrol personnel. Patrol personnel comprise commissioned, warrant, and petty officers of the Coast Guard onboard Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, local, state, and federal law enforcement vessels. Upon being hailed by U.S. Coast Guard patrol personnel by siren, radio, flashing light, or other means, the operator of a vessel shall proceed as directed.

(2822) (f) *Effective Dates*. This section becomes effective at 11 a.m. PST on February 13, 2003, and will terminated at 11:59 p.m. PDT on September 30, 2003.

§165.1181 San Francisco Bay Region, California—Regulated navigation area.

(2823) (a) **Applicability**. This section applies to all vessels unless otherwise specified.

(2824) (b) **Deviations.** The Captain of the Port, San Francisco Bay, or the Commanding Officer, Vessel Traffic Service San Francisco, as a representative of the Captain of the Port, may authorize a deviation from the requirements of this regulation when it is deemed necessary in the interests of safety.

(2825) (c) **Regulated Navigation Areas.–**(1) **San Francisco Bay RNA**, (i) The following is a regulated navigation area-The waters bounded by a line connecting the following coordinates, beginning at:

(2826) 37°47'18"N., 122°30'22"W.; thence to

(2827) 37°48'55"N., 122°31'41"W.; thence along the shoreline to

(2828) 37°50'38"N., 122°28'37"W.; thence to

(2829) 37°50'59"N., 122°28'00"W.; thence to

(2830) 37°51'45"N., 122°27'28"W.; thence to

(2831) 37°52'58"N., 122°26'06"W.; thence to

(2832) 37°51'53"N., 122°24'58"W.; thence to

(2833) 37°51'53"N., 122°24'00"W.; thence to

(2834) 37°51'40"N., 122°23'48"W.; thence to

(2835) 37°49'22"N., 122°23'48"W.; thence to

(2836) 37°48'20"N., 122°22'12"W.; thence to

(2837) 37°47'02"N., 122°21'33"W.; thence to

(2838) 37°47'02"N., 122°23'04"W.; thence along the shoreline to the point of beginning.

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(2839) (ii) The San Francisco Bay RNA consists of the following defined sub-areas:

(2840) (A) **Golden Gate Traffic Lanes.–**(1) **Westbound traffic lane**: Bounded by the Golden Gate precautionary area and the COLREGS Demarcation Line (33 CFR 80.1142), between the separation zone and a line connecting the following coordinates:

(2841) 37°48'30"N., 122°31'22"W.; thence to

(2842) 37°49'03"N., 122°29'52"W.

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(2843) (2) **Eastbound traffic lane.** Bounded by the COLREGS Demarcation Line (33 CFR 80.1142) and the Golden Gate precautionary area, between the separation zone and a line connecting the following coordinates:

(2844) 37°47'50"N., 122°30'48"W.; thence to

(2845) 37°48'30"N., 122°29'29"W.;

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(2846) (3) **Golden Gate Separation Zone:** The area 75 yards each side of a line connecting the following coordinates:

(2847) 37°48'08"N., 122°31'05"W.; thence to

(2848) 37°48'46"N., 122°29'40"W.

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(2849) (B) **Golden Gate Precautionary Area:** An area bounded by a line connecting the following coordinates beginning at:

(2850) 37°48'30"N., 122°29'29"W.; thence to

(2851) 37°48'52"N., 122°28'41"W.; thence to

(2852) 37°48'52"N., 122°27'49"W.; thence to

(2853) 37°49'36"N., 122°27'46"W.; thence to

(2854) 37°49'55"N., 122°28'09"W.; thence to

(2855) 37°49'28"N., 122°28'45"W.; thence to

(2856) 37°49'03"N., 122°29'52"W.; thence returning to the point of beginning.

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(2857) (C) **Central Bay Traffic Lanes.**–(1) **Westbound traffic lane:** Bounded by the Central Bay precautionary area and the Golden Gate precautionary area, between the Central Bay and the Deep Water Traffic Lane separation zones.

(2858) (2) **Eastbound traffic lane:** Bounded by the Golden Gate precautionary area and the Central Bay precautionary area, between the Central Bay Separation Zone and a line connecting the following coordinates, beginning at:

(2859) 37°48'41"N., 122°25'17"W.; thence to

(2860) 37°48'50"N., 122°26'14"W.; thence to

(2861) 37°48'52"N.; 122°27'49"W.

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(2862) (3) **Deep Water (two-way) Traffic Lane:** Bounded by the Central Bay precautionary area and the Golden Gate precautionary area, between the Deep Water Traffic Lane separation zone and a line connecting the following coordinates, beginning at:

(2863) 37°49'55"N., 122°28'9"W.; thence to

(2864) 37°50'36"N., 122°27'12"W.; thence to

(2865) 37°50'47"N., 122°26'26"W.

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(2866) (D) **Central Bay Separation Zone:** The area 75 yards each side of a line connecting the following coordinates, beginning at:

(2867) 37°49'17"N., 122°27'47"W.; thence to

(2868) 37°49'35"N., 122°25'25"W.

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(2869) (E) **Deep Water Traffic Lane Separation Zone:** The area 75 yards each side of a line connecting the following coordinates beginning at:

(2870) 37°49'36"N., 122°27'46"W.; thence to

(2871) 37°50'22"N., 122°26'49"W.; thence to

(2872) 37°50'25"N., 122°26'22"W.;

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(2873) (F) **Central Bay Precautionary Area:** An area bounded by a line connecting the following coordinates, beginning at:

(2874) 37°48'41"N., 122°25'17"W.; thence to

(2875) 37°49'32"N., 122°25'13"W.; thence to

(2876) 37°50'25"N., 122°26'22"W.; thence to

(2877) 37°50'47"N., 122°26'26"W.; thence to

(2878) 37°51'04"N., 122°24'58"W.; thence to

(2879) 37°51'53"N., 122°24'58"W.; thence to

(2880) 37°51'53"N., 122°24'00"W.; thence to

(2881) 37°51'40"N., 122°23'48"W.; thence to

(2882) 37°49'22"N., 122°23'48"W.; thence to

(2883) 37°48'20"N., 122°22'12"W.; thence to

(2884) 37°47'02"N., 122°21'33"W.; thence to

(2885) 37°47'02"N., 122°23'04"W.; thence returning along the shoreline to the point of beginning.

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(2886) (2) **North Ship Channel RNA.** The following is a regulated navigation area-The waters bounded by a line connecting the following coordinates, beginning at:

(2887) 37°51'53"N., 122°45'58"W.; thence to

(2888) 37°54'15"N., 122°27'27"W.; thence to

(2889) 37°56'06"N., 122°26'49"W.; thence to

(2890) 37°56'06"N., 122°26'34"W.; thence to

(2891) 37°54'48"N., 122°26'42"W.; thence to

(2892) 37°54'02"N., 122°26'10"W.; thence to

(2893) 37°51'53"N., 122°24'00"W.; thence returning to the point of beginning.

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(2894) (3) **San Pablo Strait Channel RNA.** The following is a regulated navigation area-The waters bounded by a line connecting the following coordinates, beginning at:

(2895) 37°56'06"N., 122°26'49"W.; thence to

(2896) 37°57'26"N., 122°27'21"W.; thence to

(2897) 38°00'48"N., 122°24'45"W.; thence to

(2898) 38°01'54"N., 122°22'24"W.; thence to

(2899) 38°01'44"N., 122°22'18"W.; thence to

(2900) 37°57'37"N., 122°26'23"W.; thence to

(2901) 37°56'06"N., 122°26'34"W.; thence returning to the point of beginning.

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(2902) (4) **Pinole Shoal Channel RNA.** The following is a regulated navigation area-The waters bounded by a line connecting the following coordinates, beginning at:

(2903) 38°01'54"N., 122°22'25"W.; thence to

(2904) 38°03'13"N., 122°19'50"W.; thence to

(2905) 38°03'23"N., 122°18'31"W.; thence to

(2906) 38°03'13"N., 122°18'29"W.; thence to

(2907) 38°03'05"N., 122°19'28"W.; thence to

(2908) 38°01'44"N., 122°22'18"W.; thence returning to the point of beginning.

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(2909) (5) **Benicia-Martinez Railroad Drawbridge Regulated Navigation Area (RNA):** The following is a regulated navigation area–The waters bounded by the following longitude lines:

(2910) (i) 122°13'31"W. (coinciding with the charted location of the Carquinez Bridge)

(2911) (ii) 121°53'17"W. (coinciding with the charted location of New York Point)

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(2912) (6) **Southampton Shoal Channel/Richmond Harbor RNA:** The following, consisting of two distinct areas, is a regulated navigation area–

(2913) (i) The waters bounded by a line connecting the following coordinates, beginning at:

(2914) 37°54'17"N., 122°22'00"W.; thence to

(2915) 37°54'08"N., 122°22'00"W.; thence to

(2916) 37°54'15"N., 122°23'12"W.; thence to

(2917) 37°54'30"N., 122°23'09"W.; thence along the shoreline to the point of beginning.

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(2918) (ii) The waters bounded by a line connecting the following coordinates, beginning at:

(2919) 37°54'28"N., 122°23'36"W.; thence to

(2920) 37°54'20"N., 122°23'38"W.; thence to

(2921) 37°54'23"N., 122°24'02"W.; thence to

(2922) 37°54'57"N., 122°24'51"W.; thence to

(2923) 37°55'05"N., 122°25'02"W.; thence to

(2924) 37°54'57"N., 122°25'22"W.; thence to

(2925) 37°53'26"N., 122°25'03"W.; thence to

(2926) 37°53'24"N., 122°25'13"W.; thence to

(2927) 37°55'30"N., 122°25'35"W.; thence to

(2928) 37°55'40"N., 122°25'10"W.; thence to

(2929) 37°54'54"N., 122°24'30"W.; thence to

(2930) 37°54'30"N., 122°24'00"W.; thence returning to the point of beginning.

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(2931) (7) *Oakland Harbor RNA*. The following is a regulated navigation area–The waters bounded by a line connecting the following coordinates, beginning at:

(2932) 37°48'40"N., 122°19'58"W.; thence to

(2933) 37°48'50"N., 122°20'02"W.; thence to

(2934) 37°48'29"N., 122°20'39"W.; thence to

(2935) 37°48'13"N., 122°21'26"W.; thence to

(2936) 37°48'10"N., 122°21'39"W.; thence to

(2937) 37°48'20"N., 122°22'12"W.; thence to

(2938) 37°47'36"N., 122°21'50"W.; thence to

(2939) 37°47'52"N., 122°21'40"W.; thence to

(2940) 37°48'03"N., 122°21'00"W.; thence to

(2941) 37°47'48"N., 122°19'46"W.; thence to

(2942) 37°47'55"N., 122°19'43"W.; thence returning along the shoreline to the point of the beginning.

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(2943) (d) **FEDERAL Regulations.** (1) A power-driven vessel of 1600 or more gross tons, or a tug with a tow of 1600 or more gross tons, navigating within the RNAs defined in Paragraph (c) of this section, shall not exceed a speed of 15 knots through the water.

(2944) (2) A power-driven vessel of 1600 or more gross tons, or a tug with a tow of 1600 or more gross tons, navigating within the RNAs defined in Paragraph (c) of this section, shall have its engine(s) ready for immediate maneuver and shall operate its engine(s) in a control mode and on fuel that will allow for an immediate response to any engine order, ahead or astern, including stopping its engine(s) for an extended period of time.

(2945) (3) The master, pilot or person directing the movement of a vessel within the RNAs defined in Paragraph

(c) of this regulation shall comply with Rule 9 of the Inland Navigation Rules (INRs) (33 U.S.C. 2009) in conjunction with the provisions of the associated INRs.

(2946) (e) **Specific Regulations.**–(1) **San Francisco Bay RNA:** (i) A vessel shall navigate with particular caution in a precautionary area, or in areas near the terminations of traffic lanes or channels, as described in this regulation.

(2947) (ii) A power-driven vessel of 1600 or more gross tons, or a tug with a tow of 1600 or more gross tons, shall:

(2948) (A) use the appropriate traffic lane and proceed in the general direction of traffic flow for that lane;

(2949) (B) use the Central Bay Deep Water Traffic Lane if eastbound with a draft of 45 feet or greater or westbound with a draft of 28 feet or greater;

(2950) (c) not enter the Central Bay Deep Water Traffic Lane when another power-driven vessel of 1600 or more gross tons or tug with a tow of 1600 or more gross tons is navigating therein when either vessel is:

(2951) (1) carrying certain dangerous cargoes (as denoted in section 160.203 of this subchapter);

(2952) (2) carrying bulk petroleum products; or

(2953) (3) a tank vessel in ballast if such entry would result in meeting, crossing, or overtaking the other vessel.

(2954) (D) normally join or leave a traffic lane at the termination of the lane, but when joining or leaving from either side, shall do so at as small an angle to the general direction of traffic flow as practicable;

(2955) (E) So far as practicable keep clear of the Central Bay Separation Zone and the Deep Water Traffic Lane Separation Zone;

(2956) (F) not cross a traffic lane separation zone unless crossing, joining, or leaving a traffic lane.

(2957) (2) **Pinole Shoal Channel RNA:**

(2958) (i) A vessel less than 1600 gross tons or a tug with a tow of less than 1600 gross tons is not permitted within this RNA.

(2959) (ii) A power-driven vessel of 1600 or more gross tons or a tug with a tow of 1600 or more gross tons shall not enter Pinole Shoal Channel RNA when another power-driven vessel of 1600 or more gross tons or tug with a tow of 1600 or more gross tons is navigating therein if such entry would result in meeting, crossing, or overtaking the other vessel, when either vessel is:

(2960) (A) Carrying certain dangerous cargoes (as denoted in §160.203 of this subchapter);

(2961) (B) Carrying bulk petroleum products; or

(2962) (C) A tank vessel in ballast.

(2963) (iii) Vessels permitted to use this channel shall proceed at a reasonable speed so as not to endanger other vessels or interfere with any work which may become necessary in maintaining, surveying, or buoying the channel, and they shall not anchor in the channel except in case of a deviation authorized under Paragraph (b) of this section.

(2964) (iv) This Paragraph shall not be construed as prohibiting any necessary use of the channel by any public vessels while engaged in official duties, or in emergencies by pilot boats.

(2965) (3) **Benicia-Martinez Railroad Drawbridge Regulated Navigation Area (RNA):**

(2966) (i) Eastbound vessels:

(2967) (A) The master, pilot, or person directing the movement of a power-driven vessel of 1600 or more gross tons or a tug with a tow of 1600 or more gross tons traveling eastbound and intending to transit under the lift span (centered at coordinates 38°02'18"N., 122°07'17"W.) of the railroad bridge across Carquinez Strait at mile 7.0 shall, immediately after entering, the RNA, determine whether the visibility around the lift span is ½ nautical mile or greater.

(2968) (B) If the visibility is less than ½ nautical mile, or subsequently becomes less than ½ nautical mile, the vessel shall not transit under the lift span.

(2969) (ii) Westbound vessels:

(2970) (A) The master, pilot, or person directing the movement of a power-driven vessel of 1600 or more gross tons or a tug with a tow of 1600 or more gross tons traveling westbound and intending to transit under the lift span (centered at coordinates 38°02'18"N., 122°07'17"W.) of the railroad bridge across Carquinez Strait at mile 7.0 shall, immediately after entering the RNA determine whether the visibility around the lift span is ½ nautical mile or greater.

(2971) (B) If the visibility is less than ½ nautical mile, the vessel shall not pass beyond longitude line 121°55'19"W. (coinciding with the charted position of the westernmost end of Mallard Island) until the visibility improves to greater than ½ nautical mile around the lift span.

(2972) (C) If after entering the RNA visibility around the lift span subsequently becomes less than ½ nautical mile, the master, pilot, or person directing the movement of the vessel either shall not transit under the lift span or shall request a deviation from the requirements of the RNA as prescribed in paragraph (b) of this section.

(2973) (D) Vessels that are moored or anchored within the RNA with the intent to transit under the lift span shall remain moored or anchored until visibility around the lift span becomes greater than ½ nautical mile.

(2974) (4) **Southampton Shoal/Richmond Harbor RNA**: A power-driven vessel of 1600 or more gross tons, or a tug with a tow of 1600 or more gross tons, shall not enter Southampton Shoal/Richmond Harbor RNA when another power-driven vessel of 1600 or more gross tons,

or a tug with a tow of 1600 or more gross tons, is navigating therein, if such entry would result in meeting, crossing or overtaking the other vessel.

(2975) (5) **Oakland Harbor RNA:** A power-driven vessel of 1600 or more gross tons or a tug with a tow of 1600 or more gross tons shall not enter the Oakland Harbor RNA when another power-driven vessel of 1600 or more gross tons, or a tug with a tow of 1600 or more gross tons, is navigating therein, if such entry would result in meeting, crossing, or overtaking the other vessel.

§165.1182 Safety/Security Zone: San Francisco Bay, San Pablo Bay, Carquinez Strait, and Suisun Bay, CA.

(2976) (a) *Regulated area*. The following area is established as a moving safety/security zone:

(2977) (1) All waters 200 yards ahead and astern and 100 yards to each side of every vessel transporting nuclear materials on behalf of the United States Department of Energy while such vessels transit from a line drawn between San Francisco Main Ship Channel buoys 7 and 8 (LLNR 4190 & 4195, positions 37°46.9'N, 122°35.4'W & 37°46.5'N, 122°35.2'W, respectively) until safely moored at the Weapons Support Facility Seal Beach Detachment Concord on Suisun Bay (position 38°03.3'N, 122°02.5'W). All coordinates referenced use datum: NAD 1983.

(2978) (2) All waters within 100 yards of such vessels described in Paragraph (a)(1) of this section while such vessels are conducting cargo operations at the Weapons Support Facility Seal Beach Detachment Concord.

(2979) (b) *Notification*. Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District, will cause notice of the activation of this safety/security zone to be made by all appropriate means to effect the widest publicity among the affected segments of the public, including publication in the **Federal Register** as practicable, in accordance with the provisions of 33 CFR 165.7(a); such means of announcement may include, but are not limited to, Broadcast Notice to Mariners. The Coast Guard will issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners notifying the public when nuclear materials cargo handling has been completed.

(2980) (c) *Effective Period*. The safety/security zone will be effective commencing at the time any vessel described in Paragraph (a)(1) of this section enters the zone described in Paragraph (a)(1) of this section and will remain in effect until all spent nuclear materials cargo handling operations have been completed at Weapons Support Facility Seal Beach Detachment Concord.

(2981) (d) *Regulations*. The general regulations governing safety and security zones contained in both 33 CFR 165.23 in 33 CFR 165.33 apply. Entry into, transit through, or anchoring within this moving safety/security zone is prohibited unless authorized by Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District, or his designated representative.

§165.1183 Security Zones; Cruise Ships, Tank Vessels and High Interest Vessels, San Francisco Bay and Delta ports, California.

(2982) (a) *Definition*. As used in this section—

(2983) *Cruise ship* means a passenger vessel, except for a ferry, over 100 feet in length, authorized to carry more than 12 passengers for hire; making voyages lasting more than 24 hours, any part of which is on the high seas; and for which passengers are embarked or disembarked in the San Francisco Bay and Delta ports.

(2984) *High Interest Vessel* or *HIV* means any vessel deemed by the Captain of the Port or higher authority as a vessel requiring protection based upon risk assessment analysis of the vessel and is therefore escorted by a Coast Guard or other law enforcement vessel with an embarked Coast Guard commissioned, warrant, or petty officer.

(2985) *Tank vessel* means any self-propelled tank ship that is constructed or adapted primarily to carry oil or hazardous material in bulk as cargo or cargo residue in the cargo spaces. The definition of tank ship does not include tank barges.

(2986) (b) *Locations*. The following areas are security zones:

(2987) (1) *Zones for anchored vessels*. All waters, extending from the surface to the sea floor, within 100 yards ahead, astern and extending 100 yards along either side of any cruise ship, tank vessel or HIV that is anchored at a designated anchorage within the San Francisco Bay and Delta port areas shoreward of the line drawn between San Francisco Main Ship Channel buoys 7 and 8 (LLNR 4190 & 4195, positions 37º46.9'N, 122º35.4'W and 37º46.5'N, 122º35.2'W, respectively);

(2988) (2) *Zones for moored or mooring vessels*. The shore area and all waters, extending from the surface to the sea floor, within 100 yards ahead, astern and extending 100 yards along either side of any cruise ship, tank vessel or HIV that is moored, or in the process of mooring, at any berth within the San Francisco Bay and Delta port areas shoreward of the line drawn between San Francisco Main Ship Channel buoys 7 and 8 (LLNR 4190 & 4195, positions 37º46.9'N, 122º35.4'W and 37º46.5'N, 122º35.2'W, respectively); and

(2989) (3) *Zones for vessels underway*. All waters, extending from the surface to the sea floor, within 100 yards ahead, astern and extending 100 yards along either side of any cruise ship, tank vessel or HIV that is underway shoreward of the line drawn between San Francisco

Main Ship Channel buoys 7 and 8 (LLNR 4190 & 4195, positions

(2990) 37º46.9'N., 122º35.4'W. and

(2991) 37º46.5'N., 122º35.2'W., respectively).

(2992) (c) *Regulations*. (1) In accordance with the general regulations in §165.33 of this part, entry into or remaining in this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Coast Guard Captain of the Port, San Francisco Bay, or his designated representative.

(2993) (2) Persons desiring to transit the area of the security zone may contact the Captain of the Port at telephone number 415-399-3547 or on VHF-FM channel 16 (156.8 MHz) to seek permission to transit the area. If permission is granted, all persons and vessels must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port or his or her designated representative.

(2994) (3) When a cruise ship, tank vessel or HIV approaches within 100 yards of a vessel that is moored, or anchored, the stationary vessel must stay moored or anchored while it remains within the cruise ship, tank vessel or HIV's security zone unless it is either ordered by, or given permission from, the COTP San Francisco Bay to do otherwise.

(2995) (d) *Authority*. In addition to 33 U.S.C. 1231, the authority for this section includes 33 U.S.C. 1226.

(2996) (e) *Enforcement*. The U.S. Coast Guard may be assisted in the patrol and enforcement of the security zone by local law enforcement as necessary.

§165.1185 Regulated Navigation Area; San Francisco Bay, San Pablo Bay, Carquinez Strait, Suisun Bay, Sacramento River, San Joaquin River, and connecting waters in California.

(2997) (a) *Location*. All waters of San Francisco Bay, San Pablo Bay, Carquinez Strait, Suisun Bay, Sacramento River, San Joaquin River, and connecting waters in California are a Regulated Navigation Area.

(2998) (b) *Definitions*. "Liquefied hazardous gas (LHG)" is a liquid containing one or more of the products listed in Table 127.005 of 33 CFR 127.005 that is carried in bulk on board a tank vessel as a liquefied gas product. The hazards normally associated with these products include toxic or flammable properties or a combination of both.

(2999) (c) *Regulations*. All vessels loaded with a cargo of liquefied hazardous gas (LHG) within this Regulated Navigation Area must proceed directly to their intended cargo reception facility to discharge their LHG cargo, unless:

(3000) (1) The vessel is otherwise directed or permitted by the Captain of the Port. The Captain of the Port can be reached at telephone number 415-399-3547 or on VHF-FM channel 16 (156.8 MHz). If permission is granted, all persons and vessels must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port or his or her designated representative.

(3001) (2) The vessel is in an emergency situation and unable to proceed as directed in paragraph (a) of this section without endangering the safety of persons, property, or the environment.

§165.1187 Security Zones; Golden Gate Bridge and the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, San Francisco Bay, California.

(3002) (a) *Location*. All waters extending from the surface to the sea floor, within 25 yards of all piers, abutments, fenders and pilings of the Golden Gate Bridge and the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, in San Francisco Bay, California.

(3003) (b) *Regulations*. (1) In accordance with the general regulations in §165.33 of this part, entry into these security zones is prohibited, unless doing so is necessary for safe navigation, to conduct official business such as scheduled maintenance or retrofit operations, or unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port San Francisco Bay or his designated representative.

(3004) (2) Persons desiring to transit the area of the security zone may contact the Captain of the Port at telephone number 415-399-3547 or on VHF-FM channel 16 (156.8 MHz) to seek permission to transit the area. If permission is granted, all persons and vessels must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port or his or her designated representative.

(3005) (c) *Enforcement*. All persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the Coast Guard Captain of the Port or the designated on-scene patrol personnel. Patrol personnel comprise commissioned, warrant, and petty officers of the Coast Guard onboard Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, local, state, and federal law enforcement vessels. Upon being hailed by U.S. Coast Guard patrol personnel by siren, radio, flashing light, or other means, the operator of a vessel shall proceed as directed.

§165.1190 Security Zone; San Francisco Bay, Oakland Estuary, Alameda, CA.

(3006) (a) *Location*. The following area is a security zone: all navigable waters of the Oakland Estuary, California, from the surface to the sea floor, 150 feet into the Oakland Estuary surrounding the Coast Guard Island Pier. The perimeter of the security zone commences at a point on land approximately 150 feet north of the northern end of the Coast Guard Island Pier at

(3007) 37°46'53.6"N. and 122°15'06.1"W.; thence out to the edge of the charted channel at

(3008) 37°46'52.3"N. and 122°15'07.9"W.; thence along the edge of the charted channel to

(3009) 37°46'42.2"N. and 122°14'50.5"W.; thence to a point on land approximately 150 feet south of the southern end of the Coast Guard Island Pier at

(3010) 37°46'44.8"N. and l122°14'48.8"W.; thence along the shoreline back to the beginning point,

(3011) 37°46'53.6"N. and 122°15'06.1"W.

(3012) (b) *Regulations*. (1) Under §165.33, entry into or remaining in this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Coast Guard Captain of the Port, San Francisco Bay, or his designated representative.

(3013) (2) Persons desiring to transit the area of the security zone may contact the Captain of the Port at telephone number 415-399-3547 or on VHF-FM channel 16 (156.8 MHz) to seek permission to transit the area. If permission is granted, all persons and vessels must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port or his designated representative.

§165.1191 Safety Zone: West Cove, San Clemente Island, California.

(3014) (a) Location. The following area is a safety zone: The water area adjacent to San Clemente Island, California bounded by the following coordinates and the shoreline of San Clemente Island:

(3015) Point A-33°01'38.0"N., 118°36'18.0"W.

(3016) Point B-33°01'11.0"N., 118°37'25.0"W.

(3017) Point C-33°00'00.0"N., 118°36'51.0"W.

(3018) Point D-33°00'00.0"N., 118°34'56.5"W.

(3019) (b) Regulations. (1) In accordance with the general regulations in §165.33 of this part, entry into the area of this zone is permitted, but anchoring, fishing, and other similar activities are prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port, San Diego, California.

(3020) (2) Entry into the area of this zone will be prohibited at certain times. U.S. Coast Guard personnel in the zone will provide notification to the public of the times when entry into the zone is prohibited.

(3021) (3) Section 165.33 also contains other general requirements.

§165.1192 Security Zones; Waters surrounding San Francisco International Airport and Oakland International Airport, San Francisco Bay, California.

(3022) (a) *Locations*. The following areas are security zones:

(3023) (1) *San Francisco International Airport Security Zone*. This security zone includes all waters extending from the surface to the sea floor within approximately 200 yards seaward from the shoreline of the San Francisco International Airport and encompasses all waters in San Francisco Bay within a line connecting the following geographical positions—

Latitude	Longitude
37º36'19"N.	122º22'36"W.
37º36'45"N.	122º22'18"W.
37º36'26"N.	122º21'30"W.
37º36'31"N.	122º21'21"W.
37º36'17"N.	122º20'45"W.
37º36'37"N.	122º20'40"W.
37º36'50"N.	122º21'08"W.
37º37'00"N.	122º21'12"W.
37º37'21"N.	122º21'53"W.
37º37'39"N.	122º21'44"W.
37º37'56"N.	122º21'51"W.
37º37'50"N.	122º22'20"W.
37º38'25"N.	122º22'54"W.
37º38'23"N.	122º23'01"W.

(3024) and along the shoreline back to the beginning point.

(3025) (2) *Oakland International Airport Security Zone*. This security zone includes all waters extending from the surface to the sea floor within approximately 200 yards seaward from the shoreline of the Oakland International Airport and encompasses all waters in San Francisco Bay within a line connecting the following geographical positions—

Latitude	Longitude
37º43'35"N.	122º15'00"W.
37º43'40"N.	122º15'05"W.
37º43'34"N.	122º15'12"W.
37º43'24"N.	122º15'11"W.
37º41'54"N.	122º13'05"W.
37º41'51"N.	122º12'48"W.
37º41'53"N.	122º12'44"W.
37º41'35"N.	122º12'18"W.
37º41'46"N.	122º12'08"W.
37º42'03"N.	122º12'34"W.
37º42'08"N.	122º12'32"W.
37º42'35"N.	122º12'30"W.
37º42'40"N.	122º12'06"W.

(3026) and along the shoreline back to the beginning point.

(3027) (b) *Regulations*. (1) Under §165.33, entering, transiting through, or anchoring in this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Coast Guard Captain of the Port, San Francisco Bay, or his designated representative.

(3028) (2) Persons desiring to transit the area of a security zone may contact the Captain of the Port at telephone number 415-399-3547 or on VHF-FM channel 16 (156.8 MHz) to seek permission to transit the area. If permission is granted, all persons and vessels must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port or his or her designated representative.

(3029) (c) *Enforcement*. All persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the Coast Guard Captain of the Port or the designated on-scene patrol personnel. Patrol personnel comprise commissioned, warrant, and petty officers of the Coast Guard onboard Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, local, State, and Federal law enforcement vessels. Upon being hailed by U.S. Coast Guard patrol personnel by siren, radio, flashing light, or other means, the operator of a vessel shall proceed as directed.

§165.1301 Puget Sound and Adjacent Waters in Northwestern Washington—Regulated Navigation Area.

(3030) The following is a regulated navigation area—All of the following northwestern Washington waters under the jurisdiction of the Captain of the Port, Puget Sound: Puget Sound, Hood Canal, Possession Sound, Elliott Bay, Commencement Bay, the San Juan Archipelago, Rosario Strait, Guemes Channel, Bellingham Bay, U.S. waters of the Strait of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Haro Strait, Boundary Pass, and Georgia Strait, and all lesser bays and harbors adjacent to the above.

(3031) (a) Definitions as used in this section:

(3032) (1) Vessels engaged in fishing are as identified in the definition found in Rule 3 of the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea, 1972, (72 COLREGS), found in Appendix A, Part 81 of this chapter.

(3033) (2) Hazardous levels of vessel traffic congestion are as defined at the time by Puget Sound Vessel Traffic Service.

(3034) (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed as relieving any party from their responsibility to comply with applicable rules set forth in the 72 COLREGS.

(3035) (c) General Regulations: The provisions of this Paragraph apply at all times.

(3036) (1) Vessels engaged in fishing or other operations—that are distinct from vessels following a TSS or a connecting precautionary area east of New Dungeness and which are not required by the Bridge to Bridge Radiotelephone Regulations to maintain a listening watch, are highly encouraged to maintain a listening watch on the Puget Sound Vessel Traffic Service (PSVTS) VHF-FM radio frequency for the area in which the vessel is operating. A safe alternative to the radio listening watch is to stay clear of the TSS and connecting precautionary area.

(3037) (2) Vessels engaged in gill net fishing at any time between sunset and sunrise in any of the waters defining the regulated navigation area of this section shall, in addition to the navigation lights and shapes required by Part 81 of this title (72 COLREGS), display at the end of the net most distant from the vessel on all-round (32-point) white light visible for a minimum of two nautical miles and displayed from at least three feet above the surface of the water.

(3038) (3) Vessels engaged in fishing, including gill net and purse seine fishing, are prohibited in the following Prohibited Fishing Area: The Hood Canal Bridge, to include the waters within a one-half nautical mile radius of the center of the main ship channel draw span during the immediate approach and transit of the draw by public vessels of the United States.

(3039) (4) East of New Dungeness, vessels engaged in fishing in a traffic lane or connecting precautionary area shall tend nets or other gear placed in the water so as to facilitate the movement of the vessel or gear from the traffic lane or precautionary area upon the approach of a vessel following the TSS.

(3040) (d) Congested Regulations: The provisions under this Paragraph apply only when imposed in specific locations by Puget Sound Vessel Traffic Service. They are intended to enhance vessel traffic safety during periods and in locations where hazardous levels of vessel traffic congestion are deemed to exist by Puget Sound Vessel Traffic Service. Operations potentially creating vessel traffic congestion include, but are not limited to, vessels engaged in fishing, including gill net, or purse seine, recreational fishing derbies, regattas, or permitted marine events.

(3041) (1) Vessels engaged in fishing or other operations—that are distinct from vessels following a Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) or a connecting precautionary area east of New Dungeness, may not remain in, nor their gear remain in, a traffic lane or a connecting precautionary area east of New Dungeness when a vessel following a TSS approaches. Such vessels not following a TSS or a connecting precautionary area shall draw in their gear, maneuver, or otherwise clear these areas so that their action is complete at least fifteen minutes before the arrival of a vessel following the TSS. Vessels which are required by this Paragraph to remain clear of a connecting precautionary area east of New Dungeness or a traffic lane must also remain clear of the adjacent separation zone when in a TSS east of New Dungeness.

(3042) (2) A vessel following the TSS may not exceed a speed of 11 knots through the water.

(3043) (3) Vessels engaged in fishing, including gill net and purse seine fishing, are prohibited in the following Prohibited Fishing Area: Edmonds/Kingston ferry crossing lanes, to include the waters within one-quarter nautical mile on either side of a straight line connecting the Edmonds and Kingston ferry landings during the hours that the ferry is operating.

(3044) (e) Authorization to deviate from this section.

(3045) (1) Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District may, upon written request, issue an authorization to deviate from this section if the proposed deviation provides a level of safety equivalent to or beyond that provided by the required procedure. An application for authorization must state the need for the deviation and describe the proposed alternative operation.

(3046) (2) PSVTS may, upon verbal request, authorize a deviation from this section for a voyage, or part of a voyage, if the proposed deviation provides a level of safety equivalent to or beyond that provided by the required procedure. The deviation request must be made well in advance to allow the requesting vessel and the Vessel Traffic Center (VTC) sufficient time to assess the safety of the proposed deviation. Discussions between the requesting vessel and the VTC should include, but are not limited to, information on vessel handling characteristics, traffic density, radar contracts and environmental conditions.

(3047) (3) In an emergency, the master, pilot, or person directing the movement of the vessel following the TSS may deviate from this section to the extent necessary to avoid endangering persons, property, or the environment, and shall report the deviation to the VTC as soon as possible.

(3048) §165.1302 Bangor Naval Submarine Base, Bangor, Washington.

(3049) (a) Location. The following is a security zone: The waters of the Hood Canal encompassed by a line commencing on the east shore of Hood Canal at latitude 47°43'17"N., longitude 122°44'44"W., thence to

(3050) 47°43'32"N., 122°44'40"W.; thence to

(3051) 47°43'50"N., 122°44'40"W.; thence to

(3052) 47°44'24"N., 122°44'22"W.; thence to

(3053) 47°45'47"N., 122°43'22"W.; thence to

(3054) 47°46'23"N., 122°42'42"W.; thence to

(3055) 47°46'23"N., 122°42'20"W.; thence to

(3056) 47°46'20"N., 122°42'12"W.; thence southerly along the shoreline to the point of beginning.

(3057) (b) Security zone anchorage. The following is a security zone anchorage: Area No. 2. Waters of Hood Canal within a circle of 1,000 yards diameter centered on a point located at

(3058) 47°46'26"N., 122°42'49"W.

(3059) (c) Special Regulations. (i) Section 165.33 paragraphs, (a), (e), and (f) do not apply to the following vessels or individuals on board those vessels:

(3060) (i) Public vessels of the United States, other than United States Naval vessels.

(3061) (ii) Vessels that are performing work at Naval Submarine Base Bangor pursuant to a contract with the United States Navy which requires their presence in the security zone.

(3062) (iii) Any other vessels or class of vessels mutually agreed upon in advance by the Captain of the Port and Commanding Officer, Naval Submarine Base Bangor. Vessels operating in the security zone under this exemption must have previously obtained a copy of a certificate of exemption permitting their operation in the security zone from the Security Office, Naval Submarine Base Bangor. This written exemption shall state the date(s) on which it is effective and may contain any further restrictions on vessel operations within the security zone as have been previously agreed upon by the Captain of the Port and Commanding Officer, Naval Submarine Base Bangor. The certificate of exemption shall be maintained on board the exempted vessel so long as such vessel is operating in the security zone.

(3063) (2) Any vessel authorized to enter or remain in the security zone may anchor in the security zone anchorage.

(3064) (3) Other vessels desiring access to this zone shall secure permission from the Captain of the Port through the Security Office of the Naval Submarine Base Bangor. The request shall be forwarded in a timely manner to the Captain of the Port by the appropriate Navy official.

(3065) (d) Enforcement. The U.S. Coast Guard may be assisted in the patrol and monitoring of this security zone by the U.S. Navy.

§165.1303 Puget Sound and adjacent waters, WA-regulated navigation areas.

(3066) (a) The following is a regulated navigation area: the waters of the United States east of a line extending from Discovery Island Light to New Dungeness Light and all points in the Puget Sound area north and south of these lights.

(3067) (b) Regulations. (1) Tank vessel navigation restrictions: Tank vessels larger than 125,000 deadweight tons bound for a port or place in the United States may not operate in the regulated navigation area.

(3068) (2) A vessel in a precautionary area which is depicted on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) nautical charts, except precautionary area "BB" (a circular area of 2,500 yards radius centered at 48°26'24"N., 122°15'12"W.), must keep the center of the precautionary area to port.

(3069) **Note:** The center of precautionary area "RB" is not marked by a buoy.

§165.1304 Bellingham Bay, Bellingham, WA.

(3070) (a) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: All portions of Bellingham Bay bounded by the following coordinates:

(3071) 48°44'09"N., 122°30'07"W.; thence to

(3072) 48°44'09"N., 122°29'57"W.; thence to

(3073) 48°44'02"N., 122°29'57"W.; thence to

(3074) 48°44'02"N., 122°30'07"W.; thence returning to the origin. This safety zone resembles a square centered around the barge from which the fireworks demonstration will be launched. Floating markers will be placed by the sponsor of the fireworks demonstration to delineate the boundaries of the safety zone. [Datum: NAD 1983].

(3075) (b) *Effective dates.* This section is effective annually on July fourth from 9:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. unless otherwise specified by **Federal Register** notice.

(3076) (c) *Regulation*. In accordance with the general regulations in §165.23 of this part, entry into this safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port, Puget Sound, Seattle, WA.

§165.1305 Commencement Bay, Tacoma, WA.

(3077) (a) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: All portions of Commencement Bay bounded by the following coordinates:

(3078) 47°17'34"N., 122°28'36"W.; thence to

(3079) 47°17'06"N., 122°27'40"W.; thence to

(3080) 47°16'42"N., 122°28'06"W.; thence to

(3081) 47°17'10"N., 122°29'02"W.; thence returning to the origin. This safety zone resembles a rectangle lying adjacent to the shoreline along Ruston Way. Floating markers will be placed by the sponsor of the event to delineate the boundaries of the safety zone. [Datum: NAD 1983].

(3082) (b) *Effective dates.* This section is effective annually on July the fourth from 2 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. July the fifth unless otherwise specified by **Federal Register** notice.

(3083) (c) *Regulation.* In accordance with the general regulations in §165.23 of this part, entry into this safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port, Puget Sound, Seattle, WA.

§165.1306 Lake Union, Seattle, WA.

(3084) (a) *Location*. The following area is a safety zone: All portions of the waters of Lake Union bounded by the following coordinates:

(3085) 47°38'32"N., 122°20'34"W.; thence to

(3086) 47°38'32"N., 122°19'48"W., thence to

(3087) 47°38'10"N., 122°19'45"W.; thence to

(3088) 47°38'10"N., 122°20'24"W.; thence returning to the origin. This safety zone begins 1,000 feet south of Gas Works Park and encompasses all waters from east to west for 2,500 feet. Floating markers will be placed by the sponsor of the fireworks demonstration to delineate the boundaries of the safety zone. [Datum: NAD 1983].

(3089) (b) *Effective dates*. This section is effective annually on July fourth from 9:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. unless otherwise specified by **Federal Register** notice.

(3090) (c) *Regulation*. In accordance with the general regulations in §165.23 of this part, entry into the safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port, Puget Sound, Seattle, WA. The Captain of the Port may establish transit lanes along the east and west shorelines of Lake Union and may allow boaters to transit north and south through the safety zone in these lanes. If established, these transit lanes will remain open until 10 p.m. and then be closed until the end of the fireworks display (approximately 30 minutes).

§165.1307 Elliott Bay, Seattle, WA.

(3091) (a) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: All portions of Elliott Bay bounded by the following coordinates:

(3092) 47°37'22"N., 122°22'06"W.; thence to

(3093) 47°37'06"N., 122°21'55"W.; thence to

(3094) 47°36'54"N., 122°22'05"W.; thence to

(3095) 47°36'09"N., 122°22'25"W.; thence returning to the origin. This safety zone resembles a square centered around the barge from which the fireworks will be launched and begins 100 yards from the shoreline of Myrtle Edwards Park. Floating markers will be placed by the sponsor of the fireworks display to delineate the boundaries of the safety zone. [Datum: NAD 1983].

(3096) (b) *Effective dates.* This section is effective annually on July fourth from 9:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. unless otherwise specified by **Federal Register** notice.

(3097) (c) *Regulation.* In accordance with the general regulations in §165.23 of this part, entry into this safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port, Puget Sound, Seattle, WA.

§165.1308 Columbia River, Vancouver, WA.

(3098) (a) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: All waters of the Columbia River at Vancouver, Washington, bounded by a line commencing at the northern base of the Interstate 5 highway bridge at

(3099) 45°37'17"N., 122°40'22"W.; thence south along the Interstate 5 highway bridge to

(3100) 45°37'03"N., 122°40'32"W.; thence to

(3101) 45°36'28"N., 122°38'35"W.; thence to Ryan's Point at

(3102) 45°36'42"N., 122°38'35"W.; thence along the Washington shoreline to the point of origin. [Datum: NAD 83].

(3103) (b) *Effective dates.* This section is effective annually on July fourth from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. (PDT) unless otherwise specified by **Federal Register** notice.

(3104) (c) *Regulation*. In accordance with the general regulations in §165.23 of this part, entry into this safety zone is prohibited Oregon.

§165.1309 Eagle Harbor, Bainbridge Island, WA.

(3105) (a) *Regulated area*. A regulated navigation area is established on that portion of Eagle Harbor bounded by a line beginning at:

(3106) 47°36'56"N., 122°30'36"W.; thence to

(3107) 47°37'11"N., 122°30'36"W.; thence to

(3108) 47°37'25"N., 122°30'17"W.; thence to

(3109) 47°37'24"N., 122°30'02"W.; thence to

(3110) 47°37'16"N., 122°29'55"W.; thence to

(3111) 47°37'03"N., 122°30'02"W.; thence returning along the shoreline to point of origin. [Datum NAD 1983].

(3112) (b) Regulations. All vessels and persons are prohibited from anchoring, dredging, laying cable, dragging, seining, bottom fishing, conducting salvage operations, or any other activity which could potentially disturb the seabed in the designated area. Vessels may otherwise transit or navigate within this area without reservation.

(3113) (c) Waiver. The Captain of the Port, Puget Sound, upon advice from the U.S. EPA Project Manager and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, may, upon written request, authorize a waiver from this section if it is determined that the proposed operation supports USEPA remedial objectives, or can be performed in a manner that ensures the integrity of the sediment cap. A written request must describe the intended operation, state the need, and describe the proposed precautionary measures. Requests should be submitted in triplicate, to facilitate review by U.S. EPA, Coast Guard, and Washington State Agencies. USEPA managed remedial design, remedial action, habitat mitigation, or monitoring activities associated with the Wyckoff/Eagle Harbor Superfund Site are excluded from the waiver requirement. USEPA is required, however, to alert the Coast Guard in advance concerning any of the above mentioned activities that may, or will, take place in the Regulated Area.

§165.1310 Strait of Juan de Fuca and Adjacent Coastal Waters of Northwest Washington; Makah Whale Hunting—Regulated Navigation Area.

(3114) (a) The following area is a Regulated Navigation Area (RNA): From 48°02.25'N., 124°42.1'W. northward along the mainland shoreline of Washington State to Cape Flattery and thence eastward along the mainland shoreline of Washington State to

(3115) 48°22'N., 124°34'W.; thence due north to

(3116) 48°24.55'N., 124°34'W.; thence northwesterly to

(3117) 48°27.1'N., 124°41.7'W.; thence due west to

(3118) 48°27.1'N., 124°45.5'W.; thence southwesterly to

(3119) 48°20.55'N., 124°51.05'W., thence west-southwest to

(3120) 48°18.0'N., 124°59.0'W., thence due south to

(3121) 48°02.25'N., 124°59.0'W.; thence due east back to the shoreline of Washington at

(3122) 48°02.25'N., 124°42.1'W. Datum: NAD 1983.

(3123) (b) During a whale hunt, while the international numeral pennant five (5) is flown by a Makah whale hunt vessel, the following area within the RNA is a Moving Exclusion Zone: The column of water from the surface to the seabed with a radius of 500 yards centered on the Makah whale hunt vessel displaying international numeral pennant five (5). This Moving Exclusionary Zone is activated only when surface visibility exceeds one nautical mile, between sunrise and sunset, and the Makah whale hunt vessel displays the international numeral pennant five (5). The Moving Exclusionary Zone is deactivated upon sunset, visibility is reduced to less than one nautical mile, or when the Makah hunt vessel strikes international numeral pennant five (5).

(3124) (c) Unless otherwise authorized by the Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District or his or her representative, no person or vessel may enter the active Moving Exclusionary Zone except for:

(3125) (1) Authorized Makah whale hunt vessel actively engaged in hunting operations under direction to the master of the Makah vessel flying international numeral pennant five (5), and

(3126) (2) A single authorized media pool vessel operating in accordance with Paragraph (f) of this section.

(3127) (d) The international numeral pennant five (5) is only authorized to be displayed from one Makah whale hunt vessel during actual whale hunt operations. No other vessels may display this pennant within the RNA at any time. Whale hunt operations commence when a whale hunt vessel is underway and its master intends to have a whale killed during the voyage. Whale hunt operations cease once this intent is abandoned, a whale is landed, or when the international numeral pennant five (5) is struck.

(3128) (e) The Makah Tribe shall make SECURITE Broadcasts beginning one hour before the commencement of a hunt and every half hour thereafter until hunting activities are concluded. This broadcast shall be made on channel 16 VHF-FM and state:

(3129) *A whale hunt is proceeding today within the Regulated Navigation Area established for Makah whaling activities. The (name of vessel) is a (color and description of vessel) and will be flying international numeral pennant five (5) while engaged in whaling operations. This pennant is yellow and blue in color. Mariners are required by federal regulations to stay 500 yards away from (name of vessel), and are strongly urged to remain even further away from whale hunt activities as an additional safety measure.*

(3130) (f)(1) Credentialed members of the media interested in entering the Moving Exclusionary Zone may request permission to operate a single media vessel in the Moving Exclusionary Zone by telephoning Coast Guard Public Affairs, as soon as practicable at (206) 220-7237 during normal working hours, and (206) 220-7001 after hours. Coast Guard preauthorization is required prior to entry into the Moving Exclusionary Zone by a single media pool vessel.

(3131) (2) The media pool vessel must be a U.S. documented vessel. The media pool vessel must be under command at all times within the Moving Exclusionary Zone by a master licensed in the U.S. to carry passenger for hire. All expenses, liabilities and risks associated with operation of the media pool vessel lie with members of the pool and the pool vessel owners and operators.

(3132) (3) The master of the media pool vessel shall maneuver to avoid positioning the pool vessel between whales and hunt vessel(s), out of the line of fire, at a prudent distance and location relative to whale hunt operations, and in a manner that avoids hindering the hunt or path of the whale in any way.

(3133) (4) Although permitted to maneuver within the Moving Exclusionary Zone, personnel aboard the media pool vessel are still required to follow safety and law enforcement related instructions of Coast Guard personnel.

§165.1311 Olympic View Resource Area, Tacoma, WA.

(3134) (a) *Regulated area*. A regulated navigation area is established on that portion of Commencement Bay bounded by a line beginning at:

(3135) 47°15'40.20"N., 122°26'09.28"W; thence to

(3136) 47°15'42.21"N., 122°26'10.65"W.; thence to

(3137) 47°15'41.85"N., 122°26'11.80"W.; thence to

(3138) 47°15'45.58"N., 122°26'14.35" W.; thence to

(3139) 47°15'53.06"N., 122°26'06.61"W.; thence to

(3140) 47°15'46.74"N., 122°26'02.50"W.; thence returning along the shoreline to the point of origin. [Datum NAD 1983].

(3141) (b) *Regulations*. All vessels and persons are prohibited from anchoring, dredging, laying cable, dragging, seining, bottom fishing, conducting salvage operations, or any other activity which could potentially disturb the seabed in the designated area. Vessels may otherwise transit or navigate within this area without reservation.

(3142) (c) *Waiver*. The Captain of the Port, Puget Sound, upon advice from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Project Manager and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, may, upon written request, authorize a waiver from this section if it is determined that the proposed operation supports USEPA remedial objectives, or can be performed in a manner that ensures the integrity of the sediment cap. A written request must describe the intended operation, state the need, and describe the proposed precautionary measures. Requests shall be submitted in triplicate, to facilitate review by USEPA, Coast Guard, and Washington State Agencies. USEPA managed remedial design, remedial action, habitat mitigation, or monitoring activities associated with the Olympic View Resource Area Superfund Site are excluded from the waiver requirement. USEPA is required, however, to alert the Coast Guard in advance concerning any of the above-mentioned activities that may, or will, take place in the Regulated Area.

§165.1313 Security Zone Regulations, Tank Ship Protection, Puget Sound and adjacent waters, Washington.

(3143) (a) Notice of enforcement or suspension of enforcement. The tank ship security zone established by this section will be enforced only upon notice by the Captain of the Port Puget Sound. Captain of the Port Puget Sound will cause notice of the enforcement of the tank ship security zone to be made by all appropriate means to effect the widest publicity among the affected segments of the public including publication in the **Federal Register** as practicable, in accordance with 33 CFR 165.7(a). Such means of notification may also include but are not limited to, Broadcast Notice to Mariners or Local Notice to Mariners. The Captain of the Port Puget Sound will issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners and Local Notice to Mariners notifying the public when enforcement of the tank ship security zone is suspended.

(3144) (b) The following definitions apply to this section:

(3145) (1) F*ederal Law Enforcement Officer* means any employee or agent of the United States government who has the authority to carry firearms and make warrantless arrests and whose duties involve the enforcement of criminal laws of the United States.

(3146) (2) *Navigable waters of the United States* means those waters defined as such in 33 CFR part 2.

(3147) (3) *Navigation Rules* means the Navigation Rules, International-Inland.

(3148) (4) *Official patrol* means those persons designated by the Captain of the Port to monitor a tank ship security zone, permit entry into the zone, give legally enforceable orders to persons or vessels with in the zone and take other actions authorized by the Captain of the Port. Persons authorized in paragraph (k) to enforce this section are designated as the official patrol.

(3149) (5) *Public vessel* means vessels owned, chartered, or operated by the United States, or by a State or political subdivision thereof.

(3150) (6) *Tank ship security zone* is a regulated area of water, established by this section, surrounding tank ships for a 500-yard radius that is necessary to provide for the security of these vessels.

(3151) (7) *Tank ship* means a self-propelled tank vessel that is constructed or adapted primarily to carry oil or hazardous material in bulk as cargo or cargo residue in the cargo spaces. The definition of tank ship does not include tank barges.

(3152) (8) *Washington Law Enforcement Officer* means any General Authority Washington Peace Officer, Limited Authority Washington Peace Officer, or Specially Commissioned Washington Peace Officer as defined in Revised Code of Washington section 10.93.020.

(3153) (c) Security zone: There is established a tank ship security zone extending for a 500-yard radius around all tank ships located in the navigable waters of the United States in Puget Sound, WA, east of 123 degrees, 30 minutes West Longitude. [Datum: NAD 1983]

(3154) (d) Compliance: The tank ship security zone established by this section remains in effect around tank ships at all times, whether the tank ship is underway, anchored, or moored. Upon notice of enforcement by the Captain of the Port Puget Sound, the Coast Guard will enforce the tank ship security zone in accordance with rules set out in this section. Upon notice of suspension of enforcement by the Captain of the Port Puget Sound, all persons and vessels are authorized to enter, transit, and exit the tank ship security zone, consistent with the Navigation Rules.

(3155) (e) The Navigation Rules shall apply at all times within a tank ship security zone.

(3156) (f) When within a tank ship security zone all vessels shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course and shall proceed as directed by the on-scene official patrol or tank ship master. No vessel or person is allowed within 100 yards of a tank ship, unless authorized by the on-scene official patrol or tank ship master.

(3157) (g) To request authorization to operate within 100 yards of a tank ship, contact the on-scene official patrol or tank ship master on VHF–FM channel 16 or 13.

(3158) (h) When conditions permit, the on-scene official patrol or tank ship master should:

(3159) (1) Permit vessels constrained by their navigational draft or restricted in their ability to maneuver to pass within 100 yards of a tank ship in order to ensure a safe passage in accordance with the Navigation Rules;

(3160) (2) Permit commercial vessels anchored in a designated anchorage area to remain at anchor when within 100 yards of a passing tank ship; and

(3161) (3) Permit vessels that must transit via a navigable channel or waterway to pass within 100 yards of a moored or anchored tank ship with minimal delay consistent with security.

(3162) (i) Exemption. Public vessels as defined in paragraph (b) of this section are exempt from complying with paragraphs (c), (d), (f), (g), (h), (j), and (k) of this section.

(3163) (j) Exception. 33 CFR Part 161 promulgates Vessel Traffic Service regulations. Measures or directions issued by Vessel Traffic Service Puget Sound pursuant to 33 CFR Part 161 shall take precedence over the regulations in this section.

(3164) (k) Enforcement. Any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant or petty officer may enforce the rules in this section. In the navigable waters of the United States to which this section applies, when immediate action is required and representatives of the Coast Guard are not present or not present in sufficient force to provide effective enforcement of this section in the vicinity of a tank ship, any Federal Law Enforcement Officer or Washington Law Enforcement Officer may enforce the rules contained in this section pursuant to 33 CFR §6.04–11. In addition, the Captain of the Port may be assisted by other federal, state or local agencies in enforcing this section.

§165.1317 Security and Safety Zone; Large Passenger Vessel Protection, Puget Sound and adjacent waters, Washington.

(3165) (a) *Notice of enforcement or suspension of enforcement*. The large passenger vessel security and safety zone established by this section will be enforced only upon notice by the Captain of the Port Puget Sound. Captain of the Port Puget Sound will cause notice of the enforcement of the large passenger vessel security and safety zone to be made by all appropriate means to effect the widest publicity among the affected segments of the public including publication in the **Federal Register** as practicable, in accordance with 33 CFR 165.7(a). Such means of notification may also include but are not limited to, Broadcast Notice to Mariners or Local Notice to Mariners. The Captain of the Port Puget Sound will issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners and Local Notice to Mariners notifying the public when enforcement of the large passenger vessel security and safety zone is suspended.

(3166) (b) *Definitions*. The following definitions apply to this section:

(3167) *Federal Law Enforcement Officer* means any employee or agent of the United States government who has the authority to carry firearms and make warrantless arrests and whose duties involve the enforcement of criminal laws of the United States.

(3168) *Large Passenger Vessel* means any cruise ship over 100 feet in length carrying passengers for hire, and any

auto ferries and passenger ferries over 100 feet in length carrying passengers for hire such as the Washington State Ferries, M/V COHO and Alaskan Marine Highway Ferries. Large Passenger Vessel does not include vessels inspected and certificated under 46 CFR, Chapter I, Subchapter T such as excursion vessels, sight seeing vessels, dinner cruise vessels, and whale watching vessels.

(3169) *Large Passenger Vessel Security and Safety Zone* is a regulated area of water established by this section, surrounding large passenger vessels for a 500-yard radius to provide for the security and safety of these vessels.

(3170) *Navigable waters of the United States* means those waters defined as such in 33 CFR part 2.

(3171) *Navigation Rules* means the Navigation Rules, International–Inland.

(3172) *Official Patrol* means those persons designated by the Captain of the Port to monitor a large passenger vessel security and safety zone, permit entry into the zone, give legally enforceable orders to persons or vessels within the zone and take other actions authorized by the Captain of the Port. Persons authorized in paragraph (l) to enforce this section are designated as the Official Patrol.

(3173) *Public vessel* means vessels owned, chartered, or operated by the United States, or by a State or political subdivision thereof.

(3174) *Washington Law Enforcement Officer* means any General Authority Washington Peace Officer, Limited Authority Washington Peace Officer, or Specially Commissioned Washington Peace Officer as defined in Revised Code of Washington section 10.93.020.

(3175) (c) *Security and safety zone*. There is established a large passenger vessel security and safety zone extending for a 500-yard radius around all large passenger vessels located in the navigable waters of the United States in Puget Sound, WA, east of 123°30' West Longitude. [Datum: NAD 1983].

(3176) (d) *Compliance*. The large passenger vessel security and safety zone established by this section remains in effect around large passenger vessels at all times, whether the large passenger vessel is underway, anchored, or moored. Upon notice of enforcement by the Captain of the Port Puget Sound, the Coast Guard will enforce the large passenger vessel security and safety zone in accordance with rules set out in this section. Upon notice of suspension of enforcement by the Captain of the Port Puget Sound, all persons and vessels are authorized to enter, transit, and exit the large passenger vessel security and safety zone, consistent with the Navigation Rules.

(3177) (e) The Navigation Rules shall apply at all times within a large passenger vessel security and safety zone.

(3178) (f) When within a large passenger vessel security and safety zone all vessels must operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course and must proceed as directed by the on-scene official patrol or large passenger vessel master. No vessel or person is allowed within 100 yards of a large passenger vessel that is underway or at anchor, unless authorized by the on-scene official patrol or large passenger vessel master. No vessel or person is allowed within 25 yards of a large passenger vessel that is moored.

(3179) (g) To request authorization to operate within 100 yards of a large passenger vessel that is underway or at anchor, contact the on-scene official patrol or large passenger vessel master on VHF-FM channel 16 or 13.

(3180) (h) When conditions permit, the on-scene official patrol or large passenger vessel master should:

(3181) (1) Permit vessels constrained by their navigational draft or restricted in their ability to maneuver to pass within 100 yards of a large passenger vessel in order to ensure a safe passage in accordance

(3182) with the Navigation Rules; and

(3183) (2) Permit vessels that must transit via a navigable channel or waterway to pass within 100 yards of an anchored large passenger vessel or within 25 yards of a moored large passenger vessel with minimal delay consistent with security.

(3184) (i) When a large passenger vessel approaches within 100 yards of any vessel that is moored or anchored, the stationary vessel must stay moored or anchored while it remains within the large passenger vessel's security and safety zone unless it is either ordered by, or given permission by the Captain of the Port Puget Sound, his designated representative or the on-scene official patrol to do otherwise.

(3185) (j) *Exemption*. Public vessels as defined in paragraph (b) of this section are exempt from complying with paragraphs (c), (d), (f), (g), (h), and (i), of this section.

(3186) (k) *Exception*. 33 CFR part 161 contains Vessel Traffic Service regulations. When measures or directions issued by Vessel Traffic Service Puget Sound pursuant to 33 CFR part 161 also apply, the measures or directions govern rather than the regulations in this section.

(3187) (l) *Enforcement*. Any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant or petty officer may enforce the rules in this section. In the navigable waters of the United States to which this section applies, when immediate action is required and representatives of the Coast Guard are not present or not present in sufficient force to provide effective enforcement of this section in the vicinity of a

large passenger vessel, any Federal Law Enforcement Officer or Washington Law Enforcement Officer may enforce the rules contained in this section pursuant to 33 CFR 6.04-11. In addition, the Captain of the Port may be assisted by other federal, state or local agencies in enforcing this section.

(3188) (m) *Waiver*. The Captain of the Port Puget Sound may waive any of the requirements of this section for any vessel or class of vessels upon finding that a vessel or class of vessels, operational conditions or other circumstances are such that application of this section is unnecessary or impractical for the purpose of port security, safety or environmental safety.

§165.1318 Security and Safety Zone Regulations, Large Passenger Vessel Protection, Portland, OR Captain of the Port Zone.

(3189) (a) Notice of enforcement or suspension of enforcement. The large passenger vessel security and safety zone established by this section will be enforced only upon notice by the Captain of the Port Portland. Captain of the Port Portland will cause notice of the enforcement of the large passenger vessel security and safety zone to be made by all appropriate means to effect the widest publicity among the affected segments of the public including publication in the **Federal Register** as practicable, in accordance with 33 CFR 165.7(a). Such means of notification may also include but are not limited to, Broadcast Notice to Mariners or Local Notice to Mariners. The Captain of the Port Portland will issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners and Local Notice to Mariners notifying the public when enforcement of the large passenger vessel security and safety zone is suspended.

(3190) (b) *Definitions*. As used in this section–

(3191) *Federal Law Enforcement Officer* means any employee or agent of the United States government who has the authority to carry firearms and make warrantless arrests and whose duties involve the enforcement of criminal laws of the United States.

(3192) *Large Passenger Vessel* means any vessel over 100 feet in length (33 meters) carrying passengers for hire including, but not limited to, cruise ships, auto ferries, passenger ferries, and excursion vessels.

(3193) *Large passenger vessel security and safety zone* is a regulated area of water, established by this section, surrounding large passenger vessels for a 500 yard radius that is necessary to provide for the security and safety of these vessels.

(3194) *Navigable waters of the United States* means those waters defined as such in 33 CFR part 2.

(3195) *Navigation Rules* means the Navigation Rules, International-Inland.

(3196) *Official Patrol* means those persons designated by the Captain by the Port to monitor a large passenger vessel security and safety zone, permit entry into the zone, give legally enforceable orders to persons or vessels with in the zone and take other actions authorized by the Captain of the Port Persons authorized as Federal Law Enforcement Officers to enforce this section are designated as the Official Patrol.

(3197) *Oregon Law Enforcement Officer* means any Oregon Peace Officer as defined in Oregon Revised Statutes section 161.015.

(3198) *Public vessel* means vessels owned, chartered, or operated by the United States, or by a State or political subdivision thereof.

(3199) *Washington Law Enforcement Officer* means any General Authority Washington Peace Officer, Limited Authority Washington Peace Officer, or Specially Commissioned Washington Peace Officer as defined in Revised Code of Washington section 10.93.020.

(3200) (c) *Security and safety zone*. There is established a large passenger vessel security and safety zone extending for a 500 yard radius around all large passenger vessels in the navigable waters of the United States, in Portland, OR at the Columbia River Bar "C" buoy and extending eastward on the Columbia River to Kennewick, WA and upriver through Lewiston, ID on the Snake River.

(3201) (d) *Compliance*. The large passenger vessel security and safety zone established by this section remains in effect around large passenger vessels at all times, whether the large passenger vessel is underway, anchored, or moored. Upon notice of enforcement by the Captain of the Port Portland, the Coast Guard will enforce the large passenger vessel security and safety zone in accordance with rules set out in this section. Upon notice of suspension of enforcement by the Captain of the Port Portland, all persons and vessels are authorized to enter, transit, and exit the large passenger vessel security and safety zone, consistent with the Navigation Rules.

(3202) (e) *Navigation Rules*. The Navigation Rules shall apply at all times within a large passenger vessel security and safety zone.

(3203) (f) *Restrictions based on distance from large passenger vessel*. When within a large passenger security and safety zone, all vessels shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course and shall proceed as directed by the on-scene official patrol or large passenger vessel master. No vessel or person is allowed within 100 yards of a large passenger vessel that is underway or at anchor, unless authorized by the on-scene official patrol or large passenger vessel master.

(3204) (g) *Requesting authorization to operate within 100 yards of large passenger vessel.* To request authorization to operate with 100 yards of a large passenger vessel that is underway or at anchor, contact the on-scene official patrol or large passenger vessel master on VHF-FM channel 16 or 13.

(3205) (h) *Maneuver-restricted vessels*. When conditions permit, the on-scene official patrol or large passenger vessel master should:

(3206) (1) Permit vessels constrained by their navigational draft or restricted in their ability to maneuver to pass within 100 yards of a large passenger vessel in order to ensure a safe passage in accordance with the Navigation Rules; and

(3207) (2) Permit commercial vessels anchored in a designated anchorage area to remain at anchor with 100 yards of a passing large passenger vessel; and

(3208) (3) Permit vessels that must transit via a navigable channel or waterway to pass within 100 yards of an anchored large passenger vessel.

(3209) (i) *Stationary vessels*. When a large passenger vessel approaches within 100 yards of any vessel that is moored or anchored, the stationary vessel must stay moored or anchored while it remains with in the large passenger vessel's security and safety zone unless it is either ordered by, or given permission by the Captain of the Port Portland, his designated representative or the on-scene official patrol to do otherwise.

(3210) (j) *Exemption*. Public vessels as defined in paragraph (b) of this section are exempt from complying with paragraphs (c), (d), (f), (g), (h), and (i), of this section.

(3211) (k) *Enforcement*. Any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant or petty officer may enforce the rules in this section. In the navigable waters of the United States to which this section applies, when immediate action is required and representatives of the Coast Guard are not present or not present in sufficient force to provide effective enforcement of this section in the vicinity of a large passenger vessel, any Federal Law Enforcement Officer, Oregon Law Enforcement Officer or Washington Law Enforcement Officer may enforce the rules contained in this section pursuant to 33 CFR 6.04-11. In addition, the Captain of the Port may be assisted by other federal, state or local agencies in enforcing this section.

(3212) (1) *Waiver*. The Captain of the Port Portland may waive any of the requirements of this section for any vessel or class of vessels upon finding that a vessel or class of vessels, operational conditions or other circumstances are such that application of this section is unnecessary or impractical for the purpose of port security, safety or environmental safety.

§165.1321 Security Zone; Protection of Military Cargo, Captain of the Port Zone Puget Sound, WA.

(3213) (a) *Notice of enforcement or suspension of enforcement*. The Captain of the Port Puget Sound will enforce the security zones established by this section only upon notice. Captain of the Port Puget Sound will cause notice of the enforcement of these security zone to be made by all appropriate means to effect the widest publicity among the affected segments of the public including publication in the Federal Register as practicable, in accordance with 33 CFR 165.7(a). Such means of notification may also include but are not limited to, Broadcast Notice to Mariners or Local Notice to Mariners. The Captain of the Port Puget Sound will issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners and Local Notice to Mariners notifying the public when enforcement of these security zones is suspended.

(3214) (b) *Definitions*. The following definitions apply to this section:

(3215) *Designated Representative* means those persons designated by the Captain of the Port to monitor these security zones, permit entry into these zones, give legally enforceable orders to persons or vessels with in these zones and take other actions authorized by the Captain of the Port. Persons authorized in paragraph (g) to enforce this section and Vessel Traffic Service Puget Sound (VTS) are Designated Representatives.

(3216) *Federal Law Enforcement Officer* means any employee or agent of the United States government who has the authority to carry firearms and make warrantless arrests and whose duties involve the enforcement of criminal laws of the United States.

(3217) *Navigable waters of the United States* means those waters defined as such in 33 CFR Part 2.

(3218) *Public vessel* means vessels owned, chartered, operated by the United States, or by a State or political subdivision thereof.

(3219) *Washington Law Enforcement Officer* means any General Authority Washington Peace Officer, Limited Authority Washington Peace Officer, or Specially Commissioned Washington Peace Officer as defined in Revised Code of Washington section 10.93.020.

(3220) (c) *Security zone*. The following areas are security zones:

(3221) (1) *Blair Waterway Security Zone*: The Security Zone in the Blair Waterway, Commencement Bay, WA, includes all waters enclosed by a line connecting the following points: 47°16'57"N., 122°24'39"W., which is approximately the beginning of Pier No. 23 (also known as the Army pier); then northwesterly to 47°17'05"N., 122°24'52"W., which is the end of the Pier No. 23 (Army pier); then southwesterly to 47°16'42"N., 122°25'18"W., which is the approximate location of a private buoy on the end of the sewage outfall; then

southeasterly to 47°16'33"N., 122°25'04"W., which is approximately the northwestern end of Pier 5; then northeasterly to the northwestern end of Pier No. 1; then southeasterly along the shoreline of the Blair Waterway to the Blair Waterway turning basin; then along the shoreline around the Blair Waterway turning basin; then northwesterly along the shoreline of the Blair Waterway to the Commencement Bay Directional Light (light list number 17159); then northeasterly along the shoreline to the point of origin [Datum: NAD 1983].

(3222) (2) *Sitcum Waterway Security Zone*: The Security Zone in the Sitcum Waterway, Commencement Bay, WA, includes all waters enclosed by a line connecting the following points: 47°16'33"N., 122°25'04"W., which is approximately the northwestern end of Pier No. 5; then northwesterly to 47°16'42"N., 122°25'18"W., which is the approximate location of a private buoy on the end of the sewage outfall; then southwesterly to 47°16'23"N., 122°25'36"W.; then southeasterly to 47°16'10"N., 122°25'27"W., which is the northwestern corner of Pier No. 2; then extending northeasterly to 47°16'13"N., 122°25'13"W.; then extending southeasterly along the shoreline of the Sitcum Waterway; then northeasterly along the shoreline at the terminus of the Sitcum Waterway and then northwesterly along the shoreline of the Sitcum Waterway; then northeasterly along the shoreline of Pier No. 5 to the point of origin [Datum: NAD 1983].

(3223) (d) *Obtaining permission to enter, move within, or exit the security zones*. All vessels must obtain permission from the COTP or a Designated Representative to enter, move within, or exit the security zones established in this section when these security zones are enforced. Vessels 20 meters or greater in length should seek permission from the COTP or a Designated Representative at least 4 hours in advance. Vessels less than 20 meters in length should seek permission at least 1 hour in advance. VTS Puget Sound may be reached on VHF channel 14.

(3224) (e) *Compliance*. Upon notice of enforcement by the Captain of the Port Puget Sound, the Coast Guard will enforce these security zones in accordance with rules set out in this section. Upon notice of suspension of enforcement by the Captain of the Port Puget Sound, all persons and vessels are authorized to enter, transit, and exit these security zones.

(3225) (f) *Regulations*. Under the general regulations in 33 CFR part 165 subpart D, this section applies to any vessel or person in the navigable waters of the United States to which this section applies. No person or vessel may enter the security zones established in this section unless authorized by the Captain of the Port or his designated representatives. Vessels and persons granted permission to enter the security zone shall obey all lawful orders or directions of the Captain of the Port or his designated representatives. All vessels shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course.

(3226) (g) *Enforcement*. Any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant or petty officer may enforce the rules in this section. In the navigable waters of the United States to which this section applies, when immediate action is required and representatives of the Coast Guard are not present or not present in sufficient force to provide effective enforcement of this section, any Federal Law Enforcement Officer or Washington Law Enforcement Officer may enforce the rules contained in this section pursuant to 33 CFR 6.04-11. In addition, the Captain of the Port may be assisted by other federal, state or local agencies in enforcing this section pursuant to 33 CFR 6.04-11.

(3227) (b) *Exemption*. Public vessels as defined in paragraph (b) of this section are exempt from the requirements in this section.

(3228) (i) *Waiver*. For any vessel, the Captain of the Port Puget Sound may waive any of the requirements of this section, upon finding that operational conditions or other circumstances are such that application of this section is unnecessary or impractical for the purpose of port security, safety or environmental safety.

§165.1401 Apra Harbor, Guam–safety zones.

(3229) (a) The following is designated as Safety Zone A–The waters of the Pacific Ocean and Apra Outer Harbor encompassed within an arc of 725 yards radius centered at the center of Wharf H. (Located at 13°27'47"N. and 144°39'01.9"E. Based on World Geodetic System 1984 Datum)

(3230) (b) The following is designated Safety Zone B–The waters of Apra Outer Harbor encompassed within an arc of 680 yards radius centered at the center of Naval Wharf Kilo. (Located at 13°26'43"N., 144°37'46.7"E. Based on World Geodetic system 1984 Datum)

(3231) (c) Special regulations. (1) Section 165.23 does not apply to Safety Zone A and/or Safety Zone B, except when Wharf H and/or Naval Wharf Kilo, or a vessel berthed at Wharf H and/or Naval Wharf Kilo, is displaying a red (BRAVO) flag by day or a red light by night.

(3232) (2) In accordance with the general regulations in 165.23 of this part, entry into these zones is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port, Guam.

§165.1402 Apra Outer Harbor, Guam–regulated navigation area.

(3233) (a) The following is a regulated navigation area–The waters of the Pacific Ocean and Apra Outer Harbor enclosed by a line beginning at

(3234) 13°26'47"N., 144°35'07"E; thence to Spanish Rocks at

(3235) 13°27'09.5"N., 144°37'20.6"E; thence along the shoreline of Apra Outer Harbor to

(3236) 13°26'28.1"N., 144°39'52.5"E (the northwest corner of Polaris Point); thence to

(3237) 13°26'40.2"N., 144°39'28.1"E; thence to

(3238) 13°26'32.1"N., 144°39'02.8"E; thence along the shoreline of Apra Outer Harbor to Orote Point at

(3239) 13°26'42"N., 144°36'58.5"E; thence to the beginning. (Based on WGS 84 Datum)

(3240) (b) Regulations:

(3241) (1) Except for public vessels of the United States, vessels may not enter Apra Outer Harbor without permission of the Captain of the Port if they have on board more than 25 tons of high explosives.

(3242) (2) Except for vessels not more than 65 feet in length, towboats or tugs without tows, no vessel may pass another vessel in the vicinity of the Outer Harbor entrance.

(3243) (3) Vessels over 100 gross tons shall:

(3244) (i) Steady on the entrance range at least 2 miles west of the entrance when approaching Apra Outer Harbor and;

(3245) (ii) [Reserved]

(3246) (iii) Steady on the range when departing Apra Outer Harbor.

(3247) (4) Vessels may not anchor in the fairway. The fairway is the area within 375 feet on either side of a line beginning at

(3248) 13°26'47.0"N., 144°35'07.0"E; thence to

(3249) 13°27'14.1"N., 144°39'14.4"E; thence to

(3250) 13°26'35.2"N., 144°39'46.4"E; thence to

(3251) 13°26'30.8"N., 144°39'44.4"E. (Based on WGS 84 Datum)

(3252) (5) Vessels over 100 gross tons may not proceed at a speed exceeding 12 knots within the harbor.

(3253) (6) No vessel may leave Apra Outer Harbor until any inbound vessel over 65 feet in length has cleared the Outer Harbor Entrance.

§165.1403 Security Zone: Tinian, Commonwealth Northern Marianas Islands.

(3254) (a) Location. The following is designated as a security zone: The waters of the Pacific Ocean off Tinian between

(3255) 14°59'04.9"N., 145°34'58.6"E.; to

(3256) 14°59'20.1"N., 145°35'41.5"E.; to

(3257) 14°59'09.8"N., 145°36'02.1"E.; to

(3258) 14°57'49.3"N., 145°36'28.7"E.; to

(3259) 14°57'29.1"N., 145°35'31.1"E.; and back to

(3260) 14°59'04.9"N., 145°34'58.6"E. This zone is in effect when one, or more, of the Maritime Preposition Ships is in the zone or moored at Mooring A located at

(3261) 14°58'57.0"N., 145°35'40.8"E.; or Mooring B located at

(3262) 14°58'15.9"N., 145°35'54.8"E. Additionally, a 50-yard security zone will remain in effect in all directions around Moorings A and B when no vessels are moored thereto.

(3263) **Note:** All positions of latitude and longitude are from International Spheroid, Astro Pier 1944 (Saipan) Datum (NOS chart 81071).

(3264) (b) Regulations. (1) In accordance with general regulations in §165.33 of this part, entry into this security zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port.

§165.1404 Apra Harbor, Guam–Security Zone.

(3265) (a) The following is designated as Security Zone C–The waters of Apra Outer Harbor, Guam surrounding Naval Mooring Buoy No. 702 (Located at 13°27'30.1"N. and 144°38'12.9"E. Based on World Geodetic System 1984 Datum) and the Maritime Propositioning ships moored thereto. The security zone will extend 100 yards in all directions around the vessel and its mooring. Additionally, a 50 yard security zone will remain in effect in all directions around buoy No. 702 when no vessel is moored thereto.

(3266) (b) In accordance with the general regulations in §165.33 of this part, entry into Security Zone C is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port, Guam.

§165.1405 Regulated Navigation Areas and Security Zones; Designated Escorted Vessels-Philippine Sea and Apra Harbor, Guam (including Cabras Island Channel), and Tanapag Harbor, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

(3267) (a) *Regulated navigation area*. The following areas, designated by coordinates referencing World Geodetic Datum (1984), are regulated navigation areas (RNAs).

(3268) (1) *Philippine Sea, Guam*–All waters from the surface to the bottom of the Philippine Sea, Guam, encompassed by lines connecting the following points, beginning at

(3269) 13°27'10"N., 144°35'05"E., thence easterly to

(3270) 13°27'17"N., 144°37'27"E., thence south westerly to

(3271) 13°26'52"N., 144°37'05"E., thence westerly to

(3272) 13°26'37"N., 144°35'05"E., thence due north back to point of origin.

(3273) (2) *Apra Harbor, Guam*–All waters from surface to bottom of Apra Harbor, Guam, shoreward of the COLREGS Demarcation as described in 33 CFR part 80.

(3274) (3) *Tanapag Harbor, Saipan*–The waters from surface to bottom of Tanapag Harbor, Saipan (CNMI),

encompassed by lines connecting the following points, beginning at

(3275) 15°12'10"N., 145°40'28"E., thence north easterly to

(3276) 15°14'08"N., 145°42'00"E., thence due east to

(3277) 15°14'08"N., 145°44'02"E., thence south easterly to

(3278) 15°13'54"N., 144°44'20"E., thence south westerly along the shoreline to

(3279) 15°13'11"N., 145°43'01"E., thence south westerly to

(3280) 15°12'10"N., 145°40'28"E.

(3281) (4) Cabras Island Channel, Guam–All waters from surface to bottom of Cabras Island Channel, Guam, beginning at point

(3282) 13°27'34"N., 144°39'39"E and extending south easterly to position

(3283) 13°27'24"N., 144°39'59"E then heading easterly along the shoreline to position

(3284) 13°27'31"N., 144°40'22"E then heading north to position

(3285) 13°27'37"N., 144°40'22"E following the shoreline in a westerly direction back to point of origin.

(3286) (b) *Security zones*. A 100-yard radius security zone is established around, and is centered on, each escorted vessel within the regulated navigation areas in paragraph (a) of this section. A security zone is activated when an escorted vessel enters an RNA and remains active until the escorted vessel leaves the RNA. This is a moving security zone when the escorted vessel is in transit and becomes a fixed zone when the escorted vessel is anchored or moored. A security zone will not extend beyond the boundary of the RNA in this section.

(3287) (c) *Definitions*. As used in this section:

(3288) (1) *Designated representative* means any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant, or petty officer that has been authorized to act on behalf of the COTP.

(3289) (2) *Escorted Vessel* means any vessel operating in the RNA deemed by the COTP to be in need of escort protection for security reasons or under other circumstances. A designated representative aboard a Coast Guard cutter or patrol boat will accompany vessels deemed in need of escort protection into the RNA.

(3290) (3) *Navigation rules* mean international and inland navigation rules in 33 CFR chapter I, subchapters D and E.

(3291) (4) *Vessel* means every description of watercraft or other artificial contrivance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on water, except U.S. Coast Guard or U.S. naval vessels.

(3292) (d) *Regulations*. (1) No person or vessel may enter into the security zones under this section unless authorized by the COTP Guam or a designated representative.

(3293) (2) A vessel in the RNA established under paragraph (a) of this section operating within 500 yards of an escorted vessel must proceed at a minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course, unless required to maintain speed by the navigation rules.

(3294) (3) When an escorted vessel in the RNA approaches within 100 yards of a vessel that is moored, or anchored in a designated anchorage area, the stationary vessel must stay moored or anchored while it remains within the escorted vessel's security zone unless it is either ordered by, or given permission from the COTP Guam or a designated representative to do otherwise.

(3295) (4) The COTP will inform the public of the existence or status of the security zones around escorted vessels in the RNA periodically by Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

(3296) (5) Persons or vessels that must enter a security zone or exceed speed limits established in this section may contact the COTP at command center telephone number (671) 339-6100 or on VHF channel 16 (156.8 Mhz) to request permission.

(3297) (6) All persons and vessels within 500 yards of an escorted vessel in the RNA must comply with the orders of the COTP Guam or his designated representatives.

(3298) (e) *Authority*. In addition to 33 U.S.C. 1231 and 50 U.S.C. 191, the authority for this section includes 33 U.S.C. 1226.

§165.1406 Safety Zone: Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands, Island of Kauai, Hawaii.

(3299) (a) Location. The following area is established as a safety zone during launch operations at PMRF, Kauai, Hawaii: The waters bounded by the following coordinates:

(3300) (22°01.2'N., 159°47.3'W.),

(3301) (22°01.2'N., 159°50.7'W.),

(3302) (22°06.3'N., 159°50.7'W.),

(3303) (22°06.3'N, 159°44.8'W.).

(3304) (b) Activation. The above safety zone will be activated during launch operations at PMRF, Kauai, Hawaii. The Coast Guard will provide notice that the safety zone will be activated through published and broadcast local notice to mariners prior to scheduled launch dates.

(3305) (c) Regulation. The area described in Paragraph (a) of this section will be closed to all vessels and persons, except those vessels and persons authorized by the Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District, or the Captain of the Port (COTP) Honolulu, Hawaii, whenever Strategic Target System (STARS) vehicles are to be launched by the United States Government from the PMRF, Barking Sands, Kauai, Hawaii.

(3306) (d) The general regulations governing safety zones contained in 33 CFR 165.23 apply.

§165.1407 Security Zones; Oahu, Maui, Hawaii, and Kauai, HI.

(3307) (a) Location. The following areas, from the surface of the water to the ocean floor, are security zones:

(3308) (1) All waters of Honolulu Harbor and entrance channel, Keehi Lagoon, and General Anchorages A, B, C, and D as defined in 33 CFR 110.235 that are shoreward of the following coordinates: The shoreline at

(3309) 21°17.68'N., 157°52.00'W.; thence due south to

(3310) 21°16.00'N., 157°52.00'W.; thence due west to

(3311) 21°16.00'N., 157°55.58'W.; thence due north to Honolulu International Airport Reef Runway at

(3312) 21°18.25'N., 157°55.58' W.

(3313) (2) The waters around the Tesoro Single Point and the Chevron Conventional Buoy Moorings beginning at

(3314) 21°16.43'N., 158°06.03'W.; thence northeast to

(3315) 21°17.35'N., 158°03.95'W.; thence southeast to

(3316) 21°16.47'N., 158°03.50'W.; thence southwest to

(3317) 21°15.53'N., 158°05.56'W.; thence north to the beginning point.

(3318) (3) The Kahului Harbor and Entrance Channel, Maui, HI consisting of all waters shoreward of the COLREGS DEMARCATION line. (See 33 CFR 80.1460).

(3319) (4) All waters within the Nawiliwili Harbor, Kauai, HI shoreward of the COLREGS DEMARCATION line (See 33 CFR 80.1450).

(3320) (5) All waters of Port Allen Harbor, Kauai, HI shoreward of the COLREGS DEMARCATION line (See 33 CFR 80.1440).

(3321) (6) The waters within a 100-yard radius centered on each cruise ship in Hilo Harbor, Hawaii, HI and Entrance Channel shoreward of the COLREGS DEMARCATION (See 33 CFR 80.1480). This is a moving security zone when the cruise ship is in transit and becomes a fixed zone when the cruise ship is anchored or moored.

(3322) (7) The waters extending out 500 yards in all directions from cruise ships anchored or position keeping within 3 miles of:

(3323) (i) Lahaina Harbor, Maui, HI, between Makila Point and Puunoa Point.

(3324) (ii) Kailua-Kona Harbor, Hawaii, HI, between Keahulolu Point and Puapuaa Point.

(3325) (8) All waters contained within the Barbers Point Harbor, Oahu, HI, enclosed by a line drawn between Harbor Entrance Channel Light 6 and the jetty point day beacon at 21°19.50'N, 158°07.30'W.

(3326) (b) Designated Representative: A designated representative of the Captain of the Port is any Coast Guard commissioned officer, warrant or petty

(3327) officer that has been authorized by the Captain of the Port Honolulu to act on his behalf.

(3328) (c) Cruise ship: For the purposes of this section, the term "cruise ship" is defined as a passenger vessel over 100 gross tons, carrying more than 12 passengers for hire, making a voyage lasting more than 24 hours, any part of which is on the high seas, and for which passengers are embarked or disembarked in the United States or its territories. A "voyage" in this section means the cruise ship's entire course of travel, from the first port at which the cruise ship embarks passengers until its return to its last port of call where the majority of passengers are disembarked.

(3329) (d) Regulations. (1) In accordance with §165.33, entry into these zones is prohibited unless authorized by the Coast Guard Captain of the Port Honolulu, or his designated representatives. Section 165.33 also contains other general requirements.

(3330) (2) The existence or status of the security zones in this section will be announced periodically by Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

(3331) (3) Persons desiring to transit the areas of the security zones may contact the Captain of the Port by calling the Command Center at telephone numbers 808-541-2477 or 800-552-6458, or on VHF channel 16 (156.8 MHz) to seek permission to transit the area. Written requests may be submitted to the Captain of the Port, Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Honolulu, 433 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, HI 96813 or faxed to 808-522-8270. If permission is granted, all persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port or his designated representatives.

(3332) (4) Persons entering a security zone without authorization of the Captain of the Port may be subject to a civil penalty of not more than $25,000 for each violation or a criminal penalty resulting in imprisonment of not more than ten years and a fine not more than $10,000.

Subpart G-Protection of Naval Vessels

§165.2010 Purpose.

(3333) This subpart establishes the geographic parameters of naval vessel protection zones surrounding U.S. naval vessels in the navigable waters of the United States. This subpart also establishes when the U.S. Navy will take enforcement action in accordance with the statutory guideline of 14 U.S.C. 91. Nothing in the rules and regulations contained in this subpart shall relieve any vessel, including U.S. naval vessels, from the observance of the Navigation Rules. The rules and regulations contained in this subpart supplement, but do not replace or supercede, any other regulation pertaining to the safety or security of U.S. naval vessels.

§165.2015 Definitions.

(3334) The following definitions apply to this subpart:

(3335) *Atlantic Area* means that area described in 33 CFR 3.04–1 Atlantic Area.

(3336) *Large U.S. naval vessel* means any U.S. naval vessel greater than 100 feet in length overall.

(3337) *Naval defensive sea area* means those areas described in 32 CFR part 761.

(3338) *Naval vessel protection zone* is a 500-yard regulated area of water surrounding large U.S. naval vessels that is necessary to provide for the safety or security of these U.S. naval vessels.

(3339) *Navigable waters of the United States* means those waters defined as such in 33 CFR part 2.

(3340) *Navigation rules* means the Navigation Rules, International-Inland.

(3341) *Official patrol* means those personnel designated and supervised by a senior naval officer present in command and tasked to monitor a naval vessel protection zone, permit entry into the zone, give legally enforceable orders to persons or vessels within the zone, and take other actions authorized by the U.S. Navy.

(3342) *Pacific Area* means that area described in 33 CFR 3.04–3 Pacific Area.

(3343) *Restricted area* means those areas established by the Army Corps of Engineers and set out in 33 CFR part 334.

(3344) *Senior naval officer present in command is*, unless otherwise designated by competent authority, the senior line officer of the U.S. Navy on active duty, eligible for command at sea, who is present and in command of any part of the Department of Navy in the area.

(3345) *U.S. naval vessel* means any vessel owned, operated, chartered, or leased by the U.S. Navy; any pre-commissioned vessel under construction for the U.S. Navy, once launched into the water; and any vessel under the operational control of the U.S. Navy or a Combatant Command.

(3346) *Vessel* means every description of watercraft or other artificial contrivance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on water, except U.S. Coast Guard or U.S. naval vessels.

§165.2020 Enforcement authority.

(3347) (a) *Coast Guard*. Any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant or petty officer may enforce the rules and regulations contained in this subpart.

(3348) (b) *Senior naval officer present in command*. In the navigable waters of the United States, when immediate action is required and representatives of the Coast Guard are not present or not present in sufficient force to exercise effective control in the vicinity of large U.S. naval vessels, the senior naval officer present in command is responsible for the enforcement of the rules and regulations contained in this subpart to ensure the safety and security of all large naval vessels present. In meeting this responsibility, the senior naval officer present in command may directly assist any Coast Guard enforcement personnel who are present.

§165.2030 Pacific Area.

(3349) (a) This section applies to any vessel or person in the navigable waters of the United States within the boundaries of the U.S. Coast Guard Pacific Area, which includes the Eleventh, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Seventeenth U.S. Coast Guard Districts.

(3350) **Note to paragraph** (a): The boundaries of the U.S. Coast Guard Pacific Area and the Eleventh, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Seventeenth U.S. Coast Guard Districts are set out in 33 CFR part 3.

(3351) (b) A naval vessel protection zone exists around U.S. naval vessels greater than 100 feet in length overall at all times in the navigable waters of the United States, whether the large U.S. naval vessel is underway, anchored, moored, or within a floating dry dock, except when the large naval vessel is moored or anchored within a restricted area or within a naval defensive sea area.

(3352) (c) The Navigation Rules shall apply at all times within a naval vessel protection zone.

(3353) (d) When within a naval vessel protection zone, all vessels shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course, unless required to maintain speed by the Navigation Rules, and shall proceed as directed by the Coast Guard, the senior naval officer present in command, or the official patrol. When within a naval vessel protection zone, no vessel or person is allowed within 100 yards of a large U.S. naval vessel unless authorized by the Coast Guard, the senior naval officer present in command, or official patrol.

(3354) (e) To request authorization to operate within 100 yards of a large U.S. naval vessel, contact the Coast Guard, the senior naval officer present in command, or the official patrol on VHF-FM channel 16.

(3355) (f) When conditions permit, the Coast Guard, senior naval officer present in command, or the official patrol should:

(3356) (1) Give advance notice on VHF-FM channel 16 of all large U.S. naval vessel movements;

(3357) (2) Permit vessels constrained by their navigational draft or restricted in their ability to maneuver to pass within 100 yards of a large U.S. naval vessel in order to ensure a safe passage in accordance with the Navigation Rules; and

(3358) (3) Permit commercial vessels anchored in a designated anchorage area to remain at anchor when within 100 yards of passing large U.S. naval vessels; and

(3359) (4) Permit vessels that must transit via a navigable channel or waterway to pass within 100 yards of a

moored or anchored large U.S. naval vessel with minimal delay consistent with security.

(3360) **Note to paragraph (f)**: The listed actions are discretionary and do not create any additional right to appeal or otherwise dispute a decision of the Coast Guard, the senior naval officer present in command, or the official patrol.

Part 166–Shipping Safety Fairways

Subpart A–General

§166.100 Purpose.

(3361) The purpose of these regulations is to establish and designate shipping safety fairways and fairway anchorages to provide unobstructed approaches for vessels using U.S. ports.

§166.103 Geographic coordinates.

(3362) Geographic coordinates expressed in terms of latitude or longitude, or both, are not intended for plotting on maps or charts whose referenced horizontal datum is the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), unless such geographic coordinates are expressly labeled NAD 83. Geographic coordinates without the NAD 83 reference may be plotted on maps or charts reference to NAD 83 only after application of the appropriate corrections that are published on the particular map or chart being used.

§166.105 Definitions.

(3363) (a) "Shipping safety fairway" or "fairway" means a lane or corridor in which no artificial island or fixed structure, whether temporary or permanent, will be permitted. Temporary underwater obstacles may be permitted under certain conditions described for specific areas in Subpart B. Aids to navigation approved by the U.S. Coast Guard may be established in a fairway.

(3364) (b) "Fairway anchorage" means an anchorage area contiguous to and associated with a fairway, in which fixed structures may be permitted within certain spacing limitations, as described for specific areas in Subpart B.

§166.110 Modification of areas.

(3365) Fairways and fairway anchorages are subject to modification in accordance with 33 U.S.C. 1223(c); 92 Stat. 1473.

Subpart B–Designations of Fairways and Fairway Anchorages

§166.300 Areas along the coast of California.

(3366) (a) Purpose. Fairways as described in this section are established to control the erection of structures therein to provide safe vessel routes along the coast of California.

(3367) (b) Designated Areas.–(1) Port Hueneme Safety Fairway. An area one nautical mile in width centered on the alinement of Port Hueneme Entrance Channel and extending seaward from the 30-foot-depth curve for a distance of 1.5 nautical miles, thence turning southerly and widening to 1.5 nautical miles at the 3-mile limit, all between lines joining the following points:

(3368) 34°06'30"N., 119°15'00"W.

(3369) 34°07'37"N., 119°14'25"W.

(3370) 34°08'49"N., 119°13'21"W. thence generally along the 30-foot-depth curve to the seaward end of the west entrance jetty; seaward end of the east entrance jetty, thence generally along the 30-foot-depth curve to:

(3371) 34°08'21"N., 119°12'15"W.

(3372) 34°07'10"N., 119°13'20"W.

(3373) 34°05'48"N., 119°13'23"W.

(3374) (2) (Reserved)

Part 167–Offshore Traffic Separation Schemes

Subpart A—General

§167.1 Purpose.

(3375) The purpose of the regulations in this part is to establish and designate traffic separation schemes and precautionary areas to provide access routes for vessels proceeding to and from U.S. ports.

§167.3 Geographic coordinates.

(3376) Geographic coordinates are defined using North American 1927 Datum (NAD 27) unless indicated otherwise.

§167.5 Definitions.

(3377) (a) *Traffic separation scheme (TSS)* means a designated routing measure which is aimed at the separation of opposing streams of traffic by appropriate means and by the establishment of traffic lanes.

(3378) (b) *Traffic lane* means an area within defined limits in which one-way traffic is established. Natural obstacles, including those forming separation zones, may constitute a boundary.

(3379) (c) *Separation zone or line* means a zone or line separating the traffic lanes in which ships are proceeding in opposite or nearly opposite directions; or separating a traffic lane from the adjacent sea area; or separating traffic lanes designated for particular classes of ships proceeding in the same direction.

(3380) (d) *Precautionary area* means a routing measure comprising an area within defined limits where ships must navigate with particular caution and within which the direction of traffic flow may be recommended.

(3381) (e) *Deep-water route* means an internationally recognized routing measure primarily intended for use by ships that, because of their draft in relation to the available depth of water in the area concerned, require the use of such a route.

§167.10 Operating rules.

(3382) The operator of a vessel in a TSS shall comply with Rule 10 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea, 1972, as amended.

§167.15 Modification of schemes.

(3383) (a) A traffic separation scheme or precautionary area described in this Part may be permanently amended in accordance with 33 U.S.C. 1223 (92 Stat. 1473), and with international agreements.

(3384) (b) A traffic separation scheme or precautionary area in this Part may be temporarily adjusted by the Commandant of the Coast Guard in an emergency, or to accommodate operations which would create an undue hazard for vessels using the scheme or which would contravene Rule 10 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972. Adjustment may be in the form of a temporary traffic lane shift, a temporary suspension of a section of the scheme, a temporary precautionary area overlaying a lane, or other appropriate measure. Adjustments will only be made where, in the judgment of the Coast Guard, there is no reasonable alternative means of conducting an operation and navigation safety will not be jeopardized by the adjustment. Notice of adjustments will be made in the appropriate Notice to Mariners and in the FEDERAL REGISTER. Requests by members of the public for temporary adjustments to traffic separation schemes must be submitted 150 days prior to the time the adjustment is desired. Such Requests, describing the interference that would otherwise occur to a TSS, should be submitted to the District Commander of the Coast Guard District in which the TSS is located.

Subpart B—Description of Traffic Separation Schemes and Precautionary Areas

§167.500 In the approaches to Los Angeles-Long Beach Traffic Separation Scheme: General.

(3385) The Traffic Separation Scheme in the approaches to Los Angeles-Long Beach consists of three parts: a Precautionary Area, a Western Approach, and a Southern Approach. The specific areas in the approaches to Los Angeles-Long Beach are described in §§167.501 through 167.503. The geographic coordinates in §§167.501 through 167.503 are defined using North American Datum 1983 (NAD 83).

§167.501 In the approaches to Los Angeles/Long Beach: Precautionary area.

(3386) (a) The precautionary area consists of the water area enclosed by the Los Angeles-Long Beach breakwater and a line connecting Point Fermin Light at 33°42.30'N., 118°17.60'W., with the following geographical positions:

Latitude	Longitude
33°35.50'N.	118°17.60'W.
33°35.50'N.	118°09.00'W.
33°37.70'N.	118°06.50'W.
33°43.40'N.	118°10.80'W.

(3387) (b) Pilot boarding areas area located within the precautionary area described in Paragraph (a) of this section. Specific regulations pertaining to vessels operating in these areas are contained in 33 CFR 165.1109(d).

§167.502 In the approaches to Los Angeles-Long Beach: Western approach.

(3388) (a) A separation zone is bounded by a line connecting the following geographical positions:

Latitude	Longitude
33°37.70'N.	118°17.60'W.
33°36.50'N.	118°17.60'W.
33°36.50'N.	118°23.10'W.
33°43.20'N.	118°36.90'W.
33°44.90'N.	118°35.70'W.
33°37.70'N.	118°20.90'W.

(3389) (b) A traffic lane for northbound coastwise traffic is established between the separation zone and a line connecting the following geographical positions:

Latitude	Longitude
33°38.70'N.	118°17.60'W.
33°38.70'N.	118°20.60'W.
33°45.80'N.	118°35.10'W.

(3390) (c) A traffic lane for southbound coastwise traffic is established between the separation zone and a line connecting the following geographical positions:

Latitude	Longitude
33°35.50'N.	118°17.60'W.
33°35.50'N.	118°23.43'W.
33°42.30'N.	118°37.50'W.

§167.503 In the approaches to Los Angeles-Long Beach TSS: Southern approach.

(3391) (a) A separation zone is established bounded by a line connecting the following geographic positions:

Latitude	Longitude
33°35.50'N.	118°10.30'W.
33°35.50'N.	118°12.75'W.
33°19.70'N.	118°03.50'W.
33°19.00'N.	118°05.60'W.

(3392) (b) A traffic lane for northbound traffic is established between the separation zone and a line connecting the following geographical positions:

Latitude	Longitude
33°35.50'N.	118°09.00'W.
33°20.00'N.	118°02.30'W.

(3393) (c) A traffic lane for southbound traffic is established between the separation zone and a line connecting the following geographical positions:

Latitude	Longitude
33°35.50'N.	118°14.00'W.
33°18.70'N.	118°06.75'W.

§167.1300 through §167.1332

(3394) [The International Maritime Organization's Maritime Safety Committee approved changes to the existing traffic separation schemes (TSS) in the Strait of Juna De Fuca and Its Approaches, Puget Sound and Its Approaches, and added TSSs and other routing measures in Haro Strait, Boundary Pass, and in the Strait of Georgia. These changes take effect 1 December, 2002. The revised limits are depicted on the most recently published NOAA nautical charts. The final regulations governing the use of the aforementioned TSS have not been approved as of this writing. When these regulations are published in the Federal Register, they will be added to this Coast Pilot through an amendment published in NGA's Notice to Mariners, the 13th Coast Guard District's Local Notice to Mariners, and on Coast Pilot's critical correction website at http://critcorr.ncd.noaa.gov.] (From International Maritime Organization COLREGS.2/Cir.51.para 1.5 (May 31, 2002))

Part 168–Escort Requirements for Certain Tankers

§168.01 Purpose.

(3395) (a) This part prescribes regulations in accordance with section 4116(c) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) (Pub. L. 101-380). The regulations will reduce the risk of oil spills from laden, single hull tankers over 5,000 GT by requiring that these tankers be escorted by at least two suitable escort vessels. The escort vessels will be immediately available to influence the tankers' speed and course in the event of a steering or propulsion equipment failure, thereby reducing the possibility of groundings or collisions.

(3396) (b) The regulations in this part establish minimum escort vessel requirements. Nothing in these regulations should be construed as relieving the master of a tanker from the duty to operate the vessel in a safe and prudent manner, taking into account the navigational constraints of the waterways to be traversed, other vessel traffic, and anticipated weather, tide, and sea conditions, which may require reduced speeds, greater assistance from escort vessels, or other operational precautions.

§168.05 Definitions.

(3397) As used in this part–

(3398) "Disabled tanker" means a tanker experiencing a loss of propulsion or steering control.

(3399) "Escort transit" means that portion of the tanker's voyage through waters where escort vessels are required.

(3400) "Escort vessel" means any vessel that is assigned and dedicated to a tanker during the escort transit, and that is fendered and outfitted with towing gear as appropriate for its role in an emergency response to a disabled tanker.

(3401) "Laden" means transporting in bulk any quantity of applicable cargo, except for clingage and residue in otherwise empty cargo tanks.

(3402) "Single hull tanker" means any self-propelled tank vessel that is not constructed with both double bottom and double sides in accordance with the provisions of 33 CFR 157.10d.

(3403) "Tanker master" means the licensed onboard person in charge of the tanker.

(3404) "Tanker owner or operator" means the owner or shoreside organization (individual, corporation, partnership, or association), including a demise charterer, responsible for the overall management and operation of the tanker.

§168.10 Responsibilities.

(3405) (a) The tanker owner or operator shall:

(3406) (1) select escort vessels that can meet the performance requirements of this part; and

(3407) (2) inform the tanker master of the performance capabilities of the selected escort vessels. This information must be provided to the master before beginning the escort transit.

(3408) (b) The tanker master shall operate the tanker within the performance capabilities of the escort vessels, taking into account speed, sea and weather conditions, navigational considerations, and other factors that may change or arise during the escort transit.

(3409) (c) In an emergency, the tanker master may deviate from the requirements of this part to the extent necessary to avoid endangering persons, property, or the environment, but shall immediately report the deviation to the cognizant Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP).

§168.20 Applicable vessels.

(3410) The requirements of this part apply to laden, single hull tankers of 5,000 gross tons or more.

§168.30 Applicable cargoes.

(3411) The requirements of this part apply to any petroleum oil listed in 46 CFR Table 30.25–1 as a pollution category I cargo.

§168.40 Applicable waters and number of escort vessels.

(3412) The requirements of this part apply to the following waters:

(3413) (a) Prince William Sound: Each tanker to which this part applies must be escorted by at least two escort vessels in those navigable waters of the United States within Prince William Sound, Alaska, and the adjoining tributaries, bays, harbors, and ports, including the navigable waters of the United States within a line drawn from Cape Hinchinbrook Light, to Seal Rocks Light, to a point on Montague Island at 60°14.6'N., 146°59'W., and the waters of Montague Strait east of a line between Cape Puget and Cape Cleare.

(3414) (b) Puget Sound and certain associated waters: Each tanker to which this part applies must be escorted by at least two escort vessels in those navigable waters of the United States and Washington State east of a line connecting New Dungeness Light with Discovery Island Light and all points in the Puget Sound area north and south of these lights. This area includes all the navigable waters of the United States within Haro Strait, Rosario Strait, the Strait of Georgia, Puget Sound, and Hood Canal, as well as those portions of the Strait of Juan de Fuca east of the New Dungeness-Discovery Island line.

§168.50 Performance and operational requirements.

(3415) (a) Except as provided in Paragraph (c) of §168.10, at all times during the escort transit each tanker to which this part applies:

(3416) (1) Must be accompanied by escort vessels that meet the performance requirements of Paragraph (b) of this section (but not less than the number of escorts required by §168.40).

(3417) (2) Must have the escort vessels positioned relative to the tanker such that timely response to a propulsion or steering failure can be effected.

(3418) (3) Must not exceed a speed beyond which the escort vessels can reasonably be expected to safely bring the tanker under control within the navigational limits of the waterway, taking into consideration ambient sea and weather conditions, surrounding vessel traffic, hazards, and other factors that may reduce the available sea room.

(3419) (b) The escort vessels, acting singly or jointly in any combination as needed, and considering their applied force vectors on the tanker's hull, must be capable of–

(3420) (1) Towing the tanker at 4 knots in calm conditions, and holding it in steady position against a 45-knot headwind;

(3421) (2) Stopping the tanker within the same distance that it could crash-stop itself from a speed of 6 knots using its own propulsion system;

(3422) (3) Holding the tanker on a steady course against a 35-degree locked rudder at a speed of 6 knots; and

(3423) (4) Turning the tanker 90 degrees, assuming a free-swinging rudder and a speed of 6 knots, within the same distance (advance and transfer) that it could turn itself with a hard-over rudder.

§168.60 Pre-escort conference.

(3424) (a) Before commencing an escort transit, the tanker master shall confer, by radio or in person, with the tanker pilot and the masters of the escort vessels regarding the escort operation.

(3425) (b) The purpose of the pre-escort conference is for all parties to plan and discuss particulars of the escort transit.

(3426) (c) At a minimum, the following topics must be addressed during the pre-escort conference:

(3427) (1) The destination, route, planned speed, other vessel traffic, anticipated weather, tide, and sea conditions, and other navigational considerations;

(3428) (2) The type and operational status of communication, towing, steering, and propulsion equipment on the tanker and escort vessels;

(3429) (3) The relative positioning and reaction time for the escort vessels to move into assist positions, including, if appropriate, pre-tethering the escort vessels at crucial points along the route;

(3430) (4) The preparations required on the tanker and escort vessels, and the methods employed in making an emergency towline connection, including stationing of deck crews, preparation of messenger lines, bridles, and other towing gear, and energizing appropriate deck equipment;

(3431) (5) The manner in which an emergency towline connection would be made (which escort vessel will respond, how messengers and towlines will be passed, etc.);

(3432) (6) Other relevant information provided by the tanker master, pilot or escort vessel masters.

Part 207–Navigation Regulations

§207.640 Sacramento Deep Water Ship Channel Barge Lock and Approach Canals; use, administration and navigation–

(3433) (1) General. The lock, its approach channels and all its appurtenances, including the highway and railroad bridge, shall be under the jurisdiction of the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Sacramento, Federal and Courts Building, 650 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, California. His designated representative at the locality shall be the lockmaster, who will be in immediate charge of movement and position of all water traffic while at or near the locks and in the barge canals.

(3434) (2) Immediate control. The lockmaster shall be charged with the immediate control and management of the lock, bridge, and of the area set aside as the lock area, including the entrance channels. He shall see that all laws, rules, and regulations for the use of the lock, bridge and the lock area are duly complied with, to which end he is authorized to give all necessary orders and directions in accordance therewith, both to employees of the Government and to any and every person within the Government lock area. Crews shall render such assistance in the lockage of their craft as may be required by the lockmaster.

(3435) (3) Signals–(i) Sound. All craft desiring lockage shall signal by two long blasts followed by two short blasts of the whistle, delivered at a distance of one-half mile from the lock. When the lock is ready for entrance, notice will be given by one long blast from the control house. Permission to leave the lock will be one short blast given by the lockmaster.

(3436) (ii) Visual lock traffic signals. Visual signals are located outside of each lock gate on the north guide wall, and will be used in conjunction with sound signals. When the red light is flashing, lock cannot be made ready for entrance immediately, vessel must stand clear. When the amber light is flashing, lock is being made ready, prepare for lockage. When the green light is flashing, lock is ready for entrance, the vessel may proceed with caution into the lock.

(3437) (iii) Visual river traffic signals. Visual signals are located on the south bank of the barge canal at the confluence with the Sacramento River and also 1,950 feet upstream on the west bank of the Sacramento River. When the red light is on, a river-bound vessel of a size making passing in the canal hazardous is in the lock or canal. Approaching vessel shall stand clear of canal to permit out-going vessel to pass. When the amber light is on, a river-bound vessel of a size to permit passing is in the lock or canal. Vessel may enter canal with caution. When the green light is on, vessel may enter canal and proceed under full control.

(3438) (iv) Radio. The lock is equipped with two-way radio operating on a frequency of 156.60 MHz. The frequency is monitored by the lock personnel. Vessels equipped with two-way radio may communicate with the crew operating the lock but communications or signals so received will only augment and not replace the sound and visual signals.

(3439) (4) Permissible dimensions of vessels and tows. The lock chamber has a maximum usable width of 86 feet and length of 600 feet. The sill at the harbor end and the bottom of the lock chamber are–13.0 feet elevation, CofE datum, and usually provides a depth of water ranging from 14.0 feet at LLW to 19.4 feet at HHW, with greater depths during large floods in the delta. The sill

at the river end is at–10.0 feet elevation, CofE datum, and usually provides a depth of water ranging from 14.6 feet at LLW to 16.8 feet at HHW, with greater depths when the river is high. The depth of water at any time is indicated by staff gages located on the south wall of the lock, riverward and harborward of each lock gate and at the center of the lock. A vessel must not attempt to enter the lock if its beam or length is greater than indicated above, or if its draft exceeds the depth of water indicated by the gages, with due allowance for clearance.

(3440) (5) Precedence at lock. Ordinarily, craft will be locked through in order of arrival; however, depending upon whether the lock is full or empty, this precedence may be modified at the discretion of the lockmaster if boats are approaching from the opposite direction and are within reasonable distance of the lock at the time of the approach by the first boat. When several craft are to pass, precedence shall be given as follows:

(3441) First: Government owned or controlled craft.

(3442) Second: Commercial craft.

(3443) Third: Passenger boats.

(3444) Fourth: Small vessels and pleasure boats.

(3445) (6) Loss of turn. Boats that fail to enter the lock with reasonable promptness, after being authorized to do so, shall lose their turn.

(3446) (7) Multiple lockage. The lockmaster shall decide whether one or more vessels may be locked through at the same time.

(3447) (8) Speed. Vessels shall not be raced or crowded alongside another in the barge canals. When entering the barge canals and lock, speed shall be reduced to a minimum consistent with safe navigation. As a general rule, when a number of vessels are entering the lock, the following vessels shall remain at least 200 feet astern of the vessel ahead. No overtaking, except when directed by lockmaster will be permitted.

(3448) (9) Lockage of small boats–(i) General. The lockage of pleasure boats, skiffs, fishing boats and other small craft will be coordinated with the lockage of commercial craft. If no commercial craft are scheduled to be locked through within a reasonable time, not to exceed one hour after the arrival of the small craft at the lock, separate lockage will be made for such small craft.

(3449) (ii) Signals. Small boats desiring to use the lock will sound two long blasts followed by two short blasts of the horn. When the lock is ready for entrance, the lockmaster will notify the small boat by one long blast of the horn; or through the public address system. Permission to leave the lock will be given by the lockmaster by one short blast of the horn.

(3450) (10) Mooring in lock. All boats, when in the lock, shall be moored to the fastenings provided for that purpose, by bow and stern lines and other spring lines as may be necessary, and the lines shall not be let go until the signal is given by the lockmaster for the craft to leave the lock.

(3451) (11) Waiting for lockage. The mooring or anchoring of boats or other craft in the approaches to the lock, where such mooring will interfere with navigation of the lock is prohibited. All boats, barge tows and other craft to be passed through the lock shall lie in designated waiting areas in such manner as not to interfere with the navigation of the lock or its approaches, and, if a barge tow is to be divided into sections for locking, the section shall be brought into the lock as directed by the lockmaster. After passing through the lock, the sections shall be reassembled at such a distance from the entrance as not to obstruct or interfere with navigation of the lock or its approaches.

(3452) (12) Delay in lock. Boats or barges must not obstruct navigation by unnecessary delays in entering or leaving the lock.

(3453) (13) Damage to lock or other structures. The regulations contained in this Paragraph shall not relieve the owners and operators of vessels from liability for any damage by their operations to the lock or other structures. They must use great care not to strike any part of the lock, any gate or appurtenance thereto, or machinery for operating the gates, or the walls protecting the banks of the approach canals. All boats with metal nosings or projecting irons, or rough surfaces that would be liable to damage the gates or lock walls, will not be permitted to enter the lock unless provided with suitable buffers and fenders.

(3454) (14) Tows. Tows shall be made up outside the canal entrance. All vessels engaged in towing other vessels not equipped with a rudder shall use two tow lines or a bridge and one tow line. If the vessel in tow is equipped with a rudder, one tow line may be used. All tow lines or hawsers must be hauled as short as practicable for safe handling of tows.

(3455) (15) Crew to move craft. The pilots in charge of tows and persons in charge of other craft must provide a sufficient number of men to handle lines in mooring craft and to move barges and other craft into and out of the lock easily and promptly.

(3456) (16) Handling valves, gates, bridges and machinery. No person, unless authorized by the lockmaster shall open or close any bridge, gate, valve or operate any machinery in connection with the lock; but the lockmaster may, under emergency conditions, call for assistance from the master of any boat using the lock, should such aid be necessary, and when rendering such assistance, the man so employed shall be strictly under the orders of the lockmaster.

(3457) (17) Landing of freight. No one shall land freight or baggage on or over the walls of the lock so as in any way

to delay or interfere with navigation or the operation of the lock.

(3458) (18) Refuse in lock. No material of any kind shall be thrown or discharged into the lock, and no material of any kind shall be deposited into the lock area.

(3459) (19) (Reserved)

(3460) (20) Persistent violation of regulations. If the owner or pilot of any boat persistently violates the regulations of this Paragraph after due notice of the same, lockage may be refused by the lockmaster at the time of the violation or subsequent thereto, as required in the interest of public safety or protection of Government property.

(3461) (21) Other laws and regulations. In all other respects, the existing Federal laws, rules and regulations affecting navigable waters of the United States will govern in the use, administration and navigation of the ship channel, lock and its approaches.

§207.680 Willamette River, Oreg.; use, administration, and navigation of canal and locks at Willamette Falls, Oreg.

(3462) (a) Administration–(1) Administrative jurisdiction. The canal and locks and all appurtenances shall be in charge of the District Engineer, Portland District, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, 319 S.W. Pine Street, Portland, Oreg. 97208. The representative of the District Engineer at the locality shall be the lockmaster, who shall receive his orders and instructions from the District Engineer. In case of emergency, however, the lockmaster shall have authority to take such steps as may be immediately necessary without waiting for instruction from the District Engineer.

(3463) (2) Operational jurisdiction. The lock master shall be charged with the immediate control and management of the canal and locks and the grounds and public property pertaining thereto. He shall see that all laws, rules and regulations, for the use of the canal and grounds are duly complied with, to which end he is authorized to give all necessary orders and directions in accordance therewith, both to employees of the Government and to any and every person within the limits of the canal and locks or grounds pertaining thereto, whether navigating the canal or not. In case of the absence or disability of the lock master, his duty shall be performed by an assistant or other employee to be designated by the District Engineer.

(3464) (b) Use and navigation–(1) Authority of lock master. The lock master or his assistants shall direct the movement, operation, and moorage and all vessels, boats, rafts, barges, or other floating things using the locks, while they are in the locks, the canal basin, or in either the upstream or downstream lock approaches. Crews of vessels, boats, rafts, barges, or other floating things seeking lockage shall render such assistance as the lock master or his assistants may require.

(3465) (2) Signals. All vessels desiring lockage shall signal the same by one long and one short blast of the whistle, delivered at a distance of approximately 1,000 feet from the locks. Requests for lockage may also be made by contacting the lockmaster on VHF-FM radio on channel 14, at WUJ 363, Willamette Falls Locks or by telephone or otherwise notifying the lockmaster's office. Notice to vessels desiring lockage will be given by red and green traffic lights. Vessels may enter locks on green lights, but must await green signal when lights are red. Permission to leave the lock will be given in the same manner. In the event a failure occurs and the referenced lights cannot be operated, the lockmaster will indicate by voice or by hand or lantern signals when vessels may enter or leave the locks.

(3466) (3) Controlling dimensions. For lockage purposes the maximum length of space available is 175 feet and the maximum clear width available is 37 feet. All vessels, boats, rafts, barges, or other floating things of less size than the foregoing dimensions can pass through the locks. The controlling water depth over the intermediate miter sills throughout the locks is 6.5 feet. However, the depth on the sill of the upstream gate at low water is 7.5 feet and over the downstream sill is 8.4 feet. The elevation of the upstream sill is 43.7 feet and of the downstream sill is–6.4 feet, corresponding to the elevations shown on the gages provided at both the downstream and upstream approaches to the locks. All vessels, boats, rafts, barges, and other floating things of which the dimensions or draft are greater than will permit clearing any of the above indicated elevations shall be prohibited from entering the locks. All vessels, boats, rafts, barges or other floating things entering the locks in violation of the above shall be responsible for all resulting damages.

(3467) (4) Precedence at locks. Ordinarily the vessel, boat, raft, barge, or other floating thing arriving first at the lock will be locked through first. In the event of a simultaneous approach from opposite directions ascending craft will ordinarily be locked through first. When several boats are to be passed through the locks, the order of precedence shall be as follows:

(3468) (i) To boats owned by the United States or employed upon river and harbor improvement work.

(3469) (ii) To passenger boats.

(3470) (iii) To freight and tow boats.

(3471) (iv) To rafts.

(3472) (v) To small vessels and pleasure craft. The lock master shall have authority to digress from the above precedence in order to eliminate reversing the flow of traffic through the locks when both upbound and downbound lockages are in waiting.

(3473) (5) Entrance to locks. The lock master shall decide whether one or more vessels may be locked through at the same time. No one shall attempt to enter the locks with a vessel or attempt to cause a vessel to enter the locks until he is authorized by the lock master to do so. No one shall take a vessel, or cause a vessel to be taken, within the limits of 500 feet above the upper gate and 300 feet below the lower gate, except for the purpose of entering the locks; and not for this purpose until it has been indicated to him by a proper person by signal that the lock is ready to receive the vessel. All vessels within the foregoing limits must be operated under "slow bell" and be kept constantly under control.

(3474) (6) Lockage of small boats. Pleasure boats, skiffs, fishing boats, and other small craft may be passed through the locks singularly, in groups, or as part of a lockage of other than pleasure craft. A continual flow of traffic in one direction will not be interrupted or reversed to accommodate these small pleasure boats. However, any such small boat will be accommodated at such time as the lock master upon receipt of a request for lockage deems such action will not interfere with other traffic. The decision of the lock master shall be final as to whether craft requesting lockage is defined as a pleasure boat.

(3475) (7) Use of canal locks. No person, unless authorized by the lockmaster or his assistants, shall open or close any bridge, lock gate, wicket gate, or operate any lock machinery, or in any way interfere with any mechanism or appliance connected with the operation of the locks, nor shall anyone interfere with the employees in the discharge of their duties. The lockmaster or his assistants may call for aid from the persons in charge of any craft, vessel, or raft using the lock, should such aid be necessary. Persons rendering such assistance shall be strictly under the orders of the lockmaster. The Government reserves the right to refuse lockage to any vessel, craft or raft when the persons in charge thereof refuse to give such assistance when it is requested. The persons in charge of vessels with tows or rafts, barges and other craft must provide sufficient personnel, lines and towing equipment of sufficient power to insure at all times full control of such tows, rafts, barges and other craft while moving into and through the locks, unless otherwise prearranged with the lockmaster. A copy of these regulations shall be kept on board each vessel regularly engaged in navigating the locks. Copies may be obtained without charge from the lockmaster or from the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, 319 S.W. Pine Street, Post Office Box 2946, Portland, Oreg. 97208.

(3476) (8) Petroleum vessels. All tankers, barges, and other floating equipment, used for transporting inflammable liquids, either with or without cargo, shall be equipped with fixed timber fenders and, if not so equipped, shall have aboard an adequate number of suitable fenders of timber, rubber, or rope which are to be placed between the vessel and unfendered lock structures. All such barges or other vessels navigating without power within the canal or locks must be assisted by one or more tugs of sufficient power to insure full control at all times whether passing upstream or downstream through the locks with or without cargo.

(3477) (9) Mooring in locks. All boats, barges, rafts, and other craft when in the locks shall be moored by head and spring lines and such other lines as may be necessary to the fastenings provided for that purpose; and the line shall not be unloosed until the signal is given for the vessel to leave the lock.

(3478) (10) Mooring while waiting for lockage. The mooring of boats, tows or other craft in the approaches to the locks where such mooring will interfere with navigation or other vessels to or from the locks is prohibited.

(3479) (11) Delays. Boats, barges, rafts, or other craft must not obstruct navigation by unnecessary delay in entering or leaving the locks. Vessels failing to enter the locks with reasonable promptness, when signaled to do so, and vessels arriving at the locks with their tows in such shape so as to impede lockage shall forfeit their turn.

(3480) (12) Landing of freight. No freight or baggage shall be unloaded on or over the walls of the canal or locks. Freight and baggage consigned to the Willamette Falls locks shall be unloaded only at such places as may be provided for this purpose or as directed by the lock master.

(3481) (13) Refuse in canal or locks. No refuse or other material shall be thrown or dumped from vessels into the canal and locks, or deposited in the lock area, or placed on the berm of the canal so that it is liable to be thrown or washed into the waterway. Violations of this Paragraph (b)(13) shall be subject to sections 13 and 16 of the River and Harbor Act of March 3, 1899 (33 U.S.C. 407, 411).

(3482) (14) Damage to locks or other structures. The regulations contained in this section shall not affect the liability of the owners and operators of vessels for any damage caused by their operations to the locks or other structures. Persons in charge of vessels and log rafts passing through the locks must use great care to prevent the vessels or log rafts from striking any gate or appurtenance thereto. All boats or barges with metal nosings, or projecting irons, or rough surfaces, and log rafts with dragging cables that may damage any part of the lock structures will not be permitted to enter the locks unless said craft are provided with suitable protective buffers and fenders and log rafts are free of loose, dragging cables.

(3483) (c) (Reserved)

(3484) (d) Trespass. No one shall trespass on the grounds or buildings, and everyone shall be deemed guilty of trespass within the meaning of this Paragraph who shall willfully or carelessly damage or disfigure the canal and locks or any part thereof, or any building or appliance on the grounds, or who shall carry on business or trading of any sort, or shall build any fishing stand or lead, or set any fish net within the limits of the reservation, or do any act to or on the grounds or buildings which would be recognized by law as a trespass.

(3485) (e) Definitions. Except as otherwise provided in Paragraph (b)(6) of this section, whenever such a word as "vessel", "boat", "barge", "raft", or the like is used in this section, it shall include all types of floating things which may be subject to lockage. Failure to refer specifically to a type of floating thing by its name shall not mean exclusion thereof from applicability of this section.

§207.718 Navigation locks and approach channels, Columbia and Snake Rivers, Oregon and Washington.

(3486) (a) General. All locks, approach channels, and all lock appurtenances, shall be under the jurisdiction of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army, in charge of the locality. The district engineer may, after issuing a public notice and providing a 30-day opportunity for public comment, set (issue) a schedule for the daily lockage of recreational vessels. Recreational vessels are pleasure boats such a row, sail, or motor boats used for recreational purposes. Commercial vessels include licensed commercial passenger vessels operating on a published schedule or regularly operating in the "for hire" trade. Any recreational schedule shall provide for a minimum of one scheduled recreation lockage upstream and downstream (two lockages) each day. At the discretion of the district engineer, additional lockages may be scheduled. Each schedule and any changes to the schedule will be issued at least 30 days prior to implementation. Prior to issuing any schedule or any change to the schedule, the district engineer will consider all public comments and will evaluate the expected energy situation, water supply, and recreation use of the lock to determine the seasonal need for the schedule or change in schedule. The district engineer's representative at the locks shall be the project engineer, who shall issue orders and instructions to the lockmaster in charge of the lock. Hereinafter, the term "lockmaster" shall be used to designate the person in immediate charge of the lock at any given time. In case of emergency and on all routine work in connection with the operation of the lock, the lockmaster shall have authority to take action without waiting for instructions from the project engineer.

(3487) (b) Lockage Control. The Lock Master shall be charged with immediate control and management of the lock, and of the area set aside as the lock area, including the lock approach channels. Upstream and downstream approach channels extend to the end of the wing or the guide wall, whichever is longer. At Bonneville lock the upstream approach channel extends to the upstream end of Bradford Island and the downstream approach channel extends to the downstream end of the lower moorage. The Lock Master shall demand compliance with all laws, rules and regulations for the use of the lock and lock area and is authorized to issue necessary orders and directions, both to employees of the Government or to other persons within the limits of the lock or lock area, whether navigating the lock or not. Use of lock facilities is contingent upon compliance with regulations, Lock Master instructions, and the safety of people and property.

(3488) (c) Authority of Lock Master. No one shall initiate any movement of any vessel in the lock or approaches except by or under the direction of the Lock Master. ("Vessel" as used herein includes all connected units, tugs, barges, tows, boats or other floating objects.)

(3489) (d) Signals–(1) Radio. All locks are equipped with two-way FM radio operating on channel 14, frequency of 156.700 MHz, for both the calling channel and the working channel. Vessels equipped with two-way radio desiring a lockage shall call WUJ 33 Bonneville, WUJ 34 The Dalles, WUJ 35 John Day, WUJ 41 McNary, WUJ 42 Ice Harbor, WUJ 43 Lower Monumental, WUJ 44 Little Goose, or WUJ 45 Lower Granite, at least one-half hour in advance of arrival since the Lock Master is not in constant attendance of the locks. Channel 14 shall be monitored constantly in the vessel pilot house from the time the vessel enters the approach channel until its completion of exit. Prior to entering the lock chamber, the commercial freight or log-tow vessel operator shall report the nature of any cargo, the maximum length, width and draft of the vessel and whether the vessel is in any way hazardous because of its condition or the cargo it carries or has carried.

(3490) (2) Pull-cord signal stations. Pull-cord signal stations marked by large instructional signs and located near the end of the upstream and downstream lock entrance walls may be used in place of radios to signal the Lock Master for a lockage.

(3491) (3) Entering and exit signals. Signal lights are located outside each lock gate. When the green (go) light is on, all vessels will enter in the sequence prescribed by the Lock Master except at Bonneville where freight and log-tow vessels only will enter on the amber light. When the red (stop) light is on, the lock is not ready for

entrance and vessels shall stand clear. In addition to the above visual signals, the Lock Master will signal that the lock is ready for entrance by sounding one long blast on the lock air horn. The Lock Master will signal that the lock is ready for exit by lighting the green exit light and sounding one short blast on the air horn.

(3492) (4) Craft lockage-readiness signal. Upon query from Lock Master, a vessel operator will signal when he is properly moored and ready for the lockage to begin.

(3493) (e) Permissible dimensions of vessels. Nominal overall dimensions of vessels allowed in the lock chamber are 84 feet wide and 650 feet long, except at Bonneville where these dimensions are 74 feet wide and 500 feet long. Depth of water in the lock depends upon river levels which may vary from day to day. Staff gauges showing the minimum water level depth over gate sills are located inside the lock chamber near each lock gate and outside the lock chamber near the end of both upstream and downstream guide walls. Vessels which do not have a draft of at least one foot less than a gauge reading shall not pass that gauge. Information concerning allowable draft for vessel passage through the locks may be obtained from the Lock Master. Minimum lock chamber water level depth is 15 feet except at Ice Harbor where it is 14 feet and at Bonneville where it is 24.2 feet. When the river flow at Lower Granite exceeds 330,000 cubic feet per second the normal minimum 15-foot depth may be decreased to as little as eight feet. At Bonneville, a tow may be rearranged to less than clear lock dimensions (74 feet by 500 feet) prior to entering the lock, and be passed in one lockage. Such rearrangements at Bonneville may be done at the moorage in the downstream lock approach channel or above the upstream guide wall and with the Lock Master's permission at the upstream guide wall. In consideration of river and swing bridge traffic at Bonneville the Lock Master may authorize rearrangement of vessels within the lock chamber only when both miter gates at the open end of the lock are in their recesses in the lock walls and rearrangement will not be hazardous to them. Vessels wider than 50 feet will not be permitted to enter the Bonneville Lock during extreme high water when tailwater at the lock is higher than 35 feet above m.s.l. since the downstream guide wall will be inundated.

(3494) (f) Precedence at Lock. Subject to the order of precedence, the vessel or tow arriving first; at the lock will be locked through first, however, this precedence may be modified at the discretion of the lockmaster. If immediate passage is required, lockage of vessels owned or operated by the United States shall take precedence. The precedence of all other vessels shall be as follows:

(3495) (1) When a recreational vessel lockage schedule is in effect, at the appointed time for lockage of recreation craft, recreation craft shall take precedence; however, commercial vessels may be locked through with recreation craft if safety and space permit. At other than the appointed time, the lockage of commercial and tow vessels shall take precedence and recreational craft may (only) lock through with commercial vessels only as provided in Paragraph (h) of this sections.

(3496) (2) If a recreational vessel lockage schedule is not in effect, commercial and tow vessels shall take precedence. Recreational craft may be locked through with commercial craft. If no commercial vessels are scheduled to be locked through within a reasonable time, not to exceed one hour after the arrival of the recreational vessels at the lock, the recreational vessel may be locked through separately. If a combined lockage cannot be arranged, the recreational craft shall be locked through after waiting three commercial lockages.

(3497) (g) Loss of turn. Vessels that fail to enter the lock with reasonable promptness, after being authorized to do so, shall lose their turn.

(3498) (h) Lockage.–(1) Multiple lockage. The Lock Master shall decide whether one or more vessels or tows may be locked through at the same time. Vessels with flammable or highly hazardous cargo will be passed separately from all other vessels. Hazardous materials are described in Part 171, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations. Flammable materials are defined in the National Fire Code of the National Fire Protection Association.

(3499) (2) Recreational craft. By mutual agreement of (all parties,) the lockmaster and captains of the vessels involved, recreational vessels may be locked through with commercial vessels. Under the recreational vessel schedule, separate lockage will not be made by recreational vessels except in accordance with the recreational lockage schedule or when circumstances warrant, such as in an emergency. When recreational craft are locked simultaneously with commercial vessels, the recreational vessel will enter the lock chamber after the commercial vessel is secured in the chamber and when practicable will depart while the commercial vessel remains secured.

(3500) (3) Special schedules. Recreational boating groups may request special schedules by contacting the district engineer. The schedule for the daily lockage of recreational vessels will indicate the number of boats required for a special schedule and how many days' notice is required in order to arrange a special schedule.

(3501) (i) Mooring in approaches prohibited. Mooring or anchoring in the approaches to the lock is prohibited where such mooring will interfere with navigation.

(3502) (j) Waiting for Lockage. Vessels waiting for lockage shall wait in the clear outside of the lock approach channel, or contingent upon permission by the Lock

Master, may at their own risk, lie inside the approach channel at a place specified by the Lock Master. At Bonneville, vessels may at their own risk, lay-to at the downstream moorage facility on the south shore downstream from the guide wall: Provided, That a 100-foot-wide open channel is maintained and vessels upstream may lay-to against the guide wall, at their own risk, provided they remain not less than 400 feet upstream of the upstream lock gate; or contingent upon prior radio clearance by the Lock Master they may, at their own risk, tie to the upstream guide wall.

(3503) (k) Mooring in lock. All vessels must be moored within the lock chamber so that no portion of any vessel extends beyond the lines painted on the lock walls. Moorage within the lock chamber will be to floating mooring bits only and will be accomplished in a proper no-slip manner. Small vessels will not be locked with a large vessel unless the large vessel is so moored (two mooring bits) that no lateral movement is possible. The vessel operator will constantly monitor the position of his vessel and his mooring bit ties to assure that there is no fore or aft movement of his vessel and lateral movement is minimized. Propulsion by vessels within the lock chamber will not be permitted during closure operation of a lock chamber gate or as otherwise directed by the Lock Master.

(3504) (1) Crew to move craft. During the entire lockage, the vessel operator shall constantly attend the wheelhouse, be aware of the vessel's position, and monitor radio channel 14 on frequency 156.700 MHz, or otherwise be constantly able to communicate with the Lock Master. At a minimum, vessels shall be as vigilantly manned as if underway.

(3505) (m) Speed. Vessels shall be adequately powered to maintain a safe speed and be under control at all times. Vessels shall not be raced or crowded alongside another in the approach channels. When entering the lock, speed shall be reduced to a minimum consistent with safe navigation. As a general rule, when a number of vessels are entering the lock, the following vessel shall remain at least 200 feet astern of the vessel ahead.

(3506) (n) Delay in lock. Vessels shall not unnecessarily delay any operation of the locks.

(3507) (o) Landing of freight. No freight, baggage, personnel, or passengers shall be landed on or over the walls of the lock, except by permission and direction of the Lock Master.

(3508) (p) Damage to lock or other structures. The regulations in this section shall not relieve owners and/or operators of vessels from liability for any damage to the lock or other structures or for the immediate removal of any obstruction. No vessel in less than stable floating condition or having unusual sinking potential shall enter the locks or its approaches. Vessels must use great care not to strike any part of the lock, any gate or appurtenance thereto, or machinery for operating the gates, or the walls protecting the banks of the approach channels. All vessels with projecting irons, or rough surfaces which may damage the gates or lock walls, shall not enter the lock unless provided with suitable buffers and fenders. Vessels having chains, lines, or drags either hanging over the sides or ends or dragging on the bottom for steering or other purposes will not be permitted to pass.

(3509) (q) Tows. Prior to a lockage, the person in charge of a vessel towing a second vessel by lines shall, at a safe distance outside of the incoming approach channel, secure the second vessel to the towing vessel and keep it secured during the entire course of a lockage and until safely clear of the outgoing approach channel.

(3510) (r) Violation of regulations. Any violation of these regulations may subject the owner or master of any vessel to any or all of the following: (1) Penalties prescribed by law of the United States Government (33 U.S.C. 1); (2) Report of violation to the titled owner of the vessel; (3) Report of violation to the U.S. Coast Guard; (4) Refusal of lockage at the time of violation.

(3511) (s) Refuse in locks. No material of any kind shall be thrown or discharged into the lock, or be deposited in the lock area. Vessels leaking or spilling cargo will be refused lockage and suitable reports will be made to the U.S. Coast Guard. Deck cargo will be so positioned so as not to be subject to falling overboard.

(3512) (t) Handling valves, gates, bridges, and machinery. No person, unless authorized by the Lock Master, shall open or close any bridge, gate, valve, or operate any machinery in connection with the lock. However, the Lock Master may call for assistance from the master of any vessel using the lock, should such aid be necessary; and when rendering such assistance, the person so employed shall be directly under the orders of the Lock Master. Masters of vessels refusing to provide such assistance when it is requested of them may be denied the use of the lock by the Lock Master.

(3513) (u) (Reserved)

(3514) (v) (Reserved)

(3515) (w) Restricted areas. No vessel shall enter or remain in any restricted area at any time without first obtaining permission from the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army, or his duly authorized representative.

(3516) (1) *At Bonneville Lock and Dam.* The water restricted to all vessels, except Government vessels, are described as all waters of the Columbia River and Bradford Slough within 1,000 feet above the first powerhouse, spillway, and second powerhouse (excluding the new navigation lock channel) and all waters below the first powerhouse, spillway, second powerhouse, and old

navigation lock. This is bounded by a line commencing from the westernmost tip of Robins Island on the Oregon side of the river and running in a South 65 degrees West direction a distance of approximately 2,100 feet to a point 50 feet upstream of the Hamilton Island Boat Ramp on the Washington shore. Signs designate the restricted areas. The approach channel to the new navigation lock is outside the restricted area.

(3517) (2) *At the Dalles Dam*. The waters restricted to only Government vessels are described as all downstream waters other than those of the navigation lock downstream approach channel which lie between the Wasco County Bridge and the project axis including those waters between the powerhouse and the Oregon shore and all upstream waters other than those of the navigation lock upstream approach channel which lie between the project axis and a line projected from the upstream end of the navigation lock guide wall to the junction of the concrete structure with the earth fill section of the dam near the upstream end of the powerhouse.

(3518) (3) *At the John Day Dam*. The waters restricted to only Government vessels are described as all of the waters within a distance of about 1,000 yards above the dam lying south of the navigation channel leading to the lock and bounded by a line commencing at the upstream end of the guide wall, and running in a direction 54°01'37" true for a distance of 771 yards, thence 144°01'37" true across the river to the south shoreline. The downstream limit is marked by orange and white striped monuments on the north and south shores.

(3519) (4) *At McNary Lock and Dam*. The waters restricted to all vessels, except to Government vessels, are described as all waters commencing at the upstream end of the Oregon fish ladder thence running in the direction of 39°28' true for a distance of 540 yards; thence 7°49' true for a distance of 1,078 yards; thence 227° 10' for a distance of 468 yards to the upstream end of the navigation lock guidewall. The downstream limits commence at the downstream end of the navigation lock guidewall thence to the south (Oregon) shore at right angles and parallel to the axis of the dam. Signs designate the restricted areas.

(3520) (5) *At Ice Harbor Lock and Dam*. The waters restricted to all vessels, except Government vessels, are described as all waters within a distance of about 800 yards upstream of the dam lying south of the navigation lock and bound by the line commencing at the upstream end of the guidewall, and running a direction of 91°10' true for a distance of 575 yards; thence 162° 45' to the south shore, a distance of about 385 yards. The downstream limits commencing at the downstream end of the guidewall; thence to the south shore, at right angles and parallel to the axis of the dam. Signs designate the restricted areas.

(3521) (6) *At Lower Monumental Lock and Dam*. The waters restricted to all vessels, except Government vessels, are described as all waters commencing at the upstream of the navigation lock guidewall and running in a direction of 46°25' true for a distance of 344 yards; thence 326°19' true for a distance of 362 yards; thence 243°19' true for a distance of 218 yards; thence 275°59' true to the north shore a distance of about 290 yards. The downstream limits commence at the downstream end of the navigation lock guidewall; thence to the north shore, at right angles and parallel to the axis of the dam. Signs designate the restricted areas.

(3522) (7) *At Little Goose Lock and Dam*. The waters restricted to all vessels, except Government vessels, are described as all waters commencing at the upstream of the navigation lock guidewall and running in a direction of 60°37' true for a distance of 676 yards; thence 345°26' true to the north shore. The downstream limits commence 512 yards downstream and at right angles to the axis of the dam on the south shore; thence parallel to the axis of the dam to the north shore. Signs designate the restricted areas.

(3523) (8) *At Lower Granite Lock and Dam*. The waters restricted to all vessels, except Government vessels, are described as all waters commencing at the upstream of the navigation lock guidewall thence running in the direction of 131°31' true for a distance of 608 yards; thence 210° 46' true to the south shore, a distance of about 259 yards. The downstream limits commence at the downstream end of navigation lock guidewall; thence to the south shore, at right angles and parallel to the axis of the dam. Signs designate the restricted areas.

(3524) Drawings which depict the hazardous and restricted areas in paragraphs (v) and (w) of this section are available from the District Engineers for areas within their respective jurisdictions.

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(3525) (a) *Waterway connecting Port Townsend and Oak Bay; use, administration and navigation–*

(3526) (1) *Works to which the regulations apply*. The "canal grounds" when used in this Paragraph shall mean that area between the south end of the jetties in Oak Bay and the northern end of the dredge channel approximately 400 yards northwest of Port Townsend Canal Light. The "canal" is the water lying between these limits and the banks containing the same.

(3527) (2) (Reserved)

(3528) (3) *Trading, landing, etc*. No business, loading, or landing of freight or baggage will be allowed on or over the canal piers or bulkheads.

(3529) (4) *Refuse*. No person shall throw material of any kind into the canal.

(3530) (5) (Reserved)

(3531) (6) *Obstructions*. On the canal's being obstructed by a vessel, raft, or other craft, by sinking, grounding or otherwise, the District Engineer, Seattle, shall be notified by telephone or telegraph as soon as possible by the person in charge of the obstructing vessel, raft, or craft.

(3532) (b) *Lake Washington Ship Canal; use, administration and navigation–*

(3533) (1) *Definitions*. The term "canal" as used in the regulations in this Paragraph shall include the water area in the locks and the channel and adjacent waters from a point 5,500 feet northwest of the Burlington Northern, Inc. railway bridge to the east end of the channel opposite Webster Point, Lake Washington. The term "canal grounds" shall include all grounds set aside for the use of the canal or occupied in its construction.

(3534) (2) **Supervision**. The canal and all its appurtenances shall be under the supervision of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, Seattle. The District Engineer will detail as many assistants as may be necessary for the efficient operation of the canal and the enforcement of the regulations in this Paragraph. The movement of all vessels and other floating things in the canal and approaches thereto shall be under the direction of the District Engineer and his authorized assistants. All orders given under the regulations to any master or person in charge of any vessel, raft, or other watercraft by the District Engineer or his authorized assistants, either in person or through any canal operative, shall be acknowledged and obeyed. Failure to see, understand, or comply with signals or instructions shall constitute a violation of the regulations. Any person refusing to comply with the regulations or any orders given in pursuance thereof may be denied the privileges of the canal or canal grounds.

(3535) (3) *Speed*. To avoid damage to other vessels and to property along the shores, all vessels shall proceed at reduced speed in the canal as follows:

(3536) (i) From the west entrance of the Lake Washington Ship Canal to the western end of the west guide pier of the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks, and from the east end of the easternmost guide pier of said Locks to the white flashing dolphin located south of Webster Point on Lake Washington, including all of Salmon Bay, Lake Union, Portage Bay, and Union Bay, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate any watercraft or vessel at a speed in excess of 7 nautical miles per hour within 200 feet of any shoreline, pier, restricted area or shore installation.

(3537) (ii) From the western end of the aforesaid west guide pier to the eastern end of the aforesaid east guide pier at said Locks, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate any watercraft or vessel at a speed in excess of 4 nautical miles per hour.

(3538) **NOTE**. Signs are located along the canal to indicate permissible speeds.

(3539) (4) *Traffic signal lights*. In addition to the lock signal lights described in Paragraph (g)(5)(ii) of this section, a red light, and a green light are installed on the west side of the Ballard Bridge, on the east side of the Fremont Bridge, 1,000 feet west of the Montlake Bridge, and 1,000 feet east of the Montlake Bridge, for the guidance of vessels approaching the sections of the canal between Salmon Bay and Lake Union and between Lake Union and Lake Washington, respectively. Vessels of 300 gross tons and over and all vessels with tows, except as hereinafter provided, shall not pass the red lights. The green lights will indicate that vessels may proceed. Vessels of less than 300 gross tons without tows may disregard these signals, but they shall travel at very slow speed when passing other vessels. Vessels of 300 gross tons and over and vessels with tows, except logs, whose destination is easterly between the Ballard Bridge and a point 2,500 feet east of the Ballard Bridge, may pass the red signals on the Ballard Bridge, provided, such passage will not interfere with approaching traffic.

(3540) (5) *Approaching and passing through locks–*

(3541) (i) *Signals for locks*. Vessels with tows desiring to use the locks shall so indicate by two long and three short blasts of a whistle, horn or megaphone. All other vessels desiring to use the locks shall so indicate by two long and two short blasts. NOTE: The term "long blasts" means blasts of four seconds duration, and the term "short blasts" means blasts of one second duration.

(3542) (ii) *Lock signal lights*. Red and green signal lights are installed on the guide pier west of the Burlington Northern, Inc. railway bridge below the locks. The green light will indicate to vessels bound for the large lock that the lock has been made ready. If the red light is burning, vessels bound for the large lock shall moor at the pier. Vessels bound for the small lock shall be guided into the small lock by traffic signals thereon. The masters of all vessels approaching the locks from Puget Sound shall be alert to receive and shall immediately comply with instructions by voice or signal from the employee on the west pier.

(3543) (iii) *Precedence at locks*. All vessels approaching the locks shall stop at the points indicated by signs placed on the canal piers or as directed by a lockman until ordered to proceed into the lock. Unless otherwise directed by the District Engineer or his authorized assistants, vessels owned or operated by the United States or the City of Seattle and passenger vessels operating on a regular schedule shall have precedence over all others in passing through the locks. Registered merchant vessels shall have precedence over pleasure craft,

which shall pass through in the order of their arrival at the locks, and both shall have precedence over vessels towing floated timber or logs. Tows of floated timber and logs may be denied the use of the locks during certain hours when both locks are busy passing other traffic. However, advance notice will be given towboat companies as to the periods when log tows will be denied lockage.

(3544) (iv) *Entering locks*. Masters of vessels shall exercise the greatest care when entering either lock. The forward movement of vessels while taking position in the locks shall be very slow, and boats entering the small lock shall reduce their speed to not more than two and one-half miles per hour when within 200 feet of the outer gate and come to practically a full stop before entering the lock so that in case the engine mechanism fails to operate properly the momentum of the boat may be stopped easily by its lines. The masters of vessels entering either lock from either direction shall be alert to receive and shall immediately comply with instructions by voice or signal from the lock attendants.

(3545) (v) *Mooring in locks*. Vessels entering the locks shall be equipped with adequate lines, at least 50 feet in length being required fore and aft. While in the large lock vessels and rafts will be moored at the top of the lock wall. While in the small lock vessels shall be moored to the floating mooring wall. Lines shall not be released until the signal has been given by the lock force to leave the lock, after which there shall be no delay in leaving. All vessels not equipped to handle tie-up lines with power winches shall be equipped with suitable mooring lines of manila, or other suitable fiber, of sufficient size and strength to hold the vessel against the currents to be met within the lock chamber. The use of wire rope for tie-up by vessels not equipped to handle such lines with power winches is prohibited. Vessels may be denied the use of the locks if their lines are not in good condition, or if the mooring bits on barges are not accessible or are not equipped to prevent lines from slipping off when the water is lowered in the lock. All vessels entering the locks should have, in addition to the master, at least one person on deck to handle lines. Mates and deckhands, when preparing to moor within the lock chambers, should not throw heavy mooring lines at the lockmen on the walls, but should wait for a heaving line to be passed to them unless otherwise directed. All towboat crews, while locking or moving a tow out of the lock chamber, should station themselves so as to preclude the possibility of being injured by the parting of cable or lines under strain. Persons attempting to take vessels through the locks without assistance on deck may be required to wait until the lock is clear of other traffic before passing through. All operators of vessels are especially cautioned to use extreme care while crowded in the locks to avoid accident or fire on their boats. Under no circumstances will small craft, such as rowboats, launches and houseboats, or any other type of pleasure boats, be locked through with barges used for carrying any type of petroleum product or other hazardous material. At the discretion of the lockmaster, small craft as described above may be locked through with barge tows containing other than dangerous material. Operators of small vessels and larger vessels operating in the proximity of each other shall be alert to the danger arising from the limited maneuverability of the larger vessels, and shall exercise all precautions to prevent accident.

(3546) (6) *Damage to locks or other structures*.

(3547) (i) The regulations in this Paragraph shall not affect the liability of the owners and operators of vessels for any damage caused by their operations to the locks or other structures. The sides and corners of all vessels and rafts passing through the locks should be free from spikes or projections of any kind which might damage the locks or other structures. Vessels with appurtenances or projections which might damage the locks or other structures shall be fitted with adequate fenders. Lockage of leaking vessels or vessels with overhanging loads may be refused. Such barge or craft shall be moored in a location outside of the channel approach to the lock so as to not interfere with passing navigation. Vessels of unusual dimensions, or other characteristics which, in the opinion of the lockmaster, pose a threat to the integrity or safety of the locks or canal will be refused passage until written permission to pass is provided by the District Engineer. Sufficient written data and drawings shall be provided the District Engineer that an engineering determination can be made as to the safety of the vessel. The District Engineer shall have the right to inspect any such vessels prior to passage. The operators of all vessels shall use care to avoid striking the guide walls or other structures pertaining to the canal.

(3548) (ii) In the interest of safety and fire prevention, all woven rope fenders used with barges carrying flammable cargo should be water-soaked or otherwise fireproofed prior to entering the lock approaches.

(3549) (iii) Burning fenders should be dropped overboard immediately rather than being placed on the deck of a barge or towboat.

(3550) (iv) A minimum of one man with a portable fender shall be stationed at the head end of every tow of hazardous cargo and at the aft end if the lockmaster so directs so as to protect the lock and guide walls from damage while entering or departing the lock structures.

(3551) (v) All cylinders or containers holding gases under pressure, or any other chemical or substance, shall be securely fastened to the hull of the vessel to prevent their rolling overboard into the lock chamber and becoming a hazard.

(3552) (vi) All containers holding paint, gasoline or other volatile materials shall be securely fastened with tight-fitting covers. To preclude a concentration of potentially explosive vapors, no paint will be allowed to be applied to the exterior of vessel hulls, houses, machinery or other equipment while the vessels are in the lock chamber.

(3553) (vii) All hatches of tank barges must be closed prior to entering lock. Tank barges with open hatch or hatches will be denied lockage.

(3554) (viii) No smoking will be permitted aboard vessels with cargoes of fuel or explosives.

(3555) (ix) All vessels carrying hazardous cargoes shall so be identified with the lockmaster. They shall be in compliance with Department of Transportation (U.S. Coast Guard) regulations (46 CFR 30-40, 146-154 and 49 CFR 171-179) and shall accordingly carry required markings. All DOT safety regulations for transit of hazardous cargoes shall be adhered to, whether or not specifically cited or duplicated herein.

(3556) (7) (Reserved)

(3557) (8) *Rafts*. (i) No log raft exceeding 700 feet in length or 76 feet in width shall pass through the canal. Boom sticks shall be smooth, with rounded ends, and securely tied together with cables, chains, or log swifters to prevent the raft from spreading while in the lock. Rafts containing logs that do not float above water for their entire length, or are in danger of being submerged when they enter fresh water, shall not be towed in the canal until such logs are securely fastened so as to prevent their escape from the raft.

(3558) (ii) Whenever required, log rafts passing in through the lock will be given a number that shall be fastened on one of the logs in the raft. This number will identify the raft and shall not be removed until the logs are used.

(3559) (iii) Two floats are maintained in Shilshole Bay near the entrance of the canal channel to facilitate the handling of logs in the canal. Rafts bound for the canal may be moored at one of these floats, only the portion of the raft that is to be taken through at a single lockage being brought into the canal. The remainder of the raft may be left at the float until the first portion has been towed to its destination above the lock.

(3560) (9) *Tows*. All vessels engaged in towing shall use tow lines of the least practicable length and shall have full control of their tows at all times. Towing more than one craft abreast is forbidden if the total width of the tow, including the towboat, exceeds 70 feet.

(3561) (10) *Obstructing navigation*. (i) All vessels and tows passing through the canal shall be kept as close as practicable to the center or, when safer, to the right side of the waterway, except when passing other craft or preparing to moor at a pier or wharf. Slowly moving log rafts, tows, or vessels shall, whenever practicable, pull out of the way when meeting other vessels or when other traffic proceeding in the same direction desires to pass. Vessels are forbidden to obstruct the canal in any way or to delay by slow passage through the canal the progress of other vessels. Small and readily maneuverable vessels operating in the vicinity of larger, less maneuverable vessels shall, in all cases, keep clear and operate with caution in order that the large vessels may maintain safe steerage way and that hazards to all vessels may be reduced. All vessels shall operate with extreme caution and movements shall be made only when adequate precautions for the safety of other vessels and property are being effectively employed.

(3562) (ii) The placing of logs, vessels, or other floating objects within the limits of the dredged channels or anywhere in the canal where they may interfere with navigation to or from piers or industrial plants is prohibited.

(3563) (11) *Turning*. Vessels exceeding 100 feet in length shall not turn around, or attempt to turn around, in the concrete revetted portions of the canal at the Fremont Cut or Portage Cut sections of the canal.

(3564) (12) *Excessive working of propellers or engines*. Excessive working of the propellers of a vessel for purposes of testing or for other purposes when this creates objectionable or dangerous currents in the canal is forbidden. In case of grounding, the rapid or strong working of the vessel's engines is forbidden.

(3565) (13) *Landing or mooring*. No business, trading, or landing of passengers, freight, or baggage will be allowed on or over the canal piers or lock walls, or over the piers or grounds forming a part of the canal or its appurtenances. All persons in charge of or employed on any boat are prohibited from landing or mooring such boat at any of the canal piers, unless in transit through the canal or specially permitted to do so by the District Engineer or his authorized assistants.

(3566) (14) *Deposit of refuse*. The deposit, either from watercraft or from the shore, of any oil or refuse matter in the canal or upon the canal grounds is prohibited, nor shall water discharged from the side of a vessel be allowed to spill on the lock wall.

(3567) (15) *Aids to navigation*. Persons in charge of log rafts or other tows, and the masters of vessels and boats using the canal, shall keep a careful watch when passing buoys or other aids to navigation and promptly report to the District Engineer or his authorized assistants any displacement or damage to such aids.

(3568) **Note:** Aids to navigation and other related data are shown on Nautical Chart No. 18447 published by the National Ocean Service.

(3569) (16) *Operation of salt water barrier in the large lock of the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks.*

(3570) (i) A salt water barrier is installed across the east end of the large lock. This barrier, while in the depressed position, reduces the depth of the water available at the east end of this chamber from 36 feet to 33.75 feet at low lake elevation (20 feet above MLLW). In the raised position, the depth of water will be reduced to 16 feet. In comparison, the depth of water available for navigation at the west end of the large lock chamber is 29 feet at mean lower low water. The purpose of this barrier is to reduce salt water intrusion into Lake Washington through normal operations of the locks.

(3571) (ii) The least depth of water available over the barrier when raised will be shown on signs placed near the ends of the guide piers to the large lock. A yellow light mounted on these signs will be lighted only while the barrier is in a raised position.

(3572) (iii) Vessels transiting the lock from east to west having draft requirements that exceed the water depth available over the barrier will advise the lockmaster by sounding one long and two short blasts of a horn or whistle. When the yellow light is extinguished on the signboard, the operator of the vessel may assume the barrier has been lowered.

(3573) (iv) Vessels transiting the lock from west to east having draft requirements that exceed the depth available over the intrusion barrier will advise the lockmaster by sounding one long and two short blasts of a horn or whistle. A yellow light mounted on a standard on the south lock wall and opposite the intrusion barrier will be lighted only when the barrier is in the raised position.

(3574) (v) It shall be the responsibility of the vessel operator to satisfy himself of the position of this barrier prior to passing over it.

(3575) (c) *West Waterway, Seattle Harbor; navigation.*

(3576) (1) The movement of vessels of 250 gross tons or over and all vessels with tows of any kind through the narrow section of West Waterway between the bend at Fisher's Flour Mill dock and the bend at the junction of East Waterway with Duwamish Waterway, and through the draws of the City of Seattle and Northern Pacific Railway Company bridges crossing this narrow section, shall be governed by red and green traffic signal lights mounted on the north and south sides of the west tower of the City Light power crossing at West Spokane Street.

(3577) (2) Two green lights, one vertically above the other, displayed ahead of a vessel, shall indicate that the waterway is clear. Two red lights, one vertically above the other, displayed ahead of a vessel, shall indicate that the waterway is not clear.

(3578) (3) A vessel approaching the narrow section and drawbridges from either end of the waterway shall give one long blast of a whistle and shall not enter the narrow section until green lights are displayed.

(3579) (4) One vessel may follow another vessel in either direction, but the channel shall not be kept open in the same direction for an unreasonable time if a vessel is waiting at the other end.

(3580) (5) Tugs, launches, and small craft shall keep close to one side of the channel when vessels or boats with tows are passing.

(3581) (6) All craft shall proceed with caution. The display of a green light is not a guarantee that the channel is clear of traffic, and neither the United States nor the City of Seattle will be responsible for any damage to vessels or other property which may be chargeable to mistakes in the operation of the signal lights or to their failure to operate.

§207.800 Collection of navigation statistics.

(3582) (a) *Definitions*. For the purpose of this regulation the following terms are defined:

(3583) (1) *Navigable waters of the United States* means those waters of the United States that are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide shoreward to the mean high water mark, and/or are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible to use to transport interstate or foreign commerce. (See 33 CFR part 329 for a more complete definition of this term.)

(3584) (2) *Offenses and Violations* mean:

(3585) (i) Failure to submit a required report.

(3586) (ii) Failure to provide a timely, accurate, and complete report.

(3587) (iii) Failure to submit monthly listings of idle vessels or vessels in transit.

(3588) (iv) Failure to submit a report required by the lockmaster or canal operator.

(3589) (3) *Leased or chartered vessel* means a vessel that is leased or chartered when the owner relinquishes control of the vessel through a contractual agreement with a second party for a specified period of time and/or for a specified remuneration from the lessee. Commercial movements on an affreightment basis are not considered a lease or charter of a particular vessel.

(3590) (4) *Person or entity* means an individual, corporation, partnership, or company.

(3591) (5) *Timely* means vessel and commodity movement data must be received by the Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center within 30 days after the close of the month in which the vessel movement or nonmovement takes place.

(3592) (6) *Commercial vessel* means a vessel used in transporting by water, either merchandise or passengers for compensation or hire, or in the course of business of the owner, lessee, or operator of the vessel.

(3593) (7) *Reporting situation* means a vessel movement by an operator that is required to be reported. Typical examples are listed in the instructions on the various ENG Forms. Five typical movements that are required to be reported by vessel operating companies included the following examples: Company A is the barge owner, and the barge transports corn from Minneapolis, MN to New Orleans, LA, with fleeting at Cairo, IL.

(3594) (i) *Lease/Charter*: If Company A leases or charters the barge to Company B, then Company B is responsible for reporting the movements of the barge until the lease/charter expires.

(3595) (ii) *Interline Movement*: A barge is towed from Minneapolis to Cairo by Company A, and from Cairo to New Orleans by Company B. Since Company A is the barge owner, and the barge is not leased. Company A reports the entire movement of the barge with an origin of Minneapolis and a destination of New Orleans.

(3596) (iii) *Vessel Swap/Trade*: Company A swaps barge with Company B to allow Company B to meet a delivery commitment to New Orleans. Since Company A has not leased/chartered the barge, Company A is responsible for filing the report. Company B is responsible for filing the report on the barge which is traded to Company A. The swap or trade will not affect the primary responsibility for reporting the individual vessel movements.

(3597) (iv) *Re-Consignment*: Barge is reconsigned to Mobile, AL. Company A reports the movements as originating in Minneapolis and terminating in Mobile. The point from which barge is reconsigned is not reported, only points of loading and unloading.

(3598) (v) *Fleeting*: Barge is deposited at a New Orleans fleeting area by Company A and towed by Company B from fleeting area to New Orleans area dock for unloading. Company A, as barge owner, reports entire movements from Minneapolis to the unloading dock in New Orleans. Company B does not report any barge movement.

(3599) (b) Implementation of the waterborne commerce statistics provisions of the River and Harbor Act of 1922, as amended by the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-662), mandates the following.

(3600) (1) Filing Requirements. Except as provided in Paragraph (b)(2) of this section, the person or entity receiving remuneration for the movement of vessels or for the transportation of goods or passengers on the navigable waters is responsible for assuring that the activity report of commercial vessels is timely filed.

(3601) (i) For vessels under lease/charter agreements, the lessee or chartered of any commercial vessel engaged in commercial transportation will be responsible for the filing of said reports until the lease/charter expires.

(3602) (ii) The vessels owner, or his designated agent, is always the responsible party for ensuring that all commercial activity of the vessel is timely reported.

(3603) (2) The following Vessel Information Reports are to be filed with the Army Corps of Engineers, at the address specified on the ENG Form, and are to include:

(3604) (i) Monthly Reports. These reports shall be made on ENG Forms furnished upon written request of the vessel operating companies to the Army Corps of Engineers. The forms are available at the following address: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center, P.O. Box 61280, New Orleans, LA 70161-1280.

(3605) (A) All movements of domestic waterborne commercial vessels shall be reported, including but not limited to: Dry cargo ship and tanker moves, loaded and empty barge moves, towboat moves, with or without barges in tow, fishing vessels, movements of crew boats and supply boats to offshore locations, tugboat moves and movements of newly constructed vessels from the shipyard to the point of delivery.

(3606) (B) Vessels idle during the month must also be reported.

(3607) (C) Notwithstanding the above requirements, the following waterborne vessel movements need not be reported:

(3608) (1) Movements of recreational vessels.

(3609) (2) Movements of fire, police, and patrol vessels.

(3610) (3) Movements of vessels exclusively engaged in construction (e.g., piledrivers and crane barges). **Note:** however, that movements of supplies, materials, and crews to or from the construction site must be timely reported.

(3611) (4) Movements of dredges to or from the dredging site. However, vessel movements of dredge material from the dredging site to the disposal site must be reported.

(3612) (5) Specific movements granted exemption in writing by the Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center.

(3613) (D) ENG Forms 3925 and 3925b shall be completed and filed by vessel operating companies each month for all voyages or vessel movements completed during the month. Vessels that did not complete a move during the month shall be reported as idle or in transit.

(3614) (E) The vessel operating company may request a waiver from the Army Corp of Engineers, and upon written approval by the Waterborne Commerce Center, the company may be allowed to provide the requisite information of the above Paragraph (D), on computer

printouts, magnetic tape, diskettes, or alternate medium approved by the Center.

(3615) (F) Harbor Maintenance Tax information is required on ENG Form 3925 for cargo movements into or out of ports that are subject to the provisions of section 1402 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-662).

(3616) (1) The name of the shipper of the commodity, and the shipper's Internal Revenue Service number or Social Security number, must be reported on the form.

(3617) (2) If a specific exemption applies to the shipper, the shipper should list the appropriate exemption code. The specific exemption codes are listed in the directions for ENG Form 3925.

(3618) (3) Refer to 19 CFR part 24 for detailed information on exemptions and ports subject to the Harbor Maintenance Tax.

(3619) (ii) Annual Reports. Annually an inventory of vessels available for commercial carriage of domestic commerce and vessel characteristics must be filed on ENG Forms 3931 and 3932.

(3620) (iii) Transaction Reports. The sale, charter, or lease of vessels to other companies must also be reported to assure that proper decisions are made regarding each company's duty for reporting vessel movements during the year. In the absence of notification of the transaction, the former company of record remains responsible until proper notice is received by the Corps.

(3621) (iv) Reports to Lockmasters and Canal Operators. Masters of self-propelled non-recreational vessels which pass through locks and canals operated by the Army Corps of Engineers will provide the data specified on ENG Forms 3102b, 3102c, and/or 3102d to the lockmaster, canal operator, or his designated representative in the manner and detail dictated.

(3622) (c) *Penalties for Noncompliance*. The following penalties for noncompliance can be assessed for offenses and violations.

(3623) (1) *Criminal Penalties*. Every person or persons violating the provisions of this regulation shall, for each and very offenses, be liable to a fine of not more than $5,000, or imprisonment not exceeding two months, to be enforced in any district court in the United States within whose territorial jurisdiction such offense may have been committed.

(3624) (2) *Civil Penalties*. In addition, any person or entity that fails to provide timely, accurate, and complete statements or reports required to be submitted by this regulation may also be assessed a civil penalty of up to $2,500 per violation under 33 U.S.C. 555, as amended.

(3625) (3) *Denial of Passage*. In addition to these fines, penalties, and imprisonments, the lockmaster or canal operator can refuse to allow vessel passage.

(3626) (d) *Enforcement Policy*. Every means at the disposal of the Army Corps of Engineers will be utilized to monitor and enforce these regulations.

(3627) (1) To identify vessel operating companies that should be reporting waterborne commerce data. The Corps will make use of, but is not limited to, the following sources.

(3628) (i) Data on purchase and sale of vessels.

(3629) (ii) U.S. Coast Guard vessel documentation and reports.

(3630) (iii) Data collected at Locks, Canals, and other facilities operated by the Corps.

(3631) (iv) Data provided by terminals on ENG Form 3926.

(3632) (v) Data provided by the other Federal agencies including the Internal Revenue Service, Customs Service, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, and Department of Commerce.

(3633) (vi) Data provided by ports, local facilities, and State or local governments.

(3634) (vii) Data from trade journals and publications.

(3635) (viii) Site visits and inspections.

(3636) (2) Notice of Violation. Once a reporting violation is determined to have occurred, the Chief of the Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center will notify the responsibility party and allow 30 days for the reports to be filed after the fact. If the reports are not filed within this 30-day notice period, then appropriate civil or criminal actions will be undertaken by the Army Corps of Engineers, including the proposal of civil or criminal penalties for noncompliance. Typical cases for criminal or civil action include, but not limited to, those violations which are willful, repeated, or have a substantial impact in the opinion of the Chief of the Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center.

(3637) (3) Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties. Civil penalties may be assessed in the following manner.

(3638) (i) Authorization. If the Chief of the Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center finds that a person or entity has failed to comply with any of the provisions specified herein, he is authorized to assess a civil penalty in accordance with the Class I penalty provisions of 33 CFR part 326. Provided, however, that the procedures in 33 CFR part 326 specifically implementing the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1319(g)(4)), public notice, comment period, and state coordination, shall not apply.

(3639) (ii) Initiation. The Chief of the Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center will prepare and process a proposed civil penalty order which shall state the amount of the penalty to be assessed, describe by reasonable specificity the nature of the violation and indicate the applicable provisions of 33 CFR part 326.

(3640) (iii) Hearing Requests. Recipients of a proposed civil penalty order may file a written request for a hearing or other proceeding. This request shall be as specified in 33 CFR part 326 and shall be addressed to the Director of the Water Resources Support Center, Casey Building, Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060-5586, who will provide the requesting person or entity with a reasonable opportunity to present evidence regarding the issuance modification, or revocation of the proposed order. Thereafter, the Director of the Water Resources Center shall issue a final order.

(3641) (4) Additional Remedies. Appropriate cases may also be referred to the local U.S. Attorney for prosecution, penalty collection, injunctive, and other relief by the Chief of the Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center.

Part 334–Danger Zones and Restricted Area Regulations

§334.1 Purpose.

(3642) The purpose of this part is to:

(3643) (a) Prescribe procedures for establishing, amending and disestablishing danger zones and restricted area;

(3644) (b) List the specific danger zones and restricted areas and their boundaries; and

(3645) (c) Prescribe specific requirements, access limitations and controlled activities within the danger zones and restricted areas.

§334.2 Definitions.

(3646) (a) Danger zone. A defined water area (or areas) used for target practice, bombing, rocket firing or other especially hazardous operations, normally for the armed forces. The danger zones may be closed to the public on a full-time or intermittent basis, as stated in the regulations.

(3647) (b) Restricted area. A defined water area for the purpose of prohibiting or limiting public access to the area. Restricted areas generally provide security for Government property and/or protection to the public from the risks of damage or injury arising from the Government's use of that area.

§334.3 Special policies.

(3648) (a) General. The general regulatory policies stated in 33 CFR part 320 will be followed as appropriate. In addition, danger zone and restricted area regulations shall provide for public access to the area to the maximum extent practicable.

(3649) (b) Food fishing industry. The authority to prescribe danger zone and restricted area regulations must be exercised so as not to unreasonably interfere with or restrict the food fishing industry. Whenever the proposed establishment of a danger zone or restricted area may affect fishing operations, the District Engineer will consult with the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior and the Regional Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),

(3650) (c) Temporary, occasional or intermittent use. If the use of the water area is desired for a short period of time, not exceed thirty days in duration, and that planned operations can be conducted safely without imposing unreasonable restrictions on navigation, and without promulgating restricted area regulations in accordance with the regulations in this section, applicants may be informed that formal regulations are not required. Activities of this type shall not reoccur more often than biennially (every other year), unless danger zone/restricted area rules are promulgated under this Part. Proper notices for mariners requesting that vessels avoid the area will be issued by the Agency requesting such use of the water area, or if appropriate, by the District Engineer, to all known interested persons. Copies will also be sent to appropriate State agencies, the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, DC 20590, and Director, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Hydrographic Center, Washington, DC 20390, ATTN: Code NS 12. Notification to all parties and Agencies shall be made at least two weeks prior to the planned event, or earlier, if required for distribution of Local Notice to Mariners by the Coast Guard.

§334.4 Establishment and amendment procedures.

(3651) (a) Application. Any request for the establishment, amendment or revocation of a danger zone or restricted area must contain sufficient information for the District Engineer to issue a public notice, and as a minimum must contain the following:

(3652) (1) Name, address and telephone number of requestor including the identity of the command and DoD facility and the identity of a point of contact with phone number.

(3653) (2) Name of waterway and if a small tributary, the name of a larger connecting waterbody.

(3654) (3) Name of closest city or town, county/parish and state.

(3655) (4) Location of proposed or existing danger zone or restricted area with a map showing the location, if possible.

(3656) (5) A brief statement of the need for the area, its intended use and detailed description of the times, dates and extent of restriction.

(3657) (b) Public notice. (1) The Corps will normally publish public notices and **Federal Register** documents concurrently. Upon receipt of a request for the establishment, amendment or revocation of a danger zone or restricted area, the District Engineer should forward a copy of the request with his/her recommendation, a copy of the draft public notice and a draft **Federal Register** document to the Office of the Chief of Engineers, ATTN: CECW-OR. The Chief of Engineers will publish the proposal in the **Federal Register** concurrent with the public notice issued by the District Engineer.

(3658) (2) Content. The public notice and **Federal Register** documents must include sufficient information to give a clear understanding of the proposed action and should include the following items of information:

(3659) (i) Applicable statutory authority or authorities; (40 Stat. 266; 33 U.S.C. 1) and (40 Stat. 892; 33 U.S.C. 3).

(3660) (ii) A reasonable comment period. The public notice should fix a limiting date within which comments will be received, normally a period not less than 30 days after publication of the notice.

(3661) (iii) The address of the District Engineer as the recipient of any comments received.

(3662) (iv) The identity of the applicant/proponent;

(3663) (v) The name or title, address and telephone number of the Corps employee from whom additional information concerning the proposal may be obtained;

(3664) (vi) The location of the proposed activity accompanied by a map of sufficient detail to show the boundaries of the area(s) and its relationship to the surrounding area.

(3665) (3) Distribution. Public notice will be distributed in accordance with 33 CFR 325.3(d)(1). In addition to this general distribution, public notices will be sent to the following Agencies:

(3666) (i) The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) where the use of airspace is involved.

(3667) (ii) The Commander, Service Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, if a proposed action involves a danger zone off the U.S. Atlantic coast.

(3668) (iii) Proposed danger zones on the U.S. Pacific coast must be coordinated with the applicable commands as follows:

(3669) Alaska, Oregon and Washington:

(3670) Commander, Naval Base, Seattle

(3671) California:

(3672) Commander, Naval Base, San Diego

(3673) Hawaii and Trust Territories:

(3674) Commander, Naval Base, Pearl Harbor

(3675) (c) Public hearing. The District Engineer may conduct a public hearing in accordance with 33 CFR part 327.

(3676) (d) Environmental documentation. The District Engineer shall prepare environmental documentation in accordance with appendix B to 33 CFR part 325.

(3677) (e) District Engineer's recommendation. After closure of the comment period, and upon completion of the District Engineer's review he/she shall forward the case through channels to the Office of the Chief of Engineers, ATTN: CECW-OR with a recommendation of whether or not the danger zone or restricted area regulation should be promulgated. The District Engineer shall include a copy of environmental documentation prepared in accordance with appendix B to 33 CFR part 325, the record of any public hearings, if held, a summary of any comments received and a response thereto, and a draft of the regulation as it is to appear in the **Federal Register.**

(3678) (f) Final decision. The Chief of Engineers will notify the District Engineer of the final decision to either approve or disapprove the regulations. The District Engineer will notify the applicant/proponent and publish a public notice of the final decision. Concurrent with issuance of the public notice the Office of the Chief of Engineers will publish the final decision in the **Federal Register** and either withdraw the proposed regulation or issue the final regulation as appropriate. The final rule shall become effective no sooner than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** unless the Chief of Engineers finds that sufficient cause exists and publishes that rationale with the regulations.

§334.5 Disestablishment of a danger zone.

(3679) (a) Upon receipt of a request from any agency for the disestablishment of a danger zone, the District Engineer shall notify that agency of its responsibility for returning the area to a condition suitable for use by the public. The agency must either certify that it has not used the area for a purpose that requires cleanup or that it has removed all hazardous materials and munitions, before the Corps will disestablish the area. The agency will remain responsible for the enforcement of the danger zone regulations to prevent unauthorized entry into the area until the area is deemed safe for use by the public and the area is disestablished by the Corps.

(3680) (b) Upon receipt of the certification required in Paragraph (a) of this section, the District shall forward the request for disestablishment of the danger zone through channels to CECW-OR, with its recommendations. Notice of proposed rulemaking and public procedures as outlined in §334.4 are not normally required before publication of the final rule revoking a restricted area or danger zone regulation. The disestablishment/revocation of the danger zone or restricted area regulation removes a restriction on a waterway.

§334.6 Datum.

(3681) (a) Geographic coordinates expressed in terms of latitude or longitude, or both, are not intended for plotting on maps or charts whose reference horizontal datum is the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), unless such geographic coordinates are expressly labeled NAD 83. Geographic coordinates without the NAD 83 reference may be plotted on maps or charts referenced to NAD 83 only after application of the appropriate corrections that are published on the particular map or chart being used.

(3682) (b) For further information on NAD 83 and National Service nautical charts please contact: Director, Coast Survey (N/CG2), National Ocean Service, NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway, Station 6417, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282.

§334.860 San Diego Bay, California: Naval restricted area.

(3683) (a) The Area. The water of the Pacific Ocean in Middle San Diego Bay in an area extending from the northern and eastern boundary of the Naval Amphibious Base about 0.1 nautical miles and 0.6 nautical miles from the southern shoreline and basically outlined as follows:

(3684) Station

(3685) 1-32°40'33.0"N., 117°10'02.4"W.

(3686) 2-32°40'34.7"N., 117°09'54.0"W.

(3687) 3-32°40'46.0"N., 117°09'44.2"W.

(3688) 4-32°41'00.0"N., 117°09'24.6"W.

(3689) 5-32°40'20.0"N., 117.08'36.7"W.

(3690) 6-32°40'00.0"N., 117°09'00.0"W.

(3691) 7-32°39'18.0"N., 117°08'45.0"W.

(3692) 8-32°39'16.0"N., 117°08'48.5"W.

(3693) (b) The Regulations. (1) Swimming, fishing, waterskiing, mooring or anchoring shall not be allowed within the restricted area.

(3694) (2) A portion of the restricted area extending 120 feet from pierheads and from the low water mark on shore where piers do not exist is closed to all persons and vessels except those owned by, under hire to, or performing work for, the Naval Amphibious Base.

(3695) (3) All vessels entering the restricted area shall proceed across the area by the most direct route and without unnecessary delay. For vessels under sail, necessary tacking shall constitute a direct route.

(3696) (4) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commanding Officer, Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, California, and such agencies as he/she shall designate. Organized activities (such as sail races and regattas) within the restricted area may be allowed providing that a request has been made to the Commanding Officer, Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, San Diego, California 92155 or by calling, telephone number (619) 522-4833 at least 10 days prior to the event.

§334.865 Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego, California, Restricted Area.

(3697) (a) *The area*. The waters within an area beginning at

(3698) 32°42'55.0"N., 117°11'30.5"W.; to

(3699) 32°42'57.0"N., 117°11'22.5"W.; to

(3700) 32°42'56.0"N., 117°11'19.0"W.; to

(3701) 32°42'49.0"N., 117°11'08.5"W.; to

(3702) 32°42'44.5"N., 117°11'06.5"W.; and thence to

(3703) 32°42'40.0"N., 117°11'06.5"W.

(3704) (b) *The regulation.* (1) The restricted area shall not be open to swimming, fishing, water-skiing, mooring or anchorage.

(3705) (2) Dragging, seining, other fishing operations, and other activities not under the direction of the United States, which might foul underwater installations within the restricted area, are prohibited.

(3706) (3) All tows entering the restricted area shall be streamed and shortened to the seaward of the area and towing appendages and catenaries shall not be dragged along the bottom while proceeding through the area.

(3707) (4) All vessels entering the restricted area shall proceed across the area by the most direct route and without unnecessary delay.

(3708) (5) No vessel or craft of any size shall lie-to or anchor in the restricted area at any time other than other than a vessel operated by or for components, or other vessels authorized by Commander, Navy Region Southwest, or his/her designee.

(3709) (6) When security conditions dictate, Naval security forces may impose strict enforcement of stand-off distances within the restricted area. This enforcement will not prevent utilization of navigable channels, but will serve to control its use in order to protect vital National interests.

(3710) (c) *Enforcement*. The regulation in this section, promulgated by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, shall be enforced by the Commander, Navy Region Southwest, and such agencies or persons as he/she may designate.

§334.870 San Diego Harbor, Calif.; restricted areas.

(3711) (a) Restricted area at Bravo Pier, Naval Air Station.

(3712) (1) The area. The water of the Pacific Ocean in North San Diego Bay in an area extending from the western boundary of North Island about 0.2 nautical miles bayward and basically outlined as follows:

(3713) 32°41'51.3"N., 117°13'34.0"W.;

(3714) 32°41'51.3"N., 117°13'46.6"W.;

(3715) 32°41'43.3"N., 117°13'50.0"W.;

(3716) 32°41'35.8"N., 117°13'48.0"W.;

(3717) 32°41'35.8"N., 117°13'35.0"W.

(3718) (2) The regulations. (i) The restricted area shall not be open to swimming, fishing, mooring or anchorage.

(3719) (ii) Transit will be allowed through the restricted area except that no transit will be allowed within 100 feet of the ammunition pier (Bravo Pier). All unauthorized vessels entering the restricted area shall proceed across the area by the most direct route and without unnecessary delay. Only vessels owned by, under hire to, or performing work for the Naval Air Station or the Naval Weapons Station may operate within 100 feet of the ammunition pier.

(3720) (b) Restricted area at U.S. Naval Degaussing Station. (1) The area. That portion of San Diego Bay near Point Loma, inclosed by lines connecting the following points, which are rectangular coordinates and are referred to U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey station "Old Town" as their origin:

(3721) "a" S. 18,738.80, W. 16,299.50.

(3722) "b" S. 18,817.60, W. 15,791.30.

(3723) "c" S. 19,376.09, W. 14,270.73.

(3724) "d" S. 20,023.15, W. 14,462.94.

(3725) "e" S. 21,080.24, W. 14,333.14.

(3726) "f" S. 22,074.40, W. 16,371.48.

(3727) (2) The regulations. (i) There shall be no introduction of external magnetic field sources within the area.

(3728) (ii) Craft of any size shall not be excluded from transiting the area. However, they shall proceed through the area by the most direct route without delay or loitering. On occasion, access to the bait barges may be delayed for intermittent periods not exceeding 30 minutes.

(3729) (iii) No craft of any size shall lay-to or anchor within the area except on prior permission granted by the Officer in Charge, U.S. Naval Degaussing Station.

(3730) (c) Restricted area between Ballast Point and Zuniga Point–(1) The area. An area in San Diego Bay between Ballast Point and Zuniga Point inclosed by lines connecting the following stations:

(3731) Station

(3732) A–32°41'17"N., 117°13'58"W.

(3733) B–32°41'19"N., 117°13'36.5"W.

(3734) C–32°41'01"N., 117°13'34"W.

(3735) D–32°40'59"N., 117°13'55"W.

(3736) E–32°41'03"N., 117°13'56"W.

(3737) A–32°41'17"N., 117°13'58"W.

(3738) (2) The regulations. (i) No vessel shall anchor within the restricted area at any time.

(3739) (ii) Dredging, dragging, seining, other fishing operations, and other activities not under the direction of the United States, which might foul underwater installations within the restricted area, are prohibited.

(3740) (iii) All tows entering the restricted area shall be streamed and shortened to the seaward of the area and towing appendages and catenaries shall not be dragged along the bottom while proceeding through the area.

(3741) (iv) All vessels entering the restricted area shall proceed across the area by the most direct route and without unnecessary delay.

(3742) (d) Restricted area at the Naval Supply Center Pier-(1) the area. The waters of San Diego Bay extending approximately 100 feet out from the north, west and south sides of the Naval Supply Center Pier enclosed by lines connecting the following stations: Station

(3743) A–32°42'50"N., 117°10'25"W.

(3744) B–32°42'50"N., 117°10'38"W.

(3745) C–32°42'54"N., 117°10'38"W.

(3746) D–32°42'54"N., 117°10'25"W.

(3747) (2) The regulations. (i) No vessel or craft of any size shall lie-to or anchor in the restricted area at any time or than a vessel operated by or for the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, other authorized military components, or other vessels authorized by Commander Naval Base, San Diego or his designee.

(3748) (ii) Loitering, dredging, dragging, seining, fishing and similar activities within the restricted area are prohibited.

(3749) (e) Enforcement. The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commander, Naval Base, San Diego, California, and such agencies as he/she may designate.

§334.880 San Diego Harbor, Calif.; naval restricted area adjacent to Point Loma.

(3750) (a) The area. That portion of San Diego Bay southerly of Ballast Point, exclusive of the southwesterly portion of the restricted area described in §334.870(b) located westerly of the entrance channel, bounded on the west by the shoreline at Point Loma, on the east by the entrance channel west project line, and on the south by latitude 32°40'.

(3751) (b) The regulations. (1) The area is reserved for anchorage of vessels of the U.S. Government and authorized harbor pilot and patrol boats. All other craft may navigate and operate through the area, and temporary mooring of vessels (not to exceed 24 hours) is permissible.

(3752) (2) No other vessels shall anchor or moor permanently in the area except by special permission obtained in advance from the Commander, Naval Base, San Diego, Calif.

(3753) (3) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commandant, 11th Naval District, San Diego, Calif., and such agencies as he may designate.

§334.890 Pacific Ocean off Point Loma, Calif.; naval restricted area.

(3754) (a) The area. The waters of the Pacific Ocean within an area extending southerly from Point Loma, California, described as follows: Beginning at

(3755) 32°39'54", 117°13'18"; thence southeasterly to

(3756) 32°34'31" 117°09'41"; thence 270° true to longitude 117°16'40"; thence due north to latitude 32°39'54"; and thence 90° true to the point of beginning.

(3757) (b) The regulations. (1) No vessel shall anchor within the restricted area at any time without specific permission of the enforcing agency.

(3758) (2) Dredging, dragging, seining, and other similar operations within the restricted area are prohibited.

(3759) (3) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commandant, Eleventh Naval District, San Diego, California, and such agencies as he may designate.

§334.900 Pacific Ocean, U.S. Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California; restricted area.

(3760) (a) The area. Beginning at the shoreline north of the boat basin,

(3761) 33°13'10", 117°24'19"; thence westward to

(3762) 33°12'48", 117°24'56"; thence southward to

(3763) 33°12'32", 117°24'44"; thence eastward to 3

(3764) 33°12'47", 117°24'17" (a point on the breakwater); thence northeastward along breakwater to

(3765) 33°12'58", 117°24'09"; thence northward along shoreline to point of beginning.

(3766) (b) The regulations. (1) No vessels shall anchor within the restricted area at any time.

(3767) (2) Dredging, dragging, seining, fishing operations, and other activities, which might foul underwater installations within the restricted area, are prohibited.

(3768) (3) All vessels entering the restricted area shall proceed across the area by the most direct route and without unnecessary delay.

(3769) (4) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commanding General, U.S. Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California, and such agencies as he may designate.

§334.905 Pacific Ocean, Offshore of Camp Pendleton, California; Fallbrook restricted area.

(3770) (a) The area. The waters of the Gulf of Santa Catalina, offshore of Camp Pendleton in the Pacific Ocean, San Diego County, California. The center of the restricted area is located at 33°18.6'N. latitude, 117°32.0'W. longitude, with a radius of 9,000 feet.

(3771) (b) The regulations. (1) No vessel or craft of any size shall lie-to or anchor in the restricted area at any time other than a vessel operated by or for the U.S. Coast Guard, local, State or Federal law enforcement agencies.

(3772) (2) Loitering, dredging, dragging, anchoring, seining, fishing, and similar activities within the restricted area during vertical replacement operations use is prohibited.

(3773) (c) Enforcement. The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the U.S. Coast Guard, local, State, or Federal law enforcement agencies.

§334.910 Pacific Ocean, Camp Pendleton Boat Basin, U.S. Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; restricted area.

(3774) (a) The area. All of the waters of Camp Pendleton Boat Basin entrance channel lying northerly of a line between a light on the north Camp Pendleton jetty at

(3775) 33°12'22", 117°24'07", and a light on the north Oceanside Harbor groin at

(3776) 33°12'29", 117°23'55".

(3777) (b) The regulations. (1) The area is reserved exclusively for use by vessels owned or operated by the Federal Government. Permission to enter the area must be obtained from the enforcing agency.

(3778) (2) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commanding General, U.S. Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California, or such agencies as he may designate.

§334.920 Pacific Ocean off the east coast of San Clemente Island, Calif.; naval restricted area.

(3779) (a) The area. The waters of the Pacific Ocean within an area extending easterly from the east coast of San Clemente Island, California, described as follows: The northerly boundary to be a continuation, to seaward of the existing southerly boundary of the restricted anchorage area, as described in 33 CFR 110.218, of this chapter, to

(3780) 33°00.3'N., 118°31.3'W.; thence to

(3781) 32°58.6'N., 118°30.0'W.; thence to

(3782) 32°57.9'N., 118°31.3'W. on the shoreline; thence northerly along the shoreline to point of beginning.

(3783) (b) *The regulations.* (1) No person or vessels, other than Naval Ordnance Test Station craft, and those cleared for entry by the Naval Ordnance Test Station, shall enter the area at any time except in an emergency, proceeding with extreme caution.

(3784) (2) Dredging, dragging, seining or other fishing operations within these boundaries are prohibited.

(3785) (3) No seaplanes, other than those approved for entry by Naval Ordnance Test Station, may enter the area.

(3786) (4) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by security personnel attached to the U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, California, and by such

agencies as may be designated by the Commandant, Eleventh Naval District, San Diego, California.

§334.921 Pacific Ocean at San Clemente Island, Calif.; naval restricted area.

(3787) (a) The area. All waters between the northern and southern boundaries of the area known as West Cove seaward approximately four miles.

(3788) The northern boundary is defined by the coordinates:

(3789) 33°00'52"N., 118°36'18"W.

(3790) 32°59'30"N., 118°37'30"W.

(3791) 32°59'20"N., 118°38'38"W.

(3792) The southern boundary is defined by the coordinates:

(3793) 33°00'40"N., 118°35'27"W.

(3794) 32°58'30"N., 118°36'40"W.

(3795) 32°57'45"N., 118°38'38"W.

(3796) (b) The regulation. (1) The use of this area for anchorage is prohibited to all craft at all times.

(3797) (2) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commander, Naval Base, San Diego, and such agencies as he/she shall designate.

§334.930 Anaheim Bay Harbor, California; Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach.

(3798) (a) The restricted area. The water of Anaheim Bay Harbor between the east and west jetties at the United States Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, California, and the contiguous tidal channel and basin as far east as the Anaheim Bay bridge.

(3799) (b) The regulation. (1) The authority of the Naval Weapons Station Commanding Officer in this area extends to restricting and disallowing the navigating or anchorage of craft during such times as the Commanding Officer determines that considerations of national security or safety warrant such action(s).

(3800) (2) All craft authorized transit of this area shall stay within the limits of the entrance channel in the Outer Harbor, and confine their movement to within the limits of the marked small craft channel at the southern portion of the Inner Harbor.

(3801) (3) Recreational craft, such as water skis, jet skis, (personal water craft), row boats, canoes, kayaks, wind surfers, sail boards, surf boards, etc, and any activity involving persons in the water, are specifically prohibited within the restricted area.

(3802) (4) Boats unable to throttle down or to maintain steerage ways at 5 miles per hour speed shall proceed at the minimum speed consistent with seamanship in an area regularly subject to waterborne explosive handling operations. In case of doubt, boat operators of inbound boats will remain in the west end of the basin and outbound boats in the east end of the basin until informed by a representative of the Naval Weapons Station or U.S. Coast Guard of the completion of the waterborne explosive handling hazard.

(3803) (5) Smoking, open flames and barbecues in boats are prohibited during the transit of this area.

(3804) (6) Nothing in the regulations in this section shall be construed as relieving the owner or persons in command of any vessels or plant from the penalties of the law for obstructing navigation or for not complying with the navigation laws in regard to lights or signals or for otherwise violating law.

(3805) (7) All vessel operators shall heed and obey all posted signs and/or instructions issued by security personnel of the U.S. Naval Weapons Station.

(3806) (8) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, California, and such agencies as he/she may designate. For clarification or other information, the U.S. Naval Weapons Station Command Duty Officer should be contacted at 213-594-7101.

§334.938 Federal Correctional Institution, Terminal Island, San Pedro Bay, California; restricted area.

(3807) (a) *The area*. The waters of San Pedro Bay on the east side of Reservation Point extending 150 feet (50 yards), from the Federal Correctional Institution fence along the shore to the following stations:

Station	Latitude	Longitude
1	33°43'45.5"N.	118°16'02.0"W.
2	33°43'37.0"N.	118°15'58.0"W.
3	33°43'27.5"N.	118°15'54.5"W.

(3808) The stations will be marked by three special purpose buoys (white with an orange diamond in the center).

(3809) (b) *The regulations*. No person or vessel of any kind shall enter, navigate, anchor or moor within the restricted area without first obtaining the permission of the Warden, Federal Correctional Institution, Terminal Island. The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the U.S. Coast Guard, the Warden of the Federal Correctional Institution, Terminal Island, and such agencies and he/she may designate.

§334.940 Pacific Ocean in vicinity of San Pedro, Calif.; practice firing range for United States Army Reserve, National Guard, and Coast Guard units.

(3810) (a) *The danger zone*. (1) (Reserved)

(3811) (2) Zone B. An area extending southwest and northwest from Point Vicente, described as follows: Beginning at Point Vicente Light,

(3812) 33°44'30", 118°24'36"; thence southwesterly to

(3813) 33°43'42", 118°25'24"; thence northwesterly to

(3814) 33°46'30", 118°27'06"; thence southeasterly to the shore,

(3815) 33°44'54", 118°24'42"; and thence southerly along the shore to the point of beginning.

(3816) (b) The regulations. (1) Intermittent firing may take place in the danger zone on any day from sunrise to sunset.

(3817) (2) Except as otherwise provided in this Paragraph, the danger zone will be open to fishing and general navigation. When firing is not scheduled the danger zone may be occupied without restriction. When firing is in progress safety observers will be maintained to warn all vessels. Notice to vacate the area, or to stop at the boundaries, will be given by siren, patrol vessel, or other effective means, and such notice shall be promptly obeyed. All vessels permitted to enter the danger zone during a firing period, other than those owned by and operated by or under the direction of the United States Government, shall proceed across the area by the most direct route and clear the area with the greatest possible dispatch. No person shall enter the water and no vessel, fishing boat, or recreational craft shall anchor in the danger zone during an actual firing period.

(3818) (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed as relieving the owner or person in charge of a vessel from any penalties for obstructing navigation, or for obstructing or interfering with range lights, or for not complying with the navigation laws in regard to lights and fog signals, or for otherwise violating any law or regulations.

(3819) (4) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commanding Officer, Fort MacArthur, California, and such agencies as he may designate.

§334.950 Pacific Ocean at San Clemente Island, California; Navy shore bombardment areas.

(3820) (a) The danger zones. (1) The waters of the Pacific Ocean within an area beginning at China Point Light; extending in a direction of 181 degrees true, 2.0 nautical miles; thence 072.5 degrees true, 5.375 nautical miles; thence 313 degrees true to Pyramid Head Light.

(3821) (2) The waters of the Pacific Ocean within an area beginning at China Point Light; extending in a direction of 181 degrees true, 2.0 nautical miles; thence 303 degrees true, 5.35 nautical miles; thence 040.4 degrees true to the beach.

(3822) (3) The waters of the Pacific Ocean within an area beginning at Pyramid Head Light; extending in a direction of 133 degrees true, 2.0 nautical miles; thence 024 degrees true, 2.14 nautical miles, thence 313 degrees true, 7.6 nautical miles; thence 220 degrees true to the beach.

(3823) The regulations. (1) All persons and all vessels shall promptly vacate the areas when ordered to do so by the Navy or the Coast Guard. Persons and vessels shall not enter the areas during periods scheduled for firing. These areas are used for various surface and air gunnery and aerial bombing exercises by the United States Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps. Hazardous conditions exist during shore bombardment by naval ships in the area seaward of that described in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section between the firing vessel and the shore. The area described in Paragraph (a)(3) of this section is hazardous due to the possibility of rounds landing in the waters east of San Clemente Island.

(3824) (2) All persons in the area are warned that unexploded ordinance exists within the shore bombardment area on San Clemente Island and in the surrounding waters. All persons should exercise extreme caution when operating in the area.

(3825) (3) Information about scheduled exercises will be published in the Local Notice to Mariners and also may be obtained by calling the shore bombardment area scheduler at (619) 437-2844. Vessels in the vicinity of San Clemente Island may obtain information on the status of the range by contacting the Navy Observation Post by marine radio on channel 16. However, the Navy Observation Post is normally manned only during firing exercises. In addition, since the Navy Observation Post may not be able to received radio transmissions or answer a vessel calling from the area described in Paragraph (A)(3) of this section due to interference from the land mass, it is recommended that callers position their craft for line-of-sight transmission with the Navy Observation Posts near Pyramid Cove prior to assuming that the range is not in use.

(3826) (4) Except in an emergency, no vessel shall anchor in these areas without first obtaining permission from the Commander, Naval Base, San Diego or from the senior officer present in the area who may grant permission to anchor not exceeding the period of time that he, himself, is authorized to remain there. The senior officer present shall advise the Commander, Naval Base, San Diego when and to whom a berth is assigned.

(3827) (5) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commander, Naval Base, San Diego, and such agencies as he/she shall designate.

§334.960 Pacific Ocean, San Clemente Island, Calif.; naval danger zone off West Cove.

(3828) (a) The danger zone. The waters of the Pacific Ocean in an area about one-half mile off the west coast of San Clemente Island basically outlined as follows:

(3829) 33°00'40"N., 118°35'45"W.

(3830) 32°57'40"N., 118°34'25"W.

(3831) 32°57'10"N., 118°35'40"W.

(3832) 33°00'10"N., 118°37'00"W.

(3833) 33°00'40"N., 118°35'45"W.

(3834) (b) The regulations. (1) Intermittent firing may take place in the danger zone on any day from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

(3835) (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the danger zone will be open to fishing and general navigation.

(3836) (3) The operations officer, Naval Ordnance Test Station, Pasadena Annex, Pasadena, California, will announce firing schedules. Each week, public notices will be issued giving advance firing schedules. Such notices will appear in the local newspapers and in local "Notice to Mariners" and "Notice to Airmen." For the benefit of the fishermen and small-craft operators, announcements will be made on the marine radio.

(3837) (4) When a scheduled firing is about to be undertaken, fishing boats and other small craft will be contacted by surface patrol boats or aircraft equipped with loudspeaker system. When so notified, all persons and vessels shall leave the area immediately by the shortest route. Upon completion of firing or if the scheduled firing is canceled for any reason, fishermen and small-boat operators will be notified as far in advance as possible by Marine Radio Broadcast.

(3838) (5) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by security personnel attached to the Naval Ordnance Test Station, Pasadena Annex, and by such agencies as may be designated by the Commandant, Eleventh Naval District, San Diego.

§334.961 Pacific Ocean, San Clemente Island, California; naval danger zone off northwest shore.

(3839) (a) The danger zone: The waters of the Pacific Ocean adjacent to San Clemente Island, California, bounded by the following coordinates and San Clemente Island:

(3840) Point A–33°01'38.0"N., 118°36'20"W.

(3841) Point B–33°01'11.0"N., 118°37'25"W.

(3842) Point C–33°00'11.0"N., 118°37'00"W.

(3843) Point D–33°00'05.0"N., 118°38'53"W.

(3844) Point E–33°02'55.0"N., 118°39'05"W.

(3845) Point F–33°04'25.0"N., 118°37'41"W.

(3846) Point G–33°02'02.5"N., 118°35'53"W.

(3847) (b) *The regulations*: (1) No person shall enter this area during closure periods unless authorized to do so by the enforcing agency. No vessel or other craft, except vessels of the U.S. Government or vessels duly authorized by the enforcing agency shall enter this area during closure periods.

(3848) (2) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commander, Naval Base, San Diego, California and such agencies as he/she shall designate.

§334.970 [Removed]

§334.980 Pacific Ocean around San Nicolas Island, Calif., naval restricted area.

(3849) (a) The area. The waters of the Pacific Ocean around San Nicolas Island, Calif., extending about 3 miles seaward from the shoreline, described as follows:

(3850) Point A–33°10'10"N., 119°24'20"W.

(3851) Point C–33°10'10"N., 119°31'10"W.

(3852) Point D–33°12'00"N., 119°35'30"W.

(3853) Point E–33°14'20"N., 119°37'40"W.

(3854) Point F–33°16'40"N., 119°38'10"W.

(3855) Point G–33°19'10"N., 119°37'10"W.

(3856) Point I–33°20'10"N., 119°31'10"W.

(3857) Point K–33°17'40"N., 119°24'50"W.

(3858) Point L–33°13'50"N., 119°21'50"W.

(3859) (b) Sections of Area. (1) ALPHA section is the northerly section of the area and is described as follows:

(3860) Point G–33°19'10"N., 119°37'10"W.

(3861) Point I–33°20'10"N., 119°31'10"W.

(3862) Point J–33°18'18"N., 119°26'29"W.

(3863) Point O–33°15'43"N., 119°28'40"W.

(3864) Thence northwesterly along shoreline to Point N

(3865) Point N–33°16'30"N., 119°30'40"W.

(3866) Point G–33°19'10"N., 119°37'10"W.

(3867) (2) BRAVO section is the westerly section of the area, and is described as follows:

(3868) Point N–33°16'30"N., 119°30'40"W.

(3869) Thence westerly, southerly and easterly along the shoreline to Point M

(3870) Point M–33°13'10"N., 119°29'40"W.

(3871) Point B–33°10'10"N., 119°29'40"W.

(3872) Point C–33°10'10"N., 119°31'10"W.

(3873) Point D–33°12'00"N., 119°35'30"W.

(3874) Point E–33°14'20"N., 119°37'40"W.

(3875) Point F–33°16'40"N., 119°38'10"W.

(3876) Point G–33°19'10"N., 119°37'10"W.

(3877) Point N–33°16'30"N., 119°30'40"W.

(3878) (3) CHARLIE section is the easterly section of the area, and is described as follows:

(3879) Point J–33°18'18"N., 119°26'29"W.

(3880) Point O–32°15'43"N., 119°28'40"W.

(3881) Thence easterly, southerly and westerly along the shoreline to Point M

(3882) Point M–33°13'10"N., 119°29'40"W.

(3883) Point B–33°10'10"N., 119°29'40"W.

(3884) Point A–33°10'10"N., 119°24'20"W.

(3885) Point L–33°13'50"N., 119°21'50"W.

(3886) Point K–33°17'40"N., 119°24'50"W.

(3887) Point J–33°18'18"N., 119°26'29"W.

(3888) (c) Markers. Range markers, as delineated below, are installed at Points M, N, and O for navigational purposes to indicate the boundaries between sections ALPHA, BRAVO, and CHARLIE.

(3889) (1) At Point M two triangular markers are installed facing southward, 10 feet in length on each side, with red and white diagonal stripes, each marker mounted atop 80–foot poles spaced 100 yards apart, each pole being located on the line of longitude 119°29'40"W. and near the southerly shoreline at latitude 33°13'10"N. The southernmost marker is 20 feet below the other.

(3890) (2) At Point N two triangular markers are installed facing northwesterly, 10 feet in length on each side, with red and white diagonal stripes, each marker mounted atop 80–foot poles spaced 100 yards apart, the poles being located near the northwesterly shoreline at latitude 33°16'30"N., longitude 119°30'40"W. The northernmost marker is 20 feet below the other.

(3891) (3) At Point O two triangular markers are installed facing northeasterly, 10 feet in length on each side, with red and white diagonal stripes, each marker mounted atop 80–foot poles spaced 100 yards apart, the poles being located near the northeasterly shoreline at latitude 33°15'43"N., longitude 119°28'40"W. The northernmost marker is 20 feet below the other.

(3892) (d) The regulations. (1) No seaplanes, other than those approved for entry by the Commander, Pacific Missile Range (COMPMR) may enter any section of the area.

(3893) (2) Subject to the provisions of Paragraph (d) (4) of this section, relating to sections BRAVO and CHARLIE, no vessels other than Pacific Missile Range craft and those cleared for entry by COMPMR, or the Officer-in-Charge, San Nicolas Island shall enter any section of the area at any time except in an emergency, proceeding with extreme caution.

(3894) (3) Dredging, dragging, seining, anchoring and other fishing operations within ALPHA section of the area are prohibited at all times.

(3895) (4) Dredging, dragging, seining, anchoring and other fishing operations are allowed within the boundaries of BRAVO and CHARLIE sections at all times except when declared closed by COMPMR. Notice that sections BRAVO and/or CHARLIE are closed to fishing shall be given by publication of notices to mariners, or may be obtained by monitoring standard Coast Guard radio broadcasts or by contacting the Pacific Missile Range by telephone or radio. Boats must remain at least 300 yards from the shoreline of San Nicolas Island at all times. Nothing in this provision shall be construed as authorization for personnel to land on San Nicolas Island, except in an emergency.

(3896) (5) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by personnel attached to the Pacific Missile Range, Point Mugu, Calif., and by such agencies as may be designated by the Commandant, 11th Naval District, San Diego, Calif.

§334.990 Long Beach Harbor, Calif.; naval restricted area.

(3897) (a) The area. All the waters between the Navy mole and Terminal Island to the westward of longitude 118°13'10".

(3898) (b) *The regulations*. (1) The area is reserved exclusively for use by naval vessels. Permission for any person or vessel to enter the area must be obtained from the enforcing agency.

(3899) (2) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commander, U.S. Naval Base Los Angeles, Long Beach, California, and such agencies as he may designate.

§334.1000 [Removed]

§334.1010 San Francisco Bay in vicinity of Hunters Point; naval restricted area–

(3900) (a) *The area*. Bounded by the shore of the San Francisco Naval Shipyard and the following lines: Beginning at a point on the northerly shore of the Shipyard bearing 292°40', 950 yards, from Hunters Point Light; thence 035°27', 730 yards to the U.S. Pierhead Line; thence 142°55', 1,300 yards, along the Pierhead Line; thence 180°, 2,450 yards, to the San Francisco-San Mateo County Line; thence 270°, 430 yards, along the County Line; thence 305°27', 1,313 yards, to and along the southwesterly side of South Basin; and thence due north, 413 yards, to the southwesterly shore of the Shipyard.

(3901) **Note**: All bearings in this section are referred to true meridian.

(3902) (b) *The regulations*. No person may enter the area and no vessel or other craft, except vessels of the U.S. Government or vessels duly authorized by the Commander, San Francisco Naval Shipyard, shall navigate, anchor or moor in this area.

§334.1020 San Francisco Bay and Oakland Inner Harbor; restricted areas in vicinity of Naval Air Station, Alameda–

(3903) (a) The areas. (1) The waters of San Francisco Bay bounded by the shore of Naval Air Station, Alameda, and a line beginning at a point on the north side of Oakland Inner Harbor Entrance Channel at approximately:

(3904) 37°47'57"N., 122°19'43"W; WSW to
(3905) 37°47'53"N., 122°19'57"W; SE to
(3906) 37°47'46"N., 122°20'00"W; SE to
(3907) 37°47'41"N., 122°19'52"W; S to
(3908) 37°46'49"N., 122°19'52"W; E to
(3909) 37°46'49"N., 122°19'28"W; SE to
(3910) 37°46'46"N., 122°19'21"W; E to
(3911) 37°46'45"N., 122°19'05"W; SE to
(3912) 37°46'38"N., 122°18'59"W; SSW to
(3913) 37°46'18"N., 122°19'05"W, SE to
(3914) 37°46'00"N., 122°18'28"W; E to
(3915) 37°46'00"N., 122°18'22"W; N to
(3916) 37°46'03"N., 122°18'22"W; E to
(3917) 37°46'00"N., 122°17'28"W; NE to
(3918) 37°46'03"N., 122°17'26"W; where it joins the naval air station breakwater.
(3919) (2) The waters of the entrance channel to Oakland Inner Harbor (San Antonio Estuary) between the westerly end of the rock wall on the south side of the channel and the easterly boundary of the Naval Air Station.
(3920) (b) *The regulations*. (1) No person shall enter this area and no vessel or other craft, except vessels of the U.S. Government or vessels duly authorized by the Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Air Station, Alameda, California, shall navigate, anchor or moor in the area described in Paragraph (a)(1) of this section.
(3921) (2) No person shall enter this area and no vessel without special authorization of the Commander, Twelfth Coast Guard District, shall lie, anchor or moor in the area described in Paragraph (a)(2) of this section. Vessels may proceed through the entrance channel in process of ordinary navigation or may moor alongside wharves on the Oakland side of the channel.

§334.1030 Oakland Inner Harbor adjacent to Alameda Facility, Naval Supply Center, Oakland; restricted area–

(3922) (a) The area. Within 100 feet of the Alameda Facility wharf.
(3923) (b) *The regulations*. No persons and no vessels or other craft, except vessels of the United States Government or vessels duly authorized by the Commanding Officer, Naval Supply Center, Oakland, shall enter this area.

§334.1040 Oakland Harbor in vicinity of Naval Supply Center, Oakland; restricted area and navigation–

(3924) (a) The area. Bounded by the shore of the Naval Supply Center and the following lines: Beginning at a point on the north shore located at about
(3925) 37°48'26", 122°19'34"; thence 225°12', 290 yards; and thence 173°10', 620 yards to a point on the south shore at about
(3926) 37°48'02", 122°19'39".
(3927) (b) *The regulations*. (1) No persons and no vessels or other craft, except vessels of the U.S. Government or vessels duly authorized by the Commanding Officer, Naval Supply Center, Oakland, shall enter this area.
(3928) (2) All vessels over 1,000 tons displacement, bound for the Naval Supply Center, Oakland, shall use a qualified pilot regularly licensed for the waters of Oakland Harbor.

§334.1050 Oakland Outer Harbor adjacent to the Military Ocean Terminal, Bay Area, Pier No. 8 (Port of Oakland Berth No. 10); restricted area–

(3929) (a) *The area*. Within 100 feet of the pier.
(3930) (b) *The regulations*. No persons and no vessels or other craft, except vessels of the U.S. Government or vessels duly authorized by the Commander, Oakland Army Base, shall enter this area.

§334.1060 Oakland Outer Harbor adjacent to the Oakland Army Base; restricted area–

(3931) (a) *The area*. Within 100 feet of the pier.
(3932) (b) *The regulations*. No persons and no vessels or other craft, except vessels of the U.S. Government or vessels duly authorized by the Commander, Oakland Army Base, shall enter this area.

§334.1065 U.S. Coast Guard Station, San Francisco Bay, Yerba Buena Island, San Francisco Bay, California; Restricted Area.

(3933) (a) *The area*. San Francisco Bay on the east side of Yerba Buena Island: From a point along the southeastern shore of Yerba Buena Island at
(3934) 37°48'27"N., 122°21'44"W.; east to
(3935) 37°48'27"N., 122°21'35"W.: north to
(3936) 37°48'49"N., 122°21'35"W., a point on the northeastern side of Yerba Buena Island.
(3937) (b) *The regulation*. (1) All persons and vessels are prohibited from entering the waters within the Restricted Area for any reason without prior written permission from the Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Group San Francisco on Yerba Buena Island.
(3938) (2) Mooring, anchoring, fishing, transit and/or swimming shall not be allowed within the Restricted Area without prior written permission from the Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Group San Francisco on Yerba Buena Island.
(3939) (c) *Enforcement*. The regulation in this section shall be enforced by the Commanding Officer fo the Coast Guard Group San Francisco on Yerba Buena Island, and such agencies and persons as he/she shall designate.

§334.1070 San Francisco Bay between Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island; naval restricted area–

(3940) (a) *The area*. All the water of the cove bounded by the south shore of Treasure Island, the north shore of Yerba Buena Island, and the connecting causeway, west of a line extending from the southeast corner of the most southerly of the four finger piers along the east side of Treasure Island, at about

(3941) 37°49'11", 122°21'40", approximately 153°20' to the northeasterly point of Yerba Buena Island, at about

(3942) 37°48'55", 122°21'30".

(3943) (b) *The regulations*. No person and no vessel or other craft, except vessels owned and operated by the U.S. Government or vessels duly authorized by the Commanding Officer, Naval Station, Treasure Island, shall enter the restricted area.

§334.1080 San Francisco Bay adjacent to northeast corner of Treasure Island; naval restricted area–

(3944) (a) *The area*. Beginning at the intersection of Pier 21 and the bulkhead line, thence northwesterly along the bulkhead to the northernmost point of Treasure Island; thence 288° true, 290 yards; thence 26° true, 475 yards; thence 115°30' true, 520 yards; thence 152° true, 500 yards to Pier 21; thence along the pier to the point of beginning.

(3945) (b) *The regulations*. No person shall enter the restricted area. No vessels, except those engaged in naval operations, shall lie, anchor, moor or unnecessarily delay in the area. Vessels may pass through the area in the process of ordinary navigation except as directed by patrol boats. The regulations in this Paragraph shall be enforced by the Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, and such agencies as he may designate.

§334.1090 San Francisco Bay in vicinity of NSC Fuel Department, Molate Point; restricted area–

(3946) (a) *The area*. Bounded by the easterly shore of upper San Francisco Bay and the following lines: Beginning at a point on shore bearing 017° 800 yards, from "Tree" at Molate Point thence 270°, 870 yards; thence 189° 1,100 yards; and thence 123° to the shore.

(3947) (b) *The regulations*. Persons and vessels not operating under supervision of the local military or naval authority or public vessels of the United States, shall not enter this area except by specific permission of the Commanding Officer, Naval Supply Center.

§334.1100 San Pablo Bay, Carquinez Strait and Mare Island Strait in vicinity of U.S. Naval Shipyard, Mare Island; restricted area–

(3948) (a) *The area*. The waters of San Pablo Bay, Carquinez Strait, and Mare Island Strait, within 100 yards of the shore of that part of the Navy Yard, Mare Island, south of the causeway between the City of Vallejo and Mare Island and extending continuously therefrom southeasterly, southwesterly, and northwesterly around the Navy Yard to its northwesterly limit on the waters of San Pablo Bay, and the waters within 50 yards of any part of the berthing piers at the Navy Yard.

(3949) (b) *The regulations*. No persons shall enter this area and no vessels or other craft, except vessels of the U.S. Government or vessels duly authorized by the Commander, Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, California, shall navigate, anchor or moor in this area.

§334.1110 Suisun Bay at Naval Weapons Station, Concord; restricted area–

(3950) (a) The area. Beginning at a point on the shore and on the easterly side of the mouth of a small slough (known as Hastings Slough) bearing 189°, 2,412 yards from Tripon at Preston Point on Roe Island; thence 340°30', 400 yards to the shoreline of the westerly of the two Seal Islands; thence 060°30', 940 yards; thence 75°, 1,650 yards; thence 102°, 1,850 yards; thence 99°, 1,880 yards; thence 180°, 435 yards, to the shoreline; thence following the high water shoreline in a general westerly direction to the point of beginning.

(3951) (b) The regulations. (1) No person, vessel, watercraft, conveyance or device shall enter or cause to enter or remain in this area. No person shall refuse or fail to remove any person or property in his custody or under his control from this area upon the request of the Commanding Officer of the Naval Weapons Station Concord or his/her authorized representative.

(3952) (2) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commanding Officer, Naval Weapons Station Concord, and such agencies as he/she shall designate.

§334.1120 Pacific Ocean in the vicinity of Point Mugu, Calif.; naval small arms firing range.

(3953) (a) The danger zone. A triangular area extending westerly into the waters of the Pacific Ocean from a point on the beach north of Point Mugu, California, described as follows: Beginning at

(3954) 34°05'32", 119°03'57"; thence southwesterly approximately 4,000 yards to

(3955) 34°04'22", 119°05'55"; thence northwesterly approximately 1,500 yards to

(3956) 34°05'01", 119°06'17"; thence northeasterly to the point of beginning.

(3957) (b) The regulations. (1) Range firing will normally take place between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., Thursday through Monday, and between 6 a.m. and 11:30 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday of each week. Within the above periods, firing will be conducted as determined by the Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, Calif.

(3958) (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the danger zone will be open to fishing and general navigation.

(3959) (3) The Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, California, will announce firing schedules. Each week, public notices will be issued giving advance firing schedules. Such notices will appear in the local newspapers and in local "Notice to Mariners," and "Notice to Airmen." For the benefit of fishermen and small-craft operators, announcements will be made on the marine radio.

(3960) (4) When a scheduled firing is about to be undertaken or is in progress, a large red flag will be displayed from the control tower situated at latitude 34°05'32", longitude 119°03'57", so as to be clearly visible for a distance of at least three (3) miles offshore. Safety observers will be on duty at all times when the warning flag is being displayed from the tower. Upon completion of firing, or if the scheduled firing is canceled for any reason, fishermen and small-boat operators will be notified as far in advance as possible by Marine Radio Broadcast.

(3961) (5) Persons, vessels or other craft shall not enter or remain in the danger zone when the warning flag is being displayed unless authorized to do so by the range officer in the control tower.

(3962) (6) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commandant, Eleventh Naval District, San Diego, California, and such agencies as he may designate.

§334.1126 Naval Base Ventura County, Point Mugu, California; Restricted Area.

(3963) (a) *The area*. The restricted area at Naval Base Ventura County Point Mugu incorporates its shorelines and connects the following points:

(3964) 34°7'9.9"N., 119°9'35.6"W. (up-coast shoreline point);

(3965) 34°7'00.0"N., 119°9'46.7"W.;

(3966) 34°6'44.9"N., 119°9'22.5"W.;

(3967) 34°6'30.2"N., 119°8'59.0"W.;

(3968) 34°6'20.5"N., 119°8'46.7"W.;

(3969) 34°6'08.4"N., 119°8'25.2"W.;

(3970) 34°5'53.7"N., 119°7'59.5"W.;

(3971) 34°5'45.9"N., 119°7'41.5"W.;

(3972) 34°5'40.1"N., 119°7'21.0"W.;

(3973) 34°5'33.6"N., 119°6'58.1"W.;

(3974) 34°5'31.2"N., 119°6'37.9"W.;

(3975) 34°5'31.0"N., 119°6'22.2"W.;

(3976) 34°5'32.9"N., 119°6'14.4"W.;

(3977) 34°5'44.7"N., 119°5'54.0"W.;

(3978) 34°5'45.2"N., 119°5'43.5"W.;

(3979) 34°5'41.0"N., 119°5'21.2"W.;

(3980) 34°5'42.2"N., 119°5'13.3"W.;

(3981) 34°5'27.8"N., 119°4'49.5"W.;

(3982) 34°5'17.9"N., 119°4'27.9"W.;

(3983) 34°5'05.7"N., 119°3'59.9"W.;

(3984) 34°5'17.9"N., 119°3'55.4"W. (down-coast shoreline point).

(3985) (b) *The regulation*. No vessels may enter the restricted area unless permission is obtained in advance from the Commanding Officer of Naval Base Ventura County, Contact Naval Base Ventura County Security at 805-989-7907.

(3986) (c) *Enforcement*. The regulation in this section, promulgated by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, shall be enforced by the Commanding Officer of Naval Base Ventura County, and such agencies or persons as he/she may designate.

§334.1127 Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme, California; Restricted Area.

(3987) (a) *The area*. The waters within Port Hueneme Harbor, beginning at the seaward ends of the two Port Hueneme Harbor entrance jetties, with the northwestern entrance jetty end occurring at 34°8'37.0"N., 119°12'58.8"W., and the southeastern entrance jetty occurring at 34°8'34.8"N, 119°12'43.2"W., and extending northeasterly to the shoreline.

(3988) (b) *The regulation*. No vessels or persons may enter the restricted area unless permission is obtained in advance from the Commanding Officer of Naval Base Ventura County. Commercial vessels that are required to make Advanced Notifications of Arrival shall continue to do so. All vessels must obtain clearance from "Control 1" over marine radio channel 06 VHF-FM prior to crossing the COLREGS (Collision Regulations) demarcation line. Vessels without marine radio capability must obtain clearance in advance by contacting "Control 1" via telephone at 805-982-3938 prior to crossing the COLREGS demarcation line. The COLREGS demarcation line is defined as a line approximately 1,500 feet in length connecting the seaward limits or ends of the two Port Hueneme Harbor entrance jetties, with the northwestern jetty end occurring at 34°8'37.0"N., 119°12'58.8"W., and the southeastern entrance jetty occurring at 34°8'34.8"N., 119°12'43.2"W. (NAD 83).

(3989) (c) *Enforcement*. The regulation in this section, promulgated by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, shall be enforced by the Commanding Officer of Naval

Base Ventura County, and such agencies or persons as he/she may designate.

§334.1130 Pacific Ocean, Western Space and Missile Center (WSMC), Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; danger zones.

(3990) (a) The area. (1) The waters of the Pacific Ocean in an area extending seaward from the shoreline a distance of about three nautical miles and basically outlined as follows:

(3991) Station

(3992) Point Sal–34°54'08"N., 120°40'15"W.

(3993) 1–34°54'08"N., 120°44'00"W.

(3994) 2–34°52'48"N., 120°44'00"W.

(3995) 3–34°50'00"N., 120°40'30"W.

(3996) 4–34°44'50"N., 120°42'15"W.

(3997) 5–34°41'50"N., 120°40'12"W.

(3998) 6–34°35'12"N., 120°42'45"W.

(3999) 7–34°33'00"N., 120°41'05"W.

(4000) 8–34°30'40"N., 120°37'29"W.

(4001) 9–34°24'18"N., 129°30'00"W.

(4002) 10–34°23'34"N., 120°27'05"W.

(4003) 11–34°24'21"N., 120°24'40"W.

(4004) 12–34°27'20"N., 120°24'40"W.

(4005) Point Sal–34°54'08"N., 120°40'15"W.

(4006) (2) The danger area described in Paragraph (a) (1) of this section will be divided into zones in order that certain firing tests and operations, whose characteristics as to range and reliability permit, may be conducted without requiring complete evacuation of the entire area. These zones are described as follows:

(4007) (i) Zone 1. An area extending seaward about three nautical miles from the shoreline beginning at Point Sal,

(4008) 34°54'08", 120°40'15"; thence due west to

(4009) 34°54'08", 120°44'00"; thence to

(4010) 34°52'48", 120°44'00"; thence to

(4011) 34°50'00", 120°40'30"; thence due east to the shoreline at

(4012) 34°50'00", 120°36'30".

(4013) (ii) Zone 2. An area extending seaward about three nautical miles from the shoreline beginning at

(4014) 34°50'00", 120°36'30"; thence due west to

(4015) 34°50'00", 120°40'30", thence to

(4016) 34°45'28", 120°42'05"; thence due east to the shoreline at Purisima Point,

(4017) 34°45'28", 120°38'15".

(4018) (iii) Zone 3. An area extending seaward about three nautical miles from the shoreline beginning at Purisima Point

(4019) 34°45'28", 120°38'15"; thence due west to

(4020) 34°45'28", 120°42'05"; thence to

(4021) 34°44'50", 120°42'15"; thence to

(4022) 34°41'50", 120°40'12"; thence due east to the shoreline at the mouth of the Santa Ynez River,

(4023) 34°41'50", 120°36'20".

(4024) (iv) Zone 4. An area extending seaward about three nautical miles from the shoreline beginning at the mouth of the Santa Ynez River

(4025) 34°41'50", 120°36'20"; thence due west to

(4026) 34°41'50", 120°40'12"; thence to

(4027) 34°35'12", 120°42'45"; thence

(4028) 34°34'32", 120°42'15"; thence due east to the shoreline at Point Arguello,

(4029) 34°34'32", 120°39'03".

(4030) (v) Zone 5. An area extending seaward about three nautical miles from the shoreline beginning at Point Arguello,

(4031) 34°34'32", 120°39'03"; thence due west to

(4032) 34°34'32", 120°42'15"; thence to

(4033) 34°33'00", 120°41'05"; thence to

(4034) 34°30'40", 120°37'29"; thence due north to the shoreline at

(4035) 34°33'15", 120°37'29".

(4036) (vi) Zone 6. An area extending seaward about three nautical miles from the shoreline beginning at

(4037) 34°33'15", 120°37'29"; thence due south to

(4038) 34°30'40", 120°37'29"; thence due east to the shoreline at

(4039) 34°30'40", 120°30'10".

(4040) (vii) Zone 7. An area extending seaward about three nautical miles from the shoreline beginning at

(4041) 34°30'40", 120°30'10"; thence due west to

(4042) 34°30'40", 120°37'29"; thence to

(4043) 34°26'56", 120°33'06"; thence due east to the shoreline at Point Conception,

(4044) 34°26'56", 120°28'10".

(4045) (viii) Zone 8. An area extending seaward about three nautical miles from the shoreline beginning at Point Conception,

(4046) 34°26'56", 120°28'10"; thence due west to

(4047) 34°26'56", 120°33'06"; thence to

(4048) 34°24'18", 120°30'00"; thence to

(4049) 34°23'34", 120°27'05"; thence shoreward to Point Conception,

(4050) 34°26'56", 120°28'10".

(4051) (ix) Zone 9. An area extending seaward about three nautical miles from the shoreline beginning at Point Conception,

(4052) 34°26'56", 120°28'10"; thence seaward to

(4053) 34°23'34", 120°27'05"; thence to

(4054) 34°24'21", 120°24'40"; thence due north to the shoreline at

(4055) 34°27'20", 120°24'40".

(4056) (b) The regulations. (1) Except as prescribed in this section or in other regulations, danger zones will be

open to fishing, location of fixed or movable oil drilling platforms and general navigation without restrictions.

(4057) (2) The stopping or loitering by any person or vessel is expressly prohibited within Danger Zone 4, between the mouth of the Santa Ynez River and Point Arguello, unless prior permission is obtained from the Commander, Western Space and Missile Center (WSMC) at Vandenberg AFB, California.

(4058) (3) The impacting or missile debris from launch operations will take place in any one or any group of zones in the danger areas at frequent and irregular intervals throughout the year. The Commander, WSMC, will announce in advance, the closure of zones hazarded by missile debris impact. Such advance announcements will appear in the weekly "Notice to Mariners." For the benefit of fishermen, small craft operators and drilling platform operators, announcements will also be made on radio frequency 2182 kc, 2638 kc, VHF channel 6 (156.30 MHz), VHF channel 12 (156.60 MHz), and VHF channel 16 (156.80 MHz) for daily announcements. Additionally, information will be posted on notice boards located outside Port Control Offices (Harbormasters) at Morro Bay, Port San Luis, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Channel Islands, and Port Hueneme Harbors, and any established harbor of refuge between Santa Barbara and Morro Bay.

(4059) (4) All fishing boats, other small craft, drilling platforms and shipping vessels with radios are requested to monitor radio frequency 2182 kc, 2638 kc, VHF channel 6 (156.30 MHz), channel 12 (156.60 MHz), or channel 16 (156.80 MHz) while in these zones for daily announcements of zone closures.

(4060) (5) When a scheduled launch operation is about to begin, radio broadcast notifications will be made periodically, starting at least 24 hours in advance. Additional contact may be made by surface patrol boats or aircraft equipped with a loudspeaker system. When so notified, all persons and all vessels shall leave the specified zone or zones immediately by the shortest route.

(4061) (6) The Commander, WSMC, will extend full cooperation relating to the public use of the danger area and will fully consider every reasonable request for its use in light of requirements for national security and safety of persons and property.

(4062) (7) Where an established harbor of refuge exists, small craft may take shelter for the duration of zone closure.

(4063) (8) Fixed or movable oil drilling platforms located in zones identified as hazardous and closed in accordance with this regulation shall cease operations for the duration of the zone closure. The zones shall be closed continuously no longer than 72 hours at any one time. Such notice to evacuate personnel shall be accomplished in accordance with procedures as established by the Commander, WSMC, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service and the oil industry in the adjacent waters of the outer continental shelf.

(4064) (9) No seaplanes, other than those approved by the Commander, WSMC, may enter the danger zones during launch closure periods.

(4065) (10) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by personnel attached to WSMC and by such other agencies as may be designated by the Commander, WSMC.

(4066) (11) The regulations in this section shall be in effect until further notice. They shall be reviewed again during August 1994.

§334.1140 Pacific Ocean at San Miguel Island, Calif.; naval danger zone.

(4067) (a) The area. The waters around San Miguel Island, extending about 3 miles seaward from the shoreline within the following points:

(4068) A–34°01'32"N., 120°23'17"W.

(4069) B–33°58'48"N., 120°23'17"W.

(4070) C–33°58'48"N., 120°15'00"W.

(4071) D–34°02'50"N., 120°15'00"W.

(4072) E–34°05'45"N., 120°17'25"W.

(4073) F–34°07'00"N., 120°20'05"W.

(4074) G–34°09'18"N., 120°23'17"W.

(4075) H–34°03'09"N., 120°23'17"W.

(4076) (b) Markers. Range markers, as delineated below, are installed at points A and H for navigational purposes for both surface vessels and aircraft:

(4077) (1) At point A two triangular markers are installed facing southward, 10 feet in length on each side, with red and white diagonal stripes, each marker mounted atop 80-foot poles spaced 100 yards apart, each pole being placed on the line of longitude 120°23'17"W. and near the southerly shoreline at latitude 34°01'32"N. The southernmost marker is 20 feet below the other.

(4078) (2) At point H two triangular markers are installed facing true north 10 feet in length on each side, with red and white diagonal stripes, each marker mounted atop 80-foot poles spaced 100 yards apart, each pole being placed on the line of longitude 120°23'17"W. and near the northwesterly shoreline at latitude 34°03'09"N. The northernmost marker is 20 feet below the other.

(4079) (c) The regulations. (1) Except as prescribed in this section or in other regulations, the danger zone will be open to fishing and general navigation. Bomb drops between designated hours are expected to be intermittent, and when safe to do so, commercial fishing boats and other small craft will be granted permission to proceed through the danger zone. All vessels permitted to enter the zone during a scheduled bomb drop period, other than those owned or operated by the U.S.

Government, shall proceed across the zone by the most direct route and clear the area as soon as possible. When bomb drops are not scheduled, the zone may be occupied without restriction.

(4080) (2) The anchoring, stopping or loitering by any person, vessel, fishing boat or recreational craft within the danger zone during scheduled firing/drop hours is expressly prohibited.

(4081) (3) The bomb drops will take place in the danger zone at frequent and irregular intervals throughout the year. Danger zone usage demands are identified in the Eleventh Coast Guard District, "Local Notice to Mariners". Announcements will also be made on marine radio channel 16, at 0800 local time, 1200 local time and/or 1 hour prior to bomb drop operations. Status of the zone and/or permission to enter, may be requested by calling "Plead Control" on marine channel 16 or by calling the Pacific Missile Test Center (PMTC) on telephone number (805) 982-8280 or 982-8841.

(4082) (4) The Commander, PMTC will extend full cooperation relating to the public use of the danger zone area and will fully consider every reasonable request for its use in light of requirements for national security and safety of persons and property.

(4083) (5) No seaplanes, other than those approved for entry by the Commander, PMTC, may enter the danger zone during firing periods.

(4084) (6) Landing by any vessel or going ashore by any person on San Miguel Island is specifically prohibited without prior permission of the Superintendent, Channel Islands National Park. Applications for such permission should be made to: Superintendent, Channel Islands National Park, 1699 Anchors Way Drive, Ventura, California 93003.

(4085) (7) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by personnel attached to the Pacific Missile Test Center, Point Mugu, California, and by such other agencies as the Commandant, 11th Naval District, San Diego, Calif., may designate.

(4086) (8) The regulations in this section shall be in effect until further notice. They shall be reviewed in 1986.

§334.1150 Monterey Bay, Calif. (a) Firing range, Fort Ord, Calif.–

(4087) (1) The danger zone. (i) A rectangular area in Monterey Bay, the southerly limit of which is an extension seaward of the southerly line of the Fort Ord Military Reservation boundary and bears 307° true, 8,000 yards from a point on the shore at latitude 36°37'47", longitude 121°50'28", and the northerly limit of which is a line bearing 307° true, 8,000 yards, from a point on the shore at latitude 36°41'57", longitude 121°48'30", opposite Marina, Monterey County, Calif. The seaward boundary is a straight line joining the outer ends of the southerly and the northerly boundaries at the 8,000 yard range and is approximately parallel to the shore.

(4088) (ii) The danger zone is divided into a short range area, extending seaward from the shore a distance of 5,000 yards measured along the southerly and northerly boundaries, and a long range area embracing the entire danger zone.

(4089) (2) *The regulations*. (i) The 5,000 yard shore range is prohibited to all persons, vessels and craft, except those authorized by the enforcing agency, each week, between dawn and midnight from Monday through Friday and between dawn and dusk on Saturday and Sunday.

(4090) (ii) The area between the 5,000 yard short range and the 8,000 yard seaward boundary of the danger zone may be used at all times for navigation and fishing, except when advance notice of intention to use this area has been given by the enforcing agency by one or more of the following means.

(4091) (a) Notice published in Monterey County and Santa Cruz County daily newspapers, at least two days in advance of the date of said use.

(4092) (b) Display of red flags at Indian Head Beach and near the Point Pinos Lighthouse.

(4093) (c) Radio Broadcast.

(4094) (d) Notice to individual craft by a visit of a United States vessel.

(4095) (e) Telephone advice to such fishermen's organizations as may request, in writing, that such advice be given.

(4096) (iii) The regulations in this Paragraph will be enforced by the Commanding General, Fort Ord, California.

(4097) (b) Navy mining operations area–(1) The danger zone. Shoreward of a line beginning at the stack at about latitude 36°58'06", longitude 121°54'06"; thence 230° true, 6.0 miles; thence 140° true, 7.5 miles; thence 50° true to the shore.

(4098) (2) The regulations. The danger zone will be used for training in various phases of mine warfare operations. During the period from August 1 to February 15, inclusive, each year, no operations will be carried on which will involve placing any obstructions in the water nor will any operations be carried on at night. During the period from February 16 to July 31, inclusive, each year, operations may be carried on which will involve laying exercise mines and other moored or bottom obstructions. In each case when moored or bottom obstructions are laid a notice to mariners will be issued giving notice of their approximate location within the danger zone and all persons and vessels shall keep clear.

§334.1160 San Pablo Bay, Calif.; target practice area, Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo.

(4099) (a) The danger zone. A sector in San Pablo Bay adjacent to the westerly shore of Mare Island with a radius of 4,700 yards, centered at a point bearing 316° true, 3,605 yards, from Mare Island Strait Light 1, with limiting true bearings from that center of 266°30' and 222°.

(4100) (b) The regulations. The Commander, Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, California, will conduct target practice in the area at intervals of which the public will be duly notified. At such times all persons and vessels shall stay clear.

§334.1170 San Pablo Bay, Calif.: gunnery range, Naval Inshore Operations Training Center, Mare Island, Vallejo.

(4101) (a) The danger zone. A sector in San Pablo Bay delineated by lines joining the following points:

(4102) 38°02'08"N., 122°25'17"W.

(4103) 38°02'21"N., 122°22'55"W.

(4104) 38°05'48"N., 122°19'34"W.

(4105) 38°07'46"N., 122°23'23"W.

(4106) **Note.**–The danger zone will be used until September 30, 1982, after which it shall be subject to review to determine the further need thereof.

(4107) (b) The Regulations. The Commanding Officer, Coastal River Division Eleven, Department of the Navy, Mare Island, Vallejo, California, will conduct gunnery practice in the area during the period April 1 through September 30, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month and the third full weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of June. No persons or vessels shall enter or remain in the danger zone during the above stated periods except those persons and vessels connected with the gunnery practice operations. All firing will be from the southerly portion of the danger zone in a northerly direction, and only during good visibility. The public will be notified prior to each firing by a Notice to Mariners issued by the U.S. Coast Guard and the area will be patrolled by boat and searched by radar to insure a clear range. A safety officer will always be aboard the firing boat to guarantee that all safety precautions are observed. The regulations in this section will be enforced by the Commandant, 12th Naval District and such agencies as he may designate.

§334.1180 Strait of Juan de Fuca, Washington; air-to-surface weapon range, restricted area.

(4108) (a) The restricted area. A circular area immediately west of Smith Island with a radius of 1.25 nautical miles having its center at latitude 48°19'11" North and longitude 122°54'12" West. In the center of the area will be located a lighted and radar reflective buoy to serve as a navigational aid to mariners. The area will be used for air-to-surface target practice using non-explosive training devices.

(4109) (b) The regulations. (1) No person, vessel or other watercraft shall enter or remain within the designated restricted area between 0700 and 1200 hours daily, local time except as authorized by the enforcing agency and as follows: The area will be open to commercial gill net fishing during scheduled fishing periods from June 15 to October 15, annually. The October 15 closure date will be extended by the enforcing agency if determined as advantageous to the commercial gill net fishing by the Washington State Department of Fisheries.

(4110) (2) Prior to each target practice operation the restricted area will be patrolled by naval aircraft. Those persons and vessels found within the restricted area will be overflown by the aircraft at an altitude of not less than 300' in the direction in which the unauthorized person and vessel are to proceed to clear the area.

(4111) (c) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commandant, Thirteenth Naval District, Seattle, Washington, and such agencies as he may designate.

§334.1190 Hood Canal and Dabob Bay, Wash.; naval non-explosive torpedo testing areas.

(4112) (a) Hood Canal in vicinity of Bangor–(1) The area. All waters of Hood Canal between latitude 47°46'00" and latitude 47°42'00", exclusive of navigation lanes one-fourth nautical mile wide along the west shore and along the east shore south from the town of Bangor (latitude 47°43'28").

(4113) (2) The regulations. (i) The area will be used intermittently by the Navy for non-explosive torpedo ranging. Launching will be conducted only between 8 a.m., and sunset on days other than Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. At no time will the navigation lanes generally paralleling the shore be closed to navigation.

(4114) (ii) Navigation will be permitted within the area at all times except when naval exercises are in progress. No vessel shall enter or remain in the area when such exercises are in progress. Prior to commencement of an exercise, the Navy will make an aerial or surface reconnaissance of the area. Vessels underway and laying a course through the area will not be interfered with, but they shall not delay their progress. Vessels anchored or cruising in the area and vessels unobserved by the Navy reconnaissance which enter or are about to enter the area while a torpedo is in the water will be contacted by a Navy patrol boat and advised to steer clear. Torpedoes will be tested only when all vessels or other craft have cleared the area.

(4115) (iii) When operations are in progress, use of the area will be indicated by the presence of Naval vessels flying a “Baker” (red) flag.

(4116) (iv) Notices of temporary suspension and revival of operations will be published in local newspapers and in Notice to Mariners published by the United States Coast Guard.

(4117) (b) Dabob Bay in the vicinity of Quilcene–(1) The area. All waters of Dabob Bay beginning at latitude 47°39'27", longitude 122°52'22"; thence northeasterly to latitude 47°40'19", longitude 122°50'10"; thence northeasterly to a point on the mean high water line at Takutsko Pt.; thence northerly along the mean high water line to latitude 47°48'00"; thence west on latitude 47°48'00" to the mean high water line on the Bolton Peninsula; thence southwesterly along the mean high water line of the Bolton Peninsula to a point on longitude 122°51'06"; thence south on longitude 122°51'06" to the mean high water line at Whitney Pt.; thence along the mean high water line to a point on longitude 122°51'15"; thence southwesterly to the point of beginning.

(4118) (2) The regulations. (i) Propeller-driven or other noise- generating craft shall not work their screws or otherwise generate other than incidental noise in the area during periods of actual testing, which will be indicated by flashing red beacons at strategic locations, and all craft shall keep well clear of vessels engaged in such testing.

(4119) (ii) No vessel shall trawl or drag in the area.

(4120) (iii) No vessel shall anchor in the area except between the shore and the 10-fathom depth line.

(4121) (iv) Operations will normally be confined to the period from 9:30 a.m., to 2:30 p.m., on Mondays through Fridays, and will normally consist of intermittent tests of less than 30 minutes duration, with boat passage permitted between tests. Transits of log-tows and other slow-moving traffic will be arranged on a mutually satisfactory individual basis as appropriate. Emergencies or high-priority projects may occasionally cause operations outside the periods specified above. No operations will be conducted on Sundays.

(4122) (c) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commandant, Thirteenth Naval District, and such agencies as he may designate.

§334.1200 Strait of Juan de Fuca, eastern end; off the westerly shore of Whidbey Island; naval restricted areas–

(4123) (a) Area No. 1. Bounded by a line commencing at

(4124) 48°20'57"N., 122°40'39"W.; thence to

(4125) 48°20'40"N., 122°42'59"W.; thence to

(4126) 48°21'19"N., 122°43'02"W.; thence to

(4127) 48°21'13"N., 122°40'26"W.; and thence along the shore line to the point of beginning.

(4128) (b) Area No. 2. Bounded by a line commencing at

(4129) 48°21'53"N.; 122°40'00"W.; thence to

(4130) 48°23'12"N., 122°41'17"W.; thence to

(4131) 48°23'29"N., 122°40'22"W.; thence to

(4132) 48°22'21"N., 122°39'50"W.; and thence along the shore line to the point of beginning.

(4133) (c) *The regulations*. (1) Persons and vessels shall not enter these areas except at their own risk.

(4134) (2) All persons and vessels entering these areas shall be obliged to comply with orders received from naval sources pertaining to their movements while in the areas.

(4135) (3) The regulations in this Paragraph shall be enforced by the Commander, Naval Base, Seattle, and such agencies as he/she may designate.

§334.1210 Admiralty Inlet, entrance; naval restricted area–

(4136) (1) The area. Beginning at Point Wilson Light thence southwesterly along the coast line to latitude 48°07'N.; thence northwesterly to a point at latitude 48°15'N., longitude 123°00'W.; thence due east to Whidbey Island; thence southerly along the coast line to latitude 48°12.5'N.; thence southerly to the point of beginning.

(4137) (2) The regulations. (i) Use of any equipment such as anchors, fishing gear, grapnels, etc., which may foul underwater installations within the restricted area, is prohibited. Dumping of any non-buoyant objects in this area is prohibited.

(4138) (ii) The regulations of this Paragraph shall be enforced by the Commander, Naval Base, Seattle, and such agencies as he/she may designate.

§334.1215 Port Gardner, Everett Naval Base, Naval Restricted Area, Everett, Washington.

(4139) (a) *The area*. The waters of Port Gardner and East Waterway surrounding Naval Station Everett beginning at Point 1, a point near the northwest corner of Naval Station Everett at

(4140) 47°59'40"N., 122°13'23.5"W.; thence to

(4141) 47°59'40"N., 122°13'30"W. (Point 2); thence to

(4142) 47°59'20"N., 122°13'33"W. (Point 3); thence to

(4143) 47°59'13"N., 122°13'38"W. (Point 4); thence to

(4144) 47°59'05.5"N., 122°13'48.5"W. (Point 5); thence to

(4145) 47°58'51"N., 122°14'04"W. (Point 6); thence to

(4146) 47°58'45.5"N., 122°13'53"W. (Point 7); thence to

(4147) 47°58'45.5"N., 122°13'44"W. (Point 8); thence to

(4148) 47°58'48"N., 122°13'40"W. (Point 9); thence to

(4149) 47°58'59"N., 122°13'30"W. (Point 10); thence to

(4150) 47°59'14"N., 122°13'18"W. (Point 11); thence to

(4151) 47°59'13"N., 122°13'12"W. (Point 12); thence to

(4152) 47°59'20"N., 122°13'08"W. (Point 13); thence to

(4153) 47°59'20"N., 122°13'02.5"W. (Point 14), a point upon the Naval Station's shore in the northeast corner of East Waterway.

(4154) (b) *The regulation*. (1) All persons and vessels are prohibited from entering the waters within the restricted area for any reason without prior written permission from the Commanding Officer of the Naval Station Everett.

(4155) (2) Mooring, anchoring, fishing and/or recreational boating shall not be allowed within the restricted area without prior written permission from the Commanding Officer, Naval Station Everett.

(4156) (c) *Enforcement*. The regulation in this section, promulgated by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, shall be enforced by the Commanding Officer, Naval Station Everett and such agencies and persons as he/she shall designate.

§334.1220 Hood Canal, Bangor, naval restricted areas.

(4157) (a) Hood Canal, Bangor; Naval restricted areas–(1) Area No. 1. That area bounded by a line commencing on the east shore of Hood Canal at latitude 47°46'18"N, longitude 122°42'18"W; thence

(4158) latitude 47°46'32"N, longitude 122°42'20"W; thence to

(4159) latitude 47°46'38"N, longitude 122°42'52"W; thence to

(4160) latitude 47°44'15"N, longitude 122°44'50"W; thence to

(4161) latitude 47°43'53"N, longitude 122°44'58"W; thence to

(4162) latitude 47°43'17"N, longitude 122°44'49"W.

(4163) (2) Area No. 2. Waters of Hood Canal within a circle of 1,000 yards diameter centered on a point located at latitude 47°46'26"N, longitude 122°42'49"W.

(4164) (3) The regulations–(i) Area No. 1. No person or vessel shall enter this area without permission from the Commander, Naval Submarine Base Bangor, or his/her authorized representative.

(4165) (ii) Area No. 2. (A) The area will be used intermittently by the navy for magnetic silencing operations.

(4166) (B) Use of any equipment such as anchors, grapnels, etc., which may foul underwater installations within the restricted area, is prohibited at all times.

(4167) (C) Dumping of any nonbuoyant objects in this area is prohibited.

(4168) (D) Navigation will be permitted within that portion of this circular area not lying within Area No. 1 at all times except when magnetic silencing operations are in progress.

(4169) (E) When magnetic silencing operations are in progress, use of the area will be indicated by display of quick flashing red beacons on the pier located in the southwest quadrant of the area.

(4170) (4) Enforcement. The regulations in this subsection shall be enforced by the Commander, Naval Submarine Base Bangor, or his/her authorized representative.

§334.1230 Port Orchard; naval restricted area–

(4171) (1) The area. Shoreward of a line beginning at a point on the west shoreline of Port Orchard bearing 90° from stack (at latitude 47°42'01", longitude 122°36'54"); thence 90°, approximately 190 yards, to a point 350 yards from stack; thence 165°, 6,000 yards, to a point bearing 179°, 1,280 yards, from Battle Point Light; thence westerly to the shoreline at latitude 47°39'08" (approximate location of the Brownsville Pier).

(4172) (2) The regulations. (i) No vessel shall, at any time, anchor or tow a drag of any kind in this area.

(4173) (ii) The regulations in this Paragraph shall be enforced by the Commander, Naval Base, Seattle, and such agencies as he/she may designate.

§334.1240 Sinclair Inlet; Naval Restricted Areas.

(4174) (a) *Sinclair Inlet; naval restricted areas*.–

(4175) (1) Area No. 1. All the waters of Sinclair Inlet westerly of a line drawn from the Bremerton Ferry Landing at 47°33'48"N., 122°37'23"W. on the north shore of Sinclair Inlet and 47°32'52"N.,122°36'58"W. on the south shore of Sinclair Inlet.

(4176) (2) *Area No. 2*. That area of Sinclair Inlet to the north and west of an area bounded by a line commencing at

(4177) 47°33'43"N., 122°37'31"W.; thence south to

(4178) 47°33'39"N., 122°37'27"W.; thence southwest to

(4179) 47°33'23"N., 122°37'45"W.; thence southwest to

(4180) 47°33'19"N., 122°38'12"W.; thence southwest to

(4181) 47°33'10"N., 122°38'19"W.; thence southwest to

(4182) 47°33'07"N., 122°38'29"W.; thence west to

(4183) 47°33'07"N., 122°38'58"W.; thence southwest to

(4184) 47'33'04"N., 122°39'07"W.; thence west to the north shore of Sinclair Inlet at 47°33'04"N., 122°39'41"W.

(4185) (3) *The regulations*. (i) Area No. 1. No vessel of more than 100 gross tons shall enter this area or navigate therein without permission from the enforcing agency.

(4186) (ii) *Area No. 2*. This area is for the exclusive use of the U.S. Navy. No person, vessel, craft, article or thing except those under supervision of military or naval authority except Washington State Ferries or Horluck Transportation Company Ferries on established routes shall enter this area without permission from the enforcing agency.

(4187) (iii) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commander, Naval Base, Seattle, Washington, or his/her authorized representative.

(4188) (b) [Reserved]

§334.1250 Carr Inlet, Naval Restricted Areas.–

(4189) (1) The Area. The Waters of Carr Inlet bounded on the southeast by a line running from Gibson Point on Fox Island to Hyde Point on McNeil Island, on the northwest by a line running from Green Point (at latitude 47°16'54"N., longitude 122°41'33"W.) to Penrose Point; plus that portion of Pitt Passage extending from Carr Inlet to Pitt Island, and that portion of Hale Passage extending from Carr Inlet southeasterly to a line drawn perpendicular to the channel 500 yards northwesterly of the Fox Island Bridge.

(4190) (2) The Regulations. (i) The area shall be used as an acoustic range for research studies and special noise trials. No explosives shall be used.

(4191) (ii) No marine craft of any type shall at any time approach or remain within one hundred yards of the hydrophone buoys. The hydrophone buoys will be anchored in Carr Inlet on a line perpendicular to the course line opposite Ketner's Point, and about one mile from the Fox Island shore. The course line, or range, will bear 134°38'21" (314°38'21") true, and will be marked by range beacons erected near the shoreline approximately one mile north-northeast of Steilacoom and approximately two miles north-northeast of Home.

(4192) (iii) Buoy Testing Area. No vessel shall, at anytime, anchor or tow a drag of any kind within 1,000 yards of the buoy testing area.

(4193) (iv) The remainder of the area shall be open to navigation at all times except when the range is in use or when hydrophones are being calibrated. When the range is in use or hydrophones are being calibrated, quick flashing beacon lights will be displayed on signal towers located at Gibson Point, Green Point, Penrose Point, Pitt Island and Hyde Point. These beacon lights will be either red or green. The beacon lights will show quick flashing every two seconds. The ranging of vessels or calibration of hydrophones requiring restrictions will be conducted 24 hours per day for up to 5 days consecutively, and will total approximately 150 days spread throughout the year. Shutting off of beacon lights will indicate termination of use of the range. Insofar as possible, the schedule of operations giving the days the range will be in use for each forthcoming month will be published in local newspapers and in the local U.S. Coast Guard Notice to Mariners.

(4194) (v) When the red beacon lights are displayed, indicating that the range is in use or hydrophones are being calibrated, navigation within the area will be restricted as follows:

(4195) (a) As used in this section, the words "operate, power vessel, and non-power vessel" are defined as follows:

(4196) (1) "Operate": To be physically present in the designated area.

(4197) (2) "Power vessel": A vessel propelled principally by a mechanical propulsion system (i.e., gasoline, diesel, steam or electric drive to a propeller, pump jet, paddle wheel or other device), and being propelled by that means.

(4198) (3) "Non-power vessel": A vessel not equipped with a mechanical propulsion system, such as a rowboat, canoe, or sailboat propelled by oars, paddles, or sails, respectively.

(4199) (b) Power vessels shall not operate within the area, except that traffic in either direction between Hale Passage and upper Carr Inlet, within 200 yards of the low water mark off Green Point, will be cleared by signal for approximately 15 minutes total time within this area at the termination of individual ranging runs, while the vessel being ranged takes position for the next run. Clearance to traverse the area around Green Point will be indicated by extinguishing the red flashing beacon lights and displaying the green flashing beacon lights on all signal towers.

(4200) (c) Non-powered marine craft shall not operate within one mile of the course line bearing 134°38'21" (314°38'21") true, and within two miles to the southeast and two miles to the northwest of the hydrophone buoys situated in Carr Inlet opposite Ketner's Point; provided, however, non-powered craft may operate within four hundred yards of the low water mark on the northeast side of McNeil Island, within two hundred yards of the low water mark at Green Point, and within two hundred yards of the low water mark on the southwest shore of Fox Island.

(4201) (d) Towboats shall have free access and egress to designated tow havens within Carr Inlet, as follows: The Navy will establish and maintain suitable mooring buoys for the use of tugs and their tows at the following points: (1) approximately 1,500 yards northwest of Gibson Point Light and approximately 400 yards offshore from the low water mark on the Fox Island shore; (2) approximately 1,500 yards northwest of Hyde Point and approximately 400 yards offshore from the low water mark on McNeil Island shore; and (3) approximately 1,500 yards east of Wyckoff Shoal. Towboats will signal by radio (Marine Band Channel 14, 13, 12, or 6) or telephone as far in advance as possible of the time they enter the tow haven, such signals to be directed to "Carr Inlet Range Control" at the range instrument laboratory building located on Fox Island. The Navy shall promptly suspend operations when necessary to permit the access and egress of such tow traffic, and Carr Inlet Range Control shall signal the tows when the area is clear.

(4202) (e) Through commercial traffic, including tows, to points within Carr Inlet, and through Carr Inlet, Pitt Passage and Hale Passage to adjacent waters will be

permitted free access and egress, as follows: Such traffic will signal by radio (Marine Band Channel 14, 13, 12, or 6) or telephone as far in advance as possible of the time they enter the area, such signals to be directed to "Carr Inlet Range Control" at the range instrument laboratory located on Fox Island. The Navy shall promptly suspend operations when necessary to permit the passage of such traffic, and Carr Inlet Range Control shall signal when the area is clear for passage.

(4203) (f) The warden of the McNeil Island penitentiary and his authorized representatives shall be permitted to operate within the area at any time, as may be necessary, for the patrol and search for escaped convicts.

(4204) (g) Red or green signal flags will be displayed on the signal towers in case of failure of the red or green beacon lights. The display of the signal flags at the top of the flag masts will have the same significance as the beacon lights.

(4205) (3) The regulations in this Paragraph shall be enforced by the Commander, Naval Base, Seattle, and such agencies as he may designate.

§334.1260 Dabob Bay, Whitney Point, Naval Restricted Area–

(4206) (1) The area. Beginning at the high water line along the westerly shore of Dabob Bay, 100 yards northerly of the Naval control building located at approximately N. latitude 47°45'36" and W. longitude 122°51'00", thence S. 89°59'E. 2000 yards, thence to S. 00°01'W. 200 yards thence N. 89°59'W. approximately 2000 yards to the high water line 100 yards southerly of the control building.

(4207) (2) The regulations. (i) No vessel shall, at any time, anchor or tow a drag of any kind in this area.

(4208) (ii) The regulations in this Paragraph shall be enforced by the Commander, Naval Base, Seattle, or his/her authorized representative.

§334.1270 Port Townsend, Indian Island, Walan Point, Naval Restricted Area–

(4209) (a) The area. The waters of Port Townsend bounded by a line commencing on the north shore of Walan Point at

(4210) 48°04'41"N., 122°44'26"W.; thence to

(4211) 48°04'46"N., 122°44'53"W.; thence to

(4212) 48°04'19"N., 122°45'05"W.; thence to

(4213) 48°04'15"N., 122°44'48"W.; thence to a point on the Walan Point shoreline at

(4214) 48°04'18"N., 122°44'48"W.; and thence along the shoreline to the point of beginning. This line is located approximately 200 yards from the face and ends of the pier.

(4215) (b) *The regulations*. No person or vessel shall enter this area without permission from the Commander, Naval Base, Seattle, or his/her authorized representative. This restriction shall apply during periods when ship loading and/or pier operations preclude safe entry. These periods will be identified by flying a red flag from the ship and/or pier. A yellow flag will be displayed 24 hours in advance of the restricted periods.

§334.1340 Pacific Ocean, Hawaii; danger zones.

(4216) (a) Danger zones–

(4217) (1) Aerial bombing and strafing target surrounding Kaula Rock, Hawaii. The waters within a circular area with a radius of three (3) miles having its center on Kaula Rock at 21°39'30"N., 160°32'30"W.

(4218) (2) Submerged unexploded ordnance danger zone, Kahoolawe Island, Hawaii. The waters adjacent to Kahoolawe Island within the area encompassed by the following coordinates beginning at

(4219) 20°37'30"N., 156°32'48"W.; thence to

(4220) 20°34'48"N., 156°30'24"W.; thence to

(4221) 20°28'54"N., 156°30'30"W.; thence to

(4222) 20°28'06"N., 156°41'48"W.; thence to

(4223) 20°30'30"N., 156°44'12"W.; thence to

(4224) 20°33'12"N., 156°44'30"W.; thence to

(4225) 20°37'30"N., 156°36'24"W.; thence to the beginning coordinates.

(4226) (b) *The regulations*. No person, vessel or other craft shall enter or remain in any of the areas at any time except as authorized by the enforcing agency.

(4227) (c) Enforcing agency. The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commander, Naval Base Pear Harbor, Hawaii 96860-5020 and such agencies as he/she may designated.

§334.1350 Pacific Ocean, Island of Oahu, Hawaii; danger zone.

(4228) (a) The danger zone. Beginning at point of origin at Kaena Point Light in latitude 21°34'42"N., longitude 158°16'54"W.; thence on a bearing of 282°30' True to latitude 21°38'N., longitude 158°33'W.; thence along the arc of a circle centered at Kaena Point Light to latitude 21°42'30"N., longitude 158°03'W.; thence on a bearing of 228° True to latitude 21°35'33"N., longitude 158°11'30"W.; thence to point of origin.

(4229) (b) *The regulations*. (1) The area will be closed to the public and all shipping on specific dates to be designated for actual firing and no person, vessel or other craft shall enter or remain in the area during the times designated for firing except as may be authorized by the enforcing agency. Notification to maritime interests of specific dates of firing will be disseminated through the U.S. Coast Guard media of the Local Notice to Mariners and the NOTAMS published by the Corps of Engineers. On dates not specified for firing, the area will be open to normal maritime traffic.

(4230) (2) The regulations of this section shall be enforced by the Commanding General, United States Army, Hawaii/25th Infantry Division, APO 957, and such agencies as he may designate.

§334.1360 Pacific Ocean at Barber's Point, Island of Oahu, Hawaii; danger zone.

(4231) (a) The danger zone. The waters within a rectangular area beginning at a point in

(4232) 21°17'56"N., 158°05'21"W.; thence to

(4233) 21°17'30"N., 158°05'21"W.; thence to

(4234) 21°17'58"N., 158°02'49"W.; thence to

(4235) 21°18'24"N., 158°02'49"W.; thence along the shoreline at the highwater mark along the southerly boundary of Naval Air Station, Barbers Point, to the point of beginning.

(4236) (b) The regulations. (1) The area is closed to all surface craft, swimmers, divers and fishermen except to craft and personnel authorized by the enforcing agency.

(4237) (2) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station, Barber's Point, Hawaii 96862, and such agencies as he/she may designate.

§334.1370 Pacific Ocean at Keahi Point, Island of Oahu, Hawaii; danger zone.

(4238) (a) The danger zone. The waters within an area beginning at a point in

(4239) 21°18'21.4"N., 157°59'14.2"W.; thence to

(4240) 21°18'11.0"N., 158°00'17.5"W.; thence to

(4241) 21°17'11.8"N., 158°00'06.5"W.; and thence to

(4242) 21°17'22.5"N., 157°59'03.1"W.

(4243) (b) The regulations. (1) The area is closed to all surface craft, swimmers, divers, and fishermen except to craft and personnel authorized by the enforcing agency.

(4244) (2) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commanding Officer, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training and Evaluation Unit One, Barbers Point, Hawaii 96862-5600.

§334.1380 Marine Corps Air Station, (MCAS) Kaneohe Bay, Island of Oahu, Hawaii-Ulupau Crater Weapons Training Range Danger Zone.

(4245) (a) The Danger Zone. The waters within a sector extending seaward a distance of 3,900 yards between radial lines bearing 352° true and 61° true, respectively, from a point on Mokapu Peninsula at 21°27'17"N., 157°43'51"W., exclusive of the existing 500 yard wide prohibited area. The interface between the existing 500 yard prohibited area and this danger zone is defined by three points having the following coordinates.

(4246) Point A: 21°27'59"N., 157°43'56"W.

(4247) Point B: 21°27'52"N., 157°43'02"W.

(4248) Point C: 21°27'38"N., 157°43'12"W.

(4249) (b) The regulations. (1) Weapons firing at the Ulupau Crater Weapons Training Range may occur at any time between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Saturday and/or Sunday, when required. Specific dates and hours for weapons firing, along with information regarding onshore warning signals, will be promulgated by the U.S. Coast Guard's Local Notice to Mariners. Information on weapons firing schedules may also be obtained by calling the Officer in Charge of the Range Training Facility, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, MCAS (telephone number 257-2067).

(4250) (2) Whenever hazardous weapons (machine guns) firing is scheduled and in progress during daylight hours, two large red triangular warning pennants will be flown at each of two highly visible and widely separated locations on the shore at Ulupau Crater.

(4251) (3) Whenever tactical weapons (exclusive of machine guns) firing is scheduled and in progress during daylight hours, a single large red rectangular warning flag will be flown at the two separate locations on the shore.

(4252) (4) Whenever any weapons firing is scheduled and in progress during periods of darkness, flashing red warning beacons will be displayed on the shore at Ulupau Crater.

(4253) (5) Boaters will have complete access to the danger zone whenever there is no weapons firing scheduled, which will be indicated by the absence of any warning flags, pennants, or beacons displayed ashore.

(4254) (6) The danger zone is not considered safe for boaters whenever hazardous weapons (machine guns) firing is in progress. Hazardous weapons firing will usually be scheduled approximately twice a month, on nonconsecutive weekdays, for about eight hours on each occasion. Boaters shall expeditiously vacate the danger zone at best speed and by the most direct route whenever hazardous weapons firing is scheduled. Passage of vessels through the danger zone when hazardous weapons firing is in progress will be permitted, but boaters shall proceed directly through the area at best speed. Hazardous weapons firing will be suspended as long as there is a vessel in the danger zone. Whenever a boater disregards the publicized warning signals that hazardous weapons firing is scheduled, the boater will be personally requested to expeditiously vacate the danger zone by MCAS Kaneohe Bay military personnel utilizing a bull-horn from either a Marine helicopter or Navy crash boat.

(4255) (7) The danger zone may be occupied for extended periods and with caution at individual risk whenever tactical weapons (exclusive of machine guns) firing is scheduled and in progress because of the remote possibility of a rifle round from an accidental discharge

impacting outside the limits of the existing prohibited areas.

(4256) (8) Observation posts will be manned whenever any weapons firing is scheduled and in progress. Visibility will be sufficient to maintain visual surveillance of the entire danger zone and for an additional distance of 5 miles in all directions whenever weapons firing is in progress.

(4257) (c) The Enforcing Agency. The foregoing regulations shall be enforced by the Commanding Officer, MCAS Kaneohe Bay and such agencies as he/she may designate.

§334.1390 Pacific Ocean at Barking Sands, Island of Kauai, Hawaii, missile range facility.

(4258) (a) The danger zone. The waters within an area beginning at

(4259) 22°03'15"N., 159°47'15"W.; thence southerly along the shoreline to

(4260) 22°02'45"N., 159°47'18"W.; thence westerly to

(4261) 22°02'30"N., 159°51'30"W.; thence northeasterly to

(4262) 22°06'30"N., 159°49'30"W.; and thence southeasterly to point of beginning.

(4263) (b) Markers. (1) Range markers at the control point at latitude 22°03'17.4"N., longitude 159°47'12.2"W., are separated 300 feet (one pole 95.5 feet northwest and the other pole 204.5 feet southeast of this point) along a line bearing 327°10' True.

(4264) (2) Range markers at the control point at latitude 22°02'44.5"N., longitude 159°47'16.4"W., are separated 300 feet (one pole 75 feet west and the other pole 225 feet east of this point) along a line bearing 266°20' True.

(4265) (3) The range marker poles seaward from each control point are 25 feet in height above ground level. The other two poles are 45 feet above ground level.

(4266) (4) Each range marker consists of a 10-foot equilateral triangle with alternate red and white diagonal stripes.

(4267) (c) The regulations. Entry into the area by any person, boat, vessel or other craft is prohibited at all times. Special permission for transit through the area by the most direct route may be obtainable on an individual basis, by prior arrangement with the Commanding Officer, Pacific Missile Range Facility, Hawai'ian Area, Barking Sands, Kekaha, Kauai, Hawaii 96752.

§334.1400 Pacific Ocean, at Barbers Point, Island of Oahu, Hawaii; restricted area.

(4268) (a) The area. That portion of the Pacific Ocean lying offshore of Oahu between Ewa Beach and Barbers Point, basically outlined as follows:

(4269) Station

(4270) A (shoreline)–21°18'06"N., 158°04'24"W.

(4271) B–21°17'00"N., 158°03'30"W.

(4272) C–21°15'00"N., 158°03'18"W.

(4273) D–21°15'36"N., 158°01'06"W.

(4274) E (shoreline)–21°18'30"N., 158°02'00"W.

(4275) (b) The regulations. (1) Vessels shall not anchor within the area at any time.

(4276) (2) Dredging, dragging, seining, or other fishing operations which might foul underwater installations within the area are prohibited.

(4277) (3) Use of the restricted area for boating, fishing (except as prohibited in Paragraph (b)(2) of this section) and other surface activities is authorized.

(4278) (4) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Officer in Charge, Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860-7625, and such agencies as he/she may designate.

§334.1410 Pacific Ocean, at Makapuu Point, Waimanalo, Island of Oahu, Hawaii, Makai Undersea Test Range.

(4279) (a) The restricted area. The waters within an area beginning at a point in

(4280) 21°18'50"N., 157°39'07"W.; thence to

(4281) 21°20'33"N., 157°38'00"W.; thence to

(4282) 21°22'02"N., 157°39'07"W.; and thence to

(4283) 21°19'35"N., 157°40'46"W.

(4284) (b) The regulations. (1) During critical testing phases of surface and submerged units, the operating officials of the Makai Test Range will mark in a conspicuous manner the location of the equipment which might be subject to damage from navigation and fishing activities or might represent a hazard to persons or property in the vicinity. During the display of signals in the restricted area, all persons and surface craft will remain away from the area until such time as the signals are withdraw. At all other times the area is open to unrestricted fishing, boating and general navigation.

(4285) (2) Operating officers and personnel of the Makai Test Range will be responsible for marking in a conspicuous manner the location of surface and underwater equipment which is subject to damage from navigation and fishing activities in the vicinity or represents a hazard to persons or property in the vicinity, and the location of the work area during critical testing phases. Surface communication by boat will be provided by the Makai Test Range during testing phases.

§334.1420 Pacific Ocean off Orote Point, Apra Harbor, Island of Guam, Marianas Islands; small arms firing range.

(4286) (a) *The danger zone.* The waters within an area delineated by a line joining the following positions:

Latitude	Longitude
13°26'03.9"	144°37'38.3"
13°25'26.0"	144°36'14.2"
13°24'51.2"	144°36'31.9"
13°25'28.7"	144°37'59.1"
13°25'43.2"	144°38'09.5"

(4287) (b) *The regulations.*

(4288) (1) The danger zone shall be closed to the public and shipping on specific dates to be designated for actual firing and no person, vessel or other craft shall enter or remain in the danger zone designated for firing except as may be authorized by the enforcing agency. Notification to maritime interests of specific dates of firing will be disseminated by the enforcing agency. On dates not specified for firing, the danger zone shall be open to normal maritime traffic.

(4289) (2) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Station, Guam, Marianas Islands and such agencies as he may designate.

§334.1430 Apra Inner Harbor, Island of Guam; restricted area.

(4290) (a) *The restricted area*. The waters within Apra Inner Harbor and adjacent waters of Apra Outer Harbor inclosed by a line beginning at the northeast corner of a pier at latitude 13°26'32.1"N., longitude 144°39'02.8"E., and thence to the northern tip of a small island at latitude 13°26'40.2"N., longitude 144°39'28.1"E., and thence to the northwest corner of the point of land at latitude 13°26'28.1"N., longitude 144°39'52.5"E.

(4291) (b) *The regulations*.

(4292) (1) All swimmers and all vessels and craft except public vessels of the United States are prohibited from entering this area without prior permission of the enforcing agency.

(4293) (2) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by Commander Naval Forces Marianas and such agencies as he may designate.

(4294) (3) The water areas of the outer boundaries of the restricted area will not be marked but signs will be posted at the designated boundary coordinates to warn against trespassing in the restricted area.

TITLE 40–PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT

Part 140–Marine Sanitation Device Standard

§140.1 Definitions.

(4295) For the purpose of these standards the following definitions shall apply:

(4296) (a) *Sewage* means human body wastes and the wastes from toilets and other receptacles intended to receive or retain body wastes;

(4297) (b) *Discharge* includes, but is not limited to, any spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, or dumping;

(4298) (c) *Marine sanitation device* includes any equipment for installation onboard a vessel and which is designed to receive, retain, treat, or discharge sewage and any process to treat such sewage;

(4299) (d) *Vessel* includes every description of watercraft or other artificial contrivance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on waters of the United States;

(4300) (e) *New vessel* refers to any vessel on which construction was initiated on or after January 30, 1975;

(4301) (f) *Existing vessel* refers to any vessel on which construction was initiated before January 30, 1975;

(4302) (g) *Fecal coliform bacteria* are those organisms associated with the intestines of warm-blooded animals that are commonly used to indicate the presence of fecal material and the potential presence of organisms capable of causing human disease.

§140.2 Scope of standard.

(4303) The standard adopted herein applies only to vessels on which a marine sanitation device has been installed. The standard does not require the installation of a marine sanitation device on any vessel that is not so equipped. The standard applies to vessels owned and operated by the United States unless the Secretary of Defense finds that compliance would not be in the interest of national security.

§140.3 Standard.

(4304) (a) (1) In freshwater lakes, freshwater reservoirs or other freshwater impoundments whose inlets or outlets are such as to prevent the ingress or egress by vessel traffic subject to this regulation, or in rivers not capable of navigation by interstate vessel traffic subject to this regulation, marine sanitation devices certified by the U.S. Coast Guard (see 33 CFR part 159, published in 40 FR 4622, January 30, 1975), installed on all vessels shall be designed and operated to prevent the overboard discharge of sewage, treated or untreated, or of any waste derived from sewage. This shall not be construed to prohibit the carriage of Coast Guard-certified flow-through treatment devices which have been secured so as to prevent such discharges.

(4305) (2) In all other waters, Coast Guard-certified marine sanitation devices installed on all vessels shall be designed and operated to either retain, dispose of, or discharge sewage. If the device has a discharge, subject to paragraph (d) of this section, the effluent shall not

have a fecal coliform bacterial count of greater than 1,000 per 100 milliliters nor visible floating solids. Waters where a Coast Guard-certified marine sanitation device permitting discharge is allowed include coastal waters and estuaries, the Great Lakes and inter-connected waterways, fresh-water lakes and impoundments accessible through locks, and other flowing waters that are navigable interstate by vessels subject to this regulation.

(4306) (b) This standard shall become effective on January 30, 1977 for new vessels and on January 30, 1980 for existing vessels (or, in the case of vessels owned and operated by the Department of Defense, two years and five years, for new and existing vessels, respectively, after promulgation of implementing regulations by the Secretary of Defense under section 312(d) of the Act).

(4307) (c) Any vessel which is equipped as of the date of promulgation of this regulation with a Coast Guard-certified flow-through marine sanitation device meeting the requirements of paragraph (a)(2) of this section, shall not be required to comply with the provisions designed to prevent the overboard discharge of sewage, treated or untreated, in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, for the operable life of that device.

(4308) (d) After January 30, 1980, subject to paragraphs (e) and (f) of this section, marine sanitation devices on all vessels on waters that are not subject to a prohibition of the overboard discharge of sewage, treated or untreated, as specified in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, shall be designed and operated to either retain, dispose of, or discharge sewage, and shall be certified by the U.S. Coast Guard. If the device has a discharge, the effluent shall not have a fecal coliform bacterial count of greater than 200 per 100 milliliters, nor suspended solids greater than 150 mg/1.

(4309) (e) Any existing vessel on waters not subject to a prohibition of the overboard discharge of sewage in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, and which is equipped with a certified device on or before January 30, 1978, shall not be required to comply with paragraph (d) of this section, for the operable life of that device.

(4310) (f) Any new vessel on waters not subject to the prohibition of the overboard discharge of sewage in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, and on which construction is initiated before January 31, 1980, which is equipped with a marine sanitation device before January 31, 1980, certified under paragraph (a)(2) of this section, shall not be required to comply with paragraph (d) of this section, for the operable life of that device.

(4311) (g) The degrees of treatment described in paragraphs (a) and (d) of this section are "appropriate standards" for purposes of Coast Guard and Department of Defense certification pursuant to section 312(g)(2) of the Act.

§140.4 Complete prohibition.

(4312) (a) Prohibition pursuant to CWA section 312(f)(3): a State may completely prohibit the discharge from all vessels of any sewage, whether treated or not, into some or all of the waters within such State by making a written application to the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, and by receiving the Administrator's affirmative determination pursuant to section 312(f)(3) of the Act. [...]

(4313) (b) Prohibition pursuant to CWA section 312(f)(4)(A): a State may make a written application to the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under section 312(f)(4)(A) of the Act, for the issuance of a regulation completely prohibiting discharge from a vessel of any sewage, whether treated or not, into particular waters of the United States or specified portions thereof, which waters are located within the boundaries of such State. Such application shall specify with particularly the waters, or portions thereof, for which a complete prohibition is desired. The application shall include identification of water recreational areas, drinking water intakes, aquatic sanctuaries, identifiable fish-spawning and nursery areas, and areas of intensive boating activities. If, on the basis of the State's application and any other information available to him, the Administrator is unable to make a finding that the waters listed in the application require a complete prohibition of any discharge in the waters or portions thereof covered by the application, he shall state the reasons why he cannot make such a finding, and shall deny the application. If the Administrator makes a finding that the waters listed in the application require a complete prohibition of any discharge in all or any part of the waters or portions thereof covered by the State's application, he shall publish notice of such findings together with a notice of proposed rule making, and then shall proceed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553. If the Administrator's finding is that applicable water quality standards require a complete prohibition covering a more restricted or more expanded area than that applied for by the State, he shall state the reasons why his finding differs in scope from that requested in the State's application. [...]

(4314) (ii) Waters of the State of Florida within the boundaries of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary as delineated on a map of the Sanctuary at *http://www.fknms.nos.noaa.gov/*.

(4315) (c)(1) Prohibition pursuant to CWA section 312(f)(4)(B): A State may make written application to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency under section 312(f)(4)(B) of the Act for the issuance of a regulation establishing a drinking water intake no discharge zone which completely prohibits discharge from a vessel of any sewage, whether treated

or untreated, into that zone in particular waters, or portions thereof, within such State. Such application shall:

(4316) (i) Identify and describe exactly and in detail the location of the drinking water supply intake(s) and the community served by the intake(s), including average and maximum expected amounts of inflow;

(4317) (ii) Specify and describe exactly and in detail, the waters, or portions thereof, for which a complete prohibition is desired, and where appropriate, average, maximum and low flows in million gallons per day (MGD) or the metric equivalent;

(4318) (iii) Include a map, either a USGS topographic quadrant map or a NOAA nautical chart, as applicable, clearly marking by latitude and longitude the waters or portions thereof to be designated a drinking water intake zone; and

(4319) (iv) Include a statement of basis justifying the size of the requested drinking water intake zone, for example, identifying areas of intensive boating activities.

(4320) (2) If the Administrator finds that a complete prohibition is appropriate under this paragraph, he or she shall publish notice of such finding together with a notice of proposed rulemaking, and then shall proceed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553. If the Administrator's finding is that a complete prohibition covering a more restricted or more expanded area than that applied for by the State is appropriate, he or she shall also include a statement of the reasons why the finding differs in scope from that requested in the State's application.

(4321) (3) If the Administrator finds that a complete prohibition is inappropriate under this paragraph, he or she shall deny the application and state the reasons for such denial.

(4322) (4) For the following waters the discharge from a vessel of any sewage, whether treated or not, is completely prohibited pursuant to CWA section 312(f)(4)(B):

(4323) (i) Two portions of the Hudson River in New York State, the first is bounded by an east-west line through the most northern confluence of the Mohawk River which will be designated by the Troy-Waterford Bridge (126th Street Bridge) on the south and Lock 2 on the north, and the second of which is bounded on the north by the southern end of Houghtaling Island and on the south by a line between the Village of Roseton on the western shore and Low Point on the eastern shore in the vicinity of Chelsea, as described in Items 2 and 3 of 6 NYCRR Part 858.4.

(4324) (ii) [Reserved]

§140.5 Analytical procedures.

(4325) In determining the composition and quality of effluent discharge from marine sanitation devices, the procedures contained in 40 CFR part 136, "Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants," or subsequent revisions or amendments thereto, shall be employed.

TITLE 46–SHIPPING

Part 15–Manning Requirements (in part)

Subpart 1–Vessels in Foreign Trade

§15.1001 General.

(4326) Self-propelled vessels engaged in foreign commerce are required to use a pilot holding an appropriately endorsed Federal first class pilot's license issued by the Coast Guard when operating in the navigable waters of the United States specified in this subpart.

§15.1010 California.

(4327) The following offshore marine oil terminals located within U.S. navigable waters of the State of California:

(4328) (a) *Carlsbad, CA.* The waters including the San Diego Gas and Electric, Encina Power Plant, lying within an area bounded by a line beginning at

(4329) 33°10'06"N., 117°21'42"W.; thence southwesterly to

(4330) 33°08'54"N., 117°24'36"W.; thence southwesterly to

(4331) 33°04'30"N., 117°21'42"W.; thence northeasterly to

(4332) 33°05'36"N., 117°18'54"W.; thence northwesterly along the shoreline to

(4333) 33°10'06"N., 117°21'42"W.

(4334) (b) *Huntington Beach, CA.* The waters including the Golden West Refining Company, Huntington Beach Marine Terminal, lying within an area bounded by a line beginning at

(4335) 33°39'06"N., 118°00'00"W.; thence westerly to

(4336) 33°39'18"N., 118°05'12"W.; thence southeasterly along a line drawn three nautical miles from the baseline to

(4337) 33°35'30"N., 118°00'00"W.; thence easterly to

(4338) 33°35'30"N., 117°52'30"W.; thence northwesterly along the shoreline to

(4339) 33°39'06"N., 118°00'00"W.

(4340) (c) *El Segundo, CA.* The waters including the Chevron USA, El Segundo Marine Terminal, lying within an area bounded by a line beginning at

(4341) 33°56'18"N., 118°26'18"W.; thence westerly to

(4342) 33°56'18"N., 118°30'48"W.; thence southeasterly along a line drawn three nautical miles from the baseline to

(4343) 33°51'48"N., 118°27'54"W.; thence easterly to

(4344) 33°51'48"N., 118°24'00"W.; thence northwesterly along the shoreline to

(4345) 33°56'18"N., 118°26'18"W.

(4346) (d) *Oxnard, CA.* The waters including the Southern California Edison Company, Mandalay Generating Station, lying within an area bounded by a line beginning at

(4347) 34°14'12"N., 119°16'00"W.; thence westerly to

(4348) 34°14'12"N., 119°19'36"W., thence southeasterly along a line drawn three nautical miles from the baseline to

(4349) 34°09'24"N., 119°17'20"W.; thence easterly to

(4350) 34°09'24"N., 119°13'24"W.; thence northwesterly along the shoreline to

(4351) 34°14'24"N., 119°16'00"W.

(4352) (e) *Goleta, CA.* The waters including the ARCO, Ellwood Marine Terminal, lying within an area bounded by a line beginning at

(4353) 34°26'12"N., 119°57'00"W.; thence southerly to

(4354) 34°22'48"N., 119°57'00"W.; thence southeasterly along a line drawn three nautical miles from the baseline to

(4355) 34°21'06"N., 119°50'30.5"W.; thence northerly to

(4356) 34°24'18"N., 119°50'30"W.; thence northwesterly along the shoreline to

(4357) 34°26'12"N., 119°57'00"W.

(4358) (f) *Gaviota, CA.* The waters including the Texaco Trading and Transportation, Gaviota Marine Terminal, lying within an area bounded by a line beginning at

(4359) 34°28'06"N., 120°16'00"W.; thence southerly to

(4360) 34°25'06"N., 120°16'00"W.; thence easterly along a line drawn three nautical miles from the baseline to

(4361) 34°25'24"N., 120°08'30"W.; thence northerly to

(4362) 34°28'24"N., 120°08'30"W.; thence westerly along the shoreline to

(4363) 34°28'06"N., 120°16'00"W.

(4364) (g) *Moss Landing, CA.* The waters including the Pacific Gas and Electric Company Power Plant, lying within an area bounded by a line beginning at

(4365) 36°49'00"N., 121°47'42"W.; thence westerly to

(4366) 36°49'00"N., 121°51'00"W.; thence southerly to

(4367) 36°47'00"N., 121°51'00"W.; thence easterly to

(4368) 36°47'00"N., 121°47'54"W.; thence northerly along the shoreline to

(4369) 36°49'00"N., 121°47'42"W.

(4370) (h) *Estero Bay, CA.* The waters including various moorings, including the Pacific Gas and Electric Company mooring and the two Chevron Oil Company Terminals lying within an area bounded by a line beginning at

(4371) 36°25'00"N., 120°52'30"W.; thence westerly to

(4372) 36°25'00"N., 120°56'00"W.; thence southerly to

(4373) 36°22'00"N., 120°56'00"W.; thence easterly to

(4374) 36°22'00"N., 120°52'12"W.; thence northerly along the shoreline to

(4375) 36°25'00"N., 120°52'30"W.

(4376) (i) *San Luis Obispo Bay, CA.* The waters including the Unocal Corporation Avila Terminal and the approaches thereto, lying in an area bounded by a line beginning at

(4377) 35°09'42"N., 120°46'00"W.; thence southerly to

(4378) 35°07'00"N., 120°46'00"W.; thence easterly to

(4379) 35°07'00"N., 120°43'00"W.; thence northerly to

(4380) 35°10'24"N.,120°43'00"W.; thence westerly along the shoreline to

(4381) 35°09'42"N., 120°46'00"W.

§15.1020 Hawaii.

(4382) The following offshore marine oil terminals located within U.S. navigable waters of the State of Hawaii: Barbers Point, Island of Oahu. The waters including the Hawai'ian Independent Refinery, Inc. and the Chevron moorings lying within an area bounded by a line bearing 180 degrees true from Barbers Point Light to

(4383) 21°14.8'N., 158°06.4'W.; thence easterly to

(4384) 21°14.8'N., 158°03.3'W.; thence northeasterly to

(4385) 21°15.6'N., 158°01.1'W.; thence northwesterly to

(4386) 21°18.5'N., 158°02.0'W.; thence westerly along the shoreline to

(4387) 21°17.8'N., 158°06.4'W.

California, Oregon, and Washington

(1) The California-Oregon-Washington coast of the United States, between Mexico on the S and Canada's British Columbia on the N, is mostly rugged and mountainous, with high land rising abruptly from the sea in many places. S of San Francisco Bay the mountains are usually bare or covered with chaparral and underbrush. N of the bay the mountains are generally well timbered, and in some places, especially N of the Columbia River, the timber is particularly dense and heavy.

Disposal Sites and Dumping Grounds

(2) These areas are rarely mentioned in the Coast Pilot, but are shown on the nautical charts. (See Disposal Sites and Dumping Grounds, chapter 1, and charts for limits.)

Aids to navigation

(3) Lights are numerous along the coast; there are only a few places where a vessel is not in sight of one or more lights. Fog signals are at most of the principal light stations. Many coastal and harbor buoys are equipped with radar reflectors, which greatly increase the range at which the buoys may be detected. Loran coverage is good. The critical dangers are buoyed and are generally marked by kelp.

(4) There are many aerolights along the coast that are useful for navigation purposes, but they should not be confused with the marine lights. (See the Light List for a complete description of navigational aids.)

Electronic navigation

(5) Radar, loran, and the radio direction finder have given the navigator means of determining his position in any weather. The mariner should, however, appreciate the limitations and sources of error of the various systems. Radar should be properly calibrated and tuned. Radio direction finders must be calibrated, and the operator should become experienced in the use of the equipment. Radar, radio direction finder, and loran equipment are subject to malfunctions which may not be immediately apparent to the operator, and there are conditions when loran or radio signals may be subject to error when the shipboard receiver is operating properly. Soundings should always be taken in critical places, and the position should be checked by visual bearings when possible.

(6) Radar navigation is facilitated along the Pacific coast by the generally high relief of the coastline. The rugged coast provides many points, headlands, and large offshore rocks which give accurate radar ranges and bearings. Radar ranges are more accurate than radar bearings. When two or more suitable targets can be positively identified, a better fix is obtained by radar ranges alone than by radar ranges and bearings. When visibility permits, visual bearings should always be taken. When positioning by a bearing and a radar range of a single object, the identification of the target must be positive. Floating aids to navigation should not be used as targets for fixing position.

(7) Radio direction finder equipment is subject to several kinds of errors. Bearings obtained at twilight or at night or bearings which are almost parallel to the coast should be accepted with reservations, due to "night effect" and to the distortion of the radio waves if traveling overland. Other sources of error in the system may be avoided by the proper calibration of the shipboard receiver.

(8) Loran provides good coverage along the Pacific coast.

(9) The frequent occurrence of fog along this coast makes radar an invaluable aid in detecting other traffic and obtaining a line of position and/or fix. Bridge-to-bridge radio communication (VHF-FM) is another useful aid, regardless of weather, in waters where maneuvering room is limited or restricted. The use of VHF-FM equipment for short-range communication is increasing, and so are the number of vessels equipped with this equipment. The primary advantages of this radio system are its line-of-sight characteristic and relative freedom from static interference.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(10) Lines have been established to delineate those waters upon which mariners must comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea,

1972 (72 COLREGS) and those waters upon which mariners must comply with the Inland Navigational Rules Act of 1980 (Inland Rules). The waters inside of the lines are **Inland Rules Waters,** and the waters outside of the lines are **COLREGS Waters.** (See **Part 80,** chapter 2, for specific lines of demarcation.)

Ports and Waterways Safety

(11) (See **Part 160,** chapter 2, for regulations governing vessel operations and requirements for notification of arrivals, departures, hazardous conditions, and certain dangerous cargoes to the Captain of the Port.)

Channels

(12) **Federal project depth** is the dredging depth of a channel as authorized by an Act of Congress upon recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army. **Controlling depth** in a channel is its least depth; it restricts use of the channel to drafts less than that depth.

(13) Where deepwater channels are maintained by the Corps of Engineers and the controlling depths are printed on the charts, the Coast Pilot usually gives only the project depth. Because of constant shoaling in places, depths may vary considerably between maintenance dredgings. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of charts for controlling depths.)

(14) Where secondary channels are maintained regularly by the Corps of Engineers, the Coast Pilot gives the controlling depths together with the dates of the latest surveys.

(15) In the case of other channels, the controlling depths printed in the Coast Pilot are from the latest available reports, which may, however, be several years old.

Depths alongside wharves

(16) In general, depths given alongside wharves are those reported by owners and/or operators of the waterfront facilities, and have not been verified by government surveys. Since these depths may be subject to change, local authorities should be consulted for current controlling depths.

(17) Depths are in feet below the low-water tidal datum of the charts; deck heights where given are in feet above the chart datum for water depths.

(18) **Traffic Separation Schemes (Traffic Lanes)** have been established from the Gulf of Santa Catalina to the vicinity of Point Conception, off the entrance to San Francisco Bay, and in the Straits of Juan de Fuca and Georgia and Haro Straits. (See chapters 4, 7, and 12, respectively, for details.)

(19) **Vessel Traffic Services (VTS),** have been established in the San Francisco Bay area and in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, E of Port Angeles and in the waters of Rosario Strait, Admiralty Inlet, Puget Sound and the navigable waters adjacent to these areas. The services have been established to prevent collisions and groundings and to protect the navigable waters from environmental harm.

(20) The Vessel Traffic Services provide for a **Vessel Traffic Center (VTC)** that may regulate the routing and movement of vessels by radar surveillance, movement reports of vessels, VHF-FM radio communications, and specific reporting points. The systems consists of traffic lanes, separation zones, precautionary areas and reporting points.

(21) Participation in the **Vessel Traffic Service San Francisco** is mandatory for certain vessels within navigable waters of the United States and within the 12-mile boundary of the U.S. territorial sea. (See chapter 7, for details.) The Vessel Traffic Service in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, E of Port Angeles, and in the waters of Rosario Strait, Admiralty Inlet, and Puget Sound is mandatory. (See **161.1 through 161.60,** chapter 2, for rules governing vessel operations in the Vessel Traffic Service, and, chapter 12, for details.)

(22) **Offshore Vessel Movement Reporting System San Francisco** has been established in the ocean approaches to San Francisco; the system is mandatory. (See chapter 7 for details.)

(23) **Vessel Traffic Information Service Los Angeles/Long Beach** has been established for the approaches to Los Angeles and Long Beach. The Service is **voluntary.** (See chapter 4 for details.)

Drawbridges

(24) The general regulations that apply to all drawbridges are given in **117.1 through 117.49,** chapter 2, and the specific regulations that apply only to certain drawbridges are given in **Part 117, Subpart B,** chapter 2. Where these regulations apply, references to them are made in the Coast Pilot under the name of the bridge or the waterway over which the bridge crosses.

(25) The drawbridge opening signals (see **117.15,** chapter 2) have been standardized for most drawbridges within the United States. The opening signals for those few bridges that are nonstandard are given in the specific drawbridge regulations. The specific regulations also address matters such as restricted operating hours and required advance notice for openings.

(26) The mariner should be acquainted with the general and specific regulations for drawbridges over waterways to be transited.

(27) **Depths** along most of the Pacific coast decrease much too rapidly from seaward to be of any practical use as an aid to navigation. The 100-fathom curve lies

at an average distance of less than 10 miles from shore, but this distance is exceeded in the approaches to San Francisco Bay, Heceta Bank, Columbia River, and the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

Anchorages

(28) Anchorages, affording shelter for large vessels from the severe NW winds of summer, may be had in a number of places along the coast. In SE and SW weather there are few places where shelter is available; San Diego Bay, Los Angeles Harbor, the lee side of the Channel Islands, and Monterey Bay are the only places S of San Francisco Bay. N of San Francisco, good shelter is found in Humboldt Bay, Coos Bay, Columbia River, Willapa Bay, and Grays Harbor; but most of these places must be made before the sea rises, as afterward the bars become impassable. Neah Bay, just inside the entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca, is used considerably by small vessels in W or S weather. Many anchorages have been established in the area covered by this Coast Pilot. (See **Part 110,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Dangers

(29) There are few outlying dangers, the principal ones being Bishop Rock, W of San Diego; Noonday Rock and the Farallon Islands, off San Francisco Bay; and Blunts, St. George, Rogue River, Orford, and Umatilla Reefs, N of San Francisco. The Channel Islands, off southern California, are the largest, most prominent, and the farthest offshore of any islands along the coast.

Oil well structures

(30) Offshore drilling and exploration operations are increasing in the waters off California, especially in Santa Barbara Channel.

(31) Obstructions in these waters consist of submerged wells and oil well structures (platforms), including appurtenances thereto, such as mooring piles, anchor and mooring buoys, pipes, and stakes.

(32) Pacific offshore platforms are regulated by **safety zones** administered and enforced by the United States Coast Guard. (See **33 CFR 147**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) If, for safety reasons, a vessel must approach an offshore platform, its is essential to notify the operator of the platform and/or the Captain of the Port on VHF-FM channel 16 for permission to enter the safety zone. Boarding or mooring to a platform is strongly discouraged and may be considered trespass unless permission is given in advance from the platform operator or Captain of the Port, or access to the platform is required as a result of emergency circumstances.

(33) In general, the oil well structures (platforms), depending on their size, depth of water in which located, proximity of vessel routes, nature and amount of vessel traffic, and the effect of background lighting, may be marked in one of the following ways:

(34) Quick flashing white light(s) visible at least 5 miles: fog signal sounded when visibility is less than 5 miles.

(35) Quick flashing white light(s) visible at least 3 miles: fog signal sounded when visibility is less than 3 miles.

(36) Quick flashing white or red lights visible at least 1 mile: may or may not be equipped with fog signal.

(37) Structures on or adjacent to the edges of navigable channels and fairways, regardless of location, may be required to display lights and fog signals for the safety of navigation.

(38) Associated structures within 100 yards of the main structure, regardless of location, are not normally lighted but are marked with red or white retro-reflective material. Mariners are cautioned that uncharted submerged pipelines and cables may exist in the vicinity of these structures, or between such structures and the shore.

(39) During construction of a well or during drilling operations, and until such time as the platform is capable of supporting the required aids, fixed white lights on the attending vessel or drilling rig may be shown in lieu of the required quick flashing lights on the structure. The attending vessel's foghorn may also be used as a substitute.

(40) Submerged wells may or may not be marked depending on their location and depth of water over them.

(41) All obstruction lights and fog signals, used to mark the various structures, are operated as privately maintained aids to navigation. (See **33 CFR 67,** for detailed regulations for the marking of offshore structures.)

(42) Information concerning the establishment, change, or discontinuance of offshore oil-well structures and their appurtenances is published in the Local Notice to Mariners or by Broadcast Notice. Additional information may also be obtained from the Coast Guard Commander. Mariners are advised to navigate with caution in the vicinity of these structures and in those waters where oil exploration is in progress, and to use the latest and largest scale chart of the area.

(43) During the continuing program of establishing, changing, and discontinuing oil-well structures, special caution should be exercised when navigating the inshore and offshore waters of the affected areas in order to avoid collision with any of the structures.

(44) Information concerning seismographic operations is not published in Notice to Mariners unless such operations create a menace to navigation in waters used by general navigation. Where seismographic operations are being conducted, casings (pipes), buoys, stakes, and detectors are installed. Casings are marked with flags by day and fixed red lights by night; buoys are colored international orange and white horizontal bands; and stakes are marked with flags.

Pipelaying barges

(45) With the increased number of pipeline laying operations, operators of all types of vessels should be aware of the dangers of passing close aboard, close ahead, or close astern of a jetbarge or pipelaying barge. Pipelaying barges and jetbarges usually move at 0.5 knot or less and have anchors which extend out about 3,500 to 5,000 feet in all directions and which may be marked by lighted anchor buoys. The exposed pipeline behind the pipelaying barge and the area in the vicinity of anchors are hazardous to navigation and should be avoided. The pipeline and anchor cables also represent a submerged hazard to navigation. It is suggested, if safe navigation permits, for all types of vessels to pass well ahead of the pipelaying barge or well astern of the jetbarge. The pipelaying barge, jetbarge, and attending vessels may be contacted on VHF-FM channel 16 for passage instructions.

Fish havens

(46) Fish havens, some marked by private buoys, are numerous along the Pacific coast. Navigators should be cautious about passing over fish havens or anchoring in their vicinity.

Kelp

(47) Kelp grows on nearly every danger with a rocky bottom and is particularly heavy at various points in Santa Barbara Channel and in the vicinity of San Diego Bay. It will be seen on the surface of the water during the summer and autumn; during the winter and spring it is not always to be seen, especially where it is exposed to a heavy sea. Many rocks are not marked by kelp, because a heavy sea will occasionally tear it away and a moderate current will draw it under water so that it will not be seen. When passing on the side of a kelp patch from which the stems stream away with the current, care should be taken to give it a good berth. Dead, detached kelp floats on the water curled in masses, while live kelp, attached to rocks, streams away level with the surface. Live kelp is usually an indication of depths less than 10 fathoms.

Logs and deadheads

(48) Mariners are cautioned that a large number of logs and deadheads are adrift in the navigable water of Washington and Oregon at all times, particularly after storms, spring freshets, and unusually high tide. Mariners are urged to be alert for the presence of such logs and deadheads, as they constitute a serious menace to craft of small and moderate size.

River entrances

(49) Along the Oregon and Washington coast, bars build up at the mouths of the many rivers and streams that empty into the Pacific Ocean. The tidal currents at these entrances can obtain considerable velocity, especially when the ebb tide is reinforced by the river runoff. The most dangerous condition prevails when a swift ebb current meets the heavy seas rolling in from the Pacific at the shallow river entrances. The water piles up and breaks and creates a bar condition too rough for small craft. In a bar area, sea conditions can change rapidly and without warning. Always cross it with caution.

Regulated Boating Areas

(50) The U.S. Coast Guard has provided for the termination of the use of boats during especially hazardous conditions on certain river bars and coastal inlets along the Pacific coastline of Oregon and Washington. The hazardous bar areas are depicted in the Coast Guard "Bar Guides" or in a pamphlet entitled "Boating in Coastal Waters," published by the Oregon Marine Board. It is important for the small-craft operator to know when he is operating in the general vicinity of a regulated boating area, and be prepared for any changing tidal or sea conditions which may be hazardous to his vessel.

Danger zones

(51) **Danger zones** and **Restricted areas** are along the Pacific coast, around the Channel Islands, in the Straits of Juan de Fuca and Georgia, and in Puget Sound. (See **334**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Caution

(52) Heavy concentrations of fishing gear may be expected off Drakes Bay, Grays Harbor, Columbia River, Coos Bay, Humboldt Bay and Destruction Island between December 1 and August 15, from shore to about 30 fathoms.

(53) To reduce the destruction of fishing gear by vessels and to reduce the fouling of propellers and shafts by fishing gear, the Oregon State University Extension Service has coordinated an agreement between

towboaters and pot fishermen (crab and black cod) for the establishment of towboat lanes along the Pacific Coast between Half Moon Bay, California and Destruction Island, Washington. Copies of the agreement showing fishing areas and towboat lanes may be obtained from the Oregon State University Extension Service, Corvallis, Oreg. 97331.

Tides

(54) A very important characteristic of the tides along the W coast of the United States is the large inequality in the heights of the two high waters and of the two low waters of each day. On the outer coast the average difference between the heights of the two high waters of the day is from 1 to 2 feet, and the average difference in the heights of the two low waters from 2 to 3 feet. It was because of this large difference in the low-water heights that the mean of the lower low waters, rather than the mean of all low waters, was adopted as the plane of reference for the charts of this region.

(55) This inequality changes with the declination of the Moon. When the Moon is near the Equator the inequality is relatively small; but when the Moon is near its greatest N or S declination, the difference in the heights of the two high waters or of the two low waters of each day reaches a maximum. The tides at this time are called **Tropic tides.**

(56) Off the outer coast, the mean rise of the tide varies from 5 feet off southern California to about 7.5 feet off the coast of Washington. Extreme variations from 3 feet below to 10 feet above the datum may reasonably be expected.

(57) At the entrance to San Francisco Bay the mean rise of the tide is about 5 feet. At the S end of the bay the tide occurs about 1½ hours later, and the mean rise is about 2.5 feet greater than at the entrance of the bay. Passing N into San Pablo Bay, the tide occurs from 1 to 2 hours later than at the Golden Gate, with a mean rise of about 0.5 foot greater than at the latter place. In Suisun Bay the time of tide is about 3 hours later than at the Golden Gate, with a mean rise about the same. It requires about 4 hours for high water to pass from Suisun Bay to Stockton, on the San Joaquin River, and about 5 hours from Suisun Bay to Sacramento, on the Sacramento River. The mean rise of the tide at Stockton is 3.6 feet, and at Sacramento is 2.6 feet.

(58) In Humboldt Bay the tide is from ½ to 1 hour later than on the outer coast. The mean rise is about 6 feet.

(59) In Coos Bay the tide is from ½ to 1½ hours later, and the rise of high water about same as in Humboldt Bay.

(60) In Yaquina Bay the mean rise is about 7 feet.

(61) At the entrance to Columbia River the mean rise is about 7 feet. It requires about 6 hours for high water to pass from the entrance to the Columbia River to the mouth of the Willamette River. In passing up the Columbia River the range of tide decreases until it is only 1.4 feet at the mouth of the Willamette. Above this point the tidal range becomes too small to be of practical importance. There are, however, large fluctuations in the level due to meteorological conditions. An extreme variation of 24.5 feet has been noted at St. Johns on the Willamette River. Columbia River is usually highest during May, June, and July, and lowest during September, October, and November.

(62) In Willapa Bay and in Grays Harbor the mean rise is about 9 feet.

(63) Passing through the Strait of Juan de Fuca, the tide occurs about 3 hours and 40 minutes later at Port Townsend than at Cape Flattery. The mean rise increases from 7.2 feet above the datum at Cape Flattery to 7.9 feet at Port Townsend. There is an increase in the average inequality between the two low waters of each day from 3 feet at Cape Flattery to 5 feet at Port Townsend. The average inequality between the two high waters of each day at both places is about 1.5 feet.

(64) In Puget Sound the tide is about ½ to 1 hour later than at Port Townsend. The mean rise increases from 7.5 feet at Port Townsend to 13.5 feet at Olympia. In Puget Sound the average difference between the two low waters of each day is 6 feet. At Seattle an extreme range from 4.5 feet below the datum of mean lower low water to 15 feet above the same datum has been observed. At Olympia, in the S part of the sound, an extreme high water 18 feet above the datum has been noted.

(65) In the San Juan Islands, the mean rise of the tide varies from 6.5 to 8 feet. An extreme range from 4.5 feet below to 12 feet above the same datum may reasonably be expected.

Caution

(66) In using the Tide Tables, high or low water should not be confused with slack water. For ocean stations there is usually little difference between the time of high or low water and the beginning of ebb or flood currents; but for places in narrow channels, landlocked harbors, or on tidal rivers the time of slack water may differ by several hours from the time of high or low water stand. The relation of the times of high and low water to the turning of the current depends upon a number of factors, hence no simple rule can be given. (See the Tidal Current Tables for predicted times of slack water or strength of current.)

Currents

(67) A current, the outer limit of which extends offshore more than 300 miles, flows approximately parallel to the U.S. Pacific coast from latitude 50° to 30°N. The direction of the current is generally S throughout the year except as noted below. Its velocity, which averages about 0.2 knot, is greatly influenced by prevailing winds; N winds increase it, and S winds diminish it. North of latitude 45°N. the set is usually N from November through February.

(68) Along the coast during certain periods there is a weak N flow known as the **Davidson Inshore Current,** which is evident between San Diego and Point Conception from July through February and between Point Conception and Cape Flattery from November through February.

(69) Along the coast of Vancouver Island there is usually a NW flow, which as measured at Swiftsure Bank (48°32.0'N., 124°59.7'W.) has a velocity of nearly 0.5 knot at all seasons.

(70) The above statements apply to general or average conditions. The currents, particularly offshore, at a specific time depend largely upon prevailing winds, whereas alongshore and off the entrances to inland waterways they depend also upon tidal and drainage effects. (See the Tidal Current Tables for detailed information.)

Tsunamis (seismic sea waves)

(71) Although the coasts of California, Oregon, and Washington are not generally subject to waves of the magnitude which strike the Hawai'ian Islands and other Pacific areas, widespread damage to shipping and to waterfront areas occasionally occurs. The tsunami of March 28, 1964, originating in the Gulf of Alaska, caused 16 deaths and several million dollars damage to ships and property in California, Oregon, and Washington. The loss of life and property can be lessened if shipmasters and others acquaint themselves with the behavior of these waves so that intelligent action can be taken when they become imminent. (See chapter 1 for details about these waves.)

(72) The Warning System operated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and described in chapter 14 supplies warnings to the Civil Defense authorities in California, Oregon, and Washington who are responsible for disseminating this information to the affected areas. The warnings are also broadcast by the National Weather Service on NOAA Weather Radio.

(73) When a warning is received, persons should vacate waterfront areas and seek high ground. The safest procedure for ships will depend on the amount of time available, and this may not always be known. A ship well out at sea would ride such waves safely, and hence if time is available to put to sea, that would be the safest action. On the other hand, the crew of a ship in harbor may have a difficult time averting serious damage. The ship may be washed ashore by incoming waves or grounded because of excessive withdrawal of water between crests. Much of the damage in the Los Angeles area during the 1960 Chilean tsunami was caused by rapid currents and the swift rise and fall of the water level that parted mooring lines and set floating docks and ships adrift.

Weather, West Coast and Hawaii

(74) This section presents an overall, seasonal picture of the weather that can be expected in the offshore waters along the entire west coast of the United States as well as coastal and near-coastal sites and the Hawai'ian and Pacific Islands. Detailed information, particularly concerning navigational weather hazards, can be found in the weather articles in the following chapters.

(75) All weather articles in this volume are the product of the **National Oceanographic Data Center (NODC)** and the **National Climatic Data Center (NCDC).** The meteorological and climatological tables are the product of the NCDC. Both centers are entities of the **National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS)** of the **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)**. If further information is needed in relation to the content of the weather articles, meteorological tables or climatological tables, contact the National Climatic Data Center, Attn: Customer Service Division, Federal Building, 151 Patton Avenue, Room 120, Asheville, NC 28801-5001. You may also contact the CSD at 704-271-4994, or fax your request to 704-271-4876.

(76) Climatological tables for coastal locations, meteorological tables for the coastal ocean areas, and a table of mean surface water temperatures and densities relevant to locations discussed within this volume, follow the appendix. The climatological tables are a special extraction from the International Station Meteorological Climate Summary. The ISMCS is a CD-ROM jointly produced by the National Climatic Data Center, Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Detachment-Asheville, and the U.S. Air Force Environmental Technical Applications Center, Operating Location–A. The meteorological tables for the ocean areas are compiled from observations made by ships in passage and extracted from the National Climatic Data Center's Tape Deck-1129, Surface Marine Observations. Listed in the appendix are National Weather Service offices and radio stations which transmit weather information.

(77) **Marine Weather Services Charts** published by the National Weather Service show radio stations that

transmit marine weather broadcasts and additional information of interest to mariners. These charts are for sale by the National Ocean Service Distribution Division (N/ACC3). (See appendix for address.)

(78) The Pacific coastal region of the United States and the adjacent ocean areas are located along the east portion of the Pacific high-pressure system. This high, when well developed, forms the principal circulation control forcing most of the low-pressure systems to follow a course to the north of the contiguous United States. This is reflected in the presence of the Aleutian low in the Gulf of Alaska. This action damps out weather changes that might otherwise occur and brings a stability factor that would not otherwise exist. Air which reaches the coast as a result of the prevailing westerly winds has acquired much moisture during its ocean passage, resulting in high humidities along the coast. The marine influence is also evidenced in a cooling effect in summer and a warming influence in winter.

(79) Two features of the climate in these waters, while not commonplace, warrant the mariner's attention because of their severity. One is the tropical cyclones and the other a local wind known as the Santa Ana.

(80) **Tropical cyclones** originate south of the area, off the west Mexican coast, in summer and autumn. About 15 form each season, of which eight reach hurricane intensity. Few come far enough north to affect U.S. coastal waters. The ones that do have usually lost their hurricane intensity and are short-lived. However, these storms can be dangerous and have generated winds of more than 120 knots. Further reference is made to tropical cyclones in the seasonal description.

(81) The **Santa Ana** is an offshore desert wind that occurs in or near San Pedro Bay. While infrequent, it may be violent; speeds have been measured at more than 50 knots. These winds diminish little, if any, immediately after passing over water, and can extend up to 50 miles (93 km) out to sea. They are most likely in late autumn or winter. (See Weather articles, chapter 4, for more details.)

(82) A third feature, the **El Nino/Southern Oscillation (ENSO)**, sporadically influences these waters. **ENSO** is a two-phased weather phenomenon with roots in the equatorial Pacific and coastal South America; El Nino is the warm water phase and **La Nina**, the cool water phase.

(83) El Nino is an abnormally warm, eastward-moving, Equatorial Pacific current which is thought to have a pronounced influence on the global atmospheric circulations. It is known that during an El Nino event, the normal southeast trade winds of the near Equatorial Pacific region break down allowing for near-global-wide altered weather patterns. During a strong El Nino, this typically means an unusually strong subtropical jet stream that brings storms from central and southern California eastward through the gulf coast and southeast states. If the El Nino is weaker, drought to California and rains to the gulf coast and southeast states may be expected.

(84) Following an El Nino event, the near-equatorial trade winds return to normal. On occasion, the southeast trade winds become stronger than normal. If this occurs, a La Nina is present, the opposite of El Nino. It is believed that a strong La Nina leads to drought across much of North America.

(85) Winter, like an incoming tide, creeps over the northeastern North Pacific. Subtle changes begin in September. Seas off central and southern California come under the protection of a weak, good-weather subtropical high centered near 35°N and 145°W. Only enough storms penetrate this protective barrier to make winter a distinguishable season off southern California. This same high pressure system in conjunction with a strengthening Aleutian Low, bodes differently for points further north. Summer breezes become gales. Rain is commonplace. Winds and cool temperatures make the air feel damp and chilly. Storms become routine and onshore flow is near-persistent. Choppy seas turn rough.

(86) Winter storms usually work their way from the central Pacific northward into the Gulf of Alaska or to the coast of British Columbia, trailing their frontal systems across the area. Two or three times a month, on an average, a storm will move directly through the seas off the Washington-Oregon coast. The more seaward storms generate the moderate to strong southeast through west winds that prevail over northern waters and influence the weather as far south as central California. The stronger winds that blow over a long fetch of water whip up rough seas. Seas of 12 feet (3.7 m) or more are generated 15 to 20 percent of the time. In addition, the warm south flow brings cloudiness, drizzle, and sometimes fog. Drizzle occurs about 5 to 8 percent of the time, and there are about 2 to 4 days a month when dense fog reduces visibilities to 0.5 mile (0.9 km) or less at sea. These conditions can persist for a week or more if one of these big storms stalls in the Gulf of Alaska. The south flow is also responsible for air temperatures in the upper forties and fifties (8.9° to 15°C). Cold temperatures are unusual and are most likely when cold Arctic air is fed into a low in the Gulf by a large high in the Bering Sea or when a rare outbreak of Arctic air occurs over the area from the north or northeast. Temperatures at these times may drop below freezing (<0°C) off the Washington coast and into the upper thirties (3.3° to 3.9°C) farther south. The infrequency of cold temperatures lessens the chances for

snow, which is observed less than 2 percent of the time off Washington and less than 1 percent of the time off Oregon.

(87) When a storm moves close or through these northern waters, weather changes rapidly. The center is preceded by a strong southeast to southwest flow that may reach gale force (gales occur on about 3 to 5 days per winter month) and may whip seas up to 20 feet (6.1 m) or more; seas of these heights occur up to 4 percent of the time. These conditions are often accompanied by clouds and rain, with temperatures in the fifties (10° to 15°C). After the center passes, winds will veer to the west through north and remain strong for a while. Brief showers soon end, the clouds break, and temperatures drop into the low forties (5° to 6.7°C). A high-pressure system from the central Pacific may follow and bring a brief period of clear conditions. If a storm stalls or it is followed by a series of storms, bad weather can be prolonged for a week or more. Rain falls on 18 to 28 days per winter month in these north waters, and skies are overcast or obscured 40 to 50 percent of the time.

(88) About once or twice a month, a storm moves into northern California offshore waters. While these lows are often weaker than those farther north, some cause gales and rough seas. Gales blow on 4 to 5 days per month, and seas reach 12 feet (3.7 m) or more about 8 to 16 percent of the time. These conditions can also be generated by the interaction of a low to the north and a high to the south. The south winds can raise temperatures into the sixties (16.1° to 20.6°C) off northern and central California. Clouds and rain accompany these systems. Rain falls on about 10 to 15 days per month.

(89) Off northern and central California, storms bring a preponderance of southeast through southwest winds, but this is matched by northwest and north winds that blow around the subtropical highs. These highs either form in the Pacific or migrate from Asia. They dominate the weather off the southern California coast, where west through north winds blow more than 60 percent of the time. However, these highs are weakest during winter, and occasionally storms move close enough to bring some clouds, rain, and wind. Rain occurs on about 5 to 10 days per month off central and southern California. Gales and rough seas are rare south of Los Angeles. Between Los Angeles and San Francisco, gales blow on about 1 to 4 days per month, while seas of 12 feet (3.7 m) or more occur about 4 to 8 percent of the time.

(90) Fog is a problem in the offshore waters between Los Angeles and San Francisco. Visibilities less than 2 miles (4 km) occur 5 to 7 percent of the time, while dense fog reduces visibilities to less than 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on 2 to 5 days per month.

(91) Spring brings change. March is an epilogue to winter, while May provides a prologue to summer. Cold rainy days alternate with mild sunny ones. The gradual changeover takes place under the forceful prodding of the expanding good-weather Pacific high. In March the center approximates 30°N and 140°W. As the high expands, it forces the increasingly weak and infrequent storms north into the western Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea. Since the high is not yet a permanent feature, storms will occasionally penetrate the area, particularly in early spring, when they sometimes move into the Pacific northwest or even across the northern California coast. Southern California waters remain protected by the high. This expanding high-pressure system, which brings good weather, creates a problem in the offshore waters of central and northern California. It causes a tightening of the pressure gradient, which increases wind strength. In other areas, winds and waves are becoming less of a problem. A change is taking place in the direction of prevailing winds. Off southern California, prevailing northwest and north winds are becoming increasingly persistent. With the expansion of the high, north and northwest winds are becoming the prevailing directions throughout the area. This is a slow change. In March, south and north winds share equal billing.

(92) Storms to the W and NW of the Washington-Oregon offshore waters, while not as frequent as in winter, still generate SE to W winds as they work their way N. The prevailing storm track is shifting northward so not as many lows move directly through the area, and they are often less intense. Gales from these near and distant storms blow on about 2 days in March, and they are rare by May. Seas also calm down. In March, waves of 12 feet (3.7 m) or more occur 15 to 20 percent of the time; this drops to 10 percent by April and to around 5 percent by May. The general south flow from these storms still bring rain, drizzle, and fog. Rain or drizzle can be expected on about 15 to 18 days in March and 9 to 15 days in May. Dense fog (visibilities less than 0.5 mile (0.9 km)) forms on less than 2 days per month, while visibilities drop below 2 miles (4 km), 2 to 4 percent of the time. Because of the clouds and rain associated with this S flow, it is not always responsible for the warmest spring temperatures. Usually, it is accompanied by temperatures in the forties and low fifties (5° to 11.1°C) in March and 50°F (10°C) readings during May. An occasional cold N outbreak, usually following a storm, can drop March temperatures into the mid- to upper thirties (0.6° to 3.9°C).

(93) Occasionally a low will move close enough to bring some clouds, rain, and drizzle; distant lows often account for some of the cloudy days. This is more likely in early spring, when rain falls on about 4 to 5 days in the

S, and 5 to 15 days in central and Northern waters. By May, storms are less frequent, and rain occurs on just 1 or 2 days S of Los Angeles and 3 to 10 days to the N.

(94) Fog is a problem in the offshore waters between Los Angeles and San Francisco. In April and May, visibilities drop below 2 miles(4 km) 8 percent of the time, and fog reduces visibilities to less than 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on about 2 to 3 days per month. It occurs mostly with winds from the SW through NW, when they bring warm air over the cooler waters.

(95) Two important features are responsible for the summer weather in these offshore waters, the subtropical Pacific high and the cold California Current.

(96) The influence of high-pressure systems becomes increasingly frequent in these northern waters during spring. In fact, a principal path of highs from the central and western Pacific runs through this area and onto the Washington-Oregon coast. These systems bring clearing conditions, W through N winds, and sometime mild temperatures. Temperatures can, on occasion, get up into the upper fifties and low sixties (14.4° to 16.7°C) in March and into the upper sixties (19.4° to 20.0°C) in May. Clear to partly cloudy skies occur most often with W to N winds. Wind speeds are less than 10 knots most often with W to N winds.

(97) High-pressure systems dominate the weather in California offshore waters, although an occasional storm disrupts the good weather, particularly in early spring. Wind and sea conditions are not so good, however, in waters from off San Francisco northward. In this region, the pressure gradient between highs and lows is often very tight, creating strong N winds which blow at speeds that average near 20 knots and whip up seas of 12 feet (3.7 m) or more from 8 to 20 percent of the time. This situation continues throughout spring.

(98) Conditions improve rapidly toward the S, where winds are lighter and seas calmer. The high-pressure systems are responsible for W through N winds, clear skies, and cool temperatures. Winds become increasingly persistent during spring, as the highs become more frequent. By May, NW through N winds are blowing close to 70 percent of the time N of San Francisco, and W through NW, about the same to the S. These winds blow over cold water and help keep temperatures in the fifties (10.6° to 15.0°C) throughout the spring, N of San Francisco. Even to the S, temperatures in the fifties (10.6° to 15°C) in March only climb into the mid-fifties to mid-sixties (11.7° to 19.4°C) by May. This compares with temperatures in the 70° to 80° (21.1° to 26.7°C) range at the same latitudes in North Atlantic offshore waters, where the Gulf Stream helps warm the air. The high-pressure systems are also responsible for the clear skies (about one-quarter cloud cover) that occur 25 to 50 percent of the time in these offshore California waters.

(99) The high is made up of high-pressure systems, which either form in the Eastern Pacific or move into the area from Western Pacific waters, the Bering Sea, or the Gulf of Alaska. By July the mean center of the Pacific High is located around 40°N and 150°W. The S flowing California Current is partially driven by the clockwise circulation of these high-pressure systems. Upwelling also contributes to cool water temperatures. Sea-surface temperatures run 10° to 15°F (-12.2° to -9.4°C) cooler than they do off the Atlantic coast. Its influence is so great that average air temperatures off Eureka never get out of the fifties (10.6° to 15.0°C), and extremes have only reached 87°F (30.6°C), just 9°F (-12.8°C) warmer than the January extreme. The California Current and coastal upwelling are responsible for the poor visibilities of summer and fall. The most dense and frequent fog occurs over the narrow stream of coldest water, just off the coast, and is often limited to a band of 50 miles (81 km) or less. At other times, fog covers large areas, both in latitude and longitude, and may extend for hundreds of miles (>161 km). Its effect is even more pronounced onshore, as you can read in the Weather articles in the chapters following. The effect of the California Current in summer extends along the entire coast.

(100) When a high sits to the W, which is most of the time in summer, W through N winds blow over the offshore waters. Between Point Arguello and Portland, this warm moist air is being chilled by the California Current. This results in not only cool temperatures but low clouds and fog. W through N winds blow 70 to 80 percent of the time. In the offshore waters, where merchant ships are trying to avoid poor visibilities, fog and haze are still encountered 30 to 40 percent of the time between Point Arguello and San Francisco. The fog reduces visibilities to below 0.5 mile (0.9 KM) up to 5 days per month. Skies are obscured by fog, or are overcast, up to 50 percent of the time in these offshore waters. Temperatures are often in the midfifties to midsixties (11.7° to 19.4°C) at these times.

(101) Between San Francisco and Portland, fog and haze occur 15 to 25 percent of the time. Fog reduces visibilities to below 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on about 3 to 8 days per month. Skies are obscured or overcast about 30 to 40 percent of the time. In addition to fog, this offshore area is often plagued by gales and rough seas created by a tight pressure gradient between a high off the coast and a heat low over the southwestern United States and Mexico. Gales blow on about 4 to 6 days per month. Strong winds whip up seas of 12 to 20 feet (3.7 to 6.1 m) about 3 to 10 percent of the time.

(102) As storms become less frequent during summer, so does rain. By August, rain falls 3 to 7 percent of the time in the offshore waters from Point Arguello to Vancouver Island.

(103) In the offshore waters between Portland and Vancouver Island, W and NW winds blow more than one-half of the time, skies are clear 20 to 30 percent of the time, and temperatures are frequently in the sixties (16.1°to 20.6°C). Gales are rare; and, while it rains 5 to 10 percent of the time, this a lot less frequent than during any other season. W through N winds often bring poor visibilities to this area. Fog and haze are encountered 8 to 15 percent of the time. Fog drops visibilities below 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on about 2 to 5 days per month and is most frequent from midsummer on.

(104) South of Point Arguello, weather is fair. Visibilities are usually better than 5 miles, winds and seas are calmer, but temperatures are cool. These offshore waters are almost always under the influence of a high. W through NW winds, which blow 70 to 75 percent of the time, keep temperatures mostly in the sixties (16.1° to 20.6°C) and bring haze and fog about 15 percent of the time. These warm, moist winds blowing over the California Current also help keep the sky overcast or obscured almost one-half of the time. Skies are clear about one-quarter of the time. Gales are rare, as are rough seas. Winds blow at about 10 knots.

(105) The subtropical high-pressure system forces most tropical storms S of southern California. There is a threat of tropical cyclones from June through November. An average tropical cyclone season sees about 15 tropical cyclones (winds of about 34 knots), of which an average of 8 reach hurricane strength. These storms seldom move N of 30°N. They are most likely to reach the latitudes of 30° to 35°N in August or September. However, by this time, they are usually weak and either well out to sea or well inland over Arizona. The eastern North Pacific season peaks in July, August, and September. About three to five tropical cyclones can be expected each month, with an average of one to two reaching hurricane strength. The last damaging tropical cyclone to affect southern California was the September 1939 storm which moved inland near Los Angeles. In September 1972, the remains of a hurricane moved inland between San Diego and Los Angeles; it carried only 20-knot winds at the time of landfall. Several other tropical storms have completed the decaying process in the California coastal waters near the Channel Islands.

(106) Fall arrives subtly in September N of Point Arguello. It is delayed a month or so to the S by the subtropical high. High-pressure systems still bring some sunny, mild days with light west through N winds off Oregon and Washington, but even on these days, swells from distant storms often cast an ominous mood over these waters. Some storms move close enough to generate a SE through SW flow off Oregon and Washington. They also bring rain to offshore Washington waters about 8 to 13 percent of the time. A tightening of pressure gradients, off northern California and Oregon in September, is responsible for gales on 2 to 5 days, and for seas of 12 feet (3.7 m) or more, 2 to 4 percent of the time. Meanwhile, off central California, gales blow less often and seas are calmer than they were last month. September is usually the driest month in offshore waters from Oregon southward. Precipitation frequencies range from 6 percent off Oregon to less than 1 percent off southern California. Poor visibilities continue to plague the offshore waters N of Point Arguello. Fog reduces visibilities to less than 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on about 4 to 6 days in September. September temperatures usually range from the upper fifties and low sixties (14.4° to 16.7°C) in the N, to the mid- and upper sixties (18.3° to 20.6°C) off southern California.

(107) During October and particularly November, storms become more frequent, more intense, and move closer to the area than those of summer and early autumn. As the subtropical high weakens and retreats southward and the Aleutian Low is at its deepest, these storms move to the NW and N, most affecting the vulnerable waters off Washington and Oregon. They frequently sweep these seas with strong SE through SW winds, which carry rain and sometimes fog. These winds average 15 to 20 knots. Gales occur on about 2 to 4 days in October and 3 to 6 days in November, off Washington and Oregon. Strong winds whip up seas of 12 feet (3.7 m) or more about 10 to 16 percent of the time. Rain falls more often as autumn progresses. It occurs about 8 to 20 percent of the time in October, increasing to 16 to 30 percent by November in these N seas. This is about as much as it rains in any month. Fog continues to plague this area, and often rides in on a strong, warm S flow that accompanies a low-pressure system. It reduces visibilities to below 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on about 2 to 5 days per month. Temperatures of Washington and Oregon are often in the fifties (10.6° to 15°C) in October and mid-forties to mid-fifties (8.9° to 13.9°C) the following month.

(108) The winter transition comes later to California offshore waters. High-pressure systems remain influential, so winds often blow out of the N and NW through late autumn, particularly in the S. Even off northern California, winds out of the N are only slightly less frequent than southerlies as late as November. Storms move closer and occasionally break through the protective barrier in November. In offshore northern California waters, they are responsible for about 3 to 5 gale days per month, and for seas of 12 feet (3.7 m) or more,

6 to 10 percent of the time. They also dump rain up to 10 percent of the time. Weather generally improves to the S, where rain falls as little as 3 percent of the time. Gales occur on about 2 days or less. Seas of 12 feet (3.7 m) or more occur about 8 percent of the time in central waters, and about 1 percent in the S. Temperatures change slowly over offshore waters. In October, they frequently run in the fifties (10.6° to 15.0°C) in the N, and in the sixties (16.1° to 20.6°C) to the S. Temperatures drop just a few degrees in November.

(109) Fog continues to be the most frequent navigational weather hazards in the waters of offshore northern and central California. Fog reduces visibilities to below 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on about 5 to 7 days during October, the worst month. Fog and haze are reported about 15 to 20 percent of the time, except off Los Angeles, where they occur about 40 percent of the time.

Routes

(110) The route along the California-Oregon-Washington coast frequently must be navigated in thick weather. Most of the courses are long, and the effect of currents is uncertain.

San Diego to Strait of Juan de Fuca

(111) Vessels can proceed on rhumb lines through the following positions:

(112) 32°37'N., 117°16'W.; off San Diego.

(113) Thence to the Traffic Separation Scheme off San Pedro Bay, then follow the Traffic Separation Scheme between Point Fermin and Point Conception.

(114) 34°33'N., 120°42'W.; off Point Arguello.

(115) 37°38'N., 123°12'W.; off Farallon Islands (San Francisco).

(116) 38°55'N., 123°50'W.; off Point Arena.

(117) 40°26'N., 124°32'W.; off Blunts Reef.

(118) 42°50'N., 124°44'W.; off Cape Blanco.

(119) 46°11'N., 124°12'W.; off Columbia River.

(120) 48°10'N., 124°52'W.; off Umatilla Reef.

(121) 48°26'N., 124°47'W.; off Cape Flattery.

(122) **Caution:** Route W of Farallon Islands crosses San Francisco-Honolulu and other Pacific courses of vessels using the San Francisco Traffic Separation Scheme.

San Diego to San Francisco

(123) Vessels can follow San Diego-Strait of Juan de Fuca route to position off Point Arguello, thence rhumb lines through the following positions:

(124) 36°17'N., 121°57'W.; off Point Sur.

(125) 37°10'N., 122°26'W.; off Pigeon Point.

(126) Thence by prescribed San Francisco Traffic Separation Scheme route to vicinity of San Francisco Approach Lighted Horn Buoy SF.

San Francisco to Strait of Juan de Fuca

(127) Follow prescribed San Francisco Traffic Separation Scheme route to a position off Point Reyes, thence to Point Arena and other positions on the San Diego-Strait of Juan de Fuca route.

Caution

(128) Strict adherence to tracks through positions listed above could result in collision of meeting vessels. It is suggested that southbound vessels shape courses through positions 1 mile farther off the mainland.

San Diego to Panama

(129) Proceed on rhumb lines through the following positions:

(130) 32°38'N., 117°13'W.

(131) 28°00'N., 116°00'W.

(132) 24°40'N., 112°30'W.

(133) 20°00'N., 107°30'W.

(134) 07°05'N., 81°45'W.

San Diego to Honolulu

(135) Rhumb line from 32°37'N., 117°16'W., to 21°14'N., 157°39'W.

Los Angeles to Honolulu

(136) Follow the Traffic Separation Scheme route through the Gulf of Santa Catalina, thence proceed on rhumb lines through the following positions:

(137) 32°48'N., 118°16'W.

(138) 21°14'N., 157°39'W.

San Francisco to Honolulu

(139) Follow prescribed San Francisco Traffic Separation Scheme route to a position S of Farallon Islands, thence rhumb line to

(140) 21°14'N., 157°39'W.

Strait of Juan de Fuca to Honolulu

(141) Great circle from

(142) 48°26'N., 124°47'W., to

(143) 21°14'N., 157°39'W.

Strait of Juan de Fuca to Unimak Pass

(144) Great circle from

(145) 48°31'N., 125°00'W., to

(146) 54°00'N., 163°00'W.; thence on rhumb line to

(147) 54°20'N., 164°45'W.

Offshore Vessel Traffic Management Recommendations

(148) Based on the **West Coast Offshore Vessel Traffic Risk Management Project**, which was co-sponsored by the **Pacific States/British Columbia Oil Spill Task**

Force and **U.S. Coast Guard Pacific Area**, it is recommended that, where no other traffic management areas exist such as Traffic Separation Schemes, Vessel Traffic Services, or recommended routes, vessels 300 gross tons or larger transiting along the coast anywhere between Cook Inlet and San Diego should voluntarily stay a minimum distance of 25 nautical miles offshore. It is also recommended that tank ships laden with persistent petroleum products and transiting along the coast between Cook Inlet and San Diego should voluntarily stay a minimum distance of 50 nautical miles offshore. Vessels transiting short distances between adjacent ports should seek routing guidance as needed from the local Captain of the Port or VTS authority for that area. This recommendation is intended to reduce the potential for vessel groundings and resulting oil spills in the event of a vessel casualty

Principal ports

(149) The principal deep-draft commercial ports within the area of this Coast Pilot are: San Diego, Long Beach, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland, Richmond, Stockton, Humboldt Bay, Coos Bay, Portland, Vancouver, Grays Harbor, Seattle, Tacoma, and Honolulu.

(150) Other ports are Port Hueneme, Port San Luis, Redwood City, Sacramento, Astoria, Longview, Port Angeles, Anacortes, Bellingham, Olympia, and Hilo.

Pilotage, general

(151) In the area covered by this Coast Pilot, pilotage, with a few exceptions, is compulsory for all foreign vessels and for U.S. vessels under register in the foreign trade. It is optional for U.S. vessels in the coastwise trade, provided they are under the control and direction of a pilot duly licensed by Federal law for the waters which that vessel travels.

(152) Only at San Francisco do pilot boats cruise on station continuously. At the other ports the pilots must be notified in advance in order for the pilot boat to meet the vessel at the proper time. Most of the pilot boats and stations may be contacted by radio; though ships' agents normally arrange for pilots, a vessel may notify the pilot station of its estimated time of arrival by radio. Specific information is given in the description of the various ports.

Towage

(153) Tugs of various sizes are available at all the deep-draft ports. Arrangements for their use are usually made by the ship's agent, but in some cases may be made from the vessel by radio. For further information, refer to the description of the port.

Vessel Arrival Inspections

(154) Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine officials are stationed in most major U.S. ports. (See appendix for addresses.) Vessels subject to such inspections generally make arrangements in advance through ships' agents. Unless otherwise directed, officials usually board vessels at their berths.

Harbormasters and wharfingers

(155) Harbormasters and wharfingers are mentioned in the text when applicable. They generally have charge of the anchorage and berthing of vessels.

Supplies

(156) Supplies of all kinds are available at San Diego, Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Francisco Bay, Portland, Seattle, and Tacoma. Limited quantities can be obtained at many other ports.

Repairs

(157) Large ocean-going vessels may be drydocked for complete repairs at Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Francisco Bay, Portland, and Seattle. Smaller ships of up to about 7,000 tons may also be drydocked at San Diego. Fishing boats and yachts can be hauled out and can have hulls and engines repaired at numerous other places. The Coast Pilot gives information on many of these facilities; usually the largest repair facility in each area is mentioned. Additional information may be obtained from the series of small-craft charts published for many places.

(158) **Salvage** equipment is available at Los Angeles, San Francisco Bay, Portland, and Seattle.

Small-craft facilities

(159) There are numerous places where fuel, supplies, protected berths, repairs, and shore facilities are available for small craft. For isolated places and small cities, the Coast Pilot describes the more important of these facilities; for large port areas, where individual facilities are too numerous to mention, the information given is more general. Additional information may be obtained from the series of small-craft charts published for the many places, and from various local small-craft guides.

(160) **A vessel of less than 65.6 feet (20 meters) in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway. (Navigation Rules, International-Inland Rule 9(b).)**

(161) Southern California has many small-craft harbors with excellent facilities, but N of San Francisco the distances between protected harbors having facilities increases considerably until in the Puget Sound area.

Temporary moorage is usually available for transients at most of the harbors. The intense yachting activity of California as far N as San Francisco, however, makes transient moorage more difficult along this section of the coast, even with its numerous harbors built especially for such craft.

Standard time

(162) California, Oregon, and Washington use Pacific standard time, which is 8 hours slow of Greenwich mean time. Example: When it is 1000 at Greenwich, it is 0200 in the three coastal States. Hawaii uses Hawaii-Aleutian standard time (H.A.s.t.), which is 10 hours slow of Greenwich mean time. Example: When it is 1000 at Greenwich, it is 0000 in Hawaii.

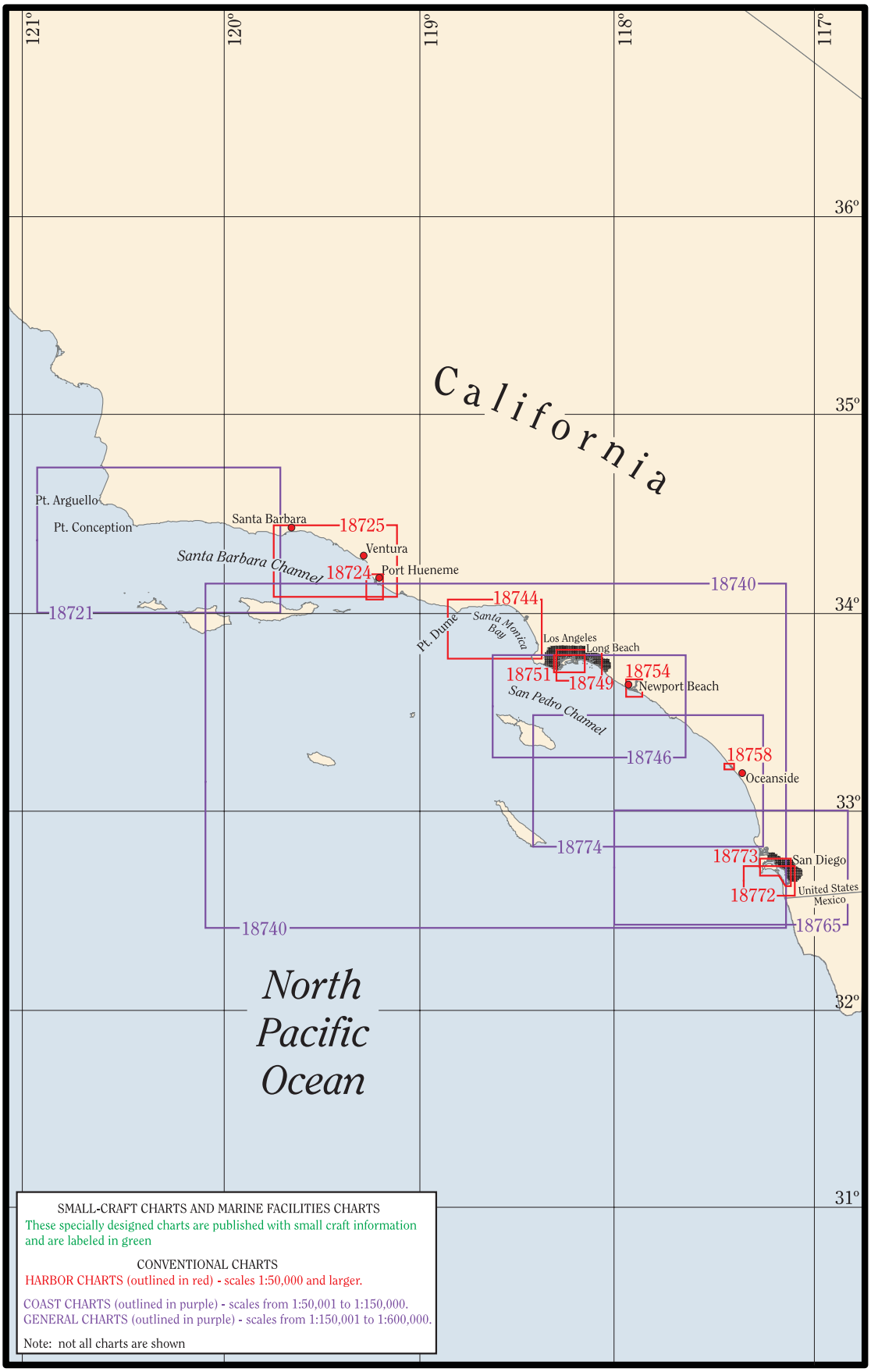
Daylight saving time

(163) In California, Oregon, and Washington, clocks are advanced 1 hour on the first Sunday in April and are set back to standard time on the last Sunday in October. Daylight saving time is not observed in the State of Hawaii.

Legal public holidays

(164) The following are legal holidays in the area covered by this Coast Pilot: New Year's Day, January 1; Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, third Monday in January; Washington's Birthday, third Monday in February; Memorial Day, last Monday in May; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, first Monday in September; Columbus Day, second Monday in October; Veterans Day, November 11; Thanksgiving Day, fourth Thursday in November; and Christmas Day, December 25. The national holidays are observed by employees of the Federal Government and the District of Columbia, and may not be observed by all the States in every case.

(165) In addition, the following holidays are also observed in the area covered by this Coast Pilot: Lincoln's Birthday, February 12, in California and Washington, first Monday in February, in Oregon; Presidents Day, first Monday in February, in Hawaii; Kuhio Day, March 26, in Hawaii; Good Friday, in Hawaii, in California from 1200 to 1500; Kamehameha Day, June 11, in Hawaii; Admission Day, third Friday in August, in Hawaii; Admission Day, September 9, in California; General Election Day, first Tuesday after first Monday in November, in California and Washington.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SMALL-CRAFT CHARTS AND MARINE FACILITIES CHARTS
These specially designed charts are published with small craft information and are labeled in green
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HARBOR CHARTS (outlined in red) - scales 1:50,000 and larger.
COAST CHARTS (outlined in purple) - scales from 1:50,001 to 1:150,000.
GENERAL CHARTS (outlined in purple) - scales from 1:150,001 to 1:600,000.
Note: not all charts are shown

San Diego to Point Arguello, California

(1) This chapter describes the 240-mile irregular coast of southern California from the Mexican border to Point Arguello. The coast extends in a general NW direction and includes the major ports of San Diego, Long Beach, Los Angeles, and Port Hueneme. This chapter also describes the recreational and fishing ports of Oceanside, Newport Beach, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and the many other recreational boating ports on San Pedro and Santa Monica Bays and along the Santa Barbara Channel.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(2) The lines established for this part of the coast are described in **80.1104 through 80.1126,** chapter 2.

Chart 18022

(3) There are several islands and dangers from 7 to 100 miles off the southern California coast; they are described in chapter 5.

(4) Many restricted and danger areas are in these waters. (See **334.860, 334.870, 334.880, and 334.890**, chapter 2 for limits and regulations.) In addition, missile firing, gunnery, and bombing operations are conducted on and over offshore waters not included in the areas defined in chapter 2, and at times endanger surface vessels. Information about these areas is published in Local Notice to Mariners issued by Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District, Alameda, CA, and Notices to Mariners issued by National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C.

(5) Vessels are requested not to tow submerged objects across charted submarine transit lanes in use off the coast of southern California.

Weather, San Diego to Point Arguello

(6) The mild climate from San Diego to Point Arguello is controlled by the Pacific high-pressure system. Aided by the sea breeze, it brings winds from off the water, mainly S through N, which help keep coastal temperatures up in winter and down in summer. Coldest average temperatures range from the middle to upper fifties (12.8° to 15.0°C), while summertime readings are most often in the seventies (22° to 16°C). Occasionally a hot dry flow off the land in autumn will cause temperatures to soar into the nineties (33° to 38°C), and a rare winter outbreak from the E can drop temperatures to below freezing (<0°C). Winter is the rainy season, although not much rain falls along these coasts.

(7) Strong winds and rough seas, while less frequent than farther N, can be a problem from the middle of fall through late spring. Strong pressure gradients, distant storms, and infrequent close storms account for most of the gales and seas of 12 feet (3.7 m) or more, particularly off Point Arguello and in the Santa Barbara Channel. Strong local winds (Santa Ana) also generate gales along sections of this coast.

(8) Advection or sea fog, formed by warm moist air flowing over cool water, frequently confronts mariners in these waters. It is a persistent and widespread problem, particularly in the summer and fall N of Santa Monica, and in fall and winter S of Santa Monica.

Charts 18740, 18765

(9) In clear weather, vessels coming from S will sight Table Mountain, and its surrounding high land, and Los Coronados before picking up the San Diego landmarks.

(10) **Table Mountain** (chart 18022), conspicuous and flat-topped, is in Mexican territory, 25 miles SE of Point Loma and 6 miles inland.

(11) **Los Coronados (Coronado Islands)** are four bare, rocky islands, extending 4.5 miles in a NW direction, 7 miles offshore in Mexican waters, and 15 miles S of Point Loma. These islands are prominent in clear weather, and the passage E of them is commonly used by vessels. Depths in the vicinity of the islands are irregular, and in thick weather or at night caution must be observed when near them.

(12) A light is shown from a white cylindrical masonry tower on the S end of the S island; it is obscured from certain directions by the N islands. Another light is

shown from a white square masonry tower near the N end of the S island; local fog sometimes obscures it.

(13) The boundary between the United States and Mexico is marked by a 14-foot white marble obelisk on a pedestal 41 feet above the water near the edge of a low table bluff. The visible marker is 200 yards from the beach and 10 miles 142° from Point Loma Light. A large circular concrete arena is conspicuous just S of the marker. A stone mound, 365 feet above the water and 1 mile E of the obelisk, marks another point on the boundary line. Directly N of the obelisk the mesa falls to the low marshy land S of San Diego Bay.

(14) About 1.5 miles N of the border at Imperial Beach is a fishing pier extending 400 yards to seaward.

(15) In the approach from seaward in clear weather, San Clemente Island, the southernmost of the off-lying islands, will be sighted before the distinguishing features of the coast are seen. This will check the vessel's position and indicate subsequent shaping of the course for Point Loma. Upon a nearer approach, Cuyamaca Peak and the high land of the interior, Los Coronados, and Point Loma will be distinguished. Several aerolights in the vicinity of San Diego are visible at night from seaward.

(16) When making the approach to San Diego, useful radar targets are San Clemente Island, Los Coronados, the pleasure piers at Imperial Beach and Ocean Beach, the jetties of Mission Bay, Point Loma, and Ballast Point.

(17) When entering the harbor, the buoys marking the channel and Ballast Point are easily identified targets, thence Shelter Island, the radar reflector on North Island, and the various piers on either side of the channel; thence Harbor Island, the Coast Guard station pier, B Street Pier, and the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal.

Charts 18773, 18772

(18) **San Diego Bay,** where California's maritime history began in 1542, is 10 miles NW of the Mexican boundary. In September of that year, Juan Rodriquez Cabrillo, the Spanish explorer, sailed his frail bark into the bay. The bay is considered one of the finest natural harbors in the world, and affords excellent protection in any weather; it is free of excessive tidal current movements. A low, narrow sandspit, which expands to a width of 1.6 miles at North Island on its NW end, separates the bay from the ocean.

(19) The waters off the entrance to San Diego Bay are included in **restricted areas**. (See **334.880 and 334.890**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

No-Discharge Zone

(20) The State of California, with the approval of the Environmental Protection Agency, has established a No-Discharge Zone (NDZ) in San Diego Bay. The NDZ is comprised of the portion of San Diego Bay that is less than 30 feet deep at mean lower low water (MLLW), as determined from the most recent NOAA nautical chart.

(21) Within the NDZ, discharge of sewage, whether treated or untreated, from all vessels is prohibited. Outside the NDZ, discharge of sewage is regulated by **40 CFR 140** (see Chapter 2).

(22) In addition to the **No-Discharge Zone** and concurrent with the federal regulations above, the **San Diego Unified Port District Code** (section 8.50) prohibits the discharge of any material, including sewage, into San Diego Bay without written permission by the Port Director.

(23) The city of **San Diego** is on the NE shore of the bay. **Coronado** is on the sandspit opposite San Diego. **National City** and **Chula Vista** are S of San Diego on the SE shore of the bay. The principal wharves are at San Diego and National City. Coronado, connected to San Diego by a highway bridge, is a residential and resort area of little commercial importance.

Prominent features

(24) **Point Loma**, on the W side of the entrance to San Diego Bay, is a ridged peninsula with heights of about 400 feet. The ridge is bare of trees except in the gullies and where planted around the houses near the summit, and is sparsely covered with grass, sagebrush, and cactus. The tanks and buildings of a sewage treatment plant are conspicuous about 0.9 mile N of the point. At a distance the point usually has the appearance of an island. **Point Loma Light** (32°39'54"N., 117°14'34"W.), 88 feet above the water, is shown from a black house on a 70-foot white cylindrical tower at the S end of the point. The station has a fog signal. Thick kelp beds extend more than 1.5 miles S of the point, and a sunken wreck is about 0.5 mile S of the point.

(25) On the nearer approach, the abandoned lighthouse will be seen on the highest part of the hill immediately back of Point Loma Light. The old lighthouse and grounds form the **Cabrillo National Monument,** honoring the discoverer of San Diego Bay. The statue of Cabrillo, about 300 yards NE of the abandoned lighthouse, is reported to be an excellent mark when fog obscures the old lighthouse. From inside the bay, prominent objects along the crest of the ridge are a large red and white checkered elevated tank, a green standpipe, and a tall lookout tower all about 2.5 miles N from the light.

(26) **North Island,** the filled NW end of the sandspit on the E side of the bay entrance, is Naval Base Coronado. On its SE side is the city of Coronado. Prominent features that show up well from the entrance are the tall condominiums at Coronado Shores 2.7 miles E of the entrance, the S tower of Hotel del Coronado 2.4 miles E of the entrance, and the tower of the Naval Air Station Administration Building, which is surmounted by an aerolight and is operated intermittently with varying characteristics. In clear weather the skyline of the city of San Diego is very prominent on the S approach.

(27) A **restricted area** is adjacent to the W side of North Island. (See **334.870**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(28) **Security zones** are adjacent to the W and NE sides of North Island. (See **165.1 through 165.8, 165.30, 165.33, 165.1104, and 165.1105**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) A series of floating protection barriers, anchored by lighted buoys, surrounds the Naval facility within the security zone on the NE side of North Island.

(29) **Ballast Point,** low and sandy, projects 0.4 mile NE from the E side of Point Loma, 1.3 miles N from Point Loma Light. **Ballast Point Light 3** (32°41'11"N., 117°13'58"W.), 16 feet above the water, is shown from a dolphin with a green and white diamond-shaped daymark off the end of the point; the station has a fog signal. Three piers of the Navy submarine facility are just NNW of Ballast Point. A fog signal is on the middle pier.

(30) The area adjacent to the Naval Submarine Base at Ballast Point and extending E across the channel to the shore at the North Island Naval Air Station is a **regulated navigation area.** (See **165.1 through 165.13 and 165.1107,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(31) A jetty extends 1 mile S on **Zuniga Shoal** from **Zuniga Point,** the SW extremity of North Island. The outer two-thirds of the jetty has only small sections visible at high water; the submerged jetty is marked by lights and by a light and fog signal at its seaward end. The three lights marking the middle of the jetty display a white daymark with orange borders and the words "DANGER SUBMERGED JETTY."

(32) **Restricted areas** of a degaussing station are between Ballast Point and Zuniga Point, and N of Ballast Point. (See **334.870**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(33) A submerged jetty extends about 220 yards W from Zuniga Point.

(34) In 2000, a rock awash was reported about 80 yards NW of the northernmost degaussing platform on the W side of North Island.

(35) **Security zones** are on the W side of the entrance to San Diego Bay immediately N of Ballast Point, about 1 mile N of the Point, on the E side of North San Diego Bay, and all navigable waters of San Diego Bay within 25 yards of all piers, abutments, fenders, and pilings of the Coronado Bay Bridge. (See **165.1 through 165.8, 165.33, 165.1101, 165.1102, 165.1103, 165.1108, 165.1110, and 165.1121**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) A series of floating protection barriers, anchored by lighted buoys, surrounds the Naval facility within the security zone on the W side of the entrance to San Diego Bay, just N of Ballast Point.

(36) A **safety zone** is E of Harbor Island on the N side of the bay. (See **165.1 through 165.8**, **165.20 through 165.23, and 165.1106**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(37) The lines established for San Diego Harbor are described in **80.1104**, chapter 2.

Channels

(38) A Federal project provides for depths of 42 feet through the entrance to the turning basin on the NE side of North Island, thence 40 feet from the turning basin to the SE corner of the 10th Avenue Marine Terminal, and thence 35 feet to a basin SW of the 24th Street Terminal. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of the charts for controlling depths.)

Anchorages

(39) General anchorages, special anchorages, and anchorages for Government vessels have been established in San Diego Bay. (See **110.1, 110.90, and 110.210,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(40) Vessels awaiting outside the entrance for a pilot will find good anchorage in 36 feet or more SE of the entrance to the channel, although permission to anchor in the restricted area must be obtained from the local naval authorities. (See **334.890**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) The area in the lee of Point Loma, S of Ballast Point and W of the E line of the project channel, is reserved for pilot boats and harbor patrol or U.S. Government craft. (See **334.880**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) All of the numbered mooring buoys in the bay are for use by the U.S. Navy.

Dangers

(41) There are numerous wrecks and obstructions in the shallow area of SE San Diego Bay. Caution should be exercised when navigating outside the marked channels.

Bridges

(42) A fixed highway bridge linking San Diego and Coronado crosses San Diego Bay 0.3 mile S of the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal. The bridge has a clearance of 195 feet for a width of 600 feet over the two middle channel openings, 175 feet for a width of 500 feet for the opening just W of the San Diego piers, and 156 feet for a width of 194 feet in the opening adjacent to Glorietta Bay. Racons and fog signals mark the bridge.

Tides

(43) The mean range of tide is 4.0 feet at San Diego, and the diurnal range of tide is 5.7 feet. A range of about 8 feet may occur at the time of maximum tides. Daily predictions are given in the Tide Tables.

Currents

(44) The currents set generally in the direction of the channels. In the vicinity of the entrance the usual velocity varies from 0.5 to 5 knots depending upon the stage of the tide. S of the end of the jetty there is a slight set toward Zuniga Shoal on the ebb. Great care should be taken while passing Ballast Point as a vessel may take a sudden sheer because of a crosscurrent deflected from Ballast Point.

(45) The eddy usually encountered along the ends of the municipal piers makes docking difficult. The velocity and direction of the eddy are irregular, and the greatest care must be exercised by even the most experienced. Strangers should not attempt to dock large vessels without a pilot. (See the Tidal Current Tables for daily predictions.)

Weather, San Diego

(46) In the San Diego Bay area, visibilities are reduced to less than 0.5 mile(0.9 km), mostly by radiation fog, on about 3 to 7 days per month from September through April. December is the foggiest month. This fog is worst during the late night and early morning hours. Dense fog is as frequent at North Island as it is at Imperial Beach. However, fog signals indicate that in general it is foggier around the entrance to the bay than it is in the N sections. For example, in December, the fog signal at Point Loma is operating about 20 percent of the time, compared to 10 percent at Ballast Point.

(47) Temperatures are moderate. The average high is 71°F (21.7°C) and the average low, 57°F (14°C). August is the warmest month with an average temperature of 72.2°F (22.3°C). Absolute extremes range 82°F (27.8°C) from an all-time high of 111°F (43.8°C) recorded in September 1963 to an absolute minimum of 29°F (1.7°C) in January 1949. Every month has seen temperatures of 90°F (32°C) or greater except January and December. Only January has recorded below freezing (0°C) temperatures.

(48) Precipitation is light and falls, on average, only 71 days each year. January is the wettest month when an average of just over two inches (51 mm) can be expected. January through March is the rainiest period where an average of eight days each month records precipitation. July is the driest month and June through October comprise the dry season. On average, only two one-hundredths (0.5 mm) of an inch falls in July while August is the most rain-free month when an average of only two days during the month records measurable rainfall. Annual precipitation measures less than ten inches (<254 mm) each year. The wettest year on record, 1978, documented 19.48 inches (495 mm) of precipitation and the driest year, 1953, saw only 3.41 inches (87 mm) of rainfall. Only trace amounts of snowfall have occurred on several occasions during the months of December and January.

(49) Winds in the area are strongest from March through September, when they blow 17 knots or more about 2 percent of the time. Gales are unheard of. Wind gusts have reached 50 knots or more during January. Strong winds often have a southerly component, but they also blow from the W and E. Winds along the coast are often affected by local topography, particularly when the flow is off the land. For example, at Imperial Beach, E winds blow 15 to 20 percent of the time from November through March. At Lindbergh Field Municipal Airport, prevailing winds are out of the N through NE during this period. W through NW winds are also common at both places. They become increasingly more frequent by March. During the late spring and summer, SW through NW winds prevail at both locations. However, at the more exposed Imperial Beach, W winds occur up to 25 percent of the time, whereas the flow is more variable at San Diego. By October, the winter wind regime begins to reestablish itself.

(50) No vessel over 1,600 designed displacement tons should transit the Coronado Bay Bridge in low visibility conditions if the bridge is not held visually within stopping distance. Tank ships or barges carrying petroleum products, explosive or other hazardous materials should not commence a movement in the approaches to or within the outer or inner harbor of San Diego when visibility of less than 0.5 mile or 1,000 yards is prevalent.

(51) The National Weather Service maintains an office at Lindbergh Field Municipal Airport; barometers may be compared there or by telephone.

(52) (See page T-1 for **San Diego climatological table.**)

Pilotage, San Diego

(53) All foreign vessels and vessels from a foreign port or bound thereto, and all vessels over 300 gross tons sailing under register between the port of San Diego and any other U.S. port, are subject to pilotage. Further information regarding pilotage requirements are detailed in the Pilotage section of the **Port of San Diego Tariff**, available through the ship's agent or directly from the Port District at (619) 686-6343.

(54) Vessels sailing under enrollment and licensed, and engaged in the coasting trade, between the port of San Diego and other U.S. ports, are exempt from all pilotage, unless a pilot is actually employed.

(55) Pilotage and berthing requirements for naval vessels are coordinated by Naval Base San Diego Port Operations, 619-556-1433.

(56) San Diego Bay is served by the San Diego Bay Pilots Association, Inc., which maintains an office at the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal. 626 Switzer Street, San Diego, CA 92101. The pilot boat monitors VHF-FM channels 16 and 12, 1 hour prior to scheduled vessel arrivals; VHF-FM channel 12 is used as a working frequency. If contact with the pilot is needed prior to 1 hour in advance of arrival, information should be relayed via the ship's agent.

(57) The San Diego Bay Pilots have two pilot boats; a 65-foot white vessel with the word PILOT on the front of the fly bridge and a 38-foot white monohull with the word PILOT on the front of the wheelhouse. Both boats display the International Code flag 'H' while engaged in pilotage duties during daylight hours and white over red lights at night.

(58) Arrangements for pilots are made via ship's agent and boarding information via radio by calling "San Diego Pilots" on VHF-FM channel 12. Pilots request incoming vessels contact them at least 1 hour prior to arrival and provide estimated time of arrival and draft.

(59) Pilots board vessels in the vicinity of San Diego Bay Approach Lighted Whistle Buoy SD (32°37'18"N., 117°14'48"W.) When approaching San Diego, vessels should pass to the S and E of the buoy leaving it on the port side when making the approach, unless otherwise directed by the pilot. When boarding, pilots request vessels maintain a speed of 7 knots and rig the pilot ladder 6 feet above the water on the lee side.

(60) The San Diego Unified Port District operates a VHF-FM radio station from Harbor Control Headquarters at Shelter Island for contacting merchant ships, port pilots, and other nearby stations. Channel 16 is for calling; channels 12 and 17 are for port operations. The station call sign is KJC-824.

Towage

(61) Tugs to 3,500 hp are available from commercial operators in the San Diego area. Naval tugs handle navy vessels, but will assist commercial vessels in emergencies.

(62) San Diego is a **customs port of entry.**

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agriculture quarantine

(63) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.) U.S. Customs requires that all non-commercial vessels, including corporate yachts, less than 130 feet in length returning from a foreign port or place, report directly to the Harbor Police Dock (32°42'30"N., 117°14'05"W.) on Shelter Island. When space is unavailable at the dock, vessels should utilize one of the three quarantine buoys located across from the dock until space is available. Commercial and non-commercial vessels greater than 130 feet in length returning from a foreign port or place, must report directly to the Broadway Pier (32°42'57"N., 117°10'36"W.) for inspection. Small commercial vessels and fishing boats are boarded at the Broadway Pier. At either location, only the master may leave the vessel to contact the U.S. Customs Service in order to request an inspector respond to Shelter Island or Broadway Pier. All persons aboard the clearing vessel are quarantined to the vessel until cleared by Customs. Additionally, no visitors are allowed aboard the vessel. Persons of foreign nationality should identify themselves to make arrangements to declare entry into the county with the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Officials usually board documented vessels at their berths. United States Customs can be reached at 619-557-5370 during normal business hours and 619-557-5132 24-hours a day.

(64) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

Coast Guard

(65) San Diego Coast Guard Station, Air Station, and a Marine Safety Office (see appendix for address) are on the mainland just NE of the E end of Harbor Island.

Harbor regulations

(66) The Port of San Diego is under control of the San Diego Unified Port District. Rules and regulations are enforced by a Port Director, who is appointed by the Board of Port Commissioners. The general offices of the port district are at 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego. The manager of marine operations and the chief wharfinger have offices at the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal, 687 Switzer Street, San Diego. The office of

wharfinger can be reached by telephone at 619 686-6346 or fax 619 686-6354.

(67) The Coast Guard Captain of the Port, San Diego, has designated the ship channels in San Diego Harbor as "narrow channels" for the purposes of enforcing Rule 9 of the Navigation Rules. Vessels of less than 20 meters (65.6 feet), sailing vessels, vessels engaged in fishing, and crossing vessels shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel.

(68) A **security zone** is along the E side piers in South San Diego Bay, starting with **Chollas Creek** and extending S to Pier 14. (See **165.1 through 165.8, 165.30, 165.33, and 165.1101**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) A series of floating protection barriers, anchored by lighted buoys, surrounds the Naval facility within the security zone. **Security zones** are in effect around all cruise ships entering, leaving, and berthed at the Port of San Diego. (See **165.1 through 165.8, 165.30, 165.33, and 165.1108**, chapter 2 for limits and regulations.)

Wharves

(69) The **San Diego Unified Port District** owns the deepwater commercial facilities in the bay and operates them either independently or in conjunction with private firms. The port piers and wharves have water, rail, and highway connections. There are a number of smaller privately operated wharves and piers used for receiving oil, repairing vessels, and for mooring and fueling small craft. Only the deep-draft commercial facilities are described. The alongside depths given for each facility described are reported depths. (For information on latest depths, contact the Port of San Diego.) For a complete description of the port facilities, refer to Port Series No. 27, published and sold by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (See appendix for address.)

(70) General cargo at the port is usually handled by ship's tackle; special handling equipment, if available, is mentioned in the description of the particular facility. Mobile cranes up to 165 tons and floating cranes up to 150 tons are available.

(71) In the port area, the San Diego Unified Port District and private companies operate warehouses having a total of more than 848,000 square feet of dry storage space and more than 1,680,000 cubic feet of cold storage space. A large amount of transit shed space and open storage is available.

(72) **San Diego Unified Port District, B Street Pier, Cruise Ship Terminal:** (32°43'02"N., 117°10'28"W.): 400-foot face, 30-35 feet alongside; 1,000-foot N and S sides, 35 to 37 feet alongside; deck height, 13 feet; berthing cruise vessels.

(73) **San Diego Unified Port District, Broadway Pier, S of B Street Pier:** 130-foot face, 35 feet alongside; 1,000-foot N and S sides, 35 feet alongside; deck height 13 feet; berthing cruise vessels and other miscellaneous craft.

(74) **Navy Pier**, S of Broadway Pier: owned and operated by the Port District.

(75) **G Street Mole Pier**, S of Navy Pier: berthing of tuna seiners and commercial fishing vessels.

(76) **San Diego Unified Port District, Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal, Berths 1 and 2:** concrete bulkhead, 1,120 feet of berthing space; 31 feet alongside; deck height, 13 feet; pipelines extend from four steel storage tanks at the rear, total capacity 167,850 barrels; receipt and shipment of containerized and conventional cargo and perishable food commodities; bunkering vessels.

(77) **San Diego Unified Port District, Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal, Berths 3-6:** concrete bulkhead, 2,580 feet of berthing space; 34 to 35 feet alongside; deck height, 13 feet; approximately 3.5 acres of concrete-surfaced open storage area are located at rear; one six inch pipeline extends from three steel storage tanks, total capacity 3,000,000 gallons, formerly used for molasses, palm oil, and vegetable oil; cement unloader with maximum unloading capacity of 800 tons per hour; warehouse storage for 48,000 metric tons of cement.

(78) **San Diego Unified Port District, Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal, Berths 7 and 8:** 920 feet of berthing space, 41 feet alongside; deck height, 13 feet; one 14-inch pipeline extends from wharf to storage tanks; bulk loader with a maximum loading capacity of 2,000 tons per hour; 12 concrete silos and two steel tanks located in rear with a total capacity of 33,000 metric tons; receipt and shipment of miscellaneous dry bulk commodities, conventional and containerized general cargo; bunkering vessels.

(79) **Crosby Street Berthing Pier**, S of Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal: concrete pier with wood fender pilings; 575 feet in length; depths ranging from 43 feet at W end to 10 feet at E end; berthing for tuna seiners, commercial fishing vessels, tugs, and miscellaneous vessels.

(80) **San Diego Unified Port District, National City Marine Terminal, Berths 24-1 and 24-2:** concrete bulkhead; 1,400 feet long, 20 to 35 feet alongside; deck height, 13 feet; about 188 acres of paved open storage; receipt and shipment of general cargo and automobilies in foreign and domestic trade.

(81) **San Diego Unified Port District, National City Marine Terminal, Berths 24-3 and 24-4, and 24-5:** concrete bulkhead; 1,000 feet of berthing space and 35 to 37 feet alongside at Berths 24-3 and 24-4; 1,025 feet of berthing space and 42 feet alongside at Berth 24-5;

deck height, 13 feet; receipt and shipment of general cargo and automobiles in foreign and domestic trade.

(82) **San Diego Unified Port District, National City Marine Terminal, Berths 24-10 and 24-11:** concrete bulkhead; 1,500 feet of berthing space 35 feet alongside; deck height, 13 feet; 36 acres of open lumber storage; additional 40 acres open storage; available as required at rear of National City Marine Terminal; receipt and shipment of conventional general cargo and automobiles in foreign and domestic trade; receipt of lumber; shipment of cattle.

Supplies

(83) Marine supplies of all kinds are available in San Diego. Bunker fuel, diesel oil, and lubricants are available. Large vessels can be bunkered via pipeline at the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal, or arrangements can be made to fuel at all commercial berths from barges. Water is available at most of the berths.

Repairs

(84) There are shipbuilding and repair yards in San Diego with floating drydocks, the largest of which has a lifting capacity of 25,000 tons. The largest marine railway can handle craft up to 1,400 tons. Complete shipyard facilities are available for all types of repair work.

(85) A U.S. Navy graving dock, located at the naval station near the foot of 32nd Street, may be used by local repair firms by prior arrangements with the San Diego Unified Port District and local naval authorities. The dock has a clear inside length of 693 feet and an entrance width of 90 feet. The dock is served by a 27½-ton full portal traveling crane. The graving dock at National Steel and Shipbuilding Co., about 0.9 mile NW of the Navy graving dock, has a clear length of 998 feet and an entrance width of 176 feet.

Communications

(86) San Diego has transcontinental railroad connections to the N and E. Major airline service is available at San Diego International Airport, Lindbergh Field. San Diego is the port of call for many steamship and cruise lines. Major bus, railroad, and motor freight lines serve the city.

Small-craft facilities

(87) **Shelter Island,** across the channel from North Island and 1.5 miles above Ballast Point, includes the **Shelter Island Yacht Basin** on the S and the **Americas Cup Harbor** on the N. Shelter Island is the most important small-boat area in San Diego Bay. The yacht basin has several large marinas and yacht clubs. It can accommodate more than 2,000 boats at its piers, floats, and moorings. The entrance channel has depths of 20 feet to inside the entrance, thence 15 feet to most of the facilities; the least depth is 9 feet. The entrance is marked by lights. The **354°** lighted range marking the entrance to San Diego Bay also marks the approach to the entrance to Shelter Island Yacht Basin. The **harbor police** are at the Harbor Control Headquarters just inside the entrance to the yacht basin. The police dock is also the boarding station for the inspection of small craft by Customs, Public Health, Immigration and Agricultural quarantine personnel when such inspections are necessary. Harbor police boats, providing fire protection, law enforcement, and assistance to small boats in distress, operate from this facility on a 24-hour basis. Overnight berths for transient vessels are usually available at one of the marinas; if no such berth is available, temporary mooring or berthing may be made available through the harbor police. The Americas Cup Harbor has accommodations for over 600 vessels and is the home port for many commercial fishing vessels. Repair yards in the basin have marine railways that can handle craft up to 800 tons. All kinds of repairs to small vessels may be obtained here. Both the yacht basin and the Americas Cup Harbor have fueling docks, a launching ramp, and marine supplies.

(88) In September 1988, several uncharted dangerous wrecks were reported about 0.4 mile SW of the entrance to the basin.

(89) **Harbor Island,** about 0.5 mile NE of Shelter Island, is in the northernmost part of the bay. **Harbor Island West Basin** has berthing and mooring accommodations for nearly 1,600 craft. A number of marinas, hotels, restaurants, and shops are along the shore of the basin. A light shows from atop a building near the W end of the island.

(90) A **090°–270° measured nautical mile** is off the S side of Harbor Island. Each range is marked by two diamond-shaped markers.

(91) **Glorietta Bay,** on the S side of Coronado and 6 miles from Ballast Point, is a small-craft harbor occupied by a yacht club and a small marina. The facilities include berths for over 215 yachts and small craft. A channel marked by lighted and unlighted buoys and a **232°** lighted range leads from the main channel in San Diego Bay to the basin in Glorietta Bay. In August 2002, the reported centerline controlling depth in the channel was 15 feet; thence in 1981, depths of 8 to 10 feet were reported in the basin except for lesser depths along the edges. A 5 mph **speed limit** is enforced in Glorietta Bay. Water, ice, and a launching ramp are available.

(92) A **restricted area**, marked by buoys, is outside the SE limit of the channel into Glorietta Bay. (See **334.860**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(93) A **security zone** is also outside the SE limit of the channel into Glorietta Bay, within the restricted area off the Naval Amphibious Base. (See **165.1 through 165.8, 165.30, 165.33, and 165.1120**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(94) **Speed Control Lights** cross South San Diego Bay, near the head, N of Chula Vista.

(95) **Chula Vista Harbor** is on the E side near the head of South San Diego Bay at Chula Vista. The entrance is protected by breakwaters marked at the outer ends by private lights. The entrance channel and basin channel are marked by private buoys, lights, and daybeacons. In 2002, the approach to the basin had a reported depth of 18 feet with 16 feet reported alongside the piers. Berthing, electricity, water, ice, sewage pump-out, nautical supplies, and a launching ramp are available.

Chart 18740

(96) The 80-mile coast between San Diego Bay and San Pedro Bay is thickly settled, and the buildings of numerous towns and resorts are prominent from offshore. Several small-boat harbors and the port of Newport Bay are along the coast.

(97) The first 11 miles of the coast, between Point Loma and Point La Jolla, is extremely rocky, and the kelp beds extend up to 2 miles from shore; vessels should stay well offshore.

(98) About 1 mile N of Point Loma Light is a submerged sewer outfall line extending about 1 mile to the W.

(99) **Ocean Beach,** 5 miles N of Point Loma, has a large Y-shaped fishing pier with a private fog signal on the end.

Weather, Gulf of Santa Catalina

(100) Over the Gulf of Santa Catalina and along its shores, fog is a problem during fall and winter. This is most often a land (radiation) fog that drifts out over the gulf at night. By late morning, conditions begin to clear, particularly along the coast. Offshore, fog reduces visibilities to less than 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on about 4 to 9 days per month, from September through February and in May. September and October are the worst months. Along the coast, visibilities drop below 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on about 2 to 8 days per month from August through April. November, December, and February are the worst months.

(101) Gale force winds never occur as much as 1 percent of the time in the Gulf of Santa Catalina. They are infrequently encountered from November through April. Wind speeds of 17 knots or more occur about 1 to 3 percent of the time from December through May. Winds on the coast are often light. At Camp Pendleton, winds less than 3 knots occur 40 to 50 percent of the time from September through March. Seas are most likely to get choppy from November through April, when distant storms S of 40°N. generate W swells. These swells are 6 feet (1.8 m) or more, about 2 to 5 percent of the time. In winter, they occasionally exceed 9 feet (2.7 m) and some 12-foot (3.7 m) swells have been reported.

Chart 18765

(102) **Mission Bay,** entered between two jetties 5.5 miles N of Point Loma, is a recreational small-craft harbor administered by the city of San Diego. A light and a fog signal are at the outer end of the N jetty. A prominent feature when approaching the harbor is the municipal fishing pier at Ocean Beach, 0.3 mile S of the entrance. The lighted 338-foot tower at Sea World is prominent 1.8 miles E of the entrance. Fog signals are sounded from the fishing pier. A dredged channel leads from deep water in the Pacific Ocean to the highway bridge about 1.3 miles above the entrance. In February 1986, dangerous submerged rocks were reported in the entrance to Mission Bay in about 32°45'31"N., 117°15'29"W. **Quivira Basin** and **Mariners Basin,** on the E and W sides of the channel, respectively, are entered about 1 mile above the entrance.

(103) In December 2003, the controlling depths were 9.1 feet (14.1 feet at midchannel) in the dredged entrance channel to the highway bridge (except for lesser depths along the W edge of the channel just below the bridge); general depths of 15 to 17 feet are available in Mariners Basin (except for lesser depths along the edges) and a depth of 20 feet in Quivira Basin. A rock groin extends about 150 yards NW from the S side of the entrance to Quivira Basin. The inner bay has depths of about 6 feet.

No-Discharge Zone

(104) The State of California, with the approval of the Environmental Protection Agency, has established a No-Discharge Zone (NDZ) in Mission Bay. It encompasses the entire by (see NOAA chart 18765 for the zone limits).

(105) Within the NDZ, discharge of sewage, whether treated or untreated, from all vessels is prohibited. Outside the NDZ, discharge of sewage is regulated by **40 CFR 140** (see Chapter 2).

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(106) The lines established for Mission Bay are described in **80.1106**, chapter 2.

(107) Two fixed highway bridges cross Mission Bay. The first, crossing above the entrance between Ventura

Point and Sunset Point, has a clearance of 38 feet. The second, connecting Vacation Isle with Crown Point to the N and Dana Landing to the S, has a clearance of 31 feet under the N span and 38 feet under the S span.

(108) An aerial tramway cable, with a clearance of 42 feet, crosses the entrance to **Perez Cove,** immediately SE of Dana Landing.

(109) The San Diego City Lifeguard Headquarters and the San Diego Police Department, Mission Bay Harbor Unit, are on the S side of the entrance to **Quivira Basin.** Harbor regulations are enforced and emergency assistance is provided by the two units. The Lifeguard Service maintains a 24-hour watch on VHF-FM Channel 16 and handles all dispatches. Police matters are dispatched to the Police Harbor Patrol. Calls for assistance in Mission Bay and within 3 miles of the coastline, from Point Loma to the S, to Blacks Beach, about 3 miles N of Point La Jolla to the N, are the responsibility of the Lifeguard Service. Both units have patrol boats and make safety inspections. Water skiing, swimming, sailing, fishing and speed regulations are enforced in Mission Bay. Most regulations are posted; complete regulations are available from the City Lifeguard Headquarters Office. A full service repair facility is available in Quivira Basin. A 100-ton hoist for hull and engine repairs, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, and marine supplies are available. There are numerous launching ramps and parking areas around the bay. The inner bay has several marinas and many private moorings.

(110) It is reported that moderate to heavy swells from the W outside the entrance tend to break just inside the entrance along the S jetty. Under these conditions, the entrance is dangerous and should be made by staying in the left quarter of the channel (near the N jetty). With a rough sea outside, a heavy surge exists inside the bay, especially in Quivira Basin. Boats must be securely moored to prevent damage from this surge condition. A timber pile breakwater extends N from the S point of the entrance to Quivira Basin. The breakwater restricts over half of the entrance to the basin.

(111) In May 1983, it was reported that rocks, some possibly awash, are in the S part of the entrance to Quivira Basin.

Anchorages

(112) **Special anchorages** are along the W side of Mission Bay in **San Juan Cove, Santa Barbara Cove, Bonita Cove,** Mariners Basin, and Quivira Basin. (See **110.1 and 110.91,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(113) **Mission Beach,** 6.5 miles N of Point Loma, is an amusement place with prominent buildings. From seaward the highest part of the roller coaster looks like a dome.

(114) **Pacific Beach,** 8 miles N of Point Loma, has a pleasure pier extending about 260 yards from the beach. The pier was partially destroyed in the winter of 1984, and submerged piles are reported within 90 yards of the seaward end; caution is advised.

(115) A 2-mile rounding rocky point, 9 miles N of Point Loma, is the first high land N of San Diego Bay. The point is a spur from 822-foot **Soledad Mountain.** The S end of this headland is called **False Point,** and the N end is **Point La Jolla.** In the vicinity of Point La Jolla, rock cliffs with caves rise abruptly from the water to heights of 80 feet. The buildings at **La Jolla** and Pacific Beach, and the television towers on Soledad Mountain are prominent.

(116) **Scripps Institution of Oceanography,** one of the leading institutions in research in oceanography and marine biology, has extensive facilities 12 miles N of Point Loma. The institution maintains a long pier for observation purposes.

(117) Just N of Scripps Institution the bluffs rise to a height of 300 feet, then decrease gradually for the next 5 miles to heights of 20 to 80 feet.

(118) A **000°–180° measured nautical mile** has been established 13.5 miles N of Point Loma; each range is marked by two steel towers.

(119) **Del Mar,** 18 miles N of Point Loma, is a resort city.

(120) The coast from Del Mar N for 31 miles to San Mateo Point is a low, flat tableland with abrupt cliffs 60 to 130 feet high and with broad beaches. The tableland is intersected by numerous deep valleys with streams that usually dry in the summer. In the N part, the high ridges of the interior are much nearer the coast. Paralleling this coast are U.S. Highway 101 and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway.

Charts 18740, 18774, 18758

(121) **Carlsbad,** 30 miles N of Point Loma, is a resort area with a number of hotels and motels. The stack of the San Diego Gas and Electric Co. near the S end of town is very prominent. The stack is marked by flashing white lights during the day and by fixed and flashing red lights at night. The company maintains a lighted bell buoy about 0.9 mile offshore. Mariners are cautioned to pass W of the lighted bell buoy because it marks the seaward end of a submerged pipeline. Near the N edge of town the low white square tower on the W end of the San Diego Army and Navy Academy is distinctive.

(122) The pleasure pier at **Oceanside,** 32.5 miles N of Point Loma, has a fish haven covered 10 feet around its seaward end. The pier is marked by lights.

(123) **Oceanside Harbor,** at the N end of the city, 1.2 miles NW of the pleasure pier, is a small-craft harbor administered by the City of Oceanside, Department of Harbor and Beaches. The harbor, which can accommodate about 950 small craft, shares a common entrance with Del Mar Boat Basin (**Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base**) to the N.

(124) Prominent features when approaching the harbor include a large lighted sign reading "OCEANSIDE" in white letters on a blue background located on a grassy bluff overlooking the middle of the harbor, a tall condominium on the E side of the harbor, a lighted tower on the SE side of the harbor resembling a lighthouse, and a hotel in the vicinity of the harbor entrance.

(125) The common entrance to Oceanside Harbor and Del Mar Boat Basin is between two jetties. The long W jetty is marked by a single light at the seaward end, and the short E jetty has a N and S extension. The S extension has a light and fog signal at the seaward end; a light is at the outer end of the N extension. Inside the common entrance is a junction buoy separating the Oceanside Harbor entrance channel and the Del Mar Boat Basin entrance channel. About 300 yards NE of the junction buoy is a submerged jetty marked by a buoy with the words "**DANGER SUBMERGED JETTY**." The buoy gives warning to mariners of a submerged jetty close N of the Oceanside Harbor entrance channel. The inshore end of the Oceanside Harbor entrance channel is marked by buoys and a light on the N side, and by a daybeacon and a light on the S side.

No-Discharge Zone

(126) The State of California, with the approval of the Environmental Protection Agency, has established a No-Discharge Zone (NDZ) in Oceanside Harbor. It encompasses the entire harbor (see NOAA chart 18758 for the zone limits).

(127) Within the NDZ, discharge of sewage, whether treated or untreated, from all vessels is prohibited. Outside the NDZ, discharge of sewage is regulated by **40 CFR 140** (see Chapter 2).

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(128) The lines established for Oceanside Harbor are described in **80.1108,** chapter 2.

Channels

(129) A dredged channel leads from deep water through the entrance jetties, thence branches E to Oceanside Harbor and N to Del Mar Boat Basin. Strangers should not attempt the entrance at night in rough seas without assistance. The entrance channel is subject to severe wave action and shoaling, and buoys are frequently shifted with changing conditions. Mariners are requested to contact the harbor patrol on VHF-FM channel 16 before entering.

Harbor regulations

(130) The harbor is under the control of the City of Oceanside, Department of Harbor and Beaches. The harbor headquarters building is on the E side of the harbor opposite the entrance. About 50 berths for transient craft are available at the harbor headquarters. All moorage must be arranged with the harbor office in the headquarters building. Prepaid reservations are accepted for 24 guest slips, with the remainder available on a first come, first served basis. The **Oceanside Harbor Police** operates from the headquarters building. The police boats are equipped with rescue and fire fighting equipment. The police boats monitor VHF-FM channel 16, 24 hours a day, and work on channel 12.

Weather, Oceanside

(131) Wind speeds at Oceanside rarely get above 28 knots; they are most likely to occur from December through April. Fog is sometimes a late night and early morning navigational hazard from August through March. During this period, visibilities drop below 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on 2 to 8 days per month; November is usually the foggiest month. The worst time of day is between midnight and 0500.

(132) Swells are most frequent from January through April.

Supplies

(133) Gasoline and diesel fuel are pumped at the fuel dock. Marine supplies, ice, and pumpout facilities are available.

Repairs

(134) A repair yard just N of the harbor district headquarters has a mobile lift that can handle craft to 42 feet and 14 tons. Hull, engine, and electronic repairs are available.

(135) **Del Mar Boat Basin (Camp Pendleton),** just N of Oceanside Harbor, is part of the U.S. Marine Corps reservation. (See **334.910**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations of the **restricted area.**) The boat basin shares a common entrance with Oceanside Harbor. The channel is marked by buoys and daybeacons. A **restricted area** is off the outer breakwater. (See **334.900**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(136) A **military exercise area** extends about 3 miles seaward from about 2 miles NW of the boat basin northwestward to San Clemente. Mariners are advised to consult Eleventh Coast Guard District Local Notice to Mariners for scheduled exercise dates and times.

(137) A **restricted area** is within the military exercise area and centered about 4.5 miles NW of Del Mar Boat Basin entrance. (See **334.905,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(138) A red and white checkered elevated tank, 1.7 miles NE of the boat basin, is prominent from well offshore. The highway bridge and the trestlework of the railroad crossing of the **Santa Margarita River,** 1.7 miles W of the tank, also are prominent. A large white building nearly 7 miles NW of the boat basin is conspicuous from seaward.

(139) **San Onofre Mountain,** 44 miles N of Point Loma and 1.5 miles inland, is the highest of the coastal range in the area.

(140) **San Mateo Point,** locally known as **Cottons Point** and 47 miles NW of Point Loma, ends in cliffs 60 feet high and is the N head at the mouth of **San Mateo Creek.** Both San Mateo Creek and **Arroyo San Onofre,** a mile SE, are crossed by a trestle. Two large domes of a nuclear powerplant are 2.3 miles SE of San Mateo Point. A smaller dome-shaped building is on top of the bluff a few hundred yards SE.

(141) **San Mateo Point Light** (33°23.3'N., 117°35.8'W.), 63 feet above the water, is shown from a pole on San Mateo Point.

Charts 18740, 18774, 18746

(142) From San Mateo Point to Dana Point, 7.5 miles NW, the land is higher and more rugged, and is broken by **San Juan Creek** about 1.5 miles E of Dana Point. The railroad and the highway run close together along the beach under the bluffs in this stretch of the coast to San Juan Creek, where the railroad turns inland.

(143) **San Clemente,** 2 miles N of San Mateo Point, has many white houses with red-tiled roofs, making the place conspicuous from the sea. There is a small pleasure pier at the town; a fish haven covered 10 feet is off its seaward side. A reef that uncovers 3 feet is about 700 yards NW of the pier.

(144) **Dana Point,** 8 miles NW of San Mateo Point, is the seaward end of a high ridge. The spur forming the point ends in a moderately bold sandstone cliff 220 feet high with a precipitous broken face. Outlying rocks and ledges marked by a lighted whistle buoy extend offshore for 350 yards. **San Juan Rock,** 10 feet high and about 50 feet in extent, is 340 yards S of the highest point on the cliff, and a rock covered 2 fathoms is 2.4 miles SE of the point.

Charts 18740, 18746

(145) **Dana Point Harbor** is a small-craft harbor in the lee of Dana Point. The harbor, administered by the Orange County Harbor, Beaches, and Parks District, is entered from the E between two breakwaters each marked by a light on the seaward end. A fog signal is at the S light. The fog signal can be activated upon request to the Coast Guard by radiotelephone VHF-FM channel 16. A church with a giant cross is very visible on the hill above the harbor. A submerged sewer outfall line extends about 0.6 mile from shore, passing about 300 yards E of the S breakwater light. A rock, covered 7½ feet and marked by a lighted buoy, is about 300 yards NE of the S breakwater light. When entering the harbor care should be taken to remain clear of these dangers, especially during low stages of the tide and/or periods of heavy SE swell.

(146) Numerous uncharted private racing buoys are off the entrance to the harbor.

(147) In March 2004, the controlling depths were 15.7 feet in the entrance (except for lesser depths along the S breakwater), thence 9.5 feet in the right half and 0.3 feet in the left half of the channel that leads WNW to the W basin; the channel to the E basin had a depth of 10.1 feet. The harbor is well protected from all sides.

(148) The harbor's E and W basins are separated by a fixed highway bridge with a 45-foot channel span and a clearance of 20 feet. Berths in the E basin can accommodate over 1,400 vessels, and berths in the W basin can accommodate over 1,000 vessels. A **harbormaster** assigns berths in the harbor.

(149) The Dana Point Harbor Patrol has an office in the most southeasterly building observed after passing through the breakwater. Patrol craft equipped with rescue and fire fighting equipment are stationed here. The patrol maintains a 24-hour radio watch on 2182 kHz and VHF-FM channel 16. Berthing assignments for about 42 transient craft are available at the harbor patrol office.

(150) A **speed limit** of 5 mph is enforced in Dana Point Harbor. A swimming area, marked by private buoys, is in the NW corner of the harbor.

Anchorage

(151) A **special anchorage** is in the W part of the harbor. (See **110.1 and 110.93,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

No-Discharge Zone

(152) The State of California, with the approval of the Environmental Protection Agency, has established a No-Discharge Zone (NDZ) in Dana Point Harbor. It

encompasses the entire harbor (see NOAA chart 18746 or 18774 for the zone limits).

(153) Within the NDZ, discharge of sewage, whether treated or untreated, from all vessels is prohibited. Outside the NDZ, discharge of sewage is regulated by **40 CFR 140** (see Chapter 2).

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(154) The lines established for Dana Point Harbor are described in **80.1110,** chapter 2.

Supplies and repairs

(155) Most supplies and repairs are available at the marinas and service facilities at the harbor. Lifts to 25 tons are available.

(156) **San Juan Capistrano,** a small town about 4 miles inland from Dana Point, is the site of the old mission founded in 1776. The grounds and the buildings have undergone extensive preservation, and services are held regularly in the chapel used by founding Father Junipero Serra. This mission is famous for the return of the swallows each March 19.

(157) The 11.5-mile coast from Dana Point to Newport Bay is bold with rocky cliffs 40 to 100 feet high; these are the seaward ends of ridges separated by narrow, deep valleys. The community of **Laguna Beach** is midway along this stretch. A fishing and pleasure pier is near the mouth of **Aliso Creek** about 3.5 miles NW of Dana Point.

(158) Four private lighted buoys, about 4.1 miles SW of Laguna Beach, mark an area used to moor equipment and netting. Mariners should not attempt to pass between these buoys.

(159) **Santiago Peak,** 17.5 miles NE of Dana Point and visible 80 miles, is the dominant feature of this part of the coast; the peak is double-headed and dark in contrast with the immediate coastal range.

Chart 18754

(160) **Newport Bay,** 64 miles NW of Point Loma, is an extensive lagoon bordered on the seaward side by a 3-mile sandspit. The bay is an important yachting and sport fishing center, and offers excellent anchorage for large yachts and small craft under all weather conditions. The city of **Newport Beach** embraces the districts of **Newport** and **Balboa,** on the sandspit, and **Corona Del Mar,** E of the entrance.

Prominent features

(161) The numerous houses and buildings along the beach and on the hills back of the bay are prominent from seaward. The tall office buildings at the Newport Center, 1.4 miles N of the harbor entrance, are the most conspicuous. The memorial hospital building, 0.3 mile N of the turning basin, and the light-colored concrete school buildings and tall tower on the high ground 1 mile back from the beach are also conspicuous.

(162) The entrance to Newport Bay is between jetties 275 yards apart with lights at their outer ends. A fog signal is at the W jetty light. The fog signal can be activated upon request to the Coast Guard by radiotelephone VHF-FM channel 16. A lighted bell buoy is off the entrance.

(163) A **111°37'–291°37' measured nautical mile** is in San Pedro Channel, about 1.3 miles W of the entrance to Newport Bay. The E range is marked in front by a daymark on an 800-foot pleasure pier and in the rear by a daymark on shore at Balboa Beach. The W range is marked by daymarks on shore at Newport Beach. Another 950-foot pleasure pier is 2.8 miles NW of the W jetty.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(164) The lines established for Newport Bay are described in **80.1112,** chapter 2.

Channels

(165) A Federal project provides for a 20-foot main channel from the entrance to a turning basin of the same depth NW of Lido Isle and a 10-foot Balboa Island North Channel extending N from the entrance along the E and N sides of Balboa Island. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of charts for controlling depths.)

Anchorages

(166) Special anchorages are in Newport Bay. (See **110.1, 110.95, and 110.212,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) Assignments are made by the harbormaster.

Dangers

(167) A **speed limit** of 5 m.p.h. in Newport Bay has been established by the Orange County Harbors, Beaches, and Park District. The upper reaches of the bay are extremely shoal and have been closed by the Health Department because of contamination.

(168) In January 1986, a sunken wreck was reported in the channel about 300 yards S of the U.S. Coast Guard pier in about 33°36'N., 117°53'W.

Bridges

(169) There are no bridges over the main channel. None of the bridges to the islands in the bay restrict passage to the anchorage areas.

Tides

(170) The mean range of tide is 3.7 feet at Newport Bay entrance, and the diurnal range of tide is 5.4 feet.

Weather, Newport Bay

(171) Severe storms are rare. The Santa Ana is an exceptional wind that blows from the NE or E with great violence, although of short duration. (See Weather, Los Angeles, indexed as such, this chapter for discussion of Santa Ana winds.)

Harbor regulations

(172) The Orange County Harbors, Beaches, and Parks District controls the movement and berthing of vessels under the direction of a harbormaster, who has an office on the E side of the bay about 0.8 miles from the entrance. Patrol and assistance craft operate from the harbor office on a 24-hour basis. The harbor office may be contacted by telephone 949-723-1002 or VHF-FM channels 12 and 16. The patrol boats monitor VHF-FM channel 16.

Coast Guard

(173) A search and rescue craft of the U.S. Coast Guard is stationed at the pier adjacent to the Harbor District Headquarters.

Wharves

(174) The numerous small wharves and landings in the bay are mostly for the use of local yachts and fishing craft. Five berths and several offshore moorings are available for transient craft at the Harbor District Headquarters pier. The harbormaster must be consulted before mooring. Five other transient berths are usually available at a marina at the NW end of the turning basin.

Supplies

(175) Fuel, water, and marine supplies are available at most of the facilities in the bay.

Repairs

(176) The largest marine railway in Newport Bay has a capacity of 325 tons and can handle craft up to 150 feet. Machine shops are available. Several shipyards can haul out small boats for general repairs.

Communications

(177) The city is served by State Route 1.

Chart 18746

(178) The 20-mile coast from Newport Bay to Point Fermin is low, and there are several lagoons near the beach. There are no trees near the shore; towns and resorts are almost continuous along the beach.

(179) **Huntington Beach State Park** is a recreational area that extends 2 miles NW along the coast from the mouth of **Santa Ana River,** which is 4.5 miles NW of Newport Bay entrance. The trestle crossing the mouth of this river is conspicuous. A buoy marks the seaward end of a terminal structure of a water conduit extending from shore 1.4 miles NW of Santa Ana River. The twin stacks of the Southern California Edison Co. plant on shore and a spire about 1 mile back from the beach are conspicuous from any direction.

(180) A submerged oil pipeline extends nearly 1.2 miles seaward, 2 miles NW of Santa Ana River; mooring buoys are off the end of the pipeline. A private lighted bell buoy marks the seaward limit. **Huntington Beach,** a resort 5 miles NW of Newport Beach, is identified by its many oil derricks. The city has a fishing and pleasure pier which has a fish haven covered 10 feet around its seaward end. **Sunset Beach** is a small town 5 miles NW of Huntington Beach. An elevated tank is near the W extremity of the town.

Charts 18746, 18749

(181) **Anaheim Bay**, 14 miles NW of Newport Bay, is the site of the U.S. Naval Weapons Station. Jetties protect the entrance to the bay. Waters inside the jetties are within a **restricted area**, and **explosive anchorages** have been established on the E and W sides of the channel. (See **334.930 and 110.215**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) The Navy has implemented a protection barrier at the Naval Weapons Station in the bay. This barrier consists of alternating orange and white spherical buoys connected by wire rope. All boating traffic is required to stay within the small craft channel at all times.

(182) In May 2003, the controlling depths were 36 feet at midchannel, 34 feet in the left outside quarter, and 30 feet in the right outside quarter to the turning basin, thence 33 feet in the basin. The channel is marked by lighted and unlighted buoys, lights, and a **036°48'** lighted range. The outer ends of the jetties are marked by lights. A fog signal is at the W jetty light. The fog signal can be activated upon request to the Coast Guard by radiotelephone VHF-FM channel 16.

(183) In Anaheim Bay, during a flooding tide, the current 50 to 75 yards from the Naval Weapons Station's pier flows E to W as opposed to the normal flow of W to E. This causes a ship approaching the berth for a portside

mooring to experience difficulty in twisting to starboard. An ebbing tide has an opposite effect. After a heavy rain, runoff water from the area N of Anaheim Bay during an ebbing tide increases the rate of ebb up to 5 knots with resultant swirls and countercurrents.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(184) The lines established for Anaheim Bay are described in **80.1114,** chapter 2.

(185) **Huntington Harbour,** a small-boat basin, is just S of Anaheim Bay. The harbor is a private development, and, with the exception of two small marinas, consists of private docks adjacent to waterfront homes.

(186) The harbor is entered through the restricted waters of Anaheim Bay, and permission to pass must be obtained from the Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, Calif. (See **334.930**, chapter 2, for regulations governing passage.)

(187) The **Harbor Patrol** office is adjacent to the boat launch ramp in the NW corner of the harbor. A repair yard can handle craft to 50 feet and 25 tons for engine and hull repairs. Gasoline, diesel fuel, and marine supplies are available in the harbor. Launching ramps are in the NW and SE corners of the harbor.

(188) **Seal Beach,** just NW of Anaheim Bay, has several resort structures and a 1,650-foot pleasure pier, which has a fish haven covered 9 feet at its seaward end.

(189) **Alamitos Bay,** 15 miles NW of Newport Bay, is the site of the **Long Beach Marina,** a small-craft harbor administered by the city of Long Beach Marine Department. The harbor is entered from the S between two jetties each marked by a light on the seaward end. A fog signal is at the W jetty light. The fog signal can be activated upon request to the Coast Guard by radiotelephone VHF-FM channel 16.

(190) A dangerous wreck is about 0.5 mile SSW of the entrance to Alamitos Bay. In 1983, a sunken wreck was reported about 0.2 mile W of the entrance in about 33°44.2'N., 118°07.5'W.

(191) In September 1973, depths of about 17 feet were reported in the entrance channel to the fueling station about 0.9 mile N of the jetty lights, with about 10 feet in the channel from the fueling station to the slips in the NE part of the bay.

(192) A **nonanchorage area** has been designated at the mouth of the entrance channel to Alamitos Bay. (See **110.214 (a) (16) and (b),** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(193) The fixed bridge across Marine Stadium, which forms the inner part of the bay, has a fixed span with a clearance of 32 feet. A fixed bridge with a clearance of 11 feet crosses the junction of the W waterway and Marine Stadium. A fixed bridge, with a clearance of 11 feet, crosses the E waterway off Marine Stadium that leads to a NE basin. A fixed bridge, with a clearance of 4 feet, crosses the W waterway between Naples and Belmont Shore. The five fixed bridges crossing the Rivo Alto Canal on Naples Island have a least clearance of 7 feet, and the power cable has a reported clearance of 55 feet.

(194) Berths in Long Beach marina are limited to about 1,800 boats, but extensive parking and ramp-launching areas are provided for trailer-drawn craft. Visiting yachts may obtain temporary berthing on a first-come first-served basis. All mooring is controlled by a **harbormaster,** who has an office on the E side of the entrance channel near the end of the point about 500 yards above the bend in the channel.

Supplies and repairs

(195) All types of supplies and services are available at the marinas and service facilities in the bay. The largest repair yard can handle craft up to 40 tons and 60 feet.

(196) A pleasure pier on the W side of Belmont Shore, 1.7 miles NW of Alamitos Bay entrance, extends about 340 yards from the beach. A fog signal is on the end of the pier, and a fish haven is 100 feet off the seaward end. A reported wreck covered 16 feet is about 940 yards S of the end of Belmont Pier.

Charts 18751, 18749

(197) **San Pedro Bay,** between Seal Beach on the E and Point Fermin on the W, is 82 miles NW of San Diego. On the shores of the bay are the city of **Long Beach** and the port areas of the city of **Los Angeles. Terminal Island,** in the NW part of San Pedro Bay, separates the outer bay from Los Angeles and Long Beach inner harbors. The bay is protected by breakwaters and is a safe harbor in any weather.

(198) **Traffic Separation Scheme, Los Angeles/Long Beach,** also known as **Traffic Separation Scheme, Gulf of Santa Catalina,** is in the approaches to Los Angeles/Long Beach. The Scheme leads from the Gulf of Santa Catalina through San Pedro Channel and Santa Barbara Channel to Point Arguello. (See charts 18022, 18740, 18720, 18725, 18746, 18721.) This Traffic Separation Scheme is recommended for use by all vessels traveling between the points involved, and is composed basically of four elements; **(1) Northbound Lanes, (2) Separation Zone, (3) Southbound Lanes, and (4) a Precautionary Area.** Traffic Lanes have been designed to aid in the prevention of collisions at the approaches to major harbors

and along heavily traveled waters, but are not intended in any way to supersede or to alter the applicable Navigation Rules. Separation zones are intended to separate N and S traffic lanes, to be free of ship traffic, and should not be used except for crossing purposes. Mariners should use extreme caution when crossing traffic lanes and separation zones. Rule 10 of the collision regulations apply to this Traffic Separation Scheme.

(199) Extreme caution must be exercised in the Precautionary Area off the entrances to Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors as both incoming and outgoing vessels use this area. (See also Traffic Separation Schemes, chapter 1, for additional information.)

(200) **Ferry Routes** in the Gulf of Santa Catalina and San Pedro Channel differ from the Traffic Separation Scheme in that area. Mariners using the area's Traffic Separation Scheme are advised to **use caution and beware of crossing ferries** enroute between local coastal ports and ports at Santa Catalina Island.

(201) **Safety zones** have been established in San Pedro Bay, including around the oil drilling platforms, in

(202) 33°35'45"N., 118°08'27"W (**Platform Edith**);

(203) 33°35'00"N., 118°07'40"W (**Platform Elly**);

(204) 33°34'57"N., 118°07'42"W (**Platform Ellen**); and

(205) 33°33'50"N., 118°07'00"W (**Platform Eureka**). (See **147.1 through 147.20, 147.1104, 147.1108, and 147.1111**, chapter 2 for limits and regulations and chapter 3 under **'Oil well structures'** for additional information.)

(206) The **Marine Exchange** of Southern California records, classifies, and disseminates information on ship arrivals to, departure from, and movement within the Los Angeles/Long Beach harbors. The Exchange, about 0.4 mile N of Point Fermin, is manned 24-hours a day. It has a visual lookout, VHF-FM radiotelephone, visual communication capability, and a battery of landline telephones. The station, call sign KGW-299, monitors VHF-FM channel 16 and 13, and uses channel 14 for working.

(207) **Vessel Speed Reductions**, in addition to the mandatory 12 knot speed limit in the Los Angeles/Long Beach Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Precautionary Area, the following excerpt is from Rule 402 from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD):

(208) The Port of Long Beach asks every vessel entering or leaving the port to observe the **voluntary 12-knot speed limit** that extends seaward 20 nautical miles from Point Fermin. Reducing ship speed will reduce exhaust emissions into Southern California's air, which will result in better air quality. The speed of every vessel in the speed reduction zone is measured and recorded by the Marine Exchange of Southern California; please contact the Marine Exchange for more information. Your cooperation with this important air quality improvement program is greatly appreciated.

(209) The **Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Los Angeles/Long Beach,** operated by the Marine Exchange in cooperation with the U.S. Coast Guard, has been established within the approaches to the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

(210) The Vessel Traffic Service is a California State mandatory service and a federally mandated Vessel Movement Reporting System (VMRS), and is designed to enhance navigational safety in the main approaches to the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Mandatory participation and monitoring of VHF-FM channel 14 is required by state and federal law for participating vessels.

(211) **VTS Area:**

(212) The VTS Area consists of Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors (inside the breakwater), and the waters of San Pedro Bay and San Pedro channel, including Santa Monica Bay, within a 25 nautical mile radius of Point Fermin Light. This includes all of the Precautionary Area and portions of the Traffic Separation Scheme Lanes.

(213) **VTS Communications:**

(214) The responsibility of information exchange in the VTS Area outside the breakwater will be handled by the Marine Exchange Vessel Traffic Center (VTC), and inside the breakwater by the appropriate Pilot Station.

(215) All reports and communications made to the VTC (voice call **"San Pedro Traffic"**) shall be on VHF-FM channel 14, to Los Angeles Pilots on VHF-FM channel 73, and to Long Beach Pilots on VHF-FM channel 12 or 74. All stations monitor VHF-FM channels 16 and 13.

(216) If arrival/departure information has been given and new data is received by the VTS, the VTS will attempt to contact vessels to pass the updated information. In addition, a traffic advisory broadcast is given on VHF-FM channel 14 every hour on the quarter hour. Other navigational information may be given on a case by case basis.

Active User (VMRS)

(217) The following vessels are required to comply with Vessel Movement and Reporting Procedures:

(218) (a) Every power driven vessel 40 meters (approximately 131 feet) or more in length while navigating;

(219) (b) Commercial towing vessels 8 meters (approximately 26 feet) or more in length that are towing alongside, astern, or by pushing ahead;

(220) (c) Every vessel certified to carry 50 or more passengers for hire while engaged in trade, under sail or power.

Passive User (VTS)

(221) These vessels are required to monitor VHF-FM channel 14 and must respond when hailed by the VTS and must comply with operating rules;

(222) (a) Power driven vessels of 20 meters (approximately 65 feet) or more in length;

(223) (b) Vessels of 100 gross tons or more carrying one or more passengers for hire, while engaged in trade, regardless of length, whether under sail or power;

(224) (c) Every dredge or floating plant.

Non Participant

(225) Vessels that do not fall into the active or passive user categories such as fishing boats, yachts, and recreational boats can greatly enhance the safety of navigation in the VTS area by listening on VHF-FM channel 14 and by maintaining a sharp lookout. It is not necessary to participate actively.

Vessel Movement and Reporting Procedures:

(226) All participating vessels when underway and entering the VTS Area from sea shall contact the VTC on VHF-FM channel 14 and report the following information:

(227) (a) Vessel name/call sign.

(228) (b) Course and speed.

(229) (c) Vessel destination.

(230) (d) State whether taking on a pilot or being piloted by master/commanding officer.

(231) (e) ETA breakwater sea buoy/pilot station.

Entering the Precautionary Area:

(232) Prior to entering the Precautionary Area, all participating vessels shall:

(233) (a) Contact the VTC and report that the master/commanding officer is on the bridge and the vessel is being steered by hand.

(234) (b) Vessels under 40 meters subject to USCG/IMO standards shall have the senior licensed or certified person on board to be in charge of the navigation of the vessel when underway within the Precautionary Area.

(235) (c) Vessels of 40 meters or greater, when in the Precautionary Area, shall not exceed 12 knots.

(236) (d) Vessels when underway within the Precautionary Area should maintain a minimum vessel separation of .25 nautical mile (460 meters).

(237) (e) Vessels crossing the Precautionary Area, maneuvering in an unusual manner (i.e. compass/RDF calibration or drills/ exercises), and arriving/departing anchorages outside the breakwater shall notify the VTC and advise of their intentions.

Entering the Pilot Areas:

(238) (a) All vessels shall contact the appropriate pilot stations prior to entering the pilot areas to receive vessel traffic information inside the breakwater. Vessels shall provide the following information to pilot stations:

(239) (1) Vessel name/call sign.

(240) (2) ETA breakwater or sea buoy/pilot station.

(241) (3) Vessel destination.

Departing Berth or Anchorage:

(242) (a) All vessels shall contact the appropriate pilot station prior to departing a berth or anchorage to receive vessel traffic information inside the breakwater. Provide the following information to the pilot station:

(243) (1) Vessel name/call sign.

(244) (2) Advise who is piloting vessel.

(245) (3) Vessel destination, whether to sea or destination within harbor.

(246) (b) All outbound vessels shall notify VTC on VHF-FM channel 14 at least 15 minutes prior to passing breakwater entrance, including Anaheim Bay, and provide the following information:

(247) (1) Vessel name/call sign.

(248) (2) Vessel destination port or direction of departure, and advise if the vessel will be using or crossing the Traffic Separation Scheme.

(249) (3) Advise VTC when leaving the Precautionary Area and when leaving the VTS Area.

(250) All vessels shall comply with Navigation Rules (having particular regard for rules for vessels operating in and near Traffic Separation Schemes) and with the rules of the Regulated Navigation Area in San Pedro Bay (See **165.1 through 165.13 and 165.1152,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(251) Participating vessels are to ensure that a copy of the **VTS Users Manual** is available on board the vessel when operating within the VTS area. The manual is available at no charge from Executive Director, Marine Exchange of Southern California, P.O. Box 1949, San Pedro, CA 90733, phone (310) 832-6411.

Local Regulations

(252) An "Escort Tug," as defined by California regulations, is a tug that is designed primarily for pushing or pulling ahead or astern, or towing alongside another vessel. A tug is considered to be designed for escort work whether or not it is involved in such activity. In the harbors of Los Angeles/Long Beach, an "Assist/Escort Tug" means any tug that is accepted by the tank vessel master and/or pilot to escort a tank vessel that is transiting waters where an assist/escort is required. Arrangements should be made via the vessel agent, tug company and appropriate pilot service. Outbound

Section 851.27 Force Selection Matrix

TANKER DISPLACEMENT	TRACTOR TUGS			CONVENTIONAL TUGS				
	AHEAD FORCES FOR TUGS USING STERN LINE (VSP) ASTERN FORCES FOR TUGS USING HEADLINE (ASD)		2ND TUG RATIO	AHEAD FORCES		2ND TUG RATIO	ASTERN FORCES	
LONG TONS	KIPS	SHORT TONS	RT2	KIPS	SHORT TONS	RC2	KIPS	SHORT TONS
0<60,000	20	10	2.7	50	25	1.2	30	15
60,000<100,000	40	20	2.7	60	30	1.3	50	25
100,000<140,000	50	25	2.7	80	40	1.4	80	40
140,000<180,000	60	30	2.8	120	60	1.4	100	50
180,000<212,000	90	45	3.8	220	110	1.6	120	60
212,000<220,000	100	50	3.8	250	125	1.6	120	60
220,000<260,000	120	60	5.3	410	205	1.6	140	70
260,000<300,000	140	70	5.4	480	240	1.6	160	80

Small Tank Barge Matrix

Total Displacement Tonnage of the Tank Barge and the Primary Towing Tug	Minimum Required Escort Tug(s) Static Bollard Pull in Short Tons	
0 to 20,000 displacement tons	**Tethered Escort Tug(s)**	**Untethered Escort Tug(s)**
	10 short tons	15 short tons
>20,000 displacement tons	**Tethered Escort Tug(s)**	
	A total astern static bollard pull (in pounds) equal to or greater than the sum of both the primary towing tug and the barge's total displacement tonnage. For example, where the total towing tug and tank barge displacement is 25,000 displacement tons, the escort tug(s) astern static bollard pull shall be at least 25,000 pounds or 12.5 short tons.	

laden tank vessels are not required to use tugs once they have safely cleared the breakwater. All tank vessels shifting within the harbor(s) (including dock to anchor, anchor to anchor, and dock to dock) shall comply with the escort requirements. Arrangements should be made via the vessel agent, tug company or appropriate pilot service to ensure compliance.

(253) The State of California has established Tank Vessel Escort Regulations for tank vessels underway in the Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor and their approaches. The full text of the regulations can be found on the Internet at http://www.dfg.ca.gov/Ospr/regulation.html or can be obtained from the California Office of Spill Prevention and Response 24-hour Communications Center at (916) 445-0045.

(254) Tug Escort Applicability: All laden tank vessels (tankers or barges carrying as cargo a total volume of oil greater than or equal to 5,000 long tons of oil) entering the port should ensure proper implementation of the Displacement Ton/Tug Braking Force Table listed below. In addition, to meet the requirements of the **Force Selection Matrix**, tractor tugs shall be tethered, inbound and outbound. Conventional tugs may be tethered or untethered inbound, but shall be tethered outbound. Inbound, laden Oil and Chemical Tank Vessels shall not proceed closer than two nm from the Federal Breakwater entrance unless the prescribed escort tug(s) are in position at the southern boundary of the pilot operating areas. Masters shall also ensure the anchors are ready for letting go prior to entering the pilot operating areas. The tank vessel master/pilot shall hold a "pre–escort conference" that should at a minimum include:

(255) 1. Contacting the escort tug operator to confirm the number and position of the escort tug(s); and

(256) 2. Establishing the radio frequency to be used; and

(257) 3. Establishing the destination of the tank vessel; and

(258) 4. Discussing any other pertinent information that the master/pilot and escort tug operator deem necessary.

(259) These standards reflect favorable circumstances and conditions. Adverse weather, unusual port/traffic congestion or other conditions/circumstances may require additional tugboat assistance.

(260) (See **33 CFR 157**, chapter 2, for regulations for Tank Vessels Carrying Oil in Bulk and Maneuvering Performance Capability.

(261) **Los Angeles Harbor,** at the W end of San Pedro Bay, includes the districts of **San Pedro, Wilmington,** and a major portion of Terminal Island.

(262) **Long Beach Harbor,** in the E part of San Pedro Bay, includes the City of Long Beach and a portion of Terminal Island. Long Beach and Los Angeles Harbors are connected by Cerritos Channel. The distance between the seaward entrance to the two harbors is about 4 miles. Long Beach Inner Harbor, Middle Harbor, and Southeast Basin are protected by three curving moles.

(263) Four oil production islands, marked by lights, are to the N and E of Long Beach Pier J. A fog signal is sounded from the S end of each island.

(264) The **Port of Los Angeles,** one of the largest ports on the Pacific coast, has a history of leading the Pacific coast ports in terms of tonnage handled. It has extensive facilities to accommodate all types of traffic. Some of the principal exports are crude minerals, iron and steel scrap, inorganic chemicals, animal feed, cotton, manufactured fertilizers, and fresh fruits and nuts. Some of the principal imports are iron and steel products, motor vehicles and parts, organic chemicals, fresh fruits and nuts, paper and paperboard, sugar, molasses and syrups, glass, and fresh and frozen fish.

(265) The **Port of Long Beach,** also one of the largest ports on the Pacific coast, has the reputation of being America's most modern port. It has extensive foreign and domestic traffic with modern facilities for the largest vessels. It is a major container cargo port with several of the largest and most efficient container terminals on the Pacific coast. Some of the principal exports are bulk petroleum, bulk coke, steel and steel products, bulk potash, grains, fresh fruits, scrap steel, animal feed, and copper concentrate. Some of the principal imports are crude petroleum, steel and steel products, motor vehicles and parts, machinery, bulk gypsum, newsprint, lumber, bulk salt, bananas, plywood, bulk molasses.

Prominent features

(266) **San Pedro Hill** (chart 18746), 3.3 miles NW of Point Fermin, is the distinguishing feature for making San Pedro Bay from SE or W. The hill terminates seaward in steep, rocky cliffs about 60 feet high, with several horizontal terraces between them and the summit. On top of the summit are two large white radar domes.

(267) Because it is high above the usual low-lying fog area, the lighted tower atop Santa Catalina Island is reported a useful guide for vessels approaching the Los Angeles-Long Beach area; the light can be seen for about 16 miles.

(268) **Point Fermin,** the SE extremity of San Pedro Hill, is a bold cliff about 100 feet high. A light is shown from a pole 120 feet above the water. A prominent pavilion (The Bell of Friendship) is on the high ground about 0.3 mile N of the light.

(269) **Signal Hill,** Long Beach, rises to a height of 355 feet about 2 miles from the beach, and is readily recognized because of several radio towers around it.

(270) Two prominent charted objects in Los Angeles Harbor which are of use to the navigator are the green and white tank near the S end of Pier 1 and the lighted radio tower atop San Pedro City Hall.

(271) In Long Beach Harbor, prominent charted objects are the SW rectangular part of the charted L-shaped building at Berth F211 (which is the prominent gray rectangular tower of the Koch Carbon Terminal), a green hotel tower (marked by a large blue letter "b") location just N of the Municipal Auditorium, and the white stone tower of another hotel 0.4 mile E, and the lighted large white dome on the S side of the entrance to Queensway Bay. The derricks on the artificial oil islands E of Long Beach Pier J are constructed to appear as high-rise apartment buildings.

Breakwaters

(272) **San Pedro Breakwater** extends about 0.9 mile in a SE direction from the E side of Point Fermin, then turns ENE for another 0.9 mile to Los Angeles Light. **Middle Breakwater** extends ENE for 2.1 miles from the Los Angeles entrance, thence E for 1 mile to the Long Beach entrance, and is marked at both ends by lights. **Long Beach Breakwater** extends E 2.2 miles from Long Beach entrance and is marked by lights on both ends. Ranges for a **090°–270° measured nautical mile** are on the Long Beach Breakwater. They are yellow diamond-shaped daymarks on iron pipes.

(273) **Kelp beds** are along the inside edge of the W end of Middle Breakwater and about midway along the inside edge of San Pedro Breakwater; the E bed is marked by orange and white banded drums and the W bed by white floats.

(274) **Los Angeles Light,** (33°42.5'N., 118°15.1'W.), 73 feet above the water, is shown from a 69-foot white cylindrical tower on a concrete block on the outer end of the San Pedro Breakwater. A fog signal is at the light.

(275) A light is shown from a white skeleton tower on a white concrete house on the W end of Middle Breakwater. **Long Beach Light** (33°43.4'N., 118°11.2'W.), 50 feet above the water, is shown from a 42-foot white rectangular tower on a white building on the E end of Middle Breakwater; a fog signal is at the light. A light is shown from a white skeleton tower on the W end of Long Beach Breakwater, and another light is shown from a skeleton tower on the E end of the breakwater. A fog signal is at the E end light.

(276) **Note:** The Long Beach Pilots have established a current meter in about 57 feet of water 0.41 mile and bearing 198.5° from the Long Beach Light. A cable runs from the meter to the Long Beach Light. Mariners are requested to avoid anchoring or bottom fishing in this area.

(277) The Los Angeles and Long Beach breakwater entrances, the pilot areas, and Commercial Anchorage G are in a **regulated navigation area.** (See **165.1 through 165.13 and 165.1152**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(278) Vessels making the breakwater entrances should proceed at speeds no greater than is necessary for steerage. Vessels that approach the entrance close in and attempt to turn at or near the entrance are in danger of collision with outbound vessels, especially with smaller craft at night when their lights are not easily distinguishable at low tide or against the background of lights in the harbor.

(279) Vessels awaiting a pilot should stay well to seaward and E of the outer fairway buoys.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(280) The lines established for San Pedro Bay are described in **80.1114,** chapter 2.

Channels

(281) **Long Beach Channel** leads NW from W of Long Beach Breakwater for 2.2 miles to **Middle Harbor,** thence N to **Back Channel** and the **Inner Harbor.** The channel has a slight "dogleg" 1.5 miles NW of the breakwater to facilitate passage in and out of the Pier J berthing areas. A **restricted harbor entrance area** has been designated in the channel and side areas which extends from about 1 mile N of the breakwater to inside Middle Harbor; regulations of the Board of Harbor Commissioners, Port of Long Beach, grant priority to outbound vessels and stipulate a **6-knot speed limit** in this restricted area.

(282) Most of the channels in Long Beach Harbor are maintained at more than the project depth of 35 feet. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of charts for controlling depths.)

(283) **Los Angeles Main Channel** leads NW from E of the San Pedro Breakwater for about 1 mile, thence N to the Inner Harbor turning basin, thence NE through **East Basin Channel** and **Cerritos Channel.** About 0.6 mile NW of the breakwater, **Super Tanker Channel** leads W from the Main Channel to the deep-draft facilities at Berths 45–50. Los Angeles Main Channel from the breakwater to the Super Tanker Channel and the Super Tanker Channel are maintained at more than the project depth of 45 feet and 40 feet, respectively. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of charts for controlling depths.)

(284) Los Angeles Main Channel is marked by a **296°** lighted range, and the Super Tanker Channel is marked by a private **255°** lighted range.

Caution

(285) Vessels should keep clear of the 500-foot-wide Los Angeles Main Channel during the passage of deep-laden tankships to and from Berths 45-47. These vessels, because of their deep draft, must remain in the channel. Vessels not carrying a Los Angeles pilot may obtain information on the movement of such vessels by contacting the Los Angeles Pilot Station on VHF-FM channel 73, call sign KEB-260; or on VHF-FM channel 16 (156.80 MHz).

(286) Los Angeles Main Channel, Inner Harbor turning basin, West Basin, East Basin Channel, East Basin, and part of Cerritos Channel are currently undergoing extensive dredging through March 2005. Mariners are advised to exercise caution in the areas and to consult the Captain of the Port LA/LB for more detailed information.

(287) **Fish Harbor,** on the S side of Terminal Island near its W end, is protected by two sets of breakwaters and the mole of Pier 300, the outer ends of which are marked by lights; a fog signal is at the offshore end of the W outer breakwater. A dredged channel with a controlling depth of about 14 feet leads between the outer and inner breakwaters to Fish Harbor, which has controlling depths of about 16 to 18 feet. The seawall is lined with canneries and other fishworks. The outer breakwaters enclose the Yacht Club Anchorage, sometimes called the Fish Harbor Extension. This anchorage has depths of 17 to 20 feet E and depths of 11 to 14 feet W of the dredged channel.

Anchorages

(288) Limits and regulations of general, naval, explosives, and special anchorage areas in San Pedro Bay are given in **110.1, 110.100,** and **110.214,** chapter 2. When inside the breakwaters, vessels are required to anchor in the anchorage area prescribed in the regulations except in cases of great emergency. The Santa Ana is the only wind dangerous to vessels anchored inside the breakwaters.

(289) Vessels are cautioned against anchoring in the vicinity of pipeline and cable areas shown on the charts.

Dangers

(290) A shoal area, with a rock covered 3 feet and a rock awash near the outer end, extends about 0.3 mile S of the shore just E of Point Fermin Light. A lighted whistle buoy is about 300 yards SW from the S end of the shoal area.

(291) A **naval restricted area** is in the West Basin off the S shore of Terminal Island inside the jetty of the Naval Base Mole and a **restricted area** is off the E side of Reservation Point. (See **334.1 through 334.6** and **334.938** and **334.990**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(292) A **regulated navigation area** has been established in the waters S of the Los Angeles-Long Beach breakwater encompassing the approaches to both Los Angeles and Long Beach harbors. (See **165.1 through 165.13** and **165.1109**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Bridges

(293) The Vincent Thomas Bridge, a highway suspension span with a clearance of 185 feet over the center 500-foot width, crosses Los Angeles Main Channel just below the turning basin, 3.2 miles above the entrance breakwater.

(294) Two bridges cross Cerritos Channel on the N side of Terminal Island: Schuyler F. Heim Highway Bridge with span clearance of 38 feet down and 163 feet up; and Henry Ford (Badger) Avenue railroad bridge 25 yards W with authorized span clearances of 6 feet down and 165 feet up. The Henry Ford (Badger) Avenue railroad bridge is maintained in the down position. The bridgetender of the Schuyler F. Heim bridge monitors VHF-FM channel 13; call sign WHX-947. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.147**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.)

(295) It is reported that clearance gages have been established on a pier flanking the navigable span of the Schuyler F. Heim Bridge and on the dolphins flanking the Henry Ford Avenue railroad bridge. The gages indicate the vertical navigational clearance beneath each of the bridges at any height of tide.

(296) Near the E end of Cerritos Channel are several power cables that have a clearance of 155 feet. Vessels are required to have a clearance of at least 6 feet under the cables to avoid the danger of arcing.

(297) The Gerald Desmond Bridge, across Back Channel between Long Beach Inner Harbor and Middle Harbor, has a fixed span with a clearance of 155 feet.

(298) The Queen's Way (Magnolia Avenue) Bridge, crossing **Queensway Bay** 0.8 mile W of oil **Island Grissom,** is a fixed span connecting downtown Long Beach with the terminal facilities of Piers F, G, H, and J; clearances are 36 feet for the 500-foot main channel span or 45 feet at the center, and 31 feet elsewhere.

Tides

(299) The mean range of tide in Los Angeles Harbor is 3.8 feet, and in Long Beach inner and outer harbors the mean range is 3.7 feet. The diurnal range of tide is about 5.4 feet for these harbors. A range of about 9 feet may occur at times of maximum tides. The time of tide is about the same for Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors. Daily predictions are given in the Tide Tables.

Currents

(300) The tidal currents follow the axis of the channels and rarely exceed 1 knot.

Surge

(301) Both Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors are subject to seiche and surge. The most persistent and conspicuous oscillation has a period of approximately 1 hour. In the vicinity of Reservation Point and near the E end of Terminal Island, the hourly surge is very prominent, causing velocity variations which at times may be as great as 1 knot, and which often overcome the lesser tidal current so that the current floods and ebbs at half-hour intervals. Because of the more restricted channel, the surge through Back Channel at the E end of Terminal Island usually reaches a greater velocity than through the channel W of Reservation Point. In Back Channel, the hourly variation may sometimes be 1.5 knots or more. The hourly surge, together with other oscillations of shorter period and of more irregular occurrence, at times causes a very rapid change both in height of the water and the velocity and direction of the current and may endanger vessels tied up at the piers. A 3-minute surge is reported to be responsible for major ship movements and damage. Pilots advise taut lines to reduce the effect of the surge.

Weather, Los Angeles

(302) Fog is most likely from October through February. Out over the bay, it drops visibilities below 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on about 11 days per month during this period. It is mostly a land (radiation) fog that drifts out and is worst in the late night and early morning. Smoke from

nearby industrial areas often adds to the thickness and persistence of the fog. There are times when it will hang over the inner channels for several days and along the coast can be very local in occurrence. For example, at Long Beach, which is particularly susceptible to cold air drainage, fog reduces visibilities to less than 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on an average of 18 more days annually than at nearby Los Angeles International Airport. Along the shores, visibilities drop to less than 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on about 3 to 8 days per month from August through April; December is usually the worst month.

(303) Winds are variable particularly in fall and winter. They are also strongest during this period when the **Santa Ana** wind can blow. This is an offshore desert wind which, though infrequent, may be violent. It occurs when a strong high-pressure system sits over the plateau region and generates a NE to E flow over southern California. The air streams through Cajon Pass into the Great Valley, swings toward the SW, and follows either the Santa Ana River Canyon through the Santa Ana Mountains or moves directly over the low mountains S of the canyon and then follows a well-defined path over the plains of Orange County to reach the ocean near Newport. It diminishes little in intensity immediately after passing over the bay, and some reports credit it with blowing far out to sea. However, beyond 50 miles (93 km) from shore, Santa Anas are of little concern. These winds have reached speeds of 50 knots or more along the coast.

(304) Aside from weather forecasts, there is little warning of the onset of a Santa Ana. For some hours preceding its arrival, good visibility and unusually low humidity often prevail. Shortly before its arrival on the coast, the Santa Ana may be observed as an approaching dark-brown dust cloud. This will often give from 10 to 30 minutes warning, and is a positive indication. The Santa Ana may come at any time of the day. It can be reinforced by a land breeze in the early morning or weakened by a sea breeze during the afternoon.

(305) Winter storms are also responsible for strong winds over San Pedro Bay, particularly from the SW through NW. Winds of 17 knots or greater occur about 1 to 2 percent of the time from November through May. Winter winds often have an E component, although WNW winds are most frequent at Long Beach. At Los Angeles International Airport, W and NE winds are the most common, while at Los Alamitos, NE, E, and SW winds are frequent. However, at both locations, calm conditions are as common or more so from fall through spring. SW through W winds begin to prevail in spring, and this lasts through the summer and into early fall. Gales are rare and have occurred occasionally during March and November. March, April, and May are the windiest months and December the most calm. An all-time peak gust of 54 knots was recorded in March 1952.

(306) The average temperature for Los Angeles is 63°F (17.2°C). The average high is 70°F (21.1°C) and the average low is 55°F (12.8°C). Every month has recorded temperatures in excess of 90°F (32.2°C) except January. The all-time maximum is 110°F (43.3°C) recorded in September of 1963. The all-time minimum is 27°F (-2.8°C) recorded in January of 1949. April, June, September, October, and November have each had temperatures in excess of 100 F (37.8°C). August is the warmest month and January the coolest.

(307) The average annual precipitation at Los Angeles is just under twelve inches (305 mm). The average number of days with precipitation is 60 each year. The driest month is July when only 0.02 inches (0.51 mm) can be expected and the wettest month is January with an average monthly rainfall of 2.88 inches (71.1 mm). July and August each average only two days per month with measurable precipitation while January and March average eight days each with measurable rainfall. The driest year on record is 1947 when only 3.11 inches (79 mm) of rain fell and the wettest year on record is 1983 when 29.46 inches (748 mm) of precipitation was recorded. Only trace amounts of snowfall have been recorded in Los Angeles and January is the only month of this occurrence.

(308) The National Weather Service maintains an office at Long Beach Airport, Los Angeles International Airport, and downtown Los Angeles (see appendix for address). Barometers may be compared at these locations or by telephone.

(309) (See page T–2 for **Los Angeles climatological table.**)

Pilotage, Port of Los Angeles

(310) All vessels 300 gross registered tons and over and all foreign vessels leaving, entering, or shifting within the Port of Los Angeles are subject to pilotage. Vessels licensed and engaged in the fishing trade and enrolled vessels of the United States under the direction of an officer federally licensed for the port are exempt from pilotage.

(311) The Port of Los Angeles Port Pilots board vessels from one of two pilot boats in the vicinity of the Los Angeles Approach Channel Lighted Buoy 1. Supertankers and very deep laden vessels will be boarded about 3 miles SE of Los Angeles Light. The Pilot boats, STEPHEN M. WHITE and PHINEAS BANNING, have black hulls and white cabins with L.A. PILOTS displayed on each side. The pilot station is at the SE end of Pier 1. Pilotage can be arranged through the pilot station, telephone 310-732-3805, or VHF-FM channels 73 and 16; call sign KEB-260. The pilot station and boats

monitor and use as working frequencies VHF-FM channels 73, 14, and 16. The pilot boats display the standard day and night signals. The pilot station requests 2 hours advance notice of estimated time of arrival on VHF-FM channel 73. The pilots normally board the vessels on the starboard side with the ladder about 1 meter above the water. Vessels may not be boarded during periods of poor visibility or severe weather.

Pilotage, Port of Long Beach

(312) All foreign vessels and U.S. vessels of 300 gross registered tons and over sailing under register are subject to a pilotage fee whether or not a municipal pilot is actually employed. Vessels sailing under U.S. enrollment and licensed and engaged in coastwise, intercoastal, or fishing trades under the direction of an officer federally licensed for the port are exempt from pilotage unless a municipal pilot is employed.

(313) The Jacobsen Pilot Service, Inc., handles pilotage for San Pedro Bay, Los Angeles Harbor, Anaheim Bay, and primarily Long Beach Harbor. The pilots board vessels 1 mile S of Long Beach Approach Lighted Whistle Buoy LB. Large deep-draft vessels are boarded 2 miles or more S of the approach buoy. The pilot boats, POLARIS and VEGA, have yellow hulls and white cabins with LONG BEACH PILOTS displayed on each side. The pilot station is at the NW end of Pier F. Pilotage can be arranged by telephone (562-432-0664), fax (562-432-3597) and VHF-FM channels 12 and 74. The pilot station monitors VHF-FM channels 12 and 16; the pilot boats monitor VHF-FM channels 12, 13, 14, and 16. The pilot boats display the standard day and night signals. The pilot station requests 2 hours advance notice of estimated time of arrival (ETA) by radiotelephone; call sign, KMA-372. Vessels should state name, call sign, ETA at the pickup station, and draft, and for vessels equipped with bow or stern thrusters, the operational status of the thrusters. Vessels will be given information regarding the desired lee for boarding. In normal weather, pilots board on the starboard side, with the ladder about 2 meters above the water, and a moderate speed. Accommodation ladders must not be used outside the breakwater. In very thick fog vessels may be requested to anchor outside the breakwater in Anchorage F.

Towage

(314) Several tugboat companies operate in the Los Angeles-Long Beach area with tugs up to 5,000 hp available. Large vessels usually have one or more tugs in attendance while berthing at or departing from the wharves along the inner channels.

(315) Los Angeles and Long Beach are both **customs ports of entry.**

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(316) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(317) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

Coast Guard

(318) A **marine safety office** is located in the Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor complex. (See appendix for addresses.)

(319) **Los Angeles/Long Beach Coast Guard Station** is on the E side of Main Channel at **Reservation Point**.

Harbor regulations

(320) Local rules and regulations for the Port of Los Angeles are enforced by the Port Warden of the Harbor Department. The Los Angeles Harbor Department Headquarters are at 425 South Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro.

(321) Similar regulations for the Port of Long Beach are enforced by the Executive Director of the Harbor Department assigned by a Board of Harbor Commissioners. The Long Beach Harbor Department Administration Building is on Pier "G" at 925 Harbor Plaza, Long Beach. The **speed limit** for Middle Harbor and Inner Harbor is 6 knots.

(322) Permits are required from the Port Warden for any method of underwater diving within Los Angeles Harbor. Similarly, a permit from the Port Manager is required in Long Beach Harbor.

(323) Copies of the regulations may be obtained from the local office concerned.

Wharves

(324) The Port of Los Angeles has over 100 piers and wharves. Only the deep-draft facilities are described. For a complete description of the port facilities refer to Port Series No. 28, published and sold by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (See appendix for address.) The alongside depths for the facilities described are reported depths. (For information on the latest depths contact the Port of Los Angeles or the private operators.) Most of the piers and wharves are owned by the City of Los Angeles. Most of the piers and wharves have water and electrical shore power connections, and highway and railroad connections.

(325) General cargo at the port is usually handled by ship's tackle. Special handling equipment, if available,

is mentioned in the description of the particular facility. Floating cranes up to 350 tons are available.

(326) The office of the chief wharfinger is at 425 South Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro.

Facilities in Los Angeles Outer Harbor:

(327) Berths 45-47 (supertanker terminal): 1,063 feet berthing space with mooring platforms; 47 feet alongside; deck height, 16 feet; two hydraulically-operated unloading arms; receipt of crude oil, operated by POLA Liquid Bulk Terminal.

(328) Berths 54-55: 1,340 feet of berthing space; 34 feet alongside; deck height, 14 feet; 211,290 square feet of covered storage; receipt and shipment of general cargo including cotton and refrigerated cargo; operated by Stevedoring Services of America.

(329) Berth 56: 140 feet of berthing space; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 14 feet; mooring research vessels; operated by State of California, Department of Fish and Game.

(330) Berth 57: 520 feet of berthing space; 33 to 38 feet alongside; deck height, 14 feet.

(331) Berths 58-60: 1,960 feet of berthing space; 33 to 38 feet alongside; deck height, 14 feet; 174,000 square feet of covered storage.

(332) Berths 70-71 (petrochemical terminal): 800 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 15 feet; oil and chemical pipelines extend from wharf to storage; 136 storage tanks, total capacity 593,000 barrels; receipt and shipment of petrochemicals; receipt of petroleum products and chemicals; operated by Westway Terminal Co.

(333) Berth 72: 415 feet of berthing space; 34 feet alongside; deck height, 14 feet; receipt of seafood; operated by various operators.

Facilities on W side of Main Channel:

(334) Berths 91,92, 93A-93B: 2,850 feet of berthing space; 37 feet alongside; deck height, 15 feet; two-story terminal building, lower level for cargo, upper level for passengers; baggage conveyors and gangways extending from passenger terminal (upper deck) to ship side; passenger terminal served by elevators and escalators; 130,600 square feet covered storage, 50,000 square feet of open storage area back of shed, 60,000 square feet of open storage in rear of berth 93C, auto parking and maintenance area of about 108,000 square feet in NW section of terminal yard; pipelines extend from berths to storage; mooring cruise ships; operated by Los Angeles Cruise Ship Terminal, Inc.

Facilities in Southwest Slip and West Basin:

(335) Berths 118-119: 821 feet long; 33 to 37 feet alongside; deck height, 13 feet; pipelines extend from berths to 18 storage tanks with total capacity of 517,000 barrels; receipt and shipment of petroleum products; receipt of crude oil; bunkering vessels; loading barges; operated by Kinder Morgan, Inc.

(336) Berth 120: 401 feet of berthing space; 31 to 36 feet alongside; deck height, 13 feet; pipelines extend from berths to storage; 75 tanks, total capacity 2½ million barrels; receipt and shipment of petrochemicals and petroleum products; receipt of liquified petroleum gas; bunkering vessels; loading barges; operated by Kinder Morgan, Inc.

(337) Berths 121-126: 2,000 feet of berthing space; 45 feet alongside; deck height, 15 feet; storage for 3,000 containers, 380 reefer slots; 45 truck loading stations; four 40-ton cranes; bunkering service available; operated by Marine Terminals Corp. serving Yang Ming Line, COSCO North America, and Trans Pacific Line.

(338) Berths 127-131: 1,950 feet of berthing space; deck height, 15 feet; 35 feet alongside; paved open storage for 4,228 containers, 144 spaces for refrigerated containers, total area 63 acres; four container cranes; receipt and shipment of containerized cargo in foreign trade; operated by Marine Terminals Corp.

(339) Berths 136-139 and 142: 2,051 feet long; 38 feet alongside; deck height, 15 feet; 88 acres of open storage; nine 40-ton mobile cranes; molasses pipelines extend from wharf to storage; receipt and shipment of general cargo; receipt of bananas and coffee; operated by Trans Pacific Container Service Corp. serving Mitsui O.S.K., CSAV/Chilean & PM & O Line.

(340) Berths 142-147: 1,665 feet of berthing space; 34 to 35 feet alongside; deck height, 14 to 15 feet; 127,150 square feet covered storage; four cranes, molasses pipelines from Berth 142 to storage; receipt and shipment of conventional containerized, and roll-on/roll-off general cargo; receipt of steel products, molasses, heavy equipment and machinery; operated by Rio Doce Pasha Omni Terminal.

(341) Berths 148-149: 608 feet of berthing space; 33 feet alongside; deck height, 15½ feet; one hose-handling derrick; pipelines extend from berths to 26 storage tanks with total capacity of 839,000 barrels; receipt and shipment of petroleum products; receipt of liquid chemicals and caustic soda; operated by ConocoPhillips.

(342) Berths 150-151: 736 feet of berthing space; 33 feet alongside; deck height, 14 feet; pipelines extend from berths to storage; six ½-ton hose-handling derricks; receipt and shipment of petroleum products, receipt of liquid chemicals and caustic soda; bunkering vessels; loading fuel barges; operated by ConocoPhillips.

(343) **Slip 1:**

(344) Berths 153-155: 1,766 feet of berthing space; 23 to 35 feet alongside; deck height, 12½ feet; 232,525 square feet of covered storage; operated by POLA.

(345) Berths 163-164: 1,005 feet of berthing space; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 12 feet; receipt and shipment of petroleum products; receipt of crude oil; bunkering vessels; pipelines extend from berths to storage; 44 tanks, total capacity of over 1 million barrels; operated by Shore Terminals & Valero.

(346) Berths 165-166: wharf in three sections, 679 feet, 125 feet and 20 feet; 37 feet alongside; deck height, 12 feet; 18,800 square feet of covered storage; bulk loader, loading rate between 900 and 1,200 tons per hour depending on the cargo; bulk storage 41,600 short tons; bulk and bagged borate and borate products; owned and operated by U.S. Borax and Chemical Co.

(347) Berths 167-169: 1,314 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 12 feet; pipelines extend from wharf to storage tanks; 16 storage tanks, total capacity 535,000 barrels; five 1-ton derricks, each with two 35-foot booms; receipt and shipment of petroleum products; operated by Shell Oil Co.

East Basin Channel:

(348) Berths 171-173: 1,412 feet of berthing space; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 12 feet.

(349) Berths 174-176: 1,312 feet of berthing space; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 11 feet; three cranes; receipt and shipment of conventional general cargo, including steel, steel products, wheat seed, and plywood; operated by Pasha Maritime Services, Inc.

(350) **Slip 5**: Berths 177-179: 1,420 feet long; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 10 feet; 83,000 square feet of covered storage; 3 acres of open storage; receipt and shipment of conventional and containerized general cargo, including steel, steel products, wheat seed, and plywood; operated by Pasha Maritime Services, Inc.

(351) Berths 180-181: 925 feet of berthing space; 33 to 36 feet alongside; deck height, 10 feet; 74,500 square feet of covered storage; pipeline extends from Berth 181 to storage tanks; receipt and shipment of general cargo, including steel, steel products, wheat seed, and plywood; receipt of fuel oil for plant consumption, molasses, and liquid fertilizer; operated by Pasha Maritime Services, Inc., City of Los Angeles Department of Power and Water, and Pacific Molasses Co., Ltd.

(352) Berths 184-185: 230 feet of berthing space; 25 to 30 feet alongside; deck height, 11 feet; 51,000 square feet of covered storage; one 10-ton mobile crane; one 6-ton and one 2-ton forklift trucks, electric ramps for roll-on/roll-off cargo; receipt and shipment of general cargo for Santa Catalina Island by barge; mooring vessels; operated by Catalina Freight Line Co.

(353) Berths 187-190: 1,900 feet of berthing space; 35 to 38 feet alongside; deck height, 12 feet; pipelines extend from wharf to storage; 51 storage tanks, total capacity 626,000 barrels; receipt and occasional shipment of caustic soda and other chemicals; receipt of fuel and vegetable oils; loading barges; one hose-handling crane with 7-foot boom; operated by Vopak.

(354) Berth 191: 503 feet long; 36 to 38 feet alongside; deck height, about 10 to 12 feet; 59,000 square feet of covered storage; 4.5 acres of open storage; receipt of cement from bulk carriers; operated by Vopak.

East Basin:

(355) Berths 195-198: 2,267 feet of berthing space; 35 to 37 feet alongside; deck height, 15 to 16 feet; 84.4 acres; receipt of automobiles; operated by Distribution and Auto Services Inc.

Terminal Island:

(356) Berths 206-209: 2,225 of berthing space; 45 feet alongside; deck height, 15 feet; four gantry cranes; paved open storage for 14,327 containers and 597 refrigerated containers, total area 83 acres; receipt and shipment of containerized and roll-on/roll-off cargo.

(357) Berths 210–211: 566 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 26 to 35 feet alongside; deck height, 12 feet; loading tower on wharf with 60-foot boom for shredded scrap metal; belt conveyor extends from scrap metal hammer mill and from open storage area to loading tower, loading rate 500 tons per hour; one 50-ton traveling gantry crane on wharf with 110-foot boom and magnets; bulldozers; shipment of scrap metal; operated by Hugo Neu-Proler Co.

(358) Berths 212-225: 7,650 feet of berthing space; 190 acres; 31 to 40 feet alongside (215-221), 26 to 33 feet alongside (222-225); ten container cranes, operated by Yusan Terminals Inc.

(359) Berths 226-236: 3,900 feet of berthing space; 45 feet alongside; deck height, 15 feet; 147 acres of paved open storage; six post panamax cranes, and two panamax cranes; operated by Evergreen Marine Corp. and Marine Terminals Corp.

(360) Berths 237-238: two 227-foot offshore wharves 238 feet apart, total of 810 feet of berthing space along both wharves and dolphins; 38 feet alongside; deck height, 14 feet; pipelines extend to storage; receipt and shipment of petroleum products; receipt of crude oil; bunkering vessels alongside, and loading fuel barges; operated by ExxonMobil, d.b.a., West Coast Pipe Lines.

(361) Berths 240A and 240B: two 226-foot wharves 370 feet apart; 20 to 35 feet alongside; deck height, 14 feet; pipelines to storage; 22 storage tanks with capacity of over 1 million barrels; one hose-handling winch; receipt and shipment of petroleum products; receipt of crude oil; bunkering vessels, loading barges; operated by ExxonMobil.

(362) Berth 301 (Los Angeles Export Terminal (LAXT): 1,000-foot wharf, 72 feet alongside; deck height, 16

feet; 120-acre dry bulk facility handles coal and petroleum coke.

(363) Berths 302-305: 4,000-foot container wharf; 50 feet alongside; deck height, 15 feet; 12 electric cranes; 262 acres of paved storage; operated by APL Limited.

(364) The **Port of Long Beach** has 66 piers and wharves. Only the deep-draft facilities are described. For a complete description of the port facilities refer to Port Series No. 28, published and sold by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (See appendix for address.) The alongside depths for the facilities described are reported depths. (For information on the latest depths contact the Port of Long Beach or the private operators.) Most of the piers and wharves are in East and Southeast Basins. Several wharves in the Inner Harbor are privately owned and operated. Most of the major facilities are owned by the Port of Long Beach. Most of the piers and wharves have water and electrical shore power connections, and highway and railroad connections.

(365) General cargo at the port is usually handled by ship's tackle. Special handling equipment, if available, is mentioned in the description of the particular facility. Floating cranes up to 350 tons are available.

(366) The port of Long Beach has about 400 acres of open storage and about 1½ million square feet of warehouse storage space available.

(367) The office of the Chief Wharfinger is in the Port of Long Beach administration building, 925 Harbor Plaza, Long Beach.

Southeast Basin and Basin Six:

(368) **Pier J:**

(369) Berths J266-J270: (container terminal): 2,711 feet of berthing space; 45 feet alongside; deck height, 15 feet; seven traveling cranes; 64 acres of open storage; three 50-ton, two 40-ton, and one 30-ton ship to shore cranes; receipt and shipment of containerized general cargo; operated by Pacific Container Terminal. Two marked breakwaters protect the pier.

(370) Berths J243-J247: (container terminal): 3,300 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 36 to 40 feet alongside; deck height, 16 feet; 100,000 square feet of covered storage; 57.4 acres of open storage; 685 wheeled reefer outlets; eight 50-ton traveling container cranes; six 40-ton transtainers; pipelines extend from wharf to storage; receipt and shipment of containerized and conventional general cargo; bunkering vessels; operated by Pacific Container Terminal.

(371) Berths J232-J234: 2,300 feet of berthing space; 36 to 45 feet alongside; deck height, 16 feet; 60,000 square foot container freight station; 68.4 acres of paved open storage; 264 spaces for refrigerated containers; five 50-long-ton and three 40-long-ton container cranes; receipt and shipment of containerized cargo; bunkering vessels; operated by International Transportation Services, Inc.

(372) **Pier G:**

(373) Berths G227-G230: 2,550 feet of berthing space; 42 to 47 feet alongside; deck height, 15 feet; 72,000 square foot container freight station; 92 acres of paved open storage; six 35-ton traveling container cranes; receipt and shipment of containerized cargo in foreign and domestic trade; bunkering vessels; operated by International Transportation Service.

(374) Berths G212-G215; 2,110 feet of berthing space; 35 to 52 feet alongside; deck height, 19 feet; 675,000 tons of storage capacity; two electric traveling bulk shiploaders, with 81-foot outboard reach boom; shipment of iron ore, iron ore pellets, potash and petroleum coke; operated by Metropolitan Stevedore Co.

(375) **Pier F:**

(376) Berth F211: 1,630 feet of berthing space; 31 to 36 feet alongside; deck height, 19 feet; pipelines extend from berths to storage; loading barges; operated by Koch Carbon Inc. and Chemoil Marine Terminal.

(377) Berth F210: 550 feet of berthing space; 39 to 40 feet alongside; deck height, 19 feet; open storage for 135,000 tons of salt; movable inclined electric belt conveyor system with receiving hopper extending from wharf to stockpile area; receipt of salt; bunkering vessels; operated by Morton Salt Co.

(378) Berth F208: 420 feet of berthing space; 29 to 33 feet alongside; deck height, 19 feet; pipelines extend from berth to storage; 50,000 square feet of storage space, 58,000-ton capacity; four electric unloaders; belt conveyor system; Kovako - B.V. vacuum discharge; receipt of dry bulk cement; bunkering vessels; operated by MCC-Lucky Cement Co.

(379) Berths F206-F207: 1,200 feet of berthing space; 31 to 33 feet alongside; deck height, 18 feet; 155,000 square feet of covered storage; 12.2 acres of open storage; receipt and shipment of conventional general cargo, steel, steel products, and lumber; bunkering vessels; operated by Stevedoring Services of America.

(380) Berths F204-F205: 1,265 feet of berthing space; 34 to 37 feet alongside; deck height, 18 feet; 135,000 square feet of covered storage; one container crane; receipt and shipment of conventional general cargo, steel, steel products, and lumber; bunkering vessels; operated by Cooper/T. Smith Stevedoring Co.

(381) Berths F6-F10: 2,700 feet of berthing space; 32-37 feet alongside; deck height, 9 feet; 74 acres of open storage; five 40-long-ton traveling container cranes; 240 reefer outlets; pipelines extend from berth to storage; receipt and shipment of general cargo; operated by Long Beach Container Terminal, Inc.

(382) **Pier E:**

(383) Berths E24-E26: 1,950 feet of berthing space, 30 to 40 feet alongside; deck height, 13 to 22 feet; 256,000 square feet of covered storage; 57.9 acres open storage; two roll-on/roll-off ramps; five 40-ton traveling container cranes; 400 reefer outlets; receipt and shipment of general cargo in containers, roll-on/roll-off; bunkering vessels; operated by California United Terminals Co., Inc.

(384) **Pier D:**

(385) Berths D28-D31: 1,985 feet of berthing space; 40 to 47 feet alongside; deck height, 10 to 12 feet; fixed bulk-loading tower; pipelines extend from berths to storage tank with 6-million-gallon capacity; 6.6 acres of open storage; shipment of dry bulk, including coke, salt cake, soda ash, fertilizer, iron ore, borax, and potash; receipt and shipment of vegetable oil and animal fats; bunkering vessels; operated by California United terminals Co. and Baker Commodities, Inc.

(386) Berths D32-D34; 1,100 feet of berthing space, 32 to 38 feet alongside; deck height, 13 to 14 feet, 66,000 square feet of covered storage; silos with a 50,000-ton capacity; screw-type unloader to conveyor directly to silos; pipelines extend from berths to storage; receipt and shipment of steel products, animal fats, and vegetable oil; receipt of bulk cement; bunkering vessels; operated by Pacific Coast Cement Corp. and various other operators.

(387) **Pier T:**

(388) Berth T121: 1,250 feet of berthing space; 65 to 68 feet alongside; deck height, 22 feet; pipelines extend from berth to storage; receipt of crude oil; bunkering vessels; operated by BP Marine Terminal.

(389) Berth T122: 600 feet of berthing space with dolphins, 32 to 35 feet alongside; deck height, 13 to 23 feet; 10.8 acres of paved open storage; receipt of lumber and lumber products; operated by Fremont Forest Products and Weyerhaeuser Co.

(390) Berth T118: 750 feet of berthing space; dockside vessel loading crane; receipt of recyclable metal and steel products; operated by Pacific Coast Recycling Co.

Inner Harbor (Channel Three):

(391) **Pier D:**

(392) Berth D46: 640 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 29 to 35 feet alongside; deck height, 14 feet; belt-conveyor system, with rotating stacker; receipt of gypsum rock by self-unloading vessels; operated by G-P Gypsum Corp.

(393) Berths D48-D50: 1,798 feet of berthing space; 35 to 36 feet alongside; deck height, 17 feet; 1 acre of open storage; 112,000 square feet of covered storage; mooring company-owned tugs and other harbor craft; various operators.

(394) Berths D52-54: 1,312 feet of berthing space; 31 to 40 feet alongside; deck height, 11 feet; 494,800 square feet of berthing space; 31-40 feet alongside; deck height, 11 feet; 494,800 square feet of covered storage; 6.9 acres of open storage; receipt of newsprint and lumber by vessel and barge; operated by Forest Terminals.

(395) **Pier C:**

(396) Berth C58: wharf, 230 feet long; slip, 160 by 47 feet; 230 feet of berthing space; 20 to 44 feet alongside; deck height, 13 feet; one 40-ton mobile crane with a 60-foot boom; mooring company-owned floating equipment operated by ARCO Pipeline Co.

(397) Berths C60-C62: 1,804 feet of berthing space; 56.9 acres of open container storage; three 40-long-ton container cranes; receipt of containerized cargo; operated by Stevedoring Services of America.

Inner Harbor (Channel Two):

(398) **Pier C:**

(399) Berth C73: 375 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 35 to 40 feet alongside; deck height, 12 feet.

(400) Berths B76-B78: three offshore wharves; 2,192 feet of berthing space; 36 to 43 feet alongside; deck height, 14 feet; pipelines extend from the berths to storage; 40 tanks, with total capacity 2¼ million barrels; 18 hydraulic loading arms; six 1-ton pneumatic derricks with 27-foot hose-handling booms; receipt and shipment of crude oil; petroleum products and petrochemicals; bunkering vessels; supplying bunkering barges, operated by BP and Amoco.

(401) Berths B82-B83: 1,060 feet of berthing space; 30 to 39 feet alongside; deck height, 14 feet; 120 acres of paved open storage; pipelines extend from berths to storage; 7 tanks, total capacity 410,000 barrels receiving hopper with belt conveyor system; receipt of gypsum rock by self-unloading vessels; receipt of petroleum products and automobiles; operated by Petro-Diamond Terminal Co., National Gypsum Co., and Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A.

(402) Berths B84-B87: 1,980 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 48 to 51 feet alongside; deck height, 16 feet; pipelines extend from berths to storage; 15 hydraulic loading arms; receipt of crude oil; receipt and shipment of petroleum products; bunkering vessels; supplying bunkering barges; operated by Shell Oil Products U.S.

(403) **Pier A:**

(404) Berths A90-A94: 3,600 feet of berthing space; 90 acres of open storage; six post-Panamax, Paceco-Mitsue container cranes; 652 terminal reefer outlets; receipt of general cargo; operated by Mediterranean Shipping Co.

(405) **Pier S:**

(406) Berth S101: immediately W of Heim Lift Bridge, S side of Cerritos Channel; 357 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 38 to 45 feet alongside; deck height, 13

feet; pipelines extend from berths to storage; receipt and occasional shipment of liquid chemicals; operated by Vopak.

(407) The famous passenger liner QUEEN MARY, retired in 1967 and purchased by the Port of Long Beach, is moored on the NE side of Pier J, parallel to the skyline of the city of Long Beach. The ship is used as a floating museum, hotel, and convention center.

(408) The large lighted white dome S of the QUEEN MARY was once the exhibit center for Howard Hughes' famous flying boat SPRUCE GOOSE. The dome is now used by Carnival Cruise Lines to support the Long Beach Cruise Terminal.

Supplies

(409) Fuel oil, water, and marine supplies can be had in any quantity at both Los Angeles and Long Beach. Fuel oil can be supplied at the oil docks or by barge.

Repairs

(410) Los Angeles Harbor is well equipped with marine repair plants. The largest marine railway, at Berth 264 in the NE end of Fish Harbor in East San Pedro, has a hauling power of 1,000 tons. There are a number of smaller facilities. There are no graving docks. The port is well equipped with salvage facilities. A trained salvage crew and a corps of expert divers are ready at all times to render aid in any disaster to shipping along the coast and at distant localities.

(411) Long Beach Harbor is also well equipped for marine repairs. A variety of barge cranes are available in the 40- to 275-ton capacity range. There are several marine railways for small craft at Long Beach Harbor.

Communications

(412) Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors have connections to the extensive freeway system which connects the cities of Los Angeles and Long Beach and their suburbs; four U.S. or Interstate highways extend from the area freeway system to the N, S, and E. The harbors are served by three major railroads and many airlines. The harbors are ports of call for many foreign and domestic steamship lines and by coastal barge lines.

(413) While the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are separate entities, their harbor facilities are closely interrelated.

Small-craft facilities

(414) The major small-craft facilities in Long Beach are Long Beach Marina in Alamitos Bay and the Downtown Marina on Queensway Bay, W of oil Island Grissom. Other facilities in Long Beach Harbor are just inside the entrances to both Channel Two and Channel Three. All repair facilities, supplies, fuel, moorage, and related yacht requirements may be had at individual private marinas or from other establishments in the Middle Harbor. Several boatyards are in Channel Two and Channel Three.

(415) Los Angeles Harbor has small-craft facilities on both sides of Cerritos Channel from the Heim lift bridge to East Basin, on the E side of East Basin, in Watchhorn Basin, and along the W side of West Channel. All the berths, fuel, supplies, and services required for small boats are available at the individual private marinas or may be obtained nearby.

Chart 18746

(416) From Point Fermin the coast trends in a general W direction 6.5 miles to Point Vicente, and forms the N shore of San Pedro Channel, which is discussed in chapter 5. From Point Vicente the shoreline curves N. The coast is free of off-lying dangers and is well marked by kelp.

(417) The Traffic Separation Scheme between Point Fermin and Point Conception is discussed earlier in this chapter.

(418) Several submarine sewers extend 1.3 miles offshore near **White (Whites) Point,** 1.3 miles NW from Point Fermin.

(419) **Point Vicente,** 6.3 miles NW of Point Fermin, is a steep rocky cliff, 120 feet high, white and red in color, with red predominating. A rock awash is 250 yards SW from the point with kelp extending 100 yards farther to seaward. A small black 25-foot high pyramidal rock is close inshore 0.3 mile E of the point.

(420) **Point Vicente Light** (33°44.5'N., 118°24.6'W.), 185 feet above the water, is shown from a 67-foot white cylindrical tower on the SW end of the point; a fog signal is at the station.

Danger zone

(421) A **danger zone** for practice firing extends off Point Vicente. (See **334.940**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Charts 18740, 18744

(422) **Palos Verdes Point**, 2 miles NNW of Point Vicente, is a bold, bluff point, 120 feet high, rising abruptly to the W extremity of Palos Verdes Hills. There are no dangers off the point, but heavy kelp extends 0.6 mile offshore and is marked by a lighted bell buoy 0.7 mile W of the point.

(423) **Lunada Bay** is a small bight on the S side of Palos Verdes Point. **Resort Point** forms the S side of this bay.

(424) **Flat Rock Point,** 1.7 miles NE of Palos Verdes Point, is on the S side of Santa Monica Bay. A narrow spur protrudes from the otherwise rounded point. **Flat Rock,** 6 feet high, and **Bit Rock,** 5 feet high, are 175 yards and 250 yards, respectively, off the end of the spur. **Bluff Cove** is a shallow bight on the S side of Flat Rock Point. The beach is covered with boulders.

(425) **Santa Monica Bay** is formed by the curving coast between Point Vicente and Point Dume. From Flat Rock Point to Santa Monica the shore is comparatively low with a sand beach backed by a continuous city area to the inland mountains. The depths of Santa Monica Bay are comparatively shoal, the 10-fathom curve in general lying about 1 mile from shore, except at Redondo Beach where a deep submarine valley, **Redondo Canyon,** heads close to the shore.

(426) **Malaga Cove,** just N of Flat Rock Point, is used occasionally by fishing boats with local knowledge, but it is open to the prevailing W winds. Boats enter through a break in the kelp and anchor inside in 6 to 7 fathoms, with the S point of the cove bearing 207°.

(427) **King Harbor,** 4.5 miles NNE of Palos Verdes Point, is a large small-craft harbor at **Redondo Beach.** The harbor is used mostly by pleasure craft and accommodates upwards of 1,400 boats.

Prominent features

(428) At the N end of King Harbor and about 200 yards inshore is a large power plant with five large smokestacks approximately in-line and parallel with the beach. A private light is shown from atop the power plant.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(429) The lines established for Redondo Harbor are described in **80.1116**, chapter 2.

(430) The entrance is between two lights at the ends of the breakwaters at the S end of the harbor. A fog signal is at the light on the E side of the entrance. The fog signal can be activated upon request to the Coast Guard by radiotelephone VHF-FM Channel 16. A lighted bell buoy is 230 yards SSW of the S end of the W breakwater. The channel is marked by private buoys, with lights at the entrances to Basins 1 and 2. Natural depths through the entrance are 27 to 30 feet with a depth of 8 feet in the three basins, except for an isolated depth of 6 feet in the northeasternmost channel of Basin 1. In March 1977, shoaling was reported on the S side of the entrance to Basin 3, and in June 1989, rocks awash were reported near the N side of the entrance to the basin.

(431) In February 1988, numerous uncharted sunken wrecks were reported in the harbor.

Harbor regulations

(432) The harbor is administered by the city of Redondo Beach and is under the control of a harbormaster, who has an office near the entrance to Basin 2. Transients should contact the **harbormaster** for berth assignments. The harbor patrol operates from Basin 2. Both the harbor office and the patrol monitor radiotelephone VHF-FM channel 16 and can be reached be telephone at 310-318-0632.

Supplies

(433) There is a fuel dock that has gasoline and diesel fuel; most other small-craft supplies are available.

(434) A yacht club is in Basin 3.

Repairs

(435) A boatyard here can handle craft up to 50 feet and 60 tons for all general repairs.

Caution

(436) The city of Los Angeles advises that under certain tidal conditions, underwater installations between King Harbor and Marina del Rey, seaward to 9 fathom depths, present possible hazards to surface navigation.

(437) Sport fishing barges usually anchor 1 or 2 miles offshore during the summer; caution is advised to avoid them.

Submarine oil seepage

(438) About 1.5 miles off Redondo Beach, in the deep water of Redondo Canyon, there is a submarine oil seepage and the water surface is often covered with a film of petroleum. Gas bubbles have been reported in several locations in this vicinity. A second seepage 3.5 to 4 miles to the NW is more noticeable and more continuously in action. On calm days, globules and large blobs of oil have been seen projected clear of the water surface. Gas also escapes continuously in large bubbles often 3 to 6 inches in diameter.

(439) **Hermosa Beach** and **Manhattan Beach** are between Redondo Beach and El Segundo; both have public fishing piers with fish havens covered 10 feet around their seaward ends. The pier at Hermosa Beach is about 1.3 miles N of Redondo Beach and extends about 350 yards from shore; a private fog signal is at the outer end. The Manhattan Beach pier, 2.5 miles N of Redondo Beach, extends almost 300 yards from shore.

(440) A 915-foot rock groin, marked at its seaward end by a private light, is about 2 miles N of Manhattan Beach. Submerged oil pipelines, marked by private buoys, extend from shore N and S of the groin. Two multi-buoy sea berths with submerged hoses load and discharge tankers. The terminal is operated by Chevron U.S.A. A

private lighted bell buoy is about 1.5 miles W of the groin. On shore, just S of the groin, is a power plant with four prominent stacks.

(441) **El Segundo,** 1 mile inshore from the groin, has extensive oil refineries. Nearly 100 large oil tanks on the high ground are prominent. An aerolight is 2.5 miles inshore at El Segundo. Two 334-foot striped stacks, 0.7 mile S, are very conspicuous charted landmarks. Two anchorages have been established 2 miles WSW of El Segundo for vessels awaiting berthing assignments at the offshore terminal. Vessels requiring to use these anchorages must first contact the Vessel Traffic Information Service on channel 14 VHF-FM for assignment, and further instructions.

(442) A **restricted area** extends about 7 miles offshore at El Segundo. (See **162.195**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Caution

(443) Mariners should use caution when navigating over the sewer outfalls that extend seaward from El Segundo. The existence of the submerged sewer outfalls present a hazard to all types of craft.

(444) **Marina del Rey,** 7.6 miles NNW of Redondo Beach and King Harbor, is a large manmade small-craft harbor. It has a capacity for over 6,000 pleasure craft.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(445) The lines established for Marina del Rey are described in **80.1118**, chapter 2.

(446) A detached breakwater parallel to the shore is just to seaward of the jetties protecting the entrance channel.

Channels

(447) A dredged entrance channel leads NE from the detached breakwater for about 0.7 mile, then the harbor channel continues N for about 0.6 mile to the N end of the harbor. There are two openings between the jetties and the detached breakwater. In February-March 2004, a depth of 13.7 feet was available in both openings, giving the ends of the jetties a wide berth due to shoaling; the chart is the best guide, thence 12.5 feet in the entrance channel into the harbor just past Basins B and H, thence 10.0 feet to Basin E at the head of the harbor. The N and S ends of the detached breakwater and the outer ends of the jetties are marked by lights. A fog signal is at the light on the outer end of the N jetty. The fog signal can be activated upon request to the Coast Guard by radiotelephone VHF-FM channel 16.

(448) A **restricted area** governing navigation inside the detached breakwater has been established. (See **162.200**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(449) **Traffic separation lanes** have been established in the entrance channel to Marina del Rey. These lanes are marked by State Waterway Regulatory Buoys with the words “No Sail.” All vessels under power, or power and sail, shall keep these buoys to their port when entering or departing the harbor. The center lane between the buoys is used by vessels solely under sail, both entering or departing the harbor.

Anchorage

(450) A **special anchorage** is in the upper reach of the harbor channel. Anchoring is permitted only during storm, stress, or other emergency. (See **110.1 and 110.111**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Coast Guard

(451) A search and rescue craft is stationed at the pier just S of the harbor office, on the E side of the bend in the entrance channel.

Harbor regulations

(452) The harbor is administered by the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors. The Harbormaster, under the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department, has an office on the E side of the bend in the entrance channel. Guest berths are available further down the channel at Burton Chace Park.

(453) The Sheriff's Harbor Patrol operates the office on the E side of the entrance channel, providing 24-hour service. Radiotelephone VHF-FM channel 16 is monitored on a 24-hour basis, and the Sheriff's Department can be reached by telephone at 310-823-7762.

Supplies

(454) Marine supplies of all kinds can be obtain at most of the marinas and repair yards. Gasoline and diesel fuel are available at the fuel docks. Several yacht clubs are on the shores of the various basins. Medical facilities are available at the harbor, and a hospital is nearby.

Repairs

(455) There are two boatyards in the harbor that have hull and engine repair facilities. The largest lift can handle vessels to 100 tons.

(456) Fish havens, marked by private buoys, are about 1.1 miles W of the light at the N end of the detached breakwater.

(457) About 1 mile N of the entrance to Marina del Rey is the 1,100-foot-long Los Angleles city public fishing pier at Venice; a fish haven covered 10 feet is around its

seaward end. Lights mark the pier over its entire length, and a private fog signal is at the end. The Marina del Rey harbormaster advises that in dense fog the pier fog signal is occasionally mistaken for Marina del Rey entrance. The characteristics of these fog signals should be checked to avoid this error.

(458) A **144°40'-324°40' measured nautical mile** is off Marina del Rey. The S range is two triangular white and orange markers located at the midpoint of Marina del Rey detached breakwater. The N range is an orange and white triangle located on the centerline of Los Angeles city public fishing pier.

(459) **Santa Monica,** 3.5 miles NW of Marina del Rey, has a large pleasure pier, but there is no water commerce. A private fog signal is on the outer end of the pier. A 0.3-mile-long breakwater, submerged at high tide and marked on each end by private buoys, is off the outer end of the pier and parallel to the beach. A lighted bell buoy is about 550 yards S of the breakwater.

(460) The city of Santa Monica Harbor Patrol maintains a temporary office on the large pleasure pier. VHF-FM channels 12 and 16 are monitored on a 24-hour basis. A rescue boat is on call for emergencies.

(461) The buildings and structures along the beach are prominent. Most conspicuous from offshore are the tall General Telephone Building with a red and white antenna on top, and the clock tower atop a bank building.

(462) The 16-mile coast between Santa Monica and Point Dume is bold, rocky, and rugged. Steep cliffs rise abruptly from the water's edge, ascending gradually within 3 or 4 miles to the summits of the Santa Monica Mountain Range, about 3,000 feet high. The seaward termination of this range is at Point Mugu, 14 miles W of Point Dume.

(463) **Kellers Shelter,** 9 miles W of Santa Monica at **Malibu Beach,** is an open bight offering protection from N and W winds in 2 to 7 fathoms, sandy bottom. A reef marked by kelp extends a short distance offshore about 0.5 mile W of the anchorage.

(464) A fishing and pleasure pier, 700 feet long with 15 feet of water at its outer end, is on the W side of Kellers Shelter. Twin white buildings are prominent marks at the outer end of the pier. Private mooring buoys are maintained E of the pier for the use of sport fishing boats which leave for the nearby fishing grounds. Frequently the headlights of automobiles on the highway along the beach are directed toward the sea.

(465) **Paradise Cove,** 2 miles NE of Point Dume, affords protection similar to Kellers Shelter. The anchorage is abreast the fourth break or arroyo in the cliffs from Point Dume, and is immediately outside the kelp line, in 6 to 7 fathoms, sand bottom, with Point Dume bearing 240°. Kelp should be avoided because of possible dangers. A 300-foot sport fishing pier is on the NW side of Paradise Cove. A rescue vessel is moored in Paradise Cove.

(466) In November 1985, hazardous submerged pilings were reported about 300 yards SSW of the fishing pier in about 34°01.1'N., 118°47.1'W.

(467) **Point Dume** is the seaward end of a rather low plateau that terminates in a dome-shaped head, about 200 feet high, rising from a bold rocky bluff. The bluff is reddish, with white cliffs E and W. A small bare rock is 150 yards S of the point, and a reef that uncovers is 150 yards farther out. Foul ground extends about 500 yards E of the reef. A lighted bell buoy is 0.5 mile off the point.

(468) A rescue boat is moored at **Zuma Beach**, about 1 mile NW of Point Dume. The rescue boat can be contacted through the Coast Guard or the lifeguard station, which monitors VHF-FM channel 16, from 0900-1700 daily; call sign, Bay Watch.

(469) **Dume Canyon** (see also chart 18740) is a submarine valley with extremely steep slopes running about 0.3 mile offshore from Point Dume, and extending NW roughly parallel to the beach. Moderately strong currents of a confused directional nature have been observed in the vicinity of this submarine valley.

Chart 18720

(470) The 14-mile coast between Point Dume and Point Mugu is very rugged, and there are no known outlying dangers. About 2 miles E of Point Mugu, on the beach at the foot of a very high bluff, is a 140-foot sand dune. This is quite prominent and can be made out on clear moonlit nights. The dune is charted as a "prominent slide."

(471) **Point Mugu,** the seaward termination of the Santa Monica Mountains, is prominent because of the lowland of the Santa Clara Valley to the W. The cuts and fills of the highway which skirt the shore from Point Mugu E are prominent. Aluminum-colored twin tanks, 1.5 miles NW of the point and on the W slopes of Laguna Peak, show well from SE through W. A pipeline runs from the tanks to a prominent white radar structure atop Laguna Peak. The tanks and the pipeline are marked by flashing red lights.

Weather, Point Mugu

(472) Fog hampers visibilities most often from July through December, when the fog drops below 0.5 mile on about 5 to 8 days per month; September is usually the worst month. N through NE winds are common from October through March, while W winds prevail from April through September. While gales are infrequent, wind gusts have reached 50 to 60 knots from fall

through spring. These strong winds often blow out of the ENE. Calm conditions are frequent all year round, but particularly from May through October.

Caution

(473) The U.S. Navy advises navigation interests and others that continuous guided-missile firing operations may take place in the Pacific Missile Range, Point Mugu, Calif., Sea Test Range, Monday through Sunday. The test area extends for 170 miles in a SW direction from Point Mugu and is up to 100 miles wide. The specific danger portions of the firing area are broadcast daily Monday through Friday at 0900 and 1200 on 2638 kHz and 2738 kHz. (See Eleventh Coast Guard District Local Notice to Mariners for additional information.)

Danger zone

(474) A **danger zone** for Navy small-arms firing range extends about 2 miles offshore at Point Mugu. (See **334.1120**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(475) **Mugu Canyon** is a submarine valley with its head near Mugu Lagoon. The 50-fathom curve is about 0.5 mile offshore.

(476) **Santa Barbara Channel** is discussed in chapter 5.

Chart 18724

(477) **Point Hueneme** (pronounced: y-nee-me), 22 miles WNW of Point Dume is low, rounding, and sandy. It is the outermost point of the low land of the Santa Clara Valley.

(478) **Point Hueneme Light** (34°08.7'N., 119°12.6'W.), 52 feet above the water, is shown from a 48-foot white square tower on the point. A fog signal is on the point about 70 yards SW of the light. A fog signal can be activated upon request to the Coast Guard by radiotelephone VHF-FM channel 16. A sewer outfall line, about 1.4 miles SSE of Point Hueneme Light, extends about 1 mile from shore.

Weather, Point Hueneme

(479) In the coastal waters from Point Hueneme to Santa Barbara, sea fog hampers navigation most often from July through October. It is generally more widespread and often more persistent than land (radiation) fog. Visibilities fall below 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on about 5 to 10 days per month during these months; August and September are usually the worst.

(480) **Port Hueneme** is an inland basin, about 1,400 feet long by 1,200 feet wide, located at the head of a submarine canyon, **Hueneme Canyon.** It is under the control of the U.S. Navy, Naval Construction Battalion Center. The SE part of the basin is owned by the Oxnard Harbor District and is operated as a deep-draft commercial terminal. The commercial terminal is used by cargo vessels; commercial and sport fishing craft; and oil company support vessels, which operate from here to offshore drilling rigs.

Prominent features

(481) The most prominent objects around the shores of the harbor are two red and white striped stacks at a powerplant, 2.4 miles SE of the harbor, are prominent, and the aerobeacon at Oxnard, 3 miles N of the harbor, is a good night mark.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(482) The lines established for Port Hueneme are described in **80.1120**, chapter 2.

(483) A **Safety Fairway** leading to the channel has been established. (See **166**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Channel

(484) The dredged channel leads between two jetties and through a land cut into the basin. The outer ends of the jetties are marked by lights. A lighted whistle buoy is about 800 yards SW of the outer end of the E jetty. Lighted buoys and a **037°** lighted range mark the channel.

(485) A Federal project provides for a depth of 36 feet in the entrance channel and 35 feet in the basin. Mariners are advised that between periodic dredging, depths in the channel and basin are subject to change due to minor silting. Vessels with deep drafts are advised to consult with the Port Hueneme Pilots Association (805-984-4933) concerning the available depths prior to vessel arrival. General guidelines call for under-keel clearances of 3 feet for inbound vessels and 2 feet for outbound vessels, taking tidal height into consideration. The narrowest width of the entrance channel is 330 feet. However, because of prevailing fresh winds only one-way traffic is permitted for large ships. The pilots control the traffic direction.

Anchorage

(486) There is no anchorage area in the harbor basin because of space limitations. The recommended anchorage for deep-draft vessels is about 1.7 miles S of Port Hueneme Light. This location offers little protection in heavy weather.

Dangers

(487) A **naval restricted area** is in Port Hueneme. (See **334.1 through 334.6 and 334.1127**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Tides and currents

(488) The mean range of tide at Port Hueneme is 3.7 feet, and the diurnal range of tide is 5.4 feet. A range of about 9 feet may occur on days of maximum tides. The lowest low water is about 1.6 feet below mean lower low water. The harbor is not affected by tidal streams or currents, however, cross currents do occur near the entrance to the harbor, and are not predictable.

Pilotage, Port Hueneme

(489) All commercial vessels 300 gross registered tons and over, entering, leaving, or shifting within the Port of Hueneme, including the area of the Oxnard Harbor District, must be piloted by a port pilot duly licensed to perform the services of piloting vessels within the Port. The Oxnard Harbor district does not maintain pilots. Requests for pilots may be made by calling the Port Hueneme Pilots Association, telephone 805-986-3213. Pilots are available on a 24-hour basis and board vessels from a tug at a point 1.5 to 2.0 miles from the seabuoy. When pilots are boarding, vessels should stay on the range line and reduce speed to 5 knots or less.

(490) Pilot ladder should be rigged on the lee side (normally starboard while inbound, port side outbound) amidships, about 5 feet above the water. Pilot ladder should be rigged well away from any overboard discharge. At night, the ladder must be properly lighted.

(491) Access to and from the ladder to the deck of the ship should be through a break in the rail, or if the ladder tends over the rail, then steps should be provided on the inboard side to permit access back to the deck level. Manropes should NOT be rigged, when boarding a Pilot, coming from sea.

(492) A proper ringbuoy (with light and line attached) should be provided at the boarding area. The harbor pilots guard VHF-FM channel 16. Vessels are cautioned to remain a safe distance off-shore when calling pilots because dock space must often be cleared.

Towage

(493) Tug service for the port is furnished by a private tug company. Requests for service may be made by telephone, (805) 986-1600. Tugs up to 2,400 hp are available on a 24-hour basis.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(494) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(495) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter.)

Customs

(496) Port Hueneme is a U.S. Customs port of entry, telephone (805) 488-8574.

Agricultural quarantine

(497) All vessels from outside of California that dock at Port Hueneme, except those specifically exempt, must be inspected by U.S. Department of Agriculture and/or the Ventura County Department of Agriculture. There are local representatives in the Oxnard area.

Harbor regulations

(498) The U.S. Navy exercises overall Port Control Authority. Port Hueneme, Control One, is on duty at all times, and monitors VHF-FM channel 6; the Oxnard Harbor District is responsible for its commercial operations. The Wharfinger is on duty at all times and guards VHF-FM channel 14; the Wharfinger office is at the E end of Slip A, along with the pilot and tugboat offices. Entrance to the Naval Construction Battalion Center is restricted, and no photography is permitted without clearance.

(499) No garbage, waste, or refuse shall be discharged in any manner from any vessel in accordance with the California Administrative Code, a copy of which is available at the port's main administrative building. A 5-knot **speed limit** is enforced in the harbor.

Wharves

(500) Oxnard Harbor District has three 600-foot long deep-draft berths (Wharf No. 1) and two 700 foot -long deep- draft berths (Wharf No. 2). There is also a shallow depth wharf at the W end of the port property adjacent to the entrance channel. It is 379 feet long with 15 to 18 feet alongside.

(501) Wharf No. 1: 1,800 feet long; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 14 feet; three refrigerated warehouses providing 169,731 square feet of covered storage; 15 acres of open storage; more than 36,000 additional square feet of warehouse and office space immediately adjacent to the waterfront; three 60-ton vehicular weight scales; and Central Gate; operated by Oxnard Harbor District.

(502) Wharf No. 2: 1,450 feet long; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 14 feet; 96,000 square feet of warehouse; 10 acres of open storage; operated by Oxnard Harbor District.

Supplies

(503) Water and most marine supplies are available. Bunker fuel from dockside pipeline at commercial berths and diesel oil are obtainable.

Repairs

(504) Minor repairs may be made in the port. Machine shops in Ventura and Oxnard are qualified for normal voyage repair work.

Communications

(505) Oxnard has good rail, air, and highway connections with Los Angeles and points N.

Chart 18725

(506) **Channel Islands Harbor,** 1 mile NW of Port Hueneme and 5.8 miles SE of Ventura Marina, is a small-craft harbor. It is used by pleasure and sport fishing vessels and has existing berthing facilities for over 2,400 boats.

No-Discharge Zone

(507) The State of California, with the approval of the Environmental Protection Agency, has established a No-Discharge Zone (NDZ) in Channel Islands Harbor. It encompasses the entire harbor (see NOAA chart 18725 for the zone limits).

(508) Within the NDZ, discharge of sewage, whether treated or untreated, from all vessels is prohibited. Outside the NDZ, discharge of sewage is regulated by 40 CFR 140 (see Chapter 2).

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(509) The lines established for Channel Islands Harbor are described in **80.1122,** chapter 2.

Channels

(510) The entrance to Channel Islands Harbor is between two jetties protected by an offshore breakwater. Each end of the breakwater and both the seaward and inshore ends of both jetties are marked by lights. A fog signal is at the seaward end of the S jetty. The fog signal can be activated upon request to the Coast Guard by radiotelephone VHF-FM channel 16.

(511) The area SE of the entrance is subject to rapid and uncertain shoaling. Mariners should exercise caution when approaching the harbor from the S, especially at night.

(512) The entrance channel leads NE from the breakwater then turns N into the entrance basin; an inner basin is just N of the entrance basin. In August 2003, the controlling depths were 13.7 feet (18 feet at midchannel) in the entrance channel (except for shoaling to 8.5 feet near the NW edge of the channel, just S of the inshore end of the N jetty light); thence in 1996-December 2002, the entrance basin had depths of 14 to 18 feet; thence in 1996, the controlling depth was 9 feet in the inner basin.

Coast Guard

(513) The Channel Islands Harbor Coast Guard Station is just S of the harbormaster's office. Search and rescue vessels are stationed here.

Harbor regulations

(514) The harbor is administered by the Harbor County Department, Ventura County, and is under control of a **harbormaster**, who has an office on the E side of the harbor about 400 yards N of the first bend in the channel. The harbor office maintains guest berths for 70 craft. Transients should report to the harbormaster for berth assignments. The harbormaster guards VHF-FM channel 16 24 hours a day. Harbor patrol boats operate from the office.

Supplies

(515) Gasoline and diesel fuel are pumped at a fueling dock on the E side of the harbor just N of the harbor office. Water, ice, and most marine supplies are available.

Repairs

(516) Two full-service marine repair yards are on the E side of the channel, about 0.5 mile N of the harbormaster's office. Mobile lifts can handle craft to 25 tons, and a fixed lift can handle vessels to 60 tons.

(517) A **147°51'–327°51' measured nautical mile** is off the breakwater and beach just N of the harbor entrance. The S range is marked by the breakwater S light and the S jetty light. The N range is marked by less visible poles on the beach.

(518) A row of cottages extends NW along the beach for 2 miles from Point Hueneme. From the point, low sand beaches and dunes trend NW for 9 miles to the mouth of **Ventura River.**

(519) A striped 209-foot stack having a bright flashing red light on top is 0.6 mile N of **Mandalay Beach** and is conspicuous throughout the area. A private lighted buoy is 1.1 miles W of the stack, and a group of mooring buoys are about 0.3 mile E of the lighted buoy. A submarine pipeline runs from the mooring buoys to shore.

(520) **Ventura** is 8.5 miles N of Point Hueneme on **Pierpont Bay.** It has a 1,960-foot fishing pier with about 19 feet of water at the outer end, and about 18 feet at the inner end of a 250-foot loading face.

(521) Freshwater is piped to the pier, and gasoline is available in the town.

(522) Two fish havens are about 2.3 miles SW and 1.7 miles S, respectively, from Ventura Pier.

(523) Small craft may anchor anywhere in Pierpont Bay, but the anchorage is unprotected and is not recommended except for short day use. Boats may obtain moorage at Ventura Harbor.

(524) The most prominent features around Ventura are the lighted microwave tower, atop a hill 1.8 miles NE of the seaward end of Ventura Pier, and the tall Holiday Inn Motel (sign lighted at night), about 300 yards W of the pier. Also prominent are the railroad trestle crossing Ventura River, just W of town, and **Padre Junipero Serra Cross,** on a 350–foot hill immediately NW of the center of town. There are several aluminum-colored tanks and many oil derricks high up the slopes of the hills NW of town.

(525) **Ventura Harbor,** 6.7 miles N of Point Hueneme and just N of Santa Clara River, is a small-craft harbor used by pleasure craft and commercial fishing vessels. It has existing berthing facilities for about 1,500 boats. Commercial fish handling facilities are available in the harbor. In February 2001, a submerged rock was reported in about 34°15.3'N., 119°16.4'W. Caution is advised.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(526) The lines established for Ventura Harbor are described in **80.1124**, chapter 2.

(527) The entrance to Ventura Harbor is between two jetties protected by a 1,800-foot detached breakwater. The S end of the breakwater and the seaward ends of both jetties are marked by lights. A fog signal is at the S jetty light. The fog signal can be activated upon request to the Coast Guard by radiotelephone VHF-FM channel 16.

(528) Dangerous breakers can develop in the approach area to the entrance channel in winter when the prevailing winds are from the W. Inbound and outbound vessels are advised by local interests to run a direct course between Ventura Entrance Lighted Whistle Buoy 2V and the breakwater entrance.

Channels

(529) The dredged entrance channel leads NE between the jetties, then turns E into the harbor. The private buoys in the entrance channel and harbor are not charted because the positions are changed frequently due to the shifting shoals. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution and to contact the harbormaster for the latest channel and harbor conditions prior to entering.

(530) A channel leads NE from the N part of the harbor to a private waterfront home development called **Ventura Keys.** In March 2000, depths of 14 feet were reported in the development.

Harbor regulations

(531) Ventura Harbor is administered by the Ventura Port District and is under the control of a **harbormaster,** who has an office on the point N of the entrance basin. Transients should report to the harbormaster for guest slip assignments. The harbormaster monitors VHF-FM channels 16 and 12, from 0600 to 0200 daily.

Supplies

(532) Gasoline and diesel fuel are available just E of the harbormaster's office and at the S end of the harbor. Water, ice, and marine supplies are available. Two yacht clubs are on the shores of the harbor.

Repairs

(533) Boatyards in the harbor have mobile lifts that can haul out vessels to 150 tons for hull and engine repairs. Electronic service is also available.

(534) From Ventura River, the **Santa Ynez Mountains** extend to Point Conception and Point Arguello. For 11 miles W from the river to Rincon Point the coast is very rugged; elevations of over 2,000 feet being found within 1 mile of the beach. The dangers do not extend over 0.5 mile from the beach which is well fringed with kelp. Between Ventura and Santa Barbara are several small towns, and the highway and railroad skirt the shore; retaining walls are a common feature.

(535) **Pitas Point,** 5.5 miles NW of Ventura, is the first bold point W of Ventura River. A very steep gulch is on the W side. E of the point is 1 mile of beach cottages. High on the steep slopes above the cottages are the derricks and tanks of an oil field. Aluminum-colored tanks and oil-processing plants are prominent 1 mile E of the point.

(536) A fish haven, marked by a buoy, is about 1.4 miles SE of Pitas Point.

(537) **Punta Gorda,** 9 miles NW of Ventura, is low at its outer extremity, but rises rapidly to prominent **Rincon Mountain.** E of the point is a long pier supporting several oil pumps. Oil tanks are conspicuous on the outer end of the pier. Tanks and numerous derricks are along the highway just E of the pier. W of this pier a causeway extends S from Punta Gorda for 0.5 mile to an artificial island used for oil operations. A private light and fog signal are on the island.

(538) **Rincon Point,** 11 miles NW of Ventura, is low and sandy. **Sand Point,** 3.5 miles W of Rincon Point, is low and rounding, with the narrow opening to **El Estero,** a

lagoon of no importance lying close under and E of it. A rock that uncovers is 550 yards offshore from Sand Point. Oil-drilling platforms are off Sand Point.

(539) A Standard Oil installation is prominent on the E side of **Carpinteria,** 8 miles E of Santa Barbara. A submerged pipeline leads to offshore oil drilling platforms and to mooring buoys about 0.6 mile offshore where tankers are loaded. A pier is used to load support boats operating to and from the oil platforms. Many storage tanks are back of and on each side of the pier. One tank with an aluminum-colored dome may be seen from seaward.

(540) **Ortega Hill,** just W of **Summerland** and 18 miles NW of Ventura, is 250 feet high and conspicuous because of the extensive cuts for the highway; from offshore it has the appearance of a large slide.

(541) **Santa Barbara,** 29 miles NW of Point Hueneme, is a resort city and popular yachting harbor. The harbor is used mostly by pleasure craft and fishing vessels. There are about 1,200 slips in the harbor.

(542) **Santa Barbara Light** (34°23.8'N., 119°43.4'W.), 142 feet above the water, is shown from a 24-foot white tower about 2 miles W of the harbor entrance. **Lavigia Hill,** 0.6 mile NE of the light is 459 feet high and the distinguishing feature in approaching Santa Barbara from the E or W.

(543) Submerged shellfish structures are about 0.7 mile SE of Santa Barbara Light in about 34°23'15"N., 119°42'45"W.

(544) **Santa Barbara Point,** 1 mile E of the light, is a high cliff at the SE limit of the narrow tableland extending from Lavigia Hill. The point is the beginning of a sand beach extending 0.6 mile E to **Point Castillo,** the W point of the breakwater forming Santa Barbara Harbor.

(545) Conspicuous landmarks are the neon-lighted hotel tower on the beach 1 mile E of the town, the several radio towers, and the many residences on the hillsides back of the town. At night the lights of Santa Barbara are prominent from the channel, but they are obscured from the W by Lavigia Hill.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(546) The lines established for Santa Barbara Harbor are described in **80.1126,** chapter 2.

(547) The harbor has a 500-yard breakwater extending NE from **Point Castillo** to an extensive sandbar which forms the S side of the harbor. A jetty extends across the sandbar about 400 yards N from the NE end of the breakwater. A light and a fog signal mark the connection between the breakwater and the jetty. The fog signal can be activated upon request to the Coast Guard by radiotelephone VHF-FM channel 16. The NE side of the harbor is formed by **Stearns Wharf.** A light is at the S end of the wharf. A groin, about 125 yards long and marked at its S end by a light, extends S from shore about 0.3 mile W of Stearns Wharf. At night, sometimes the lights are difficult to see against the background of city lights.

Channels

(548) A dredged entrance channel leads NW between the breakwater and Stearns Wharf then turns SW into the harbor. The channel is marked by buoys. The harbor buoys are not charted because their positions are frequently changed. The entrance and harbor are subject to rapid shoaling. The harbormaster advises that the entrance channel has a tendency to shoal after SE storms. Mariners should contact the harbormaster on 2182 kHz or on VHF-FM channel 16 for channel conditions and assistance in entering.

Anchorage

(549) A special anchorage area is in the basin behind the breakwater. (See **110.1 and 110.115,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) Anchoring inside the harbor is usually prohibited by the harbormaster. Anchoring is prohibited within 300 feet E of Stearns Wharf and within 0.5 mile E of the wharf from December through March. Anchorage may be had inside the kelp, but large vessels should anchor outside of it in better holding ground. The harbormaster desires advance requests for permission to anchor.

Caution

(550) The long sandbar N of the breakwater light is inconspicuous on a high-tide night, but the masts of boats moored in the harbor are quite visible over the breakwater. The **harbormaster** reports that these circumstances have caused several groundings on the sandbar when strangers making for the harbor at night failed to identify the breakwater light, failed to see the sandbar, but sighted the masts in the harbor and steered toward them, consequently going hard aground on the sandbar. The shoreline of the sandbar is subject to continual change. **Caution** should be exercised when entering at night; the buoyed channel should be carefully followed.

Weather, Santa Barbara

(551) Fog plagues the harbor most often from August through November, when it reduces visibilities to less than 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on 4 to 7 days per month. Morning is usually the worst time. Winds are often calm at Santa Barbara. Winds of 3 knots or less occur 18 percent of the time or more year round, and 25 to 40 percent of the time from September through March. The sea breeze helps reduce this percentage. These spring

and summer winds are mainly out of the E through WSW. NE winds, common throughout the year, are the most frequent winds from November through February, though a distant second to calm conditions.

Coast Guard

(552) A Coast Guard rescue vessel is stationed at the city pier in the SW part of the harbor, and a Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment is on the W side of the harbor.

Harbor regulations

(553) Santa Barbara Harbor is administered by the City of Santa Barbara Water Front Department and is under the control of a **harbormaster,** who has an office at the SW corner of the harbor. Transients should report to the harbormaster for guest slip assignments. The office monitors VHF-FM channel 16, and can be reached by telephone 805-546-5530.

(554) The harbor patrol is on 24-hour duty and monitors VHF-FM channel 16. Strangers desiring assistance entering the harbor will be assisted by a patrol boat as needed when requested.

(555) **Sterns Wharf** had alongside depths of 5.1 feet at the foot and 18.6 feet at the head in May 2000. The City Pier, inside the harbor, has diesel fuel, gasoline, commercial ice, water, and a hoist with a maximum lift of two tons. The area east of the wharf is reported to be heavily congested.

Supplies

(556) Marine supplies are available.

Repairs

(557) There is a boatyard on the SW side of the basin that can handle craft up to 25 tons and 50 feet for hull and engine repairs. A small floating drydock in the harbor can lift craft up to 20 tons for hull maintenance and repair. And there are several boat builders and repair yards in the city of Santa Barbara.

Communication

(558) Communication is by rail, motor vehicle, and by airplane. The Santa Barbara Municipal Airport is at **Goleta,** 7 miles W of the harbor.

(559) A **081°58'–261°58' measured nautical mile** is 300 yards E of Stearns Wharf. The ranges are marked by white daymarks on telephone poles.

Chart 18721

(560) The 8-mile coast from Santa Barbara W to Goleta Point consists of bluffs 30 to 100 feet high with short stretches of sand beach and is fringed with kelp 0.2 mile offshore.

(561) **Goleta Point,** 6.2 miles W of Santa Barbara Light, is low and terminates in a cliff about 30 feet high. The buildings of the University of California at Santa Barbara are conspicuous just N of the point and are dominated by a lone tower. The aerolight 1.5 miles N and the two lighted radio towers 1.5 miles NE of the point are good marks at night. A 1,475-foot pleasure pier is in the bight E of the point. A 4-ton hoist is available.

(562) The 32-mile coast from Goleta Point to Point Conception is more rugged than that E. **Canada de la Gaviota,** 12 miles E of Point Conception, is a conspicuous break in the mountains back of this coast. A railroad skirts the shore over trestles and embankments which cross the mouths of numerous gulches and arroyos. The kelp grows quite heavily, and in some places extends over a mile offshore. The Pacific Coast Highway parallels the coast from Santa Barbara to Gaviota, where it turns inland.

(563) Oil well production heads covered 6 fathoms or more and submerged pipelines to shore extend as much as 3 miles offshore between Goleta Point and Point Conception. Several oil-well structures in the area are lighted and equipped with racons and fog signals.

Safety zones

(564) Safety zones have been established around oil drilling platforms and an offshore storage and treatment vessel mooring area, about 13 miles W of Goleta Point, in

(565) 34°23'27"N., 120°07'14"W. (**Platform Hondo**);

(566) 34°22'36"N., 120°10'03"W. (**Platform Harmony**);

(567) 34°21'01"N., 120°16'45"W. (**Platform Heritage**); and

(568) 34°24'19"N., 120°06'00"W. (**vessel mooring area**). (See **147.1 through 147.20, 147.1105, 147.1106, 147.1114 and 147.1115**, chapter 2 for limits and regulations and chapter 3 under **'Oil well structures'** for additional information.)

(569) Temporary drilling platforms can be found along this coastline and may be moved periodically. Mooring buoys for tankers are SW of Coal Oil Point and S of Gaviota.

(570) **Coal Oil Point,** 1.8 miles W of Goleta Point, is low and may be distinguished by the strong odor of petroleum discharged by a spring. This odor is noticeable over 2 miles offshore.

(571) Pilings of former piers and ruins of a drilling rig may exist from Coal Oil Point for about 2.5 miles NW to the pier at **Ellwood**. The private 2,300-foot pier is owned by Arco Oil. Passage without local knowledge is not advisable.

(572) A rock covered 13 feet is 3.7 miles W of Coal Oil Point and 0.9 mile offshore; it is surrounded by kelp. A reported rock covered 4 fathoms is 3.3 miles S of **San Augustine.** This rock is the outermost danger along the N side of the Santa Barbara Channel.

(573) **Capitan,** 7.5 miles W of Coal Oil Point, is in a small bight which offers little protection to small craft. A lone tank stands on a bare hill 500 feet high and 0.3 mile inland.

(574) **Refugio Beach** at **Orella,** 2.5 miles W of Capitan, is a State Park for camping at the mouth of the canyon. A small bight here offers some protection for small boats in northwesterly winds in about 15 feet.

(575) Oil is loaded from a submerged pipeline at **Gaviota,** 13.5 miles E of Point Conception. A number of large green storage tanks mark the inshore end of the pipeline. About 1 mile W of Gaviota is a State beach park with a 545-foot pleasure-fishing pier. An electric hoist for launching skiffs is available. The railway trestle along the beach is quite prominent.

(576) **Cojo Anchorage,** 1.5 miles E of Point Conception, affords protection off the mouth of the Cojo Valley from moderate W and NW winds. The suggested anchorage is opposite a culvert under the railroad tracks in 5 to 10 fathoms, hard sandy bottom. The cove 1.7 miles E of this anchorage known as Little (Old) Cojo, is foul and affords little protection.

(577) **Point Conception,** 118 miles NW of Point Fermin and at the W end of Santa Barbara Channel, is a bold headland 220 feet high that marks an abrupt change in the trend of the coast. There is comparatively low land immediately behind it. At a distance from N or E, it usually looks like an island.

(578) Point Conception has been called the **Cape Horn of the Pacific** because of the heavy NW gales encountered off it during the passage through Santa Barbara Channel. A marked change of climatic and meteorological conditions is experienced off the point, the transition often being remarkably sudden and well defined. When the northwesterly winds are strong they blow down the canyons between Point Conception and Capitan and cause heavy offshore gusts.

(579) **Point Conception Light** (34°26.9'N., 120°28.2'W.), 133 feet above the water, is shown from a 52-foot white tower behind a building near the W part of the point; a fog signal is at the station. A low black rock, nearly awash at high tide, is 220 yards offshore, SW of the light.

Danger and Safety zones

(580) **Danger zones** extend offshore from Point Conception to Point Sal. (See **334.1130,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(581) **Safety zones** have been established around oil drilling platforms in

(582) 34°27'19.0"N., 120°38'47.0"W. **(Platform Hermosa)**;

(583) 34°28'09.5"N., 120°40'46.1"W. **(Platform Harvest)**; and

(584) 34°29'42.0"N., 120°42'08.0"W. **(Platform Hidalgo)**. (See (**147.1 through 147.20, 147.1109, 147.1110, and 147.1112**, chapter 2 for limits and regulations and chapter 3 under **'Oil well structures'** for additional information.)

(585) From Point Conception, the coast trends in a gentle curve NW for 12 miles to Point Arguello and consists of bold rocky cliffs, 100 to 400 feet high. The coast railroad runs along these cliffs and through several tunnels.

(586) The 100-fathom depth curve off Point Arguello, and to a lesser extent off Point Conception, is characterized by a succession of indenting deeps or gorges. In following the curve during thick weather with an echo sounder, these submarine features should be found extremely useful.

(587) **Espada Bluff** is a prominent cliff 378 feet high, 5.5 miles NNW of Point Conception. The cliffs on each side drop sharply to less than 100 feet in height.

(588) **Tranquillon Mountain,** near the seaward end of the Santa Ynez Mountains, is prominent in clear weather. It terminates in Rocky Point, Point Arguello, and Point Pedernales.

(589) **Rocky Point,** 1.2 miles S of Point Arguello, has numerous detached rocks extending in some cases 300 yards offshore.

(590) **Point Arguello** is a narrow, jagged, rocky projection, extending about 800 yards W of the general trend of the coast. An outlying rock is about 200 yards seaward. The extremity of the point overhangs the water's edge, and about 200 yards inshore the point is nearly divided by gullies on the N and S sides. These form a saddle which, from N and S, looks like two heads. **Point Arguello Light** (34°34'37"N., 120°38'50"W.), 100 feet above the water, is shown from a 20-foot high post on the W end of the point.

Weather, Point Arguello

(591) Off Point Arguello, sea fog becomes a persistent and frequent navigational hazard. The cool California Current is responsible for a sudden increase in fog frequencies. These fogs are often thick, and Point Arguello is considered by mariners to be one of the most dangerous areas along the coast. The observing

station at Point Arguello, 371 feet (113 m) above mean sea level, records an annual average of twice as many days with visibilities less than 0.5 mile (0.9 km) as at any location farther S. From June through October, visibilities drop below 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on about 12 to 20 days per month; July and August are the worst months. During August the fog signal is operating more than 30 percent of the time, compared to 17 percent at nearby Point Conception.

Chart 18687

(592) **Lake Mead**, Arizona-Nevada, is a National Recreation Area on the **Colorado River** impounded by **Hoover Dam** (36°01.0'N., 114°44.2'W.). **Restricted** and **anchorage areas** established by Federal regulations are in Lake Mead. (See **110.1, 110.127, and 162.220,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) Additional information may

(593) be obtained from the local office of the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, 601 Nevada Highway, Boulder City, Nev. 89005.

(594) Eleventh Coast Guard District Local Notice to Mariners contains information concerning boating events, boating safety, bridge construction and lighting, aids to navigation, and anchorages on the Colorado River, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. These notices may be obtained, free of charge, by making application to Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District. (See appendix for address.)

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California
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Pt. Conception
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Santa Cruz I.
Anacapa I.
Santa Rosa I.
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Los Angeles
Santa Barbara I.
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San Pedro Channel
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Outer Santa Barbara Passage
Gulf of Santa Catalina
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San Clemente I.
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North Pacific Ocean
SMALL-CRAFT CHARTS AND MARINE FACILITIES CHARTS
These specially designed charts are published with small craft information and are labeled in green
CONVENTIONAL CHARTS
HARBOR CHARTS (outlined in red) - scales 1:50,000 and larger.
COAST CHARTS (outlined in purple) - scales from 1:50,001 to 1:150,000.
GENERAL CHARTS (outlined in purple) - scales from 1:150,001 to 1:600,000.
Note: not all charts are shown

Channel Islands, California

(1) This chapter describes the eight **Channel Islands** that extend for 130 miles in a NW direction off the coast of southern California from San Diego to Point Conception. They include the four islands of the southern group–San Clemente, Santa Catalina, San Nicolas, and Santa Barbara; and the four islands of the northern group also referred to as the **Santa Barbara Islands**–Anacapa, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, and San Miguel. Also described are the passages and channels between these islands including Outer Santa Barbara Passage, San Pedro Channel, Anacapa Passage, Santa Cruz Channel, San Miguel Passage, and Santa Barbara Passage, and Avalon Bay, the most active harbor in the area, as well as many smaller harbors and landings.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(2) The lines established for this part of the coast are described in 80.1102, chapter 2.

Chart 18022

(3) San Clemente, San Nicholas, and San Miguel Islands are military reservations and, except for San Miguel Island, off limits to the public.

(4) Santa Barbara, Anacapa, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, and San Miguel Islands form **Channel Islands National Park**. The park was created in 1980 to protect the extensive flora and fauna of the islands. The park is under the supervision of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

(5) Santa Cruz Island is privately owned and permission of the owners must be obtained prior to going ashore. Santa Catalina Island, also privately owned, requires a landing permit at Two Harbors. Regulations issued by the owners of these islands are furnished with the permits.

(6) In the approach from the S, several banks are encountered before reaching the Channel Islands. **Sixtymile Bank,** 62 miles SSW of Point Loma (32°39.9'N., 117°14.5'W.), has a least depth of 53 fathoms over it.

(7) **Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary** has been established to protect and preserve the marine birds and mammals, their habitats, and other natural resources in the waters surrounding the northern Channel Islands and Santa Barbara Island. The sanctuary encompasses the waters within 6 miles of Santa Barbara Island and the northern Channel Islands (Anacapa, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, and San Miguel Islands), including Castle and Richardson Rocks. Recreational use of the area is encouraged. (See **15 CFR 922**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Area to be Avoided–Channel Islands

(8) The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has adopted the waters surrounding the Channel Islands as areas to be avoided. In order to avoid risk of pollution in the area designated as the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, all ships, except those bound to and from ports on one of the islands within the area, engaged in the trade of carrying hazardous cargo, including but not limited to tankers and other bulk carriers and barges, should avoid the areas in the region of San Miguel, Santa Rosa, Santa Cruz, and Anacapa Islands bounded by a line connecting the following points:

(9) 33°58.7'N., 119°12.8'W.

(10) 33°54.0'N., 119°17.0'W.

(11) 33°46.3'N., 120°07.8'W.

(12) 33°59.0'N., 120°39.5'W.

(13) 34°10.4'N., 120°39.5'W.

(14) 34°14.0'N., 120°31.3'W.

(15) 34°10.0'N., 119°56.4'W.

(16) 34°01.4'N., 119°18.6'W., and the area surrounding Santa Barbara Island contained within a circle of radius 7.5 nautical miles, centered on the following point:

(17) 33°28.6'N., 119°02.2'W.

Local Magnetic Disturbance

(18) Differences of 4° or more from the normal magnetic variation have been observed within a radius of 8 miles of Sixtymile Bank.

Chart 18740

(19) **Bishop Rock,** in about 32°27'N., 119°08'W. and which the clipper ship BISHOP struck in 1855, is awash and marked by a lighted bell buoy. The rock, about 40 miles SW of San Clemente Island, is the farthest outlying danger along the coast. A wreck, covered ½ fathom and

about 0.1 mile SE of the rock, is the shallowest point on **Cortes Bank**. The currents are largely nontidal in character; velocities between 1 and 2 knots have been measured. These currents cause considerable swell, and even in moderate weather the sea usually breaks at this rock.

(20) The area for about 2.5 miles ESE of Bishop Rock should be avoided because of the broken bottom. Deep-draft vessels should also avoid a 9-fathom spot 5 miles WNW of the rock where the bottom is extremely broken, although no breakers have been reported.

(21) **Tanner Bank** covers an area about 12 miles long in a WNW direction and about 5 miles wide. The least survey depth over it is 9 fathoms. The NW end of the bank is about 28 miles SE of San Nicolas Island.

(22) A bank covered 45 to 70 fathoms is 18 miles NW of Tanner Bank. The bank extends 9 miles in a NW-SE direction and has an average width of 2 miles. The bottom is hard with fine gray sand and shells. The bank is fished extensively during the winter.

(23) Submerged obstructions 90 feet off the bottom are within 2,500 yards of 32°55.75'N., 119°22.70'W.; caution is advised.

Chart 18762

(24) **San Clemente Island,** 43 miles SSW of Point Fermin and 57 miles WNW of Point Loma, is 18 miles long in a NW direction and 4 miles wide at its widest part, and reaches an elevation of 1,965 feet. The island is a U.S. Naval Reservation and is closed to the public. Vessels including yachts and fishing craft are warned that the vicinity of the island may be dangerous at any time because of naval activities, including gunfire, bombing, and rocket fire. (See **334.920, 334.921, 334.950, 334.960, and 334.961**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Local magnetic disturbance

(25) Differences of as much as 5° from normal variation have been observed up to 3 miles offshore along the N, E, and S coasts of the island.

(26) The top of the island appears as a tableland from a distance. A prominent white radar dome (32°53.1'N., 118°27.0'W.), on the highest part of the island, is visible from both the E and W sides of the island.

(27) The NE side of the island is bold, with rocky cliffs. The water is generally deep close inshore, and kelp grows close to the beach. On this side of the island a prominent white rock is close inshore, 6 miles NW of Pyramid Head. On the beach behind this rock is a freshwater spring, the only one available during the dry season.

(28) The SW side of the island is more irregular, but it is lower and has more gentle slopes. Here the kelp extends several hundred yards offshore, and generally to or beyond the 10-fathom curve. Rocks are numerous close inshore and inside the kelp, but outside the kelp line, the bottom slope is more gradual than on the other side of the island, and there are many places where vessels might anchor safely in the lee of the island during the NE storms, known as the Santa Anas.

(29) **Seal Cove,** on the SW side of the island midway between the two ends, affords a boat landing and indifferent anchorage for small craft in NW weather.

(30) **Outer Santa Barbara Passage** lies between San Clemente and Santa Catalina Islands.

Chart 18764

(31) **China Point** is the SW extremity of San Clemente Island and on the W side of Pyramid Cove. A light is shown from a white pyramidal structure on the point.

(32) **Pyramid Cove**, the deep bight in the S end of San Clemente Island, is used as a naval shore bombardment area and included in a **danger zone**. (See **334.950**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) The cove, closed to the public, offers protected anchorage in 10 fathoms or more in NW weather to authorized vessels and vessels in distress. Vessels should not enter the kelp as there are indications of other dangers in addition to those already charted. Some swell makes into the cove most of the time. Authorized landing on the beach is usually not difficult, but can be extremely hazardous because of unexploded ordnance.

(33) **Pyramid Head,** the SE point of San Clemente Island and the E side of Pyramid Cove, is about 900 feet high, sharp, jagged, and prominent. **Pyramid Head Light** (32°49.2'N., 118°21.2'W.), 226 feet above the water, is shown from a post with red and white diamond-shaped daymark.

Chart 18763

(34) **Wilson Cove,** on the NE shore of San Clemente Island, 15.5 miles NW of Pyramid Head, is a fair anchorage in the prevailing W weather, but is uncomfortable at times as the swells make around the point from the NW. A strong wind usually blows down off the hills in the afternoon. A **restricted anchorage area** and a **naval restricted area** are in the vicinity of the cove. (See **110.218 , 165.1111, and 334.920**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(35) **Wilson Cove Light** (33°00.2'N., 118°33.2'W.), 125 feet above the water, is shown from a post with red and white diamond-shaped daymark. A **198°** private lighted range marks the approach to the Navy pier. A fog signal is on the end of the pier.

(36) Wilson Cove should be approached from the NE to avoid the numerous buoys N and S of the cove.

(37) The buildings on the hill overlooking Wilson Cove are prominent from the SE. The best anchorage for small craft is in the lee of the kelp making off from a point nearly a mile NW of the pier.

(38) The Navy pier in the middle of Wilson Cove is of steel construction and extends 550 feet from shore. A landing section at the outboard end of the pier is 38 feet wide and 210 feet long, and has a deck height of 18 feet. Depths alongside the landing section range from 14 feet inboard to 24 feet outboard. The two breasting mooring buoys on each side opposite the landing should be used to avoid danger of damage from surge. Time of the tide is about the same as that for Los Angeles. The mean range of tide is 3.5 feet.

(39) **Northwest Harbor,** on the NW end of the island, affords shelter in S weather and is a comfortable anchorage in the prevailing W weather, as the large beds of kelp and the low islet to the N of the anchorage afford protection. It is open N and is unsafe in heavy NW weather.

(40) **San Clemente Island Light** (33°01.7'N., 118°35.9'W.), 202 feet above the water, is shown from a post with red and white diamond-shaped daymark on the headland at the N end of the island.

(41) A line of rocks extends W from the NW extremity of San Clemente Island, terminating about 0.4 mile off the point in bold and rocky **Castle Rock**. A **danger area** for aerial bombing, rocket firing, and strafing extends 300 yards around this prominent islet.

(42) **West Cove,** on the NW side of San Clemente Island, 1.5 miles SE of Castle Rock, offers some shelter from Santa Ana winds; holding ground is good. A **safety zone, naval restricted area, and a danger zone** extend off the W coast of San Clemente Island from West Cove. (See **334.921, 334.960, and 334.961**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(43) A **150°-330°** measured nautical mile is 1.3 miles S from West Cove. The 70-foot towers of the front and rear markers on San Clemente Island are more than 500 feet high.

Chart 18757

(44) **Santa Catalina Island,** 18 miles S of Point Fermin, is 18.5 miles long in a SE direction and has a greatest width of 7 miles. The island is privately owned. Arrangements for overnight permits and the leasing of the many mooring buoys found throughout the area may be made through Two Harbors Enterprises at Two Harbors. Except at Avalon, permits are required for activities other than day use on the other islands.

(45) The island is almost divided by a deep N cut about 6 miles from the W end. The cut forms coves less than 0.5 mile apart at their heads, and because the isthmus separating these coves is low, the island appears as two from a few miles off. Rugged and mountainous, the island has steep, precipitous shores intersected occasionally by deep gulches and valleys, and is covered with a thick growth and some scrub oak. The highest peak, 2,125 feet, is near the middle of the E part of the island.

(46) Much of the N shore is free from kelp, but the S side in general has a narrow fringe of kelp close to the beach. The island rises abruptly from deepwater, the 30-fathom curve being close inshore. Most of the dangers in the approaches to the island are inside the kelp.

(47) Lights are shown from a pole with a red and white diamond-shaped daymark on the S end, **Long Point** (E side), and **West End** (NW point) of the island.

(48) **Ribbon Rock,** on the W side of Santa Catalina Island, 2.9 miles SE of West End, shows as a dark vertical rock wall with a gigantic ribbon of quartz veining that is visible for many miles.

(49) **Farnsworth Bank,** 9.2 miles SSE of West End and 1.6 miles offshore, has a least known depth of 9 fathoms over it.

(50) Shelter from Santa Ana winds can be had by anchoring in the bight near the **Palisades** on the S side of the island, 2 to 3 miles NW of the S extremity.

(51) Two prominent rock quarries are on the island; one is on the E end of the island, about 1.5 miles SE of Avalon Bay, and the other is about 1.5 miles SE of Isthmus Cove. Private lighted mooring buoys are off the quarry at the E end of the island.

(52) **White Cove,** 3.5 miles NW of Avalon, affords anchorage in 8 fathoms and provides almost the same protection as that found at Avalon. The beach in White Cove is known as **Whites Landing**.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(53) The lines established for Santa Catalina Island are described in 80.1102, chapter 2.

Chart 18757

(54) **Avalon Bay,** on the N shore of Santa Catalina Island, 2.5 miles from its SE extremity is entered between **Casino Point,** breakwater on the N and the breakwater extending from **Cabrillo Peninsula,** on the

S. The breakwaters are marked by lights on their seaward ends.

(55) The small bay has depths of 2 to 13 fathoms; a depth of 20 fathoms is immediately outside the points of the bay. The **harbormaster** reports that shelter is good during SW, NW, and SE weather if the wind does not exceed 20 knots. The breakwater provides limited protection in the NW and SE ends of the harbor during NE Santa Ana winds that occasionally blow during the fall and winter.

(56) A large white circular building, brilliantly illuminated for about half the night during summer, is on Casino Point.

(57) **Avalon,** an incorporated city and part of Los Angeles County, is an extensive resort and the principal settlement of the island. Daily ship and helicopter service is maintained year round to San Pedro, Long Beach, Newport Beach, and Dana Point. A road along the beach extends some distance on each side of the cove, and at night the lights along this road are conspicuous from San Pedro Channel.

(58) The bay is extremely popular as a yacht haven and vacation resort during the summer. Yachting and fishboat supplies, limited engine and underwater repair facilities, and towing service are available at Avalon.

(59) A pleasure pier with various loading floats, concessions, equipment rental firms and a 2-ton hoist are in the S part of Avalon Bay. There are three, 100-foot floating docks, with reported depths of 30 feet alongside, on the E side of the **Cabrillo Mole** (Cabrillo Peninsula.) The Cabrillo Mole floats are used by passenger vessels that operate to the mainland, and are available to any vessel through prior arrangement with the harbormaster.

(60) Yachts and other small craft moor to buoys in the bay; there are no alongside berths. The mooring buoys in the bay are privately owned. The harbormaster will rent mooring buoys that are not reserved by the owner to vessels on a daily basis. The **harbormaster**, located on the pleasure pier, offers 24 hour service year round and can be reached on VHF-FM channel 12 and 16 or call (310) 510-0535. A harbor patrol boat will meet visiting yachts at the harbor entrance upon arrival and will assign them to a mooring if desired; a fee is collected for the daily use of moorings. Shoreboats can be reached on VHF-FM channel 9..

(61) Emergency rescue services are available at Avalon. The fire and rescue boat can be contacted through the Coast Guard or the harbormaster at Avalon on VHF-FM channel 16, 24 hours a day; the call sign is "Baywatch Avalon."

(62) Weather information for Avalon is broadcast by NOAA weather radio channel 1.

Anchorage

(63) A **small-craft anchorage** is in Descanso Bay, just N of Casino Point. (See **110.1 and 110.216**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) In 1978, it was reported that the holding ground was poor, and that heavy concentrations of kelp made anchoring difficult.

(64) **Isthmus Cove,** on the N shore 6 miles from the W end of the island, affords shelter for small vessels in S and W weather, but is dangerous in N and NE weather. Several prominent buildings are on shore. Isthmus Cove and Avalon are connected by a road, and during the tourist season launch service is maintained between the two points. Two Harbors Enterprises manages and leases all coves and moorings outside the City of Avalon. Isthmus Harbor Base can be reached on VHF-FM channel 9 or call 310-510-4254.

(65) A pier at the head of the cove extends out to a depth of about 12 feet; a fuel dock is on the E side of the pier. Water, ice, marine supplies, and limited repairs are available; a general store and restaurant are ashore.

(66) Emergency rescue service is available at Two Harbors. The fire and rescue boat can be contacted through the Coast Guard or on VHF-FM channel 16 from 0900 to 1700 daily; the call sign is "Baywatch Isthmus."

(67) **Fourth of July Cove** and **Cherry Cove,** just NW of Isthmus Cove, are popular overnight mooring destinations for yachts using the facilities at Two Harbors. There are a number of leased moorings in both coves. The shore areas are leased by camps or yacht clubs with restricted shore access.

(68) A **restricted and nonrestricted anchorage area** is in Isthmus Cove. (See **110.1 and 110.216**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(69) The approach to Isthmus Cove alongshore from the E is clear, but W of the entrance is **Eagle Reef,** covered 3 feet. The reef is marked by growing kelp and by a buoy about 100 yards to the E. In the approach from the N, **Ship Rock,** about 1 mile N of the cove, is the guide. A light is shown from a pole on the rock. From the channel the rock resembles a black haystack; the top is mostly white because of bird droppings. A reef extends about 120 yards S of Ship Rock, ending in a rock that uncovers 3 feet.

(70) **Bird Rock,** 37 feet high and about 150 yards long, is about 500 yards off the beach N from the E part of the cove entrance. The rock is covered with sand and grass. In places, reefs extend off the rock more than 100 yards, but it may be approached close-to on the E side.

(71) **Harbor Reefs,** about 400 yards SW of Bird Rock, are about 450 yards long, orientated in a NW direction, and about 250 yards wide. They are usually well marked by kelp. A rock near the SE end uncovers about 2 feet. The

reef is marked by a light on the E side and a lighted buoy on the W side.

(72) **Fisherman Cove,** in the E part of Isthmus Cove, is small, but is said to be the only shelter against Santa Ana winds on the N shore of Santa Catalina Island. The cove is privately operated by the USC Marine Science Center with restricted access for visiting boaters.

(73) **Catalina Harbor,** on the S side of the isthmus separating it from Isthmus Cove, affords excellent shelter for small vessels in all but S weather. **Catalina Harbor Light** (33°25.4'N., 118°30.8'W.), 400 feet above the water, is shown from a pole on **Catalina Head,** on the W side of the harbor entrance. The harbor, a popular yacht anchorage, is funnel-shaped, open to the S, and easy of access. Small and bare **Pin Rock,** close inside the E head of the harbor, is 150 yards offshore and has deep water around it. The anchorage is in 4 to 5 fathoms, soft bottom, abreast **Ballast Point,** the long low point on the E shore. The head of the harbor is shoal. The 3-fathom curve is marked by kelp, and vessels entering should give the shores a berth of 150 yards. The facilities on Ballast Point are leased by a yacht club. From the head of the harbor it is only about 0.3 mile overland to Two Harbors.

Chart 18740

(74) **San Pedro Channel** is about 17 miles wide between the mainland, Point Fermin to Point Vicente, and Santa Catalina Island. Current observations have been made 7 miles S of San Pedro Breakwater. Two periodic currents occur at this location: a tidal current, and a daily current apparently due to a land and sea breeze. Both are rotary, turning clockwise, and each is weak, having a velocity of 0.2 knot. The tidal current is very complicated, but the daily current is simple, maintaining on the average an approximately constant velocity and shifting direction to the right about 15° each hour. It sets N about 0900, E at 1500, S at 2100, and W at 0300.

Currents

(75) Currents due to winds and oceanic drifts vary in velocity and direction. The average current for the period of observations sets 112° with a velocity of 0.1 knot. Currents greater than 1 knot occur infrequently. The greatest velocity during 5 months of observations was 1.5 knots.

Chart 18755

(76) **San Nicolas Island,** the outermost of the group off southern California, is 53 miles off the nearest point of the mainland, 43 miles WNW of San Clemente Island, and 24 miles SW of Santa Barbara Island. The island is a military reservation and off limits to the public.

(77) A **naval restricted area** extends 3 miles from the shoreline around the island. (See **334.980**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(78) The island is 8 miles long in an E direction, 3 miles wide, and 907 feet high at its highest point; it is visible about 38 miles. The island has a gently rounding profile from a distance. The W part is covered with sand, some of which has drifted to the middle N shore. The rest of the island is cut by deep arroyos, and the top of the mesa is spotted with patches of burr clover and bunch grass. With the exception of the rocky points, the beaches are all sand. The island is practically surrounded by kelp. At the W end the kelp extends W about 3 miles over very irregular bottom. Two reefs in the kelp extend 1.6 miles W from the W extremity of the island. In thick weather great caution must be exercised in approaching from W and vessels should in no case pass inside the kelp. No dangers are known to exist outside the kelp.

(79) An aerolight, 981 feet above the water, is near the center of San Nicholas Island. A light is on the E side of the island and a lighted bell buoy is about 1.3 miles SE of the E sandspit.

(80) **Begg Rock,** 15 feet high, is 8 miles NW of the W point of San Nicolas Island. A reef extends N and S of the rock over 100 yards in each direction. The rock rises abruptly from depths of 50 fathoms. A lighted whistle buoy is 500 yards N of the rock.

(81) A bank covered 30 to 50 fathoms extends 7.8 miles E from the E point of San Nicolas. From the 50-fathom curve the depths increase rapidly to the E and S.

(82) **Restricted anchorage areas** are off the NW, SW, and SE ends of San Nicolas Island. (See **110.1 and 110.220**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) Upon approval by naval authorities, indifferent anchorage may be had on the S side of the 0.6-mile-long sandspit on the E end of the island. Small craft anchor in 8 fathoms, hard sand bottom, near the inshore edge of the kelp. Larger vessels anchor farther offshore in 10 to 17 fathoms, hard sand bottom. The anchorage is often uncomfortable because the island tends to split the W seas and they break with equal force on both sides and meet off the end of the spit in a maelstrom of breakers. This condition tends to move the sand from the W end of the island and builds up the sandspit. After sunset a strong wind frequently blows off the mesa, making holding difficult. In a blow, local fishermen usually leave this anchorage, preferring the one at Santa Barbara Island. A landing can usually be made at the E end on the S side of the island during the summer without difficulty.

Chart 18740

(83) **Osborn Bank,** about 22 miles ENE of San Nicolas Island and 6.5 miles S of Santa Barbara Island, is 5 miles long in a WNW-ESE direction and has an average width of 1 mile. The least depth found over it is 19 fathoms.

(84) A submerged pinnacle rock of very small area covered by at least 17 fathoms is 16 miles NNW of Santa Barbara Island.

Channel Islands National Park

(85) Santa Barbara Island, Anacapa Island, Santa Cruz Island, Santa Rosa Island, San Miguel Island and areas within 1 mile of the shoreline of these islands, except for certain described parcels of land, have been reserved as Channel Islands National Park, and are subject to rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior and administered by the National Park Service. Additional information may be obtained from Channel Islands National Park, 1901 Spinnaker Drive, Ventura, Calif. 93001.

Chart 18756

(86) **Santa Barbara Island,** 33 miles SSW of Point Dume and 21 miles W from the W end of Santa Catalina Island, is 1.5 miles long in a N direction and has a greatest width of 1 mile. The profile of the island is saddle-shaped, and at a considerable distance it appears to be two islands. The greatest elevation is 635 feet on the S side of the saddle, and the island is visible for over 25 miles in clear weather. The shores are bold and precipitous and well marked by kelp extending to about 10 fathoms at irregular distances from the shore. W of the island the kelp makes out more than a mile over very irregular bottom; a rock that breaks in moderate swells is 0.7 mile W of the point. This rock may not break in a calm sea and is dangerous, even for small craft. The water around the island is deep except where the kelp indicates foul or rocky bottom.

(87) **Santa Barbara Island Light** (33°29.2'N., 119°01.8'W.), 195 feet above the water, is shown from a post located on the NE point of the island.

(88) **Sutil Island,** a rocky islet 300 feet high and surrounded by kelp, is 0.4 mile W from the S point of Santa Barbara Island; its N face is steep. A smaller 145-foot-high rock islet is 200 yards offshore about 0.2 mile W from the N point of Santa Barbara Island.

Anchorage

(89) A **general anchorage area** extends 2 miles off the E coast of Santa Barbara Island. (See **110.1 and 110.222,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) For yachtsmen desiring to go ashore, an anchorage reported to give fair protection for small craft in the prevailing W weather is in the small cove about 700 yards W of Santa Barbara Island Light. (If the water is too deep or too rough to anchor off the cove, anchor inside, but maintain an anchor watch.) Swinging room on a single anchor is restricted in the cove. The cove affords no landing beach; yachtmen can debark from a dinghy onto rock steps in the side of the cliff. Large vessels can anchor within the 30-fathom curve with hard gray sand bottom.

Chart 18729

(90) **Anacapa Island,** 11 miles SW of Point Hueneme, is the easternmost of the northern group of Channel Islands and consists of three islands separated by two very narrow openings that cannot be used as passages. The E opening is filled with rocks and is bare. The W opening is only 50 feet wide and is blocked by sand. **Anacapa Island Light** (34°00'56"N., 119°21'34"W.), 277 feet above the water, is shown from a 55-foot white cylindrical tower on the E end of the island. A fog signal is at the light.

(91) From its E point the island extends 4.5 miles in a general W direction. The E and lowest island of the Anacapa group is 1 mile long, 0.2 mile wide, 250 feet high, and rather level on top. The middle one is 1.5 miles long, 0.2 mile wide, and 325 feet high. The W and largest island is 2 miles long and 0.6 mile wide, and rises to a 930-foot peak. The westernmost island is visible at a distance of 35 miles in clear weather; the other two at 15 to 20 miles. The shores of Anacapa Island are perpendicular and filled with numerous caves. The E extremity terminates in 80-foot **Arch Rock,** with a 49-foot arch and a pyramidal rock just S of its E end. The island is surrounded by kelp except in a few small places.

(92) The National Park Service rangers are on Anacapa Island. Seals and pelicans are present in large numbers. The cream-colored houses with tile roofs of the park service rangers are 300 to 400 yards W of the light. A single large white building is 100 yards farther to the W.

Anchorages

(93) The best anchorage in SE storms is on the N side about 0.2 mile N of the center of the middle island in depths of 9 to 12 fathoms. In NW weather the best anchorage is 0.3 mile S of the E opening in depths of 8 to 12 fathoms. However, it is best for larger vessels to lie at Smugglers Cove, on the E side of Santa Cruz Island, where the bottom is not so steep-to. Small boats

anchor in 5 to 7 fathoms in **East Fish Camp,** a bight about 0.4 mile SW of the E opening. About the only protection from northeasters is to anchor as close as possible in the bight immediately W of **Cat Rock,** on the S side of the W island. The National Park Service maintains a boat landing and hoist on the N side near the E extremity. Landings can also be made on either side of the island near the W opening and at East Fish Camp. In thick weather, vessels in the area should stay in 50 fathoms or more, because the island rises abruptly from deep water.

(94) **Anacapa Passage,** between Anacapa and Santa Cruz Islands, is 4 miles wide and free of dangers. It is steep-to on the Anacapa Island side and has a gradual slope to the shore of Santa Cruz Island. The passage is seldom used, and should not be attempted in thick weather as soundings give no warning of a close approach to the islands. Tide rips are strong under certain conditions of wind and current, especially during SE storms and northeasters.

Charts 18729, 18728

(95) **Santa Cruz Island,** 17 miles WSW of Point Hueneme, is the largest of the Channel Islands. It is privately owned and permission must be obtained to land. The Nature Conservancy, a private, non- profit organization dedicated to preserving unique islands, owned almost all of Santa Cruz Island. It is considered an inholding within the National Park. Landing permits may be obtained from Santa Cruz Island Preserve, 213 Sterns Wharf, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, (Telephone 805-964-7839).

(96) The island is about 21 miles long in a W direction and has an average width of 5 miles. The highest peak, in the W part of the island, rises to 2,434 feet; in the E part the land attains an elevation of about 1,800 feet. The E part is very irregular, barren, but has a well at Smugglers Cove; the W part has a few trees, is well covered with grass, and has several springs. The shores are high, steep, and rugged, with deep water close inshore, and there is considerably less kelp than around the other islands. The reefs, extending a mile offshore on the S coast at Gull Island, are the only outlying dangers.

(97) **San Pedro Point** is the E extremity of the island. There is a small-boat landing in **Scorpion Anchorage,** a shallow bight 1.8 miles NW of San Pedro Point; it consists of a cribbed area with a float and gangway at the end of the roadway. Several large buildings are along the roadway. Large clumps of trees are near the houses.

(98) **Chinese Harbor,** in the E part of the broad bight on the N shore, 4.5 miles W of San Pedro Point, affords anchorage in the kelp in 5 to 6 fathoms. The NE part of the harbor is an excellent anchorage in SE to SW weather in 9 to 10 fathoms. This harbor affords the best shelter on the island from NE winds.

(99) **Prisoners Harbor,** in the W part of the bight on the N shore 8 miles W of San Pedro Point, affords shelter from all winds except from NE to W. Some protection from NW weather is afforded by the kelp, but a heavy swell rolls in. In NE weather the anchorage is unprotected and dangerous. A wharf with 16 feet at its face is in the harbor. There are buildings back of the wharf. The best anchorage is in 12 to 15 fathoms, sandy bottom, abreast a white rock on the W shore of the bight, and the outer end of the wharf in range with the buildings at the inner end.

(100) **Pelican Bay**, a small indentation in the N shore of Santa Cruz Island, 1 mile WNW of Prisoners Harbor, is used as a yacht anchorage during the summer. In NW weather small boats anchor close to the cliff that forms the W shore of the bay.

(101) **Painted Cave,** 3 miles E of West Point, the NW extremity of the island, is a large cave into which dinghies may be rowed for a considerable distance. The entrance is over 150 feet high. The inner end of the first chamber, 600 feet from the entrance, has depths of more than 2 fathoms.

(102) **Forney Cove,** 1 mile E of **Fraser Point** at the W end of the island, affords shelter in N weather in 7 to 8 fathoms. The surf is heavy on the beach, but the rocky islet W and the reef connecting it with the shore lessen the swell at the anchorage.

(103) **Gull Island,** 65 feet high and about 0.2 mile in extent, is the largest and outermost of a group of small rocky islets, 0.7 mile S of **Punta Arena,** on the S side of Santa Cruz Island. Kelp surrounds Gull Island, and the bottom in the vicinity of the group is foul. A light is shown from a post on the island.

(104) **Willows Anchorage,** on the S shore 3.6 miles E of Gull Island, can be used by small craft in NW weather and affords a good boat landing.

(105) **Smugglers Cove,** 1.2 miles SW of San Pedro Point, affords shelter in NW weather in 5 fathoms, sandy bottom.

Charts 18728, 18727

(106) **Santa Rosa Island,** 24.5 miles SW of Goleta Point on the mainland, is 15 miles long in a W direction and has a greatest width of nearly 10 miles. Landing permits may be obtained from Channel Islands National

Park, 1901 Spinnaker Drive, Ventura, CA 93001, telephone (805- 644-8262); there is no landing fee.

(107) The highest point, near the middle of the island, is 1,589 feet high and visible over 40 miles. The island has some water and is partially covered with vegetation, but there are no large trees. The shores are bold, high, and rocky; kelp surrounds most of the island. Depths in the approaches to the island shoal more abruptly from S than from N, where the 100-fathom curve is over 5 miles and the 20-fathom curve about 2 miles from the beach.

(108) There are no harbors, but anchorage may be made in Bechers Bay and Johnsons Lee. There are several good boat landings.

(109) **East Point,** the E extremity of Santa Rosa Island, is moderately high, sharp, and bold. A rock covered 2¾ fathoms is in the kelp 0.7 mile N from the point, and a shoal covered 3½ fathoms is 2 miles N of the point.

(110) Numerous rocks and pinnacles covered 5¾ fathoms are in an area centered 1.5 miles S of the point and extend 0.8 mile NW and SE.

(111) **Skunk Point,** 2.5 miles N of East Point, is formed of drifts of sand; it is difficult to see on dark nights. There are sand beaches W and S, and the sand dunes behind the point are as much as 300 feet high. Care should be taken to avoid the sandspit off the point where the sea breaks heavily in bad weather. The current is sometimes strong in the vicinity of the point.

(112) **Bechers Bay,** a broad semicircular bight on the NE side of Santa Rosa Island, is 4.5 miles wide between Skunk and Carrington Points and 1.5 miles in depth. **Southeast Anchorage,** 1.3 miles W of Skunk Point, affords protection in SE weather in about 6 fathoms, sandy bottom. **Northwest Anchorage,** in the W part of the bight and 1.5 miles S from Carrington Point, affords fair shelter in NW weather.

(113) A **naval operating area** is in Bechers Bay bounded by the following:

(114) 34°02'12"N., 120°01'34"W.,

(115) 34°00'58"N., 120°02'17"W.,

(116) 34°00'04"N., 120°02'02"W.,

(117) 33°59'18"N., 120°00'32"W.,

(118) 33°59'33"N., 119°59'02"W.,

(119) 34°00'32"N., 119°59'05"W.,

(120) 34°01'40"N., 120°00'25"W. Anti-ship mining operations take place at frequent and irregular intervals, including weekends, throughout the year. They are conducted as air drops from low-flying aircraft or released from submarines. Submerged metallic remains from these operations may pose a hazard to fishing operations conducted along the seabed. Particular operations are published in Eleventh Coast Guard District Local Notices to Mariners. Announcements are also made locally on VHF-FM channel 16, at 0800 local time, 1200 local time, and/or 1 hour prior to mining operations. Status of the zone and/or permission to enter, may be requested by calling Pleade Control on VHF-FM channel 16, or by telephone to the Pacific Marine Test Center at 805-982-8280 or 982-8841.

(121) **Carrington Point,** the N point of the island, has a seaward face 0.8 mile in length. It is bold and rocky, and rises rapidly to an elevation of 452 feet.

(122) Foul ground extends about 0.3 mile N from Carrington Point and terminates in **Beacon Reef,** which covers 2¼ fathoms. The reef rarely breaks, and there is no safe passage behind it.

(123) **Brockway Point,** high, bold, and rounding, is about midway along the N shore of Santa Rosa Island. **Rodes Reef**, marked by kelp, is a patch of three submerged rocks 1.6 miles ENE from Brockway Point and 0.8 mile offshore. It breaks in nearly all weather.

(124) **Sandy Point,** the W extremity of the island, is moderately bold and rocky, with a detached rock lying close inshore and sand dunes more than 400 feet high extending inland. These white dunes are prominent when approaching from S or W. Shallow water extends off the point. During the general NW weather, swells form at a considerable distance from the shore. The swell also reaches the point from the SW direction.

(125) **Talcott Shoal,** covered 1¾ fathoms, is on the edge of the kelp 1.5 miles NNE from Sandy Point. Depths surrounding the shoal range from 4 to 12 fathoms. The shoal breaks only in heavy weather. In calm weather there is little indication of the shoal as the kelp is light and there is very little lumping of the water. A detached kelp patch is 1 mile N of the shoal.

(126) **Bee Rock,** 0.8 mile offshore 3.6 miles SSE of Sandy Point, is 5 feet high, but is not easily seen. It is surrounded by kelp that stretches from South Point to Sandy Point. A smaller rock, 10 feet high, is about 100 yards SE of the rock. In ordinary weather there is a lumping of the water with an occasional break on the rock, covered 2 fathoms, 0.3 mile NW of Bee Rock. Another rock, covered 1¼ fathoms, is close S of Bee Rock. Several other rocks and shoals exist inside the kelp. Vessels should not go inside the kelp in this area.

(127) **South Point,** the S point of Santa Rosa Island, terminates in a rocky bluff 100 feet high, and rises rapidly to a height of 460 feet, then to 603 feet. Cliffs, several hundred feet high and about 0.5 mile in extent, form the SW face of the point. A light is shown from a small white house on the point.

(128) **Johnsons Lee,** an open roadstead immediately E of South Point, affords fair shelter from W and NW winds, but is dangerous in S weather. The Coast Guard makes landings on the W shore of Johnsons Lee with supplies for South Point Light.

(129) **San Miguel Passage,** between Santa Rosa and San Miguel Islands, is 2.5 miles wide between the ledges which project from Sandy Point and Cardwell Point, the closest points between the two islands. There is much broken water with many current rips near these ledges. To avoid Talcott Shoal, vessels making the passage from the SW should not allow the outer rock off the W point of Santa Rosa Island to bear W of S until clear of the shoal. Sailing vessels should avoid this passage as the light airs and calms under the lee of San Miguel Island and the currents frequently combine to set a vessel toward Talcott Shoal.

Danger zone

(130) A **naval danger zone** is around San Miguel Island and extends into San Miguel Passage. (See **334.1140**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Chart 18727

(131) **San Miguel Island,** 23 miles SSE of Point Conception, is the westernmost of the Channel Islands and the most dangerous to approach. The island is irregular in shape and 7.6 miles long in a E-W direction, with an average width of 2 miles; the highest points, 831 and 822 feet, are near the middle of the island and are visible about 35 miles. The island is covered with grass, but there are no trees. The W part has more sand dunes on it than any of the other islands in the group. The shores are bold, broken, and rocky, with a few short stretches of beach; the S shore is more precipitous than the N.

(132) San Miguel Island, although a military reservation, is administered on a day to day basis by the National Park Service. Cuyler Harbor is the only place landing is allowed. A permit is required for other than beach use.

Danger zone

(133) A **naval danger zone** has been established around San Miguel Island. (See **334.1140**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(134) **Cardwell Point** is the E extremity of the island. A low sandy area which uncovers extends 0.5 mile E of the point and a dangerous reef extends an additional 0.4 mile from the tip of the area. In 1994, a shoal with breakers was reported near the reef in about 34°01'06"N., 120°17'24"W. A submerged rock and rock awash are about 400 yards S of the middle of the sandy point. During prevailing weather, breakers off this point are caused by the meeting of the seas.

(135) **Prince Island,** 296 feet high, is 2.6 miles NW of Cardwell Point and 0.4 mile off the E head of Cuyler Harbor. The island is dark in color and rocky, with a precipitous seaward face.

(136) **Cuyler Harbor** is a bight 1.2 miles long and 0.6 mile wide on the N shore SW of Prince Island. The anchorage is in the W part of the harbor; the E part is foul. Good shelter may be had in S weather, but the holding ground is poor. In strong NW weather the heavy swells that sweep around the N shore and into the harbor make the anchorage dangerous. The harbor is not safe in rare N or E winds. Water may be obtained at a small spring abreast the anchorage. Prince Island and Harris Point are prominent in the approaches.

(137) **Middle Rock,** 0.5 mile WSW of Prince Island, uncovers about 4 feet; foul ground surrounds the rock for a distance of 100 yards. **Can Rock,** 4 feet high, is 0.3 mile SW of Prince Island; there is foul ground between the rock and the S shore of the harbor. Kelp grows all over the bight.

(138) To enter Cuyler Harbor, bring Harris Point to bear **261°**, distant 1.7 miles, and the W point of Prince Island to bear **186°**, distant 1.3 miles; thence steer **209°**, heading midway between Middle Rock and the W point at the entrance, and when the S point of Prince Island bears **084°**, anchor in 5 to 7 fathoms. The course heads for **Judge Rock,** small and black, near the W end of the sand beach. The W point at the entrance off **Bat Rock** should be given a berth of about 0.3 mile to avoid the shoal extending E for over 300 yards. Anchorage may be made about 0.2 mile S of Bat Rock where better protection is afforded in NW weather. The passage between Prince Island and the E head should be attempted only by small craft.

(139) **Harris Point,** the N extremity of the island, is bold and precipitous, rising to a hill, 485 feet high, 1 mile S of the point. There are no outlying dangers, and the water is deep close-to.

(140) **Wilson Rock,** 2.2 miles NW of Harris Point, is 19 feet high and black. A reef, extending about 1 mile WNW from the rock, uncovers in two places; foul ground is a short distance N of the reef. It breaks in any light swell from the NW. There is foul ground S and SW of the rock. The covered rock 0.3 mile S of Wilson Rock breaks. This locality should not be approached in thick weather, as the dangers rise abruptly from deep water and are not marked by kelp; soundings give no positive warning of their proximity.

(141) **Simonton Cove,** on the NW side of San Miguel Island, is a very shallow bight 2.4 miles long and 0.6 mile wide. This cove has considerable kelp and a few covered rocks. There are several freshwater springs in the bluffs just above high water. From the SW head of Simonton Cove, foul ground extends NW for nearly 1 mile.

(142) **Castle Rock,** 180 feet high, is a three-headed islet 1.6 miles NNE from Point Bennett, in the middle of the

kelp field, and 0.5 mile offshore. A shoal spot 0.5 mile W of the rock is near the edge of the kelp. In December 1994, submerged rocks were reported to extend about 100 to 200 yards SW of Castle Rock.

(143) **Westcott Shoal,** covered 4¾ fathoms, is 0.8 mile N from Castle Rock. A 2¾ fathom spot near an oil spring is about 0.6 mile N from the shoal.

(144) **Point Bennett,** the W point of the island, is a long, narrow, jagged bluff, 74 feet high, rising rapidly to 337 feet. High sand dunes extend from the point for 2 miles. There are two rocky islets S of and close under the point, and foul ground extends about 0.5 mile W and 1 mile N of the point but inside the limit of the kelp.

Caution

(145) Navigation in this area should not be attempted without local information.

(146) **Richardson Rock,** 5.5 miles NW from Point Bennett, is 53 feet high, white-topped, and small in area. Two smaller and lower rocks are close-to on the E side. Richardson Rock rises abruptly from deep water, 30 to 40 fathoms being found within 0.3 mile. The rock is prominent in clear weather, but in thick weather the locality should be avoided, as soundings give no warning of a near approach.

Anchorage

(147) Anchorage for small craft may be had at **Adams Cove,** immediately E of Point Bennett, and at several places along the S shore of San Miguel Island, but local knowledge is necessary.

(148) **Tyler Bight** is on the S shore 1.8 miles E of Point Bennet and has a sand bottom. In moderate NW weather, the winds may attain velocities up to 45 knots 0.5 mile offshore; the sea in the bight, however, is quite smooth.

(149) **Wyckoff Ledge,** 1.4 miles W from Crook Point and 0.5 mile offshore, is covered 1½ fathoms.

(150) **Crook Point,** the S point of the island, is low and irregular. A boat landing may be made on the S shore of the island in a small cove immediately W of the point, but there is no anchorage.

Chart 18720

(151) **Santa Barbara Channel** is 63 miles long and increases gradually in width from 11 miles at the E end to 23 miles at the W end. The channel is free of dangers and has depths of 40 to more than 300 fathoms along the recommended track from San Diego and Los Angeles to northern ports.

(152) Offshore oil wells and oil drilling platforms, some privately marked by lights, buoys, and fog signals, extend as much as 10 miles offshore between Point Hueneme and Point Conception.

Safety zones

(153) **Safety zones** have been established around the oil drilling platforms and an offshore storage and treatment vessel mooring area in:

(154) 34°07'02"N., 119°16'35"W. (**Platform Gina**);

(155) 34°07'30"N., 119°24'01"W. (**Platform Gail**);

(156) 34°10'56"N., 119°25'07"W. (**Platform Gilda**);

(157) 34°10'47"N., 119°28'05"W. (**Platform Grace**);

(158) 34°23'27"N., 120°07'14"W. (**Platform Hondo**);

(159) 34°24'19"N., 120°06'00"W. (**an offshore storage and treatment vessel mooring area**);

(160) 34°22'36"N., 120°10'03"W. (**Platform Harmony**);

(161) 34°21'01"N., 120°16'45"W. (**Platform Heritage**);

(162) 34°27'19"N., 120°38'47"W. (**Platform Hermosa**);

(163) 34°28'09.5"N., 120°40'46.1"W. (**Platform Harvest**);

(164) 34°29'42"N., 120°42'08"W. (**Platform Hidalgo**); and

(165) 34°36'37.5"N., 120°43'46.0"W. (**Platform Irene**).

(166) (See **147.1 through 147.20, 147.1102, 147.1103, 147.1105 through 147.1107, 147.1109, 147.1110, and 147.1112 through 147.1116**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations and chapter 3 under **'Oil well structures'** for additional information.

(167) On the N side of Santa Barbara Channel is the mainland between Point Hueneme and Point Conception. On the S side is the northern group of the Channel Islands–Anacapa, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, and San Miguel–which break the force of the heavy westerly Pacific swell and afford a lee in winter from the full force of the SE gales.

(168) The E entrance to Santa Barbara Channel has a clear width of 2 miles between the 100-fathom curves, and lies between Anacapa Island and Point Hueneme. On the N side of this entrance is deep **Hueneme Canyon,** which extends from Point Hueneme in a SSW direction across the channel. The W entrance to the channel has a clear width of 10 miles between the 100-fathom curves, and lies between Richardson Rock and Point Conception. (See chapter 4 for details about the **Traffic Separation Scheme** between Point Fermin and Point Conception.)

Weather, Channel Islands

(169) The prevailing winds are W and NW and blow nearly every day, especially in the afternoon. Strong SE winds occur in the winter, and at times the sea is too rough for several days to permit the passage of small vessels.

(170) In the summer the winds in the channel are wholly different from those outside the islands and off the

coast to the NW. Under the N shore, which is protected by the bold range of the Santa Ynez Mountains, the W winds do not reach far E of Point Conception with much strength but are felt towards the islands, a strong NW wind and heavy swell coming in from the open ocean. The climate in the Santa Barbara Channel, because of this blocking of the winds, is much milder than to the N along the coast. However, during NW weather boats crossing the channel from the mainland usually encounter heavier seas as the islands are approached. The belt of rough seas, locally known as **Windy Lane,** lies along the N shores of the islands and is about 6 miles (11 km) wide. This sea condition is the opposite to that experienced in the crossing from Los Angeles-Long Beach to Santa Catalina Island. Strangers are cautioned that good seamanship sometimes calls for returning to the mainland rather than attempting Windy Lane when rough seas are encountered. These W winds usually begin about 1000 and grow progressively stronger until sundown.

(171) During heavy NW weather strong squally winds draw down the canyons between Point Conception and Capitan and pass directly offshore, causing a severe choppy sea. Heavy NW gales are often encountered off Point Conception on coming through Santa Barbara Channel, and great changes of climatic and meteorological conditions are experienced; the transition is often remarkably sudden and well defined.

(172) In the fall and winter, stiff northeasters are occasionally experienced at and near the E end of the channel. They come up without warning, usually at night in clear dry weather, and when the barometer is either high or rising rapidly. At such times small boats should be prepared to seek shelter at a moment's notice.

(173) During the summer heavy fogs are a common occurrence in the Santa Barbara Channel and envelop the main shore, channel, and islands. Sometimes the mainland and channel are clear while the islands alone are hidden. At other times all are clear during the day, but wrapped in dense wet fog nights and mornings. This condition, the fog lying offshore during the day and enveloping the land at night, is characteristic of the whole southern California coast. The fogs occur mostly during calm weather and light winds, and are generally dissipated by the strong NW winds.

(174) Winds at **San Nicolas Island,** located about 75 miles (140 km) southwest of Los Angeles, average 12 knots from the northwest on an annual basis. A peak wind of 57 knots was recorded in both July and August 1979. The average annual temperature for San Nicolas is 61°F (16.1°C). The average maximum is 66°F (18.9°C) and the average minimum is 55°F (12.8°C). An extreme maximum temperature of 103°F (39.4°C) was recorded in August 1976 and an extreme minimum of 30°F (-1.1°C) was recorded in January 1978. San Nicolas Island averages only 34 days each year with measurable precipitation. Snowfall has never been reported on the island.

(175) At **San Clemente Island**, about 60 miles (111 km) northwest of San Diego, west winds dominate at a lower average speed of only seven knots. The average annual temperature for San Clemente is 61°F (16.1°C). The average maximum temperature is 66°F (18.9°C) and the average minimum is 56°F (13.3°C). An extreme maximum temperature of 97°F (36.1°C) was recorded in April 1989 and extreme minimum of 33°F (0.6°C) was recorded in January 1976. San Clemente averages only 49 days each year with measurable precipitation. Snowfall has never been reported on the island.

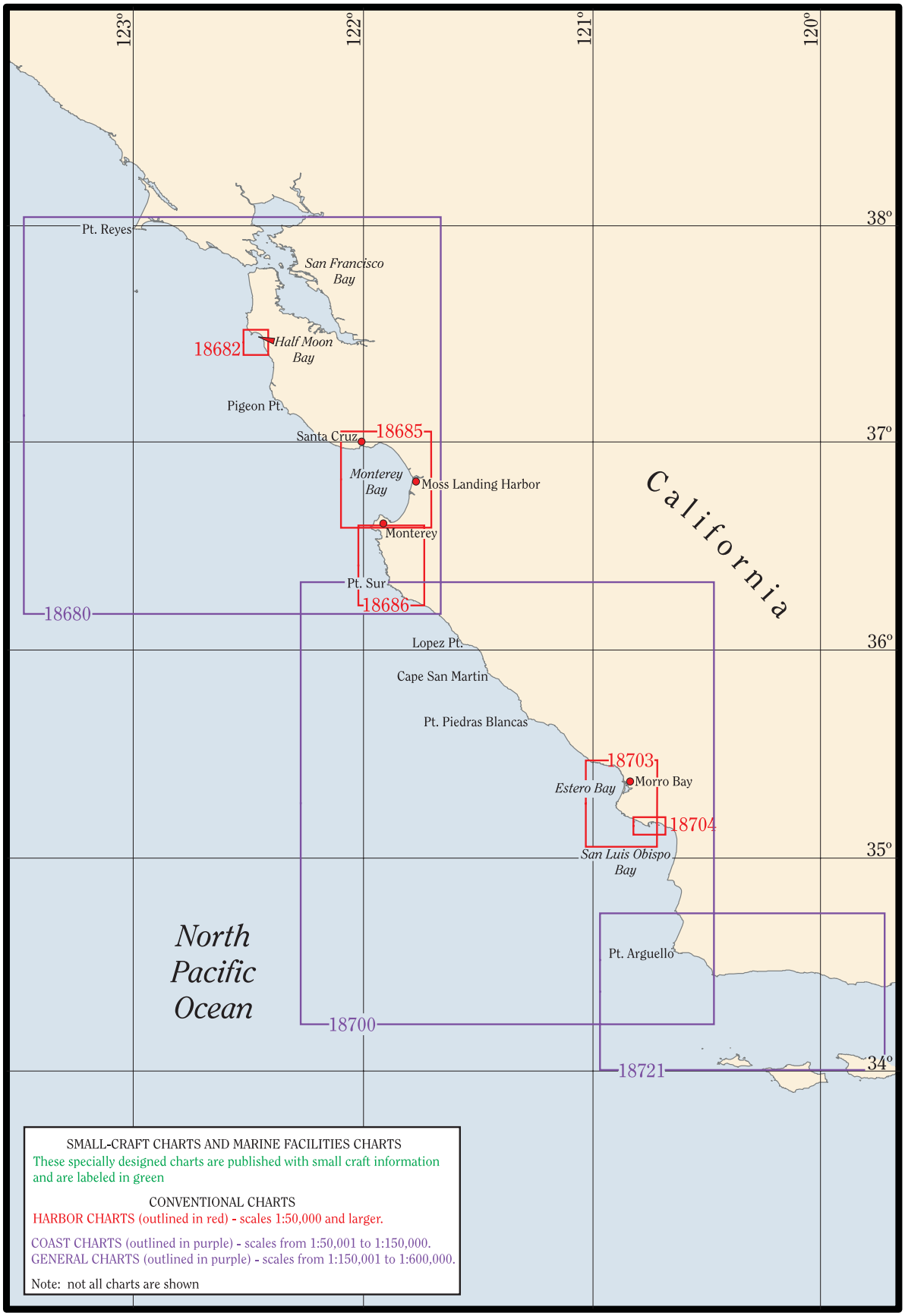
Currents

(176) Currents in Santa Barbara Channel are variable, depending to a great extent upon the wind. It appears that a weak nontidal flow sets E in the spring and summer, and W in autumn and winter.

(177) It has been observed that a strong inshore set prevails on a rising tide in the deep waters of Hueneme Canyon. In general, there are conflicting currents, at times quite strong, around the slopes of the submarine valleys both here and off Point Mugu.

(178) The tidal current sets along the N shore of Santa Barbara Channel with velocities of 0.5 to 1 knot. In heavy NW weather, the current and heavy swells make into the S side of the W entrance to the channel and along the N shore of San Miguel Island.

(179) The currents in the vicinity of the Channel Islands frequently follow the direction of the wind, with eddies under the lee of the islands and projecting points. Tidal currents of about 1 knot set through the passages between the islands.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Point Arguello to San Francisco Bay, California

(1) This chapter describes the waters of San Luis Obispo, Estero, Morro, Monterey, and Half Moon Bays; also, the port of Port San Luis, and the small-craft and commercial fishing harbors of Morro Bay, Monterey, Moss Landing, Santa Cruz, and Pillar Point. The coast, except for the bays, is rugged with many detached rocks close inshore and other dangers extending no more than 2 miles offshore. However, in 1975, shoaling to 10 fathoms was reported in 37°00.0'N., 122°30.1'W., about 12 miles SW of Pigeon Point. The area is well marked with navigational aids, and loran coverage is considered good.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(2) The lines established for this part of the coast are described in **80.1130 through 80.1140,** chapter 2.

Sea Otter Refuge

(3) The State of California Fish and Game Code prohibits the discharge of firearms or bows and the trapping of birds or mammals in the California Sea Otter Game Refuge. The refuge extends as a continuous band between the coastline and the three nautical mile limit for the state of California extending offshore from the mouth of the Santa Rosa Creek (35°34'N.) in the N. (See charts 18700 and 18680.) Additional information may be obtained by writing the Department of Fish and Game, Marine Region, 20 Lower Ragsdale Drive, Suite 100, Monterey, CA 93940, telephone 831-649-2870.

Weather, Point Arguello to San Francisco Bay

(4) The weather along this coast is mostly cool, damp, and foggy in the summer, becoming mild and wet in winter. Summer afternoons on the coast are often clear and pleasant. The dominant weather feature is the semipermanent Pacific high. In summer, it is big and strong and covers the entire region. Storms and fronts are forced to move along the N side, so few affect this coast. In winter, the high weakens and retreats SE. This allows storms or frontal systems to pass through the area about every 7 to 10 days, on the average. Sometimes a series of these systems may result in a prolonged period of strong winds and heavy rains along the central and southern California coast. This situation is rare and occurs about every 2 to 3 years.

(5) The clockwise flow around the highs results in a NW flow along the coast in summer. These winds are enhanced by the formation of a thermal low over land, to the SE. The combination of these two features results in a sea breeze that can reach 20 knots during the afternoon and persist, at lower speeds, until midnight. Daytime temperatures often climb to near 70°F (21.1°C); nighttime lows drop to the low fifties (10.6° to 11.7°C) in summer. Occasionally a hot flow from the land will push temperatures into the nineties (32.8° to 37.2°C). This is as likely in early fall as it is in summer. The winds blowing across the cool **California Current** produce low clouds and sea fog. These conditions are prevalent close to the coast in the early morning hours. They improve during the day, particularly close to and on the shore. August and September are the worst months; fog reduces visibilities to below 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on more than 15 days per month at some locations.

(6) Winds are more variable, but often NW, in winter, becoming WNW in midwinter. Weak E winds often occur when a warm-type high centers itself over the **Great Basin** to the NE. (The Great Basin is the desert plateau comprising most of Nevada, western Utah and portions of northern Arizona.) This warm high pressure system produces clear skies and ideal conditions for land fog, which may drift out over coastal waters. This fog, while often dense, is shallow and usually burns off during the morning hours. Occasionally following a passage of a cold front, a cold-type high will move into the Great Basin. This can result in a foehn wind, over central and southern California, known as a **Santa Ana**. This NE wind flows down the canyons and into certain coastal basins. Its effect varies from place to place, but speeds may reach 50 knots. In some areas, an intensified sea breeze counterflow is observed. The most severe conditions are normally observed in late fall, but may occur from fall through spring, which is also considered the rainy season. From about November through April, precipitation occurs on about 6 to 12 days per month. Average maximum temperatures in

winter range from the middle fifties (11.7° to 13.9°C) around San Francisco, to the low sixties (16.1° to 17.2°C) at Point Arguello, while nighttime lows drop to the low to middle forties (5.0° to 8.3°C). Occasionally a cold outbreak will send temperatures below freezing (<0°C).

Charts 18700, 18721

(7) From Point Arguello to Point Sal, the coast trends N for 19.5 miles in two shallow bights separated by Purisima Point. From Point Sal the coast continues N for 14 miles, then bends sharply W for 6 miles to Point San Luis, forming San Luis Obispo Bay. Soundings are useful along this stretch of the coast, and between Point Arguello and Point San Luis the 20-fathom curve can be followed with safety in thick weather. In clear weather, the headlands and other natural features can be easily recognized.

(8) **Danger and restricted areas** extend 3.5 miles offshore from S of Point Arguello to Point Sal. (See **334.1130**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(9) **Point Pedernales,** 1.5 miles N of Point Arguello, and the largest of the numerous rocks as far as 300 yards offshore, are very dark and conspicuous alongside the sand dunes immediately N of the point.

(10) **La Honda Canyon,** 2 miles N of Point Arguello, is a deep gulch crossed by a railroad trestle easily distinguished when abreast the mouth. From here the coast to Purisima Point consists of a low tableland and sand dunes that contrast strongly with the dark cliffs S.

(11) **Surf,** 7 miles N of Point Arguello, is a station along the railroad. The yellow station house and a black tank are conspicuous. A white elevated water tank, 1.3 miles NE of the station house, and several launching gantries at the Vandenberg Air Force Base are conspicuous along this section of the coast.

Chart 18700

(12) **Purisima Point**, 10.6 miles N of Point Arguello, is low and rocky, with reefs extending SE for 0.3 mile. The N side of the point is bare sand. It has been reported that an inshore set is experienced off the coast in the vicinity of the point. From Purisima Point to Point Sal, the coast is sandy and lower than that S.

(13) **Point Sal,** 19.5 miles N of Point Arguello, is a bold dark headland marked by stretches of yellow sandstone. From the NW the headland looks like a low conical hill with two higher conical hills immediately behind it. It rises gradually to a ridge, 1,640 feet high, 3 miles to the E. From the S the hills are not so well defined. **Lion Rock,** 54 feet high, is a rocky islet 200 yards off the S face of Point Sal. A small rock is close to the point. Breakers and reefs extend nearly 600 yards S and W from Point Sal and 200 yards SW of Lion Rock.

Anchorage

(14) Anchorage under Point Sal affords some protection from NW winds in 7 to 9 fathoms, sandy bottom, but is subject to swells. Shoal water extends nearly 0.5 mile W from the SE point of the anchorage. The best anchorage is in 7 fathoms 500 yards 123° from Lion Rock and with the northern end of the rock just open of the extremity of Point Sal.

(15) From Point Sal north the coast is a sand beach backed by low dunes for 14 miles and then changes to bold rocky cliffs that curve sharply W to Point San Luis and form the N shore of San Luis Obispo Bay.

(16) **Oceano** is a small resort 12 miles N of Point Sal. The county airport is here.

(17) **Pismo Beach** is a resort 14 miles N of Point Sal. The pleasure pier is 1,200 feet long and has 12 feet at the outer end. In 1983, the pier was partially destroyed by storms, and submerged pilings are reported to exist at the outer end. Caution is advised in the area near the pier. **Shell Beach** is a small residential settlement, 1.5 miles NW of Pismo Beach. An aerolight, 6 miles N of Pismo Beach, is visible from seaward.

Charts 18703, 18704

(18) **San Luis Obispo Bay**, 35 miles N of Point Arguello, is a broad bight that affords good shelter in N or W weather. S gales occur several times during the winter. The E shore is a narrow tableland that ends in cliffs 40 to 100 feet high to within 0.5 mile of **San Luis Obispo Creek** where a sand beach fronts **Avila Beach.** W of the creek the shore is high with rocky bluffs extending to **Point San Luis.**

(19) **Port San Luis,** on the W shore of the bay, is the seaport for San Luis Obispo which is 10 miles inland. The port is primarily a base for commercial fishing boats, sport-fishing boats, and recreational craft.

Prominent features

(20) Point San Luis, a bold prominent headland, and the pier in about 35°10'13"N., 120°44'27"W. are reported to be useful radar targets.

(21) **San Luis Obispo Light** (35°09.6'N., 120°45.6'W.), 116 feet above the water, is shown from a cylindrical structure on Point San Luis; a fog signal is at the light. **San Luis Hill,** 0.5 mile NW of the light, is prominent from the S.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(22) The lines established for San Luis Obispo Bay are described in **80.1130**, chapter 2.

Anchorage

(23) The general anchorage is inside a line extending SW from Fossil Point to the outer end of a breakwater which extends SE from Whaler Island. Mariners should contact the harbormaster's office for anchorage information.

(24) **Special anchorages** are E of Avila Pier 1 (County Wharf) and in the W end of the harbor. (See **110.1 and 110.120**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) All anchorages are exposed to weather from the S and SE which cause heavy swells.

(25) The dangers off the entrance to San Luis Obispo Bay are buoyed; the E part of the bay has many rocks and heavy growths of kelp. **Souza Rock,** 2.1 miles SE of San Luis Obispo Light, is covered 16 feet and rises abruptly from 19 fathoms. **Westdahl Rock,** 1.3 miles SW of the light, is covered 18 feet and rises abruptly from 10 fathoms. **Howell Rock,** 1.6 miles E of the light, is covered 13 feet. **Lansing Rock** covered 18 feet and **Atlas Rock** covered 13 feet are 0.7 and 0.5 mile E of the light, respectively.

(26) A 2,400-foot breakwater, extending SE from Point San Luis through **Whalers Island** to a ledge partly bare at low water, provides some protection to vessels at anchor or at the wharves. **Smith Island,** 44 feet high and about 90 yards wide, is 0.2 mile N of Whalers Island.

Routes

(27) San Luis Obispo Bay may be entered from S by passing 100 yards W of the lighted gong buoy marking Souza Rock, thence a **000°** course for about 2 miles until past Lansing Rock, and thence to anchorage or to the wharves. From N stay outside the lighted bell buoy marking Westdahl Rock and the lighted whistle buoy off Point San Luis breakwater, then head into the bay as previously mentioned.

Tides

(28) The mean range of tide at Avila Beach is 3.6 feet, and the diurnal range of tide is 5.4 feet. A range of about 9 feet may occur on days of maximum tides. The lowest low water is about 2.5 feet below mean lower low water.

(29) Port San Luis is a **customs port of entry.**

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(30) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.) Vessels subject to inspection are requested to contact the harbormaster's office.

(31) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with the regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

Harbor regulations

(32) The port of Port San Luis is administered by the Port San Luis Harbor District and under the control of a harbormaster. The office is at the foot of Harford Pier 3. The harbormaster monitors VHF-FM channel 16 and can be contacted by phone at 805-595-5435. Transients should report to the harbormaster for guest mooring assignments.

Wharves

(33) Harford Pier 3, 0.5 mile N of Point San Luis, is used by commercial and sport fisherman. The berthing space at the end has 17 to 20 feet alongside. In 1990, shoaling to an unknown extent was reported along the pier. The pier is lighted at night. A fuel dock is at the bulkhead just N of the pier. The pier is operated by the Port San Luis Harbor District.

(34) The California Polytechnic State University Pier, 1 mile NE of Point San Luis, has 31 feet along both sides. The entire length of the pier is lighted at night. It is not safe to moor alongside in strong S to SE weather; vessels usually leave the pier on the approach of a storm and anchor until it moderates.

(35) Avila Pier 1 (County Wharf), 1.4 miles NE of Point San Luis, was damaged by a winter storm in 1983. Submerged obstructions are reported to be in the area near the pier. A submarine sewer line is about 40 feet E and parallel to the pier.

Supplies and repairs

(36) Gasoline, diesel fuel, water, marine supplies, a launching ramp, and a 50-ton mobile hoist are available. Some repairs can be made.

Communications

(37) Transportation is by automobile to San Luis Obispo where rail, bus, and air connections can be made.

Charts 18703, 18700

(38) From Point San Luis to Point Buchon, the coast trends NW for 9 miles and consists of cliffs 40 to 60 feet high. The land rises rapidly from the cliffs to Mount Buchon. There are numerous outlying rocks and submerged ledges that extend more than a mile from the shore in some places.

(39) Point San Luis and Point Buchon, both bold prominent headlands, are reported to be useful radar targets when navigating this section of the coast.

(40) **Mount Buchon,** a rugged mountain mass between San Luis Obispo Bay, Estero Bay, and the valley of San Luis Obispo, is prominent from either N or S. **Saddle Peak,** 4.1 miles NNW of San Luis Obispo Light, is visible for over 40 miles.

(41) **Santa Rosa Reef,** 1.4 miles WSW from San Luis Obispo Light, is covered 2¾ fathoms and rises abruptly from 13 fathoms. **Lone Black Rock,** 2 feet high and of small extent, is 0.5 mile W from the light and 0.2 mile offshore.

(42) **Pecho Rock,** 40 feet high, is 3 miles WNW from the light and 0.5 mile offshore. A smaller rock, 2 feet high, is 0.3 mile E from it. Foul ground, marked by kelp, is between the rocks and the shore.

(43) In August 1984, a fish haven, covered about 41 feet, was under construction about 1 mile NW of Pecho Rock.

(44) **Diablo Canyon,** 5.8 miles NW of Point San Luis Light, is the site of a large nuclear powerplant. The two concrete dome-shaped structures and other large buildings are conspicuous from well offshore. A **security zone** has been established in the waters of the Pacific Ocean off Diablo Canyon. (See **165.1155**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(45) A sharp prominent dark gray rock, 111 feet high, is 0.1 mile offshore from the powerplant.

(46) **Lion Rock,** 0.9 mile NW from the powerplant and 0.2 mile offshore, is 240 yards long in a NW direction and 136 feet high. A high rock lies between it and the shore, and a small low rock is 200 yards W.

(47) **Point Buchon** ends in an overhanging cliff 40 feet high, with a low tableland behind that rises rapidly to a bare hill a mile to the E. There are a few detached rocks close under the cliffs. A lighted whistle buoy is 1 mile SW of the point and about 400 yards WSW of a rock covered 3¾ fathoms.

(48) **Estero Bay** is formed by a curve in the coast between Point Buchon and **Point Estero,** 13.5 miles NNW. The shore of the bay follows a general N direction from Point Buchon for 11 miles, then turns sharply W for 5 miles to Point Estero. The N part of Estero Bay is fringed with covered rocks and scattered kelp. The seaward faces of Cayucos Point and Point Estero are cliffs 50 to 90 feet high.

(49) The coast drops abruptly from bold Mount Buchon to a sandy spit bordering Morro Bay and then rises to a bluff-bordered treeless country of rolling hills.

(50) Point Estero, Morro Rock, and Cayucos Point are reported to be useful radar targets in the vicinity of Estero and Morro Bays.

(51) **Morro Bay,** 6 miles N of Point Buchon, is a shallow lagoon separated from Estero Bay by a narrow strip of sand beach. The port facilities at the city of **Morro Bay,** a mile inside the entrance, are used by commercial fishing, sport-fishing, and recreational craft.

(52) **Morro Rock,** the tall cone-shaped mound on the N side of the entrance to Morro Bay, is the dominant landmark in this area. A breakwater, extending 600 yards S from the rock, is marked at its outer end by **Morro Bay West Breakwater Light** (35°21'46"N., 120°52'11"W.), 36 feet above the water and shown from a white column. A fog signal is at the light. Sections of the S end of the breakwater are reported to be frequently awash under heavy seas and high tides, but have never been observed completely submerged.

(53) The three 450-foot powerplant stacks 0.5 mile E of Morro Rock are visible from far offshore. The standpipe about 500 yards E of the stacks is prominent from close in. **Hollister Peak,** 4.2 miles ESE of Morro Rock, is the most prominent of a row of peaks behind Morro Bay because of its jagged outline.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(54) The lines established for Estero-Morro Bay are described in **80.1132,** chapter 2.

Channels

(55) The entrance to Morro Bay is through a buoyed channel between the protective breakwaters. Due to continual shifting of the channel, the buoys are not charted as they are frequently shifted to mark the best water.

(56) Mariners are advised to use extreme caution when entering the bay and to contact the harbormaster or Coast Guard Group Long Beach on VHF-FM channel 16 for current entrance and channel conditions.

(57) From Fairbank Point, on the E side of the bay, a privately maintained channel leads S to the Morro Bay State Park Basin at **White Point**; the depth for 0.3 mile is about 7½ feet. The basin has depths of about 8 feet. Vessels heading for the basin should approach White Point close inshore as the channel narrows at this point. In July 1993, shoaling to 1 foot was at the entrance to the basin. Swells from North Pacific winter storms sometimes break across the entire entrance.

Anchorages

(58) **Special anchorages** are in Morro Bay, 1 and 2 miles above the entrance. (See **110.1 and 110.125**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Tides

(59) The mean range of tide at Morro Beach is 3.5 feet, and the diurnal range of tide is 5.2 feet.

(60) Extremely high waves created by the sandbars in the entrance to Morro Bay make dangerous navigation conditions.

Currents

(61) Currents in the entrance channel and around the breakwaters are strong at times. It is advisable to approach the entrance from the SW because of the currents and sea conditions. Sharp turns should be avoided in the vicinity of the breakwaters, especially in heavy weather. It is reported that currents in the N part of the bay, especially flood currents, have a tendency to set vessels toward the city north T-pier.

Weather, Estero Bay

(62) Estero Bay is one of the foggiest areas along the Pacific Coast. The fog is most common in the mornings and evenings. (See Weather, West Coast and Hawaii, indexed as such, chapter 3, for further information.)

Coast Guard

(63) A Coast Guard station is at the foot of the city north T-pier. The station maintains motor lifeboats and monitors VHF-FM channel 16.

Harbor regulations

(64) Morro Bay Harbor is owned by the city of Morro Bay and is under the control of a **harbormaster**, who maintains an office at the foot of the city north T-pier. The harbormaster monitors VHF-FM channels 16 and 12 and can be reached by telephone at 805-772-6254. Harbor patrol boats operate from the city north T-pier and monitor VHF-FM channel 16. The boats are manned during daylight, and a patrolman is on call at all other times.

(65) Yachts and small craft may tie up to the yacht club dock; otherwise they must either anchor in the bay or check with the harbormaster for other accommodations

Wharves

(66) The city north T-pier, at the city of Morro Bay, is on the N side of the harbor about 0.8 mile above the entrance; depths alongside are about 22 feet. The pier is owned and operated by the city of Morro Bay.

(67) The city south T-pier, SE of the city north T-pier, is owned and operated by the city. It has about 20 feet alongside.

Supplies and repairs

(68) Gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, a launching ramp, and marine supplies are available in the port.

(69) A boat works has a crane that can handle craft up to 20 tons and 50 feet long; hull, engine, and rigging repairs can be made.

(70) For 3 miles N of Morro Rock, submerged pipelines extend up to 0.6 mile offshore in Estero Bay. A rock covered 5¼ fathoms, 1.3 miles NW of Morro Rock, is marked by a gong buoy. An unmarked fish haven, covered 6¾ fathoms, is about 1.4 miles NNW of Morro Rock in about 35°23'36"N., 120°52'32"W.

(71) **Cayucos,** 4.5 miles N of Morro Rock and in the NE part of Estero Bay, has a fishing and pleasure pier; a depth of 12 feet is at the outer end.

(72) Anchorage with fair shelter from the N and NW may be had in 11 fathoms, sandy bottom, with the prominent white concrete tank on a hill W of Cayucos bearing 017°.

(73) **Mouse Rock,** 0.7 mile W of Cayucos, is covered ½ fathom and breaks heavily in all but smooth weather; it is marked by a bell buoy.

(74) **Cayucos Point,** 2 miles W of Cayucos, is a low rocky promontory. **Constantine Rock,** 0.5 mile S of the point, is covered 1 fathom and breaks heavily in a moderate swell; it is marked on the S side by a buoy.

Chart 18700

(75) From Point Estero N for 8 miles to the village of Cambria, the bluffs increase in height and the range of grassy hills is close to shore. The shore is well fringed with kelp; several rocks are close inshore. **White Rock,** 6 miles NW of Point Estero, is the most prominent. A pinnacle rock, 0.7 mile SW of White Rock, is covered 5½ fathoms.

(76) **Von Helm Rock,** 7.2 miles NW of Point Estero and nearly a mile offshore, is covered 2½ fathoms. The rock is very sharp and breaks only in the roughest weather.

(77) **Cambria** is about 1 mile inland in a grove of pine trees. Some of the streets and buildings are visible from seaward. No landing or anchorage is recommended.

(78) From Cambria for 6.5 miles to San Simeon, rocks continue close inshore, but the bluffs decrease in height and the hills recede from the shoreline. Thick groves of pine trees scatter the hillsides. Of the several rocks offshore, **Cambria Rock,** 10 feet high, and **Pico Rock,** 12 feet high, are the largest, but they are not prominent from seaward. Shoal patches up to 360 yards surround Cambria Rock, and there is foul ground NW and S of Pico Rock. A shoal, 580 yards SW of Pico Rock, is covered 3¾ fathoms.

(79) **San Simeon Bay,** 14 miles NW of Point Estero, is formed by the shoreline curving sharply to the W, and on the W side by **San Simeon Point,** a low wooded projection extending SE. The trees show well from W, but from S the warehouses and buildings in San Simeon are more prominent. From W the point itself is not easily recognized by those not familiar with it.

(80) A lighted bell buoy, 0.4 mile SE of the point, marks the entrance to San Simeon Bay. The bay offers good

shelter in N weather, but is exposed to S gales in winter. The best anchorage is in the middle of the bight in 5 to 8 fathoms, hard sand bottom. A small ravine due W of the anchorage can be used to go ashore.

(81) **San Simeon,** 1.7 miles ESE of San Simeon Point, is a small town with a 995-foot sport fishing pier. A number of motels are in the town to handle the many tourists that visit Hearst Castle.

(82) Prominent **Hearst Castle,** 2.7 miles NE of San Simeon, is the former palace of the late William Randolph Hearst; it is now a State Historical Monument. The structure is lighted at night.

(83) The coast from San Simeon Point for 5 miles NW to Point Piedras Blancas, is low, with numerous detached rocks lying in some cases over 0.5 mile offshore and usually well marked by kelp.

(84) **Point Piedras Blancas** is a low rocky point projecting about 0.5 mile from the general trend of the coast. **Piedras Blancas Light** (35°39'56"N., 121°17'04"W.), 142 feet above the water, is shown from a white conical tower with a flat top at the point.

(85) **Piedras Blancas** are two large white rocks, 74 and 31 feet high, 500 yards offshore and about 0.8 mile E of the point. From the S they look like one rock.

(86) **Outer Islet,** a large and prominent white rock 110 feet high, is 0.25 mile W of the point. In hazy weather this rock is sometimes visible from the NW and W when the light cannot be seen.

(87) Anchorage for a small vessel, with protection from NW winds, may be had under Point Piedras Blancas in 4 to 5 fathoms, sandy bottom, with the light about 0.2 mile bearing 280°.

(88) A bank covered 11 fathoms, 3 miles WNW from Piedras Blancas Light, has been reported breaking in a heavy W swell.

(89) From Point Piedras Blancas for 6 miles NNW to the mouth of the San Carpoforo Valley, the coast is low, with small bluffs and rolling treeless hills. Numerous rocks, fringed with kelp, extend well offshore. **Harlech Castle Rock,** 0.7 mile offshore and 1.5 miles NW of Piedras Blancas Light, is the outermost rock and uncovers 1 foot; it is not usually marked by kelp. A shoal covered 2¾ fathoms, 0.5 mile NW of this rock, is surrounded by 10 to 12 fathoms.

(90) **La Cruz Rock,** 48 feet high and fairly prominent, is 3 miles NNW of Piedras Blancas Light and just S of Point Sierra Nevada. A sandy beach inshore from the rock is a fair landing place in heavy NW weather. This stretch of beach is relatively free from breakers in NW weather. There is a suitable anchorage for small boats E of the N limits of the rock in heavy NW or light S weather.

(91) **Point Sierra Nevada,** a low inconspicuous bluff, is named for the steamship SIERRA NEVADA, which stranded on the rock 400 yards NW of the point.

(92) About 1.8 miles N of Point Sierra Nevada is a group of isolated buildings inland from **Breaker Point;** the point is not prominent nor easily identified.

(93) **Ragged Point,** 6 miles N of Point Piedras Blancas, is a low projection readily identified, being the first point S of prominent San Carpoforo Valley; visible rocks and ledges extend about 0.3 mile W of the point.

(94) From Ragged Point NW for 41 miles to the Big Sur River, the coast is very bold and rugged. The cliffs are 200 to 500 feet high, and the land rises rapidly to elevations of 2,500 to 5,000 feet within 2 to 3 miles from the coast. There are few beaches and few outlying rocks. The highway along the coast is plainly visible from seaward.

(95) Two conspicuous landmarks lie between Ragged Point and Cape San Martin. **White Rock No. 1,** 39 feet high and rather sharp, is 0.5 mile offshore and 3.8 miles NW of Ragged Point, about 200 yards W of White Rock No. 1 is a rock awash. **White Rock No. 2,** 64 feet high and with a rounded top, is 0.2 mile offshore and 5.8 miles NW of Ragged Point.

(96) **Salmon Cone,** 500 feet high, is a rocky butte close to the shore and 0.5 mile NE of White Rock No. 1. The cone is not conspicuous as it blends into the background.

(97) Several deep narrow gulches indent the coast between Salmon Cone and Cape San Martin. Two of the most prominent are **Villa Creek** and **Alder Creek.** Villa Creek is crossed by a conspicuous white bridge.

(98) A pinnacle rock, covered 1¾ fathoms, is 1.7 miles SE of Cape San Martin and 0.5 mile offshore.

(99) **Whaleboat Rock,** which uncovers 5 feet, and **Bird Rock,** 5 feet high, are about a mile SE of Cape San Martin; they are conspicuous only when close inshore. A group of buildings is on the bluff just N of these rocks.

(100) **Cape San Martin,** 16 miles NW of Point Piedras Blancas, has a ragged precipitous seaward face and is readily identified by the **San Martin Rocks.** From S, the inner rock, which is 100 yards offshore, is the most prominent, being 144 feet high and white in appearance. The middle rock is 34 feet high and triangular. The outer and northernmost rock is cone-shaped, 44 feet high, and 0.5 mile offshore.

(101) **Willow Creek** bridge, about 0.3 mile N of Cape San Martin, is prominent from W.

(102) From Cape San Martin for 9.5 miles to Lopez Point, the coast forms an open bight with rugged shores intersected occasionally by deep narrow valleys. There are a few detached rocks, but only two extend far from the shoreline.

(103) **Plaskett Rock** is a large prominent white rock, 110 feet high, 2 miles N of Cape San Martin and 0.3 mile offshore.

(104) **Tide Rock,** 4 miles N of Cape San Martin and 0.7 mile offshore, is awash and quite sharp; it is a menace in smooth weather as there is no breaker to indicate its position.

(105) **Lopez Point,** 9.5 miles NW of Cape San Martin, is a narrow tableland, 100 feet high, projecting a short distance from the highland. **Lopez Rock,** 51 feet high with a prominent cleft in the middle, is 0.3 mile offshore and 0.8 mile NW of Lopez Point. A shoal covered 6 fathoms is 0.3 mile SW of Lopez Rock.

(106) An open anchorage affording some protection from NW weather may be had about 1 mile SE of Lopez Point in 10 fathoms, sandy bottom. Smaller vessels may obtain better shelter by anchoring inside the kelp bed in about 5 fathoms, sandy bottom, with Lopez Point bearing about 287°. A rock covered 1¾ fathoms is in the kelp beds 0.5 mile SE of Lopez Point.

(107) **Harlan Rock,** 10 feet high, is 0.3 mile offshore and 1.7 miles ESE of Lopez Point. The rock is conspicuous only when approaching the anchorage. A shoal covered ¾ fathom is 680 yards SE of Harlan Rock.

(108) Several peaks are prominent behind Lopez Point. **Junipero Serra Peak,** 10 miles NE of Lopez Point, has pines on and near the summit. **Twin Peak** and **Cone Peak,** 4 miles NE of Lopez Point, are known as the twin peaks; they have scattered trees on their summits and are good landmarks even at night. An observation tower on the summit of Cone Peak is lighted when occupied.

(109) From Lopez Point for 17.5 miles to Pfeiffer Point, the coast is rugged, and high mountains rise precipitously from the shore. The coastline makes in slightly, forming a shallow bight. Several hundred feet above the beach, the slopes are marked by numerous highway cuts, and the highway bridges over these are conspicuous from offshore.

(110) **Square Black Rock,** 4 miles NNW of Lopez Point, is 62 feet high.

(111) **Dolan Cone,** 4.5 miles NNW of Lopez Point, is white in appearance and 77 feet above the water.

(112) **Little Slate Rock,** 7.5 miles NNW of Lopez Point, is 4 feet high; **Slate Rock** is 18 feet high. Both rocks are discernible only when close inshore.

(113) Two major landslides are prominent in the vicinity of **Partington Point,** about 6.5 miles ESE of Pfeiffer Point.

(114) A prominent dwelling, visible from the W and N, is on a bluff 5.5 miles ESE of Pfeiffer Point. Several conspicuous highway bridges cross the canyons. The highway leaves the coast about 3.5 miles ESE of Pfeiffer Point and does not appear again until N of Point Sur.

(115) A deep submarine valley makes in from the S in the bight 13.5 miles NW of Lopez Point and 4.5 miles SE of Pfeiffer Point. The head of the canyon parallels the shore for about a mile and the 100-fathom curve lies only 500 yards from the shore.

Chart 18686

(116) **Pfeiffer Point**, 17.5 miles NW of Lopez Point and 6 miles SE of Point Sur, is 400 to 500 feet high; it is the seaward end of a long ridge 2,000 feet high, 1.5 miles NE of the point. The point presents a bold, precipitous, light-colored face to seaward. It is distinguished from the S by its color, and from N the pointed summit stands out. The point is more prominent from N than from S. **Sycamore Canyon** is immediately NW of the point.

Anchorage

(117) Anchorage, affording fair protection in N and NW weather, may be had for small vessels about 0.9 mile ESE of Pfeiffer Point and 500 yards offshore in 8 fathoms, sandy bottom, with chain sufficient to clear the kelp line. This anchorage is used extensively by local fishermen. Access by land is difficult as the road is poor.

(118) **Cooper Point,** 1.5 miles NW of Pfeiffer Point, is marked by a prominent pinnacle 172 feet high and an off-lying rock 18 feet high.

(119) From the mouth of **Big Sur River,** 3.5 miles NW of Pfeiffer Point, to Point Sur, the shore is low, with sand beaches and dunes extending E. Submerged rocks and ledges extend 1 mile or more offshore in some places between Cooper Point and Point Sur.

(120) **False Sur,** 1.2 miles SE of Point Sur Light, is a 209-foot rounded hillock of somewhat similar appearance to Point Sur, and during fog and low visibility may be mistaken for it.

(121) **Point Sur,** 121 miles NW of Point Arguello and 96 miles SSE of San Francisco Bay entrance, is a black rocky butte 361 feet high with low sand dunes extending E from it for over 0.5 mile. From N or S, it looks like an island and in clear weather is visible about 25 miles. The buildings on the summit of Point Sur may confuse the stranger. **Point Sur Light** (36°18.4'N., 121°54.1'W.), 250 feet above the water, is shown from a white tower on a gray stone building on the seaward face of the point. The buildings of a U.S. Naval Facility for oceanographic research are about 0.5 mile E from the light.

(122) **Pico Blanco,** 4.5 miles E of Point Sur, rises from the long ridge bordering the S side of Little Sur River. The pointed and white-topped peak is prominent in clear weather.

(123) **Sur Rock,** 1.8 miles SSE from Point Sur Light and nearly 0.8 mile offshore, is awash. A shoal covered 2 fathoms, 0.3 mile W of Point Sur, breaks heavily in all but very smooth weather. About 0.5 mile SW from Sur Rock is a shoal covered 4½ fathoms that breaks in heavy weather. Extending 0.9 mile from Sur Rock toward Point Sur are many covered rocks that show breakers in moderately smooth weather. Foul ground lies between the rocks and the beach. These dangers are usually well marked by kelp, but it is a dangerous locality in thick or foggy weather, and vessels should stay in depths greater than 30 fathoms.

Chart 18680

(124) The coast trends NNW from Point Sur for 17 miles to Cypress Point, then NE for 4 miles to Point Pinos.

(125) Monterey Bay is a broad open bight 20 miles wide between Point Pinos and Point Santa Cruz. The shores decrease in height and boldness as Point Pinos is approached, while those of Monterey Bay are, as a rule, low and sandy. The valleys of Salinas and Pajaro Rivers, which empty into the E part of Monterey Bay, are marked depressions in the coastal mountain range and are prominent as such from a considerable distance seaward. From Point Santa Cruz the coast curves W and N for 23 miles to Pigeon Point, and then extends for 25 miles in a general NNW direction to Point San Pedro, the S headland of the Gulf of the Farallones.

(126) Between Cypress Point and Point Pinos the coast is bold and the 30-fathom curve is less than 1 mile from shore in many places; deep submarine valleys extend into Carmel Bay and Monterey Bay. N of Monterey Bay, depths are more regular and the few dangers extend less than 1 mile from shore.

(127) **Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary** was established to protect and manage the conservation, ecological, recreational, research, educational, historical and esthetic resources and qualities of the coastal and ocean waters and submerged lands in and surrounding Monterey Bay. (See **15 CFR 922,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Routes

(128) **Routes** or **recommended tracks** for vessels **300 gross tons and higher** transiting the vicinity of Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary are from a position (**36°18.31'N., 122°12.79'W.**) 15 miles off Point Sur, to a position (**37°10.86'N., 122°39.74'W.**) 12.7 miles off Pigeon Point, for N bound vessels; and from a position (**37°10.85'N., 122°43.87'W.**) 16 miles off Pigeon Point, to a position (**36°18.29'N., 122°18.98'W.**) 20 miles off Point Sur, for **S bound vessels**.

(129) Vessels carrying **hazardous bulk cargo** recommended tracks are further offshore, beginning at a position (**36°18.27'N., 122°25.16'W.**) 25 miles off Point Sur, to a position (**37°10.81'N., 122°55.14'W.**) 25 miles off Pigeon Point, for N bound vessels; and from a position (**37°10.78'N., 123°01.39'W.**) 30 miles off Pigeon Point, to a position (**36°18.24'N., 122°31.35'W.**) 30 miles off Point Sur, for S bound vessels.

(130) **Tank vessels** are recommended to transit the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary area well offshore (at least 50 miles). Tank vessels and vessels **carrying hazardous cargo** transiting San Francisco Golden Gate are recommended to use the Main (W) Traffic Lanes when proceeding to and from S of San Francisco Traffic Separation Scheme.

Chart 18686

(131) Just N of Point Sur (36°18.4'N., 121°54.0'W.), a sandy beach and bluff continue for 1.8 miles to **Little Sur River,** where the coast becomes bold, the 30-fathom curve lying in many cases less than 1 mile from shore. The highway returns to the coast just N of Point Sur and is visible from seaward until it reaches Pinnacle Point. It is marked by several bridges.

(132) **Ventura Rocks,** 2.2 miles N of Point Sur, are two rocks close together about 0.6 mile offshore. The N rock is conical-shaped and 12 feet high. It is fairly conspicuous when seen from the N with the sand bluff N of Point Sur as a background, but when seen from the S it is confused with the rocks near the beach and to the N. The S rock uncovers.

(133) From the conspicuous valley of the Little Sur River for more than 7 miles to Soberanes Point, the coast, although moderately straight, is bold, rugged, and broken, with numerous detached rocks and covered ledges close inshore.

(134) **Bixby Landing,** 4 miles N of Point Sur, is identified by a prominent concrete arch bridge across Bixby Creek; the bridge shows well to the W, but is obscured to the N. Less prominent is another concrete arch bridge across Rocky Creek, which is just N of Bixby Creek.

(135) **Soberanes Point** projects slightly from the general trend of the coast. An isolated 200-foot grassy hillock lies immediately back of the point, and a grassy ridge extends inland to heights of 1,600 feet.

(136) The 4.6-mile coastline from Soberanes Point to Pinnacle Point is rugged and broken, but becomes less precipitous and the mountain ridges lessen in height as

Pinnacle Point is approached. Innumerable rocks and ledges extend in some cases over 0.3 mile offshore.

(137) **Lobos Rocks,** a group of small rocky islets, are nearly 0.5 mile W of Soberanes Point. The two larger islets are white-topped, and each is about 40 feet high. From seaward they rise abruptly from 20 fathoms, but there is foul ground between them.

(138) **Mount Carmel** (chart 18680), 7.3 miles NE of Point Sur, is round and bare on the summit. This peak and **Pico Blanco,** 4.5 miles E of Point Sur, sometimes can be seen when the lower land is covered by fog or haze.

(139) **Yankee Point,** 2.5 miles N of Soberanes Point, projects 0.3 mile from the general trend of the coast. The seaward face is irregular and broken, with numerous detached rocks. **Yankee Point Rock,** 6 feet high, is 125 yards W of the point. A covered rock that generally breaks is 0.4 mile S of the point and the same distance offshore.

(140) **Pinnacle (Carmel) Point,** the outer tip of **Point Lobos** and the S point at the entrance to Carmel Bay, is an irregular, jagged, rocky point 100 feet high. **Whalers Knoll,** the 200-foot-high hill 0.5 mile ESE of Pinnacle Point, is one of the prominent knobs on Point Lobos. **Sea Lion Rocks** are a group of rocks off the point. A rock, formerly known as Whalers Rock, is the farthest offshore of the group and is 0.5 mile SW of the point. It is 12 feet high, the most conspicuous of the group, and more prominent from the N than from the S.

(141) The entire Point Lobos area is included in a State ecological reserve. Regulations prohibit landing anywhere within its boundaries. **Whalers Cove,** the bight on the N shore 0.8 mile ESE of Pinacle Point, may be used as a harbor of refuge only. Kelp growth is quite heavy in the cove.

(142) **Carmel Bay** is a 2.8-mile-wide open bight between Pinnacle Point and Cypress Point. The beach in front of the city of Carmel is low, but the land on the S side of the bay is bare and mountainous, and the N side is hilly and heavily wooded.

(143) Carmel Bay affords shelter in N and S weather to small craft having local knowledge. In N weather anchorage may be had in two coves on the N shore, **Pebble Beach** on the W and **Stillwater Cove** on the E. These are shallow kelp-filled bights, with rock and gravel bottom. Anchorage is in 1 to 3 fathoms, but local knowledge is necessary to avoid the dangers. In S weather, anchorage may be had in Whalers Cove in 3 to 4 fathoms, rock or gravel bottom, but there is a rock covered 1¾ fathoms near the middle of the cove.

(144) **Carmel Canyon,** a deep submarine valley, heads in the SE part of Carmel Bay and has depths of 50 fathoms less than 0.2 mile from the beach. The bay is not recommended for strangers.

(145) On the NE shore of Carmel Bay, and N of **Carmel River,** is the city of **Carmel.** The lights of Carmel are prominent on a clear night. The tower of Carmelite Monastery, 1.5 mile E of Pinnacle Point, is a conspicuous structure.

(146) **Cypress Point,** on the N side of the entrance to Carmel Bay, is comparatively low and extends about 2 miles beyond the general trend of the coast. The cliffs are steep, and numerous detached rocks are close under them. The point is heavily wooded to within 400 yards of its tip. **Cypress Point Rock,** 12 feet high, is 450 yards NW of Cypress Point and is prominent from either N or S. A lighted gong buoy is NW of the point.

Chart 18685

(147) From Cypress Point to Point Pinos, the coast trends NE for 4 miles. Numerous small rocks and ledges closely border the shoreline. The land is low, with the height of the cliff decreasing toward **Point Joe,** a rocky extension of the shoreline where the surf breaks heavily. From this point to Point Pinos, white sand dunes are conspicuous against the dark trees behind them, even in moonlight.

(148) **Point Pinos,** on the S side of Monterey Bay, is low, rocky, and rounding with visible rocks extending offshore for less than 0.3 mile. The point is bare for about 0.2 mile back from the beach, and beyond that is covered with pines. **Point Pinos Light** (36°38.0'N., 121°56.0'W.), 89 feet above the water, is shown from a 43-foot white tower on a dwelling near the N end of the point. A lighted bell buoy is about 0.7 mile off the point.

(149) **Monterey Bay,** between Point Pinos and Point Santa Cruz, is a broad 20-mile-wide open roadstead. The shores are low with sand beaches backed by dunes or low sandy bluffs. **Salinas Valley,** the lowland extending E from about the middle of the bay, is prominent from seaward as it forms the break between the Santa Lucia Range S and the high land of the Santa Cruz Mountains N. The bay is free of dangers, the 10-fathom curve lying at an average distance of 0.7 mile offshore. The submarine **Monterey Canyon** heads near the middle of the bay with a depth of over 50 fathoms about 0.5 mile from the beach near Moss Landing. Shelter from NW winds is afforded at Santa Cruz Anchorage and Soquel Cove, off the N shore of the bay, and from SW winds at Monterey Harbor, off the S shore. The tidal currents are reported to be generally weak except at the Deep-draft Mooring Facility about 0.8 mile NW from Moss Landing harbor entrance.

Weather, Monterey Bay

(150) Sea fog is a problem on the bay from about July through September. It is worse over open waters and along the exposed E shore. Around Monterey Harbor in the S and Santa Cruz Anchorage in the N, fog reduces visibility to less than 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on 4 to 8 days per month during the worst period. Close to shore, cloudiness begins to increase and descend in the evening by 2100 or 2200. Low clouds or fog cast a pall over the E shore. Around sunrise, conditions begin to improve, and, by 0900, visibilities are usually better than 0.5 mile (0.9 km). The best conditions occur in the early afternoon, when visibilities are less than 3 miles (6 km) and cloud ceiling are less than 1,500 feet (458 m) only 10 to 20 percent of the time. Clear skies and excellent visibility occur 15 to 20 percent of the time. Poor conditions can be expected over the bay and along exposed coasts on 10 to 15 days per month during July, August, and September. Moss Landing is an exposed location, and fog signals operate about 25 percent of the time in August. Radiation fog occurs infrequently from the fall through spring.

(151) Gales are rare over Monterey Bay; extreme gusts have been reported at 40 to 50 knots from October through May. The maximum gust for Monterey Peninsula was a gust of 60 knots from the NE in January 1989. Winds of 17 knots or more occur 1 to 4 percent of the time from November through March; they are rare during July, August, and September. Prevailing winds are W averaging seven knots, except in late fall and early winter, when E winds are as frequent. W through NW winds remain the predominant directions into October, when winds become more variable again.

(152) Winter winds over the bay are variable. Winds from the ESE are as common as winds from the WNW, and, along the shore, calms occur more than 20 percent of the time. In late winter, WNW winds prevail. Strongest winter winds are often out of the S. During spring and summer, they are most likely from the NW.

(153) The average annual temperature at Monterey is 57°F (13.9°C). The average maximum is 65°F (18.3°C) and the average minimum is 48°F (8.9°C). The all-time warmest temperature is 104°F (40°C) recorded in October of 1987. The coolest thermometer reading is 20°F (-6.7°C), recorded in December 1990. The average annual precipitation for Monterey is 18.6 inches (472 mm). Trace amounts of snow have fallen during February in Monterey.

Pilotage, Monterey Bay

(154) Pilotage in and out of Monterey Bay is compulsory for all vessels of foreign registry and U.S. vessels under enrollment not having a federal licensed pilot on board. The San Francisco Bar Pilots provide pilotage to harbors in Monterey Bay (see Pilotage, San Francisco, chapter 7 for contact information.) The pilot boarding area is within a 1-mile radius centered around a point located at 36°40'00"N., 121°58'00"W., about 2.5 miles NW of Point Pinos Light.

(155) A **restricted and a prohibited area** for an army firing range is in the SE part of the bay, and a naval operating area is in the NE part of the bay. (See **334.1150**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(156) **Pacific Grove,** a summer resort just SE of Point Pinos, has no commercial wharves, but a small solid-concrete jetty with low-level landing usable only on a seasonal basis, is just S of **Lovers Point**.

(157) **Monterey Harbor**, 3 miles SE of Point Pinos, is a compact resort harbor with some commercial activity and fishing. The harbor can accommodate over 800 vessels.

(158) Depths of more than 20 feet are available in the outer harbor and entrance, and 10 to 6 feet in the small-boat basin. There are many sport-fishing landings, and the small-craft basin provides good shelter for over 500 boats. There are four public launch ramps available in the harbor. The municipal marina has transient berths available and can provide electricity, pump-out, ice, and marine supplies; a 3-ton and 70-ton lift is available for hull, engine, and electrical repairs. The marina monitors VHF-FM channels 16 and 5. The boat yard, located just inside the breakwater has a 70-ton travel lift.

(159) **Monterey,** a colorful and picturesque city on the W side of the harbor, was the capital of California under Mexican rule and for sometime after it became a State. The old adobe custom house is still standing near the waterfront and is now used as a historical museum.

Prominent features

(160) Prominent features include the granite **Presidio Monument** on the brow of a hill on the W side of the harbor and a radio tower 0.6 mile N of the monument.

(161) Two radio towers just inshore from the sand dunes at **Marina,** 6.5 miles NE from the breakwater, are conspicuous in the S part of Monterey Bay. An aerolight at Monterey Peninsula Airport is 1.9 miles ESE of Monterey Harbor Breakwater Light 6. Another aerolight is 7.3 miles NE of Light 6.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(162) The lines established for Monterey Harbor are described in **80.1134**, chapter 2.

(163) Monterey Harbor breakwater is on the N side of the entrance to Monterey Harbor. The breakwater extends seaward from the Coast Guard pier for a combined

length of about 1,700 feet. This affords excellent protection in NW weather. However, in heavy weather there may be a strong surge in the harbor. The outer end of the breakwater is marked by a light. A fog signal is at the light. The outer harbor is marked by a private lighted junction buoy. The N channel at the junction buoy leads to a private marina and fuel dock. Loud-barking sea lions occupy the breakwater during the day and should not unnecessarily be disturbed.

Anchorages

(164) A **special anchorage** is just S of the breakwater. (See **110.1** and **110.126**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) A **seasonal special anchorage and mooring area** is just E of Municipal Wharf No. 2. Mariners operating in the vicinity of Monterey Harbor are requested to avoid transiting through this area. Mooring or anchoring is restricted based on current weather conditions. Permission to moor or anchor may be obtained through the Office of the Harbormaster.

Tides

(165) The mean range of tide at Monterey is 3.6 feet, and the diurnal range of tide is 5.4 feet. A range of about 8.5 feet may occur on days of maximum tides. The lowest low water is about 2 feet below mean lower low water.

Currents

(166) A very strong current is reported to exist at the small-boat basin entrance when swells run following winter storms. The current runs mainly from the breakwater towards Municipal Wharf No. 1; caution is advised.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(167) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(168) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

(169) Monterey is a **customs station.**

Coast Guard

(170) Monterey Coast Guard, Station Monterey, is at the foot of the Coast Guard pier.

Harbor regulations

(171) The harbor is owned by the city of Monterey and under the control of a harbormaster. His office is in a building on shore about midway between the two municipal wharves. Transients requesting berth assignments should contact either the harbormaster's office or the privately-owned Monterey Bay Boatworks Company on VHF-FM channel 16. The harbormaster can be

contacted by phone at 831-646-3950 or by the Internet website at http://www.monterey.org.

(172) The **speed limit** in the harbor is 3 knots.

Wharves

(173) Municipal Wharf No. 2, the most easterly pier, is 1,600 feet long and 86 feet wide at the outer end; depths alongside the outer E and W sides are 24 feet. Freight and supplies are handled by trucks directly to the pier; a 3-ton hoist is at the pier on the marina side.

(174) Municipal Wharf No. 1, frequently called Fishermans Wharf, is 300 yards W of Wharf 2. It is lined with restaurants and shops.

(175) A marina is just S of the foot of the Coast Guard dock. A 60-ton boat lift is available; complete hull, electrical, and electronic repairs are available.

Supplies

(176) Gasoline and diesel fuel are available at Municipal Wharf No. 2. Water, ice, and marine supplies, are available at the marina S of the Coast Guard dock and Municipal Wharf No. 2.

Communications

(177) Monterey has good air and highway connections with San Francisco and points S.

(178) **Moss Landing Harbor,** on the E shore of Monterey Bay 12.5 miles NE of Point Pinos and just N of the small town of **Moss Landing,** is a good harbor of refuge. The harbor is used by pleasure craft and a fishing fleet of about 300 boats. The harbor has 500 berths.

Prominent features

(179) The two huge stacks at a large powerplant near the harbor are the dominating landmarks on Monterey Bay. The stacks are 528 feet high and are marked by flashing red lights. Other stacks at the powerplant and at the nearby mineral processing plant are less conspicuous.

(180) An area of turbulent water caused by water discharge from the powerplant is marked by a private buoy 250 yards SW from the south jetty light; the turbulence may be dangerous to small craft.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(181) The lines established for Moss Landing Harbor are described in **80.1136**, chapter 2.

Channels

(182) A Federal project for Moss Landing Harbor provides for a 15-foot jettied entrance channel leading NE to an outer turning basin, and thence an inner channel

of the same depth leading S to an inner turning basin about 0.8 mile above the entrance. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of charts for controlling depths.) The approach to the harbor is marked by a lighted bell buoy. The entrance channel is marked by a buoy, lights and a **052°** lighted range. The jetties are marked by lights on their outer ends, and the inner channel is marked by lights, buoys, and a daybeacon. A fog signal is at the S jetty light. Shoaling usually occurs on the S side of the entrance between the jetties; vessels should favor the N side of the channel when entering.

(183) A channel, marked by private buoys, leads N from the outer turning basin to Moss Landing Harbor's North Harbor basin; a private yacht club is adjacent to the basin. In September 2004, the reported controlling depth was 10 feet, thence the North Harbor basin had depths of 10 to 16 feet. Because of frequent shoaling, local knowledge is advised prior to entering the channel.

Anchorage

(184) The anchorage off Moss Landing Harbor is unprotected, but the holding ground is good for larger vessels in fair weather.

Weather, Moss Landing

(185) The prevailing winds are NW, but there are a few SE winds and N gales during the winter. Mariners in the area should be aware of reported unique environmental conditions. Vessels have experienced sudden wind shifts during the late morning to early afternoon hours. At this time the new wind begins to generate its own waves from the W and NW, dissipating existing swells, and creating a cross pattern of waves giving the sea a "choppy" or confused appearance. During the first few hours following the wind shift, the appearance of the sea surface may not provide a reliable indication of the wind speed. This condition has effected ship handling by setting deep-draft vessels. Occasionally, when there is a southwesterly wind during an ebb tide, slight breaking seas cross the harbor entrance. (See Weather, West Coast and Hawaii, indexed as such, chapter 3, for further information.)

Harbor regulations

(186) The harbor is administered by the Moss Landing Harbor District and is under the control of a harbormaster. The office is near the inner turning basin. Transients should report to the harbormaster for mooring assignments. Contact the harbormaster on VHF-FM channel 9, 16 or telephone 831-633-2461 for local weather conditions.

Supplies and Repairs

(187) Gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, and some marine supplies can be obtained; bilge and sewage pumpout is available; a 70-ton mobile hoist is available for repair work.

(188) **Monterey Wind Gap.**–The great mountain barriers N and S of Monterey Bay and the receding shoreline to the E offer a broad entrance to the cold foggy NW winds of the summer, and they drive over the bay and well into Salinas Valley to the S.

(189) **Soquel Cove** is in the NE part of Monterey Bay, E of Santa Cruz Anchorage. Fair shelter is afforded in NW weather, but the cove is open to S weather. The best anchorage is SE of the mouth of **Soquel Creek** in 5 to 6 fathoms, sandy bottom.

(190) At **Seacliff Beach,** 0.5 mile W of **Aptos Creek,** a concrete ship has been beached and filled with sand. The pleasure pier for sport fishing extends from ship to the shore.

(191) A small fishing and pleasure wharf at **Capitola,** on the NW side of Soquel Cove, has 11 feet alongside the landing at the outer end. There are facilities to hoist out small boats. Houses on the bluffs about 1.5 miles E of Capitola are prominent. Three radio towers 0.6 mile NW of **Soquel Point** are conspicuous from the E and S.

(192) **Point Santa Cruz,** 20 miles N of Point Pinos and 2.5 miles W of Soquel Point, consists of cliff heads about 40 feet above the water. The area back of the point is flat, but rises in terraces to higher land. There are two flat rocks close under the point; the outer one is the higher.

(193) **Santa Cruz Light** (36°57.1'N., 122°01.6'W.), 60 feet above the water, is shown from a 39-foot white lantern house on a square brick tower attached to a brick building near the S extremity of the point. A lighted whistle buoy is 1.1 miles SE of the light.

(194) The city of **Santa Cruz** is on the NW shore of the bay. **Seabright, Twin Lakes,** and **Soquel,** suburbs of Santa Cruz, are along the beach to the E.

(195) **Santa Cruz Anchorage**, on the NW shore of Monterey Bay between Point Santa Cruz and Soquel Point, has a municipal pier and small-craft harbor.

(196) The Santa Cruz small-craft harbor is just E of Seabright and has slips and end-ties for about 1,200 small craft.

Prominent features

(197) The Casino building and the roller coaster immediately E of the town are prominent.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(198) The lines established for Santa Cruz Anchorage (Santa Cruz Harbor) are described in **80.1138**, chapter 2.

Channels

(199) The entrance to the small-craft harbor is protected by jetties; a light, and fog signal are at the end of the W jetty. The least clearance for the bridges between the north and south basins is 18 feet.

(200) The Santa Cruz harbormaster advises that extensive shoaling occurs at the harbor entrance from November through May. Persons unfamiliar with the area should contact the harbormaster's office prior to entering the harbor; a radio guard on VHF-FM channel 16 is maintained 24 hours a day or telephone 831-475-6161 between 0830 and 1700 daily. The Santa Cruz harbormaster further recommends that mariners without local knowledge should not attempt to enter the harbor during periods of high ground swells.

Anchorage

(201) Good anchorage can be had anywhere off the pier in 5 fathoms, sand bottom. Santa Cruz Anchorage provides good shelter in N weather, but in NW weather a heavy swell is likely to sweep into the anchorage. In S weather there is no protection in the harbor; vessels must run for Monterey or Moss Landing Harbor or take refuge in Santa Cruz Municipal small-craft harbor.

Harbor regulations

(202) The harbor is administered by the Santa Cruz Port District Commission. Transient vessels should report to the harbor office at the SE corner of the small-craft harbor, for berth assignments.

(203) A patrol boat operates in the harbor and monitors VHF-FM channel 16. The patrol boat will guide vessels into the harbor on request.

Wharves

(204) The municipal pier, 0.8 mile W of the entrance to the small-craft harbor, is over 0.4 mile long with 26 feet alongside at its outer end; a private seasonal fog signal in on the outer end of the pier. Landings can be made in all but heavy S weather, but few vessels land except fishing boats. Due to the ocean swell sweeping around the point, there is usually considerable surge. The pier is lined with restaurants and stores. A small-boat hoist is on the pier.

Supplies

(205) Gasoline, diesel fuel, and marine supplies are available. A launching ramp and a yacht club are in the harbor.

Repairs

(206) A repair yard at the harbor has a 40-ton mobile lift that can handle vessels for hull and engine repairs. Electronic repairs are also available.

Communications

(207) Santa Cruz has highway and rail connections with San Francisco and the interior.

Chart 18680

(208) From Point Santa Cruz the coast trends W about 4 miles to Needle Rock Point and thence NW to Point Ano Nuevo. The shoreline rises from high bluffs, with a few intervening beaches, to a low flat tree-covered mountain range.

(209) **Needle Rock Point** is 4 miles W of Santa Cruz Light; a slender pillar of rock stands a short distance seaward from the face of the cliffs; another lower pinnacle is about 200 yards E. Neither is distinguishable when abreast it.

(210) **Sand Hill Bluff,** 6.5 miles W of Santa Cruz Light, is composed of sandstone cliffs about 50 feet high with a rounding irregular hillock of white sand near the edge of the cliffs; this hillock is white on the NW side, and is covered with brush and grass on the SE side. Neither this bluff nor Needle Rock Point is a good landmark.

(211) The buildings of a large cement works at **Davenport,** 9 miles NW of Point Santa Cruz, are conspicuous. A steel tower is prominent by day, and many lights are visible at night. The ruins of an old cement loading wharf are at the plant.

(212) In 1975, shoaling to 10 fathoms was reported in 37°00.0'N., 122°30.1'W., about 14.5 miles W of Davenport.

(213) **Loma Prieta,** a prominent flat-topped peak surmounting the high mountainous ridge 13 miles NE of Santa Cruz Light, is the predominating mountain feature of this section. A fire observation tower is on the top of the peak.

(214) **Waddell Creek,** 14.5 miles NW of Point Santa Cruz, is in a narrow steep-sided valley. The high whitish bluffs, immediately N, are quite prominent.

(215) **Point Ano Nuevo,** 18 miles NW of Point Santa Cruz, is formed by sand dunes 20 to 100 feet high. A low black rocky islet is 0.3 mile off the point. Foul ground extends NW and SE from the islet. A group of white houses on the islet is conspicuous. A lighted whistle buoy is about 0.8 mile S of the tower.

(216) Anchorage with protection from N and NW winds can be had in the bight S of the point. The kelp bed and reef, extending a little over 0.5 mile SE from the islet, break the force of the swell.

(217) The 5-mile coast between Point Ano Nuevo and Pigeon Point is low and rocky. **Pigeon Point,** 22.5 miles NW of Point Santa Cruz, is 50 feet high and rises in a gentle slope to the coastal hills. Several moderately large detached rocks extend 350 yards SW. Pigeon

Point was named from the wreck at this place of the clipper ship CARRIER PIGEON.

(218) **Pigeon Point Light** (37°10.9'N., 122°23.6'W.), 148 feet above the water, is shown from a 115-foot white conical tower on the end of the point. A radiobeacon is at the station. The light cannot be seen in the bight E of a line joining Pigeon Point and Pillar Point, 20 miles to the N. The light station buildings on Pigeon Point are white with red roofs. A group of farm buildings is about 0.5 mile E. A row of trees, conspicuous against a background of barren hills is about 500 yards NE of the light.

(219) From Pigeon Point for 4 miles to **Pescadero Point,** the coast is nearly straight and is composed of reddish cliffs with numerous outlying submerged and visible rocks. A rocky patch covered 3 feet is about 0.8 mile S of Pescadero Point; a 6¼-fathom rocky patch is about 0.7 mile WSW of the point.

(220) From **Pescadero Creek,** 1.5 miles N of Pescadero Point, the coast for 8 miles N becomes more broken and rugged, with yellow or white vertical cliffs. A prominent whitish cliff over 100 feet high is 7.5 miles N of Pescadero Point. About 9 miles N of the point is a pale yellow building surrounded by numerous antenna poles.

(221) The coast is broken by several small streams in deep steep-sided valleys. N of the high cliff, a low flat tableland extends N for 9 miles and then bends sharply W to Pillar Point, forming Half Moon Bay. The land consists generally of grass-covered rolling hills with ranch houses and cultivated ground in the foreground.

Chart 18682

(222) **Pillar Point**, 18 miles S of San Francisco entrance, is the S extremity of a 2.5-mile low ridge. Several black rocks extend over 300-yards S of the point; from N these appear as three or four, but from S as only one. **Half Moon Bay** comprises the bight from **Miramontes Point** on the S to Pillar Point on the N.

(223) **Pillar Point Harbor,** in the N part of Half Moon Bay E of Pillar Point, is used by fishing vessels and pleasure craft. The harbor is well protected by breakwaters. The entrance, 200-yards wide, is between the E and W breakwaters. A light marks the end of the E breakwater, and a light and fog signal are on the end of the W breakwater. The entrance has a depth of about 20 feet with depths of 2 to 17 feet inside the harbor. Shoaling has been reported along N side of the breakwaters inside the harbor. The harbor provides good holding ground for anchored and moored vessels. Two breakwaters and a detached breakwater, protect a marina on the N side of the harbor. The detached breakwater is marked by lights on the E and W ends.

Prominent features

(224) Several buildings and a white radar antenna at the U.S. Air Force radar site about 0.2 mile N of Pillar Point are conspicuous when approaching the harbor. The lights of the radar site are conspicuous at night. A rotating aero beacon located 1 mile NW of the marina is visible from the south.

(225) **Caution** is necessary in approaching Pillar Point Harbor because of the foul ground off the entrance. Rocks and reefs, marked by kelp and a lighted bell buoy, extend SE for over 1 mile from Pillar Point. **Southeast Reef,** extending from 1.5 to over 2 miles SE of Pillar Point, is covered 4 to 20 feet and has a pinnacle rock awash at extreme low water at the SE end. Mariners are advised to exercise caution in the vicinity of Pillar Point in dense fog.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(226) The lines established for Pillar Point Harbor are described in **80.1140,** chapter 2.

Routes

(227) Vessels from the S approach the harbor E of the lighted gong buoy marking Southeast Reef; vessels from the N use the buoyed opening between the Pillar Point foul ground and Southeast Reef.

Harbor regulations

(228) Pillar Point Harbor is administered by the San Mateo County Harbor District and under the control of a harbormaster. The harbormaster's office is at the head of the L-shaped pier in the marina. The harbormaster can be contacted on VHF-FM channel 16 or telephone 650-726-4382.

(229) There are only private mooring floats in the harbor so transients must anchor. The harbormaster should be consulted before tying alongside piers.

Wharves

(230) An L-shaped pier, 590 feet long with 13 feet alongside the 275-foot outer face, is on the N side of Pillar Point Harbor. Water, ice, and electricity are at the pier, and gasoline and diesel fuel are pumped at the landing. A skiff hoist is on the end of the pier. Marine railways are in the harbor W of the marina and are capable of hauling vessels up to 50 tons.

(231) The 660-foot pier W of the L-shaped pier has about 5 feet at the outer end. A surfaced launching ramp and parking area are near the inshore end of the E breakwater.

Chart 18680

(232) **Montara Mountain**, 4 miles N of Pillar Point and 2.5 miles inland, is covered with grass and bare trees. From S it shows as a long ridge with several small elevations upon it, but from NW it appears as a flat-topped mountain with four knobs on the summit. It is a prominent feature in approaching the entrance to San Francisco Bay.

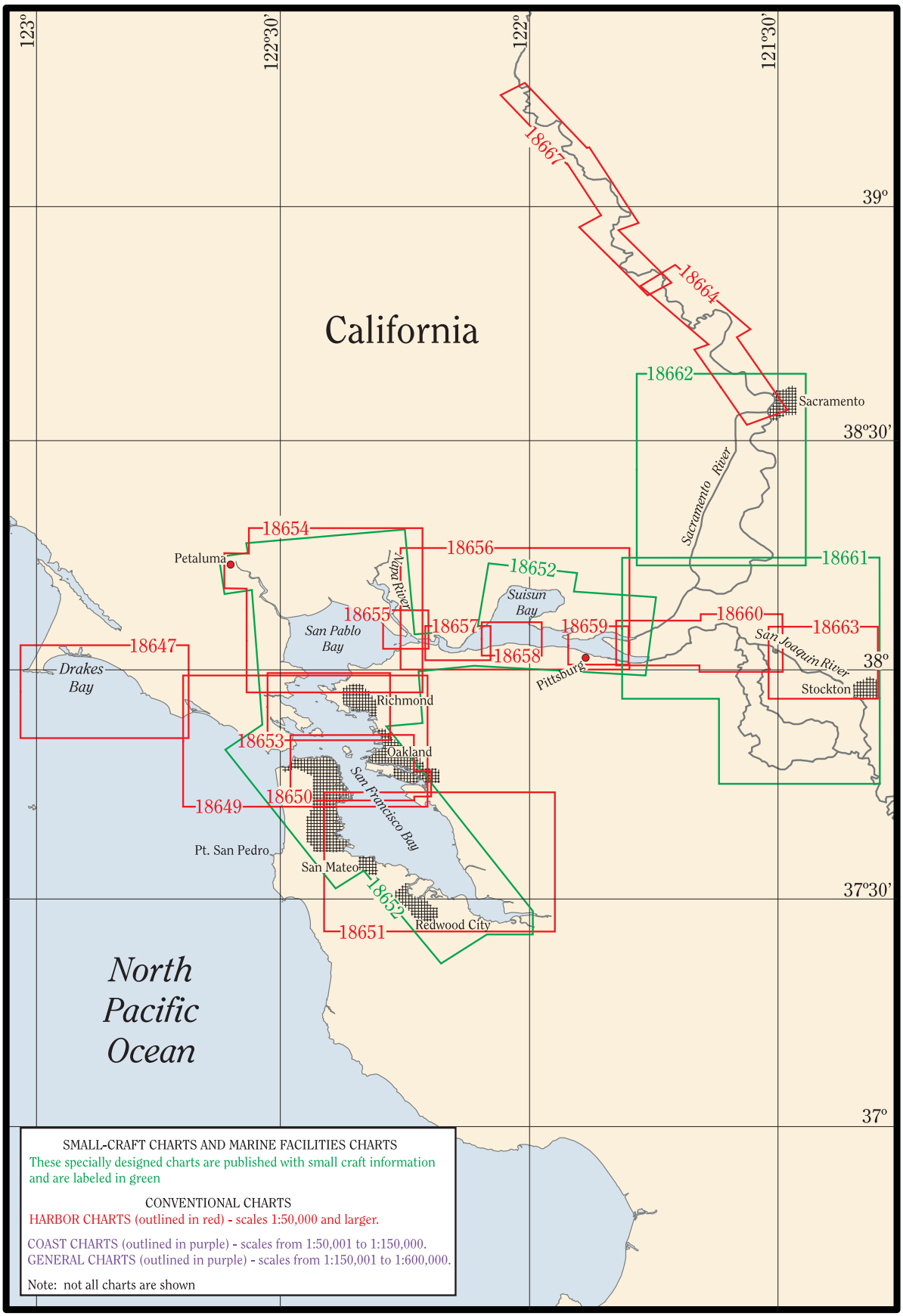
(233) **Point Montara,** 2.8 miles N of Pillar Point, is the seaward end of a spur from Montara Mountain and the NW extremity of the ridge forming Pillar Point. It terminates in cliffs about 60 feet high with numerous outlying rocks. Covered rocks and ledges lie 0.8 mile W of the point and extend in a NW direction for about 1.5 miles. This is a dangerous locality in thick weather, and extreme caution should be used when inside the 30-fathom curve.

(234) **Point Montara Light** (37°32.2'N., 122°31.2'W.), 70 feet above the water, is shown from a 30-foot white conical tower on the point. A group of white buildings with red roofs is prominent on the point.

(235) From Point Montara for 2.5 miles to Point San Pedro the coast is bold and rugged, rising sharply from the sea to the spurs extending from Montara Mountain. **Devils Slide** is light-colored and is the highest bluff in this locality. The highway cuts are distinctive features in the bluffs. There are no outlying rocks or dangers other than those off Point Montara.

(236) **Point San Pedro** is a dark, bold, rocky promontory, 640 feet high. It is the seaward termination of Montara Mountain and is an excellent mark in clear weather from either N or S. A large triple-headed rock, about 100 feet high and white on its S face, projects 0.3 mile W from the point. A rocky area, which breaks in a heavy swell, is reported to exist about 1 mile N of the point.

(237) A 200-yard-long Municipal fishing pier is about 2.5 miles NE of Point San Pedro.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San Francisco Bay, California

Chart 18640

(1) **San Francisco Bay**, the largest harbor on the Pacific coast of the United States, is more properly described as a series of connecting bays and harbors of which San Francisco Bay proper, San Pablo Bay, and Suisun Bay are the largest. Depths of 29 to 40 feet are available for deep-draft vessels to San Francisco, Oakland, Alameda, Richmond, and Redwood City in San Francisco Bay proper; to Stockton on the San Joaquin River; and to Sacramento through the lower Sacramento River and a deepwater channel. Much of the local navigation is by light-draft vessels and barges.

(2) The extensive foreign and domestic commerce of San Francisco Bay is handled through the several large ports which are the terminals for many transpacific steamship lines, airlines, and transcontinental railroads.

(3) The E shore of San Francisco Bay proper is low except for rolling grassy hills in the N part and extensive marshes intersected by numerous winding sloughs in the S part. The W shore N of the entrance is much bolder than the E shore where there are only a few stretches of low marsh. Below San Francisco, marshes and flats intersected by numerous sloughs extend to the S end of the bay.

(4) The Coast Guard Captain of the Port, San Francisco, has ordered that all ships greater than 300 gross tons, anchored in San Francisco Bay maintain a radio listening watch on VHF-FM channels 13 and 14 when the wind is 25 knots or greater. Any ship not equipped with channel 13 shall maintain a listening watch on VHF-FM channel 16. This radio watch must be maintained by a person who can speak the English language.

(5) The Coast Guard considers the following areas to be narrow channels or fairways for the purpose of enforcing the International and Inland Rules of the Road:

(6) a. All one-way traffic lanes and precautionary zones in the San Francisco Bay eastward of the San Francisco Approach Lighted Horn Buoy SF.

(7) b. South San Francisco Bay channels between the termination of the Traffic Separation Scheme in the vicinity of San Francisco Bay North Channel Lighted Buoy 1 (37°49'54"N., 122°24'30"W.) and Redwood Creek Entrance Light 2.

(8) c. Redwood Creek between Redwood Creek Entrance Light 2 and Redwood Creek Daybeacon 21.

(9) d. Pinole Shoal Channel in San Pablo Bay between the termination of the Traffic Separation Scheme at San Pablo Bay Channel Light 7 and the Carquinez Strait highway bridge.

(10) e. Carquinez Strait between the Carquinez Strait highway bridge and the Benicia-Martinez highway bridge.

(11) f. Suisun Bay Channels between the Benicia-Martinez Highway Bridge and Suisun Bay Light 34.

(12) g. New York Slough between Suisun Bay Lighted Buoy 30 and San Joaquin River Light 2.

(13) h. San Joaquin River from San Joaquin River Light 2 to the Port of Stockton.

(14) i. Sacramento River Deep Water Ship Channel from Suisun Bay Light 34 to the Port of Sacramento.

(15) j. Oakland Harbor Bar Channel.

(16) k. Oakland Outer Harbor, including the Outer Harbor Entrance Channel.

(17) l. Oakland Inner Harbor from the Inner Harbor Entrance Channel to, and including, the Brooklyn Basin South Channel.

(18) m. Alameda Point Naval Channel.

(19) n. Southampton Shoal Channel.

(20) o. Richmond Harbor Entrance Channel.

(21) p. Point Potrero Reach and Turn.

(22) q. Richmond Harbor Channel.

(23) r. Santa Fe Channel.

(24) s. Mare Island Strait between Mare Island Strait Light 2 and Mare Island Causeway Bridge.

(25) The above listing of narrow channel or fairway areas is not intended to be exhaustive. Rather it identifies deep-draft navigation areas where commercial and public vessels routinely operate and where small craft can impede the safe transit of larger vessels if extreme care is not exercised. Narrow Channels, Inland-Navigation Rule 9, applies.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(26) The lines established for San Francisco Bay are described in **80.1142**, chapter 2.

Traffic Separation Scheme

(27) A **Traffic Separation Scheme, San Francisco** has been established off the entrance to San Francisco Bay. (See chart 18645.)

(28) The scheme is composed of **directed traffic areas** each with one-way inbound and outbound **traffic lanes** separated by defined **separation zones; a precautionary area;** and a **pilot boat cruising area.** The Scheme is recommended for use by vessels approaching or departing San Francisco Bay, but is not necessarily intended for tugs, tows, or other small vessels which traditionally operate outside of the usual steamer lanes or close inshore.

(29) **The Traffic Separation Scheme has been designed to aid in the prevention of collisions at the approaches to major harbors, but is not intended in any way to supersede or alter the applicable Navigation Rules. Separation zones are intended to separate inbound and outbound traffic lanes and to be free of ship traffic, and should not be used except for crossing purposes. Mariners should use extreme caution when crossing traffic lanes and separation zones.** (See Traffic Separation Schemes, chapter 1, for additional information.)

(30) When not calling at San Francisco mariners are urged to sail direct between Point Arguello and Point Arena so as to pass the San Francisco Bay area to the W of the Farallon Islands and clear of the San Francisco Traffic Separation Scheme. In this manner through coastwise traffic will avoid crossing the directed traffic areas and/or precautionary area.

(31) The **precautionary area** off the entrance to San Francisco Bay is inscribed by a circle with a radius of 6 miles centered on San Francisco Approach Lighted Horn Buoy SF (37°45.0'N., 122°41.6'W.) with the traffic lanes fanning out from its periphery. The W half of the circle has depths of 15 to 30 fathoms, the E half has lesser depths of 4 to 21 fathoms. Extreme caution must be exercised in navigating within the precautionary area inasmuch as both incoming and outgoing vessels use the area in making the transition between San Francisco Main Ship Channel and one of the established directed traffic areas as well as maneuvering to embark and disembark pilots. It is recommended that all vessels in the precautionary area guard VHF-FM channels 13 and 14.

(32) A circular area to be avoided, with a 0.5 mile radius centered on the San Francisco Approach Lighted Horn Buoy SF, has been established in the precautionary area of the San Francisco Traffic Separation Scheme. This zone has been established for the protection of the lighted horn buoy.

(33) Mariners are cautioned that San Francisco Approach Lighted Horn Buoy SF cannot be safely used as a leading mark to be passed close aboard, and are requested to stay outside that area.

(34) The **pilot boat cruising area** is about 1 mile NE of the San Francisco Approach Lighted Horn Buoy SF. (See pilotage for San Francisco Bay, this chapter.)

Northern Traffic Lanes:

Traffic Lane, Inbound

(35) The N approach to San Francisco is between Point Reyes and the Farallon Islands through the N inbound traffic lane that tapers from 1.7 miles to 1 mile wide in its length of about 15.4 miles. Entering the traffic lane at a point in about 37°55.0'N., 123°05.2'W., a course of **120°** follows the centerline of the traffic lane to the junction with the precautionary area; thence an ESE course for about 7 miles leads to the pilot boat cruising area. The least known depth in the traffic lane is 29 fathoms.

Traffic Lane, Outbound

(36) The N exit from San Francisco Bay by outbound vessels is 6 miles, 312° from the San Francisco Approach Lighted Horn Buoy SF through the N outbound traffic lane that expands from 1 mile to 1.7 miles wide in its length of about 15.4 miles. A course of **305°** follows the centerline of the traffic lane to its end; thence steer usual courses to destination. Least known depth in the traffic lane is 25 fathoms.

Separation Zone

(37) The N separation zone between the inbound and outbound traffic lanes tapers from 1.7 miles wide at its outer end to 1 mile wide at its junction with the precautionary area and is centered on a line bearing 302½° and passing through San Francisco Approach Lighted Horn Buoy SF and San Francisco Northern Traffic Lane Lighted Bell Buoy N (37°48.2'N., 122°47.9'W.).

Western Traffic Lanes:

Traffic Lane, Inbound

(38) The SW approach to San Francisco Bay is SE of the Southeast Farallon Island through the main inbound traffic lane which tapers from 1.7 miles to 1 mile wide in its length of about 9.4 miles. Entering at a point in about 37°35.8'N., 122°56.9'W., a course of **058½°** follows the centerline of the traffic lane to the junction with the precautionary area; thence a NE course for about 6.7 miles leads to the pilot boat cruising area. The least known depth in the traffic lane is 28 fathoms, except for the charted wreck 6.7 miles 226° from San Francisco Approach Lighted Horn Buoy SF which has a minimum depth of at least 9½ fathoms.

Traffic Lane, Outbound

(39) The SW exit from San Francisco Bay by outbound vessels is 6 miles, 244° from the San Francisco Approach Lighted Horn Buoy SF through the main outbound traffic lane that expands from 1 mile to 1.7 miles wide in its length of about 8.8 miles. A course of **247°** follows the centerline of the traffic lane to its end; thence steer usual courses to destination. The leastknown depth in the traffic lane is 29 fathoms.

Separation Zone

(40) The main separation zone between the inbound and outbound traffic lanes tapers from 1.7 miles wide at its outer end to 1 mile wide at its junction with the precautionary area and is centered on a line bearing 242½° from San Francisco Main Traffic Lane Lighted Gong Buoy W (37°41.5'N., 122°47.7'W.).

Southern Traffic Lanes:

Traffic Lane, Inbound

(41) The S approach to San Francisco Bay is through the 1-mile wide Southern Traffic Lane (Inbound) that has a length of about 12 miles. Entering at a point in about 37°27.0'N., 122°39.5'W., a **000°** course follows the centerline of the traffic lane to the junction with the precautionary area; thence a NNW course for about 6 miles leads to the pilot boat cruising area. In June 1981, a sunken wreck was reported in the inbound traffic lane in about 37°37.0'N., 122°37.5'W. Least known depth in the traffic lane is about 21 fathoms.

Traffic Lane, Outbound

(42) The S exit from San Francisco Bay for outbound vessels is about 6 miles 195° from the San Francisco Approach Lighted Horn Buoy SF through the 1-mile wide Southern Traffic Lane (Outbound) that has a length of about 12 miles. A course of **180°** follows the centerline of the traffic lane to its end. Least known depth in the traffic lane is about 25 fathoms.

Separation Zone

(43) The S separation zone between the inbound and outbound traffic lanes tapers from 1.7 miles wide at its outer end to 1 mile wide at its junction with the precautionary area and is centered on a line bearing 166° and passing through San Francisco Approach Lighted Horn Buoy SF and San Francisco South Traffic Lane Lighted Bell Buoy S (37°39'00"N., 121°41'42"W.).

(44) In 1975, shoaling to 10 fathoms was reported in 37°00.0'N., 122°30.1'W., about 17.5 miles S of the S end of the Southern Directed Traffic Area. (See chart 18680.)

(45) An additional **Traffic Separation Scheme** has been established through the Main Ship Channel and Golden Gate into San Francisco Bay. The scheme consists of one-way **traffic lanes** separated by a **separation line** and, after entry into San Francisco Bay, includes a **precautionary area**, a **regulated navigation area**, and **recreation areas**. For purposes of INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION Rule 10, this scheme has been adopted by IMO seaward of the demarcation line. (See Traffic Separation Schemes, chapter 1, for additional information).

(46) **Vessel Traffic Service San Francisco** serves San Francisco Bay, its seaward approaches and its tributaries as far inland as Stockton and Sacramento. Participation is mandatory for certain vessels within navigable waters of the United States. (See **161.1 through 161.23 and 161.50**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(47) The purpose of the San Francisco Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) is to coordinate the safe, secure, and efficient transit of vessels in San Francisco Bay including it's approaches and tributaries in an effort to prevent accidents with the possible associated loss of life, damage to property and the environment. VTS also fully supports Coast Guard and other public service missions through it's unique communications and surveillance capabilities. The Vessel Traffic Center (VTC), located on Yerba Buena Island in San Francisco, is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week by Coast Guard personnel.

(48) The VTS uses radar, closed-circuit television and VHF-FM radiotelephone to gather information, and uses VHF-FM radiotelephone to disseminate information. Information provided by the VTS is mostly generated from vessel reports; this information can therefore be no more accurate than the reports received from mariners coupled with the ability of VTS equipment to verify those reports. The VTS may not have first hand knowledge of hazardous circumstances existing in the VTS area. Unreported hazards may still confront mariners at any time. This service does not in any way supersede or alter applicable Navigation Rules. The owner, operator, charterer, master, or person directing the movement of the vessel remains at all times responsible for the manner in which the vessel is operated and maneuvered, and is responsible for the safe navigation of the vessel under all circumstances.

(49) The VTS maintains a continuous radiotelephone watch on VHF-FM channels 12, 13, 14, and 16. The VTS is also equipped to communicate on all VHF-FM radiotelephone channels. The radio call sign is "San Francisco Vessel Traffic Service." After communications have been established, the abbreviated call sign "Traffic" may be used. Mariners may also contract VTS by cellular or land-line telephone at (415) 556-2760.

(50) The VTS area is divided into two sectors: offshore and inshore. The **Offshore Sector** consists of the ocean waters within a 38 nautical mile radius of Mount Tamalpais (37°55.8'N., 122°34.6'W.) excluding the San Francisco Offshore Precautionary Area. (The San Francisco Offshore Precautionary Area is the area within a six-mile radius of the San Francisco Approach Lighted Horn Buoy SF.) Channel 12 VHF-FM is the designated working frequency for the Offshore Sector. At minute 15 and minute 45 of each hour, VTS makes broadcasts giving the positions, courses, and speeds or participating vessels in the sector.

(51) The **Inshore Sector** consists of the waters of the San Francisco Offshore Precautionary Area eastward to San Francisco Bay and its tributaries extending inland to the ports of Stockton, Sacramento, and Redwood City. VHF-FM Channel 14 is the designated working frequency for the Inshore Sector.

Reporting points for the San Francisco VTS area are as follows.

(52) Offshore Sector: at the "N", "W", "S" buoys marking the entrance to the Traffic Separation Scheme lane to be used; at the seaward and of the Traffic Separation Scheme lane used; at the outer limit of the Offshore Sector 38 nautical miles from Mount Tamalpas. (These points are given as for an outbound transit; inbound vessels use the same points in reverse order.)

(53) Inshore Sector: Pilot Area/Point of Entry into the Inshore Sector; San Mateo Bridge; Redwood Creek Lights 2 & 3; Dumbarton Bridge; Richmond-San Rafael Bridge; "E" buoy in San Pablo Bay; Petaluma Channel Daybeacons 1 & 2 and 19 & 20; Mare Island Strait Light 1; Mare Island Causeway Bridge; Carquinez Bridge; Southern Pacific Railroad Bridge; Naval Weapons Station Concord Pier 3 (Port Chicago); New York Point; Antioch Bridge; Prisoners Point; Rio Vista Bridge; Sacramento Deep Water Channel Light 51 and 65; and when secured at the destination or when departing the Inshore Sector.

(54) For detailed information about the VTS, go to the Coast Guard's VTS website at **www.uscg.mil/d11/vtssf**. The site contains links to the Users Manual, Communications Guide, Regulated Navigation Areas, and other information particularly useful to commercial and recreational mariners. Vessels operating within the VTS Area defined as VTS Users are reminded of the requirement to carry a copy of the National VTS Regulations aboard their vessel and are recommended to carry a copy of the San Francisco VTS User's Manual.

(55) **Regulated Navigation Areas** have been established in the waters of San Francisco Bay, Golden Gate, Central Bay, Lower Bay, San Pablo Bay, Carquinez Strait, Suisun Bay, Sacramento River, and San Joaquin River.

(See **165.1 through 165.13** and **165.1181** and **165.1182**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Chart 18645

(56) The entrance to San Francisco Bay is through **Gulf of the Farallones** and the narrow Golden Gate. The gulf extends from Point San Pedro on the S for 34 miles to Point Reyes on the N, and has a greatest width of 23 miles from Farallon Islands on the W to the mainland.

(57) In clear weather many prominent features are available for use in making San Francisco Bay, but in thick weather the heavy traffic and the currents, variable in direction and velocity, render the approaches difficult and dangerous. Point San Pedro, Montara Mountain, Farallon Islands, Mount Tamalpais, and Point Reyes are prominent in clear weather and frequently can be seen when the land near the beach is shut in by low fog or haze. Radar navigation on the approach to San Francisco Bay is not difficult because of the numerous distinctive and high relief of targets available. Southeast Farallon Island, Point Reyes, Double Point, Bolinas Point, Duxbury Point, Rocky Point, Point Bonita, San Pedro Rock and Point, and Pillar Point are good radar targets.

(58) The first 8 miles of coast from Point San Pedro to San Francisco Bay entrance consists of whitish bluffs that reach a height of 600 feet, then a 3-mile sand beach extends to the entrance. **Shelter Cove,** on the N side of Point San Pedro, provides shelter from the E storms with good holding ground in gray sand bottom. **San Pedro Rock,** close to the point and 100 feet high, also gives some protection in S weather.

(59) The **Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary** has been established to protect and preserve the marine birds and mammals, their habitats, and other natural resources in the waters surrounding the Farallon Islands and Point Reyes, and to ensure the continued availability of the area as a research and recreational resource. The sanctuary encompasses the waters off Bodega Head and Point Reyes, and the waters surrounding Farallon Islands. The sanctuary includes Bodega Bay but not Bodega Harbor. Recreational use of the area is encouraged. (See **15 CFR 922,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(60) **Farallon Islands,** 23 miles W of San Francisco Bay entrance, are rocky islets extending NW for 7 miles. **Southeast Farallon,** the largest of the group, actually consists of two islands separated by a narrow impassable gorge. The larger E island is pyramidal in shape and 350 feet high; a small-boat landing is on the S side. **Farallon Light** (37°41.9'N., 123°00.1'W.), 358 feet above the water, is shown from a 41-foot white conical tower on the highest peak of the island. Dwellings are on the lowland on the S side of the island. **Fisherman Bay,** just N of Farallon Light, is somewhat protected by several rocky islets on the W side and affords anchorage in 8 fathoms in the outer part. Boats can be landed on a small sand beach on the largest islet.

(61) **Hurst Shoal,** 0.6 mile SE of Farallon Light, is covered 22 feet and breaks only in heavy weather.

(62) **Middle Farallon,** 2.3 miles NW of the light, is a 20-foot single black rock 50 yards in diameter; several rocks covered 5 to 7 fathoms are within 0.7 mile S and SW of it.

(63) **North Farallon,** 6.5 miles NW of Farallon Light, consists of two clusters of bare precipitous islets and rocks from 91 to 155 feet high, 0.9 mile in extent, and 0.3 mile wide; submerged rocks surround them.

(64) **Fanny Shoal,** 9.8 miles NW of Farallon Light and 14 miles SW of Point Reyes, is 2 miles in extent and covered 2 to 30 fathoms. **Noonday Rock,** covered 13 feet, rises abruptly from 20 fathoms and is the shallowest point of the shoal; it is the principal danger in the N approach to San Francisco Bay. A lighted bell buoy is about 0.7 mile W of the rock. Noonday Rock derives its name from the clipper ship that struck it in 1862 and sank within an hour, in 40 fathoms.

(65) **Cordell Bank,** 27 miles NW of Farallon Light and 20 miles W of Point Reyes, is about 6 miles long and 3 miles wide; the bank is covered 20 to 40 fathoms, but depths increase rapidly outside it.

(66) The **Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary** has been established to protect and conserve the special, discrete, highly productive marine area of Cordell Bank and its surrounding waters and to ensure the continued availability of the areas ecological, research, educational, aesthetic, historical, and recreational resources. (See **15 CFR 922,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Chart 18647

(67) **Point Reyes**, 18 miles N of Farallon Light, is a bold, dark, rocky headland 612 feet high at the W and higher extremity of a ridge running in an E direction for 3 miles. It is an excellent radar target in thick weather. There is lowland N of the point, so that from N and S, and from seaward in hazy weather, it usually appears as an island. The point is visible for over 25 miles.

(68) **Point Reyes Light** (37°59.7'N., 123°01.4'W.), 265 feet above the water, is shown from a platform on top of a square building on the W extremity of the point. A fog signal is at the light. Two rocks, 275 yards W of the light, are covered about 3 feet and break in a moderate swell.

(69) The **Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary** has been established to protect and preserve the marine birds and mammals, their habitats, and other natural resources in the waters surrounding the Farallon Islands and Point Reyes, and to ensure the continued availability of the area as a research and recreational resource. The sanctuary encompasses the waters off Bodega Head and Point Reyes, and the waters surrounding Farallon Islands. The sanctuary includes Bodega Bay but not Bodega Harbor. Recreational use of the area is encouraged. (See **15 CFR 922,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(70) **Drakes Bay,** named after English explorer Sir Francis Drake, who anchored here in 1579, is NE of the 1-mile-long 200-foot-high, narrow peninsula that forms the easternmost part of Point Reyes. White cliffs commence at the SW angle of the bay and curve round to the NE for about 6 miles, ending at high white sand dunes. This curving shoreline forms Drakes Bay, which affords good anchorage in depths of 4 to 6 fathoms, sandy bottom, in heavy NW weather. Several lagoons back of the N shore empty into the bay through a common channel which is navigable by shallow-draft vessels with local knowledge.

(71) **Chimney Rock** lies close under the outer end of the Drakes Bay peninsula. The area between Chimney Rock and the 5-fathom curve, 0.4 mile E and SE, breaks in moderate weather. A lighted whistle buoy is moored 0.6 mile SE of the rock.

(72) Drakes Bay is used extensively in heavy NW weather and many fishing vessels operate from here during the season. A fish wharf is about midway along the inner side of the peninsula. A visible wreck is about 100 feet E of the fish wharf in about 37°59'41"N., 122°58'19"W. Visible and submerged piles W of the fish wharf are a hazard.

(73) From the sand dunes near the E part of Drakes Bay, cliffs 100 to 200 feet high extend 5 miles SE to **Double Point,** which has two high spurs, 0.4 mile apart, projecting 200 to 300 yards from the general coastline. A small 47-foot-high island is 300 yards off the NW spur, and a 54-foot-high rock is close under the longer and lower SE spur. From Double Point to Bolinas Point, about 3.5 miles SE, the coast is bold with high cliffs behind narrow sand beaches.

(74) **Bolinas Point,** 15.3 miles SE of Point Reyes Light, is 160 feet high and the W extremity of the comparatively level tableland extending E to Bolinas Lagoon. An aerolight and numerous radio towers are 0.6 mile N of the point.

(75) **Duxbury Point,** 16.5 miles SE of Point Reyes Light, is 160 feet high and yellow in color. The point is the S edge of the tableland W of Bolinas Lagoon.

(76) **Duxbury Reef,** extending 1.2 miles SE of Duxbury Point, is long, narrow, and partly bare at low water. A ledge covered 30 to 36 feet extends from the reef to about 1.4 miles S of the point; a lighted whistle buoy is about 2 miles S of the point. Great care must be exercised in passing this area.

(77) **Warning.**–It was reported that in heavy weather strong N currents resulting from prolonged S winds may exist in the area from Duxbury Reef to Golden Gate.

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(78) **Bolinas Bay**, E of Duxbury Point, is an open bight 3.5 miles wide between Duxbury Point and Rocky Point. The bay affords shelter in NW weather in 24 to 36 feet, sandy bottom. Care must be taken to avoid Duxbury Reef and the dangers extending up to 0.7 mile E of it. **Bolinas Lagoon** is separated from the bay by a narrow strip of sandy beach that is cut by a narrow shifting channel. The lagoon is shoal and entered only by small boats with local knowledge. The entrance has a depth of less than 3 feet.

(79) **Rocky Point** is 100 feet high and shelving. Numerous detached rocks are within 200 yards of the high and precipitous cliffs on the S side of the point.

(80) The 6-mile coast between Rocky Point and Point Bonita is very rugged and broken. The cliffs, which are seaward ends of spurs from Mount Tamalpais, rise to heights of over 500 feet and are cut by deep narrow valleys stretching inland.

(81) **Point Bonita,** on the N side of the entrance to Golden Gate, is a sharp black cliff 100 feet high, increasing to 300 feet on its seaward face, 0.3 mile N. From NW it shows as three heads. **Point Bonita Light** (37°48.9'N., 122°31.8'W.), 124 feet above the water, is shown from a 33-foot white tower on the S head. A fog signal is at the light. A tower and radar antenna operated by the San Francisco Vessel Traffic Service is prominent on the N head about 0.3 mile from the light. In summer the cliffs are white with bird droppings, but the first heavy rain restores them to their natural black color. There are a few detached rocks surrounding the point, but these do not extend over 200 yards offshore.

(82) **Bonita Cove,** E of Point Bonita, is occasionally used as an anchorage by small vessels. The anchorage is close under Point Bonita in about 36 feet.

(83) **Mount Tamalpais,** 7 miles N of Point Bonita, is visible for over 60 miles in clear weather. From S and W it shows three summits, the westernmost with two radar domes is the highest and the easternmost with a lookout tower is the sharpest. The mountain is covered with bushes and scrub trees, giving it a dark appearance

which contrasts strongly with the surrounding hills, especially in summer when the hills assume a light reddish color.

(84) **San Francisco Approach Lighted Horn Buoy SF** (37°45.0'N., 122°41.6'W.) is 9 miles WSW of San Francisco Bay entrance. The buoy is red and white and is equipped with a fog signal, racon, and strobe light.

(85) **San Francisco Bar,** a semicircular shoal with depths less than 36 feet, is formed by silt deposits carried to the ocean by the Sacramento and San Joaquin River systems. The bar extends from 3 miles S of Point Lobos to within 0.5 mile of Point Bonita off the southern coast of Marin Peninsula; the extreme outer part is about 5 miles WSW of San Francisco Bay entrance. **Potatopatch Shoal,** the N part of the bar on **Fourfathom Bank,** has reported depths of less than 23 feet. The name is said to have originated from the fact that schooners from Bodega Bay frequently lost their deck load of potatoes while crossing the shoal. The S part of the bar has depths of 31 to 36 feet.

(86) **Warning.**–Very dangerous conditions develop over the bar whenever large swells, generated by storms far out at sea, reach the coast. A natural condition called shoaling causes the large swells to be amplified and increase in height when they move over the shallow water shoals. This piling up of the water over the shoals is worsened during times when the tidal current is flowing out (ebbing) through the Golden Gate. Outbound tidal current is strongest about 4 hours after high water at the Golden Gate Bridge and attains a velocity in excess of 6 knots at times. The incoming large swells are met by outbound tidal current causing very rough and dangerous conditions over the bar. Steep waves to 20 or 25 feet have been reported in the area. Mariners should exercise extreme caution as the bar conditions may change considerably in a relatively short period of time.

(87) **The most dangerous part of the San Francisco Bar is considered to be Fourfathom Bank. Bonita Channel, between the shoal and the Marin coast, can also become very dangerous during large swell conditions. The safest part of the bar is the Main Ship Channel through the center of the bar. But even that area can be extremely dangerous when the tidal current is ebbing.**

(88) A **Traffic Separation Scheme** has been established through the Main Ship Channel and Golden Gate into San Francisco Bay. The scheme consists of one-way **traffic lanes** separated by a **separation line** and, after entry into San Francisco Bay, includes a **Deep Water Route, precautionary area**, a **limited traffic area**, and **recreation areas.** For purposes of INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION Rule 10, this scheme has been adopted by IMO seaward of the demarcation line. (See Traffic Separation Schemes, chapter 1, for additional information.)

Local Regulations

(89) **Tank Vessel Escort Regulations** have been established by the State of California for San Francisco, San Pablo, and Suisun Bays. Tank vessel masters, owners, and operators are expected to be familiar, and in compliance, with Tank Vessel Escort Regulations. Failure to be in compliance may result in unsafe transits, transit delays, and fines. Excerpts from the regulations are below. The full text of the regulations can be found on the internet at **www.dfg.ca.gov/ospr/organizational/msb/regulations/regulations.htm**, or may be obtained by calling the California Office of Spill Prevention and Response 24-hour Communications Center at 916-445-0045. Tank vessel masters should contact their agent or vessel manager/owner for additional information. The San Francisco Marine Exchange may also be able to provide mariners with additional information and can be contacted at 915-441-6600.

(90) "851.2 Purpose and Scope"

(91) This subchapter sets forth tank vessel escort requirements for the San Francisco, San Pablo and Suisun Bays. These requirements specify that tank vessels carrying 5,000 or more long tons of oil in bulk as cargo shall be escorted by a suitable escort tug or tugs. The escort tugs will be available, and shall respond as needed to influence the speed and direction of travel of the tank vessel in the event of a casualty, or steering or propulsion failure, thereby reducing the possibility of groundings or collisions and the risk of oil spills from these tank vessels.

(92) "851.4 Applicability"

(93) (a) This subchapter shall apply to all tank vessels capable of carrying 5,000 or more long tons of oil in bulk as cargo when these vessels are underway on waters in the San Francisco, San Pablo and Suisun Bays, as follows:

(94) (1) tank vessels carrying 5,000 or more long tons of oil as cargo shall be required to comply with all the requirements in this subchapter;

(95) (2) tank vessels carrying less than 5,000 long tons of oil as cargo shall only be required to comply with the reporting requirement as stated in Subsection 851.7

(96) (b) The escort requirements of this subchapter shall not apply to tank vessels that are only shifting location within an anchorage. Any tug used during such as shifting maneuver need not be an escort tug registered with Clearing House.

(97) (c) This subchapter shall not apply to tank vessels otherwise covered by the requirements of this subchapter in the event of an emergency. The master of

the tank vessel shall report to the Clearing House any deviation from the requirements outlined in this subchapter as soon as practicable, and in no case later than the departure of the tank vessel from the marine waters of the state. For purposes of this section, an emergency shall include, but not be limited to, any the following:

(98) (1) imminent and immediate danger to the vessel, its cargo, or its crew; or

(99) (2) imminent and immediate danger to a marine terminal, or to the escort tug; or

(100) (3) imminent and immediate danger to a vessel in close proximity to the tank vessel; or

(101) (4) any emergency declared by the Captain of the Port.

(102) (d) This subchapter (except for this Subsection 851.4(d)) shall not apply to tankers with double hulls, as that term is defined in **33 CFR 157.03**, when the tanker also has the following:

(103) (1) Fully redundant steering and propulsion systems to include:

(104) (A) two independent propulsion systems each with a dedicated propeller, engine (or motor), electrical generation system, electrical system (including the switchboard), fuel system, lube oil system, and any other system required to provide the vessel with independent means of propulsion; and

(105) (B) two independent rudders each with separate steering systems; and

(106) (C) the propulsion and steering components, as described in Subsection (A) and (B) above, shall be arranged in separate spaces, such that a fire or flood in one space will not affect the equivalent system in the other spaces(s); and

(107) (D) a bow thruster with an assigned power source;

(108) (2) A Navigation System in compliance with the federal navigational equipment requirements set forth in 33 CFR Sections 164.35, 164.37, 164.38(b), 164.40, 164.41, 164.42, and 164.43.

(109) (3) No exemption to this subchapter shall be allowed for a tanker requesting a U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port letter of deviation, pursuant to 33 CFR Sections 164.51, 164.53, and 164.55.

(110) (4) The Administrator may require tankers that are exempt from this subchapter under the conditions outlined in Subsection (d) to periodically demonstrate the tanker and crew's ability to maneuver in response to a partial or total loss of propulsion and/or steering at a level of safety at least equal to that of an escorted tanker.

(111) (See **33 CFR 157**, chapter 2, for regulations for Tank Vessels Carrying Oil in Bulk and Maneuvering Performance Capability, and **33 CFR 164**, chapter 2 for Navigation Safety Regulations.)

(112) (e) This subchapter shall apply to all tugs being used to escort tank vessels in waters identified as escort zones.

(113) (f) The tank vessel master remains responsible for the safe navigation and maneuvering of the vessel in all circumstances. The requirements outlined in this section are in addition to, and not a limitation of, any other responsibility created by custom, law, or regulation.

(114) "851.5 Escort Zone Requirements"

(115) (a) Six tank vessel escort zones are established as follows:

(116) (1) Zone 1: All waters in the area encompassed by a straight line drawn between Point Bonita Light, through Mile Rocks Light to the shore (the COLREGS Demarcation Line), and eastward to the Golden Gate Bridge;

(117) (2) Zone 2: All waters from the Golden Gate Bridge, south to a line drawn between the southern tip of Bay Farm Island and the southeastern tip of Point San Bruno Peninsula, and north to a line drawn from Point San Pablo to San Pablo Bay Light 4 (Light List number 5880), to San Pablo Bay Channel Light 5 (Light List number 5885), to Point San Pablo;

(118) (3) Zone 3: All waters from the southern end of Zone 2 to one mile north of the San Mateo Bridge;

(119) (4) Zone 4: All waters in the navigable channel from one mile north of and to one mile south of the San Mateo Bridge;

(120) (5) Zone 5: All waters from the eastern boundary of Zone 2 to the western approaches of the Carquinez Bridges at Light 15;

(121) (6) Zone 6: All waters from Light 15, through the Carquinez Strait, north on the Sacramento Ship Channel to one mile beyond the Ryer Island Ferry Terminal and east on the San Joaquin River to one mile beyond the Antioch Bridge;

(122) (b) Tank vessels required to have escorts under this subchapter shall be escorted in the zones as specified below:

(123) (1) Escort tugs are required for tank vessels operating within Zones 1, 2, 4, or 6;

(124) (2) Escort tugs will not be required in Zones 3 or 5, or in areas outside of Zones 1 through 6;

(125) (3) No tank vessel may transit in a zone that requires an escort tug unless escorted by a tug or tugs of sufficient size and capability, as specified in sections 851.9 (for tankers) and 851.9.1 (for barges) (not carried in this Coast Pilot).

(126) (4) In Zone 1, escort tugs shall be stationed as follows:

(127) (A) on an inbound transit, the escort tug shall be in Zone 1 prior to the tank vessel's arrival to the area

bounded by an arc eight nautical miles seaward of and centered on Mile Rocks Light; and

(128) (B) on an outbound transit, the escort tug shall remain in Zone 1 until the tank vessel leaves the area bounded by an arc eight nautical miles seaward of and centered on Mile Rocks Light.

(129) "851.5.1 Escort Plans"

(130) (a) All tank vessel maters shall use an Escort Plan for transits through zones 1, 2, 4, or 6. The tank vessel shall not continue or commence a transit through any Escort Zone without an Escort Plan that is complete and adequate. The plan shall document the steps that the tank vessel owner/operator and/or master will take to comply with the requirements of this subchapter. The Escort Plan requirements set forth in this section are only planning standards and may not reflect the exigencies of an actual incident response. However, the Escort Plan must demonstrate that the vessel master is prepared to take the actions necessary to assure a reasonable level of success in providing the protection intended by this subchapter, as stated in section 851.2. The Escort Plan shall include:

(131) (1) the tank vessel's intended route(s);

(132) (2) the intended transit speed(s);

(133) (3) a communication plan, to include the radio frequencies that will be used and any other means of electronic communication;

(134) (4) the following characteristics of the tank vessel:

(135) (A) the location and strength of the bitts and chocks to be used by the escort tugs,

(136) (B) the location of the pushing surfaces on the hull that are strong enough to sustain the forces that can be exerted by the escort tug(s),

(137) (C) the number of crew assigned to escort-related duties,

(138) (D) any pertinent performance characteristics and related limitations of the steering and propulsion system(s);

(139) (5) the escort tugs to be use during the transit as required in section 851.9 (for tankers) or 851.9.1 (for barges);

(140) (6) the response actions that will most likely be implemented in the event of an emergency, taking into account the available bitts and chocks, pushing surfaces, line type, and expected tides and currents.

(141) (b) Escorts Plans shall be prepared using one of the following:

(142) (1) a format as designed, completed and submitted by the tank vessel owner/operator; or

(143) (2) a Checklist as recommended by the Harbor Safety Committee of the San Francisco Bay region, and approved by the Administrator of the California Office of Spill Prevention and Response (the Administrator). The vessel owner/operator shall assure that the vessel master completes the Checklist according to the requirements in this subchapter.

(144) (c) Review, approval and use of an Escort Plan designed and submitted by the tank vessel owner/operator:

(145) (1) a tank vessel owner/operator may develop an Escort Plan for a vessel or vessels, and submit that plan to the Administrator for review and approval prior to using the plan for escorted transits;

(146) (2) the Escort Plan developed by the vessel owner/operator shall include all the information required in subsection 851.5.1(a). The requirement for information regarding the tug(s) to be used during the transit may be met by stating the size and braking force capacity of the tug(s) needed for each of the vessels covered by the plan.

(147) (3) each plan shall be either approved, approved with conditions, or denied within 60 days after the Administrator receives the plan. Approval, once given, may be revoked if it is found that the plan submitter is not complying with the requirements of this subchapter;

(148) (A) to be approved, the plan must comply with the requirements in this section, must match tug(s) to the tank vessels in accordance with the requirements in this subchapter, and must demonstrate that the tank vessel owner/operator and/or master maintains a level of readiness that will allow for effective implementation of the plan. The plan submitter shall be notified in writing when a plan has been approved.

(149) (B) approval shall be denied or revoked if the plan, or the implementation of the plan, does not comply with the requirements of this subchapter. If a plan is denied or revoked, the Administrator shall notify the owner/operator in writing of the reasons for denial or revocation, and provide an explanation of those actions necessary to secure approval. The Checklist form of escort plan, as prescribed in this section, shall be used unless and until a new or revised escort plan is submitted and approved by the Administrator.

(150) (4) once approved, the master and pilot shall use and comply with the Escort Plan on each escorted transit:

(151) (A) the details of the Escort Plan shall be reviewed and discussed as part of the pre-escort conference (section 851.7);

(152) (B) as part of the pre-escort communications, the pilot or, if there is no pilot on board, the master shall notify the Clearing House that the plan has been reviewed, and shall inform the Clearing House of the tugs that have been chosen for the escort.

(153) (5) the Checklist format, as described in this section, shall be used for all escorted transits unless or until an Escort Plan is submitted by the vessel owner/operator, and approved by the Administrator.

(154) (d) Completion, review and use of Escort Plans prepared using the Checklist format developed by the Harbor Safety Committee:

(155) (1) the Checklist shall include all the items enumerated in subsection 851.5.1(a), as well as a schematic drawing of a tank vessel sufficient to illustrate the location of the bitts and chocks, and those areas on the hull that are capable of withstanding the forces exerted by the escort tug(s). The Administrator shall provide a copy of the approved Checklist to the Marine Exchange for distribution to tank vessel owner/operators, masters and/or pilots.

(156) (2) the master shall complete the Checklist, and shall verify that all the requisite elements have been included. The master shall sign the Checklist to indicate that, to the best of the master's knowledge, the information on the Checklist is correct, and is in compliance with the requirements of this subchapter. If there is no pilot on board, the master shall notify the Clearing House when the Checklist has been completed and shall inform the Clearing House of the tugs that have been chosen for the escort. The Administrator may request a copy of any Checklist at any time to determine if the planning process has been completed adequately.

(157) (3) the Checklist shall be completed by the tank vessel master at the following points during a transit operation;

(158) (A) for vessels arriving from sea, the Checklist shall be completed prior to entering Zone 1;

(159) 1. Alternatively, the agent or owner/operator may complete the checklist and electronically send the completed form to the master and the Clearing House:

(160) (i) before the vessel's estimated time of arrival to the San Francisco Bay Pilotage area, or

(161) (ii) before the vessel's arrival at the San Francisco Bay Precautionary Area, or

(162) (iii) after the vessel's departure from its last Port of Call.

(163) (B) for in-bay movements or departures, the Checklist shall be completed prior to beginning the transit.

(164) (4) if a pilot is on board, the pilot shall review the Checklist as cited in subsection 851.5.1(d) and shall verify that all the elements have been completed adequately. The pilot shall sign the Checklist after reviewing and verifying its adequacy. The pilot shall then notify the Clearing House that the planning process has been completed, and shall inform the Clearing House of the tugs that have been chosen for the escort.

(165) (A) the pilot shall determine that the Checklist is adequate if the following are met:

(166) 1. all the items on the Checklist have been addressed completely; and

(167) 2. the information provided demonstrates that the tank vessel master is prepared to take the actions necessary to assure a reasonable level of success in using the escort tug(s) in response to a vessel casualty.

(168) (B) if the pilot determines that the Checklist is not adequate, the pilot shall notify the Clearing House, and explain the reason(s) for such determination. The Clearing House shall then immediately notify the Administrator that a Checklist has been determined to be inadequate by the pilot.

(169) (C) The Administrator shall review all inadequacy determinations made by a pilot and shall decide whether the determination is appropriate. The Administrator may affirm or overturn such determination, or may provide for conditional approval of a Checklist, as follows;

(170) (1) the Checklist will be considered adequate if it is complete, it the tug to tanker match has been done in accordance with this subchapter, and the information provided demonstrates that the tank vessel master is prepared to take the actions necessary to assure a reasonable level of success in using the escort tug(s) in response to a vessel casualty. If a Checklist is determined to be inadequate, the vessel may be ordered to discontinue operations until an adequate Checklist is completed;

(171) (2) a Checklist may be approved conditionally if there is a minor deficiency in one or more of the requisite elements. Conditional approval may require that the tank vessel operate under specified precautionary measures (such as operating at a slower speed). If the owner/operator of a tank vessel fails to comply with the requirements of the conditional approval, the Administrator may order the tank vessel to discontinue operations until an acceptable Checklist for that vessel has been completed and approved.

(172) (D) The pilot is not responsible for delaying or stopping the transit solely because of a plan's inadequacy.

(173) (5) The tank vessel owner/operator or the master shall ensure a copy of the completed, signed Checklist is submitted to the Clearing House within 14 days after the transit covered by the Checklist. The master, pilot, ship's agent or vessel owner/operator may send the copy to the Clearing House. A copy of the Checklist shall also be maintained aboard the vessel for a period of one year after the transit. A copy of the Checklist shall be made available to the Administrator upon request.

(174) "851.7 Communication and Reporting Requirements Before, During and After an Escorted Transit"

(175) (a) No more than one hour prior to entering or transiting the marine waters of the San Francisco, San Pablo or Suisun Bays, the pilot or, if there is no pilot onboard, the master of a tank vessel shall report the

vessel's name and position to the Clearing House, and shall report the status of the vessel as follows:

(176) (1) tank vessels carrying 5,000 or more long tons of oil as cargo shall report as "Escort Required"; or

(177) (2) tank vessels carrying less than 5,000 long tons of oil as cargo and requiring no escort need not be reported.

(178) (b) After completing the review of the Checklist or the Escort Plan, as specified in section 851.5.1, the pilot or, if there is no pilot onboard, the master of the tank vessel shall report the following to the Clearing House:

(179) (1) a statement that the Escort Planning process has been completed;

(180) (2) if a pilot is onboard, a statement from the pilot as to whether the Checklist is completed, and whether the Checklist is or is not adequate;

(181) (3) a listing of the tugs that were chosen for the escort during the Escort Planning process;

(182) (4) for a tanker, the vessel's displacement;

(183) (5) for a barge, the vessel's deadweight tonnage.

(184) (c) Pre-Escort Conference: Before commencing an escorted transit, the pilot or, if there is no pilot onboard, the master of the tank vessel shall initiate communications with the escort tug(s). During this pre-escort conference, all parties shall plan and discuss the details of the escorted transit as specified on the Checklist or in the Escort Plan, including, but not limited to, the following:

(185) (1) the intended route;

(186) (2) the intended destination;

(187) (3) the speed of the vessel;

(188) (4) the positioning of the escort tug(s) relative to the tank vessel being escorted;

(189) (5) the manner in which an emergency connection would be made between the escort tug and tank vessel;

(190) (6) radio communications, including primary and secondary frequencies; and

(191) (7) anticipated weather and tidal conditions.

(192) (d) The master of the escort tug(s) shall report the name of the tug(s) and the name of the tank vessel to the Clearing House upon arrival at the following locations:

(193) (1) for unbound tank vessel movements; when passing Alcatraz, and when on-station;

(194) (2) for in-bay and outbound tank vessel movements; when on-station at the tank vessel prior to movement of the tank vessel.

(195) (e) At all times during the escorted transit, the master or pilot of the tank vessel shall maintain direct, two-way radio communication with the master or pilot of the escort tug. The radio communication shall be on a channel agreed to by both the master or pilot of the tank vessel and the master or pilot of the escort tug.

(196) (f) Reporting tug casualties during and after an escorted transit:

(197) (1) the master of the escort tug shall immediately notify the master or pilot of the escorted vessel of any casualty that occurs to the tug during the escorted transit. A casualty shall include any loss of main propulsion, primary steering, or any component or system that reduces the maneuverability of the tug, or any other occurrence that adversely affects the tug's ability to perform the escort function:

(198) (2) the tug owner, operator or agent shall file a written casualty report with the Clearing House within 72 hours of occurrence. The Clearing House shall maintain a database of these reports for three years.

(199) "851.8 Requirements for Escort Tugs: Braking Force Measurement, Crew and Training Standards, Equipment and Stationing Criteria."

(200) (g) Stationing requirements for escort tugs:

(201) (1) an escort tug shall not simultaneously engage in the escort of more than one tank vessel;

(202) (2) escort tugs shall maintain a station-keeping distance of no more than 1,000 feet ahead or aside, or 500 feet astern of the tank vessel while engaged in escort activity;

(203) (3) escort tugs shall standby as the tank vessel transits Zones 3 and/or 5, as follows:

(204) (A) the escort tug(s) shall standby in Zone 2 or 6 as the tank vessel transits Zone 5; and

(205) (B) the escort tug(s) shall standby in Zone 2 or 4 as the tank vessel transits Zone 3; or

(206) (C) the escort tug(s) may accompany the escorted tank vessel through Zone 3 and/or 5 in lieu of standing by.

(207) (4) in Zone 1, the escort tug(s) shall be stationed as follows:

(208) (A) on an inbound transit, the escort tug shall be in Zone 1 prior to the tank vessel's arrival to the area bounded by an arc eight nautical miles seaward of and centered on Mile Rocks Light; and

(209) (B) on an outbound transit, the escort tug shall remain in Zone 1 until the tank vessel leaves the area bounded by an arc eight nautical miles seaward of and centered on Mile Rocks Light.

(210) (h) Escort transit log:

(211) (1) escort tug masters shall keep a record in the ship's log of every escorted transit;

(212) (2) the record of the escorted transit in the ship's log shall include information regarding the sequence of events during the transit, the crew assignments, any casualties that may occur, and any drills conducted.

(213) **Golden Gate,** the passage between the ocean and San Francisco Bay, is 2 miles wide at the W end between Point Bonita and Point Lobos, but the channel is

reduced in width to 1.5 miles by Mile Rocks and to less than 0.7 mile by the Golden Gate Bridge pier. Depths in the passage vary from 108 feet to over 300 feet.

(214) **Point Lobos,** the S entrance point to the Golden Gate, is high, rocky, and rounding with black rugged cliffs at its base. A large water tank is on the summit. The **Cliff House** is near the S part of the W face of the point; high and rocky **Seal Rocks** are just offshore.

(215) **Mile Rocks,** 700 yards NW of the sharp projecting point off **Lands End** on the N face of Point Lobos, are two small 20-foot-high black rocks about 100 feet apart. **Mile Rocks Light** (37°47.6'N., 122°30.6'W.), 49 feet above the water, is shown from an orange and white horizontally banded tower on the outer and larger rock; a fog signal is at the light.

(216) Passage between Mile Rocks and Point Lobos should not be attempted because of the covered and visible rocks extending over 300 yards from shore and the rocks covered 6 and 14 feet S of Mile Rocks Light.

(217) The S shore of the Golden Gate extends in a gentle curve NE for 2 miles to Fort Point, forming a shallow bight called **South Bay.** The cliffs rise abruptly from narrow beaches, except near the middle of the bight where a valley terminates in a sand beach 0.3 mile long. Sailing craft are sometimes obliged to anchor here when becalmed, or when meeting an ebb current, to avoid drifting onto Mile Rocks, but the anchorage is uncomfortable and it is difficult to get underway from it.

(218) **Fort Point** projects slightly from the high cliffs and is marked by a square red brick fort with a stone seawall in front. The fort, which is obscured by the S end of the Golden Gate Bridge, and 29 acres of land adjacent to the fort are part of the Fort Point National Historic Site. The fishing wharf at Fort Point is unsafe for mooring because of surge conditions.

(219) The N shore of the Golden Gate is bold and rugged, with reddish cliffs rising abruptly from the water's edge to over 600 feet.

(220) **Point Diablo,** 1.4 miles E of Point Bonita, rises abruptly from a 0.1-mile sharp projection to a height of over 200 feet with deep water on all sides. A light is shown from a white house on the end of the point; a fog signal is at the light.

(221) The mile-long shore between Point Diablo and Lime Point forms a shallow bight with steep cliffs. Near the middle of the bight the cliffs are cut by a narrow valley which ends in a low beach at the shore.

(222) **Lime Point,** 2.5 miles E of Point Bonita, is high and precipitous, and rises abruptly to a height of nearly 500 feet in less than 0.3 mile. A light is shown from a pole at the end of the point; a fog signal is at the light.

(223) **Golden Gate Bridge,** crossing the Golden Gate from Fort Point to Lime Point, has a clearance of 225 feet at the center of the 4,028-foot-wide channel span between the 740-foot-high supporting towers; the least clearance is 211 feet at the S pier. The center of the span is marked by a fixed green light with three fixed white lights in a vertical line above it and by a private fog signal; a private light and fog signals are on the S pier. When approaching Golden Gate Bridge in the eastbound traffic lane in fog, channel Buoy 2 sometimes provides a radar image that indicates the location of the S pier of the bridge. Aero obstruction lights mark the tops of the bridge towers. (Do not rely on radiobeacon bearings when within 0.5 mile of the bridge.)

Coast Guard

(224) **Golden Gate Coast Guard Station** is about 0.4 mile NNE of the bridge at the entrance to Horseshoe Bay.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(225) The lines established for San Francisco Harbor are described in **80.1142**, chapter 2.

Channels

(226) The principal approach to San Francisco Bay is through the buoyed **Main Ship Channel** over the bar on bearing **070°** toward Alcatraz Light. The project depth is 55 feet in the 2,000-foot wide channel. (See Notice to Mariners and latest edition of chart for controlling depths.) In September 1998, a sunken wreck was reported W of Buoy 8, in about 37°46'30"N., 122°35'21"W. Caution is advised when transiting the area.

(227) From S, some coasters and fishing vessels drawing not more than 15 feet use unmarked **South Channel,** parallel to and 0.7 mile off the peninsula shore. A reported obstruction, covered 25 feet, is near the S end of the channel about 3.5 miles 192° from Mile Rocks Light.

(228) From N, coasters and other vessels use buoyed **Bonita Channel,** between the E end of Potatopatch Shoal and the shore N of Point Bonita. The channel is narrowed to 0.2 mile by several rocky patches including **Sears Rock,** covered 19 feet, 1.2 miles NW of Point Bonita.

Caution

(229) Vessels departing San Francisco Bay through Bonita Channel on the ebb current must use extreme caution when crossing the tide rip off Point Bonita. When the bow passes the rip the stern is thrown to port and, unless promptly met, the vessel will head straight for the rocks off the point. Vessels favoring Potatopatch Shoal too closely have reported a set toward it.

(230) Neither South Channel nor Bonita Channel should be used by large vessels. Strangers wishing to cross the bar in thick weather should either wait for clearing or

take a pilot. Fog is prevalent in the Golden Gate; radar is a great aid here.

(231) It has been reported, however, that radar targets at the entrance to San Francisco Bay may be difficult to identify at times because of ghost echoes.

Currents

(232) The currents at the entrance to San Francisco Bay are variable, uncertain, and at times attain considerable velocity. Immediately outside the bar there is a slight current to the N and W, known as the **Coast Eddy Current.** The currents at San Francisco Approach Lighted Horn Buoy SF are described in some detail in the Tidal Current Tables. The currents most affecting navigation in this vicinity are the tidal currents. Across the bar the flood current converges toward the entrance and is felt sooner around Point Lobos and Point Bonita than across the Main Ship Channel. The ebb current spreads from the entrance over the bar, but the main strength is WSW, parallel with the S edge of the Potatopatch Shoal, and through the Main Ship Channel. In the Bonita Channel the ebb current is weak and of short duration; the flood current begins so early that during the last half of the ebb in the Golden Gate the current in Bonita Channel forms an eddy flowing SE around Point Bonita into Bonita Cove.

(233) In the vicinity of Mile Rocks the currents attain considerable velocity within a few minutes after slack on both flood and ebb.

(234) In the Golden Gate the flood current sets straight in, with a slight tendency toward the N shore, with heavy overfalls both at Lime Point and Fort Point when strong. It causes an eddy in the bight between Point Lobos and Fort Point. The ebb current has been observed to have a velocity of more than 6.5 knots between Lime Point and Fort Point, and it sets from inside the bay on the N side toward the latter point. Like the flood current, it causes an eddy in the bight between Fort Point and Point Lobos, and a heavy rip and overfall reaching about 0.25 mile S from Point Bonita. At the Golden Gate Bridge, large current eddies near the foundation piers cause ships to sheer off course.

(235) Daily current predictions are given in the Tidal Current Tables. In October 1991, tidal currents at San Francisco Bay Entrance (Golden Gate) were reported to deviate significantly from official predictions published by the National Ocean Service. Mariners should exercise caution and discretion in the use of published tidal current predictions. Also, previously available Tidal Current Charts of San Francisco Bay have been withdrawn.

Weather, San Francisco Bay

(236) Winter winds, from about November through February, are variable. The procession of lows and highs brings frequent wind shifts and a great range of speeds. Calms occur from 15 to 40 percent of the time inside the bay and about 10 to 12 percent outside, while extreme winds of 50 knots with gusts of 68 knots (January 1951) have occurred in winter. Strongest winter winds are often out of the SE through SW, ahead of a cold front; sometimes strong W through N winds follow. Inside the bay, gales occur less than 1 percent of the time; this rises to around 2 percent in the ocean approaches. December is the month with most frequent gales followed closely by January and May. Gales are unheard of during August and September.

(237) Spring is often the windiest season and June the windiest month, as reflected by the average wind speeds which range from about 6 to 12 knots inside the bay and up to 15 knots in the ocean approaches. While the extremes of winter are less likely, winds in the 17- to 28-knot range are more likely. Inside the bay, they occur 5 to 10 percent of the time, except at exposed locations like San Francisco International Airport, where winds pour through the San Bruno Gap at these speeds up to 25 percent of the time. Over the ocean approaches, they blow in this 17- to 28-knot range up to 40 percent of the time. Wind directions in spring become less variable as strong NW winds are generated by the Pacific High and reinforced by the sea breeze. SW and W winds are also common, as directions are deflected and channeled by the hills that surround the bay.

(238) Summer winds are the most constant and predictable of all. Wind directions inside the bay are often local, but they are derived from the NW through N flow that persists outside the bay. At San Francisco International Airport, for example, winds are out of the W through NW 80 percent of the time; they usually back to the SW briefly in the early morning hours. In the southern part of the bay, NW through N winds come funneling in through the San Bruno and Crystal Springs Gaps, aided by the onshore sea breeze. Along the E shores, these two factors result in a SW through NW flow. Over the northern part of the bay, winds S of W prevail as the W flow through the Golden Gate is deflected N by topography and the heating of the Petaluma and Napa Valleys. If an area is completely protected from the prevailing flow, then a local onshore sea breeze will most likely develop. At Petaluma River entrance, summer winds out of the SE are most common.

(239) This flow is usually so persistent that it continues through the night, with only a reduction in speed and perhaps a slight shift in direction. Only over the

extreme southern part of the bay does an offshore land breeze develop at night–and even here it is an infrequent occurrence.

(240) Wind speeds over the bay increase during the day, owing to the strengthening of the sea breeze, and then fall off late at night. In general, depending upon exposure, winds blow at 3 to 10 knots from 2300 to 0900. During the morning hours, they increase to 6 to 15 knots. By early afternoon they are blowing at 14 to 20 knots, and this usually lasts until early evening, when they begin to drop off to nighttime levels. This same diurnal variation exists over the Gulf of the Farallones, with speeds sometimes reaching 25 knots or so during the afternoon.

(241) Few changes take place in this summertime pattern, but one that occasionally disrupts it occurs when a high-pressure system gets situated over the Pacific Northwest. During these periods, a NE flow, sometimes very strong, comes whipping down the high plateaus of interior Washington and Oregon and Idaho, across the Cascades and Sierra through the coastal valleys and gaps in the inner coast range, to flood the bay region with warm and often hot, dry air. Due to the compression of sinking air, it warms and dries out as it falls into lower elevations. This flow clears the fog and stratus from the bay. Sometimes these NE winds are just enough to offset the prevailing flow, but at other times they blow fiercely across the area for a few days. They are so dry that many devastating brush fires have occurred in the bay area during these periods.

(242) The summer conditions last through October, although they are not as persistent in October as the Pacific High weakens and occasional weather fronts affect the area.

(243) Fog is a problem in the San Francisco Bay area, particularly in and around the Golden Gate. The foggiest months at the airport are December and January when, on average, 17 days, report foggy conditions. The foggiest months at the Golden Gate are July and August for reasons discussed later. June is the most fog-free month reporting, on average, only three foggy days. It can be local or widespread, thick or wispy, low or high. It may roll in rapidly from the sea or creep out from the land.

(244) Fog ebbs and flows in cycles, daily and seasonal. They are long-term fluctuations not predictable enough to be termed cycles. Several foggy summers may be followed by several clear ones and one clear summer may be succeeded by a foggy one. Daily and seasonal cycles are more predictable.

(245) Summer fog and stratus are advected off the Pacific by the prevailing onshore winds. They pour through the gaps and passes in the Coast Range and spread out over San Francisco Bay. Low stratus clouds are often referred to as high fog–an accurate term, since fog is simply stratus clouds touching the surface. This high fog is much more prevalent than dense surface fog in the bay.

(246) Several conditions usually exist in summer to create this fog and stratus. The large Pacific High becomes well established off the coast. Its clockwise circulation generates a NW flow along the coast. This drives a cool California current S and even more importantly causes the upwelling of cold water close to the coast. On the E side of the high, air aloft subsides and warms, creating a layer of warm, dry air aloft (inversion). As warm, moist air moves across the Pacific and into the coastal region, it is chilled, first by the California current and then further by the cold pools of coastal water. If the air mass isn't too dry, then condensation through cooling causes fog and stratus to form from the surface, possibly to the height of the inversion (usually 500 to 1,500 feet, 153 to 458 m). This situation occurs often enough to create a semipermanent fog bank off the coast during the summer.

(247) Meanwhile, the inland valleys of California are heated by the summer sun, creating a large thermal low pressure system and setting up a flow from the ocean to the land–sea breeze. This intensifies the normal onshore flow, particularly during the afternoon and evening. This flow is blocked or deflected by the coast ranges except where there are gaps and passes. In the San Francisco Bay area, there are six major gaps, including the largest and only sea-level gap, the Golden Gate. It is the most influential feature in the climate of the bay. Minor gaps and passes are numerous also, resulting in very local conditions as cool, damp ocean air funnels through to the bay.

(248) Under normal summer conditions, a daily cycle is evident. What happens in the Golden Gate usually occurs along the other passes to a lesser degree. Usually a sheet of fog appears in the early forenoon on either side of the bold headlands of the Golden Gate. It becomes more formidable as the day wears on. By late afternoon, it begins to move through the Golden Gate at a speed of about 14 knots, on the afternoon sea breeze. Once inside the bay, it is carried by local winds. Because of warm bay temperatures and other factors, it usually becomes high fog or stratus, E of Alcatraz. The height of the cloud base often lifts to 500 to 1,500 feet (143 to 458 m), and visibilities range from 3 to 7 miles (5 to 11 km) on the E side of the bay. A narrow tongue of fog and stratus sometimes follows a local wind N into San Pablo Bay and then E into Carquinez Strait. Another night wind carries some fog and stratus into the S part of the bay, while the W wind pushes some clouds across the bay through the Golden Gate to Berkeley and the E

shores. In a similar pattern, high fog moves over the bay through the other gaps and passes.

(249) As the sun rises, fog and stratus burn off; first from the shore and near-shore areas and then gradually from the middle of the bay. In general, the N part of the bay is the last to be enveloped at night and the first to clear in the morning. Occasionally the stratus is so thick that the bay remains blanketed all day. It is most persistent in the central part of the bay from the Golden Gate to Berkeley.

(250) The foggiest waters lie at the ocean approaches to the Golden Gate. In the Gulf of Farallones, fog signals operate 40 to 50 percent of the time during August, the worst month. In Bolinas and Drakes Bays, fog is constantly pushed in against the shores. At Point Reyes, the fog signal, 300 feet (92 m) above mean sea level, operates about 45 to 50 percent of the time during July and August. At the entrance to the Golden Gate, fog signals blow about 30 percent of the time during an average August. Frequencies drop slightly in the channel itself, particularly at places like Anita Rock, which is somewhat sheltered by land. However, fog signals in the Golden Gate operate 15 to 25 percent of the time during August. July through September remain the foggiest months. Alcatraz represents the E extent of the frequent dense summer fog.

(251) Once inside the bay, the extent of fog and stratus is determined by the winds, water temperature, and nearby land temperatures. Stratus continues across the bay to Berkeley. Often it is carried N through Southhampton Shoal into San Pablo Bay and then E into Carquinez Strait. Usually it is not touching the surface, so visibilities remain above 5 miles (9 km). Some cool, moist night air also reaches these N waters through Muir Woods Gap, Nicasio Gap, and Estero Lowland. While stratus touches the hills in these areas, it usually overhangs the bay. If nighttime cooling has been sufficient, it can build down to the surface. Fog is only likely to affect Richardson Bay and Raccoon Strait when the wind is a few points S of W. At the entrance to the Petaluma River, August visibilities drop below 7 miles (13 km) on about 6 days, but below 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on only 1 day on the average. In N waters, the narrow stretch through Southhampton Shoal to Carquinez Strait is the most likely place to encounter fog.

(252) While stratus is common at night along the Alameda-Oakland coast, dense fog is rare. Prevailing nighttime conditions are stratus at 500 to 1,900 feet (153 to 580 m) with visibilities of 7 to 15 miles (13 to 28 km), occasionally dropping to 3 to 6 miles (6 to 11 km). At Moffett Field, August visibilities are reduced to less than 7 miles (13 km) on about 8 days, but fall below 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on 1 day, at most. Fog and most often stratus reach the S part of the Bay, mainly through the San Bruno and Crystal Springs Gaps. At San Francisco International Airport, visibilities drop below 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on about 1 day in August.

(253) There are times, however, when the whole bay becomes blanketed by fog. It can occur over a period of several days or a couple of weeks. On the average, it is a weekly cycle. At these times the indraft of air through the gaps is so strong that sea fog penetrates as far E as Sacramento and Stockton. If this flow continues for a few days, cooler ocean air replaces the warm valley air, finally causing the sea breeze mechanism to break down. Winds diminish, and the bay area clears for a few days. Slowly the valley reheats, and the process begins again.

(254) Sea fog occurs infrequently in fall and winter. It is most likely with the warm, moist flow ahead of a frontal system, and it occurs most often near the approaches to and in the Golden Gate. A visibility problem that is most likely in fall is smog. It occurs when an inversion forms at low levels and traps pollutants. At times, the afternoon sea breezes push this smog from San Francisco across the bay to the Berkeley Hills, and a gray, noxious vapor can blanket this part of the bay and drop visibilities to less than 2 miles (4 km). If winds are light, San Francisco can become wrapped in a dense smog that reduces visibilities to below 0.5 mile (0.9 km). These conditions are most likely when a large high-pressure system settles over the bay area.

(255) This high pressure also gives rise to radiation fog, particularly in late fall and winter. Under its clear skies and light winds, land temperatures fall rapidly at night. In low, damp places such as the Delta, this results in a shallow radiation fog. Because this fog forms most readily in regions where tules and other marsh plants grow, they are commonly called "**tule fogs**". Often they are nothing more than a wisp a few feet deep. However, these fogs can build to several hundred feet (>31 m) deep and become dense, particularly if conditions persist for several days. The cool inland areas and the warmer ocean waters tend to create a land breeze on these occasions. In the early morning hours, the fog will drift seaward through the Carquinez Strait and other gaps in the Berkeley Hills, move across the bay to San Francisco and Marin, and roll slowly out the Golden Gate. It is often aided by radiation fog that has formed along the shores of the bay, or sometimes even over the bay itself. Most often, this relatively shallow fog burns off by late morning. Conditions conducive to this phenomenon usually last just a few days.

(256) Tule fog is most likely in December and January, when calm conditions occur up to 40 percent of the time at some locations around the bay. In areas like Richardson Bay, Southampton Shoal, Raccoon Strait,

and Carquinez Strait, fog signals operate 10 to 20 percent of the time on the average during these months. The addition of sea fog makes poor visibilities just as frequent in the Golden Gate and over its ocean approaches. Most shore points around the bay are affected much more by winter fog than summer fog. At the entrance to the Petaluma River, visibilities drop below 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on 5 to 8 days per month from October through February. At Oakland, Alameda, Moffett, and San Francisco Airports, visibilities are reduced below 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on an average of 4 to 6 days per month during December and January.

(257) Spring visibilities are usually excellent. March and April are the best months. Strong breezes and a lack of highs inhibit the formation of land fog, while fewer frontal passages reduce the chances of sea fog. Fog signals operate about 7 to 10 percent of the time in the Golden Gate and around the bay. At land stations, visibilities drop below 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on about 1 day per month, and below 7 miles (13 km) on less than 5 days per month. At sheltered locations like Hamilton Air Force Base, these figures are a little higher. Fog is infrequent but often a haze hangs over the bay and surrounds hills in various shapes, such as wreaths and domes. It is one time of the year that fog may be enjoyed.

Routes

(258) The routes for approaching San Francisco Bay are described in chapter 3 and at the beginning of this chapter under San Francisco Traffic Separation Scheme.

(259) Taking care to avoid the circular 0.5-mile-radius area centered on San Francisco Approach Lighted Horn Buoy SF, steer a course to enter the charted eastbound San Francisco Bay traffic lane. The recommended route for outbound vessels is via the charted westbound San Francisco Bay traffic lane to the precautionary area of the San Francisco Traffic Separation Scheme.

(260) Vessels with a draft of 45 feet or greater bound for the deepwater anchorages S of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge or N to San Pablo Bay and Carquinez Strait should use the charted **Deep Water Route** E of the Golden Gate Bridge. Vessels intending to use the Deep Water Route should notify San Francisco Traffic before passing Mile Rocks. Deep draft vessels will neither meet nor overtake in the Deep Water Route. Deep draft vessels bound for Anchorage 9, S of San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, should pass E of Blossom Rock then through the C-D or D-E spans of the bridge.

(261) From the Golden Gate Bridge, vessels with drafts less than 45 feet bound for San Pablo Bay and Carquinez Strait set a course to follow the charted Traffic Separation Scheme to the precautionary area E of Alcatraz Island, thence N through the charted Traffic Separation Scheme to San Pablo Bay and Carquinez Strait.

(262) Mariners are cautioned that the traffic lanes between Angel Island and North Point are frequently crossed by tugs with barges, and self-propelled dredges. These vessels normally transit to and from the dumping ground S of Alcatraz Island.

Pilotage, San Francisco

(263) Pilotage in and out of San Francisco is compulsory for all vessels of foreign registry and U.S. vessels under enrollment not having a federal licensed pilot on board. The San Francisco Bar Pilots provide pilotage to ports in San Francisco Bay and to ports on all tributaries to the bay, including Stockton and Sacramento.

(264) The San Francisco Bar Pilots keep one of two vessels on station at all times, the SAN FRANCISCO or the CALIFORNIA. The pilot boats are 85 feet long with a blue waterline band, international orange hull, and white superstructure. The top of the cabin houses, the mast, and after deck covers are orange. The word "PILOT" is shown on the fore part as well as the port and starboard sides of the midship house. The boat displays the standard day and night signals. The pilot vessel cruises on station 24 hours a day near the San Francisco Approach Lighted Horn Buoy SF, or, in foul weather, seaward of it. Prior arrangements with the bar pilots' office can be made by telephone (415-393-0457), telex (SF Pilot 415-371-5595), fax messages (415-982-4721), or cable (BARPILOTS, San Francisco). If prior arrangements have not been made with the pilots' office on Pier 9, masters may give these signals upon approaching the San Francisco Approach Lighted Horn Buoy SF:

(265) **Clear visibility**: by day, hoist code flag "G"; by night, four long flashes on the signal lamp. **Limited visibility**: four long blasts and lay to. The pilot boat monitors VHF-FM channels 10, 13, and 16. The pilot boats' radio calls are SAN FRANCISCO WYZ-8288 and CALIFORNIA WYK-4689; the pilot office call is KMG-389; cable address: BARPILOTS, San Francisco. The office monitors VHF-FM channel 10. Masters or agents are requested to advise the pilots whenever there is a change in the draft, arrival or sailing time, or maneuvering or equipment limitations.

(266) The pilots board directly from the pilot boat. Pilot ladders should be rigged clear of all discharges and spouts about 10 feet from the waterline and amidship of the vessel at all times. The ladder must comply with International Maritime Organization (IMO) and IMPA recommendations and be made in one length and not consist of two lengths shackled or lashed together, and

should be equipped with spreaders about ten feet apart to comply with SOLAS Regulation 17, Chapter 5, (not in this text). A light must be ready to illuminate the ladder if necessary. Contact pilot boat about 30 minutes prior to arrival to determine on what side the ladder should be rigged. No lines should be attached to the lower end of the ladder. A manrope, heaving line, and a ring buoy with a self-igniting light must be provided; vessel speed, 6 to 8 knots.

(267) Pilot boarding is usually conducted in all but the most severe conditions. Extensive fog conditions are often experienced. Strong currents, accelerated by river freshets in the winter and spring months, often exist and greatly alter the predicted current calculations.

(268) The preferred anchorage for deep-draft vessels in the vicinity of the bar pilots pickup station (San Francisco Approach Lighted Horn Buoy SF) is an area with a 1 mile radius centered in 37°49'N., 122°42'W.)

(269) **Inbound tank vessels under escort embark pilots about 1 mile W of San Francisco Approach Lighted Horn Buoy SF.**

Chart 18650

(270) **San Francisco,** one of America's great cities, occupies the N portion of the peninsula forming the S entrance to the bay. The 3-mile N shore of San Francisco from the Golden Gate Bridge to the main waterfront includes the **Presidio of San Francisco**; several yacht harbors; Government buildings and piers on Black Point; Aquatic Park; and Fisherman's Wharf. Shoals with depths less than 10 feet extend up to 0.2 mile from the shore.

(271) The charted **recreation area** extending along this shore is intended primarily for use by recreation vessels. It should not be utilized by vessels 300 tons or more for through passage or for any other purpose, except in case of emergency or special circumstances.

(272) **Alcatraz Island,** 2.5 miles E of the Golden Gate Bridge, is one of the leading marks in entering San Francisco Bay. The small island is 148 feet high and has many buildings on it. Near the NW end of the island is a water tower, which is reported to be usually the only landmark visible when that area is in fog. **Alcatraz Light** (37°49.6'N., 122°25.3'W.), 214 feet above the water, is shown from a gray, octagonal pyramidal tower on the SE part of the island. Fog signals are on the extreme NW and SE ends of the island.

(273) A rock awash, marked on its W side by a bell buoy, is 125 yards W of the NW end of Alcatraz Island. The rocks and tide pools, which extend about 100 feet from the S tip of the island, are reported to cover at high water.

(274) Mariners are advised that surveys indicate shoaling tends to build to the W of the disposal area S of Alcatraz Island and caution should be used in the area. A shoal oriented SW to NE with depths less than 42 feet extends off the E shore of the island.

(275) Alcatraz Island, a part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, is administered by the Department of Interior's National Park Service.

(276) Federal regulations require that prior permission to land at Alcatraz, or to berth vessels at Fort Mason, Black Point, and Aquatic Park must be obtained from the General Superintendent, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Fort Mason, San Francisco, Calif. 94123.

(277) A passenger ferry, which operates frequently, uses a dock on the SE side of the island. In December 1979, 28 feet was reported off the dock.

(278) **Yerba Buena Island,** 345 feet high and 2.5 miles SE of Alcatraz Island, is of small extent, irregular in shape, and covered with a scrubby growth of trees. On its summit is a former lookout tower and the Coast Guard operated San Francisco Vessel Traffic Service Operation Center and radar antenna site. **San Francisco Coast Guard Station** is on the E side of the island.

(279) **Treasure Island** is a low filled area N of and connected by a causeway to Yerba Buena Island. Built originally for the San Francisco International Exposition of 1939-40, Treasure Island now belongs to the city of San Francisco. Some of the piers around the island have lights. A shoal covered 15 feet, is off the N end of the island.

(280) When the prevailing W winds are blowing, deep-draft vessels proceeding to the berthing area on the E side of the island may have extreme difficulty making the 90° turn from the narrow channel between the 30-foot curves SE of Yerba Buena Island.

(281) **Naval restricted areas** are off the N end of Treasure Island and between this island and Yerba Buena Island. (See **334.1070 and 334.1080**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(282) The **San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge,** said to be the eighth longest bridge in the world, crosses the bay from **Rincon Point** in San Francisco to Yerba Buena Island, thence to Oakland. Racons mark the main bridge spans. The recommended passage for southbound traffic is under the NE half of span A-B (midspan clearance 204 feet). Northbound traffic should use the SW half of span D-E (midspan clearance 204 feet). The midspan clearance of spans B-C and C-D are each 220 feet. The bridge span between Yerba Buena Island and Oakland has a greatest vertical clearance of 184 feet between piers G and H and a least vertical clearance of 141 feet between piers M and N. These clearances are approximate; they may be reduced by several feet due to heavy

traffic on the bridge and prolonged periods of extremely high temperature, and as much as 10 feet under extreme conditions. In June 2002, a replacement bridge was under construction, just N of the existing bridge between Yerba Buena Island and Oakland, with a design clearance of 140 feet over the main navigation channel.

(283) A **regulated navigation area** is S of Yerba Buena Island and E to Oakland and Alameda. Passage by vessels 300 gross tons or more should be coordinated with the Vessel Traffic Service and limited to one such vessel at a time to avoid crossing or meeting situations.

(284) The **Port of San Francisco** is the oldest on the Pacific coast. Though primarily a general cargo port, grain, bulk liquids, containers, newsprint, automobiles, bananas, copra, cotton, and other commodities are handled here. San Francisco is a popular port of call for passenger vessels on regular scheduled and special cruises.

Prominent features

(285) The skyline of the city of San Francisco is unmistakable, with several dominant landmarks: the 980-foot television tower supporting three antennas, the pyramid-shaped Transamerica Building, the Coit Tower on Telegraph Hill 3.4 miles E of the bay entrance, and the Bay Bridges with their freeway elevated approaches. Inside the bay, the Bank of America Building, the Bank of America Clock Tower, the clock tower at the S end of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, the old Ferry Building with its 240-foot clock tower on the waterfront S of Pier 1, and the U.S. Coast Guard radar tower on Yerba Buena Island are prominent.

(286) The **Ferry Building,** terminal of many ferry boats, also houses the **San Francisco Port Authority** offices, the offices of the Marine Exchange, Inc., and the many offices and exhibits of the World Trade Center.

Channels

(287) Depths of 45 feet or more are available from the Golden Gate Bridge to most of the anchorages; depths ranging from 29 to 40 feet can be taken to most of the San Francisco piers.

Anchorages

(288) General, naval, and explosives anchorages are in San Francisco Bay. (See **110.1 and 110.224**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(289) **Warning**.–Two submarine pipeline areas cross San Francisco Bay within General Anchorage 9; one crosses between Metropolitan Oakland International Airport and **Brisbane,** and the other about 1.5 miles to the S. Mariners are cautioned not to anchor in these areas. (See chart 18651.)

Dangers

(290) **Anita Rock,** 1.1 miles E of Fort Point and 300 yards from shore, is covered 3 feet and marked by a light.

(291) There are several rocky patches with depths of 33 to 35 feet W and NW of Alcatraz Island that must be avoided by deep-draft vessels. The northwesternmost of these shoals is **Harding Rock,** marked by a lighted buoy equipped with a racon.

(292) The Trans-Bay Tube of the Bay Area Rapid Transit District crosses San Francisco Bay from the vicinity of the Ferry Tower to Oakland. Mariners are **prohibited** from dropping or dragging anchors when in the vicinity of the tunnel crossing.

(293) Heavy tide rips occur in the vicinity of Alcatraz Island.

Tides

(294) The mean range of tide at Golden Gate is 4.1 feet, and the diurnal range of tide is 5.8 feet. A range of about 9 feet may occur at the time of maximum tides. The lowest low water is about 2.5 feet below mean lower low water. Daily tide predictions for Golden Gate are given in the Tide Tables.

Currents

(295) Inside the Golden Gate the flood current sets into all parts of the bay and causes swirls from the Golden Gate as far E as Alcatraz and Angel Islands and through Raccoon Strait, N of Angel Island. The ebb current, inside the Golden Gate, is felt first along the S shore. In the Golden Gate, the average duration of the ebb stream is somewhat greater than that of the flood. The Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers have weak flood currents during periods of freshets.

(296) The San Francisco-Oakland Bridge has large current eddies near the foundation piers that cause ships to sheer off course.

(297) Strong currents due to heavy spring runoffs have been reported along the San Francisco waterfront between piers 39 and 94.

Caution

(298) Oakland's Seventh Street Marine Terminal, about 1 mile E of Yerba Buena Island, forms a current lee on both the flood and the ebb current. Vessels making for Middle Harbor and Oakland Inner Harbor on a flood current will encounter a lee on the S side of the terminal; when the bow enters the slack water, the vessel will tend to sheer to the left. Similarly, vessels bound for the Outer Harbor on an ebb current will encounter slack water on the N side of the terminal, with a tendency to sheer to the right. This condition may be dangerous to deep-draft, loaded vessels, and should be anticipated.

(299) See the Tidal Current Tables for daily predictions for San Francisco Bay area.

Weather, San Francisco

(300) San Francisco enjoys a marine-type climate characterized by mild and moderately wet winters and by dry, cool summers. Winter rains (December through March) account for about three-fourths of the average annual rainfall of just over 19 inches (483 mm), and measurable precipitation occurs on an average of 13 days per month during this period. Snowfall occurs, but is infrequent. The greatest amount is 1.5 inches (38 mm) recorded in January 1962. Flurries have occurred in each month, December through March. There are frequent dry periods lasting well over a week. Severe winter storms with gale winds and heavy rains occur only occasionally. December is the month most likely to experience gales followed by January. Thunderstorms average five a year and may occur in any month, but are usually very mild.

(301) The daily and annual range in temperature is small ranging from an average annual maximum of 65.2°F (18.4°C) and an average annual minimum of 48.7°F (9.3°C). A few frosty mornings occur during the winter, but the temperature seldom drops below freezing. The coldest temperature on record at the International Airport is 24°F recorded in December 1972. Each month, November through March, has recorded temperatures below freezing (0°C). Winter temperatures generally rise to the high fifties (13.9° to 15°C) in the early afternoon.

(302) The summer weather is dominated by a cool sea breeze resulting in an average summer wind speed of nearly 13 knots. Winds are light in the early morning, but normally reach 17 to 22 knots in the afternoon, depending on location. Where topography and man-made structures funnel the winds, higher gusts may occur in those areas.

(303) A sea fog, arriving over the station during the late evening or night as a low stratified cloud, is another persistent feature of the summer weather. This "high" fog, occasionally producing drizzle or mist, usually disappears during the late forenoon. Despite the morning overcast, summer days are remarkably sunny. On the average a total of only 15 days during the 4 months from June through September are classified as cloudy.

(304) Daytime temperatures are held down both by the morning low overcast and the afternoon strengthening sea breeze, resulting in daily maximum readings averaging in the lower- to middle seventies (21.7° to 23.9°C) from May through August. However, during these months occasional "hot" spells lasting a few days are experienced without the usual "high" fog and sea breeze. September, when the sea breeze becomes less pronounced, is the warmest month with an average maximum of 73°F (22.8°C). Minimum temperatures during the summer are in the lower- to middle fifties (10.6° to 12.8°C). The all-time high temperature recorded at the International Airport is 106°F (41.1°C) recorded in June 1961.

(305) A strong temperature inversion with its base usually at a height of 1,500 feet (458) m) persists throughout the summer. Inversions close to the ground are infrequent in summer, but rather common in fall and winter. As a consequence of these factors and the continued population and economic growth of the area, atmospheric pollution has become a problem of increasing importance.

(306) The National Weather Service maintains offices in Oakland, Redwood City, and at San Francisco International Airport; barometers may be compared there or by telephone. (See appendix for addresses.)

(307) (See page T–3 for **San Francisco climatological table.**)

Towage

(308) Tugboats are available in sufficient quantity for the traffic in the greater harbor.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(309) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(310) San Francisco–Oakland is a **customs port of entry.**

(311) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

Coast Guard

(312) A **marine safety office** and a **vessel documentation office** are on Coast Guard Island. (See appendix for addresses.) **San Francisco Coast Guard Air Station** is at San Francisco International Airport. A Coast Guard base and station are on the E side of Yerba Buena Island.

(313) The **Marine Exchange** of the San Francisco Bay region reports and records all Golden Gate ship arrivals and departures and conducts communications to serve the bay area commercial traffic. The station can be called 24 hours a day for relay of messages and other marine related services on VHF-FM channels 10 and 18. The station also monitors channels 13 and 16. The ship spotting station is located in Building B, Fort Mason, about 2.5 miles E of the Golden Gate Bridge.

Harbor regulations

(314) The Port of San Francisco is under control of the city of San Francisco, and its management is vested in

the San Francisco Port Commission, in direct charge of the port director of that body. The office of the **Chief Wharfinger** is in the Ferry Building.

(315) The harbor regulations are prescribed by the San Francisco Port Authority and enforced by the Chief Wharfinger.

Navigation Guidelines, San Francisco

(316) In addition to the harbor regulations prescribed by the San Francisco Port Authority, the Coast Guard Captain of the Port has prescribed the following supplemental regulations for vessels carrying explosives and certain hazardous bulk cargoes.

(317) Vessels entering or leaving San Francisco Bay laden with explosives (Class A or Military) having a net explosive weight in excess of 100 short tons for ships and in excess of 5 short tons for barges, or carry cargoes of a particular hazard as listed in 33 CFR 126.10 (not in this Coast Pilot), may be escorted by a Coast Guard patrol craft while underway within the bay. These escorts are at the discretion of the Captain of the Port (COTP). Each vessel shall coordinate all movements with the Captain of the Port and ensure:

(318) a) Speed of transit shall not exceed 12 knots.

(319) b) No transit will be made when visibility is reduced to less than 1 mile.

(320) c) A 24 hour advance notice of arrival is required.

(321) d) Vessels shall participate in the Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) and adhere to the traffic separation scheme, except as permitted by VTS or COTP.

Wharves

(322) The general cargo and specialized terminals of the Port of San Francisco are on the bay and on Islais Creek and the canal extending from China Basin; the facilities on the latter waterways are included in the description of these waterways. All of the piers described are owned by the San Francisco Port Authority and leased to private concerns. Only the major piers are described. The alongside depths given for each facility described are reported depths. (For information on the latest depths, contact the Port of San Francisco.) The deck height of each pier is 12 feet unless otherwise stated.

(323) The port has 30 active deepwater piers, 29 of which have 74 berths used primarily for general cargo. Several of the other piers are used for the receipt of oil and fish, ship repairs, mooring various types of small vessels, and for other purposes. Four other piers, actually wharves, are used mostly as special-purpose terminals and can accommodate five vessels.

(324) All of the piers have rail trackage on the aprons and one or more transit sheds. Most of the port's inbound and outbound cargo moves to and from the piers by truck. The Embarcadero, a four-lane thoroughfare, provides access to most of the piers; truck connections to piers S of Pier 46A are via other marginal and arterial streets. The arterials connect with the city's extensive freeway system.

(325) Cargo at the port is handled mostly by ship's tackle, but hoisting and heavy lift equipment is available in the port. Most piers have electrical shore power and water connections.

(326) The port operates its own beltline railroad, which connects to three major railroads; five ferry slips are maintained by the port for the transfer of railroad cars to and from other ports in the bay. Bonded warehouses, cold storage facilities, extermination and fumigation services, marine and cargo surveying services, and other maritime services are available in San Francisco. For a complete description of the port facilities refer to Port Series No. 30, published and sold by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (See appendix for address.)

Piers N of Ferry Building (37°47.7'N., 122°23.5'W.):

(327) Pier 9 (37°48'04"N., 122°23'42"W.): S side 800 feet, face 154 feet, N side 800 feet; 15 feet alongside; transit shed 820 by 112 feet; mooring company-owned floating equipment; mooring pilot boats; operated by Blue and Gold Fleet LP and San Francisco Bar Pilots.

(328) Piers 15 and 17 (37°48'09"N., 122°23'45"W.): S side 800 feet, face 485 feet, 35 feet alongside; N side 800 feet, 17 feet alongside; transit sheds 820 feet by 167 feet and 780 feet by 143 feet; mooring company-owned floating equipment; operated by Baydelta Maritime.

(329) Pier 27 (37°48'19"N., 122°24'01"W.): E side 1,358 feet, 18 to 33 feet alongside; face 266 feet, 33 feet alongside; mooring vessels; operated by the Port of San Francisco.

(330) Pier 33 (37°48'32"N., 122°24'11"W.): E side 687 feet, face 150 feet, W side 787 feet; 15 feet alongside; transit shed 800 feet by 110 feet, 66,900 square feet covered storage; receipt of seafood; mooring fishing vessels; operated by the Port of San Francisco.

(331) Pier 35 (37°48'36"N., 122°24'20"W.): E side 1,053 feet, face 200 feet; W side 802 feet; 35 feet alongside, two berths; transit shed 990 feet by 162 feet; 171,200 square of covered storage; passengers; operated by Metropolitan Stevedore Co.

(332) Pier 45 (37°48'37"N., 122°24'57"W.): Sheds A and C; face, 1,314 feet; 14 to 35 feet alongside; transit sheds, 98,000 square feet covered storage; mooring transient vessels; various operators; Sheds B and D; face, 1,200 feet; 14 to 25 feet alongside; transit sheds, 88,000 square feet covered storage; receipt of seafood; mooring and icing fishing vessels; operated by the Port of San Francisco.

Piers S of Ferry Building:

(333) Piers 30 and 32 (37°47'12"N., 122°23'00"W.): N side 932 feet, 18 to 38 feet alongside; face 622 feet, 38 feet alongside; S side 845 feet, 12 to 18 feet alongside; three berths; mooring vessels; operated by the Port of San Francisco.

(334) Pier 50 (Mission Rock Terminal) (37°46'24"N., 122°22'50"W.): N side 1,575 feet; S side 1,480 feet; 35 feet alongside; face 1,000 feet, 45 feet alongside; six berths; four transit sheds, 231,000 square feet of covered storage; mooring vessels; various operators.

(335) Pier 54 (37°46'11"N., 122°22'56"W.): N side 630 feet; face 150 feet; S side 730 feet; 18 to 20 feet alongside; transit shed, 15,000 square feet of covered storage; mooring vessels; receipt of seafood; operated by Crowley Maritime Corp and Sea-K Fish Co.

(336) Pier 70 (37°45'43"N., 122°22'47"W.): E side 1,300 feet, face 80 feet; W side 1,180 feet, 35 feet alongside; mooring vessels; operated by the Port of San Francisco.

(337) Pier 80 (North Container Terminal) (37°45'02"N., 122°22'33"W.): N side 2,657 feet, face 1,296 feet, S side 1,138 feet; 38 feet alongside; nine berths; two transit sheds, 10.5 acres covered storage; container cranes on a track running along the N and S sides and the face; receipt and shipment of conventional, containerized, and roll-on/roll-off general cargo; operated by Marine Terminals Corp.

(338) **China Basin,** 1.1 miles S of the Ferry Building, is a canal extending about 0.6 mile SW from San Francisco Bay. The 3rd and 4th Street bascule bridges across the canal have a least clearance of 1 foot. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.149**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 9 and works on channels 13, 17, and 65A; call sign WXY–959, San Francisco Drawbridges. China Basin is a no anchorage zone.

(339) **Islais Creek Channel** is entered 2.9 miles S of the Ferry Building. A dredged approach area with a project depth of 35 feet is off the entrance. The 3rd Street bascule bridge with a clearance of 4 feet crosses the creek about 0.6 mile above the entrance. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.T164**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 16 and uses channel 9 for working; call sign WXY-977, San Francisco Drawbridges.

(340) The wharves described in Islais Creek Channel are owned by the San Francisco Port Authority and leased to private concerns. The alongside depths given for each facility described are reported depths. (Contact the Port of San Francisco for latest depths.)

(341) Pier 80 (North Container Terminal), on the entrance: described earlier under wharves for the Port of San Francisco.

(342) Pier 90 (37°44'50"N., 122°23'04"W.): 1,210 feet of berthing space; 28 feet alongside; deck height, 12 feet; grain elevator with 2-million-bushel capacity; six automated loading spouts, loading rate, 40,000 bushels per hour; mooring vessels; operated by the Port of San Francisco.

(343) Pier 92 (37°44'50"N., 122°22'48"W.): face 868 feet; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 12 feet; storage tanks, 2.9-million-gallon capacity; shipment of tallow; receipt of sand; operated by Darling International, Inc. and Mission Valley Rock.

(344) Piers 94-96 (37°44'34"N., 122°22'13"W.): face, 2,456 feet; 40 feet alongside; cranes to 40 tons; 76 acres open storage; mooring vessels; operated by the Port of San Francisco.

Supplies

(345) Fuel oils, gasoline, and all other marine supplies and services may be had in any desired quantity. Fuel oil is usually delivered by barge. Water can be obtained on the piers or by barge.

Repairs

(346) San Francisco, Oakland, Richmond, and Alameda have facilities for making repairs to vessels and machinery of all kinds and sizes. The largest commercial floating drydock in San Francisco has a length of 900 feet, width of 148 feet, and a lifting capacity of 65,000 tons. There are several small drydocks on the San Francisco side, and several marine railways and floating docks on the Oakland side.

Communications

(347) San Francisco is the terminus of several transpacific steamship lines and the port of call for numerous lines of foreign, coastal, and intercoastal vessels. It is served directly by a major highway and is connected by the Bay Bridge to several others. The city is served by three transcontinental railroads; connections to two of the railroads are by barge, while one has tracks extending S and E around the S bay. San Francisco International Airport is on the W shore of the bay about 5 miles S of the city; it is served by many airlines.

Small-craft facilities

(348) San Francisco Municipal Yacht Harbor, 1.8 miles E of the Golden Gate Bridge with a W and E basin about 0.3 mile apart, has depths of 8 to 12 feet to the berths. A light near the end of a point marks the N side of the entrance to W basin; a prominent stone tower is 0.2 mile W of the light. The E basin is protected on the N by a breakwater extending E from the W shore, and on the E by a pier of **Fort Mason.** The seaward end of the breakwater is marked by a light. E basin is entered between

the breakwater light and the pier. The harbor accommodates about 700 boats in the W and E basins. Guest berths are available; transients should report to the harbormaster's office on the S side of the W basin for berth assignment.

(349) **Aquatic Park,** 2.6 miles E of the Golden Gate Bridge, is a recreation area protected on the W by a curved pier extending out from Black Point and on the E by a pier that berths historic ships of the National Maritime Museum. The basin is closed to power vessels, and other vessels must stay offshore away from buoys marking a swimming area. The **speed limit** is 3 knots. Depths of 9 to 16 feet are inside the basin. Small craft can find anchorage in about 13 feet. Permission to anchor for more than 24 hours must be obtained from the Aquatic Park Ranger Station.

(350) **Fishermans Wharf** is 2.8 miles E of the Golden Gate Bridge.

(351) The approach to the wharf is marked by lights. Depths of 15 feet or more are available to the wharves. Gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, and marine supplies are available.

(352) **Pier 39 Marina,** 0.3 mile E of Fisherman's Wharf, is a boat harbor with 360 slips. In 2001, the reported depth alongside the slips was 9 feet. L-shaped breakwaters protect basins on either side of the pier. The E breakwater is marked by private lights. Electricity, water, ice, and pumpout facilities are available. Limited space is available for transient vessels by appointment only. The **harbormaster** monitors VHF-FM channel 16 0830-1700 daily.

(353) **South Beach Harbor,** extending from 0.85 mile to 1.1 miles SE of the Ferry Building is a marina with 700 slips. Depths in the approach and alongside are reported to be 15 feet. It is protected by a breakwater marked by private lights. Private lights also mark the N and S entrances to the marina. Berths are assigned by the **harbormaster**; VHF-FM channel 16 is monitored 24 hours a day or telephone (415)495-4911. Electricity, water, ice, groceries and pumpout facilities are available.

(354) **Central Basin,** 1.9 miles S of the Ferry Building, has depths of 10 to 24 feet. Limited berthing facilities are on the W shore of the basin. Gasoline, water, covered and open storage, and some small-boat supplies are available. There are a surfaced boat ramp and a portable lift; hull and engine repairs can be made. Hull repairs can also be made at a boatbuilding and maintenance school in the SW corner of the basin.

(355) On the N side of **Hunters Point,** 3.8 miles S of the Ferry Building, are two repair facilities. The largest marine railway can handle craft to 300 tons or 120 feet for hull and engine repairs.

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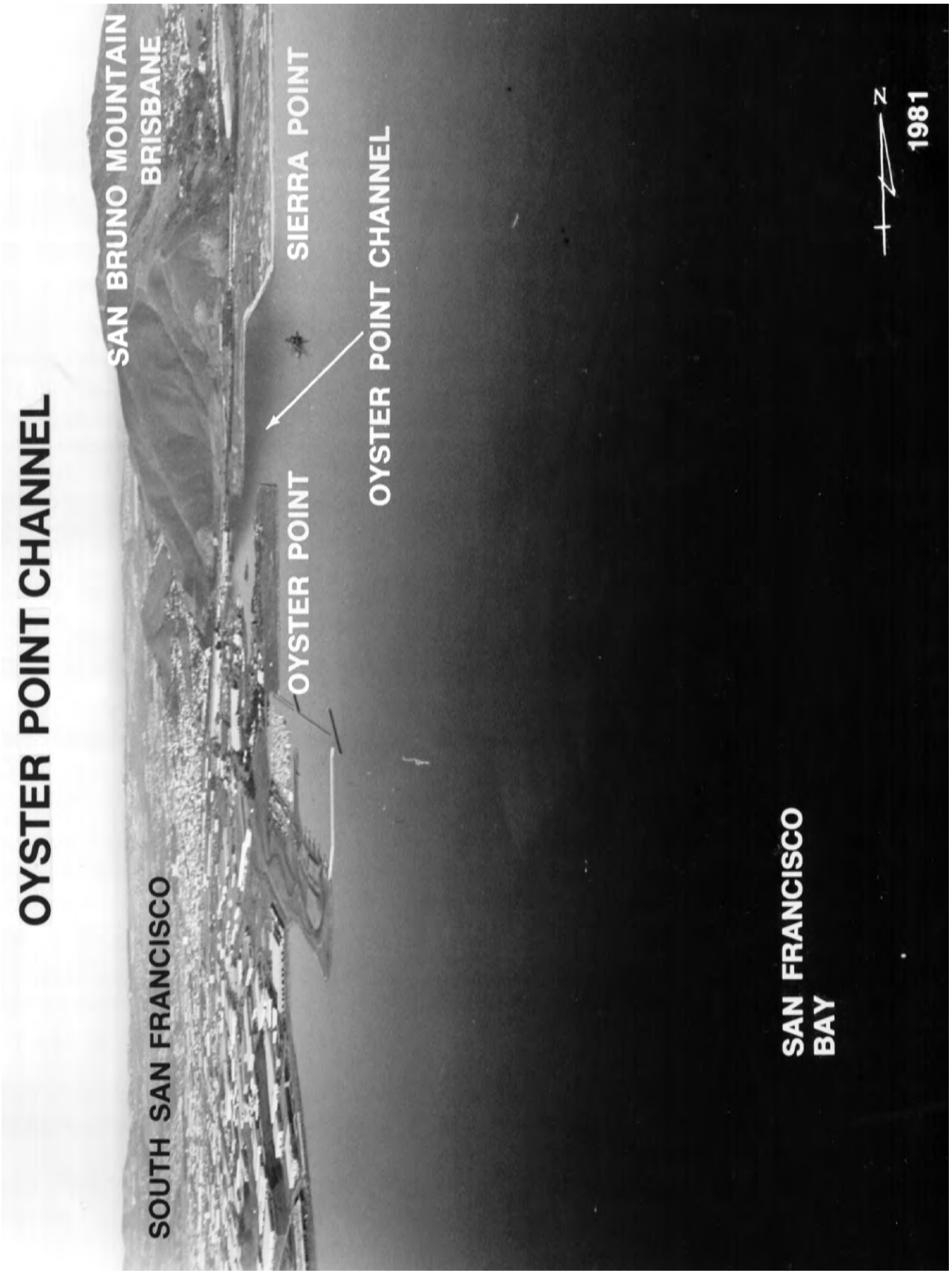
(356) S of San Francisco, **Point Avisadero,** which is the E extremity of Hunters Point, **Sierra Point,** Oyster Point, **Point San Bruno,** and Coyote Point, all on the W shore of the bay, are prominent natural features. A **naval restricted area** is offshore of Hunters Point. (See **334.1010**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) In January 1986, a sunken wreck was reported about 1 mile SE of Point Avisadero in about 37°42'59"N., 122°20'30"W. The Bayshore Freeway extends S on a filled area from the vicinity of **Candlestick Point,** and cuts back inland at Sierra Point. Sierra Point is the site of a small-boat harbor which can accommodate about 500 boats. **Oyster Point Channel,** marked by private lights, has depths of about 5 feet, except for a 2-foot shoal in about 37°40'09.5"N., 122°22'47.5"W., and leads to a small basin. A spur channel, marked by private lights, branches off the N side of Oyster Point Channel and leads to the entrance to the small-boat harbor at Sierra Point. The basin at the end of Oyster Point Channel has two private wharves in ruins and sheds on the W side; a marina that can accommodate about 200 boats is on the S side.

(357) **Oyster Point,** a low filled area, is the site of a small-boat harbor accommodating about 570 boats. Depths of about 6 feet are in the harbor. The entrance channels E and NE of the harbor are marked by private lights. In 1981, the E entrance channel had a controlling depth of 6 feet. Transients should report to the harbormaster's office for berth assignment. A prominent sculptured tower is on the hill 0.7 mile S of Oyster Point; the tower is floodlighted.

(358) The area between Point San Bruno and Coyote Point is occupied by **San Francisco International Airport.**

(359) **Coyote Point** is covered by a heavy growth of trees and is raised as an island. It is the most prominent point on the S bay. A small-craft harbor accommodating about 580 boats is on the E side of the point. The entrance channel, marked by a private lighted range and two private lights, had a reported controlling depth of depth of 10 feet in 2002. The front range light is usually difficult to see because of obstructing boats and masts. The harbor, operated by San Mateo County, is composed of two basins having depths of about 8 feet. Transients should report to the harbormaster's office on the NW side of the harbor for berth assignment; guest berths are usually available. A harbor patrol boat is maintained.

(360) (See the small-craft facilities tabulation on chart 18652 for services and supplies available at the small-craft facilities at Oyster Point and Coyote Point.)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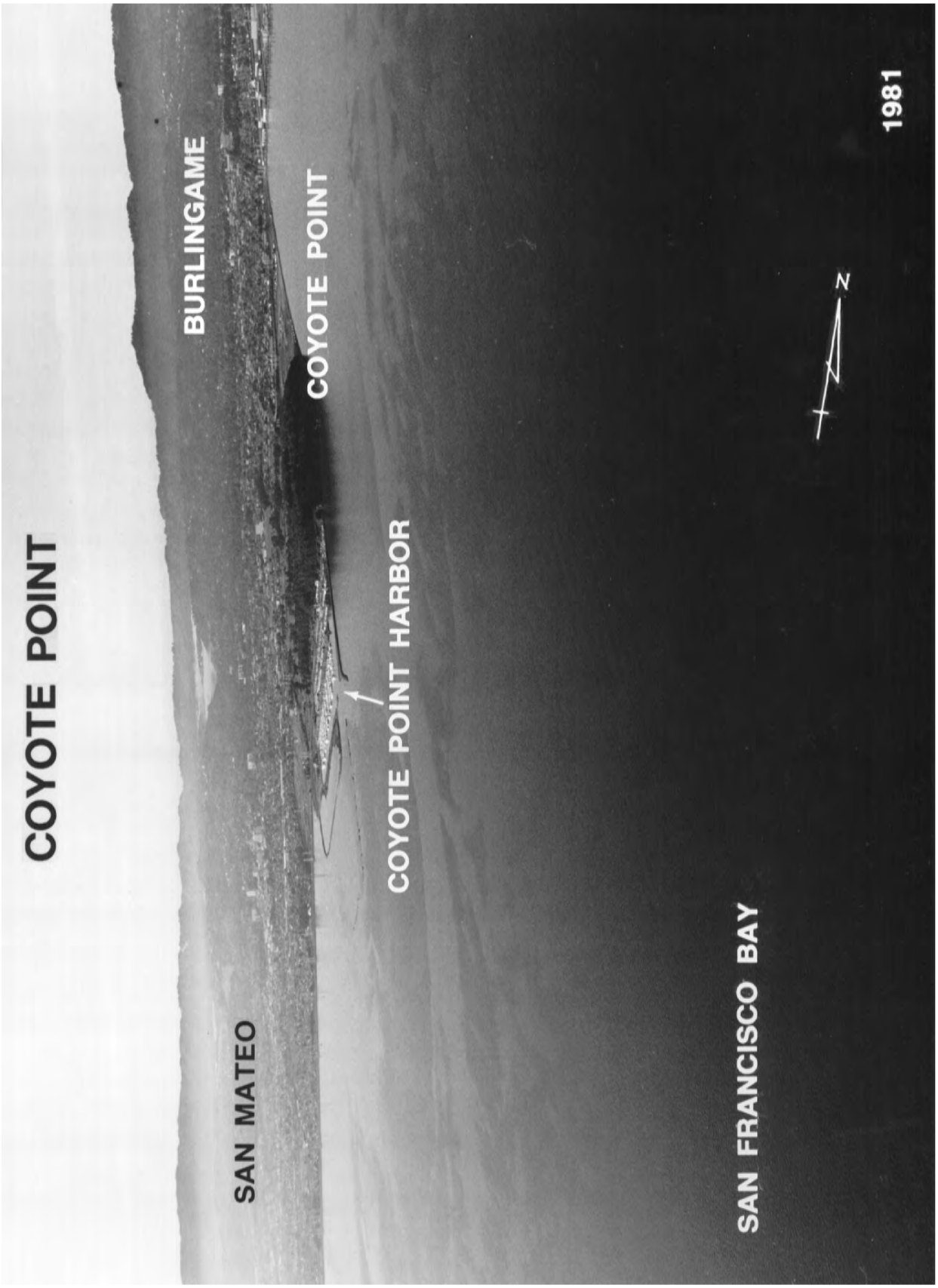
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(361) The **San Mateo-Hayward Bridge** crossing the lower part of San Francisco Bay near **San Mateo** has a fixed span with a clearance of 135 feet over the main channel. The bridge is marked at mid span by racon. An overhead power cable with a clearance of 160 feet over the main channel crosses the bay just S of the bridge.

(362) A section of the old San Mateo lift bridge, now used as a fishing pier, extends 4,135 feet from the San Mateo shore just S of the new bridge. A part of the fishing pier extends into the W part of the main channel. A private light, 12 feet above the water, marks the NE leg of a transmission line tower close E of the seaward end of the fishing pier.

(363) In June 1983, a 34-foot shoal was reported to extend from under to just SE of the bridge in about 37°35'N., 122°15'W.

(364) **Redwood Creek,** 4 miles SE of San Mateo Bridge, is entered through a marked channel that leads to the municipal wharves at the **Port of Redwood City,** 2.5 miles above the mouth. Turning basins are to the N and S of the wharves. Federal project depths are 30 feet in the channel and basins. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of charts for controlling depths.)

(365) Traffic in the waterway is in bulk cement, gypsum, rock salt, sand, and scrap metal. Overhead power cables across the waterway have a clearance of 155 feet. Prominent silos of a cement plant are at the junction with **Westpoint Slough,** just N of the port.

Wharves

(366) The Port of Redwood City operates five deepwater municipal wharves. Only the wharves with shiphandling facilities are described. For a complete description of the port facilities refer to Port Series No. 30, published and sold by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (See appendix for address).

(367) Wharves 1 and 2 (37°30'47"N., 122°12'35"W.): 1,651 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 32 to 35 feet alongside; deck height, 15 feet; storage silos with a total capacity of 58,000 tons; open storage for 85,000 tons of sand; receipt of sand and bulk cement; various operators.

(368) Wharf 3 (37°30'42"N., 122°12'40"W.): just S of Wharves 1 and 2; 750 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 34 feet alongside; deck height, 15 feet; conveyor systems with up to 500-ton-per-hour capacity; two 40-ton, diesel crawler cranes; open storage for 50,000 tons of scrap metal and 60,000 tons of gypsum; receipt of bauxite, mill scale, gypsum, and sand; shipment of scrap metal; various operators.

(369) Wharf 4 (37°30'34"N., 122°12'43"W.), just S of Wharf 3, is operated by the U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, and is used for mooring research vessels. Wharf 5 (37°30'25"N., 122°12'44"W.), just S of Wharf 4, is operated by the Port of Redwood City and is used for mooring cruise vessels.

(370) Cargill Salt, Redwood City Wharf (37°30'16"N., 122°12'55"W.): 620 feet of berthing space; 30 feet alongside; deck height, 16 feet; a loading tower, loading rate 800 tons per hour; open storage for 500,000 tons of salt; shipment of crude bulk salt by vessel and barge; owned and operated by Cargill Salt Inc.

(371) **Redwood City** is 2 miles S of the port facilities. Redwood City Municipal Marina, just S of the port, can accommodate about 225 small craft. Other small-craft facilities are SW of the Municipal Marina. (See the small-craft facilities tabulation of chart 18652 for services and supplies available.)

(372) **Ravenswood Point** and **Dumbarton Point** are at the head of the bay and the mouth of Coyote Creek. Two bridges and an aqueduct cross the bay at this point. The **Dumbarton Highway Bridge,** the NW bridge, has a fixed span with a clearance of 85 feet. About 1,100 yards SE of the Dumbarton bridge, an aqueduct, used to supply the city of San Francisco with water, crosses the bay. On the W shore, the aqueduct is carried on a trestle to a concrete building (charted) where it tunnels the channel to the E shore. The **Dumbarton Railroad Bridge,** just S, has a swing span with a clearance of 13 feet. The bridge is maintained in the open position. (See **117.1 through 117.49**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.)

(373) **Coyote Creek** has many tributary sloughs. The main channel is marked as far as **Calaveras Point,** about 4 miles above the railroad bridge at Dumbarton Point. The power cables, 1.3 miles above Calaveras Point, have a clearance of 65 feet.

(374) A channel, marked by a daybeacon and buoys, leads for about 3 miles through **Guadalupe Slough.** In July 1985, a submerged obstruction with 3 feet over it was about 150 yards NNW of Daybeacon 20; caution is advised when transiting the area. An overhead power cable with a clearance of 65 feet crosses the slough about 1 mile above the entrance.

(375) A dredged channel with its entrance in 37°40'18"N., 122°13'17"W., leads to a small-craft harbor operated by the city of San Leandro just S of the Metropolitan Oakland International Airport. In April 2003, the controlling depths were 5.4 feet in the entrance channel to the harbor, thence 6 feet in the channel that branches E (except for a few shallower depths to 4.2 feet along the edges) and 5.6 feet in the interior channel leading N then E. The entrance channel is marked by daybeacons and lights. A seasonal fog signal is at the entrance channel Light 1.

(376) The harbor accommodates about 500 small craft; 15 guest slips are maintained. The harbormaster's

office is on the SW side of the basin. A high-speed patrol boat is maintained. (See the small-craft facilities tabulation on chart 18652 for services and supplies available.)

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(377) **Alameda** is on an island separated from the mainland by **San Leandro Bay** on the E, and Oakland Inner Harbor and Tidal Canal on the N.

(378) **Encinal Basin,** on the Alameda side of the Oakland Inner Harbor opposite Coast Guard Island, has facilities which are owned by Encinal Terminals. Depths in the basin are about 30 feet.

(379) Encinal Terminals, Berths 4, 3, 2, and 1: S side of Oakland Inner Harbor along the E entrance point to Encinal Basin has 525 feet of berthing space; E side of Encinal Basin has 1,600 feet of berthing space; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 14½ feet; mobile cranes to 150 tons; 75,000 square feet of covered storage; receipt of steel and petroleum products, receipt and shipment of general cargo; operated by Crescent Wharf and Warehouse Co. and Pennzoil Co.

(380) Encinal Terminals, Berth 5: W side of the basin; 750 feet of berthing space; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 14½ feet; two 30-ton container cranes; receipt and shipment of containerized cargo; operated by Eagle Marine Services, Inc.

(381) **Fortmann Basin,** on the Alameda side of the Inner Harbor, just SE of the Encinal Basin has facilities operated by Fore Terminals, Inc. Berth 6, on the E side of the basin: 590 feet of berthing space; 30 feet alongside; receipt and shipment of bulk liquids, including tallow, vegetable and corn oil.

Coast Guard

(382) The Coast Guard Support Center is on **Coast Guard Island** (Government Island).

(383) **Alameda Naval Air Station** is on a filled area just W of the city and S of Oakland Inner Harbor.

(384) Vessels entering Alameda Naval Air Station area with tow are requested to advise Port Services, Alameda, of type of tow, destination, and any assistance that may be required. The station monitors VHF-FM channel 6 (156.30 MHz) 24 hours.

(385) **Ballena Bay Yacht Harbor,** a large small-craft harbor, is on the E side of an island along the S shore of Alameda. This harbor offers safe refuge in storms. A private light marks the entrance to the harbor. In February 2001, a reported depth of 7 feet was in the approach to the harbor; a depth of 8 feet was reported alongside the berths. (See the small-craft facilities tabulation on chart 18652 for services and supplies available.) A depth of 9 to 10 feet is available in the channel between the island and Alameda. A fixed bridge, with a clearance of 5 feet, crosses the channel about midway along the N shore of the island.

(386) **Oakland,** on the E or mainland shore opposite San Francisco, is the second largest city on San Francisco Bay. It is the main-line terminus of the transcontinental railroads entering the San Francisco Bay area.

(387) The **Port of Oakland** is entirely distinct from the Port of San Francisco; it is a separate customs **port of entry.** The Port of Oakland is the largest general cargo port on the bay, and a leading container-ship terminal on the Pacific coast.

(388) The Port of Oakland encompasses two areas: Outer and Inner Harbors. **Oakland Outer Harbor** is between the Ben E. Nutter Container Terminal on the S and the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge approach on the N. A **restricted area** is in the N end of Oakland Outer Harbor adjacent to the Oakland Army Base. (See **334.1050 and 334.1060**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(389) **Oakland Inner Harbor** is that part of Inner Harbor Channel extending E from San Francisco Bay to **Tidal Canal.** It is adjacent to the most highly developed section of the city, bordering Oakland to the N and Alameda to the S. At the E end of the harbor, the artificial Tidal Canal leads to San Leandro Bay where a channel continues to the Metropolitan Oakland International Airport. Mariners should exercise caution when transiting Oakland Inner Harbor to prevent wake damage to boats moored at marinas along the waterway.

(390) A **restricted area** is in Oakland Inner Harbor from the entrance to the E boundary of the Naval Air Station. (See **334.1020 and 334.1030** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Channels

(391) A Federal project provides for channel depths as follows: Bar Channel to and including Oakland Outer Harbor, 42 feet; Oakland Inner Channel to the end of Brooklyn Basin South Channel, 42 feet, thence 42 feet to Tidal Canal. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of charts for controlling depths.)

(392) Brooklyn Basin North Channel had a controlling depth of 6½ feet in 1976-1986. In 1976, the centerline controlling depths were 16 feet through Tidal Canal and 5 feet in the channel through San Leandro Bay leading to the airport. In July 1984, severe shoaling was reported in the channel through San Leandro Bay.

Bridges

(393) The fixed highway bridge across Brooklyn Basin at the E end of Coast Guard Island has a clearance of 11

feet. The three highway drawbridges across Tidal Canal have a least clearance of 15 feet. The vertical lift railroad bridge across Tidal Canal has a clearance of 13 feet down and 135 feet up. The bridgetenders monitor VHF-FM channel 16 and work channel 9. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.181**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.)

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(394) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(395) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

Harbor regulations

(396) The Port of Oakland is under the jurisdiction of the Board of Port Commissioners of the City of Oakland, and is managed by an executive director. The port's general offices are at 530 Water Street, Oakland, CA 94607.

Wharves

(397) The Port of Oakland owns and leases 12 major marine terminals, which have a total of 30 deep-draft berths. The port has 500 acres of container facilities with 22 full container-ship berths, 34 container cranes, and 45 acres of general cargo/special commodity facilities; 459,000 square feet of covered storage is also available. All of the major terminals have railroad trackage that connects to three major railroads and truck connections to the city's freeway system.

(398) The port also has a number of smaller piers and wharves that are used for mooring small vessels, repair work, and for other purposes. There are several privately owned general cargo piers in the Inner Harbor. Most major deep-draft facilities are described. The alongside depths given for each facility described are reported depths. (For information on the latest depths contact the Port of Oakland or the facility operator.)

(399) General cargo at the port is usually handled by ship's tackle; special handling equipment, if available, is mentioned in the description of the particular facility. Floating cranes to 350 tons are available.

(400) For a complete description of the port facilities, refer to Port Series No. 31, published and sold by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (See appendix for address.)

Facilities in Outer Harbor:

(401) **Burma Road Terminal Berth 7** (37°49'12"N., 122°19'03"W.): 1,459 feet long; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 14 feet; 29 acres of open storage; 100-ton gantry crane; receipt and shipment of break bulk general cargo, including steel products, roll-on/roll-off cargo,

and heavy lift items; operated by Marine Terminals Corp.

(402) **Maersk Sealand Terminal, Berths 20, 21 and 22** (37°49'09"N., 122°18'39"W.): 2,241 feet of berthing space; 42 feet alongside; deck height, 14 feet; 59 acres of open container storage including 362 positions for refrigerated cargo containers; three 30-ton container cranes, receipt and shipment of containerized cargo; operated by APM Terminals.

(403) **Maersk Sealand Terminal, Berth 23** (37°49'02"N., 122°18'56"W.): 900 feet long; 42 feet alongside; deck height, 14 feet; 46 acres of open storage area including 256 positions for refrigerated cargo containers; two container cranes to 50 tons; water and electrical shore-power connections; receipt and shipment of containerized general cargo; operated by APM Terminals.

(404) **Maersk Sealand Terminal, Berth 24** (37°48'53"N., 122°19'04"W.): 1,261 feet long; 42 feet alongside; deck height, 14 feet; 57 acres of open container storage including 261 positions for refrigerated cargo containers; three container cranes to 50 tons; water and electrical shore-power connections; receipt and shipment of containerized general cargo; operated by APM Terminals.

(405) **TransBay Container Terminal, Berths 25 and 36** (37°48'43"N., 122°19'15"W.): 1,138 feet long; 42 feet alongside; deck height, 14 feet; 40 acres of open container storage including 288 positions for refrigerated cargo containers; two container cranes to 40 tons; water and electrical shore-power connections; receipt and shipment of containerized general cargo; operated by TransBay Container Terminal Company.

(406) **TraPac Terminal, Berth 30** (37°48'37"N., 122°19'31"W.): 1,075 feet long; 42 feet alongside; deck height, 14 feet; 33 acres of open container storage including 282 outlets for refrigerated cargo containers; three container cranes to 40 tons; water and electrical shore-power connections; receipt and shipment of containerized general cargo; operated by Trans Pacific Container Service Corp.

(407) **Outer Harbor Container Terminal, Berths 32, 33, and 34** (37°48'39"N., 122°19'53"W.): 1,761 feet long; 38 feet alongside; 65 acres of open storage including 386 outlets for refrigerated cargo containers; container cranes to 40 tons; water connection; receipt and shipment of containerized general cargo; operated by Stevedoring Services of America Terminals.

(408) **Ben E. Nutter Container Terminal, Berths 35, 37, and 38** (37°48'26"N., 122°20'23"W.): Berths 35 and 37, 2,257 feet long; 42 feet alongside; Berth 38, 862 feet long; 38 feet alongside; 58 acres of open storage including 330 outlets for refrigerated cargo containers; water and electrical shore-power connections; container cranes to 50 tons; receipt and shipment of

containerized general cargo; operated by Seaside Transportation Services.

Facilities on N side of Inner Harbor:

(409) **Hanjin Terminal, Berths 55 and 56** (37°47'50"N., 122°19'18"W.): 2,400 feet long; deck height, 14 feet; 42 feet alongside; 120 acres open storage; four container cranes to 60 tons; water and electrical shore-power connections; receipt and shipment of containerized general cargo; operated by Total Terminals Inc., LLC.

(410) **Oakland International Container Terminal, Berths 57-59**; SE of Berths 55 and 56: 3,600 feet of berthing space; 50 feet alongside; 146 acres of storage including 898 outlets for refrigerated cargo containers; 6 container cranes; receipt and shipment of containerized general cargo; operated by SSA Terminals, Inc.

(411) **APL Terminal, Berths 60-63** (37°47'37"N., 122°18'01"W.) E of Berths 57-59: 2,743 feet long; deck height, 14 feet; 42 feet alongside; 81 acres open storage including 374 outlets for refrigerated cargo containers; container cranes to 45 tons; water and electrical shore-power connections; receipt and shipment of containerized general cargo; operated by Eagle Marine Services.

(412) **Schnitzer Steel Products Co.**, 7th Street Pier, 6th Street Pier, and Bulkhead Wharf (37°47'38"N., 122°17'33"W.): the ends of two adjacent piers and a bulkhead wharf provide 2,075 feet of berthing space; depths of 31 to 36 feet alongside; 33 acres of open storage area; electrical shore-power connection at both piers; shipment of ferrous and shredded scrap metal; receipt of scrap metal; owned and operated by Schnitzer Steel Products Co.

(413) **Charles P. Howard Container Terminal, Berths 67 and 68** (37°47'41"N., 122°17'03"W.): 1,946 feet long; 42 feet alongside; deck height, 14 feet; container cranes to 50 tons; 50 acres open storage space including 234 outlets for refrigerated cargo containers; electrical shore-power connections; receipt and shipment of conventional, containerized, and roll-on/roll-off and general cargo, and heavy lift items; operated by Stevedoring Services of America Terminals.

Supplies

(414) Bunker fuel, diesel oil, gasoline, water, and most other marine supplies and services are available in Oakland. Bunker fuel is usually delivered by barge.

Repairs

(415) A drydock and repair firm in Oakland has a maximum drydock capacity of 2,800 tons; marine railways here are capable of hauling out to 500 tons. All kinds of repairs are made to both hulls and engines.

Small-craft facilities

(416) There are many small-craft facilities on both sides of the channel from Oakland Inner Harbor entrance to the airport at the S end of San Leandro Bay. (See the small-craft facilities tabulation on chart 18652 for services and supplies available.) Mariners should exercise caution when transiting Oakland Inner Harbor to prevent wake damage to boats moored at marinas along the waterway.

Communications

(417) Oakland is served directly by three major highways, with connections to several others. The city is the main-line terminus of three transcontinental railroads. Metropolitan Oakland International Airport, on the bay about 5 miles SE of the city, is served by many airlines.

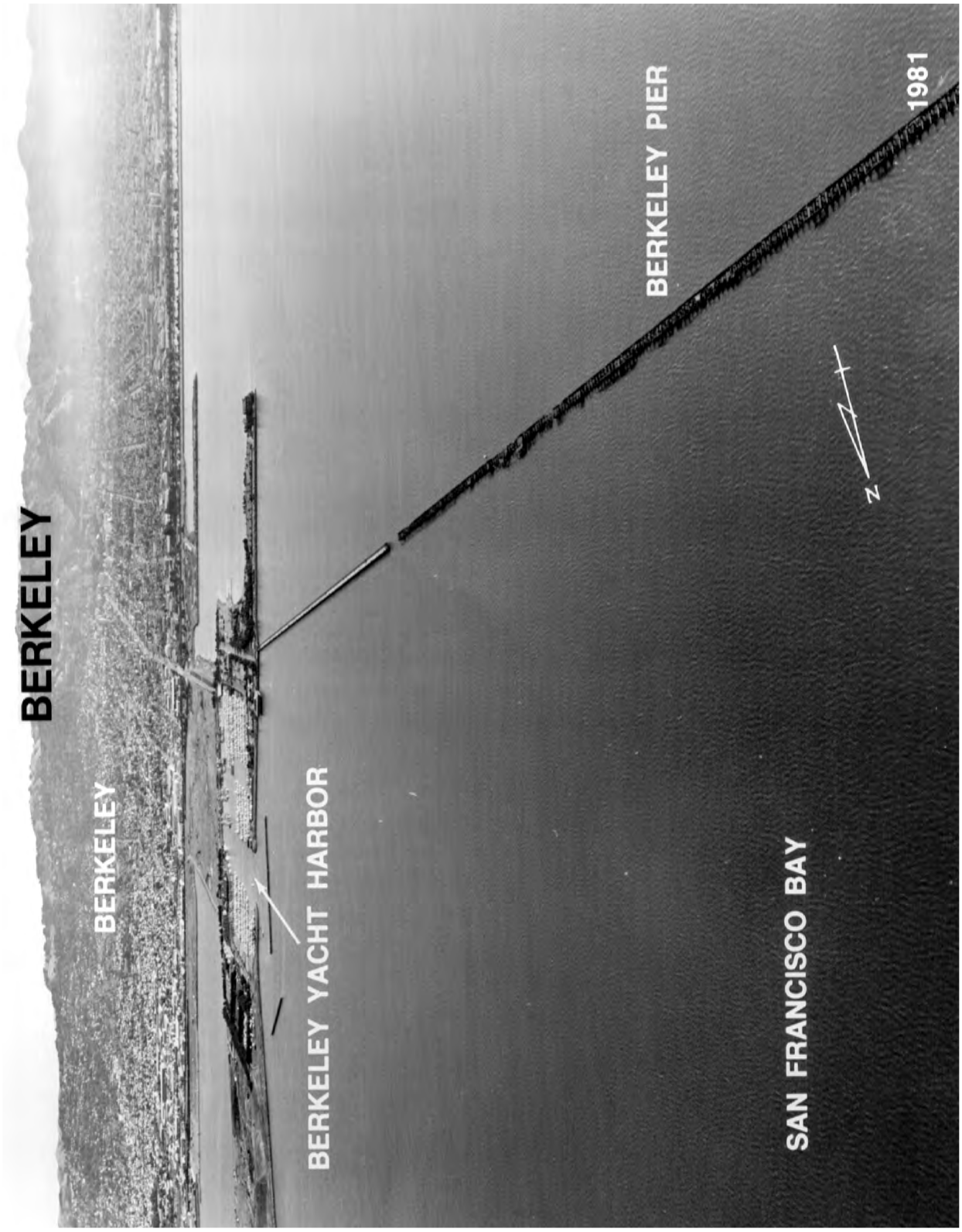
Chart 18650

(418) **San Leandro Channel** connects San Leandro Bay with San Francisco Bay. The channel is very narrow with shallow uneven depths at the E end. Mariners should seek local knowledge before transiting the channel. Three bascule bridges, operating simultaneously, with a minimum clearance of 20 feet at the S side of the draw, cross the channel at its E end. The bridgetender for the San Leandro Bay bridges at Alameda monitors VHF-FM channel 16, and works on channel 9; call sign: WHX 870, Bay Farm Island Bridge. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.193**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.)

Charts 18649, 18653, 18652

(419) **Berkeley**, the site of the University of California, adjoins Oakland and **Emeryville** to the N. The long pier extending into the bay is marked by a light; the 1.7-mile offshore section of the pier is in ruins, and the inshore 3,000-foot section is used for fishing. In clear weather the Campanile (bell tower) at the university shows prominently from the bay.

(420) **Berkeley Yacht Harbor,** on the N side of the long pier, is protected at the entrance by two detached breakwaters. The S breakwater is marked by a light on the S end, a light at the center, and a light and fog signal at the N end. The N breakwater is marked by a light on the NE and SW ends. The N side of the entrance into the harbor is marked by a private light, and the S side by a private light and fog signal. **Berkeley Reef,** awash, is 0.9 mile NW from the inner harbor entrance; it is marked by a light. About 925 boats can be accommodated in the harbor, including 20 guest berths.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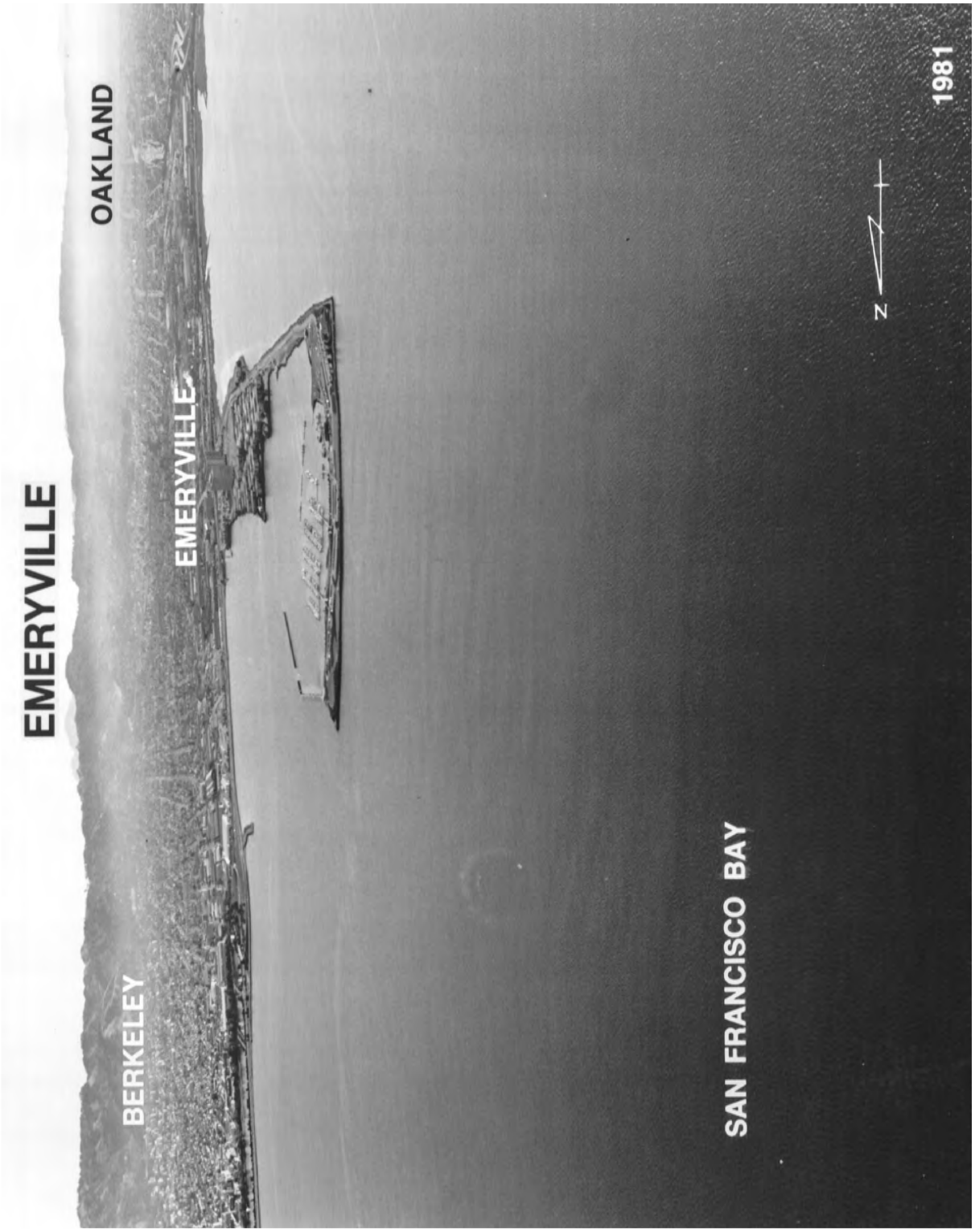
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Transients should report to the harbormaster's office on the S side of the harbor.

(421) Two marinas are at Emeryville, about 1.5 miles S of Berkeley Yacht Harbor. The enclosed basin can accomodate about 730 small craft.

(422) (See the small-craft facilities tabulation on chart 18652 for services and supplies available at Berkeley Yacht Harbor and at Emeryville.)

(423) **Southampton Shoal Light** (37°52.9'N., 122°24.0'W.), 32 feet above the water, is shown from a white cylindrical tower near the S end of the 1.6-mile-long shoal. A fog signal is at the light.

(424) Vessels going from San Francisco Bay proper bound for Richmond usually use the 45-foot project channel through the shoal area NW of Southampton Shoal Light.

(425) **Red Rock,** 3.2 miles NNW of Southampton Shoal Light, is 169 feet high and prominent in the S approach. Buoyed **Castro Rocks,** 0.6 mile ENE of Red Rock, are small and low.

(426) **Richmond Harbor,** on the E shore of San Francisco Bay 1.5 miles N of Southampton Shoal Light, includes the port facilities to Point San Pablo. The harbor is the terminus of the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad and the Southern Pacific Lines, and is an important oil refining center and oil shipping port.

Channels

(427) A federal project provides for a depth of 45 feet in Southampton Shoal Channel to the maneuvering area off Richmond Long Wharf, thence 35 feet in the maneuvering area, through the channels leading to the port facilities at the Port of Richmond, to a point about 2,000 feet in Sante Fe Channel, thence 30 feet in the remainder of Sante Fe Channel and the turning basin. The channel is well marked by navigational aids. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of charts for controlling depths.) A 10,000-foot training wall is S of the dredged channel and extends W from Brooks Island.

(428) A Federal project further provides for an approach area 32 feet deep to the wharves at Point Orient and Point San Pablo. (See latest editions of charts for controlling depths.)

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(429) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(430) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

Wharves

(431) The city of Richmond owns six deepwater terminals. The city leases two small wharves to private concerns engaged in shipbreaking and construction. There

are a number of private deep-draft facilities and barge wharves. All major deep-draft facilities are described. The alongside depths given for each facility described are reported; the operators of the wharves should be contacted for information on the latest depths. Most of the large oil wharves have hose-handling cranes. Of the facilities described, all have truck access and rail connections to the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad and/or Southern Pacific Lines. Water and electrical shore power are available at most piers.

(432) General cargo at the port is usually handled by ship's tackle; special handling equipment, if available, is mentioned in the description of the particular facility. Floating cranes to 350 tons are available. For a complete description of the port facilities refer to Port Series No. 31, published and sold by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (See appendix for address.)

Facilities at Richmond:

(433) City of Richmond, Terminal No. 4 Wharf (37°57'50"N., 122°25'41"W.): on the W side of Point San Pablo; 1,047-foot off-shore wharf; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 14½ feet; receipt and shipment of bulk liquids including petroleum products, petrochemicals, and chemicals; operated by Richmond Terminal Agency for Paktank Corp., Pacific Molasses Co., and Modesto Tallow.

(434) Standard Oil, Chevron U.S.A., Richmond Refinery, Point Orient Wharf (37°57'20"N., 122°26'39"W.): 504-foot inactive offshore wharf; 36 feet alongside; deck height, 14½ feet; owned and operated by Standard Oil Co. of California; marked by private lights.

(435) Standard Oil Co., Chevron U.S.A., Richmond Long Wharf (37°55'25"N., 122°24'40"W.): 2,463-foot offshore wharf; 3,065 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 36 feet alongside; deck height, 15 feet; rear of face, north section, 1,660 feet of berthing space; 7 to 9 feet alongside; deck height, 13 feet; rear of face, south section, 630 feet of berthing space; 10 feet alongside; deck height, 15 feet; receipt and shipment of petroleum products, bunkering vessels; owned and operated by Standard Oil Co. of California, Chevron U.S.A., Inc.; marked by private lights.

(436) City of Richmond Terminal No. 1 Wharf (37°54'30"N., 122°23'10"W.): marginal wharf, 557 feet long; 36 feet alongside; deck height, 13½ feet; 34,000 square feet of covered storage; receipt and shipment of vegetable oils and petrochemicals; owned by the City of Richmond and operated by Petromark, Inc.

Facilities on Harbor Channel

(437) City of Richmond, Terminal No. 7 Wharf (37°54'35"N., 122°21'48"W.): 700-foot wharf; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 12 feet; receipt of automobiles; owned by City of Richmond, operated by Pasha Services, a Division of the Pasha Group.

(438) ARCO Tanker and Barge Docks: N of Terminal No. 7 Wharf; offshore wharves joined by walkway, tanker wharf 247 feet long, barge wharf 151 feet long, together provide 710 feet of berthing space; 35 feet alongside; deck heights, 12 feet; receipt and shipment of petroleum products and petrochemicals, bunkering vessels; owned and operated by ARCO Petroleum Products Co.

(439) Union Oil Co., Tanker Dock; N of ARCO docks; 736 feet of berthing space with barge dock; 35 feet alongside; deck heights, 12 feet; receipt and occasional shipment of petroleum products and bunkering vessels; owned by Union Oil Co. of California, operated by Union Oil Co. of California and GATX Terminals Corp.

(440) City of Richmond, Container Terminal No. 3 Wharf (37°54'50"N., 122°21'39"W.): 1,009 feet of berthing space; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 13 feet; two 37-ton container cranes, two 37-ton gantry cranes; 41 acres of open storage; receipt and shipment of containerized cargo; owned by City of Richmond, operated by Matson Terminals, Inc.

(441) City of Richmond, Terminal No. 2, Upper and Lower Wharves; just N of Terminal No. 3; 710 feet of berthing space; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 13 feet; receipt and shipment of liquid chemicals; owned by City of Richmond, operated by Richmond Terminal Agency for California Fats and Oils, and Union Carbide.

Facilities on Santa Fe Channel

(442) Time Oil Co. Wharf (37°55'05"N., 122°21'48"W.): 260 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 36 feet alongside; deck height, 12 feet; receipt and shipment of petroleum products; owned and operated by Time Oil Co.

(443) Levin-Richmond Terminal Berths A, B, and C (37°55'12"N., 122°21'58"W.): deck height, 13 feet; Berth A side fronts on Sante Fe Channel, 650 feet long, 35 to 33 feet alongside; Berths B and C front on Lauritzen Canal, 1,200 feet of berthing space; 35 to 33 feet alongside; 35,000 square feet covered storage; cranes up to 50 tons, equipped with electromagnets, slings, or buckets; receipt and shipment of dry bulk cargoes, chemicals, and steel; owned and operated by Levin Richmond Terminal Co.

(444) Texaco Wharf (37°55'17"N., 122°22'08"W.): 635 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 8 feet; receipt and shipment of petroleum products; owned and operated by Texaco, Inc.

(445) Gold Bond Building Products Division, National Gypsum Co. Dock (37°55'10"N., 122°22'01"W.): 233 feet long; 30 feet alongside; deck height, 9 feet at dolphins, 11 feet at walkway; center dolphin has receiving hopper for self-unloading vessels, maximum unloading rate, 1,400 tons per hour; receipt of gypsum rock;

owned and operated by Gold Bond Building Products Division, National Gypsum Co.

(446) Burmah-Castrol Wharf (37°55'21"N., 122°22'24"W.): 600 feet of berthing space; 32 feet alongside; deck height, 7 feet; receipt and shipment of petroleum products; owned and operated by Burmah-Castrol, Inc.

Repairs

(447) The largest commercial drydock in Richmond has a length of 748 feet, width of 84 feet, and can handle drafts to 31 feet.

Small-craft facilities

(448) Some small-craft facilities are along Santa Fe Channel. A marina and yacht club are in **Richmond Marina Bay,** and a private yacht harbor is on the E side of Point Richmond. (See the small-craft facilities tabulation on chart 18652 for services and supplies available.)

Bridge

(449) The 21,343-foot **Richmond-San Rafael Highway Bridge,** 8.8 miles above the Golden Gate Bridge, is one of the longest fixed high level double deck bridges. The E 970–foot fixed channel span clearance is 135 feet; the W fixed span has a 1,000–foot opening with a clearance of 185 feet. The centerline of both channels through the bridge spans is marked by a racon. The bridge is well lighted, and the channels leading to it are marked with navigational aids.

(450) A **restricted area** extends 0.3 mile offshore at **Molate Point,** site of a Navy fuel depot 0.8 mile N of Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. (See **334.1090**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) In May 2000, shoaling to 16 feet was off the end of the Navy depot in about 37°56'47"N., 122°25'40"W.

(451) **Invincible Rock,** 1.3 miles N of Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, is covered 7 feet. **Whiting Rock,** covered 13 feet, is 0.2 mile NNE of Invincible Rock. Both rocks are buoyed. The buoy marking Whiting Rock is reported to submerge during strong ebb currents caused by the heavy spring runoffs in the area. Large vessels changing course and other craft in this area are advised to use caution.

(452) **The Brothers,** 1.7 miles N of Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, are two small low flat-topped islands. **East Brother Island Light** (37°57.8'N., 122°26.0'W.), 61 feet above the water, is shown from a white square tower on dwelling on the E island. A seasonal fog signal is at the station.

(453) **Point San Pablo,** 0.3 mile NE of East Brother Island Light, is the NW extremity of a low ridge of hills on the E shore of San Francisco Bay at its junction with San Pablo Bay. The point rises abruptly to a height of 140 feet. A dredged channel off the NE shore of the point is used by commercial and sport fishermen. Depths of 8 feet were reported in the channel to the fishery and the former whaling station docks.

(454) A small-boat basin used by commercial and sport fishermen is 0.5 mile SE from Point San Pablo.

(455) A private yacht basin is 1 mile SE from Point San Pablo. A channel leading to the basin has reported depths of about 2 feet.

(456) **Point Cavallo,** on the W side of San Francisco Bay 0.5 mile NE of the Golden Gate Bridge, is sharp and rocky with some visible and covered rocks under its face. **Horseshoe Bay** is a shallow bight W of the point.

Coast Guard

(457) **Golden Gate Coast Guard Station** is located at the entrance to Horseshoe Bay.

(458) From Point Cavallo the steep rocky shore tends N for 0.3 mile to **Yellow Bluff,** thence NW for 1 mile to Sausalito. A rock, covered 5 feet, is about 100 yards ESE of Yellow Bluff in about 37° 50.2'N., 122°28.2'W.

(459) **Richardson Bay,** 2 miles N of the Golden Gate Bridge, is shoal except for the S part fronting Sausalito. In the N part of Richardson Bay, a wildlife sanctuary, established by the National Audubon Society, provides safe refuge for migratory fowl that arrives each fall. The sanctuary is closed to marine traffic from October to March. Seasonal buoys N of a line approximately **097°** True from Strawberry Point to Belvedere, mark the perimeter of the sanctuary. A **special anchorage** is in Richardson Bay. Local authorities control the anchoring of vessels and placement of moorings in Richardson Bay. Mariners should contact the Richardson Bay Regional Agency at (415) 289-4143 for specific information. Richardson Bay is a no discharge zone; it is illegal for vessels to discharge any form of waste into the bay. (See **110.1 and 110.126a**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) A channel leading NW through Richardson Bay to facilities at Sausalito is marked by lights, daybeacons, and buoys.

(460) A **no-wake speed limit** is in all channels in Richardson Bay.

(461) **Sausalito** harbors some commercial fishing boats and many pleasure craft. Several boatbuilding and repair yards have marine ways, the largest of which can handle craft up to 350 tons. (See the small-craft facilities tabulation on chart 18652 for services and supplies available.)

(462) The Corps of Engineers has an operations base and model current-flow basin at Sausalito.

(463) **Belvedere Cove,** 3 miles NNE of the Golden Gate Bridge, is entered between **Peninsula Point** on the S and **Point Tiburon** on the N. Two private yacht clubs are in the cove. There are several small piers used by

ferry boats about 0.2 mile W of Point Tiburon. Passenger ferry service is available between Tiburon and San Francisco and between Tiburon and Angel Island. The ruins of an abandoned railroad ferry slip is just W of Point Tiburon.

(464) **Angel Island,** 3 miles NE of the Golden Gate Bridge, is partially wooded and level on top. The irregular-shaped island is separated from the mainland by Raccoon Strait. The island, formerly an immigration detention station, is now a State park. A ferry operates from the island to Tiburon and just S of Pier 1 in San Francisco.

(465) **Point Blunt,** the SE extremity of Angel Island, terminates in a 60–foot-high knob, and is connected with the island by a low neck of land. **Point Blunt Light** (37°51.2'N., 122°25.2'W.), 60 feet above the water, is shown from a white house on the point; a fog signal is at the station. A shoal with visible and covered rocks extends SSE for 0.1 mile. Tide rips and swirls are heavy around the point, especially with a large falling tide.

(466) **Quarry Point,** the E end of Angel Island, is a bold bluff with deepwater close-to. The wharf 0.6 mile N of the point is in ruins. The point is marked by a light.

(467) A lighted buoy is off **Point Stuart**, the W extremity of Angel Island. A shoal area covered 14 to 30 feet, extending SW from **Point Knox,** is marked by a lighted buoy.

(468) **Ayala Cove,** indenting the N side of Angel Island, about 0.6 mile NE of Point Stuart, is reported to afford good anchorage in depths of 10 to 12 feet, mud bottom, and protection from S and W winds. Slips are available for day use only; mooring buoys are available for overnight stays. A pier at the State park facility in the cove is used by ferries and State park personnel.

(469) **Raccoon Strait,** nearly 0.5 mile wide between Angel Island and the mainland, is used by ferry boats and pleasure craft. The tidal currents in the strait have considerable velocity, and rips and swirls are heavy at times. A midchannel course can be followed. **Raccoon Shoal,** covered 29 feet, is 500 yards N of Raccoon Strait Lighted Buoy 4. A strong ebb current sets directly across the channel at the E entrance.

(470) The charted **recreation area** extending SW of Angel Island and including all of Raccoon Strait and Richardson Bay is intended primarily for use by recreation vessels. It should not be utilized by vessels 300 tons or more for through passage or for any other purpose, except in case of emergency or special circumstances.

(471) **Bluff Point,** on the mainland and marked by a light, is the E extremity of Tiburon Peninsula 1.2 miles N of Point Stuart. Point Chauncey, 0.8 miles NW of Bluff Point, is the site of the University of San Francisco Romberg Fisheries Laboratory as well as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Tiburon Fisheries Laboratory. Pier ruins at the site are marked by lights.

(472) **Paradise Cay,** a filled real estate project 2.6 miles NW of Bluff Point, has a small-boat harbor that accommodates about 200 boats. The harbor is on the N side of the project.

(473) **Corte Madera Creek,** at the head of a marshy bight about 2 miles NW of Paradise Cay, is the site of a ferry terminal with frequent service to and from San Francisco.

(474) **Corte Madera Channel** leads NW from deep water in the bay over the flats to a turning basin at the mouth of the creek. In December 1999, the controlling depth in the dredged channel was 4 feet (7 feet at midchannel) to the turning basin, thence 4½ to 7 feet in the turning basin; thence in 1984, natural depths in the creek were 3 to 12 feet to the fixed highway bridges, 0.5 mile above the turning basin. The channel is marked by lights and daybeacons.

(475) A railroad bridge, 0.4 mile above the turning basin, has a 38-foot bascule span with a clearance of 10 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.153**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The bridge remains in the open position except when trains or rail maintenance equipment are crossing the creek. The fixed highway bridges, 0.1 mile above the railroad bridge, have 35-foot channel spans with a clearance of 21 feet. Submerged obstructions that protrude 3 to 4 feet from the bottom are under the fixed bridges. The obstructions are marked by signs on either side of the bridges. In 1984, a submerged obstruction was reported on the N edge of the channel about 400 yards W of the fixed bridges. The power cables over the turning basin and creek have a least clearance of 120 feet.

(476) **Point San Quentin,** at the W end of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, has low land on either side. The buildings of the State Prison S of the bridge and the long wharf N of it are prominent. A State **security zone** extends off the SE side of Point San Quentin. The buoys are orange and white and display the words "San Quentin Prison."

(477) **San Rafael Creek,** 1.8 miles NW of Point San Quentin, is used by many small craft basing at the city of **San Rafael.** A dredged channel leads across the flats in **San Rafael Bay** into San Rafael Creek to a turning basin about 1.1 miles above the mouth, thence for another 0.2 mile above the turning basin. In March 2003, the controlling depths were 2.1 feet (5.5 feet at midchannel) to the mouth of the creek; thence in December 1997, the midchannel controlling depth was less than 1 foot from the mouth of the creek to the turning basin about 400 feet below the Grand Avenue Bridge. The controlling depth was 2 feet within the limits of the turning basin. The channel entrance is marked

by lights and a **293°** lighted range. The overhead power cables near the entrance to the creek have a clearance of 125 feet. The Grand Avenue Bridge has a 30–foot fixed span with a clearance of 4 feet.

(478) The municipal yacht harbor is on the S side of San Rafael Creek, about 400 yards E of the turning basin, and there are numerous small-craft facilities elsewhere along the creek. (See the small-craft facilities tabulation on chart 18652 for services and supplies available.)

(479) **Point San Pedro,** 3 miles N of Point San Quentin at the W entrance to San Pablo Bay, extends 100 yards E of 356–foot-high **San Pedro Hill.** Three charted brick stacks are just S from the point. There is a large quarry just N from the point.

Charts 18654, 18652, 18658

(480) **San Pablo Bay**, is nearly circular, 10 miles long in a NE direction, with a greatest width of 8 miles. The N part consists of low marshes intersected by numerous sloughs and a large area of shoal water and mudflats that bare at extreme low water. The S shore is bolder, except between Point San Pablo and Pinole Point, where it is low and marshy for about 3 miles. Carquinez Strait joins San Pablo Bay with Mare Island Strait and Suisun Bay at its E extremity. There is considerable traffic through the bay. Deep-draft oil tankers and sugar-laden vessels pass through the bay bound for Crockett and Martinez. Lighter draft vessels pass through bound for points on Suisun Bay, and the Sacramento River to Sacramento, and on the San Joaquin River to Stockton.

(481) Mariners are advised that winds and currents in San Pablo Bay may be particularly strong and must be taken into consideration by tankers bound for the oil terminals. Vessels transiting the Pinole Shoal Regulated Navigation Area westbound on an ebb current should use extra caution to avoid being set down on the aids to navigation following the turn at San Pablo Bay Channel Light 11.

(482) The marked channel through San Pablo Bay extends in a gentle curve N and E from the entrance to the E end. The Federal project depth is 35 feet across Pinole Shoal. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of charts for controlling depths.) Pinole Shoal Channel is reserved for use of vessels drawing more than 20 feet. (See **165.1114(e)(2)**, chapter 2, for navigation regulations.) Vessels that do not meet the draft requirements to transit the Pinole Shoal Regulated Navigation Area (**165.1114**) follow an informal transit pattern along the 25–foot curve just to the south of Pinole Shoal between San Pablo Bay Channel Lighted Buoy E and the entrance to Carquinez Strait.

Anchorages

(483) **General** and **naval anchorages** are in San Pablo Bay. (See **110.1 and 110.224**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(484) Shoals and flats, which uncover, extend from Point San Pablo to Pinole Point, thence NE to Lone Tree Point.

(485) **Pinole Point** is a moderately high, rocky bluff, projecting about 1 mile from the SE shore of San Pablo Bay. A T-head fishing pier extends NW from the E side of the point. Piles and a light are off the face of the pier. The ruins of a former wharf extend from the E side of the point, and numerous oil tanks are on the hills about 2 miles in back of it. About 3.5 miles E of Pinole Point, the black and white tank at a chemical fertilizer plant is prominent. A pleasure fishing pier and a small-craft harbor are at **Lone Tree Point,** 4.6 miles E from Pinole Point. (See the small-craft facilities tabulation on chart 18652 for services and supplies available.) A steel skeleton tower is 0.6 mile S of Lone Tree Point. **Oleum,** on **Davis Point,** is an oil town. There are many prominent oil tanks, painted in pastel colors, on the hills back of the town. Six stacks in a line SE of Davis Point are also prominent.

(486) The Tosco., of California, San Francisco Refinery Wharf, a T-shaped wharf, extends out from the Oleum refinery on Davis Point. In October 1998, depths of 32 feet were alongside the 1,250-foot wharf; 1,375 feet of berthing space is available with dolphins. All four corners of the wharf are marked by private lights, and a private fog signal is at the W and E ends; the trestle leading to the wharf is lighted at night. The deck height is 17 feet. Pipelines extend from the wharf to nearby storage tanks. The wharf is used for receipt and shipment of petroleum products and for bunkering vessels.

(487) The Pacific Refining Co. Wharf, 0.5 mile offshore, is about 1,000 yards W of the T-shaped wharf. The wharf is 160 feet long with 1,228 feet of berthing space with dolphins; depths alongside are 35 feet. Deck height is 17 feet. The E and W ends are marked by private lights, and a fog signal is at the center of the wharf. Pipelines lead from the wharf SW to the shore just S of Lone Tree Point. Water and electric shore power connections are available. The wharf is used for the receipt and shipment of petroleum products.

(488) Shore Oil Terminal Wharf, about 1 mile E of the Tosco Wharf, has a 72-foot face with 980 feet of berthing space with dolphins and 40 to 45 feet alongside; deck height, 20 feet. The wharf is used for receipt of petroleum products

(489) **Gallinas Creek** enters San Pablo Bay about 1.5 miles NW of Point San Pedro. The entrance channel, marked by private markers on the N side, leads across flats to the mouth of the creek. In April 1983, the channel had a controlling depth of 2 feet. Local knowledge is advised. Overhead cables crossing the creek have a minimum clearance of 65 feet.

(490) **Petaluma River** enters San Pablo Bay on the NW side. The city of **Petaluma,** 12 miles above the mouth, is the center of an extensive dairy and egg industry. The river is used by pleasure craft and by barges handling gravel, oyster shell, heavy construction equipment, and prestressed concrete products.

(491) A marked dredged channel leads through San Pablo Bay to the mouth of the Petaluma River. In April 2003, the controlling depths were 3.7 feet (7.3 feet at midchannel) in the dredged channel to the mouth of the river; thence in 1996, 5.5 feet at midchannel to Schultz Slough; thence in February 2002, 3.2 feet at midchannel to Haystack Landing in about 38°13'17"N., 122°36'17"W.; thence in February 2003, 5.4 feet to McNear Canal, thence 4.3 feet in the N half to the turning basin at Petaluma, thence depths of 3 to 4 feet were available in the turning basin. With local knowledge, greater depths can be had in the dredged river channel. Least clearances over Petaluma River are: drawbridges, 4 feet; fixed bridges, 8 feet; and power cables, 70 feet. The bridgetender for the D Street highway bridge at Petaluma monitors VHF-FM channel 16, and works channel 9; call sign: WQX 644, D Street Bridge. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.187**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.)

(492) A privately dredged channel with private markers leads SSW from the dredged entrance channel to Petaluma River just below the entrance to the river and thence to **Novato Creek.** In 1985, the reported controlling depth was 2 feet.

Danger zones

(493) Danger zones are in the E part of San Pablo Bay adjacent to the W shore of Mare Island and in the N central part of the bay. (See **334.1160 and 334.1170,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

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(494) **Mare Island Strait**, at the mouth of the Napa River, is between the mainland and **Mare Island.** Vallejo is on the E side of the strait and the Mare Island Naval Shipyard is on the W side, about 2 miles above the S entrance. The project depth for the Mare Island Strait Channel, from the entrance to the first bridge (Vallejo-Mare Island Causeway Bridge), about 2.9 miles above the entrance, is 30 feet, except for 26 feet at the N end. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of charts for controlling depths.) In the 0.6–mile section

between the first and second bridges, shoal spots limit the controlling depth to about 13 feet. With local knowledge and use of the chart, drafts of 20 feet can be taken to the second bridge.

(495) **Notice.**–Ships destined for **Mare Island U.S. Naval Shipyard** should await arrival of the Navy pilot at Carquinez Strait. The waters around Mare Island are included in a **restricted area.** (See **334.1100**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(496) A power cable crossing lower Mare Island Strait between Vallejo and Mare Island has a clearance of 206 feet. If the clearance between the masthead and the cable is less than 10 feet or if the clearance is not known, vessels shall not move under the cable without authority.

(497) The entrance to Mare Island Strait is between two dikes. On the E side of the entrance, Dike No. 9 extends about 700 yards SW from the mainland; and on the W side, Dike No. 14 extends about 500 yards SE from Mare Island. About 110 yards of the outer section of Dike 14 is submerged. In October 1987, the outer section of Dike No. 9 was reported submerged. Both dikes are marked at the outer ends by lights.

(498) In October 1987, a 20-foot shoal spot was reported about 60 yards SW of Pier 35 in about 38°04'08"N., 122°15'17"W. A 5- foot shoal spot, immediately S of the pier, was reported in about 38°04'09"N., 122°15'03"W.

Coast Guard

(499) **Coast Guard Station Vallejo**, about 2.5 miles above the entrance to Mare Island Strait just below the Vallejo-Mare Island causeway lift bridge, is on the E side of the strait.

(500) **Vallejo,** on the E shore of Mare Island Strait, is the terminal of a railroad connecting interior N points. A large flour mill is prominent S of the railroad yard. The city of Vallejo supplies a large amount of fresh provisions to the naval shipyard and affords residences for employees and others attached there. It is also a distributing point for a considerable agricultural area in its vicinity. The shipyard, on the W side of Mare Island Strait, has drydocks and extensive facilities for repairing and building vessels of all sizes. A passenger ferry operates between Vallejo and San Francisco.

(501) The Vallejo Marina, S of the Vallejo-Mare Island Causeway on the E side of Mare Island Strait, has accommodations for about 500 boats. Other small-craft facilities are also on the E side of the strait. (See the small-craft facilities tabulation on chart 18652 for services and supplies available.)

(502) The Vallejo-Mare Island causeway and lift bridge connect Mare Island with the city of Vallejo near the N end of the Naval Shipyard. It has a lift span with a clearance of 100 feet up and 12 feet down. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.169**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The bridge is equipped with radiotelephone. The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 16 (156.80 MHz) and works on channel 13 (156.65 MHz); voice call, Mare Island Causeway Bridge. Just above **Sears Point,** 1 mile above Vallejo, a fixed highway bridge with a clearance of 100 feet crosses the strait. A public fishing pier is close S of this bridge and extends about 350 yards from the E side of the strait. A Navy reserve fleet pier is on the W side of the strait between Vallejo-Mare Island causeway lift bridge and the fixed bridge just above Sears Point. If practical, approach the bridges only when running against the current. No passage should be attempted during the periods of peak flood or ebb current.

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(503) **Napa River**, the continuation of Mare Island Strait above the naval shipyard, is used by barges and pleasure boats. Barge traffic on the river is in crushed rock, salt, and steel. A dredged channel leads from the Vallejo-Mare Island Causeway Bridge to a turning basin at **Jacks Bend,** thence to the head of navigation at the 3rd Street Bridge in **Napa,** 13 miles above the causeway bridge. In April 1999, the midchannel controlling depth was 8 feet from the Vallejo-Mare Island Causeway Bridge to **Horseshoe Bend.** A Federal project provides a depth of 10 feet from Horseshoe Bend to the upstream limit of the channel. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of charts for controlling depths.) Napa River is marked to Horseshoe Bend by a buoy and daybeacon, lights, and a **183°** lighted range.

(504) The railroad bridge across Napa River at **Brazos,** about 6.8 miles above the Vallejo-Mare Island Causeway, has a vertical lift span with a clearance of 2 feet down and 97 feet up. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.169**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The channel through the bridge crosses from one bank to the other causing a hazardous condition, particularly for downbound loaded barges, because the direction of the ebb current is as much as 50° from the axis of the channel.

(505) A fixed highway bridge with a clearance of 107 feet crosses the Napa River at Suscol, about 9.7 miles above the Vallejo-Mare Island Causeway.

(506) Near **Imola,** 12 miles above Vallejo-Mare Island Causeway Bridge, the Maxwell (State Route 29) bridge crossing the river has a lift span with clearances of 25 feet down and 60 feet up. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.169**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) In April 2001, a fixed highway bridge was under

construction with a design clearance of 60 feet; upon completion, it will replace the bascule bridge. The three fixed bridges in Napa have a minimum width of 47 feet and a clearance of 10 feet. The minimum clearance of the power cables crossing the river below Napa is 125 feet, and in Napa, 40 feet.

(507) A small-craft basin is on the W side of Napa River opposite **Bull Island,** 8 miles above the Vallejo-Mare Island Causeway, and several other small-craft facilities are elsewhere on the river. (See the small-craft facilities tabulation on chart 18652 for services and supplies available.)

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(508) Six-mile-long **Carquinez Strait** connects San Pablo and Suisun Bays. For the first 3.5 miles it is a little less than 0.5 mile wide, and then widens to about 1 mile. It is deep throughout with the exception of a small stretch of flats on the N shore, and a small shoal area in the bight on the S shore near the E end. In October 2003, shoaling to 10.5 feet was in the NW corner of Naval Anchorage No. 21.

Anchorages

(509) **General anchorages** are in Carquinez Strait. (See **110.1 and 110.224,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Caution

(510) In October 1991, tidal currents in Carquinez Strait were reported to deviate significantly from official predictions published by the National Ocean Service. Mariners should exercise caution and discretion in the use of published tidal current predictions.

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(511) The **California State Maritime Academy** and pier are in **Morrow Cove,** on the N shore of the W entrance to Carquinez Strait.

(512) Interstate Route 80 fixed highway bridges cross Carquinez Strait near its W entrance at **Semple Point.** The channel on each side of the center pier is 998 feet wide; the clearances are 146 feet through the N span and 134 feet through the S span. Private fog signals are sounded at the bridges; racons are at the center of each span and an aerolight is atop the center pier. In 1999, a fixed highway bridge, with a maximum design clearance of 158 feet, was being built just W of the existing bridges.

(513) Power cables cross the strait 0.3 mile W of the highway bridges and 1.2 miles E of it; the minimum clearance is 179 feet.

(514) **Crockett,** on the S shore just E of the highway bridges, is built around The California and Hawai'ian Sugar Co. Refinery. The refinery's wharf has a

2,715-foot face with 2,815 feet of berthing space with dolphins, and a deck height of 12 feet. A depth of 30 feet is alongside. Four cranes and a conveyor system serve the wharf, maximum unloading rate is 250 tons per hour each; water is available. The wharf is used for receipt and shipment of sugar products and the transfer of bulk liquid molasses; it is owned and operated by California and Hawai'ian Sugar Co.

(515) A marina is on the S shore just W of the highway bridges, and a small-boat basin is in **Elliot Cove** on the N side of the strait opposite Crockett. (See the small-craft facilities tabulation on chart 18652 for services and supplies available.)

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(516) A light and seasonal fog signal are 130 yards off the S side of Carquinez Strait, 1.5 miles E of Interstate Route 80 fixed highway bridges; a light is onshore at **Port Costa,** 0.6 mile to the E. On the N side of the strait, a light is on **Dillon Point** and another is off **Benicia Point.**

(517) The Defense Fuel Supply Center Support Point, Ozol Oil Wharf, at **Ozol,** about 1.6 miles SE of Port Costa, is a 270-foot offshore wharf with 880 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 37 feet alongside; deck height is 8 feet; water and electrical shore power connections are available; it is owned by the U.S. Government and operated by Blaiz Co., Inc.

(518) There are three wharves extending out to deep water at **Martinez,** 2 miles SE of Point Carquinez.

(519) The westernmost of these facilities is the municipal fishing pier with a tugboat slip on its W side. A small-boat harbor, protected by breakwaters, is on the E side of the pier. A private light is on the channel end of both breakwaters. In 1994, shoaling to a depth of about 4 feet was reported at the entrance to the marina.

(520) The Shell Oil Co., Martinez Refinery Wharf, E of the municipal fishing pier, is a 900-foot offshore wharf, 1,850 feet usable with dolphins; depth of 42 feet alongside decreasing to 39 feet at the W end; deck height is 15 feet; water and electrical shore power connections are available; owned and operated by Shell Oil Co. The wharf is marked by private lights and a fog signal.

(521) The Tosco Corp., Amorco Upper and Lower Wharves, 400 yards E of the Shell Oil Co. Wharf, have depths of 35 feet alongside and both are used for bunkering vessels as well as the receipt and shipment of petroleum products. The W wharf is a 76-foot offshore wharf with 281 feet usable with dolphins; depth of 35 feet alongside; deck height is 15 feet. The E wharf is a 76-foot offshore wharf with 512 feet usable with dolphins; deck height is 17 feet. The wharves provide 978 feet of continuous berthing space; owned and operated by Tosco Corp. Both wharves are marked by private lights.

(522) **Benicia** is on the N shore at the E end of Carquinez Strait. Most of the smaller piers around the town are in ruins.

(523) A marina, protected by breakwaters, is at Benicia. Private lights on the breakwater mark the entrance. (See the small-craft facilities tabulation on Chart 18652 for services and supplies available.)

(524) In November 1988, a sunken wreck with a least depth of 21 feet was reported about 600 yards WSW of the Port of Benicia in about 38°02'17.5"N., 122°08'39.6"W.

(525) The **Port of Benicia** is at Army Point at the E end of the town. Highway and railroad connections, and water and electrical shore power connections are available at all of the facilities.

(526) Valero-Benicia Refinery (38°02'41"N., 122°07'45"W.): 1,100 feet of berthing space; 40.4 feet alongside; deck height, 15 feet; receipt and shipment of petroleum products; receipt of crude oil; owned and operated by Valero Refining Inc.

(527) Benicia Industries, Wharf No. 95 (38°02'28"N., 122°08'05"W.): 2,404 feet of berthing space; 38 feet alongside; deck height, 11 to 15 feet; receipt of automobiles and crude oil; receipt and shipment of general cargo; shipment of bagged rice, petroleum coke, and petroleum products; owned by Benicia Industries, Inc., and operated by various companies.

(528) Two bridges cross Carquinez Strait at the E end from **Army Point** to **Suisun Point.** The fixed Benicia-Martinez Highway Bridge has a clearance of 135 feet over Suisun Point Reach and is equipped with a racon. The Union Pacific Railroad Bridge has a lift span with a clearance of 70 feet down and 135 feet up over the channel. (See **117.1 through 117.49**, chapter 2 for drawbridge regulations.) The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 13 and works on channel 14; call sign KQ-7193, Union Pacific Railroad Bridge. All mariners intending to transit underneath the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge should be familiar with the communications protocol established specifically for vessel-to-bridge radiotelephone communications at the bridge. The protocol addresses procedures for requesting an opening of the bridge as well as special emergency communication procedures for all vessels transiting underneath the bridge. For a complete explanation of the communications protocol, visit the VTS San Francisco web page at the following URL: **http://www.uscg.mil/d11/vtssf/training/uprrb.htm** or contact the VTS San Francisco Training Director at the following email address: humphrey@d11. uscg.mil. In April 2001, a fixed highway bridge was under construction with a design clearance of 139 feet close east of the

bascule bridge. **Bulls Head Point,** just E of the S end of the bridge, shows as a 100-foot rounding hill with a prominent high white stack.

(529) The Tosco Corp., Avon Refinery, Tanker Wharf extends across the flats at **Avon,** 1.5 miles E of the Suisun Point bridges. Total berthing space is 1,320 feet; depths alongside the channel face are 32 feet; deck height is 19 feet, with 14 feet at the center section. Tankers berth along the channel side of the face, and barges along the inshore side of the face; receipt and shipment of petroleum products; owned and operated by Tosco Corp. Private lights and fog signals are on the outer ends of the pier.

(530) The Shore Oil Terminal Wharf, 970 feet of berthing space with dolphins, is 0.5 mile W of the Tosco Corp. Avon Refinery Tanker Wharf; depth alongside, 34 feet; receipt and shipment of petroleum products. The wharf is owned and operated by Shore Terminals Oil Corp.

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(531) **Suisun Bay** is a broad shallow body of water with marshy shores and filled with numerous marshy islands, many of which have been reclaimed and are now under cultivation. It is practically the delta of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers which empty into the E part of the bay. Two narrow winding channels lead to the mouths of the rivers. They are marked by lights. The rivers and the channels near the mouths have been improved by the Government to increase the depth, remove obstructions, and provide relief during freshet seasons. A Federal project provides for a main channel 35 feet deep through the bay to the San Joaquin River. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of charts for controlling depths.)

(532) The bay is used by many light-draft vessels having local knowledge. It is recommended that large vessels take a pilot if bound above Crockett. For information on obtaining an inland pilot contact the San Francisco Marine Exchange or San Francisco Bar Pilots.

(533) A large wind turbine on the NW side of the bay in about 38°09'21"N., 122°07'26"W., is reported to be prominent.

Anchorages

(534) **General anchorages** are in Suisun Bay. (See **110.1 and 110.224,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) Mariners are advised that a cable area runs through Anchorage No.23.

(535) **Suisun Slough** empties into the NW side of Suisun Bay 5.5 miles N of Benicia. A dredged channel leads from Suisun Bay into the entrance to the slough. In 1990, the controlling depth was 6½ feet. The entrance channel is marked by lights. Above the dredged channel, river channel had a reported depth of 6.3 feet in July 2001, from the mouth to **Suisun City,** 12 miles above the entrance. The mean range of tide is about 4 feet. Traffic on the slough includes gasoline, jet fuel, and residual fuel oil. Petroleum products are barged to an oil distributor at Suisun City. A power cable with a clearance of 110 feet crosses the slough just S of the city.

(536) Several small-craft facilities are at Suisun City. (See the small-craft facilities tabulation on chart 18652 for services and supplies available.)

(537) A **restricted berthing area** for Maritime Administration Reserve Fleet vessels is along the W side of Suisun Bay. (See **162.270,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(538) (See **117.1 through 117.59, 117.151, and 117.185**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations for the bridges over the minor tributaries of Suisun Bay.)

Charts 18658, 18652

(539) The site of the **Concord U.S. Naval Weapons Station** is on the S side of the bay. The waterfront along the station is restricted and closed to navigation. (See **334.1110**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations of the **restricted area.**)

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(540) Two adjacent small-craft basins are on the S side of the flats about 1.6 miles E of **Middle Point,** the E boundary of the Navy weapons station. The basins are connected to the bay by twin canals cut through the flats. (See the small-craft facilities tabulation on chart 18652 for services and supplies available.)

Charts 18659, 18661, 18652

(541) **Pittsburg**, on the S side of New York Slough 12 miles E of Suisun Point bridges, is a manufacturing city with several deepwater berths.

(542) The PGE-Pittsburg Fuel Pier, about 0.3 mile W of **New York Point,** is an offshore wharf with 1,070 feet of berthing space, 35 feet alongside, and a deck height of 14 feet. It is used for receiving and transshipping petroleum products.

(543) The Diablo Service Corp. Wharf, about 0.6 mile E of New York Point is an offshore wharf with 1,154 feet of berthing space with dolphins, 35 feet alongside, and deck height of 12 feet. There is a conveyer system and

crawler tractors. Rail and highway connections, and water and electrical shore-power connections are available. It is owned by Tosco Corp. and is used for the receipt of petroleum coke.

(544) USS-Posco Industries, Pitsburg Wharf, about 1.3 mile E of New York Point, is a 891-foot marginal wharf with depths of 33 feet alongside and a deck height of 11 feet. Three 37½-ton cranes are available, and there are rail and highway connections, and water and electrical shore power connections. It is used for receipt of semi-finished steel.

(545) The Dow Chemical Co., Pitsburg Plant Wharf, about 2 miles E of New York Point, is an offshore wharf with 672 feet of berthing space with dolphins, 40 feet alongside and a deck height of 20 feet. It is used for shipment and receipt of caustic soda.

(546) **Antioch,** on the S side of San Joaquin River 16 miles E of Suisun Point bridges, is a manufacturing city with waterborne commerce.

(547) Georgia-Pacific Corp., Antioch Plant Wharf, about 38°00'56"N., 121°47'08"W., is a 197-foot offshore wharf, 780 feet usable with dolphins, with 31 feet alongside and a deck height of 11 feet. A conveyor system is available for the receipt of gypsum rock. Highway connections, and water and electrical shore power connections are available.

(548) Gaylord Container Corp., California Mill Wharf, about 0.5 mile E of Kaiser Gypsum Co. Pier, is a 291-foot offshore wharf, 766 total berthing space, with depths of 35 feet alongside. Receipt of miscellaneous dry bulk commodities.

(549) There are also barge facilities at Antioch.

(550) The Fulton Shipyard, on the E edge of the city, has a marine railway that can haul out vessels up to 350 tons for general repairs. The yard repairs auxiliary vessels such as towboats and barges.

(551) Several small-craft facilities are at Pittsburg and Antioch. (See the small-craft facilities tabulation on chart 18652 for services and supplies available.)

Charts 18661, 18662

(552) The **Delta Region,** the combined deltas of the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers, comprises the feeder rivers, sloughs, and canals that directly or indirectly connect with one or both of the rivers. Hundreds of miles of navigable waterways for small boats are available in the Delta; both local and visiting small craft use these waterways extensively. Common types of pleasure craft peculiar to the Delta include pontoon boats and houseboats, but many conventional powerboats and sailboats use these waters also, especially in summer when San Francisco Bay is foggy and choppy. Some of the more important sloughs are used by tugs and barges.

(553) Bordering the various waterways are levees which are 12 feet or more higher than the land behind them. The levees are built up from dredged material taken from the adjacent waterway, and because of the settlement of the levees, dredging has been done periodically to keep the tops at height and grade. As material is needed for levee work, the dredge pays more attention to the requirements of the levee than to the depth of the channel for navigation purposes. This leaves an uneven bottom. The tops of the levees generally have dirt roads. **Tule** is often found on the channel side of the levees. Tule is the name given to a tall aquatic plant growth similar to bulrush.

(554) Many public and private small-boat harbors, marinas, and boating resorts are spread over the Delta region. All types of facilities and services for small craft are available, though some areas in the Delta are much more developed than others. Groceries are one of the most difficult items to obtain in this region; groceries in any quantity must be obtained from the larger towns on the Sacramento River, at Antioch or Stockton on the San Joaquin River, or at one of the larger resorts. Diesel oil is similarly rather scarce, since most craft on these waters use gasoline. Diesel oil may be obtained at the junction of the Mokelumne and San Joaquin Rivers, on the W side of King Island, at or near the cities of Antioch and Stockton, and at Bethel Island.

(555) Some areas in the Delta in which small-craft facilities are especially concentrated are: most of the perimeter of **Bethel Island (Bethel Tract),** 3.4 miles E from Antioch Bridge; the S side of San Joaquin River on both sides of Antioch Bridge; the W side of the Mokelumne River from its junction with the San Joaquin River to Georgiana Slough; and the San Joaquin River from Fourteenmile Slough through Stockton. (See the small-craft facilities tabulation on charts 18661 and 18662 for services and supplies available at the small-craft facilities in the Delta Region.)

Cable ferries

(556) The Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, including some of the feeder rivers, sloughs, and canals that directly or indirectly connect with one or both of the rivers, are crossed by cable ferries (see charts 18661 and 18662). These ferries in the delta region are guided by cables and sometimes propelled by a cable rig attached to the shore. Cables to the ferries, which extend from both banks of the waterway, may be at, near, or above the water surface. Operating procedures vary and mariners are advised to use extreme caution and seek local knowledge. In 1978, the U.S. Coast Guard advised that cable ferries were not operating in many charted

locations in the delta region. These ferries may operate intermittently, so caution is advised while operating in their vicinity. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PASS A MOVING CABLE FERRY.**

(557) Bridge clearances on the Sacramento River above Rio Vista and on other waterways in the delta region are at low water, which is **mean lower low water at low-river stage;** power cable clearances are at high water. Mariners are cautioned, during flood stage levels, bridge and overhead cable clearances may be reduced 29 feet or more.

Charts 18661, 18660, 18663

(558) **San Joaquin River** rises in the Sierra Nevada, flows 275 miles in a W direction, and enters Suisun Bay through **New York Slough**. The winding river is navigable for deep-draft vessels to Stockton. The water is generally fresh at Antioch. The mean range of tide is about 3 feet from the entrance to Stockton. Major floods in the river valley may occur from November to April, caused by intense general storms of several days' duration. At the mouth of the river an ordinary flood will cause a rise of 8 feet and an extreme flood a rise of 10 feet in the river level. At Stockton, ordinary flood will cause a rise of 8.5 feet, and extreme flood a rise of 13.5 feet in the river level. The delta of the river is formed of many marshy islands intersected by sloughs and channels. The islands are reclaimed tule and cattail marshes which have been converted to agriculture. Bordering the river are levees that are 12 feet or more higher than the land behind them.

(559) Reports of gage heights of the San Joaquin River delta can be obtained from the Sacramento National Weather Service Office at any time. The information is published in the Sacramento Bee and, in addition, is reported on radio broadcasts from station KFBK whenever the gage heights are sufficient to be of general interest.

(560) Information on gage heights can also be obtained from the State Department of Water Resources, 1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 or by recorded message at (916) 653-6416.

(561) A Federal project provides for a 35-foot channel from the mouth of the San Joaquin River to a turning basin at Stockton, and for suitable passing and turning basins. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of charts for controlling depths.)

Anchorages

(562) **General and explosives anchorages** are in the San Joaquin River on the W side of Sherman Island near the mouth, and just N of Venice Cut between Mandeville Island and Venice Island. (See **110.1 and 110.224,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(563) (See **162.205,** chapter 2, for rules and regulations governing maximum speed, passing, right-of-way, collision, and wrecks in the San Joaquin River.)

(564) **Antioch Bridge,** (State Route 160), a fixed highway bridge with a clearance of 142 feet, crosses San Joaquin River about 3 miles E of Antioch. There are no other bridges over the main channel below the turning basin at Stockton. Power cables over the main channel of San Joaquin River from the mouth to the turning basin at Stockton have a minimum clearance of 125 feet.

(565) There are small-craft facilities on the S side of San Joaquin River on both sides of Antioch Bridge. (See the small-craft facilities tabulation on chart 18661 for services and supplies available.)

(566) The main channel in San Joaquin River to Stockton is marked by a daybeacon, buoys, lights, and lighted ranges. At **Mandeville Cut** and **Venice Cut,** 15 miles above Antioch Bridge, the river still follows its old channel and violent sheers are experienced if the navigator is not prepared to meet the river current when passing from the cuts into the river and from the river into the relatively quiet waters of the dredged channel. Under freshet conditions, vessels tend to sheer off course at the junction of the San Joaquin River and the main ship channel at Channel Point near Stockton.

(567) **Stockton,** 28 miles above Antioch Bridge, is in the center of the fertile San Joaquin Valley. The deep-draft harbor is near the W city limits.

Bridges

(568) A fixed highway bridge with a clearance of 45 feet crosses the upper Stockton channel about 500 yards E of the turning basin.

Tides and currents

(569) The mean range of tide is 3.1 feet, and the tidal current is negligible.

Weather, Stockton

(570) Stockton, the county seat of San Joaquin County, is near the center of the great **Central Valley** of California, on the SE corner of the broad delta formed by the confluence of the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers. The surrounding terrain is flat, irrigated farm- and orchard-land, near sea level, with the rivers and canals of the delta controlled by a system of levees.

(571) About 25 miles (46 km) E and NE of Stockton lie the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, rising gradually to an elevation of about 1,000 feet (305 m). Beyond the

foothills, the mountains rise abruptly to the crest of the Sierra, at a distance of about 75 miles (139 km), with some peaks here exceeding 9,000 feet (2745 m) in elevation. On a few days during the year, when atmospheric conditions are favorable, the "downslope" effect of a N or NE wind can bring unseasonably dry weather to the delta area; but on the whole the Sierra Nevada has little or no effect on the weather of San Joaquin County. The Sierra Nevada does affect the area, however, to the extent that the entire economy of the Central Valley depends upon the underground water supplies and rivers which are fed in summer by the melting snows which have piled up during the winter on the windward (W) slopes of the mountains.

(572) To the W and SW, the Coast Range, with peaks above 2,000 feet (610 m), form a barrier separating the Central Valley from the marine air, which dominates the climate of the coastal communities. Several gaps in the Coast Range in the San Francisco Bay Area, however, permit the passage inland of a sea breeze which fans out into the delta and has a moderating effect on summer heat, with the result that Stockton enjoys slightly cooler summer days than communities in the upper San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys.

(573) Stockton's climate is characterized in summer by warm, dry days and relatively cool nights, with clear skies and no rainfall; and in winter by mild temperatures and relatively light rains, with frequent heavy fogs. The annual average temperature is 62°F (16.7°C) with an average daily maximum of 74°F (23.3°C) and an average daily minimum of 49°F (9.4°C).

(574) The annual rainfall averages between 13 and 14 inches (330 to 356 mm), with 90 percent of this precipitation falling in the winter-half year, i.e., November through April. Thunderstorms are infrequent, occurring on 3 or 4 days a year, generally in the spring, and occasionally in summer, although rainfall with summer thunderstorms is negligible. Measurable rain can be expected on about 52 days a year, and rain exceeding 0.5 inch (13 mm) on about 7 days a year. Since the Pacific storms that bring rainfall to this area are associated with above-freezing temperatures (>0°C) at sea-level elevations, snowfall is practically unknown in the Stockton area with trace amounts happening a few times and measurable snowfall happening only one time; February 1976.

(575) In summer, temperatures exceeding 100°F (37.8°C) can be expected on 6 days in July and about 14 days during the entire summer. During these hot afternoons the air is extremely dry, with relative humidities running generally less than 20 percent. Even on these hot days, however, temperatures will fall into the low sixties (16.1° to 17.2°C) at night. In winter the nighttime temperature on clear nights will fall to, or slightly below, freezing (0°C), and will rise in the afternoon into the low fifties (10.6° to 11.7°C). The all-time recorded maximum for Stockton is 114°F (45.5°C) recorded in July 1972 while the all-time minimum is 16°F (-8.9°C) recorded in January 1949. Each month, April through October, has recorded temperatures in excess of 100°F (37.8°C) while each month, November through April, has recorded temperatures of freezing (0°C) or lower.

(576) In late autumn and early winter, clear still nights give rise to the formation of dense fogs, which normally settle in during the night and burn off sometime during the day. In December and January, the so-called fog season, under stagnant atmospheric conditions the fog may last for as long a 4 or 5 weeks, with only brief and temporary periods of clearing.

Pilotage, San Joaquin River

(577) River pilots, commissioned by the Port of Stockton, are obtained by ship's agents, through the office of the Port of Stockton, or the San Francisco Bar Pilots.

Towage

(578) It has not been necessary for towage companies to operate at this port because all vessels operate under their own power; however, tugs up to 1,200 hp are available.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(579) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(580) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

Wharves

(581) Deep-draft facilities at the Port of Stockton are on the S side of San Joaquin River, along the NE side of **Rough and Ready Island** (West Complex), and along the S side of Stockton Deep Water Channel from the junction with the San Joaquin River E to the turning basin (East Complex). The facilities have highway connections and are served by the port's beltline railroad, which connects with two major railroads. Warehouse facilities are available in the port; the wharves have water and electrical shore power connections. General cargo is usually handled by ship's tackle or by shore side traveling cranes; special handling equipment, if available, is mentioned in the description of the particular facility. Rental cranes are available locally, and floating cranes for heavy lifts can be obtained from San Francisco. The wharf operator, unless otherwise stated, is the Stockton Port District. Depths alongside are reported; for information on the latest depths contact the

Stockton Port District. Only the deep-draft facilities are described. For a complete description of the port facilities refer to Port Series No. 32, published and sold by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (See appendix for address.)

(582) Port of Stockton (West Complex), on Rough and Ready Island, has a total of 5.5 million square feet of covered storage. Wharves 14-20, are along the NE side of the island. The wharves range in length from 745 to 1,104 feet, and depths alongside are 22 to 25 feet; each wharf has 120,000 square feet of covered storage.

(583) Port of Stockton (East Complex), Wharves 12 and 13 (37°57'02"N., 121°20'05"W.): at Channel Point; 566-foot offshore wharf; 843 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 13 feet; loading tower served by conveyor system, loading rate 4,000 tons per hour; shipment of dry bulk products and receipt of petroleum products.

(584) Port of Stockton, Wharves 10 and 11; just E of Channel Point; 812-foot marginal wharf, 1,011 feet usable with dolphins; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 15½ feet; two 30-ton traveling cranes; receipt of liquid fertilizer, dry bulk, and general cargo; shipment of general cargo.

(585) Port of Stockton, Wharf 9: E of and in line with Wharves 10 and 11; 645-foot marginal wharf; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 15½ feet; 56,800 square feet covered storage; forklift trucks; receipt of liquid fertilizer and general cargo; shipment of general cargo.

(586) Port of Stockton, Wharf 8: S part of E side of Slip 1, which is about 0.3 mile E of Channel Point; wharf and trestle extension 484 feet long; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 15½ feet; 36,150 square feet covered storage; forklift trucks; receipt and shipment of general cargo, receipt of molasses, liquid fertilizer, and anhydrous ammonia.

(587) Port of Stockton, Wharf 7: immediately N and in line with Wharf 8: 516 feet long; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 15½ feet; 25,100 square feet covered storage; forklift trucks; receipt and shipment of general cargo.

(588) Port of Stockton, Wharf 6: immediately E of entrance to Slip 1; 418-foot marginal wharf; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 15½ feet; 17,650 square feet covered storage; forklift trucks; receipt and shipment of general cargo.

(589) Port of Stockton, Wharf 5: E of and in line with Wharf 6; 429-foot marginal wharf; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 15½ feet, 41,000 square feet covered storage; forklift trucks; receipt and shipment of general cargo.

(590) Port of Stockton, Wharf 4: E of and in line with Wharf 5; 461-foot marginal wharf; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 15½ feet; 41,300 square feet covered storage; receipt and shipment of general cargo.

(591) Port of Stockton, Wharf 3: E of and in line with Wharf 4; 461-foot marginal wharf; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 15½ feet; 30,000 square feet covered storage; forklift trucks and a 30-ton traveling crane; receipt and shipment of general cargo.

(592) Wharves 6, 5, and 4 can provide a total of 1,769 feet of berthing space.

(593) Port of Stockton, Wharf 2: SW corner of turning basin; 585-foot marginal wharf; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 15½ feet; one cargo evacuator; 56,000-ton storage capacity for bulk cargo; 34,000-ton storage capacity for cement; receipt and shipment of general cargo.

(594) Penny Newman Grain Co. Inc., Stockton Elevator Wharf: S side of turning basin, just E of Open Wharf 2; 564-foot marginal wharf; 37 feet alongside; deck height, 15½ feet; unloader consists of a receiving hopper and a conveyor which connects to grain elevator; loader consists of two towers, each with a movable spout, interconnected and also connecting to the grain elevator, combined loading rate of 1,000 tons (33,200 bushels) per hour; grain elevator back of wharf has capacity of over 6.8 million bushels; shipment of grain by ship and barge, receipt of grain by self-unloading barges; owned and operated by Penny Newman Grain Co. Inc.

Supplies

(595) Supplies may be had in any quantity, and water is piped to the wharves. Ships may fuel from barges; alongside bunkering of large vessels may be done at the oil terminals in San Pablo Bay and Carquinez Strait.

Repairs

(596) Some dockside facilities are available here, but major repairs to oceangoing vessels must be done at the drydocks in San Francisco, Oakland, Alameda, and Richmond. Several facilities make repairs to small craft; marine railways up to 200–ton capacity are available.

Small-craft facilities

(597) Several small-craft facilities are at Stockton or nearby. (See the small-craft facilities tabulation on chart 18661 for services and supplies available.)

San Joaquin River above Stockton

(598) From its junction with Stockton Channel, the river has a controlling depth of about 3 feet for 70 miles to Hills Ferry, and is used only by small pleasure craft, fishermen, and an occasional small barge. The only facilities available are those dispensing gasoline, lubricants, and water at a few points.

Bridges

(599) More than 15 bridges cross San Joaquin River between Stockton and Hills Ferry. The minimum clearance for bridges crossing the river between Stockton and Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Railway bridge, about 1.4 miles above Stockton, is 8 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.191,** chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.)

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(600) The principal tributaries of the San Joaquin River are described as the river is ascended. Bridge clearances are at low water. (See **117.1 through 117.59, 117.143, 117.145, 117.150, 117.157, 117.159, 117.161, 117.167, 117.171, 117.175, and 117.183**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.)

(601) **Threemile Slough,** meets the San Joaquin River 5.8 miles above Antioch Bridge and joins the Sacramento River at the N end of Decker Island. The slough is a route frequently used by tugs and barges making passage between Sacramento and Stockton. Near the junction with the Sacramento River is a highway lift bridge with clearances of 16 feet down and 110 feet up at low water. The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 16 and works on channel 9; call sign KMJ–385, Threemile Slough Bridge. (See **117.1 through 117.49**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The power cable E of the bridge has a clearance of 108 feet.

Anchorage

(602) A **restricted anchorage area** is along the E side of **Decker Island**. (See **162.205**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.).

(603) **Mokelumne River,** one of the principal tributaries of the San Joaquin River, rises in the Sierra Nevada and empties into it 11.8 miles above Antioch Bridge. The river separates, 3.5 miles above its mouth, into two branches, the **North Mokelumne River (North Fork)** and the **South Mokelumne River (South Fork).** The branches continue in a N direction and rejoin 9 miles NNE from the mouth. The river then describes a semicircular route for 7 miles to the N and E to the head of navigation at the Galt-New Hope Bridge.

(604) Corps of Engineers project maps for 1978 show the following controlling depths for Mokelumne River: 12 feet from the mouth to the lower junction of the North and South Mokelumne Rivers, thence 7 feet by North Mokelumne River to Snodgrass Slough; thence 2 feet to upper junction of the North and South Mokelumne Rivers; 7 feet from the lower junction by South Mokelumne River to the upper junction; and thence 2 feet to the Galt–New Hope bridge. Mokelumne River is subject to shoaling; local knowledge is advised.

(605) (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.175**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations for the swing and removable span bridges crossing Mokelumne River between the entrance and Galt-New Hope fixed bridge at Thornton.) The minimum clearance of the drawbridges is 11 feet. The bridgetender of the Mokelumne River highway swing bridge just S of the junction with Georgiana Slough monitors VHF-FM channel 16, and works channel 9; call sign: KMJ-382, Mokelumne River Bridge. The bridgetender for the Millers Ferry swing bridge across the North Mokelumne River, just S of the junction with Snodgrass Slough, monitors VHF-FM, channel 16, and works channel 9; call sign: WBE 8326, Millers Ferry Bridge. Power cables have a minimum clearance of 110 feet. The Galt-New Hope Bridge has a fixed span with clearances of 18 feet at low water and 2 feet at high water.

(606) Twin fixed highway bridges about 3.5 miles above the upper junction of North and South Mokelumne Rivers have a clearance of 24 feet at low water and 21 feet at high water.

(607) The mean range of **tide** in Mokelumne River at the entrance to Georgiana Slough is 2.4 feet; the diurnal range of tide is 3.2 feet. At Galt-New Hope Bridge, during low river stages, the mean range of tide is 2.7 feet; the diurnal range is 3.6 feet.

(608) **Little Potato Slough** (38°06'00"N., 121°29'30"W.) enters the South Fork of the Mokelumne River about 6 miles E of the confluence of the north and south forks and connects the river with other tributaries of the San Joaquin River. The slough is crossed by a highway swing bridge near the junction with the South Fork of the Mokelumne River. The highway bridge has a clearance of 35 feet at high water when closed and unlimited clearance when open. The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 16 and works on channel 9; call sign: KSK 278, Potato Slough Bridge. (See **117.167**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.)

(609) **Georgiana Slough** enters Mokelumne River about 3 miles above the mouth, and connects that river with the Sacramento River at Walnut Grove. The controlling depth through the slough is about 13 feet. Tugs and barges formerly used the slough in making the run from Sacramento to Stockton, but to avoid the snags and sharp turns they now favor the route through Threemile Slough.

(610) The Tyler Island swing bridge crossing Georgiana Slough about 3.5 miles above the junction with Mokelumne River, has a clearance of 13 feet when closed and unlimited clearance when open. The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 16, and works channel 9; call sign: WHU-246, Tyler Island Bridge. The

Georgiana Slough swing bridge near Walnut Grove has a clearance of 17 feet when closed and unlimited clearance when open. The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 16, and works channel 9; call sign: WHU–254, Georgiana Slough Bridge. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.157**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.)

(611) **Old River** flows into the San Joaquin River about 13 miles above the Antioch Bridge after diverging from the latter river about 38 miles above the bridge. It is the most W branch of the interconnecting tidal channels into which San Joaquin River divides in crossing its delta. Old River has many sloughs and canals that connect with Middle River to the E.

(612) In 1978, the controlling depths in Old River were: 10 feet for 10 miles from the mouth to Orwood; thence 10 feet for 9 miles to the lower end of Grant Line Canal; thence 7 feet for 9 miles to the Holly Sugar Factory near Tracy; and from the other end of Grant Line Canal to the head of Old River in San Joaquin River, 5 feet.

(613) The minimum clearances of the bridges crossing Old River are: drawbridges, 10 feet; fixed bridges, 18 feet. The bridgetender at Orwood bascule bridge near Orwood monitors VHF–FM channel 16, and works channel 9; call sign: WHU–322, Santa Fe Railroad Bridge. Power cables as far as Orwood have a minimum clearance of 110 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.183**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.)

(614) The mean range of **tide** at Orwood on Old River is 2.8 feet, and the diurnal range is 3.7 feet; ordinary flood fluctuations are 15 feet and 5½ feet, respectively, and extreme flood fluctuations are 19 feet and 8 feet, respectively. The Holly Sugar Co. refinery and terminal near Tracy has a large wharf and an unloading basin; a passing basin is about 0.5 mile downstream from the terminal.

(615) **Middle River** enters the San Joaquin River 15.3 miles above Antioch Bridge. The river and connecting channels are a part of a complicated network of tidal canals, some natural and some artificial, in the delta of the San Joaquin River. One of the principal channels, Middle River leaves Old River at the SW corner of Roberts Island about 7 miles SSW of Stockton and roughly parallels Old River to the San Joaquin River.

(616) The controlling depth in Middle River is about 6 feet to the Bacon Island swing bridge, about 15.5 miles below the junction with Old River. The channel is not maintained above the bridge, and navigation is obstructed by many snags and shoals.

(617) The least clearance of the bascule and swing bridges across Middle River is 11 feet at low water; three fixed bridges 1 mile, 4 miles, and 8.5 miles below the junction with Old River have a least clearance of 12 feet at high water and a least width of 24 feet. The bridgetender for the Bacon Island swing bridge near Empire Cut monitors VHF-FM channel 16, and works on channel 9; call sign: WBE 8326, Bacon Island Bridge. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.71**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) Power cables crossing the river have a minimum clearance of 70 feet.

Cable ferry

(618) Woodward Island Ferry crosses Middle River about 12.5 miles below the junction with Old River. The ferry carries passengers and vehicles, and operates from 0800 to 1700 daily. White warning signs, with black letters and orange borders, are posted about 500 feet on either side of the ferry crossing. Flashing red beacons are shown by the ferry when underway. When the ferry is underway, the cables are 6 to 7 feet above the water surface; when docked, the cables are on or within 1 or 2 feet of the bottom. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PASS A MOVING CABLE FERRY.**

(619) **Empire Cut** enters Middle River about 16.5 miles below the latter's junction with Old River.

Cable ferries

(620) Mildred Island Ferry crosses Empire Cut about 0.6 mile E of the junction with Middle River. This private cable ferry carries passengers, vehicles and farm equipment, and operates during daylight hours. When the ferry is underway, the cables are suspended at an unknown depth below the water surface; when docked, the cables are dropped to the bottom. A sign on each side of the ferry warns of the cables; a flashing red signal is shown when underway. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PASS A MOVING CABLE FERRY.**

(621) The Mandeville Island-McDonald Island Ferry crosses Middle River about 19.5 miles below the junction with Old River. The ferry carries passengers and vehicles, and operates 24 hours. White warning signs with red letters mark the crossing. A revolving red light is shown from the ferry when underway. When the ferry is underway, the cables are at or near the surface. In high winds the cables may rise to about 4½ feet above the water surface. When docked, the cables are dropped to the bottom, except in high winds when the cables may rise to or above the water surface. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PASS A MOVING CABLE FERRY.**

(622) The mean range of **tide** at the Bacon Island swing bridge on Middle River is 2.6 feet, and the diurnal range is 3.5 feet.

(623) Gasoline and fishing supplies may be obtained at the town of **Middle River,** about 8.5 miles above the mouth.

(624) **Little Connection Slough** enters the San Joaquin River about 1 mile above the mouth of Middle River.

Cable ferry

(625) Venice Island Ferry crosses Little Connection Slough about 1 mile above the entrance. The ferry carries passengers and vehicles and operates from 0800 to 1700 daily. White warning signs, with black letters and orange borders, are posted about 500 feet on either side of the ferry crossing. Flashing red beacons are shown by the ferry when underway. When the ferry is underway, the cables are 6 to 7 feet above the water surface; when docked, the cables are dropped to the bottom. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PASS A MOVING CABLE FERRY.**

(626) **Turner Cut** enters the San Joaquin River about 7.5 miles below Stockton.

Cable ferry

(627) McDonald Island Ferry crosses Turner Cut about 1.8 miles above the entrance. The ferry carries passengers and vehicles, and operates only in emergencies. White warning signs, with black letters and orange borders, are posted about 500 feet on either side of the ferry crossing. Flashing red beacons are shown by the ferry when underway. When the ferry is underway, the cables are 6 to 7 feet above the water surface; when docked, the cables are on or within 1 or 2 feet of the bottom. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PASS A MOVING CABLE FERRY.**

(628) Turner Cut is crossed about 2 miles above the entrance by a highway bridge with a 30-foot retractable span. The bridge is normally maintained in the open position except when it is being crossed by a vehicle. If it is necessary to maintain the bridge in a closed position for an extended period, a bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 16, and works on channel 9; call sign; WHV-959, Zuckerman Brothers Bridge, and can also be contacted by telephone (202-464-1253). The vertical clearance through the closed span is 19 feet.

(629) **Sacramento River** rises in the Trinity Mountains in N central California, flows S for 325 miles, and enters Suisun Bay on the N side of **Sherman Island.** Deep-draft vessels follow the lower Sacramento River to Cache Slough, 1.5 miles above Rio Vista Bridge, thence through a deepwater ship channel to Sacramento, a distance of 37 miles above the mouth of the river. Barges and other small craft also use Sacramento River all the way to Sacramento, a distance of 50 miles. Above Sacramento, small craft go to Colusa, 125 miles above the mouth, but there is no regular navigation above this point.

Cable ferry

(630) A cable ferry crosses **Cache Slough** about 5.6 miles above Rio Vista Bridge. The ferry carries passengers and vehicles, and operates from 0800 to 1630 daily except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. When the ferry is underway, the cable is suspended below the water surface at varying depths. When the ferry is docked, the cable is about 14 feet below the water surface at the centerline of the slough decreasing to lesser depths at the banks. A sign on each side of the ferry warns of the cable; a flashing red beacon is shown when underway. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PASS A MOVING CABLE FERRY.**

(631) **Steamboat Slough** enters Cache Slough about 1.8 miles above Rio Vista bridge. The slough is crossed by a highway bascule bridge near its northern confluence with the Sacramento River 1.5 miles S of Courtland. The bridge provides 21 feet of clearance in the closed position and unlimited clearance when open. The bridgetender monitors VHF–FM channel 16 and works channel 9; call sign: WHX–295, Steamboat Slough Bridge. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.199**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations).

Cable ferry

(632) Steamboat Slough Ferry crosses Steamboat Slough about 5 miles above the junction with Cache Slough. The ferry carries passengers and vehicles, and operates 24 hours daily. When the ferry is underway, the cable is suspended below the water surface at varying depths. When the ferry is docked, the cable is about 11 feet below the surface at the centerline of the slough decreasing to lesser depths toward the banks. Warning signs are posted at the crossing. When underway, the ferry shows flashing red lights. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PASS A MOVING CABLE FERRY.**

Channels

(633) **Sacramento River Deep Water Ship Channel** extends from Suisun Bay through lower Sacramento River, Cache Slough, and a 22–mile land cut to a triangular harbor and turning basin at the Port of Sacramento. The **William G. Stone Lock** is on the barge canal connecting the Deep Water Ship Channel with the Sacramento River at Sacramento. In November 1987, the lock was closed to all navigation. Project dimensions follow: ship channel, 30 feet deep, 200 to 300 feet wide; barge canal, 13 feet deep, 120 feet wide; navigation lock, usable length of 600 feet, 86 feet wide, 13 feet deep. (See **207.640,** chapter 2, for navigation regulations for the navigation lock and for the deepwater ship canal.)

(634) The project depth in the ship channel is generally maintained. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of charts for controlling depths.) In June 1978, shoaling was reported in the vicinity of Sacramento Bend between the lock and the Sacramento River. The best water, marked by buoys, was reported to be along the south shore. Extreme caution is advised when entering or leaving the lock. The controlling depth in the river route is about 10 feet. Above Sacramento, the controlling depth is about 6 feet to Colusa. The sounding datum is **mean lower low water at low-river stage.**

(635) Numerous uncharted piles, snags, pumps, and pipes, some submerged, may exist along the edges of the river. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution while navigating close to the banks of the river.

Bridges

(636) The Rio Vista Lift Bridge across the Sacramento River Deep Water Ship Channel just above Rio Vista has a clearance of 18 feet down and 144 feet up at high water. The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 16, and works channels 9 and 13; call sign KMJ-384, Rio Vista Bridge. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.189**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The highway-railroad bascule bridge across the barge canal just W of the lock at Sacramento has a clearance of 20 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.49**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The bascule bridge operates in conjunction with the William G. Stone Lock. In November 1987, the lock was closed to all navigation.

(637) The Daniel C. Palamidess/Industrial Boulevard Fixed Bridge, with a clearance of 32 feet, crosses the waterway 0.5 mile W of the lock.

(638) The minimum clearance of the power cables across the lower Sacramento River Deep Water Ship Channel is 125 feet at high water.

(639) Clearances of bridges across the shallow route of the Sacramento River above the Rio Vista Lift Bridge are given with the description of the river. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.189**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The bridge clearances above Rio Vista are at low water, which is **mean lower low water during low-river stage;** power cable clearances are at high water.

(640) The minimum clearance of the power cables over the Sacramento River below Sacramento is 110 feet.

(641) (See **117.1 through 117.59, 117.141, 117.165, 117.173, 117.195, 117.199, and 117.201**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations for bridges over the tributaries to Sacramento River.)

Tides and currents

(642) At low-river stages the mean range of tide is 2.8 feet at the entrance to Sacramento River and 2.3 feet in the river at Sacramento; at other stages the tide is negligible.

(643) Currents in Sacramento River depend on the river stage. During high-river stages, there is little or no flood current and the ebb current is strong to Sacramento. During the dry season a flood current can be carried to Paintersville and from there slack water to Freeport, 30 and 41 miles above the mouth, respectively. At times of extreme low-river stages, flood current may be evident as far as Sacramento. Local knowledge is required to estimate current conditions for a particular time.

(644) Major floods in the Sacramento River valley usually occur from November to April and are generally caused by intense general storms of several days' duration, the runoff from which may be augmented by the melting of snow in the mountains. At the mouth of the river an ordinary flood will cause a rise of 8 feet and an extreme flood a rise of 10 feet in the river level. At Sacramento, ordinary flood will cause a rise in the river level of 20 feet and extreme flood, a rise of 30 feet.

(645) Reports of gage heights of the Sacramento River can be obtained from the Sacramento National Weather Service Office at any time of the year. The information is published in the **Sacramento Bee** and, in addition, is reported on the radio broadcast from station KFBK whenever the gage heights are of sufficient magnitude to be of general interest. Information on gage heights can also be obtained from the State Department of Water Resources, 1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 or by recorded message at (916) 653-6416.

(646) The upper 20 miles of Sacramento River Deep Water Ship Channel are free of river current and flood waters. However, the area is still affected by tidal currents.

Weather, Sacramento Valley

(647) The climate of the lower Sacramento Valley is mild, with plenty of sunshine year round. Cloudless skies prevail during the spring, summer, and fall. Winter is the rainy season, with measurable amounts falling on about 10 days per month. Snow is rare, since freezing temperatures are rare. The valley is protected from most severe winter storms by the mountains to the W, N, and E. Sometimes, torrential rains on the slopes can cause flooding along the Sacramento River. The average annual precipitation for the Sacramento Airport is about 17.5 inches (445 mm) with about 90% of this amount falling from November through April.

(648) The mountains are responsible for the predominantly S winds throughout the valley. These are oceanic winds that have moved through the Carquinez Strait and been turned N by the Sierra ranges. At the port of Sacramento, SE through SW winds prevail,

particularly during spring and summer. NW through N winds are also frequent, and bring warm, dry air down the mountains. These winds cause brief heat waves, with temperatures rising to over 100°F (37.8°C) in summer, and they modify cool weather in winter. Strongest winds occur in winter although gales occur less than 1 percent of the time, even in midwinter. Winds of 17 to 28 knots occur 6 to 10 percent of the time from December through March, and less than 5 percent of the time during July, August, and September. Extreme winds have reached 60 knots, with gusts of more than 70 knots; these are most likely during fall or winter.

(649) Dense fog is common in winter, infrequent during spring and fall, and rare in summer. It is a radiation type fog that occurs during the late night and early morning hours. It usually clears by noon. Occasionally stagnant weather conditions will cause the fog to hang on for a few days. Visibilities at Sacramento drop below 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on about 5 to 10 nights per month, from November through February. During this same period, they fall below 7 miles (13 km) on about 10 to 20 occasions per month. During the summer, visibilities are almost always better than 7 miles (13 km). Twenty-two out of 31 days during each month, December and January, can expect fog. This number drops to less than one day for both June and July.

Routes

(650) The deep-draft channel to the Port of Sacramento through Sacramento River Deep Water Ship Channel is marked with navigational aids.

(651) The shallow-draft route continues in Sacramento River from 1.5 miles above the Rio Vista Lift Bridge to Sacramento, and for the most part is marked by leading lights.

(652) From Ida Island for a distance of 3.5 miles upstream there are shifting shoals. After passing Ida Island work gradually over to the W half of the channel and favor that side around the next bend. From this point to Clarksburg the channel is clear, and midchannel courses may be followed favoring the falling tide bends. At Clarksburg favor the E shore a little until just past the town, then swing into midchannel again. From just below Freeport the channel is rather shoal and wing dams have been built at several places to scour out the channel. These are covered at high-water stages and may be struck if the shore is approached too closely. By favoring the ebbtide bends no trouble should be encountered from here to Sacramento.

(653) **Note.**–Care should be exercised at all times to keep clear of the levees, as most of them are faced with rock which may damage vessels that drag along them.

Pilotage, Sacramento River

(654) River pilots, commissioned by the Port of Sacramento, are arranged for by the ship's agents, but may be obtained through the office of the port of Sacramento or the San Francisco Bar Pilots

Towage

(655) Tugs up to 1,500 hp are available.

Chart 18661

(656) **Rio Vista**, 10.5 miles above the mouth of the Sacramento River, is the most important town, commercially, below Sacramento. A dredging company is at Rio Vista. An Army storage area and **Rio Vista Coast Guard Station** are just S of the town. A small-craft harbor on the S side of the town has gasoline, water, and berths available. A lift here can handle craft up to 40 feet for hull and engine repairs.

(657) **Ida Island,** on the S bank 13.5 miles above the mouth of the river, is the site of a resort and small-boat basin. Gasoline, water, and moorage are available. A marine railway can handle craft up to 45 feet.

(658) **Isleton,** on the S bank 15 miles above the mouth of the river, has an inactive landing formerly used for oil barge traffic. Gasoline and some supplies are available in town.

(659) In September 1988, a dangerous wreck was reported just NW of the landing in about 38°09'47.5"N., 121°36'41.0"W. A highway bridge with a double-bascule span across the river 0.7 mile above Isleton has a clearance of 18 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.189**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 16 and works on channel 9; call sign: KMJ–383, Isleton Bridge.

Chart 18662

(660) **Walnut Grove**, 24 miles above the mouth of Sacramento River, is at the junction with Georgiana Slough. Gasoline, and marine supplies may be obtained in moderate quantities. The river is crossed here by a highway bridge with a double-bascule span having a clearance of 24 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.189**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 16 and works on channel 9; call sign: KMJ–491, Walnut Grove Bridge. A marina is on **Snodgrass Slough** just SE of Walnut Grove. Gasoline, water, and berths are available. The slough connects with North Mokelumne River.

(661) A wharf and a large wooden shed are on the E side of the river 1.2 miles above Walnut Grove; gasoline and

some repair work is available. A **measured nautical mile** along the NE side of the river begins 1.2 miles above Walnut Grove. A resort is at the junction of Steamboat Slough with the river. Gasoline and water are available. Five miles above Walnut Grove at the small village of **Paintersville,** a highway bridge with a double-bascule span across the river has a clearance of 24 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.189**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 16 and works on channel 9; call sign: KMJ–381, Paintersville Bridge.

(662) **Courtland,** 31 miles above the mouth of the river, has supplies in moderate quantities; gasoline, oil, water, and ice are available.

(663) At **Clarksburg,** 37.5 miles above the mouth of the river, there are two abandoned oil company landings.

(664) **Freeport,** 41.5 miles above the mouth of the river, has gasoline. The highway bascule bridge at Freeport has a clearance of 30 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.189**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 16 and works on channel 9; call sign: KMJ–490, Freeport Bridge.

(665) Three bridges cross at Sacramento. A fixed highway bridge 0.6 mile above the junction with the barge canal has a vertical clearance of 84 feet. The Tower Bridge at Capitol Avenue, 1.3 miles above the junction, is a railway and highway vertical-lift bridge with a clearance of 30 feet down and 96 feet up. The decorative lighting on the bridge will be extinguished upon request of the mariner. The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 16 and works on channel 9; call sign: KDO–739, Tower Bridge. The I (Eye) Street Bridge 0.5 mile N of the Tower Bridge is a railway and highway swing bridge with a clearance of 30 feet. The bridgetender monitors VHF–FM channel 16 and works on channel 9; call sign: WHW–554, I (Eye) Street Bridge. The nearby overhead power cable has a clearance of 74 feet over the W draw and 80 feet over the E draw at high water. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.189**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.)

(666) A paved highway between Antioch and Sacramento runs along the levee of the river for nearly its entire distance.

(667) **Sacramento** the State capital, is the head of navigation for most of the shipping on the river, and is a distribution and transportation center for N California and parts of Nevada and Oregon. The **Port of Sacramento,** at the head of the deepwater channel, is an important point for interchange of cargo between rail, highway, and water transportation.

Weather, Sacramento

(668) The lower Sacramento Valley, where Sacramento is located, enjoys a mild climate and abundance of sunshine throughout the year. Cloudless skies prevail during the summer and largely in the spring and autumn. The summers are remarkably dry, with warm days and pleasant nights. In the winter "rainy season" (December, January, and February) over one-half of the total annual precipitation falls, yet rain in measurable amounts occurs only on about 10 days monthly during winter. Snow is rare since freezing temperatures are rare, with trace amounts falling several times and measurable snowfall having fallen on only one occasion, two inches (51 mm) in February 1976. Mountains surround the valley to the W, N, and E. The Sierra Nevada snow fields are only 70 miles E of Sacramento and usually provide a plentiful supply of water in the valley streams during the dry season. Because of the shielding influence of the high mountains around the valley, winter storms reach valley districts in modified form. However, torrential rain and heavy snow frequently fall on the western Sierra slopes, the southern Cascades, and to a lesser extent the Coastal Range. As a result, flood conditions occasionally occur along the Sacramento River and its tributaries. Excessive rainfall and damaging windstorms are rare in the valley. The average annual precipitation for the Sacramento Airport is about 17.5 inches (445 mm) with about 90% of this amount falling from November through April.

(669) Prevailing winds at Sacramento are S all year, due to the N-S direction of the valley and the deflecting effect of the towering Sierra Ranges on the prevailing oceanic winds that move through the Carquinez Strait at the junction of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers. No other tidewater gap exists in the coastal mountains to admit marine air into the Sacramento or the San Joaquin Valley. Occasionally a steep northerly barometric pressure gradient develops and air is forced over the Siskiyou Mountains to the N, warmed dynamically with descent, and reaches the valley floor as a warm, dry, N wind. These occasionally disagreeable winds, known as "northers" in the valley, are the counterpart of the well-known "chinook" winds of the Rocky Mountains, and they, or modifications of them, produce the pronounced heat waves in summer. Fortunately, they are of infrequent occurrence and produce an unstable atmospheric condition that is usually followed within 2 or 3 days by the normally cool S breezes, especially at night. Summer nights in the lower Sacramento Valley are, with few exceptions, cool and invigorating, the result of a prevailing oceanic influence. While it is true that "northers" cause dry, hot weather for brief periods during the summer, it is equally true they are the modifications of cold waves in the winter.

Winter northers, with only a few exceptions, are comparatively warm, drying winds. The average annual temperature for Sacramento is 61°F (16.1°C) with an average maximum of 74°F (23.3°C) and an average minimum of 48°F (8.9°C). The all-time maximum occurred in June 1961 when the mercury climbed to 115°F (46.1°C). The all-time minimum of 18°F (-7.8°C) was recorded in December 1990. Each month, May through October, has seen temperatures in excess of 100°F (37.8°C) while every month, November through April, has recorded temperatures at or below freezing (0°C).

(670) The average annual thunderstorm occurrence is three. They are usually mild and are most likely in February and March. However, they have been documented in each of the twelve months. Snow falls so rarely, and in such small amounts, that its occurrence may be disregarded as a climatic feature. Heavy fog occurs mostly in midwinter, rarely in summer, and seldom in spring or autumn. Light and moderate fog are more frequent and may come anytime during the wet, cold season. The fog is usually the radiational cooling type, and confined to the early morning hours. An occasional winter fog, under stagnant atmospheric conditions, may continue for several days.

(671) (See page T–4 for **Sacramento climatological table.**)

Pilotage, Sacramento

(672) See Pilotage, Sacremento River, indexed as such, earlier in this chapter.

Towage

(673) Tugs up to 1,500 hp are available.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(674) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(675) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

Coast Guard

(676) **Sacramento Coast Guard Air Station** is NE of Sacramento at McClellan Air Force Base.

Harbor regulations

(677) Copies of the harbor regulations are available from the Port of Sacramento whose office is at 2650 Industrial Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691.

(678) The port radio station KPB–386 VHF-FM channel 18 is monitored 24 hours a day.

Wharves

(679) The deepwater facilities of the Port of Sacramento consist of three wharves and three piers, each of which has a berthing length of at least 600 feet with a deck height of 19 feet and reported depths alongside of 30 feet or more. All berths are served by railroad and highway connections, and all berths have water and electrical shore power connections. General cargo at the port is usually handled by ship's tackle; special handling equipment, if available, is mentioned in the description of the particular facility. All of these facilities are owned and most are operated by the Sacramento-Yolo Port District. Several small wharves and piers along the shallower Sacramento River, privately owned or owned by the city of Sacramento, are operated by oil companies, a rice growers association, a tug company, and a cement company. These facilities are used for shipping various commodities by barge, for fueling small craft, and for mooring small vessels and floating equipment. For a complete description of the port facilities refer to Port Series No. 32, published and sold by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (See appendix for address.)

(680) The port wharves and piers along the NE side of the turning basin are described from W to E.

(681) Wharf 8 (shipment of wood chips and dry bulk) (38°33'57"N., 121°33'00"W.): 227,000 tons covered storage and 27.3 acres open storage; conveyors with loading rate of 600 tons per hour extend from wharf to storage and from storage to rail and truck loading points. (Wharf line is contiguous with Wharves 6 and 7.)

(682) Wharf 7: general cargo; one transit shed with a total cargo floor area of over 57,700 square feet; two portable, 36-inch conveyors with receiving hoppers serving 36 and 48 inch belt conveyors with a rate of 300 tons per hour. (See description of Wharf 8.)

(683) Wharf 6: general cargo and miscellaneous dry bulk commodities; 9.2 total acres of paved open storage; Stevedore equipment is available as required. (See description of Wharf 8.)

(684) Wharf 5 (shipment of grain, feed pellets, and dry bulk materials): grain elevator of 1,227,000 bushel (wheat) capacity connected by conveyor to ship loader on wharf, loading rate 20,000 bushels per hour.

(685) Wharf 2: general cargo; two concrete frame transit sheds with 57,700 square feet of floor space each.

(686) Wharf 1: bulk rice received by barge and shipped by vessel; conveyor extends from wharf to 21,500-ton storage facility. Boulevard in rear, consisting of 20 storage silos and 5 warehouses, has capacity for 87,000 tons of rice (bulk) and 24,000 tons (bagged).

Supplies

(687) Provisions are available in any quantity. Some marine supplies may be obtained. Fuel oil may be obtained by tank truck or barge. Ships do not normally take on fuel or provisions in Sacramento.

Repairs

(688) There are no repair facilities for large oceangoing vessels in Sacramento; the nearest shipyards with large drydocks are at Richmond, Oakland, Alameda, and San Francisco.

Small-craft facilities

(689) There are several small-craft facilities along the Sacramento River at Sacramento. (See the small-craft facilities tabulation on chart 18662 for services and supplies available.)

Communications

(690) Sacramento is served by four railroads, several highways, and two airports.

Chart 18664, 18667

(691) Above Sacramento the prevailing flood conditions are as follows: At Verona at the junction of Feather River, 70 miles above the mouth, 20 feet at ordinary floods and 24 feet at extreme floods; at Colusa, 125 miles above the mouth, 25 feet at ordinary floods and 32 feet at extreme floods.

(692) Between Sacramento and Colusa are numerous warehouses and small landings.

(693) The minimum clearance of the swing and bascule span bridges over the Sacramento River between Sacramento and Colusa is 29 feet at low water, and of the fixed bridges 55 feet at high water and 82 feet at low water. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.189**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The minimum clearance of the overhead power cables across the river is 60 feet.

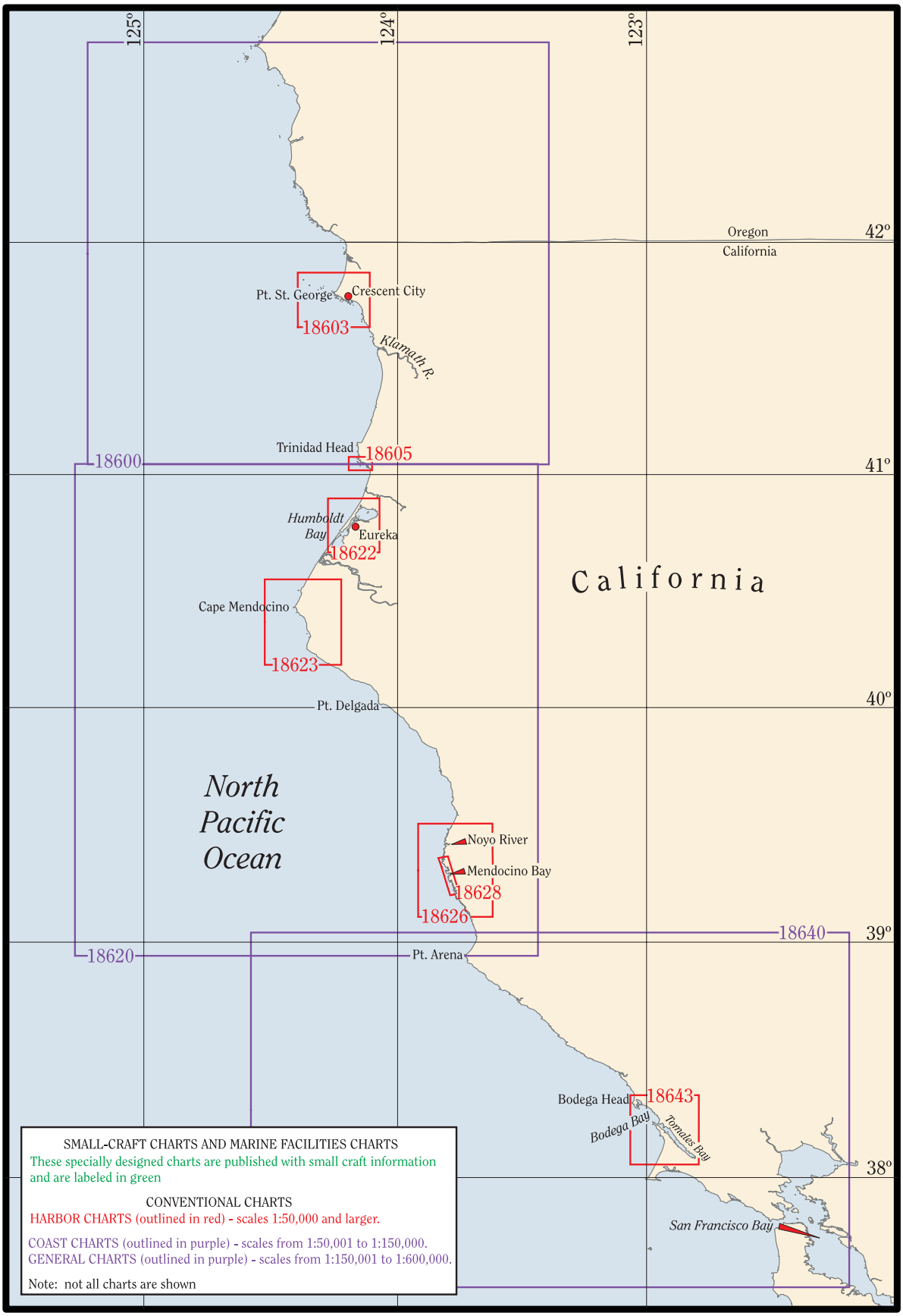
(694) **Feather River** rises in the Sierra Nevada and empties into Sacramento River at **Verona,** 18 miles above Sacramento. The river has been improved by snagging and the construction of wing dams at **Marysville,** 26 miles above the mouth. The controlling depth is usually 3 feet from about February 15 to June 15. Ordinary flood fluctuation is 20 feet, and extreme flood fluctuation is about 25 feet. With the exception of several small privately owned landings, all loading is handled on the banks. There has been no commercial navigation on the Feather River in recent years.

Chart 18665

(695) **Lake Tahoe** (39°06'N., 120°00'W.), California-Nevada, is a recreation area almost surrounded by Tahoe, Toiyabe, and Eldorado National Forests. **Restricted areas** established by Federal regulations are given in **162.210 and 162.215,** chapter 2. Lake Tahoe is to be navigated by leaving all red buoys to starboard when transiting in a counterclockwise direction. Safe water will always be found toward the center of the lake from red federal buoys. Information about facilities may be obtained from one of the local offices of the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Coast Guard

(696) **Lake Tahoe Coast Guard Station** is on the W shore of the lake about 1.2 miles NE of Tahoe City.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SMALL-CRAFT CHARTS AND MARINE FACILITIES CHARTS
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HARBOR CHARTS (outlined in red) - scales 1:50,000 and larger.
COAST CHARTS (outlined in purple) - scales from 1:50,001 to 1:150,000.
GENERAL CHARTS (outlined in purple) - scales from 1:150,001 to 1:600,000.
Note: not all charts are shown

San Francisco Bay to Point St. George, California

Chart 18010

(1) This chapter describes Bodega Bay, Tomales Bay, Noyo River and Anchorage, Shelter Cove, Humboldt Bay, and numerous other small coves and bays. The only deep-draft harbor is Humboldt Bay, which has the largest city along this section of the coast, Eureka. The other important places, all for small craft, are Bodega Harbor, Noyo River, Shelter Cove, and Crescent City Harbor. The coast is rugged and often mountainous, with many detached rocks. The principal dangers, all marked, are Blunts Reef, Redding Rock, and St. George Reef.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(2) The lines established for this part of the coast are described in **80.1144 through 80.1152, chapter 2.**

Weather, San Francisco Bay to Point St. George

(3) Winter storms and a strong spring pressure gradient between the subtropical high and the Aleutian Low make these two seasons very windy. Speeds of 20 to 30 knots occur 15 to 20 percent of the time. Gales occur about 5 percent of the time off Point Arena and N of Cape Mendocino. Fronts and storms cause varying wind directions, but since many lows pass well offshore and to the N, winds are often out of a Southerly direction. Strong winds inhibit radiation or winter fog formation. It is most likely S of Eureka in the early morning after a night of clear skies and light winds. At times, this type of fog can plague Humboldt Bay. S winds help keep winter temperatures mild for these latitudes. Daytime highs in the midfifties (11.7° to 13.9°C) and nighttime lows around 40°F (4.4°C) are common; this compares with highs in the upper thirties (3° to 4°C) and lows in the midtwenties (-5° to -2.8°C) along the East Coast. The storms that pass near or through the area make winter the rainy season. December through January is the height of the season, and precipitation of 0.1 inch (2.54 mm) or more can be expected on about 10 to 11 days per month S of Cape Mendocino and on up to 20 days to the N. Snow falls occasionally along this N coast.

(4) Winds in spring are more variable than in winter, as the subtropical high builds and the Aleutian Low shrinks. The change takes place gradually from N to S. NW through N winds become more common while S winds are not quite so prevalent. With the decrease in storm activity, rain falls on only about 6 or 7 days per month. Temperatures rise by about 4° or 5°F (-15.6° or -15.0°C) over winter averages by April. Visibilities are at their best during March and April. The pressure gradient keeps strong winds frequent.

(5) By summer, the high has taken control along this coast. However, S winds continue to occur frequently in the N. NW through N winds are most common and are reinforced by the sea breeze. Wind speeds of 20 to 30 knots occur 10 to 20 percent of the time, attesting to this reinforcement. They are most likely N of Cape Mendocino, where gales occur 5 to 10 percent of the time. These speeds do not inhibit the formation of advection fog, which plagues the area from July through September. Visibilities drop below 1 mile (2 km) on about 10 to 15 days per month S of Point Delagada and 5 to 10 days per month to the N. Fog signals fill the air 30 to 50 percent of the time during August; the worst month. At coastal stations, visibilities drop below 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on 10 to 20 days per month. Fog is particularly dangerous in shoal-ridden Humboldt Bay. Point Reyes and Point Arena are the foggiest spots, while Point St. George appears to be the least foggy. Fog and low stratus often blanket the waters around Point Reyes for weeks at a time, permitting little sunshine. As a result, Point Reyes has close to the lowest average midsummer temperature of any observing site in the United States. In general along the coast, daytime temperatures average in the low to midsixties (16.7° to 19.4°C), while nighttime lows drop into the low fifties (11° to 12° C). This compares with an average July high of 85°F (29°C)and a low of 67° F (19°C) in New York. Rain is of little concern.

(6) Autumn brings a gradual return to winter conditions. Fog becomes less frequent. This is a gradual change in sheltered regions like Humboldt Bay, where radiation fog is likely. Temperatures fall off by 2° or 3°F (-17.2° or -16.7°C) on the average by October. Winds

become a mix of S and N, with N gaining the edge, as fall turns toward winter. Gales are infrequent, and winds blow 20 to 30 knots 10 to 15 percent of the time.

Charts 18640, 18643

(7) From Point Reyes, the coast trends in a general N direction for 10 miles as a broad white sand beach backed by high grassy sand dunes, and then curves NW for 6 miles in high yellow cliffs, terminating in **Tomales Point.** The large white building at the radio station, 7 miles NE of Point Reyes, is prominent.

(8) The **Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary** has been established to protect and preserve the marine birds and mammals, their habitats, and other natural resources in the waters surrounding the Farallon Islands and Point Reyes, and to ensure the continued availability of the area as a research and recreational resource. The sanctuary encompasses the waters off Bodega Head and Point Reyes, and the waters surrounding Farallon Islands. The sanctuary includes Bodega Bay but not Bodega Harbor. Recreational use of the area is encouraged. (See **15 CFR 922,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(9) **Bodega Bay,** a broad opening between Tomales Point and Bodega Head, affords shelter from NW weather at its N end, but is dangerous in S or W weather. The summit of **Bodega Head** is rounding and grassy, with steep rocky cliffs on the S and W ends. Low **Bodega Rock** and foul ground extend from 0.2 to 0.7 mile SE of the S face of Bodega Head.

(10) **Bodega Marine Life Refuge** is just north of Bodega Head. Its sea perimeter begins at 38°18'40"N., 123°04'04"W. and extends offshore around **Mussel Point** to 38°19'23"N., 123°04'22"W. The refuge extends from the shoreline, at the line of mean high water (tide), a distance of 1,000 feet offshore. Within these perimeters all marine plants and invertebrates are protected. Established by an act of the California legislature in 1965, the refuge is managed by the University of California at Davis.

(11) **University of California Bodega Marine Laboratory is on Horseshoe Cove** about 1.3 miles NW of Bodega Head Light. Two large white buildings at the site are reported to be prominent and lighted at night.

(12) **Bodega Head Light** (38°18.0'N., 123°03.2'W.), 110 feet above the water, is shown from a post with a red and white diamond-shaped daymark on the SE end of Bodega Head.

(13) Lighted buoys mark the entrance to Bodega Bay.

Danger

(14) In good weather small boats having local knowledge sometimes use the passage between Bodega Head and Bodega Rock. The passage is unsafe whenever breakers from heavy ground swells reduce the width of the passage. Large breaking waves can occur inside the 30-foot depth contour line NW and SW of Bodega Rock. The safest part of the passage between Bodega Head and Bodega Rock is along the deeper part of the passage. When the width of the passage is reduced by breakers, mariners entering Bodega Bay should pass S of Bodega Harbor Approach Lighted Buoy BA.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(15) The lines established for Bodega and Tomales Bays are described in **80.1144**, chapter 2.

(16) **Tomales Bay** enters the S part of Bodega Bay E of Tomales Point, and extends SE for 12 miles with an average width of 0.5 mile. The channel with depths of 3 to over 10 feet is marked by buoys and daybeacons for about 4 miles to deeper water inside the bay. The shoals and channels within the bay are subject to continual change, local knowledge is advised. An unmarked rock covered 10 feet is near the center of the bay, 0.8 mile SE of Pelican Point in about 38°10'47"N., 122°55'08"W.

(17) **The entrance bar is dangerous and should not be attempted by strangers.** A 6-knot current may be encountered on a spring tide at the entrance to the bay. The shallow area on the entrance bar frequently becomes rough, and it is reported that the sudden appearance of breakers in a calm sea is common. Because such waves appear with little warning, they are called "sneaker waves." These waves occur primarily during the ebb tide, but the entire bar area can become rough owing to strong afternoon winds. Boatmen should plan to leave the area before the tide turns or be prepared to remain outside until the rough water subsides, or to go to another harbor such as Bodega.

(18) Fish, clams, mussels, and oysters are taken from Tomales Bay by commercial and sport fishermen. Oyster farms occupy large sections of tide flats south of Toms Point. A small-craft facility on the bay can make hull and engine repairs and is equipped with a travel lift and a crane, each capable of handling craft up to 15 tons. Long piers used by sport fishermen extend out into the bay at several places. Berths with electricity, gasoline, water, ice, winter boat storage, marine supplies, and launching ramps are available.

(19) Tomales Bay is part of the Point Reyes/Farallon Islands National Marine Sanctuary.

(20) **Bodega Harbor,** in the N part of Bodega Bay, is an important commercial fishing base and, in season, an active sports fishing and recreation harbor. During

salmon season more than 500 fishing craft either anchor just outside in the shelter of the N part of the bay or dock at the numerous marinas inside the harbor.

(21) A Federal project provides for a 12-foot channel, protected by entrance jetties, which leads from Bodega Bay to facilities along the N and NE sides of the harbor at the town of Bodega Bay. The channel has a turning basin just inside the entrance, at the N end of the harbor, and along the NE side of the harbor. In July 2002, the controlling depths were 11.1 feet to the lower turning basin, thence depths in the basin were 12 feet in the W half and 12 to 4.2 feet in the E half, thence 8.0 feet (8.7 feet at midchannel) to the second turning basin at the N end of the harbor with 9.1 to 12 feet in the basin (except for shoaling to 1.1 feet along the N edge in about (38°19'58"N., 123°03'02"W.), thence 10.4 feet (11.4 feet at midchannel) along the NE side of the town to the upper turning basin at the extreme inner end of the channel with 7 to 11 feet in the basin (except for shoaling to 2.4 feet along the NE and SE edges.) The channel is marked by buoys, daybeacons, and lights; lighted ranges also mark the channel from the entrance to the turning basin at the N end of the harbor.

(22) In October 1986, a sunken wreck was reported in the NW part of the turning basin along the NE side of the harbor in about 38°19'33"N., 123°02'28"W.

(23) Transient berths with electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, ice, water, and some marine supplies and provisions can be obtained in the harbor. The marina at Spud Point on the W side of the harbor has the largest lift in the area, which can handle boats up to 20 tons. Hull, engine, and electronic repairs, launching ramps, and winter dry and wet storage are available in the harbor. A channel marked by private buoys and a light, leads from the main channel just SW of the outer turning basin to a marina at the NW side of the harbor.

Coast Guard

(24) **Bodega Bay Coast Guard Station** is on the E side of the channel, 0.8 mile above the entrance.

Chart 18640

(25) The coast from Bodega Head for 52 miles to Point Arena trends in a general NW direction. There are some dangers, but they do not extend over a mile offshore, and in thick weather the 30-fathom curve may be followed with safety. In the summer the rocks are generally marked by kelp, which extends in some cases to the 10-fathom curve, but during the winter gales much of the kelp is torn away.

(26) In clear weather the mountains may be readily seen, and at times are visible when the lower land is shut in by haze or fog. In thick weather soundings should be taken frequently, as the currents are extremely irregular both in direction and velocity.

(27) Protection from the prevailing NW winds of summer may be had at several places, but there is no shelter from the winter winds, which are usually accompanied by a heavy W swell.

(28) N of Bodega Head, the cliffs are about 200 feet high for 2 miles, and then are succeeded by a broad sand beach 2 miles long backed by sand dunes 120 feet high. From this point the coast N consists of abrupt rocky cliffs, broken by gulches, to the mouth of the Russian River, 10 miles N of Bodega Head.

(29) Numerous rocks, 20 to 130 feet high, are within 0.3 miles of the shore, but some extend as much as a mile offshore. **Gull Rock,** 100 feet high, is 1.7 miles SE of the mouth of Russian River and 0.3 mile offshore. About 0.5 mile NW of Gull Rock and 400 yards offshore is a large arched rock, 85 feet high, with a flat top. This is the largest arched rock on this part of the coast.

(30) **Duncans Landing,** 6 miles N of Bodega Head, is a fair small-boat landing in NW weather.

(31) The spit making out from the S point of **Russian River** has been partially reinforced by a short rock jetty, but the mouth of the river is closed by a shallow bar. The bold sharp point immediately to the S of the river appears as an island from the S; it is connected to the mainland by a roadway. Many summer resorts are on the shores of Russian River; at the settlement of **Jenner** there is a landing. Gasoline and water can be obtained nearby.

(32) **Ross Mountain,** 3 miles inland and N of Russian River, is the highest knob on the ridge. A few clusters of trees are near its summit; the slopes are bare of trees and the gulches are wooded.

(33) From Russian River for 6.5 miles to Fort Ross Cove, the coast is high, consisting of bare steep spurs from Ross Mountain. **Sunken Reef** extends 0.8 mile from shore 4.5 miles NW of Russian River; it is marked by a bell buoy.

(34) **Fort Ross Reef,** 5.7 miles NW of Russian River and nearly 1 mile SE of Fort Ross Cove, consists of pinnacle rocks 35 feet high, 600 yards offshore, and connected with the beach by a reef which is partially marked by kelp.

(35) **Fort Ross Cove,** 15.5 miles N of Bodega Head and 33 miles N of Point Reyes, affords good shelter in NW weather. The holding ground is poor, and the anchorage is constricted by a rock that uncovers in the middle of the cove and a rock about 50 yards N of it that is covered 14 feet. The cove is divided into two bights, the W one being slightly the larger. The anchorage is suitable for small vessels only, and if used by strangers should be entered with caution.

(36) **Fort Ross** was first settled by the Russians in 1812, and the old Russian church is still standing. The buildings have been restored, and the area is now a State Historical Monument. There are no landing facilities.

(37) From Fort Ross Cove the coast extends NW and is nearly straight. It is bold and wooded to the crests of the hills which closely approach the coast, and is cut by numerous gulches and bordered by many inshore rocks. The 30-fathom curve is at an average distance of 0.7 mile offshore from Fort Ross Cove for 20 miles to near Gualala River.

(38) **Salt Point,** 5 miles N of Fort Ross Cove, is 35 feet high, very rocky, and bare of trees; it is bordered by outlying rocks for 200 yards. The 30-fathom curve is less than 0.5 mile off this point.

(39) **Fisk Mill Cove,** 2.5 miles N of Salt Point, affords fair shelter for small vessels in NW weather. The bottom is rocky, but there are no hidden dangers.

(40) **Horseshoe Point,** 3 miles N of Salt Point, is a cliff 180 feet high, with a depression of 60 feet immediately behind it. It is a bare of trees; the summit is marked by several projecting rocks.

(41) From Horseshoe Point the coast trends NW for 12.5 miles to Gualala River and consists of cliffs, about 60 feet high, bordered by numerous outlying rocks. The tree line is from 0.1 to 0.5 mile back from the edge of the cliffs.

(42) **Fisherman Bay,** 26.5 miles NW of Bodega Head, is a fair shelter for small craft in NW weather. There are two covered rocks marked by kelp 350 yards off the S point of the bay. There is a general store at the village of **Stewarts Point** on the N side of the bay.

(43) **Gualala Point,** 16 miles SE of Point Arena and 1 mile S of Gualala River, is 42 feet high, about 300 yards offshore, and connected with the bluff by a rocky reef covered with sand. Sand dunes extend behind the bluff for 600 yards.

Local magnetic disturbance

(44) Differences of as much as 8° from normal variation have been reported near Gualala Point, and a difference of as much as 4° near Saunders Reef.

(45) **Gualala River** intersects the coast 15 miles SE of Point Arena. A long sand beach extends a mile S from the mouth. The white hotel building at **Gualala** can be seen from the W and SW.

(46) **Robinson Reef** lies N of the mouth of Gualala River and 1.1 miles N of Gualala Point. It consists of a cluster of 25 or more visible rocks about 600 yards offshore, with a covered rock 70 yards WNW of the outer rock.

(47) **Bourns Landing** is 1.5 miles NW of Gualala River. The anchorage here is exposed and can be used only in the summer. Local knowledge is necessary because the approaches have several covered rocks. Lumber from the Gualala mills was formerly shipped from here.

(48) **Havens Anchorage,** 12 miles SE of Point Arena and 4 miles NW of Gualala Point, offers shelter for small vessels from the prevailing NW winds S of Fish Rocks. The cove is constricted by rocks and ledges extending 250 yards SE from the W head. Strangers should approach the anchorage with caution. During the summer the anchorage is used extensively by fishing boats in NW weather.

(49) **Fish Rocks,** two rocky islets 4.2 miles NW of Gualala Point, are connected at low water with the shore and surrounded by numerous smaller rocks. The outer rock is 150 feet high and the inner 100 feet high and 100 yards offshore. A rock 40 feet high lies 175 yards SE of the outer rock.

(50) **Havens Neck,** 145 feet high and prominent, is 0.6 mile NW of Fish Rocks. It is bare of trees and connected with the bluffs by a narrow neck.

(51) **Gualala Mountain,** 5 miles inland NE of Havens Neck, is heavily wooded and prominent in clear weather. **Sail Rock,** 44 feet high, is a sharp, pyramidal rock 800 yards offshore, 2.8 miles NW of Fish Rocks. From off Point Arena it resembles a small vessel under sail. **Saunders Reef,** 4.5 miles NW of Fish Rocks, is 0.5 mile offshore. It shows several rocks that uncover and is well marked by kelp. Foul ground extends between it and the shore. A lighted gong buoy is 0.4 mile SW of the outer rock and 7.5 miles SE of Point Arena.

(52) **Arena Cove,** 2.5 miles SE of Point Arena, is a slight indentation affording shelter to small vessels in NW weather. The S head is a high yellow cliff that under favorable circumstances is visible for a considerable distance. A wharf is at the head of the cove. A 3-ton hoist is on the wharf; gasoline, diesel fuel, and water are available. Some groceries may be had. A white lookout tower with a red roof on a steel structure is prominent. A lighted bell buoy is 0.6 mile SW from the end of the wharf. To enter, make the lighted bell buoy, then bring the end of the wharf to bear **074°** and stand in on this course. This leads about 150 feet S of a rock covered 16 feet that lies 300 yards 264° from the end of the wharf. In thick weather during the summer in approaching the cove from N or S, the edge of the kelp may be followed which will lead to within 300 yards of the lighted bell buoy. The town of **Point Arena** is on the highway 1 mile E of the landing.

(53) A breaker is reported in a heavy SW swell 0.8 mile WSW of the N point of Arena Cove, and scattered kelp extends almost out to that position.

(54) **Point Arena,** 68 miles NW of Point Reyes, consists of a long level plateau, diminishing in height to the end of the 60-foot-high point. It is the first prominent point

N of Point Reyes. The point is bare of trees for about a mile from the shore.

(55) **Point Arena Light** (38°57.3'N., 123°44.4'W.), 155 feet above the water, is shown from a 115-foot white cylindrical tower with black gallery at the extremity of the point. A reef that usually shows breakers extends about 0.6 mile NW from the extremity of the point.

(56) **Arena Rock,** 1.4 miles N of Point Arena Light, is covered 13 feet and shows a breaker except in very smooth weather. A covered rock which rises abruptly from deep water and breaks only in heavy weather is 200 yards N of Arena Rock.

Caution

(57) Vessels approaching Point Arena from N in thick weather are advised to keep outside the 40-fathom curve because Arena Rock is only 0.8 mile inside the 30-fathom curve and shoaling near it is abrupt.

Chart 18620

(58) From Point Arena the coast extends in a general NNW direction for 50 miles and then trends NW for nearly 35 miles to Punta Gorda, thence NNW for 10 miles to Cape Mendocino. The S portion is less bold and rugged than the N portion, and the mountains are neither as high nor as close to the coast. The dangers are all included within the 30-fathom curve, and except for Blunts Reef and the other reefs in the vicinity of Cape Mendocino, do not extend more than a mile offshore. Several submarine valleys with depths greater than 50 fathoms come within 0.5 to 2 miles of the shore between Point Delgada and Cape Mendocino; the currents are irregular in this area.

(59) From Cape Mendocino to Trinidad Head, the coast trends in a NNE direction for 40 miles and, with the exception of the rocks off False Cape, the dangers are within 0.5 mile of the shore. The land is generally low with sandy beaches, broken by the mouths of the Eel and Mad Rivers and the entrance to Humboldt Bay. The only marked elevations N of False Cape are Table Bluff and Buhne Point.

(60) In clear weather the mountains are good landmarks and can frequently be seen when the lower land is obscured by fog or haze.

(61) Between Point Arena and Cuffey Cove, protection from the prevailing NW winds of summer may be had in a few places, but there is none from S or W.

(62) From Point Arena the cliffs of the point extend 0.5 mile NE to the mouth of **Garcia River,** from which sand dunes and beaches extend N for 4 miles. Beyond this point for 40 miles to **Ten Mile River Beach** the coast is rugged, with high, bold cliffs bordered by numerous outlying rocks.

(63) **Mal Pass** is a steep gulch 5.2 miles N of Point Arena; the bluffs on each side are nearly 280 feet high. **Red Bluff,** 8 miles N of Point Arena, is a prominent reddish 200-foot-high cliff. **Elk Rock,** 8.5 miles N of Point Arena, is 95 feet high and 0.5 mile offshore.

Chart 18626

(64) **Nose Rock**, 10.3 miles N of Point Arena and 0.7 mile offshore from Elk, is 24 feet high. **Casket Rock,** 700 yards NE of Nose Rock, is the outermost of three large rocks W of a 150-foot cliff fronting the village of **Elk.**

(65) **Cuffey Cove,** 11 miles N of Point Arena, is a small anchorage affording fair shelter in NW winds. **Cuffey Inlet,** just W of the cove, is an excellent anchorage for small boats in N and W weather. Caution is necessary to avoid the many covered and visible rocks in the approaches to the cove and inlet. A small kelp-covered rock that uncovers lies near the center of the entrance to the inlet. The cove is covered with patches of kelp during most of the year.

(66) From Cuffey Cove for 3 miles to **Navarro River,** the coast consists of cliffs 200 feet high, bordered by outlying rocks. Although the mouth of the river is nearly always closed by a bar with only 1 or 2 feet of water over it, the entrance has fair shelter from NW winds. **Navarro Head,** 405 feet high, is on the N bank of the river.

Chart 18628

(67) **Salmon Point**, the S entrance point to **Whitesboro Cove,** 1.2 miles N of Navarro River, is a treeless cliff 109 feet high. Detached rocks extend W of the point for 0.2 mile, with **Bull Rock,** a covered ledge, usually showing a breaker 0.5 mile NW of the extremity of the point. In a heavy swell, breakers show between it and the visible rocks off the point. Whitesboro Cove is rocky, exposed to NW and W winds, and seldom used as an anchorage.

(68) **Albion Cove,** 16.5 miles N of Point Arena, affords good shelter in N weather. The S point at the entrance rises to a knoll 179 feet high; low rocks extend nearly 500 yards W of the point. The N point is a rocky islet 80 feet high lying close to the point which has the same elevation; both are bare. Small visible rocks lie 200 yards W of the islet, and covered rocks, showing breakers in a moderate swell, extend out more than 500 yards WSW from it. The principal danger in the approach is a covered rock, usually showing a breaker, 250 yards S of the islet. **Mooring Rock,** in about the middle of the cove, is

30 feet high, pyramidal in shape, and marked by a light and a seasonal fog signal; small rocks extend from it to the N shore. A lighted whistle buoy marks the entrance to the cove.

(69) The village of **Albion** is on both high banks of **Albion River.** Several small piers on the river serve the commercial and sport fishermen. Gasoline, diesel oil, water, ice, fishing supplies, and a launching ramp are available. The river is crossed by a fixed highway bridge that has a clearance of 118 feet, 0.1 mile above the mouth.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(70) The lines established for the Albion River are described in **80.1146**, chapter 2.

(71) Between Albion Cove and Colby Reef, breakers are seen in a heavy swell nearly 0.5 mile from shore; vessels should not approach closer than 1 mile.

(72) **Stillwell Point,** 1.6 miles N of Albion Cove, is a bold, sharp 190-foot cliff. A 141-foot-high rocky islet lies close inshore on its NW side. A yellow slide is on the S face of Stillwell Point. **Colby Reef,** 0.5 mile offshore W of Stillwell Point, consists of a rocky patch covered 1½ fathoms. Numerous other dangers are just inside the 20-fathom curve along this stretch of coast.

(73) **Little River,** 19 miles N of Point Arena, offers shelter in the entrance cove. The reefs and rocks surrounding the cove are well marked by kelp, and a heavy undertow is felt when in the vicinity of the rocks. The NW shore of the cove is bluff, rocky, and bare of trees for over 0.5 mile. The entrance is marked by a bell buoy, but the channel narrows to 60 yards by covered rocks N of the inner visible rock. The beach area at Little River is a State Park.

(74) The 2-mile coast between Little River and Mendocino Bay is a broad tableland with a seaward face of cliffs, 40 to 60 feet high, bordered by numerous low rocks. The tree line is over 0.5 mile from the cliffs.

(75) **Mendocino Bay,** 21 miles N of Point Arena, affords fair shelter in NW weather, but vessels are obliged to leave in S or W weather. In heavy SW gales the sea breaks clear across the entrance. The S point at the entrance is a rocky, irregular cliff 100 feet high, bordered by numerous rocks extending 150 yards offshore. A knoll 156 feet high is 300 yards inshore from the point. A reef covered 3¼ fathoms extends 500 yards NW of the outermost visible rock. This area should be avoided when there is any swell running. The N point is a broken cliff 60 feet high, bordered by numerous rocks close inshore. A whistle buoy marks the entrance to the bay.

(76) **Big River** enters in the NE part of Mendocino Bay. The town of **Mendocino** is on the N shore of the bay. Water is available.

(77) **Russian Gulch,** 2 miles N of Mendocino, is a small cove occasionally used as an anchorage by small craft with local knowledge as it affords excellent protection. A State Park is at the head of the cove. The concrete arch highway bridge across Russian Gulch should show well from S to W. An important danger is a rock awash 400 yards NW of the S entrance point. A reef covered 1¼ fathoms extends 200 yards SE of the rock.

(78) **Point Cabrillo,** 3 miles N of the town of Mendocino and 24 miles N of Point Arena, is a flat-topped point 50 to 60 feet high terminating seaward in nearly vertical cliffs; numerous low rocks extend offshore over 200 yards, and the 30-fathom curve is barely 0.2 mile outside of them. The point is bare except for a few trees at the houses near the light.

(79) **Point Cabrillo Light** (39°20.9'N., 123°49.6'W.), 81 feet above the water, is shown from a 47-foot white octagonal frame tower on a dwelling on the point.

(80) From Point Cabrillo the coast trends N for 9 miles to Laguna Point as a nearly straight line of bluffs, with numerous rocks close under the cliffs. It is moderately high, partly wooded to the face of the cliffs, and is broken by several indentations and small streams. The 30-fathom curve is an average distance of 1 mile from shore.

(81) **Caspar Anchorage,** a mile N of Point Cabrillo, is a small cove at the mouth of **Caspar Creek.** Fair shelter, except from W, is afforded, but the anchorage is constricted and seldom used. The village of **Caspar** is on the N bank of the creek near its mouth.

Chart 18626

(82) From Caspar Creek for 4 miles to Noyo Anchorage the coast consists of broken irregular cliffs, 40 to 60 feet high, with numerous rocks extending 400 yards offshore. These are fairly well fringed by kelp, especially in summer.

(83) **Noyo Anchorage,** 5 miles N of Point Cabrillo, affords fair shelter from N or S. The anchorage is limited to an area about 400 yards long and less than 200 yards wide, with depths of 3½ to 6½ fathoms. Buoys mark the entrance to the anchorage.

(84) **Noyo River** enters at the head of Noyo Anchorage. A jetty with a light on its outer end and fog signal 80 yards inshore is on the N side of the entrance, and a small jetty, with a light off the seaward end, is on the S side of the entrance. A fixed highway bridge with a clearance of 80 feet crosses the river about 300 yards E of mouth. In March 2000, a replacement bridge with a

design clearance of 99 feet, was under construction about 0.2 mile above the mouth. The river above the first sharp bend affords excellent protection for small boats. A dredged channel leads between the jetties to **Noyo Basin,** about 0.6 mile above the entrance. In January-February 2002, the controlling depths were 1.2 feet (6.7 feet at midchannel) to Noyo Basin. Greater depths were available with local knowledge above the bridge. Depths of about 10 feet are reported in Noyo Basin. The basin is protected by a breakwater which is marked on its outer end by a light. The river channel is marked by lights, a buoy, and a directional light. **Dolphin Cove** is about 0.5 mile above Noyo Basin. Overhead power cables crossing the river have a least clearance of 80 feet.

(85) Caution is necessary in entering to avoid the reefs and a rock on the S side of the entrance. Heavy W or SW swells form breakers at the entrance to the river; once inside there is good shelter. With W winds and seas, heavy surge is felt in the river as far as Noyo Basin.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(86) The lines established for the Noyo River are described in **80.1148**, chapter 2.

Coast Guard

(87) The Noyo River Coast Guard Station is located on the S bank of the river, just below Noyo Basin. The station monitors VHF-FM channel 16 or can be reached at 707-964-6612.

(88) A **Storm Warning Flag System** consisting of a series of square flags and triangular pennants, will be displayed on a pole that is located on the SW end of the Noyo River Coast Guard Station dock and will be visible to mariners from both directions. The flags will indicate that winds and/or sea conditions forecast for the area may pose a hazard to boaters. A small-craft advisory, a **RED** triangular pennant, will be displayed when winds in the range of 20 to 33 knots, or seas of 6 feet or greater, are forecast. A gale warning, two triangular **RED** pennants, will be displayed when winds in the range of 34 to 47 knots are forecast. A storm warning, a square **RED** flag with a square **BLACK** center, will be displayed when winds over 47 knots are forecast. Flags are flown at select Coast Guard stations to supplement other weather notification sources. Light signals corresponding to these flags are not displayed at night. In all cases, mariners should rely upon National Weather Service Broadcasts as their primary source of government provided weather information.

(89) The lower section of Noyo River is the principal commercial and sport fishing center of this section of the coast. Many fishing boats are based here. Most of the facilities extend along both banks of the river to about 0.5 mile above the entrance. Water and ice can be obtained at several fishhouses with wharves having

depths from 4 to 8 feet alongside. Berths, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, marine supplies, and launching ramps are available at the facilities along the river and at Fort Bragg. Machine shops and marine railways can handle vessels up to 45 feet for hull and engine repairs. The phone number for the Noyo Basin Harbormaster is 707-964-4719.

(90) From Noyo River, for 0.7 mile to Fort Bragg, the coast consists of rocky cliffs, 40 to 60 feet high, bordered by rocks and sunken ledges extending 100 to 400 yards offshore.

(91) **Fort Bragg,** 30 miles N of Point Arena, is the largest coast town between San Francisco and Eureka. It is near the head of a cove formerly known as **Soldiers Harbor.** The former loading wharf has been removed; lumber is now shipped out by rail and truck. Groceries can be obtained, and minor repairs made.

(92) The cove is constricted by the rocks and ledges extending from both the N and S, leaving only a limited area for small boats to anchor. A rocky reef, partly bare at high water, extends SW from the N head and breaks the force of the swell from NW. In W weather the cove is wide open. Since Noyo River gives better protection, the cove is seldom used.

(93) For 3 miles from Fort Bragg to Laguna Point, the coast is moderately low and rocky and cut by two small streams; the tree line is within 0.2 mile of the beach.

(94) **Laguna Point,** 8.5 miles N of Point Cabrillo, is near the S end of Ten Mile River Beach. It is a small, projecting cliff, 30 feet high, flat-topped, and bare of trees for 600 yards. It is noticeable only when close inshore. A bare reef extends 300 yards NW from the point. The cove immediately N of Laguna Point is exposed and only available for small boats. It affords fair protection in S weather and is occasionally used in winter.

(95) **Bald Hill** (chart 18620), 2.5 miles SE of Laguna Point, is a prominent landmark; its summit and SW slope are bare of timber.

Chart 18620

(96) For 0.5 mile N of Laguna Point the bluffs are low, thence a straight sand beach extends for 3 miles to the mouth of **Ten Mile River.** The beach is backed by sand dunes for 0.5 mile inland; the tree line is about 1.5 miles from the beach. The concrete highway bridge over Ten Mile River is conspicuous from the W.

(97) From Ten Mile River the coast extends in a general NW direction for 52 miles to Punta Gorda. This stretch of the coast is particularly bold and rugged, bordered by numerous rocks, and is heavily timbered as far as Point Delgada. N of Point Delgada the tops of the ridges are generally bare or only partly covered with trees and brush. The cliffs along the shore range from 40 to 100 feet in height. The high, rugged mountains in the vicinity of the coast, which reach elevations of 3,000 to 4,000 feet, are prominent.

(98) **Kibesillah Rock,** 1.2 miles N of Ten Mile River and 0.4 mile off the line of the cliffs, is the outermost danger for many miles N and S. It is small and washed over almost continuously even in ordinary weather. Other rocks and rocky islets up to 80 feet high are inside of Kibesillah Rock.

(99) **Bells Mountain,** 4.5 miles N of Ten Mile River and 0.5 mile inland, is bare on top with a few trees on the oceanside.

(100) **Switzer Rock,** 5.5 miles N of Ten Mile River and 0.3 mile offshore, is small with deep water close around it; every large swell washes over the rock. A covered rock marked by a breaker is 170 yards SE of Switzer Rock.

(101) **Gordon Hill,** 6.5 miles N of Ten Mile River, is bare to the summit and terminates seaward in 60-foot-high **Abalone Point,** which is bordered by low outlying rocks.

(102) **Hardy Rock,** 9.5 miles N of Ten Mile River and 0.4 mile offshore, is a small 47-foot-high islet.

(103) From Abalone Point the coast trends NW for 4 miles to **Cape Vizcaino,** which is a broad, irregular line of precipitous cliffs, 100 feet high, very broken, and bordered by low rocks, 200 to 300 yards offshore.

(104) **Island Knob,** a rocky lime-covered islet, lies close-to and almost connected with Cape Vizcaino. A covered rock marked by a breaker is 275 yards W of the islet. **Cottaneva Rock,** 20 feet high, is 500 yards SE of Island Knob and 275 yards offshore. Several smaller rocks lie inside of it and two others about 160 yards NW.

(105) **Cahto Peak,** 11.5 miles E of Cape Vizcaino, is prominent in clear weather.

(106) Between Cape Vizcaino and Point Delgada are several small exposed landings available for use only in the summer and in smooth weather. The landings formerly were used to ship ties, tanbark, and shingles which were loaded on vessels by means of wire cables.

(107) **Sea Lion Rock,** a mile N of Cape Vizcaino and 500 yards offshore, is 5 feet high and inhabited by sea lions. **Cottaneva Needle,** 0.5 mile N of Sea Lion Rock, is a prominent black pinnacle rock 55 feet high.

(108) **Double Cone Rock** is 3.5 miles N of Cape Vizcaino and 300 yards offshore.

(109) **Usal Rock,** 5 miles N of Cape Vizcaino, is 45 feet high and black in color. It lies 200 yards off a small point of rocks.

(110) The mouth of **Usal Valley** is about a mile N of Usal Rock, and is a narrow, steep gulch, in front of which is a small area of flat land with a low beach. A small grassy hillock is just inside the gulch. The view up the valley is open for a very short time while passing.

(111) **Big White Rock,** 95 feet high, lies 7.7 miles N of Cape Vizcaino, and 125 yards offshore from the steep cliffs, which are bordered by numerous rocks. The rock is a prominent feature when the higher points of the land are in fog.

(112) **Anderson Cliff,** 10 miles N of Cape Vizcaino, is a projecting rocky spur 715 feet high, with one large rock and numerous smaller ones close inshore. **Jackson Pinnacle,** 1.1 miles N of Anderson Cliff, is a black rock 45 feet high, so close to the rocky beach that from seaward it is hard to distinguish from the bluff behind it. When seen from along shore, it is prominent.

(113) **Cluster Cone Rock,** a prominent 68-foot pinnacle, is the largest and whitest of a small cluster of 6 rocks, 200 yards offshore, lying 12.5 miles N of Cape Vizcaino.

(114) **Morgan Rock,** a large white-topped, block-shaped rock 57 feet high and 0.5 mile NW of Cluster Cone Rock, shows prominently. It is the largest of a group of rocks extending some 200 yards from a high rocky cliff and is particularly valuable as a landmark when higher land is covered by fog.

(115) **Bear Harbor Ridge,** a detached coastal ridge about a mile NW of Cluster Cone Rock, has two peaks; the S one, 375 feet high, is the higher. It is the most prominent feature in this vicinity when viewed from the NW. The seaward face of the ridge is marked by steep, loose slides.

(116) **Needle Rock,** 46 feet high, is 14.5 miles N of Cape Vizcaino; the rock blends into the bluff from offshore. A group of old mill buildings, a few houses, and an old landing platform about midway up the flat mark the abandoned landing.

(117) **Small White Rock,** 37 feet high, lies 5 miles N of Cluster Cone Rock and 4 miles S of Point Delgada. It is close inshore and just outside the low-water beach; once identified, this rock makes a valuable landmark.

(118) From just below Small White Rock to Point Delgada, the country is not timbered, but is covered with dense, low brush, which presents a uniform dark green appearance.

(119) A submarine ridge known as a **Tolo Bank** extends S from Point Delgada for about 7 miles. The depths are quite irregular; the least depth found is 9 fathoms.

Caution

(120) The area just S of Shelter Cove is subject to slides which might deposit rocks along the shore.

(121) **Point Delgada,** 66 miles N of Point Arena, and nearly 20 miles S of Punta Gorda, is a cliff-faced plateau making out about a mile from the general trend of the coast. The seaward face of the plateau is a mile long and bordered by numerous rocks. A lighted horn buoy is 1.1 miles SW from the point, and a bell buoy is 0.8 miles SE from the point. A paved airplane landing strip, approximately 3,500 feet and a 43-foot high lighthouse (unlit) which can be observed offshore during the day are on the point.

(122) **Shelter Cove** lies under the S face of Point Delgada and affords fair shelter in NW weather, but is exposed and dangerous with S or SE winds. Occasionally a swell runs in the cove. There are no wharves in the cove. Water may be obtained ashore, but must be carried down from the plateau. A marine supply store is on the bluff on the W side of the cove. Gasoline, diesel fuel, lubricants, ice, marine supplies, and provisions are available. A launching ramp is at the head of the cove. Shelter cove is used extensively as an offshore moorage for fishing boats. A pump-out station and dry winter storage are at Shelter Cove. Local boat launch service monitors VHF-FM channel 68. A paved road is maintained to the cove. Telephone service is available.

(123) The rocks covered 1 to 5 fathoms S of Point Delgada can be avoided in approaching Shelter Cove by staying over 200 yards S of the lighted whistle buoy and E of the bell buoy.

(124) From Point Delgada the coast extends NW for 19 miles to Punta Gorda, and is backed by steep mountains covered with chaparral and trees. A black-sand beach, 0.8 miles N of Point Delgada, extends N for 4 miles. **Kaluna Cliff** overlooks the S end of the sand beach, and its steep face, scarred by frequent slides, is a noticeable landmark.

(125) **King Peak,** 4,090 feet high, the highest of three, is the well-known landfall generally called **Three Peaks.** It lies 8.5 miles N of Point Delgada, 2.5 miles from the coast, and in clear weather is visible seaward for about 75 miles.

(126) About 6 miles N from Point Delgada is the head of **Delgada Canyon,** a submarine valley; the 100-fathom curve lies within 0.5 mile of the beach. This valley extends in a N direction with an average width of 1 mile between the 100-fathom curves for 3.5 miles, and then expands, funnel-shaped, for 3 miles more. Over 400 fathoms are found at its mouth and 300 fathoms within 4 miles of the beach. The side slopes are steep.

(127) **Big Flat** is a narrow strip of low, flat land 7 miles NW of Point Delgada. It is 2 miles long and is bordered by sand beaches. A few abandoned ranch houses and barns are at the S end of the flat. **Shubrick Rock,** low and small, lies 300 yards off the S end.

(128) About 11.5 miles NW of Point Delgada is the head of **Spanish Canyon,** a submarine valley. The 100-fathom curve lies within 2 miles of the shore.

(129) In 1974, a rock awash was reported about 2.5 miles offshore, 14 miles NW of Point Delgada, in 40°10'25"N., 124°18'30"W.

(130) **Reynolds Rock,** 10 feet high, is 14.5 miles NW of Point Delgada. It is 550 yards offshore and, when seen from close inshore, appears as a double-headed rock over which the swell breaks in nearly all weather.

(131) **Rodgers Break,** 0.5 mile W of Reynolds Rock, is covered ½ fathom. This pinnacle rock lies 4 miles SE of Gorda Rock and 6.8 miles WNW of Big Flat; it seldom breaks and the top is occasionally seen in a heavy swell. A pinnacle rock covered 3 fathoms lies about 0.5 mile NW about the same distance offshore. It probably breaks in very heavy weather. This pinnacle, Rodgers Break, and the reported rock awash 14 miles NW of Point Delgada are the outermost known dangers in this stretch of the coast.

(132) From Reynolds Rock NW to Punta Gorda the shore is bordered by numerous rocks extending about 0.3 mile offshore. The sharp depression in the hills near the coast, caused by the gulch of **Cooskie Creek,** 3.5 miles S of Punta Gorda, is sometimes useful on dark nights to vessels close inshore in making the point from S.

Chart 18623

(133) **Punta Gorda** is a high, bold, rounding cape, 83 miles NW of Point Arena and 11 miles S of Cape Mendocino. The seaward face rises to about 900 feet, 400 yards back from the beach, and terminates in a spur, 140 feet high, almost overhanging the sea. It is bare of trees except in the gulches. The gray rectangular structure of an abandoned lighthouse, 25 feet high, is S of the point. For over 1.5 miles N and about 2 miles S of the point, the beach is bordered by numerous rocks and shoals extending in some cases 0.6 mile offshore.

(134) The wind, sea, and currents off Punta Gorda are probably as strong as off any point on the coast; frequent and strong tide rips have been noted. Many times when the weather at Shelter Cove and even at Big Flat is clear and calm and the sea smooth, both the wind and the sea will pick up as Punta Gorda is approached, until just N of this point where strong breezes to moderate gales will be experienced. At other times clear weather S of this point will lead to fog N, or vice versa.

(135) **Gorda Rock,** 10 feet high and conical in shape, is 0.7 mile S of Punta Gorda and 0.6 mile offshore. A lighted whistle buoy is 300 yards SW from the rock.

(136) **Conical Rock,** 20 feet high, is 100 yards off the point, and another 20-foot rock is 350 yards N from it; these rocks have foul ground between them.

(137) From Punta Gorda to Cape Mendocino the hills back of the coast are lower than those S; they are bare of trees and bordered by stretches of low, narrow, sandy flats with a narrow, low-water beach. The outlying rocks are not more than 0.7 mile offshore until about 2.5 miles S of Cape Mendocino, where they extend offshore to Blunts Reef, 2.5 miles W of the cape. **Mattole Canyon,** a narrow submarine valley, is 3 miles N of Punta Gorda where the 100-fathom curve is about 1 mile from the beach. **Mendocino Canyon** is 4.5 miles S of Cape Mendocino where the 100-fathom curve is about 2 miles from the beach.

(138) **Christmas Rock,** covered 1¼ fathoms, is 0.9 miles NW of Punta Gorda.

(139) **Mattole River,** 2 miles N of Punta Gorda, is not navigable. The N 360-foot-high head is bare and the S head, about the same height, is partly covered with oak trees. A prominent sand dune is on the S side at the entrance to the valley. Another large sand dune, 3.5 miles to the N, marks the N side of **McNutt Gulch** and should not be confused with the one at Mattole River.

(140) **Mattole Point** is 0.3 mile N of the river at the base of **Moore Hill. Sea Lion Rock,** 8 feet high, is 0.3 mile N of Mattole Point and 250 yards off the beach at the head of Mattole Canyon. A rock covered ½ fathom lies 0.4 mile NW of Mattole Point.

(141) A rock, 16 feet high, is the largest of a cluster of small rocks 0.5 mile offshore and nearly 4 miles N of Punta Gorda. **The Brothers,** 8 feet high, consist of two small rocks, close together, 800 yards offshore and 1.5 mile NNW of Sea Lion Rock. **Mussel Rocks,** 0.9 mile N of The Brothers, form a ledge that projects 400 yards from the shore.

(142) **Devils Gate Rock,** 20 feet high, lies nearly 2.8 miles S of Cape Mendocino and 0.5 mile offshore. It is low and pyramidal, with a smaller rock close under the NW face. A reef extends 200 yards W from the rock; numerous rocks lie inshore. A rocky shoal covered 3¾ fathoms lies 1.4 miles W of Devils Gate Rock.

(143) A rock which bares 1 foot is about 1.1 miles NNW of Devils Gate Rock and 0.8 mile offshore.

(144) **Steamboat Rock,** 30 feet high, lies 1.5 miles S of Cape Mendocino and 600 yards offshore. The upper part of the rock is white and the lower black, somewhat resembling a steamer with a low black hull and white upper works.

(145) **Cape Mendocino,** 185 miles N of San Francisco Bay entrance and 367 miles S of Columbia River entrance, is a mountainous headland, the famous landmark of the old Spanish navigators and the galleons from the West Indies. The cape is the turning point for nearly all vessels bound N or S. In view of the dangers in the vicinity, it should be approached with considerable caution in thick weather; the bottom and the currents are very irregular. It is in the latitude of great climatic change; the winds do not blow home so violently in the bight S of it, and the amount of rainfall increases rapidly to the N. Fog is more prevalent S. The strong NW

winds of summer are less violent S of the cape, which forms a parallel lee for vessels working their way N.

(146) The seaward face of Cape Mendocino is steep, rocky, and water worn toward the shoreline. NE of the light the general appearance is rolling and grass-covered, except in the deep ravines and upon some of the steep hillsides where the N exposure is covered with forest or brush. For about 3 miles S of the cape, the beach is bordered by numerous rocks and sunken ledges extending in some cases to over 0.5 mile offshore.

(147) **Cape Mendocino Light** (40°26'23"N., 124°24'22"W.), 515 feet above the water, is shown from a post on the W slope of the cape.

(148) **Sugar Loaf,** 326 feet high, is 250 yards W of Cape Mendocino and is connected with it at low water by a narrow neck of rocks and shingle beach. This rock is a prominent feature in making the cape from either N or S, but in thick or hazy weather care should be taken to avoid mistaking it for False Cape Rock, which it somewhat resembles, that is in a similar position off False Cape, 4.5 miles N of Cape Mendocino. False Cape Rock is about 216 feet high and is not so regular in outline as the Sugar Loaf, and, from the W or NW, shows two large rocks, 95 and 54 feet high, immediately inside it, whereas the Sugar Loaf stands solitary and compact. As seen from the SW, Sugar Loaf shows a cave on its SW face, extending about one-third the height of the rock.

(149) **Blunts Reef,** 2.9 miles W of Cape Mendocino Light, is one of the outermost visible dangers off Cape Mendocino. The reef consists of two small black rocks awash about 230 yards apart. **Blunts Reef Lighted Bell Buoy 2B** (40°26'24"N., 124°30'19"W.), is an exposed location buoy (ELB) 1.7 miles WSW of the outer rock. The currents at the buoy are described in the Tidal Current Tables.

(150) The area as far W as Blunts Reef Lighted Buoy 2B and for about 4 miles N and S of Cape Mendocino includes dangerous rocks and covered ledges. Vessels should not attempt the passage between Blunts Reef Lighted Bell Buoy 2B and the cape under any circumstances. A heavy W swell breaks even in 9 to 10 fathoms in this locality.

(151) From Cape Mendocino for 4.5 miles to False Cape, the coast is straight, bold, and bordered by a broad low-water beach.

(152) **False Cape** is a steep, bold headland, rising to a height of over 600 feet in less than 0.2 mile from the beach; it projects slightly from the general trend of the coast. It is covered with grass, but the gulches on its sides are wooded. The base of the cape is bordered by a narrow, low-water beach of shingle and sand. For about a mile on each side of the cape are numerous rocks and ledges, the outermost of which are about a mile from the beach.

(153) **False Cape Rock,** 216 feet high, lies 0.4 mile W of the cape; other rocky islets are between it and the shore. It is not as regularly shaped nor as high as the Sugar Loaf off Cape Mendocino, and the top is much flatter. A rock covered 1¾ fathoms lies 0.6 miles W of False Cape Rock. **Mussel Rock,** 7 feet high, is 0.8 mile N of False Cape Rock.

Chart 18620

(154) N of False Cape the hills decrease in height; 4 miles beyond the cape is the beginning of a stretch of sand beach and dunes, broken only by Table Bluff and Buhne Point, that extend to Trinidad Head.

(155) **Centerville Beach,** 4 miles N of False Cape, is not prominent from seaward. A white cross is on the 120-foot bluff just S of Centerville Beach. A number of buildings, comprising the U.S. Naval Facility for oceanographic research, are on the bluffs 0.8 mile S of the village.

(156) **Eel River** empties 8 miles N of False Cape. This is a stream of considerable size and is occasionally entered by light-draft vessels, but the channel over the bar is continually shifting. The depth on the bar varies largely with the amount of water in the river, depending upon the character of the winter, and has been at times as much as 14 feet, but generally the depth is about 8 or 9 feet. The river is seldom entered except by fishing boats and other very small craft, and then only by those with local knowledge of the bar.

(157) **Eel Canyon** is a submarine valley extending in a NW direction. It comes to a head 10 miles NW of Cape Mendocino. Vessels are cautioned against mistaking this valley for one of those S of the cape.

Chart 18622

(158) **Table Bluff**, 12 miles N of False Cape and 4.5 miles S of Humboldt Bay entrance, is a prominent feature from seaward. The W face is 0.5 mile long, 165 feet high, and very steep, and has a narrow sand beach under it.

(159) From Table Bluff for 4 miles to Humboldt Bay entrance the coast consists of a narrow sand spit.

(160) **Humboldt Bay,** 21 miles N of Cape Mendocino Light, is the first important harbor N of San Francisco and is used by vessels drawing up to 38 feet. Humboldt Bay is the second largest natural bay on the coast of California and as such contains many environmentally and economically important wetland habitats. In addition to being a nursery area for many species of

commercially and recreationally important fish and invertebrates, Humboldt Bay also produces more than 50 percent of the oysters harvested in California. Due to Humboldt Bay's location on the Pacific Flyway, it is also an important feeding, resting and nesting area for thousands of migratory shorebirds and waterfowl. Along Humboldt Bay's shoreline, thousands of acres have been set aside by State, Federal and local agencies as wildlife habitat for a variety of threatened and endangered species. Humboldt Bay can be used as a harbor of refuge in impending bad weather, providing a vessel can get inside before the bar becomes impassable. The bay consists of two shallow basins, South Bay in the S and Arcata Bay in the N part, connected by a narrow channel about 5 miles long. Due to the sensitive nature of Humboldt Bay's environment, extreme care should be taken to utilize all best management practices when transiting Humboldt Bay, fueling or transferring fuels or lubricants and transferring cargo.

(161) The redwood timber industry dominates Humboldt Bay. Large quantities of lumber and wood products are shipped to both foreign and domestic ports. General merchandise, gasoline, and fuel oil are received.

(162) Coast Guard Captain of the Port considers the following channels to be narrow channels or fairways for the purpose of enforcing the International and Inland Rules of the Road, Rule 9.

(163) a. Humboldt Bay Bar Channel.

(164) b. Humboldt Bay Entrance Channel.

(165) c. Fields Landing Channel.

(166) d. North Bay Channel.

(167) e. Eureka Channel; Outer and Inner Reaches.

(168) f. Samoa Channel.

(169) g. All other government maintained channels and turning basins.

Routes

(170) A pilot should be engaged by deep-draft vessels and by strangers if there is any sea on the bar. Because the bar is subject to change, the entrance ranges may not always mark the deepest channel.

From S

(171) From a position 1.5 miles 260° from Blunts Reef Lighted Buoy B, steer **356½°** for 5 miles, when Cape Mendocino Light bears 126°; thence a **038½°** course made good for 20 miles leads to Humboldt Bay Entrance Lighted Whistle Buoy HB. In thick weather, after passing False Cape Rock, all dangers will be cleared by keeping in a depth of over 15 fathoms until up with the lighted whistle buoy, where anchorage should be made until a pilot is obtained.

From N

(172) From a position 3 miles W of Trinidad Head Light, a **187°** course, made good for 17 miles, leads to

Humboldt Bay Entrance Lighted Whistle Buoy HB. In thick weather the depths should not be shoaled to less than 20 fathoms between Turtle Rocks and Trinidad Head and, when S of the head, the depths should not be shoaled to less than 15 fathoms until up with the lighted whistle buoy, where a vessel should anchor until a pilot is obtained.

From seaward

(173) In clear weather the high land of Cape Mendocino and Punta Gorda S, and Trinidad Head N of the entrance, are good landmarks. At night, the lights are a good guide. In thick weather soundings should be taken frequently, and upon getting depths of 30 fathoms or less great caution must be exercised until sure of the vessel's position, when the course should be shaped for the lighted whistle buoy.

(174) Sailing craft during the prevailing NW winds of summer should try to make the land in the vicinity of Trinidad Head; this gives a fair slant for the entrance and is an additional precaution against the irregular S set of the current. In thick weather soundings should be taken constantly when inside of 50 fathoms. Making the land N of the entrance avoids the irregular bottom and dangerous currents in the vicinity of Cape Mendocino.

(175) From the Humboldt Bay Entrance Lighted Whistle Buoy HB, make good a course of **105°** following the Humboldt Bay Approach Range to the intersection with Humboldt Bay Entrance Range, thence a course of **141.5°** on the entrance range into the bay. The entrance range parallels the S jetty and is only about 150 yards from it. The turn from the approach to the entrance range, 200 yards off the outer end of the S jetty, is rather abrupt and is difficult under certain conditions of wind, sea, and current. Inside the bay the channels are well marked by navigational aids.

(176) The approach to the bay is marked by a lighted whistle buoy and a bell buoy off the entrance, and approach range lights and a fog signal on the outer end of the North Spit. A light is shown near the seaward ends of the N and S jetties. The S jetty light has a fog signal. Range lights and lighted buoys mark the entrance channel inside the bar.

(177) **Note.**–The approach range should not normally be used beyond its intersection with the entrance range. The entrance range should not normally be used seaward of the outer ends of the jetties. Both ranges are lighted 24 hours a day.

(178) Two jetties are at the entrance to the bay, 700 yards apart. The bar NW of the S jetty is subject to considerable shifting and shoaling at times, especially during the winter.

(179) In the past **Humboldt Bar** was considered treacherous and dangerous, and many disasters have occurred there. Even with present improvements, mariners are still advised to use extreme caution on the bar and, because strong currents may be encountered, when approaching the abrupt turn at the outer end of the S jetty. The bar is smoothest during the last of the flood current, and it is often passable at this time and impassable 2 hours later, when the ebb current has set in. Mariners are advised to contact Coast Guard Station Humboldt Bay on VHF-FM channel 16 or 22A prior to transitting the bar. Caution should also be exercised inside the jetties due to the rapid change in the channel conditions. Deep-draft vessels are usually taken in and out of the bay at high tide if there is any swell on the bar because of the shoaling in the entrance channel.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(180) The lines established for Arcata–Humboldt Bay are described in **80.1150**, chapter 2.

Channels

(181) Federal project depths for Humboldt Bay are 48 feet over the bar and in the entrance channel, thence 38 feet in North Bay Channel to Eureka, thence 38 feet in the Eureka Channel outer reach and 26 feet in the inner reach. Project depth in Samoa Channel, including the turning basin, is 38 feet, and in Fields Landing Channel leading to South Bay, including the turning basin, is 26 feet. Maintenance dredging is performed regularly. (See Notice to Mariners and latest chart edition for controlling depths.)

Prominent features

(182) **Humboldt Bay Light** (40°45'54"N., 124°13'48"W.), 100 feet above the water and shown from a white column on North Spit, is the best landmark by night; the approach range rear light also is shown from the Humboldt Bay Light structure. By day the tall stacks and the smoke from the pulp mill in the bay can usually be seen. North Spit has clumps of trees along the bay shore near the channel while South Spit is barren. The red bluff at **Buhne Point** on the east shore of the bay and a lighted radio tower about 1.0 mile E are conspicuous in entering the bay. **Humboldt Bay Coast Guard Station** is inside the North Spit, 0.5 mile from the S end.

(183) **South Bay,** in the S part of Humboldt Bay, is about 3 miles long and 2 miles wide. A marked channel on the E side of the bay leads to a lumber wharf on the E side of the channel at **Fields Landing.**

(184) **Bucksport** is on the E shore about 3 miles above the entrance. The two oil piers at Bucksport are used mainly by barges.

(185) **Fairhaven** is a small town on the W shore, about 3.5 miles above the entrance. The pier of a pulp company is here.

(186) **Eureka,** the principal town on the bay, is on the E shore, 4 miles N of the entrance. It handles much of the waterborne commerce on the bay. Eureka is the terminus of the North Coast Railroad Co.; a branch of the railroad continues to Arcata and Samoa.

(187) **Samoa** is a small settlement on the W shore opposite Eureka, about 5.5 miles above the entrance. A large pulp mill here ships a considerable amount of pulp.

(188) **Arcata Bay,** the N part of Humboldt Bay, is about 3 miles in diameter with low, marshy shore cut by sloughs. **Arcata** is on the N shore of the bay. The town has no serviceable wharves. The ruins of several old wharves are near the head of abandoned Arcata Channel.

Anchorages

(189) There are no authorized anchorages in Humboldt Bay.

Bridges

(190) A fixed highway bridge crosses Humboldt Bay from Eureka to a point just above Samoa on the Samoa Peninsula. Clearances of the fixed spans are 40 feet from Eureka to Woodley Island; 30 feet from Woodley Island to Indian Island; and 45 feet from Indian Island to the Samoa Peninsula.

Tides

(191) The mean range of tide at Eureka is 4.8 feet, and the diurnal range of tide is 6.7 feet. A range of about 11 feet may occur at the time of maximum tides. Daily predictions for Humboldt Bay (South Jetty) are given in the Tide Tables.

Currents

(192) The tidal currents follow the general direction of the channels. In the main channel, the average velocity is less than 2 knots and the maximum does not exceed 3 knots. Between the jetties, the average velocity is about 2 knots, with a maximum of about 4 knots; during storm conditions, velocities can reach up to 5.5 knots. Current predictions are given in the Tidal Current Tables.

Weather, Eureka

(193) The climate of Eureka is completely maritime, and high humidity prevails the entire year, which is divided into the "rainy" season and the "dry" season. The rainy season begins in October and continues through April. About 90 percent of the year's precipitation falls during this period. The dry season extends from May through September and is marked by considerable fog or low cloudiness. On average, 23 of the 31 days in August will record fog where only 10 of the 31 days in March will note fog. Usually, however, the fog clears in the late forenoon and the early afternoons are generally sunny. On average, better than 38 inches (965 mm) of precipitation falls on an annual basis in Eureka and 152 of the 365 days of the year record some sort of precipitation. January is the wettest month and July, the driest. Snowfall is light and averages less than one-half inch annually (13 mm) however, snowfall has been recorded in each of the months November through April. The greatest daily snowfall was two inches (51 mm) in February 1989.

(194) Temperatures are moderate the entire year. Although the highest ever recorded was 87°F (30.6°C) in October 1993, and the lowest 21°F (-6.1°C) in December 1972, the usual range is from a low of about 47°F (8.3°C) to a high of about 58°F (14.4°C). The daily range of temperature averages from about 10°F (-12.2°C) in the summer to 13°F (7°C) in the winter, and is occasionally not over 2° to 3°F (1° to 2°C).

(195) The principal industries are lumbering, fishing, and dairy farming. Owing to the low temperatures and lack of sunshine, there is very little truck farming, but the climate is nearly ideal for berries and flowers.

(196) The National Weather Service is on **Woodley Island.Barometers** may be compared there or by telephone. (See appendix for address.)

(197) See page T - 5 for **Eureka climatological table.**

Pilotage, Humboldt Bay

(198) Pilotage is compulsory for foreign vessels under registry and U.S. vessels under registry and enrollment. Pilotage is voluntary for all other vessels.

(199) Pilotage for ports in Humboldt Bay is available from **Humboldt Bar Pilots Association**, P.O. Box 3555, Eureka, California 95502-3555.

(200) The pilots monitor VHF-FM channel 16. The pilot boat monitors VHF-FM channels 13 and 16, and the pilot office and tug boat use 13, 18, and 77 as working frequencies. The pilot boat, TUG KOOS KING, is 65 feet long and has a black hull, buff and white house, and red stack with a white K.

(201) Arrangements for pilots are made by ships' agents or by telephone through Westfall Stevedore Co., PHONE (707) 443-5688, FAX (707) 443-4672, cable WESTFALLEUREKA, VHF-FM channel 10. The operational status of the engines, draft, and estimated time of arrival are required within 24 hours and 4 hours of arrival. E-mail: westfall@northcoast.com.

(202) Pilots board vessels within 0.5 mile radius of Humboldt Bay Entrance Lighted Whistle Buoy HB (40°46.4'N., 124°16.2'W.) or 1.5 miles W of Humboldt Bay Entrance Jetties. When boarding, pilots request vessels maintain a speed not to exceed 5 knots and rig the pilot ladder on the leeward side about 3 meters above the water; no man ropes.

(203) In the summer, vessels are entered on flood and ebb tidal currents; in the winter, vessels usually are entered on the first or last of the flood or first of the ebb. Vessels depart on flood tidal currents only, regardless of the time of year. Vessels with drafts over 30 feet, enter or depart on the last of the flood from November through March 30; night sailing depends on the bar condition before dark.

(204) Pilots report that strong currents create a N set in the Bar Channel from October to April. When vessels enter the jetties, this current has a tendency to twist vessels by setting the stern N and turning the bow S toward the S jetty. During or shortly after SE, S, and SW storms, currents in the Bar Channel and Entrance Channel are reported to attain a velocity of about 4 to 5.5 knots. Heavy swells about 8 to 10 feet high occur well inside the jetties when seas from the SW are deflected, about midway along the N jetty.

Towage

(205) Tugs up to 2,000 hp are available.

(206) Eureka is a **customs port of entry.**

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(207) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(208) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.) The city has several hospitals.

Coast Guard

(209) Humboldt Bay Coast Guard Station is on North Spit.

Harbor regulations

(210) These regulations are prescribed by the Humboldt Bay Harbor Recreation and Conservation District. The District operates a large marina on the S side of Woodley Island, just N of Eureka on the N side of Eureka Channel Inner Reach. A wharfinger, located at the Eureka Public Marina, has jurisdiction over fishing and pleasure craft using the facilities at the city-owned boat basin.

Wharves

(211) The deep-draft facilities at Humboldt Bay are alongside the channels leading to Arcata Bay and at Fields Landing in South Bay. Only the deep-draft facilities are described. The alongside depths for the facilities are reported; for the latest depths, contact the private operators. All facilities have direct highway connections, and most facilities have railroad connections. Water connections are available at most of the piers and wharves. Most of the piers and wharves are used in the shipment of forest and petroleum products and the receipt and shipment of fish.

(212) Chevron Products Co. Wharf (40°46'41"N., 124°11'42"W.): face, 400 feet with dolphins; 24 to 30 feet alongside, deck height, 10.5 feet; tank storage, 105,000 barrel capacity; receipt of petroleum products; owned and operated by Chevron Products Co.

(213) Sierra Pacific Industries Wharf (40°47'43"N., 124°11'11"W.): 470 feet long; 32 to 35 feet alongside; deck height, 10 feet; 15 acres of open storage; shipment of logs, lumber, and wood chips; owned by Eureka Forest Products, Inc. and operated by Sierra Pacific Industries, Inc. and Brusco Tug & Barge, Inc.

(214) Schnieder Dock Pacific Affiliates, Eureka Wharf (40°47'51"N., 124°11'08"W.): 1,000 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 11 feet; 17 acres of open storage; receipt and shipment of conventional general cargo; owned by David L. Schneider and operated by Pacific Affiliates, Inc.

(215) City of Eureka, Humboldt Dock B (40°48'05"N., 124°10'55"W.): 200-foot-long wharf; 23 feet alongside; deck height, 11 feet; receipt of seafood; mooring for fishing boats; owned and operated by the City of Eureka.

(216) Samoa Chemical Wharf (40°48'13"N., 124°11'14"W.): 1,147 feet of berthing space with dolphins; deck height, 20 feet; storage tanks, 645,000-gallon capacity; receipt of caustic soda; owned by Louisiana-Pacific Corp.

(217) Samoa Chip Export Wharf (40°47'55"N., 124°11'21"W.): 1,260 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 38 feet alongside; deck height, 20 feet; pneumatic chip loader, loading rate 1,200 tons per hour; shipment of wood chips; owned and operated by Louisiana-Pacific Corp.

(218) Fairhaven Terminal Co./Westfall Stevedore Co., Simpson Mill Wharf (40°47'19"N., 124°11'36"W.): 500 feet long, 700 feet of berthing space; 38 feet alongside; deck height, 15 feet; receipt and shipment of conventional general cargo and wood pulp; receipt of lumber; owned by Simpson Investment Co. and operated by Fairhaven Terminal Co./Westfall Stevedore Co.

(219) Humboldt Bay Forest Products (40°43'58"N., 124°13'05"W.): 600 feet long; 36 feet alongside; 50 acres of open storage; receipt and shipment of logs, lumber,

and wood chips; owned and operated by Humboldt Bay Forest Products, Inc.

(220) Fields Landing Wharf (40°43'23"N., 124°13'19"W.): 1,000 feet of berthing space; 18 to 26 alongside; deck height, 10 feet; travel lifts to 150 tons; mooring vessels and small craft for repairs; owned by Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District.

Supplies

(221) Humboldt Bay has no facilities for bunkering deep-draft vessels. Provisions, water, and marine supplies are available.

Repairs

(222) Repair facilities for large vessels are not available in Humboldt Bay. Complete hull and engine repairs are available for small craft. The Harbor District has a lift of 150 tons. The largest marine railway, located on the W side of the channel opposite Eureka, and handle craft up to 300 tons, 110 feet long, 24 feet wide, and with a 12-foot draft.

Small-craft facilities

(223) Transient berths with electricity are available at the marina on the S side of Woodley Island and at Eureka Public Marina (40°48'14"N., 124°10'36"W.). Additional berthing space is available at marinas on Fields Landing and behind Buhne Point. Water, gasoline, diesel fuel, marine supplies, and launching ramps are available at most marinas in Humboldt Bay.

(224) Wet winter storage is at the marina at the S side of Woodley Island.

Chart 18620

(225) N of the entrance to Humboldt Bay, the coast consists of sand dunes partly covered with timber for 11 miles to the mouth of **Mad River.** The first 7 miles forms the W shore of Humboldt Bay, and then the land behind the dunes is low and marshy as far as the river.

(226) From the mouth of Mad River, the sand dunes are 20 to 60 feet high and continue for 5.5 miles to **Little River,** a small shallow stream. The N point at the mouth of the stream is rocky, and from this point the coast consists of rocky cliffs extending beyond Trinidad Head.

Coast Guard

(227) **Humboldt Bay Coast Guard Air Station** is at McKinleyville about 2.5 miles N of the mouth of Mad River.

Chart 18605

(228) **Little River Rock**, 126 feet high, is 0.8 mile NW of the mouth of Little River, and 0.3 mile offshore. Several rocks and foul ground are between it and the beach, and a rock 4 feet high is about 100 yards NW.

(229) From Little River Rock to Trinidad Head, the shore is bordered by numerous rocks and ledges extending 0.3 mile offshore.

(230) **Pilot Rock,** 93 feet high, is 0.5 mile S of Trinidad Head. It is of small extent, conical, and whitish in color, rising abruptly from depths of 48 to 50 feet on all sides. Pilot Rock is marked on its W side by a gong buoy.

(231) **Trinidad Head** is nearly 39 miles NNE of Cape Mendocino and 17.5 miles N of the entrance to Humboldt Bay. It rises to a height of 380 feet. The sides are steep and covered with chaparral. From N or S the head is generally raised as a dark, round-topped island. Near the N end it is joined to the mainland by a narrow neck, from the S side of which **Little Head,** a rocky knoll 125 feet high, projects into Trinidad Harbor. The white cross 200 yards N of the S point of Trinidad Head is fairly prominent.

(232) **Trinidad Head Light** (41°03.1'N., 124°09.1'W.), 196 feet above the water, is shown from a 25-foot white square tower near the SW side of the head. A lighted whistle buoy is 1 mile W of the head. A fog signal is at the light.

(233) **Trinidad Harbor,** a small cove E of Trinidad Head, affords shelter in NW weather, but is dangerous in W or S weather. The cove is small and is further constricted by several rocks, and, as a rule, there is always a swell even in N weather. It is used by fishing boats to a considerable extent during the summer, even though the holding ground is only fair. A white lighthouse structure, a memorial containing the original oil-burning light used at Trinidad Head until 1948, is at the center of the bluff on the N side of the harbor. A pier with a bait and tackle shop, and restaurant is located in the bight W of Little Head. A small marine railway near the foot of the pier is used for launching and retrieving small craft up to 25 feet long and 8½ feet wide. A beach boat launch is located on the E side of the marine railway. A water taxi is available during the summer months and a floating pier is provided to access the main pier during the months of May through September. Gasoline, marine supplies, and ice are available in **Trinidad**, a town on the N shore of the cove. The harbor monitors VHF-FM channel 78.

(234) **Prisoner Rock,** 220 yards E of Trinidad Head, is 42 feet high and the most prominent of the rocks in the cove. It consists of two rocks so close together that they are usually taken for one. From S they resemble an

animal lying down with its head toward the W. A rock covered 7 feet is 150 yards NNW from them.

(235) **Flat Rock,** low and small, lies 350 yards ENE from Prisoner Rock; a rock covered 5 feet lies 150 yards SSE from it. A bell buoy is 175 yards W of a rock covered 9 feet, which lies 400 yards SSE of Prisoner Rock.

Anchorage

(236) The best anchorage is in 42 feet, muddy bottom, about halfway between Prisoner Rock and Trinidad Head, with Flat Rock, bearing 073°, just open S of Prisoner Rock. A **special anchorage** is on the E side of Trinidad Head. (See **110.1 and 110.127c**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(237) **Blank Rock,** 111 feet high, lies 0.3 mile W of Trinidad Head. Foul ground is between it and the head. A smaller rock is 150 yards N of Blank Rock. A rock awash and a ledge covered 15 feet are 275 yards SSE of Blank Rock.

(238) **Flatiron Rock,** 72 feet high, lies 0.3 mile NW of Blank Rock. It is considerably larger than Blank Rock, with two rocky heads of about the same height. A covered rock lies 300 yards off its SW face, and numerous ledges extend SE toward the head.

Chart 18600

(239) From Trinidad Head for 5.5 miles to Rocky Point, the coast is rocky, with numerous outlying islets and ledges extending as much as 1.2 miles offshore and cliffs reaching elevations of over 100 feet. The mountains back of Trinidad Head are good landmarks for vessels approaching from seaward. N of Rocky Point, the beach is low and sandy, with several lagoons behind it, for nearly 11 miles to the S end of the Gold Bluffs. From this point to Point St. George, the coast is rocky, the cliffs being from 100 to 500 feet high and bordered by numerous rocks. The Klamath River breaks through the cliffs 16 miles S of Point St. George. From Point St. George for 65 miles to Cape Blanco, the coast trends in a general NW direction with a shallow bight known as Pelican Bay immediately N of Point St. George. The beach is fringed by numerous rocks and ledges, but, with the exception of St. George, Rogue River, and Orford Reefs, these in general do not extend over a mile from shore. The 30-fathom curve follows the general trend of the coast, and in thick weather may be considered as the limit inside of which it is unsafe to approach, but in the vicinity of St. George, Rogue River, and Orford Reefs, the depths should not be shoaled to less than 50 fathoms.

(240) **Green Rock,** 108 feet high and of small extent, lies 1.5 miles N of Trinidad Head and nearly 600 yards offshore. The top is covered with grass. Numerous rocks lie inshore, and a rock awash lies 700 yards W of it. A rock covered 3 fathoms lies 0.5 mile W of Green Rock. It seldom breaks and rises abruptly from 15 fathoms. Two covered rocks lie 0.5 and 0.8 mile NNE of Green Rock.

(241) **White Rock,**118 feet high, lies 1.9 miles N of Trinidad Head. It is of small extent and is 250 yards off a wooded projecting head about the same height. Another rocky islet 129 feet high is 1 mile N of White Rock.

(242) **Cone Rock,** 17 feet high, is 3.8 miles N of Trinidad Head and over 1 mile offshore. It is conical in shape and of small extent. A smaller rock, 15 feet high, lies 0.5 mile E.

(243) **Turtle Rocks,** two rocks of small extent 20 and 29 feet high, are 1.5 miles N of Cone Rock and abreast of Rocky Point. E of Turtle Rocks the ground is foul, with two breakers 600 and 800 yards from the outer rock and numerous visible rocks extending to the beach. A bell buoy is 0.5 mile W of Turtle Rocks.

(244) **Rocky Point,** 5.5 miles N of Trinidad Head, is a bold feature with cliffs about 200 feet high, bordered by numerous rocks and ledges extending 200 to 300 yards offshore. The point is covered with oak and scrub pine for 0.5 mile back to the redwood forest; through this oak growth two rocky pinnacles about 250 feet high are visible.

(245) **Rodgers Peak,** 2,800 feet high and 6.3 miles E of Rocky Point, is heavily wooded and easily identified.

(246) N of Rocky Point the cliffs are succeeded by a low sandy beach for 4.5 miles to the N end of **Big Lagoon,** which is immediately behind the sand beach. Above Big Lagoon the cliff formation is resumed and extends 2 miles to **Stone Lagoon.**

(247) **Sharp Point,** 6.2 miles N of Rocky Point, is a sharp-pointed conical rock cliff about 400 feet high. Its light-gray color makes it readily distinguishable for a distance of 15 miles in clear weather from any direction. The beach in this area is bordered by numerous rocks extending about 0.8 mile offshore.

(248) **Gold Bluffs,** a 9-mile stretch of gravel and sand 100 to 500 feet high, begin about 9 miles N of Rocky Point. The S part is comparatively low and bordered by several outlying rocks; in about the middle the buffs are broken by two valleys.

(249) **Mussel Point,** 11.2 miles N of Rocky Point, is a light gray cliff about 300 feet high, with a small, flat top distinguishable at 10 to 12 miles in clear weather.

(250) **Reading Rock,** 94 feet high and of small extent, is 4.5 miles offshore W of Mussel Point. It is dark for about one-third the height and white above with a cleft

on the S face. It rises abruptly from depths of 20 fathoms and can be approached close-to with safety. It is marked by a light, 98 feet above the water, shown from a house with a red and white diamond-shaped daymark; a fog signal is at the light.

(251) N of Gold Bluffs the coast becomes rocky, irregular, and broken, the bold cliffs being bordered by many rocks.

(252) A yellow clay slide extending from the top of a 900-foot slope to the beach is 9 miles N of Mussel Point. It is sharp at the top, broad at the base, and the highest and most prominent of the bluffs in that vicinity. It may be seen in clear weather for a distance of 15 to 18 miles.

(253) **Split Rock** is a slightly projecting head 3.5 miles N of the N end of Gold Bluffs; it is so named because of the cut on the N face.

(254) **High Bluff** is a slightly projecting head 0.8 mile N of Split Rock. It is prominent because of an enormous split or chasm on its N face; at the S edge of the cut the bluff is 340 feet high.

(255) **White Rock,** 107 feet high, lies 600 yards N of High Bluff and 300 yards offshore. Numerous rocks, covered and visible, lie between it and the beach. Its S face is very precipitous, and its W face is steep, sloping N. It can be distinguished by its color for several miles.

(256) **Flint Rock Head,** 177 feet high, is a detached rocky head connected with the cliffs by a low sandspit. It is at the S end of the Klamath River sand beach, 1.8 miles N of Split Rock. Its SW face is precipitous. A rock awash lies 0.6 mile NW from Flint Rock Head and 0.5 mile offshore.

(257) **Klamath River** mouth is 16 miles S of Point St. George and 30 miles N of Trinidad Head. It is a large river draining an extensive mountainous area. The entrance is no longer navigable, but there is small-craft traffic on the river. There are several float landings where sport fishing craft berth. Gasoline, water, ice, launching ramps, and marine supplies are available.

(258) The coast highway crosses the river at **Klamath,** a small town 2 miles inland. A fixed highway bridge, 3 miles above the mouth, has a clearance of 13 feet.

(259) **Requa** is a small village on the N shore of the river just inside the mouth with a hotel and private landings.

(260) **Red Mountain,** 8 miles E of the mouth of Klamath River, is visible for about 60 miles in clear weather.

(261) From the mouth of the Klamath River the coast curves NW for 3 miles to the mouth of **Wilson Creek**. The cliffs are high, irregular, and jagged, and the hills above are covered with grass and chaparral. Numerous rocks extend about 300 yards offshore.

(262) A covered rock 0.6 mile offshore is 1.4 miles NW of the mouth of Klamath River. A rock, 37 feet high, is 1 mile offshore, 2.6 miles NW of the mouth of Klamath River, and about 1.5 miles S of Wilson Creek.

(263) **False Klamath Rock,** 203 feet high, reddish, and round-topped, is the most prominent rock on this part of the coast. It lies 650 yards W of the S point of the small cove into which Wilson Creek empties. **Wilson Rock,** awash, is 0.5 mile W of False Klamath Rock. A rock awash is 0.9 mile NW of False Klamath Rock. Numerous covered rocks lie E and NE of the line from this rock to another rock, 37 feet high, SW of False Klamath Rock.

(264) From False Klamath Rock for 7 miles N the coast consists of bold rocky cliffs, much broken and bordered by numerous covered and exposed rocks. Beyond these, extending 3 miles to Crescent City, is a broad sand beach backed by flat cultivated land.

(265) **Midway Point,** 4 miles N of False Klamath Rock, is bold, rising to a height of 820 feet, 800 yards from the beach.

(266) **Sister Rocks,** a cluster of prominent rocks, 0.5 mile W of Midway Point, consist of three large and several smaller rocks covering a limited area; the outer one is 69 feet and the inner one 72 feet high.

Chart 18603

(267) **Crescent City Harbor**, protected by breakwaters, is midway between San Francisco Bay and the entrance to Columbia River. Commercial and sport fishing boats operate out of the harbor. Waterborne traffic in the harbor is in the receipt of gasoline and fuel oils. **Crescent City** is on the N side of the harbor.

(268) **Crescent City Entrance Light** (41°44'11"N., 124°11'28"W.), 55 feet above the water, is shown from a pile at the seaward end of the W breakwater. A fog signal is at the light. A historic private light is on the islet S of **Battery Point.** The entrance to the harbor is marked by lighted buoys, lights, and a lighted range.

(269) The entrance range should not be followed past a point approximately abeam of Whaler Island, as it leads close to the end of the breakwater extending N from this island.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(270) The lines established for Crescent City Harbor are described in **80.1152**, chapter 2.

(271) In January 2002, the controlling depths were 13.8 feet in the left half and 11 feet in the right half of the outer harbor channel to the basin N of Whaler Island; thence in 1995-February 2000, 7 to 10 feet in the basin.

(272) The W breakwater gives good protection from NW winds for vessels anchored in the outer harbor, but the harbor is open to the S. The basin N of **Whaler Island** provides excellent anchorage for small craft.

(273) Vessels anchored in the harbor should take precaution against a local SE wind known as the **kick back** or **back draft**, which frequently blows with considerable violence. This wind follows only periods of strong NW winds outside. It usually starts in the early afternoon and ends about midnight.

(274) **Caution.** –Care should be exercised in approaching Crescent City Harbor because of the many rocks and shoals. **Chase Ledge,** covered 21 feet, lies 0.9 mile S of Round Rock. **Mussel Rock,** only a few feet high, is 0.6 mile SE of Round Rock; a rock covered 7 feet, 700 yards to the S, breaks only in a heavy swell. Other covered rocks extend N to Whaler Island. Foul ground with many bare and covered rocks extends nearly a mile offshore along the low but rocky coast NW of Crescent City Harbor for 3.5 miles to Point St. George. This area should be avoided.

(275) The long wharf in the W part of the harbor is used by fishing vessels to offload fish. The remains of two other wharves, just E, were almost completely wiped out by the seismic sea wave which struck the harbor following the March 27, 1964, Alaska earthquake. The seismic wave caused considerable damage and changes to the harbor shoreline.

(276) The basin just N of Whaler Island is formed by the inner breakwater extending NW from the island and the sand barrier from the island to the E shore. Citizens Dock, the Y-shaped pier at the N side of the harbor, extends out to a depth of about 13 feet. Several fishhouses are on the pier. Fishing boats unload their catch along both of the outer spurs of the pier. Water and ice are available on the pier. Gasoline and diesel fuel are available. Many mooring floats for commercial fishing boats are in the inner basin N of Citizens Dock. Berths with electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, wet and dry winter storage, a pump-out station, a launching ramp, and marine supplies are available.

(277) The **harbormaster** with an office at the basin N of Whaler Island assigns berths. He monitors VHF-FM channels 9 and 16, Monday through Friday from 0500 to 2100.

(278) A boatyard in the basin has lifts that can handle boats up to 110 feet, 270 tons. Engine repairs are available from several local firms.

(279) A Coast Guard vessel is stationed in the basin N of Whaler Island.

(280) The inner small-craft basin just N of Citizens Dock can accommodate about 500 boats. In January 2002, the controlling depths were 8.7 feet (12.3 feet at midchannel) in the entrance channel to the basin.

(281) **Castle Rock,** 2.3 miles NW of Battery Point and 0.5 mile S of the S point of Point St. George, has a rather flat top, with a small knob near the E edge.

(282) **Point St. George,** 3 miles NW of Battery Point, is low with several irregular and rocky hillocks near the beach. The seaward face is about a mile long in a NW direction, with sand dunes and low land immediately behind it. The tree line is about 0.6 mile inland, with a few

trees near the S end of the point. Numerous conspicuous rocks fringe the point up to 0.5 mile offshore. **Brown Rock,** 28 feet high, is near the outer end of the exposed rocks extending NW from the point.

(283) **St. George Channel,** over a mile wide, is clear between the visible rocks fringing Point St. George and the E rocks of St. George Reef. It is frequently used in clear weather by coastwise vessels.

(284) **St. George Reef** is composed of rocks and covered ledges extending 6.5 miles NW and W from Point St. George. Nine visible rocks are in the group.

(285) **St. George Reef Lighted Whistle Buoy 2SG** (41°50'14"N., 124°23'11"W.), is about ½ mile W of **Northwest Seal Rock** and Little Black Rock, the outermost rocks of St. George Reef.

(286) **Star Rock,** the SE rock of the group, is 64 feet high. It is 1.7 miles W of the S tip of Point St. George. Between Star and Northwest Seal Rocks are three rocks, **Hump Rock, Whale Rock,** and **Southwest Seal Rock,** almost in line, varying in height from 18 to 45 feet. S of these visible rocks are two covered ledges, **Mansfield Break,** and **Jonathan Rock.** The latter is 2.5 miles NW of Star Rock and 3.2 miles SE of Northwest Seal Rock. It breaks only in a heavy swell, and not continuously then; deep water surrounds it. Mansfield Break lies 2.3 miles S of Northwest Seal Rock and nearly 3.5 miles NW of Star Rock. It is about 100 yards in extent, with 20 fathoms close-to and around it.

(287) **Great Break,** 0.5 mile SE of Southwest Seal Rock, is about 150 yards in extent. A covered ledge that breaks at low water is 125 yards SW of Southwest Seal Rock.

(288) **Dragon Channel,** which leads N of Jonathan Rock and between Mansfield Break and Great Break, is not recommended.

(289) **East Rock** and **Long Rock** are 2.1 and 1.6 miles, respectively, N of Star Rock. On this line, and 1 mile N from Star Rock, is a rock visible at lowest tides; 0.3 mile SE from this rock is a rocky patch covered 15 feet, in which a rock covered 5 feet has been reported.

(290) **Flat Rock** lies nearly midway between Long and Whale Rocks, and about 0.6 mile from the former. **Mussel Rock** is nearly 0.5 mile W of Long Rock; a covered ledge showing a breaker is 200 yards N of the rock. A covered rock that breaks in moderate swells is 330 yards NE of Hump Rock.

(291) All the rocks of St. George Reef rise abruptly; soundings made in the vicinity give no warning of their presence. In thick weather, the greatest caution should be observed and the reef given a wide berth.

Chart 18600

(292) For about 10 miles N of Point St. George, the shores of **Pelican Bay** are composed of sand dunes, with a broad beach extending to the mouth of **Smith River. Lake Talawa** and **Lake Earl** are surrounded by low marshy land behind this stretch of dunes.

(293) A small rock about 10 feet high is 1.8 miles S of the mouth of Smith River, and nearly 0.5 mile offshore. A cluster of three low rocks is nearly a mile offshore and 0.9 mile NNE of the 10-foot rock.

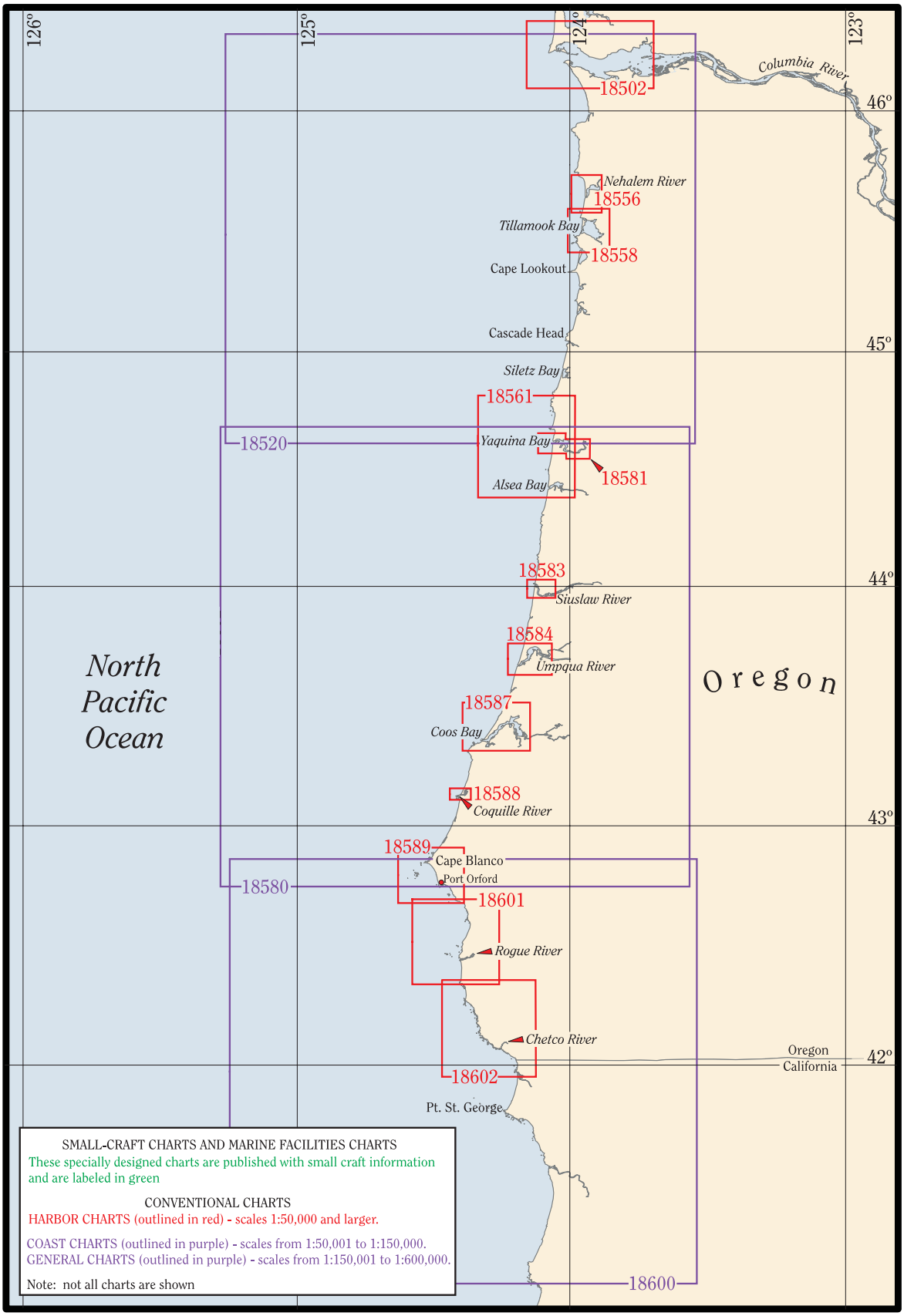
Chart 18602

(294) From Smith River for 3.2 miles to the California-Oregon boundary, the coast is composed of low rocky cliffs, bordered by numerous rocks and ledges, covered and awash, and backed by a low narrow tableland. Several prominent rocky knolls rise from 100 to 200 feet above this tableland.

(295) **Pyramid Point,** a rocky knoll 222 feet high, marks the N point of Smith River.

(296) **Prince Island,** of small extent and 171 feet high, lies 0.1 mile offshore abreast Pyramid Point. **Hunter Rock,** 177 feet high, double-headed and somewhat smaller, is 0.3 mile N of Prince Island. Several other smaller rocks are in the vicinity.

(297) **Cone Rock,** 1.3 miles N of Prince Island and 0.6 mile offshore, is the most prominent of the visible dangers in this vicinity. It is 68 feet high and of small extent.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Chetco River to Columbia River, Oregon

(1) This chapter describes 200 miles of the Oregon coast from the mouth of the Chetco River to the mouth of the Columbia River. Also described are the Chetco and Rogue Rivers, Port Orford, Coquille River, Coos Bay, Umpqua and Siuslaw Rivers, Yaquina Bay and River, Nehalem River, and Tillamook Bay. The cities of Coos Bay and North Bend on Coos Bay and Newport on Yaquina Bay are the only deep-draft ports on the Oregon coast. The principal dangers are unmarked Rogue River Reef, and Orford Reef, which is marked by a light.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(2) The lines established for this part of the coast are described in **80.1305 through 80.1360**, chapter 2.

Weather, Chetco River to Columbia River

(3) Fog and rain are the major weather headaches to the mariner along the Oregon coast. Summer and early fall bring light winds, mild temperatures, clear or partly cloudy skies, and frequent fog. While fog is a problem all along the coast, its frequency increases as you head S. Around Astoria, visibilities drop below 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on 4 to 6 days per month from August through October. At North Bend, this happens on 6 to 13 days per month from July through December. August is usually the worst month. Fog is thickest at night and in the morning. Conditions often improve by mid-afternoon, when skies clear or become partly cloudy. Temperatures climb into the midsixties (16.7° to 19.4°C) in summer and low sixties (16.1° to 17.2°C) in fall. At night, they drop into the low fifties (10.6° to 11.7°C) in summer and midforties (6.1° to 8.3°C) in autumn. Winds are generally light in summer and early fall. Northwesterlies and southwesterlies through southerlies are frequent, the latter becoming increasingly so in fall. Winds at North Bend on Coos Bay are an exception, and strongest in June, July, and August. They blow at 17 knots or more 15 to 20 percent of the time and at 28 knots or more 1 to 2 percent of the time.

(4) Rain (0.1 inch or more) falls on less than 10 days per month from May through September. It becomes more frequent in October and reaches a peak in January, when 15 to 20 rainy days occur on the average. Snow is uncommon, since temperatures are usually mild. Winter temperatures reach the low fifties (10.6° to 11.7°C) during the day and fall into the upper thirties (3° to 4°C) at night; extremes have dipped into the low teens (-11.7° to -10.6°C). Fog can occur in winter with fronts or under rare clear skies; it is more likely in early winter. Winter and spring winds are moderately strong, particularly S of Newport. From North Bend southward, winds reach 17 knots or more about 5 to 15 percent of the time and 28 knots or more about 1 to 3 percent of the time. Extreme wind speeds usually occur in either winter or early spring, and have climbed to around 50 knots. They are most common from a S direction. Winter winds along the entire coast are generally out of the SE through S. Northwesterlies are also common. It is not until May that these directions switch roles and northwesterlies become more or as frequent. Spring warming is also a slow process. By April, temperatures are about 4° to 7° (-16.7° to -15.6°C) above January levels.

Charts 18602, 18600

(5) From the California-Oregon boundary for 3.8 miles to Chetco River, the coast is composed of low rocky cliffs, bordered by numerous rocks and ledges, covered and awash, and backed by a low narrow tableland. Several prominent rocky knolls rise from 100 to 200 feet above this tableland. Due to the numerous dangers, the coast should not be approached closer than 1.5 miles. The sea **boundary** between the Eleventh and Thirteenth Coast Guard Districts is at the state boundary between California and Oregon.

(6) **Chetco Cove,** 15.5 miles N of Point St. George, affords some protection from NW winds, but is exposed in S weather. **Chetco Point** marks the NW side of the cove. There are numerous visible and covered rocks fringing the shore of the cove and its approaches. **Chetco River** empties into the N side of the cove. The river is entered through a dredged channel which leads between two stone jetties to the **Port of Brookings** turning basin, about 0.3 mile above the jetties. The

turning basin and a small-craft basin just N of it are protected to the W by a 1,800-foot-long dike. Another small-craft basin is about 250 yards SE of the turning basin. A barge slip, just E of the turning basin, is at the N side of the mouth of the entrance channel to the lower small-craft basin. The river entrance channel is marked by a **030°** lighted range. A light is on the outer end of the W jetty and a fog signal is on the inner end of the E jetty.

(7) In June 2004, the controlling depths were 10 feet in the entrance channel to the turning basin, thence 7 to 13 feet was available in the basin, thence 5 feet in the entrance to the SE basin; the barge slip had depths of 3 to 7 feet. An overhead power cable crossing the river about 0.6 mile above the jetties has a clearance of about 46 feet. The highway bridge has a clearance of 59 feet.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(8) The lines established for the Chetco River are described in **80.1305**, chapter 2.

Coast Guard

(9) **Chetco River Coast Guard Station** is on the E side of the river 450 yards inside the entrance. A lookout tower atop a building at the station is used to observe the bar during heavy weather. The Coast Guard has established Chetco River Entrance Small Boat Warning Sign, a **rough bar advisory sign** 13 feet above the water, visible from the channel looking seaward, on the N end of the Coast Guard moorings, to promote safety for small-boat operators. The sign is diamond-shaped, painted white with an international orange border, and with the words "Rough Bar" in black letters. The sign is equipped with two quick flashing amber lights that will be activated when seas exceed 4 feet in height and are considered hazardous for small boats. Boaters are cautioned, however, that if the lights are not flashing, it is no guarantee that sea conditions are favorable.

(10) A **heavy weather flag**, a square RED flag with a square BLACK center, will be displayed on a pole that is located near the N end of the Coast Guard station and is visible to mariners from both directions to indicate that winds 48 knots and above are forecast for the area. Display of flags are required from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Weather flags are flown at select Coast Guard stations to supplement other weather notification sources. Light signals corresponding to these flags are not displayed at night. In all cases mariners should rely upon National Weather Service broadcasts as their primary source of government provided weather information.

(11) The upper and lower small-craft basins are used primarily by commercial fishing boats and pleasure craft. The upper basin has over 500 berths, most with electricity; gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, marine supplies, and a launching ramp are available. Berths with electricity and water are reported to be available in the lower basin. A 60-ton lift and wet and dry winter storage are available.

(12) From Chetco Cove for 4.5 miles to Cape Ferrelo, the coast is composed of high broken cliffs, bordered by numerous rocky islets and ledges extending, in some cases, over 0.5 mile offshore.

(13) **Goat Island,** locally known as Bird Island, is 1.9 miles NW of Chetco Point and 500 yards offshore. It has deep water off its W and SW faces, but rocks and foul ground extend 350 yards S from the SE point. The island is readily identified; its profile closely resembles that of Prince Island off Pyramid Point.

(14) **Cape Ferrelo,** 4.4 miles NW of Chetco Point, is the prominent headland N of St. George Reef and, though not projecting seaward to any extent, is conspicuous because of its bold, rugged face. Several rocks and islets lie up to 0.5 mile directly off the cape.

(15) From Cape Ferrelo for 9.5 miles to Crook Point, the coast is very rugged and rocky, with several large and prominent islets and reefs extending well offshore. In some cases, these form anchorages for small vessels in N weather.

(16) **Whalehead Island,** the outer of two rocky islets 2.3 miles N of Cape Ferrelo, is 107 feet high. The inner of the two islets is 128 feet high. A rock awash lies 800 yards S of the highest point of the island.

(17) A rugged cliff from 200 to 300 feet high is 3.3 miles N of Cape Ferrelo. The face is about 1 mile long, and behind it rises a treeless triple-headed hill to heights of 700 to 800 feet.

(18) **Thomas Creek,** 3.7 miles N of Cape Ferrelo, is crossed by the highest bridge in Oregon; the bridge stands 345 feet above the creek.

(19) **Leaning Rock,** 49 feet high, is 0.5 mile offshore and 3.5 miles N of Whalehead Island. It has a perpendicular face on its NW side and slopes gradually SE. Several other rocks are near it.

(20) Between Whalehead Island and Crook Point are two prominent grassy areas in the forest near the crest of the hills about 2 miles apart and situated at an elevation of nearly 2,000 feet; the S one is known as **Rocky Prairie.**

(21) **Yellow Rock,** 84 feet high, is 4.5 miles N of Whalehead Island and 0.5 mile offshore. The rock is yellowish in color and can be recognized from 4 miles offshore.

(22) **Bosley Butte,** 8.5 miles NE of Cape Ferrelo, shows above the coast ridges from the W and NW as flat-topped with two summits separated by a slight depression. The

NE summit is rounded and somewhat larger, but is slightly lower than the E summit.

(23) **Mack Arch** is a double-headed rocky islet 0.8 mile offshore, 1.5 miles S of Crook Point and 8 miles NNE of Cape Ferrelo. The W head is 231 feet high and the E a little lower; both are black to near the summits, which are generally white from bird droppings. The arch, about 100 feet high, is under the E summit and shows prominently from S. A rock awash lies 125 yards S of the E point.

(24) The bight to the ESE of Mack Arch has been used as a temporary anchorage during moderate NW weather. The rocks and reefs break the swell. In approaching the bight, pass to the S of Mack Arch about midway between it and Yellow Rock. Anchor in 11 fathoms, sand bottom, with Mack Arch bearing 296° and Yellow Rock bearing 155°. No breakers have been observed, but caution should be exercised as the place has not been closely surveyed.

(25) **Mack Reef** extends from Mack Arch to Crook Point and comprises many rocks, visible or sunken, varying in height from awash to 133 feet. From S these rocks stand out conspicuously when seen against the white sand dunes N of Crook Point. Mack Arch, because of its size and height, is the most prominent.

(26) **Mack Arch Cove** lies immediately E of Mack Reef and affords fair shelter in NW weather in 6 to 7 fathoms, sandy bottom. In entering from S, pass E of Mack Arch, giving it a berth of about 150 yards, but taking care to avoid the rock 125 yards S of its E point. Then bring the 125-foot rock, in the N part of the reef, to to bear 352° and steer for it on that bearing until up to the area abreast the group of rocks 0.5 mile N of Mack Arch.

(27) **Crook Point** is moderately low, but terminates seaward in a rocky knoll 175 feet high, with a slight depression immediately behind it. The rocks close to the point often show up during moderately thick weather; several have a very noticeable pinnacle formation.

(28) From the vicinity of Crook Point to the mouth of the **Pistol River** are sand dunes which show up prominently in clear weather and distinctly mark this section. In thick weather these dunes are not readily distinguished. From the mouth of the river to Cape Sebastian are numerous rocks and rocky islets extending 0.3 mile offshore, reaching in some cases a height of 150 feet. The Pistol River bar opens in the rainy season; its location varies from year to year.

(29) **Hunters Cove,** a small constricted cove under the SE face of Cape Sebastian, is formed partly by the cape and partly by **Hunters Island** in the entrance. The island is 0.2 mile in extent, rocky, flat-topped, and 113 feet high. Shoal water extends from it E to the beach. The cove is used occasionally by launches and small craft. During strong NW weather the sea at the entrance is rather lumpy for small boats. With moderate SW weather a heavy sea piles up across the entrance between the cape and Hunters Island.

Charts 18601, 18589

(30) **Cape Sebastian**, 33.5 miles N of Point St. George, is conspicuous from either N or S. It is the seaward termination of a ridge transverse to the coast, and rises abruptly from seaward to a height of 694 feet, with a depression behind it, and then more gradually to a height of about 2,000 feet. The seaward face is precipitous and broken, and has a few trees; southward the lower part is grass covered. A rock covered 1¾ fathoms that seldom breaks is 0.5 mile offshore, 0.9 mile NW of the W extremity of the cape.

(31) From Cape Sebastian for 6 miles to the mouth of Rogue River, the coast is considerably broken, quite rugged, and low near the beach, and has a few outlying rocks.

(32) The outer of three exposed rocks off the entrance to **Hunter Creek,** 3.7 miles N of Cape Sebastian, lies nearly 0.5 miles offshore.

(33) **Rogue River,** 6 miles N of Cape Sebastian, is an important sport fishing stream. Several float landings and a hoist for trailer-drawn craft are just above the old lumber dock on the N side of the river near the mouth. **Gold Beach,** on the opposite side of the river from **Wedderburn,** is the larger town. The entrance to Rogue River is protected by stone jetties; buoys mark the approach. A seasonal light and fog signal are on the seaward end of the NW jetty. A Federal project provides for a 13-foot channel from the ocean along the N jetty to a point about 0.4 mile above the ends of the jetties. In September 2001-August 2002, the controlling depths were 7 feet in the NW half and 1 foot in the SE half; much deeper water can be carried in the NW outside quarter of the channel.

(34) A dredged channel continues ENE further upriver, then turns sharply SSE from the river and leads between two jetties to a boat basin at the port of Gold Beach. The channel is subject to severe shoaling and is marked by uncharted seasonal private buoys. In April 2003, the controlling depth was 8 feet in the dredged channel.

Coast Guard

(35) The Coast Guard has a seasonal lifeboat station in the boat basin that operates from June to mid-September and can be reached on VHF-FM channel 12.

(36) The Coast Guard has established Rogue River Entrance Small Boat Warning Sign, a seasonal **rough bar advisory sign**, on the N side of the river, 0.6 mile

upstream of the entrance, to promote safety for small-boat operators. The sign is diamond-shaped, painted with an international orange border, and with the words **"Rough Bar"** in black letters. The sign is equipped with two quick flashing amber lights that will be activated when the seas exceed 4 feet in height and are considered hazardous for small boats. Boaters are cautioned, however, that if the lights are not flashing, it is no guarantee that sea conditions are favorable.

(37) A **heavy weather flag**, a square RED flag with a square BLACK center, will be displayed on a pole that is located near the S side of the Coast Guard lifeboat station and is visible to mariners from both directions to indicate that winds 48 knots and above are forecast for the area. Display of flags are required from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Weather flags are flown at select Coast Guard stations to supplement other weather notification sources. Light signals corresponding to these flags are not displayed at night. In all cases mariners should rely upon National Weather Service broadcasts as their primary source of government provided weather information.

Caution

(38) The controlling depths in Rogue River channel and basin are usually considerably less than project depth and are subject to continual and pronounced change; vessels are advised not to enter the river without local knowledge.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(39) The lines established for the Rogue River are described in **80.1310**, chapter 2.

(40) About 200 berths, some with electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, launching ramps, wet and dry winter storage, and marine supplies, are available in Gold Beach.

(41) A concrete arch highway bridge across Rogue River, 0.8 mile above the mouth, has a fixed span with a clearance of 30 feet. An overhead power cable with a clearance of 77 feet crosses the river about 0.2 mile E of the highway bridge. The bridge is prominent when off the mouth of the river.

(42) The N head at Rogue River entrance that reaches a height of 700 feet a mile N of the river, the marked depression in the coast range made by the river valley, and the rocks of Rogue River Reef are prominent from seaward.

(43) **Rogue River Reef,** extending over 4 miles NW from Rogue River entrance, includes many visible and covered rocks; because of the broken bottom, vessels should stay over 5 miles offshore when passing this area. A 0.5-mile-wide channel separates the reef from the beach, but it is not safe to use without local knowledge. **Northwest Rock,** 4 miles NW of Rogue River entrance, is the outermost visible rock of the reef. A rock, covered 2½ fathoms, is 0.3 mile W of Northwest Rock. **Needle Rock,** 1.1 miles SE of Northwest Rock, is the most prominent of the rocks in the reef; the needle is on the S side.

(44) N of Rogue River the coast trends N for 10 miles and then NW to Cape Blanco. The mountains are high, irregular, dark, and covered with chaparral. The beach is bordered by numerous rocks for 5 miles, then is comparatively clear with the exception of Orford and Blanco Reefs.

(45) A group of covered and visible rocks, 1 mile long and 0.5 mile wide, lies 5 miles N of Rogue River and nearly 2 miles offshore; these rise abruptly from 12 fathoms. **North Rock,** 7 feet high, is the largest and nearest to the beach. A rock, covered 1¼ fathoms, lies about 0.6 mile NW of North Rock.

(46) The channel between Rogue River Reef and the mainland, and North Rock and the mainland, is sometimes used by coastwise freighters in clear weather. This channel should not be attempted by strangers.

(47) **Brushy Bald Mountain,** nearly 9 miles NE of Rogue River entrance and 3 miles inland, shows up in hazy weather as a flat rounded peak, with a gentle slope from a W and S direction.

(48) **Sisters Rocks** are a group of three rocky islets 10.5 miles N of Rogue River entrance. The smallest, 0.8 mile offshore, is the outermost. There is fairly smooth water in NW weather under the lee of the largest islet.

(49) **Colebrooke Butte,** 2 miles E of Sisters Rocks, appears from the W as a cone with gentle sloping sides. The upper part usually shows against the skyline and is readily recognized. From the S, it shows as a rounded peak which resembles Brushy Bald Mountain, though it is somewhat lower. The N part of the summit is tree covered and dark green, and the S part is grass and brush covered and light green. The slopes are timbered except for the lower part of the seaward slope, which is bare and brown.

(50) **Lookout Rock,** 2.3 miles N of Sisters Rocks, is a prominent projecting cliff, with a marked depression behind it. The seaward face is precipitous.

(51) **Bald Mountain,** 3.2 miles NE of Lookout Rock, appears from offshore as an irregular knob at the NW end of a long ridge. **Rocky Peak,** on the SE end of the ridge, is a sharp conical peak. From a SW direction, three peaks or knobs show; from a NNW direction, two peaks show almost in range. These peaks were used by the early navigators as a landfall for Port Orford in coming from the N.

(52) Prominent **Humbug Mountain,** 3.3 miles N of Lookout Rock and 4 miles S of Port Orford, is conical in shape, and its seaward face is steep and rugged.

Chart 18589

(53) **Island Rock,** 1.3 miles off the seaward face of Humbug Mountain, is flat on top. A needle rock is 200 yards off its NW end. These rocks are prominent when approaching Port Orford from S. Except for two small rocky patches, covered 6¾ and 10 fathoms, within 0.5 mile of the N end of Island Rock, there is deep water around these islands and between them and the beach.

(54) **Redfish Rocks** are a group of islets covering an area 0.5 mile square, lying 2 miles N of Island Rock and nearly 1 mile offshore. They are six in number and range from 10 to 140 feet in height. Many covered rocks lie within this area.

(55) **Port Orford,** 6.5 miles S of Cape Blanco and 19 miles N of Rogue River, is a cove that affords good shelter in NW weather, but is exposed and dangerous in S weather. It is easy of access and is probably the best natural NW lee N of Point Reyes.

(56) The town of **Port Orford,** on the N side of the cove, is the home of the famous yellow cedar; lumber is trucked from the town.

(57) **The Heads,** forming the W point of the cove, appear from S as a long ridge with three knobs. The inner two are slightly higher and covered with trees. **Tichenor Rock** lies 175 yards S of The Heads.

(58) **Klooqueh Rock,** 0.3 mile off the NW face of The Heads, is black and conical in shape. It is prominent, especially when coming from the NW inside Orford Reef. Rocky ledges are between this rock and shore.

(59) Anchorage may be had in about the center of Port Orford in 5 to 10 fathoms, sand bottom, however, it is reported that many anchors have been lost near the rocky 1¾-fathom shoal 0.2 mile E of the S end of the breakwater. The cove is marked by a lighted bell buoy and a light, 0.5 mile S and 0.8 mile ENE of Tichenor Rock, respectively. Small craft may anchor closer to The Heads where better protection is afforded against the NW winds, which sweep with considerable force through the depression at the head of the cove.

(60) **Battle Rock,** in the N part of the cove close to shore, is high, narrow, and black; it is detached only at extreme high tides. Visible and covered rocks extend up to 0.5 mile from shore around the cove, but a passage with a least depth of 1¼ fathom is available through the center of the cove to the wharf E of **Graveyard Point**. The wharf is very high and seldom used for docking; fishermen use offshore moorings off the E side of the

wharf. A 550-foot breakwater extends SE from the point.

(61) In July 2004, depths along the E side of the wharf were 9 to 12 feet with lesser depths at the N end towards shore. Gasoline, diesel fuel, and water are piped to the wharf; fishing boats to 12½ tons are lifted to cradles on the wharf by a hoist. Marine supplies and ice are available in town. Dry winter boat storage is available on the wharf; minor repairs can be made.

(62) From The Heads for 6.5 miles to Cape Blanco, the coast extends in a general NNW direction. N of The Heads the shore is a narrow sand ridge, rising at one point to 160 feet, covered with grass, fern, and brush, and ending abruptly nearly 3 miles from The Heads at the edge of the Elk River Valley. N of this point are sand dunes extending to the mouth of **Elk River,** a small unimportant stream. Beyond the mouth of Elk River to Cape Blanco, the coast consists of vertical cliffs, wooded to the edge, and in some places over 150 feet high.

(63) **Orford Reef,** from 2 to 5 miles offshore between The Heads and Cape Blanco, is composed of a group of irregular rocks up to 149 feet high and ledges, many of which are awash or show a break. Kelp extends from Orford Reef to within 1.3 miles of the shore.

(64) **Fox Rock** and **Southeast Black Rock,** 1.3 miles apart, about 5 miles SW of Cape Blanco, are the southernmost rocks of Orford Reef; they usually show a heavy break. **Northwest Rock,** 3 miles SW of Cape Blanco, is the northernmost visible rock of Orford Reef, although several rocks, covered 5 fathoms, are 1.2 miles NE of Northwest Rock.

(65) **Blanco Reef,** extending 1.5 miles SW from Cape Blanco, consists of numerous rocks and ledges, some of which are marked by kelp. **Black Rock,** 1.2 miles SW of Cape Blanco Light, is the southernmost visible rock of Blanco Reef. **Pyramid Rock,**1 mile W of the light, is the northernmost visible rock of the reef, although a rocky patch uncovers about 3 feet 0.4 mile to the N. Rocky patches, covered ½ to 6 fathoms, extend from 0.5 mile SW of Black Rock to 0.4 mile W of Pyramid Rock.

(66) In clear weather small vessels with local knowledge sometimes use the passage inside Orford Reef and between Orford Reef and Blanco Reef.

(67) **Cape Blanco** projects about 1.5 miles from the general trend of the coast. It is a small bare tableland, terminating seaward in a cliff 203 feet high, with low land behind it. A large high rock lies close under the S side of the cape. From seaward the cape is not prominent, but, from N or S, it appears like a moderately low bluff islet. The group of buildings at Cape Blanco is very prominent.

(68) **Cape Blanco Light** (42°50'13"N., 124°33'49"W.), 245 feet above the water, is shown from a 59-foot white conical tower near the center of the flat part of the cape.

(69) Numerous covered and visible rocks extend 0.5 mile or more NW from the cape.

(70) **Gull Rock,** 1 mile N of Cape Blanco Light, is surrounded by covered rocks. Its seaward face is black and rugged, and the summit has two knobs, the higher being to the S. A rocky patch, covered 3 fathoms, lies 0.5 mile W of Gull Rock.

(71) **Castle Rock,** 1.5 miles NE of Cape Blanco Light and 300 yards off the mouth of **Sixes River,** rises abruptly from the sea and is readily made out 10 miles to seaward. Many low rocks and ledges are within 400 yards, and several rocky islets are to the W and NW.

(72) **Blacklock Point** is a precipitous rocky point 2.5 miles NNE of Cape Blanco. The cliff is 157 feet high. A sharp high point, bordered by rocks, stretches out nearly 300 yards. A narrow curved line of rocks extends 0.8 mile WSW from the point. A rock that breaks in heavy weather is 1 mile NW of the point. Rocky patches, covered 4 fathoms, are within 1.3 miles of the point in a W and NW direction.

Chart 18580

(73) From Cape Blanco for 112 miles to Yaquina Head, the coast is remarkably straight and trends in a NNE direction. It differs considerably from the coast to the S. The coastal mountains are much lower, the difference being more marked because of the high mountains inland. The shore consists of high yellow sand dunes and cliffs broken by bold rocky headlands of moderate height and backed by low pine-covered hills. There are few outlying dangers, the outermost being Blacklock Point, Coquille Rock, and Cape Arago.

(74) From Blacklock Point the shore continues rocky with cliffs gradually decreasing in height for 1.5 miles N, thence for about 11 miles the shore is a broad sandy beach backed by dunes and long narrow lakes. The tree line is at an average distance of 0.2 mile from the sea. From the end of the sand beach for 2 miles to the mouth of Coquille River, the shore again consists of rocky cliffs, 40 to 80 feet high, with several outlying rocks as much as 0.5 mile from shore. Covered dangers extend 1.6 miles W from Coquille Point. The land directly behind this stretch of coast is comparatively flat and wooded, rising to heights of 1,000 feet in 2.5 to 3 miles.

Charts 18588, 18580

(75) **Coquille River** is 18 miles N of Cape Blanco. Some fishing boats operate from **Bandon,** about 0.8 mile above the mouth.

(76) **Coquille Point** is 0.6 mile S of Coquille River entrance. Several rocky islets extend 0.5 mile off the point and rocks showing breakers in any swell extend 1.2 miles W and a mile NW of the point.

(77) **Coquille Rock,** 1.6 miles NW of the point, is covered 28 feet and breaks in heavy weather.

(78) A long, low area of shifting dunes is N of the Coquille River entrance. The conical tower and dwelling of an abandoned lighthouse, marked by a private light, is near the inner end of the N jetty.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(79) The lines established for the Coquille River are described in **80.1315**, chapter 2.

(80) The entrance to Coquille River is protected by jetties; a seasonal light and fog signal are on the S jetty. A Federal project provides for a depth of 13 feet from the entrance to Bandon, about 1 mile above the entrance. In September 2000, the controlling depth was 8 feet (12 feet at midchannel) from the entrance to the port floating dock. The channel is subject to frequent change, and the deepest water is not always on the entrance range. Local knowledge is essential when the bar is rough. It is reported that the bar breaks even in calm seas and mariners should favor the N in approaching the entrance range. The reported depth above Bandon is about 6 feet to Coquille, 21 miles above the entrance.

Coast Guard

(81) A Coast Guard motor lifeboat is stationed at the mooring basin at Bandon on the S side of the river about 0.8 mile above the entrance.

(82) The Coast Guard has established Coquille River Entrance Small Boat Warning Sign, a seasonal **rough bar advisory sign**, 29 feet above the water, visible from the channel looking seaward, on the same structure as Coquille River Light 12 on the S shore just N of the Coast Guard station, to promote safety for small-boat operators. The sign is diamond-shaped, painted with an international orange border, and with the words **"Rough Bar"** in black letters. The sign is equipped with two quick flashing amber lights that will be activated when the seas exceed 4 feet in height and are considered hazardous for small boats. Boatmen are cautioned, however, that if the lights are not flashing, it is no guarantee that sea conditions are favorable.

(83) A small-craft basin, on the S side of the river about 0.9 mile above the entrance, has about 180 berths and a launching ramp; marine supplies are available. Fuel is available by truck. In May 1999, the controlling depth was 12 feet from the main channel to the basin, with depths of 5 to 8 feet in the basin. The 310-foot wharf of a former lumbermill, NE of the small-craft basin, has reported depths of 12 feet alongside. A machine shop is at Bandon.

(84) A highway bridge, 3 miles above the entrance, has a lift span with clearances of 28 feet down and 74 feet up. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.875,** chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) In 2003, the lift span was inoperable and in the closed position. An overhead cable E of the bridge has a clearance of 72 feet.

(85) The village of **Prosper** is 4 miles above Coquille River entrance.

(86) Several power cables cross the river between Prosper and Coquille; the least clearance is 68 feet.

(87) **Coquille,** 21 miles above the entrance, is the distributing center for several agricultural communities of the river valley and has railway connections with the interior.

Chart 18580

(88) N of the entrance to the Coquille River the sand dunes extend for about 4 miles and are then succeeded by cliffs. **Fivemile Point,** 6 miles N of the river entrance, is a rocky cliff 60 feet high with a cluster of rocks, 10 to 40 feet high, extending more than 0.3 mile offshore.

(89) N of Fivemile Point the coast consists of cliffs, 40 to 80 feet high, which rise to heights of 100 to 250 feet 2 miles S of Cape Arago and are cut by deep gulches, named the **Seven Devils.** Numerous rocks of varying shapes and sizes border the beach.

(90) **South Cove,** immediately under the S point of Cape Arago, is used extensively as a summer anchorage by small craft and fishing boats with local knowledge.

(91) **Cape Arago,** 29 miles NNE of Cape Blanco, is an irregular jagged point projecting about a mile from the general trend of the coast. There are no high mountains immediately behind the cape, and it is conspicuous only when the mountains in the interior are obscured. The seaward face of the cape, 2.5 miles long in a N direction, is a narrow wooded tableland 50 feet high, with rugged and broken cliffs and outlying rocks of the same height as the cliff. Immediately off the cape are reefs extending NW for about a mile. A small cove near the N end, inside the reefs, is sometimes used by small boats with local knowledge.

Charts 18587, 18580

(92) **Cape Arago Light** (43°20'28"N., 124°22'31"W.), 100 feet above the water, is shown from a 44-foot white octagonal tower attached to a building on a rocky, partially wooded island close inshore, 2.5 miles N of the cape.

(93) **Baltimore Rock,** 0.6 mile NW of Cape Arago Light, is covered 11 feet and usually breaks. It is the outermost rock of a covered ledge extending NW from the lighthouse island. A bell buoy is 450 yards N of the rock.

(94) **Coos Head,** 229 feet high, 1.8 miles ENE of Cape Arago Light, is on the S side of the entrance to Coos Bay. Coos Head is marked by a light on the NE side. The cliffs of Coos Head are about 100 feet high and terminate in several small rocky points with sand beaches between them. The buildings of a former government facility are conspicuous on the bluffs just SW of Coos Head.

(95) **Coos Bay,** 33 miles N of Cape Blanco, is used as a harbor of refuge and can be entered at any time except in extreme weather. Coos Bay is one of the most important harbors between San Francisco and the Columbia River, and one of the largest forest products ports in the world. Principal foreign exports are logs, woodchips, lumber, and plywood. The coastwise trade consists mainly of logs.

(96) From the entrance the bay extends NE for 8 miles with widths of 0.3 to 1 mile, then bends SE for about 4 miles to the mouth of Isthmus Slough. The dredged channel through the bay is bordered by marshland and intersected by several sloughs.

Prominent features

(97) Coos Head, Umpqua River Light, and Cape Arago Light are good guides to the entrance. The sand dunes N toward Umpqua River are prominent. The entrance to the bay is protected by jetties. A light with a seasonal fog signal marks the N jetty. A lighted whistle buoy is 1.8 miles WNW of the entrance. The channels are marked with lighted ranges, lights, buoys, and daybeacons.

Routes

(98) Vessels should make sure of the entrance range before standing close in. There is usually a current sweeping either N or S just off the jetties, and this current should be guarded against. The entrance ranges should be watched carefully until clear of all dangers. The S current is often encountered during the summer. With strong S winds during the winter, the current sometimes sets to the N.

(99) Approaching from any direction in thick weather, great caution is essential. The currents are variable and uncertain. Velocities of 3 to 3.5 knots have been observed offshore between Blunts Reef and Swiftsure Bank, and greater velocities have been reported. The most favorable time for crossing the bar is on the last of

the flood current, and occasionally it is passable only at this time.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(100) The lines established for Coos Bay are described in **80.1320**, chapter 2.

Channels

(101) A Federal project provides for a 47- to 37-foot channel across the bar, thence 37 feet through North Bend and Coos Bay to the mouth of Isthmus Slough, thence 37 feet to a point 1.1 miles above the mouth of Isthmus Slough, and thence, 22 feet to Millington, 14.7 miles above the entrance to the bay. Turning basins at North Bend and Coos Bay have project depths of 37 feet. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of charts for controlling depths.)

Coast Guard

(102) The Coast Guard has established Coos Bay South Slough Small Boat Warning Sign, a **rough bar advisory sign**, on the E end of the breakwater at Charleston Boat Basin in about 43°20'48"N., 124°19'18"W., to promote safety for small-boat operators. The sign is two-faced and is visible from Coos Bay to the N and South Slough to the S. The sign is diamond-shaped, painted white with an international orange border, and with the words **"Rough Bar"** in black letters. The sign is equipped with two flashing amber lights that will be activated when the seas exceed 4 feet in height and are considered hazardous for small boats. Boatmen are advised, however, that if the lights are not flashing, it is no guarantee that the sea conditions are favorable.

Anchorage

(103) Anchorage for small craft can be had almost anywhere in the bay outside the dredged channels and below the railroad bridge.

Caution

(104) The coastline of Coos Bay is not a safe place to anchor during the winter months because of the rapid and severe onset of weather.

Dangers

(105) **Guano Rock**, on the S side of the entrance channel and 280 yards NW of Coos Head, uncovers only at extreme low water.

(106) A submerged section of the N entrance jetty extends about 300 yards W of the visible jetty; and a submerged section of the S entrance jetty extends about 100 yards W of the visible jetty. Because of the submerged jetties, it is reported that there are breakers in these areas most of the time. Extreme care must be exercised at all times.

(107) A submerged jetty extends 500 yards off the E shore of Coos Bay just inside the entrance, 0.8 mile NE of Coos Head. In entering with a strong NW wind, large vessels have difficulty in making the turn and may find themselves being set toward the submerged jetty.

Bridges

(108) The Central Oregon and Pacific Railroad bridge across Coos Bay, 7.5 miles above the entrance, has a swing span with a vertical clearance of 12 feet. Mariners should use extreme caution when passing through the bridge because of unpredictable changing winds, currents, and sea conditions reported in this area. The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 18A and works on channel 13; call sign KT-2006. A fixed highway bridge, 8.1 miles above the entrance, has a clearance of 123 feet across the main channel. A power cable, 100 yards W of the fixed bridge, has a clearance of 167 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.871,** chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.)

Tides

(109) The mean range of tide at Coos Bay is 5.6 feet, and the diurnal range of tide is 7.3 feet. A range of about 12 feet may occur at the time of maximum tides.

Currents

(110) Current observations in the entrance to Coos Bay indicated a velocity of about 2 knots. The greatest observed ebb velocity was a little over 3 knots. Predictions for the entrance may be obtained from the Tidal Current Tables. During long runouts an ebb current of 5 knots has been reported at Guano Rock.

Pilotage, Coos Bay

(111) Pilotage is compulsory for all foreign vessels and all U.S. vessels under registry. Pilotage is optional for U.S. vessels in the coastwise trade that have onboard a pilot licensed by the Federal Government for these waters.

(112) Pilotage for Coos Bay, its tributaries and Yaquina Bay is available from **Coos Bay Pilots Association**, 686 N Front Street, Coos Bay, OR 97420; telephone (541) 267-6555; Fax (541) 267-5256.

(113) The pilot boats monitor VHF-FM channels 13 and 16 and use channels 12 and 18A as working frequency.

(114) The pilot boats, COOS BAY and NORTH BEND, are 75-foot-long tugs with black hulls, orange pilothouses, and white stacks. The pilot boats used the standard pilot lights at night. Vessels are handled 24 hours a day, weather permitting.

(115) Arrangements for pilots are usually made by ships' agents or by telephone. A 24-hour notice of time of

arrival is requested. The pilots usually board vessels about 1 mile NW of Coos Bay Approach Lighted Whistle Buoy K. Vessels are requested to maintain a speed of about 4 to 5 knots and rig the ladder, without manropes, about 3 meters above the water.

Towage

(116) Tugs to 2,000 hp are available and are used for docking and mooring. The two pilot boats, the largest tugs available, do most of the dock assist work in the port.

(117) Coos Bay is a **customs port of entry.**

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(118) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(119) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1, for details.)

Coast Guard

(120) **Coos Bay Coast Guard Station** is on the S side of Charleston Boat Basin, 0.7 mile SE of Coos Head. **North Bend Coast Guard Air Station** is at the North Bend Municipal Airport.

Harbor regulations

(121) The port authority, Oregon International Port of Coos Bay, is controlled by a Board of Port Commissioners and a port manager. Harbor regulations are prescribed by the Port Commissioners and enforced by the port manager. The port manager's office is at 125 Central Avenue, Suite 300, Coos Bay.

Wharves

(122) The Port of Coos Bay, including facilities at the cities of Coos Bay and North Bend, has six deep-draft piers and wharves. Only the deep-draft facilities are described. For a complete description of the port facilities refer to Port Series No. 33, published and sold by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (See appendix for address.) The alongside depths are reported depths; for information on the latest depths contact the port manager or the private operators. All the facilities described have direct highway connections, and most have plant trackage with direct railroad connections. Water is available at most of the wharves, but electrical shore power connections are available at less than half of the wharves. Special handling equipment, if available, is mentioned in the description of the particular facility.

(123) **Roseburg Forest Products Wood Chip Dock** (43°25'31"N., 124°15'23"W.): 260-foot marginal wharf with 1,430-foot berthing space with dolphins, 39 feet alongside, deck height, 17 feet; wood chips loaded by pneumatic loader; 20 acres of open storage; shipment of wood chips; owned and operated by Roseburg Forest Products.

(124) **Ocean Terminals Dock** (43°24'37"N., 124°13'07"W.): 400-foot marginal wharf, 1,300-foot berthing space with dolphins, 38 feet alongside; deck height 10 feet; 34 acres of open storage; shipment of logs; operated by Ocean Terminals Co.

(125) **Oregon Chip Terminal Wharf** (43°23'30"N., 124°13'02"W.): 1,086-foot berthing space with dolphins, 36 feet alongside; pneumatic chip loader, loading rate 650 tons per hour; shipment of wood chips; owned by Kanematsu Gosho USA, Inc. and operated by Oregon Chip Terminal, Inc.

(126) **Dolphin Terminal** (43°22'42"N., 124°13'00"W.): 325-foot berthing space with dolphins; 34 feet alongside; deck height, 10 feet; shipment of logs; owned by Oregon International Port of Coos Bay and operated by Dolphin Terminals, Inc.

(127) **Peirce Terminal** (43°21'40"N., 124°12'14"W.); 600-foot berth, 36 feet alongside; receipt of nickel ore; dry and store bulk nickel ore; four discharge hoppers, with belt feed stacker, rail siding; owned by Cominco American Inc.

(128) **Georgia-Pacific Chip Terminal and Coos Bay Docks wood chip facility** (43°21'43"N.,124°12'02"W.): 1,326-foot berthing space, 35 feet alongside, deck height, 12 feet; W berth used for loading ships by pneumatic loader, loading rate, 420 tons per hour; 115,000 square feet of covered storage; 20 acres of open lumber storage area; E berth used for receipt of general conventional and containerized cargo; shipment of finished lumber, plywood, and wood chips; operated by Georgia-Pacific West, Inc. and Knutson Towboat Co.

Supplies

(129) Most marine supplies and services are available at Coos Bay. Fuel oil is available at one fuel pier. Diesel oil and water are available.

Repairs

(130) There are no facilities for major repairs to large oceangoing vessels in Coos Bay; the nearest such facilities are in Portland, Oregon. Above-the-waterline repairs can be made at several machine shops on the waterfront. A drydock at Coos Bay can handle vessels to 1,000 tons, 220 feet long, and 45 feet wide. The largest marine railway can handle vessels to 400 tons, 120 feet long, 32 feet wide, and 12 feet in draft. Hull and engine repairs can be made here. Electronic repairs can be arranged for. (See Charleston Boat Basin, this chapter, for small-craft facilities and repairs.)

Communications

(131) The cities of Coos Bay and North Bend are served by U.S. Highway 101 and the Central Oregon and Pacific Railroad. Two state highways connect to Interstate Highway 5 inland. North Bend Municipal Airport, served by a major airline, is just NW of North Bend.

(132) **South Slough,** shoal and navigable only for small boats, extends 4 miles S from its junction with Coos Bay near the entrance. A dredged marked channel extends S from the junction for about 0.6 mile to the Charleston Boat Basin, thence for 0.5 mile to a highway bascule bridge. In September 2003, the controlling depth was 16 feet (17 feet at midchannel) to the basin, thence 16 feet to the highway bascule bridge, except for lesser depths extending about 230 feet below the bridge. The channel, from the junction with Coos Bay to Charleston Boat Basin, is subject to shoaling. Mariners are advised to seek local knowledge when transiting this area.

(133) **Charleston Boat Basin,** operated and maintained by the Port of Coos Bay, is 0.3 mile N of Charleston, across the slough from **Barview.** In September 2003, the controlling depth was 16 feet (17 feet at midchannel) from the entrance to the basin, thence depths of 8 to 16 feet were available in the basin with lesser depths along the N edge. The basin is used by commercial and sport fishermen. About 500 berths with electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, a launching ramp, and marine supplies are available. A pumpout station and wet and dry winter boat storage are available in the basin. A repair facility at the basin has a drydock that can handle vessels to 300 tons, 90 feet long, and 30 feet wide, and a marine railway that can handle craft 70 feet long, 22 feet wide, and 6 feet draft for hull and engine repairs. Electronic repairs can also be made at the basin. Four fish piers are in the basin, and three fish packing facilities are just S of the basin on South Slough. **Coos Bay Coast Guard Station** is on the S side of the basin.

(134) A Coast Guard buoy storage area is in Coos Bay about 150 yards E of the channel and about 2.5 miles above the entrance jetties.

(135) The highway bridge over South Slough, 1 mile S of the entrance, has a bascule span with a clearance of 22 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.892,** chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) Power and television cables S of the bridge have a least clearance of 71 feet.

(136) The W shore of Coos Bay as far as the bend is formed by a sandspit covered with dunes, partly wooded, and in some places as much as 90 feet high. On the E shore and above the bend are low rolling hills with houses and several prominent buildings.

(137) **Haynes Inlet** and **North Slough,** which join the bay through a common entrance on the N side, are navigated by small boats. Haynes Inlet and North Slough channels are marked by private daybeacons. A causeway with a fixed bridge over North Slough, has a clearance of 15 feet. The causeway extends E and joins the State highway fixed bridge over Haynes Inlet. The State highway fixed bridge over Haynes Inlet has a clearance of 32 feet. In March 2002, a replacement fixed highway bridge over Haynes Inlet with a design clearance of 33 feet was under construction immediately N of the existing bridge.

(138) **North Bend,** 9.5 miles above the entrance, is a city with many sawmills and factories; considerable lumber is shipped from here. North Bend Fire Department has a fire boat and launches dock along the city. **Coos Bay,** 12 miles above the entrance, is the principal city on the bay and is the distributing center for the area, which is primarily devoted to lumbering, fishing, and agriculture. Coos Bay also includes the **Empire** district, which is 4 miles above the entrance. North Bend and Coos Bay form practically one continuous city extending along the shore from North Point to the mouth of Coalbank Slough.

(139) Three sloughs empty into Coos Bay between the city of Coos Bay and Coos River. **Coalbank Slough** is unused. **Isthmus Slough** is used for logging operations to **Millington.** The highway bridge across the slough has a bascule span with a clearance of 18 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.879,** chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The overhead power and television cables just N of the bridge, and the overhead power cable 0.9 mile S of the bridge, have clearances of 100 and 150 feet, respectively. **Catching Slough** is navigable for several miles by light-draft vessels. The fixed highway bridge across the mouth has a clearance of 40 feet. The power cable for about 1.7 miles above the bridge have a least clearance of 57 feet; other overhead cables upstream have a least known clearance of 13 feet.

(140) **Coos River** empties through two channels into the bay at its head. The N unmarked channel follows the E side of the bay and empties abreast of North Bend. **Marshfield Channel,** marked by a lighted range, lights, and buoy, crosses the flats and empties abreast the city of Coos Bay.

(141) Coos River divides at a point 3.2 miles above **Graveyard Point** into **South Fork** and **Millicoma River.** A highway bridge across the river, 0.9 mile above Graveyard Point, has a lift span with clearances of 28 feet down and 54 feet up. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.873,** chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The least clearance of the overhead power cables crossing Millicoma River is 40 feet. **Allegany,** 7.5 miles above the

confluence, is the head of navigation on Millicoma River. **Dellwood,** 8.2 miles above the confluence, is the head of navigation on South Fork.

(142) In March-April 2002, depths of 4 to 5 feet were available in Coos River through Marshfield Channel to Graveyard Point; thence in 1990, the controlling depth was 2 feet to the lift bridge about 0.9 mile above Graveyard Point, thence 5 feet to the confluence of the Millicoma River and South Fork. In April 1990, the controlling depth in South Fork was 3 feet to Dellwood. In April 1990, the controlling depth in the Millicoma was 4 feet to Allegany. Numerous snags and deadheads exist in the South Fork and the Millicoma River.

(143) A fixed highway bridge crossing South Fork 0.5 mile above the confluence has been removed; two concrete piers remain. A fixed highway bridge crossing South Fork 1.9 miles above the confluence has a clearance of 38 feet. Several overhead power and telegraph cables cross South Fork; least clearance is 42 feet.

Chart 18580

(144) From Coos Bay for 19.5 miles to Umpqua River, the coast consists of sand beaches and dunes backed by moderately low hills. The mouth of **Tenmile Creek** is 13.7 miles N of Coos Head.

Charts 18584, 18580

(145) **Umpqua River** is entered 20 miles N of Cape Arago Light. Some lumber, sand, crushed rock, and oil are barged on the river, but commercial traffic is very light. The **customs port of entry** is at Coos Bay.

(146) The S point at the entrance to the river is marked by sand dunes, partly covered with trees, that reach elevations of 300 feet. About a mile below the entrance is a bright bare spot in the dunes that shows prominently among the trees. Shifting sand dunes about 100 feet high are on the spit on the N side of the entrance.

(147) **Umpqua River Light** (43°39.7'N., 124°11.9'W.), 165 feet above the water, is shown from a 65-foot white conical tower just S of the mouth of the river. Trees surround the light, but the lantern shows over the tops.

(148) The entrance to the river is protected by jetties. The S jetty extends 1,200 yards seaward from the shoreline and is marked by a light with a seasonal fog signal and radar reflector. About 160 yards of the outer end of the jetty is submerged. A lighted whistle buoy, about 0.9 mile W of the S jetty light, marks the approach. A **086°** lighted range and a buoy mark the entrance channel which is subject to frequent changes. The middle jetty extends from the shoreline and connects with the outer section of the S jetty. The N jetty extends 1,100 yards seaward from the shoreline. In March 1981, it was reported that dangerous shoals exist in the N side of the entrance. The river channels are marked by

lighted ranges, lights, buoys, and daybeacons. A Coast Guard lookout tower is about midway out on the middle jetty.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(149) The lines established for the Umpqua River are described in **80.1325**, chapter 2.

Channels

(150) A Federal project provides for depths of 26 feet in the entrance channel, thence 22 feet to Gardiner and Reedsport, and 22 feet in the turning basin at Reedsport. (See Notice to Mariners and latest edition of chart for controlling depths.)

(151) The channel over the bar is reported shoalest usually during September. Later in the season the river cuts a deeper channel through the bar. Depths in the channels and basins may vary considerably between dredging operations.

Coast Guard

(152) The Coast Guard has established Umpqua River Small Boat Warning Sign, a **rough bar advisory sign,** visible from the river channel looking seaward, on Winchester Point about 1.5 miles inside the river entrance, to promote safety for small-boat operators. The sign is diamond-shaped, painted white with an international orange border, and with the words **"Rough Bar"** in black letters. The sign is equipped with two flashing yellow lights that will be activated when the seas exceed 4 feet in height and are considered hazardous for small boats. Boatmen are advised, however, that if the lights are not flashing, it is no guarantee that conditions are favorable.

(153) A **heavy weather flag**, a square RED flag with a square BLACK center, will be displayed on a pole that is located on the N side of the Coast Guard lookout tower at the Umpqua River entrance and is visible to mariners from both directions to indicate that winds 48 knots and above are forecast for the area. Display of flags are required from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Weather flags are flown at select Coast Guard stations to supplement other weather notification sources. Light signals corresponding to these flags are not displayed at night. In all cases mariners should rely upon National Weather Service broadcasts as their primary source of government provided weather information.

(154) **Umpqua River Coast Guard Station** is in East Basin about 2.3 miles from the entrance.

Supplies

(155) Gasoline, diesel fuel, water, and fuel oil for launches may be obtained at Reedsport.

Repairs

(156) A machine shop is at Reedsport; a marine railway here can handle craft to 150 feet. A tidal graving dock for barges, 260 feet long and 60 feet wide, is operated by this firm across the river. Hull and engine repairs for small craft can be made at East Basin.

(157) **East Basin,** a small-boat basin on the E side of Umpqua River, 2.3 miles above the entrance, is entered through a dredged channel that leads from the main river channel for about 0.7 mile in the head of the project. The channel is marked at the entrance by two lights. In March 2003, the controlling depth was 9 feet in the dredged channel (except for lesser depths to 6 feet along the W edge of the channel near the head of the project.) Berths with electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, launching ramps, marine supplies, and an 8-ton crane are available in the basin; hull, engine, and electronic repairs can be made. A fish wharf with a cold storage and ice plant on its outer end is on the W side of the basin.

(158) **West Basin,** entered from the N immediately W of East Basin, is a partially enclosed basin that was constructed as an expansion of East Basin. The entrance to the bay is marked by a light and a daybeacon. In March 2003, the controlling depth was 11 feet from the entrance at the main river channel to the head of the project (except for a lesser depth of 10 feet along the W edge of the channel in about 43°40'54"N., 124°10'59"W.) The village of **Winchester Bay** is a fishing resort on the E side of the East Basin.

(159) **Gardiner,** on the NE bank of the river 8.5 miles inside the entrance, is the site of a large papermill and a lumbermill. A dredged channel serves these mills. Barges unload fuel oil at the papermill wharf, 0.8 mile N of the town. Depths of 18 feet are reported alongside. The wharf is marked by a private light. There is a public small-craft launching ramp in Gardiner.

(160) **Reedsport,** on the SW bank of the river, 10 miles inside the entrance, is a station on the railroad and the principal town on the river. A plywood plant and a sawmill are in the town. The plywood plant wharf, at the entrance to Scholfield Creek, is in ruins and not used. The sawmill barges lumber intermittently from the port wharf, which is between the swing bridges; the wharf has about 18 feet along the loading face. A lumber wharf, used occasionally, is on the NW end of Bolon Island.

(161) The U.S. Route 101 highway bridge crossing the river at the upper end of the turning basin at Reedsport

has a swing span with a clearance of 36 feet. Just W of the bridge is a power cable with a clearance of 152 feet; the least clearance of cables above the highway bridge is 95 feet. The railroad bridge, 500 yards above the highway bridge, has a swing span with a clearance of 16 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.893,** chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.)

(162) At high tide Umpqua River is navigable by vessels of 6-foot draft to **Scottsburg**, 14.8 miles above Reedsport.

(163) **Scholfield Creek** enters Umpqua River N of Reedsport. The entrance to the creek is marked by daybeacons. A fixed highway bridge with a clearance of 20 feet crosses the creek 0.9 mile above the mouth; power cables with a least clearance of 41 feet crosses the creek between the two bridges. A fixed railroad bridge with a 30-foot span clearance of 16 feet crosses the creek 2 miles above the mouth.

(164) **Smith River** enters Umpqua River from the NE at Reedsport. The controlling depth is about 5 feet for 5 miles above the mouth, thence 2 feet to **Sulphur Springs Landing,** 18 miles above the mouth. The highway bridge, 2.7 miles above the mouth, has a retractable span with a clearance of 22 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.49,** chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) An overhead telephone cable with a clearance of 67 feet crosses the river just below the bridge.

Chart 18580

(165) From Umpqua River for 21 miles to Siuslaw River, the coast is straight and consists of sand dunes broken only by the mouths of **Threemile Creek, Tahkenitch Creek, Siltcoos River** and the stream from **Cleawox Lake.**

Charts 18583, 18580

(166) **Siuslaw River**, entered 43 miles N of Cape Arago Light and 7.5 miles S of Heceta Head Light, has some logging operations, and finished lumber is barged to Pacific ports. Prominent from offshore is wooded **Cannery Hill,** on the E side of the river 1.4 miles above the entrance. The **customs port of entry** is at Coos Bay.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(167) The lines established for the Siuslaw River are described in **80.1330**, chapter 2.

(168) The river is entered through a dredged channel between two jetties and leads S to a turning basin off the town of Florence, 4.4 miles above the entrance, thence E for about 2 miles to Cushman. A light, seasonal fog signal, and a Coast Guard tower are on the N jetty. The channel is marked by a **094°** lighted entrance range that favors the N side of the channel, and by other ranges and navigational aids to 1 mile above Florence.

The uncharted buoys at the mouth of the river are frequently shifted to mark the best water. The bar at the entrance is narrow, and the depths vary greatly because of storms and freshets. The entrance and south jetty shoals tend to build during late winter and spring. Mariners are advised to contact **Siuslaw River Coast Guard Station** on VHF-FM channel 16 before attempting to cross the bar. A Federal project provides for an 18- to 16-foot depth in the entrance channel to the highway bridge at Florence; thence 16 feet in the turning basin; thence 12 feet to Cushman. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of the chart for controlling depths.)

(169) The Coast Guard has established Siuslaw River Small Boat Warning Sign, a **rough bar advisory sign,** 37 feet above the water, visible from the channel looking seaward, on the Coast Guard lookout tower on the N jetty, to promote safety for small-boat operators. The sign is diamond-shaped, painted white with an international orange border, and with the words **"Rough Bar"** in black letters. The sign is equipped with two flashing amber lights that are activated when the seas exceed 4 feet in height and are considered hazardous for small boats. Boatmen are cautioned, however, that if the lights are not flashing, it is no guarantee that sea conditions are favorable.

(170) A **heavy weather flag**, a square RED flag with a square BLACK center, will be displayed on a pole that is located on the SW corner of the Coast Guard station and is visible to mariners from both directions to indicate that winds 48 knots and above are forecast for the area. Display of flags are required from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Weather flags are flown at select Coast Guard stations to supplement other weather notification sources. Light signals corresponding to these flags are not displayed at night. In all cases mariners should rely upon National Weather Service broadcasts as their primary source of government provided weather information.

(171) **Siuslaw Coast Guard Station** is on the E side of the river, 1.3 miles above the entrance.

(172) **Florence** is a small town on the N bank of Siuslaw River 4.4 miles above the entrance. A bascule highway bridge with a clearance of 17 feet crosses the river from Florence to **Glenada,** a small settlement on the S bank of the river opposite Florence. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.889,** chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) An overhead power cable with a clearance of 23 feet crosses the river about 150 yards E of the bridge; the cable is submerged at the main channel. Another overhead power cable with a clearance of 88 feet crosses the river about 1 mile above the bridge.

(173) A cannery wharf, and a small port-operated boat basin, and marina are at Florence; fish are shipped by truck. Another marina, about 0.15 mile W of the bridge, has about 80 berths, dockside electricity, gasoline, water, ice, launching ramp, and marine supplies; minor engine repairs can be made. The Port of Siuslaw Marina, about 0.3 mile E of the bridge, has over 250 berths, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, some marine supplies, and launching ramps. Wet and dry winter storage is also available.

(174) **Cushman,** on the N bank of the river 2 miles above Florence, has lumber and shingle mills. The products from these mills are shipped by rail and barge. A small-craft repair facility here has a marine railway that can handle craft to 60 feet long, for engine and hull repairs. A 50-ton hoist is also available for handling small craft. About 50 berths with electricity, water, and a launching ramp are available. Wet and dry winter storage is also available at this facility. A large marine supply firm is at Cushman. An overhead power cable with a clearance of 75 feet crosses the river at Cushman. The railroad bridge across the river, 1 mile above Cushman, has a swing span with a clearance of 15 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.889,** chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) An overhead power cable with a clearance of 80 feet crosses the river at Mapleton.

(175) Light-draft vessels can go to **Mapleton,** 17 miles above the mouth, but the channel is narrow and crooked. A barge facility, about 14 miles above the mouth of the river, ships wood products and some perishable goods downriver.

Chart 18580

(176) From Siuslaw River for 7.5 miles to Heceta Head, the coast is composed of sand dunes that are quite conspicuous in contrast with the dark trees partly covering them.

(177) **Heceta Head,** 28.5 miles N of Umpqua River Light, has a seaward face 2.5 miles long with nearly vertical cliffs 100 to 200 feet high. The summit of the head reaches an elevation of 1,000 feet 0.5 mile from the cliffs and is covered with grass and a few pines. A sharp black conical rock, 180 feet high, marks the extreme W and N part of the head, and is easily made out from either N or S. **Cox Rock,** 1.5 miles S of the S part of the head, is conical and usually white on top with bird droppings.

(178) **Heceta Head Light** (44°08'15"N., 124°07'42"W.), 205 feet above the water, is shown from a 56-foot white conical tower on a bench cut in the high bluff near the W extremity. Because of the high bluff N of the light, vessels from N will not make out the tower or buildings until abreast the station.

(179) **Heceta Bank,** 70 miles NNW of Cape Blanco and 30 miles offshore W of Heceta Head, covers an irregular area about 30 miles long and 10 miles wide. The least depth on the bank is 25 fathoms, but the depths are irregular. The depths N and S of the bank are considerably greater.

(180) From Heceta Head to Cape Perpetua, a distance of 9 miles, the coast consists of high broken rocky cliffs, except for the first 2 miles which are composed of much lower sloping sandy cliffs, backed by a strip of clear land. The hills behind reach an elevation of over 800 feet in less than 0.5 mile from the beach, and are heavily wooded.

(181) **Tenmile Creek,** 5 miles N of Heceta Head, is marked by a sand beach about 0.3 mile long at its mouth.

(182) **Cape Perpetua,** 9 miles N of Heceta Head, consists of two projecting points, the N of which is the bolder and marked by **Cleft of the Rock Light** (44°17.5'N., 124°06.5'W.), a private light 110 feet above the water and shown from a gray square tower attached to a dwelling. The cape reaches a height of 800 feet a short distance from the beach and 1,000 feet at a distance of 0.8 mile. The rocky cliff forming the face of the N point is reddish. A few rocks that uncover are close to its face.

(183) **Yachats River,** navigable only for canoes, breaks through the coast hills immediately N from Cape Perpetua.

(184) The coast for 2.5 miles N of Cape Perpetua consists of cliffs, 15 to 30 feet high, with a narrow strip of grassy land 0.2 to 1 mile wide behind them. Thence for 5.5 miles to Alsea Bay there are low bluffs, with a broad sand beach in front and comparatively low wooded country behind them.

(185) **Table Mountain,** 11 miles NE of the mouth of Alsea Bay, is flat-topped, covered with dead trees, and looks whitish. Another summit is 0.6 mile SW of Table Mountain.

(186) **Mary Peak**, a prominent mountain 24 miles E of the entrance to Yaquina Bay, is wooded on its sides, but its summit is covered with grass.

Chart 18561

(187) **Alsea Bay** is 68 miles N of Cape Arago. The N point is low, broad, and sandy, but the S point is an abrupt sandstone cliff about 100 feet high, covered with trees. The entrance has a shifting bar with a depth of about 6 feet. With a rising tide, the bar fills in with sand and the full effect of the tide cannot be counted on. There are considerable fishing and crabbing in the bay and river, but boats rarely cross the bar. **Waldport**, a mile inside the entrance, is the principal settlement. A marina with about 100 berths, gasoline, and a launching ramp is on the NE side of the town. The river, marked by seasonal private buoys, is navigable by small craft to about 10 miles above the mouth. There are several marinas along the river above Waldport; most have berths and gasoline. Outboard engine repairs can be made at a marina about 3 miles above the mouth.

(188) The fixed bridge of the Oregon Coast Highway crossing Alsea Bay, a mile inside the entrance, has a clearance of 66 feet.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(189) The lines established for Alsea Bay are described in **80.1335**, chapter 2.

(190) The 11.5-mile coast between Alsea Bay and Yaquina Bay is nearly straight, and consists of a low sand beach backed by dunes at each end with bluffs up to 100 feet high between; the land behind is low and wooded with areas of second-growth timber. Rocks covered 2 to 4 fathoms extend almost 2 miles offshore. **Seal Rocks,** abreast the highest part of the bluffs about 5 miles N of Alsea Bay entrance, extend up to 0.5 mile offshore for 2 miles; the tallest is 20 feet high.

(191) **Stonewall Bank,** 17 miles SW of Yaquina Head Light and 14 miles offshore, is 9 miles long in a N direction and 2.5 miles wide. There is a least depth of 13 fathoms on the bank. An unmarked submerged obstruction is close SW of Stonewall Bank in about 44°29.8'N., 124°24.9'W.

(192) **Yaquina Head,** 32.5 miles N of Heceta Head, is distinguished by two conical hills covered with grass. The outer one is 356 feet high and the inner 390 feet high, with a low saddle between them. The extremity of the point, which projects about a mile from the general trend of the coast, is broken and rocky, but comparatively low. One mile inland from the point, the grass-covered land changes to a dense forest and the hills rise rapidly. Two covered ledges lie N of the point 0.6 mile from the beach. There is a covered rock and considerable kelp about a mile S of the point. A patch of rocks that uncovers 8 feet is about a mile N of Yaquina Head Light. S to Yaquina Bay, the coast consists of broken yellow cliffs, bordered on the S part by broad sand beaches.

(193) **Yaquina Head Light** (44°40.6'N., 124°04.8'W.), 162 feet above the water, is shown from a 93-foot white conical tower on the flat bench projecting at the W extremity of the head.

(194) **Yaquina Reef** and its continuation N is a ridge of hard sand and rock covered 5 to 30 feet. The reef extends from the submerged outer end of the N jetty and parallel to the shore to Yaquina Head. The submerged

wreck of the ship JOHN ASPIN is about 0.65 mile N from the outer end of the N jetty.

(195) **South Reef,** covered 11 feet, is a S continuation of Yaquina Reef, the two being separated by the entrance channel.

Chart 18581

(196) **Yaquina Bay** entrance is 4 miles S of Yaquina Head Light. The bay is a tidal estuary, the harbor itself being merely the widening of **Yaquina River** just inside the entrance.

(197) The N point of Yaquina Bay entrance is a sandy bluff, 120 feet high. An abandoned lighthouse and a Coast Guard lookout tower are on the high part of the point. When viewed from the NW, the circular lighthouse tower on the roof of a two-story frame dwelling obscures the lower portion of the lookout tower. The S entrance point is a low sand beach backed by dunes rising to 150 feet.

(198) The entrance to Yaquina Bay is protected by jetties 330 yards apart. The long N jetty, with the outer 100 yards submerged, extends out to Yaquina Reef. A seasonal light is on the S jetty about 30 yards inside the seaward end. A fog signal is at the light. A lighted whistle buoy is 1.5 miles SW of the entrance. The channels are marked by lighted ranges, lights, and buoys. A fog signal is sounded at the entrance range front light. Two rocks awash, about 100 yards apart, are about 50 yards S of the submerged end of the N jetty.

(199) During the summer, when the swell is approximately parallel with the coast, the bar is comparatively smooth, being partially sheltered by Yaquina Head. In winter, however, the heavy W swell makes the bar very rough. A smooth bar and a favorable tide are necessary for large vessels leaving Yaquina Bay.

Coast Guard

(200) The Coast Guard has established Yaquina Bay Entrance Small Boat Warning Sign, a **rough bar advisory sign,** 25 feet above the water, visible from the channel looking toward seaward, on the Coast Guard station, to promote safety for small-boat operators. The sign is diamond-shaped, painted white with an international orange border, and with the words "**Rough Bar**" in black letters. The sign is equipped with two quick flashing amber lights that will be activated when seas exceed 4 feet in height and are considered hazardous for small boats. Boatmen are cautioned, however, that if the lights are not flashing, it is no guarantee that sea conditions are favorable.

(201) A **heavy weather flag**, a square RED flag with a square BLACK center, will be displayed on a pole that is located on the western corner of the Coast Guard station and is visible to mariners from both directions to indicate that winds 48 knots and above are forecast for the area. Display of flags are required from one hour

before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Weather flags are flown at select Coast Guard stations to supplement other weather notification sources. Light signals corresponding to these flags are not displayed at night. In all cases mariners should rely upon National Weather Service broadcasts as their primary source of government provided weather information.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(202) The lines established for Yaquina Bay are described in **80.1340**, chapter 2.

Channels

(203) A Federal project provides for a 40-foot entrance channel, thence 30 feet from the first turn in the channel to and in the turning basin at McLean Point, thence 18 feet to Yaquina, thence 10 feet to Toledo at the head of the project. Controlling depths may be considerably less than these project depths. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of the charts for controlling depths.)

(204) At the entrance to Yaquina Bay and River, the buoys cannot be relied upon to indicate the best water, and in the river, depths are subject to frequent change. Recreational boaters unfamiliar with the area are advised to contact the Coast Guard on VHF-FM channel 16 or telephone 541-265-5381 for the latest bar conditions, advisory, or to arrange an escort when unfamiliar with bar conditions. Professional mariners desiring to enter Yaquina Bay and River should employ a pilot or someone with local knowledge.

(205) A fixed highway bridge across the channel, about 1.3 miles above the entrance, has a clearance of 129 feet. **Yaquina Bay Coast Guard Station** is on the N side of the bay, 400 yards NE of the bridge.

(206) **Newport**, just inside the N entrance point, is the principal town on the bay and river. The town has a considerable fishing industry with several small fish-processing plants. Lumber, logs, paper and plywood, either barged from upper river mills or delivered by truck, are shipped from the wharves at **McLean Point,** just E of Newport.

Tides

(207) The mean range of tide at Newport is 6.0 feet, and the diurnal range of tide is 8.0 feet.

Currents

(208) The current velocity is about 2.4 knots, on the flood, and 2.3 knots, on the ebb, in Yaquina Bay entrance. Near Newport docks the velocity is about 0.5 knot. Off Yaquina, and 1 mile S of Toledo, the velocity is about 1.4 knots. (See the Tidal Current Tables for predictions.)

Pilotage, Yaquina Bay

(209) Pilotage is compulsory for all foreign vessels and U.S. vessels under register. Pilotage is optional for U.S. vessels in the coastwise trade that have onboard a pilot licensed by the Federal Government for these waters. Pilotage for Yaquina Bay is available from Coos Bay Pilots Association. See Pilotage, Coos Bay, indexed as such, earlier this chapter for details.

(210) Pilots usually board vessels about 0.5 mile W of Yaquina Bay Approach Lighted Whistle Buoy Y (44°35.9'N., 124°06.7'W.).

Towage

(211) Tugs are available from Toledo and Coos Bay.

(212) Newport is a **customs port of entry.**

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(213) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(214) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

Wharves

(215) There are two deep-draft wharves in Yaquina Bay. The wharf at McLean Point, about 1 mile E of the highway bridge has two berths. Berth 1, just N of the turning basin, has 465 feet of berthing space, 30 to 32 feet reported alongside, and a deck height of 21 feet. Berth 2 (barge dock), just NE of the turning basin, has 250 feet of berthing space, 27 feet reported alongside, and a deck height of 14 feet. A concrete extension connected to berth 2 has 140 feet of berthing space in line with Berth 1, 35 feet reported alongside, and a deck height of 14 feet. Logs, lumber, plywood, and paper are shipped from both berths. The wharf is owned and operated by the Port of Newport.

Small-craft facilities

(216) The Port of Newport operates a boat basin that can handle small craft up to 80 feet on the S side of the bay about 350 yards E of the bridge. The basin is protected to the N and W by jetties marked on the outer ends by a daybeacon and a light, respectively. A dredged entrance channel leads through the jetties, thence S along the W jetty turning E at the foot and terminating at a boat ramp at the head of the boat basin. In March 2004, the controlling depth was 8 feet (except for shoaling from 7 to 2 feet in the right outside quarter of the channel along the W breakwater.) Gasoline berths, diesel fuel, electricity, water, ice, and a pumpout facility are available. Hull, engine, and shaft repairs can be made. Facilities can be contacted on VHF-FM channel 12 by

hailing the Port of Newport South. The Port of Newport Internet address is www.portofnewport.com.

(217) The Port of Newport operates a commercial moorage on the N shore about 0.7 mile above the highway bridge; a marina is also in this area. The moorage area is protected from the main channel by a detached breakwater marked by a light at each end. Berths, electricity, gasoline, and diesel fuel are available. Marine supplies can be obtained in Newport. There are several marine repair facilities on the river above Newport. Just N of **Oneatta Point**, 3.8 miles above the highway bridge at the entrance to the bay, full marine services and repairs are available. The facility has two travel lifts, one 15-ton and one 70-ton, and two 60-ton cranes.

Communication

(218) Communication is by highway and air. The municipal airport is about 4 miles S of Newport. A U.S. highway extends N and S along the coast, and a State highway leads to the interior.

(219) **Yaquina** is a small settlement 4.2 miles above the entrance. A power cable across Yaquina River, 0.5 mile above Yaquina, has a clearance of 77 feet. At Yaquina, there is moorage and a 6,000 pound hoist. Fuel and supplies can be purchased. Several small marinas are along the river between Newport and Toledo. (See Newport small-craft facilities description.)

(220) **Toledo**, about 11.5 miles above the entrance has large lumbermills and a papermill. The least depths alongside the wharves are 10 feet. Toledo also has a moorage capability for about 20 boats 65 feet or less. There is access to a 40-ton travel lift and a 300-ton marine dry dock. The fixed highway bridge, 0.5 mile above Toledo, has a clearance of 34 feet. An overhead pipeline with a clearance of 54 feet crosses **Depot Slough** just above the mouth. Overhead pipelines 0.3 mile above the mouth of the slough have a clearance of 18 feet.

Chart 18520

(221) From Yaquina Head to the mouth of Columbia River, the coast is fairly straight. The headlands are Cape Foulweather, Cascade Head, Cape Lookout, Cape Meares, Cape Falcon, and Tillamook Head. The 30-fathom curve follows the general trend of the coast about 3.5 miles offshore, without indicating the several headlands. When about opposite Tillamook Head, the curve swings W and is about 7.5 miles off the end of Clatsop Spit.

Chart 18561

(222) From Yaquina Head for 5.5 miles to Cape Foulweather, the coast consists of yellow and white sandstone cliffs, low and broken. **Iron Mountain,** 1.5 miles NE of Yaquina Head Light, is a 654-foot-high hill. When viewed from the S, the highest third of the hill is bare and composed of a red rock formation, the N side and lower part of the hill are covered with thick brush.

(223) A low flat rock, 8 feet high, is 0.4 mile offshore 2.8 miles N of Yaquina Head.

(224) **Otter Rock,** 11 feet high, is 3.2 miles N of Yaquina Head and 0.6 mile offshore. **Gull Rock,** 56 feet high, is 1.2 miles N of Otter Rock and 0.4 mile offshore. In line between the two rocks is a kelp field with several rocks, covered and awash. Covered rocks that break are 0.5 to 1 mile N of Gull Rock.

(225) **Cape Foulweather** is a prominent headland with about 6 miles of seaward face consisting of rocky cliffs over 60 feet high. The cape is formed by several grass-covered headlands, separated by densely wooded gulches. Near the middle of the cape is a strip of flat land, 0.5 mile long and 0.2 mile wide, bare of trees. The highest point of the cape is near the S part. A grassy patch is conspicuous on the SW slope. A white building with a red roof, 0.7 mile NNE of Gull Rock, is prominent on the high bluff just S of Cape Foulweather. About 0.9 mile SE of the extreme W point of the cape is a rocky point 445 feet high, and E of the point the hills rise to 1,100 feet in 0.6 mile. Dangers extend for nearly 2 miles N of the N point of Cape Foulweather and about 600 yards offshore.

(226) The coast highway follows the shoreline closely at Cape Foulweather.

(227) **Depoe Bay,** 8 miles N of Yaquina Head, has one of the best small-boat shelters along this part of the coast. The bay proper has foul ground on both the N and S sides, but the channel leading to the narrow dredged channel to the inner basin is deep and well marked. The foul areas break in moderate seas and are marked by kelp. Prominent from seaward is the concrete arch bridge over the entrance to the basin. A lighted whistle buoy is 1.1 miles W of the entrance to the bay, and a bell buoy is closer inshore.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(228) The lines established for Depoe Bay are described in **80.1345**, chapter 2.

(229) In September 1986, the reported controlling depth in the dredged channel to the fixed arched bridge was 8 feet; thence in March 2004, depths of 5 to 8 feet were available in the basin (except for lesser depths in the NE

and SE corners.) In 1994, shoaling to 4 feet was reported near the W edge of the channel under the bridge.

(230) The fixed concrete arched bridge over the entrance is unusual in that its width of 30 feet is less than the clearance of 42 feet. A lighted whistle buoy marks the approach to the bay and a lighted bell buoy and **085.5°** lighted range mark the entrance to the bay and the approach to the dredged channel to the basin, respectively; a fog signal is about 50 yards SW of the bridge. The navigator is cautioned against the dangerous surge in the narrow entrance to the basin. Boats over 50 feet long cannot enter the basin without a special waiver from the harbormaster, and then only at highwater. The entrance should not be attempted at night or in rough weather without local knowledge. **Depoe Bay Coast Guard Station,** at the inner basin, monitors VHF-FM channel 16 or may be contacted at 541-765-2123.

Coast Guard

(231) The Coast Guard has established Depoe Bay Entrance Small Boat Warning Sign, a **rough bar advisory sign,** 25 feet above the water, visible from the channel looking seaward, on a building on the N side of the basin entrance channel, to promote safety for small-boat operators. The sign is diamond-shaped, painted white with an international orange border, and with the words "**Rough Bar**" in black letters. The sign is equipped with two quick flashing yellow lights that will be activated when seas exceed 4 feet in height and are considered hazardous for small boats. Boatmen are cautioned, however, that if the lights are not guarantee that sea conditions are favorable.

(232) A **heavy weather flag**, a square RED flag with a square BLACK center, will be displayed on a pole that is located approximately 50 yards north of the bridge across the entrance to Depoe Bay, on the west side of highway 101 to indicate that winds 48 knots and above are forecast for the area. Display of flags are required from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Weather flags are flown at select Coast Guard stations to supplement other weather notification sources. Light signals corresponding to these flags are not displayed at night. In all cases mariners should rely upon National Weather Service broadcasts as their primary source of government provided weather information.

(233) The town of **Depoe Bay** is on the N side of the basin. The basin has a concrete bulkhead, mooring floats, and a tidal grid for minor hull repair work. Also available are berths with electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, launching ramp, and marine supplies. Hull and engine repairs can be made.

Chart 18520

(234) From Cape Foulweather for 9.5 miles to the entrance of Siletz Bay, the coast continues as yellow broken bluffs, 40 to 100 feet high, bordered by about 3 miles of sandy beaches. From the N point of the bluffs to the bay entrance are sand dunes covered with low brush.

(235) The entrance to **Siletz Bay** is 15 miles N of Yaquina Head. The entrance channel is subject to frequent change, and drafts of 4 or 5 feet are considered the deepest that can be safely taken in at high water.

(236) The N point at the entrance is a low bluff with a narrow sand beach. The S point is a low sandspit about 250 yards wide. The dunes on the spit are thinly wooded near the shore, but become thickly wooded inland. Several houses are on the spit. The bay inside the entrance is shoal. **Siletz River** enters the bay at the SE end.

(237) **Taft** and **Cutler City** are communities on the bay; both are parts of **Lincoln City,** which is 1.8 miles N. There are several marinas on the bay; a facility just above the highway bridge at the mouth of Siletz River has gasoline, water, ice, a launching ramp, and some marine supplies. Outboard engine repairs can be made here. The highway bridge just below the marina has a clearance of 31 feet.

(238) From Siletz Bay the coast extends 7 miles N to the Salmon River. For 2.5 miles of this stretch to the outlet of **Devils Lake,** the yellow standstone cliffs are 80 to 100 feet high. The lake is a large body of freshwater, 10 feet above sea level, that empties through a narrow stream. At 0.5 mile WSW of the mouth of the stream is a covered rock that generally breaks. For 3 miles N from the outlet of the lake, the bluffs are 20 to 60 feet high, rising to grassy hills. A broad beach and ledges of rocks are along the shore.

(239) **Salmon River** empties at the S extremity of Cascade Head; the entrance is nearly closed by sandbars.

(240) Immediately S of Salmon River is a rocky cliff whose seaward face is 0.6 mile long. The summit is a dome-shaped butte 510 feet high. From here a rolling grassy plateau with a few trees extends S and E to the river. A rock, 46 feet high, is 700 yards W of this cliff, and about a mile S is a covered rock 630 yards off the beach. Immediately S of and in line with Cascade Head, opposite the mouth of the river, are three grayish rocks about 765 yards offshore. These have heights of 56 feet on the N, 25 feet in the center, and 47 feet on the S.

(241) **Cascade Head,** 23 miles N of Yaquina Head, is very jagged and heavily wooded. The face of the cliff is 3 miles long, is over 700 feet high in places, and is cut by several deep gorges through which the waters of three creeks are discharged in cascades 60 to 80 feet high. Several rocks are about 0.1 mile offshore.

(242) **Two Arches,** 30 feet high, is a rock 0.9 mile N of the S point of Cascade Head. The arches are visible from N; the inner is the larger.

(243) From Cascade Head for 9.5 miles to Cape Kiwanda, the coast is a low sand beach with a narrow marsh behind the S part. Rolling hilltops, occasionally wooded, rise to an elevation of 500 feet behind the beach.

(244) **Neskowin Rock,** at the high-water line about 0.3 mile N of the N extremity of the cliffs marking Cascade Head, rises abruptly from the sand beach to 113 feet in height. The rock is dark brown and wooded on top.

(245) N of Neskowin Rock the Oregon Coast Highway is about 0.5 mile inland. At night the headlights of automobiles traveling this road cause intermittent flashes as they make the turns and might be mistaken for lights of vessels.

(246) **Nestucca River** empties into **Nestucca Bay** 5.5 miles N of Cascade Head. The channel over the bar changes frequently in position and depth, and only light-draft vessels having local knowledge are able to cross. A fixed highway bridge at Pacific City has a clearance of 10 feet. The river has many snags that change the depths and shift the channel. Even in a moderate sea, the bar is extremely dangerous. The point on the S side of the entrance consists of several low-rolling, grassy hillocks, about 400 to 500 feet high, which approach very close to the beach. The N point is the S extremity of the sandspit and dunes that extend to Cape Kiwanda.

(247) **Pacific City** is a summer resort about 3 miles above the entrance to Nestucca Bay. Gasoline and supplies are available in the community.

(248) **Haystack Rock,** 327 feet high, 0.5 mile SW of Cape Kiwanda and 0.5 mile offshore, is a prominent landmark. The rock is conical and dark for about half its height, and in summer the top is whitened by bird droppings. A lighted seasonal whistle buoy is just NW of the rock.

(249) **Cape Kiwanda,** 33 miles N of Yaquina Head, is a low yellow rocky point, much broken and eroded, that projects about 0.5 mile from the general trend of the coast. Behind the cape are bright sand dunes, 500 feet high, which are prominent from seaward. Just S of Cape Kiwanda is a beach resort area; a public launching ramp is here. A seasonal whistle buoy is about 0.6 mile W of the cape.

(250) From Cape Kiwanda the coast extends 7.5 miles in a general N direction to Cape Lookout. It is broken about halfway by the entrance to **Sand Lake,** which is shallow and not navigable. The coast consists of sand beaches and dunes until about a mile N of Sand Lake where it changes to vertical sandstone cliffs, 50 to 100 feet high. These continue to Cape Lookout.

(251) **Cape Lookout,** 40 miles N of Yaquina Head, projects W for 1.5 miles, forming a narrow rocky promontory 432 feet in height at its seaward extremity. The S face is nearly straight, and its precipitous cliffs have numerous caves. The N face is sloping and covered with a thick growth of timber. The ridge that forms the cape runs at about right angles to the coast, reaching an elevation of some 2,000 feet, 3.8 miles inland. The N face of the cape is smooth and bold for the first mile, and then is much broken and marked by caves and several cascades. Fair shelter in NW winds may be had under the S side of the cape in 6 to 8 fathoms, sandy bottom.

(252) N of Cape Lookout for 4.5 miles, the land falls to a low narrow sandy peninsula, separating Netarts Bay from the ocean. The sand dunes on the peninsula are visible for 10 or 12 miles.

(253) **Netarts Bay** is a shallow lagoon most of which is bare at low water. The village of **Netarts** is on the N shore a mile inside the entrance. Only light-draft boats with local knowledge can enter. A small-boat basin with two floating piers and a launching ramp are at Netarts. N of the entrance to Netarts Bay, for 1.5 miles to the rocks forming the S part of Cape Meares, the coast is a sandy beach, backed by cliffs 50 to 120 feet high. These cliffs, topped by sand dunes varying in height from 150 to 200 feet, are good landmarks.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(254) The lines established for Netarts Bay are described in **80.1350**, chapter 2.

Chart 18558

(255) **Cape Meares**, 48 miles N of Yaquina Head, is high and rocky, with a 2-mile-long seaward face. The N part is the higher, with nearly vertical cliffs 640 feet high. The W point is narrow, covered with fern and brush, and terminates seaward in a cliff 200 feet high.

(256) **Three Arch Rocks** are the largest of a cluster extending 350 yards off the S point of the cape. They range in height from 204 to 275 feet. The largest arch is in the middle of the lowest rock, and is about half the height of the rock above water. These rocks are the favorite resort of sea lions, whose barking can be heard a considerable distance with a favorable wind.

(257) **Cape Meares Light** (45°29'11"N., 123°58'42"W.), 232 feet above the water, is shown from a 17-foot white masonry building on the summit of the cliff.

(258) **Pillar Rock,** 75 feet high, is 0.2 mile NW of Cape Meares Light, and 0.4 mile farther NW is **Pyramid Rock,** 110 feet high, which leans seaward.

(259) From Cape Meares to Kincheloe Point, the coast is a low partly wooded sandspit, with dunes 40 to 50 feet

high. It forms the W shore of Tillamook Bay. A sand dike prevents a breakthrough N of Cape Meares, at **Pitcher Point.**

(260) **Tillamook Bay** entrance is 42 miles S of the Columbia River, 22.5 miles S of Tillamook Rock Light, and 5 miles N of Cape Meares Light. The bay has a tidal area of about 13 square miles, most of which, at low tide, presents a succession of sand and mud flats. There is no commercial traffic in the bay except for fishing boats and pleasure craft.

(261) **Kincheloe Point** is low and sandy and appears to be an island from a distance to the N. The N side of the entrance is the termination of a high wooded ridge extending between the bay and Nehalem River. **Green Hill,** opposite Kincheloe Point, is a 400-foot spur that terminates in a bluff rounded point. The prominent hill is covered by ferns, grass, and dense brush with trees on top.

(262) **Tillamook Bay Coast Guard Station** is on the N shore W of Garibaldi. A lookout tower is near the intersection of the N entrance jetty and the shore.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(263) The lines established for Tillamook Bay are described in **80.1355**, chapter 2.

(264) The entrance to Tillamook Bay is protected by jetties. The N jetty extends about 650 yards offshore. An entrance channel crosses the bar and leads eastward between the jetties, thence the channel turns SE, about 0.9 mile above the seaward end of the N jetty, and continues to about 0.3 mile past Kincheloe Point, thence the channel turns eastward and leads to a turning basin just W of Miami Cove. An access channel leads N from the turning basin to a mooring basin at the town of Garibaldi.

(265) In July 2004, the controlling depths were 18 feet in the entrance channel to the point where the channel turns SE, thence in July 2002-July 2004, 15 feet to Garibaldi Light 19, thence 9 feet along the N edge of the turning basin in the approach to the mooring basin; thence in 1999, depths of 1 to 3 feet were in the turning basin; thence in 1996-2000, a depth of 10 feet was available in the access channel to the mooring basin with depths of 6 to 9 feet in the basin. The project for the turning basin is inactive and has not been maintained for several years.

(266) A lighted whistle buoy is 1.25 miles W of the seaward end of the N jetty. The N jetty is marked by a light and fog signal. The entrance and channel to Garibaldi is marked by buoys, lights and a daybeacon. The area from the whistle buoy to the bay entrance frequently shoals which causes heavy breakers. Mariners are advised that the entrance channel is subject to frequent changes. Caution is advised during periods of heavy seas.

(267) Several visible and covered rocks are on the N side of the dredged channel. **Sow and Pigs,** across the channel from Kincheloe Point and nearly 500 yards off the N shore, is a rocky ledge that uncovers 1 to 6 feet. The ledge is dangerous when entering with a flood current, as the current sets toward it.

Currents

(268) The current velocity is 3 knots in the entrance to Tillamook Bay.

Coast Guard

(269) The Coast Guard has established Tillamook Bay Entrance Small Boat Warning Sign, a **rough bar advisory sign**, on the N side of the channel near the beginning of Garibaldi Channel, visible from the channel, to promote safety for small-boat operators. The sign is diamond-shaped, painted white with an international orange border and with the words **"Rough Bar"** in black letters. The sign is equipped with two quick flashing yellow lights that will be activated when seas exceed 4 feet in height and are considered hazardous for small boats. Boatmen are cautioned, however, that if the lights are not flashing, it is no guarantee that sea conditions are favorable.

(270) **Garibaldi,** a lumber and fishing town, is on the N shore 2 miles inside the entrance. A black concrete stack and a silver elevated tank are conspicuous. There are several small fish companies at Garibaldi.

(271) The town has a boat basin for commercial and sport fishing vessels. Berths for about 250 craft, electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, a launching ramp, and marine supplies are available at the basin. A drydock in the basin can handle craft to 100 tons, 68 feet long, or up to 9 feet in. draft. Repair work must be arranged for independently of the drydock operator; complete marine repairs can be made.

(272) S of Garibaldi, unmarked **Bay City Channel** follows the E side of Tillamook Bay to the S end where it continues through narrow and crooked **Hoquarten Slough** to Tillamook, 11 miles above Tillamook Bay entrance. The channel has a depth of about 6 feet to Bay City, 4.4 miles above Tillamook Bay entrance, but S of this point depths are less than 3 feet to Tillamook. During freshets, snags are carried into the upper part of the bay where they form a menace to navigation.

(273) **Bay City** has a small oyster cannery on an earth-fill pier. Fishing and crabbing are carried on in the vicinity, but all shipments are made by truck or rail.

(274) **Tillamook** is noted for the production of cheese. It is the distributing center for a rich farming and dairying section.

(275) **Tillamook River** empties into the S part of Tillamook Bay just W of the entrance to Hoquarten Slough. A fixed highway bridge with a clearance of 15 feet crosses the river about 0.7 mile above the mouth. A small marina is just S of the bridge on the W bank of **Trask River**, just inside the mouth; berths with electricity, water, ice, gasoline, a launching ramp, and marine supplies are available. Outboard engine repairs can be made. This marina is open only during the summer. Depths of about 2 feet can be carried in Tillamook River to the highway bridge. Wet and dry winter boat storage is available at the marina.

Chart 18520

(276) From Tillamook Bay to Nehalem River, the coast is nearly straight for about 5 miles. Several lakes in this stretch are separated from the beach by wooded sand dunes. The heavily wooded hills begin to rise 0.5 mile to 0.8 mile from the beach and in 1 mile reach elevations of 1,000 to 1,600 feet.

(277) **Twin Rocks** are 700 yards offshore and 2 miles N of the entrance to Tillamook Bay. Their bases are so close together that they usually look like one rock. The S and larger has an arch in it.

Chart 18556

(278) **Nehalem River**, 5 miles N of Tillamook Bay entrance, is tidal for about 10 miles from the entrance. Above this point the river is a mountain stream full of riffles and obstructed by boulders. The river constitutes a natural outlet for an extensive area of heavily timbered country. Lumbering and fishing are the principal industries. Sawmills are along the lower river.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(279) The lines established for the Nehalem River are described in **80.1360**, chapter 2.

(280) **Nehalem Beach,** the N point at the entrance, is a narrow sandspit, bare of trees, and with dunes of moderate elevation over the N part. The S side of the entrance is a low broad sand beach, backed by wooded country rising to elevations of 400 feet.

(281) The entrance is protected by jetties extending 600 yards from the shoreline, though there are a number of breaks in the jetties. A whistle buoy is nearly 1 mile W of the entrance, and a private buoy marks the submerged W end of the S jetty. A private range marks the entrance channel. Mariners are advised to seek local knowledge before using the entrance channel because of seasonal changes.

(282) The depths on the bar and within the bay are not sufficient for coastwise shipping. The controlling depth is about 4 feet on the bar, and 3 to 8 feet to Wheeler. The channel is changeable.

(283) A marina is at **Jetty**, on the E side of the river just inside the entrance. Berths with electricity, gasoline, water, ice, launching ramp, and marine supplies are available. Engine repairs can be made; wet winter boat storage is also available.

(284) **Brighton** is a small settlement on the E shore, 1 mile inside the entrance to the river. A marina is at Brighton. Berths with electricity, gasoline, water, ice, and a launching ramp is at the marina. Dry winter storage and engine repairs are available. **Wheeler**, 4.7 miles above the entrance, has an abandoned sawmill, a launching ramp, and wharf in ruins. All traffic is by truck.

(285) **Nehalem** is a small settlement on the W shore of the river, 6.3 miles above the entrance. A fixed highway bridge over the river just below Nehalem has a clearance of 30 feet. Close N of this bridge is an overhead power cable with a clearance of 52 feet. A surfaced launching ramp is on the E side of the river about 0.1 mile below the highway bridge.

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(286) The coast is low and sandy for about 3 miles N of Nehalem River entrance, then a dense forest begins which rises gradually to the S slope of Neahkahnie Mountain. There are grassy hillocks, 40 to 100 feet high, in the vicinity of the beach.

(287) **Cape Falcon,** 17 miles N of Cape Meares and 10 miles S of Tillamook Rock, projects about 2 miles from the general trend of the coast. The seaward face, less than 0.5 mile in extent, is very jagged with numerous rocks under the cliffs. The SW point of the cape is composed of nearly vertical cliffs, 200 feet high, and is partially timbered. **Falcon Rock,** 0.7 mile W of the cape, is small and not very conspicuous.

(288) **Smuggler Cove,** a small bight just S of Cape Falcon, is an excellent anchorage for small boats. The best anchorage is close to the N shore in 4 to 5 fathoms, protected from all except SW winds. Care should be taken to avoid two rocks, bare at extreme low water, that are about 150 yards from the N shore of the cove and rise abruptly from deep water.

(289) In July 1983, a sunken crane barge with 30 feet over it was reported about 0.8 mile S of Cape Falcon in about 45°44.9'N., 123°58.6'W.

(290) **Neahkahnie Mountain,** 2.8 miles inland of Cape Falcon, is a prominent landmark, and the most important feature for locating Nehalem River. The W summit of the double-headed mountain is rounded and 1,900 feet high, but the E summit is serrated and divided into three peaks of nearly equal height. The entire SE slope is bare of timber, but is covered with grass and fern. The seaward face terminates in rocky broken cliffs over 500 feet high, and there are a few rocks about 100 feet from the beach. The two summits are visible from S; from N, the W summit hides the E and is very conspicuous.

(291) NE of Cape Falcon, and 2 to 3 miles back from the shoreline, is a group of peaks; the highest and most prominent has a rounded summit, with a very gentle slope to the S and a more marked and abrupt drop to the N. It is very conspicuous from W in clear weather.

(292) **Arch Cape,** rocky and precipitous, projects slightly from the general trend of the coast. It is the termination of a mountain ridge rising to 2,775 feet about 3 miles E. The cape is bare of timber. A high rock is close to the cape and connected with it at low water. A smaller rock is about 100 yards seaward of the larger. There are several other high rocks in the vicinity of the cape.

(293) **Castle Rock** derives its name from its remarkable resemblance to a medieval castle with two towers, the taller of which is on the seaward end. It is about 0.8 mile W of the highest part of Arch Cape, and is the outermost bare rock. The upper part of the rock is covered with bird droppings and shows up very distinctly in sunlight. A rock awash is about 0.9 mile off the cape and 0.4 mile SW of Castle Rock; another rock, bare at lowest tides, is 0.5 mile offshore and 1 mile S of Castle Rock.

(294) **Hug Point** is a small cliff close to the beach, 1.8 miles N of Arch Cape; the cliffs in its vicinity are above 180 feet high.

(295) **Double Peak,** halfway between Cape Falcon and Tillamook Head, is the seaward end of a ridge extending E that reaches a height of 1,050 feet in less than 0.7 mile from the shore. It is heavily wooded and pitches abruptly to the sea, ending in a rocky broken cliff 100 feet high and 0.2 mile long. A rock is close to and abreast of the S end of the cliff; another rock is close to and abreast the N end. A ledge, with two rocks that uncover about 4 feet, is about a mile WSW of the highest part of the cliff.

(296) From Double Peak, the coast extends N for 2.7 miles to the mouth of **Ecola Creek,** and then turns sharply NW for the same distance to the W point of Tillamook Head. The coast is high and wooded with broken cliffs bordered by numerous rocks, except at Cannon Beach at the mouth of Ecola Creek.

(297) **Haystack Rock,** 1.5 miles N of Double Peak, is the largest of a cluster of rocks stretching out from the low-water line to 10 fathoms. A rock awash at low water

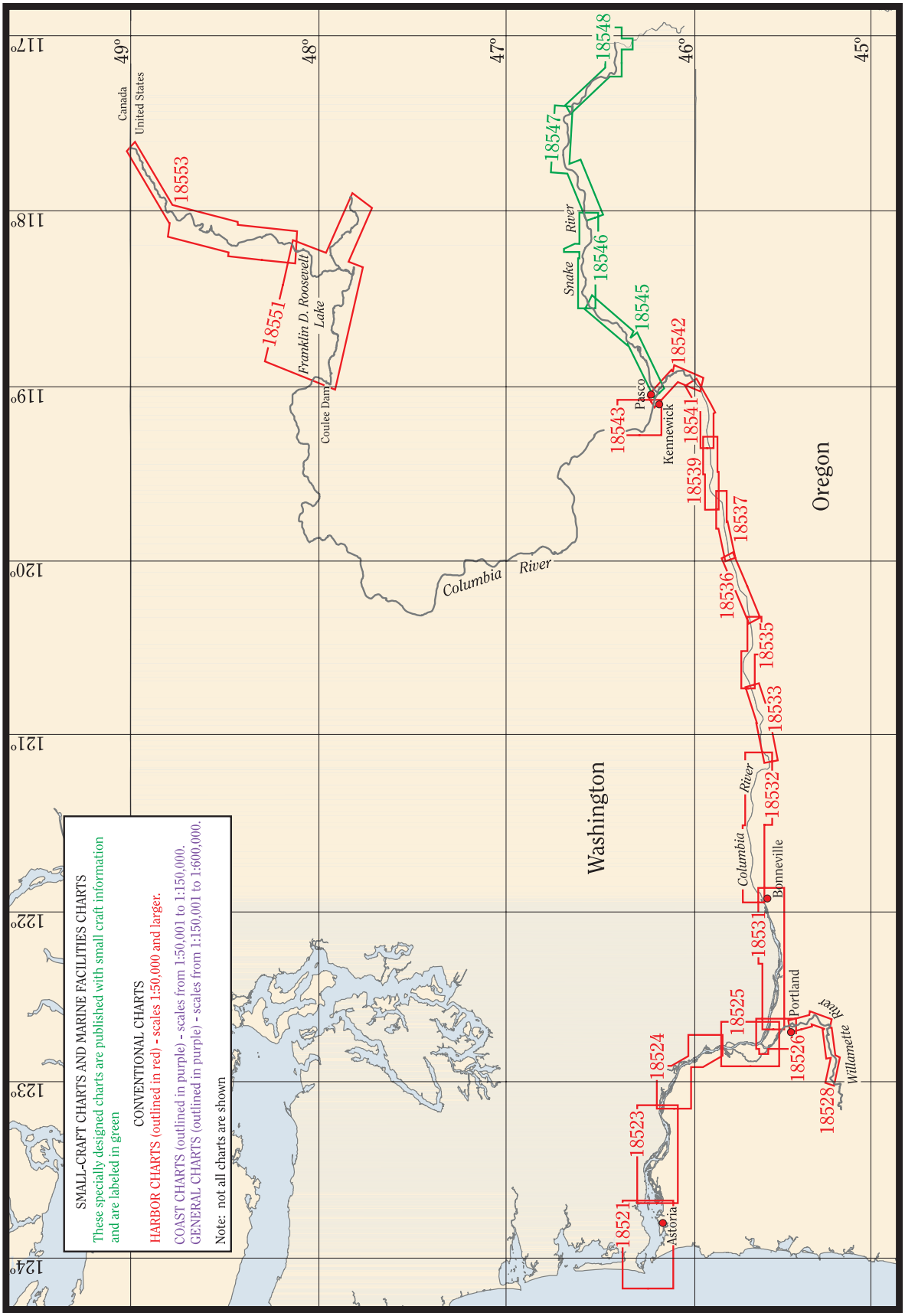
and surrounded by about 9 fathoms is 0.8 mile SW of Haystack Rock.

(298) **Tillamook Head,** 76 miles N of Yaquina Head, ends in two points which are 0.5 mile apart. The cliffs are 560 feet high at the S point and 1,000 feet high at the N point. A pinnacle rock is at the foot of the N cliffs, and extending offshore from it for 300 yards is a cluster of rocks, 45 to 150 feet high, the outer one being the lowest. The summit of the head is flat and densely wooded, with slightly lower land behind it.

(299) **Tillamook Rock,** nearly 1.2 miles W of the S point of Tillamook Head, has an abandoned lighthouse and buildings on it. The W face leans a little seaward. A rock awash is between Tillamook Rock and the nearest part of Tillamook Head.

(300) N of Tillamook Head the coast is a broad sand beach extending for 17 miles to Clatsop Spit, on the S side of the entrance to Columbia River. Low sandy ridges, covered with grass, fern, and brush, extend parallel with and back of the beach. **Necanicum River,** a small stream, empties at the summer resort of **Seaside,** 2.5 miles from the N side of Tillamook Head.

(301) **Saddle Mountain,** double-headed and 3,283 feet high, is the landfall for the approach to the Columbia River. The mountain is 14 miles E of Tillamook Rock and is visible 50 miles offshore. From NW, the mountain appears to be triple-headed; the NE peak appears cone shaped, sharp, and lowest; the middle peak is irregularly cone shaped; and the S and highest peak is a flat-topped cone.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Columbia River, Oregon and Washington

(1) This chapter describes the Columbia River from its mouth at the Pacific Ocean to the head of navigation above Richland, Wash. Also described are its two major tributaries, the Willamette River in Oregon and the Snake River in Washington and Idaho. The deep-draft ports of Astoria, Longview, Portland, and Vancouver are described as well as many smaller ports.

(2) **Note:** The nautical charts covering the Columbia, Willamette, and Snake Rivers show statute mile designations. However, the **distances** given in the text for these waterways are the **nautical miles** above their respective mouths with the statute mile equivalents shown in parentheses. Unless otherwise indicated, all other distances are given in nautical miles.

(3) **Mile 0.0,** on the Columbia River, is at the junction of the Main Channel Range and a line joining the outer ends of the jetties. The distance to the mouth of the Columbia River from a position 0.5 mile W of the Columbia River Approach Lighted Whistle Buoy CR is 5.8 (6.6) miles.

(4) Conversion tables, nautical miles to statute miles, and statute miles to nautical miles are on page T–34. Mileage conversion scales are also shown on the nautical charts.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(5) The lines established for the Columbia River are described in **80.1365**, chapter 2.

Vessel Arrival Reports

(6) The **Washington State Department of Ecology** requires that all tank vessels, and certain cargo and passenger vessels, submit an Advanced Notice of Entry (ANE) Report at least 24 hours prior to entering Washington waters.

(7) A tank vessel is defined as any vessel that carries, or is certified to carry, oil in bulk as cargo or cargo residue. A cargo vessel is any self-propelled vessel in commerce that is 300 gross tons or more. A passenger vessel is any vessel 300 gross tons or more with a fuel capacity of at least 6,000 gallons that carries passengers for compensation.

Vessels required to submit an ANE Report must provide the following information:

(8) a. Vessel name, flag, call sign, and IMO (Lloyd's) number or official number.

(9) b. Last port of call.

(10) c. Current position, time, course, and speed.

(11) d. Length and freshwater draft of vessel.

(12) e. Name and ETA to port of destination.

(13) f. Agent name, if any.

(14) g. Cargo; dangerous or pollutant cargo by name, UN number, or IMDG Code number of certain dangerous cargoes as defined in **33 CFR 160.203**. (The vessel must also report the items required in **33 CFR 160.211 (a)(1) through (a)(8) and (b)** when applicable.)

(15) h. Any hazardous conditions, defects, or deficiencies in charts, publications, hull, steering gear, propulsion machinery, navigation equipment, anchors or cables, or required radio communications equipment.

(16) i. On scene weather, if severe.

(17) j. Identify the vessel's Oil Spill Contingency Plan, the vessel's official number, owner or operator's full address, and bunkering activities while in Washington, if any.

(18) The Washington State Department of Ecology also requires owners and operators of vessels to submit Safety Reports when a vessel experiences an unusual circumstance. A Safety Report is required for any of the following conditions:

(19) a. Any abnormality or malfunction of any steering, propulsion, or safety system, or navigation systems required by federal or international law or regulation;

(20) b. A breach of hull or the integrity of a cargo of bunker tank that causes or that may reasonably be expected to cause an oil spill or loss of stability;

(21) c. Damage from fire or explosion;

(22) d. An incomplete engineering or deck complement under United States law or regulation under the requirements of the vessel's country of registry; or

(23) e. Any condition that could adversely affect the safety or a vessel, bridge, structure, shore area, or the environment.

(24) A Safety Report must be submitted with an Advance Notice of Entry, or, if the condition occurs after

submittal of an ANE the Department must be notified immediately by phone or facsimile of the condition. To inquire or submit vessel information, vessel owners or operators may contact the Washington State Department of Ecology by calling 24 hours, 503-790-4868 (Columbia River and Grays Harbor) or 360-956-8378 (Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound). Facsimile Safety Reports should be sent to 1-800-664-9184 or 360-407-7288. Cargo, passenger, fishing and tank vessels are subject to boarding by Washington State Department of Ecology inspectors when in port. Tank vessels are required to have a Tank Vessel Oil Spill Prevention Plan on file with Ecology or must obtain a waiver prior to entering Washington State waters. Washington State also has safe bunkering procedures that must be followed during fuel transfers. For more information contact Ecology by calling 24 hours, 503-790-4868 (Columbia River and Grays Harbor) or 360-956-8378 (Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound). **To report an oil spill call 1-800-258-5990.**

Caution

(25) The volcanic eruptions of Mount Saint Helens in mid-1980 caused extensive flooding with resulting heavy siltation in the lower Columbia River. Large amounts of mud, logs, and other debris entered Columbia River from Cowlitz River, just E of Longview at Mile 59 (68). In late 1980, dredging was done in the aforementioned area, however, mariners are advised to use caution in the Columbia River and its tributaries. Self-propelled hopper dredges, dredge barges and pipeline dredges may be encountered throughout the transit from sea to Bonneville Dam. Mariners should contact these vessels on VHF-FM channel 13 to make passing arrangements, and navigate with due caution through these areas.

(26) Rice Island, Miller Sands, Jim Crow Sands and Cottonwood Islands are used for dredging disposal sites. Elevations of these islands constantly change, as well as the overall shape and dimensions.

Charts 18003, 18007

(27) **Columbia River** rises in British Columbia, Canada, through which it flows for some 370 (425) miles before entering the continental United States in NE Washington. Thence it flows S to its junction with Snake River, from which it curves W and forms the boundary between the States of Washington and Oregon for the remainder of its course to the Pacific Ocean. Its entrance is 548 miles N of San Francisco and 145 miles S of the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The length of the river is 647 (745) miles in the United States. Between the Cascade Mountains, the river flows through a canyon averaging about 5 miles wide between high cliffs on each side; of this width, the river occupies about 1 mile, the rest being marsh, low islands, and lowlands. Near the mouth, the river becomes wider, and in some places is 5 miles across.

(28) Columbia and Willamette Rivers are navigable by deep-draft vessels to Vancouver, Wash., and Portland, Oreg. Barges navigate the Columbia River to Pasco and Kennewick, Wash., 286 (329) miles above the mouth.

(29) Navigation on the tributary Snake River, which joins the Columbia at Pasco, is possible to Lewiston, Idaho. The hydro-electric powerplants at the dams on the Columbia provide the major supply of electricity for the entire Northwest.

(30) The commerce, both foreign and domestic, is extensive. The exports are principally logs, lumber, and forest products, grain, flour, chemicals, fruit, fish, general and containerized cargo, and general merchandise; the imports are coal, petroleum products, bulk salt, bulk cement, alumina, manufactured, and general and containerized cargo.

(31) There are numerous settlements and landings, but Astoria, Oreg.; Longview, Wash.; Vancouver, Wash.; and Portland, Oreg. are the principal shipping points. The distances above the mouth of the Columbia River to these ports are, respectively, 12 (14) miles, 58 (66) miles, 92 (106) miles, and 97 (112) miles; Portland is on the Willamette River 9 (10.5) miles above its junction with the Columbia. A U.S. or Interstate Highway closely follows the S side of the Columbia River from Astoria to Portland to Pasco, Wash., and a Washington State Highway extends along or near the N bank from Skamokawa to Richland, Wash.

Prominent features

(32) **Columbia River Approach Lighted Whistle Buoy CR** (46°11'05"N., 124°11'03"W.), about 5.3 miles SW of the entrance to Columbia River, has red and white vertical stripes and is equipped with a racon.

(33) **Mount Saint Helens,** nearly 8,500 feet high with a truncated-cone shape, is about 75 miles E of the entrance to the river. On a clear day it is visible when looking up the valley from seaward. **Mount Hood** and **Mount Adams** are lofty snow-covered peaks, which are also visible from parts of Columbia River on a clear day.

(34) In 1980, several volcanic eruptions occurred from Mount Saint Helens. Mount Saint Helens' eruptions were the first in the continental United States since the volcanic eruption of Mount Lassen in northern California in 1915; both volcanoes are part of the Cascade Range.

Chart 18521

(35) **Clatsop Spit**, on the S side of the entrance, is a low sand beach, extending about 2.5 miles NW from Point Adams. There is a tendency for the shoal N of the spit to build up to the NW because of spring freshets and NW storms; vessels are cautioned to keep informed about conditions at the spit.

(36) **Point Adams,** just inside Clatsop Spit, is a low sandy point covered with spruce and undergrowth to the edge of the sand beach and low dunes. The point usually shows well from seaward, particularly if it is hazy inside.

(37) **Cape Disappointment,** the rugged N point at the Columbia River entrance, is the first major headland along the 20 miles of sand beach N from Tillamook Head. It comprises a group of rounding hills covering an area 2.5 miles long and 1 mile wide, divided by a narrow valley extending NNW. The seaward faces of these hills are precipitous cliffs with jagged, rocky points and small strips of sand beach. **Cape Disappointment Light** (46°16'33"N., 124°03'08"W.), 220 feet above the water, is shown from a 53-foot white conical tower with white horizontal band at top and bottom, and black horizontal band in the middle, on the S point of the cape. **Cape Disappointment Coast Guard Station** is at Fort Canby on the E side of the cape.

(38) From the S, Cape Disappointment shows as three low knobs, separated by low flat ridges. North Head Light shows on the W slope of the W knob. From the W, the cape is not prominent, but it stands out clearly when there is fog, haze, or smoke inside the cape. From NW, the cape appears as a flat island with a slight depression in the center and a timbered knob at each end. From this direction, a low, flat hill with gently sloping sides between the cape and high ridges E appears as an island from a distance.

(39) **McKenzie Head,** 0.8 mile NW of Cape Disappointment Light, is 190 feet high and nearly round. On its seaward face it is covered with grass and fern; bare of trees. On its E face it is heavily wooded with spruce.

(40) **North Head,** the extreme W point of the cape, is 270 feet high, with a very jagged, precipitous cliff, backed by a narrow grassy strip; the higher ground behind it is covered with trees. **North Head Light** (46°17'56"N., 124°04'41"W.), 194 feet above the water, is shown from a 65-foot white conical tower on the W point.

(41) The entrance to Columbia River is marked by two jetties. The S jetty extends 2.7 miles seaward from the NW end of Clatsop Spit; the westernmost mile of the jetty is submerged. The N jetty extends 800 yards seaward from the shoreline on the N side of the entrance. Lighted ranges, lights, buoys, and daybeacons mark the channels.

Channels

(42) Federal project depths in the Columbia River are 48 feet over the bar, thence 40 feet to the Broadway Bridge at Portland, Oreg.; 40 feet from the confluence of the Willamette and Columbia Rivers through the lower turning basin at Vancouver; and thence 35 feet through the upper turning basin at Vancouver. (See Notice to Mariners for controlling depths.) Additional information can be obtained from the Corps of Engineers, Portland, Oreg. (See appendix for address.)

(43) Above Vancouver the Federal project depth is 27 feet for about 75 (86) miles to The Dalles, thence 14 feet for about 87 (100) miles to McNary Dam. The Federal project also provides for a 15-foot barge channel which extends SE from the S side of the upper turning basin at Vancouver and connects with the 27-foot channel about 1 mile upriver. An alternate barge channel, just S of and running parallel to the barge channel, extends SE to the 27-foot channel. In October 1999, the controlling depth in the alternate barge channel was 17 feet. Controlling depths throughout the river channels and basins may be considerably less than project depths. The depths over the lower sills of the locks at The Dalles, John Day, and McNary Dams may be the controlling depth for this stretch of the river; the least sill depth (at McNary Dam) will usually exceed 12 feet at normal pool level. In the pool above McNary Dam to Pasco and Kennewick, depths range from 14 to 115 feet. Navigation on the Snake River is possible to Lewiston, Idaho. (See Notice to Mariners for controlling depths.) Additional information can be obtained from the Corps of Engineers, Portland, Oreg. and Walla Walla, Wash. (See appendix for addresses.)

Depths

(44) Minimum depths are given at mean lower low water from the entrance of the Columbia River to Harrington Point, thence at Columbia River Datum to Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River, and Willamette Falls Locks at Oregon City on the Willamette River. **Columbia River Datum** is the mean lower low water during lowest river stages. The staff gage at the Columbia River Pilots' Office, at the foot of 14th Street at Astoria, Oreg., is set with zero at mean lower low water. The staff gages on the bars from Harrington Point to Portland, Oreg., are set with zero at Columbia River Datum. Above the Willamette Falls Locks, at Oregon City, depths of the Willamette River are at **Willamette River Datum.** Above Bonneville Dam depths of the Columbia River are referred to the normal pool level of the various dams on the Columbia River.

Anchorages

(45) **General anchorages** are in the Columbia River. (See **110.1 and 110.228,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Bridges and cables

(46) Clearances of bridges and cables over Columbia River and its tributaries are at **mean lower low water** below Harrington Point and at **Columbia River Datum** between Harrington Point and Bonneville Dam. Above Bonneville Dam the clearances are referred to the **normal pool level** of the various dams on the Columbia River. On the Willamette River above the Willamette Falls Locks, at Oregon City, clearances are referred to the datum of **Newburg Pool.** Minimum clearance of cable crossing the main channel of the Columbia and Willamette Rivers to Portland and Vancouver is 216 feet.

Caution regarding aids to navigation

(47) During the seasonal high-water conditions, aids to navigation may be destroyed or rendered unreliable. Mariners are warned to exercise caution in navigating the river and to obtain the latest information regarding aids to navigation by local inquiry and through local Notice to Mariners, available upon request to the Commander, 13th Coast Guard District, Seattle, (see appendix for address). Every effort is made to restore the aids to operating condition as soon as possible.

Weather, Columbia River, Oregon and Washington

(48) The maritime climate near the Columbia River's mouth slowly turns continental as you head upstream. Temperatures become warmer in summer and colder in winter. Daily temperatures vary more. Rain and fog are less frequent, but the chance of snow is greater. In the Columbia River Gorge, winds are deflected and channeled by topography.

(49) Average winter daytime temperatures vary from the upper forties (8.9° to 9.4°C) near the mouth to the upper thirties (3.3° to 3.9°C) near the Snake River junction. At night, this range is from the mid-thirties (0.6° to 2.8°C) to the mid-twenties (-5.0° to -2.8°C). Cold spells occur with an outbreak of frigid Canadian air. Extreme temperatures range from the low teens (-11.7° to -11.1°C) near the coast to below zero upriver (-18.3°C). Snow, of a significant amount, falls on 2 to 5 days each year, and is most likely upriver. Occasionally, an ice storm or "silver thaw" will occur; this happens most often between the Gorge and Vancouver. While winds are strongest in late fall and winter, they seldom reach gale force along the Columbia. Extremes of 75 knots have occurred; strongest winds are usually out of the south or southwest. Wind flow is generally from the east through southeast in winter, and wind speeds reach 17 knots or more about 5 to 10 percent of the time. However, locally at Troutdale, winds blow at 17 knots or more up to 30 percent of the time. Fog drops winter visibilities below 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on about 3 to 6 days per month.

(50) Spring temperatures rise slowly near the mouth of the Columbia, compared to the rise upriver. By April, daytime temperatures upriver average in the midsixties (17.2° to 19.4°C), while those near the mouth are in the midfifties (11.7° to 13.9°C). Average low temperatures are near 40°F (4.4°C) everywhere. Rain and fog become less frequent than they were in winter. Gales are rare and winds of 17 knots or more blow less than 5 percent of the time except locally around The Dalles, where winds of 17 knots or more occur 18 to 25 percent of the time from April through August. By April, winds are generally out of the W through NW. Flooding on the Columbia is most likely to occur from April through June, when snow melt at its headwater is most rapid. While flooding is kept under control, to a great extent, by multi-purpose dams, heavy rains during the melting season can trigger floods.

(51) Summer winds remain W through NW and generally light. Near the mouth of the river, these maritime winds have a cooling effect. They keep average daytime temperatures below 70°F (21.1°C) at Astoria and below 80°F (26.7°C) at Portland. This effect diminishes upstream, and E of the Cascades daytime temperatures average close to 90°F (32.2°C). Lows at night fall into the low fifties near the coast and upper fifties (14.4° to 15.0°C) inland. Rain falls on only a few days per month, usually in the form of showers or thunderstorms. Toward late summer, fog becomes a hazard near the mouth. At Astoria, visibilities fall below 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on about 4 days in August.

(52) Fog spreads upstream to Portland and Troutdale by September. During the fall, fog reduces visibilities to less than 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on 4 to 8 days per month, W of the Columbia River Gorge. The difference in fog E and W of the Gorge does not extend to temperatures. The temperature range is smallest in fall. In October, daytime high temperatures range from the low sixties (16.1° to 16.7°C) near the mouth to the midsixties (17.2° to 19.4°C) upriver, while average low temperatures vary from the midforties (6.1° to 8.3°C) near the coast to the low forties inland (5.0° to 5.6°C. By October, winds begin to blow more out of the E through SE and become stronger. While gales are infrequent, winds of 17 knots or more occur 4 to 10 percent of the time. Rain falls on about 5 to 15 days per month W of the Cascades and 2 to 6 days per month to the E.

Routes, Columbia River approach

(53) The lights at the entrance and at Willapa Bay 28 miles N, are distinguishing marks for determining a vessel's position and subsequent shaping of her course.

(54) In thick weather, great caution is essential on the approach from any direction. The currents are variable and uncertain. Velocities of 3 to 3.5 knots have been observed between Blunts Reef and Swiftsure Bank, and velocities considerably in excess of those amounts have been reported. Under such conditions, vessels should keep outside the 30-fathom curve until Columbia River Approach Lighted Whistle Buoy CR has been made.

(55) In clear weather, vessels should have no difficulty in entering the river as the aids to navigation are numerous. In thick weather, however, when aids cannot be seen, strangers should not attempt to enter without a pilot.

(56) Dredges will usually be found at work in the channels; these dredges should be passed with caution and reduced speed. (See **162.225,** chapter 2, for navigation regulations.)

Weather, Cape Disappointment

(57) An estimate of bar conditions, visibility, and weather may be obtained by radio from the Coast Guard station at Cape Disappointment.

Tides

(58) Mean ranges of tides on the Columbia River range from 6.6 feet at Tongue Point, E of Astoria, to 3.3 feet at Longview, Wash., to 1.3 feet at Vancouver, Wash. (See Tide Tables for mean and diurnal ranges at selected points along the Columbia River.)

Currents

(59) The currents in the Columbia River and approaches are described in the Tidal Current Tables.

Caution

(60) The Columbia River bar is reported to be very dangerous because of sudden and unpredictable changes in the currents often accompanied by breakers. It is reported that ebb currents on the N side of the bar attain velocities of 6 to 8 knots, and that strong NW winds sometimes cause currents that set N or against the wind in the area outside the jetties.

(61) In the entrance the currents are variable, and at times reach a velocity of over 5 knots on the ebb; on the flood they seldom exceed a velocity of 4 knots. The current velocity is 3.5 knots, but this tidal current is always modified both as to velocity and time of slack water by the river discharge. On the flood there is a dangerous set toward Clatsop Spit, its direction being approximately ESE; on the ebb the current sets along the line of buoys. Heavy breakers have been reported as far inside the entrance as Buoy 20, N of Clatsop Spit.

(62) (See the Tidal Current Tables for daily predictions.)

Freshets

(63) The annual high-water freshet stage on the Columbia occurs in the latter part of May, but on Willamette River the peak-flow period usually begins mid-December and continues through February, according to measurements taken by the U.S. Geological Survey over the past 70 years. Thus, the Willamette is low or nearly so at the time of the peak flow on the Columbia in late May. This causes the Willamette to apparently change direction under the influence of the stronger flow or "backup" from the Columbia, which change is apparent at least as far up the Willamette as the city of Portland.

(64) On Columbia River, the freshet flow causes some shoaling in the dredged cuts, but redredging is done to maintain project depths.

(65) 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 Columbia and Willamette Rivers. The danger is increased during spring freshets. **Deadheads** or **sinkers** are logs which have become adrift from rafts or booms. One end of the sinker settles to the bottom while the other end floats just awash, rising and falling with the tide.

Ice

(66) Ice forms occasionally in both the Willamette and Columbia Rivers, but it is seldom heavy enough to affect navigation seriously.

Pilotage, Columbia River and Bar

(67) Pilotage across the Columbia River bar and up or down the river is compulsory for U.S. vessels enrolled or sailing under Registry and all foreign vessels, except foreign recreational or fishing vessels not more than 100 feet in length or 250 gross tons international.

(68) Columbia River Pilots and Columbia River Bar Pilots serve Columbia River and its tributaries, from the entrance over the bar to the head of navigation. Larger ports served are Astoria and Portland, OR; Vancouver, Kalama, and Longview, WA.

(69) Pilotage is provided by the Columbia River Bar Pilots for the river entrance, from the open sea in at least 30 fathoms of water to the easternmost wharf at Astoria, and by the Columbia River Pilots from the westernmost wharf at Astoria to the head of navigation on the Columbia or Willamette Rivers and their tributaries. The Columbia River Pilots office address is: 13225 N. Lombard, Portland, Oregon 97203; telephone 503-289-9922; Fax 503-289-9955. The Columbia River Bar

Pilots office address is: 103 14th Street, Astoria, Oregon 97103; telephone 503-325-2641; Fax 503-325-5630.

(70) All vessels requesting the service of the Columbia River Bar Pilots are requested to give notification of their time of arrival directly to Columbia River Bar Pilots, Astoria (not through agent) at least 12 hours in advance by telephone or fax to the pilot office in Astoria, or by wire to BARPILOT ASTO: TWX 9104668014; marisat 0259104668014. The Columbia River Bar Pilots office is capable of communicating by VHF radio with vessels offshore at distances greater than 60 miles. If the arrival time changes due to weather or other causes, Columbia River Bar Pilots are to be notified no later than 4 hours before the original ETA expires. Failure to communicate in a timely manner directly to the Columbia River Bar Pilots may result in delay. Marine exchange, vessel agents and Columbia River Pilots are advised of information received by the Columbia River Bar Pilots. When incoming from sea without the service of a Columbia River Bar Pilot, vessels or agents must give notice to the Columbia River Pilots between the hours of 0800 and 1600, and at least 12 hours prior to estimated time of arrival at Astoria. The call may be placed to the Columbia River Bar Pilots office in Astoria, OR.

(71) When ordering a Columbia River Bar Pilot, the following information is required:

(72) 1. Complete name and type of vessel.

(73) 2. The date and time of vessel ETA at the Pilot Station.

(74) 3. Maximum fresh water draft. If vessel is not even keel, provide fore and aft fresh water drafts.

(75) 4. Any pertinent spacial information or instructions about the vessels and its arrival.

(76) Embarking and disembarking Columbia River Bar Pilots is accomplished by helicopter or boat. All vessels are required to contact Columbia River Bar Pilots via VHF channel 9, 13, or 16 as far in advance as possible of arrival time. The call sign for the Bar Pilot office is KOK-360. Vessels will be asked to confirm arrival time and are advised to call in again when 15 miles from the CR buoy via VHF channels 9 or 13. At that time vessels will be advised of pilot boarding instructions. The primary method of pilot boarding is by helicopter. The Bar Pilots also maintain one of 2 pilot boats on standby at all times. Vessels should not approach the CR buoy until advised by a pilot. While awaiting a pilot boarding by helicopter or pilot boat, vessels should stay within a marshalling area approximately 5 miles west of the CR buoy. Pilots boarding by helicopter will generally board within 4 to10 miles northwest to southwest of the CR buoy. Boarding by pilot boat generally takes place in the vicinity of the CR buoy.

Helicopter Transfer Procedures

General:

(77) Operations will be in accordance with ICAO regulations and with the International Chamber of Shipping's Guide to Helicopter/Ship Operations rules. The pilot helicopter SEAHAWK is 42.7 feet long with a rotor span of 36 feet and has a blue and white body with the word PILOT prominently displayed on the side. Vessel configuration, sea state and wind force will determine if a hoist or landing will be conducted. To provide the highest degree of safety for boarding, the Master may be requested to alter course or speed of the vessel, if safe to do so. The objective is to provide **minimum roll of the vessel** at the time of transfer.

Communication:

(78) 1. The arriving vessel shall call in to Columbia River Bar Pilots on VHF channels 9 or 13 with course and speed information.

(79) 2. Pilot helicopter "SEAHAWK" will then be dispatched to the vessel with the Marine Pilot.

(80) 3. The arriving vessel must remain on VHF channel 9 for helicopter operations until the marine pilot is safely transferred and the helicopter has departed the area.

Masters, prior to helicopter arrival must confirm the following:

(81) 1. Check that no wires or aerials are above the helicopter maneuvering zone.

(82) 2. Check that no loose objects are in or near the helicopter maneuvering zone.

(83) 3. At night, the helicopter maneuvering zone should be illuminated with all available deck lighting, but not in such a way to blind the helicopter crew. Deck lights must remain ON until the helicopter has departed the area.

(84) 4. Assisting crewmen should wear eye protective goggles.

(85) 5. The trail line, when used, must **NOT** be fastened to the vessel.

General Transfer Operations Instructions:

(86) 1. A clear area 5 meters in diameter with no obstructions higher than 0.08 meter.

(87) 2. A maneuvering zone concentric with previous area, which may extend over the vessel's side of 20 meters with no obstructions higher than 3 meters.

(88) **NOTE**: With the Master's agreement, the helicopter pilot may decide to conduct the transfer hoist outside of the designated area.

(89) 3. Vessel's course altered to prove **minimum roll of the vessel**.

(90) 4. Provide two crewmen to assist with transfer.

Trail/Tag line hoist operation:

(91) 1. The vessel crew tending the trail line must insure that the line is not tied to the vessel and does not become fouled with the vessel.

(92) 2. The vessel crew tending the trail line shall use it to guide the Marine Pilot to the intended hoist area using only enough force to stabilize and keep the Pilot from swinging into hazards.

Land on Deck operations:

(93) 1. All vessel crew assisting with transfer must remain clear of designated helicopter maneuvering zone. No vessel crew should ever approach the helicopter unless directed. Never pass in back or in front of the helicopter.

Pilot Boat Transfer Procedures

(94) If the arriving vessel is advised that the pilot boat be utilized for pilot transfer, one of two boats will be used, as follows:

(95) The pilot boat CHINOOK is 72 feet long and has a yellow hull and yellow super structure with the word PILOT prominently displayed on the side of the house. The pilot boat COLUMBIA is 82 feet long and has a white hull and a white and orange superstructure with the word PILOT prominently displayed on the side of the house.

(96) When CHINOOK is used, speed of the vessel should be 12 to 14 knots and the pilot ladder should be rigged 2 meters above the waterline. When the COLUMBIA is used, speed of the vessel should be 10 knots and the pilot ladder should be rigged 3 meters above the waterline. With either boat, the ladder should be rigged on the side indicated by the pilot boat, as close to midship as possible, with no manropes, and clear of all discharges and obstructions. The ladder must be rigged in accordance with SOLAS requirements, and must be well lighted at night. Manropes are required on outbound vessels.

(97) When transferring pilots off Astoria, pilot boat ARROW 2 is used. It is 53 feet in length with a dark green hull and white superstructure. The word PILOT is prominently displayed on a signboard forward of the house. When using the ARROW 2, the pilot ladder should be rigged midship, 1 meter above the waterline, in accordance with SOLAS requirements. Maximum speed of the vessel should be 9 knots.

(98) Inbound vessels with drafts of 36 feet or greater are requested to arrive at Astoria 2 hours prior to Astoria high tide in order to take advantage of tidal conditions. Outbound vessels with drafts of up to 36 feet but less than 38 feet can generally sail at any time, but occasionally sailing times must be delayed to avoid transiting the river during extremely low tides. Outbound vessels with drafts of 38 feet or greater must have sailing times set to take advantage of optimum tidal conditions.

(99) Masters of vessels arriving at the Columbia River during a bar closure are advised to stand offshore at least 10 miles west of the Columbia River Approach Buoy "CR" and await instructions from the Columbia River Bar Pilots. Using the open roadstead in the vicinity of the Columbia River entrance as an anchorage is dangerous in any weather, and IS NOT recommended by the Columbia River Bar Pilots.

(100) A fixed amber light is maintained by the Columbia River Bar Pilots atop the pilot office at Astoria. When this light is exhibited it will inform outward bound vessels that desire a Bar Pilot that the bar is not passable and that the vessel should remain in port.

(101) **Baker Bay** is a shoal open bight, E of Cape Disappointment, formed by the cape and the recession of the land N. **Sand Island**, low and flat, fronts the bay on the SW side. In 1997 a dangerous wreck was reported 800 yards WNW of Sand Island Lower Dike Light 1 in about 46°15'46"N., 124°00'57"W.

(102) A dredged channel leads N from the Columbia River along the W side of Sand Island thence to the Port of Ilwaco mooring basin about 3 miles above the entrance. The entrance is between two detached jetties marked at the channel ends by lights. The channel is marked by lights and daybeacons. The entrance usually has swells and is subject to continual change; the channel should be navigated only at high water with local knowledge. (See Notice to Mariners and the latest edition of the chart for controlling depths.) The rest of Baker Bay is covered with shoals and abandoned fish traps.

(103) **Ilwaco** is the base for a large commercial and sport fishing fleet. Berths with electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, ice, water, and other supplies are available. The largest marine railway can handle vessels up to 75 feet long for all types of repairs. Lifts up to 50 tons are also available. Wet winter boat storage is available at this port. Machine and carpentry shops are at this boatyard. The **Port of Ilwaco** administers the docks and facilities of the port. For information about the channel or facilities, contact the port manager or harbormaster at 360-642-3143 or on VHF-FM channel 16.

(104) **Desdemona Sands,** marked by a light near the W end, is a shoal area extending SE for about 8 (9.2) miles from just inside the entrance to Columbia River. Desdemona Sands has the main river channel to the S and a secondary channel to the N.

(105) A boat basin is at **Hammond**. Its entrance is marked by a light and a daybeacon on the E and W jetties, respectively. In April 2000, the controlling depth was 6 feet in the basin channel with shoaling to lesser depths at the S end. Berths with electricity, for about 140 craft, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, marine supplies, and a launching ramp are available at the basin. Wet winter storage and minor repairs are available in the basin.

(106) A packing plant wharf is about 0.5 mile SE of the boat basin at Hammond.

(107) **Warrenton**, on the **Skipanon Waterway** at Mile 9.5 (11), is the base of a large sport fishing fleet. About 1 mile above the entrance to the waterway is a basin with a marina on the S side. Berths with electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, marine supplies, and a launching ramp are available. A marine railway that can handle boats up to 80 feet long is at the marina for hull repairs.

(108) In June 2002, the controlling depths were 13 feet (16 feet at midchannel) in the entrance channel to the basin, thence depths of 4 to 8 feet in the N half and 8 to 15 feet in the S half of the basin, and thence 6 feet at midchannel to the head of the project at the railroad bridge; this part of **Skipanon River** is used for logging operations. The channel to the turning basin is marked by a **198°30'** lighted range; lights mark the channel entrance.

(109) Above the waterfront area, the river is crossed by a fixed highway bridge with a clearance of 17 feet. A power cable upstream from the bridge has a reported clearance of 25 feet.

(110) **Scarboro Hill,** 820 feet high, is on the Washington side about 7 (8) miles E of Cape Disappointment. It is a long, gradually rising ridge, covered with grass, fern, and some trees. A number of conspicuous light-colored buildings of the historical Fort Columbia State Park may be seen near the base of the hill.

(111) A dredged marked channel leads from Columbia River near the E end of Baker Bay to a basin at **Chinook,** on the Washington side. In June 2002, the controlling depth was 6 feet in the left half of the channel to the basin; thence in September 1986, depths of 6 feet were reported available in the basin. Berths with electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, a launching ramp, and some marine supplies are available at the basin. A packing company wharf is at the basin. A 6-ton hoist is available for engine repair work. Wet winter storage is available in the basin.

(112) **Smith Point,** at Mile 11.3 (13.0) on the Oregon side, is the W termination of a high, wooded ridge; it is the first prominent point on the S bank SE of Point Adams. The ridge culminates in **Coxcomb Hill,** 595 feet high, behind Astoria. The Astoria Column on the top of the hill is prominent.

(113) **Youngs Bay** is a shoal body of water just W of Smith Point. It receives the waters of **Youngs River** and **Lewis and Clark River.** The docks of a marine repair yard are 0.5 mile above the Old Route 101 highway bridge crossing the Lewis and Clark River. The yard can handle vessels up to 350 tons for hull and engine repairs. Traffic on the two rivers is confined chiefly to tugs handling log rafts just above the highway bridges. Small tugs operate to the town of **Olney** on Youngs River at high tide.

(114) In December 1992, depths of about 5 feet could be taken to the mouth of Lewis and Clark River with shoaling to bare across the river entrance.

(115) In December 1992, the controlling depth was 5 feet in the improved channel through Youngs Bay to the bascule highway bridge at the entrance to Youngs River; deeper water can be found inside.

(116) Youngs Bay is crossed by U.S. Route 26/101 vertical-lift highway bridge with clearances of 39 feet down and 74 feet up, about 0.3 mile above the mouth. The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 16 and works on channel 13, call sign WHG-914. The highway bascule bridge, 2.1 miles above the bay entrance at the entrance to Youngs River, has a clearance of 24 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.899**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) In 2003, the N draw leaf of the bascule span was disabled. The least clearance of overhead cables across Youngs River to about 4 miles above the mouth is 103 feet.

(117) Over Lewis and Clark River, 0.8 miles above the mouth, is a highway bascule bridge with a clearance of 25 feet. The power cable at the bridge and the two about 1.8 miles above the mouth have a least clearance of 64 feet. The highway bridge, 4.8 miles above the mouth, has a fixed span 18 feet wide with clearance of 10 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.899**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) Clearances and depths on Youngs River and Lewis and Clark River are at **mean lower low water.**

(118) **Point Ellice,** on the Washington side 11 (12.7) miles inside the entrance, is the termination of a spur from the mountain ridge back of Scarboro Hill. The point is rounding and rocky, but not high. Two high hillocks lie behind the point. In this area there are many abandoned fish traps and pile structures that extend into the river.

(119) **Astoria,** at Mile 12 (14) on the Oregon side, extends from Youngs Bay to Tongue Point. It is the principal city on the Columbia River below Longview, Wash. It has connections with the interior by both rail and highway.

Anchorages

(120) **General anchorages** are N and W of Tongue Point. (See **110.1 and 110.228**, chapter 2, for limits and

regulations.) Harbor regulations prohibit vessels from anchoring more than 1 hour within an area bounded on the S by the Astoria waterfront and on the N by the main channel buoys.

(121) The fixed highway bridge between Astoria and Point Ellice has a clearance of 205 feet at the center over the main channel and 48 feet over the N channel. A racon is on the bridge support pier just N of the main ship channel.

Tides

(122) The mean range of tide at Astoria is 6.6 feet, and the diurnal range of tide is 8.4 feet. A range of about 12 feet may occur at the time of maximum tides. (See the Tide Tables for daily predictions at Astoria (Tongue Point).)

Currents

(123) Above Astoria the current velocity is 1 to 3 knots except during the freshet period when the ebb is considerably increased although not enough to affect navigation seriously.

Weather, Astoria and vicinity

(124) Astoria's perennially verdant landscape is hemmed by rather low mountains on the N, E, and S. On the W it is open to the Pacific Ocean over 4 miles (7 km) or more of low green dunelands and the last 10 miles (19 km) of the Columbia River.

(125) The average temperature in Astoria is 51°F (10.6°C). The average maximum is 58°F (14.4°C) while the average minimum is 44°F (6.7°C). Ninety degree-plus readings have been recorded only during the June through September period and the all-time high is 100°F (37.8°C) recorded in July 1961. Temperatures less than 40°F (4.4°C) have been recorded in every month and only June through September have escaped below-freezing temperatures. The extreme minimum is 6°F (-14.4°C) recorded in December of 1972 and 1990.

(126) The average precipitation for Astoria is just over 67 inches (1702 mm). December is the wettest month averaging 10.50 inches (267 mm) while July is the driest month averaging only 1.10 inches (27.94 mm). An average of 240 days each year record precipitation. Snowfall is unusual. The average annual snowfall total is only 4.3 inches (109.2 mm) but every month except June through September has recorded at least a trace. An average of 191 days each year has fog and it is somewhat evenly distributed throughout the year. May is the most fog-free month while October records the most foggy days.

(127) Weather hazards occasionally occur. Storms may sink or wreck ships. Even in fair weather, wind and wave may combine to produce a type of breaker known as the "widow-maker" and swamp a boat. Heavy rains inundate lowlands, and high tides aggravated by gales may push seawater across highways and up beaches. Rains may cause earthslides, mostly in highway cuts. Storms may fell trees or break power and phone lines. Lightning strikes are rare. Showers of small hail may briefly whiten the ground during many of the months. Occasionally in winter there may be rather brief periods of freezing temperatures, with snow or ice.

(128) The climate of Astoria is generally characterized by summers with cool breezes and waters, moderate temperatures and periods of fog. Heat waves are uncommon and usually brief. Winters often bring dampness, increased precipitation, storms, winds and cloudness with brief periods of freezing temperatures, snow and ice. (See page T-7 for Astoria **climatological table**.)

Pilotage, Astoria

(129) See Pilotage, Columbia River and Bar, indexed as such, earlier this chapter.

Towage

(130) Tugs to 3,600 hp are available at Astoria with 12 hours notice. Arrangements for tugs are usually made in advance by ships' agents. Barges of various size and application are available with prior arrangement.

(131) Astoria is a **customs port of entry.**

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(132) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(133) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

Coast Guard

(134) Two Coast Guard cutters are stationed at Astoria. Astoria Coast Guard Air Station is at Clatsop County Airport.

Harbor regulations

(135) Harbor regulations are prescribed by the Port of Astoria Board of Commissioners. The direct operation of the port is controlled by a port manager who is appointed by the Board.

Wharves

(136) The Port of Astoria is a municipal corporation embracing all of Clatsop County, as a port district, and on the Columbia River extends from the mouth of the river to Westport, about 38 (44) miles above the mouth. The port owns a substantial part of the waterfront at

Smith Point, and operates a well-equipped modern terminal with three piers. The port offices are at the head of Pier 2. For the latest information about depths alongside the piers, contact port authorities at 503-325-4521. Water, telephone, and electrical shore power connections are available at most of the berths. General cargo at the port is usually handled to and from vessels by ships' tackle or mobile crane service to 250 tons is available. Cargo on the wharves is handled by port-owned equipment. Additional equipment and stevedoring services are available from the Jones-Oregon Co. and the Stevedoring Services of America, which have offices and equipment sheds at Pier 2. Mobile crane service to 30 tons and derrick barge crane service to 110 tons is available from Bergerson Construction Co. (telephone 503-325-7130). For a complete description of the port facilities refer to Port Series No. 33, published and sold by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (See appendix for address.)

(137) Pier 1 (46°11'22"N., 123°51'27"W.): face, 620-foot berthing space; W side, 1,110-foot berthing space; 31 to 34 feet alongside; 10 acres of open storage; receipt, shipment, and storage of logs and other bulk cargo; operated by the Port of Astoria.

(138) Pier 2 (46°11'20"N., 123°51'36"W.): face, 415-foot berthing space, W side, 1,300-foot berthing space, E side, 1,250-foot berthing space; 70,000 square feet, sprinkler protected, covered storage; pipelines on pier for bunkering vessels and transferring petroleum products to storage tanks, total capacity 101,000 barrels; shipment of forest and paper products and general cargo; receipt and shipment of petroleum products; operated by Port of Astoria and McCall Oil Co.

(139) Pier 3 (46°11'16"N., 123°51'45"W.): E side, 1,3000-foot berthing space; 150,000 square feet, sprinkler protected, covered storage, about 24 acres of open storage; barge storage and storage of large products; ship moorage not available; operated by Port of Astoria.

Supplies

(140) Most marine supplies and services are available at Astoria. Facilities for bunkering ocean-going vessels are maintained at Pier 2, about 0.3 mile E of the bridge. Bunkering is available at anchorage, arrangements can be made at least 12 hours in advance through the ships agent or Brix Maritime on VHF-FM Channel 10. Fishing vessels are fueled at Carmichael-Columbia Oil Inc. wharf, about 0.5 mile E of the bridge.

Repairs

(141) The largest marine railway in the Astoria area can handle vessels to 400 tons. Complete hull, engine, and electronic repairs can be made. Complete salvage equipment is available in Astoria.

Small-craft facilities

(142) Two mooring basins for small craft and fishing vessels are maintained by the Port of Astoria. The West Basin, 0.3 (0.3) mile W of the S end of the Astoria Bridge, has 15 feet reported through the entrance and depths of about 5 feet at the floats. The entrance to the basin is marked by private lights. Berths with electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, and some marine supplies are available. All types of repairs can be made at several private firms on the basin. A 10–ton hoist at a packing company just W of the basin can handle small craft in emergencies. The East Basin, 2 (2.3) miles E of the Astoria Bridge, has berths and a launching ramp; however, no services are available. Reported depths of 15 feet through the entrance and 10 feet at the floats are available. West Basin has wet winter storage, and East Basin has wet and dry winter storage.

Communications

(143) U.S. Highway 101 extends N and S from Astoria, and U.S. Highway 30 extends inland to Portland, Oreg. Astoria is served by the Burlington Northern Railroad. The Clatsop County Airport, S of Youngs Bay, is served by a charter airline that handles passengers and freight.

(144) **Tongue Point,** at Mile 16 (18) on the Oregon side, is a bold, rocky peninsula, 308 feet high, covered with trees and connected with the S bank by a low, narrow neck; it projects into the river for 0.8 mile. A buoy depot of the Coast Guard is on the W side of the peninsula near its inner end. On the E side are the concrete piers of the former naval base.

(145) **Cathlamet Bay** is E of Tongue Point and S of the main ship channel. There are many islands which are covered with tule in the summer, but in the winter they are almost indiscernible. The **John Day Channel** extends between Tongue Point and **John Day Point.** At the junction with the **John Day River,** just N of the point, the name changes to **South Channel,** which follows the shore closely to and around **Settler Point** to **Svensen.**These channels are marked by buoys and daybeacons. The power cables across John Day River have a least clearance of 30 feet at mean lower low water. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.881**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations for the railroad bridge across John Day River.) Many houseboats are moored along John Day River. The E part of Cathlamet Bay (chart 18523) is used mostly for logging operations and log storage.

(146) **Grays Bay** on the Washington side extends from **Grays Point** to **Harrington Point** N of the Main Ship Channel. In the NE section of the bay are extensive mud flats. In 1978, a submerged rock was reported in about 46°17'16"N., 123°43'34"W.; caution is advised.

Deep River flows into the N part of the bay. The channel is marked and follows the shore from Grays Point around **Portugese Point** and **Rocky Point.** This river is used only by small pleasure craft and sport fishermen and for logging operations. Depths of about 6 feet are available for about 2 miles above the mouth, above which it is shoal and probably good for no more than 2 feet.

(147) **Grays River,** entered just E of Deep River, is another small stream used only by pleasure craft. Depths are not more than 2 feet, and much of the stream is blocked by snags and sunken logs.

Chart 18523

(148) Between **Harrington Point,** Mile 20.5 (23.6), and **Crims Island,** Mile 47.5 (54.6), Columbia River main channel follows the N bank to **Three Tree Point,** thence swings around the bend, holding to the NE shore as far as **Hunting Islands,** where it swings along the S shore until off the SE end of **Puget Island;** thence it follows the N bank from **Cape Horn** past **Abernathy Point** and N of Crims Island and **Gull Island.**

Currents

(149) In this section the current velocity is about 1 knot. Because of the river flow, which combines with the current, the upstream flow is weak or nonexistent and the downstream flow attains velocities of 2 to 3 knots.

Local magnetic disturbance

(150) Differences of as much as 3° from the normal variation have been observed along this section of the river.

(151) **Steamboat Slough,** NE of **Price Island** at Mile 29.3 (33.7) on the Washington side, and **Elochoman Slough,** on the E side of Hunting Islands at Mile 31.3 (36), are used by fishing boats, tugs, and for log storage. Gasoline and diesel fuel are available at **Skamokawa** just above the NW end of Steamboat Slough. A small marine railway, owned by a private packing firm, can be used if prior arrangements are made. In November 2000, the controlling depth was 1 foot along the SE edge of the entrance channel (shoaling to bare across the remainder of the entrance) and in the channel bend off Skamokawa.

(152) At Mile 35 (39.9), a power cable with a least clearance of 221 feet crosses the main channel to Puget Island. The tower on the E side of the channel on Puget Island is prominent.

(153) **Cathlamet Channel** joins the main channel at Mile 32.3 (37.2) on the Washington side. It is used by fishing boats, tugs, log rafts, and barges, and for some log storage above the city of **Cathlamet.** A dredged section of Cathlamet Channel leads SE from the main river channel to a fixed highway bridge at Cathlamet. In November 1981, the controlling depth was 10 feet. A mooring basin is at Cathlamet; berths with electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, wet and dry winter boat storage, a pumpout station, a launching ramp, and marine supplies are available. A fixed highway bridge crosses the channel from Cathlamet to Puget Island; the clearance is 75 feet for the N span. A power cable, 0.5 mile above the bridge, has a clearance of 97 feet.

(154) Three wharves, owned and operated by Fort James, are at **Wauna,** on the Oregon side at Mile 36.2 (41.7). The wharves are in line and together provide a total of 3,000 feet of continuous berthing space. Depths alongside are 20 to 50 feet and deck heights are 11 to 15 feet. A clamshell bucket unloads wood chips into a receiving hopper served by a conveyor system. Wood chips, sawdust, and fuel oil are received, and paper products are shipped.

(155) **Westport Slough,** at Mile 37.4 (43) on the Oregon side, leads to a ferry dock at the village of **Westport.** A lumbermill wharf, in ruins, is just E of the ferry slip. In 1989, the midchannel depth was 13 feet to the ferry dock. The ferry operates between Westport and the ferry landing 0.5 mile N of **Pancake Point** on Puget Island, and carries passengers and automobiles. Above Westport the slough was used for log storage; decaying and submerged piling may present hazards to vessels operating close to shore. About 7 feet can be carried to **Kerry,** 2.4 miles above the mouth. Overhead power cables 0.8 and 1 mile above the mouth of the slough have clearances of 74 and 76 feet, respectively.

(156) **Wallace Slough,** at Mile 41 (47) S of Wallace Island, is used by fishing boats and house floats. A depth of 4 to 5 feet can be carried through the slough.

(157) **Beaver Slough** enters Wallace Slough near the SE end of Wallace Island. The slough is used by fishing boats and house floats. A fixed bridge with a 30–foot span and clearance of 8 feet crosses the W arm of the slough near its mouth. An overhead power cable with a clearance of 68 feet crosses the slough about 2 miles above the mouth.

(158) **Clatskanie River** is a tributary of Beaver Slough. A railroad swing bridge, about 0.6 mile above the mouth, has a clearance of 16 feet through the E draw. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.865**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) There is a wharf at Clatskanie. Gasoline, diesel fuel, and water are available in cans from the town; mariners supplies, ice, and a launching ramp are also available. Several sawmills once operated along the river. Logs were stored throughout the area, and remnants of piling and related structures may present hazards close to shore. In November 1998,

depths of about 2 feet could be carried through Beaver Slough to the mouth of Clatskanie River; thence 2 feet could be carried in the river to the town of Clatskanie; local knowledge is advised. Numerous shoals and snags have been reported in Beaver Slough and Clatskanie River.

(159) **Port Westward,** a former Army ammunition terminal, is the site of a general cargo terminal. The main wharf, just W of the entrance to Bradbury Slough, is 1,200 feet long, has 40 feet reported alongside and a deck height of 20 feet, and can be used for shipment and receipt of general cargo.

(160) **Bradbury Slough,** at Mile 46.6 (53.6) SW of Crims Island, has depths of 9 feet as far as the upper end where it shoals to 3 feet. There once was extensive log storage along the Crims Island shore. Remnants of pilings and log storage related structures may present hazards close to shore.

Chart 18524

(161) Between Crims Island and Saint Helens, Mile 75 (86), the main channel starts its SE swing, passing S of **Fisher Island** and **Hump Island,** and N of **Walker Island** and **Lord Island;** thence, under the Longview fixed bridge, thence W of **Cottonwood Island,** E of **Sandy Island,** and W of **Martin Island** and **Burke Island.** Numerous jetties along this stretch are usually marked by lights or daybeacons.

Currents

(162) In this section, the average velocity on the ebb is 2.0 knots. Flood currents can be experienced at low river levels after spring freshet and until the fall rainy season.

Local magnetic disturbance

(163) Differences of as much as 8° from the normal variation have been observed along this section of the Columbia River.

(164) **Coal Creek Slough,** at Mile 48.9 (56.3) on the Washington side, empties into the river at **Stella.** The slough is used for moorage of small craft. It was also used for log storage, and piling and related structures present hazards close to shore. A partially submerged landing craft is reported upstream of the entrance. Depths over the bar are 3 to 4 feet, but deeper water extends nearly 3 miles above the entrance. Power cables over the deeper part of the slough have a least clearance of 65 feet.

(165) **Fisher Island Slough,** N of Fisher Island, is used as the Longview Yacht Basin, by small fishing vessels, and as log-storage grounds. A depth of 7 feet may be carried through the channel. Remnants of log storage grounds may still be found throughout the transit.

(166) Power cables over the main channel at Mile 54.2 (62.4), at Lord Island, have a least clearance of 216 feet.

(167) The channel between Walker Island and the Oregon shore is used for log-raft storage. The shoal area, N of **Dibblee Point,** limits the maximum depth which may be carried through the entire channel to about 7 feet. The power cables S of Lord Island have a least clearance of 115 feet.

(168) The **Lewis and Clark Bridge,** at Mile 57.3 (66.0) between Longview and Rainier, has a fixed span with a clearance of 187 feet. The bridge piers are marked by buoys and fog signals.

(169) **Longview,** at Mile 57.3 (66) on the Washington side is a major river port. Papermills, lumbermills, and an aluminum plant are in the city. The lumbermills here are said to be the world's largest. Waterborne commerce includes lumber and wood products, flour, alumina and aluminum ingots, and general cargo.

Prominent features

(170) The Lewis and Clark Bridge with its high towers is easily the most prominent feature in approaching Longview from either up or down the river. Upon closer approach, the many stacks and tanks of the mills can be identified; most are charted.

Anchorages

(171) Deep-draft vessels may anchor NW of Lewis and Clark Bridge between the main ship channel and the smaller channel N of the main channel. A secondary anchorage, SE of the bridge and just S of the main ship channel, may also be used. Depths in these anchorages range from 30 to 38 feet. Care should be exercised not to obstruct the dredged channels.

Tides and currents

(172) The mean range of tide at Longview is 3.3 feet. Average current velocity, on the ebb, at Longview is 2.0 knots.

Pilotage, Longview

(173) See Pilotage, Columbia River and Bar, indexed as such, early this chapter.

Towage

(174) Tugs to 3,600 hp are available at Longview.

(175) Longview is a **customs port of entry.**

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(176) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(177) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

Harbor regulations

(178) The Port of Longview is a municipal corporation governed by a board of commissioners and administered by a port manager.

Wharves

(179) The deep-draft facilities at Longview include the four wharves and nine berths operated by the Port of Longview, and the privately owned and operated facilities of two large paper companies and an aluminum plant. Only the deep-draft facilities are described. For a complete description of the port facilities refer to Port Series No. 33, published and sold by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (See appendix for address.) Depths alongside the port-owned wharves are reported to be maintained at 40 feet; for information on the latest depths contact the port authorities or private operators. All the facilities described have direct highway connections and plant trackage with direct railroad connections. The port-owned properties have a total covered storage area of 1 million square feet and open storage area of 75 acres. Water and electrical shore power connections are available at the port wharves and some of the private facilities. Special handling equipment, if available, is mentioned in the description of the particular facility.

Port-operated facilities:

(180) Berths 1, 2, 3, and 4: just E of the Lews and Clark Bridge; 2,355-foot berthing space; deck height, 40 feet. Berth 1, the westernmost berth has a 60-ton traveling gantry crane. Berth 3 has one loading conveyor with loading rate of 1,800 metric tons per hour and there are warehouses with 637,000 square feet of covered storage; about 30 acres of open storage; receipt and shipment of general cargo; receipt of dry bulk materials; shipment of miscellaneous dry bulk materials including urea and soda ash.

(181) Berth 5: just E of Berth 4; 720-foot berthing space with dolphins; 40 feet alongside; deck height, 20 feet; shipment of petroleum coke.

(182) Berths 6 and 7: just E of Berth 5; 1,500-foot berthing space; 40 feet alongside; deck height, 29 feet; 67,000 square feet of covered storage; 45 acres of open storage; one 33-ton container handling crane; receipt and shipment of general and containerized cargo, and logs. Berth 8, and extension of Berths 6 & 7, is a 600-foot general purpose dock intended for logs and general cargo, and 5 acres of open storage.

Private facilities:

(183) Reynolds Metals Co. Alumina Dock (46°08'08"N., 123°00'03"W.): 700 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 38 feet alongside; deck height, 15 feet; receiving hopper to belt conveyor system leads to storage tanks with 64,000-ton capacity; receipt of alumina; owned and operated by Reynolds Metals Co.

(184) Weyerhaeuser Co. Longview Plant Salt Dock (46°07'44"N., 122°59'20"W.): 1,160-foot berthing space with dolphins; 32 feet alongside; deck height, 26 feet; receipt and shipment of liquid chemicals; owned and operated by Weyerhaeuser Co.

(185) Weyerhaeuser Co. Longview Plant Woodpulp Export Dock (46°07'34"N., 122°58'55"W.): 1,185-foot berthing space with dolphins; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 26 feet; 93,000 square feet of covered storage; 250,000 square feet of open storage; shipment of lumber, paper products, and woodpulp; owned and operated by Weyerhaeuser Co.

(186) Weyerhaeuser Co. Longview Plant Wood Chip Berth (46°06'52"N., 122°58'08"W.): 960-foot berthing space with dolphins; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 29 feet; served by a pneumatic chip loader; 12 acres of open storage; shipment of wood chips; owned and operated by Weyerhaeuser Co.

(187) Weyerhaeuser Co. Longview Plant Log Export Wharf (46°06'33"N., 122°57'35"W.): 1,320-foot berthing space with dolphins; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 21 feet; 20 acres of open storage; shipment of logs; owned and operated by Weyerhaeuser Co.

(188) **Note**: The four Weyerhaeuser facilities NW of the Lewis and Clark Bridge are reached by a side channel. In November 2001, the controlling depth was 35 feet. The channel is marked by a **115°** lighted private range.

Supplies

(189) Provisions and some marine supplies and services are available. Fuel oil and water are available at the wharves.

Repairs

(190) There are no facilities for major repairs to large oceangoing vessels in Longview; the nearest such facilities are in Portland. Some above-the-waterline repairs can be made, and there are several machine shops in the city. The Port of Longview has cranes to 65-ton capacity which can be used to lift private craft if prior arrangements are made.

Communications

(191) Longview is served by Interstate Highway 5 and U.S. Highway 30, and by three transcontinental railroads.

(192) **Cowlitz River** flows into Columbia River at Mile 59 (68), just E of Longview. The mouth of the river is heavily silted as a result of the volcanic eruptions of Mount Saint Helens in mid 1980. Large amounts of mud, logs, and other debris entered Columbia River from Cowlitz River. In late 1980, dredging was done in the area but the federal project is no longer maintained by the Army Corp of Engineers. Mariners are advised to use extreme caution and seek local knowledge prior to entering Cowlitz River. The tide varies from 4 feet at the mouth to zero at **Ostrander,** 7.8 miles above the mouth. At Kelso a stage of 20 feet is reached during ordinary freshets and a stage of 25 feet at extreme floods.

(193) Minimum clearance of the drawbridges across Cowlitz River between the mouth and Ostrander is 25 feet; minimum clearance for fixed bridges is 63 feet. Several overhead power and television cables cross the river between the entrance and Ostrander; least clearance is 67 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.1037**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) In May 2000, a fixed highway bridge with a design clearance of 10 feet was under construction at mile 5.5 at Kelso; upon completion, it will replace the existing vertical lift bridge.

(194) At **Kelso** there are several private wharves including a sand and gravel wharf, a public landing, and several small craft floats, at one of which gasoline is available.

(195) **Rainier** is on the Oregon side opposite Longview. The town of Rainier operates a small-craft basin; berths, gasoline, water, ice, a launching ramp, a pumpout station, wet winter boat storage, and marine supplies are available. Diesel fuel may be obtained at the tugboat moorage just E of the city basin. In November 1998, a side channel leading to the waterfront facilities had a controlling depth of 24 feet.

(196) **Carrolls Channel,** between Cottonwood Island and the Washington shore of Columbia River, is used for log storage and fishing boats. About 13 feet can be carried through the channel.

(197) Two State fish hatcheries are on **Kalama River** at Mile 63.5 (73.1). **Kalama,** on the E bank about 3 (3.5) miles above Cottonwood Island, is the site of two lumber mills. A chemical plant on the N side of the town has an offshore wharf with 680 feet of berthing space and depths of 40 to 50 feet alongside; the wharf is used for the receipt of chemicals. The Port of Kalama owns a 4-million-bushel grain elevator 1.5 miles S of town. The elevator has a wharf with 840 feet of berthing space with dolphins. Depths are 42 to 45 feet reported alongside, and the deck height is 25 feet. Loading spouts load vessels at a rate of 56,000 bushels per hour. One large ship and one or more barges may load at the same time. Private lights mark each end of the wharf. A grain company 1.5 miles N of town has a wharf 1,080 feet long. This facility is well lighted and conspicious from the river. A marina and mooring basin are at Kalama. Berths with electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, a launching ramp, a pumpout station, and wet and dry winter boat storage are available at the marina.

(198) The 500-foot-tall cooling tower of the **Trojan Nuclear Power Plant** is on the S side of the river opposite the mouth of the Kalama River. This tower is conspicuous for many miles both up and down the river.

(199) The channel circling the W side of **Sandy Island** is used by tugs hauling log rafts and barges; the controlling depth is about 7 feet.

(200) **Martin Slough,** between Martin Island and Burke Island and the Washington shore, formerly a booming and log storage area, as was **Burke Slough** between Burke Island and the Washington shore. Mariners are cautioned that submerged piling and hazardous structures may exist throughout the area close to shore.

(201) **Columbia City** is a municipality at Mile 73 (84) on the Oregon side. The main channel follows along the waterfront.

(202) At the S end of **Deer Island Slough,** about 1.5 miles N of Columbia City, is the pier of a chemical plant.

(203) **Saint Helens,** at Mile 75 (86) opposite the mouth of Lewis River, is the site of a pulp and paper mill.

(204) Berths with electricity, gasoline, water, ice, and some marine supplies are available at the marina at Saint Helens. Engine repairs can be made. There are a large number of houseboats and boathouses in the vicinity of the marina. A launching ramp and wet winter boat storage are available at the marina.

(205) A dredged channel with a reported controlling depth of 6 feet in September 1986 leads to a marina in **Scappoose Bay**, SW of Saint Helens. This marina, owned by the Port of Saint Helens, has berths with electricity, gasoline, water, and ice available. Some supplies, a launching ramp, and wet winter storage are at the marina.

(206) **Lewis River** enters Columbia River at **Austin Point,** Mile 75.7 (87.0), on the Washington side. Depths are about 3 feet over the mouth, but just below the first bridge a bar reduces the depth to less than 1 foot. Some recreational traffic moves up to **Woodland,** 5.7 miles above the mouth, at high water. The railroad swing bridge 1.8 miles above the mouth remains in the closed position and has a clearance of 28 feet. (See **117.1053**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The other bridges, all fixed, have clearances of 34 feet or more.

(207) From Saint Helens, Columbia River follows a S course to the mouth of the Willamette River, Mile 88 (101.2), and then turns SE to Vancouver, Mile 92 (106).

(208) **Multnomah Channel** is a 19-mile waterway separated from the Columbia River near Saint Helens and from the Willamette River near Portland by **Sauvie Island.** Depths are 20 feet or more at the entrances, but decrease to 6 feet inside. A power cable about midway through the channel has a clearance of 100 feet. A small-boat landing is 1 mile S from the power cable. Covered berths, with electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, a launching ramp, and marine supplies are available. Minor hull and engine repairs can be made. Wet winter boat storage is at the landing. A fixed highway bridge near the S end has a clearance of 78 feet.

(209) **Warrior Rock,** the point on the E side of **Warrior Point** at the N end of Sauvie Island, is marked by a light. In thick fog vessels seldom attempt to pass the light; they anchor either above or below the point until the weather clears.

Local magnetic disturbance

(210) Differences of as much as 6° from the normal variation have been reported between Warrior Rock and the light off **Duck Club,** 1.5 miles S.

(211) **Lake River,** the outlet for **Vancouver Lake,** flows N for 9.5 miles to its junction with Columbia River at the N end of **Bachelor Island,** Mile 76 (88). The reported controlling depth was 6 feet in July 1973 to the small-craft harbor at **Ridgefield,** 2.5 miles above the mouth. A marina is at Ridgefield; berths, water, ice, a launching ramp, and some marine supplies are available. The town of Ridgefield operates a public small-craft dock and launching ramp just S of the marina. Wet winter boat storage is at the marina.

(212) A marina, in the channel behind the elongated island W of Shillapoo Lake, has berths, with electricity, gasoline, water, ice, a launching ramp, and marine supplies. A 2½-ton hoist is available for launching small craft. Reported depths of 5 feet can be carried through the channel and to the river N of the marina, however, the channel S of the marina is closed by shoals.

Charts 18526, 18527

(213) At Mile 88 (101.2), Columbia River is joined by **Willamette River,** its largest tributary below the Cascade Mountains. The Willamette drains a large territory and is important as the site of the city of Portland, 9 (10.4) miles above its mouth.

(214) The Federal project depth in Willamette River is 40 feet to the Broadway Bridge in Portland, thence, maintained by the Port of Portland, 30 feet between Broadway Bridge and Ross Island. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of charts for controlling depths on the Willamette River to the Broadway Bridge.) Additional information can be obtained from the Corps of Engineers, Portland, Oreg. (See appendix for address.) Contact the Port of Portland for the controlling depths of the section of the channel maintained by the port.

(215) (See **162.225,** chapter 2, for navigation regulations on Willamette River.)

(216) From the entrance of the Willamette River to the Willamette Falls Locks at Oregon City, overhead clearances and depths are at **Columbia River Datum.** Above the Willamette Falls Locks depths of the Willamette River are at **Willamette River Datum** and clearances are at the datum of **Newburg Pool.**

(217) **Kelley Point Junction Light** (45°39.2'N., 122°45.8'W.), 21 feet above the water, is shown from a pile structure with a red and green triangular daymark on the end of the dike extending from **Kelley Point** on the E side of the entrance to the river.

(218) **Columbia Slough,** a narrow back channel roughly parallel to Columbia River, empties into the Willamette about 0.4 (0.5) mile above its mouth. Least depth in the slough is usually less than 2 feet. A dam has been constructed across the slough about 7.3 miles above the mouth.

(219) The fixed bridges over the slough have a least clearance of 27 feet. The least clearance of the overhead power and telephone cables is 42 feet.

(220) In the vicinity of **Post Office Bar Range,** 2 (2.4) miles above the mouth of Willamette River, deep-draft vessels favor the W side of the river, while smaller vessels and tows usually hug the E side because of lesser current. Overhead power cables with a least clearance of 230 feet cross the river 0.3 mile above the junction with Multnomah Channel. The twin towers supporting the cables are the most conspicuous features in this area.

(221) **Portland,** on Willamette River about 9 (10.4) miles from its mouth, is the principal city of the Columbia River system and one of the major ports on the Pacific coast. The port has over 25 deep-draft piers and wharves on both sides of the Willamette River between its junction with the Columbia and Ross Island. In addition there are extensive facilities for small vessels and barges S of Hawthorne Bridge and at North Portland Harbor, S of Hayden Island. It has extensive commerce, both foreign and domestic, and is the port of call for many lines of coastwise, intercoastal, and transpacific steamships. Principal foreign exports are grain, tallow, fish and shellfish, fruits, textile products and apparel, paper, wood pulp, lumber and other forest products, chemicals, fertilizer, and metal ores. The principal

imports are fish and shellfish, metal ores, salt, fruit and vegetables, pulp, lumber and other forest products, chemicals, iron and steel, automobiles, and machinery. The coastwise trade consists mainly of petroleum products, lumber, chemicals, iron and steel, and cement.

(222) The **Port of Portland,** created by the State in 1891, is controlled by a Port Commission and administered by an executive director. The port owns four marine terminals, Port of Portland Ship Repair Yard, and dredges the channel between Broadway and Ross Island Bridges; it also assists the Corps of Engineers with other dredging in the Willamette and Columbia Rivers. The port also operates an international airport and three general aviation airports. A 30-inch hydraulic pipeline dredge is owned by the port. In addition to dredging the port waterfront and river channel, the port conducts hydrographic surveys periodically along all port-owned piers and wharves.

Anchorages

(223) The anchorages generally used are Vancouver Lower and Upper Anchorages. Vancouver Lower Anchorage is in the Columbia River just SE of the confluence of the Columbia and Willamette Rivers and to the SW of the dredged channel. Vancouver Upper Anchorage is in the Columbia River just NW of the Burlington Northern railroad bridge and to the SW of the Vancouver Lower Turning Basin. The Vancouver Upper Anchorage has two anchor buoys for use by panamax bulk carriers and other maritime interests. Anchorage in the Willamette River at Portland is available in emergencies or inclement weather only. A **special anchorage** in the Columbia River is between Sand Island and Government Island (chart 18531) about 6.5 miles above the railroad bridge. (See 110.1 and 110.128, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Bridges

(224) The minimum clearance of the drawbridges is 26 feet at the Glisan Street (Steel Bridge) vertical-lift highway and railroad bridge, 10.4 (12.0) miles above the mouth; the raised clearance of both decks of the bridge is 161 feet, and of the lower deck alone, 71 feet up. The minimum fixed-span clearance is 120 feet for the central 100 feet at the Ross Island highway bridge. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.897**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The Marquam fixed highway bridge, midway between the Hawthorne and Ross Island bridges, has a clearance of 120 feet for a center 220-foot width.

(225) The bridgetender of the Burlington Northern Railroad bridge at **Doane Point** monitors VHF-FM channel 16 and works on channel 13; call sign, KQ-9050.

(226) The bridgetender of the Broadway bridge monitors VHF-FM channels 16 and 13, and answers on channel 13; call sign, KLU-724.

(227) The bridgetender of the Glisan Street (Steel Bridge) monitors VHF-FM channel 16 and works on channel 13; call sign, KQU-534.

(228) The bridgetender of the Burnside bridge monitors VHF-FM channels 16 and 13, and works on channel 13; call sign KTD-520.

(229) The bridgetender of the Hawthorne bridge monitors VHF-FM channels 16 and 13, and works on channel 13; call sign, KTD-521. The river is crossed near the N end of Ross Island by a power cable with clearances of 123 feet over the main channel and 83 feet over the E channel. About 0.4 mile S, over the E channel, are cables with least clearance of 75 feet.

(230) A 127°33'–307°33' **measured nautical mile** course is on the Willamette River W of Swan Island.

Tides

(231) The mean range of tide at Portland is 1.8 feet, and the diurnal range of tide is 2.4 feet.

Weather, Portland and vicinity

(232) The coast range provides limited shielding from the maritime influence of the Pacific Ocean. The Cascade Range provides a steep high slope for the lifting moisture-laden westerly winds which produces heavy rainfall in the western Cascade piedmont region. They also form the barrier for the Columbia River basin region and dry continental air masses. Airflow is usually NW in Portland in spring and summer and SE in fall and winter, interrupted occasionally by outbreaks of dry continental air E through Cascade passes and across ridge tops. When such an outbreak occurs, extreme high or low temperatures are usually experienced in the Portland area.

(233) Portland has a very definite winter rainfall climate. About 88 percent of the annual total occurs in October through May, nine percent in June and September, while only 3 percent comes in July and August. The average annual precipitation is 37.33 inches (948.2 mm). December is the wettest month and July, the driest. Precipitation is mostly rain; on the average only 17 days each year have snow. Snowfall is seldom more than a couple of inches, and it generally lasts only a few days. The annual average is only seven inches (178 mm) with January having the most. Snowfall has fallen in every month from November through May. The greatest measured snowfall in 24-hours was just under 11 inches (279 mm) recorded in January 1971.

(234) Each season is clearly marked. Winter is mild, cloudy, and wet with southeast surface winds predominating. Summer is marked by mild temperature, with prevailing northwest winds and very little precipitation. Fall and spring are transitional in nature, with frequent periods of ground fog. An average of 18 days during October record foggy conditions while only three days during July can expect fog. At all times, incursions of marine-tempered air are a frequent moderating influence. Outbreaks of continental air from east of the Cascade Mountains flow through the Columbia Gorge at near sea level and spread into the Portland area associated with the movement of Pacific storms offshore on a northeast storm track. In winter this brings the coldest weather and the extremes of low temperature are registered in the cold airmass. Freezing rain and ice glaze often are transitional effects. In summer the hot, dry, continental air brings the highest temperatures. Extreme temperatures below zero are very infrequent. The absolute lowest ever reached is 3°F below zero (-19.4°C) recorded in February 1950. Extreme temperatures above 100°F (37.8°C) have occurred during each month from May through September; the absolute highest temperature is 107°F (41.6°C) recorded in July 1942, July 1965 and August 1981. Temperatures 90°F (32.2°C) or higher are reached every year, but seldom persist for more than 2 or 3 days before the warm spell is broken by a flow of cool, moist air from the ocean. The average annual temperature for Portland is 53.9°F (12.1°C). The average maximum is 63°F (17.2°C) while the average minimum is 45°F (7.2°C).

(235) Destructive storms are infrequent in the Portland area. Surface winds seldom exceed gale force, and only once in the period of record have winds reached higher than 65 knots; October 1967. Thunderstorms are infrequent occurring, on average, only seven days each year. Tornadoes with the funnel cloud reaching the ground have yet to be observed. There are rare occurrences of heavy rain even though winter rains may persist for days at a time.

Ice

(236) Ice forms occasionally, but it is seldom heavy enough to affect navigation seriously, although navigation by small craft may be difficult.

(237) (See page T–6 for **Portland climatological table.**)

Pilotage, Portland

(238) See Pilotage, Columbia River and Bar, indexed as such, earlier this chapter.

Towage

(239) Dock assist tugs to 3,600 hp are available in Portland. No lighterage is necessary, but occasionally lumber is transferred by barge from lumbermills to vessels.

(240) Portland is a **customs port of entry.**

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(241) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(242) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

Coast Guard

(243) A **marine safety office** and a **vessel documentation office** are in the Swan Island Industrial Park at Portland. (See appendix for addresses.)

Harbor regulations

(244) The regulations are enforced by the City of Portland **harbormaster** and Multnomah County Sheriff River Patrol; copies of the regulations (Title 19) may be obtained on the Internet at http://www.bpcnet.com/codes/portland.htm, or for a nominal fee, by contacting the City Auditors Office at 1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 140, Portland, OR 97204. The harbormaster may be contacted by phone 503-823-3767 or by writing Portland Fire Bureau, Attn: Harbormaster, 55 SW Ash Street, Portland, OR 97204.

Wharves

(245) The Port of Portland operates four modern marine terminals. The largest bulk commodities terminals in the harbor are Terminals 4 and 5. The largest general cargo terminal in the harbor is Terminal 2, and the container facility is Terminal 6. In addition to the port-owned piers and wharves there are many privately owned deepwater facilities and many barge wharves in the harbor. Only the deep-draft facilities are described. For a complete description of the port facilities refer to Port Series No. 34, published and sold by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (See appendix for address.) The alongside depths are reported depths. (For information on the latest depths contact the port authorities or the private operators.) All the Port of Portland operated facilities have rail trackage, water, and electrical shore power connections, as well as many of the privately operated facilities. All wharves have highway connections. Floating and shore-based mobile cranes of up to 75-ton capacity are available, but most general cargo is handled by ship's tackle. Special handling equipment, if available, is mentioned in the description of the particular facility.

Port-owned facilities:

(246) **Municipal Terminal 4:**

(247) Pier 1 (45°36'18"N., 122°46'31"W.): Berth 401, W face, 950-foot berthing space with dolphins; 40 feet alongside; Berth 405, S side W to E, is a grain facility marine leg with 550 feet total berthing space; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 35 feet; grain elevator with a capacity of over 8 million bushels, grain gallery with two loading spouts with loading rate of 2,500 tons per hour; shipment and receipt of grain; operated by Cargill, Inc.

(248) Pier 2 (45°36'14"N., 122°46'29"W.): N side, Berth 408, W to E, 750 feet of berthing space; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 33 feet; 107,000 square feet covered storage, 8 acres open storage; pipelines extend from the wharf to tank farm; shipment and receipt of general cargo and liquid fertilizer; operated by Port of Portland and IRM.

(249) Pier 4 (45°36'06"N., 122°46'26"W.): Berths 410 and 411, W to E, 1,140-foot total berthing space; 40 feet alongside; deck height, 33 feet; 58,600 square feet covered storage, 7 acres open storage; dedicated storage for soda ash and shipment via fixed bulk outloader at 1,500 tons per hour; operated by Kinder-Morgan, Inc.

(250) Steel Handling Wharf (45°35'50"N., 122°46'23"W.): Berths 414 and 415; 944 feet long, 1,344-foot berthing space with dolphins; 40 feet alongside; deck height, 25 feet; 180,000 square feet covered storage; 39 acres open storage; receipt of steel products; operated by Toyota America.

(251) Automobile Unloading Dock (45°35'34"N., 122°46'10"W.): Berth 416, 1,064 feet of berthing space with dolphins and floats; 73 acres of open storage area; receipt of automobiles; operated by Toyota America.

(252) **Municipal Terminal 2:**

(253) Berth 203 (45°33'01"N., 122°41'11"W.): 400-foot berthing space; deck height, 20 feet; depth along side, 20 feet; general cargo dock; one 36 ton whirley crane; 39,000 sq. ft. of covered storage; operated by Stevedoring Services of America.

(254) Berths 204, 205, 206 (45°32'51"N., 122°41'49"W.): 2,295-foot total berthing space; 40 feet alongside; deck height, 26 feet; one 50-ton and one 40-ton container handling crane; 170,000 square feet covered storage; 27 acres open storage; shipment and receipt of general cargo; operated by Stevedoring Services of America.

(255) **Municipal Terminal 6**:

(256) Berths 603, 604, 605 (45°38'24"N., 122°44'45"W.): 2,850 feet of berthing space; 40 feet alongside; deck height, 26 feet; five panamax, and two post-panamax container cranes; numerous 45-ton straddle carriers; 261,000 square feet covered storage; 122 acres paved open storage; 54 acre on-dock intermodal rail terminal, double stack rail car capacity for 84 cars; shipment of general and containerized cargo; operated by the Port of Portland.

(257) Berth 601 Automobile Terminal (45°38'09"N., 122°45'30"W.): 950-foot berthing space; floating auto dock ballasted to 12 feet; deck height, 35 feet alongside;

75-acre storage yard and processing area; operated by Hyundai Motor America.

(258) Berth 607 Automobile Terminal about 1 mile SE of Berth 601, 914-foot berthing space floating auto dock ballasted to 12 feet; deck height, 35 feet alongside, 115 acre storage yard and processing area; operated by Honda Motor America.

Private facilities:

(259) Columbia Grain Terminal Dock (45°38'34"N., 122°46'16"W.): about 900 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 40 feet alongside; deck height, 25 feet; three vessel loading spouts with a rate of 1,800 tons per hour; grain elevator with a 4-million-bushel capacity; receipt and shipment of grain; operated by Columbia Grain, Inc.

(260) Portland Bulk Terminal 5, Berth 503 (45°38'21"N., 122°46'37"W.): 830-foot berthing space; deck height, 25 feet; 40 feet alongside; bulk cargo facility with a 4,000-ton-per-hour shiploader; 110 acre mineral bulk export facility with 100,000 tons of covered storage on site; export of potash and other compatible bulk cargo; operated by Portland Bulk Terminals.

(261) Union Chemical Portland Dock (45°37'45"N., 122°47'12"W.): offshore wharf, 1,164 feet of berthing space with dolphins and platforms; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 35 feet; conveyor system with a rate of 600 tons per hour; covered storage for 70,000 tons of urea; storage tank with 50,000-ton capacity; receipt of bulk urea; receipt and shipment of anhydrous ammonia; shipment of caustic soda and sulfuric acid; owned and operated by Union Chemical, a division of Union Oil Co. of California.

(262) Ash Grove Cement Co. Dock (45°37'23"N., 122°47'11"W.): 230 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 25 feet alongside; deck height, 30 feet; one 90-ton revolving, pedestal crane; conveyor system with a rate of 700 tons per hour; silos with 1,400-ton storage capacity for finished products; open storage for 60,000 tons; receipt of limestone; owned and operated by Ash Cement Co.

(263) Time Oil Wharf (45°36'55"N., 122°47'07"W.): T-wharf, 870-foot berthing space with dolphins; 34 feet alongside; deck height, 26 feet; storage tanks with a 800,000-barrel capacity; shipment and receipt of petroleum products; owned and operated by Time Oil Co.

(264) Premier Edible Oils (Palmco) Dock (45°36'48"N., 122°47'01"W.): 670 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 42 feet alongside; deck height, 32 feet; storage tanks with 20,000-ton capacity; receipt of crude palm, coconut, and palm kernel oil; owned by Schnitzer Steel Products Co., and operated by Premier Edible Oils, Inc.

(265) International Terminal Dock (45°36'40"N., 122°46'22"W.): 1,600 feet of berthing space; 25 to 35 feet alongside; deck height, 25 feet; diesel cranes to 100 tons; shipment of scrap metal; receipt of steel products; owned and operated by Schnitzer Steel Products Co.

(266) Linnton Wood Chip Dock (45°36'44"N., 122° 47'22"W.): 1,200-foot berthing space with dolphins; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 28½ feet; chips loaded by pneumatic loader, loading rate 1,200 tons per hour; open storage for over 21 tons of wood chips; owned and operated by Georgia-Pacific Co.

(267) Trumbull Asphalt Wharf (45°36'43"N., 122°47'37"W.): 900-foot berthing space with dolphins; 31 feet alongside; deck height, 30 feet; storage tanks with a 160,000-barrel capacity; receipt and shipment of asphalt; owned and operated by Trumbull Asphalt, a division of Owens Corning Fiberglass Corp.

(268) GATX-Linnton Wharf (45°36'16"N., 122°47'05"W.): 650-foot berthing space with dolphins; 32 feet alongside; deck height, 28 feet; storage tanks with 490,000-barrel capacity; shipment and receipt of petroleum products, bunkering vessels; owned and operated by GATX.

(269) Atlantic Richfield Co. Wharf (45°35'39"N., 122°46'36"W.): 600-foot berthing space with dolphins; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 32 feet; storage tanks with 497,000-barrel capacity; receipt and shipment of petroleum products, bunkering vessels; owned and operated by Atlantic Richfield Co.

(270) Mobil Oil Corp. Wharf: joins Atlantic Richfield Wharf to the SE; 590-foot berthing space with dolphins; 30 feet alongside; deck height, 30 feet; storage tanks with 675,000-barrel capacity; shipment and receipt of petroleum products, bunkering vessels; owned and operated by Mobil Oil Corp.

(271) Pacific Northern Oil Corp. Wharf (45°34'51"N., 122°45'29"W.): 750-foot berthing space; 26 feet alongside; deck height, 26 feet; storage tanks with 270,000-barrel capacity; owned by Northwest Natural Gas Co. and operated by Pacific Northern Oil Corp.

(272) Elf-Atochem Chemical, Oil and Salt Wharves (45°34'17"N., 122°44'26"W.): 2,210 foot berthing space; 30 feet alongside; deck height, 30 feet; hopper and conveyor belt carry salt from wharf to chemical plant in rear at a rate of 2,000 tons per hour; receipt of salt and fuel oil for plant consumption, shipment of chlorine, chlorine gas, and liquid caustic soda; owned and operated by Elf-Atochem Chemical Corp.

(273) GATX-Wilbridge Pier (45°34'03"N., 122°44'16"W.): 504-foot-foot berthing space each side; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 32 feet; storage tanks with over 1¼-million-barrel capacity; shipment and receipt of petroleum products, bunkering vessels; owned and operated by GATX.

(274) Chevron U.S.A., Wilbridge Plant Pier (45°34'01"N., 122°44'13"W.): 656-foot berthing space each side; 36

feet alongside; deck height, 32 feet; storage tanks with 2½-million-barrel shipment and receipt of petroleum products, bunkering vessels; owned and operated by Chevron U.S.A., Inc.

(275) Tosco Refining Co. Pier (45°34'00"N., 122°44'08"W.): 576-foot berthing space; 34 to 37 feet alongside; deck height, 32 feet; storage tanks with 760,000-barrel capacity; shipment and receipt of petroleum products, bunkering vessels; owned and operated by Tosco Refining Co.

(276) McCall Oil and Chemical Corp., Terminal Wharf (45°33'55"N., 122° 43'45"W.): 1,000 feet of berthing space; 37 feet alongside; deck height, 30 feet; pipeline extends to storage tanks with 930,000-barrel capacity; receipt of petroleum products; owned and operated by McCall Oil and Chemical Corp.

(277) Texaco Oil Wharf (45°33'25"N., 122°43'13"W.): 670-foot berthing space with dolphins; 31 feet alongside; deck height, 29 feet; storage tanks with 513,000-barrel capacity; shipment and receipt of petroleum products; owned and operated by Texaco, Inc. FMC Corp., Berthing and Outfitting Dock (45°33'17"N., 122°42'53"W.): 1,275 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 34 feet alongside; deck height, 32 feet; one 45-ton and one 40-ton traveling gantry cranes; mooring vessels for outfitting and repair; owned and operated by FMC Corp., Marine and Rail Equipment Division.

(278) Goldendale Aluminum Dock (45°33'04"N., 122°41'37"W.): 103 feet dock length with catwalks to dolphins totaling 624 feet, and with shoreside moorings can berth ships over 700 feet in length; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 30 feet; pneumatic unloading tower, unloading rate 140 tons per hour; receipt of alumina; owned and operated by Goldendale Aluminum Inc.

(279) Lone Star Cement Wharf (45°32'12"N., 122°40'39"W.): 415-foot berthing space with dolphins; 34 feet alongside; deck height, 30 feet; two cement receiving pipelines extend from wharf to storage silos in rear, capacity 31,000 tons; each pipeline can handle 225 tons per hour; receipt of bulk cement; owned and operated by Lone Star Northwest, Inc.

(280) Cargill-Irving Grain Wharf (45°32'08"N., 122°40'28"W.): 355-foot dock length with 516 feet with catwalks to dolphins, and mooring dolphins upstream and downstream to accommodate ships over 700 feet in length; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 30 feet; 935,000-bushel grain elevator with five loading spouts, combined loading rate 24,900 bushels per hour; marine leg with unloading rate of 9,900 bushels per hour; receipt and shipment of grain; owned and operated by Cargill Corp.

(281) Centennial Mills Wharf (45°32'04"N., 122°40'44"W.): 690-foot berthing space; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 33 feet; grain elevator with 563,000-bushel capacity; shipment of bagged flour; owned and operated by Centennial Mills, a Univar Co.

(282) Louis Dreyfus Wharves (45°31'45"N., 122°40'04"W.): 586-foot berthing space; 30 to 42 feet alongside; deck height, 31 feet; 2-million-bushel grain elevator; gallery has six loading spouts and one marine leg; combined loading rate 50,000 bushels per hour, combined unloading rate 33,000 bushels per hour; receipt and shipment of grain; owned and operated by Louis Dreyfus Corp.

Supplies

(283) Marine supplies of all kinds are available in Portland. Bunker fuel, diesel oil, and lubricants are available. Most large vessels are bunkered at their berths by barge. Water is available at most of the berths.

Repairs

(284) Portland is a major ship repair center on the Pacific coast. Portland Ship Repair Yard, on Swan Island on the E side of Willamette River, is the major repair facility at the Port of Portland. The yard is operated by the port and used by private marine contractors on a tariff basis. There are three floating drydocks here, including the largest on the Pacific coast. This floating drydock has an overall length of 982 feet, length of 902 feet over the keel blocks, clear width of 185 feet, a depth of 35 feet over the keel blocks, and a lifting capacity of 87,000 tons; a 20-ton whirley crane is mounted on a wingwall. Complete repair facilities and services are available at the yard, including steam, compressed air, AC and DC power, and fourteen whirley cranes from 45 to 120 tons, running on three separate craneways. The yard has 6,000 feet of ship repair berths to a maximum alongside draft of 40 feet, and 3,000 feet of layup berths for idle vessels. There is a 120,000-barrel ballast treatment plant for the offloading of oily slops.

(285) Another repair facility, with two marine ways and a floating drydock, is on the E bank of the Willamette River just N of the St. Johns Bridge. The marine ways have a capacity of up to 1,500 tons, and the drydock has a length of 494 feet and a width of 81 feet with a capacity of 5,500 tons. A whirley crane with a capacity of 25 tons is accessible to the drydock, the marine ways, and nearby moorage. The yard provides complete hull, engine or electronic repairs for tugboats, fishing vessels, barges and small ships.

(286) One well-equipped firm specializes in marine salvage in Portland. It has a 203-foot 3,600-hp converted LSM, equipped with 50-ton winches. Several firms undertake minor salvage work.

Communications

(287) Portland is served by several major railroads and airlines. Portland International Airport is about 2 miles N of the city. Many barge lines provide service up the Columbia River to Richland, Wash., 214 (246) miles from Portland; barge service is also available on the Willamette River to Salem, Oreg., 73.6 (84.7) miles above the mouth, and on the Snake River to Lewiston, Idaho, 324 (373) miles from Portland.

Small-craft facilities

(288) Most of the small-craft facilities, including practically all of the moorage, is in North Portland Harbor and along the S bank of the Columbia River between Interstate 5 highway bridge and the W end of Government Island. Complete facilities are available. Berths with electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, marine supplies, launching ramps, pumpout stations, and wet and dry winter boat storage can be obtained at many marinas. Hull, engine, and electronic repairs can be made. Drydocks to 70 tons, 55 feet long, and 16 feet wide are available in North Portland Harbor.

Chart 18528

(289) Navigation of Willamette River above Portland is hazardous due to the rocks, shoaling bars, and strong currents. Local knowledge and midchannel courses are recommended. Present chart coverage extends only to Newberg, 43.4 (50) miles above the mouth. Many of the daybeacons in the Willamette River are seasonal. The navigational aids above Newberg are not maintained. Navigation should be with local knowledge only. The Portland Coast Guard should be contacted for the latest information concerning navigation of Willamette River above Salem.

(290) Below the falls at Oregon City, ordinary fluctuation of stage of water is 15 feet and extreme fluctuation due to flood conditions is 30 to 50 feet. Above Oregon City, ordinary fluctuation is 12 to 20 feet and extreme is 20 to 27 feet.

(291) Depths and clearances of bridges and cables are at **Columbia River Datum** below the Willamette Falls Locks. Above the Willamette Falls Locks depths of the Willamette River are at **Willamette River Datum** and clearances are at the datum of **Newberg Pool.**

(292) The minimum clearances of the overhead power cables crossing the river from Portland to Newberg are: 77 feet to Willamette Falls Canal; 72 feet over Willamette Falls Canal; and 75 feet to Newberg.

(293) Between Portland and Willamette Falls most of the terminals are privately owned mill wharves and oil-receiving facilities. Above the falls are small privately owned wharves or natural landings.

(294) A public launching ramp is on the W side of the river at a park about 13.5 (15.7) miles above the entrance.

(295) Sellwood fixed highway bridge, 14.5 (16.7) miles about the mouth, has a clearance of 72 feet. A public mooring is on the E side of the river at a park just N of the bridge. A repair facility is directly across the river from the park; gasoline, water, and a launching ramp are available. A lift to 7 tons are available for all types of repairs to light- draft boats.

(296) A launching ramp is at **Milwaukie**, 16.2 (18.6) miles above the mouth. Minor engine and hull repairs can be made on light-draft boats. Dry winter boat storage is available.

(297) A fixed railroad bridge, 17.4 (20) miles above the mouth, has a clearance of 74 feet.

(298) The Crown Zellerbach Co. wharf, on the W bank of the river 0.3 (0.3) miles above the railroad bridge, is about 840 feet long with reported depths of 30 feet or more alongside; each end of the offshore wharf is marked by a privately maintained light. A loading tower and conveyor system on the wharf loads wood chips on barges.

(299) The channel passes E of **Hog (Rocky) Island,** 1.6 (1.8) miles above the railroad bridge. **Copeleys Rock,** 150 yards E of the S end of the island, is covered 10 feet and should be avoided.

(300) **Oregon City,** on the E bank 22.6 (26) miles above the mouth, is connected with **West Linn** by two fixed highway bridges; one, about 0.2 (0.2) mile below the Willamette Falls canal locks, has a vertical clearance of 74 feet. The second, 0.6 (0.7) miles below the N end of the locks, has a clearance of 76 feet.

(301) A marina, on the E bank just above the lower highway bridge, has about 350 berths, electricity, gasoline, water, ice, provisions, wet winter storage, a launching ramp, and marine supplies. Engine repairs can be made.

(302) A large papermill is on each bank of the river at Willamette Falls Canal.

(303) **Willamette Falls Canal,** on the W bank 22.8 (26.2) miles above the mouth, has four locks with a total lift of 50 feet; usable lock dimensions are 175 feet long, 37 feet wide, and 5 feet deep over the miter sills at low water. A bascule highway bridge across the canal has a vertical clearance of 27 feet closed. The least clearance of the power cables and pipeline that cross the canal is 67 feet. (See **207.680**, chapter 2, for regulations concerning administration and navigation of the canal and locks.) Upbound vessels may expect a delay at the approach to the locks and through the locks during weekdays because of the downbound traffic from the

papermills. The lock is equipped with a radiotelephone. The lockmaster can be contacted on VHF-FM channel 14; call sign WUJ–363.

(304) A warehouse and other buildings of a papermill are on the W bank alongside the canal locks. An 850-foot timber wharf is on the E side of the canal.

(305) A marina, on the E bank opposite **Willamette** and 24.3 (27.9) miles above the mouth, has about 50 berths, with electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, and water available. This marina has an elevator lift that can handle craft to 5 tons or 30 feet for hull and engine repairs.

(306) From the entrance to **Tualatin River,** 24.8 (28.5) miles above the mouth, for over 4 miles, Willamette River is shallow and winding; buoys and unlighted ranges mark the channel.

(307) Small craft can tie up at **Shanks Landing,** 28.8 (33.1) miles above the mouth.

(308) **Walnut Eddy** is on the E bank 29.4 (33.8) miles above the mouth.

Cable ferry

(309) The Canby ferry crosses the river about 1.1 (1.3) miles above Walnut Eddy. The ferry carries passengers and vehicles, and operates from 0600 to 2200 daily except during periods of high water. When the ferry is underway, the cable is suspended below the water surface at varying depths. When the ferry is docked, the cable is dropped to the bottom. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PASS A MOVING CABLE FERRY.**

(310) Near **Wilsonville,** 33.7 (38.8) miles above the mouth, there are twin fixed highway bridges and a fixed railroad bridge, with clearances of 74 feet and 76 feet, respectively. A marina, on the S bank under the railroad bridge, has about 115 berths, with electricity, gasoline, water, ice, and marine supplies. The marina has a launching ramp and can make hull and engine repairs. Marine towing service for small craft is also available at this marina.

(311) A quarry is on the N side of the river about 300 yards W of the railroad bridge. Mariners are advised to exercise caution because barges and tugs may be operating in the area.

(312) Near **Butteville,** 37.3 (43.0) miles above the mouth, there is a small-craft marina with about 35 berths, electricity, gasoline, water, ice, a launching ramp, and some marine supplies available. Minor engine repairs can be made. The fixed highway bridge, 42.1 (48.4) miles above the mouth, has a clearance of 68 feet at the main span. At **Newberg,** 43.4 (50.0) miles above the mouth, there is a fixed highway bridge with a clearance of 88 feet. An overhead power cable with a clearance of 55 feet, crosses the river 44.9 (51.7) miles above the mouth.

(313) From Newberg to Corvallis, Willamette River is more tortuous and turning, and can be difficult for the small craft; the stretch contains numerous gravel bars, pools and snags. Mariners should exercise due caution for shallow water transits. The tributary **Yamhill River** empties into Willamette River about 3 miles above Newberg. Depths in Yamhill River of about 3 feet are reported to Dayton, 4 miles above its mouth.

Cable ferry

(314) The Wheatland ferry crosses Willamette River about 63 (72.5) miles above the mouth. The ferry carries passengers and vehicles, and operates between 0600 and 2145 daily except when the river level exceeds 16 feet. Warning signs and warning lights mark the crossing. The ferry is guided by two cables. The upper cable, 80 feet above the river level, controls the ferry during normal conditions. The low water cable, near the bottom at all times, controls the ferry when the river level drops below 12 feet. The low water cable is dropped to the bottom when the ferry is not operating. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PASS A MOVING CABLE FERRY.**

(315) **Salem,** capital of the State of Oregon, is 74.4 (85.6) miles above the mouth. Several moorings and floats for log-rafts and small craft are here; berths, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, launching ramps, and marine supplies are available at several small marinas. Hull engine, and electronic repairs can be made in Salem.

(316) A power cable at the N city limits of Salem has a clearance of 86 feet. Minimum clearance of the bridges is 64 feet at the fixed highway bridges, and 42 feet down and 87 feet up at the railroad lift bridge. The railroad lift bridge is maintained in the closed position. (See **117.897**, chapter 2, for bridge regulations.)

(317) At **Independence,** 83 (95.5) miles above the mouth, there is a small-craft launching ramp, but no facilities.

(318) The town of **Buena Vista** is 92 (106) miles above the mouth of the river.

Cable ferry

(319) A cable ferry crosses the river near Buena Vista. The self-propelled ferry carries passengers and vehicles, and operates from 0700 to 2100 daily except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Both when the ferry is underway and when docked the guide cables are suspended approximately 80 feet above the water. When underway, the ferry shows the required navigation lights. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PASS A MOVING CABLE FERRY.**

(320) The river is crossed at **Albany,** 104 (119.8) miles above the mouth, by three bridges: a railroad swing

bridge with a clearance of 40 feet, a fixed highway bridge with a clearance of 55 feet, and a fixed highway bridge with a clearance of 60 feet in the center of the N span and 58 feet in the center of the S span. The railroad swing bridge is maintained in the closed position. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.897**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.)

(321) **Corvallis,** 114.6 (131.9) miles above the mouth, is the limit of the Federal project of the river. Navigation above Corvallis is dangerous and should not be attempted.

(322) There are small-craft finger piers, ramps, and marginal facilities at Corvallis; gasoline and water are available. A highway bridge has a swing span with a clearance of 35 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.897**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.)

Chart 18526

(323) The main channel of the Columbia River favors the Washington shore, N of **Hayden Island** and **Tomahawk Island,** from **Mathews Point** to Ryan Point. Overhead clearances are at **Columbia River Datum.** Overhead power cables with a least clearance of 220 feet cross at Mile 90.6 (104.2). Two bridges cross the main channel between Vancouver and Hayden Island. The Burlington Northern Railroad swing bridge at Mile 91.8 (105.7) has a clearance of 39 feet. The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channels 13 and 16 and works on channel 13; call sign KQ-9049. The interstate 5 highway bridge, Mile 92.5 (106.5) has twin lift spans with clearances of 39 feet down and 178 feet up, twin fixed spans with a clearance of 46 feet (58 feet at the center) crossing the barge channel S of the main channel, and twin fixed spans with a clearance of 72 feet crossing the alternate barge channel S of the barge channel. The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channels 13 and 16 and works on channel 13; call sign, KBM Interstate. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.869**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.)

(324) **North Portland Harbor** is that portion of the river channel between the Oregon shore and Hayden Island. The lower or W entrance is at Mile 89.0 (102.5); the upper or E entrance is at Mile 94.5 (108.8).

(325) A Federal project provides for a 40-foot turning basin at the W entrance to North Portland Harbor, a 40-foot channel for about 1.3 miles above the W entrance, and thence a 20-foot channel to the project limit about 2 miles farther upstream. The Federal project for the E entrance to North Portland Harbor provides for a channel 10 feet deep from the main channel in Columbia River SW to just S of the E end of Tomahawk Island. In March 2000, the midchannel controlling depth was 5 feet from the junction with Columbia River to the project limit. A **241°** lighted range marks the channel for about 0.6 mile from the junction with Columbia River. Two bridges cross North Portland Harbor. The railroad bridge, 2.6 miles E of the W entrance, has a swing span with a clearance of 39 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.887**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) A fixed highway bridge (Interstate 5) about 0.8 mile E has a clearance of 35 feet.

(326) **Vancouver** is on the Washington side of the Columbia River at Mile 92 (106). The port is a water outlet for a large lumber-producing section in SW Washington, as well as a distributing point for a fair share of the grain produced in the interior of Washington and Oregon. Bulk bentonite clay, paper, petroleum products, fertilizer, and general merchandise are also shipped. Steel, wood products, chemicals, and automobiles are the major imported items at Vancouver.

(327) The Port of Vancouver is controlled by a board of three commissioners and a general manager.

Anchorages

(328) Anchorages for Vancouver are the same as those used for Portland. (Refer to that section under the discussion of the Port of Portland.)

Pilotage, Vancouver

(329) See Pilotage, Columbia River and Bar, indexed as such, earlier this chapter.

Towage

(330) Tugs to 3,600 hp are available at Vancouver.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(331) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(332) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

Wharves

(333) The Port of Vancouver owns and operates one deep-draft terminal; a grain terminal and oil wharf, owned by the port, is managed by private companies. There are several private facilities which, with two exceptions, handle barge traffic only. Only the deep-draft facilities are described. For a complete description of the port facilities refer to Port Series No. 33, published and sold by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (See appendix for address.) The alongside depths are reported; for information on the latest depths contact the port authorities or the private operators. Water and

electrical shore power connections are available at most of the wharves. All the facilities described have direct highway connections and plant trackage with direct railroad connections. Cranes to 80-ton capacity are available at the port facilities. Special handling equipment, if available, is mentioned in the description of the particular facility.

Port-operated facilities:

(334) Port of Vancouver Terminal No. 2, Berths 8-9 (45°38'18"N.,122°42'32"W.): 1,080-foot berthing space with dolphins; 40 feet alongside; deck height, 30 feet; 252,000 square feet covered storage; 34 acres of open storage; one 80-ton mobile crane; receipt and shipment of conventional and containerized general cargo, including lumber and steel.

(335) Port of Vancouver Dry Bulk Materials Loading Wharf, Berth 7 (45°38'13"N., 122°42'20"W.): 960-foot berthing space with dolphins; 40 feet alongside; deck height, 34 feet; one traveling loading tower with a loading rate of 600 tons per hour; shipment of dry bulk materials; mooring vessels for repair.

(336) Port of Vancouver Terminal 2, Berths 1-4 (45° 37'58"N., 122°41'51"W.): 2,035-foot berthing space with dolphins; 40 feet alongside; deck height, 30 feet; roll on/roll off ramp, 15 feet; 89,000 square feet covered storage; 15 acres open storage; one 50-ton traveling gantry crane, one 80-ton mobile crane, and one 40-ton multi-purpose crane; receipt and shipment of conventional and containerized general cargo, dry bulk commodities, roll on/roll off cargo, and automobiles.

Privately operated facilities:

(337) Port of Vancouver Oil Terminal Dock (45°38'06"N., 122°42'06"W.): 550-foot berthing space with dolphins; 32 feet alongside; deck height, 30 feet; storage tanks with 700,000-barrel capacity; receipt and shipment of petroleum products; receipt of liquid fertilizer; owned by the Port of Vancouver, operated by ST Services, CENEX, and Tesoro Alaska Petroleum.

(338) Alcoa Aluminum Wharf (45°38'45"N., 122°43'58"W.): 840-foot berthing space with dolphins; 40 feet alongside; deck height, 30 feet; storage tanks with 77,000-metric-ton capacity; alumina is unloaded at this wharf with a clamshell bucket at a rate of 800 long tons per hour and transferred to storage tanks by a 48-inch conveyor belt; owned and operated by Vanalco Inc.

(339) Vancouver Grain Elevator Wharf (45°37'47"N., 122°41'31"W.): 713-foot berthing space; 40 feet alongside; deck height, 34½ feet; grain elevator with a capacity of 5 million bushels; grain gallery with a telescopic spout has a loading rate of 80,000 bushels per hour; one marine leg used for unloading barges and deep-draft vessels, unloading rate of 40,000 bushels per hour; shipment and receipt of grain; owned by the Port of Vancouver, operated by United Grain Corp/United Harvest LLC.

(340) Ideal Cement Pier (45°37'33"N., 122°41'06"W.): 650-foot berthing space with dolphins; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 22 feet; petroleum storage tanks with 70,000-barrel capacity; receipt of petroleum products; owned by Ideal Cement Co. and operated by P.R.I. Northwest, Inc.

(341) Boise Cascade Corp. Dock (45°37'25"N., 122°40'48"W.): floating offshore wharf; 275 feet of berthing space with floats and dolphins; 25 feet alongside; deck height, 1 foot; pipeline for unloading woodpulp has an 800-ton-per-hour rate; fuel oil storage tank with 4,500-barrel capacity; receipt of woodpulp and fuel oil for plant consumption; owned and operated by Boise Cascade Corp.

Supplies

(342) Complete marine supplies and services are available from Portland. Fuel oil must be delivered by barge. Small-craft supplies are available in North Portland Harbor and at other places on the Columbia River E of Vancouver.

Repairs

(343) Complete repairs for large and small vessels are available at Portland. Vancouver has no facilities for repair work on large oceangoing vessels. Small-craft repairs on craft up to 70 tons or 55 feet can be made in North Portland Harbor; there are no repair facilities on the N side of the river at Vancouver.

Communications

(344) Vancouver is served by Interstate Highway 5 and by several State routes. Three major railroads have connections to the city. Portland International Airport is on the S side of the river about 3.5 miles ESE of Vancouver.

Chart 18531

(345) From Vancouver to Bonneville, Mile 126 (145), Columbia River passes through the impressive **Columbia River Gorge,** flanked on each side by railroads and highways. Commerce on the river in this section consists mostly of pleasure craft and barges.

(346) There are more than 35 dike dolphins along this portion, some are marked with lights at their ends. All the dikes are completely covered at higher stages, but bare about 6 feet at datum level.

(347) **Ryan Point,** 1.4 miles ESE of the Interstate 5 highway bridge, is the site of a former shipyard and is now an industrial park. A public launching ramp is at the park.

(348) There are many full service marinas, yacht clubs, and moored houseboats along the Oregon shore from Interstate 5 highway bridge to the W end of Government Island.

(349) At Mile 97.9 (112.7), the river is crossed by a fixed highway bridge with a clearance of 136 feet (144 feet for the center 300 feet) over the channel.

Anchorage

(350) A **special anchorage** is between **Tri-Club Island** and **Government Island**. (See **110.1 and 110.128**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(351) **Camas,** at Mile 104.3 (120.0) on the Washington side, has a large papermill which maintains its own wharf on **Camas Slough,** N of **Lady Island.** About 8 feet can be taken from the Columbia River through the W entrance to the papermill wharf near the E end of the slough; the channel is marked by lights, a buoy, and a lighted range. The E entrance to the slough is foul and bares at low water. Most of the traffic in the slough is for the papermill, which barges its products to Portland for reshipment. At high flood stages a current of as much as 5 knots prevails in the slough.

(352) Two fixed highway bridges cross Camas Slough from the mainland to Lady Island; the W one has a clearance of 69 feet, and the E one has a clearance of 37 feet.

(353) A125°-305° **measured nautical mile** has been established at Mile 105, on Hayden Island. The course is about 0.8 mile below the Burlington Northern Railroad Bridge at Vancouver. Each range marker is painted white with black stripes.

(354) A marina at mile 105.7 (121.6) just E of Camas, has about 250 berths, open and covered and with electricity, gasoline, water, a launching ramp, and complete marine supplies. A marine sales and repair facility adjacent to the marina has a 12-ton hoist that can handle craft to 42 feet for hull and engine repairs. A sawmill is just E of the marina.

(355) There are five power cables crossing at **Ione Reef,** S of Lady Island. The least clearance is 133 feet.

(356) The entrance to **Sandy River,** on the Oregon side opposite Camas, bares at low water. At higher flood stages, passage up Sandy River as far as **Troutdale** is possible.

Local magnetic disturbance

(357) Differences of as much as 8° from the normal variation have been observed between **Tunnel Point** and **Point Vancouver,** E of **Reed Island.**

Dangers

(358) In this section of the river, the principal hazards to navigation are the strong currents, rocks and rocky banks, winds, and an accumulation of ice.

Currents

(359) In general, currents run fair with the main channels with considerable intensity, increasing in regions upstream toward Bonneville. Exceptions are the turn in the channel at Washougal Light 50, where a NW set prevails; SW of **Cape Horn,** where a W set is experienced; and the region between Fashion Reef and Multnomah Falls, where a S set is experienced.

Weather, Corbett

(360) Between **Corbett,** Mile 110.3 (127), and The Dalles, Mile 165 (189.8), the river flows between the bold mountains of the **Cascade Range.** In this stretch, winds of considerable force prevail during much of the time; generally they blow upstream in summer and downstream in winter. Daily peak velocities vary from 6 to 42 knots, but Corps of Engineers officials at Bonneville Dam measured gusts as high as 76 knots during 1960-62.

(361) Near **Warrendale,** Mile 123 (141.5), the river becomes very constricted within less than a mile and continues so almost to the approach to the locks of Bonneville Dam, at the lower end of **Bradford Island.**

(362) **Beacon Rock,** 840 feet high and 300 yards inshore, is on the Washington side opposite Warrendale. It is a prominent dark gray rock outcropping of volcanic origin. A State park of the same name surrounds the rock. The park maintains a mooring float just inside the entrance to the channel W of **Pierce Island;** moorage is restricted to pleasure boats and to periods not to exceed 36 hours. Water and ice are available at the park.

(363) **Bonneville,** on the Oregon side at Mile 126 (145), is the headquarters of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in charge of the Bonneville Lock and Dam.

(364) **Bonneville Lock and Dam,** 126.3 (145.3) miles above the mouth of the Columbia River, is in four parts. Powerhouse No. 2 is between the Washington shore and Cascade Island; the spillway is between Cascade Island and Bradford Island; Powerhouse No. 1 and the old lock are between Bradford Island and Robins Island; and the new lock is between Robins Island and the Oregon shore. The new navigation lock has a vertical lift of about 59 feet, a width of 86 feet and a length of 675 feet.

Overhead power cables over the lock have a clearance of 210 feet. The old lock has been placed in mothball status. Restricted areas are above and below the spillway and powerhouse. (See **207.718,** chapter 2, for information concerning use, administration, and navigation of Bonneville Lock and Dam.)

(365) The strong current toward the powerhouse makes it difficult to approach Bonneville Lock from upstream, particularly if the lock is approached at an angle and if a turn is to be executed in time to avoid an accident. Therefore, all craft approaching the lock from the E and pushing one or more barges should steer as close to the Oregon mainland shore as safety will permit, should be in line with the lock upon reaching the E end of the guide wall, and should continue at a steady but reduced speed if the lock is prepared for entrance and the signal for entrance has been given.

(366) From Bonneville to The Dalles, the channel is through the pool created by Bonneville Dam, which extends 40 (46) miles to The Dalles Dam. Depths and overhead clearances are at **normal pool level.**

(367) Although there is deep water in much of the pool, the controlling depth to The Dalles Dam navigation lock is about 20 feet. The channels are marked by aids to navigation.

(368) An overhead power cable with a clearance of 190 feet crosses the river 1 (1.1) mile above the dam.

(369) Tugs use the dolphins on the S side of the river 1.2 (1.5) miles above the lock for mooring and shifting barges and log rafts. Small craft can find refuge in the mouth of **Eagle Creek,** 0.6 (0.7) miles above the lock, if the creek is not in flood.

Currents

(370) From the lock at Bonneville through Cascade Rapids, constant piloting is necessary because of the strong currents. From Cascade Rapids E, a set of 1° to 3° may be experienced depending on the angle that the course makes with the general direction of the river, the strength of the current, and the direction and strength of the wind.

Local magnetic disturbance

(371) Differences of as much as 6° from normal variation have been observed along this section of Columbia River.

(372) **Bridge of the Gods,** 2.6 (2.8) miles above the Bonneville Dam, has a fixed span with a clearance of 135 feet over a middle width of 284 feet.

(373) **Cascade Locks** 3 (3.3) miles above the Bonneville Dam, have been drowned out. At normal stages of pool level the sides of the old chamber of the lock bare about 3 feet. A strong current flows through the lock. A marina, just E of the lock, has berths, gasoline, and a launching ramp.

(374) Along this section are several inlets or rivers, generally used for log storage, where small craft may find refuge. Most are behind fixed bridges. These places, and their distances above the Bonneville Dam are:

(375) **Rock Creek** at **Stevenson,** Wash., 4.2 (4.8) miles; the bridge clearance is 18 feet. **Government Cove,** on the Oregon side, 5.6 (6.4) miles. **Wind River** at **Home Valley,** Wash., 8.1 (9.3) miles; the minimum bridge clearance is 26 feet. **Drano Lake,** near **Cook,** Wash., 14.5 (16.7) miles; the bridge clearance is 15 feet. **Ruthton,** OR, 17.8 (20.4) miles. **White Salmon River** at **Underwood,** Wash., 20.9 (24) miles; the bridge clearance is 26 feet.

(376) Rock Creek, Wind River, and Drano Lake have log rafts and booms used by nearby sawmills.

(377) **Hood River,** Oreg., 21.7 (25) miles above the Bonneville Dam, is a town at the junction of Columbia and Hood Rivers. There are two boat basins at Hood River; the W basin is privately owned and is used by a repair yard for building and repairing steel barges and tugs. The E basin, operated by the Port of Hood River Commission, has about 55 berths. Gasoline and water are available. The entrance to the W basin is marked by a daybeacon, and the entrance to the E basin is marked by private lights. In 1976, depths of 7 to 12 feet were reported available in the E basin. In August 1990, a shoal was reported to extend NW from the E basin, across the mouth of the Hood River, to just N of the W basin entrance light. Another bare spot is about 0.1 mile northward.

(378) The highway bridge over Columbia River just above the small-craft basin has a lift span with a clearance of 67 feet down and 148 feet up. The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 16 and works on channel 13; call sign KTD-562. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.869**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.)

(379) There are power cables with clearance of 155 feet over the river at **Stanley Rock,** 22.9 (26.4) miles above Bonneville Dam, and at **Crates Point,** 13 (15) miles above Stanley Rock.

(380) At **Bingen,** on the Washington side 23 (26.4) miles above the Bonneville Dam, there are two barge basins with adjacent sawmills. A light and a daybeacon mark the entrance to the E basin, which has a launching ramp and about 20 berths for small craft. In 1976, the controlling depth was 7 feet at midchannel in the entrance to the E basin with 5 to 10 feet in the basin, except for shoaling along the edges. The entrance to the W basin is unmarked; reported depths of 10 feet are in this basin.

(381) **The Dalles** is on the Oregon side of Columbia River, 39 (44.8) miles above the Bonneville Dam. River

traffic, between the town and Vancouver, consists mainly of petroleum products and general freight bound upstream, and wheat, wool, and rafted logs bound downstream.

(382) A small-boat mooring basin with a breakwater and sheer boom protection is just E of the city wharf. Depths inside are 4 to 8 feet. The basin has a small-craft launching ramp. Gasoline, ice, and marine supplies are available. Engine repairs can be made.

(383) The city wharf is over 1,000 feet long and has two warehouses; depths alongside are about 20 feet. There are also private facilities for handling petroleum products, bulk grain, and fresh fruit. An aluminum mill is at West The Dalles.

Charts 18533, 18535

(384) **The Dalles Lock** and Dam, 40 (46) miles above Bonneville Dam, has a single lift lock with a vertical lift of about 87.5 feet. **Restricted areas** are above and below the dam. (See **207.718**, chapter 2, for information concerning use, administration, and navigation of The Dalles Lock and Dam.) **Lake Celilo,** the pool created by The Dalles Dam, provides slack water navigation with a controlling depth of about 14 feet for 22 (25.3) miles upstream to the John Day Dam. Depths and overhead clearances are at **normal pool level.**

(385) Traffic above The Dalles Dam consists mostly of grain and petroleum products.

Ice

(386) Ice occasionally interferes with navigation for 2 weeks or more, usually in January or February.

(387) A fixed highway bridge across the downstream approach to the lock at The Dalles Dam has a clearance of 100 feet.

(388) A railroad bridge, 7 (8.1) miles above The Dalles Dam, has a lift span with clearance of 20 feet down and 79 feet up. The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 16 and works on channel 13; call sign KQ-9048. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.869**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.)

(389) The Celilo Park basin 7.7 (8.9) miles above The Dalles Dam, offers shelter to small boats, but there are no facilities except a launching ramp. The entrance to the basin is marked by a light.

(390) At **Miller Island,** 10.5 (12) miles above The Dalles Dam, the N and S channels are marked by ranges. The main channel is along the N side of the island; however it is reported that the S channel is more frequently used. In May 1994, submerged obstructions with depths of 1 to 3 feet were reported in the S channel in about 45°38'17"N., 120°54'56"W. and 45°38'14"N., 120°54'54.5"W.

(391) On the Oregon side just S of Miller Island is **Deschutes River,** crossed by a fixed bridge with clearance of 20 feet. Small craft occasionally seek shelter here during unfavorable weather.

(392) A grain elevator with a barge loading chute extending to the river is at **Biggs,** Oreg.

(393) The **Biggs Bridge,** 13.6 (17) miles above The Dalles Dam, has a clearance of 88 feet at the center of the fixed highway span. The bridge joins **Maryhill,** Wash., and **Biggs Junction,** Oreg.

Charts 18535, 18536, 18537, 18539

(394) **John Day Dam**, 188 (216.3) miles above the mouth of the Columbia and 21 miles above The Dalles Dam, has a single lift lock with a vertical lift of about 105 feet. **Restricted areas** are above and below the dam. (See **207.718,** chapter 2, for information concerning use, administration, and navigation of John Day Dam.) Depths and overhead clearances are at **normal pool level.**

(395) The rock awash near the E approach to John Day Locks in 45°43'25"N., 120°41'20"W. is marked by a light and sign; mariners are urged to exercise caution when passing N of Lake Umatilla Lighted Buoy 2, so as to avoid being carried to the NW and striking the rock awash.

(396) **Lake Umatilla,** the pool created by John Day Dam, extends 65 (75) miles to McNary Dam. Depths are generally great, but there are many shoals. The winding channel through the lake has a controlling depth of about 19 feet and is marked by aids to navigation. The chart is the best guide. An overhead power cable with a clearance of 90 feet is about 41 (47.2) miles above John Day Dam.

(397) **John Day River** is 2.3 miles above John Day Dam on the S side of the Columbia. Just S of the highway bridges over the entrance to the river is the **John Day River Recreation Area.** There are floats here for about 40 craft and a launching ramp. The fixed highway bridges have a clearance of 19 feet.

(398) A grain elevator with barge-loading facilities is at **Arlington,** Oreg., 21.5 (24.7) miles above John Day Dam. A loading tower for the elevator is marked by a light. Small-craft moorage and a launching ramp are available at Arlington.

(399) At **Boardman,** 45.6 (52.5) miles above the John Day Dam, there is a small-craft basin protected by a stone breakwater and a jetty. Berths and a launching ramp are available here.

(400) A grain elevator and barge-loading pier are on each side of the river about 51.3 (59) miles above John Day Dam.

(401) **Umatilla** is on the Oregon side 62 (71.3) miles above the John Day Dam.

(402) There is a small-craft basin about 500 yards W of the highway bridge. The E side of the entrance is marked by a light. About 125 covered and uncovered berths, electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, and ice are available. A concrete launching ramp is at the basin.

(403) The fixed parallel highway bridges across the river, 63 (72.5) miles above the John Day Dam near Umatilla, each has two navigational spans with a least clearance of 71 feet. The N openings are generally used during high water because there is less current, but during low water it is unsafe. The power cables E of the fixed parallel highway bridges have a least clearance of 82 feet.

Charts 18541, 18542, 18543

(404) **McNary Lock** and Dam, 254.5 (292.9) miles above the mouth of the Columbia River and just above Umatilla, has a single lift lock with a vertical lift of about 75 feet. A **restricted area** is above the dam. (See **207.718**, chapter 2, for information concerning use, administration, and navigation of McNary Lock and Dam.) Depths and overhead clearances are at **normal pool level.**

(405) **Lake Wallula,** the pool created by McNary Dam, provides slack-water navigation from McNary Dam to the junction with the **Yakima River,** a distance of about 37(43) miles. Depths in the lake are generally deep, however, there are several isolated shallow spots and rocky areas along the length of the lake. The channel through the lake is marked by aids to navigation from the Walla Walla River to Richland, 40 (46) miles above McNary Dam.

(406) The **Port of Umatilla,** on the Oregon side, about 0.4 mile above the McNary Lock and Dam, has a 218-foot port wharf with 918 feet of berthing space with dolphins; reported depths of 20 feet are available alongside. A grain elevator with a loading rate of 16,000 bushels per hour is just E of the port wharf, and a barge wharf, used for receipt of petroleum products, is just E of the elevator. The grain elevator is operated by the Pendleton Grain Growers Association, the oil wharf by the Tidewater Oil Co., and the port wharf by the Port of Umatilla.

(407) **Hat Rock State Park,** on the S side about 5.5 (6.3) miles above McNary Dam, has a public launching ramp and offers excellent protection for small craft. Gasoline is available here.

(408) **Port Kelley,** on the E side of Columbia River, 16 (19.5) miles above McNary Dam, has a large grain elevator and facilities for handling bulk grain by rail, truck, or water. The elevator loading rate is 30,000 bushels per hour. Unlighted ranges lead clear of the rock and shoal area in the middle ground 0.4 mile W of the facility.

(409) A small boat moorage is in the bight just NE of Port Kelley. Berths, electricity, gasoline, and water are available.

(410) The **Port of Walla Walla** operates no public facilities, but leases property at **Wallula Junction** to a grain concern and a chemical company. A grain elevator and warehouse are here; both facilities have barge loading equipment. The elevator loading rate is 15,000 bushels per hour. The port also owns the land just S of **Attalia** occupied by a large papermill. Barge slips are at the mill.

(411) **Walla Walla River** enters Columbia River on the E side 18.4 (21.2) miles above McNary Dam. There is a public launching ramp on the S side of the river just E of the highway bridges at the entrance.

(412) About 1.9 miles S of the Snake River mouth, on the W side, is the Collier Carbon and Chemical Co. plant; anhydrous liquid ammonia and urea are received here by barge. The barge wharf is 400 feet long and has reported depths of 33 feet alongside. Two white ammonia storage tanks at this plant are prominent.

(413) The Union Pacific Railroad bridge crossing Columbia River, 27 (31) miles above McNary Dam, has a vertical lift span with a clearance of 11 feet down and 72 feet up. The center span is equipped with a racon. The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 16 and works on channel 13; call sign KTD-561. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.1035**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.)

Charts 18545, 18546, 18547, 18548

(414) **Snake River**, 283 (325.2) miles above the mouth of Columbia River, rises in Yellowstone National Park, from which it winds S past the Grand Tetons, and thence for some 868 miles to its junction with the Columbia at Pasco, Wash.

(415) From that junction for 119 (137) miles to Lewiston, ID there are few small-craft facilities. (See small-craft facilities tabulation on charts 18545, 18546, 18547, and 18548 for supplies and services available.) There are several marinas along the river at **Clarkston,** WA and **Lewiston,** ID where berths, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, and marine supplies may be obtained.

The Ports of Clarkston and Lewiston at the confluence of the Snake and Clarkford Rivers are the primary ports along the Snake River and serve the inland agricultural and logging communities of Washington, Idaho, and Oregon. Barge loading facilities and grain terminals are available at both ports.

(416) Near its mouth, at the village of **Burbank,** Snake River is crossed by the Burlington Northern Railroad lift bridge with a clearance of 14 feet down and 60 feet up. The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 16 and works on channel 13; call sign KQ- 9047. About 0.6 (0.7) mile above, there is a fixed highway bridge with a clearance of 61 feet. In February 1985, a new fixed highway bridge with a design clearance of 63 feet was under construction close S of the existing bridge. Numerous overhead cables with a reported minimum clearance of 43 feet cross Snake River between the fixed highway bridge and Ice Harbor Lock and Dam.

(417) **East Pasco,** on the N side of Snake River 1 mile above the mouth, has extensive storage for grain, petroleum products, cement, and ammonia; the wharves are privately owned. From East Pasco to Lewiston there are no usable wharves.

(418) **Ice Harbor Lock and Dam,** 8.4 (9.7) miles above the mouth of the Snake River, has a single lift lock with a vertical lift of about 100 feet. A **restricted area** (marked by lights, signs, and buoys) is above the dam. (See **207.718,** chapter 2, for information concerning use, administration, and navigation of Ice Harbor Lock and Dam.) In May 1986, shoaling to an unknown depth was reported between Snake River Light 9 and Snake River Buoy 20. Lake Sacajawea, the lake formed by the waters behind Ice Harbor Dam, provides depths at slack water of 10 feet or more for a distance of 27.8 (32) miles to Lower Monumental Dam.

(419) **Lower Monumental Lock and Dam,** 27.6 (31.8) miles above Ice Harbor Dam and about 36 (41.5) miles above the mouth of the Snake River, has a single lift lock with a vertical lift of about 100 feet. A **restricted area,** marked by lights, signs, and buoys, is above the dam. (See **207.718**, chapter 2, for information concerning use, administration, and navigation of Lower Monumental Lock and Dam.)

(420) The Snake River between Lower Monumental Dam and Little Goose Dam, 25 (28.8) miles above Lower Monumental Dam, is crossed by three fixed bridges with a least clearance of 52 feet; overhead power cables crossing the river between the two dams have a least clearance of 90 feet.

(421) **Little Goose Lock and Dam,** about 25 (28.8) miles above Lower Monumental Dam and about 61.1 (70.3) miles above the mouth of the Snake River, has a single lift lock with a vertical lift of about 98 feet. **A restricted area,** marked by lights, signs, and buoys, is above the dam. (See **207.718,** chapter 2, for information concerning use, administration, and navigation of Little Goose Lock and Dam.)

(422) **Lake Bryan,** the pool formed by Little Goose Dam is crossed by a fixed highway bridge with a clearance of 60 feet about 10.7 (12.3) miles above the dam; overhead power cables with a least clearance of 75 feet cross the lake between Little Goose Dam and Lower Granite Dam.

(423) **Lower Granite Lock and Dam,** about 31.5 (36.8) miles above Little Goose Dam and about 93.4 (107.5) miles above the mouth of the Snake River, has a single lift navigation lock 675 feet long and 86 feet wide. The dam, completed in 1975, permits navigation to **Lewiston,** Idaho, 120 (138) miles above the mouth of the Snake River. (See **207.718,** chapter 2, for information concerning use, administration, and navigation of Lower Granite Lock and Dam.) A fixed highway bridge with a clearance of 60 feet crosses Snake River about 1.5 miles below its junction with Clearwater River. A highway lift bridge with clearances of 7 feet down and 60 feet up crosses **Clearwater River** about 0.35 mile above the junction with Snake River (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.381,** chapter 2, for lift bridge regulations.) A fixed highway bridge, about 1.15 miles above the lift bridge, has a clearance of 21 feet. A vertical lift highway bridge with a clearance of 10 feet down and 42 feet up crosses the Snake River between Lewiston, Idaho and **Clarkston,** Washington. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.385**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) A fixed highway bridge with a clearance of 60 feet is about 1.5 miles above the lift bridge. Overhead power cables with a minimum clearance of 80 feet cross the river between the dam and Lewiston.

Charts 18542, 18543

(424) **Pasco**, on the N side of the Columbia River 286 (329) miles above its mouth, is 32 (36.8) miles above McNary Dam. The 800-foot port wharf, leased to private interests, has about 16 feet alongside. A tank farm and a 500,000-bushel grain elevator are served by the wharf. The elevator loads barges at a rate of 500 tons per hour. Traffic at the port consists primarily of inbound petroleum products from Portland and outbound grain to Portland and Vancouver. A barge slip, about 400 feet wide and 800 feet long, is at the port's industrial park, about 1 mile below the Burlington Northern railroad lift bridge. Paper products and molasses are received at this slip. The Port of Pasco is a municipal corporation with a Board of Commissioners and a General Manager. In addition to the marine terminal and the industrial

park, the port operates an airport. The Pasco-Kennewick-Richland area is the most important commercial barging center above Portland.

(425) The Pasco Yacht Basin, on the E side just below the railroad lift bridge, has berths, gasoline, diesel fuel, and marine supplies. Engine and electronic repairs can be made. An 8-ton hoist and a launching ramp are available at the basin.

(426) **Kennewick,** on the S side of Columbia River opposite Pasco, has grain storage facilities and a public wharf where dry cargo is moved. At **Clover Island,** there is a large small-craft harbor. About 80 berths with electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, and marine supplies are available. Hull, engine, and electronic repairs can be made. A 12-ton crane is at a marina occupying the center section of the island. A private yacht club is on the S side of the island.

(427) Four bridges cross the river in this area; the railroad lift bridge clearance is 18 feet down and 70 feet up. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.1035**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The fixed highway bridges 0.35 (0.4) mile W of the railroad bridge has a least clearance of 49 feet. The fixed highway bridge 1.7 (2.0) miles W of the railroad bridge has a clearance of 61 feet. An overhead power cable crossing the river at the E end of Clover Island has a least clearance of 54 feet.

(428) **Columbia Park Recreation Area,** just above the upper fixed highway bridge at Pasco, has a small-craft marina at which berths, electricity, gasoline, water, a launching ramp, and marine supplies are available. Engine repairs can be made. Diesel fuel is available in the town of **Richland,** just above the recreation area. Interstate Route 182 fixed bridge crossing the Columbia River at Richland has a clearance of 73 feet.

(429) The **Hanford Works,** a huge U.S. Department of Energy reservation, is on the S and W sides of the Columbia River about 13 (15) miles above Richland. The facility is devoted to energy research, development, and demonstration; production of nuclear materials; management of defense nuclear waste; and commercial nuclear fuel cycle research. The original site was created in 1943 under the direction of the Manhattan District of the Army Corps of Engineers for the production of materials for nuclear weapons such as those which helped to end World War II.

(430) **Priest Rapids Dam,** 68 (78.3) miles above McNary Dam and 353 (407) miles above the mouth of Columbia River, completed and dedicated in 1962, is the head of navigation, although in its construction provision was made for later building of a navigational lock if needed. However, Richland is the present practical head of navigation.

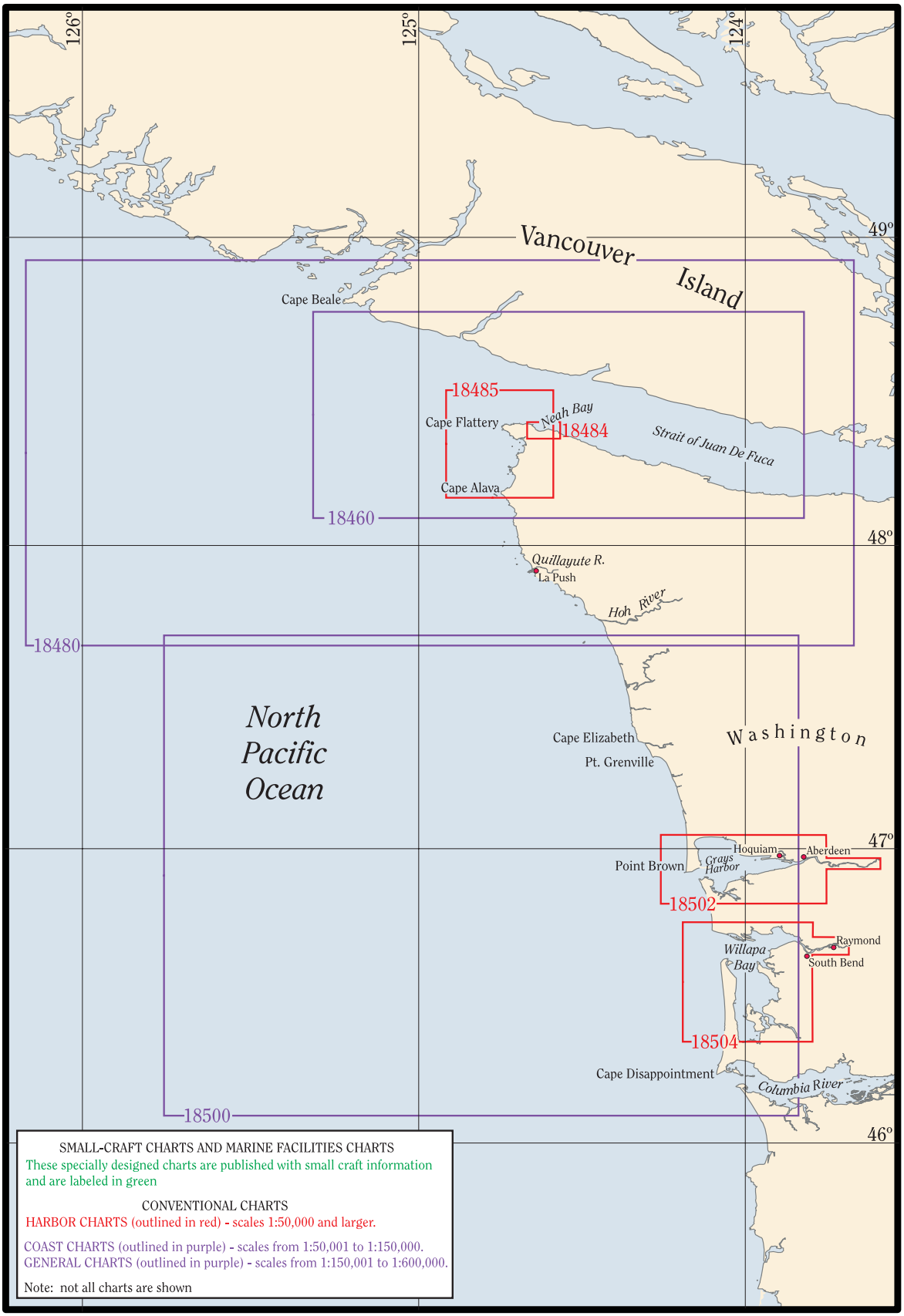
Charts 18551, 18553

(431) **Franklin D. Roosevelt Lake**, Wash., is a National Recreation Area on the upper Columbia River impounded by the **Grand Coulee Dam** (47°57.5'N., 118°59.0'W.). Information about facilities and services is available at the recreation area headquarters in the town of Coulee Dam, the visitors' center at Fort Spokane, and the ranger station at Kettle Falls.

(432) A **restricted area** has been established in the discharge channel of the Grand Coulee Dam, and extending about 2.5 miles downstream from the dam. (See **162.230,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Chart 18554

(433) **Lake Pend Oreille** (48°10'N., 116°25'W.), Idaho, is a recreation area nearly surrounded by the Kaniksu National Forest. The charted depths are based on a lake level of 2048.15 feet above mean sea level. Normal winter and summer lake levels are about 3 feet and 14 feet above the charted depths, respectively. Lake level information, corrected daily, can be obtained by calling the Corps of Engineers, Albeni Falls Dam, telephone (208-437-3133). Marina services at **Sandpoint,** on the N side of the **Pend Oreille River** at its junction with Lake Pend Oreille, include berthing, gasoline, a launching ramp, winter storage, and hull and engine repairs. The drawspan of the railroad bridge across the Pend Oreille River, at the river and lake junction, is in the permanently closed position. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.383**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) U.S. Route 95 fixed highway bridge crosses the river just above the railroad bridge; the least clearance for both bridges is 14 feet. At **Bayview** (47°59'N., 116°34'W.), at the SW end of the lake just W of Scenic Bay, has several marinas that can provide transient berthing, gasoline, diesel fuel, launching ramps, winter storage, marine supplies, water, and pump-out stations; complete marine services are available. Additional information about facilities and services may be obtained from the Sandpoint Chamber of Commerce, Sandpoint, Idaho 83864.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Note: not all charts are shown

Columbia River to Strait of Juan De Fuca, Washington

(1) This chapter describes the Pacific coast of the State of Washington from the Washington-Oregon border at the mouth of the Columbia River to the northwesternmost point at Cape Flattery. The deep-draft ports of South Bend and Raymond, in Willapa Bay, and the deep-draft ports of Hoquiam and Aberdeen, in Grays Harbor, are described. In addition, the fishing port of La Push is described. The most outlying dangers are Destruction Island, marked by a light and fog signal, and Umatilla Reef, marked by a lighted buoy. A U.S. Navy operating/exercise area parallels the coastline from about 10 miles N of Point Brown to Cape Alava, extending from 3 miles offshore to about 50 miles offshore.

(2) The **Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary**, off the Olympic Peninsula of Washington State, including the waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, extends from Koitlah Point due north to the international boundary seaward to the 100 fathom isobath, thence southward to a point due west of the mouth of the Copalis River cutting across the heads of Nitnat, Juan de Fuca, and Quinault Canyons. (See **15 CFR 922**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Area to be Avoided-Washington Coast

(3) The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has adopted the waters off the Washington Coast as an area to be avoided. In order to avoid risk of pollution in the area designated as the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS), all ships bound to and from the Strait of Juan de Fuca, engaged in the trade of carrying hazardous cargo, including but not limited to tankers and other bulk carriers and barges, should avoid the area bounded by a line connecting the following points:

(4) 48°23.3'N., 124°38.2'W.

(5) 48°23.5'N., 124°38.2'W.

(6) 48°25.3'N., 124°46.9'W.

(7) 47°51.7'N., 125°15.5'W.

(8) 47°07.7'N., 124°47.5'W.

(9) 47°07.7'N., 124°11.0'W.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(10) The lines established for this part of the coast are described in **80.1370 through 80.1380**, chapter 2.

Vessel Arrival Reports

(11) The **Washington State Department of Ecology** requires that all tank vessels, and certain cargo and passenger vessels, submit an Advanced Notice of Entry (ANE) Report at least 24 hours prior to entering Washington waters.

(12) A tank vessel is defined as any vessel that carries, or is certified to carry, oil in bulk as cargo or cargo residue. A cargo vessel is any self-propelled vessel in commerce that is 300 gross tons or more. A passenger vessel is any vessel 300 gross tons or more with a fuel capacity of at least 6,000 gallons that carries passengers for compensation.

(13) Vessels required to submit an ANE Report must provide the following information:

(14) a. Vessel name, flag, call sign, and IMO (Lloyd's) number or official number.

(15) b. Last port of call.

(16) c. Current position, time, course, and speed.

(17) d. Name and ETA to port of destination.

(18) e. Agent name, if any.

(19) f. Cargo; dangerous or pollutant cargo by name, UN number, or IMDG Code number of certain dangerous cargoes as define in **33 CFR 160.203.** (The vessel must also report the items required in **33 CFR 160.211 (a)(1) through (a)(8) and (b)** when applicable.)

(20) g. Any hazardous conditions, defects, or deficiencies in charts, publications, hull, steering gear, propulsion machinery, navigation equipment, anchors or cables, or required radio communications equipment.

(21) h. On scene weather, if severe.

(22) i. Identify the vessel's Oil Spill Contingency Plan, the vessel's official number, owner or operator's full address, and bunking activities while in Washington, if any.

(23) The Washington State Department of Ecology also requires owners and operators of vessels to submit Safety Reports when a vessel experiences an unusual

circumstance. A Safety Report is required for any of the following conditions:

(24) a. Any abnormality or malfunction of any steering, propulsion, or safety system, or navigation systems required by federal or international law or regulation;

(25) b. A breach of hull or the integrity of a cargo or bunker tank that causes or that may reasonably be expected to cause an oil spill or loss of stability;

(26) c. Damage from fire or explosion;

(27) d. An incomplete engineering or deck complement under United States law or regulation under the requirements of the vessel's country of registry; or

(28) e. Any condition that could adversely affect the safety of a vessel, bridge, structure, shore area, or the environment.

(29) A Safety Report must be submitted with an Advance Notice of Entry, or, if the condition occurs after submittal of an ANE the Department must be notified immediately by phone or facsimile of the condition. To inquire or submit vessel information, vessel owners or operators may contact the Washington State Department of Ecology by calling 24 hours, 503-790-4868 (Columbia River and Grays Harbor) or 360-956-8378 (Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound). Facsimile Safety Reports should be sent to 1-800-664-9184 or 360-407-7288. Cargo, passenger, fishing and tank vessels are subject to boarding by Washington State Department of Ecology inspectors when in port. Tank vessels are required to have a Tank Vessel Oil Spill Prevention Plan on file with Ecology or must obtain a waiver prior to entering Washington State waters. Washington State also has safe bunkering procedures that must be followed during fuel transfers. For more information contact Ecology by calling 24 hours, 503-790-4868 (Columbia River and Grays Harbor) or 360-956-8378 (Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound). **To report an oil spill call 1-800-258-5990.**

Chart 18500

(30) From Cape Disappointment, the coast extends N for 22 miles to Willapa Bay as a low sandy beach, with sandy ridges about 20 feet high parallel with the shore. Back of the beach, the country is heavily wooded. Numerous summer resorts and cottages are along the beach. Landmarks along this section of the coast are few. The 10–fathom curve averages a distance of about 2.5 miles from the shore. There are no known offlying dangers S of the Willapa Bay entrance bar.

Weather, Columbia River to Strait of Juan De Fuca

(31) The weather along this coast is usually mild, windy, and rainy in winter, cool and pleasant in summer, with some periods of fog. Close to shore, and particularly in Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor, wind and fog conditions are often local and different from conditions offshore. Radiation fog often blankets these bodies of water, as well as rivers and shore points, in fall and winter. It can form any time when nights are clear and calm.

(32) Storms that move along this coast or a distance out to sea bring cloudy days with highs in the midforties (6.1° to 8.3°C) and lows in the middle to upper thirties (3.3° to 3.9°C). In winter, they cause rain on about 15 to 25 days per month and significant snow on 2 or 3 days. They are responsible for predominantly E to SE winds from October through March; these winds reach gale force 3 to 6 percent of the time. In the intermittent periods of settled weather, fog becomes an early morning hazard over rivers and protected bays. Visibilities drop below 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on 3 to 4 days per month, from October to February. Fog signals in waters like Grays Harbor operate up to 35 percent of the time.

(33) With the coming of spring, conditions improve. Storms become less frequent. Winds diminish and blow more from a W direction. Temperatures often rise into the low to middle fifties (11° to 13°C) during the day and fall to the low forties (5.0° to 5.6°C) at night. Visibilities are usually good, and rain falls on just 8 to 15 days per month.

(34) Summer is the true fog season along these shores. In general, advection fog reduces visibilities to below 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on 3 to 10 days per month; up to 16 days per month at Tatoosh Island. Fog signals blow 15 to 30 percent of the time. Conditions are worst in Grays Harbor and near the entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Temperatures are often in the sixties (16.1° to 20.6°C) during the day and around 50°F (10°C) at night. Winds are from a W to NW direction and usually less than 17 knots; calms occur up to 12 percent of the time. It rains on about 5 to 10 days per month.

(35) Fog remains a problem in autumn, although it is less frequent. Temperatures drop slowly with daytime readings often in the low to midsixties (16.1° to 19.4°C), dropping to the upper forties (8.9° to 9.4°C) at night. Rain falls more often. Winds become stronger and return to an E direction.

Chart 18504

(36) **Willapa Bay** entrance is 24 miles N of the Columbia River entrance. The bay is used primarily by fishing and oyster boats. No deep-draft vessels have entered Willapa Bay since 1976. Oyster beds cover much of the shoaler areas of the bay. Lumber, fish, and other sea foods are shipped by rail and truck from South Bend and Raymond.

Prominent features

(37) **Leadbetter Point**, the N extremity of **North Beach Peninsula,** is the S point of the entrance to Willapa Bay. It is low and sandy, and has no distinctive feature to mark its extremity; the chart limit of the trees is 2.2 miles S.

(38) **Cape Shoalwater,** the N point at the entrance, terminates in a low bluff about 50 feet high. The cape is sandy, and N portion is covered with trees to within 300 yards of the point.

(39) The N shore of the entrance to the bay is marked by timbered bluffs and ridges, several hundred feet high. In the daytime, scars on the cliffs often are visible before the light can be seen. The termination of the tree line on Leadbetter Point is sharply defined.

(40) The entrance is in the N part of the bay, which consists of two arms; the S, 18 miles long, and the E, 10 miles long. Both arms are filled with extensive shoals, large areas of which bare at low water. The S arm is separated from the ocean by a strip of low sand and sand dunes, averaging 1.5 miles in width and covered with trees until within 2.2 miles of Leadbetter Point. Numerous cottages and summer resorts are along the seaward face of the narrow peninsula. The shore of the bay elsewhere is composed of low, rolling hills, 100 to 200 feet high, covered with dense growths of timber.

(41) **Willapa Bar** extends about 3 miles outside of a line joining Cape Shoalwater and Leadbetter Point. The bar channel is continually shifting, and depths over it vary from season to season. Because of the frequent changes in the position of the bar and difficulty in dredging the bar to project depth, depths have consistently been less than the 26-foot project depth. The buoys marking the channel over the bar are non lateral and moved from time to time because of the shifting sands and changing channel. Dredging range lights are temporarily established at the entrance at times during dredging operations. The entrance buoys and the dredging range lights do not necessarily mark the best water. The major channels in the bay are marked by aids to navigation.

(42) **Willapa River** flows into the E arm of the bay. Lights, buoys, daybeacons, and lighted and unlighted ranges mark the channel through the E arm and Willapa River to South Bend and Raymond.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(43) The lines established for Willapa Bay are described in **80.1370**, chapter 2.

Channels

(44) A Federal project provides for a 26-foot channel over the bar at the mouth of Willapa Bay, and a 24-foot channel from deep water in Willapa Bay to just above both forks of Willapa River at Raymond. The channel over the bar into Willapa Bay is subject to frequent change. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of charts for controlling depths.

Anchorage

(45) Anchorage with good holding ground may be had at almost any point inside the bay. The anchorage generally used is off Toke Point in 30 to 40 feet, about 4.5 miles SE of Willapa Bay Light.

Dangers

(46) An underwater dike, 18 feet below the surface, extends about 800 yards into the North Channel from a rock groin along the shore between Cape Shoalwater and North Cove in about 46°43'35"N., 124°03'30"W.

Tides

(47) The mean range of tide at South Bend is 7.8 feet, and the diurnal range of tide is 9.8 feet. A range of about 14 feet may occur at the time of maximum tides.

Currents

(48) In the entrance the current velocity is about 2.5 knots. Currents of 4 to 6 knots occur at times; the velocity is greatest on the ebb, particularly with S wind.

(49) In the channel at South Bend, the velocity is about 1.2 knots on the flood and 1.4 knots on the ebb. (See Tidal Current Tables for predictions for South Bend.)

Routes

(50) From N or S, the course to Willapa Bay should be shaped to make the outermost lighted whistle buoy. From seaward in clear weather, the lights at the entrance of Grays Harbor, 14 miles N, and at North Head, 22 miles S, are distinguishing marks for fixing a vessel's position and the subsequent shaping of the course.

(51) Approaching from any direction in any weather, great caution is essential. The currents are variable and uncertain. Velocities of 3 to 3.5 knots have been observed between Blunts Reef and the Swiftsure Bank, and velocities considerably in excess of these amounts have been reported. Under such conditions, vessels should not shoal the water to less than 20 fathoms until the lighted whistle buoy off the entrance has been made.

(52) Navigators of deep-draft vessels should bear in mind the changeable nature of the bar. Strangers should not navigate the bay in thick weather.

(53) **South Bend** is on the S bank of Willapa River, 8 miles above Toke Point. The principal industries are lumbering, oystering, and fishing; two canneries are

operating here. Willapa Harbor Airport is on the N bank of the river about 2.5 miles NW of South Bend. **Raymond,** the principal town, is on the S bank of Willapa River at the junction of the South Fork, 3 miles above South Bend. There are sawmills here, and large quantities of lumber are shipped out.

Bridges

(54) There are no bridges over the main channel. The Burlington Northern railroad swing bridge across South Fork, 0.3 mile above its mouth, has a clearance of 8 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.1063(b),** chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) Two fixed highway bridges over South Fork about 0.5 mile above the railroad swing bridge have a least clearance of 15 feet. The fixed highway bridge over North Fork at Raymond has a clearance of 20 feet. A railroad fixed bridge over **Ellis Slough** has a clearance of 24 feet.

(55) At The Narrows, 1 mile below the Port of Willapa Harbor wharf, the river is crossed by power cables with a minimum clearance of 165 feet.

(56) **Pilotage** for Grays Harbor, discussed later in this chapter, also pertains to Willapa Bay.

Towage

(57) Tugs to 2,200 hp are available at Hoquiam in Grays Harbor. Arrangements should be made in advance through ships' agents or through the pilots.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(58) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(59) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1, for details.)

(60) South Bend and Raymond are **customs ports of entry.**

Supplies

(61) Diesel oil, gasoline, water, ice, and some marine supplies are available in South Bend and Raymond. Both South Bend and Raymond have small-craft moorages operated by the respective towns.

Repairs

(62) The largest of two marine railways at South Bend can handle vessels 60 feet long and 19½ feet wide for hull repairs. A nearby machine shop and foundry does some engine repair work.

(63) **Tokeland** on **Toke Point,** is a summer resort. There is a dredged entrance channel and small-craft basin on the N side of the point. A light is on the outer end of a jetty on the S side and a daybeacon is on the N side of the entrance. In September 2002, the controlling depth was 13.1 feet in the entrance channel to the basin; thence in December 2000, the basin had depths of 9 to 13 feet, except for lesser depths along the SW edge. Berths, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, and ice are available either at the basin or nearby. A launching ramp is at the basin.

(64) **North River,** which enters the E arm 2 miles E of Toke Point, is navigated by small logging launches. The channel is marked by private daybeacons, and is navigable at high water to **Eatons Ranch,** 3 miles above the last daybeacon.

(65) The S part of Willapa Bay is used by light-draft vessels. **Bay Center** is a village just S of **Goose Point** (46°38.2'N., 123°57.5'W.). It is one of the many oyster places in this bay; there is also some fishing and crabbing. There are floats here for mooring fishing vessels; gasoline is available.

(66) The channel to Bay Center leads from deep water in Willapa Bay about 1.4 miles WNW of Goose Point, thence N of Goose Point, and thence S into Palix River to the basin at Bay Center. The channel is marked by lights and buoys. The channel is subject to continual change and buoys are frequently shifted to mark the best water. (See the Notice to Mariners and the latest edition of the chart for controlling depths.)

(67) **Palix River,** on the E side of the bay, is navigable for small logging tugboats and fishermen for about 1 mile up each of the three forks above their junction. The fixed highway bridge, about 1 mile below the forks, has a clearance of 25 feet.

(68) **Nemah River Channel,** 5 miles S of Goose Point, is marked by private aids. Controlling depths are about 4 feet to Daybeacon 20, thence 2 feet to Lynn Point, thence 1 foot to the junction of South and Middle Nemah Rivers.

(69) **Nahcotta Channel,** about 4.5 miles S of Goose Point, leads S between North Beach Peninsula on the W and Long Island Shoal and Long Island on the E to Shoalwater Bay. The channel is well marked and has depths greater than 20 feet.

(70) **Stanley Channel** leads from Nahcotta Channel at Long Island Junction Light, thence E of Long Island and **Stanley Peninsula** to the mouth of Naselle River. Shallow-draft boats with local knowledge can cross **Long Island Shoal.**

(71) **Long Island,** 5.5 miles long in a NW direction and of irregular width, wooded, and rising to over 100 feet in elevation, lies in the S arm of the bay near the head and nearly fills it.

(72) **Nahcotta,** on the E side of North Beach Peninsula, is a small village 9 miles S of Leadbetter Point. There are several large oyster plants here. The boat basin at

Nahcotta has floats for small craft; diesel fuel and dry winter boat storage are available. In April 2004, the channel leading from deep water in Nahcotta Channel to the basin had a controlling depth of 5 feet, thence depths of 4 to 6 feet were available in the basin except for lesser depths along the N edge and shoaling to bare in the NW corner. The entrance to the basin is marked by lights.

(73) **Naselle River,** on the E side of the bay, is navigable by boats of 5 feet or less draft, at half tide or higher water, as far as the bridge at the village of **Naselle,** 10 miles above the mouth. This bridge marks the head of tide water at ordinary high tides. The river has numerous snags and submerged logs, and is crossed by power cables with least clearance of 60 feet; passage should not be attempted without local knowledge. Small logging and fishing boats operate on the river.

(74) **Bear River** enters at the SE corner at the head of **Shoalwater Bay.** A long, tortuous, unmarked channel across the flats makes entrance to the river difficult. Vessels of 5-foot draft or less can make the fixed bridge about 1.5 miles above the mouth at half tide.

Chart 18500

(75) From Cape Shoalwater to Point Chehalis, the S point at the entrance to Grays Harbor, the coast extends for 11 miles as a low sand beach, backed by a heavy growth of timber.

Chart 18502

(76) **Grays Harbor** entrance is about 40 miles N of Cape Disappointment and 93 miles S of Cape Flattery. The bay and its tributaries furnish an outlet to an extensive timber area. Grays Harbor is an important lumber port in the foreign and domestic trade. Oil is delivered by tanker; logs, lumber, pulpwood, and wood chips are shipped out.

(77) The bay at the entrance is about 2 miles wide, but shoals extending S from Point Brown contract the navigable channel to a width of 0.7 mile. From its entrance the bay extends E for 15 miles to the mouth of Chehalis River. The bay is filled by shoals and flats; these bare at low water and are cut by numerous channels.

(78) **Point Chehalis** is low and sandy and is bare of trees for 1.5 miles S of its extremity. A jetty extends seaward from the end of the point. A Coast Guard lookout tower is prominent on the point.

(79) **Grays Harbor Light** (46°53.3'N., 124°07.0'W.), 123 feet above the water, is shown from a 107-foot white truncated octagonal pyramidal tower on the seaward side of Point Chehalis.

(80) **Point Brown,** the N entrance point, is 2.5 miles N of Point Chehalis; it is low, rounding, and sandy, with shoals extending S and W which, together with those extending W from Point Chehalis, form the bar at the entrance. The point is wooded to within 0.5 miles of the extremity. A jetty extends W from the point. A small-craft basin is NE of the point. The entrance to the basin is marked by lights; the approach channel is marked by a line of lighted and unlighted dolphins. A submerged jetty extends about 0.6 mile NE from the N side of the basin entrance. A 30-ton mobile hoist is at the basin. Reported depths of 5 feet are available through the natural channel leading to the basin with similar depths inside the basin.

Prominent features

(81) The country about Grays Harbor is flat and featureless, with few conspicuous objects. **Saddle Hill** (chart 18500), about 310 feet high, 8 miles N of the entrance and 2 miles inshore, is the most conspicuous feature.

(82) Grays Harbor Light shows prominently on a closer approach to the entrance. A micro tower, painted a red and white checkerboard pattern, is 3.6 miles NNE of the N jetty and a large rust-colored standpipe, lighted at night by floodlights, is 2.5 miles SSE of Point Chehalis. Both these objects are prominent on a closer approach, and the standpipe is reported to be visible for a considerable distance at night. In clear weather, **Brackenridge Bluff,** on the N shore 6 miles inside the entrance, is quite prominent. It is a reddish cliff about a mile long, rising in two places to a height of 80 feet; from seaward it is visible only through the entrance.

(83) In clear weather **Neds Rock,** off Brackenridge Bluff, shows prominently from inside the entrance; it is reddish.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(84) The lines established for Grays Harbor are described in **80.1375,** chapter 2.

(85) Grays Harbor is served by the Marine Exchange of Puget Sound. (See Marine Exchange of Puget Sound, chapter 13, for details).

Channels

(86) The entrance to Grays Harbor, between two jetties, is marked by two lighted ranges and buoys. Inside the bay, a Federal project channel provides depths of 36 feet to about Cow Point, thence 30 feet to Cosmopolis, about 9 miles above the bay entrance. The channel inside the bay to Cosmopolis is well marked. There is no deep-draft navigation above Cosmopolis. (See Notices to Mariners and latest editions of the charts for controlling depths for the dredged channel.)

(87) The jettied entrance has a tendency to shoal at the curve on the Point Chehalis side. Submerged sections of the N and S jetties extend seaward about 0.2 and 0.9 mile, respectively, from the visible sections. A lighted horn buoy, equipped with a high intensity flashtube, is off the submerged section of the S jetty.

Anchorage

(88) The best anchorage is N of Westport and SE of **Damon Point** in 30 to 60 feet. The holding ground is good, and there is more swinging room here than elsewhere in the harbor.

Tides

(89) The mean range of tide at Aberdeen is 7.9 feet, and the diurnal range of tide is 10.1 feet. A range of about 14 feet may occur at the time of maximum tides. (See the Tide Tables for daily predictions for Aberdeen, Wash.).

Currents

(90) In the entrance, the average current velocity is about 1.9 knots on the flood and 2.8 knots on the ebb, but velocities may reach 5 knots. In the channels through the bay, the velocities seldom exceed 3 knots. It was reported that currents in the vicinity of the bar are very erratic, setting N close inshore and S offshore. (See Tidal Current Tables for daily predictions at the entrance to Grays Harbor.)

Routes

(91) From N or S, the course should be shaped to make the entrance buoy. From seaward in clear weather, Saddle Hill, 8 miles N of the entrance, and Grays Harbor Light on Point Chehalis will be seen.

(92) Approaching from any direction in thick weather, great caution is essential. The currents are variable and uncertain. Velocities of 3 to 3½ knots have been observed between Blunts Reef and Swiftsure Bank, and velocities in excess of these amounts have been reported. Because of the possibility of a strong onshore set, especially in SW weather, vessels should not shoal the depths to less than 20 fathoms unless sure of the position.

(93) The bar channel is subject to change. Deep-draft vessels should not enter without knowledge of conditions at the time of entering. The deepest water is not always on the range. Information concerning conditions on the bar can be obtained from the Grays Harbor Pilots Association or from the Coast Guard on VHF-FM channel 16. The bar channel and harbor should not be attempted in thick weather.

Pilotage, Grays Harbor

(94) Pilotage is compulsory for all foreign vessels, and U.S. vessels under enrollment and registered in foreign trade.

(95) Grays Harbor Bar Pilots serve Grays Harbor, Chehalis River, and Willapa Bay, and maintains an office at Aberdeen, WA, and a station at Westhaven Cove, Westport, WA.

(96) The office address is: Grays Harbor Bar Pilots, P.O. Box 123, Aberdeen, WA 98520; telephone 360-532-2761; Fax 360-532-6932.

(97) The station and pilot boats monitor VHF-FM channels 12 and 16, and use 12 as a working channel. The pilot boats, CHEHALIS and GRAYS HARBOR, are 65 and 60 feet long, respectively, and each has an orange and green hull. The word "PILOT" is displayed on both sides of each boat, and the standard day and night signals are used when vessels are approaching from seaward.

(98) Arrangements for pilots can be made by ships' agents by telephone or radiotelephone. A 24-hour advance notice of arrival is requested; any change in the estimated time of arrival requires a 4-hour advance notice to the pilots via the Marine Exchange, Seattle, Washington or radiotelephone.

(99) Pilots board vessels near Grays Harbor Approach Lighted Whistle Buoy GH (46°51.9'N., 124°14.3'W.). To assist pilots in boarding from the bow of the pilot boat, the ship is requested to maintain a speed of 6 knots. A pilot ladder should be rigged amidships on the leeward side clear of the gangway or other obstructions, and about 3 meters above the water with no manropes. In rough weather, pilots may board during daylight.

(100) **Westhaven Cove,** on the inner side of the N tip of Point Chehalis, is protected by breakwaters marked by lights. The harbor is a large sport and commercial fishing center operated by the Port of Grays Harbor.

(101) In April 2003, a depth of 19.6 feet was available in the N entrance and a depth of 14.1 feet was available in the S entrance, thence depths of 9 to 16 feet were available in the cove (except for shoaling along the SW edge of the breakwater.) Lesser depths are near both entrance channel edges and breakwaters.

(102) **Grays Harbor Coast Guard Station** is on the S side of Westhaven Cove. The town of **Westport,** a summer resort and fishing town, is about a mile S of Westhaven Cove.

(103) Westhaven Cove has about 1,000 berths, with electricity, about 20 transient berths, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, a launching ramp, pump-out facilities, and marine supplies. Dry winter boat storage is available in the cove. A boatyard at the S end of the harbor has a mobile lift that can handle craft to 60 tons for hull or engine repairs; the yard includes a ship chandlery.

Electronic repair service is available at the harbor. The Grays Harbor pilot boat is berthed at Westhaven Cove.

(104) The Coast Guard has established Grays Harbor Entrance Small Boat Warning Sign, a **rough bar advisory sign,** 20 feet above the water, visible from the channel looking seaward, on the N side of Westhaven Cove, to promote safety for small-boat operators. The sign is diamond shaped, painted white with an international orange border, and with the words "Rough Bar" in black letters. The sign is equipped with a seasonal alternating quick flashing yellow light. The light will be activated when seas exceed 4 feet in height and are considered hazardous for small boats. Boaters are cautioned, however, that if the light is not flashing, it is no guarantee that sea conditions are favorable.

(105) The Coast Guard displays **heavy weather warning flags**, square RED flags with square BLACK centers, at two locations in Grays Harbor; one flag is on the Coast Guard lookout tower 70 feet above the water on the S side of Point Chehalis and the other is on the NW side of the Coast Guard station boat house 50 feet above the water. These displays will be based on current weather warnings issued in the following National Weather Service forecast areas; Cape Flattery to Cape Shoalwater. Display of flags are required from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Weather flags are flown at select Coast Guard stations to supplement other weather notification sources. Light signals corresponding to these flags are not displayed at night. In all cases mariners should rely upon National Weather Service broadcasts as their primary source of government provided weather information.

(106) **Bay City,** 3.7 miles SE from Westhaven Cove, on the E shore of **South Bay** formerly was a whaling station. The wharf, built originally for the old fertilizer factory, is now in ruins, and there are no marine facilities now at Bay City. The fixed highway bridge at Bay City has a clearance of 39 feet.

(107) For the rest of the 2.6-mile distance, South Bay is crooked and full of shoals to the mouth of **Elk River,** which is used some for logging.

(108) **Markham,** site of a large cranberry plant and a small seafood company, is on the S side of the bay at the mouth of **Johns River,** a shallow stream crossed by a fixed highway bridge with clearance of 33 feet, near the entrance. Above the bridge, the stream is navigable only for rowboats.

(109) **Hoquiam** and **Aberdeen** are twin cities about 14 miles above the harbor entrance. Hoquiam is on the river of that name, and Aberdeen is on Chehalis River. South Aberdeen is across the river, but is part of the city of Aberdeen.

(110) **Cosmopolis** is a small town on the S side of Chehalis River just above South Aberdeen. There is a large pulpmill here.

(111) **Chehalis River** enters at the E end of Grays Harbor and is marked by lights to Cosmopolis. It is navigable by small boats to **Elma,** 24 miles above the mouth. The upper portion of the river, for a distance of about 45 miles above Elma, is used for floating logs.

(112) **Montesano,** about 14 miles above Aberdeen, has several mills. This stretch of the river is used only by log tows and outboard motorboats. A small-boat moorage is on the N bank between the highway and railroad bridges S of Montesano. A launching ramp is near the moorage.

Towage

(113) Tugs up to 2,200 hp are available at Hoquiam. Arrangements for a tug should be made in advance either through the Grays Harbor Pilots Association or ships' agents. Tugs monitor and use as working frequency VHF-FM channel 9.

Bridges

(114) The main channel of Chehalis River is crossed by U.S. Route 101 highway drawbridge at Aberdeen, about 1.4 miles above Cow Point. The bridge has a clearance of 35 feet. The bridgetender of the highway bridge monitors VHF-FM channel 16 and works on channel 13; call sign KJA-289. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.1031**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) A fixed bridge with a clearance of 29 feet is at South Montesano.

(115) In the 6-mile stretch between Montesano and Elma there are three fixed bridges having least clearance of 8 feet. At Cosmopolis, 5.5 miles above the mouth, is a power cable with a clearance of 125 feet. Between this point and Montesano the least clearance of power cables is 54 feet.

(116) The Hoquiam River is crossed by a railroad swing bridge, the Simpson Avenue/U.S. Route 101 bascule bridge, and the 6th Avenue lift bridge within 0.7 mile of the mouth. Least clearances are: 11 feet for the swing bridge; 25 feet for the bascule bridge; and 4 feet down and 65 feet up for the lift bridge. The railroad swing bridge about 2 miles above the mouth has a clearance of 5 feet. Overhead power and television cables with clearances of 54 feet cross the river about 1 mile above the mouth. A power cable across the N draw of the railroad swing bridge 2 miles above the mouth has a clearance of 43 feet; the power cable just above the bridge has a clearance of 75 feet.

(117) The Wishkah River is crossed by two swing bridges and one bascule bridge within 0.4 mile of the mouth; least clearance is 8 feet. A fixed bridge about 1 mile

above the mouth has a clearance of 16 feet. The least clearance of overhead power cables close below and above this fixed bridge is 30 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.59, 117.1031, 117.1047, and 117.1065**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations for bridges crossing the Chehalis, Hoquiam, and Wishkah Rivers.)

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(118) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(119) Aberdeen is a **customs port of entry.**

(120) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1, for details.)

Harbor regulations

(121) The Port of Grays Harbor Commission appoints a port manager who directs the facilities and port affairs of the harbor district, which is coextensive with Grays Harbor County. The Port of Grays Harbor general offices are at 111 South Wooding Street, about 500 yards from the inshore end of Terminal Pier 1.

Wharves

(122) The Port of Grays Harbor operates three marine terminals. In addition to the port-operated facilities described, there are more than seven private deep-draft piers and wharves in the Hoquiam, Aberdeen, and Cosmopolis area. Only the major deep-draft facilities are described. For a complete description of the port facilities refer to Port Series No. 35, published and sold by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (See appendix for address.) The alongside depths are reported. (For information on the latest depths contact the port authorities or the private operators.)

Port of Grays Harbor facilities:

(123) Terminal 2 (46°57'53"N., 123°51'10"W.): 700 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 18 feet; 50,000 square feet of covered storage; 27 acres open storage; receipt and shipment of general cargo, including woodpulp, lumber, and logs.

(124) Terminal 4 (46°57'40"N., 123°50'14"W.): 1,400-foot berthing space; 30 to 37 feet alongside; deck height, 18 feet; 107 acres of open storage; two 50-ton gantry cranes travel the entire length of the wharf, one 40-ton high-speed container crane, one 60-ton bridge crane, at the W end of the wharf, is equipped with a 50-ton log grapple; 15 log-handling machines with capacities to 45 tons; receipt and shipment of logs and containerized general cargo.

Private facilities:

(125) ITT Rayonier North Channel Wharf (46°58'12"N., 123°54'40"W.): 600-foot face; 875 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 20 feet; shipment of logs and lumber; owned and operated by ITT Rayonier, Inc.

(126) Weyerhaeuser Aberdeen Saw Mill Wharf (46°58'27"N., 123°47'57"W.): 900-foot berthing space; 33 to 35 feet alongside; deck height, 16 feet; one stiff-legged derrick for loading chips; 24 acres open storage; shipment of chips and lumber; owned and operated by Weyerhaeuser Co.

(127) Roderick Timber Co. Wharf (46°58'21"N., 123°46'39"W.): 500-foot face; 785 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 32 to 35 feet alongside; deck height, 19½ feet; 35 acres open storage; shipment of logs; owned and operated by Roderick Timber Co.

(128) Weyerhaeuser Log Export Dock No. 2 (46°58'18"N., 123°46'48"W.): 450 feet of berthing space; 34 feet alongside; shipment of logs; owned and operated by Weyerhaeuser Co.

(129) Weyerhaeuser Log Export Dock No. 1: immediately S of Dock No. 2; 430-foot face; 600 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 34 feet alongside; deck height, 16 feet; 27 acres open storage; shipment of logs; owned and operated by Weyerhaeuser Co.

Supplies

(130) Bunker fuel, diesel oil, lubricants, water, and some marine supplies are available for large vessels at Grays Harbor. Complete service and repair facilities for small craft are available at Westhaven Cove, Aberdeen, and Hoquiam.

Repairs

(131) There are no facilities for major repairs to large oceangoing vessels in Grays Harbor; the nearest such facilities are in Portland, Oreg. There are several marine railways in Grays Harbor, the largest of which is at a shipyard on the W bank of the Hoquiam River 1 mile above its mouth. This railway can handle vessels to 400 tons, 80 feet long or 34 feet wide for hull repairs. Machine shops and foundries are nearby and can make some engine repairs. Electronic repair service is available.

Communications

(132) Grays Harbor is served by the Burlington Northern Railroad and the Union Pacific Railroad. Two U.S. highways serve Aberdeen and Hoquiam. Bowerman Airport, owned and operated by the Port of Grays Harbor, is on an extensive filled area just W of Hoquiam; there are flights to Seattle, Portland, Astoria, and points beyond.

(133) **North Bay,** immediately E of Point Brown, is a shallow bight about 6 miles long. It is filled with shoals and flats that bare at low water. There is some oyster culture in the bay, which is used considerably by small oyster boats. The entrance to the bay is marked by buoys.

(134) **Hoquiam River** empties into Grays Harbor about 2 miles W of the mouth of Chehalis River. It is practically a tidal slough 11 miles long. In November 1980, the midchannel controlling depth was 6 feet from the mouth of Hoquiam River to the junction of the Hoquiam River and the East Fork of the Hoquiam River, a distance of about 2.5 miles. Traffic on the river consists of log tows, tugs, and other small craft. Between the mouth of the river and its junction with the East Fork, the river is crossed by a bascule bridge and 2 swing bridges with least clearances of 5 feet and by a lift bridge with clearances of 4 feet down and 65 feet up. Overhead power and TV cables crossing the river have a least clearance of 43 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.1047**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) In 2004, the lift bridge was stuck in the closed position.

(135) In May 1985, a sunken wreck marked by a buoy was reported about 280 yards N of the lift bridge in about 46°58'55"N., 123°53'00"W.

(136) **Wishkah River** empties into the N side of Chehalis River in the E part of Aberdeen. It is little used.

Chart 18500

(137) From Point Brown the coast extends N for 23 miles to Point Grenville as a low, sandy beach, broken occasionally by small streams and in some places by bluffs. A few small towns and settlements, connected by roads or trails, are scattered along this stretch.

(138) **Copalis Head,** 13 miles N of Point Brown, is a bright yellow bluff 2 miles long and 200 feet high. It is 1.5 miles N of **Copalis River. Copalis Rocks,** two small rocks the larger 34 feet high, lie 500 yards off the head, and a rock awash is about 0.5 mile WSW of the head.

(139) Two small bluffs mark the mouth of **Joe Creek,** 3.5 miles N of Copalis Head.

(140) **Moclips River** entrance is 6 miles N of Copalis Head. The S point at the mouth is bare and sandy; on the N bank is a bright yellowish bluff 50 feet high. **Moclips,** near the mouth of this river, is connected by a branch of the Burlington Northern Railroad with Hoquiam on the N shore of Grays Harbor. A triangular-shaped yellowish bluff about 110 feet high on the S bank of **Wreck Creek,** which empties about 2.5 miles N of Moclips, is prominent from offshore.

(141) **Point Grenville,** 10 miles N of Copalis Head, is a broken rocky promontory with nearly vertical whitish cliffs over 100 feet high. Numerous rocks extend for some distance off the point. **Grenville Arch,** dark in color, 83 feet high, is the outer and more prominent of two rocks lying W of the point; it is over 0.5 mile SW of the inner extremity of the point. The arch lies E and W. A rock that uncovers is 400 yards NW of Grenville Arch. The W rock, off the W end of the point, is 200 yards off the cliff and 92 feet high. There are several rocks inside of it, but none outside. Two rocks, over 90 feet high, are 400 yards S of the S extremity of the point.

(142) An indifferent anchorage in NW weather may be had under Point Grenville by vessels of moderate draft, but the depths compel anchoring at such a distance from the beach that little shelter is afforded. The anchorage is in 4 fathoms, sandy bottom, with the inner extremity of the point bearing **338°**, and Grenville Arch bearing **239°**. This anchorage is not recommended for ordinary use.

(143) N of Point Grenville is a series of cliffs; the upper part appears light gray, the lower part dark, separated by a well-defined line of demarcation. This formation disappears near the S end of the cliffs where they are broken up and present a stratified appearance. The strata slope downward to the N. North of the cliffs is a shingle beach followed by irregular bluffs and cliffs terminating near Taholah in white cliffs of uniform height, which from offshore do not present the stratified appearance noticeable to the S.

(144) **Quinault River** breaks through the cliffs about a mile SE of Cape Elizabeth. **Taholah** is an Indian village on the banks of the river. The shoreline in this section is low. The river is navigable only by skiffs and outboard motorboats. Some gasoline and supplies are available. A piling dike has been built along the spit in front of the village. In the background is a ridge with three long, flat summits. The road serving the beach settlements, and connecting them with Hoquiam, terminates at Taholah.

(145) From Taholah to Cape Elizabeth the cliffs present an almost unbroken face seaward and in places are about 200 feet high. They appear either white or bright yellow, and from offshore present a very noticeable stratification, sloping downward to the S; an important difference from the direction of slope around Point Grenville.

(146) **Sonora Reef** extends SSE from Cape Elizabeth for over 2 miles, its S end lying 1.1 miles offshore.

(147) **Cape Elizabeth** projects about a mile from the general trend of the coast, and when seen from seaward appears as a bright yellow, rocky cliff reaching in places a height of 200 feet. There are no high or large rocks off the cape. A little less than a mile SSE and SSW, lie two rocks awash, and inside of these, less than 0.5 mile from the extremity of the cape, are some small visible

rocks that break. The houses of the Quinault Indian Reservation are at the E end of the cliffs.

(148) From Cape Elizabeth for 20 miles to Destruction Island, the coast is nearly straight, with low shores and rocky cliffs heavily wooded to the edges. Numerous rocks lie offshore, but these are inshore of the usual track of vessels.

(149) **Flat Rock,** low and black, is 1.6 miles NW from Cape Elizabeth and 0.9 mile offshore. A covered rock which breaks in ordinary weather is 400 yards S of it. A small rock is halfway between Flat Rock and Cape Elizabeth, with a smaller one inside halfway to the beach.

(150) **Pratt Cliff,** 3 miles N of Cape Elizabeth, is a sharp point backed by cliffs, 139 feet high. **Split Rock,** 70 feet high, is 1 mile offshore, abreast of the N end of Pratt Cliff. It is split in two, and the division shows when seen from W to NW. A small, low, black rock is 0.5 mile S of it, and a larger one is 0.4 mile S of Split Rock.

(151) **Willoughby Rock,** 120 feet high, 0.4 mile NE of Split Rock, is nearly round with an abrupt seaward face. A cluster of rocks is between Willoughby and Split Rock and a little S of them; one is black and conical, with a rock awash 200 yards SW from it.

(152) **Sealion Rock,** 8 feet high, small and black, is 3 miles NW of Split Rock and 2.6 miles offshore.

(153) From Pratt Cliff to **Raft River,** 3.5 miles, the coast consists of broken cliffs over 100 feet high bordered by rocks extending over 0.5 mile offshore. Midway between these points are three rocky heads covered with trees to the edges projecting beyond the cliffs and almost detached from them.

(154) **Tunnel Island,** 157 feet high, is in the entrance to Raft River, and at low water is connected with the S point of the river. A vertical pillar, 108 feet high, stands 150 yards NNW of the rock, and a cluster of rocks is close-to under its SE point.

(155) From Raft River to Queets River, 4.5 miles, the coast consists of cliffs about 80 feet high, broken occasionally by small streams.

(156) **Queets River** is the largest stream between Grays Harbor and Cape Flattery. The S point is a low, sandy spit about 0.1 mile long, projecting from an abrupt cliff, 80 feet high, and densely wooded. The N point is 1.3 miles long, low, and sandy, with some trees at the mouth of the river, and a narrow lagoon between it and the bluff.

(157) From Queets River for 10 miles to abreast Destruction Island, the coast is rather low and is broken by cliffs about 50 feet high with broad low-water beaches. **Kalaloch Rocks** are about 4.5 miles N of the river, close inshore.

(158) A **U.S. Navy Underwater Tracking Range** is W of the mouth of Queets River, about 6 to 10 miles offshore. Underwater cables, several feet above the ocean bottom and over an area about 1 mile wide, extend NE from the upper E side of the tracking range, at about 47°32.5'N., 124°30'W., to the shore at about 47°36.3'N., 124°22.5'W. Mariners are cautioned against anchoring or dragging in these areas.

(159) **Destruction Island,** 90 feet high, is 20 miles NNW of Cape Elizabeth and 3 miles offshore. It is flat-topped and covered with brush, with a few clumps of trees. The island is 0.5 mile long and 300 yards wide at its S part. From the N end rocks and ledges extend about a mile from the cliffs; these are bordered by a line of kelp on the inshore side.

(160) **Destruction Island Light** (47°40'28"N., 124°29'13"W.), 147 feet above the water, is shown from a 94-foot white conical tower with black gallery on the SW part of the island; a fog signal is at the light.

(161) An indifferent anchorage, affording shelter from NW winds, may be had off the SE face of the island in 10 fathoms, sandy bottom, with the light bearing between **293°** and **315°**. Vessels must leave if the wind hauls W or S. During the fishing season many small fishing boats anchor for the night under Destruction Island; it is the only shelter from offshore winds between Grays Harbor and Cape Flattery.

Chart 18480

(162) For 5.5 miles from Destruction Island to Hoh Head, the coast trends in a general NW direction. The cliffs are 50 to 100 feet high, and many rocks and ledges extend 1.2 miles offshore in some places.

(163) **Abbey Islet,** 3.5 miles NE of Destruction Island, is over 100 feet high and covered with trees. It is 200 yards off the cliffs. Many rocks are close S of it, the most distant of which is **South Rock,** 46 feet high, 1 mile S, and 0.5 mile offshore.

(164) At the mouth of **Hoh River,** 2 miles SE of Hoh Head, is a broad sand beach; the absence of cliffs for 0.5 mile is noticeable for a considerable distance offshore. In smooth weather the river can be entered by canoes, but the channel shifts. An Indian village is on the S bank at its mouth.

(165) **Hoh Head,** 200 feet high, is a bright yellow cliff covered with a dense forest. It projects a little over 0.5 mile from the general trend of the coast. A large cluster of rocks is off the S cliff of the head and covered rocks extend to about 1.6 miles offshore between the head and North Rock. A rock covered 2¼ fathoms lies 1.8 miles WNW of Hoh Head.

(166) **Middle Rock, North Rock,** and **Perkins Reef** are other dangers within 1.5 miles off Hoh Head. Middle Rock, 65 feet high and black with vertical sides, is 0.8 mile off the mouth of Hoh River. North Rock, a mile S

of Hoh Head, is 107 feet high and grayish in color, with steep sides; in the afternoon sun this rock shows white, which makes it a very distinct landmark. Perkins Reef is a long, bold, and jagged islet, 1.1 miles W of Hoh Head. This area has numerous other rocks, covered and bare.

(167) The coast continues rugged and rocky from Hoh Head to La Push, 11 miles to the NW. The cliffs are 100 to 120 feet high, broken here and there by small streams. Several rocky islets 25 to 120 feet high and covered ledges extend in some places as much as 2 miles offshore.

(168) **Alexander Island,** 121 feet high, is 2 miles NNW of Hoh Head and 1 mile offshore. It is covered with low vegetation, and is flat-topped with steep sides. The island is prominent in hazy or smoky weather. A small clump of trees in its center makes it easily distinguishable from the other rocks and islands in the area. A covered rock, 1.8 miles WNW of Alexander Island, is the outermost known danger in this vicinity.

(169) **Toleak Point,** 4.7 miles NW of Hoh Head, is a narrow point terminating in a small knob with an abrupt seaward face. A high wooded islet lies 400 yards W of the point, to which it is connected by an extensive bare reef. **Rounded Islet,** a grassy rock 130 feet high with rounded top and steep sides, is 0.3 mile seaward of Toleak Point. A low black rock is 0.7 mile S of the islet.

(170) **Giants Graveyard,** 1.5 miles N of Toleak Point, consists of very irregular rocks; the largest are up to 210 feet high. The farthest offlying rock is about 0.8 mile from shore.

(171) **Teahwhit Head,** 8 miles NW of Hoh Head and 2.4 miles SSE of La Push, is a jagged double point 100 feet high and heavily wooded. **Strawberry Bay,** on the SE side of the head, is a small bight in which fishing boats find shelter from NW winds. There are numerous rocks in and around the bight.

(172) **Quillayute Needle,** 81-foot high pinnacle, 1.3 miles WNW of Teahwhit Head, is the outermost of many rocks, visible or covered, that are within a mile of the shore. Some are as high as 100 to 195 feet, and many are awash or covered by a fathom or less. The foul area continues to within 1 mile S of James Island, at the entrance to La Push.

(173) **James Island,** 15 miles NNW of Destruction Island on the N side of Quillayute River mouth, is 183 feet high, bold and wooded, and joined to the beach at low water. Numerous smaller wooded islands, immediately N, are prominent. An indifferent anchorage affording some shelter from NW winds may be had close SE of James Island, in 5 to 6 fathoms, sandy bottom, about 600 yards from the beach. Sea swell makes this anchorage unsafe.

(174) **James Island Light** (47°54.3'N., 124°38.8'W.), 150 feet above the water, is shown from a white house on the S part of the Island. A fog signal is at the light.

(175) **La Push,** an Indian village on the E bank and about 0.4 mile above the entrance of **Quillayute River,** is an important sport fishing center.

(176) The river channel is protected by a jetty on the SE side and a dike on the NW side; a lighted whistle buoy is about 1.8 miles SW from the outer end of the jetty. About 250 feet of the outer end of the jetty is awash at high water.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(177) The lines established for the Quillayute River are described in **80.1380**, chapter 2.

(178) The river channel leads from the sea to a small-craft basin at La Push. The entrance channel is marked by a directional light. The channel to the basin is marked by a light and seasonal buoys. Buoys are not charted because they are frequently shifted in position; local knowledge is advised. In March 2002, depths of 7 to 10 feet were in the basin, except for lesser depths along the W jetty and in the NW corner. The N and S sides of the entrance to the basin are marked by lights. A power cable with a clearance of about 100 feet crosses the river near its mouth.

(179) The channel, which passes close to the SE shore of James Island, is sometimes dangerous, especially in heavy S weather. Weather conditions which make the entrance hazardous normally occur only in the winters, usually in December and January. When there are breakers of any size making across the entrance, it should not be attempted except at better than half tide and with a well-powered boat. Strangers may request assistance from the **Quillayute River Coast Guard Station** at La Push by radio or signals; a Coast Guard boat will lead the vessel in if practicable. The tank at the Coast Guard station is prominent.

(180) In late summer and fall mariners are advised to use caution when transiting the channel because fish nets may be present.

Weather, Quillayute, Tatoosh Island, and vicinity

(181) Maritime air from over the Pacific has an influence on the climate throughout the year. In the late fall and winter, the low-pressure center in the Gulf of Alaska intensifies and is of major importance in controlling weather systems entering the Pacific Northwest. At this season of the year, storm systems crossing the Pacific follow a more S path striking the coast at frequent intervals. The prevailing flow of air is from the SW and W. Air reaching this area is moist and near the temperature of the ocean water along the coast which ranges

from 45°F (7.5°C) in February to 57°F (13.9°C) in August. The wet season begins in late September to October. From October through January, rain may be expected on about 22 days per month; from February through March, on 21 days; from April to June, on 20 days; and from July to September, on 15 days. Precipitation falls an average of 239 days each year.

(182) As the weather systems move inland, rainfall is usually of moderate intensity and continuous, rather than heavy downpours for brief periods. Gale force winds are not unusual. Most of the winter precipitation over the coastal plains falls as rain; however, snow can be expected each year. Snow is seldom deeper than 10 inches (254 mm) or remains on the ground longer than 2 weeks. The average annual snowfall is only 13 inches (330 mm) but snow has fallen during every month except June, July, and August. Annual precipitation increases from about 90 inches (2286 mm) near the coast, to more than 120 inches (3048 mm) over the coastal plains, to 200 inches or more (>5080 mm) on the wettest slopes of the Olympic Mountains. The average annual precipitation at Quillayute airport is nearly 102 inches (2591 mm). December is the wettest month averaging nearly 15 inches (381 mm) and July is the driest with an average of only 2.37 inches (61 mm).

(183) During the rainy season, temperatures show little diurnal or day to day change. Maximums are in the forties (5.0° to 9.4°C) or minimums in the mid-thirties (0.6° to 2.8°C). A few brief outbreaks of cold air from the interior of Canada can be expected each winter. Clear, dry, cold weather generally prevails during periods of east winds. Maximum temperatures range from 25°F (-3.9°C) to 35°F (1.7°C) and minimums from 10° to 25°F (-12.2° to -3.9°C). The coolest temperature on record is 5°F (-15°C) recorded November 1985. Every month except June, July, and August has seen below freezing (<0°C) temperatures.

(184) In the late spring and summer, a clockwise circulation of air around the large high-pressure center over the North Pacific brings a prevailing northwest and west flow of cool, comparatively dry, stable air into the northwest Olympic Peninsula. The dry season begins in May with the driest period between mid-July and mid-August. The total rainfall for July is less than 0.5 of an inch (13 mm) in 1 summer out of 10; also, it exceeds 5.0 inches (127 mm) in 1 summer out of 10. During the warmest months, afternoon temperatures are in the upper sixties and lower seventies (20.0° to 22.2°C), reaching the upper seventies and the lower eighties (25.6° to 27.8°C) on a few days. Occasionally, hot, dry air from the east of the Cascade Mountains reaches this area and maximum temperatures are in the mid- or upper-nineties (34° to 38°C) for 1 to 3 days. Minimum temperatures are in the upper forties and the lower fifties (8.9° to 11.1°C). The lowest relative humidity and greatest danger of forest fires occur with east winds. The warmest temperature on record is 99°F (37°C) recorded in August 1981. Each month, May through September, has recorded temperatures in excess of 90°F (32.2°C).

(185) In summer and early fall, fog or low clouds form over the ocean and frequently move inland at night, but generally disappear by midday. In winter, under the influence of a surface high-pressure system, centered off the coast, fog, low clouds, and drizzle occur daily as long as this type of pressure pattern continues. An average of 236 days each year has fog. It is fairly evenly distributed throughout the year but the months of October through January have a slightly greater occurrence. The average frost-free season is from the last of April until mid-October.

(186) See page T-9 for Quillayute **climatological table.**

(187) In the vicinity of **Tatoosh Island** (see Tatoosh Island further on, this chapter), gales occur frequently with December and January being the favored months. Rainfall is moderate averaging nearly 80 inches (2032 mm) each year. December is the rainiest month followed closely by January and February. July is the driest. An average of 251 days each year record measurable precipitation. Snowfall is light due to the extreme maritime influence and averages only 13.5 inches (343 mm) each year. It is most likely in January. The daily range in temperature is narrow, seldom exceeding ten degrees (-12.2°C). The average temperature on Tatoosh Island is 49°F (9°C). The average maximum is 53°F (11.7°) while the average minimum is 45°F (7.2°C). January is the coolest month and August the warmest. Extremes on Tatoosh Island include an extreme maximum temperature of 82°F (27.8°C) recorded in June 1955 and an extreme minimum of 14°F (-10°C) recorded in January 1950 and December 1964.

(188) The Coast Guard has established Quillayute River Entrance Small Boat Warning Sign, a **rough bar advisory sign,** 34 feet above the water, visible from the channel looking seaward, on the NW corner of the old Coast Guard boathouse, to promote safety for small-boat operators. The sign is diamond shaped, painted white with an international orange border, and with the words "**Rough Bar**" in black letters. The sign is equipped with two alternating flashing amber lights. The lights will be activated when seas exceed 4 feet in height and are considered hazardous for small boats. Boatmen are cautioned, however, that if the lights are not flashing, it is no guarantee that sea conditions are favorable.

(189) About 96 berths, electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, a launching ramp, and some marine supplies

are available at the basin at La Push. A good highway connects La Push with U. S. Highway 101 N of Forks.

(190) From James Island NNW for 16.4 miles to Cape Alava, the rugged coast continues, with rocks and foul ground extending as much as 2 miles offshore; the land side consists of steep wooded bluffs and narrow beaches. The cliffs, however, are not continuous. The once densely timbered country ascends gradually E to the snow-capped mountains of the Olympic Range, which can be seen for many miles in clear weather. In 1974, areas of heavy logging activity were in evidence inland for many miles from this coastal area.

(191) **Cake Rock,** 116 feet high, is 2 miles NW of James Island and 1.5 miles offshore. This rock, about 200 yards long, has steep sides and its flat top is surmounted by a 20-foot mound. There are several other visible rocks between Cake Rock and the shore.

(192) **Cape Johnson,** small and not particularly prominent, projects less than 0.5 mile from the coastline, terminating in a vertical cliff 100 feet high.

(193) **Sea Lion Rock,** 78 feet high, 2.6 miles NW of Cape Johnson, is large, brown, covered with guano, and irregular in outline. A low black rock is 200 yards E of Sea Lion Rock. **Carroll Island**, 225 feet high, is 0.8 mile N of Sea Lion Rock. It has vertical whitish sides and a grassy top. A pillar rock, 134 feet high, lies 200 yards W, and a low black rock is 200 yards off the SE side. Carroll Island and the pillar rock are quite prominent, especially in the sunlight.

(194) **Jagged Island** is the larger of two high bare rocks, inside of Sea Lion Rock and Carroll Island, about 0.8 mile offshore. It is 320 feet high with steep sides. The smaller rock is 183 feet high. They are 200 yards apart, and between them are two pinnacle rocks close together. Many other rocks are shoreward of the island.

(195) **Hand Rock,** 33 feet high, is 1.5 miles N of Carroll Island and 1.5 miles offshore. So named from its shape, the rock is black with a white cap of guano on top. A larger rock lies 0.5 mile toward shore and is sometimes mistaken for Hand Rock.

(196) **White Rock,** 161 feet high, 1.7 miles S of Cape Alava and about 0.8 mile offshore, has nearly vertical sides and a rounded top; it is whitish, and in the sunlight is visible for a long distance. A group of large, low, black rocks lie 0.8 mile SSE of White Rock and 0.8 mile offshore. A rock covered 6 fathoms is 2.2 miles W of White Rock.

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(197) **Cape Alava**, the westernmost point of the State of Washington, is 13 miles S of Cape Flattery. The seaward face is about 0.6 mile in extent. **Tskawahyah Island,** a steep rocky island, 142 feet high and with trees on top, is off its NW extremity. The shore is bordered by numerous rocks and covered ledges.

(198) This stretch of shoreline is associated with the year-round operation of the Ozette Archaeological Expedition which was established at an abandoned Indian village site on Cape Alava in 1970.

(199) **Flattery Rocks** and Umatilla Reef are rocks and islets extending W from Cape Alava for 2.3 miles. **Ozette Island,** 236 feet high, is 0.8 mile SW of the cape. The island, 0.5 mile long, is flat-topped with steep sides. About 0.3 mile off the S and SE sides are low, black rocks. **Bodelteh Islands,** 1.2 miles WNW of the N end of Cape Alava, have high bold seaward faces. The outer one is 198 feet high.

(200) In season, a few fishermen find shelter in an anchorage off the SE end of Ozette Island. The area is small and requires local knowledge to enter. It affords fair protection from the prevailing NW wind.

(201) **Umatilla Reef,** 2.3 miles NW of Cape Alava, the greatest danger to navigation off this section of the coast, is 0.7 mile W of the outer Bodelteh Island. It extends for 200 yards in a W direction and is about 75 yards wide. The reef consists of small, low, black rocks and some breakers. There is a reported breaker 1.1 miles NNE of this reef, and a rock covered 3 feet, 0.3 mile E of the reef, which endangers the passage inside Umatilla Reef, sometimes used by small boats. Umatilla Reef is difficult to make out, especially in thick weather. A lighted whistle buoy is about 1.5 miles W of the reef.

(202) Between Cape Alava and Cape Flattery, the coast curves slightly in a series of bights, but continues as rugged as before. There are alternate stretches of wooded bluffs and high rocky cliffs. The country immediately back of the beach is not high, but it is densely wooded.

(203) **Point of Arches,** 5 miles NNE of Cape Alava, is the N point of the cliffs that extend some 1.5 miles S. Numerous rocks and ledges are offshore as far as about a mile.

(204) **Father and Son,** two rocks connected by a low reef, lie 0.6 mile offshore abreast the S end of the cliffs. The outer rock is 167 feet high, and the inner one 65 feet high. From the outer rock to Spike Rock there are several exposed rocks.

(205) **Spike Rock,** 35 feet high, sharp and bare, is 0.8 mile NW of the Point of Arches. It is the outermost of a chain of rocks, the largest of which is 185 feet high; there are three arches in these rocks. A rock that uncovers 5 feet is 0.3 mile WSW of Spike Rock.

(206) **Portage Head,** 2.5 miles N of Point of Arches, has a mile-long seaward face of bold irregular cliffs over 410 feet high. **Anderson Point,** at the N end of the cliffs, has

a height of about 270 feet. A reef extends from the point toward Cape Flattery for 1.5 miles showing several low, black rocks awash, and one small rock 45 feet high. A rock that uncovers is 1.3 miles NW of Portage Head. An aero radiobeacon is atop Cheeka Peak about 2.2 miles E of Anderson Point.

(207) **Makah Bay** is a shallow bight included between Portage Head and Waatch Point. It affords indifferent shelter in N and E weather and a smooth sea, but is little used. The shores are low and sandy. **Waatch River** enters in the N part of the bight immediately E of Waatch Point. It is a tidal slough, and the valley through which it runs extends about 2 miles to Neah Bay on the Strait of Juan de Fuca. This low depression is one of the features for recognizing Cape Flattery.

(208) **Waatch Point,** 3 miles SE of Cape Flattery, is the SE extremity of the cliffs extending to the cape. This stretch is bordered by numerous rocks and ledges.

(209) **Fuca Pillar,** 0.2 mile S of the W point of Cape Flattery, is a rocky column 157 feet high and 60 feet in diameter, leaning slightly NW. It is 150 yards off the face of the cliff, and is more prominent from N than from S.

(210) **Cape Flattery,** a bold, rocky head with cliffs 120 feet high, rises to nearly 1,500 feet about 2 miles back from the beach. From S it looks like an island because of the low land in the valley of Waatch River. Numerous rocks and reefs border the cliffs E and S of the cape. Tide rips are particularly heavy off Cape Flattery.

(211) A large radar dome, highest and most prominent structure in the area, is on **Bahokus Peak,** the part of Cape Flattery about 2 miles back from the beach that rises to nearly 1,500 feet. This inflated plastic dome, about 50 feet in diameter, is on top of a tower, and was reported to be a very good landmark over low dense fog for vessels coming from the S.

(212) **Tatoosh Island,** 0.4 mile NW of Cape Flattery, is about 0.2 mile in diameter, 108 feet high, flat-topped, and bare. It is the largest of the group of rocks and reefs making out about 0.9 mile NW from the cape. The passage between Tatoosh Island and the cape is dangerous and constricted by two rocks awash near its center. Although sometimes used by local small craft, it cannot be recommended. The currents are strong and treacherous. Breakers may be in the area, especially during maximum currents.

(213) (See page T–9 for **Tatoosh Island climatological table.**)

(214) **Cape Flattery Light** (48°23.5'N., 124°44.2'W.), 165 feet above the water, is shown from a 57-foot white conical tower on a white sandstone dwelling on the W end of Tatoosh Island. A fog signal is at the light.

(215) A rocky patch, covered 7½ fathoms, on which the sea breaks occasionally in a W swell, is 1.4 miles SW of the light.

(216) **Duncan Rock** and **Duntze Rock,** the two principal dangers NNW of Tatoosh Island, are respectively, 1 mile and 1.3 miles from the light. Duncan Rock is small, low, and black; Duntze Rock is covered 3¼ fathoms. A lighted whistle buoy is 500 yards NW of Duntze Rock. Ledges and rocks constrict the passage between Duncan Rock and Tatoosh Island to less than 0.5 mile, and strong currents and tide rips make it hazardous.

Charts 18460, 18480

(217) **Swiftsure Bank**, about 3.5 miles in extent, is off the mouth of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, NW of the submarine valley making into the strait. The bank has a least depth of 18 fathoms.

(218) During the summer, large numbers of fishing vessels may be trolling or at anchor on Swiftsure Bank. During periods of low visibility, which are not uncommon in this vicinity, extreme caution must be exercised to avoid collision with fishing boats; most of these craft tend to defy radar detection.

(219) U.S. Navy operating areas are SW of the entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Mariners should exercise caution when navigating in this vicinity while exercises are in progress.

Carmanah Point to Amphitrite Point, Canada

(220) The coast from Carmanah Point to Cape Beale is very dangerous and, except during fine weather and offshore winds, should be given a wide berth.

(221) **Carmanah Point** is on the Vancouver Island shore, 13 miles N of Tatoosh Island. A light, 175 feet above the water, is shown from a white octagonal concrete tower on the point; a fog signal and radiobeacon are at the light.

(222) **Clo-oose,** an abandoned village, is 4 miles NW of Carmanah Point in the small cove at the mouth of the Cheewhat River, E of the entrance to Nitinat Lake.

(223) A reef 0.8 mile long in a NW direction, with a rock awash in its center, is off this cove. It is marked by a lighted whistle buoy 0.8 mile SW of the rock.

(224) **Tsusiat Lake** is 8.5 miles NW of Carmanah Light. At the seaward end of the lake is a conspicuous waterfall which is visible far off even in hazy weather, and may help fix a vessel's position as it is the only waterfall on this part of the coast. Behind Tsusiat Lake the mountains rise to more than 2,000 feet.

(225) **Pachena Point,** 25 miles NW of Cape Flattery, is marked by a light; a fog signal is at the light.

(226) **Seabird Rocks** are off the entrance to Pachena Bay, 3 miles NW of Pachena Point. The largest is about 48 feet high, bare, and of small extent; it is marked by a light. There is no safe passage between Seabird Rocks

and the shores NE, and the rocks should not be approached closer than 1.5 miles.

(227) **Cape Beale** is a bold rocky point, 120 feet high. A reef with rocks above and below water extends about 0.8 mile SW from it. **Cape Beale Light** (48°47.2'N., 125°12.8'W.), 167 feet above the water, is shown from a white slatted daymark on a red square skeleton tower near the W extremity of the cape; a fog signal is at the light.

(228) **Barkley Sound,** an extensive arm of the sea 35 miles NW of Cape Flattery, lies between Cape Beale and Amphitrite Point. It is 15 miles wide at its entrance, and though encumbered by numerous islands and rocks, it maintains a breadth of 13 miles for 8 miles inland, above which it separates into several narrow inlets. The shores are low, except in the N part and among the inlets, where they become high, rugged, and mountainous.

(229) In the W part of the sound are innumerable rocks and islands with navigable channels between them. Entrance should not be attempted without local knowledge or a pilot. **Imperial Eagle Channel** is the easiest of access.

(230) **Amphitrite Point** is the W entrance point of Barkley Sound. A light, 58 feet above the water, is shown from a white rectangular tower on the end of the point; a fog signal is at the light. A whistle buoy is 0.6 mile S of the point.

(231) A more detailed description of Canadian waters is given in Pub. No. 154, Sailing Directions (Enroute) for British Columbia, published by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, and the Sailing Directions, British Columbia Coast, (South Portion) Vol. I, published by the Canadian Hydrographic Service.

Routes

(232) In clear weather no difficulty will be experienced in approaching the entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca from any direction, as the land on both sides is high and Cape Flattery is readily distinguished, particularly from S, owing to the low land between Makah and Neah Bays. Lights, fog signals, and radiobeacons are available on both sides of the strait to assist in obtaining a fix.

(233) In thick weather soundings will assist in estimating the distance from shore. Vessels should pick up the 100-fathom curve and be guided by the soundings. The relationship between the 100- and 50-fathom curve is a good indication for fixing the position; vessels should not proceed inside the 50-fathom curve until a fix has been obtained. The mountain peaks in the interior sometimes can be seen when the coast is obscured by fog.

Depths

(234) The depths in the approaches to the Strait of Juan de Fuca are very irregular, especially outside the 50-fathom curve. There is a deep submarine valley with depths of over 100 fathoms and a width of 2 to 4 miles, between the 100-fathom curves, which leads from about 37 miles SSW of Cape Flattery, rounds this cape at a distance of 2 miles, and extends about 32 miles into the strait. The 100-fathom curve on the W side of this submarine valley is very irregular, but on the E side it is more regular. Within the strait the curve is regular on both sides of the valley.

Currents

(235) The current on Swiftsure Bank is described in the Tidal Current Tables. Off the entrance of the Strait of Juan de Fuca the coastal current is influenced by the flow into and out of the strait. On the flood there is a set into all the sounds on the Vancouver Island shore, and this, combined with the prevailing NW current and light S winds, with possibly some swell from the same direction, makes the coast in the vicinity and W of Carmanah Light dangerous, especially for small vessels. Many strandings have occurred on the Vancouver Island shore.

(236) 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 there is a continued set toward the Vancouver Island shore, which is experienced as far as Race Rocks. The flood current also has more velocity on the N shore of the strait than on the S.

(237) 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 wind and swell against the current, a short choppy sea is raised near the entrance to the strait. (For additional information on currents in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, see chapter 12.)

(238) Sailing craft approaching the strait should keep well off the mainland coast S of Cape Flattery, unless working to windward against a fine N wind, which is frequently found during the summer. In this case the coast may be approached to within 3 miles. At other times there is no inducement to hug the coast, on which a long rolling swell frequently sets, and this swell, meeting the SE gales of winter, causes a confused sea. The cape and its offlying dangers should be given a berth of at least 3 miles, as the tidal current sometimes sets with great velocity toward Duncan and Duntze Rocks. It is equally necessary when entering or leaving the strait to avoid the coast of Vancouver Island

between Port San Juan and Bonilla Point, when there is any appearance of bad weather.

(239) Sailing vessels making the strait during the winter, especially during November and December, and experiencing the E and SE winds prevalent at that season, should endeavor to hold a position S or SW of Cape Flattery, and should on no account open the entrance of the strait until an opportunity offers of getting well inside. It is also important to remember that, though it may be blowing strongly from the S or SSW outside, onrounding Cape Flattery, an E wind may be found blowing out of the strait, and a vessel would then find the Vancouver Island coast a dangerous lee shore.

(240) Coming from the W with a heavy W or NW gale and thick weather, vessels uncertain of their positions should lie-to on soundings at not less than 30 miles from the entrance or on the edge of the bank. These gales seldom last more than 12 hours, and if they veer toward the SW the weather will clear and vessels may bear up for the strait.

Fog

(241) The fog is generally heavier near the entrance, decreasing in density and frequency up the strait. Near the entrance the fog sometimes stands like a wall, and vessels entering the strait run out of it into clear bright weather, even before passing Tatoosh Island. The fog frequently extends a long distance seaward. The wind gradually works the fog into the strait, and it will follow the N shore past Port San Juan to the Sombrio River; occasionally it will reach as far as Sooke Inlet and at times to Race Rocks. As a rule, however, the fog moves farther into the strait along the S shore, at times reaching Port Townsend; frequently the N shore is clear when the S shore is enveloped in fog.

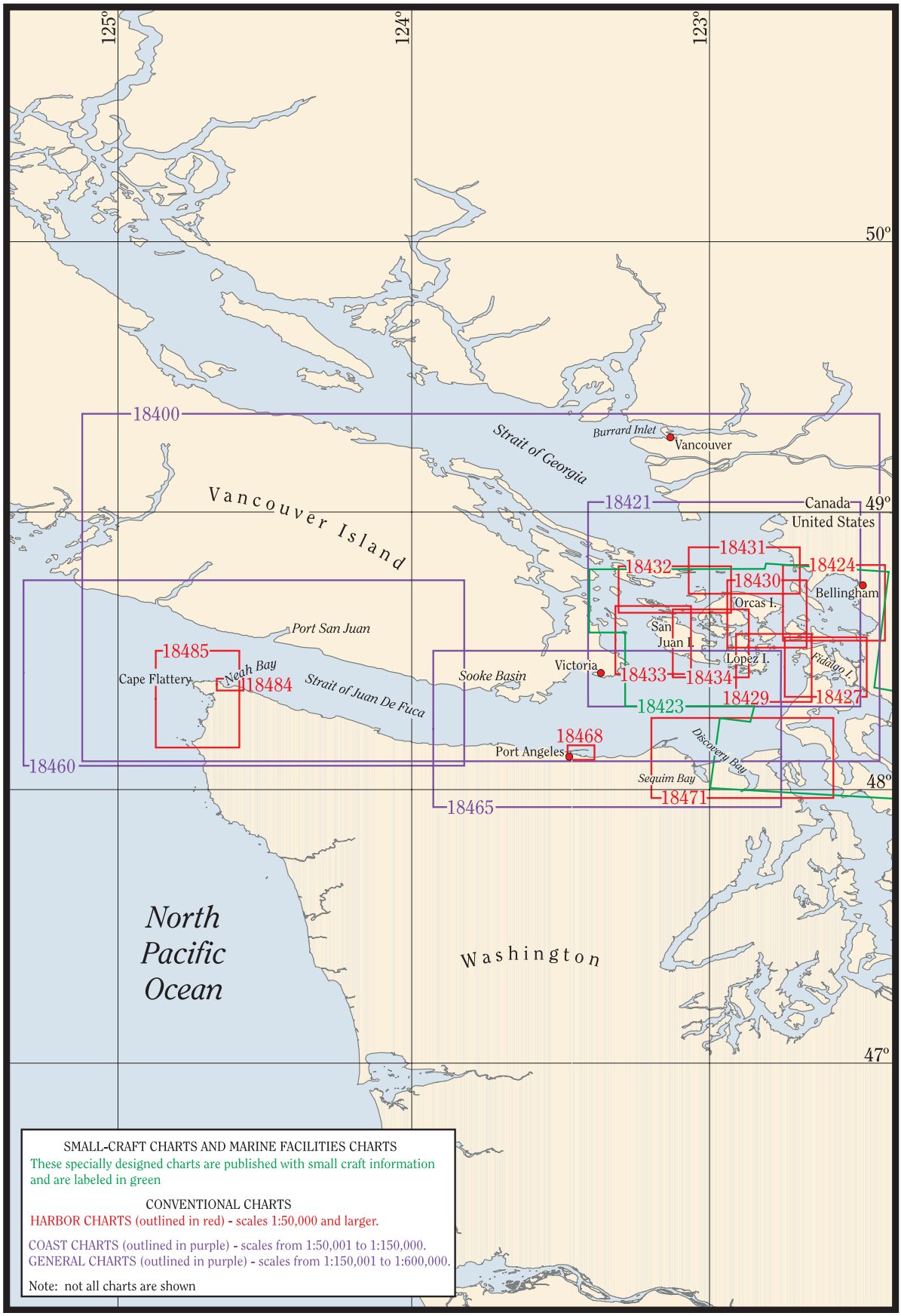
(242) During the spring, fog is frequent in the strait. With the W wind it often stops at the headland between Crescent and Freshwater Bays, the fog then extending W while it is clear to E. When fog extends past Freshwater Bay the small area about the W bight will often be clear.

Weather, Strait of Juan de Fuca and vicinity

(243) In summer, the prevailing NW winds draw into the strait, increasing toward evening and at times blowing 25 knots before midnight. This occurs, however, only when the winds are strong outside. In light winds, sailing vessels may be a week from Cape Flattery to Admiralty Inlet, and vice versa.

(244) In winter, SE winds draw out of the strait, causing a confused cross-sea off the entrance, the heavy SW swell meeting that coming out. Under these conditions small outboard vessels, especially sail, often make Neah or Clallam Bays and await more favorable weather. The weather off the entrance as a rule is exceptionally severe, and wrecks are of frequent occurrence. The heavy broken seas are probably due to the shoaling off the entrance, the irregularity and velocity of the currents, and the conflict between the wind drawing out of the strait and that along the outer coast.

(245) The rainfall in the vicinity of the entrance is considerable, even during the summer, although the heaviest rains occur between December and March.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Straits of Juan De Fuca and Georgia, Washington

Chart 18400

(1) This chapter includes the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Sequim Bay, Port Discovery, the San Juan Islands and its various passages and straits, Deception Pass, Fidalgo Island, Skagit and Similk Bays, Swinomish Channel, Fidalgo, Padilla, and Bellingham Bays, Lummi Bay, Semiahmoo Bay and Drayton Harbor, and the Strait of Georgia as far N as Burrard Inlet. The more important U.S. harbors described are Neah Bay, Port Angeles, Friday Harbor, La Connor, Anacortes, Bellingham, and Blaine Harbor. Deep-draft vessels use the harbors at Port Angeles, Anacortes, and Bellingham, the principal cities in the area. The Canadian coasts are only briefly described. (See Pub. 154, Sailing Directions (Enroute) for British Columbia, published by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, and the Sailing Directions, British Columbia Coast, (South Portion) Vol. 1, published by the Canadian Hydrographic Service, for detailed information on Canadian waters.)

(2) **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.

(3) The commerce of this region is extensive, both foreign and domestic. Vast quantities of lumber, fish, grain, and general merchandise are exported, while the manufacturing and shipbuilding industries are important. Several transcontinental railroads have their terminals on Puget Sound. There are many steamer lines, foreign and domestic, operating from this area to places across the Pacific or through the Panama Canal, in addition to the coastal vessels.

(4) 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 shores on both sides are heavily wooded, rising rapidly to elevations of considerable height, and, except in a few places, are bold and rugged.

(5) 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.

Traffic Separation Scheme

(6) The **Strait of Juan de Fuca Traffic Separation Scheme** has been established in the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Another system, the Haro Strait and Strait of Georgia Traffic Separation Scheme, has been established by the U.S. Coast Guard and the Canadian Department of Transport. These schemes connect with each other and, although not a part of the mandatory **Puget Sound Vessel Traffic Service,** described later in this chapter, both schemes are connected to that service. Vessels so desiring, may while transiting the Strait, contact the Puget Sound Vessel Traffic Service by calling SEATTLE TRAFFIC on VHF-FM channel 5A to receive desired information on known traffic, aids to navigation discrepancies, and locally hazardous weather conditions. VHF-FM channel 13 should be used to make passing arrangements in U.S. waters and in Seattle Traffic's secondary frequency, however because channel 13 is not used in Canadian waters as the primary bridge-to-bridge radiotelephone channel, vessels are encouraged to use channel 5A to make passing arrangements in the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Preliminary calls to SEATTLE TRAFFIC on VHF-FM channel 16 are not required or desired. (See Traffic Separation Schemes, chapter 1, for additional information.)

(7) The Canadian Government recommends that ships conduct themselves in accordance with the navigational procedures set forth in the Ship Routing Regulations when navigating in or near the traffic separation scheme in Canadian waters. Mariners are advised that the Canadian Ship Routing Regulations are based upon the International Maritime Organization's "General Principles of Ships' Routing", except for a relaxation that permits vessels engaged in fishing to proceed in

any direction in or near traffic lanes and on the high seas. (Canadian Ship Routing Regulations are published in the Annual Edition of Canadian Notices to Mariners.)

(8) The Canadian waters SE and E of Vancouver Island are a **Vessel Traffic Management Zone.**

(9) Complete details of the traffic separation schemes and the vessel traffic management and information system for the coastal waters of southern British Columbia are given in Pub. No. 152, Sailing Directions, Planning Guide for the North Pacific Ocean, published by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Sailing Directions, British Columbia Coast (South Portion), Volume 1, published by the Canadian Hydrographic Service, and the Annual Edition of Canadian Notices to Mariners, published by the Canadian Coast Guard.

(10) The **Traffic Separation Scheme, Strait of Juan de Fuca** consists of five schemes: the **Western Approach** and the **Southwestern Approach** from the ocean, and in the Strait, the **Western Lanes,** the **Southern Lanes** to Port Angeles, and the **Northern Lanes** to Victoria; and two precautionary areas, one NNW of Cape Flattery and the other N of Port Angeles. Each scheme consists of **inbound** and **outbound traffic lanes** separated by **separation zones.** Each precautionary area is marked by a lighted yellow buoy. The lighted buoy marking the precautionary area NNW of Cape Flattery is equipped with a racon. The purpose of these buoys is to assist in the separation of inbound and outbound vessels transiting the Strait of Juan de Fuca to eliminate as much as possible the cross vessel traffic that now occurs between the entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca at Cape Flattery and the pilot stations at Port Angeles and Victoria, B.C. It is recommended that all vessels navigate so as to leave these buoys to port.

(11) The **Haro Strait and Strait of Georgia Traffic Separation Scheme,** consisting of **inbound** and **outbound traffic lanes** separated by **separation zones,** continues E from the Victoria Approach segment of **Strait of Juan de Fuca Traffic Separation Scheme** to Victoria, B.C., thence through Haro Strait, Boundary Pass, and the Strait of Georgia, to Vancouver, B.C. Two abbreviated traffic separation schemes, also consisting of inbound and outbound traffic separation lanes, separated by separation zones, connect the Haro Strait and Strait of Georgia Scheme with the **Vessel Traffic Service Puget Sound** described later in this chapter. One leads NW from the precautionary area E of Hein Bank into Haro Strait, and the other leads NW from the precautionary area S of Alden Bank into the Strait of Georgia. These abbreviated schemes are voluntary.

(12) A **Cooperative Vessel Traffic Service (CVTS)** has been established in Haro Strait and the Strait of Juan de Fuca, NW of the State of Washington and SE of Vancouver Island, 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.

(13) The system is **mandatory. The rules governing vessels operating in the Cooperative Vessel Traffic Service (CVTS) are given in 161.1 through 161.23**, and **161.55**, chapter 2. In addition, a CVTS Users Manual, which contains useful information for operating in the CVTS area, is available from Commanding Officer, USCG Vessel Traffic Service, 1519 Alaskan Way South, Seattle, WA 98134-1192.

(14) Mariners are advised that **Ferry Routes** may differ from the established Vessel Traffic Services, Traffic Separation Schemes, and Cooperative Vessel Traffic Management Systems for the entire Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound area.

Vessel Arrival Reports

(15) All vessels 300 gross tons or greater, including tug and tows, must submit an advance report at least 24 hours prior to entering the territorial waters of Canada or the United States. An Advance Report, jointly created by the Canadian and United States Coast Guards and Washington State Department of Ecology, is a voluntary service designed to reduce the reporting burden on ships transiting these waters. This one report will satisfy all west coast offshore Canadian and U.S. regulatory reporting requirements including the Canadian VTS Offshore Report (WESTREG), the U.S. Coast Guard Advance Notice of Arrival (ANA) Report, and the Washington State Department of Ecology Advance Notice of Entry (ANE) Report. By complying with this voluntary service, vessels inbound to the Strait of Juan de Fuca/west coast of Canada are not required to make any other Notice of Arrival Report other than their initial check-in with the respective VTS. If this voluntary service is not used, it is the responsibility of vessels to file all the required reports in accordance with Canadian, United States, and Washington State regulations. For voyages less than 24 hours, report prior to departure. Also, report again if an ETA changes by more than 6 hours. Vessels should send reports via one of the following methods:

(16) INMARSAT telex 04352586 "CGTC VAS VCR";

(17) Any Canadian Coast Guard MCTS Centre, free of charge;

(18) Directly to CVTS Offshore by FAX: 604-666-8453, or;

(19) E-mail: **rmic-pacific@pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca**

(20) Reports shall be submitted in the following format:

(21) ALPHA Vessel name, call sign, flag and IMO International number (Lloyds Register No.).

(22) BRAVO Current date and time (UTC).

(23) CHARLIE Current position.

(24) ECHO True course.

(25) FOXTROT Speed in knots.

(26) GOLF Last port of call.

(27) HOTEL ETA to Buoy "J" at the entrance to Juan de Fuca Strait (if applicable).

(28) INDIA Destination and ETA to port of destination.

(29) OSCAR Maximum present static draft.

(30) PAPA (1) If inbound for a Canadian port, dangerous or pollutant cargo by name, UN number, or IMDG Code number, if applicable.

(31) (2) If bound for a U.S. port, name and UN number or IMDG Code number of certain dangerous cargoes as defined in 33 CFR 160.203. (The vessel must also report the items required in 33 CFR 160.211 (a)(1) through (a)(8) and (b) when applicable).

(32) QUEBEC Any defects or deficiencies in charts, publications, hull, steering gear, propulsion machinery, navigation equipment, anchors or cables, required radio communications equipment, incomplete complement of officers and crew as required by flag state, or any other hazardous conditions.

(33) SIERRA On scene weather, if severe.

(34) TANGO Agent name.

(35) UNIFORM Vessel gross tonnage.

(36) XRAY (1) If bound for a Canadian port, expiration date of:

(37) (a) International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate, or Certificate of Compliance;

(38) (b) International Noxious Liquid Substance Certificate, or Certificate of Compliance;

(39) (c) Certificate of Fitness (Chemical tankers).

(40) (2) If bound for a U.S. port:

(41) (a) Indicate intention to transfer fuel and/or lube oil. If yes, specify type and amount;

(42) (b) Indicate all Federal/State response plan(s) and expiration date(s).

(43) The **Washington State Department of Ecology** also requires owners and operators of vessels to submit Safety Reports when a vessel experiences an unusual circumstance. A Safety Report is required for any of the following conditions:

(44) a. Any abnormality or malfunction of any steering, propulsion, or safety system, or navigation systems required by federal or international law or regulation;

(45) b. A breach of hull or the integrity of a cargo or bunker tank that causes or that may reasonably be expected to cause an oil spill or loss of stability;

(46) c. Damage from fire or explosion;

(47) d. An incomplete engineering or deck complement under United States law or regulation under the requirements of the vessel's country of registry; or

(48) e. Any condition that could adversely affect the safety of a vessel, bridge, structure, shore area, or the environment.

(49) A Safety Report must be submitted with an Advance Notice of Entry, or, if the condition occurs after submittal of an ANE the Department must be notified immediately by phone or facsimile of the condition. To inquire or submit vessel information, vessel owners or operators may contact the Washington State Department of Ecology by calling 24 hours, 503-790-4868 (Columbia River and Grays Harbor) or 360-956-8378 (Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound). Facsimile Safety Reports should be sent to 1-800-664-9184 or 360-407-7288. Cargo, passenger, fishing and tank vessels are subject to boarding by Washington State Department of Ecology inspectors when in port. Tank vessels are required to have a Tank Vessel Oil Spill Prevention Plan on file with Ecology or must obtain a waiver prior to entering Washington State waters. Washington State also has safe bunkering procedures that must be followed during fuel transfers. For more information contact Ecology by calling 24 hours, 503-790-4868 (Columbia River and Grays Harbor) or 360-956-8378 (Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound). **To report an oil spill call 1-800-258-5990.**

(50) All vessels 30 meters or greater, including tug and tows, when inbound and crossing longitude 127°W, latitude 48°N, or within 50 nautical miles of Vancouver Island, whichever occurs first, are requested to contact **Tofino Traffic** on VHF-FM Channel 74.

(51) In accordance with the Cooperative Vessel Traffic Service, the United States and Canada, in cooperation with industry and the British Columbia Coast Pilots have established a **Standard of Care (SOC)** at the intersection of Haro Strait and Boundary Pass in the vicinity of Turn Point Light (48°41'18"N., 123°14'12"W.). This special area will help reduce the risk of incidents between both commercial and recreational vessels transiting the boundary waters of Haro Strait and Boundary Pass. The **Turn Point SOC Area** consists of those Canadian and United States waters contained within a four sided area connected by the following coordinates:

(52) (1) 48°41'18"N., 123°14'12"W. (Turn Point Light);

(53) (2) 48°42'24"N., 123°13'54"W.;

(54) (3) 48°41'06"N., 123°17'30"W. (Arachne Reef Light);

(55) (4) 48°39'45"N., 123°16'20"W. (Tom Point Light).

(56) The **Turn Point SOC** applies to participating vessels of **100 meters/328 feet or longer** operating within or approaching the **Turn Point SOC area** from Boundary Pass, southbound for Haro Strait, northbound for Boundary Pass or Swanson Channel. These vessels are requested not to enter the **Turn Point SOC area** when

another VTS participant of 100 meters or more in length is already located in the area, unless:

(57) (a) When following astern, maintain a minimum of 0.5 mile separation with the vessel ahead.

(58) (b) When overtaking in the **SOC area**, with the concurrence of Victoria Traffic that there is no opposing traffic and a Closest Point of Approach (CPA) of at least 0.5 mile is maintained.

(59) (c) If outbound from Boundary Pass and meeting an inbound vessel from Haro Strait already in the **SOC area**, enter only after the outbound vessel is past the heading of the inbound vessel engaged in the turn and maintain at least a 0.5 mile CPA.

(60) (d) If inbound from Haro Strait and meeting an outbound vessel from Boundary Pass already in the **SOC area**, enter only after the outbound vessel has crossed a bearing line between Turn Point and Arachne Reef and maintain at least a 0.5 mile CPA.

(61) All vessels should maintain a distance of at least 0.3 mile off Turn Point. Special circumstances are considered to exist when more than two vessels, greater than 100 meters or more, are interacting around the **SOC area** at the same time. All 100 meter vessels in a special circumstance should maintain a CPA of at least 0.5 mile, continuing to maintain a distance of 0.3 mile off Turn Point.

(62) All VTS participants will verbally communicate with Victoria Traffic on VHF-FM channel 11 (156.55 MHz) when 3 miles from Turn Point. VTS participants are expected to make safe arrangements with other VTS participants within or near the **SOC area.**

Regulated navigation area

(63) Due to heavy vessel concentrations, the waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, the San Juan Islands, the Strait of Georgia, and Puget Sound, and all adjacent waters, are a regulated navigation area. (See **165.1 through 165.13 and 165.1301**, chapter 2, for regulations.)

Caution

(64) 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.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(65) The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS) apply on all the waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Haro Strait, and Strait of Georgia. (See **80.1385 and 80.1390**, chapter 2.)

(66) A **Vessel Traffic Service Puget Sound,** operated by the U.S. Coast Guard, has been established in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, E of Port Angeles, and in the waters of Rosario Strait, Admiralty Inlet, Puget Sound, and navigable waters adjacent to these areas. The System is designed to prevent collisions and groundings and to protect the navigable waters concerned from environmental harm resulting from such collisions and groundings.

(67) The **Puget Sound Vessel Traffic Service** comprises three major components: a **Traffic Separation Scheme**, a **Vessel Movement Reporting System**, and **radar surveillance**. The Traffic Separation Scheme comprises a network of one-way traffic lanes, separation zones in between, and precautionary areas. Most traffic lanes are 1,000 yards wide and are separated by 500-yard-wide separation zones.

(68) The Vessel Movement Reporting System is based upon a VHF-FM communications network maintained continuously by the Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Center in Seattle. This center will process information received from vessels in required and voluntary reports, and will, in turn, disseminate navigational safety information to vessels participating in the service. The mariner is cautioned that information provided by the vessel traffic center is, with the exception of radar information, largely generated from these reports by vessels and can be no more accurate than that received. Additionally, the Coast Guard may not have first-hand knowledge of hazardous circumstances existing in the Vessel Traffic Service Area, and unreported hazards may confront the mariner at any time. The Vessel Traffic Service is shown on the appropriate nautical charts of the area.

(69) The rules governing vessels operating in the Vessel Traffic Service are given in **161.1through 161.55,** chapter 2. In addition, the proper operating procedures are contained in the Puget Sound Vessel Traffic Service Operating Manual, available at no charge from Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard, Puget Sound Vessel Traffic Service, 1519 Alaskan Way S., Seattle, Wash. 98134-1192.

Currents, Cape Flattery to Race Rocks

(70) 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.

(71) 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 which is experienced as far as Race Rocks. The flood current velocity is greater on the N shore of the strait than on the S.

(72) 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.

(73) The current movement is complicated by a large daily inequality. The Tidal Current Tables should be consulted for times and velocities.

(74) **Tide rips** occur off the prominent points and in the vicinity of the banks. These are particularly heavy off Cape Flattery, Race Rocks, Dungeness Spit, and Point Wilson, at times becoming dangerous to small vessels.

Weather (Winds and visibility), Straits of Juan De Fuca and Georgia

(75) Winds are strongest from October through March. This results from the numerous winter storms that move through these waters; this is also an area where storms tend to intensify. As low-pressure systems approach the coast, winds strengthen and back to the SE quadrant, sometimes reaching gale force. After the storm passes, winds veer to the SW or NW. Gales usually last less than 1 day whereas the interval between storms normally varies from 1 to 5 days or up to 2 weeks when a strong high-pressure system settles in. These systems can also present local wind problems in the Georgia Strait. The mountainous terrain of this region plays an important part in determining the direction and speed of the wind. There are normally two wind seasons; winter lasts from October through March, while a summer regime covers the other 6 months.

(76) From October through March, winds at the Pacific entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca blow mostly out of the SE through SW. Gales blow on 4 to 6 days per month. They can come from any direction, however, SE winds are consistently the strongest, averaging about 18 knots. Strong SE winds raise dangerous confused seas off Cape Flattery, when they meet the long, rolling SW swells that frequent these waters. The frequent strong winds from a S quarter make the Vancouver coast between Cape Cook and Port San Juan a dangerous lee shore. When gales blow from the SW through W, it is usually safer inside the Strait than out. In general, winds are strongest and gales more frequent in the W end of the Strait. In the open water of the middle of the Strait, winter winds blow mostly out of the E through SE. Gales occur on about 2 to 4 days per month in the E half. The S shore is protected from the SE gales; Port Angeles provides good shelter. An approaching storm often sets up strong E winds in the central part of the Strait. This, in turn, sets up a drainage of air from the Georgia Strait, so that winds near the E entrance are frequently from the N through NE. As the storm moves inland, it produces a reversal of this flow. Winds blow from the W through most of the strait, backing to the SW in the E. Winds near the W entrance have reached 65 knots with gusts to 90 knots. In the strait, 50-knot winds and 80-knot gusts have been reported.

(77) Summer winds at sea blow mainly from the SW through NW around the subtropical Pacific high. Heating of the North American continent helps draw air into the Strait of Juan de Fuca. This sea breeze reinforces the prevailing flow and results in winds up to 30 knots in the late afternoon. The land breeze opposes the normal flow, and calms are often the rule in early morning. SW through W winds are most frequent in the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

(78) In few parts of the world is the vigilance of the mariner more called upon than when entering the Strait of Juan de Fuca from the Pacific in fog. Sea fog is the most common type, and it is at its worst from about July through October. Local land fog extends the visibility hazard into the winter. Fog is most frequent at the W end of the Strait. Here, visibilities drop to less than 0.75 mile (1.4km) on about 55 days annually, compared to about 35 days in the E end. Dense fog sometimes hangs over the ocean entrance to the Strait for days at a time; this is most likely during calms or light breezes. It gives the appearance of a wall, and ships entering often run into clear, bright weather before they pass Tatoosh Island. Often the fog is carried E on the W sea breeze. When this happens, the fog usually penetrates farther E along the S shore. It is much more likely to reach Port Angeles or Port Townsend than Victoria. In spring, the E penetration of an infrequent fog is usually limited to Crescent or Freshwater Bays. Often when thick weather prevails in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, skies are clear N of Race Rocks.

Pilotage, Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound

(79) 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.

(80) Puget Sound Pilots serve all U.S. ports and places E of 123°24'W., including Port Angeles, Puget Sound, and adjacent inland waters. The office address is: Puget Sound Pilots, 101 Stewart Street, Suite 900, Seattle,

Washington 98101; telephone, 206-448-4455 (24 hours), 206-728-6400; Fax 206-448-3405. Pilot station address is: 305 Ediz Hook Road, P.O. Box 788, Port Angeles, Washington 98362; telephone, 800-221-0234, 360-457-7944; fax 360-452-8566.

(81) Port Angeles has been designated as the pilotage station for all vessels enroute to or from the sea. The pilot station is located on Ediz Hook about 0.7 mile W of Ediz Hook Light (see chart 18468). There are two pilot boats, both are 22 meters in length with white hulls and orange houses. The standard day and night signals are displayed. The pilot station and pilot boats are equipped with radar to locate and track vessels, radio communication can be made by calling "Puget Sound Pilots" on VHF-FM channel 13.

(82) Pilotage should be arranged between 0800 and 1700 at least 24 hours in advance of inbound ETA through the vessel's agent, by direct telephone communication with Puget Sound Pilots at the previously mentioned telephone numbers; or indirectly through radio station KLB, Everett, WA, addressed to Puget Sound Pilots or the Marine Exchange of Puget Sound (telephone: 206-443-3830 or Telex 6734358 "MAREX"). If subsequent conditions make it necessary, an amended estimated time of arrival should be made. Inbound vessels are requested to reaffirm their estimated time of arrival to the pilot boarding station when they are passing Cape Flattery, and again when they are one hour away.

(83) Vessels desiring a pilot should proceed to the pilot boarding area at 48°09'39.8"N., 123°23'17.9"W., about 1.4 miles NNE of the E end of Ediz Hook. A pilot ladder should be rigged in compliance with SOLAS regulations on the leeward side about 1 meter above the water. When approaching the boarding area, vessels are requested to monitor VHF-FM channel 13, and maintain a steady course and speed of about 6 knots when the pilot boat comes alongside.

Towage

(84) Tugs are stationed at Port Angeles. Arrangements are usually made in advance through ships' agents.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine.

(85) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

Quarantine

(86) Quarantine is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

Charts 18480, 18460

Strait of Juan de Fuca, N shore (Canada)

(87) Carmanah Point is described in the previous chapter. **Bonilla Point,** the N entrance point at the W end of the strait, is about 1.8 miles ESE from Carmanah Light. Bonilla Point is marked by a light. Inland of Bonilla Point, which slopes gradually to the sea, the mountains attain heights of over 3,500 feet and are heavily wooded. A reef extends 0.5 mile off the point, and the shores should be given a berth of at least 1.5 miles.

(88) From Bonilla Point the coast trends in a SE direction for 9.5 miles to Owen Point. It is nearly straight, rocky, and bluff, with high mountains rising immediately behind it; all are heavily wooded.

(89) **Port San Juan** offers the first anchorage on the N shore within the entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The port is conspicuous from seaward, appearing as a deep gap between two mountain ranges.

(90) The entrance between **Owen Point** and **San Juan Point,** 1.7 miles wide and 3.5 miles long, is 13 miles NE of Cape Flattery Light. It is marked by a lighted whistle buoy. San Juan Point is marked by a light.

(91) The port is open to SW winds, and a heavy sea rolls in when a moderate gale is blowing from that direction. Though it is possible that a vessel with good ground tackle could ride out a gale if anchored in the most sheltered part, it is recommended that with any indication of SW gales a vessel should weigh anchor immediately and, if the vessel's draft is 16 feet or less, seek shelter in Neah Bay; vessels of deeper draft should proceed to Port Angeles.

(92) Anchorage may be had in 6 to 9 fathoms anywhere in Port San Juan; a good position is in 5½ fathoms about 1 mile from the beach at the head of the port.

(93) **Cerantes Rocks,** about 300 yards SW from San Juan Point, include several high pinnacle rocks with a few trees growing on them. About 800 yards N of these rocks and 300 yards from shore is another reef partly uncovered.

(94) **Port Renfrew** is a settlement on the SE side of Port San Juan, about 2 miles NE of San Juan Point. A T-head pier has depths of 15 feet alongside.

(95) From Port San Juan the coast trends SE for 23.5 miles to Sheringham Point. This stretch of coast presents no prominent features. The country is thickly wooded, and the land rises to a considerable elevation. The points, some of which are bare on their extremities, are not prominent nor are they easily identified, except from close inshore.

(96) 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. (See

Annual Edition of Canadian Notices to Mariners for area limits, types of practices, warning signals, etc.)

(97) Between Port San Juan and Race Rocks, fish traps and broken piles are reported to extend 0.5 mile offshore in places.

Chart 18465

(98) **Sheringham Point** is marked by a light.Victoria marine radio station VAK is at Sheringham Point.

(99) From Sheringham Point the coast continues in a series of bays and inlets for 16.5 miles to Race Rocks.

(100) **Beechey Head,** 11.5 miles ESE of Sheringham Point, is bold, wooded, and steep-to. Vessels bound up the strait and passing outside Race Rocks should give Beechey Head a berth of 2 miles.

(101) **Race Rocks,** 5 miles E of Beechey Head, are a cluster of bare low rocks from 0.5 mile to almost 1.5 miles from shore. Foul ground extends for 0.5 mile in all directions from the light; dangerous overfalls and races occur during bad weather. A light and fog signal are on the largest rock of the group, and a lighted buoy marks the SE rock of the group. The tidal currents in Race Passage and in the vicinity of Race Rocks attain a velocity of 4 to 6 knots at times, and dangerous tide rips are formed.

(102) **Firing practice** and **exercise areas** of the Canadian Armed Forces are E of Race Rocks in the approaches to Esquimalt and Victoria Harbors. (See the Annual Edition of Canadian Notices to Mariners.)

(103) Foul ground, due to dumping of heavy steel wire mesh material, is 3.2 miles W from Race Rocks Light.

(104) E of Race Rocks the Strait of Juan de Fuca expands to a width of about 16 miles, and extends for 30 miles ENE to the entrance to Admiralty Inlet on the S and Rosario Strait on the N.

(105) A 25-fathom bank lies 8.5 miles SE of Race Rocks along the steamer track from Race Rocks Light to Point Wilson Light. The W edge of this bank is sometimes sharply defined by a line of ripples with glassy calm water to the E.

(106) **Bentinck Island,** 1 mile NW of Race Rocks Light, is fringed with kelp on its S and E sides. **Pedder Bay, Parry Bay,** and **Royal Roads,** separated by William Head and **Albert Head,** form the coast between Bentinck Island and the W entrance to Esquimalt Harbor.

(107) A **027°43'–207°43' measured nautical mile** has been established on the NW shore of Parry Bay. Range beacons, consisting of fluorescent orange diamond-shaped daymarks, mark the NE and SW ends of the measured course.

(108) A **prohibited area** has been established in Parry Bay by the Canadian Government. No vessel may anchor in the area without permission.

(109) **William Head** is a comparatively low promontory extending about 0.5 mile NE of **Ned Point.** It is marked by a light and fog signal. Close W of William Head is **Quarantine Cove,** on the E shore of which are the conspicuous red brick buildings of the former quarantine station, now used as a penitentiary. Unauthorized vessels should not approach William Head within 200 yards.

(110) Anchorage affording protection from W weather may be had in 7 fathoms about 0.5 mile N of William Head and about 1,200 yards from the mainland.

(111) **Constance Bank,** 6.8 miles E of William Head Light, has general depths of 8 to 13 fathoms. It is about 2 miles long and 1 mile wide, within the 20-fathom curve. The bottom is rocky, and tide rips form in this vicinity. Vessels should not attempt to anchor on the bank.

(112) **Albert Head,** 3.3 miles NE of William Head, is marked by a light. **Fisgard Island,** on the W side of the entrance to Esquimalt Harbor, is marked by a light. Its red sector covers **Scroggs Rocks** off the E entrance point. Scroggs Rocks are marked by a light.

(113) **Esquimalt Harbor,** about 3 miles NNE of Albert Head, affords safe and ample anchorage and can be entered at any time. The entrance channel has general depths of 8 fathoms. Depths within the entrance gradually decrease for 1.5 miles N to **Cole Island,** above which the head of the harbor dries.

(114) **Victoria Harbor,** landlocked and well protected, is about 2 miles ESE of Esquimalt Harbor, and can accommodate large vessels. A U.S. Immigration station is in Victoria.

(115) Victoria Harbor is entered between **Macaulay Point** on the W and the breakwater extending from **Ogden Point** on the E; the breakwater is marked by a light with a fog signal. Vessels requiring a pilot are requested to notify **"Pilots Victoria"** by radio station **VAK** at least 6 hours in advance of their estimated time of arrival. The harbor extends for more than 0.5 mile N to **Shoal Point** on the E side, and thence trends E to **James Bay.** From the N part of James Bay, the upper harbor, which is crossed by three bridges, extends about 0.8 mile NNW to **Selkirk Water,** the W extremity of which is connected to **Portage Inlet.**

(116) **Brotchie Ledge,** the only outlying danger, about 200 yards long within the 5-fathom curve, lies 0.6 mile S of Ogden Point. The ledge has a least depth of 12 feet, and is marked by a light.

(117) **Clover Point,** 2 miles ESE of the entrance to Victoria Harbor, is low, bare of trees, and steep-to. Strong tide rips form off the point.

(118) **Trial Islands,** 4 miles E of Victoria Harbor, are bare and rocky; from most directions the two islands appear as one. The islands are marked by a light. The S and larger island is 80 feet high, and from **Staines Point,** its S extremity, a rocky ledge that uncovers 2 feet extends about 100 yards. Severe tide rips form off Staines Point, especially on the flood tidal current, which attains a velocity of 3 to 6 knots during large tides. The point should be given a wide berth.

(119) **Discovery Island,** 2 miles ENE of **Gonzales Point,** lies off the junction of Haro Strait and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The island is wooded, and near its SE tip, **Pandora Hill** attains a height of about 125 feet. The island is marked by a light and fog signal. The shores on all sides of the island are fringed with rocks in some places extending as far as 600 yards offshore.

Charts 18465, 18421, 18429

Strait of Juan de Fuca, E end

(120) **Hein Bank**, with a least depth of 2¼ fathoms, lies 8.5 miles SE of Discovery Island; it is about 2 miles long in a N direction, within the 10-fathom curve, and 0.8 mile wide. The shoalest part of the bank is covered with thick kelp in the summer. It is marked by two lighted buoys, the northernmost is equipped with a racon.

(121) **Smith Island,** 5 miles W of Whidbey Island and 8 miles ESE of Hein Bank, is irregular in shape and about 0.5 mile long. The E end is low, but rises abruptly to an elevation of 55 feet at its W end, terminating in a white perpendicular cliff composed of sand and gravel. Kelp extends about 1.5 miles W of the island, with a width of about 1.5 miles over depths of 4 to 6 fathoms; a rock covered 3½ fathoms lies about 1.8 miles W of the light. A rock that bares at lowest tides is about 0.3 mile W of the light. Strong currents set in and around the shoal area, especially on the flood, and deep-draft vessels should keep well outside the 10-fathom curve to avoid being set into danger. **Smith Island Light** (48°19'06"N., 122°50'38"W.), 97 feet above the water is shown from a 45-foot skeleton tower near the W extremity of the island.

(122) A **restricted area** of an air-to-surface weapon range is W of Smith Island. (See **334.1180**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(123) **Minor Island,** small, low, and rocky, lies 1 mile NE of Smith Island, and at lowest tide is connected with it by a gravel and boulder spit. A light is on the island.

(124) The northernmost part of the western shore of **Whidbey Island** forms the E end of the Strait of Juan de Fuca. This part of the island has a uniform sandy shore backed by low and rolling upland of farm and wooded areas.

(125) **Naval restricted areas** are adjacent to the northernmost part of the W shore of Whidby Island. (See **334.1200**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(126) The aerolight (48°20.9'N., 122°40.2'W.) at Ault Field is conspicuous.

Charts 18485, 18484

(127) On the S side of the Strait of Juan de Fuca the coast trends E for 4 miles from Cape Flattery to **Koitlah Point,** the W point of Neah Bay. The shores are rugged, and the country is heavily timbered.

(128) **Neah Bay,** about 5 miles E of Cape Flattery, is used extensively by small vessels as a harbor of refuge in foul weather. Its proximity to Cape Flattery and ease of access at any time make the anchorage very useful. It is protected from all but E weather.

(129) **Baada (Baadah) Point**, the E entrance point to Neah Bay, is rocky and grass-covered for some distance back from the shore. **Waadah Island,** 0.3 mile N of Baada Point, is 0.5 mile long, high, and wooded. A rubblestone breakwater extends from the W side of the bay to about the middle of Waadah Island. A reef and foul ground extend 0.2 mile from the SW side of the island. A wharf, used by the Coast Guard, is on the S end of the island. A light and fog signal are at each end of the island. A reef that bares, marked by a lighted bell buoy, extends 500 yards NW from **Dtokoah Point,** SE of the entrance.

(130) The buildings of **Neah Bay Coast Guard Station**, 0.4 mile SW of Baada Point, are prominent from the entrance.

(131) The buoyed entrance to the bay is between Waadah Island and Baada Point. Depths of 14 to 16 feet can be carried into the bay. The careful navigator can carry 16 feet through the entrance by use of the chart and by favoring the S side of the entrance, passing close aboard the end of the Makah Indian T-head pier about 375 yards W of Baada Point. After passing the pier let the chart be the guide to the best water. Anchorage is in 20 to 40 feet, sandy bottom.

(132) The W shore of Neah Bay is high and precipitous, and bordered by craggy rock outcroppings. The shore E of the village of Neah Bay is a low sand beach to Baada Point. Unmarked sunken wrecks are in the W part of the bay in about 48°22'22"N., 124°37'15"W., and in the NE corner of the bay in about 48°22'39"N., 124°36'20"W. Caution is advised when anchoring in the vicinity of the wrecks.

(133) The Indian village of **Neah Bay,** on the SW shore of the bay, is the site of considerable sport fishing.

(134) Neah Bay is a **customs port of entry**. The customs officer also performs **immigration** duties.

(135) The Makah Indian T-head pier with a 300-foot face, and the ruins of a T-head pier no longer visible, are about 375 and 500 yards SW of Baada Point. Caution is advised in the vicinity of the pier in ruins, as submerged piles may exist. The Coast Guard pier is 0.5 mile SW of Baada Point.

(136) Two cooperative fish piers, 1 mile and 1.2 miles SW of Baada Point, have facilities for icing and supplying fishing boats. Limited berthage, electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, and ice are available. Both piers have reported depths of 12 feet off the ends. There are many small-craft floats extending along the S shore of the bay. Neah Bay has no public haulout or repair facilities.

(137) A paved highway extends along the Strait of Juan de Fuca to Port Angeles; telephone service is available.

Chart 18460

(138) From Neah Bay to Clallam Bay, the coast for more than 14 miles is rugged and the back country high and heavily wooded.

(139) **Seal Rock** and **Sail Rock,** about 2 miles E of Neah Bay and about 600 yards offshore, are very prominent. Seal Rock, the W one, is 100 feet high with a flat top showing E, and light in color. Sail Rock, 0.2 mile E of Seal Rock, is lower and more pointed. Covered rocks extend from Seal Rock to shore, and there are patches of kelp in this area.

(140) The wreck of the steamer ANDALUCIA, once partially visible but now completely covered, is just off Seal and Sail Rocks.

(141) A marina is along the shore near Sail Rock. Berths, gasoline, water, ice provisions, and a 3-ton lift are available. Mariners are advised to exercise caution in approaching the marinas because of the numerous rocks and ledges. The floats at the marina bare at low water. **Sail River** empties near Seal and Sail Rocks. **Sekiu River,** about 6.5 miles SE of Sail River, has some logging operations. The bridge over the river shows prominently through the trees.

(142) **Clallam Bay,** about 15 miles SE of Neah Bay, is a broad open bight about 2 miles long and 1 mile wide. It affords anchorage in 6 to 10 fathoms, sandy bottom, and is used to some extent in S or thick weather.

(143) **Slip Point,** the E point of the bight, is high and wooded; there is a light-colored streak like a landslip down its face, which is visible for a long distance. A reef, extending 0.2 mile W of the point, is marked by a bell buoy.

(144) **Sekiu** is a resort and sport fishing town on the W end of Clallam Bay and S of Sekiu Point. The town has berths, gasoline, water, ice, launching ramps and limited marine supplies. A marine railway that can handle craft to 24 feet long is at the town. **Clallam Bay,** a small town on the E side of Clallam Bay, has no waterfront facilities.

(145) In entering Clallam Bay, give Slip Point a berth of more than 0.2 mile to avoid the reef projecting W of it. Storm-bound vessels generally anchor abreast the rocky point near the middle of the long semicircular beach on the S shore of the bay.

(146) **Pillar Point,** 6.7 miles ESE of Slip Point, is bold, 700 feet high, wooded up to its summit, with a dark pillar-shaped rock more than 100 feet high lying close under its E face. The rock shows prominently from W. Good anchorage may be had in 9 to 12 fathoms, sticky bottom, about 0.8 mile SE of Pillar Point. This anchorage offers good shelter from the heavy W swell, but gives no protection from the brisk E and NE winds that prevail in winter.

(147) **Twin Rivers** are two small streams that flow into the strait about 7 miles E of Pillar Point. An earthfilled barge-loading facility, 0.3 mile W of West Twin River, has a reported depth of 15 feet alongside. The facility is owned by a cement company and used for barging clay to Seattle.

Chart 18465

(148) Shoal water makes out a considerable distance from **Low Point** (48°09.6'N., 123°49.5'W.), 5 miles E of Twin Rivers, and vessels should not approach this point closer than 0.8 mile. Many boulders that uncover are W of the point. A salmon pen, about 2.4 miles W of the point and 0.6 mile from the nearest shore, is marked by two private lighted buoys.

(149) **Agate Bay,** 3.5 miles E of Low Point, is clear and deep; 10 fathoms can be carried to within 0.2 mile of the shore.

(150) **Crescent Bay,** 4.2 miles E of Low Point, is a small semicircular bight 1 mile in diameter. The E part is shoal and near the W shore the remains of a wharf should be avoided. This is not a good landing place in N weather. The anchorage is of limited extent and suitable only for small vessels. **Crescent Rock,** covered ¼ fathom and marked by a buoy, is 0.4 mile N of the W entrance point of Crescent Bay. The rock extends 0.4 mile in E direction, with a narrow channel between it and the point. The channel has a reported depth of 10 fathoms and is not recommended without local knowledge. A reef extends about 400 yards NW from **Tongue Point,** the E entrance point of Crescent Bay. A shoal, covered 1¼ fathoms, is about 0.3 mile W of Tongue Point. Except for crabs and fish, the 1¼-fathom shoal is a marine sanctuary for other shellfish and sealife. A wreck is off the entrance about 0.3 miles N of Tongue Point.

(151) **Observatory Point** is 3 miles E of Tongue Point. Between these points is a wooded ridge which, because of the lower land behind it, makes this area appear as an island when raised from E or W. The ridge attains an elevation of 1,135 feet, and is known as **Striped Peak.** A rock, 20 feet high, is close off Observatory Point; the rock and the point are almost joined at low water.

(152) **Freshwater Bay,** about 4 miles E of Crescent Bay, is a broad open bight, affording anchorage in 6 to 10 fathoms. The bay and adjacent waters are designated as an **emergency explosives anchorage.** (See **110.1 and 110.230 (a)(1) and (b)**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) A park with a launching ramp is along the SW shore of Freshwater Bay.

(153) **Angeles Point,** on the E side of Freshwater Bay, is low, sandy, and covered with alders. The **Elwha River** empties into the strait at this point.

(154) A microwave tower, marked by aircraft warning lights and a good landmark by day and night, is on Angeles Point.

Caution

(155) The U.S. Navy advises that the precautionary area, located within a 1 mile radius centered around a point in about 48°15'36"N., 123°15'48"W., approximately 9 miles NNE of Ediz Hook, is used by naval vessels to conduct equipment calibration tests. Surface vessels or submerged submarines will occasionally be maneuvering in circles in this area for several hours or days. When these operations are in progress, the test facility located on the east end of Ediz Hook will be manned and reference lights consisting of a lazy "T" bar, 1 sec flashing yellow, 2/sec flashing red, and a high intensity spot will be lit. The group of lights is visible from the N side of Ediz Hook with the "T" bar to the W and spot light to the E. The naval vessels will be participating in the Seattle Vessel Traffic System on VHF-FM channel 5A. The Navy Test Facility Port Angeles will monitor VHF-FM channels 16 and 69. Mariners transiting this area are requested to proceed with caution.

(156) A **Vessel Traffic Service** has been established in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, E of Port Angeles, and in the adjacent waters. (See **161.1 through 161.55**, chapter 2, for regulations, and the beginning of this chapter for additional information.)

Chart 18468

(157) **Port Angeles**, 6.5 miles E of Freshwater Bay and 56 miles from Cape Flattery, is entered between **Ediz Hook,** a low and narrow sandspit 3 miles long, and the main shore to the S. The harbor, about 2.5 miles long, is easy of access by the largest vessels, which frequently use it when refueling, making topside repairs, waiting for orders or a tug, and when weather-bound.

(158) The harbor is protected from all except E winds, which occasionally blow during the winter. During SE winter gales, the wind is not usually felt but some swells roll in. The depths are greatest on the N shore and decrease from 30 to 15 fathoms in the middle of the harbor; from the middle, the depths decrease regularly to the S shore, where the 3-fathom curve in some places in the E part is nearly 0.2 mile from the beach. A rock covered 19 feet is reported in the approach to the harbor in about 48°07'25"N., 123°23'00"W. A depth of 25 feet is off the easternmost pier on the waterfront, and a shoal with a least depth of 3 fathoms lies 350 yards NW of the NW corner of the pier. A buoy is 225 yards off the NW corner of the pier.

(159) Extra caution in navigating the waters inside Ediz Hook should be exercised because of the large number of submerged deadheads or sinkers in the area. Deadheads or sinkers are logs that 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.

Anchorage

(160) The best **anchorage** is off the wharves, in 7 to 12 fathoms, sticky bottom.

(161) A **nonanchorage area** has been established in the E part of Port Angeles Harbor. (See **110.1 and 110.229**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(162) Extensive log booming grounds in the N part of the harbor extend more than 1 mile from the W shore. Care must be taken when anchoring at night to avoid the rafted logs; the booming grounds are charted.

(163) **Ediz Hook Light** (48°08'25"N., 123°24'08"W.), 60 feet above the water, is shown from a skeleton tower, 0.3 mile W of the E extremity of Ediz Hook. A 170-foot Coast Guard VTS radar tower is about 0.1 mile WSW of the light. A fog signal is near the E end of the point, Shoals extend to about 75 yards E of the E extremity of Ediz Hook. A lighted buoy is about 150 yards E of the outer limits of the shoals. Coast Guard radio station **NOW** is at the air station. An unmarked shoal with a least depth of 44 feet is about 3.4 miles WNW of Ediz Hook Light. An aquaculture site, marked by private lights, is off the S side of Ediz Hook about 800 yards WSW of the light.

(164) **Port Angeles** is on the S shore of the harbor. Logs, lumber, plywood, newsprint, pulp, shakes and shingles, and petroleum products are the principal commodities handled.

Pilotage, Port Angeles

(165) Pilotage is compulsory for all vessels except those under enrollment or engaged exclusively in the coasting trade on the W coast of the continental United States (including Alaska) and/or British Columbia. Pilotage for Port Angeles is provided by the Puget Sound Pilots. They monitor VHF-FM channel 13. (See Pilotage, Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound, indexed as such, early this chapter.) The pilot station is about 0.7 mile W from Ediz Hook Light. A pier for berthage of the pilot boats is on the S side of Ediz Hook, adjacent to the pilot station.

Towage

(166) Tugs to 1,200 hp are stationed at Port Angeles, and tugs to 5,000 hp are available from Seattle with advance notice.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(167) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(168) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

(169) Port Angeles is a **customs port of entry.**

Coast Guard

(170) Port Angeles Coast Guard Air Station is on Ediz Hook, about 0.3 mile W of the E extremity.

Harbor regulations

(171) The Port of Port Angeles Terminal Manager's office is in Port Angeles at the foot of Cedar Street.

Wharves

(172) The major piers described, both private and port operated, extend along the S and W sides of the harbor. For a complete description of the port facilities refer to Port Series No. 37, published and sold by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (See appendix for address.) The alongside depths of the facilities described are reported depths. (For information on the latest depths contact the port authorities or the private operators.)

Port-operated facilities:

(173) Port Terminal No. 1 (48°07'30"N., 123°26'24"W.): 956-foot berthing space on N side with an additional 425 feet to dolphins; 610 foot berthing space on S side, 42 feet at the end; deck height, 17 feet; 17,000 square feet covered storage; 96,000 square feet open storage; shipment of general cargo, lumber, logs, pulp, and other forest products; berthing space for top side repair of large ocean going vessels.

(174) Port of Port Angeles, Terminal No. 3 (W of Port Terminal 1): 480-foot berthing space; 41 to 45 feet alongside; deck height, 17 feet; receipt and shipment of general cargo, shipment of logs and lumber.

Privately operated facilities:

(175) Black Ball Ferry Transport (48°07'21"N., 123°25'45"W.): Terminus of passenger and automobile ferry connecting Port Angeles and Victoria, B.C.; ferry makes two trips daily from March to May and October to January. From May to October it makes 4 trips daily. Visit "www.northolympic.com/coho" for the current schedule. Operated by Black Ball Transport, Inc.

(176) Diashowa America, Port Angeles Mill Dock (48°07'57"N., 123°27'33"W.): 640-foot total berthing space with dolphins; 28 feet alongside; deck height, 10 feet; shipment of lumber; owned and operated by Merrill and Ring, Inc. **Note:** Vessels moor portside-to at this wharf; a tug is recommended for both docking and undocking.

(177) Diashowa America, Port Angeles Barge Dock (48°08'08"N., 123°27'37"W.): 570-foot berthing space with dolphins; 36 to 40 feet alongside; deck height, 17½ feet; approximately 28,000 square feet covered storage; receipt of fuel oil for plant consumption; shipment of paper products; owned by Diashowa; operated by Diashowa America and BP Marine Americas. A 25-foot shoal is charted about 100 feet E of the face of the Wharf; a tug is recommended when undocking.

(178) In addition to the facilities mentioned, there are several small piers and wharves at which tugs and other floating equipment moor. Many log dumps are in the harbor.

Supplies

(179) Water, ice, and marine supplies are available. Groceries are nearby. Diesel oil and gasoline are available at the port boat haven. Bunkering is available by barge.

Repairs

(180) Port Angeles has several companies and facilities to perform major topside repairs to large oceangoing vessels; the nearest drydocking facilities are in Seattle/Tacoma, WA.

Small-craft facilities

(181) **Port Angeles Boat Haven,** operated by the port, is a large, well-equipped small-craft basin in the SW part of the harbor that can accommodate a large fleet of fishing boats and pleasure craft. The basin is marked by lights. In February 2002, a reported controlling depth of 20 feet was in the entrance, and a depth of 15 feet was in the basin and alongside the berths. About 660 berths, electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, a pump-out

station, launching ramps, marine supplies, and winter wet storage are available. A boatyard at the E end of the basin has a marine railway that can handle craft to 100 tons; a 225-ton lift is also available. Hull and engine repairs can be made at the yard, and electronic repair work can be arranged. The **harbormaster** controls the moorings in the basin.

(182) A **121°16'-301°16'** 200-yard **measured course** is in the SW part of the harbor close N of Port Angeles Boat Haven.

Communications

(183) Port Angeles is served by a U.S. highway. It is connected by ferry to Victoria, B.C. The airport is 2.5 miles W of the city.

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(184) From Port Angeles the coast trends E for 13 miles to the end of **Dungeness Spit,** which borders the W side of **Dungeness Bay.** This bay affords shelter in W winds, but is open E; in N weather, the protection afforded is only fair. It is a dangerous place in winter gales, especially from the SE. The bay is formed by a sandspit extending NE 4 miles and forming, in addition to Dungeness Bay, a small lagoon at the head of the harbor that can be entered by light-draft vessels with local knowledge.

(185) A **075°–255° measured nautical mile** has been established on the strait side of Dungeness Spit; the range markers are in the small lagoon at the head of the harbor.

(186) **New Dungeness Light** (48°10.9'N., 123°06.6'W.), 67 feet above the water, is shown from a 63-foot white conical tower on a dwelling on the outer end of the spit. A fog signal is at the light.

(187) From the end of the spit a shoal extends NE for 0.8 mile from the light. This has been reported as extending farther N, and it should be passed with caution. A lighted bell buoy marks the shoal but it may be submerging during periods of strong current; vessels should not pass between the buoy and the light. A shoal makes out about 1 mile from the S side of the bay.

(188) The best anchorage is in 5 to 9 fathoms, sticky bottom, about 1 mile SE of the light, clear of the cable area.

(189) **Dungeness** is a small town on the S shore of the bay. The ruins of a former wharf extend about 1,000 yards out across the flats.

(190) **Sequim Bay,** 6 miles SE of Dungeness Bay, is a landlocked bay 3.8 mile long. The bay is separated from the Straits by **Travis Spit**, a sandspit that extends W from the NE corner of the bay almost to the W shore. A long, narrow channel marked by lighted and unlighted buoys leads around Travis Spit and W of a shoal area called The Middle Ground into the bay. Depths of about 9 feet are available with local knowledge in the marked channel. The area between the lighted buoy at the entrance and Gibson Spit on the W shore reportedly bares at minus tide and several groundings are known to occur. Caution is advised. Strong currents that tend to follows the channel have also been reported. Inside is a good anchorage anywhere in 6 to 21 fathoms, muddy bottom. A marina with lights at the NE ends of the entrance breakwaters is in the small cove just N of **Pitship Point** on the W side of the bay. Berths with electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, marine supplies, restaurant, provisions, a launching ramp and a pump-out station. A marine research center of the Battelle Memorial Institute, is on the W side of the entrance to the harbor abreast the sandspit. Some log rafts are made up in the bay. **Sequim Bay State Park** is at the SW end of the bay. A seasonal mooring float is at the park.

(191) **Protection Island,** a prominent feature in approaching Discovery Bay, is 200 feet high near its W extremity, 1.5 miles long and sparsely wooded; its N shore consists of bare, light bluffs. The E end and S shore are clear of dangers, but off **Kanem Point,** its SW end, a shoal extends SW for over 0.2 mile, and depths of 5 fathoms and less are found 0.5 mile W of the point. This shoal is marked by a buoy. **Dallas Bank** extends N from Protection Island; the 10-fathom curve lies about 2.5 miles from the N point. N of the 10-fathom curve the bank drops off abruptly to depths of over 20 fathoms. **Miller Peninsula,** about 6 miles long and 3 to 5 miles wide, separates Sequim Bay and Discovery Bay.

(192) **Discovery Bay** is 2 miles SSE of Protection Island. George Vancouver, the English explorer, anchored and refitted his ships here for his exploration of these regions in 1792. The bay trends in a SE direction for about 8 miles. The entrance is masked from seaward by Protection Island, which protects it from NW winds. There are no outlying dangers, and the depths are great. A marina, located at **Cape George,** the E entrance point of Discovery Bay, has water, electricity, and a boat launching ramp. The entrance has a reported maintained depth of 3½ feet. The entrance jetty is marked by a light.

(193) A dangerous sunken wreck is on the W side of the bay about 300 yards S of Mill Point in 48°00'53"N., 122°51'27"W.

(194) In August 1980, a sunken wreck was reported on the E side of the bay in about 48°03'17"N., 122°51'12"W.

(195) **Diamond Point** is the W point at the entrance to Discovery Bay. A wharf in ruins is just inside the point.

(196) The shore from Cape George for 3 miles to **McCurdy Point,** consists of high, bare, clay bluffs, sparsely wooded on top, attaining a height of 400 feet near the NE end. A shoal covered 2 fathoms extends 0.6 mile NW of McCurdy Point; it is marked by a buoy. Vessels are cautioned not to pass between the buoy and the point.

(197) From McCurdy Point, the shore trends E for 3.5 miles to **Point Wilson,** the W point at the entrance to Admiralty Inlet, and consists of high, bare, clay bluffs, sparsely wooded on top, decreasing in height near McCurdy Point, and ending abruptly close W to Point Wilson.

(198) **Point Wilson Light** (48°08'39"N., 122°45'17"W.), 51 feet above the water, is shown from a white octagonal tower on a building on the E extremity of the low point. A fog signal is at the light.

(199) Shoals extend 0.5 mile NW of Point Wilson to the 5-fathom curve over irregular bottom; these are generally indicated by kelp. The E edge of the shoals rises rather abruptly from deep water. Heavy tide rips extend N of these shoals, being especially heavy with a W wind and ebb current. A lighted buoy marking the shoals is about 0.7 mile NW of Point Wilson Light.

(200) In approaching Point Wilson in thick or foggy weather, especially if the fog signal is not heard, soundings should be taken continuously.

(201) **Point Partridge,** the Westernmost point of Whidbey Island, has a yellow face and is prominent from the N or S; it is rounding and not easily identified from the W. A light and fog signal are on the point. A rocky ledge, marked by a lighted bell buoy, extends 0.5 mile W from the point. In the summer, the ledge is usually marked by kelp.

(202) The W shore of Whidbey Island, between Admiralty Head and Point Partridge, is mostly a sandy beach rising sharply to bluffs 100 to 250 feet high, backed by pine trees. The shoreline is generally strewn by logs.

(203) **Admiralty Head,** 80 feet high, on Whidbey Island, is the E entrance point of Admiralty Inlet and the SE extremity of a succession of light bare bluffs which extend N of Point Partridge, where they attain their highest elevation. About 0.5 mile N of Admiralty Head an abandoned lighthouse tower 39 feet high stands on top of a bluff.

(204) From Point Partridge the NW coast of Whidbey Island extends NNE for 11.5 miles to Deception Pass. It is free of offlying dangers, but should not be approached closer than 1 mile.

(205) **Partridge Bank,** within the 10-fathom curve, is about 3 miles long and 1.5 miles wide; the SE end reaches within 2 miles of Point Partridge. The N and E sides fall off abruptly to 20 and 30 fathoms. The shoalest part, 2¼ fathoms, is near the N side about midway between the ends; it is marked by a buoy. A lighted bell buoy is about 0.6 mile SSE of the 2¼-fathom spot. A considerable part of the bank is covered with kelp, which is usually drawn under by currents. The kelp generally extends to the 7-fathom curve, except toward the E end where the shoal narrows, and no kelp exists beyond a depth of 4 fathoms.

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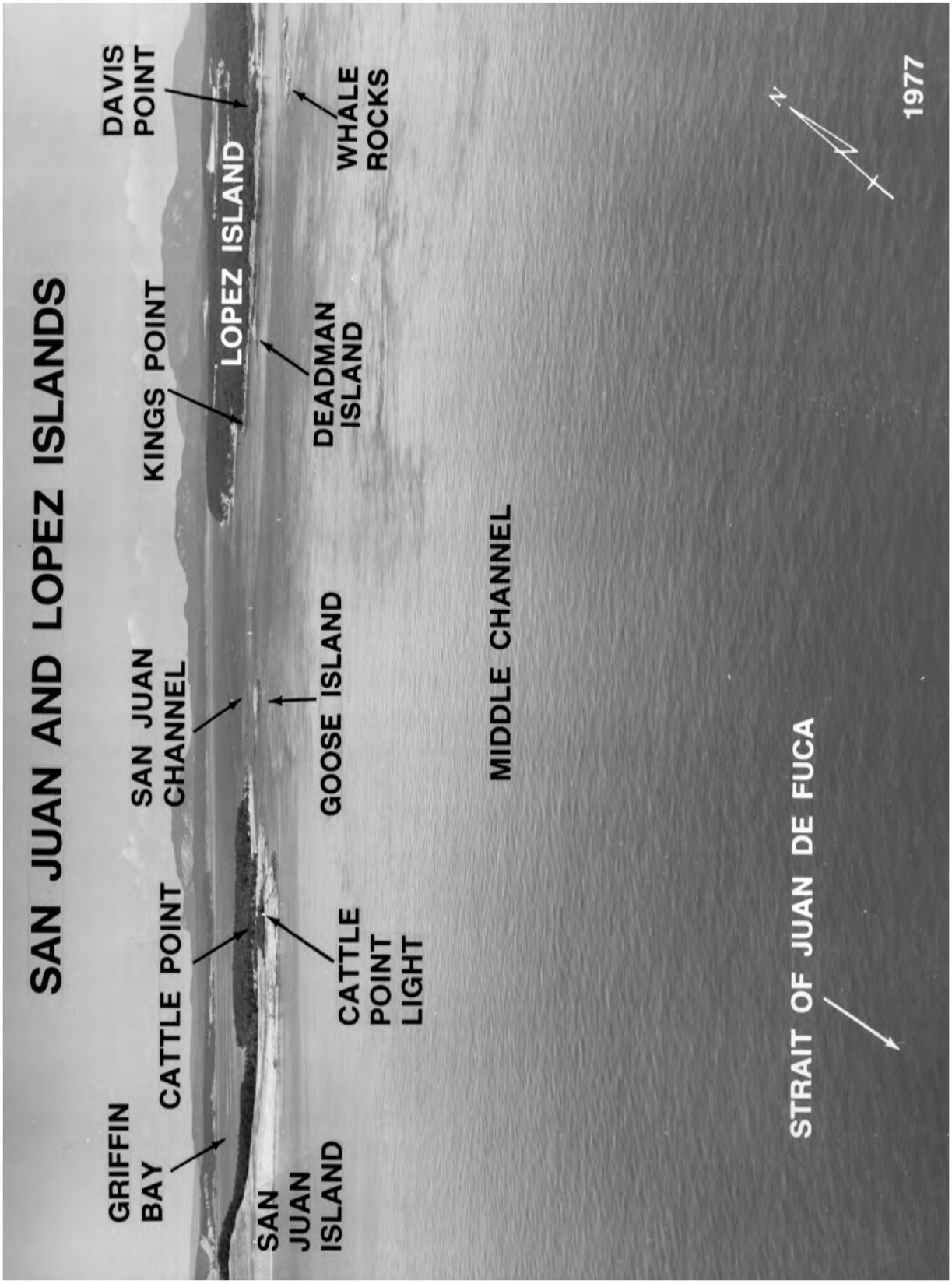
(206) The waters of the **San Juan Islands** embrace the passages and bays N of the E end of the Strait of Juan de Fuca. These passages are used extensively by pleasure craft, especially in July, August, and September. Some tugs and barges use the larger passes. Automobile ferries, operated by the State of Washington, are on regular round-trip runs from Anacortes through Thatcher Pass, Harney Channel, Wasp Passage, San Juan Channel, Spieden Channel, and across Haro Strait to Sidney, B.C. The island ferry landings are at Upright Head, Lopez Island; on the E side of the entrance to Blind Bay, Shaw Island; Orcas, Orcas Island; and Friday Harbor, San Juan Island. Oceangoing vessels normally use Haro and Rosario Straits and do not run the channels and passes in the San Juan Islands. Many resorts and communities have supplies and moorage available for the numerous pleasure craft cruising in these waters. Well-sheltered anchorages are numerous.

(207) The directions which follow are intended for use only in clear weather; in thick weather or at night strangers should take a pilot for large vessels. Small craft should not attempt navigation under these conditions without local knowledge. Sailing craft should not attempt the passages against the current unless the wind is fair and fresh. A reliable auxiliary engine for sailboats is an absolute necessity. The tidal currents have great velocity in places, causing heavy tide rips that are dangerous. Because of the variable direction and velocity of the currents, compass courses are of little value, and, where followed, allowance must be made for the set of the current.

(208) **Haro Strait** and **Boundary Pass** form the westernmost of the three main channels leading from the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the SE end of the Strait of Georgia; it is the one most generally used. Vessels bound from the W to ports in Alaska or British Columbia should use the Haro Strait/Boundary Pass channel, as it is the widest channel and is well marked. Vessels bound N from Puget Sound may use Rosario Strait or Haro Strait; the use of San Juan Channel by deep-draft vessels is not recommended.

(209) A **Vessel Traffic Service** has been established in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, E of Port Angeles, and in the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adjacent waters. (See **161.1 through 161.55,** chapter 2, for regulations, and the beginning of this chapter for additional information.)

(210) Haro Strait extends N from the S end of San Juan Island for about 18 miles to Turn Point Light on Stuart Island, thence Boundary Pass leads NE for 13 miles to its junction with the Strait of Georgia between East Point, the E end of Saturna Island, B.C., and the W end of Patos Island, the small United States island; both of which are marked by lights. These waterways have widths from 1.5 to 5 miles, and the depths are generally great.

(211) No difficulty will be experienced in navigating Haro Strait and Boundary Pass in clear weather; strangers should take a pilot in thick weather.

(212) The E shore of the passage will be described in detail, with only a brief general description of the W shore. More complete detail of the W shore is contained in Pub. 154, Sailing Directions (Enroute) for British Columbia, published by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Hydrographic/Topographic Center, and the Sailing Directions, British Columbia Coast (South Portion) Vol. 1, published by the Canadian Hydrographic Service.

(213) The International Boundary between the United States and Canada passes through Haro Strait and Boundary Pass.

(214) In accordance with the Cooperative Vessel Traffic Service, the United States and Canada, in cooperation with industry and the British Columbia Coast Pilots have established a **Standard of Care** at the intersection of Haro Strait and Boundary Pass in the vicinity of Turn Point Light (48°41'18"N., 123°14'12"W.). This special area will help reduce the risk of incidents between both commercial and recreational vessels transiting the boundary waters of Haro Strait and Boundary Pass. For the boundaries and rules regarding the **Standard of Care**, see **Cooperative Vessel Traffic Service (CVTS)** at the beginning of this chapter.

Tidal currents

(215) In Haro Strait and Boundary Pass, the flood current sets N; the ebb current sets in the opposite direction. The ebb usually runs longer and has a greater velocity. At the N entrance to Boundary Pass, the flood sets E along the N and S sides of Sucia Islands and across Alden Bank; the velocity is about 1 to 2 knots. The Current has moderate velocity between Sucia and Orcas Islands. There is a large, daily inequality in the current (see Tidal current Tables for predicted times and velocities). Heavy, dangerous tide rips occur between East Point on Saturna Island and Patos Island, and for two miles N in the Strait of Georgia. Tide rips also occur on the ebb between Henry Island and Turn Point, as well as around Turn Point where the ebb may attain a velocity of 6 knots during large tides. The flood current sets E from Discovery Island across the S end of Haro Strait until close to San Juan Island. This E set especially noticeable during the first half of the flood. Heavy tide rips occur N of Middle Bank as well as on the Bank and around Discovery Island.

(216) Rocky **Middle Bank**, with a least depth of 10 fathoms, is in the S approach to Haro Strait. The bank is about 3.5 miles long, and the least depth is in its NE part and 5.7 miles SW of Cattle Point Light on the southernmost tip of San Juan Islands. Heavy tide rips, dangerous to small craft, form in the vicinity of this bank in bad weather.

(217) Beaumont shoal, covered 9 fathoms, lies 3 miles NW of the NW corner of Middle Bank and is marked by a lighted buoy. A second small bank with a least depth of 7 fathoms lies 1 mile to the north. In bad weather, heavy tide rips form over these banks.

(218) **San Juan Island,** the largest of the group, is about 13 miles long, rugged, and partly wooded. **Mount Dallas,** the highest of several hills on the island, rises abruptly from the middle of the W side to a height of 1,080 feet. In most places the shores are free of outlying dangers. The N end of the island is indented by several small bays that, with the exception of Roche Harbor, are shoal and of no commercial importance.

(219) From **Eagle Point,** the W shore of San Juan Island trends NW and forms the E side of Haro Strait. This shore is steep-to and rocky, and beyond 400 yards offshore it is free of danger; however, the depths off this shore are too great for anchoring.

(220) **Kanaka Bay,** a small cove used by fishing boats, is 2.5 miles NW of Eagle Point.

(221) **Lime Kiln Light** (48°31.0'N., 123°09.2'W.), 55 feet above the water, is shown from a 38-foot white octagonal tower attached to a building on the W side of San Juan Island; a fog signal is at the light. Two dwellings are about 150 yards SE of the light. Rocks awash lie close inshore about 1 mile SE of the light.

Local magnetic disturbance

(222) Differences from the normal variation of as much as 4° have been observed in the vicinity of **Bellevue Point,** 1 mile N of Lime Kiln Light.

(223) During the June-October fishing season, many purse seiners operate in this area. At night these vessels anchor close inshore, generally between Cattle Point and Pile Point.

(224) **Hanbury Point** (48°34.7'N., 123°10.3'W.), 3.8 miles N of Lime Kiln Light, is the N entrance point to **Mitchell Bay,** one of a series of well-sheltered bays on the NW

coast of the island. A small islet 3 feet high is in the center of the bay about 350 yards SE of the entrance. A rock about 100 yards W of the islet uncovers 6 feet. The only safe passage into the bay is N of the islet. **Snug Harbor,** a resort and yacht haven on the S side of Mitchell Bay, has about 90 berths with electricity, gasoline, water, ice, and limited marine supplies. A launching ramp is available; engine repairs can be made to small craft. **Mosquito Pass,** available only to small craft with local knowledge, leads N from Hanbury Point to **Garrison Bay, Westcott Bay,** and Roche Harbor.

(225) A large aquaculture facility, covered 3 feet and consisting of clam beds and suspended oyster racks, is in the middle of Westcott Bay about 1 mile above the entrance. Mariners should use caution in the area.

(226) **Henry Island** is close W of the N point of San Juan Island, from which it is separated by Mosquito Pass and Roche Harbor.

(227) **Kellett Bluff,** at the S end of Henry Island, is steep and rocky and prominent from either S or N. It is marked by a light. **Open Bay,** E of Kellett Bluff, offers good holding ground and protection for small boats from N and E weather.

(228) **Roche Harbor** has its main entrance between the N end of Henry Island and the W end of **Pearl Island,** which is marked by a light. Sandspits covered 17 and 18 feet extend into the channel from the islands on each side of the entrance. Entrance to the harbor can also be made from the S through Mosquito Pass between Henry Island and Bazalgette Point. The harbor has depths of 4 to 9 fathoms. It affords good anchorage and in the summer is used extensively by yachts.

(229) A large resort is on the E side of Roche Harbor. The resort operates a wharf with shed, floats with berths for about 300 craft, including 150 transient berths, a hotel, cabins, a general store, and a restaurant. Electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, a launching ramp, pump-out station, and marine supplies are available. A **customs office** is on the W side of the wharf. A customs officer is here full time in the summer and on call from Friday Harbor in the winter to inspect visiting Canadian yachts. The customs officer also performs **immigration** and **agricultural quarantine** inspections. Weekend and after-hours custom service can be obtained from Blaine; a toll-free phone number is posted. Roche Harbor has a paved and lighted airstrip; daily air service is available year-round to Seattle. A paved road leads to Friday Harbor.

(230) The resort here was the largest lime works W of the Mississippi for many years. A fleet of company-owned sailing ships hauled barreled lime from the works. The company had its own barrel-stave mill on the point E of Pearl Island. The present resort's hotel was built by the lime company in 1886. A ferry operated from here, and a customhouse was in the harbor. The quarry tunnels and the ruins of the old mill are still prominent.

(231) **Battleship Island,** small and 30 feet high, is about 0.2 mile WNW of McCracken Point, the N extremity of Henry Island, and is the W point in the approaches to Roche Harbor.

(232) **Danger Shoal,** with a least depth of 1 fathom, is in the fairway to Spieden Channel about midway between Battleship Island and Spieden Bluff. A lighted horn buoy is close SW of the shoal, which is marked by kelp.

(233) A rock, marked by kelp with 1¾ fathoms over it, is about 200 yards NW of **Barren Island,** 0.7 mile E of McCracken Point; it is marked by a buoy. Another rock, marked by kelp and covered 1½ fathoms, is about 350 yards E.

(234) **Spieden Channel** leads E between Spieden Island on the N and Battleship, Henry, and San Juan Islands on the S; the channel leads from Haro Strait to President Channel and San Juan Channel. The E entrance, the narrowest part, is 0.6 mile wide, and for 2 miles W of it the channel is free of danger. However, in the W entrance, which has an irregular bottom, are several dangers, but the fairway is deep throughout. The meeting of the flood currents, which flow E from Haro Strait and W from San Juan Channel, cause heavy tide rips and eddies. This channel is not recommended for sailing craft.

(235) **Spieden Island** lies with **Spieden Bluff,** its NW end, 1.6 miles NNE of Battleship Island. The island is 2.5 miles long in an E direction with an extreme width of 0.5 mile. **Green Point,** the E end of which is marked by a light, is low and grassy. The S side of the island has few trees, but the N face is well wooded.

(236) There are several dangers SE of Spieden Bluff. **Center Reef,** which bares, is 0.7 mile S of the bluff; it is marked off its SW side by a buoy. **Sentinel Rock** and **Sentinel Island** are closer inshore; a rock midway between them is covered ¾ fathom.

Charts 18421, 18431, 18432, 18433, 18434

(237) **Stuart Island**, NW of Spieden Island, two prominent hills 640 feet high near the middle. **Turn Point,** the W extremity, is bold, steep-to, and marked by a light and fog signal.

(238) **Reid Harbor** indents the SE shore of Stuart Island and trends NW about 1.5 miles. The harbor, which is landlocked and 400 yards wide, affords good anchorage in 4 to 5 fathoms, soft bottom. The State Parks and Recreation Commission maintains a small-craft pier and floats here. The harbor is free of danger, but from the E entrance point foul ground extends about halfway across the entrance. Enter in midchannel and anchor

anywhere in the middle of the wider portion of the harbor. In February 1996, a visible wreck was reported at about 700 yards ENE from the harbor entrance at about 48°40'12"N., 123°11'19"W.

(239) **Prevost Harbor,** on the N shore of Stuart Island about 1.5 miles E of Turn Point, affords good shelter and anchorage. A pier used by the Coast Guard and the county is on the W shore of the harbor. Mail is delivered to the island by air. The State Parks and Recreation Commission maintains a float landing for small boats.

(240) **Satellite Island** lies within Prevost Harbor, with reefs and shoals extending off its SE extremity. Vessels should not pass E of the island. Enter in midchannel W of Satellite Island and anchor in 6 to 7 fathoms, muddy bottom, in the middle of the wider portion just within the entrance, keeping clear of a rock that uncovers 6 feet, 200 yards off the S shore.

(241) **Johns Pass,** between Stuart Island and **Johns Island** close E, is much used by fishing vessels and small boats. At the S end of the pass foul ground extends about 0.6 mile SE from Stuart Island.

(242) **Waldron Island,** 6.5 miles E of Turn Point, is steep and rocky on the E side, but flat with sandy beaches on the N and W sides. It is irregular in shape and 3 miles long. The highest point, 612 feet, is near **Point Disney,** its S end. On the N and E sides of the island is a high yellow sand bluff, terminating abruptly in **Point Hammond.**

(243) **Cowlitz Bay,** which indents the SW shore of Waldron Island, is a broad, open bight affording anchorage in fair weather. Shoal water extends 0.5 mile S of **Sandy Point,** the W end of the island. **Mouatt Reef,** with a least depth of ½ fathom and marked by kelp, is 0.4 mile offshore and 0.5 mile N of Point Disney. A wharf built out to a depth of 7 feet, is on the shore NE of Mouatt Reef.

(244) **Bare Island,** small, grassy, and bare of trees, is 0.5 mile NNW of Point Hammond, and **Skipjack Island,** 120 feet high and wooded, is about 1.2 miles NW of Point Hammond. The passage between them should be avoided because of its high current velocity. A small, bare rock is off the E end of Skipjack Island, and a group of rocks awash, are about midway between it and Bare Island. A light is on the NW side of Skipjack Island.

(245) A rocky shoal with a least depth of 6 fathoms is about 2 miles NNE of Skipjack Island and is marked by an isolated danger lighted bell buoy.

(246) **Patos Island,** 4.3 miles NNE of Point Hammond, is 60 feet high and wooded except at its W end toward which it gradually decreases in height. **Active Cove,** at the SW extremity of the Island, is reported to be a good anchorage for small vessels with local knowledge. **Patos Island Light** (48°47'20"N., 122°58'17"W.), 52 feet above the water, is shown from a 38-foot white square frame tower on **Alden Point,** the W point of the island; a fog signal is at the light.

(247) **Sucia Islands,** consisting of one large and several smaller islands, are SE of Patos Island and 2.5 miles N of Orcas Island. The large island, 200 feet high and heavily wooded, is horseshoe-shaped; its W side is a series of steep, wooded cliffs. It is a state park. **Echo Bay** indents the E side of the island. In W weather small vessels with local knowledge can find good anchorage in 4 to 5 fathoms near the head of the bay. At the head of **Fossil Bay,** on the S side of **Sucia Island,** there is a State Parks and Recreation Commission small-craft anchorage and float pier; water is available.

(248) Reefs extend about 1.5 miles W of Sucia Islands to **West Bank,** which has a minimum depth of 1¼ fathoms. It is unwise to pass between the bank and the islands.

(249) **Clements Reef,** 0.5 mile N of Sucia Islands, is about 1.2 miles long and 0.3 mile wide. The NW end and the SE end of the reef are marked by buoys.

(250) The tidal currents are particularly strong and dangerous between Patos Island and East Point on Saturna Island, B. C., and for 2 miles N in the Strait of Georgia. The passage between Patos Island and Sucia Islands is almost free of tide rips, and the tidal currents set more fairly through it and are less strong and more regular than in Boundary Pass.

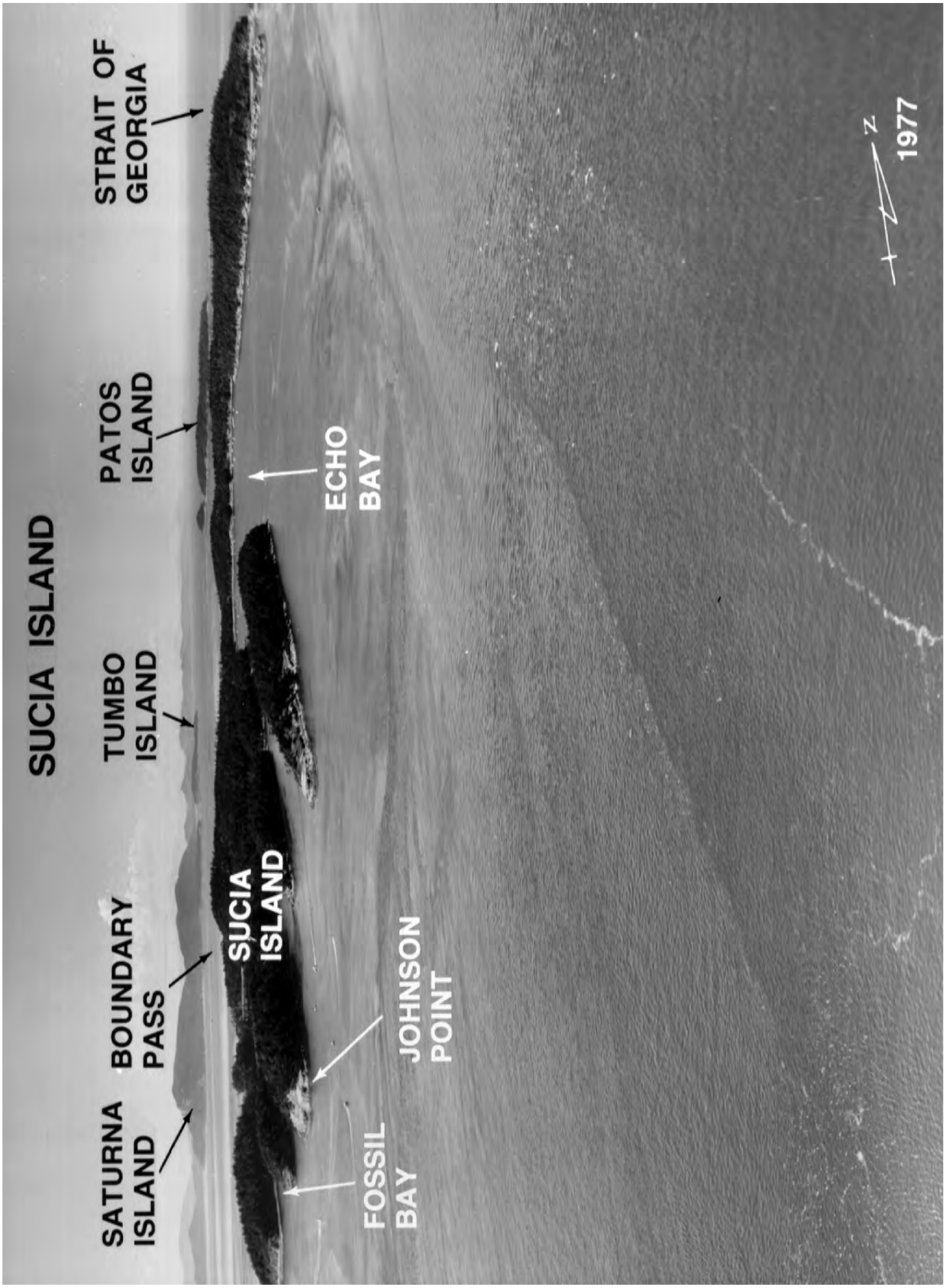
Haro Strait, SW approach (Canada)

(251) The several channels and passages leading between the islands and dangers off the coast of British Columbia from Gonzales Point to **Cadboro Point,** 2.8 miles NNE, constitute the SW approach to Haro Strait. These passages and channels should be used only by vessels with local knowledge.

(252) The side of Haro Strait W of the international line is bordered by several islands and reefs, the most important of which are, from S to N: **Kelp Reefs,** marked by a light, about 7 miles N of Discovery Island; **Sidney Island** with a radiobeacon on the NW part, about 3 miles NW of the light on Kelp Reefs; **Moresby Island,** marked by a light, about 16 miles N of Baynes Channel and Discovery Island, and the smaller islands and reefs in between.

(253) **Swanson Channel,** used sometimes as an alternate route by vessels bound for Alaska points, extends NW between Moresby Island and the **Pender Islands,** and connects ultimately with Active Pass to reach the Strait of Georgia in 48°53'N.

(254) **Active Pass** is deep but tortuous and in its narrowest part is about 600 yards wide. The dangers do not extend over 200 yards from shore. Vessels should enter the pass at slack water, if possible, but a vessel with a speed of 10 knots can always get through. A vessel with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local knowledge can take advantage of the eddies and variations of the tidal currents, but others should keep in midchannel. Great care should be taken to avoid the shoals on either side of the N entrance to the pass.

(255) **Enterprise Reef,** in the S approach to Active Pass, consists of two rocky heads about 400 yards apart. The W head uncovers 3 feet, and the E head is awash. Foul ground extends between the heads and 200 yards W of the W head. A light is on the W head, and a buoy marks the E head.

(256) **South Pender Island,** 3 miles N of Stuart Island, is marked by a light on **Gowlland Point,** its SE extremity. The last of the Canadian lights in this stretch is on **East Point,** the E point of **Saturna Island,** 6.2 miles ENE of Gowlland Point.

(257) **Rosenfeld Rock,** 1.2 miles NNE of East Point, is marked by a lighted buoy. The rock is covered by 1¼ fathoms, and rocks that bare are within 900 yards of it. Close E of the rock, overfalls and dangerous tide rips are formed.

(258) (See Pub. 154, Sailing Directions (Enroute) for British Columbia, published by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, and Sailing Directions, British Columbia Coast, (South Portion) Vol. 1, published by the Canadian Hydrographic Service for more details of the islands and features on the Canadian side.)

(259) **San Juan Channel,** the middle one of three principal channels leading from the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the Strait of Georgia, separates San Juan Island from the islands E. It is 13 miles long from its S end to its junction with President Channel at the N end. San Juan Channel is deep throughout and, except near its S entrance, has few off-lying dangers.

Currents

(260) In the S end of San Juan Channel, between Goose Island and Deadman Island, the average current velocity is 2.6 knots on the flood and ebb, however, maximum flood currents of 5 knots or more cause severe rips and eddies. Daily current predictions for this location may be obtained from the Tidal Current Tables.

(261) **Cattle Point,** marked by a light and a seasonal fog signal, is the SE extremity of San Juan Island and forms the W point at the S entrance to San Juan Channel. Cattle were once loaded here for shipment to and from Victoria.

(262) **Salmon Bank,** S of Cattle Point and on the W side of **Middle Channel,** is an extensive shoal covered 1½ to 3 fathoms; it is marked by a lighted gong buoy. Kelp grows on the rocks. **Whale Rocks,** two dark rocks about 5 feet high, are on the E side of Middle Channel 0.6 mile W of Long Island. There are 2¼-fathom spots nearby.

(263) **Long Island,** 1.5 miles NW of Iceberg Point, is the largest of a group of islands on the E side of the entrance to San Juan Channel.

(264) **Lopez Island** is the southeasternmost one of the San Juan Islands; **Lopez Hill,** 488 feet high, is near the S midsection of the island. **Iceberg Point,** 3.3 miles SE of Cattle Point, is at the W extremity of the S part of Lopez Island. A light and seasonal fog signal are on the point.

(265) **Richardson** is a small settlement on the N shore of the cove N of Iceberg Point, and close N of **Charles Island.** Five fuel tanks are prominent from seaward. A wharf directly below the fuel tanks has a face 120 feet long and extends over rocks to a depth of 17 feet. Gasoline and diesel fuel may be obtained.

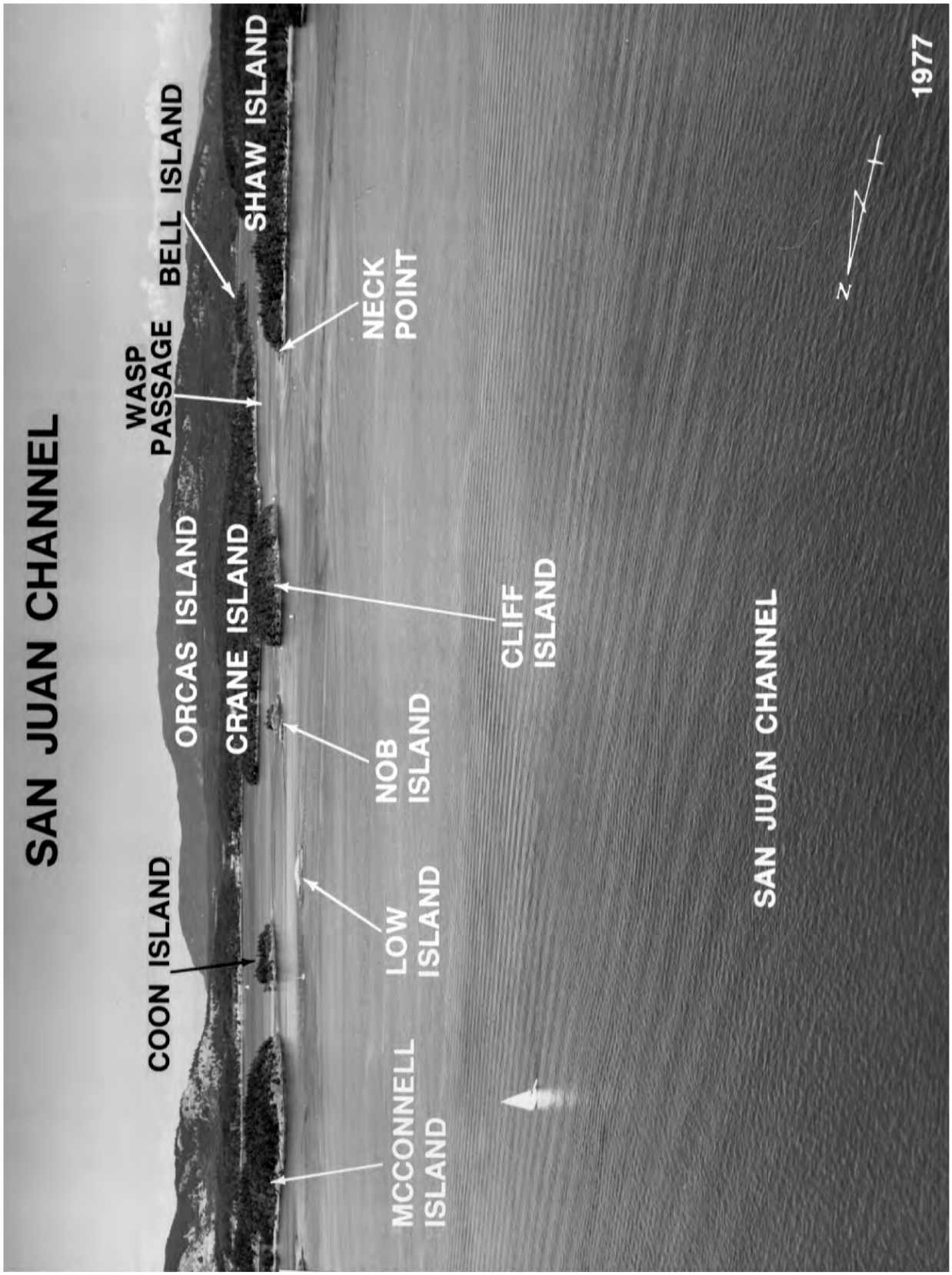
(266) **Mackaye Harbor,** N of Iceberg Point, has several private piers used by seafood company vessels. The harbor affords good shelter in 5 to 6 fathoms, soft mud; small craft with local knowledge can obtain excellent shelter in **Barlow Bay,** on the S side of the harbor. Vessels approaching Mackaye Harbor or Richardson should pass at least 0.3 mile S and E of the off-lying islands and islets. Local vessels, by keeping close to the N shore to avoid rocks near midchannel, use a small passage between Lopez and Charles Islands, but this should not be attempted without local knowledge. **Twin Rocks,** in midchannel of this small passage, are marked by a daybeacon.

(267) **Davis Point,** the SW end of Lopez Island, is on the E side of the S entrance to San Juan Channel. **Deadman Island** is close off the E side of the entrance, and several rocks are within 600 yards N of the island. **Goose Island,** small and low, is about 0.5 mile N of Cattle Point and close off the W side of the entrance to San Juan Channel.

(268) **Shark Reef,** awash, is over a mile N of Deadman Island and close off some white cliffs on the E side of San Juan Channel.

(269) From Goose Island N to **Pear Point,** the W side of San Juan Channel is foul with many rocks covered and awash within 0.7 mile of the shore. However, good anchorage for small vessels can be had W of **Harbor Rock,** at the S end, between the 10 and 20-fathom curves.

(270) **North Bay** is entered between Pear Point and **Dinner Island.** Gravel is barged from pits on the NW shore of the bay to Vancouver Island. **Little Island,** at the head of North Bay, is connected to the mainland by a narrow spit. Just N of Little Island, on the W side of the spit, is a park with a launching ramp. A small cannery is on Little Island, and the shores of the island have been bulkheaded. The bay affords fair anchorage in 7 to 10 fathoms, about 800 yards N of Dinner Island. Two dangers are in the approaches to the bay; a rocky shoal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covered ¾ fathom 0.7 mile E of Dinner Island, and another rock shoal covered ¾ fathom 0.4 mile SE of Dinner Island. The passage W of Dinner Island should not be attempted.

(271) **Fisherman Bay,** on the E side of San Juan Channel abreast North Bay, is a shallow lagoon entered by a marked, narrow, and tortuous channel. A rock awash is on the E side of the channel at the mouth of the bay. Good anchorage with shelter from all winds may be had in 10 to 12 feet, soft bottom, for small craft with local knowledge. The tidal currents have considerable velocity. **Lopez** is a small village at the entrance. A resort in the bay has a pier and floats with berths for about 45 craft. Electricity, gasoline, water, ice, restaurant, and overnight facilities are available. A marina is adjacent to the resort; water, electricity, marine supplies, and a 15-ton lift is available.

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(272) At **Turn Island,** off the E side of San Juan Island, San Juan Channel turns NW for about 7.5 miles and connects at its N end with Spieden Channel and President Channel.

(273) **Turn Rock,** about 0.2 mile E of Turn Island, is a ledge bare at half tide; it should be given a berth of at least 100 yards. A light is on the rock. **Reid Rock,** 1.4 miles NW of Turn Rock, is in midchannel off the entrance to Friday Harbor. The rock, covered 2¼ fathoms, rises abruptly from deep water. It is marked by a lighted bell buoy.

(274) **Friday Harbor,** 1.4 miles W of Turn Island, is a small cove about 1 mile long and nearly as wide. **Brown Island,** locally known as Friday Island because of the housing development here, occupies the middle of the harbor, with shoals nearly 200 yards wide off both its E and S shores. A shoal, covered 3¼ fathoms and marked by a buoy, extends nearly into midchannel from the W shore of the island. Shoals off the SE end of the island are marked by a daybeacon. The harbor may be entered either E or W of Brown Island. Anchorage may be had off the wharves in 6 to 7 fathoms, and city floats provide berthing space for pleasure craft.

(275) **Friday Harbor,** the town on the W shore of the cove, is the county seat and the population center of San Juan Island, which has some farming and cattle and sheep raising. It is headquarters for the gill net fishing fleet operating through the W part of the islands.

(276) The University of Washington maintains a marine biological laboratory 0.4 mile NNW of the N end of Brown Island. The E pier, a high structure cantilevered about 35 feet out from shore, makes a prominent landmark in entering Friday Harbor. Near the main building is the landing wharf with a 32-foot face and depths of 11 to 13 feet alongside. The wharf is exposed to winds from the NE, but is easily approached. It is marked by private lights.

(277) Friday Harbor is a **customs port of entry.** The customs office is about 75 yards W of the port's office, at the yacht club building. The customs officer also performs **immigration** and **agricultural quarantine** inspections.

(278) The Interisland Medical Center at Friday Harbor is the only complete medical facility in the San Juan Islands. In addition, Orcas and Lopez Islands have small clinics with resident physicians and paramedics. Air ambulance service to Seattle, Anacortes, or Bellingham is available on all the larger islands.

(279) The Port of Friday Harbor small-craft harbor, protected on the S and E sides by a long floating breakwater is marked at the N end by a light. Berths with electricity for over 475 craft are available. At least 150 of this total capacity is used for transient berthing. Water and pump-out station are available. **Note:** Vessels should not anchor within 100 yards of the floating breakwater because of the danger of fouling with the breakwater's anchor cables. A seaplane float is near the customs float at the port's small-craft harbor. There are three amber strobe signal lights in the harbor. They are located at the NE end of the Port of Friday Harbor Docks, on the University of Washington Laboratory shore, and at the NW end of Brown Island, respectively. It is reported that when activated, these strobe lights signal the takeoff or landing of seaplanes in the harbor. Water, ice, and some marine supplies are available at Friday Harbor. SE of the Port of Friday Harbor are a charter dock and ferry slip. SE of the ferry slip are condominiums with private docks.

(280) A shipyard is at the S end of Friday Harbor. A 35-ton lift is available; complete hull and engine repairs can be made.

(281) Freight and passengers reach Friday Harbor by airplane or by State ferry. The town has an airport with surfaced and lighted runways; twin-engine aircraft can be accommodated. Mail is transported by air.

(282) **Point George,** the W point at the entrance to **Parks Bay,** is across the channel from Friday Harbor. Good anchorage for small craft in 6 to 8 fathoms, soft bottom, can be had in this bay. The head of the bay, however, is foul.

(283) **Wasp Islands** are in the W approach to West Sound between **Neck Point,** the NW tip of Shaw Island, and **Steep Point,** the SW extremity of Orcas Island. Several narrow channels lead between the islands; the channels in general use are the North and Pole Passes, close under the Orcas Island shore. The tidal currents have considerable velocity in the channels, which should be attempted only by vessels with local knowledge.

(284) **North Pass,** between Steep Point on Orcas Island and the Wasp Islands, leads E from San Juan Channel to Deer Harbor and into Pole Pass. The pass is about 0.2 mile wide between Steep Point and **Reef Island,** and is free of outlying dangers, except for a rock covered by 1¾ fathoms 0.3 mile E of the N end of Reef Island.

(285) **Deer Harbor,** E of Steep Point, has good anchorage in 6 to 7 fathoms about 0.2 mile from the head. **Fawn Island** is near the entrance of the harbor and about 200 yards from the W shore; vessels may pass on either side. The E shore of Deer Harbor should be given a berth of at least 300 yards because of a shoal which in some places extends more than 200 yards off.

(286) **Deer Harbor,** on the E side of the harbor, is a village with stores, a marina, and an inn. Pleasure boats call here frequently in the summer. Berths, electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, and some marine supplies are available.

(287) A private light is on the end of a pier about 0.8 mile SSE of the town of Deer Harbor.

(288) **Crane Island** is off the entrance to Deer Harbor and about 1 mile SE of Steep Point. The N shore of the island is foul with bare and covered rocks within 250 yards of it. A shoal covered ½ fathom is 350 yards N of the center of the N side of the island, and a rock that uncovers 5 feet is 200 yards off the E point, with foul ground between it and the shore.

(289) **Pole Pass** leads from North Pass to West Sound and separates Crane Island from Orcas Island; the fairway is 75 yards wide in its narrowest part. Pole Pass should not be attempted without local knowledge. A light is on the NE side of the pass at its narrowest part.

(290) **Wasp Passage** leads from San Juan Channel to West Sound and separates Crane Island from the N shore of Shaw Island. A light is on the rock 300 yards E of Bell Island at the E end of the pass, and on Cliff Island and **Shirt Tail Reef,** at the W end of the pass.

(291) **Bell Island,** small and wooded, is about 0.3 mile E of Crane Island. Vessels using Pole Pass pass Bell Island close-to in order to avoid reefs and shoals extending from the Orcas Island shore.

(292) **Cliff Island,** the southernmost of the Wasp Islands, is 0.4 mile SW of Crane Island, and is marked by a light on its S side. **Low Island,** small and 10 feet high, is about 700 yards W of Cliff Island, and **Nob Island,** 40 feet high, is close-to and NW of Cliff Island. Local vessels bound from Friday Harbor to Deer Harbor use a clear deep channel about 70 yards wide through the rocks and shoals lying between Cliff Island and Low Island.

(293) **Yellow Island,** the westernmost of the Wasp Islands, is about 0.8 mile WNW of Neck Point and about 3.5 miles NNW of Friday Harbor. The island is small, grassy, and nearly bare of trees. A shoal extends 300 yards W of the island and terminates in a rock that uncovers 3 feet and is marked by kelp. This island should be given a berth of not less than 0.5 mile. **McConnell Island,** NE of Yellow Island, is the largest of the group. **Coon Island,** is close to and SE of McConnell Island. **Bird Rock,** which uncovers, is between McConnell and Crane Islands, and is marked by a light.

(294) **Jones Island,** 2 miles N of Wasp Passage, is on the E side of the N entrance to San Juan Channel; the island is wooded. Small pleasure craft anchor in the bights in the N and S shores. A State marine park in the bight in the N shore has mooring facilities; limited water is available.

(295) **Spring Passage** separates Jones Island from the SW part of Orcas Island. A daybeacon with the words "Danger-Rocks" is on the NW side of the passage near Jones Island. In general, the passage is free of danger.

(296) **Rocky Bay** is an open bight in the E side of San Juan Island. **O'Neal Island,** surrounded by a shoal, is almost in the middle of the bay.

(297) **Limestone Point,** about 1.2 miles NNW of O'Neal Island forms the W point of the N entrance to San Juan Channel, and is the NE portion of San Juan Island. Heavy tide rips and eddies form off Limestone Point and Green Point on Spieden Island, 0.7 mile N.

(298) **Lonesome Cove,** 0.2 mile W of Limestone Point, has a resort with cabins. Limited berthage and gasoline are available.

(299) **Flattop Island,** prominent in the N approaches to San Juan Channel, is 1 mile NE of the E end of Spieden Island. It is about 174 feet high, flat on top, and sparsely covered with underbrush and trees. **Gull Rock,** 33 feet high and bare, is about 0.3 mile NW of the NW shore of the island.

Charts 18421, 18431, 18432

(300) **White Rock**, 35 feet high, is about 2.7 miles N of the junction of Spieden and San Juan Channels and about midway between Flattop and Waldron Islands. Rocks, bare and covered, marked by kelp, extend nearly 0.3 miles NW from White Rock. **Danger Rock,** covered 3 feet and marked by kelp, is 0.3 mile SE of White Rock.

(301) The NW approach to San Juan Channel from Boundary Pass extends between Waldron Island on the E and Stuart Island and its dangers on the W.

(302) **President Channel,** between Waldron and Orcas Islands, is about 5 miles long. Depths are generally great, and the passage is free of dangers. The tidal currents have a velocity of 2 to 5 knots, and heavy swirls and tide rips, especially with an adverse wind, are off the N point of Waldron Island and between Waldron and Patos Islands. The rips are generally heaviest with the ebb

current. Rips and swirls are also heavy off Limestone Point and the E end of Spieden Island.

(303) **Orcas Island** is wooded and mountainous. **Mount Constitution,** a 2,454-foot peak on the island's E side, is marked by a stone lookout tower and a lighted radio tower. **Turtleback Mountain (Turtle Back Range)** and **Orcas Knob,** conical, and bare on the summit, in the W part of the island, are prominent and easily recognized.

(304) **Point Doughty,** the NW tip of Orcas Island, is bare and terminates in a small knob on its outer end. A resort in the bight, 1.5 miles SSW of Point Doughty, has floats with about 40 berths, gasoline, water, ice, a concrete launching ramp, and some marine supplies. In 1973, a depth of 4 feet was reported at the floats.

Local magnetic disturbances

(305) Differences from the normal variation of 2° or more have been observed in the vicinity of Point Doughty.

(306) **Parker Reef,** marked by a light, is about 0.7 mile off the N shore of Orcas Island and uncovers. The rocky reef extends about 110 yards in all directions from the light, except on the E side, where it extends about 160 yards from the light. Kelp covers the reef and the area between it and the shore. There are several shoal spots of 1¾ to 2¾ fathoms in the area within the 10-fathom curve SSW and W of Parker Reef.

(307) A passage between Sucia Islands on the N and Orcas Island on the S connects the N end of President Channel with the junction of the Strait of Georgia and Rosario Strait.

Chart 18434

Minor passages, San Juan Islands

(308) **Upright Channel,** between Lopez Island and Shaw Island, is about 3 miles long. **Canoe Island,** off **Flat Point,** constricts the passage to a width of less than 400 yards. Flat Point is marked by a light. General depths in the channel range from 20 to 25 fathoms. A shoal, covered 7½ fathoms, is 700 yards SSW, and a rock awash is 250 yards SW of the SW end of Canoe Island. Anchorages for small craft may be had in **Indian Cove,** W of Canoe Island, in 4 to 7 fathoms, soft bottom.

(309) **Harney Channel,** between Shaw and Orcas Islands, is the approach to West Sound from the E. General depths in the channel range from 11 to 30 fathoms with a 9-fathom shoal 700 yards E of Broken Point, the northernmost extremity of Shaw Island.

(310) **Orcas,** the settlement on the N shore in a cove at the W end of Harney Channel, is a summer resort. Several stores are at the settlement. An oil company distributor has a wharf with about 9 feet at its face; gasoline and diesel fuel are available. Five white tanks are near the back of the wharf. Water, ice, and some marine supplies are available. The ferry slip just E of the wharf serves the interisland ferry that operates from Anacortes. A rock, covered 2½ fathoms, is about 125 yards S of the wharf; deep water is between the rock and the shore.

(311) **Blind Bay,** a small cove indenting Shaw Island just opposite Orcas, is shoal and in it there are several reefs. **Blind Island** is in the entrance. A private daybeacon marks a rock that uncovers 3 feet on the E side of the entrance. **Shaw Island,** a village at the E entrance, is served by the ferry. **Broken Point,** 1.6 miles W of the Shaw Island landing, projects some 0.3 mile N from the N side of the island. It is quite prominent.

(312) **West Sound** indents the W part of the S shore of Orcas Island for about 2.8 miles. **Massacre Bay** is in the N part. The depths range from 7 to 20 fathoms. Anchorage in 7 to 12 fathoms may be had anywhere N of **Double Island,** which consists of two small islands connected at low water; it is close to the W shore near the entrance.

(313) **West Sound,** a settlement on the E shore about 2 miles inside the entrance, has a wharf with 10 feet off its end. Only a few piling remain of an old sawmill wharf. Care should be taken when leaving the wharf to avoid some submerged piling about 100 feet SW of it. Gasoline, diesel fuel, water, a pump-out station, 30-ton travel lift and marine supplies are available at West Sound.

(314) **Picnic Island,** is a low islet in the S part of the cove, close S from West Sound settlement. A shoal extends about 150 yards W from the island. In the bight E of the island is a marina with berths for about 80 small craft. An 11-ton hoist here can handle craft to 36 feet for hull and engine repairs. Marine supplies and a salvage and retrieval tug are available. In 1969, a channel with a depth of 1½ feet was reported to exist between Picnic Island and Orcas Island; local knowledge is advised.

(315) **Harbor Rock,** 4 feet high, lies in midchannel about 1.9 miles above the entrance to the sound; it is just inside Massacre Bay. The rocky patch marked by a daybeacon, is of small extent and is surrounded by depths of 1¾ to 10 fathoms.

Charts 18421, 18429, 18430

(316) **East Sound** indents Orcas Island NNW for about 6 miles. Depths vary from 15 fathoms at the entrance to 9 fathoms less than 0.2 mile from the head. There are no outlying dangers, and the shores may be approached to within 0.2 mile; however, a shoal covered less than 5

fathoms extends some 700 yards off the W shore, 0.8 mile inside the entrance. Anchorage may be had anywhere in the sound.

Local magnetic disturbance

(317) Differences from the normal variation of about 2° have been reported in the upper end of East Sound.

(318) **Olga** is a summer resort on the W shore of **Buck Bay,** a small cove on the E shore of the sound just inside the entrance.

(319) **Cascade Bay,** a small cove on the E side of the sound, about 3 miles N of the entrance, is the site of a large resort with floats having berths with electricity for about 60 craft. Gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, and a restaurant are available. Depths of 15 feet are reported alongside the floats. The large white resort hotel on **Rosario Point,** the W point of the bay, is conspicuous.

(320) **Eastsound,** a summer resort in the W of two small adjoining coves at the head of the sound, is the second largest village in the islands. The wharf is built out to a depth of 7½ feet; gasoline and water are available. A medical clinic is at Eastsound; air ambulance service to Anacortes, Bellingham, or Seattle is available.

(321) **Obstruction Pass,** with a least width of 350 yards, separates **Obstruction Island** from Orcas Island, and leads W from Rosario Strait to the inner passages and sounds of the San Juan Islands. A launching ramp and float are on the N side of the pass about 0.6 mile NW of Deer Point; depths alongside the float are about 4 feet. Caution is advised because of the numerous private pilings and moorings in the area. Obstruction Pass is marked by lights on the N side of Obstruction Island.

(322) **Peavine Pass,** safer and straighter than Obstruction Pass, separates Blakely Island from Obstruction Island. The pass is a little over 200 yards wide at its narrowest part, and in midchannel the least depth is 6 fathoms. Peavine Pass Light 1, on the SW point of Obstruction Island, marks the W entrance to the pass. A group of bare rocks, marked by a daybeacon, lie about 0.2 mile offshore from Blakely Island at the E entrance to Peavine Pass.

Currents

(323) The currents through Obstruction and Peavine Passes have estimated velocities of 5.5 to 6.5 knots at times. Heavy tide rips occur E of Obstruction Island.

(324) **Blakely Island Shoal**, rocky and covered 1¾ fathoms, is 0.5 mile off the W side of Blakely Island and is marked on its S side by a lighted buoy. The passage between the shoal and Blakely Island is deep and clear.

(325) **Blakely Island,** E of Lopez and Shaw Islands, is privately owned and maintained but open to the public. At its N end, bordering on Peavine Pass, is a small-craft basin and channel. About 65 berths are at the cove dock and inside the basin. An airplane landing strip and lodging are nearby. Gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, and some marine supplies are available.

(326) **Thatcher Pass,** between Blakely Island and **Decatur Island,** is about 0.5 mile wide in its narrowest part. The pass is deep and free of danger, except for **Lawson Rock,** marked by a daybeacon in the center and a lighted buoy on the E side, in midchannel 700 yards N of Fauntleroy Point. The S point of Blakely Island is marked by a light.

(327) **Fauntleroy Point,** the NE end of Decatur Island, is marked by a light. With a S wind and ebb current, heavy rips will be encountered off the E entrance to Thatcher Pass.

(328) **Leo Reef,** in the entrance to **Swifts Bay** on the NE end of Lopez Island, uncovers and is marked by a light.

(329) In 1981, a rock covered 3 feet was reported about 350 yards WNW of Leo Reef Light. **Port Stanley** is a small village on the shores of Swifts Bay.

(330) **Upright Head,** the northernmost point of Lopez Island, is a narrow peninsula that attains an elevation of 260 feet. A ferry slip is in the small cove at the tip of this peninsula. A private light is 50 yards out from the slip. There is daily ferry service with the other islands and the mainland.

(331) **Lopez Sound,** on the E side of Lopez Island, may be entered from Rosario Strait by Thatcher Pass. The depths in the greater part of the sound are 3 to 5 fathoms, muddy bottom, but a narrow and deeper channel is along the E shore.

(332) Fair protection in SE weather can be had in the area W of Decatur Island and N of **Center Island** in 3 to 5 fathoms, mud bottom. Strong winds blow across the low neck at the S end of Decatur Island and may make the area W uncomfortable for small craft. Good anchorage in W weather can be had in the large bight on the W side of the sound.

(333) **Decatur** is a small village on the W side of Decatur Island. A wharf with depths of 8 feet at its end is here.

(334) **Lopez Pass,** S of Decatur Island, leads from Rosario Strait into Lopez Sound. The pass has depths of 9 to 12 fathoms, but is very narrow and little used. A light is at the S end of Decatur Island.

(335) **Rosario Strait,** the easternmost of the three main channels leading from the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the Strait of Georgia, is 20 miles long and from 1.5 to 5 miles wide. The water is deep, and the most important dangers are marked. A bank with a least depth of 7 fathoms is located 0.3 mile E of Orcas Island and one mile WSW of Strawberry Island at about 48°33'19.4"N., 122°45'39.6"W.

(336) The strait is in constant use by vessels bound to Bellingham, Anacortes, and the San Juan Islands. Vessels bound for British Columbia or Alaska also frequently use it in preference to the passages farther W, when greater advantage can be taken of the tidal currents.

(337) A **Vessel Traffic Service** has been established in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, E of Port Angeles, and in the adjacent waters. (See **161.101 through 161.187**, chapter 2, for regulations, and the beginning of this chapter for additional information.)

Tides and Currents

(338) For times and velocities of current in Rosario Strait and vicinity, the Tidal Current Tables should be consulted. The currents in Lopez, Thatcher, and Obstruction Passes are reported to attain velocities of 3 to 7 knots. This should be kept in mind when proceeding through Rosario Strait, particularly at night or in thick weather. On the ebb of a large tide off the entrance to the passes, a S wind causes tide rips that are dangerous to small craft.

(339) Small craft can get good protection from W and S weather by anchoring near the head of **Watmough Bay,** at the extreme SE end of Lopez Island.

(340) **Colville Island,** 64 feet high, small and bare of trees, is off the SE end of Lopez Island. Heavy kelp extends W of Colville Island. **Davidson Rock,** 0.3 mile E of Colville Island, bares and is marked by a light. Mariners should give Colville Island and Davidson Rock a good berth. The southbound lane of the Traffic Separation Scheme is close S and E of Davidson Rock.

(341) **Aleck Bay,** the W and largest of three small bays on the S shore of Lopez Island, affords good anchorage except in heavy SE winds for small vessels in 4 to 7 fathoms, mud bottom. Rocks, awash and covered, and reefs abound in these waters, and caution is essential.

(342) A bank covered 10 to 20 fathoms extends across the S entrance to Rosario Strait. A shoal in the W part of the bank, 1.6 miles E of Davidson Rock, is covered 4 fathoms and marked by a lighted bell buoy.**Lawson Reef,** 0.6 by 0.3 mile in extent, in the E part of the bank, is 1.7 miles W of Deception Island. The reef has a least depth of 2.2 fathoms and is marked by a lighted bell buoy.

Charts 18427, 18429, 18421

(343) **Deception Pass**, the impressive 2-mile passage between Whidbey Island and **Fidalgo Island,** provides a challenging route that connects the N end of Skagit Bay with the S end of Rosario Strait. Near its middle the width is reduced to 150 yards by **Pass Island.** A fixed highway bridge over the pass between Pass Island and Whidbey Island has a clearance of 144 feet at the center and 104 feet elsewhere. Overhead telephone and power cables 50 yards and 0.2 mile E of the bridge have a minimum clearance of 220 feet.

(344) Deception Pass is used frequently by local boats bound from Seattle to Anacortes, Bellingham, and the San Juan Islands. The pass should be negotiated at the time of slack, since the velocity of the stream at other times makes it prohibitive to some craft. However, many fast boats run it at all stages of the tide. The pass is also used by log tows from the N bound to Everett or Seattle, which prefer this route to avoid the rough weather W of Whidbey Island.

(345) Currents in the narrows of Deception Pass attain velocities in excess of 8 knots at times and cause strong eddies along the shores. With W weather, heavy swells and tide rips form and make passage dangerous to all small craft. (See the Tidal Current Tables for daily predictions.)

(346) **Canoe Pass,** N of Pass Island, is not recommended except for small craft with local knowledge.

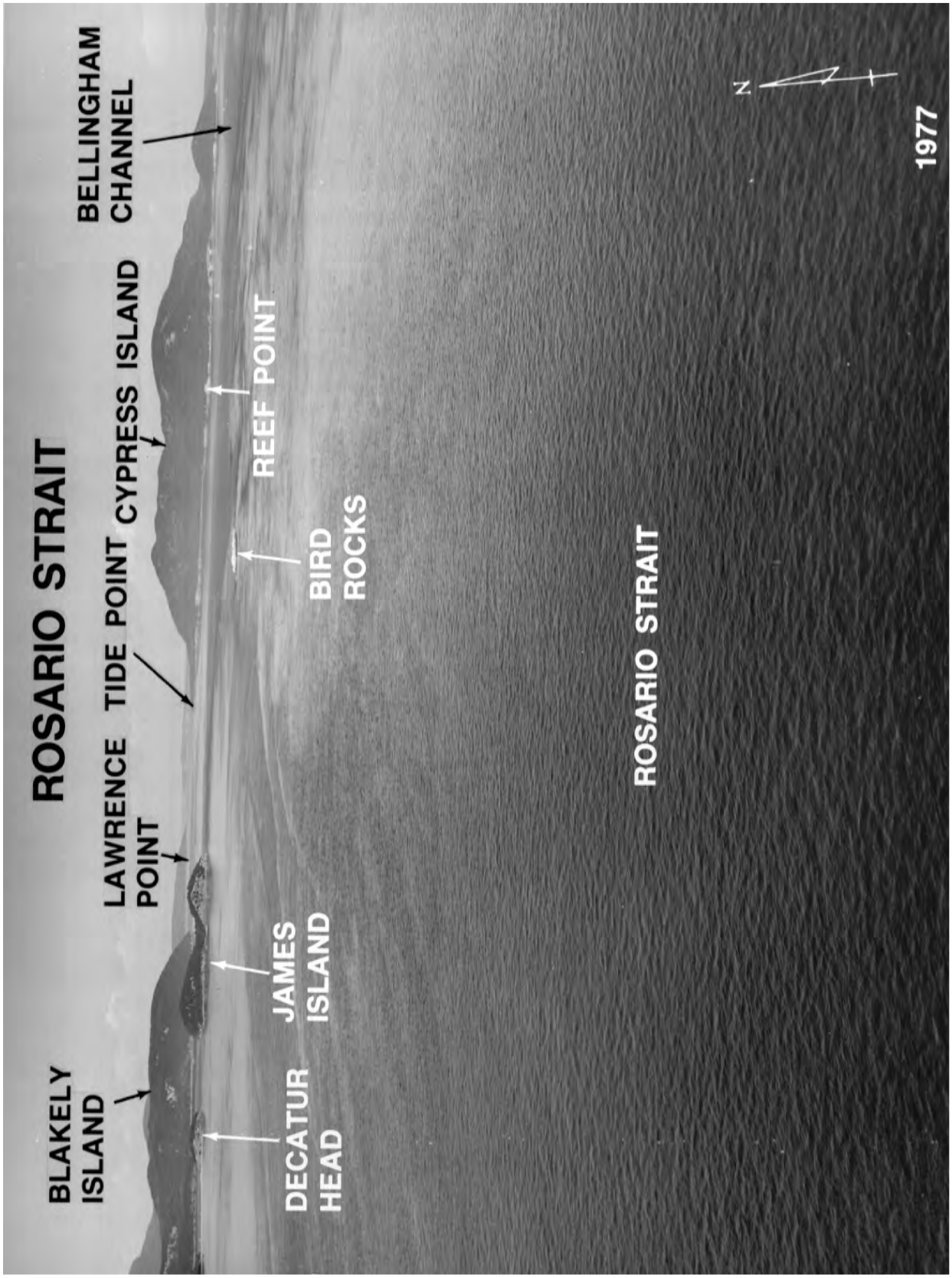
(347) **Deception Island,** 1 mile W of Pass Island, is 0.4 mile NW of **West Point,** the NW end of Whidbey Island. A shoal which bares at low water extends 175 yards (160 meters) S of Deception Island. Foul ground extends 262 yards (240 meters) NW of West Point. The passage between these two hazards is 200 yards (183 meters) wide with a least depth of 2.5 fathoms and great care should be taken when navigating in this area. **Northwest Pass,** N of Deception Island, is the preferred route. The Northwest Pass channel is deeper, but narrows and follows close to **Lighthouse Point**.

(348) **Strawberry Island** lies almost in the middle of Deception Pass, 0.4 mile E of Pass Island. **Ben Ure Island** is 0.2 mile S of Strawberry Island at the entrance to Cornet Bay; a light is at the NE end of the island.

(349) **Cornet Bay,** shallow and suitable for small craft only, indents the N end of Whidbey Island, in Deception Pass. A marina with a privately dredged entrance channel and mooring basin is in the bay; the channel is marked by private daybeacons. The marina has about 85 open and covered berths at the floats, and electricity, water, ice, and marine supplies are available. Two marine service and repair facilities are W of the marina. A public small-craft facility with berthing and a launching ramp is E of the marina.

Routes

(350) From W the best water through Deception Pass will be found 0.3 mile W of **Rosario Head,** a point 0.5 mile N of Deception Island. Steer a SE course to pass about 100 yards SW of the light on Lighthouse Point; then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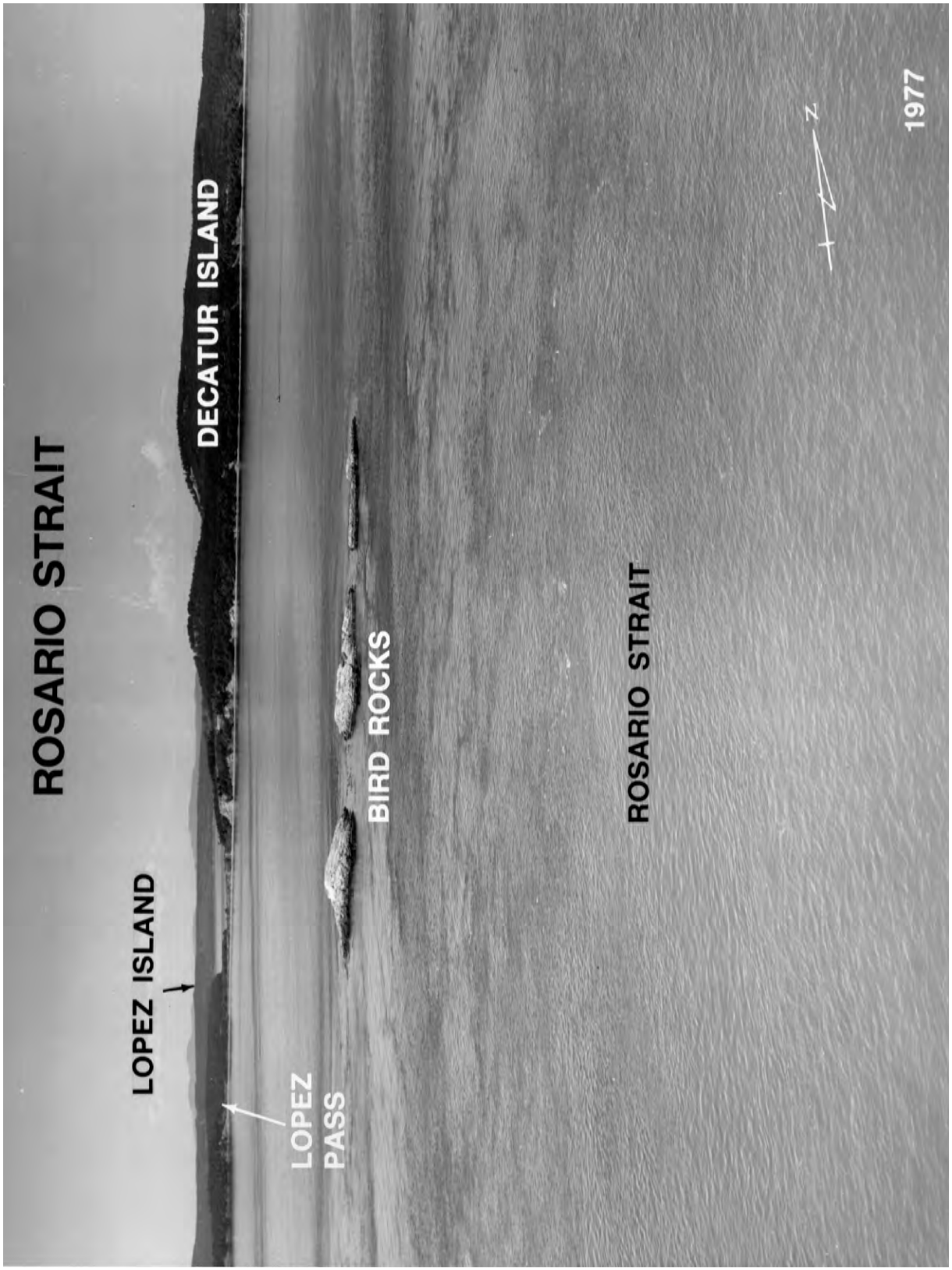
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follow an E course through the middle of the pass, being careful to guard against sets from the current when running partly across it. After passing under the bridge, favor slightly the N shore so as to avoid the pinnacle rocks and ledges making out from the S shore. After leaving Pass Island, steer to pass about midway between Ben Ure and Strawberry Islands. Strawberry Island should not be approached within 125 yards because a reef, marked by kelp, extends S of the island. From a position off Ben Ure Island Light 2, steer a NE course to pass about midway between **Hoypus Point** and **Yokeko Point.** The flood current N and W of Strawberry Island sets NE and should be guarded against.

(351) **Bowman (Reservation) Bay,** a small bight between **Reservation Head** and Rosario Head, offers anchorage for small craft in 2¼ fathoms, mud bottom. **Northwest Island** between Rosario Head and Sares Head, is 28 feet high and grass-covered. **Sares Head,** 1 mile N of Deception Island, is steep-to and 480 feet high.

(352) **Burrows Bay** indents the W shore of Fidalgo Island between **Biz Point** and **Fidalgo Head.** Burrows Bay is a broad open bight affording anchorage in the N part, in 15 to 16 fathoms, soft bottom. Protection from W and N is afforded by **Burrows Island** and **Allan Island,** but the bay is exposed to S weather. In the SE part, the depths are less than 6 fathoms, and in places shoals extend almost 0.4 mile off the E and S shores of the bay. E of the passage between Allan and Burrows Islands is a middle ground with a least depth of 5 fathoms. Small craft using Deception Pass, bound to or from points in the islands or from Bellingham Bay, pass through Burrows Bay and the passage N of Burrows Island.

(353) **Burrows Island Light** (48°28'41"N., 122°42'49"W.), 57 feet above the water, is shown from a 34-foot white square tower on a building at the W end of the island; a fog signal is at the station.

Local magnetic disturbance

(354) Differences from normal variation of 4° have been observed on the E shore of Burrows Bay.

(355) **Williamson Rocks,** a group of small, grass-covered islets and rocks, are 0.5 mile S of Allan Island and are marked on the S side by a lighted gong buoy. **Dennis Shoal,** 500 yards off the S shore of Allan Island and 0.6 mile NW of Williamson Rocks, bares and is marked on its W side by a buoy.

(356) **Flounder Bay,** a well-sheltered basin and popular yachting harbor at the N end of Burrows Bay, is the site of a large marina. The entrance channel is protected by jetties and marked by private lights. The E side of the entrance to the marina is subject to shoaling. The W side of the entrance had reported depths of 8 to 14 feet in 1997. In 2002, it was reported that lesser depths may exist in the W side of the entrance to the marina; local knowledge is encouraged prior to entering the channel. Gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, about 250 berths with electricity, transient berths, dry storage facilities, two 1½-ton hoists, a 24-ton lift, and marine supplies are available at the marina. Hull, engine, and electronic repairs can be made. A private company located at the W end of the marina provides heavy transport service to the islands. A road connects the bay with a highway, providing access to the State ferry terminal in Ship Harbor, the Anacortes airport, and the city of Anacortes.

Charts 18421, 18424, 18429, 18430, 18431

(357) **Bird Rocks**, consisting of three rocks close together, are near the middle of Rosario Strait, about 2 miles WNW of Burrows Island Light. The southernmost and largest is 37 feet high. There is deep water close-to, and passage may be made on either side of the rocks.

(358) **Belle Rock,** bare at extreme low water and marked by a light, is about 0.5 mile NE of Bird Rocks. Belle Rock can be passed about 0.6 mile to the E by keeping **Tide Point,** the W extremity of Cypress Island, and **Lawrence Point,** the E end of Orcas Island, in range on a bearing of about 359°.

(359) Rosario Strait is generally clear, with great depths, except for the following principal offshore dangers:

(360) **Kellett Ledge,** 2 miles N of Point Colville, extends 700 yards off **Cape St. Mary,** on the SE part of Lopez Island. The ledge is marked by kelp and a buoy, and uncovers at the lowest tides. In March 2000, two shoal spots were reported E of the ledge. The first shoal was about 550 yards E in about 48°26'58"N., 122°47'13"W. with a depth of about 7 fathoms. The second shoal about 700 yards E in about 48°26'57"N., 122°47'05"W. with a depth of about 8 fathoms.

(361) **James Island** is close off **Decatur Head,** the E end of Decatur Island, and between the two is a deep but narrow passage; on the island are two hills with heights of 260 and 219 feet.

(362) **Pointer Island,** 16 feet high, is 0.3 mile off the SE shore of Blakely Island, and **Black Rock,** 4 feet high and marked by a light, is 0.5 mile off the E shore of the island.

(363) **Cypress Island,** 1,530 feet high, steep on the lower slopes and gently rounding at the top, is on the E side of Rosario Strait and opposite Blakely Island. From S the island appears to lie in the middle of Rosario Strait.

(364) A shoal extends about 0.4 mile S from **Reef Point,** the SW tip of Cypress Island. A lighted buoy is about 0.7 mile S of Reef Point. Vessels rounding the point should

not attempt to pass between the buoy and the point as submerged piles and heavy kelp may exist in that area.

(365) **Strawberry Island,** small, low, and wooded, is about 400 yards off the W shore of Cypress Island. Passage E of it is not recommended. An indifferent anchorage may be had in **Strawberry Bay** in 7 fathoms; it is seldom used.

(366) **Lydia Shoal,** a patch covered 3¾ fathoms and marked on its S side by a lighted gong buoy, is 1 mile E of Obstruction Pass Light. **Peapod Rocks,** marked by a light on the largest rock of the group at the N end, are 1 mile S of Lawrence Point on Orcas Island. This group of islands extends about 1 mile in a NE direction, some 0.5 mile from the Orcas Island shore, which is fringed with rocks and reefs.

(367) **Buckeye Shoal,** with a least depth of 3½ fathoms, is 1.2 miles SSE from **North Peapod,** and is marked by a lighted bell buoy. Between this and the N end of Cypress Island are **Cypress Reef,** a dangerous rocky patch marked by a daybeacon, and **Towhead Island,** 0.3 mile to the SE and about 400 yards N of the N end of Cypress Island. The passage between the two is used by local vessels, especially those plying between Obstruction Pass and Bellingham Bay.

(368) **Doe Bay** indents the SE shore of Orcas Island abreast Peapod Rocks. **Doe Bay (Doebay),** a village on the bay, has a wharf with 12 feet at its end; during strong S winds the wharf should not be approached. Doe Island, 0.6 mile SSW of Doe Bay, is a State park.

(369) **Sinclair Island,** N of Cypress Island, is wooded and comparatively low in places; dangerous reefs extend 0.8 mile off the N shore. Portions of **Boulder Reef,** the outermost danger, uncover at half tide; kelp marking the reef is frequently drawn under by the current. The outer end of the reef is marked by a lighted bell buoy. **Urban,** a village at the SW end of the island, has a pier with depths of 12 feet at the end.

(370) **Lummi Island,** wooded and about 8 miles long, forms the E side of the N end of Rosario Strait, opposite Orcas Island. The N part is low, but in the S part **Lummi Peak** attains an elevation of over 1,600 feet.

(371) **Lummi Rocks** are off the SW shore of Lummi Island about 3 miles NW of **Carter Point,** the S tip. They are marked by a light.

(372) Shoals extend over 0.5 mile from **Point Migley,** the NW extremity of Lummi Island; the NW edge of the shoals is marked by a lighted buoy. **Village Point** on the NW side of Lummi Island is marked by a light. **Legoe Bay** is an open bight SE of Village Point.

(373) **Clark Island** and **Barnes Island,** and the several adjacent rocks and islets, lie almost in the middle of Rosario Strait, about 2.5 miles NNW of Lawrence Point on Orcas Island. These islands may be passed on either side, giving them a berth of 0.5 mile.

(374) **Matia Island,** a wildlife refuge about 4 miles W of Point Migley, is 120 feet high and wooded. The mooring float of a State marine park is in the small cove on the NW side of the island; water is available. **Puffin Island,** 40 feet high, is about 0.2 mile E of Matia Island. A reef, marked at its SE extremity by a light, extends E from the SE end of Matia Island to a point about 0.2 E of Puffin Island. Mariners should not attempt to pass between the islands.

(375) **Alden Bank,** 3 miles N of Matia Island, within the 10-fathom curve is about 3 miles long in a SE direction. The shoalest part, on which are patches of 2¾ and 3 fathoms, covering a considerable area, is near the SE part of the bank. The bank is marked by a lighted gong buoy off its NW end, a lighted bell buoy off its SE end, and by a buoy on its E edge.

Chart 18427

(376) **Skagit Bay**, N part, between the N part of Whidbey Island and the mainland, is entered from the N through Deception Pass and from the S through Saratoga Passage. Skagit River, described in chapter 13, empties into the SE part of the bay.

(377) The greater portion of Skagit Bay is filled with flats, bare at low water. Shoals extend 100 to 300 yards off the Whidbey Island shore.

(378) Along the shore of Whidbey Island, between it and the edge of the flats, is a natural channel varying in width from 0.2 to 0.5 mile, except at Hope Island, where it narrows to 150 yards. The channel is marked with lights and buoys from Deception Pass to the N entrance of Saratoga Passage. The main channel from Deception Pass S through Skagit Bay has depths of 6 fathoms or more.

(379) Velocity and direction of the current vary throughout this channel. The flood current enters through Deception Pass and sets in a generally S direction. The ebb flows in a general N direction. SW of Hope Island, the velocity is 2.3 knots on the flood and 2.0 knots on the ebb. S of Goat Island the velocity is 1.8 knots on the flood and 1.4 knots on the ebb. N of Rocky Point the velocity is 0.6 knot on the flood and 1.0 knot on the ebb. (See the Tidal Current Tables for predictions.)

(380) **Similk Bay,** at the N end of Skagit Bay, is used for log-rafting operations and is unsafe for navigation. **Skagit Island** and **Kiket Island,** 111 feet and 194 feet high, respectively, are just S of Similk Bay opposite the E entrance to Deception Pass. **Hope Island,** 1 mile S of Skagit Island, is fringed with rocks off its E side, and marked by a light on its W point. An aquiculture site, marked by private lights, is 0.4 mile NNE of Hope Island in about 48°24'28"N., 122°33'33"W. **Ben Ure Spit,**

across the channel from Hope Island, is a low projecting point within a shoal extending about 350 yards E.

(381) Good anchorage may be had in **Kiket Bay,** N of Hope Island, and vessels at times make use of this anchorage area while waiting for slack water in Deception Pass.

(382) The narrow channel E of Hope Island is used by small craft with local knowledge. This channel, with a controlling depth of 5 fathoms, passes 130 yards off the Hope Island shore. The bottom is rocky and very irregular, and numerous dangers marked by heavy kelp are between the channel and the Fidalgo Island shore. A summer anchorage for pleasure craft is S of **Snee-oosh (Hunot) Point.**

(383) **Seal Rocks,** 1.4 miles S of Hope Island, are on the E side of the main channel. They are marked by a light.

(384) **Swinomish Channel** is a dredged channel that connects the waters of Skagit Bay with those of Padilla Bay, about 10 miles to the N. The entrance channel from Skagit Bay leads ENE between two jetties, thence N of **Goat Island,** which is rocky, steep, and timber covered, thence through **Hole in the Wall,** in the S part of Fidalgo Island, and thence N to Padilla Bay. The S jetty, submerged except for a small section near Goat Island, extends about 0.6 mile W of Goat Island and is marked by daybeacons; the N jetty, submerged and marked by a light off its W end, extends W about 1.1 miles from the S end of Fidalgo Island. A **072°–252° lighted range** marks the entrance channel from Skagit Bay, and other navigational aids mark the channel to Padilla Bay. In March 2003, the controlling depth was 6.1 feet for a width of 100 feet from Skagit Bay to Padilla Bay.

(385) Several bridges and overhead power and telephone cables cross Swinomish Channel; minimum clearance of the power cables is 72 feet. Just S of La Conner, the highway fixed bridge has a clearance of 75 feet for a center width of 275 feet. At the Padilla Bay entrance, the railroad swing bridge has a clearance of 5 feet; the span is left in the open position until a train approaches. Twin fixed highway bridges 0.2 mile S of the swing bridge have a clearance of 75 feet.

(386) Most of the yachts going between Bellingham and Seattle prefer Swinomish Channel to Deception Pass because of the calmer water and shorter run. The channel is used extensively for towing logs. Two floats and a launching ramp are under the E end of the highway bridge at the N end of Swinomish Channel.

(387) **La Conner,** near the S end of Swinomish Channel, is the center of a rich agricultural district, and has several fish canneries. Many commercial fishing boats operate from here. Piers, wharves, and mooring floats are along the entire waterfront, much of which is obulkheaded. The S basin at La Conner, along the E side of the channel about 0.6 mile N of the highway fixed bridge, has over 460 covered and uncovered berths with electricity and water. A marina in the S basin can provide berths, gasoline, diesel fuel, electricity, water, ice, marine supplies, wet and dry storage, a launching ramp, and a 55-ton hoist; complete hull and engine repairs can be made. The entrance to the basin is constricted by pilings that extend from the N side. A firm, on the E side of the channel at the S end of town, builds fiberglass boats and does limited hull repair work. A tug company, just N of the S basin, has tugs up to 2,400 hp available. An extensive log storage and sorting yard is on the W side of the channel opposite the tug company. Logs are moored along both sides of the channel near the storage yard.

(388) **Guemes Channel,** between Guemes Island on the N and Fidalgo Island on the S, leads E from Rosario Strait to Padilla Bay. The channel, which is about 3 miles long and 0.5 mile wide at its narrowest point, has depths of 8 to 18 fathoms. Lighted buoys mark the channel at the W end.

Local magnetic disturbance

(389) Differences from normal variation of as much as 14° have been observed off the SE point of Guemes Island.

(390) **Shannon Point,** the S point at the W entrance of Guemes Channel, is low and rounding, and marked by a light and fog signal. A shoal extends 200 yards N from the point.

(391) The current velocity in Guemes Channel exceeds 5 knots at times. It is reported that the flood (E current) is accompanied by an eddy between the E end of Guemes Island and Cap Sante with the W countercurrent extending about 200 yards from the shore along the N side of Fidalgo Island. (See the Tidal Current Tables for predictions.)

(392) **Ship Harbor** is a bight close E of Shannon Point, at the W entrance to Guemes Channel. Washington State ferries to the San Juan Islands and Sydney, B.C. depart frequently from facilities on the W side of the bight. Vessels anchoring here in heavy weather should be cautious of dragging anchor because the bottom is not good holding ground.

(393) **City of Seattle Rock,** covered 1½ fathoms, is 200 yards offshore on the S side of the channel, 2 miles E of Shannon Point.

(394) **Anacortes,** is on the S shore of Guemes Channel. The port is incorporated as the **Port of Anacortes.** Commerce includes logs and petroleum products.

(395) **Cap Sante Waterway,** a dredged channel leading to the E waterfront of Anacortes, is marked by daybeacons and lights. The ends of the breakwaters forming the boat haven are marked by lights. In April 2001, the

centerline controlling depth was 11.4 feet in the entrance channel, thence depths of 8 to 11 feet in the basin with lesser depths along the E edge and in the vicinity of the breakwaters. Vessels should give the S breakwater a berth of at least 40 feet to stay in good water. The Port of Anacortes controls the boat haven. There are berths, with electricity and water, for about 1,100 craft; transient berths and a pump-out station are available. A **harbormaster** assigns berths, and can be contacted on VHF-FM channel 66a. A business at the basin operates a fuel dock at which gasoline and diesel fuel are available. Water, ice, supplies, a 4-ton lift, and a 5-ton lift capable of handling vessels to 55 feet long are available, along with hull, engine, and electronic repairs.

(396) A dredged channel, marked by lights and buoys, extends about 0.7 mile SW from the entrance of Cape Sante Waterway to the waterfront area of Anacortes Industrial Park. In April 2001, the controlling depth was 15.6 feet in the channel except for shoaling to 14.8 feet in the W side of the channel along the waterfront. A marina is at the N end of the industrial waterfront area. Private berthing with water, electricity, storage boxes, and telephone connections are available. No transient moorage is available. In 1982, a reported depth of 11 feet was in the marina and alongside the berths. A haul out and repair yard with a 35-ton lift is at the S end of the marina.

Anchorage

(397) Anchorage is reported available in 8½ to 10 fathoms about 0.8 mile ENE from Cap Sante Waterway Light 2.

Tides

(398) The mean range of tide at Anacortes is 4.8 feet, and the diurnal range of tide is 8.2 feet.

Pilotage, Anacortes

(399) Pilotage is compulsory for all vessels except those under enrollment or engaged exclusively in the coasting trade on the W coast of the continental United States (including Alaska) and/or British Columbia. Pilotage is available from the Puget Sound Pilots. See Pilotage, Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound, indexed as such, early this chapter.

Towage

(400) Tugs may be arranged through the marine exchange, which monitors radiotelephone VHF-FM channels 9 and 20.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(401) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(402) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

(403) Anacortes is a **customs port of entry.**

Harbor regulations

(404) The port is controlled by a port commission and a manager, whose office is on the port wharf at the foot of Commercial Avenue.

Wharves

(405) The Port of Anacortes operates three deep-draft wharves. For a complete description of the port facilities refer to Port Series No. 37, published and sold by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (See appendix for address.) The alongside depths are reported depths. (For information on the latest depths contact the port authorities.) Water is available at the three port wharves.

(406) **Port of Anacortes, Pier No. 1** (48°31'20"N., 122°36'40"W.): wooden pilings, 540-foot berthing space; 33 feet alongside; deck height, 16 feet; forklifts; receipt and shipment of general cargo.

(407) **Port of Anacortes, Pier No. 2** (48°31'20"N., 122°36'24"W.): concrete piling with concrete surface, 1,113-foot berthing space with dolphins; 44 feet reported alongside; deck height, 16 feet; 13½ acres open storage; shipment of petroleum coke and logs; mooring vessels. The wharf is marked on each end by a private light.

(408) **Port of Anacortes, Curtis Wharf** (48°31'20"N., 122°37'00"W): steel piling with concrete surface, 313-foot berthing with dolphins; 28 feet reported alongside; deck height, 16 feet; one acre of unpaved open storage.

(409) **Note:** Considerable current sets along the faces of these wharves (E flood, W ebb); it is advisable to dock against the current.

Supplies

(410) Gasoline, diesel fuel, and other small-craft supplies may be obtained at the port boat haven. Ice and marine supplies are available in the city.

Repairs

(411) The largest repair facility in the area is just W of the port's log handling wharf. The yard has a 5,000-ton capacity lift; a 314-foot drydock with a 9,000 metric ton capacity, and a marine railway with a loading rate of 600 tons. Machine and carpentry shops are available at the yard, and complete hull and engine repairs can be

made. A marina on the E waterfront of Anacortes has a mobile lift of 25 tons or 55 feet capacity for complete hull and engine repairs. A repair facility about 1.5 miles E of Shannon Point has a 2,000-ton marine railway.

Communications

(412) The port has an airport about five miles W of the city center. A private automobile ferry provides regular service to Guemes Island. Washington State Ferries provide service to the San Juan Islands and Sydney, B.C. from facilities at Ship Harbor Bight.

(413) **Fidalgo Bay,** a shallow arm of Padilla Bay, extends S from the E end of Guemes Channel.

(414) **Padilla Bay,** between the mainland and the N part of Fidalgo Island, is largely occupied by drying flats, but deep water is E of Anacortes and Guemes Island. Entrance to the bay from Rosario Strait is through Guemes Channel; a passage E of Guemes Island leads into Padilla Bay from the N.

(415) **March Point** is a low peninsula between Fidalgo and Padilla Bays. The two long Tesoro and Shell Refinery piers extend N to deep water from the N end of the point. The W pier, owned by Shell Oil, has a 7,150-foot approach trestle, deck height of 22 feet, and is marked at the E and W ends by private lights. The N side of the pier has 1,130 feet of berthing space with dolphins and depths of 45 feet alongside; the S side of the pier has 735 feet of berthing space with dolphins and depths of 45 feet reported alongside.

(416) The Tesoro Pier, 0.5 mile E of the Shell Pier, has a 3,466-foot approach trestle, deck height of 22 feet, and is marked at the E end by a private light and at the W end by a private light and fog signal. The N side of the pier has 974 feet of berthing space with dolphins and a depth of 45 feet reported alongside; the S side of the pier has 820 feet of berthing space with dolphins and a depth of 38 feet reported alongside.

(417) About 200 yards from the Tesoro Pier, when making a starboard landing, a vessel is set by the current onto the pier and great care must be taken to avoid being set hard onto the pier. The use of an anchor in docking is advisable. The current is at times pronounced when docking at the inside berth, and care must be taken to avoid being set onto the shoal to the S. Range markers facilitate docking. Less current is generally experienced at the Tesoro Pier; however, the use of an anchor is recommended when making a starboard landing.

Local magnetic disturbance

(418) Differences from normal variation of 2° have been observed in the vicinity of March Point.

(419) **Bay View,** a village across the flats of Padilla Bay ESE from March Point, has no facilities except for a small boat repair shop.

Chart 18424

(420) **William Point,** 100 feet high, is the W point of **Samish Island,** which forms the N side of Padilla Bay. The point is wooded and, because of the low land E of it, appears as an island although it is connected with the mainland. It is marked by a light.

(421) **Bellingham Channel,** deep between Cypress and Guemes Island, is the most direct route to Bellingham Bay from S. Between Cypress, Guemes, and Sinclair Islands the tidal currents have considerable velocity, but between Sinclair and Vendovi Islands the velocities are considerably less. **Cone Islands**, a group of five islets on the W side of Bellingham Channel, are 0.4 mile E of the NE of Cypress Island.

(422) In July 1983, Bellingham Channel Lighted Buoy 6, about 300 yards NW of Clark Point, was reported to submerge during periods of strong currents.

(423) Lighted buoys mark the E side of Bellingham Channel. A light is on the W side of Bellingham Channel off the E side of Cypress Island. In May 1999, a submerged wreck with 3¾ fathoms over it was reported about 780 yards S of Bellingham Channel Lighted Bell Buoy 4 in about 48°31'48.4"N., 120°40'12.3"W.

(424) **Clark Point,** on the E side of Bellingham Channel, is a steep bluff forming the N point of Guemes Island. A reef extends 300 yards N from the point. A marina, about 1.6 miles SE of Clark Point, has gasoline. A launching ramp and a hoist that can handle small craft to 18 feet is available. **Vendovi Island** is 1.8 miles NE of Clark Point. Shoaling to 4 fathoms, 0.4 mile SW of Vendovi Island, is marked by a buoy. A light marks the E side of the island. A private light is in a small cove on the NW side of Vendovi Island.

(425) Deep-draft vessels approaching Bellingham Bay from N use the channel between Lummi and Sinclair Islands. With the exception of Viti Rocks and the dangers N of Sinclair Islands, this channel is free of danger. The fairway is deep and has a width of 0.6 mile at its narrowest part, between **Viti Rocks** and **Carter Point,** the S tip of Lummi Island. The northwesternmost Viti Rock is 35 feet high, 200 yards long, and marked by a light. A lighted bell buoy marks the shoal extending SSE from the southernmost rock.

(426) **Hale Passage,** 6 miles long, separates Lummi Island from the mainland to the NE. Depths in the passage vary from 2 fathoms on the bar near the NW end to 20 fathoms in the SE end of the channel.

(427) **Lane Spit,** on the W side of Hale Passage 1.5 miles SE of Point Migley, is marked by a lighted buoy. A light is on the E side of Lummi Island 3 miles SE of Lane Spit.

(428) **Lummi Island,** a village on the W side of Hale Passage, is 1 mile S of Lane Spit. The village and island are linked to the mainland at **Gooseberry Point** by an automobile ferry. The ferry dock at Lummi Island is marked by a private light. A pier, adjacent to the ferry slip at Gooseberry Point, has a 6-ton hoist that can handle craft 28 feet long; gasoline, water, ice, marine supplies, and hull and engine repairs are available. Depths of 4 feet are reported off the end of the pier at the hoist.

(429) From **Point Francis,** the rounded high bluff at the SE entrance of Hale Passage, a shoal and broken ground extend SSE to Eliza Island. The depths range from 5 to less than 1½ fathoms about midway between the point and the island. A lighted buoy is about 300 yards S of the 1½ fathom spot.

(430) **Bellingham Bay,** from William Point to the head, is about 12 miles long and 3 miles wide. Anchorage may be obtained almost anywhere in the bay S of the flats; the depths, over the greater portion, range from 6 to 15 fathoms. Because of the mud bottom, vessels are apt to drag anchor in heavy weather.

(431) **Samish Bay,** separated from Padilla Bay by Samish Island, with flats bare for a considerable distance at low water, forms the SE part of Bellingham Bay. Extensive oyster culture is carried on in the E portion of the bay.

(432) **Eliza Island,** low and partly wooded, is 1 mile NE of Carter Point. Shoals fringe most of the island, which should not be approached closer than about 400 yards. A rock covered 1 fathom is some 500 yards N of the W tip of the island.

(433) Vessels anchoring between Lummi Island and Eliza Island during heavy weather should be cautious of dragging anchor because of the poor holding ground.

(434) **Eliza Rock,** marked by a light, is off the S end of Eliza Island.

(435) **Chuckanut Bay** which indents the E shore of Bellingham Bay, is a cove affording shelter to small craft. A rock ledge, covered 3 feet, is reported just S of **Chuckanut Island** in about 48°40.5'N., 122°30.1'W. The small-craft launching ramp of **Larabee State Park** is at **Wildcat Cove,** 0.6 mile SE of **Governors Point** at the SW entrance to Chuckanut Bay.

(436) **Post Point,** on the NE side of Bellingham Bay, is 1.5 miles NNW of the N entrance point of Chuckanut Bay. A shoal, marked by a lighted bell buoy, extends about 450 yards W from the point. **Starr Rock,** covered 1 fathom, is about 200 yards offshore, 0.5 mile SSW of Whatcom Waterway Light 2; it is marked by a buoy. Vessels should not pass inside the buoy.

(437) A **037°06'–217°06' measured course,** 3,038 feet long, is about 1 mile NE of Post Point off the entrance to Whatcom Creek Waterway. The N and S front markers are 500 yards E and 700 yards S, respectively, of Starr Rock, and the rear markers are about 20 yards SE of the front markers. All are yellow wooden triangular daymarkers with a black stripe.

(438) **Bellingham** is at the head of Bellingham Bay on the E shore. Wood and wood products including pulp, aluminum, chemicals, and general cargo are shipped out; salt, alumina, and general cargo are imported. A large pulpmill is just NE of the port wharves at Bellingham, and an aluminum smelter is at Ferndale. These mills have their own wharves, but use the port facilities to ship and receive some of their material.

(439) The S terminal of the Port of Bellingham, a cannery, a boatbuilding plant, and the Alaska State Ferry Terminal Dock are on the N side of Post Point at **South Bellingham**. A seafood plant is on the I and J Street Waterway; fishing boats unload at its wharf. The areas on both sides of the waterway channel are used for log storage. There are several other seafood wharves, oil docks, and other commercial facilities around the harbor.

(440) **Whatcom Creek Waterway** at the SE end of Bellingham Harbor, **Squalicum Creek Waterway** at the NW end of the harbor, and **I and J Street Waterway** in between, provide dredged channel access to the port facilities at Bellingham. Bellingham Yacht Harbor is adjacent to and SE of Squalicum Creek Waterway; the yacht harbor is described later in this chapter.

Prominent features

(441) Particularly prominent at night is the lighted sign HERALD on the newspaper building and the lighted sign ICE on the Bellingham Cold Storage building. Also prominent are the water tank on top of the tall B & B Furniture Co. building, the stack at the cement plant 1.9 miles NW of Whatcom Creek Waterway Light 2 and the stack 0.3 mile to the E, and the church spire near the Bellingham waterfront.

Channels

(442) A Federal project provides for a depth of 30 feet in Whatcom Creek Waterway Outer and Middle Reaches; thence 18 feet through the Inner Reach, 26 feet in Squalicum Creek Waterway, and 18 feet in I and J Street Waterway. Depths in Whatcom Creek Waterway are usually near project depth to the port wharf; the controlling depth for Middle and Inner Reach of this waterway may be considerably less than project depth. The controlling depth for Squalicum Creek Waterway and I and J Street Waterway may also be considerably

less than project depth. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of the chart for controlling depths.)

(443) Squalicum Creek Waterway is marked by lighted buoys and a lighted range. I and J Street Waterway is marked by lights and buoys. Whatcom Creek Waterway is marked by a light and a lighted range. The **Port of Bellingham** assists the Federal Government in dredging and maintaining channel depths. The port authority maintains depths of more than 30 feet alongside the Whatcom Creek Waterway port wharf, and also dredges the small-craft basin.

Anchorages

(444) The bottom mud is a thin accumulation over hardpan, and is not good holding ground in heavy weather. A **general anchorage** and an **explosives anchorage** are in the bay. (See **110.1 and 110.230**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Tides

(445) The mean range of the tide at Bellingham is 5.2 feet, and the diurnal range of tide is 8.6 feet. A range of about 14 feet may occur at the time of maximum tides.

Pilotage, Bellingham

(446) Pilotage is compulsory for all vessels except those under enrollment or engaged exclusively in the coasting trade on the W coast of the continental United States (including Alaska) and/or British Columbia. Pilotage for Bellingham is provided by the Puget Sound Pilots. (See Pilotage, Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound, indexed as such, early this chapter.

Towage

(447) Tugs to 4,000 hp are available at Bellingham, and larger tugs at Seattle. Arrangements for tugs should be made in advance through ships' agents. Tugs monitor and use as a working frequency VHF-FM channel 7.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(448) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(449) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

(450) Bellingham is a **customs port of entry.**

Coast Guard

(451) Bellingham Coast Guard Station is at Squalicum small-boat harbor.

Harbor regulations

(452) The city fire chief is responsible for the prevention of hazardous fire conditions in the harbor. The Port of Bellingham directs the operation of the North Terminal on Whatcom Creek Waterway, the South Terminal at Post Point, and the yacht harbor E of Squalicum Creek Waterway. The port's general offices are at the North Terminal.

Wharves

(453) The Port of Bellingham operates two deep-draft terminals, one at South Bellingham and one on Whatcom Creek Waterway. In addition, there are several privately owned deep-draft piers and wharves on Whatcom Creek Waterway and numerous medium-draft piers and wharves used for loading or offloading petroleum products, logs, sand and gravel, or fish, or for mooring vessels. Only the deep-draft facilities are described. For a complete description of the port facilities refer to Port Series No. 37, published and sold by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (See appendix for address.) The alongside depths of the facilities described are reported depths. (Contact the Port of Bellingham or the private operator for the latest depths.)

(454) **Port of Bellingham, Whatcom International Shipping Terminal, Liquid Chemical Pier** (48°44'35"N., 122°29'35"W.): berthing space, 195 feet (S side) and 400 feet (N side); depth alongside, 26 feet (N and S sides); deck height, 14 feet; overhead pipelines lead to storage tank farm at rear of facility with a capacity of 1¼ million gallons of caustic soda; shipment of caustic soda; owned and operated by Port of Bellingham.

(455) **Port of Bellingham, Whatcom International Shipping Terminal, Main Wharf** (48°44'43"N., 122°29'39"W.): berthing space, 1,370 feet; depth alongside, 31 feet; deck height, 15½ feet; two electric belt conveyors with rates of 700 tons and 400 tons per hour; open storage for 40,000 tons of salt; an additional 11 acres of open storage is available with four of those used for wood chips; receipt and shipment of conventional general cargo; receipt of salt and wood chips; shipment of aluminum ingots, wood pulp, logs, and lumber; owned by Port of Bellingham and operated by Port of Bellingham and Bellingham Stevedoring Co.

(456) **Note:** If a tug is not furnished, the use of anchor in docking is recommended when winds prevail. Vessels backing out of the Whatcom Creek Waterway channel must stay in the axis of the channel until abeam of Starr Rock Buoy to avoid shoal water on either side.

(457) **Georgia-Pacific West, Bellingham Operations Wharf** (48°44'56"N., 122°29'19"W.): berthing space, 1,400 feet; depth alongside, 36 feet (outer side), 18 feet (inner side); deck height, 16 feet, one fixed revolving crane

and three mobile cranes up to 35 tons; conveyor system with a rate of 40,000 cubic feet per hour; four storage bins for wood chips with total capacity of 200 tons; two storage bins for hogged fuel with a total capacity of 100 tons; pipelines extend to storage tanks with 400,000 and 8 million gallon capacity; receipt of wood chips and hogged fuel; shipment of wood pulp, alcohol, and lignosite; owned and operated by Georgia Pacific West, Inc.

(458) **Note:** Vessels docking with the assistance of a tug should use an anchor. Shoal water is at the NE end of the wharf.

(459) **Port of Bellingham, South Terminal Barge Dock** (48°43'18"N., 122°30'34"W.): berthing space, 120 feet; depth alongside, 12 to 18 feet; deck height, 15 feet; handling supplies and equipment; owned and operated by Port of Bellingham.

(460) A large cold storage plant and several seafood facilities are on the E side of Squalicum Creek Waterway. Fishing boats and an occasional ship unload fish in the area. A plywood mill is on the W side of the waterway.

Supplies

(461) Complete marine supplies are available for small craft, and some for large vessels. Fuel oil is available by barge from Seattle.

Repairs

(462) Two floating drydocks, 1,600-ton and 3,000-ton capacities, and a 700-ton marine railway are available for ship repairs. Other facilities for oceangoing vessel repair are located in Seattle, WA and Vancouver, B.C. Complete repair facilities are available for small craft. A propeller works, several machine shops, engine and deck-gear suppliers, and an electronic repair company are along the Bellingham waterfront. The larger of two repair yards is just W of the Port of Bellingham South Terminal. This yard has a machine shop and a marine railway that can handle vessels up to 700 tons, 120 feet long or 34 feet wide for hull repairs. Another repair yard, at Squalicum Boat Harbor has a marine railway that can handle vessels up to 290 tons, 125 feet long or 24 feet wide for hull repairs. Several local machine shops in the area do engine repair work for the two repair yards.

(463) **Squalicum Boat Harbor,** adjacent to and SE of the Squalicum Creek Waterway, is protected by breakwaters on its SE and SW sides. The harbor can be entered from the SE between the two breakwaters, or from the NW from the Squalicum Creek Waterway. The channelward ends of the breakwaters at the SE entrance are marked by lights; a fog signal is sounded from the southernmost light. The entrance from the Squalicum Creek Waterway is also marked by two lights. Depths inside the harbor are 10 to 15 feet.

(464) Berths for about 2,200 pleasure craft and fishing boats are in the harbor. A guest float is maintained near the **harbormaster's** office on the NE side of the harbor. Gasoline, diesel fuel, electricity, water, ice, and marine supplies are available. Several marine equipment repair and fishing supply firms are in the area N of the SE entrance to the harbor.

(465) A small-craft basin, protected by a breakwater on its S side, is N of I & J Street Waterway. The basin can be entered from I & J Street Waterway. Depths of 9 to 12 feet are in the basin.

Communications

(466) Bellingham is served directly by one major railway and has connections to another. It is on U.S. Interstate Highway 5 and is a hub for three State highways. The airport is about 2.5 miles NW of the city.

Chart 18400

(467) 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.

(468) 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.

(469) A **Vessel Traffic Service** has been established in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, E of Port Angeles, and in the adjacent waters. (See **161.1 through 161.55,** chapter 2, for regulations, and the beginning of this chapter for additional information.)

Currents

(470) The tidal currents in the Strait of Georgia are not nearly as strong as those in the channels leading to it from the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The currents in the Strait of Georgia attain a velocity of 3 knots at times, particularly during the freshets of the summer, when the Fraser River discharges a large volume of freshwater. This freshwater, which has a peculiar milky color, flows across the banks at the mouth of the river and almost directly toward Active Pass. Frequently this water extends entirely across the strait and at times reaches into the inner channels along the shore of Vancouver Island; at other times, it reaches only to the middle of the strait and forms a striking contrast with the deep blue water of the Strait of Georgia.

(471) In the middle of the strait N of Patos and Saturna Islands, the velocity of the current varies from 1 to 3 knots, seldom exceeding the latter. The velocity is still less NW of the mouth of the Fraser River, where the strait is about 15 miles wide. The tidal currents SE of the mouth of Fraser River are slightly stronger off the S shore than off the N shore. The currents within a line joining Point Roberts and Sandy Point are scarcely felt, and vessels can take advantage of this, especially since good anchorage can be obtained in this vicinity.

(472) The tidal currents are stronger close to the S shore which is swept by the rapid currents out of Active, Porlier, and Gabriola Passes. The south-going tidal current in the Strait of Georgia sets strongly SW into Active Pass.

Weather, Georgia Strait and vicinity

(473) In the open waters of the Georgia Strait, winds are usually either northwesterlies or southeasterlies. Southeasterlies are more frequent from October through March. Close to the British Columbia coast, they are often deflected and become easterlies. While the Georgia Strait is somewhat sheltered from the sea by the mountains of Vancouver Island, gales still occur three or four times per month. While some are associated with the intense storms of winter, particularly dangerous gales occur in clear weather. These are locally known as **Squamish winds.** They occur periodically in most of the main inlets in winter. They come up suddenly and may exceed 50 knots. Squamishes occur when a vast pool of very cold air accumulates on the interior plateau of British Columbia. A pressure fall at sea will trigger a movement of this air toward the coast. This flow is intensified by the direction and narrowness of the inlets. As the air reaches the mouths of these inlets, it spreads out over the strait and wind speed diminish. Winds rarely remain strong 15 to 20 miles away. Howe Sound, Jervis, Toba, and Bute Inlets all experience squamishes each winter.

(474) In summer, winds in the Rosario and Haro Straits are usually southwesterlies. Summer breezes are variable and baffling in the San Juan Islands. N of Point Roberts, in the middle of the Georgia Strait, the prevailing winds are northwesterlies. Gales are uncommon, particularly in mid-summer, when storm activity reaches a lull.

(475) Georgia Strait is more affected by land fogs than sea fogs. These fogs form on cool nights under clear skies and light winds, and usually dissipate by early afternoon. These conditions are most prevalent from September through February. During prolonged periods of cold, clear, calm weather, these fogs may persist for several days at a time. Land fog is more local than sea fog. Visibilities fall below 0.75 mile (1.4 km) on about 20 days annually, but this can increase to 60 days in preferred locations like the flat land in the delta of the Fraser River where the low water temperatures of the river help produce the fog.

Charts 18421, 18424, 18431

(476) **Sandy Point**, about 2.5 miles N of Lummi Island and at the NW side of **Lummi Bay,** is the site of an extensive housing development fronting a privately dredged basin.

(477) Between Sandy Point and **Cherry Point,** about 4.5 miles NW, the shore of the mainland forms a bight in which there are no off-lying dangers. The piers of two large oil refineries and an aluminum smelter are in the bight. A **general anchorage** is off Cherry Point. (See **110.1 and 110.230**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(478) The 1,800-foot pier of the Tosco Refining Co. (formerly British Petroleum Co.) is at **Ferndale,** 2.4 miles N of Sandy Point. The L-shaped pier has 883 feet of berthing space and reported depths of 42 to 53 feet at the outer face, and 722 feet of berthing space and depths of 35 feet at the inner face. Deck height is 18 feet. The pier is used for the receipt of crude oil and shipment of petroleum products, and for bunkering vessels. The pier is marked by private lights and a fog signal. An oil refinery tower 0.8 mile inshore is prominent. **Note:** A portside-to landing is preferred when docking at the outer berth during S winds and a flood tide; the use of an anchor is advisable.

(479) The long loading wharf and pier of the Intalco Aluminum Corp. is 0.8 mile N of the Tosco Refining Co. pier and 3.2 miles N of Sandy Point. The wharf has 950 feet of berthing space with dolphins and depths of 36 feet alongside. Deck height is 22 feet. The wharf is used for the receipt of alumina and liquified petroleum gas. Private lights and a fog signal are on the wharf, and two private lighted mooring buoys are just off the wharf. **Note:** Vessels normally dock starboardside-to; however, a portside-to landing is required for vessels having their bridge forward of a cargo hold and with less than 30 feet between the hold and the rear of the pilothouse.

(480) The BP/Amoco pier (formerly Atlantic Richfield Co.) with a 2,400-foot angular approach trestle is at Cherry Point, about 4.5 miles NNW of Sandy Point. The pier has 1,000 feet of berthing space at the face with dolphins, and reported depths of 65 feet alongside. Deck height is 22 feet. The dolphins are marked by private lights. The facility is used for receipt of crude oil, shipment of petroleum products, and bunkering vessels. **Note:** The pier has rigid loading arms for the transfer of liquid cargo; chicksan rigs are not required

on vessels. Some vessels prefer to drag an anchor in approaching the pier; however, tugs are available on advance notice from Bellingham. Three oil boom deployment buoys are off the face of the pier, one on either end and one 600 feet off the center of the face of the pier. Water and electrical shore power connections are available. A special gangway is provided in lieu of the ship's gangway.

(481) **Point Whitehorn,** about 2.8 miles NW of Cherry Point, is a conspicuous, bold bluff about 150 feet high; its seaward face is a steep cliff of white clay.

(482) **Birch Bay,** on the E side of the Strait of Georgia between Point Whitehorn and **Birch Point,** is an open bight. It affords some protection, in 4 to 5 fathoms, from N, but is open to the SW. Flats that bare occupy a considerable area at the head of the bay. A number of resorts are along the shore. A mooring basin and private marina are on the N side of the bay; the basin entrance is marked by lights and daybeacons.

(483) The **International Boundary** between the United States and Canada is marked by three sets of range lights where it crosses Semiahmoo and Boundary Bays. One set is in the E part of Semiahmoo Bay, and the other two sets are N of Point Roberts on the W side of Boundary Bay.

(484) The **Peace Monument** on the boundary is a white masonry arch, facing N and S, about 28 feet above the ground. It is a distinctive landmark as it stands alone and shows offshore against a background of dark trees.

Caution

(485) The International Navigation Rules govern in all Canadian waters.

(486) **Point Roberts** is the prominent feature in approaching from either N or S. The E face is about 180 feet high and is composed of white, vertical bluffs. The point is well wooded, and because of the low land behind it, is usually made as an island, especially from S. The SW extremity of the point is marked by a light. Extensive night drift-fishing in the area from Point Roberts to Blaine makes night navigation difficult.

(487) Point Roberts is a **customs port of entry.**

(488) Temporary anchorage may be obtained W of Point Roberts in 8 fathoms, good holding ground, about 1 mile 321° from Point Roberts Light. The position is about 0.3 mile from the edge of Roberts Bank; vessels should not anchor any farther N.

(489) **Semiahmoo Bay** has its entrance between Birch Point and Kwomais Point, about 5 miles NNW. It is connected with Drayton Harbor by a narrow channel. The E part of the bay is shoal with extensive sand flats in the SE part. Anchorage may be had in the bay in 3½ to 9 fathoms on the NW side of Semiahmoo Spit, affording protection from S and SE storms.

(490) **Drayton Harbor** is a small cove formed by **Semiahmoo Spit,** the extension of a sandspit N of Birch Point. It is about 2 miles long, but flats that bare at low water occupy a large area in the E and S parts of the harbor. A light and a buoy about 700 yards to the WSW are near the N end of the extensive sand flats off the NW side of Semiahmoo Spit.

(491) The channel from Semiahmoo Bay to the cannery wharf on Semiahmoo Spit and to Blaine Harbor, E of the cannery wharf, has a controlling depth of about 21 feet; greater depths are possible with local knowledge. The 15-foot spot about 130 yards N of the cannery wharf, and the 9-foot spot about 300 yards E of the E end of the wharf should be avoided.

(492) **Blaine Harbor,** at Blaine, is a large and well-equipped small-boat basin near the entrance on the N shore of Drayton Harbor. The harbor is an active fishing center operated by the Port of Bellingham. A light marks the outer end of the breakwater that protects the basin on the S side. In September 1981, depths through the entrance and in the basin were 11 feet except for shoaling along the edges. In July 1999, the channel was reported as not being maintained. The harbor has berths for about 400 boats; 200 additional berths are being planned by the Port of Bellingham. A **harbormaster** is on duty in the harbor. Fish-processing plants and a fish reduction plant are in operation. Gasoline, diesel fuel, electricity, water, ice, launching ramp, dry storage facilities, and marine supplies are available in the harbor. A repair yard with a marine railway that can handle vessels to 300 tons, 80 feet long, or 21 feet wide is also available; hull repairs can be made. A depth of 2 feet has been reported at the entrance to the marine railway.

(493) **Blaine,** a small town on the NE shore of Drayton Harbor, is a **customs port of entry.**

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(494) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(495) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

(496) The United States-Canadian boundary line passes through the N edge of town. The Burlington Northern Railroad serves the town.

Tides and currents

(497) The mean range of **tide** at Blaine is 5.9 feet, and the diurnal range of tide is 9.5 feet.

(498) The average velocity of the **current** in Drayton Harbor entrance is 1.0 knot. The flood sets SE and the ebb NW.

(499) Several buildings, an elevated tank, and a small-boat basin, constituting the town of **Semiahmoo,** are at the N end of the sandspit.

(500) To enter Drayton Harbor and Blaine Harbor from Semiahmoo Bay, pass about 300 yards N of Semiahmoo Bay Light, and steer a course about midway between the cannery wharf and the Blaine Harbor boat basin taking care to avoid the 15-foot spot about 130 yards N of the cannery wharf. After passing the cannery wharf, favor the N side of the channel to avoid the 9-foot spot E of the E end of the cannery wharf, and the spit ESE of the cannery, and make Blaine Harbor or anchor as convenient in Drayton Harbor. Anchoring in the shoal water of Drayton Harbor is not recommended because the floating debris and vegetation may clog a vessel's underwater intakes.

(501) The depths in Drayton Harbor and its entrance are subject to change.

Chart 18400

Strait of Georgia, E shore (Canada)

(502) **Boundary Bay** indents the mainland between **Kwomais Point,** the N entrance point of Semiahmoo Bay, and Point Roberts. The greater portion of the bay is filled with flats, bare at low water.

(503) Anchorage in 5 fathoms with good holding bottom is available about 1 mile ENE of the SE point of Point Roberts, affording protection from W and NW storms.

(504) Except for **English Bluff** about 1.5 miles N of **Boundary Bluff,** the coast N to Point Grey is low, featureless, and barely discernible from the Strait of Georgia.

(505) A causeway extends about 1.8 miles SW from English Bluff and terminates in a ferry landing; a light and fog signal are at the landing. A breakwater, about 0.2 mile long and marked by a light at its W end, is just S of the ferry landing. Just NW of the ferry landing are the long pier and facilities used for bulk loading and export of coal by bulk carriers. These facilities, although operated by private interests, are owned by the Port of Vancouver.

(506) **Roberts Bank** and **Sturgeon Bank** are formed by the alluvial deposits of the Fraser River. These banks dry in patches, and in places extend 4.5 miles offshore. They are steep-to: soundings of 50 fathoms will be found very close to the edge of the bank. Vessels proceeding along the edge of Roberts Bank should not bring the S extremity of Point Roberts to bear more than 114°.

(507) The cooperation of ships' masters is requested to avoid navigating their vessels between the charted traffic separation scheme and Sturgeon Bank. This is in the interest of the fishing industry and the reduction of damage to nets and fishing vessels by ships passing close to the fishing ground.

(508) **Fraser River** enters the Strait of Georgia about 10 miles NW of Point Roberts.

Caution

(509) The channels in Fraser River are constantly changing, and the aids to navigation that mark them are moved accordingly.

(510) **Pilotage** for the Fraser River is discussed at the beginning of this chapter.

(511) The main entrance to Fraser River is between the two lighted buoys W of Sand Heads Light, which is near the outer end of Steveston Jetty; a shorter jetty is on the S side of the main entrance. (See the Sailing Directions, British Columbia Coast (South Portion), Vol. 1, and British Columbia Small Craft Guide, Vol. 2, for detailed information on Fraser River and other local Canadian waters.)

(512) **Steveston** on **Lulu Island,** about 1.0 mile N of **Pelly Point,** the S entrance point to Fraser River, extends along the bank of the river for about 1 mile. Several canneries and wharves are here.

(513) The tidal **currents** in Fraser River are affected by the weather in the Strait of Georgia, the rains, and the amount of water in the river. In the channel above Pelly Point during freshets, the flow, which may be checked by the rise of the tide, is almost continuously toward the mouth of the river. During the freshets the greatest velocity occurs 2 to 3 hours before low water and may amount to 5.5 knots. After the freshets are over, the greater velocity occurs on the average about 1½ hours before low water and is reduced to 3 or 4 knots. During the low stage of the river there is a flood and ebb on all the larger tides; the flood begins soon after high water and commences first along the bottom.

(514) At New Westminster the flood current is unable to reverse the river current except in the autumn. The river is seldom frozen over here; loose pieces of ice, which do no damage to shipping, occasionally come down the river.

(515) **New Westminster** is on the N bank about 20 miles above the entrance. Several canneries and sawmills are here, and a conspicuous grain elevator stands about 1 mile below the city, which now has grown into the expanded Vancouver suburbs. New Westminster Harbor is a major Canadian port. The port is mainly used by bulkcarriers and cargo vessels. The principal exports are lumber, plywood, general cargo, concentrates,

wheat, zinc, lead, fertilizer, paper products, and salmon. There are many wharves; most of them have warehouses and rail connections. Depths alongside range from 25 to 35 feet.

(516) New Westminster is a **Canadian customs port of entry.**

(517) **North Arm** of Fraser River is entered 0.5 mile SW of Point Grey. Depths of 15 feet are maintained from the mouth to the NE extremity of Sea Island, and 10 feet from this point to Poplar Island. From Poplar Island (49°12'N., 122°56'W.), to the main river channel the depth is again 15 feet.

(518) **Point Grey,** the S entrance point of **Burrard Inlet,** is a rounded bluff forming the W termination of a wooded promontory. The point is very conspicuous from S. The buildings of the University of British Columbia are conspicuous on the high land above the point. **Point Atkinson,** the N entrance point of Burrard Inlet, is comparatively steep-to. It is marked by a light.

(519) Tide rips occur frequently off Point Atkinson, caused by the meeting of the tidal currents from Burrard Inlet and Howe Sound.

(520) **Spanish Bank** extends 0.6 mile N from the W half of the promontory terminating in Point Grey. The bank, which dries, is composed of hard sand and is steep-to. It is marked by lights. W winds when it is marked by a line of small breakers.

(521) **Vancouver Harbor** includes all the tidal waters in Burrard Inlet E of a line drawn from Point Grey to Point Atkinson. A secure, deep harbor, easily entered by the largest vessel, is formed between First and Second Narrows, and on its shores is the city of Vancouver, the third largest city of Canada and the commercial metropolis of British Columbia. A U.S. Immigration station is in the city. Vancouver is a **Canadian customs port of entry.** Complete marine supplies, repair facilities, and services for small craft and the largest ships are available.

(522) The three principal anchorages in Vancouver Harbor are English Bay, the outer anchorage; Vancouver, above the first narrows; and in Indian Arm.

Chart 18421

(523) **Strait of Georgia**, W shore (Canada). The coast between East Point and Active Pass should be given a berth of at least 2 miles because it is fringed with dangers.

(524) **Belle Chain Islets** is a narrow rocky ridge 2 miles long lying parallel with several islets and drying rocks along the NE shore of **Samuel Island.** Foul ground extends about 0.3 mile SE from **Edith Point,** the NE extremity of **Mayne Island.** A rocky patch with two heads, each of which covers 4 feet, is about midway between Edith Point and the NW end of Belle Chain Islets.

Chart 18400

(525) **Salamanca Point**, on the SE side of **Galiano Island,** is conspicuous from both SE and NW. The point is rocky, and the trees on it grow down nearly to the highwater mark.

(526) **Porlier Pass,** 12 miles NW of Salamanca Point, separates Galiano Island and **Valdes Island** and connects **Trincomali Channel** with the Strait of Georgia. The pass has a minimum width of about 800 yards, but the navigable channel is narrow and the tidal currents attain velocities up to 9 knots. Current predictions may be obtained from the Tidal Current Tables. It is advisable to employ a pilot on the first visit to this pass.

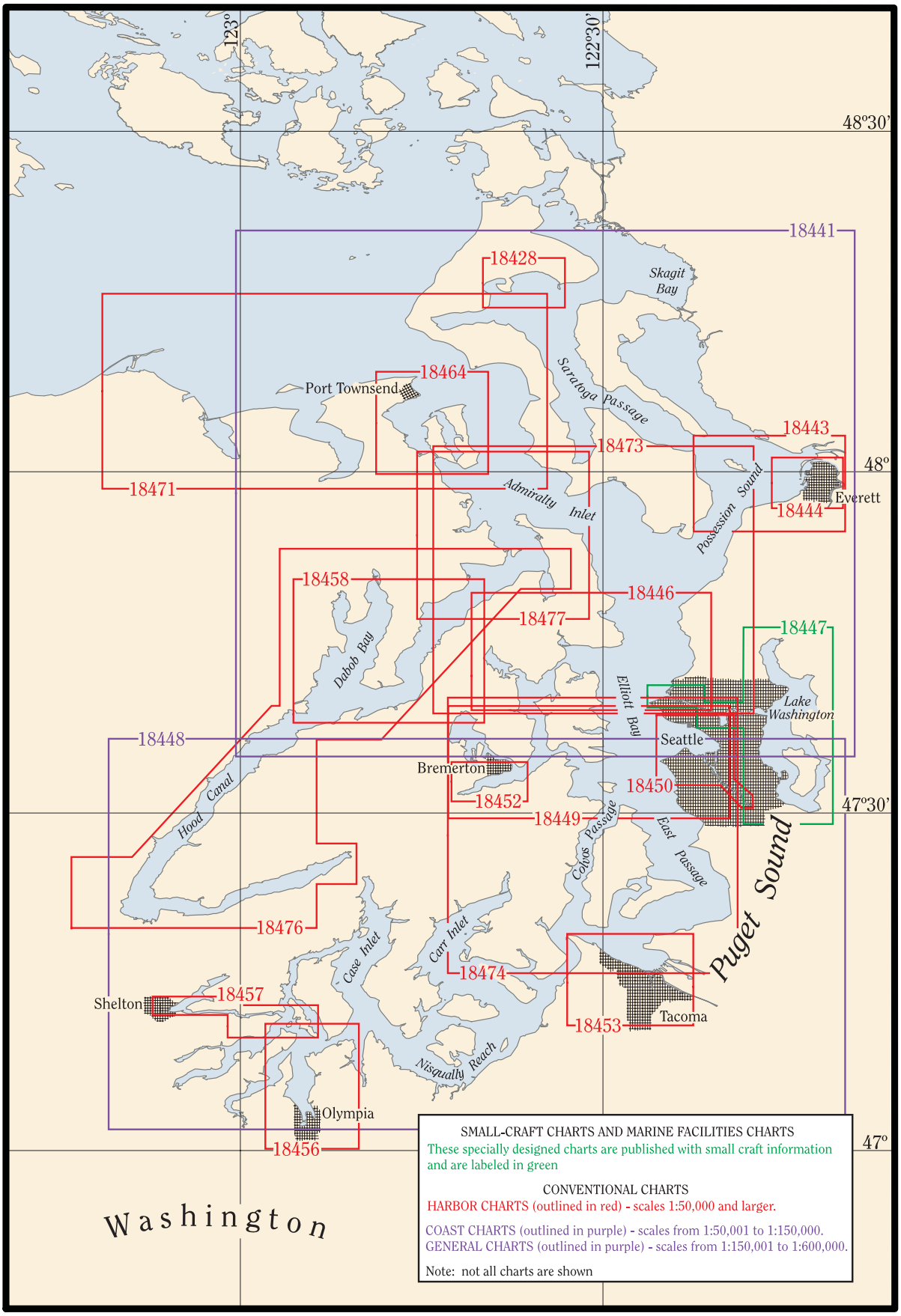
(527) **Gabriola Pass** is between the NW end of Valdes Island and Gabriola Island, connecting the NW end of **Pylades Channel** to the Strait of Georgia. This pass is not recommended for general navigation, but only for those with local knowledge. The velocity of the current in the pass is 4.0 knots, setting E on the flood and W on the ebb. The current may attain a velocity of 8 knots. (See the Tidal Current Tables for predictions.)

(528) The outermost danger off Gabriola Pass, **Thrasher Rock,** a detached steep-to rock that dries, is 2.3 miles NE of the pass entrance. A light is on the rock. Shoreward of it are many rocks and reefs, including **Gabriola Reefs**; caution is essential.

(529) **Entrance Island,** 0.4 mile N of Orlebar Point, the NE point of Gabriola Island, is marked by a light. It is the guide to the entrance to **Nanaimo,** a Canadian port of entry. **Fairway Channel,** the easternmost of the channels in the N approach to Nanaimo, is deep and has a navigable width of 0.8 mile.

(530) Off the entrance to **Nanoose Harbor,** 13 miles WNW of Entrance Island, there are many islets and reefs and, unless making for Nanoose, the navigator should keep 3 miles offshore until he raises the **Ballenas Islands** 5.5 miles NW of the Nanoose Harbor entrance.

(531) Details of local Canadian ports and features are given in Pub. No. 154, Sailing Directions (Enroute) for British Columbia, published by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, and the Sailing Directions, British Columbia Coast, (South Portion) Vol. 1, and British Columbia Small Craft Guides, Vol. 1 and 2, published by the Canadian Hydrographic Service.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Note: not all charts are shown

Puget Sound, Washington

(1) This chapter describes Puget Sound and its numerous inlets, bays, and passages, and the waters of Hood Canal, Lake Union, and Lake Washington. Also discussed are the ports of Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, and Olympia, as well as other smaller ports and landings.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(2) The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS) apply on all the waters of Puget Sound and adjacent waters, including Lake Union, Lake Washington, Hood Canal, and all tributaries. (See **80.1395**, chapter 2.)

Chart 18440

(3) **Puget Sound**, a bay with numerous channels and branches, extends about 90 miles S from the Strait of Juan de Fuca to Olympia. The N boundary of the sound is formed, at its main entrance, by a line between Point Wilson on the Quimper Peninsula and Point Partridge on Whidbey Island; at a second entrance between West Point on Whidbey Island, Deception Island, and Sares Head on Fidalgo Island; at a third entrance, at the S end of Swinomish Channel between Fidalgo Island and McGlinn Island. Puget Sound was named by George Vancouver for Lieutenant Peter Puget, who explored the S end in May 1792. Deep-draft traffic is considerable in the larger passages, and small craft operate throughout the area. Unusually deep water and strong currents characterize these waters.

(4) Navigation of the area is comparatively easy in clear weather; the outlying dangers are few and marked by aids. The currents follow the general direction of the channels and have considerable velocity. In thick weather, because of the uncertainty of the currents and the great depths which render soundings useless in many places, strangers are advised to take a pilot.

(5) The **Marine Exchange of Puget Sound**, located in Seattle, has a Vessel Monitoring/Vessel Reporting service which tracks the arrival of a vessel from a time prior to arrival at the pilot station to a berth at one of the Puget Sound ports. Constant updates of the ship's position and estimated time of arrival are maintained through a variety of sources. This information is available to and is passed to the vessel's agents and to other interested activities. These services continue until the vessel passes the pilot station on her outbound voyage.

(6) Other services offered by the Marine Exchange include a daily newsletter about future marine traffic in the Puget Sound area, communication services, and a variety of coordinative and statistical information. The office monitors VHF-FM channels 20 for Grays Harbor traffic, 9 for Strait of Juan de Fuca traffic to Protection Island, and 20 for Puget Sound traffic from Protection Island, 24 hours a day.

(7) **Vessel Traffic Service Puget Sound,** operated by the U.S. Coast Guard, has been established in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, E of Port Angeles, and in the waters of Rosario Strait, Admiralty Inlet, Puget Sound, and the navigable waters adjacent to these areas. (See **161.1 through 161.155,** chapter 2, for regulations, and the beginning of chapter 12 for additional information.)

(8) The Washington State Department of Ecology also requires owners and operators of vessels to submit Safety Reports when a vessel experiences an unusual circumstance. A Safety Report is required for any of the following conditions:

(9) a. Any abnormality or malfunction of any steering, propulsion, or safety system, or navigation systems required by federal or international law or regulation;

(10) b. A breach of hull or the integrity of a cargo or bunker tank that causes or that may reasonably be expected to cause an oil spill or loss of stability;

(11) c. Damage from fire or explosion;

(12) d. An incomplete engineering or deck complement under United States law or regulation under the requirements of the vessel's country of registry; or

(13) e. Any condition that could adversely affect the safety of a vessel, bridge, structure, shore area, or the environment.

(14) A Safety Report must be submitted with an Advance Notice of Entry, or, if the condition occurs after submittal of an ANE the Department must be notified immediately by phone or facsimile of the condition. To inquire or submit vessel information, vessel owners or operators may contact the Washington State Department of Ecology by calling 24 hours, 503-790-4868 (Columbia River and Grays Harbor) or 360-956-8378 (Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound). Facsimile Safety Reports should be sent to 1-800-664-9184 or 360-407-7288. Cargo, passenger, fishing and tank

vessels are subject to boarding by Washington State Department of Ecology inspectors when in port. Tank vessels are required to have a Tank Vessel Oil Spill Prevention Plan on file with Ecology or must obtain a waiver prior to entering Washington State waters. Washington State also has safe bunkering procedures that must be followed during fuel transfers. For more information contact Ecology by calling 24 hours, 503-790-4868 (Columbia River and Grays Harbor) or 360-956-8378 (Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget sound). **To report an oil spill call 1-800-258-5990.**

(15) The **U.S. Coast Guard** and the **Puget Sound Harbor Safety Committee** have developed and adopted a Harbor Safety Plan that formally establishes a set of Standards of Care for Puget Sound and surrounding waters. The standards and protocols contained in the **Puget Sound Harbor Safety Plan** complement and supplement existing federal, state, and local laws. The Harbor Safety Plan is not intended to take the place of or otherwise intended to replace the good judgement of a ship's master in the safe operation of his/her vessel. These standards and protocols were developed and adopted by local experts for insuring greater safety. Some sections of the plan provide important safety info for professional mariners transiting Puget Sound, while the Standards of Care formalize and document good marine practice. The Harbor Safety Plan can be obtained by going to the Seattle Marine Exchange website at **www.marineexchangesea.com** or contact (206) 443-3830.

Regulated navigation area

(16) Due to heavy vessel concentrations, the waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, the San Juan Islands, the Strait of Georgia, and Puget Sound, and all adjacent waters, are a regulated navigation area. (See **165.1 through 165.13 and 165.1301**, chapter 2, for regulations.)

(17) Floating logs and **deadheads** or **sinkers** may be encountered anywhere in Puget Sound; caution should be exercised.

Anchorages

(18) General, explosives, and foul weather anchorages have been established. (See **110.1 and 110.230**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Dangers

(19) Restricted areas have been established. (See **334.1200**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(20) The large tides of Puget Sound are very complex and variable; use of the Tide Tables is advised.

Currents

(21) The Tidal Current Charts, Puget Sound, Northern Part, show the direction and velocity of the tidal current for each hour of its cycle in the waterways of Puget Sound from Admiralty Inlet to Seattle. They are designed for use with the current predictions for Admiralty Inlet contained in the Tidal Current Tables. A similar publication, entitled Tidal Current Charts, Puget Sound, Southern Part, covers the sound from Seattle to Olympia.

(22) In Admiralty Inlet and Puget Sound, the tidal currents are subjected to daily inequalities similar to those of the tides. Velocities of 2 to 7 knots occur from Point Wilson to Point No Point. In the more open waters of the sound S of Point No Point the velocities are much less.

(23) At Point Wilson and at Marrowstone Point, slack water occurs from one-half to 1 hour earlier near shore than in midchannel.

(24) In the winter, when S winds prevail, there is generally a N surface drift which increases the ebb current and decreases the flood current. This effect is about 0.5 knot between Nodule and Bush Points.

(25) The tidal currents in the S entrance of Possession Sound are weak and variable.

(26) Between Foulweather Bluff and Misery Point, the tidal currents have a velocity of about 0.8 knot, while in the S part of Hood Canal, the velocity is only about 0.5 knot; at times of tropic tides, however, the greater ebbs may attain velocities more than double these values.

(27) The tidal currents have velocities up to about 6 knots or more in Agate Passage and in The Narrows.

Weather (Winds and Visibility), Puget Sound

(28) Puget Sound is open to the N and S and protected to the W and E by mountains. Winds are mainly SE through SW from September through April and NW through N in late spring and summer. However, winter directions are still common in summer, as are summer directions in winter. From fall through spring, lows moving through or near the Puget Sound are responsible for the mainly S flow. Intense storms can generate sustained winds of 40 knots with 50-knot gusts over the area. These strong winds are almost always from a S direction. In the Seattle area, sustained winds of 56 knots and gusts of 60 knots have been recorded. Winds are strongest in winter and early spring, on the average. Also, calm conditions are frequent in fall and winter, reflecting the lull between storm passages. In late spring and summer, winds flow into Puget Sound from the Pacific High. Often, winds are light and variable at night, then pick up to 8 to 15 knots during the afternoon, reflecting a sea breeze effect over the sound. Occasionally, a low or front will bring a return to a

Southerly flow during the summer, and these winds remain the strongest, on the average.

(29) Fog in the Puget Sound area causes visibility problems on about 25 to 40 days each year. It most likely hinders navigation in autumn and again during January and February. This fog is mainly a land type that forms on cool, clear, calm nights, drifts out over the water, then dissipates during the day. It can hang on for several days if a stagnant condition develops. Fog can form in any month, but is least likely during May, June, and July.

(30) Poor visibilities are encountered more often N and S of Puget Sound than in the sound itself. In Admiralty Inlet, fog signals at Point Wilson and Double Bluff and Point No Point blow about 8 to 15 percent of the time, during the late summer and fall. Fog lowers visibilities on this part of the coast to less than 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on about 4 to 8 days per month. South of Point Robinson, in the East Passage, the fog signals operate about 8 to 15 percent of the time in fall and mid-winter. In Puget Sound, fog signals, even during the heart of the season, blow less than 8 percent of the time; less than 5 percent in Elliot Bay. Waters of Point Wells and Three Tree Point are among the most fog free in the area; fog signals there operate just a few hours a month for most of the year. In the Seattle area, visibility falls below 0.5 mile (0.9 km) on about 3 to 6 days per month during the foggy season. Detailed information on heavy weather to Puget Sound ports may be found in the **Puget Sound Area Heavy Weather Port Guide** published by the Marine Meteorology Division, Naval Research Laboratory, Monterey, CA 93943 and available on the internet at https://www.npmod.navy.mil/PSAPG/PSAPG.htm.

Charts 18471, 18464

(31) **Point Wilson** is the W point to Admiralty Inlet and Puget Sound.

(32) **Point Wilson Light** (48°08'39"N., 122°45'17"W.), 51 feet above the water, is shown from a white octagonal tower on a building on the E extremity of the low point. A fog signal is at the light.

(33) Shoals extend 0.5 mile NW of Point Wilson to the 5-fathom curve over irregular bottom; these are generally indicated by kelp. The E edge of the shoals rises rather abruptly from deep water. Heavy tide rips extend N of these shoals, being especially heavy with a W wind and ebb current. A buoy marking the shoals is about 0.7 mile NW of Point Wilson Light.

(34) In approaching Point Wilson in thick or foggy weather, especially if the fog signal is not heard, vessels should obtain soundings constantly.

(35) **Fort Worden State Park,** formerly an Army base, is about 0.8 mile SSW of Point Wilson. An unused 438-foot pier, with reported depths of 14 feet and shoaling along the face, is in good condition. A launching ramp is just N of the pier.

(36) **Port Townsend,** immediately S of Point Wilson, is entered between Point Hudson and Marrowstone Point. It extends in a general SSW direction for 2.5 miles, and then turns SSE for 3 miles, with a reduced width to its head. Inside Point Hudson, depths generally range from 5 to 20 fathoms. It is an excellent harbor and is easily entered, however, mariners are warned to be aware of strong side currents that exist in Admiralty Inlet. The prevailing winds in summer are from W to SW, and in winter are generally in the SE quadrant.

(37) **Point Hudson,** on the W shore 1.7 miles SSE of Point Wilson, is low and sandy. It is marked by a light and fog signal. The outer limits of the shoal making out from the point are marked by a lighted bell buoy NE of the light.

(38) **Marrowstone Point,** the E point at the entrance to Port Townsend, is low at its extremity, but rises abruptly to a bluff about 120 feet high. The buildings of the former Fort Flagler, now a recreation area of the Washington Parks system, are about 0.5 mile to the S. The fort pier, with depths of about 20 feet at its face, is in poor condition. A fish haven is near the pier in about 48°05'28"N. 122°41'23"W. **Marrowstone Point Light** (48°06'06"N., 122°41'16"W.), 28 feet above the water, is shown from a 20-foot white square structure on the E edge of the point; a fog signal is at the light. Piling of former piers and anchor piling for wartime submarine nets extend up to 500 yards offshore 0.6 and 1.6 miles W of the light.

(39) **Midchannel Bank,** covered 4¾ to 10 fathoms, extends NW from Marrowstone Point about 2 miles toward Point Wilson. The bank has several submerged obstructions and large boulders on the bottom. Due to the nature of the bottom and the existence of cross currents from Admiralty Inlet, the bank is unsuitable for safe anchorage.

(40) **Port Townsend,** the principal town, is on the W shore immediately W of Point Hudson. The depths at the wharves range from 8 to 30 feet along the faces. The only commercial traffic, other than fishing boats and ferries, is at Port Townsend Paper Corporation papermill SW of the town at Glen Cove.

Anchorage

(41) The usual anchorage is about 0.5 to 0.7 mile S of the railroad ferry landing in 8 to 10 fathoms, muddy bottom. In S gales better anchorage is afforded closer inshore off the N end of Marrowstone Island or near the head of the bay in moderate depths, muddy bottom.

Two **explosives anchorages** are in the bay. (See **110.1 and 110.230,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Tides

(42) The mean range of tide at Port Townsend is 5.2 feet, and the diurnal range of tide is 8.4 feet. Because of the large daily inequality in this vicinity there may be only one high water and one low water a day. Reference should be made to the Tide Tables which give daily tide predictions for Port Townsend.

Pilotage, Puget Sound

(43) Pilotage is compulsory for all vessels except those under enrollment or engaged exclusively in the coasting trade on the W coast of the continental United States (including Alaska) and/or British Columbia. Pilotage for Puget Sound is provided by the **Puget Sound Pilots.** (See Pilotage, Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound, indexed as such, chapter 12, for detail.)

Towage

(44) Tugs are not available at Port Townsend, but may be obtained on advance notice from Port Angeles or Seattle through ships' agents.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(45) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(46) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

(47) Port Townsend is a **customs port of entry.**

(48) The graystone Custom House-Post Office Building, built in 1893, is conspicuous on the bluff overlooking the waterfront. This building was the customs headquarters for Puget Sound until 1913, when headquarters was moved to Seattle. Deep-draft vessels and tugs are inspected alongside the pulpmill wharf. Small craft report their arrival by telephone (1-800-562-5943).

(49) **Point Hudson Harbor,** just W of Point Hudson, is leased by the Port of Port Townsend to a private company. The entrance, protected by jetties, is marked by a private light on the end of the S jetty. About 100 small-craft berths, electricity, water, pump-out station, launching ramp, and a 25-ton lift are available. Hull and engine repairs for small craft can be made. Reported depths of 9 feet were available in the approach to the harbor, with 12 feet alongside the berths. The town business district is adjacent to the harbor.

(50) The terminus of the Port Townsend-Keystone ferry is 0.4 mile WSW of Point Hudson Harbor.

(51) **Port Townsend Boat Haven,** 1.1 miles SW from Point Hudson, is operated by the Port of Port Townsend. The entrance is marked by lights; in July 2000, the controlling depths were 11.3 feet in the entrance channel and 10 to 12 feet in the basins. There are floats for about 600 small craft. A seafood packing company and several boat building and boat repair firms are at the basin. Electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, marine supplies, winter dry boat storage, and a pump-out station are available. Three travel lifts with 60, 70, and 300-ton capacities are at the basin for launching and hauling out vessels. A launching ramp is at the NW end of the basin.

Supplies

(52) Gasoline and diesel are available at Port Townsend Boat Haven. Water, ice, groceries, marine supplies are available at these facilities and in the town.

Repairs

(53) Only minor above-the-waterline repairs can be made to large vessels. Travel lifts to 300 tons are available at Port Townsend Boat Haven; a 20-ton travel lift is at Point Hudson Harbor. Hull, engine, and electronic repairs can be made.

Communications

(54) A passenger and automobile ferry operates between Port Townsend and Keystone Harbor, just E of Admiralty Head, Whidbey Island. Another ferryboat operates between Port Townsend, Victoria, B.C., Friday Harbor, and Seattle from late April through mid-October.

(55) **Glen Cove,** about 2.2 miles SW of Point Hudson, is the site of the Port Townsend papermill, at the N end of the cove. The 480-foot-long pier has reported depths of 30 feet alongside and a deck height of 18 feet. A private light and fog signal, on the seaward end of the pier, are maintained by the mill. A slight current may be encountered, and the use of an anchor is recommended in docking. Fuel oil tankers use the N side of the wharf; paper products are shipped from the S side. The large white building and tall stacks of the mill are prominent, as is the smoke.

(56) A naval restricted area is in the E part of the harbor off **Walan Point** (48°04'18"N., 122°44'47"W.). (See **334.1270**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(57) **Irondale,** on the W shore about 1.5 miles from the head of the bay, is the site of a former iron foundry. Shoal water extends nearly 0.3 mile from the shore at this place. Log booms extend N 0.8 mile to **Kala Point,** which is marked by a light.

(58) **Port Hadlock,** a village at the head of the harbor, has landings with depths of 10 and 12 feet. The Port of

Port Townsend maintains a mooring float during the summer. Gasoline is available in the town. Submerged pilings are in the vicinity of the mooring float, and local knowledge is necessary to avoid them.

(59) A marina, 0.4 mile SW of the N entrance to Port Townsend Canal, has 5 to 10 transient berths; water, and electricity are available.

(60) **Port Townsend Canal,** a dredged passage giving access to Oak Bay to the SE, is subject to considerable shoaling. In September 1995, the controlling depth was 13 feet. The S entrance is jettied; a light and daybeacon mark the S entrance. A light is at the N entrance.

(61) Currents through the canal are strong at times, although there is no particular danger from them as the channel is wide and straight; there are, however, strong eddies at the S end on the ebb current.

(62) The canal is crossed by a fixed highway bridge with a clearance of 58 feet. Power cables nearby have clearances of 90 feet. (See **162.235,** chapter 2, for rules, regulations, and use of the canal.)

(63) **Kilisut Harbor,** between **Indian Island** on the W and **Marrowstone Island** on the E, is a narrow inlet extending about 4 miles in a SSE direction. A Navy ammunition depot is on Indian Island. The entrance to Kilisut Harbor is 2.5 miles WSW of Marrowstone Point. The entrance channel is winding. In October 1981, a reported depth of 5 feet was in the entrance channel. A submerged pile is N of the entrance in about 48°05'13"N., 122°44'24"W.; caution is advised when approaching Kilisut Harbor from N. **Fort Flagler State Park** is on the NE side of the entrance channel. Two boat ramps and a small-craft float are at the park. Water is available. Inside the harbor is good anchorage in 4 to 5 fathoms. At the S end of the harbor the two islands are connected by an earth-filled causeway and narrow strip of beach. The village of **Nordland** is on the E side of **Mystery Bay,** a small shallow cove midway on the E side of Kilisut Harbor. A small-craft float is maintained in the cove by the Washington State Park System. Water and pump-out station are available. The short pier of an oyster company is just SE of the State Park float. The head of the cove is used as a log dump. Caution should be exercised to avoid two concrete blocks located 20 to 30 feet off the E end of the State Park pier.

Charts 18441, 18471, 18477

(64) **Admiralty Inlet** extends from the Strait of Juan de Fuca to Foulweather Bluff. A **naval restricted area** is at the N entrance of Admiralty Inlet, extending W and NW from Admiralty Head. (See **334.1210**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(65) **Admiralty Head,** 80 feet high, on Whidbey Island, is the E entrance point of Admiralty Inlet and the SE extremity of a succession of light bare bluffs which extend N of Point Partridge, where they attain their highest elevation. About 0.5 mile N of Admiralty Head an abandoned lighthouse tower 39 feet high stands on top of a bluff.

(66) **Admiralty Bay,** E of Admiralty Head, is used only occasionally as an anchorage as it is exposed to SW winds and has a hard bottom and strong currents.

(67) **Keystone Harbor** (see also chart 18464) is entered through a dredged channel just NE of Admiralty Head. A state ferry landing is at the head of the harbor. This landing is the Whidbey Island terminus of the passenger and automobile ferry that operates to Port Townsend. In May 2001, the controlling depth in the dredged entrance channel was 19 feet, thence depths were 17 to 22 feet in the middle of the harbor basin with much lesser depths along the sides. A breakwater, marked by a light, protects the E side of the entrance. A private light on a concrete pile marks the W side of the entrance. A launching ramp is on the E side of the harbor.

(68) A tall, narrow, grayish green tank is prominent on **Lagoon Point,** 5.5 miles SSE of Admiralty Head.

(69) **Bush Point,** 8 miles SSE of Admiralty Head, is marked by a light at the end of a low sandspit. Back of the spit the land shows as a low timbered point from N or S. The flood current is reported to set strongly toward Bush Point. In July 1983, Puget Sound Traffic Lane Separation Lighted Buoy SC, about 1.1 miles W of Bush Point, was reported to submerge during periods of strong currents. Tidal Current Charts for this area should be consulted. Several rocks lie nearly 0.2 mile offshore 1.1 miles SE of Bush Point.

(70) **Oak Bay** is a cove on the W side of Admiralty Inlet, W of the S ends of Marrowstone and Indian Islands. A 1½-fathom shoal, marked by a buoy, extends S of the E entrance point.

(71) **Mutiny Bay,** between Bush Point and Double Bluff, affords temporary anchorage near the center in 10 to 20 fathoms. This anchorage is useful if overtaken by fog. The extremities are clay bluffs, and the center is low with extensive flats. Several sport fishing resorts are in the bay. Some have marine railways and can make minor repairs to outboard engines, and most have gasoline, water, and ice. Strong tide rips, at times dangerous for small craft, occur off Double Bluff, particularly on the ebb with strong NW winds. There is frequently an eddy in Mutiny Bay; tidal current charts should be consulted.

(72) **Double Bluff,** marked by a light, consists of bare, white cliffs, 300 to 400 feet high on its SE face, but much lower on its NW face. A lighted buoy marks the

extremity of the shoals 600 yards W of the bluff. The shoals are usually marked by kelp.

Chart 18477

(73) **Foulweather Bluff**, on the E side of the entrance to Hood Canal, is one of the most prominent cliffs in Puget Sound. The N face, which is bare, is 0.5 mile broad and consists of vertical, grayish sand and clay bluffs, 225 feet high, sloping off on the E side to a bluff 40 feet high, but on the Hood Canal side the point is steep and high. A marsh, enclosed by a sandspit and marked by a light, extends about 500 yards from the base of the bluff on the Hood Canal side. The top of the bluff is fir and underbrush. There are several boulders which bare within 100 yards N of the highest part of the bluff, and a shoal covered 2 to 18 feet extends 200 yards E from the extremity and in line with the face of the bluff. If overtaken by fog, a vessel can find temporary anchorage 0.5 mile N of Foulweather Bluff, in not less than 60 feet. A lighted bell buoy marks the shoal 0.4 mile N of the bluff.

(74) At times the tide rips N of and around Foulweather Bluff are sufficiently heavy to be dangerous to small craft and to break up log rafts. This is most dangerous when the ebb current from the main body of Puget Sound meets that of Hood Canal off the point, and particularly so with the ebb against a strong N or NW wind.

(75) **Klas Rock,** 0.2 mile from the W shore and 0.7 mile SSE of **Olele Point,** marks the entrance to Mats Mats Bay to the W and to **Port Ludlow** to the S. It is of small extent and awash at high water. The rock, marked by kelp, is surrounded by deep water with depths up to 100 feet between it and the shore. Klas Rock is marked on the E side by a lighted bell buoy.

(76) **Mats Mats Bay,** SW of Klas Rock, is a small, nearly landlocked lagoon offering excellent protection from the wind to small craft. The entrance to the bay is about 100 yards wide at high water. A dredged channel, marked by a **261°15'** lighted range, buoys, and lights, leads from the entrance to the NE corner of the bay. In June 1977, the controlling depth in the entrance channel was 5 feet for a midwidth of 100 feet. Good anchorage may be had in the bay with general depths of 4 to 12 feet.

(77) A boat ramp and 200 feet of transient moorage, maintained by the Port of Port Townsend, are on the SE side of the bay.

(78) The three **Colvos Rocks,** 0.7 mile S of Klas Rock and about 0.3 mile off the W shore, mark the N extremity of the bank covered by 7 to 28 feet which extends in an arc S to **Tala Point.** The NW rock, 28 feet high and of small extent with deep water around it, is marked by a light. The SE point of the shoal extending SE from the rocks is marked by a buoy. Tala Point is a bluff, wooded, and about 310 feet high. A light is about 200 yards NE of the point.

(79) **Snake Rock** is 0.4 mile SW of the W Colvos Rock and 300 yards offshore.

(80) The entrance to **Port Ludlow,** in the W part of Admiralty Inlet, is just W of Colvos Rocks on the W side at the entrance to Hood Canal. From the broad entrance the bay extends in a general S direction 2.5 miles, terminating in a basin 0.5 mile in diameter. The basin affords good anchorage in 40 to 50 feet, soft bottom; the shores are fairly steep.

(81) **Burner Point**, marked by a light, is on the N side of the entrance to the inner portion of the bay. A **speed limit** of 5 knots is enforced southerly of a line extending due east from Burner Point to the east shore.

(82) The town of **Port Ludlow**, once a major Puget Sound lumber port, is on the N shore of the inner portion of the bay. The former Port Ludlow townsite is now occupied by a housing development and resort of the same name. A series of exposed piles are on the NW side of the inner bay. Several private small-craft floats are in the bay.

(83) A marina, on the N side of the bay and just W of Burner Point, has berths for nearly 300 craft; electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, and some marine supplies are available. Reported depths of 16 feet can be taken to the floats. The entrance to the fuel dock is reported to shoal on the right side at low tide.

(84) **The Twins** are two islands at the extreme SW end of Port Ludlow. The small bay S of The Twins is sometimes used as an anchorage for small craft in rough weather. A reported depth of 10 feet is in the entrance to the bay between the islands.

(85) **Hansville,** about 2.5 miles ESE of Foulweather Bluff, is a small village with stores and several waterfront resorts. Berthage is not available; however, two of the resorts have marine railways and 2-ton hoists that can handle craft up to 19 feet. Water and ice are available. During the fishing season, many purse seiners operate just off the beach in the Hansville area.

(86) **Norwegian Point,** low and rounding, is about 0.2 mile NW of Hansville. A conspicuous privately owned lighthouse, 210 feet above the water and built from plans of the original lighthouse at Mukilteo, is about 1 mile W of Hansville.

(87) **Point No Point,** on the W shore of the sound about 3.5 miles SE of Foulweather Bluff, is a low sandspit. **Point No Point Light** (47°54'44"N., 122°31'37"W.), 27 feet above the water, is shown from a 20-foot white octagonal tower on the end of the point; a fog signal is at the station.

Chart 18441

(88) **Useless Bay**, indenting Whidbey Island E of Double Bluff, is open to the SW. The shores are bluff, brush covered, and low with a marshy area surrounding the bay. The N and SE sides of the bay are spotted with homes. At night, the lighted antenna about 2 miles NE of the head of Useless Bay is prominent.

(89) **Scatchet Head** and **Possession Point,** at the S end of Whidbey Island, are both prominent, especially from S; the white bluffs are visible for a considerable distance. A lighted bell buoy is 0.5 mile S of Possession Point. A fish haven is close W of the lighted bell buoy. Shoals extend 0.5 mile offshore immediately W of Scatchet Head and over 0.2 mile offshore from the head to Possession Point. A lighted gong buoy is about 0.5 mile off Scatchet Head. **Cultus Bay,** just W of Possession Point, is shoal; much of the bay bares at low water. A channel, marked by private buoys and daybeacons, leads to a private mooring basin on the E side of the bay. The channel has a reported depth of 3 feet. A mooring float and launching ramp are just N of the mooring basin on the E side of the bay.

(90) Possession Sound and its tributaries are described later in this chapter.

Charts 18446, 18473

(91) **Apple Cove Point** is a low sandspit projecting 220 yards from the high, wooded land of the peninsula. The point is steep-to, but a shoal makes out nearly 0.5 mile SE from it. Just off the point is a light. Heavy tide rips caused by strong NW winds and a strong ebb current are encountered in the vicinity of the light.

(92) A microwave tower on the high ground about 0.6 mile SW from Apple Cove Point Light, is prominent from offshore.

(93) **Appletree Cove** is the open bight on the W side of the sound about 1.5 miles S of Apple Cove Point. It affords anchorage in 30 to 60 feet inside the line of the entrance points, with some shelter from winds drawing in or out of the sound, but not from N and SE. Shoaling to 18 feet exists about 0.2 mile S to SE of the end of Kingston breakwater.

(94) **Kingston,** a town on the N side of the cove, has a large, well-equipped small-craft basin, a 420-foot long fishing pier, and a pier with a ferry slip at its end. The ferry runs between Kingston and Edmonds. The basin is used by tugs, fishing boats, and pleasure craft. The harbor is protected by a stone breakwater that extends about 340 yards SW from the ferry pier; the end of the breakwater is marked by a light. In March 2001, the reported controlling depth was 11 feet through the entrance and in the E part of the basin with 8½ feet in the W part of the basin. Berths for 275 craft, electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, pump-out station, and marine supplies are available In 1999, the channel was reported as no longer being maintained.

(95) **Edwards Point** is a high, wooded point on the E side of Puget Sound 3.6 miles ESE of Apple Cove Point. It is a turning point for vessels running from Seattle N into Possession Sound and adjoining waters.

(96) **Edmonds** is an incorporated city 1 mile NE of Edwards Point with a small boat basin and marina under the administration of the **Port of Edmonds.** The basin, protected on its N, W, and S sides by a breakwater, is entered from the W at about midpoint of the W section of the breakwater. The breakwater is marked by lights. In November 2002, the entrance had a reported depth of 17 feet, thence 13 feet alongside the berths. Open and covered berths for about 800 craft to 50 feet, including 50 transient berths, are available. Berth assignments are made by the **harbormaster.** Electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, pump-out station, and a 50-ton lift are available in the basin. A boatyard is also available for minor hull and engine repairs.

(97) Just N of the boat basin are a fish haven and fishing pier, the Edmonds and Kingston ferry landing, and a scuba diving area N of the landing. The fish haven is marked by private buoys near the boat basin breakwater N section; private buoys also mark the W side of the scuba diving area.

(98) A **037°01'-217°01' measured nautical mile** is on the shoreline 1 mile NE of Edmonds. The front markers are on short metal poles atop the seawall which protects the railroad tracks; the rear markers are about 20 yards SE of the front markers. The bluff is 60 feet high behind the NE pair of markers and 12 feet high behind the SE pair of markers. All four markers are white wooden triangular daymarks.

(99) **Point Wells** is a low, sandy point projecting 450 yards from the high land 1.5 miles S of Edwards Point on the E side of the sound. It is distinguished by prominent oil tanks. It is a water terminal and storage plant of Chevron USA, Inc. There are two wharves here, however, only the S wharf is in use. The wharf is 1,054 feet long and has a deck height of 21 feet. In May 1983, reported depths of 40 to 70 feet were alongside. A conveyor serving this wharf is used for outloading drummed petroleum products. Barges are loaded on the inside of both the N and S extensions of the wharf.

(100) The current at Point Wells is unpredictable being inconsistent for similar tidal conditions; however, a vessel making a port landing on a flood tide may expect to be set off the pier. The use of an anchor is recommended when docking in high wind. The Manager of the Marine Department of Chevron USA, Inc. prefers that vessels not be docked without the use of tugs when

conditions are such that damage might be done to the wharf. Deep-draft vessels approaching the wharf for a starboard landing during a flood tide must guard against being set on to the shoal S of the wharf. The lighted range on the point is used to clear the shoals N of the N wharf. A company-maintained fog signal is on the S wharf.

(101) **Richmond Beach** is a community on the E shore just S of Point Wells. A tall, charted radio tower (KCIS), marked by aircraft warning lights, is about 1.5 miles inshore from Richmond Beach; it is an excellent landmark, especially at night. A fish haven, marked by a private unlighted buoy, is off the mouth of **Boeing Creek,** about 1.9 miles S of Point Wells.

Charts 18446, 18449

(102) **Bainbridge Island**, 9 miles long and heavily wooded, forms part of the W shore of Puget Sound. There are several towns on the island.

(103) **Port Madison** indents the W shore between the N end of Bainbridge Island and **Point Jefferson.** It is about 2.5 miles long and very deep; not until within 0.5 mile of the beach can anchorage be found in 90 to 100 feet, sticky bottom. Its SW part connects with Port Orchard through Agate Passage.

(104) The N shore is formed by broken white bluffs, with low beaches between, and bordered by sand and shingle beaches that bare in some cases as much a 0.2 mile offshore. **Indianola**, a village on the N shore, has a long pier. The water E of the end of the pier is shoal. The bluffs on the W shore are moderately low; the buildings of the small town of **Suquamish** near the entrance to Agate Pass are prominent.

(105) **Miller Bay,** in the NW part of Port Madison, is used by shallow-draft pleasure craft. The channel should not be used at low tide because of the very irregular bottom. In 2002, the reported depth in the channel along the docks at the S end of the bay was 5 feet.

(106) **Point Monroe,** the S point at the entrance of Port Madison, is a low, narrow sandspit, curving W and S and marked by a light and daybeacon. A small cove is between the sandspit and the shore to the S. The entrance dries at low water.

(107) The S shore of Port Madison is composed of broken bluffs, except where it is indented by the narrow arm extending 1 mile S. The entrance to this narrow arm is 0.7 mile W of Point Monroe Light. The town of **Port Madison,** has many private piers but no fueling facilities. The narrow channel through the arm has a least depth of about 14 feet, and local knowledge is necessary to keep in the best water. A submerged rock, covered 6 feet and marked by a daybeacon (47°41'51"N., 122°32'07"W.), about 220 yards SSW of **Treasure Island;** caution should be exercised. An old ballast dump, nearly bare at low water, is 75 yards offshore 400 yards in from the E entrance point. Care should be taken to avoid the cluster of covered rocks 100 yards off the E entrance point. Sheltered anchorage for small craft may be had in up to 21 feet, mud bottom.

(108) **Meadow Point,** on the E side of Puget Sound nearly opposite Point Monroe, is a low, grassy point, with a high tree and brush-covered bluff behind it. A buoy is about 550 yards NW of the point.

(109) **Murden Cove** is an open bight on the W side of the sound about 3.5 miles S of Point Monroe. An extensive flat which bares extends almost 0.5 mile from the head of the cove, and outside of it the depth increases rapidly. **Skiff Point,** the N entrance point, has low yellow bluffs to the S. A shoal, covered by kelp, extends about 250 yards from the point; this shoal is reported to be building out and should be given a wide berth. **Yeomalt Point,** the S entrance point, is a low, grassy sandspit, 150 yards wide, rising gradually to the general level of the high land. The radio towers about 0.9 mile SW of Skiff Point are prominent from offshore.

(110) **Wing Point,** on the N side of the entrance to Eagle Harbor, is a narrow, bluff point 30 feet high, covered with trees to the edge. A flag pole is prominent on the point. A reef extends SSE for 0.5 mile from Wing Point and is generally marked by kelp. The S extremity of the reef is marked by a buoy. **Tyee Shoal,** 0.7 mile SSE of Wing Point, with a least depth of 15 feet, is marked by a light with a fog signal.

(111) Foul ground extends as much as 500 yards off the S point at the entrance; a light and buoy mark its outer limits.

(112) **Eagle Harbor** indents the E shore of Bainbridge Island opposite Elliott Bay. It is 2 miles long and affords excellent anchorage in 30 to 39 feet, muddy bottom. It narrows at the head to 300 yards.

(113) The entrance is deep, but caution is necessary in entering because the natural channel is only 200 yards wide between the reef S of Wing Point and the spit on the W side of the channel entrance. The channel is marked by lights and buoys.

(114) **Winslow** is the largest town on Bainbridge Island. It is on the N shore of Eagle Harbor, and is a major ferry port on the cross-sound routes to and from downtown Seattle. About 0.2 mile W of the ferry slip is a large building and two piers which are used by the Washington State Ferry System for ferry mooring and maintenance. About 0.3 mile West of the ferry slip is a city park with a float that offers 48-hour free moorage. Immediately W of the float is a launching ramp.

(115) There are several marinas located on the shores of Eagle Harbor. Numerous small-craft are anchored in the upper half of Eagle Harbor.

(116) **Creosote,** a low flat extending 350 yards inland, then rising abruptly to over 200 feet, is on the S side to the entrance of Eagle Harbor. Ships formerly loaded creosoted lumber at the wharf. Two lights and a buoy mark shoals to the NW and E. **Eagledale,** is a small town with three marinas, on the S shore about 0.5 mile W of Creosote.

(117) **Blakely Rock,** the highest of four rocks, is prominent in approaching Blakely Harbor; it is 0.7 mile N of Restoration Point and at high water shows about 15 feet at its highest point. It is 300 yards long, with shoal water, well marked by kelp, extending over 250 yards N. A light is on the S side of the rock.

(118) **Blakely Harbor** is a small inlet on the E shore of Bainbridge Island near its S end. It is 1 mile long. Depths range from 145 feet at the entrance to 25 feet near the head. The usual anchorage is near the entrance in 54 to 96 feet, sticky bottom, slightly favoring the S shore. There are many old pilings and dolphins in the shoal waters near the shores. There are no usable wharves in Blakely Harbor. One of the world's largest sawmills once operated here.

(119) **Restoration Point** is flat and about 10 feet high for 300 yards from the shore, then it rises abruptly to a wooded knoll about 100 feet high, on which a flagpole and a number of large buildings are prominent. **Decatur Reef,** partly bare, extends 300 yards E of Restoration Point. The outer end of the reef is marked by a light.

Charts 18449, 18446, 18447, 18474

(120) **Shilshole Bay** is between Meadow Point and West Point. It is an open bight from which the Lake Washington Ship Canal is entered, and is the site of the largest marina in the Seattle area. Clay cliffs extend for about 0.5 mile S of the canal entrance. Golden Gardens Park, Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation is N of the marina and extends up to and includes Meadow Point.

(121) **Shilshole Bay Marina,** the small-craft basin just N of the canal entrance, is administered by the Port of

Seattle. A 4,400-foot breakwater, marked at each end by a light, protects the basin on its W side. The basin has two entrances. In June 1998, the reported controlling depths were 15 feet in the N and S entrances, depths alongside the floats in the basin were about 10 feet.

(122) There are berths at the concrete floats for 1,500 craft of up to 130 feet long, including a guest pier and transient berths. Electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, marine supplies, and a pumpout station are available at the 600-foot pier at the midpoint of the basin at the propane storage facility on Pier A. All berths have electricity and water. Two 3-ton hoists are at the S end, and one 3-ton and one 4-ton hoists are at the N end of the basin. A 35-ton Marine Travel Lift, for haulout, is available at the boatyard at the S end of the basin. Dry storage is available for 74 boats on movable trailers at the N end of the marina. A boat launching ramp is located immediately N of the marina in Golden Gardens Park.

(123) **West Point,** at the N entrance to Elliott Bay, is a low, sandy point which rises abruptly to an elevation of over 300 feet 0.5 mile from its tip. The edge of the shoal extending WSW from the point is marked by a lighted buoy. **West Point Light** (47°39'43"N., 122°26'09"W.), 27 feet above the water, is shown from a 23-foot white octagonal tower attached to a building on the end of the point; a fog signal is at the station. Prominent in the area are the sump tanks of a sewage treatment plant about 0.1 mile E of the light, a VTS antenna tower between the plant and the light, and a large white dome about 1 mile ESE of the light.

(124) **Alki Point,** at the S entrance to Elliott Bay, is low with a small prominent wooded knoll about 80 feet high immediately back of it. E of the knoll, lowland extends for nearly 0.4 mile before rising to the high land extending S from Duwamish Head. **Alki Point Light** (47°34'35"N., 122°25'14"W.), 39 feet above the water, is shown from a 37-foot white octagonal tower attached to a building on the end of the point. A fog signal is at the light.

(125) **Elliott Bay** indents the E shore of Puget Sound just N of Duwamish Head. The entrance is between West Point on the N and Alki Point 5 miles S. The bay proper, lying E of a line between Magnolia Bluff and Duwamish Head, has a width of about 2 miles and extends SE for nearly the same distance. The bay is deep throughout most of its area.

(126) **Magnolia Bluff,** largely bare, light-colored, and rising in places to nearly 300 feet, extends along the N shore from West Point to Smith Cove. **Fourmile Rock** is 60 yards offshore, 1.7 miles SSE of West Point Light. A light is on the rock.

(127) A marina is located just W of **Smith Cove** (Pier 91) below Magnolia Bluff. A 2,700-foot breakwater, marked by private lights at each end, protects the basin on its S side. The basin has entrances on the E and W ends. In 1998, the controlling depth in the basin was reported to be 15 feet.

(128) There are berths at the concrete floats for 1,200 craft up to 200 feet long, including transient berthing with larger vessel moorage at the E pier. Electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, laundry, groceries, restaurants, marine supplies and a pump-out station are available. VHF Channel 78A is monitored and a heliport is located at the center of the breakwater. No commercial vessels, commercial work or major boat repairs are allowed.

(129) **Duwamish Head,** 1.8 miles NE of Alki Point and rising to over 260 feet from the point, bounds Elliott Bay to the S. The bluff is tree covered, but is interspersed with houses. The lights of the houses along the beach and on the bluff are conspicuous at night. A shoal, extending over 0.2 mile N of the point, is marked by a light and fog signal.

Chart 18450

(130) **Seattle**, the largest and most important city in the Northwest and one of the major ports of the Pacific Coast, extends as a densely populated greater metropolitan area from Everett, the city to its N, almost to Tacoma, the major city to the S, and E beyond the limits of Lake Washington and its shores. Seattle has many modern, fully equipped ocean terminals, excellent transportation facilities, several large shipyards, and numerous large marine supply houses.

(131) Much of Seattle's shipping is in the Pacific Rim trade, and the city is a major industrial center. Seattle handles most of the waterborne commerce to Alaska Ports, and is the terminus of several shipping lines operating to Alaska as well as other parts of the world. Almost 22 per cent of Seattle's commerce is in the foreign trade, with British Columbia, Japan, Asia, and Europe forming the cornerstone of the overseas commerce. Principal exports are grain and grain mill products, logs, petroleum products, food and vegetable products, lumber, waste and scrap, chemicals, cement, wood chips and fuel wood, fabricated metal products, and sulfur. The principal imports are logs, lumber, sand and gravel, iron and steel, petroleum products, newsprint, bananas, cement, canned fish and shellfish, limestone, machinery, pulp and paper, asphalt and tar, radio and TV products, and clay.

(132) The **Port of Seattle** includes an outer and inner harbor. The outer saltwater harbor includes Elliott Bay;

East, West, and Duwamish Waterways; Shilshole Bay, and the portions of Puget Sound adjacent to Ballard on the N and West Seattle to the S of the entrance of Elliott Bay. Seattle's freshwater inner harbor consists of Lakes Union and Washington, which are connected with each other and with Puget Sound by the Lake Washington Ship Canal. Most of the waterfront facilities of the inner harbor are privately owned.

(133) Of the nearly 60 piers and terminals in the outer harbor, the Port of Seattle owns more than 25, operating three and leasing out the others. These properties include 10 general cargo handling facilities and 1 major container handling terminal. The port also has four fully developed marine terminals, and a fifth in the construction phase, on the Duwamish Waterway S of Harbor Island in the Lower Duwamish Development District, a project which provides lease-sites for terminal facilities and water-oriented industries. The Port of Seattle also operates Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, which is located about midway between Seattle and Tacoma.

(134) Although there are several deep-draft terminals on Elliott Bay, many of the piers and wharves are used by fisheries, ferry and tour boat operators and for entertainment facilities.

(135) **East Waterway** is separated from West Waterway by **Harbor Island.** Several important terminals are on the waterway. Most of the N side of Harbor Island is occupied by the piers and drydocks of a shipyard. A private light, shown from the NE corner of Terminal 18, marks the W side of the entrance to East Waterway.

(136) **Note:** Vessels are cautioned against anchoring in the vicinity of pipeline and cable areas shown on the charts.

(137) Most of the E side of **West Waterway** and the area W of the entrance are occupied by the facilities of two large shipyards. The SW side of the waterway is the site of the Port of Seattle's Terminal 5, which receives considerable deep-draft traffic. Several other wharves on the waterway also receive deep-draft vessels. (See **33 CFR 207.750**, chapter 2, for regulations.)

(138) **Duwamish Waterway,** extending S from West Waterway, is fronted by factories and industrial plants for more than 4 miles. A number of log rafts are often anchored along the waterway around Kellogg Island and S of the 1st Avenue South Bridge.

Prominent features

(139) In clear weather the skyline of Seattle itself is unmistakable. From N to S the conspicuous features are: the "Space Needle," a legacy from the 1962 World Fair; the red lighted "E" sign at pier 67; the Washington Building, of light sandstone, usually illuminated at night; the Columbia Center building, distinguishable from other skyscrapers by its greater height; the Seattle Tower; and the square-topped Seattle First National Bank building, distinguished from two other skyscrapers by its slightly taller height and black color.

Channels

(140) Depths of 34 feet or more are available to the Seattle waterfront in Elliott Bay. A Federal project provides for a depth of 34 feet in East and West Waterways. (See latest edition of charts for depths in East and West Waterways.) The project for Duwamish Waterway provides for a 30-foot channel from the S end of West Waterway to the 1st Avenue South Bridge, thence 20 feet for about 0.65 mile to 8th Avenue South, thence 15 feet to a point about 1.2 miles S of the 14th Avenue South Bridge, the end of the project. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of charts for controlling depths.)

Anchorages

(141) Four general anchorages are in Elliott Bay. (See **110.1 and 110.230,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Bridges

(142) There are no bridges over the Seattle waterfront in Elliott Bay, and none over East and West Waterways. The 4.5-mile-long Duwamish Waterway is crossed at Mile 0.2 by the SW Spokane Street swing bridge, with a clearance of 44 feet (55 feet at center); thence a fixed bridge with a clearance of 140 feet just above the swing bridge; thence at Mile 0.3, the Burlington Northern Railroad bascule bridge with a clearance of 7 feet; thence at Mile 2.1, the lst Avenue S dual bascule bridges with a clearance of 22 feet (32 feet at the central 100 feet); thence at Mile 3.3, the 16th Avenue S bascule bridge with a clearance of 21 feet (34 feet at center.) (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.1041,** chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The power cables in the waterway have a least clearance of 90 feet (at Mile 3.5.)

Tides and currents

(143) Tides at Seattle have a mean range of 7.7 feet and a diurnal range of 11.4 feet. A range of about 18 feet may occur at the time of maximum tides. (See Tide Tables for daily predictions.) As a rule, the tidal **currents** in the harbor have little velocity. At times, however, with a falling tide an appreciable current will be found setting NW along the waterfront. (See Tidal Current Charts for Puget Sound, Northern Part.)

Weather, Seattle and vicinity

(144) Seattle is on a hilly stretch of land overlooking the salt-waters of Puget Sound to the W, and in an E direction, the waters of Lake Washington, an 18-mile-long (33 km) freshwater lake. The Lake Washington shoreline roughly parallels that of Puget Sound at distances varying from about 2.5 to 6 miles (5 to 11 km). Hills rise rather abruptly from both shorelines and reach elevations of more than 300 feet (92 m) in the central sections and more than 500 feet (153 m) in the extreme Northern and the Southwestern sections. The general N-S trend of the city is paralleled on the E by the Cascade Mountains, while to the W and NW, at somewhat greater distance, the Olympic Mountains rise abruptly. The main commercial section of the city is along the E shore of Elliott Bay, an indentation in the Puget Sound shoreline.

(145) The climate is mild and moderately moist due to the prevailing W air currents, which advance inland from the Pacific Ocean, and to the shielding effects of the Cascade Mountains, which serve to exclude and deflect the cold continental air toward the E. Although the city is 90 miles distant from the ocean at the nearest point, the marine air penetrates readily inland, an effect that is aided by the extensive water surface of Puget Sound. The prevailing W air currents cross vast reaches of ocean, acquiring much water vapor and a temperature near that of the sea. This effect is received from the general currents of the ocean rather than from the Japanese Current which curves far N into Alaskan waters. As a result of the rather steady influx of marine air, winters are comparatively warm and summers cool. Extremes of heat or cold are moderate and usually of short duration, and the daily range in temperature small.

(146) The warmest summer and the coldest winter days come with N to E winds which have traveled under land influences from British Columbia or eastern Washington. In the summer, the number of days having maximum temperatures of 90°F (32.2°C) or above averages less than three but these extreme temperatures have occurred in each month between May and September. Only once during the entire period of record has the temperature reached 100°F (37.8°C, July 1994). The average annual temperature is 52°F (11.1°C) with an average maximum of 59°F (15°C) and an average minimum of 44°F (6.7°C). Nighttime temperatures during the warmest months usually reach comfortable levels, and very seldom remain about 65°F (18.3°C). During the winter, daily maximum temperatures fail to rise above the freezing point (0°C) on an average of only about two days per year, while the number of days having minimum temperatures of 32°F (0°C) or below averages only 15 per year. However, each month, October through May, has recorded sub-freezing temperatures and single-digit temperatures have been recorded in each month from November through February. An extreme low temperature of 0°F (-17.8°C) was recorded in January 1950. In general, temperatures may vary by several degrees at any one time throughout the city, depending on wind direction, distance from shoreline, and elevation.

(147) The normal precipitation of 38 inches (965 mm) is moderate compared with many points along the north Pacific Coast. Primarily this is due to the location of the city, which lies in the lee or dry side of the Olympic Mountains. The W or windward slopes of these mountains cause the moist marine winds to rise to cooler levels with heavy precipitation on the seaward slopes and diminished amounts E of the summits. A winter seasonal wet period along the Pacific Coast coincides with and is caused by the Aleutian Low. In summer this low pressure recedes N with higher pressures off the coast and results eventually in clear weather, rising temperatures, and decreased humidities. The area has, therefore, a pronounced but not sharply defined wet season extending usually from October through April, a period in which about 82 percent of the total precipitation occurs, and a dry season, May through September, with 18 percent. Excessive precipitation is rare and the 24-hour extreme precipitation event is only 3.41 inches (86.6 mm), but in the wet season the continuance of light or moderate amounts is rather persistent. The average winter snowfall totals about 12 inches (305 mm), and snow seldom remains on the ground for more than 1 or 2 days at a time. Maximum recorded snow depths have ranged from as little as a trace in several instances to over 21 inches (533 mm). The occurrence of light fog is most frequent during late fall and winter where, on average, 19 days report fog during the October through January period. Thunderstorms average about eight per year, lightning damage is very infrequent, and tornadoes have never been reported in the city.

(148) The National Weather Service maintains an office in Seattle. **Barometers** may be compared there or by telephone. (See appendix for address.)

(149) (See page T–8 for **Seattle climatological table.**)

Routes

(150) Vessels bound for the Strait of Georgia from Seattle can use the following routes: **via Rosario Strait**–an approximate midchannel course using the vessel traffic system outbound lane (see the beginning of chapter 12 for Traffic Separation Scheme information), through Puget Sound and Admiralty Inlet to the precautionary area N of Point Wilson, thence E of Partridge Bank, Smith Island, and Davidson Rock to the precautionary area at the S end of Rosario Strait, thence N passing E of Belle Rock, Lydia Shoal, and Peapod Rocks, thence leaving the vessel traffic system lanes at the precautionary area just N of Clark Island, and proceeding into the Strait of Georgia either N or S of Alden Bank; **via Haro Strait**–from Admiralty Inlet using the vessel traffic system outbound lane to the precautionary area N of Point Wilson, thence W of Partridge Bank leaving the vessel traffic system lanes at the precautionary area just SE of Hein Bank, thence through Haro Strait and Boundary Pass to the Strait of Georgia.

(151) These routes are available for vessels of any draft. A range should be steered where available to ensure making the courses good.

(152) Between Admiralty Inlet and the entrance to Rosario Strait, the current on the flood has a tendency to set a vessel E toward Whidbey Island; it also sets strongly through Deception Pass and up Rosario Strait. There is a strong W set in this area on the ebb tide. Through Rosario Strait the currents run with considerable velocity. Heavy tide rips and swirls are found off Black Rock, Obstruction Pass, Peapod Rocks, and Lawrence Point.

(153) In crossing from Admiralty Inlet to the entrance of Haro Strait, the tidal currents setting to and from Rosario Strait and San Juan Channel, with estimated velocities of 2 to 3 knots, should be kept in mind. From Henry Island to around Turn Point, heavy tide rips are found on the ebb. Particularly heavy and dangerous tide rips occur on the ebb between East Point and Patos Island and for 2 miles N in the Strait of Georgia. The flood from Rosario Strait, which is felt as soon as the passage between Orcas and Sucia Islands is open, is apt to set a vessel toward East Point. The ebb in this vicinity sets to the E even before the Strait of Georgia is well open.

Pilotage, Seattle

(154) Pilotage is compulsory for all vessels except those under enrollment or engaged exclusively in the coasting trade on the W coast of the continental United States (including Alaska) and/or British Columbia. Pilotage for Puget Sound is provided by the Puget Sound Pilots. (See Pilotage, Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound, indexed as such, chapter 12, for detail.)

Towage

(155) Tugs up to 5,000 hp are available in Seattle. Arrangements should be made in advance through ship's agent.

(156) Seattle is a **customs port of entry.**

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(157) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(158) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.) The quarantine anchorage is just N of Harbor Island.

Coast Guard

(159) A **marine safety office** and a **vessel documentation office** are at Pier 36. (See appendix for addresses.)

Harbor regulations

(160) Harbor regulations are enforced by the Harbor Patrol Unit of the Seattle Police Department. The unit has two patrol boats to aid in the enforcement of the city ordinance prohibiting unlawful destruction by excessive speeds, disorderly behavior, or unsafe seamanship. They maintain constant radio contact with each other and the police "land cruisers" on 24-hour patrol. The police patrol all waters of the harbor.

Wharves

(161) The Port of Seattle has numerous piers and wharves on both the outer harbor, including Elliott Bay, East, West, and Duwamish Waterways, and the inner harbor, including the Lake Washington Ship Canal, Lake Union, and Lake Washington. Most of the facilities in the inner harbor are privately owned and handle barge traffic almost exclusively. Only the deep-draft facilities are described. For a complete description of the port facilities refer to Port Series No. 36, published and sold by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (See appendix for address.) The alongside depths are reported. (For information on the latest depths contact the Port of Seattle general office or the private operators.) All facilities described have direct highway connections, and most have plant trackage with direct railroad connections. Water is available at most of the wharves, but electrical shore power connections are available at less than half of the wharves. General cargo at the port is usually handled by ships' tackle. Special handling equipment, if available, is mentioned in the description of the particular facility. Shore-based hoisting equipment with capacities up to 200 tons and floating cranes with capacities to 400 tons are available to the public at Port of Seattle.

(162) Of the facilities described, nearly two-thirds are owned by the Port of Seattle and leased to private operators. The port owns seven large general cargo facilities, including six which also handle containerized cargo, a grain elevator, and a large terminal for handling foreign automobiles.

(163) In recent years, the bulk of Seattle's marine commerce has shifted from the Elliott Bay waterfront to the large marine terminals on East and West Waterways and to the newly developed terminals along both sides of the Duwamish Waterway S of Harbor Island. Many of the former general cargo piers on Elliott Bay no longer receive commercial shipping, operating now as shops, restaurants, stores, or simply as storage facilities.

Facilities on Elliott Bay:

(164) **Port of Seattle, Terminal 91, Pier 91** (47°37'35"N., 122°22'58"W.): W side, 2,495-foot berthing space; E side, 1,875-foot berthing space; 357-foot face; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 18 feet.

(165) **Port of Seattle, Terminal 91, Pier 90** (47°37'35"N., 122°22'48"W.): W side, 1,875-foot berthing space; E side, 2,222-foot berthing space; 295-foot face; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 18 feet.

(166) The terminal has 60,000 square feet of open storage; pipelines extend to storage tanks with 198,000-barrel capacity; 4.5 million cubic feet of cold storage; receipt of automobiles and seafood; receipt and shipment of fruit and petroleum products; occasional receipt and shipment of conventional general cargo and roll-on/roll-off general cargo; mooring and bunkering vessels; owned by Port of Seattle; and various operators.

(167) **Louis Dreyfus Corp., Terminal 86, Grain Wharf** (47°37'24"N., 122°22'12"W.): 1,400-foot berthing space with dolphins; 434-foot face; 70 feet alongside; deck height, 20 feet; 4.2-million bushel grain elevator, loading rate of 100,000 bushels per hour; railroad trackage for up to 220 rail cars; owned by Port of Seattle; and operated by Louis Dreyfus Corp.

(168) **Washington State Ferries, Colman Ferry Terminal, Pier 52** (47°36'09"N., 122°20'22"W.): terminus of the ferry routes between Seattle and Winslow and Seattle and Bremerton. There are three ferry slips here with ferries operating 24 hours a day. For information on routes or schedules, see **www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries** or call 206-464-6400.

(169) **Total Terminals, Terminal 46 Wharf** (47°35'48"N., 122°20'28"W.): 1,874 feet of berthing space; deck height, 18.5 feet; 50 feet alongside; 70 acres of open storage; six traveling gantry cranes to 40 tons; receipt and shipment of containerized cargo in foreign and and domestic trade; owned by Port of Seattle and operated by Total Terminals, Inc.

(170) **SSA Terminals, Terminal 37 Wharf** (47°35'32"N., 122°20'33"W.): 850 feet of berthing space; 29 to 40 feet alongside; deck heights, 18.5 and 21 feet; 12 acres of open storage; lifts to 15-tons; receipt and shipment of conventional general cargo, heavy lift items, and steel products in foreign and domestic trade; owned by Port of Seattle; and operated by SSA Terminals, Inc.

(171) **U.S. Coast Guard, Pier 36 Slip** (47°35'24"N., 122°20'31"W.): N side, 1,050 feet of berthing space, 35 feet alongside; deck height, 21 feet; mooring U.S. Coast Guard vessels; owned by the U.S. Government; and operated by the U.S. Coast Guard.

(172) **Rainier Petroleum Corp. and Equilon Enterprises, Pier 15** (47°35'20"N., 122°21'12"W.): 460 feet of berthing space on E and W side of pier; 35 to 40 feet

alongside; deck height, 19 feet; pipelines extend to storage tanks with 550,000-barrel capacity; receipt and shipment of petroleum products; bunkering vessels; owned by ExxonMobil Corp.; and operated by Rainier Petroleum Corp. and Equilon Enterprises, LLC.

Facilities on East Waterway:

(173) **Note:** Vessels are cautioned against anchoring in vicinity of pipeline and cable areas shown on the charts.

(174) **SSA Terminals, Terminal 18, Berths 2 to 6** (47°34'11"N., 122°20'45"W.): 5,000 feet of berthing space; 40 to 50 feet alongside; deck height, 17 feet; traveling cranes to 50 tons; 196 acres open storage; pipelines extend to storage tanks with 850,000-barrel capacity; receipt and shipment of containerized general cargo in foreign and domestic trade; receipt and shipment of petroleum products; loading barges for bunkering vessels at berth; owned by Port of Seattle; and operated by SSA Terminals and Kinder Morgan Energy Partners LP.

(175) **SSA Terminals, Terminal 18, Berth 7** (47°34'34"N., 122°20'45"W.): 1,216 feet of berthing space; 36 to 40 feet alongside; deck height, 17 feet; traveling crane to 50 tons; pipeline extends to storage tanks with 4-million gallon capacity; receipt and shipment of conventional general cargo and heavy-lift items in foreign and domestic trade; and receipt of molasses; owned by Port of Seattle; and operated by SSA Terminals and PM Ag Products, Inc.

(176) **Trans Pacific Container Service Corp., Terminal 30 Wharf** (47°34'49"N., 122°20'35"W.): 1,812 feet of berthing space; 40 to 44 feet alongside; deck height, 18.5 feet; 45 acres of open storage; three 50-ton container cranes; receipt and shipment of containerized general cargo in foreign and domestic trade; owned by Port of Seattle; and operated by Trans Pacific Container Service Corp.

(177) **SSA Terminals, Terminal 25 Wharf** (47°34'32"N., 122°20'35"W.): 1,580 feet of berthing space; 50 feet alongside; deck height, 18.5 feet; 37 acres open storage; three 40-ton container cranes; receipt and shipment of containerized general cargo in domestic trade; owned by Port of Seattle; and operated by SSA Terminals.

Facilities on West Waterway:

(178) **BP Oil Co., Seattle Terminal, Pier No.11** (47°34'57"N., 122°21'30"W.): 460 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 32 feet alongside; deck height, 20 feet; pipelines extend to storage tanks with 617,800-barrel capacity; receipt and shipment of petroleum products; bunkering vessels; and loading barges for bunkering vessels at berth; owned and operated by BP Oil Co.

(179) **Pendleton Flour Mills Wharf** (47°34'31"N., 122°21'30"W.): this wharf was reported not in use in 2002. Note: Strong currents exist on ebb tide and during freshet at this wharf; a countercurrent of eddy exists at the N end of the W berth. A cable area and pipeline extend across the Duwamish River from the S end of the S berth.

(180) **American President Lines, Terminal 5 Wharf** (47°34'37"N., 122°21'41"W.): 2,900 feet of berthing space; 45 to 50 feet alongside; deck height, 19 feet; five 50-ton container cranes; 130 acres of open storage; receipt and shipment of containerized cargo in foreign and domestic trade; owned by Port of Seattle; and operated by American President Lines.

(181) **Pacific Terminals, West Wharf** (47°34'26"N., 122°21'38"W.): 220 feet of berthing space; 15 feet alongside; deck height, 19 feet; receipt and occasional shipment of lumber; receipt of wood pulp and paper products; owned by Puget Sound Freight Lines; and operated by Pacific Terminals, Ltd.

(182) **Pacific Terminals, East Wharf** (47°34'26"N., 122°21'32"W.): 450 feet of berthing space; 15 feet alongside; deck height, 19 feet; receipt and occasional shipment of lumber; receipt of wood pulp and paper products; owned by Puget Sound Freight Lines; and operated by Pacific Terminals, Ltd. Note: Two tugs are recommended when docking at East West Waterway Co. Wharf (47°34'24"N., 122°21'26"W.): 45-foot face; 160 feet of berthing space; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 19 feet; 40-ton gantry crane; 2 acres of open storage; mooring vessels; owned by Chester W. Whitman; and operated by West Waterway Co.

Facilities on the Duwamish Waterway:

(183) **Ash Grove Cement Co., North Wharf** (47°34'06"N., 122°20'44"W.): 600 feet of berthing space; 25 feet alongside; deck height, 20 feet; pneumatic pipelines with loading rate of 350 tons per hour; cement storage silos with 54,500-ton capacity; occasional shipment of bulk cement; owned and operated by Ash Grove Cement Co.

(184) **Ash Grove Cement Co., South Pier** (47°34'03"N., 122°20'45"W.): 360 feet of berthing space; 25 feet alongside; deck height, 20 feet; 35-ton derrick; front-end loader with rate of 600 tons per hour; open storage for 33,000 tons of lime rock, 15,000 tons of gravel, 8,000 tons of coal and a silo for 4,500 tons of gypsum; owned and operated by Ash Grove Cement Co.

(185) **Birmingham Steel Corp., Terminal 105, Berth No.1 Wharf** (47°33'54"N., 122°20'56"W.): 660 feet of berthing space; 40 feet alongside; deck height, 17 feet; diesel crawler crane to 100 tons; 3.7 acres of open storage; receipt of scrap metal by barge; owned by Port of Seattle; and operated by Birmingham Steel Corp.

(186) **Lafarge Corp., Seattle Plant, Cement Wharf** (47°33'19"N., 122°20'42"W.): 645 feet of berthing space;

32 feet alongside; deck height, 25 feet; pipelines extend to storage silos with 68,250-ton capacity; receipt and shipment of bulk cement by barge; owned and operated by Lafarge Corp.

(187) **Lafarge Corp., Seattle Plant, Raw Materials Wharf** (47°33'14"N., 122°20'35"W.): 1,100 feet of berthing space; 30 feet alongside; deck height, 20 feet; one traveling hammerhead crane with unloading rate of 1,000 tons per hour; open storage for 50,000 tons of bulk material; receipt of limestone, shale, coal, and slag; owned and operated by Lafarge Corp.

(188) **Glacier Northwest, West Terminal Wharf** (47°32'56"N., 122°20'25"W.): 467 feet of berthing space; 34 to 40 feet alongside; deck height, 20 feet; traveling cement unloader with unloading rate of 400 tons per hour; pipelines extend to storage silos with 50,000-ton capacity; receipt of bulk cement by vessel and barge; owned and operated by Glacier Northwest.

(189) **Glacier Northwest, Slip No. 2 Wharf** (47°32'49"N., 122°20'16"W.): 325 feet of berthing space; 16 to 17 feet alongside; deck height, 15 feet; conveyor belt system with 400-ton unloading rate; storage area with 13,000-ton capacity; receipt of sand and gravel by barge; owned and operated by Glacier Northwest.

(190) **International Terminal Co., Terminal 115, North Wharf** (47°32'54"N., 122°20'24"W.): 925 feet of berthing space; 40 feet alongside; deck height, 20 feet; one 50-ton gantry crane; twenty-five forklift trucks with 23-ton capacity; 6.4 acres of open storage; receipt and shipment of conventional general cargo and heavy-lift items in foreign and domestic trade; receipt of steel products; receipt and shipment of forest products; owned by Port of Seattle; and various operators.

(191) **Northland Services, 8th Avenue Terminal Wharf** (47°32'05"N., 122°19'16"W.): 1,035 feet of berthing space; 13 to 15 feet alongside; deck height, 18 feet; cranes to 150 tons; 20 acres open storage; receipt and shipment of conventional and containerized general cargo in domestic trade (Alaska); owned by Crowley Marine Services; and operated by Northland Services, Inc.

Supplies

(192) Marine supplies of all kinds are available in Seattle. Bunker fuel, diesel oil, and lubricants are available. Large vessels can be bunkered at Pier 91, Pier 15 (Rainer Petroleum Corp. and Equilon Enterprises) and at Pier 11 (BP Oil Co.). Bunkering may be done at other berths by tank barges. Water is available at most berths. N of Seattle, vessels may bunker at Point Wells or Edwards Point.

Repairs

(193) There are two large shipyards in the Seattle area, both on Harbor Island at the S end of Elliott Bay. The largest floating drydock, at a shipyard just E of the entrance to West Waterway, has a capacity of 40,000 tons, an overall length of 873 feet, a minimum clear inside width of 137 feet and a depth over the keel blocks of 30 feet. Gantry cranes to 150-ton capacity are available at the yard. Another shipyard, at the NW end of Harbor Island, has a drydock which is only slightly smaller. Smaller shipyards are on the Duwamish River and on Lake Union, in the inner harbor. There are larger drydocks at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, available for private use under certain conditions when not required by the Government.

Small-craft facilities

(194) In addition to the large Shilshole Bay Marina, mentioned earlier in this chapter, numerous small-craft facilities line the shores of Lake Union, Lake Washington, Lake Washington Ship Canal, Elliott Bay, and Duwamish Waterway. (See the small-craft facilities tabulation on charts 18445 and 18447 for services and supplies available.)

Communications

(195) Ferry service for passengers and automobiles is available to many points on Puget Sound. Seattle is served by two important railroads, and by many steamship and towing companies. Many airlines have passenger and freight service to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. Seattle is the major port for Alaska commerce, by both water and air carriers.

Chart 18447

(196) **Lake Washington Ship Canal** extends from Puget Sound through Shilshole Bay, Salmon Bay, Lake Union, Portage Bay, and Union Bay to deep water in Lake Washington. Federal project depth through the canal is 30 feet, which is generally maintained. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of charts for controlling depths.) The entrance to Lake Washington Ship Canal is marked by a lighted range, lights, and buoys.

(197) A **speed limit** of 4 knots is enforced within the guide piers of the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks. A **speed limit** of 7 knots is enforced elsewhere in the Lake Washington Ship Canal, except in an area marked by four private buoys in the N part of Lake Union.

(198) The **Hiram M. Chittenden Locks,** a double lock, and a fixed dam are at the narrows of the entrance to Salmon Bay, 1.2 miles in from the sound. The large lock, a two-chamber structure, has a clear length of

760 feet, width of 80 feet, lift of 26 feet, and depth over the lower miter sill of 29 feet. The small lock has a clear length of 123 feet, width of 28 feet, lift of 26 feet, and depth over the lower sill of 16 feet. Passage time is less than 30 minutes for large vessels and 5 to 10 minutes for small vessels.

(199) A saltwater barrier extends across the E end of the E chamber of the large lock to reduce the intrusion of saltwater into Lake Washington and to conserve water. (See **207.750**, chapter 2, for navigation regulations for Lake Washington Ship Canal, the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks, and the saltwater barrier.)

Depths

(200) Depths above Hiram M. Chittenden Locks are referred to low water of the lakes which is 20 feet above the plane of mean lower low water of Puget Sound.

Heights

(201) Vertical clearances above Hiram M. Chittenden Locks are referred to the mean water level of the lakes, which is 21 feet above mean lower low water of Puget Sound.

(202) **Salmon Bay** extends for about 0.8 mile from the E end of the locks to the Ballard (15th Avenue) Bridge. There are numerous piers and floats with extensive small-craft facilities on the bay. Fishermen's Terminal, operated by the Port of Seattle, is immediately W of the Ballard Bridge. The terminal is the home port of a large commercial fishing fleet. Depths of 14 to 28 feet are alongside the piers. There are 700 berths for craft 27 to 176 feet long. Complete facilities for fishing boats are available at the 54-acre terminal, including electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, net repair yards, and all types of marine supplies. Marine railways at the terminal can handle craft to 300 tons for complete repairs. A travel lift to 46 feet is also available at the terminal.

(203) From Salmon Bay the canal leads SE to **Lake Union,** which is about 1 mile long in a N-S direction and about 0.5 mile wide. Depths in the lake range generally from 32 to 49 feet. There is a 10-foot shoal about 200 yards offshore from the SW end of the lake; it is marked by a buoy. Four private buoys in the N part of Lake Union mark an unrestricted speed zone, which is used by boat builders around the lake as a testing area. The buoys are frequently repositioned; caution is advised when transiting the area. There are numerous marinas and repair facilities, and several commercial wharves from which various commodities are shipped by barge. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's **Marine Operations Center, Pacific**, operates two piers on the E side of the lake which serve as the shipbase for the National Ocean Service's Pacific fleet. The N side of the N pier has a 510-foot berth with 20 to 44 feet alongside; the S side has a 530-foot berth with 12 to 45 feet alongside. The N side of the S pier has a 335-foot and a 285-foot berth with 26 to 49 feet

alongside, and the S side of the pier has a 340-foot and a 290-foot berth with 26 to 49 feet alongside.

(204) A drydock company adjacent to the Marine Operations Center, Pacific, has several floating drydocks, the largest of which has a lifting capacity of 3,600 tons.

(205) **Portage Bay,** E of Lake Union has many slips and finger piers for small craft; gasoline, diesel fuel, and hull and engine repairs are available on the NE shore.

(206) **Montlake Cut (Portage Cut)** leads from Portage Bay past the conspicuous buildings and athletic stadium of **University of Washington,** on the N side, thence into **Union Bay,** and thence into Lake Washington.

(207) Lake Washington Ship Canal is crossed by five bascule bridges and two fixed bridges. Clearances of the drawspans are 14 to 43 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.1051**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The bridgetenders of the drawbridges monitor VHF-FM channel 16 and 13, and works on channel 13. The call signs are as follows: Burlington Northern Railroad, KCE-201; Ballard (15th Avenue), KJA-445; Fremont Avenue, KJA-442; University, KJA-441; Montlake, KJA-438. The fixed bridges have a least clearance of 127 feet. Cables crossing the canal have a least clearance of 155 feet.

(208) **Lake Washington,** the large freshwater lake on Seattle's E side, provides deep and protected water over most of its length of nearly 16 miles. Its shores are studded with private piers and landings, and there are marinas and small-craft repair places at many locations.

(209) There are few commercial installations. Except for a few oil wharves, commercial shipments are by barge. A large offshore wharf of a tar and creosote company is at **May Creek (Port Quendall)** on the E side of the lake opposite the S end of Mercer Island. A lumber mill and creosoting plant are here. A large log storage area is at May Creek.

(210) State Route 520 pontoon bridge crossing the lake between Seattle and Evergreen Point has a fixed span at the E and W ends. The clearances are 57 feet at the E end and 44 feet at the W end. The floating drawspans at the center of the bridge provide an opening 100 feet wide. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.1049**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) Interstate Route 90 pontoon bridge between Seattle and East Seattle, on the N end of **Mercer Island**, has fixed spans at

the E and W ends with clearances of 29 feet. The fixed highway (Interstate Route 90) bridge on the E side of Mercer Island, from Barnabie Point to the mainland, has a clearance of 71 feet. The underwater remains of the E and W piers of a former fixed bridge are just SE of the Interstate Route 90 bridge. Mariners should use caution when outside the main navigation channel.

(211) A **091°55'-271°55' measured nautical mile** has been established along the pontoon bridge to Mercer Island. The targets are painted on both sides of the bridge so that the courses can be run either N or S of the bridge.

(212) Combined **measured half nautical mile, nautical mile,** and **2,000-meter measured courses** have been established along the pontoon bridge from Foster Island to Evergreen Point on a bearing of **102°30'-282°30'**. The half nautical mile and nautical mile courses are marked on the S side of the bridge by 18-inch circles resembling an engineers target; the half nautical mile markers have green and white quadrants, and the nautical mile markers have red and white quadrants. The 2,000-meter course is marked by 1- by 3-foot green markers with 3-inch white vertical stripes on both sides of the bridge.

(213) **Houghton,** at the NE side of the lake just S of Kirkland, is the site of a former shipyard. There are several marinas catering to yachtsmen.

(214) **Juanita Bay,** N of Kirkland, is a summer recreational area with several small piers.

(215) The headquarters of the Naval Support Activity Seattle, and storage facilities and offices of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are at **Sand Point** on the W shore of the lake just NE of Union Bay.

(216) **Kenmore,** at the N end of Lake Washington about 4.4 miles N of Sand Point, is the site of several marinas and a barge loading facility. A dredged channel, marked by lighted buoys, leads across the flats to a turning basin. In March 2001, the controlling depth was 12.4 feet in the dredged channel.

(217) A seaplane base is at Kenmore.

(218) **Sammamish River,** about 0.1 mile S of Kenmore, is entered through a dredged channel that branches NE from the Kenmore channel. In March 2001, the controlling depth was 2.8 feet in the N half with shoaling to bare in the S half. About 0.3 mile above the mouth of the river is a highway bridge with a 47-foot fixed span and a clearance of 12 feet.

Chart 18441

(219) **Possession Sound** joins Puget Sound at the S point of Whidbey Island and extends in a general N direction for 10 miles to its junction with Saratoga Passage and Port Susan. From the entrance it extends for 3.5 miles with an average width of 2 miles, and then expands into an irregular basin about 6 miles in diameter.

(220) The E part of this basin is filled with extensive flats, many of which uncover and rise abruptly from deep water. These flats are intersected by several shifting channels, forming the mouth of the Snohomish River. The waters of the sound are generally deep, and the only anchorage used by large vessels is off the town of Everett, close inshore, in 10 to 15 fathoms.

(221) **Meadowdale,** a residential area on Browns Bay, is on the E side of the sound about 4 miles S of Possession Point. There is a large dry storage boathouse here with a hoist that can handle craft to 24 feet. Several floats are available during the summer months; gasoline and covered storage for about 40 craft are also available. Reported depths of 5 feet can be carried to the hoist on the NW face of the wharf. Norma Beach, about 3 miles S of Possesion Point, is on the E side of the sound. A boathouse with a marine railway that can handle small craft to 20 feet; gasoline and dry storage are available.

Chart 18443

(222) **Elliot Point**, on the E side of Possession Sound 4 miles NE of Possession Point, is a low spit projecting some 200 yards from the high land. **Mukilteo Light** (47°56.9'N., 122°18.3'W.), 33 feet above the water, is shown from a 30-foot white octagonal tower on the point; a fog signal is at the station.

(223) **Mukilteo** is a town E of Elliot Point. An automobile ferry runs between Mukilteo and Clinton on Whidbey Island. A light about 300 yards NE of Mukilteo Light marks the approach to the ferry dock. A wharf for deep-draft vessels is 0.4 mile E of Mukilteo Light.

(224) **Gedney Island,** 3.5 miles N of Elliot Point, is about 1.5 miles long in an SE direction, high, wooded, and prominent. From its SE point, a shoal extends SE, the 5-fathom curve being at a distance of 0.8 mile. Foul ground extends 0.2 mile from the S side of the E half of the island. A buoy is on the N side of the shoal area.

(225) A fish haven, marked by a private buoy, is about 0.5 mile S of Gedney Island in about 47°59'48"N., 122°18'30"W. A marina, protected by a breakwater, is on the NE side of the island. The breakwater is marked by private lights.

(226) **Clinton,** a village on **Randall Point,** is the Whidbey Island terminus of the ferry from Mukilteo. The town has several stores; a restaurant is near the ferry slip. Gasoline is available.

Chart 18444

(227) **Everett**, an important wood products shipping port, is on the E side of **Port Gardner,** 4 miles NE of Elliot Point. A tall pulpmill chimney and the Port of Everett's large alumina silo are prominent along the water.

Channels

(228) Depths of about 22 feet or more are available to the main wharves in Port Gardner. A dredged channel with two settling basins extends inside a training dike along the E side of **Jetty Island** and in the Snohomish River around the N half of the city to a lumbermill 6 miles above Port Gardner. The channel is marked by lights, buoys, and lighted and unlighted ranges. The second settling basin is subject to continual shoaling. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of charts for controlling depths.)

Anchorages

(229) The general anchorage area is W of the waterfront. (See **110.1 and 110.230**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) Vessels usually proceed to the wharves. A buoy marks a submerged obstruction near the center of the anchorage.

Tides

(230) The mean range of the tide at Everett is about 7.4 feet, and the diurnal range of tide is 11.1 feet.

Pilotage, Everett

(231) Pilotage is compulsory for all vessels except those under enrollment or engaged exclusively in the coasting trade on the W coast of the continental United States (including Alaska) and/or British Columbia. Pilotage for Puget Sound is provided by the Puget Sound Pilots. (See Pilotage, Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound, indexed as such, chapter 12, for details.)

Towage

(232) Tugs up to 3,000 hp are available at Everett, and larger tugs may be obtained from Seattle. Arrangements should be made in advance through ships' agents.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(233) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(234) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

(235) Everett is a **customs port of entry.**

Harbor regulations

(236) Harbor regulations are enforced by the manager of the Port of Everett, who serves as **harbormaster** and port warden.

Wharves

(237) The Port of Everett operates three deep-draft piers on Port Gardner and only the deep-draft facilities on those piers are described. For a complete description of the port facilities refer to Port Series No. 37, published and sold by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (See appendix for address.) The alongside depths are reported. (For information on the latest depths, contact port authorities or the private operators.) All the facilities described have both direct highway and railroad connections. Water is available at most of the wharves and electrical shore power is available at all except Hewitt Wharf. General cargo at the port is usually handled by ships' tackle. Special handling equipment, if available, is mentioned in the description of the particular facility.

(238) **Port of Everett, South Terminal, Berth No. 1 and Dolphin Berth** (47°58'31"N., 122°13'38"W.): depth alongside, 39 to 40 feet; deck height, 20 feet; berthing space, 1,555 feet; 30 acres of paved open storage; receipt and shipment of conventional general cargo; shipment of logs; owned and operated by Port of Everett.

(239) **Port of Everett, Pacific Terminal Wharf** (47°58'47"N., 122°13'25"W.): depth alongside, 40 feet; deck height, 18 feet; berthing space, 600 feet; 8 acres of open storage; receipt and shipment of conventional and containerized general cargo in foreign and domestic trade; receipt and shipment of lumber and steel products; owned and operated by Port of Everett.

(240) **Port of Everett, Hewitt Avenue Terminal, Pier No. 1** (47°58'42"N., 122°13'22"W.): depth alongside, 45 feet; deck height, 18 feet; berthing space, 140 feet (face), 600 feet (N side), 600 feet (S side); one 35-ton diesel crawler crane for handling containers; receipt and shipment of conventional and containerized general cargo; receipt and shipment of lumber and steel products; shipment of perishable food commodities; owned and operated by Port of Everett.

(241) **Port of Everett, Hewitt Wharf** (47°58'47"N., 122°13'12"W.): depth alongside, 25 feet; deck height, 18 feet; berthing space, 830 feet; one 36,000-square foot refrigerated building; shipment of perishable food commodities; owned and operated by Port of Everett.

(242) **Port of Everett, Hewitt Avenue Terminal, Pier No. 3** (47°58'53"N., 122°13'16"W.): depth alongside, 40 feet; deck height, 19 feet; berthing space, 120 feet (face), 800 feet (S side), 900 feet (N side); 15 acres of open storage, 55,000-ton covered storage dome, one mobile pneumatic unloader (rate of 600 tons per hour), 35-ton diesel crawler crane; receipt and shipment of conventional general cargo; shipment of lumber and logs; receipt of alumina; owned and operated by Port of Everett.

Supplies

(243) Water, provisions, and some marine supplies can be obtained. Gasoline and diesel fuel are available for small craft at Everett Yacht Harbor. Fuel oil for large vessels is available only by Seattle-based tank barges.

Repairs

(244) There are no facilities for repairs to deep-draft vessels in Everett; the nearest such facilities are in Seattle. There are several boatyards. The largest yard, on the E side of the yacht harbor, has a marine railway that can handle craft to 120 feet and a 350-ton lift for hull, engine, or electronic repairs. Machine shops are available at the yard.

(245) **Everett Yacht Harbor,** operated by the Port of Everett, is about a mile above the mouth of and on the E side of the Snohomish River Channel. There are berths for more than 2,200 small craft; transient mooring floats are maintained for visiting boats. A pump-out station and 35-ton travel lift are available. A boatyard is on the NE side of the harbor. (See the small-craft facilities tabulation on chart 18423 for services and supplies available at Everett.) A **harbormaster**, whose office is on the S side of the harbor, assigns all berths.

(246) A launching ramp and pump-out station, operated by the Port of Everett, are on the E side of the channel just N of Everett Yacht Harbor.

Communications

(247) Everett is served by a railroad. The county airport, Paine Field, is 6 miles SSW of the city.

(248) **Snohomish River,** once heavily traveled by the light-draft river steamers and loggers, flows down through the dredged channel and settling basin near the yacht harbor and empties into Port Gardner just W of East Waterway. Traffic on the river above the yacht harbor consists of log tows, tugs and barges, and pleasure boats. Several pulp, plywood, and lumber mills are along the river.

(249) The Snohomish River is crossed by a railroad swing bridge with a least clearance of 9 feet about 0.6 mile E of Preston Point. U.S. Highway 529 crosses the river just above the railroad bridge and has a lift bridge with

a least clearance of 38 feet. Interstate 5 crosses the river about 1.6 miles above the U.S. Highway 529 bridge; this fixed bridge has a clearance of 66 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.1059**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) A marina is 0.5 mile upstream from the U.S. 529 highway bridge. There is dry storage for over 1,000 craft to 40 feet long; transient mooring floats are available for visiting craft. Gasoline, water, ice, limited marine supplies, and hull and motor repairs are available. A city park with a launching ramp is 1.2 miles upstream from the U.S. 529 highway bridge. The practical limit of navigation on the Snohomish River is 0.8 mile above the Interstate 5 highway bridge.

Chart 18443

(250) The flats N of Everett at the mouths of **Steamboat Slough** and **Ebey Slough** are used for log storage. Steamboat Slough is crossed by a fixed bridge with a clearance of 41 feet and by three swing bridges with a least clearance of 7 feet. Ebey Slough is crossed by two fixed bridges and two swing bridges. Clearances on the fixed bridges are 41 feet; clearances on the swing bridges are 5 feet. The bridgetender of the drawbridge at Marysville monitors VHF-FM channel 16 and works on channel 13; call sign KZ-2475. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.1059**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) Overhead power cables with a least clearance of 53 feet cross Steamboat Slough. Navigation across the shallow flats should not be attempted without local knowledge. Local small craft navigate Ebey Slough to **Marysville.** A marina and boatyard are just E of the railroad bridge in the town. Marine supplies, winter boat storage, engine and hull repairs, a 4-ton hoist, and launching ramp are available. There is a public launching ramp just W of the Interstate 5 highway bridge at Marysville.

(251) **Sandy Point,** the S point at the entrance to Saratoga Passage, is a low spit rising abruptly to 100 feet, with bluffs on each side; it is marked by a light.

(252) **Camano Head,** 1.5 miles NNE of Sandy Point, is the SE point of Camano Island. A shoal, with a rock bare at low tide, extends nearly 0.2 mile SE from the point, and is marked by a buoy.

(253) **Tulalip Bay,** 4 miles NW of Everett, is a small cove on the mainland. On the N side are the village of **Tulalip** and the agency buildings of the Tulalip Indian Reservation. The bay is shoal, with rocks extending more than 300 yards S and W from the point on the N side of the entrance. A buoy marks the edge of the shoal water W of the point at the S side of the entrance. Several small wharves and landing floats, mostly dry at low water, are at Tulalip; however, it has no public facilities. There are log-booming grounds in the S part of the bay. Mission Beach, immediately S of the bay, has several private boathouses and float landings.

Chart 18441

(254) **Camano Island** extends between Port Susan and Saratoga Passage. It is irregular in shape and 14 miles in length; the S portion consists of a long, narrow tongue that terminates in Camano Head, 340 feet high. At its N end it is separated from the mainland by **Davis Slough,** and South Pass and West Pass of the Stillaguamish River, all dry at low water. On the shores of the island are several resorts and unincorporated residential tracts.

(255) **Port Susan,** on the E side of Camano Island, extends about 11 miles in a NW direction, terminating in flats which bare and extend over 3 miles wide at its head. There are several resort settlements. Deep water is throughout until nearing the head, where anchorage may be had off the extreme W edge of the flats in about 10 fathoms. Care should be used in approaching and anchoring, as the flats rise abruptly from deep water.

(256) **Stanwood** is in a dairying and farming district on the N side of the **Stillaguamish River** at the junction of **South Pass** and **West Pass.**

(257) **Saratoga Passage,** on the W side of Camano Island, extends some 18 miles in a NW direction from its entrance between Sandy Point and Camano Head. At its N end it connects with Penn Cove and Crescent Harbor, and leads E into Skagit Bay. Depths in the passage are from 100 fathoms at the entrance to 15 fathoms at the Crescent Harbor entrance. There are few outlying dangers, and a midchannel course is clear.

(258) There is considerable traffic in these waters, mostly pleasure and fishing craft, with occasional tugs bound to or from Deception Pass. This is a resort area; along the shores of the islands are several small marinas which provide gasoline, limited berths, launching ramps, and lodgings. Principal commercial products are lumber and fish.

(259) **Langley** is a small town on Whidbey Island about 1.2 miles W of Sandy Point. Tugs often anchor off the beach between Langley and Sandy Point. Langley boat harbor, protected on the N and E sides by a timber breakwater marked by private lights, can accommodate about 25 vessels. Transient berths are available. In April 2002, a reported depth of 11.8 feet was alongside the berths. Water and a launching ramp are available. The stores of the town business district are nearby, supplies may be obtained.

(260) **East Point,** 6 miles NW of Sandy Point, is a low sandspit about 300 yards long. It is marked by a light.

(261) **Elger Bay,** on the W shore of Camano Island across Saratoga Passage from East Point, is an open bight 1 mile wide. Tugs anchor here in W and NW winds.

(262) **Holmes Harbor,** entered 8 miles NW of Sandy Point, indents Whidbey Island 5 miles in a S direction. Except for a sand and gravel wharf and a large private boathouse at the head of the harbor, only private pleasure piers are on the shores of Holmes Harbor. Depths range from 30 to 40 fathoms off the entrance to 17 fathoms near the head, where good anchorage, except from N weather, may be had in mud bottom. A **general anchorage** is in Holmes Harbor. (See **110.1 and 110.230**, chapter 2, for anchorage limits and regulations.) **Rocky Point,** at the E side of the entrance, is low but rises abruptly to 500 feet. **Baby Island** is a small islet 0.2 mile off the point. Shoals, marked by a buoy, extend NW from the island.

(263) **Greenbank,** a small farming settlement, is on the W side of Holmes Harbor at the entrance. It has a store and service station. Anchorage against W weather is available off Greenbank in 12 to 18 fathoms, muddy bottom. **Freeland,** the business center for this area, is a small town at the head of Holmes Harbor.

(264) **Camano,** a settlement on the E side of Saratoga Passage, is 3.5 miles NW of **Lowell Point.** A light is on **Onamac Point,** 0.8 mile N of Camano. A private buoy marks a fish haven off the point.

(265) **Penn Cove** indents the W shore of the basin at the head of Saratoga Passage and extends W for about 3.5 miles. In most weather, the cove affords good protection in 5 to 15 fathoms, good holding ground.

(266) Off **Snatelum Point,** the S point at the entrance to Penn Cove, is a narrow spit extending N 0.5 mile, with ½ fathom near its end. The spit is marked by a buoy.

(267) **Blowers Bluff,** the N point at the entrance to Penn Cove, is bare, light-colored, high, and rounding. Rocks lie offshore 200 yards at places along the bluff. The shoal extending off the SW end of the bluff reaches almost one-third the distance across Penn Cove. Vessels should favor the S shore when passing this shoal.

(268) **Coupeville,** the county seat of Island County, is on the S shore of Penn Cove, about 2 miles from the head. The town has stores and service stations. A wharf here extends to about 12 feet; berthage and gasoline are available at floats attached to the E side of the wharf. Diesel fuel is available by truck. A rock covered 15 feet is about 300 yards NE of the wharf. A launching ramp is about 0.3 mile E of the wharf.

Chart 18428

(269) **Oak Harbor**, which indents the N shore of Saratoga Passage W of Crescent Harbor, is a semicircular cove about 1 mile in diameter with depths of 20 to 9 feet. **Maylor Point,** the E point of the entrance, is foul with several rocks, awash at low water, 0.5 mile SE from the point. The natural entrance channel is marked by lights, daybeacons, a lighted buoy, and an unlighted buoy. In January 1985, shoaling to an unknown depth was reported to extend about 200 yards NE of Light 5; caution is advised. The town of **Oak Harbor** is on the N shore of the harbor. A marina, operated by the town, is on the E side of Oak Harbor. The marina is protected on the S and W sides by breakwaters. A light on the end of the S and W breakwaters mark the marina entrance at its SW corner. Berthing, electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, a launching ramp, pump-out station, and a 32-ton lift are available.

(270) **Crescent Harbor,** immediately E of Oak Harbor, is a semicircular bight 2 miles in diameter, between **Forbes Point** and **Polnell Point.** Polnell Point is wooded and rather bold, and connected to the main island by low ground, giving the point the appearance of an island from a distance off. A shoal extends about 0.9 mile W of Polnell Point; another shoal extends about 0.2 mile S from this point. Shoals extend about 0.7 mile S and E from Forbes Point; the S shoal is marked by a lighted buoy. Foul ground surrounds these points, but otherwise the harbor is clear, affording anchorage in 10 to 11 fathoms, muddy bottom. The harbor is exposed to the S. The large pier of the U.S. Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, extends from the W side of the harbor. Depths of 26 feet are alongside the outer two-thirds of the pier. This pier can be used only with permission. Services and/or provisions cannot be provided, and ships' own power must be relied upon. A 183-foot T-pier used for fueling Naval vessels is on the N side of the main pier near the shoreward end.

Charts 18421, 18441, 18400

(271) The entrance to **Skagit Bay,** southern part, lies between Polnell Point and Rocky Point. The bay is about 12 miles long in a WNW direction. The greater portion of it is filled with flats, bare at low water, and intersected by numerous channels discharging the waters of Skagit River.

(272) A natural channel varying in width from 0.2 to 0.6 mile and marked by lights and buoys follows the E shoreline of Whidbey Island to the N end of the bay. Shoal water extends off for some 100 to 300 yards from the E shore of the island. The N part of Skagit Bay is described in chapter 12.

(273) The controlling elevation of the flats at the mouth of South Fork is about 2.5 feet above mean lower low water, and the controlling depth at low tide depends on

the river stage, probably not exceeding 1 foot during periods of minimum flow. The diurnal range at the mouth of the river is 11.3 feet. The extreme range at this point is estimated to be 20 feet.

(274) A fixed highway bridge with a clearance of 10 feet crosses the South Fork at **Conway,** 4.8 miles above the mouth.

(275) **Utsalady,** a small village on the N shore of Camano Island about 1.2 miles E of Rocky Point, has a store. Vessels may anchor just E of **Utsalady Point** in a small inlet between the shoal water of the flats and the shore in 3 to 6 fathoms, muddy bottom, with shelter from S winds. In the 1860's Utsalady became the first shipbuilding port in Puget Sound.

(276) **Strawberry Point,** about 2.5 miles N of Utsalady Point, is marked by a light.

(277) The **South Fork** channel leading into Skagit River winds through the flats N of Camano Island. Because of shoaling, however, the channel has largely been abandoned by boat traffic to Mount Vernon except for local outboard boats; **North Fork** is used instead. In December 1971, the mouth of the North Fork bared 2 feet at MLLW. There are several small-boat moorings along the banks of the river at **Mount Vernon.**

Charts 18440, 18477, 18476

(278) The entrance to **Hood Canal** is at the lower end of Admiralty Inlet, between Foulweather Bluff and Tala Point, about 10 miles S of Marrowstone Point. It extends in a general S direction for about 44 miles and then bends sharply NE for 11 miles, terminating in flats bare at low water. The head of Case Inlet, in the S part of Puget Sound, is less than 2 miles from the head of Hood Canal. The shores are high, bold, and wooded, and the water is deep, except at the heads of the bays and at the mouths of the streams. Many small craft ply these waters. There are mostly small float-landings and private docks in the canal.

(279) U.S. Highway 101 follows much of the W shore of Hood Canal, and connecting highways to Port Orchard follow the S shore of the S part of the canal around The Great Bend. There are road connections with Port Orchard and with the Puget Sound highway system from all the settlements on the E shore of the canal.

(280) Water traffic in general is confined to tugs with log rafts, naval vessels in the upper part, and many pleasure craft. Hood Canal is a vacation area. Numerous private houses and summer cottages with small piers, mooring buoys, and floats are on both sides of the canal. There are relatively few public floats or piers, and the only commercial activities are logging and some oystering.

Tides and currents.

(281) The **tidal currents** in Hood Canal at times attain velocities exceeding 1.5 knots. In some places in the canal the currents are too weak and variable to predict. At times there are heavy tide rips N of and around Foulweather Bluff, sufficiently heavy to be dangerous to small boats and to break up log rafts. This is most pronounced when the ebb current from the main body of Puget Sound meets that from Hood Canal off the point, and particularly so with the ebb against a strong N or NW wind. Off Point Hannon and Hazel Point, tide rips occur at times sufficiently strong to be troublesome to tugs with log tows. Current observations taken at a station in midchannel E of Hazel Point show that directions of both flood and ebb vary considerably at that location. At times SW winds from Hood Canal and N winds from Dabob Bay cause a chop dangerous for small boats. Under these conditions smoother water is found near either shore.

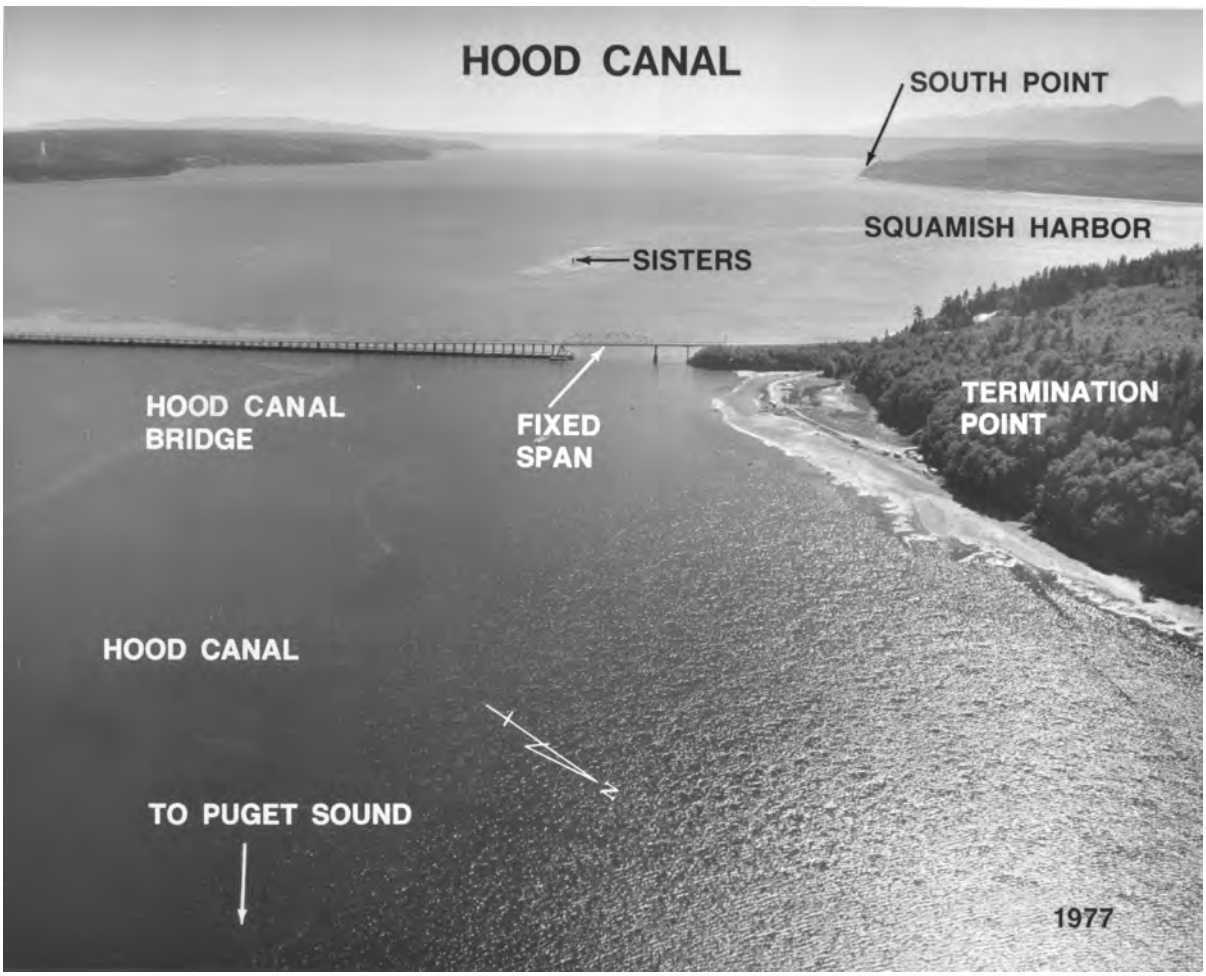
(282) The dangers are few and generally close inshore. A few low sandspits from 100 to 300 yards long are difficult to see at night, but most of them have been made into resorts and the buildings nearby show up well against the background of trees. Flats off the mouths of streams extend as much as 0.5 mile offshore and are extensive at the heads of some of the bays. A midchannel course is clear until reaching The Great Bend, where Hood Canal turns E. Here the N shore just E of Ayres Point should be favored to clear the flats extending from the E part of Annas Bay.

Chart 18477

(283) **Twin Spits** are two long, low, sand points, 0.5 mile and 1 mile S of Foulweather Bluff. When waiting for smooth weather to round Foulweather Bluff, tugs with log tows often anchor in 50 feet 1 mile SE of the S spit, in a bight known locally as **Races Cove,** with Colvos Rocks Light slightly clear of the end of the S point of Twin Spits.

(284) **Hood Head,** on the W side of Hood Canal about 3 miles S of the entrance, is almost an island, having only a narrow strip of low sand connecting it with the W shore. The head is 220 feet high, steep and wooded, and is a prominent feature in the entrance.

(285) A rocky ledge, marked by some kelp and covered 4 to 26 feet, extends more than 500 yards S of Hood Head; rocks covered 4 feet are near the S end of this ledge about 325 yards S of Hood Head. An aquaculture site, marked by lighted private buoys, is about 0.4 mile S of Hood Head.



(286) **Coon Bay,** 2.5 miles S of Foulweather Bluff, is a small, nearly landlocked harbor offering excellent protection to small craft during periods of rough weather. The privately dredged entrance channel is narrow and has a reported controlling depth of about 3 feet. There are several private piers inside the entrance, but no facilities are available.

(287) **Point Hannon** is at the E extension of Hood Head; it is marked by a light. A low sandy spit with shoal water extends about 200 yards E of the light.

Local magnetic disturbance

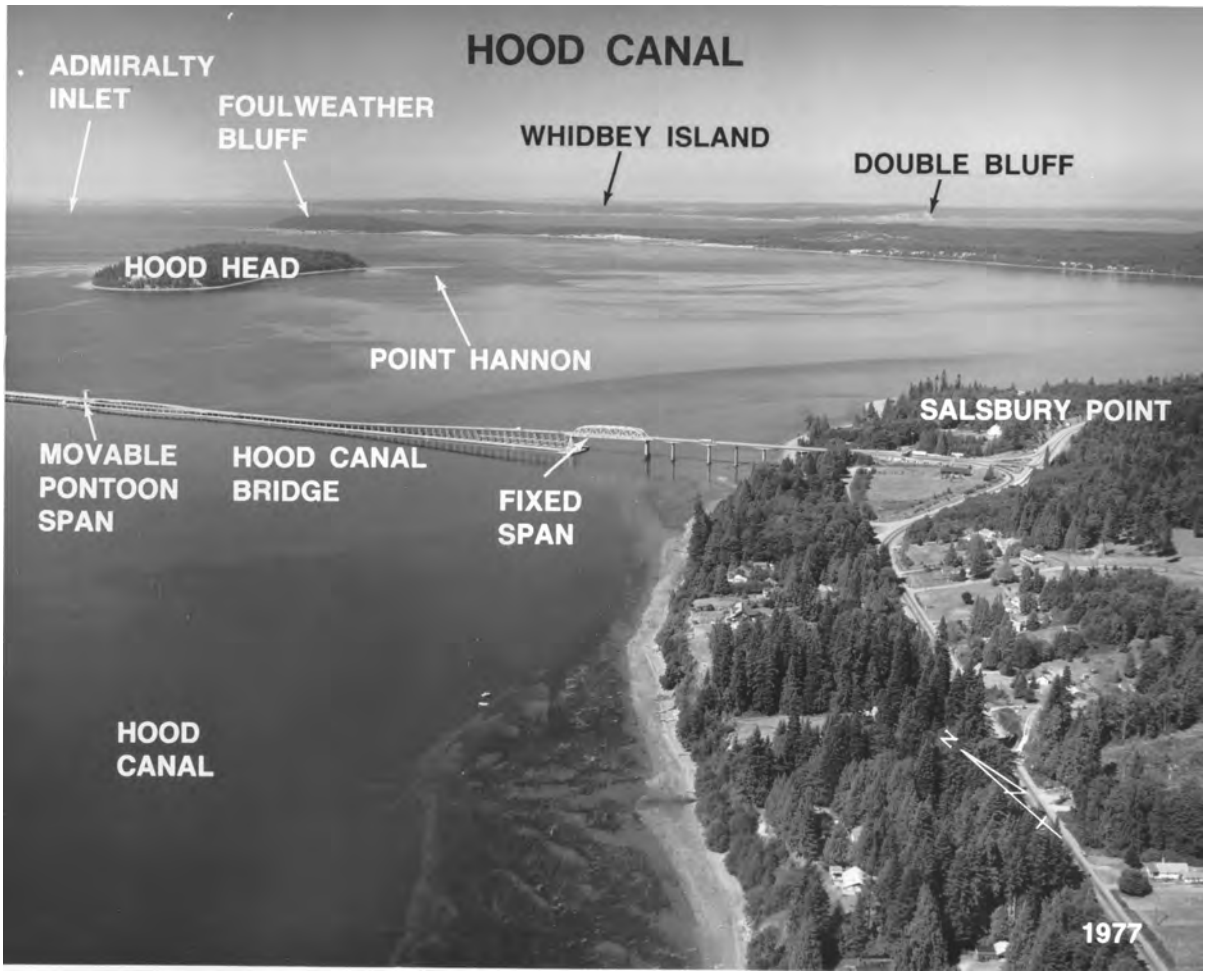
(288) Differences of more than 2° from normal variation have been observed in Hood Canal at Point Hannon.

(289) **Termination Point,** 1.6 miles E of the village of **Shine,** is 1.7 miles SW of Point Hannon. A lighted transformer substation is on Termination Point. An aquaculture site, about 400 yards ENE of the point, is marked by private lighted buoys.

(290) **Hood Canal Bridge,** a pontoon highway bridge crossing the canal between Termination Point and Salsbury Point W of Port Gamble has two fixed openings; the clearance of the W opening is 35 feet, and that of the E opening is 55 feet. In the 600-foot center opening there are pontoons which are retracted for larger vessels. The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 16 and works on channel 13; call sign, WHD 721. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.1045**, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) A private fog signal is at each opening. Anchor cables, extending from the bridge pontoons to the canal bottom, extend nearly 500 yards both N and S of the bridge; anchoring should not be attempted in this area.

(291) **Sisters,** two rocks 200 yards apart, 0.5 mile S of Termination Point, are awash at about half tide. A light is on the S rock, 0.4 mile from the N entrance point to **Squamish Harbor,** an open bight just SW of Termination Point. Tugs frequently anchor near the head of the harbor in about 6 fathoms, muddy bottom.

(292) **Case Shoal,** partly bare at low water, is about 0.6 mile from and parallel with the W shore of Squamish Harbor. The shoal is marked at its N end by a daybeacon and on its SE side by a light. A clam tract, marked at the N and S ends by private buoys, is in the SW part of the harbor between Case Shoal and the W shore.



(293) **Port Gamble Bay** is a small bay on the E shore of Hood Canal 5 miles from the entrance. It is 2 miles long with a narrow entrance.

(294) A dredged entrance channel leads from deep water in Hood Canal into deep water in Port Gamble Bay. In July 1986, the controlling depth was 23 feet. The channel is marked by a **001°-181°** lighted range and two lights on the E side of the channel.

(295) **Port Gamble,** the town on the W shore at the entrance, is owned by the lumber company which maintains all facilities including the local housing, church, and store. The mill has been in operation for more than a century. The white church steeple and flagpole in the town are prominent. A shoal covered 4 feet is about 500 yards NE from the N end of the lumbermill wharf. The lumbermill wharf has a 385-foot face with reported depths of 29 to 35 feet alongside, a 400-foot berth at the S end of the wharf with 36 feet reported alongside and a 170-foot berth at the NW end of the wharf with 24 to 29 feet reported alongside. All deck heights are 14½ feet. Strong currents on both flood and ebb tide are experienced through the entrance channel to Port Gamble Bay. Vessels should dock against the current. Local knowledge and careful, precise piloting are essential in docking at this wharf.

(296) Excellent anchorage may be had in the bay in 24 to 54 feet, muddy bottom.

(297) Vessels should hold a midchannel course on entering Port Gamble Bay until 200 yards or more past the S light, and then head for the wharf, keeping the long E face open to avoid shoal water on the W side of the channel.

Caution

(298) The entrance channel to Port Gamble Bay is quite constricted by shoals on both sides of the channel. The two lights on the E side of the channel are in shoal water and do not mark the edge of the channel.

(299) A bridge pontoon storage area is on the W side of Port Gamble Bay about 0.4 mile S of Port Gamble.

Charts 18458, 18476, 18477, 18441

(300) **Thorndyke Bay** is a small bight on the W side of Hood Canal about 4 miles S of Squamish Harbor. An

n **explosives anchorage** is S of the bay. (See **110.1 and 110.230**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(301) **Bangor Wharf** on the E side of the canal, 3.5 miles S of Thorndyke Bay, is the property of the Bangor U.S. Naval Submarine Base. A **naval restricted area** surrounds the wharf and other naval docking facilities along the E side of Hood Canal. Keyport Naval Undersea Warfare Engineering Station, 0.9 mile SSW of Bangor Wharf, is also within the restricted area. (See **334.1220**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) **Naval security zones** are adjacent to the Naval Submarine Base. (See **§165.1302 and §165.1311**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) A 500-foot radio tower, marked by red aircraft warning lights, is on Bangor Wharf and is prominent. A 459-foot red and white radio tower, marked by red aircraft warning lights, is on the wharf 0.3 mile NNE of Bangor Wharf; this tower is also prominent. It is reported that vessels southbound from Hood Canal Bridge can use the towers as a **200.6°** range. Strong currents are in the vicinity of the piers at Keyport Naval Undersea Warfare Engineering Station.

(302) A **naval operating area** is in the S part of Hood Canal. (See **334.1190**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) A **naval exercise area** extends N from the N boundary of the operating area to just off **South Point,** about 2.3 miles NE of Thorndyke Bay.

(303) **Bangor,** a small residential community about 2 miles S of Bangor Wharf, has no facilities.

(304) **Seabeck,** about 6 miles SW of Bangor, is a settlement and resort at the head of **Seabeck Bay,** a small cove on the E shore. A marina, protected by a breakwater awash at high water, is on the S side of the bay. Berths, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, supplies, and a 1½-ton hoist are available. Shoal water extends 0.5 mile from the head of the bay. Good anchorage, well protected from SE to SW weather, is available in the bay in 35 to 50 feet. Shoal water extends more than 200 yards off **Misery Point,** at the W side of the entrance of the bay. A light is about 300 yards NE of Misery Point, and a fish haven is close NW of the light.

(305) **Oak Head,** 2 miles NNE of Misery Point and marked by a light, is the S point of **Toandos Peninsula. Hazel Point,** 1.8 miles ENE of Oak Head, is the turning point where the canal bends sharply from S to SW.

(306) **Fisherman Harbor** is a cove on the S end of Toandos Peninsula, just E of Oak Head. It is very narrow, with a constricted entrance which is practically bare at low water. A sandspit extends partly across the entrance from the W shore.

(307) **Brinnon** is a village on the S side of Dosewallips River, 3.5 miles W of Oak Head, at the entrance of Dabob Bay. It has a general store and service station. Gasoline, water, and ice are available, but there is no landing pier. A log booming ground is close offshore at Brinnon.

(308) **Dabob Bay,** the largest inlet in the canal and separated from it by Toandos Peninsula, extends 9 miles in a N direction. The entrance is between **Tskutsko Point** and **Sylopash Point** just N of the mouth of Dosewallips River. A light is off Tskutsko Point. The W shore of Dabob Bay is particularly steep and bold, reaching an elevation of over 2,600 feet in less than 2 miles from the coast.

(309) A **naval operating area** is in the bay. Unlighted spherical yellow mooring buoys may be temporarily established within the bay. Navy–maintained warning lights are shown from **Whitney Point,** Pulali Point, and Sylopash Point on the W side of the bay, from **Zelatched Point** on the E side of the bay, and on the SE side of Bolton Peninsula on the N side of the bay. Flashing amber lights indicate that naval operations are in progress and all craft should keep well clear of vessels engaged in testing. Flashing red lights will be shown when naval operations close the area to navigation. Craft on the bay during these periods should stop their screws and secure their engines and depth sounders. Mariners are advised to pass no closer than 1 mile of naval vessels engaged in bottom operations unless directed otherwise by radiotelephone or other signal from the shore, picket boat, or surveillance aircraft. (See **334.1190**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(310) A **restricted area** is off Whitney Point. (See **334.1260**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(311) **Quilcene Bay** is a small inlet on the W side of Dabob Bay N of Whitney Point. A light marks the E side of the entrance to the bay. The N half of the bay is filled with flats which bare. This part of the bay has two log booms and log storage areas. An oyster farm is on the E side of the bay just inside the entrance. Floats with mooring buoys evenly spaced along the E edge mark the oyster farm. **Quilcene,** a small town on the W side and near the head of the bay, is about 0.5 mile inland. The town has hotels, restaurants, and stores.

(312) **Quilcene Boat Haven,** is on the W side of the bay about 1.4 miles S of the town. The entrance to the haven is protected by a stone breakwater; mooring floats for over 50 small craft and gasoline are available. The basin has a reported controlling depth of 10 feet. Two oyster farms are near the haven.

(313) **Pleasant Harbor** is a small cove on the W shore of Hood Canal about 3 miles W of Misery Point. It is about 300 yards wide, and has a narrow shallow entrance. Owing to the narrowness of the entrance, boats should keep in midchannel until clear of the 6-foot shoal. Two marinas inside the harbor have berths for about 250 craft, electricity, gasoline, water, ice, and limited marine supplies. Anchorage in about 36 feet, mud bottom

is available inside the harbor. A state park pier is in the harbor.

(314) **Triton Head,** on the W shore, is 8.2 miles SW of Oak Head. It is low, rocky, and timbered, with a reef that bares extending 200 yards N from the point. **Triton Cove** is a small cove formed by the head and the W shore, which affords anchorage for small craft against S winds. Oyster beds, marked by stakes and brush, are about 0.8 mile N from Triton Head on the flat which extends off the mouth of **Fulton Creek.** Two resorts just S of Triton Head have berths, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, dry storage, and marine supplies. Hoists and railways to 10 tons are available, and outboard engine repairs can be made.

Charts 18448, 18476

(315) **Holly** (47°33.5'N.,122°58.6'W.), on the E shore of Hood Canal, is a settlement on the S side of a small bight about 10 miles SW of Oak Head. There are no facilities here. Shoal water extends about 300 yards N and E from the S shore of the bight. **Anderson Cove** is the shallow cove directly N of Holly.

(316) **Eldon** is a W shore settlement on the S bank of **Hamma Hamma River,** about 3 miles SW of Holly. The delta flats of the Hamma Hamma River extend nearly 0.5 mile from shore. Unmarked jetties extend from the river through the flats into Hood Canal and constitute a potential hazard to small craft.

(317) **Lilliwaup** is a village on the S shore of **Lilliwaup Bay,** a small shallow cove on the W shore of Hood Canal about 6 miles SW of Eldon.

(318) About 1 mile S, there is a resort at which berths, electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, and marine supplies are available. A 1½-ton elevator at the resort can handle craft to 19 feet long for hull and engine repairs.

(319) **Dewatto** is a small settlement on the S side of **Dewatto Bay,**a small, shallow cove on the E shore opposite Lilliwaup.

(320) **Hoodsport,** the largest town on Hood Canal, is on the W shore 4 miles SW of Dewatto. It has a State fish hatchery.

(321) **Hoodsport Marina,** with a pier and floats, has depths of 12 feet reported off the end of the pier. Berths, electricity, water, ice, and marine supplies are available. Just N of the marina is a public pier with floats.

(322) **Potlatch** is a small town on the W side of the canal about 2 miles S of Hoodsport and opposite **The Great Bend,** where Hood Canal turns NE. The large gray building of a hydroelectric powerplant, connected to a standpipe on the mountain above by three pipelines, is very prominent on the W shore 0.5 mile S of the town. There is a recreation park and small-craft launching ramp just S of the powerplant.

(323) **Union** is a town with several stores on the S shore of The Great Bend. There are two marinas here; one has a 4-ton hoist that can handle craft to 30 feet long for hull and engine repairs. Both have berths, electricity, gasoline, water, ice, marine supplies, and facilities for making hull and engine repairs. Depths alongside the floats at these marinas are reported sufficient for small craft at all stages of the tide; however, the westernmost of the two marinas should be approached from the NE to avoid shoal water and snags. A large resort in the cove on the S shore 1.3 miles E of Union has a T-pier with a 600-foot face and reported depths of 15 feet alongside. Berths, electricity, and water are available at the resort. A large motel and restaurant are here.

(324) **Annas Bay,** immediately W of Union, is a broad, open bight; the E half is flat and bare at low water. This flat extends about 0.2 mile into the canal immediately W of Union and is formed by the **Skokomish River,** which empties at the head of the bay.

(325) **Tahuya,** a small town on the N shore of The Great Bend 1.8 miles NE of Union, has a resort with a pier and floats, about 0.75 mile W of the town. Electricity, gasoline, water, a 1½-ton hoist, and a launching ramp are available. Reported depths of 2½ feet are off the floats. **Twanoh State Park,** about 6 miles E of Union on the S shore, has three launching ramps and a pier with reported depths of 2½ feet off the end. A small marina, operated during the summer is about 2 miles E of Twanoh State Park on the N shore. A pier with mooring floats, gasoline, and water are available. A float where gasoline is available is about 2.5 miles from the head of Lynch Cove on the N shore, and about 0.5 mile SW is a public pier with floats operated by the **Port of Allyn.** The end of the pier is marked by lights. A reported depth of 10 feet is off the end of the float.

(326) Hood Canal terminates in **Lynch Cove.** Flats, mostly bare at low tide, extend for about 2.2 miles from the head of the cove.

Charts 18446, 18449

(327) **Port Orchard** is an extensive body of water, W of **Bainbridge Island,**15 miles long. Its N end connects with Port Madison through Agate Passage. At its S end Port Orchard connects with Puget Sound through Rich Passage. The depths in the main body of Port Orchard range from 36 to 150 feet with few dangers and these, as a rule, are close inshore. The shores are moderately low and wooded. Villages and numerous cottages line the shores.

Current

(328) Current observations taken in midchannel about 1 mile S of **Tolo** indicate that the tidal current in that locality is very weak.

Chart 18446

(329) **Agate Passage** is the N entrance to Port Orchard and connects it with Port Madison. The channel extends about 1 mile in a SW direction. The depth is about 20 feet. The passage is straight; the shores are wooded and fairly steep-to; the shoreline is mostly rocky and fringed with kelp to Point Bolin. The currents have velocities up to 6 knots; the flood sets SW and the ebb NE.

(330) The passage is obstructed by a shoal, marked by a light, near the middle of the N end with depths of 9 to 10 feet, and there are other depths of 14 to 18 feet almost in midchannel.

(331) The N entrance is marked by a light on the W side of the channel opposite **Agate Point;** a lighted buoy marks the channel through the passage and a light marks a shoal NE of **Point Bolin.**

(332) A fixed highway bridge, 0.7 mile S of Agate Point, has a clearance of 75 feet for a midwidth of 300 feet. Overhead power cables cross the passage on both sides of the bridge; least clearance is 96 feet.

(333) **Liberty Bay** is a narrow inlet extending about 4 miles in a N direction from the NW part of Port Orchard. The SE half of the bay is narrow and tortuous. The shores are low and wooded; the shoreline is mostly sand and gravel. There are mud flats at the head of the bay and in the small bight on the S side of the bay. Mud is the predominating bottom characteristic. The current velocity is 0.8 knot N of Keyport, in the narrow entrance to the bay. Velocities exceeding 1 knot occur at times.

(334) The **Keyport Naval Underwater Warfare Engineering Station (NUWES)** on the W side of the entrance to Liberty Bay has two piers. A seaplane float extends 100 feet NW from the end of the N pier. Mariners are requested not to exceed 5 knots when passing the S pier, and not to exceed 3 knots when passing the N pier. Several buildings are prominent at the station.

(335) A **torpedo test area** extends off the shore between Brownsville and Keyport NUWES. Flashing red lights on Navy range vessels between Keyport and Brownsville and atop a building at the seaward end of the S pier at Keyport NUWES indicate torpedo firings, or that noise measurement tests are in progress, or that conditions are generally hazardous to mariners. When lights are flashing, mariners should not enter the test area. Mariners near the area should stop engines, or other equipment generating underwater noise, such as depth sounders, because some torpedoes are guided by noise and may be attracted to the boat noises. (See **334.1230**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations of the restricted area.)

(336) **Keyport** is on the S side of the passage leading to Liberty Bay. A power cable with a clearance of 90 feet crosses the passage at Keyport. There are two piers with floats that can accommodate about 42 small craft. A store with gasoline pumps is about a half block from the Keyport launching ramp. A marine railway that can handle craft to 42 feet is available for repairs; a 7-ton hoist is also available. Engine and hull repairs and salvage and towing services are available at Keyport.

(337) **Poulsbo,** a fishing and pleasure resort on the E shore at the head of Liberty Bay, is the principal town of the area. The small-craft harbor at Poulsbo, protected on the S and W sides by an angled timbered breakwater, can accommodate about 400 fishing boats and pleasure craft. The breakwater is well marked by private lights. Piers and floats are in the harbor; depths are about 12 feet at the outer floats. The NE float, parallel to the shore, is use by seaplanes. Electricity, water, ice, a launching ramp, a pump-out facility, a marine railway to 30 tons, a 50-foot tidal grid, and hull and engine repairs are available at the basin. A yacht club and a restaurant are here. The stores of the town business district are nearby, and all types of supplies may be obtained. A tall church steeple on the hill NE of the harbor is prominent.

(338) Oysters are cultivated on the flats at the head of the bay. There is an oyster company plant about 0.6 mile SE of the Poulsbo. A covered rock is about 175 yards SE of the oyster wharf. A marina immediately S of the oyster company plant offers berths with electricity for about 140 small craft; a 30-ton marine railway and engine repairs are available.

(339) **Manzanita** is a settlement on the W side of Bainbridge Island in a small cove about 2 miles S from Agate Passage. **Manzanita Bay,** S of the town, affords an excellent anchorage for small craft in 27 feet, mud bottom. There are several private wharves and floats in the bay. Caution is urged to avoid rows of submerged piling on each side of the bay, about midway in from the entrance.

(340) **Battle Point,** a sandy spit on the E side of Port Orchard about 1.7 miles S of Point Bolin, marks the turn in the direction of the channel from SW to S. A light is off the end of the spit.

(341) **Brownsville,** on the W shore of Port Orchard, is on the N shore of **Burke Bay,** about 1.2 miles SW of Battle Point. Brownsville has a marina with berths for about 250 vessels. Transient berths are available. The reported depth alongside is 8 feet. Electricity, gasoline,

diesel fuel, water, ice, and supplies are available. The marina has a marine railway that can handle craft for hull and engine repairs up to 26 feet. The **harbormaster's** office is on the second floor of the town store. All of Burke Bay bares, but it may be entered by small craft at about half tide.

Chart 18449

(342) **Illahee** is a small settlement on the W shore of Port Orchard about 3.0 miles S of Battle Point. The town has a wharf and stores. A fish haven, marked by buoys and extending about 140 feet from the outer end of the wharf, provides marine habitat improvement for scuba diving and public fishing; mariners are advised to use caution. About 1 mile S of Illahee at **Illahee State Park** is a public pier with floats for small craft and a launching ramp. A rock awash was reported about 50 yards SE of the pier in about 47°35'59.8"N., 122°35'32.1"W.; caution is advised in the area.

(343) **Fletcher Bay** is a village on the E shore of Port Orchard about 1.2 miles S of Battle Point. Small boats can enter the bay at three-quarter tide and find anchorage in 12 feet, mud bottom; the swinging area is limited. The bar across the entrance bares at half tide.

(344) The E and principal approach to Port Orchard from Puget Sound is S of Bainbridge Island through Rich Passage, between Restoration Point and Blake Island. It is deep and almost free from dangers, except for **Bainbridge Reef,** covered 35 to 55 feet, and currents in the constricted W part of Rich Passage. Bainbridge Reef is marked at the SW end by a lighted buoy.

(345) **Orchard Point,** the S point at the entrance to Rich Passage, is marked by a light and fog signal. A **general anchorage** is in the vicinity of the point. (See **110.1 and 110.230**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(346) **Rich Passage** is about 3 miles long, with a sharp bend near its W end, where it narrows to 0.2 mile. **Orchard Rocks,** some 400 yards in extent, are on the N side of the channel just inside the E entrance. A small area near the center of the reef, which uncovers, is marked by a daybeacon. The rocks are marked off their S end by a lighted buoy. The reef off **Point Glover** is marked by a light and fog signal. **Waterman Point,** at the W entrance, is marked by a light and fog signal. A light marks the S edge of the shoal extending from **Point White,** the N point at the W entrance. The town of **Waterman** has a pier and float in deep water about 1 mile SW of Waterman Point.

Currents

(347) Continuous observations in midchannel between Point Glover and Point White and at other points in the passage indicate that: Current velocities increase from E to W in Rich Passage reaching a maximum average velocity of 2.4 knots on the flood and 3.1 knots on the ebb at the W end off Point White. The strongest observed currents were 4 knots on the flood and 5 knots on the ebb. Ferry pilots on the regular daily run between Seattle and Bremerton advised that on rare occasions they have experienced ebb currents of "at least" 6 knots in the vicinity of Light 10.

(348) Near the time of slack, the average period when the velocity does not exceed 0.2 knot is about 20 minutes. For strong currents these periods will be decreased; for weak currents they will be increased.

(349) In the channel off Orchard Point, at the E end of Rich Passage, the velocity of the flood is 0.8 knot and on the ebb, 1.1 knots. Off Pleasant Beach the velocity of the flood is 1.3 knots and on the ebb, 2.8 knots.

(350) On the flood, the lines of stream flow are nearly uniform except off the bight just NW of Middle Point and in the large cove on the N shore opposite Point Glover. Eddies do form in those two places, but they do not extend outward to the usual vessel track. On the ebb, however, extensive eddies and countercurrents do occur, owing to the funnel-shaped configuration of the passage.

(351) Between Middle Point and Point Glover, an extensive eddy extends from shore almost to midchannel, and will frequently be encountered by vessels on the track between Orchard Rocks and Point Glover buoys.

(352) An eddy fills the cove on the N shore opposite Point Glover, but does not extend outward to the vessel track.

(353) An eddy occurs about 0.2 mile SSW of Point White and a little N of midchannel at the W entrance to the passage. A weak countercurrent occurs inshore along the SE side of Point White.

(354) These eddies and countercurrents on the ebb greatly diminish the effective width of the passage, and so increase the velocities in the channel.

(355) Mariners unfamiliar with the area should not attempt to navigate Port Orchard, and particularly Rich Passage, in thick weather because of the strong tidal currents. In clear weather, however, the navigation of these waters presents no unusual difficulty.

Caution

(356) Rich Passage, because of activities of the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, has a large volume of traffic. Many ferries a day each way, tugs with hawser tows, and various types of naval craft, all contribute to create a considerable collision hazard in the passage, particularly at the sharp bend off Point Glover. Strong tidal conditions prevail in this vicinity, and deep-draft outbound vessels making the sharp turn may be unavoidably set well over toward the E shore, necessitating a

two-blast, starboard-to-starboard meeting with inbound vessels. Vessels approaching Point Glover from either direction should sound one long blast when within 0.5 mile of the point as a warning to any vessel approaching from the opposite direction.

(357) **Fort Ward,** formerly a military post and now a State park on Bainbridge Island, is near the E entrance to Rich Passage, just inside Beans Point. There is a wharf here built out to 18 feet. A fish pen off the end of the wharf is marked by private lights. An aquaculture site, marked by private lights, is about 300 yards SSW of the wharf in about 47°34'30.5"N., 122°31'29.5"W. A rocky patch covered 11 feet, 150 yards S of the wharf, is dangerous to vessels approaching from southward. A radio tower just NE of Fort Ward and a large white house on **Beans Point** are prominent from the E end of Rich Passage.

Chart 18452

(358) **Sinclair Inlet**, site of the city of Bremerton and the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, is entered from Rich Passage and Port Orchard on the E, and Port Washington Narrows on the N. The inlet is 3.5 miles long, extending in a WSW direction from **Point Herron,** which is at the junction of Port Washington Narrows and Port Orchard. The point is marked by a light and fog signal. Several Navy-maintained unlighted mooring buoys, used at times by unlighted craft, are in Sinclair Inlet. Mariners are advised to exercise caution at night.

(359) **East Bremerton** is the community back of Point Herron, on the E side of the Port Washington Narrows entrance. The fixed highway bridge crossing the narrows here has a clearance of 82 feet.

(360) Sinclair Inlet is a **naval restricted area.** (See **334.1240,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(361) **Annapolis** is a village on the S shore of Sinclair Inlet directly S of Point Herron. A foot pier extends out to a float which is used by a passenger ferry between the village and Bremerton. E of the ferry pier is a public float and launching ramp. The float grounds at low water. The buildings of a veterans' home on the bluff above the town are prominent.

(362) A flat that bares extends about 0.2 mile from shore in the bight between Annapolis and Port Orchard.

(363) The town of **Port Orchard** is on the S shore about 0.5 mile W of Annapolis. It has a ferry pier, float landing, and a marina. Passenger ferry service is maintained with Bremerton every 15 minutes from 1600 to 2400 daily. A marina, protected on the W, N, and E sides by a floating breakwater, is just W of the ferry pier. The entrance is at the NW corner and is marked by private lights. There are covered and open berths for about 600 small craft. A yacht club has its moorings just inside the W breakwater. Transient berths for small-craft to about 40 feet are on the E side of the marina; larger transient craft can moor on the inside or outside of the N and E parts of the breakwater. Electricity, water, gasoline, diesel fuel, and pumpout facilities are at the marina; the stores of the town business district are nearby and all types of supplies may be obtained.

(364) A marina and boatyard are on the W side of town; water, ice, limited marine supplies, and diesel fuel are available. The yard has a marine railway that can handle craft up to 75 feet and a floating drydock with a 25-ton capacity. Hull and engine repairs can be done at the boatyard; a machine shop and carpentry shop are available. Port Orchard Yacht Club has its moorings W of the boatyard. A floating breakwater in ruins, a wreck, and other sunken debris are about 75 yards off the ends of the Yacht Club floats. Another marina and boatyard, just W of Port Orchard Yacht Club, can accommodate about 25 vessels. A mobile hoist with a 30-ton capacity can handle craft up to 55 feet. Electricity, gasoline, water, and limited marine supplies are available at the marina.

(365) A marina and boatyard, about 1.5 miles W of Port Orchard, has berths for about 50 fishing boats and small craft. Electricity, gasoline, water, and limited marine supplies are available. The boatyard has three marine railways, the largest of which can handle craft to 30 tons for hull repairs.

(366) **Puget Sound Naval Shipyard** occupies most of the N shore of the inlet. The hammerhead crane near the offshore end of Pier 6 of the yard is one of the most conspicuous objects from any direction. The ends of Pier 4, Pier 5, and Pier 6 are equipped with radar reflectors.

(367) Navy Drydock No. 6 is one of the largest in the world. Its inside dimensions are 1,152 feet long, 165 feet wide at the entrance measured 6 feet over sill, and 53 feet over the sill at mean high water. This facility was built to accommodate the largest supercarrier. When not committed to Navy use, and under certain conditions, the drydock may be used by other ships that are too large for commercial docks.

(368) **Bremerton** adjoins the shipyard, and most of the city's business and affairs are keyed to the needs of the Navy establishment. The city limits include East Bremerton and Point Herron. Frequent ferry service connects with Seattle. Floats for small craft are adjacent to the N ferry slip.

Chart 18449

(369) **Port Washington Narrows**, 3 miles long, joins Sinclair and Dyes Inlets. Tidal currents in the narrows

attain velocities in excess of 4 knots at times. (See Tidal Current Tables and Tidal Current Charts for detailed information.)

(370) There are a number of petroleum distribution facilities with storage tanks and receiving wharves along the W shore of Port Washington Narrows between the S bridge over the narrows and Phinney Bay.

(371) Two fixed highway bridges and two power cables cross the narrows. The Bremerton-East Bremerton Bridge, the S bridge, has a clearance of 82 feet. The easternmost support of the bridge has a large concrete footing around the base of the support and is marked by a danger sign. It is reported to be submerged at high tide and considered to be a hazard to navigation. A power cable with a clearance of 90 feet is about 0.3 mile N of the bridge, and a second power cable with a clearance of 80 feet is close E of the N highway bridge. The N bridge has a clearance of 80 feet.

(372) **Anderson Cove** is a small bight on the S shore about 1.5 miles above the East Bremerton Bridge. The cove is shoal; however, it has several private piers and a public launching ramp. A small-craft moorage is 250 yards E of Anderson Cove. Oil wharves are on both sides of the moorage.

(373) **Phinney Bay,** 0.8 mile long, makes into the W shore near the N end of the narrows. Bremerton Yacht Club has its moorage with floats on the W side of the bay. **Rocky Point** is on the W side of the N entrance of the narrows. There are tide rips off this point.

(374) **Dyes Inlet** extends about 3 miles NNW from the N end of the narrows to the village of **Silverdale** on the W side of the head of the inlet. The inlet is used by fishing boats and pleasure craft. There are several villages and many houses on its shores. A dock, mooring floats, and limited marine supplies are available. Some local fishing boats are hauled out by crane for repairs. The village of **Tracyton** is on the E shore just N of the narrows. The village has a public boat launching ramp.

(375) **Chico** is a small residential town on the SW side of Dyes Inlet, close W of Chico Bay; the log dump wharf here is in ruins.

(376) **Ostrich Bay** is an inlet in the SW part of Dyes Inlet. A covered rock is reported in Ostrich Bay 500 yards S of **Elwood Point** inside the breakwater extending S of the point.

(377) That part of the W shore of Ostrich Bay extending about 0.5 mile S from Elwood Point is an annex of the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. The wharves and shops are no longer used and are in ruins.

(378) A depth of 6 feet can be carried from Ostrich Bay into **Oyster Bay** on midchannel courses. There is 4 feet or more in Oyster Bay.

Charts 18448, 18449, 18474

(379) **East Passage**, on the E side of Vashon and Maury Islands, extends from Alki Point SSE for 12.5 miles to Robinson Point, and thence SW for 6 miles to Browns Point. The waters throughout are deep and free from dangers, which in no case extend as much as 0.5 mile from shore.

(380) **Fauntleroy Cove,** 3.5 miles S of Alki Point, is the site of the landing for the automobile ferry plying from there to Vashon Heights and Point Southworth.

Anchorage

(381) A **general anchorage** is on the W side of the passage in the bight included between Orchard Point and Point Southworth and protected on the E side by Blake Island. (See **110.1 and 110.230**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(382) Several settlements and resort villages are along the shores of Yukon Harbor; mostly fishermen and pleasure boaters use these waterfront facilities. **Manchester** has a short wharf with a float landing and a launching ramp. Two large wharves, one on the S side of **Middle Point** and the other on the S side of **Orchard Point,** are included in the oil storage area of the Puget Sound U.S. Naval Supply Center. **Harper,** a mile WNW of Point Southworth, is the site of a former ferry pier now in ruins. The ferry from Seattle, Fauntleroy, and Vashon Island docks at the slip on Point Southworth.

(383) **Blake Island,** about 1 mile long, 249 feet high, and covered with trees, is off the N entrance to Colvos Passage. Heavy tide rips, strongest with a flood current, and strong S winds are encountered at the N entrance to Colvos Passage S of Blake Island. Shallow, irregular bottom extends about 0.5 mile off the N shore of the island. A light is on the NE point of the island. Just S of the NE point of the island are the ruins of a wharf. A State marine park small-craft basin, protected by a breakwater, is at the NE end of the island. The entrance to the basin is marked by a private light and daybeacons. A pump-out station is available.

(384) **Yukon Harbor,** about 2 miles SW of Blake Island, affords anchorage in 30 to 50 feet, with protection from S winds; much of the head of the harbor bares at low tides.

(385) **Vashon Island** is 11 miles long in a N direction. **Maury Island,** actually a peninsula of Vashon Island at its SE extremity, is connected to it by a highway on a narrow neck of land. Maury Island is about 5 miles long.

(386) On these islands the land is of moderate rolling elevation and in places rugged, and most of the country is heavily wooded. The islands have numerous orchards

and houses. There is some farming, and cattle and poultry are raised. The transmitting towers of Seattle broadcasting stations are on the islands; two groups of towers are on Vashon Island and two on Maury Island. The shores on all sides have numerous settlements. The county wharves, formerly used to ship farm produce, are no longer kept in repair, and shipments are now by truck.

(387) **Point Vashon,** the NW tip of Vashon Island, is 305 feet high, steep, and wooded. Shoal water extends 0.2 mile N from the point and nearly as far along the N shore as **Dolphin Point,** 1 mile E. A light is 300 yards N of Point Vashon.

(388) **Vashon Heights Landing,** 0.5 mile ESE of Point Vashon, has a combination ferry slip and landing wharf built out to 14 feet. An automobile ferry runs to Point Southworth and Fauntleroy.

(389) The tall radio towers of station KOMO are on Point Beals. The town of **Vashon** is on high land 1.5 miles SW of Point Beals.

(390) A **159°58'-339°58' measured nautical mile** is E of Point Beals. The range markers are steel towers with round orange targets.

(391) **Three Tree Point,** about 7.8 miles S of Alki Point, is a sharp low spit, projecting 300 yards from the high land which in 1 mile rises to an elevation of 430 feet. On the low part of the point is a grassy knoll, 30 feet high, with several trees on it. A light and fog signal are on the point.

(392) **Tramp Harbor,** formed by the easternmost part of Vashon Island and the N end of Maury Island, has shoal water extending about 0.2 mile out from shore along its entire length. It is bounded on the N by **Point Heyer,** a sandspit behind which the ground rises rapidly. A shoal extends 0.2 mile SE from the point. A radio tower on this point is about 450 feet high. A private buoy marks a fish haven off Point Heyer.

(393) **Portage** is a village extending over both sides of the low isthmus that connects Vashon and Maury Islands. Two radio towers about 526 feet high are 0.6 mile S of the isthmus, and three other radio towers are one mile SE of the isthmus.

(394) There is a large small-craft marina at **Des Moines,** about 4 miles SE of Three Tree Point. A 2,200-foot rock breakwater, marked by a light at each end, offers shelter for over 700 craft in depths ranging from a reported 13 feet at the entrance to 10 feet at the S end. Electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, pumpout station, wet and dry storage, and marine supplies are available. Two 40-ton sling-type launchers are at the harbor.

(395) **Robinson Point,** the easternmost end of Maury Island and the major turning point in the passage, is a low spit projecting 140 yards from the wooded high land. **Robinson Point Light** (47°23'17"N., 122°22'28"W.), 40 feet above the water, is shown from a 38-foot white octagonal tower on the point; a fog signal is at the station.

(396) There are two barge-loading berths at the gravel pits about 1 mile SW of Robinson Point. Conveyors load the barges. The gravel pits are prominent from the S end of East Passage. These facilities are the only commercial wharves on Vashon and Maury Islands, except for oil receiving wharves.

(397) **Redondo,** on **Poverty Bay,** about 6.8 miles SSE of Three Tree Point, is a suburban village. **Dumas Bay,** 2 miles W of Redondo, has a small wharf which bares alongside at low water.

(398) **Quartermaster Harbor** extends 5 miles NNE between the S parts of Vashon and Maury Islands, opposite Commencement Bay. Its shores are low and wooded, with numerous clearings, and several landings and private piers.

(399) Quartermaster Harbor affords excellent anchorage about 2 miles inside the entrance in 5 to 10 fathoms, muddy bottom. The harbor is easy of access, and a midchannel course may be followed with safety.

(400) A shoal just inside the entrance, between **Neill Point** and **Piner Point,** extends 300 yards from the E shore and is marked by a buoy. In an area just N of Neill Point, shoal spots extend 400 yards offshore, covered 2¼ to 2¾ fathoms. Depths of 4¼ fathoms are near midchannel W of **Manzanita,** and also near midchannel W of Dockton.

(401) Many settlements and summer resorts are along the shores of the harbor, but the landing wharves, for the most part, are in disrepair.

(402) **Burton** is a town on **Burton Peninsula** which projects E from the W side about 3 miles from the entrance. The town has several stores and some marine supplies are available. There are numerous private mooring buoys in the harbor.

(403) An oil-receiving wharf and storage tanks are on the W side of the harbor about 0.7 mile N of Burton at the mouth of Judd Creek. The storage tanks are on the hill N of the harbor.

(404) **Dockton,** in the bight on the E side about 2.5 miles from the entrance, is a village with a store. A County Park is on the E side of the bight. The park has a dock with several piers.

(405) In the upper part of the harbor, N of the Burton Peninsula, are several private wharves and floats.

(406) **Colvos Passage,** on the W side of Vashon Island, extends about 11 miles in a general S direction, with an average width of 1 mile. The passage is free of dangers. The N entrance is about 4.5 miles SW of Alki Point, and the S entrance is abreast Point Defiance. The passage is used principally by tugs hauling logs for the sawmills.

A midchannel course can be followed with safety. The passage is marked by lights.

(407) The current in Colvos Passage favors a N set, and at times advantage is taken of this fact by vessels bound from Tacoma to Seattle. The current in the middle of Dalco Passage and along the SW shore of Commencement Bay sets W or NW almost continuously.

(408) To obtain full advantage of the peculiar currents in Colvos Passage and connecting waterways, use should be made of the Tidal Current Charts, Puget Sound, Southern Part.

(409) **Point Southworth,** on the W side of the N entrance, is high and wooded. A ferry slip is 0.2 mile NW of the point. An automobile ferry runs to Fauntleroy and Vashon Heights.

(410) **Fragaria** and **Olalla,** on the W shore of Colvos Passage, are small residential communities. Only isolated piling remain of their former wharves. A rock which bares at half tide is 400 yards N of the former wharf at Olalla. Olalla has a small-craft float landing and a general store. Gasoline, water, ice, and some marine supplies are available.

(411) **Cove** and **Lisabeula,** on the E shore, are summer resort areas. There are no facilities at either area. The wharf at Cove is in ruins. Several pilings, formerly used as moorings for log rafts, are adjacent to the wharf. Lisabeula consists of a single waterfront resort with no facilities for small craft.

(412) **Tahlequah** is a small residential community on the S shore of Vashon Island between Neill Point and Point Dalco. A ferry operates between Tahlequah and Tacoma. A marina with a 280-foot pier is just N of the ferry slip. Berths, gasoline, water, and ice are available.

(413) **Gig Harbor** is an inlet about 1 mile long on the W side of the S entrance to Colvos Passage abreast Point Defiance. A private light is on the S end of the sandspit, at the E side of the entrance, which makes out for 220 yards and constricts the entrance to less than 100 yards wide. A narrow 10-foot channel in the middle has currents of considerable velocity. Inside the entrance the basin has from 4 to 6 fathoms. The surrounding land, partially cleared of timber, slopes gently toward the shores and is thickly settled.

(414) The town of **Gig Harbor** extends along the W shore and the head of the harbor. It is the home port of many pleasure craft and fishing boats. The town has a boatyard with three marine railways and one crane. The larger of the three railways can handle craft to 150 tons for hull and engine repairs. There are many private piers and wharves, including one gasoline float. There are many marinas here. Berths, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, launching ramps, and marine supplies are available in the harbor. Most of the pleasure craft moor at one of the marinas at the head of the harbor.

(415) On entering Gig Harbor, hold midway between the spit on the E side and the W shore until just inside the entrance. Then swing right toward the E shore until past the short spit extending from the W shore, and steer a course just S of midchannel into the harbor.

Chart 18453

(416) **Dash Point**, the E entrance of Commencement Bay, and the village of **Dash Point** are 1 mile NE of Browns Point. There is a restaurant at the foot of the long pier which extends out from the N side of the point to a depth of 20 feet.

(417) **Point Defiance,** the W entrance of Commencement Bay, terminates in a very prominent dirt bluff, 160 feet high. A light and fog signal are just W of the point. **Point Defiance Park** is wooded for 1 mile from the end of the point.

(418) **Commencement Bay** entrance lies 18 miles S of Alki Point and 56 miles S of Point Wilson. The bay is about 2.5 miles in length, easy of access, and free of dangers. Log storage grounds are off the NE shore of the bay.

(419) **Tacoma,** the second city in size and importance on the sound, occupies the S and SW shores of Commencement Bay, and its residential area has grown N into Seattle's S suburbs, and to Steilacoom on the SW.

(420) The **Port of Tacoma** is a rapidly expanding major port, second only to Seattle in maritime importance on Puget Sound. Its exports include lumber and other wood products, grain, refined metals, machinery, general and containerized cargo; imports include alumina, and refined steel, automobiles, electronic equipment, rubber, and meat. Much of the Alaska trade originates here.

Prominent features

(421) On entering Commencement Bay, either from the N via East Passage or Colvos Passage or from the S via The Narrows and Dalco Passage, Dash Point, Browns Point, and Point Defiance are prominent. **Browns Point Light** (47°18'22"N., 122°26'35"W.), 38 feet above the water, is shown from a 31-foot white tower on Browns Point; a fog signal is at the light. Once inside the bay numerous stacks, tanks and towers are visible.

(422) A **132°05' - 312°05' measured nautical mile** is along the SW shore of the bay about midway between Ruston and Tacoma.

(423) A fishing reef, marked by private buoys, is along the SW shore of the bay about midway between Ruston and Tacoma. A fish haven, covered 21 feet, is just N of the public pier at the N end of Tacoma.

(424) From the NE corner of Commencement Bay, the city waterfront extends NW to within 1.5 miles of Point Defiance. Along here are numerous industrial plants with wharves to accommodate vessels drawing 30 feet or more.

(425) **Thea Foss Waterway** is the westernmost of the channels at the head of the bay. A light and fog signal are on the E side of the entrance. A Federal project provides for depths of 29 feet in Thea Foss Waterway to the South 11th Street Bridge, thence 22 feet for 0.2 mile, thence 19 feet to the head of the project. Maintenance work is done when required on this waterway. Two deep-draft oil handling wharves and many oil storage tanks are on the E side.

(426) There are two bridges over the waterway. The South 11th Street vertical lift bridge, 0.5 mile from the entrance to the waterway, has a clearance of 64 feet down and 139 feet up. A fixed highway bridge near the head of the waterway has a clearance of 28 feet (36 feet at the center).

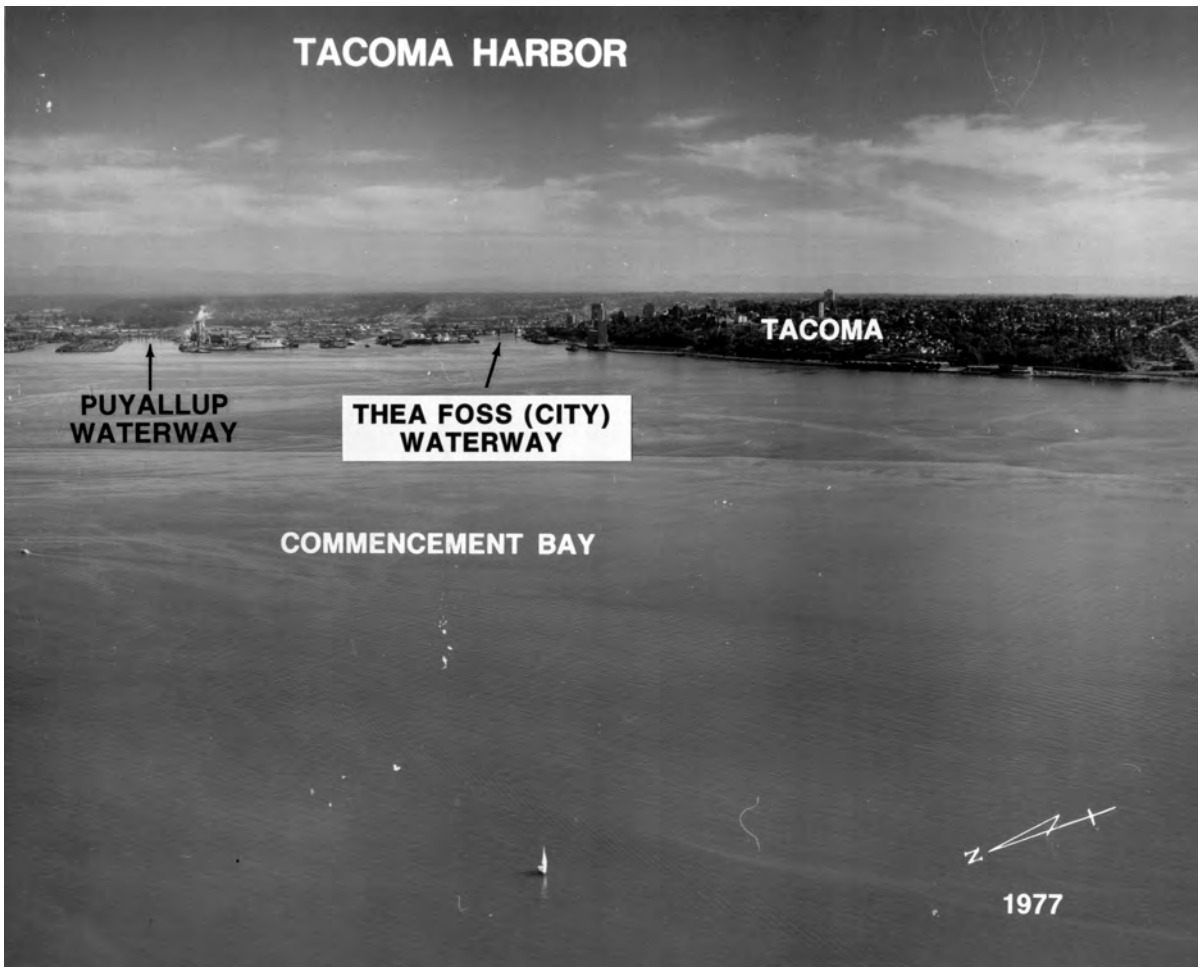
(427) **Middle Waterway,** NE of Thea Foss Waterway, and **St. Paul Waterway,** NE of Middle Waterway, are not Federal projects. The inner parts of both waterways have shoaled and are not navigable. For about the outer 400 yards of each waterway, there are depths of 25 to 34 feet, but there is no deep-draft traffic. St. Paul Waterway is used for log storage by the large papermill which occupies the land on the NE side.

(428) **Puyallup Waterway,** NE of St. Paul Waterway, discharges the water of **Puyallup River.** The waterway has shoaled to such an extent that it cannot be used commercially. A lighted buoy marks a shoal area extending about 500 yards NW of the entrance. A pipeline bridge, 0.8 mile above the mouth, has a clearance of 13 feet. A fixed highway bridge, just below the pipeline bridge, has a clearance of 29 feet.

(429) **Milwaukee Waterway,** NE of Puyallup Waterway, has depths of 25 feet at the entrance and 30 feet or more inside, but is not a Federal project.

(430) **Sitcum Waterway,** NE of Milwaukee Waterway, has depths of 37.2 to 43.1 feet; it is not a Federal project. The Port of Tacoma's Pier 7 is on the E side. A private light is just off the NW end of Pier 7; it marks the NE side of the entrance to Sitcum Waterway.

(431) The next two channels to the NE of Sitcum Waterway, **Blair Waterway** and **Hylebos Waterway,** are maintained as Federal projects. A lighted buoy is off a shoal on the N side of the entrance and a private light is on



the S side at the NW end of Pier 25; these aids mark the entrance to Hylebos Waterway. The entrance to Blair Waterway is marked by a directional light on the NE side and a private lighted buoy on the SW side. Project depths in Hylebos Waterway are 30 feet in the waterway and basins. Project depths in Blair Waterway are 30 feet in the Southern Section and 35 feet in the rest of the waterway and basins. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of charts for controlling depths.)

(432) The 11th Street bascule bridge over Hylebos Waterway has a clearance of 21 feet. (See **117.1 through 117.59 and 117.1061,** chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 16 and works on channel 13. Call signs: KZN-574, Hylebos Bridge. A power cable at the bridge has a clearance of 173 feet.

(433) **Security zones** are in the Sitcum Waterway and Blair Waterway areas. (See **165.1 through 165.8, 165.30 and 165.1321**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Anchorage

(434) A **general anchorage** is off the N shore of Commencement Bay. (See **110.1 and 110.230,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) The depths elsewhere in the bay, as a rule, are too great for convenient anchorage.

(435) City regulations permit anchorage in any part of the bay outside the harbor lines so as not to interfere with vessels arriving or departing from their docks.

Tides and currents

(436) The mean range of tide at Tacoma is 8.1 feet, and the diurnal range of tide is 11.8 feet. A range of about 19 feet may occur at the time of maximum tides. The tidal currents in the harbor have little velocity, except in Hylebos Waterway where the NOAA Ship **McARTHUR** reported estimated currents of up to 2 knots in 1994.

Pilotage, Tacoma

(437) Pilotage is compulsory for all vessels except those under enrollment or engaged exclusively in the coasting trade on the W coast of the continental United States (including Alaska) and/or British Columbia. Pilotage for Puget Sound is provided by the Puget Sound

Pilots. (See Pilotage, Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound, indexed as such, chapter 12 for details.)

Towage

(438) Tugs up to 3,000 hp are available at Tacoma, and larger tugs may be obtained from Seattle. Arrangements should be made in advance through ships' agents.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(439) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(440) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

(441) Tacoma is a **customs port of entry.**

Harbor regulation

(442) Harbor regulations are administered by the **harbormaster,** whose headquarters are at the fire station at 901 South Fawcett Street. The general offices of the Port of Tacoma are in the Tacoma Building at the corner of 11th and A Streets; the Port of Tacoma terminal offices are at Pier 2.

Speed

(443) A city ordinance prohibits speeds in excess of 5 knots on any of the waterways and within 200 yards of any shore or pier in the harbor.

Wharves

(444) The Port of Tacoma has more than 30 deep-draft piers and wharves located on Hylebos, Blair, Sitcum, and Thea Foss Waterways and along the S shore of Commencement Bay. The port-owned properties consist of the Port Industrial Yard, the 160-acre area between Blair and Hylebos Waterways NW of 11th Street, and its deep-draft piers; the 3,600-acre Port Industrial Development District, which includes the entire waterfronts of Blair and Hylebos Waterways above 11th Street; and the Marine Terminal facilities between Blair and Sitcum Waterways below 11th Street. The terminal facilities include some 23 deepwater berths ranging in depth from 35 to 65 feet. In addition to the port-owned properties, the harbor has numerous privately owned piers and wharves and many barge facilities.

(445) Only the major deep-draft facilities are described. For a complete description of the port facilities refer to Port Series No. 35, published and sold by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (See appendix for address.) The alongside depths are reported. (For information on the latest depths contact the Port of Tacoma general office or the individual operators.) All the facilities described have direct highway connections, and most have plant trackage with railroad connections. Water and electrical shore power connections are available at about 80 percent of the wharves. General cargo is usually handled by ships' tackle. Special handling equipment, if available, is mentioned in the description of the particular facility. The Port of Tacoma operates its own belt line railroad with switching connections to two major railroads and has a 200-ton mobile crane and a 300-ton floating crane.

Port of Tacoma facilities:

Facilities on Blair Waterway:

(446) **Terminal 4** (47°16'22"N., 122°24'18"W.): W side of Blair Waterway just below East 11th Street, 1,900-foot berthing space, 50 feet alongside; deck height, 18 feet; 75 acres open storage; six 50 to 66-ton straight-line cranes; rail service with 10-car capacity; receipt and shipment of general and containerized cargo; operated by the Port of Tacoma.

(447) **Blair Waterway Log Terminal**: W side of Blair Waterway, 1.8 miles above the entrance to the waterway; 1,200-foot berthing space, 50 feet alongside; deck height, 22 feet; 10 acres open log storage and sorting area; lift equipment required, receipt and shipment of fabricated structure; operated by Port of Tacoma.

(448) **Pierce County Terminal**: S end of the upper turning basin on Blair Waterway; 1,400-foot berthing space, 50 feet alongside; deck height, 22 feet; one 60-ton traveling gantry crane; 100,000 square feet covered storage, 147 acres paved, open storage area; receipt and shipment of general cargo; receipt of automobiles, lumber, military equipment, and heavy lift items; rail spurs on pier, adjacent the warehouse and in auto storage areas; operated by Port of Tacoma.

(449) **Weyerhaeuser Wood Chip Terminal** (47°15'42"N., 122°23'01"W.): 805 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 50 feet alongside; deck height, 20 feet; belt-conveyor with loading rate of 1,000 tons per hour; 25 acres of open storage for 100,000 tons with rail access, 32-car capacity storage/siding; shipment of wood chips; operated by Weyerhaeuser Co.

(450) **Georgia-Pacific Gypsum Terminal** (47°16'02"N., 122°23'29"W.): 220-foot face; 580 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 50 feet alongside; deck height, 18 feet; belt conveyor with unloading rate of 2,000 tons per hour; covered storage for 40,000 tons of gypsum rock; receipt of gypsum rock by self-unloading vessels; operated by Georgia-Pacific Gypsum.

(451) **Totem Ocean Trailer Express (TOTE) Terminal** (47°16'29"N., 122°24'14"W.): 620-foot face; two dolphin piers, 620-foot face and 1,000 foot-face; 50 feet alongside; 33 acres open storage; receipt and shipment of

roll-on/roll-off cargo; operated by Totem Ocean Trailer Express (TOTE).

Facilities on Sitcum Waterway:

(452) **Terminal 7** (47°16'06"N., 122°24'48"W.): 2,700-foot berthing space; 39 feet alongside two inner berths, A and B, 45 feet alongside Berth C and 50 feet alongside outer berth, Berth D; deck heights, 18 feet; 198,400 square feet covered storage; three 40-ton traveling gantry cranes, one bulk-loading crane, rate 750 tons per hour, container cranes to 60 tons, alumina loadout facility which transports alumina ore to one of two storage domes, capacities of 50,000 and 100,000 tons, serves Berth C; receipt of alumina, receipt and shipment of general, roll-on/roll-off, and containerized cargo; operated by Port of Tacoma, Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corp.

Facilities on SW side of Commencement Bay:

(453) **Continental Grain Wharf** (47°15'59"N., 122°26'35"W.): 910 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 65 feet alongside; deck height, 19½ feet; 3-million-bushel grain elevator; loading rate, 80,000 bushels per hour; shipment of grain; operated by Continental Grain Co.

Private facilities:

Facilities on Hylebos Waterway:

(454) **Occidental Chemical Corp., Docks 1 and 2** (47°16'49"N., 122°24'08"W.): 940-foot usable berthing space with dolphins, 32 feet alongside; deck heights, 19 feet; pipelines extend from wharves to storage tanks; at wharf 1, a hopper for receiving bulk salt serves a conveyor system extending to storage area of 70,000-ton capacity, unloading rate 900 tons per hour; storage tanks for 37,000 barrels of fuel oil and 4 million gallons of caustic soda; receipt of fuel oil for plant consumption and bulk salt; shipment of industrial chemical and caustic soda; receipt and shipment of liquid caustic soda, chlorine, and brine solutions; owned and operated by Occidental Chemical Corp.

(455) **PRI Northwest Wharf**: W side 500 yards NW of 11th Street Bridge; 500 feet of berthing space with dolphins, including adjacent U.S. Naval Reserve Wharf; 30 to 31 feet alongside; deck heights, 12 to 18 feet; storage tanks with a 80,000-barrel capacity; receipt and shipment of petroleum products; owned and operated by PRI Northwest Inc.

(456) **Sound Refining Dock** (47°16'33"N., 122°23'03"W.): 770 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 30 feet alongside; deck height, 19 feet; storage tanks with a 600,000-barrel capacity; receipt and shipment of petroleum products; owned and operated by Sound Refining Inc.

(457) **Pennwalt Corp. Wharf** (47°16'09"N., 122°22'24"W.): 740 feet of berthing space with dolphins, 30 feet alongside, deck height, 18 feet; conveyors extend from wharf to a 60,000-ton open storage area, storage tanks for 2.2 million gallons of caustic soda and 27,000 barrels of fuel oil; receipt of salt, bulk chemicals, and fuel oil for plant consumption, and shipment of caustic soda and liquid chemicals; owned and operated by Pennwalt Corp.

(458) **General Metals Wharf** (47°16'05"N., 122°22'09"W.): 1,155-foot berthing space with dolphins, 15 to 30 feet alongside, two 40-ton and one 50-ton gantry crane; shipment of scrap metal; owned and operated by General Metals of Tacoma Inc. Note: the company prefers vessels to moor starboardside-to.

(459) **Weyerhaeuser Co., Tacoma Export Yard Dock**: SW side of upper turning basin on Hylebos Waterway; 1,100-foot berthing space with dolphins, 39 feet alongside deck height, 19 feet; 18 acres open log storage and sorting yard; lift trucks to 60 tons; shipment of logs; owned and operated by Weyerhaeuser Co.

Facilities on Blair Waterway:

(460) **U.S. Oil and Refining Co. Dock 1** (47°16'01"N., 122°23'47"W.): 645-foot berthing space with dolphins, 27 to 40 feet alongside, deck height, 18 feet; storage tanks with a 2.1-million-barrel capacity; receipt and shipment of petroleum products; owned and operated by U.S. Oil and Refining Co.

(461) **Tacoma Lime Wharf** (47°16'09"N., 122°23'40"W.): 16-foot face; 420 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 32 feet alongside; deck height, 20 feet; belt conveyor with unloading rate of 300 tons per hour; storage silos for 1,900 tons; open storage for 15,000 tons; receipt of limestone; owned and operated by Tacoma Lime, a division of Continental Lime.

(462) **Buckeye Pipeline Co. Dock** (47°15'30"N., 122°22'52"W.): 200 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 16 feet; storage tanks with a 90,000-barrel capacity; receipt of jet fuel; owned and operated by Buckeye Pipeline Co.

(463) **Superior Oil Terminals Co. Wharf** (47°15'39"N., 122°26'05"W.): 570-foot berthing space with dolphins, 26 feet alongside, deck height, 20 feet; storage tanks with a 350,000-barrel capacity; receipt and shipment of petroleum products, and fueling of small craft; owned and operated by Superior Oil Terminals Co.

(464) **Tacoma Marine Terminal Dock** (47°15'30"N., 122°25'57"W.): 300 feet of berthing space with dolphins; 30 feet alongside; deck height, 26 feet; storage tanks with a 140,000-barrel capacity; receipt of petroleum products; owned and operated by Union Oil Co. of California.

Supplies

(465) Most marine supplies and services are available at Tacoma. Bunker fuel, diesel oil, and lubricants are available. Gasoline and diesel fuel are available at the oil docks on Thea Foss Waterway. Large vessels are bunkered at their berths by barge. Water is available at most of the berths.

Repairs

(466) There are no facilities for major repairs to large oceangoing vessels in Tacoma; the nearest such facilities are in Seattle, Wash. The largest floating drydock in Tacoma is at a boatbuilding company on the SW side at the entrance to Hylebos Waterway. It will handle vessels to 8,000 tons or 516 feet. The firm has a complete machine shop. The largest marine railway in Tacoma is at a repair yard on the NE side of the upper turning basin in Hylebos Waterway; the railway here is certified for 1,000 tons.

Small-craft facilities

(467) A public pier, owned by the city of Tacoma, is 0.6 mile SE of the S marker of the measured mile course on the SW side of Commencement Bay; small craft moor here temporarily. There are numerous other small-craft facilities on Hylebos, Blair, and Thea Foss Waterways, and on the NE and SW shores of Commencement Bay. (See the small-craft facilities tabulation on chart 18445 for services and supplies available.)

Communications

(468) Tacoma is served by two major railroads, Seattle-Tacoma Airport, and Tacoma Narrows Industrial Airport.

Chart 18448

(469) S of Point Defiance are numerous inlets, passages, and islands. At many of the towns the landing wharves have fallen into ruins, all transportation following the highways. These waters are navigated by log tows and by pleasure craft. Deep-draft vessels call at Olympia for lumber and other forest products. The depths are generally great, and the dangers are few. The shores are well wooded and moderately low. The beaches are sand and gravel, with boulders in places, and are often backed by steep, bare sand and gravel bluffs. Olympia and Shelton are the only cities, but there are many towns. Strangers bound through these waters at night are advised to take a pilot.

Currents

(470) In The Narrows current velocities exceed 5 knots at times. At the N end of The Narrows the current sets N most of the time on the E side of the passage and S most of the time on the W side. (See Tidal Current Tables for daily current predictions for a midstream position near the N end of The Narrows and details of the current movement at other locations; these tables and the Tidal Current Charts, Puget Sound, Southern Part, should both be consulted for details of the complicated currents of this area.)

(471) From Point Defiance to near Days Island, the E shore of **The Narrows** consists of high, bold bluffs. A tunnel is 1.7 miles SE of Point Defiance; from it a railroad track follows the shoreline to Nisqually River.

(472) **Point Evans,** 2 miles S of Point Defiance on the W side of The Narrows, is marked by a light. Power cables with a clearance of 200 feet cross 200 yards S of the point. **Tacoma Narrows Bridge,** a highway suspension bridge, crosses The Narrows a mile S of Point Evans. The clearance is 159 feet at the piers and 180 feet at the center. A private fog signal marks each of the two piers. In April 2003, a fixed bridge was under construction just S of the existing bridge with a design clearance of 180 feet at the center.

(473) **Days Island** is about 4.5 miles S of Point Defiance. The ferry slip and wharf here are in ruins. There are three marinas here, one on the E side of Days Island and two in the cove 150 yards E of the N end of the island. A total of about 200 berths are at the marinas; electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, dry storage for over 500 craft, and marine supplies are available. A 15-ton crane and hoists to 3 tons are available to handle craft for hull and engine repairs. A 2¾-fathom shoal is 230 yards W of the former ferry slip.

(474) A small-boat channel, 1 foot deep, leads into **Days Island Lagoon.** The channel favors the Days Island side and under the bridge is 30 yards from the island shore. Local boats anchor in 3 feet in the lagoon. The floats of a private yacht club are on the S and W sides of the lagoon. Anchorage for small-craft may be had E of the N end of Days Island.

(475) Three miles S of Days Island, the shores consist of bare bluffs which are prominent from S.

(476) From here the route to Olympia continues SW and W through **Balch Passage,** Drayton Passage, and Dana Passage, thence S into Budd Inlet. This route is deep and generally free of dangers.

Caution

(477) The channel through Balch Passage is only about 100 yards wide between the 10-fathom curves, and the

scale of the chart is small. Vessels should stay carefully in midchannel, traffic permitting.

(478) **Hale Passage,** between **Fox Island** and the mainland, enters on the W shore 5 miles S of Point Defiance. It is 4 miles to its junction with Carr Inlet. Near the W end the passage is crossed by a fixed highway bridge with a clearance of 31 feet. A shoal, marked on its NE side by a buoy, is 350 yards SE of the bridge and near the middle of the passage; the shoal is boulder-strewn and bares. The channel is on the NE side of the buoy. A good small-craft anchorage is on either side of Tanglewood Island. The current in Hale Passage attains a velocity in excess of 3 knots at times. The E (ebb) current is stronger than the W (flood) current. (See Tidal Current Tables for current predictions.)

(479) **Fox Island** is a village in the small cove near the NE end of Fox Island. It has a store and service station. **Tanglewood Island,** in the center of the cove, has a boys' camp, the buildings of which are prominent. A structure resembling a lighthouse is on the extreme N end of the island.

(480) **Wollochet Bay** is a small inlet about 2 miles long extending N from Hale Passage, about 1 mile inside the E entrance. The upper part is narrow and shoal. It affords an anchorage in midchannel about 0.3 mile inside the entrance in 11 to 12 fathoms, sticky bottom. There are many private piers and mooring buoys in the bay. A small-boat launching ramp is on the E side of the bay near the entrance.

(481) **Gibson Point,** the S tip of Fox Island and the N entrance point of Carr Inlet, is marked by a light. **Toliva Shoal,** nearly in midchannel 0.9 mile S of Gibson Point, consists of two rocks covered 1¾ fathoms and is marked by a lighted bell buoy. An unmarked fish haven extends about 0.25 mile N from the shoal.

(482) **Carr Inlet** enters the W shore of the sound about 7½ miles SSW of Point Defiance. From the entrance, between Fox and McNeil Islands, it extends about 6 miles NW and then trends NNE for 8 miles terminating in flats at the head. Good anchorage is available in the upper reaches in 6 to 15 fathoms, soft bottom, and in several small coves on its S and E shores. From the entrance, a midchannel course is safe.

(483) A **naval restricted area** is in the S part of Carr Inlet. (See **334.1250**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(484) A **298°23'-118°23' measured nautical mile** has been established on the NE shore of McNeil Island. Range markers, consisting of white diamond daymarks with red vertical stripes, mark the ends of the measured course.

(485) The Washington State penitentiary, on the SE side of **McNeil Island** about 0.8 mile SW of **Hyde Point,** is prominent from offshore. Vessel traffic is restricted within 100 yards of McNeil Island, which is prison property.

(486) **Wyckoff Shoal,** part of which bares, extends 0.8 mile NW from the NW part of McNeil Island. Buoys on the W side of the shoal mark the E side of the channel leading into Pitt Passage.

(487) **Pitt Passage,** between Key Peninsula and McNeil Island, connects Drayton Passage and Carr Inlet. It is obstructed about midway of its length by **Pitt Island** and its surrounding rocks and shoals. Only the passage E of Pitt Island is used by small craft with local knowledge. In this passage the ebb (N current) is stronger than the flood and attains a velocity of 2.5 knots or more at times.

(488) **Lakebay,** at the head of **Mayo Cove** on the SW shore of Carr Inlet, is a village with a store and several small private piers. A marina here has a long pier and floats with berthage for about 35 craft; electricity, gasoline, water, and ice are available. About 7 feet can be carried to the marina pier, but the channel to the pier is difficult to navigate; strangers are advised to proceed cautiously and obtain local advice. On the E side of Mayo Cove, along **Penrose Point,** a State park has a small float with moorage for about 10 small craft. Water and a pump-out station are available at the State park.

(489) **Home,** a village on the W side of **Von Geldern Cove,** has a store and service station. A bridge crosses the cove at its head. A shoal extends from the N shore at the entrance to the cove.

(490) **Glencove** is a small settlement in Glen Cove on the W side of Carr Inlet, about 5 miles N of South Head. It is a summer recreational area with a private wharf and float. A small marina here has berths and gasoline.

(491) **Wauna** is a village at the head of Carr Inlet, where the spit enclosing **Burley Lagoon** joins the mainland. A county road extends along the spit and across the entrance to the lagoon over a fixed highway bridge to Rosedale and Gig Harbor. The bridge has a clearance of 12 feet (23 feet at center). A boat launching ramp is at Wauna just W of the bridge.

(492) **Rosedale** is a residential community on the cove on the E side of Carr Inlet and 180-foot-high **Raft Island.** There is an extensive shoal area around and between Raft Island and **Cutts Island.** Cutts Island is part of a state park. The shores of these islands are strewn with boulders. A fixed highway bridge and overhead cable extend from the S side of Raft Island to the mainland. The bridge clearance is 17 feet, and the cable, 48 feet.

(493) **Horsehead Bay,** about 1 mile long, is directly N of Green Point, at the W extremity of Hale Passage. This is a residential area with several private wharves.

(494) **Eagle Island,** small and wooded, is near the middle of Balch Passage, 0.2 mile from **Anderson Island**, and is

marked on its N end by a light. Eagle Island is a State park.

(495) **Eagle Island Reef,** 300 yards W of Eagle Island, bares 1 foot at its S part and has a depth of 3 feet at its N part. A lighted buoy is off the NW part of the reef.

(496) **Drayton Passage,** between Key Peninsula and Anderson Island, is about 3 miles long in a N direction; at its N end, it connects with Pitt Passage and Balch Passage, and at its S end joins the W part of Nisqually Reach. With the exception of a spit extending 0.2 mile from the W shore, marked by a light, the waters are deep and free of dangers. A small-boat launching ramp is 0.25 mile N of the light. Estimated current velocities of 1 to 2 knots occur at the SW end of the passage.

(497) **Filucy Bay,** on the W shore opposite Balch Passage, is about 1.5 miles long and irregular in shape; it is 0.4 mile wide at the entrance. Good anchorage in 7 to 8 fathoms, muddy bottom, is available. There are numerous houses around the shores of this bay. **Longbranch,** a village in the small cove opposite the entrance, has a pier and floats for about 30 fishing and pleasure craft.

(498) **Steilacoom** is on the mainland about 9 miles SSW of Point Defiance. The town is of little commercial importance and has no waterfront facilities except for the ferry terminal which maintains service to Anderson and Ketron. Limited berthage for small craft, gasoline, water, ice, and a hoist are available at the terminal. Limited engine repairs can be made. Indifferent anchorage may be had along the waterfront close inshore, but it is not recommended as the holding ground is poor and the currents have considerable velocity. Off Steilacoom there are tide rips which, with a wind opposing the current, are dangerous to small boats.

(499) There are two large, conspicuous sand and gravel pits on the bluffs about 1.5 miles NNE of Steilacoom. Both have T-piers served by conveyor belts from the gravel pits. The N pier is 520 feet long, has 20 to 30 feet reported alongside, and has a deck height of 14 feet. The S pier is 200 feet long, and has 25 to 30 feet reported alongside and a deck height of 20 feet. Both are used for the shipment of sand and gravel.

(500) **Ketron Island,** 10 miles SSW of Point Defiance and E of Anderson Island, is a small, narrow island which is privately owned. It is heavily wooded with bluff shores. **Cormorant Passage,**0.5 mile wide, separates the island from the mainland S. The passage is clear, but is little used.

(501) **Nisqually Reach** trends S and W around Anderson Island. The S shore is occupied for nearly 1 mile offshore by **Nisqually Flats,** the delta formed by the **Nisqually River.** The flats are very soft mud and bare at low water. A major portion is designated a National Wildlife Refuge, the boundaries are marked by signs. A section is also used for commercial aquaculture. A boat ramp at Nisqually Head is accessible only at high water. Two lighted buoys mark the steep N edge of the flats. A light marks the S tip of Anderson Island at Lyle Point. **Thompson Cove** on the W side of the point is a cable area and should not be used as an anchorage. An artificial reef is at the State park 2.7 miles W of Nisqually Head. The reef is marked by private buoys.

(502) **Oro Bay,** in the SE part of Anderson Island, is an irregular bight between **Cole Point** and **Lyle Point.** Most of the bay is shallow; it affords an indifferent anchorage in about 10 fathoms, but is affected by the currents and affords little protection. A small shallow arm extends about 1 mile NW on the W side of the bay and is marked by private buoys. An anchorage for small craft is here.

(503) A wharf, built out from the mouth of **Sequalitchew Creek,** 13 miles SSW of Point Defiance, is 340 feet long, has 27 feet reported alongside, and a deck height of 19 feet.

(504) **Devils Head,** the S point of Key Peninsula, is 280 feet high and heavily wooded. A light is shown off the S tip of Devils Head.

(505) **Johnson Point,** 2 miles W of Devils Head, is 90 feet high. A light is on the sandspit at the end of the point.

(506) There are two marinas on the W shore of Nisqually Reach, one 0.8 mile and one 1.9 miles SSE of Johnson Point. Gasoline, water, ice, some marine supplies, and a launching ramp are available at each marina. The N marina has diesel fuel and a 5-ton hoist. The S marina has a 25-ton lift that can handle craft up to 20 feet long. Both marinas can make hull and engine repairs. Depths of 8 feet are off the floats at the N marina, but those at the S marina go dry at low tide.

Local magnetic disturbance

(507) Differences of as much as 3° from normal variation have been observed along Henderson Inlet.

(508) **Itsami Ledge,** covered 1 fathom, lies 1 mile WSW of Johnson Point. It is surrounded by kelp and marked by a light. This is a danger in entering Henderson Inlet or Dana Passage. A fish haven, marked by a private buoy, is close N of the light.

(509) **Henderson Inlet,** locally known as **South Bay,** immediately W of Johnson Point, extends about 4.5 miles in a S direction; the S part is an extensive flat. Good anchorage is inside the entrance in 5 to 6 fathoms, muddy bottom. A spit makes out about 0.2 mile N from the W point at the entrance; on the W shore, 0.8 mile S of the entrance point, is a long sandspit. Oyster beds abound in the S area of the bay.

(510) **Case Inlet,** a popular sport fishing and resort area, extends some 14 miles N from Johnson Point. The flats at its head are only 2 miles from the head of Hood

Canal. Depths are irregular, from 10 to 30 fathoms, but there are no off-lying dangers.

(511) **Harstine Island** forms the W side of the S part of the inlet.

(512) A facility in Whiteman Cove, on the E side of the inlet about 3.7 miles N of Devils Head, has berthing, water, and a launching ramp.

(513) A marina in Jarrell Cove at the N end of the island has berths, electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, and some groceries. The pier here has 10 feet reported alongside. The 200-foot Jarrell Cove State Park pier is directly across the cove from the marina. A State park float, with a pump-out station, is farther up the cove.

(514) **Herron Island,** about 4 miles N of the entrance and 0.3 mile W of the E side, is a private island, with moorings for small craft. A ferry connects with the mainland at the village of **Herron.** The bar between the N end of Herron Island and the E shore has a least depth of about 13 feet, but with local knowledge a depth of 21 feet can be carried through by rounding the NE tip of Herron Island some 300 to 500 yards off.

(515) **McMicken Island,** 1.1 miles SW of Herron Island, is connected to Harstine Island by a sandpit which bares at low water. Anchorage with a rocky bottom and protection from S winds is on the NW side of the island.

(516) **Pickering Passage** indents the W shore of Case Inlet, about 2 miles N of Herron Island. The passage extends in a general S direction for 8 miles, connecting at its S end with Peale Passage and Totten Inlet. The shores are generally low and wooded, and the depths vary from 4½ to 15 fathoms. Except for the shoals extending E from the mouth of Hammersley Inlet, the passage is free of outlying dangers, and a midchannel course is safe. In Pickering Passage the flood current sets from Case Inlet toward Hammersley Inlet and the ebb in the opposite direction. The strongest currents are near the S end where velocities reach 2.5 knots at times. The settlements are served by highway. A fixed highway bridge with a clearance of 31 feet crosses the passage from Graham Point to Harstine Island, about 2.6 miles N of the entrance to Hammersley Inlet.

(517) **Stretch Island** is near the W shore of Case Inlet, just N of the entrance to Pickering Passage. There is no through channel W of this island. The N part of this island is partly cleared of trees and laid out in orchards; a winery and several grape juice factories, no longer operating, are here. There is a private landing wharf built out to 12 feet on the N end of the island. A fixed highway bridge with a clearance of 14 feet connects the mainland. **Grapeview** is a village opposite Stretch Island.

(518) **Reach Island,** 0.2 mile N of Stretch Island, has been subdivided for homesites and is known as **Treasure Island.** It is separated from the W shore by a shallow channel known locally as **Fair Harbor.** The channel is spanned by a fixed bridge with a clearance of 16 feet. There is a marina on the mainland 0.3 mile S of the bridge with about 70 berths, electricity, gasoline, water, ice, nautical supplies, hull and engine repair, and a launching ramp. Approaches to the marina are recommended from the S. The remainder of the channel has reported depths of 2 feet when favoring the W shore. Caution is advised when navigating more than 150 feet N of the marina.

(519) **Vaughn** is a village on the N shore of **Vaughn Bay,** which lies on the E side of Case Inlet about 4 miles from the head. There is a public launching ramp here. The combined civic center for all the small towns on the entire peninsula is at Vaughn. A channel 1½ feet deep leads to deeper water in the bay. Follow the N shore for 200 yards after entering in midchannel off the end of the spit; then cross the bay parallel with the spit at a distance of 200 yards, heading toward the S shore; then follow the S shore at a distance of 200 yards, steering toward the head of the bay. Around the shores are numerous houses and orchards, and a little-used log booming area.

(520) **Rocky Bay** is the shallow inlet N of Vaughn Bay. A channel 3 feet deep leads to the lagoon back of the sandspit near **Windy Bluff.** It is necessary to come around the small sand island N of the spit. Oysterbeds are in the E side of the bay N of the spit.

(521) **Allyn** is a village on the W side of Case Inlet near the head about 0.5 mile N of **Sherwood Creek.** A public pier and launching ramp are here. An oyster wharf is just N of Allyn.

(522) Good anchorage may be had anywhere N of Harstine Island, in 6 to 15 fathoms, muddy bottom.

(523) There are numerous farms and several small settlements whose chief industries are oyster culture, farming, and some logging. The flats near the head of the inlet are largely covered with oysterbeds.

(524) **Peale Passage,** about 4 miles long, extends NW between Harstine and Squaxin Islands, and connects with Pickering Passage. It has a controlling depth of about 10 feet. Strangers should not attempt it. The current at times attains a velocity of 2.0 knots in the narrow part of the passage, and sets N on the flood.

Chart 18456

(525) **Dana Passage**, between **Brisco Point,** the S point of Harstine Island, and the mainland, is about 2 miles long. It is the main route to Budd Inlet and Olympia, and also joins with three other bodies of water: Eld Inlet, Squaxin Passage, and Peale Passage. Squaxin Passage leads to Totten and Hammersley Inlets, and Peale Passage leads to Pickering Passage.

(526) With the exception of Itsami Ledge near its E end and a fish haven about 0.3 mile N of Itsami Ledge Light 7, Dana Passage is clear and a midchannel course may be safely followed. The currents in Dana Passage frequently attain velocities of 3 knots or more.

(527) **Boston Harbor,** a village in the cove of the same name just E of Dofflemyer Point, has a marina with berthage for about 100 craft, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, limited supplies, and a launching ramp.

(528) **Budd Inlet,** 29 miles by water from Tacoma, is about 6 miles long, extending S from Dana Passage and terminating in flats that bare at the head of **East Bay** and **West Bay**. The entrance is between Cooper Point and **Dofflemyer Point;** the latter is marked by a light and fog signal. The entrance to Budd Inlet is deep except for the 28-foot shoal in the middle of the entrance. The shores are comparatively low and wooded, and the depths shoal less abruptly on the E than on the W side of the inlet. East Bay and West Bay are obstructed by flats and shoals that bare for about 0.8 mile, through which channels have been dredged to the Olympia waterfront.

(529) **Olympia,** the capital of the State of Washington, is a lumber port at the head of East and West bays at the S end of Budd Inlet. Over 90 percent of the waterborne traffic of the port concerns lumber and logs.

Prominent features

(530) The capital dome and the radio tower on the N end of the port fill area are prominent landmarks from outside the entrance channel.

Channels

(531) A Federal project provides for a 30-foot channel from deepwater in Budd Inlet to a 30-foot turning basin off the W side of the port terminal near the head of West Bay. The channel is marked by a daybeacon, lights, buoys, and lighted ranges.

(532) A dredged channel with a project depth of 13 feet leads SE from the 30-foot outer channel to a mooring basin on the E side of the peninsula at the head of East Bay. The channel is marked by a daybeacon and lights. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of charts for controlling depths.)

Anchorage

(533) Good anchorage may be had anywhere inside the entrance in muddy bottom.

Dangers

(534) **Olympia Shoal**, which bares, is about 0.4 mile off the W shore, 3 miles inside the entrance. A light is on the E side of the shoal, and on its W side are lights marking the approach to the dredged channel. There are numerous shoals, piles, dolphins, and log booms on the E side of the harbor.

(535) SE of Olympia Shoal is a **177°15'-357°15' measured course,** 6,201 feet long. Olympia Shoal Light and Olympia Channel Light are the markers.

Tides

(536) The mean range of the tide at Olympia is 10.5 feet, and the diurnal range of tide is 14.4 feet.

Pilotage, Olympia

(537) Pilotage is compulsory for all vessels except those under enrollment or engaged exclusively in the coasting trade on the W coast of the continental United States (including Alaska) and/or British Columbia. Pilotage for Puget Sound is provided by the Puget Sound Pilots. (See Pilotage, Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound, indexed as such, chapter 12 for detail.)

Towage

(538) Tugs to 3,000 hp are available from Tacoma and to 5,000 hp from Seattle. No large tugs are stationed in Olympia.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(539) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(540) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

(541) Olympia is a **customs port of entry.**

(542) There are two hospitals in Olympia.

Wharves

(543) The port terminal, owned and operated by the Port of Olympia, is on the E side of the turning basin near the head of West Bay; it is the only deep-draft facility in Olympia Harbor. The port reports that depths of 35 to 40 feet are maintained alongside the terminal's 2,000-foot W face; deck height is 21 feet. Contact the Port of Olympia for the latest controlling depths. The terminal is served by several mobile log handlers ranging from 10- to 45-ton capacity, a rail car switcher, and other modern cargo-handling devices. More than 95,000 square feet of covered and 39 acres of open storage is available.

Supplies

(544) Water, ice, groceries, and some marine supplies can be obtained. Diesel fuel, gasoline, and lubricants are available.

Repairs

(545) Only small craft can be repaired in Olympia. A large marina in the East Bay has a 77-ton lift that can handle craft up to 90 feet long. Machine shops are in the city. For repairs to larger vessels, the nearest facilities are in Seattle, WA.

Small-craft facilities

(546) There are many marinas at Olympia. Berths, electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, launching ramps, storage, and marine supplies are available. Hull and engine repairs can be made at a marina just S of the port wharf. A private yacht club has its moorings at the head of West Bay 0.3 mile S of the turning basin.

Communications

(547) Olympia is served by two major railroads. Olympia Airport is 4.5 miles S of the city.

Chart 18448

(548) **Eld Inlet**, locally known as **Mud Bay,** immediately W of Budd Inlet, is of little commercial importance. It affords good anchorage inside the entrance in 24 to 42 feet, soft bottom. A midchannel course is clear to the flats at its head. In entering, **Cooper Point,** the E point at the entrance, should be given a berth of not less than 0.2 mile. Some logging and oystering are done here.

(549) **Squaxin Passage** (see also chart 18457), S of **Squaxin Island** and **Hope Island,** is about 1 mile long and leads to Totten and Hammersley Inlets. A light on Hunter Point marks the SW entrance point of the passage. The N shore is foul; a shoal covered 19 feet is 150 yards off the W shore of Hope Island abreast Steamboat Island.

(550) The passage is narrow, and strangers should proceed with caution. The S shore should be favored, and, at the W end, the N point of Steamboat Island should be favored. The principal danger in the passage is a reef which bares at extreme low water, SE of Hope Island; a buoy is near its S end. This reef is easily avoided by keeping the N point of Steamboat Island well open of the S point of Hope Island. Tide rips are said to occur in Squaxin Passage. The usual velocity of the current is about 1.5 knots.

(551) The passage between Hope and Squaxin Islands has a least depth of 9 feet in the middle; greater depths can be carried in the passage with local knowledge.

(552) **Steamboat Island,** covered with private homes, is connected with **Carlyon Beach** on the mainland by a roadway on piling. The island, practically a part of the mainland, has abrupt shores and is heavily wooded. The NW end of the island terminates in a long sandspit marked on the end by a daybeacon. A private pier is on the NW side of the island, and a pier and large building of a private yacht club are on Carlyon Beach just E of the roadway on piling.

(553) **Totten Inlet** extends 9 miles SW from the W end of Squaxin Passage. A depth of 30 feet can be carried to a point off the entrance to Skookum Inlet. A 3½-fathom shoal is about in midchannel at the entrance, 620 yards SW of the S end of Steamboat Island. A spit extends W for about 100 yards from Steamboat Island. In entering, favor the W shore to avoid the spit and shoal. The inlet shoals gradually to near **Burns Point,** 100 feet high, on the S shore, where it bares at low tide.

(554) **Oyster Bay,** S of Burns Point, is an extensive mudflat; oysters are grown in this area, and there are log booms. S of the entrance to **Little Skookum Inlet,** along the shores of Totten Inlet, are rock or concrete walls enclosing the oysterbeds. The walls are a danger to navigation, and the oyster industry discourages boatmen from entering these waters. Oyster-processing wharves are on the N side of the inlet. Local knowledge is required to get to them. Good anchorage may be had anywhere inside the entrance of Little Skookum Inlet.

Chart 18457

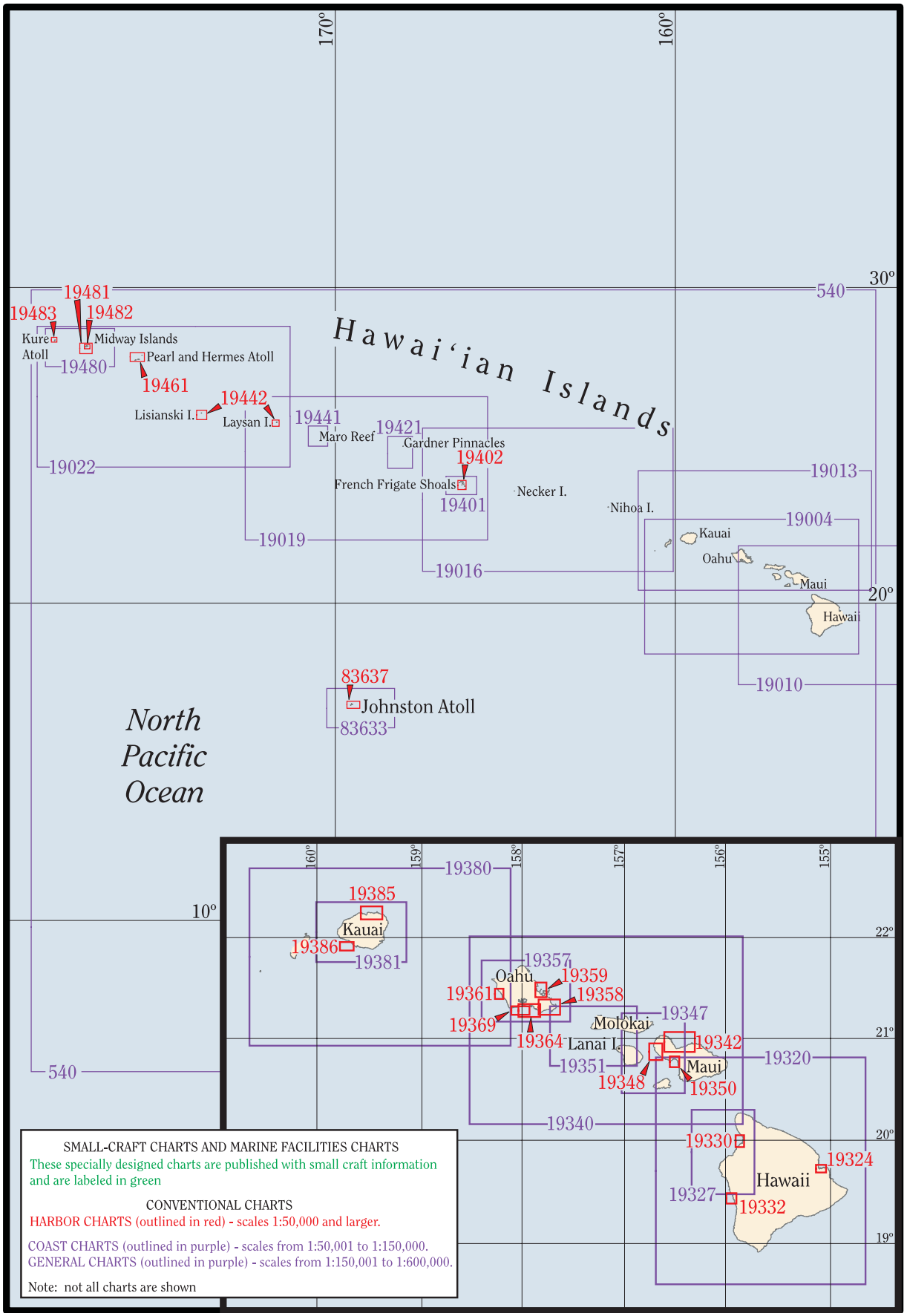
(555) **Hammersley Inlet** indents the W shore of the sound about 1 mile N of the W end of Squaxin Passage. It is about 6 miles long, expanding at its head into **Oakland Bay,** which is 3.5 miles long in a NE direction. The inlet is obstructed by shoals, particularly at its mouth, where there is an extensive bar. The rocky shoals have been partly removed. The channel, marked by lights on **Libby Point** and **Church Point,** has a controlling depth of about 8 feet to the town of Shelton on Oakland Bay. It is navigated only by small craft, and by tugs with log rafts and railroad car floats; local knowledge is required. Tidal current velocities may reach 5 knots at times in the constricted parts of the inlet. (See Tidal Current Tables for current predictions.) Vessels enter on the flood, usually after half tide, and leave on the ebb, usually before maximum strength. Hammersley Inlet is considered dangerous for strangers.

(556) Vessels with sharp rise of bilge should avoid the inlet as there is danger of capsizing in the strong current in case of grounding.

(557) **Arcadia** is a small settlement on the S point of the entrance of Hammersley Inlet. It has a public ramp for launching small pleasure craft.

(558) **Shelton,** at the head of the inlet, is a town of some commercial importance. Extensive logging, lumber, and lumber product manufacturing interests are centered

here. The W end of **Oakland Bay** is used primarily as a storage area for logs trucked in from the Olympic Peninsula to be used by the mills at Shelton. Hammersly Inlet receives little commercial traffic. Shelton is on a branch of the Burlington Northern Railroad; lumber is shipped largely by rail, however, some railroad car ferrying is done. Railway trestles used as log dumps extend E across the flats from the Shelton waterfront. The Port of Shelton marina, 0.3 mile from the head of the Shelton waterfront and on the N shore, has berths, electricity, gasoline, and water. A yacht club has its facilities at the marina. Some marine supplies are available in the town. There are no haulout or repair facilities at Shelton. Oysters are cultivated in the shoal portions of Oakland Bay.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SMALL-CRAFT CHARTS AND MARINE FACILITIES CHARTS
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GENERAL CHARTS (outlined in purple) - scales from 1:150,001 to 1:600,000.
Note: not all charts are shown

Hawaii

Chart 540

(1) **Hawaii**, a Polynesian kingdom until 1893 and then briefly a republic, requested and was granted annexation to the United States in 1898 and was given a territorial form of government in 1900. By Presidential proclamation of August 21, 1959, Hawaii officially became the 50th of the United States.

(2) The **Hawai'ian Islands,** an archipelago, consist of eight large islands, plus many islets, reefs, and shoals, strung out from SE to NW for 1,400 nautical miles in the north-central Pacific Ocean. The archipelago extends from 18°55'N. to 28°25'N., and from 154°49'W. to 178°20'W., straddling the Tropic of Cancer. All the islands of the archipelago, except 2-square-mile Midway, are part of the State of Hawaii.

(3) The capital and chief population center of the State is Honolulu on the island of O'ahu; the port is 2,091 nautical miles from San Francisco, 4,685 miles from the Panama Canal, and 2,477 miles from Anchorage, Alaska. Land area of the State totals 6,425 square statute miles, of which the "Big Island" of Hawaii alone accounts for nearly 63 percent. The other seven large islands are, in order of size, Maui, O'ahu, Kauai, Molokai, Lanai, Ni'ihau, and Kahoolawe.

(4) The major islands are mountainous and of volcanic origin; the Island of Hawaii has two volcanoes that are still active. Elevations range from sea level to nearly 14,000 feet, with many peaks in excess of 2,500 feet. Although coastal plains, valley floors, and certain plateaus are relatively flat, much of the surface is quite rugged, with high ranges and deep ravines or gorges.

(5) Nearly all of the island streams may be classified as mountain torrents, although some of them can be navigated for short distances by small boats. Most of the streams are on the N and E coasts, where rainfall generally is heaviest.

(6) The 20-fathom depth curve is seldom more than 1 mile from shore and usually is not far from the coral reefs that fringe much of the island coastline. The bottom generally pitches off rapidly to great depths from a narrow coastal shelf, and the few off-lying dangers usually are indicated by breakers or by a change in color of the water. Under normal conditions the color of the water changes from a deep blue in the open ocean to a blue-green between the 10- and 15-fathom curves; bottom features become visible at 6 to 7 fathoms.

(7) **Agriculture** is Hawaii's bedrock industry. Sugar exports total over a million tons annually, and the State produces and exports well over half of the world's output of canned pineapple. Truck farming is intensive, particularly on the Island of O'ahu, and cattle ranches range from small to very large (one of the largest cattle ranches in the United States is on the Island of Hawaii). Military expenditures and tourist trade are major sources of income.

(8) **Fish Aggregating Devices** (FADs) along the coastal waters of the main Hawai'ian Islands make the area very popular with commercial and recreational fishermen. For reasons unknown, fish in the N and W Pacific Ocean frequently gather in schools under floating objects. FADs may be as sophisticated as floating devices, often buoys, with electronic equipment attached for tracking or as crude as floating logs or other objects. The FADs in Hawai'ian waters, established by the state, are yellow, 6 feet across at the base, and show a quick flashing yellow light atop a 5-foot steel pole. The buoys display 12-inch white letters. These buoys frequently break loose and/or become unlighted. Mariners are advised to use caution when in the vicinity of the FADs.

Polynesian-English Geographic Glossary

(9) Following are the English meanings of Polynesian words that occur frequently in Hawai'ian geographic names:

(10) Akau–north
(11) Ana–cave
(12) Awa–bay, cove
(13) Hale–house
(14) Hana–bay
(15) Heiau–place of worship, temple
(16) Hema–south
(17) Hikina–east
(18) Hono–bay, cove
(19) Kai–sea
(20) Kapu–prohibited
(21) Komohana–west
(22) Kona–leeward
(23) Koolau–north
(24) Kowa–channel, strait, sound
(25) Lae–cape, point

(26) Lapa–ridge
(27) Loko–pond
(28) Lua–crater, pit
(29) Mauna–mountain, hill, peak
(30) Moana–ocean
(31) Moku–islet, island, rock
(32) Pali–cliff, peak, point
(33) Pele–volcano
(34) Pohaku–rock
(35) Puu–hill(s), mountain, peak
(36) Wai–water
(37) Wailele–waterfall

Emergency signal flag

(38) The State of Hawaii has adopted an emergency signal flag as one of the signals that may be used or displayed when a vessel is in need of assistance; the flag should be at least **2 feet square** and **international orange** in color. This distress signal is authorized by the Hawaii Boating Law.

Harbors and ports

(39) Honolulu is by far the largest commercial deepwater facility in Hawaii. Other commercial deepwater harbors are Hilo and Kawaihae on Hawaii Island, Kahului on Maui, and Nawiliwili and Port Allen on Kauai. These ports service both overseas and interisland shipping.

(40) Hawaii has several commercial barge harbors engaged in interisland shipping. Some of the more important are at Kaumalaupau on Lanai, and Kaunakakai, Haleolono, and Kalaupapa on Molokai. These harbors service only light-draft vessels.

Marine radio communications

(41) Honolulu is the only port that maintains a commercial radio communication watch. Vessels desiring services at other Hawai‘ian ports must make arrangements in advance.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(42) The lines established for the Hawai‘ian Islands and United States Pacific Island Possessions are described in **80.1410 through 80.1495**, chapter 2.

Control over movement of vessels

(43) Regulations require advance notice of vessel’s time of arrival to Captain of the Port. (See **160.1 through 160.201**, chapter 2, for regulations.)

(44) All vessels are requested to exercise caution when navigating through the charted U.S. Navy submarine transit lanes.

Anchorages

(45) Anchorages are numerous except on the N and E sides of the islands where shelter from the trade winds is a major requirement. The anchorages on the S and W sides of the islands are unsafe during kona weather.

Tides

(46) The periodic tides around Hawaii average only 1 to 2 feet. The tides along the N coasts usually occur about 1 to 1½ hours earlier than the tides along the S coasts. (See Tide Tables for daily predictions of times and heights of high and low waters for Honolulu.)

(47) The effect of strong winds added to normal tidal action may cause water level to fall considerably below chart datum and/or rise considerably above mean higher high water. A heavy surf, particularly from N, gives the impression of higher tides on the exposed beaches; there is usually little actual increase under such conditions. On the S side of O‘ahu, where the trades usually blow directly off the land, a shift to kona winds or to a calm has been observed to raise the tide level a few tenths of a foot.

Currents

(48) The variable oceanic currents in the vicinity of Hawaii are believed to depend mostly upon the velocity and direction of the wind, but there are many reports of strong NE currents setting against the prevailing trades. There is a prevailing W oceanic drift in the vicinity of the larger islands and as far W as Necker Island.

(49) The tidal currents are generally rather weak and are influenced by winds and oceanic movements. Such currents are mainly reversing in the channels between the larger islands, but they are rotary in more open waters, particularly around the W islets, and shift direction continuously in a clockwise movement.

Tsunami (seismic sea wave)

(50) The Hawai‘ian Archipelago has been visited from time to time by tsunami, which causes enormous destruction. Loss of life and property can be lessened by intelligent response to warnings that such waves are imminent. (See chapter 1 for basic discussion.)

(51) The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration administers a tsunami warning system that alerts the Hawai‘ian Islands, other Pacific islands, and most of the countries bordering the Pacific. The system has an operating center at the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center, Ewa Beach, O‘ahu, and includes scattered seismograph stations for quick detection and location of submarine earthquakes, a network of wave-detecting and reporting stations throughout the Pacific, a high-priority communication setup, and an extensive

international arrangement for broadcasting warnings of possible sea waves.

(52) Military authorities in Honolulu will issue warnings to all military bases that might be affected. Local base commanders will put into effect any precautions deemed necessary. Elsewhere warnings will be broadcast by civilian authorities. Disaster committees have been set up on all the major islands to alert the population and to assist in evacuation and rescue as needed. In Honolulu and Hilo, former air raid sirens now operated by the police department will be used. On O‘ahu, Civil Air Patrol planes equipped with sirens will fly the shoreline and sound the alarm. This service will later be extended to the other islands. On all the major islands, police cars equipped with sirens will patrol the coastal areas. Local commercial broadcasting stations will interrupt all programs to give the latest information and instructions.

(53) All warnings will also be broadcast by the National Weather Service on NOAA Weather Radio. (See appendix for locations and frequencies of the stations.)

(54) Should a warning occur when a radio station is closed down, it will come on the air immediately and remain on until the all clear is sounded. When an alarm is given, all persons are warned to turn on their radios to a local broadcasting station for information and instructions. If they have no radio and cannot find access to one nearby, they should seek high ground. Telephones are apt to be flooded with calls and therefore cannot be relied on during a warning.

(55) When a warning is received, persons should vacate waterfront areas and seek high ground. The safest procedure for ships will depend upon the amount of time available, and this may not always be known. A ship well out at sea would ride such waves safely, and hence, if time is available to put to sea, that would be the safest action. During the 1946 wave, the master of a ship lying offshore near Hilo felt no unusual waves, though he could see great waves breaking on the shore. Crews of fishing boats in the Hawai‘ian area also reported no unusual conditions at that time. On the other hand, the crew of a ship in the harbor may have a difficult time averting serious damage.

(56) The destructive force is usually greater on the sides of the islands facing the oncoming waves, but this directional effect is frequently lacking and the waves may reach their greatest heights on the leeward sides of the islands. The waves may also attain great heights in funnel-shaped bays and at capes or other places where a submarine ridge projects seaward toward the oncoming wave. Unusual heights may be attained at any place where two waves traveling different paths arrive at the same time to reinforce each other. There is still much to be learned about these waves, and the best policy is to avoid them in any way possible.

Weather, Hawaii

(57) The climate of the Hawai‘ian Islands is unusually pleasant for a tropical area, the result principally of the marked marine influence and the persistent trade winds. Considering the latitude of the islands, there is relatively little uncomfortable heat. The discomfort that is occasionally experienced usually occurs when the trades are temporarily displaced by light variable or south winds, which are accompanied by comparatively higher humidities. The outstanding climatic features of the islands are the dominant trade-wind influences throughout all seasons, the remarkable variation in rainfall over adjacent areas, and the uniform temperature regime which varies slightly throughout the year.

(58) During the summer season the trades blow with a high degree of persistency. As a result, uncomfortable periods are usually delayed until fall, and thus follow by weeks or possibly as much as two months the period when the highest temperatures occur. Rains most frequently fall at night.

(59) Thunderstorms are infrequent and practically never severe. Hail seldom occurs. Occasionally local storms are accompanied by winds of sufficient force to do limited damage, but severe storms such as hurricanes or tornadoes are rare. So-called thick weather is almost unknown to the extent of seriously interfering with shipping, and is usually confined to mist and rain, rather than being in the form of fog. Interference to shipping or travel because of bad weather is almost unknown.

(60) The strongest influence in the pressure pattern underlying the general circulation of air over the Hawai‘ian Islands area is the persistent and semipermanent high-pressure cell known as the Pacific high. The clockwise circulation around this cell, coupled with a slight deflection of the surface winds away from the high pressure, result in the NE trades that are the dominant winds of the area.

(61) The trade-wind influence is dominant in all seasons throughout the greater part of all the islands. In some local areas, winds deviate from the general pattern because of topography. In coastal areas where mountains to the E project high above sea level, as they do in the kona districts of the Island of Hawaii, the trades are cut off, resulting in prevalent SW winds with land and sea breezes in evidence. Such effects may be rather general in some areas and extremely local in others.

(62) The Hawai‘ian Islands lie on the extremities of both the Western North Pacific typhoon area and the Eastern North Pacific hurricane area. Therefore, a tropical

cyclone from either region is rare. **Typhoons** can form in any month, but they rarely cross 180°; when they do they are usually extratropical and well N of the islands. It is not impossible, but highly improbable, that a typhoon will move through the Hawai'ian Islands.

(63) It is more probable that an Eastern North Pacific hurricane would hit the islands. These storms, prevalent from May through November, originate from the North American coast W between 10°N and 20°N. Most hurricanes either recurve or dissipate before reaching the Hawai'ian Islands. August is the most favorable month for one of these storms to reach the area, although they have occurred from July through November. Since 1842 at least six storms have hit the Big Island. However, all six storms were in the dissipation stage and no major damage was reported.

(64) It is a different case however, for the western islands especially Kauai. Since 1842, Kauai has had a direct impact from a northeast Pacific hurricane at least four times. Perhaps the most noteworthy storms were Hurricane Dot on August 7, 1959. Dot was a minimal hurricane with only 75-knot winds. Hurricane Iniki, with maximum winds estimated at 125 knots and gusts estimated at 150 knots slammed into Kauai early on September 12, 1992. Damage was extensive throughout Kauai. Damage from the ocean was heaviest along the south shore of Kauai and affected shoreline hotels and condominiums. Wind damage was extremely heavy throughout Kauai, as many houses or buildings were flattened or lost their roofs. Iniki left 14,350 damaged or destroyed homes on the island. Electric and telephone services were lost throughout the island and only 20% of the power had been restored four weeks after the event. Crop damage was extensive, especially to fruit trees and sugar cane. The monetary value of the damage caused by Iniki on Kauai was estimated at $1.8 billion. Six deaths were connected to the storm.

(65) The word "kona" is of Polynesian origin and means leeward. It refers to the S winds and accompanying weather on the normally leeward slopes of the principal Hawai'ian Islands which, because of the wind shift, have temporarily become the windward slopes.

(66) The konas, which occur most frequently during October through April, provide the major climatic variations of the Hawai'ian Islands. During these storms, heavy rainfall and cloudiness can be expected on the lee sides of coasts and slopes, which, under the usual wind pattern, receive less cloudiness and may have almost no rain. Near gales may occur, especially near points where the air tends to funnel into sharp mountain passes near the coasts. At such times leeward anchorages may become unsafe for smaller craft.

(67) The complicated rainfall pattern over the islands results chiefly from the effects of the rugged terrain on the persistent trade winds. Frequent and heavy showers fall almost daily on windward and upland areas, while rains of sufficient intensity and duration to cause more than temporary inconvenience are infrequent over the lower sections of leeward areas.

(68) In the districts where the trade winds are dominant, rains are decidedly heavier at night than during the day. This applies generally to the greater part of the islands. Daytime showers, usually light, often occur while the sun continues to shine.

(69) Considerably more rain falls from November through April over the islands as a whole than from May through October. It is not unusual for an entire summer month to go by without measurable rain falling at some points on the Maui isthmus; at times considerably longer dry periods may occur in that locality.

(70) Elevation is the major control factor in determining temperatures, although location, whether in a leeward or windward position, is also a noticeable factor. The highest temperatures reached during the day in leeward districts are usually higher than those attained in windward areas. The daily range is also greater over leeward districts where, because of less cloudiness, the maximum temperatures are higher and the minimum temperatures usually lower.

(71) August and September are the warmest months, and January and February are the coldest. At Honolulu there is an average monthly range between a low of 73.0°F (22.8°C) in January and February, and a high of 81.3°F (27.4°C) in August. The extreme range of temperature at Honolulu for the 46-year period of record is from a low of 52°F for January 1969, to a high of 95°F recorded in September 1994. This spread of only 43°F (24°C) between the extreme high and extreme low temperatures is small when compared with ranges at Pacific coast ports.

(72) All coastal areas are subject to the relatively high humidities associated with a marine climate. Humidities, however, vary considerably, with high percentages over and near the windward slopes to low percentages on the leeward sides of the higher elevations.

(73) At Honolulu the normally warm months of August and September are usually comfortable because of the persistency of the NE trades which bring moderate humidities. Unpleasant weather is more likely later during the autumn or early winter when the trades may diminish and give way to S winds. During these periods known locally as "kona weather" ("kona storms" when stormy), the humidity may become oppressively high.

Routes

(74) Between the islands, proceed on rhumb lines as direct as safe navigation permits.

Honolulu to Panama

(75) Rhumb lines through 21°14'N., 157°39'W., and 21°18'N., 157°00'W.; thence great circle to 8°40'N., 88°00'W., off shoals reported S of Guardian Bank; thence rhumb lines through 7°05'N., 81°45'W.

Honolulu to San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Strait of Juan de Fuca

(76) (See routes in chapter 3.)

Honolulu to Anchorage

(77) Rhumb lines through 21°19'N., 157°36'W., and 59°00'N., 151°20'W.

Loran and Radar

(78) There is no Loran coverage in the Hawai'ian Island chain. Most mariners rely on a combination of visual and radar piloting for interisland navigation. It is reported that landfall at a distance of 20 to 30 miles is not uncommon. The generally high, rugged coastline of the islands provide good and well-defined radar returns; some navigators have reported radar contact at 40 miles.

Pilotage, Hawaii, General

(79) Pilotage is compulsory for all foreign vessels and for U.S. vessels under register in the foreign trade; it is optional for U.S. vessels in the coastwise trade. Hawaii Pilots provide pilotage service to several ports in the islands, namely, Honolulu Harbor, Hilo Harbor, Kahului Harbor, Port Allen Harbor, Nawiliwili Harbor, and Kawaihae Harbor. Specific information is given in the description of the various ports.

Towage

(80) Tugs are available at the more important ports. (See description of port for further information.) Honolulu has some salvage equipment.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(81) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(82) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.) There are good hospitals on Hawaii, Molokai, Maui, Lanai, O'ahu, and Kauai.

(83) Honolulu is a **customs port of entry.** (See appendix for lists of other ports of entry.)

Harbor regulations

(84) These are established by the Harbors Division, Hawaii Department of Transportation, which also assigns harbormasters to the deepwater ports and the commercial barge harbors.

Supplies

(85) Honolulu is the principal supply center for the State. Water is available at most of the wharves and piers at the deepwater ports. Gasoline, diesel fuel, ice and minor items of marine supplies are available at the smaller ports.

Repairs

(86) Honolulu has a floating drydock that can handle medium-size vessels. The other ports have only minor facilities for small vessels.

Communications

(87) Honolulu is a major port of call for transpacific passenger and cargo vessels; air service, passenger and freight, includes scheduled flights to the other islands, to the mainland, and to W and SW Pacific areas. The other deepwater ports have regular interisland barge service and are irregular ports of call for transpacific vessels; interisland passenger travel is almost entirely by air.

Standard Time

(88) The State of Hawaii uses Hawaii-Aleutian standard time, which is 10 hours slow of Greenwich mean time. Example: When it is 1200 at Greenwich, it is 0200 in Honolulu. Midway Islands use Samoa standard time, which is 11 hours slow of Greenwich mean time. Example: When it is 1200 at Greenwich, it is 0100 at Midway Islands.

Daylight saving time

(89) Daylight saving time is not observed in the State of Hawaii.

Chart 19320

(90) **Hawaii**, at the SE end of the archipelago, is the "Big Island"; its area of 4,021 square statute miles is twice that of all the other islands in Hawaii State combined. The island is roughly triangular in shape, 82 nautical miles N to S and 72 miles E to W.

(91) Hawaii is also the **Volcano Island;** it has five volcanoes, two of which–Mauna Loa and Kilauea–are still active. **Mauna Kea** and **Mauna Loa,** the two volcanoes that dominate the island, rise to heights of nearly 14,000 feet and are the highest in the State; from their summits, the land descends gradually with occasional cinder cones and lesser peaks dotting the slopes. Lava flows are numerous, and some reach the coast.

Kilauea, 20 miles E of Mauna Loa and 9 miles from the SE coast, appears to be a crater in the side of its towering neighbor, but is really a separate peak with an elevation of more than 4,000 feet.

(92) **Hualalai,** a volcano dormant since 1801, rises to an elevation of 8,269 feet near the middle of the W coast. A peak of the **Kohala Mountains** rises to an elevation of 5,505 feet from the **Kohala Peninsula** at the NW end of the island.

(93) A highway encircles the island, and another leads from Hilo to Waimea by way of the pass between Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa.

Anchorages

(94) There is little shelter from the NE trades along the NE and SE sides of the island. Good anchorage is available along much of the W coast, but there are some areas so steep-to that anchorage is not practicable.

Currents

(95) The currents generally follow the NE trade wind, but occasionally set against it. One current follows the coast NW from Cape Kumukahi, the E extremity of Hawaii, and around Upolu Point, the N extremity. Another current follows the coast SW from Cape Kumukahi around Kalae, the S extremity, and thence N to Upolu Point; the latter flow is accompanied by an inshore counter current which sets SE from Hanamalo Point around Kalae and thence NE to Keauhou Point. An inshore current sets N from Hanamalo Point and sometimes attains considerable velocity. There are reports of strong NE currents off Makolea Point and strong N currents at Mahukona; another report states that currents offshore from Makolea Point set E toward the coast. Currents are weak at Kawaihae; SW currents with velocities of 0.5 knot have been observed in Honokaope and Kiholo Bays.

Weather, The Big Island

(96) The NE trade winds seem to divide at Cape Kumukahi, one part following the coast Northwestward and losing its force when it rounds Upolu Point, the other part following the coast Southwestward and around Kalae. On the W coast of Hawaii, except at Mahukona, the sea breeze sets in about 0900 and continues until displaced by the land breeze that usually springs up after sundown. Vessels bound E to ports on the windward side of the island should pass Upolu Point close-to and avoid the heavier offshore winds.

(97) During the trades, the NE coast frequently is clouded over in early morning, but there is clear weather 1 or 2 miles (2 to 4 km) offshore; when the breeze picks up about 0900 the clouds are driven inland. Rainfall varies greatly with locality; the greatest amount is along the windward side, the kona highlands get a moderate amount, and a little reaches the Kau District and the W coast.

(98) The NE coast of Hawaii Island has a length of about 77 miles between Upolu Point, the N extremity, and Cape Kumukahi, the E extremity. This coast is mostly bold, and all dangers can be avoided by giving it a berth of 2 miles. Hilo Bay is the only sheltered harbor or anchorage.

Chart 19327

(99) The numerous bluffs in the vicinity of **Upolu Point** appear quite similar from seaward. Several structures are prominent on the point: two buildings on the S side of Upolu Point Airport, an aerobeacon atop a wooden tripod, and three blue silos with white tops S of the airport. The country back of the point is cattle range; the camps and villages are generally situated high on the bluffs and among the occasional clumps of trees.

(100) **Kauhola Point Light** (20°14.8'N., 155°46.3'W.), 116 feet above the water, is shown from an 86-foot white cylindrical concrete tower on the low point 5 miles E of Upolu Point. A dangerous reef, usually marked by breakers, extends 0.3 mile from Kauhola Point; passing vessels should give the point a berth of 2 miles.

(101) Local vessels sometimes anchor in **Keawaeli Bay,** on the W side of Kauhola Point, in depths of about 4 fathoms with the light 0.3 mile distant on bearing 090°. Protection is afforded vessels forced to leave anchorage on the W coast during kona storms. **Kohala Mill,** the principal village in the vicinity, is 1 mile inland from the light; a stack is prominent. Another stack 1.7 miles W, at Union Mill, is also prominent.

(102) **Akoakoa Point,** 2.8 miles SE of Kauhola Point, is the E limit of the Kohala District sugar plantations. The country SE of Akoakoa Point rises gradually to the **Kohala Mountains,** which are heavily wooded to their summits.

Chart 19320

(103) The 10-mile stretch of coast between Akoakoa Point and Waipio Valley is backed by cliffs ranging up to 1,300 feet in height, and deep gorges that extend well inland. Waterfalls are numerous. The cliff faces have a general brownish appearance, but in some places they are covered with vegetation from top to bottom.

(104) **Honokane Iki Stream** empties into a narrow bay about 9.2 miles SE of Upolu Point. The bay affords fair protection and possible landing places for small boats. A rock awash, 0.5 mile offshore from the stream, is surrounded by depths of 12 to 14 fathoms. A rock, covered

2 fathoms, is about 0.75 mile E of the bay in about 20°12'01"N., 155°42'20"W.

(105) Three rocky islets, the largest 230 feet high, are about 300 yards offshore 0.8 mile SE of Honokane Iki Stream. Between Akoakoa Point and the islets, the bottom is fairly regular and slopes gradually to the 20-fathom depth curve, which is about 0.7 mile offshore.

(106) **Waimanu Valley,** 14.5 miles SE of Upolu Point, splits the highest cliffs in the vicinity and is the second largest ravine along this coast. Waimanu Bay may be used as an anchorage in favorable weather; there are depths of 7 fathoms 0.2 mile offshore from the ravine.

(107) **Waipio Valley,** the largest ravine along this coast, is 17.5 miles SE of Upolu Point. The valley is a remarkable cleft in the bluffs and is easily recognized. Taro is grown in the vicinity of **Waipio,** a small village near the mouth of the valley. In favorable weather, anchorage may be found in depths of 7 to 9 fathoms 0.3 mile off the valley or under the bluffs to the E.

(108) From Waipio Valley E the cliffs become lower, and at Kukuihaele the coast is a comparatively low bluff 30 to 300 feet high. The slopes between Waipio Valley and Hilo are planted in sugarcane to an elevation of about 2,000 feet; continuing upward toward Mauna Kea, the slopes are wooded to about 2,600 feet and then present a barren appearance. Mauna Kea is frequently snowcapped during the winter.

Chart 19322

(109) **Kukuihaele Light** (20°07.7'N., 155°33.3'W.), 154 feet above the water, is shown from a 34-foot white concrete tower at **Kukuihaele,** 19 miles SE of Upolu Point.

(110) **Honokaa,** 24 miles SE of Upolu Point, is marked by two storage tanks on a low bluff. A reef that usually breaks extends 170 yards N from the landing and is marked by several bare rocks. No shelter is available during normal weather, as the landing is open to the N and E.

Chart 19326

(111) **Paauhau**, 26 miles SE of Upolu Point, is marked by the masonry of the abandoned inclined railway that leads to the top of the bluff. The shore at the foot of the bluff consists of rocks and ledges over which the sea breaks constantly. The small concrete landing at the foot of the masonry incline offers little protection from the NE trades.

Chart 19320

(112) **Paauilo** is 31 miles SE of Upolu Point and a mile inland.

(113) **Ookala,** about 36 miles SE of Upolu Point, is on the edge of a bluff on the S side of a deep gulch. A lighted microwave tower is prominent.

(114) **Kaawalii Gulch** is about 1.5 miles SE of Ookala. In this locality the country back of the coast changes slightly in appearance; hummocky fields are noticeable.

(115) **Laupähoehoe Point,** 39 miles SE of Upolu Point, is low and flat and makes out about 0.3 mile from a deep gulch. **Laupähoehoe Point Light** (19°59.6'N., 155°14.2'W.), 39 feet above the water, is shown from a pole with a black and white diamond-shaped daymark on the point. The outer end of the point is a mass of black lava rock which is broken into detached ledges that extend 250 yards seaward from the light. The seas usually break with considerable force over the ledges.

(116) **Laupähoehoe** is at the inner end of the point. A boat ramp is in a 30-foot opening in the rock on the SE side of the point. A breakwater, marked by a light, offers some protection for small boats in the area.

(117) **Papaaloa,** 1.5 miles SE of Laupähoehoe, can be identified by a waterfall directly under a mill and stack on the edge of the bluff. A horizontal string of bright lights makes a good mark at night.

(118) **Maulua Bay,** 1.7 miles SE of Papaaloa, is a 0.3-mile indentation in the coast at the mouth of a gulch which is spanned by a high bridge. In favorable weather, small boats can be beached on the shingle at the head of the bay. Only slight protection is afforded from the NE trades. **Ninole** is 1.5 miles SE of the bay.

(119) **Honohina,** 6.5 miles SE of Laupähoehoe Point, is a settlement on the plain between two gulches. No stacks or prominent buildings are to be seen from seaward. The land has lost its hummocky appearance, and the cane-covered fields are more uniform, although still broken by gulches. Between Honohina and Hilo the bluffs gradually decrease in height and finally disappear.

(120) **Hakalau Bay,** 8.5 miles SE of Laupähoehoe Point, lies at the mouth of **Hakalau Gulch.** Prominent from offshore are a high trestle spanning the gulch and several buildings on the highland just S of the gulch and quite close to the edge of the bluff. At night, a row of prominent lights extends from the highland down to the gulch.

(121) **Wailea** is a small settlement a mile S of Hakalau Bay and just N of **Kolekole Gulch.**

(122) **Honomu** is at the mouth of a gulch 10.5 miles SE of Laupähoehoe Point.

(123) **Pepeekeo Point,** 52 miles SE of Upolu Point and 25 miles NW of Cape Kumukahi, is the most prominent point in the vicinity. **Pepeekeo Point Light** (19°50'50"N., 155°04'58"W.) 147 feet above the water, is shown from a 75-foot steel pole with a white and black dayboard on the N side of the entrance to Hilo Bay. During the day, the light tower is obscured by trees. **Papaikou,** 4 miles S of Pepeekeo Point, is on the W side of Hilo Bay.

Chart 19324

(124) **Hilo Bay** has an entrance width of 8 miles between Pepeekeo Point on the N and Leleiwi Point on the SE; the head of the bay is 4 miles inland. **Hilo,** on the SW side of the bay, is second in importance of the commercial deepwater harbors in the State of Hawaii.

(125) The W shore of Hilo Bay is bluff, but the S and SE shores are low. The outer bay is exposed to the NE trades, but the inner harbor is protected by a breakwater on Blonde Reef. There is frequently a heavy swell which is deflected E by the W shore and causes considerable surge at the wharves behind the breakwater. The W end of the breakwater is marked by a light.

Prominent features

(126) **Paukaa Point Light** (19°45.7'N., 155°05.4'W.) 145 feet above the water, is shown from a white pyramidal concrete tower about 2 miles N of Hilo. A lighted red and white water tank is on the SE side of Kuhio Bay.

(127) The marine terminal is in **Kuhio Bay,** behind the inner end of the breakwater. S of the terminal is a large commercial airport; the aero light at the airport can be seen many miles at sea.

(128) A flashing amber warning light, privately maintained and shown 2 feet above the SW corner of the roof of the shed on Pier 2, is activated when there is a gas leak or the likelihood thereof. Anyone observing the light flashing should remain well clear and upwind, and sources of ignition should be secured.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(129) The lines established for Hilo Harbor are described in **80.1480**, chapter 2.

Channels

(130) From deep water on the N, the channel to the inner harbor leads between the breakwater and the W shore, then turns sharply E and follows the S edge of Blonde Reef to the wharves in Kuhio Bay. A Federal project provides for an entrance channel 35 feet deep and a harbor basin of same depth in Kuhio Bay. Channel and

basin are maintained at or near project depth; markers include lighted and unlighted buoys and a **097°30'** lighted range. The range may be obscured by vessels moored at Pier 1. In 2001, the harbormaster was enforcing a vessel draft restriction of 32½ feet.

Anchorages

(131) Anchorages may be obtained anywhere under the lee of the breakwater where depths are suitable. Good anchorage is available W of Kaulainaiwi Island in depths of 25 to 35 feet over good holding ground. Well protected small-craft anchorages with fair holding ground may be found in S of Kuhio Bay, and in the basin E of Pier 1. The Hilo harbormaster usually assigns deep-draft anchorages.

(132) **Special anchorages** are on the S side of Hilo Bay and in the E part of Kuhio Bay at the S end of the breakwater. (See **110.1 and 110.128b**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Dangers

(133) **Blonde Reef** has depths of 4 to 25 feet and extends 1.5 miles in a NW direction from the SE side of Hilo Bay. In general, the shoaling is abrupt on all sides of the reef. A lighted buoy is off the outer end of the breakwater, which extends the length of the reef.

(134) Opposite Blonde Reef are two small islands on a reef that makes out 0.3 mile from the S shore; bare **Kaulainaiwi Island** is near the outer end of the reef and wooded **Coconut Island,** connected to the mainland by a footbridge, is close to shore. A lighted buoy marks the outer end of the reef.

(135) A large fleet of fishing boats operates in the outer part of Hilo Bay; the movements of these boats are uncertain, and approaching vessels should maintain a sharp lookout. The approach should be made from N, favoring the W shore and avoiding the NW part of Blonde Reef; vessels have gone aground on the N side of the breakwater.

Tides

(136) The mean range of tide is 1.7 feet and the diurnal range of tide is 2.4 feet at Hilo.

Currents

(137) A NNW current of about 1 knot has been reported in the approach to the harbor. After heavy rains, currents from **Wailoa River** and **Wailuku River** set N in the inner harbor.

Weather, Hilo

(138) Hawaii lies well within the belt of NE trade winds generated by the semipermanent Pacific high-pressure cell to the N and E. The climate of the island is greatly influenced by terrain. Its outstanding features are the marked variations in rainfall with elevation and from place to place, the persistent NE trade winds in areas exposed to them, and the equable temperatures from day to day and season to season in localities near sea level.

(139) Over the island's windward slopes, rainfall occurs principally in the form of showers within the ascending moist trade winds. Mean annual rainfall increases from 100 inches or more (>2540 mm) along the coasts, to a maximum of over 300 inches (>7620 mm) at elevations of 2,000 to 3,000 feet (610 to 915 m), and then declines to about 15 inches (381 mm) at the summits of Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa. In general, leeward (south and west) areas are topographically sheltered from the trades, hence from trade-wind showers and are therefore drier; although sea breezes created by daytime heating of the land move onshore and upslope, causing afternoon and evening cloudiness and showers. Where mountain slopes are steeper, mean annual rainfall may range from 30 inches (762 mm) along the coast to 120 inches (3048 mm) at elevations of 2,500 to 3,000 feet (763 to 915 m). The driest locality on the island and in the State, with an average annual rainfall of less than 10 inches (254 mm), is the coastal strip just leeward of the south portion of the Kohala Mountains and of the saddle between the Kohalas and Mauna Kea.

(140) These marked contrasts in rainfall are reflected in soil and vegetation, with frequent abrupt transitions from lush tropical growth to near-desert conditions, such as occurs between Kilauea's wet windward slopes and the Kau Desert just to the S.

(141) Within the city of Hilo itself, average rainfall varies from about 130 inches (3302 mm) a year near the shore to as much as 200 inches (5080 mm) in mountain sections. The wettest part of the island, with a mean annual rainfall exceeding 300 inches (7620 mm), is about 6 miles (11 km) upslope from the city limits. Rain falls on about 280 days a year in the Hilo area. At the Hilo airport, the average precipitation is 130 inches (3302 mm) annually and has ranged from 211 inches (5360 mm) in 1990 to 68 inches (1727 mm) in 1983. The mean number of days with precipitation is 314. The wettest month is November with 15.35 inches (390 mm) and the driest month June, with a mean amount of 6.44 inches (164 mm). On 20 February 1979, 16.87 inches of rainfall fell at the Hilo airport; the wettest 24-hour period on record for the site. Snowfall has never been documented at Hilo.

(142) Hawaii's equable temperatures are associated with its mid-ocean location and the small seasonal variation in the amount of energy received from the sun. At Hilo, the range in average temperature from February, the coldest month, to August, the warmest, is only 4.9°F

(2.7°C) and the average daily range, 14.4°F (8°C). The highest temperature of record at Hilo Airport is 94°F (34.4°C) recorded in May 1966; the lowest 53°F (11.7°C) recorded in February 1962. Greater variations occur in localities with less rain and cloud cover, but temperatures in the mid-nineties (33.9° to 36.1°C) and low fifties (10.6° to 11.1°) are uncommon anywhere on the island near sea level. Every month except April and July (more cloud cover) have seen extreme maximum temperatures of 90°F (32.2°C) or greater and each month from November through May has recorded extreme minimum temperatures below 60°F (15.6°C).

(143) The trade winds prevail throughout the year (although they may be absent for days or even weeks at a time) and profoundly influence the climate. However, the island's entire W coast is sheltered from the trades by high mountains, except that unusually strong trade winds may sweep through the relatively low (2,600-foot, (793 m)) saddle between the Kohala Mountains and Mauna Kea and reach the areas to the lee. But even places exposed to the trades may be affected by local mountain circulations. For example, the prevailing wind at Hilo Airport is not the NE trade, but the SW wind that drifts downslope off Mauna Loa during the night and early morning hours.

(144) Except for heavy rain, really bad weather seldom occurs. Thunderstorms average only ten per year, most likely in March, and are rarely severe. During the winter, cold fronts or the cyclonic storms of subtropical origin (the so-called kona storms) may bring blizzards to the upper slopes of Mauna Loa and Mauna Kea, with snow extending at times to 9,000 feet (2745 m) or below and icing nearer the summit.

(145) Storms crossing the Pacific a thousand miles to the N, or kona storms closer by, may generate seas that cause heavy swell and surf along the N, E, and SW shores of the island.

(146) The National Weather Service office is at the Hilo Airport; **barometers** may be compared there or by telephone.

(147) (See page T–10 for **Hilo climatological table.**)

Pilotage, Hilo

(148) Pilotage is compulsory for all foreign vessels and for U.S. vessels under register in the foreign trade; it is optional for U.S. vessels in the coastwise trade with a Federal licensed pilot on board.

(149) The pilot boat, IMUA, is yellow and 22 feet long with the word PILOT in black letters on the hull. The boat displays the standard pilot lights at night and the International Code flag "H" by day.

(150) The pilot boarding station is about 1 mile E of Paukaa Light. The pilots monitor and use as a working frequency VHF-FM channel 12.

(151) Mariners are requested to give 24 hours advance notice of arrival and gross tonnage, length, and draft of vessel; telephone (808-537-4169). Additionally, vessels are requested to rig the pilot ladder 2 feet above the water on the lee side and maintain a speed of not more than 5 knots.

Towage

(152) One diesel-powered tug up to 1,600 hp is based in Hilo. A second assist tug from another island may be arranged with advance notice. This may require a minimum of 12 to 24 hours transit time to get to the Port of Hilo from either Maui or O'ahu.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(153) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(154) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

(155) Hilo is a **customs port of entry.**

(156) A Coast Guard patrol boat moors in the basin E of Pier 1.

Harbor regulations

(157) **Harbor regulations** are established by the Harbors Division of the Hawaii Department of Transportation. In 1980, vessels with a draft of more than 32½ feet were restricted from the harbor. The **harbormaster** enforces the regulations and assigns anchorages.

Wharves

(158) The State-owned and operated piers are on the E side of Kuhio Bay. General cargo is usually handled by ships' tackle; fork lift trucks, a 20-ton mobile hoist, and two electric traveling bulk sugar loading towers are available. Transit sheds with 103,000 square feet of covered space, and 7.5 acres of open storage space are also available. For a complete description of the port facilities refer to Port Series No. 50, published and sold by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (See appendix for address.)

(159) **Pier 1:** 1,255 feet of berthing space, 34 feet reported alongside; deck height, 9 feet; receipt of dry bulk fertilizer, and lumber; shipment of bulk raw sugar and molasses; receipt and shipment of general and containerized cargo.

(160) **Pier 2:** 722 feet of berthing space, 35 feet reported alongside; deck height, 10 feet; receipt and shipment of general and containerized cargo by barge; receipt of bulk cement and lumber.

(161) **Pier 3:** 636 feet of berthing space, 35 feet reported alongside; deck height, 9½ feet; receipt of occasional

cruise ships, petroleum products, liquefied petroleum gas, and lumber; shipment of molasses; and occasional receipt and shipment of general and containerized cargo by barge.

(162) Hilo Bay is subject to heavy surge, particularly between October and mid-April. Large vessels make fast to mooring buoys when coming alongside Pier 1; this is necessary to assist in leaving the pier and for breasting off when the surge is excessive. The use of wire mooring lines is not advised.

(163) Most of the small craft of the area berth at **Wailoa River Small Boat Harbor**, 0.1 miles S of Wailoa River mouth; lights mark the entrance to the river. In 2001, the reported depths were 9 feet in the river channel and 7 to 10 feet in the berthing area. The Wailoa River mouth is subject to extensive shoaling, especially during the winter months. A marker with flashing white lights and the words "DANGER", "SHOAL" has been placed in the area of shoaling at the mouth of river in 19°43'24"N., 155°04'15"W. Mariners are advised to use caution in the area. Vessels drafting more than 4 feet should not attempt to enter the river. The fixed highway bridge at the entrance has a clearance of 12 feet.

Supplies

(164) Gasoline, diesel fuel, bunker C, and water are available at the State piers; all fuels must be trucked in. Ice and some marine supplies are available in Hilo.

Repairs

(165) Hilo has no facilities for drydocking or making repairs to deep-draft vessels, the nearest facilities are in Honolulu. A marine railway at Hilo has a capacity of 50 tons. Several machine, electrical, and welding shops off the waterfront are available for making above-waterline repairs to vessels at the port.

Communications

(166) Hilo has regular interisland barge service and is a port of call for trans-pacific vessels. Inter-island passenger travel is available by air and through two cruise ships that make weekly calls in Hilo. Telephone communication is available to the other islands and to the mainland.

Chart 19320

(167) **Leleiwi Point**, on the SE side of the entrance to Hilo Bay, is marked by a mass of bare, black lava rock about 20 feet high that extends 100 yards seaward from the tree line; the low point is difficult to identify at night.

(168) The 17-mile stretch of coast between Leleiwi Point and Cape Kumukahi is a series of low bluffs meeting the ocean with abrupt descents of 10 to 40 feet. The shoreline is a jumble of lava boulders. **Keaau,** 6 miles S of Leleiwi Point and 3 miles inland, is marked by two mill stacks and a water tank; the seaward stack is the most prominent. The Olaa plantations rise to an elevation of about 2,000 feet, above which the forest may be seen. An old lava flow reaches the sea 4 miles NW of Cape Kumukahi and is marked by two black hills, about 50 feet high, lying close together at its seaward end.

(169) **Cape Kumukahi Light** (19°30'59"N., 154°48'39"W.), 156 feet above the water, is shown from a 115-foot white pyramidal skeleton tower on the E extremity of Hawaii Island. The cape is a low mass of bare, black lava with a jagged top and is clearly defined from all sides; sharp pinnacles mark the end of the point. A chain of old craters, or cinder cones, extends 7 miles SW from the cape; the nearest cone, 1.4 miles from the cape, is 245 feet high and is topped with scattered coconut palms; a large water tank is prominent atop the NE rim of the cone.

(170) The SE coast of Hawaii Island is 63 miles long between Cape Kumukahi, the E extremity, and Kalae, the S extremity. This coast is mostly bold, but passing vessels are advised to keep at least 1 mile offshore. There are no all-weather harbors or anchorages.

(171) The country SW of Cape Kumukahi is heavily wooded, and there are numerous coconut groves along the beach. Characteristic of this coast are the lava flows, bare and rough in appearance, which extend from the hills to the sea. The old craters SW from the cape join the ridge which forms the divide between the **Puna District** and **Kau District.**

(172) **Pohoiki,** a small village 4 miles SW of Cape Kumukahi, has a boat launching ramp on the N shore of a small bight. The bight is protected by a breakwater marked by a light.

(173) **Puu Honuaula,** 5 miles SW of Cape Kumukahi and 3 miles inland, is 844 feet high and quite prominent. The SE side is blown out, but the remaining slopes are covered with vegetation and the rim is fringed with trees.

(174) **Opihikao,** a village 7 miles SW of Cape Kumukahi, is marked by a prominent grass-covered mound, 125 feet high, near its NE beach.

(175) The shoreline between **Waupuku Point** and **Kupapau Point**, 11 to 17 miles SW of Cape Kumukahi, was reported in 2001 to be constantly changing and extending further seaward due to steady lava flows.

(176) **Apua Point,** 27 miles SW of the cape, is low and bare; shallow water extends 300 yards or more offshore. **Keauhou Point,** 2 miles W of Apua Point, is another prominent feature.

(177) From 3 miles SW of Kupapau Point to Keauhou Point, the coastal plain and the lower slopes of the mountains are devoid of vegetation; higher up the mountains are wooded. Beginning 2 miles W of Kupapau Point is a series of bluffs several hundred feet high and 1 to 3 miles back of the shore. The bluffs are marked by numerous lava flows. The crater of **Kilauea** cannot be seen from seaward, but its location, when active, is indicated in daytime by the smoke that it discharges and at night by the glare on the clouds.

(178) At Keauhou Point the bluffs are yellow, steeper, and near the beach. The plain at the foot of the bluffs is low, and on a dark night the beach is hard to see. A small shallow bay just W of Keauhou Point is the only area between Pohoiki and Punaluu that offers small craft protection from the seas; it offers little protection from the winds. **Keauhou Landing** is along the shallow bay just W of Keauhou Point. When entering the bay, favor the W shore to avoid a reef, covered 2 feet, in the entrance. The reported depth in the entrance channel along the W shore is 6 feet. An anchorage, with a restricted swinging area and a reported depth of 9 feet, is inside the reef in the entrance. **Puu Kapukapu,** about 2 miles W of Keauhou Point, is a yellow bluff about 1,053 feet high at its NE end. This bluff is the most prominent landmark near the beach on this part of the coast.

(179) About 1.5 miles W of Keauhou Point is **Keaoi Island,** which is low, close inshore, and separated from the mainland at its E extremity only by shoal water. Small boats find shelter behind this islet by entering from the W.

(180) **Kau Desert,** the country S of Kilauea volcano, is devoid of vegetation. The **Great Crack,** on the W side of the 1823 lava flow from Mauna Loa, marks the W limits of the desert. The Great Crack, which is visible from seaward, passes along the E side of **Puu Ulaula.** The hill is 1.5 miles inland and 994 feet high. A sharply defined, low, black cone is about 5 miles inland and on the E side of the lava flow at an elevation of about 1,800 feet. A prominent fence, which extends from just E of Puu Ulaula to the shore 8 miles W of Puu Kapukapu, marks the W edge of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

(181) **Pahala,** 3 miles inland, is 42 miles SW of Cape Kumukahi and 21 miles NE of Kalae. A tall mill stack is prominent.

(182) The country between the Great Crack and Punaluu is covered with sugarcane to an elevation of about 2,000 feet; thence the slopes are wooded to within about 6,000 feet of the summit of Mauna Loa. Here and there, bare lava flows cut up the canefields. Cane in the Kau District extends as far W as Waiohinu.

Chart 19322

(183) **Punaluu**, 17 miles NE from Kalae, was formerly the shipping point for Pahala, but the landing is no longer used. Small boats find some protection in depths of 6 to 11 feet close to the E shore of the small bight which forms **Punaluu Harbor.** The landing at the head of the bight is marked by the ruins of a warehouse. Resort cottages with distinctive native roofs can be seen NW of the landing; a prominent church, with a steeple, is 0.3 mile S.

(184) The SW part of the bight is foul. A rock, awash at half tide, is 260 yards SSE of the landing; another, with 8 feet of water over it, is 40 yards farther offshore in the same direction. The entrance is between these rocks and the shore to the N. A rock, with 3 feet of water over it, is 0.2 mile E of the entrance and 80 yards offshore. The NE trades tend to haul more offshore in the vicinity of Punaluu Harbor, but in rough weather breakers extend completely across the entrance and passage is impossible.

Chart 19320

(185) The church and houses of **Hilea,** 1.7 miles W of Punaluu and 1.5 miles inland, can be seen from seaward. Back of the landing at Punaluu, and up to an elevation of about 3,500 feet, the slopes are broken; above this they appear regular and gradual to the summit of Mauna Loa. The upper slopes of Mauna Loa can only be seen from several miles offshore.

(186) **Puu Enuhe,** 3 miles NW of Punaluu, is the seaward end of **Enuhe Ridge.** The butte is a conspicuous flat--+

(187) topped cone with an elevation of 2,327 feet. **Kaiholena, Pakua,** and **Makanau** are promontories on **Kaiholena Ridge,** which extends 3 miles NW from the village of Hilea. **Ninole Gulch** lies between the two ridges, making the region extremely rugged, with the buttes standing out boldly. The buttes are prominent from either the SW or NE.

(188) **Kaumaikeohu Peak,** about 5 miles N of Punaluu, is a prominent cone, 3,430 feet high, on the SE boundary of the Kau Forest Reserve.

(189) Between Punaluu Harbor and Honuapo Bay, the shore is composed of masses of black lava rock which project out into deep water. About 1 and 3 miles SW of Punaluu are two conspicuous lava flows which reach the shore. Some of the slopes back of Honuapo Bay are covered with cane.

Chart 19322

(190) **Honuapo Bay** is a slight coastal indentation 13 miles NE of Kalae. Most prominent from offshore is the 236-foot cliff 0.5 mile SW of the bay; the upper half of the cliff shows black against the light-brown background of the hills, and the lower half is a grass-covered slide. The Honuapo pier is in ruins. The bay offers good anchorage in about 20 fathoms for deep-draft vessels. The bay is exposed to the trades and offers little protection for small craft.

Chart 19320

(191) **Naalehu**, 11 miles NE of Kalae and 2 miles inland, is on the S side of the base of **Puu Hoomaha,** which is 2,109 feet high. The country between Naalehu and Kalae is a grassy plain on which cattle range.

(192) **Maniania Pali** begins at **Kimo Point,** 11 miles NE of Kalae, and ends at **Waikapuna Bay,** 9 miles from Kalae; the black coastal cliff is 100 to 200 feet high and has a band of yellow clay on top. From Waikapuna Bay to Kamilo Point, the coast is low and rocky.

(193) **Kamilo Point,** 6 miles NE of Kalae, is a low, dark, lava mass on which is a black lava monument with a square base. A reef over which the sea generally breaks extends about 0.3 mile from the point.

(194) **Kaalualu Bay,** 1 mile W of Kamilo Point, affords good shelter for small craft during NE trades, but is exposed during kona weather. Anchorage can be found in depths of about 10 fathoms 200 yards due W of the point on the E side of the entrance. The submerged coral reefs between the anchorage and the NE part of the bay should be avoided, especially during periods of heavy swells.

(195) Between Kaalualu Bay and Kalae, the grassy plain is occasionally broken by bare lava. About 2.5 miles SW of Kaalualu Bay, the low coastline is broken by a grayish cinder cone.

(196) **Kaulana Bay,** 0.9 mile NE of Kalae, is a small bay that offers excellent protection from the trades. It is best approached from SW to avoid the submerged rocks extending offshore from a lava flow spit that makes up the E shore of the bay. A boat ramp, used by local fishermen, is on the N shore of the bay.

(197) **Kalae** is the S extremity of Hawaii Island. **Ka Lae Light** (18°54.7'N., 155°40.9'W.), 60 feet above the water, is shown from a 32-foot white pole with a black and white diamond-shaped daymark on the outer end of the cape. The SE side of the point is low; the bluff on the W side rises gently from the point to a height of 335 feet, 2 miles to the N. The bluff then leaves the shore and trends inland for several miles, increasing in height and forming the **Pali o Mamalu,**

(198) From Kalae to Upolu Point, a distance of about 95 miles, the coast has a general N trend and is mostly bold. The largest reef extends about 0.6 mile from shore in Kawaihae Bay; few of the others off the numerous capes and points make out more than 0.3 mile. All dangers can be avoided by staying at least 1 mile offshore.

(199) **Honokohau Small-Boat Harbor** and **Kawaihae** are the only sheltered harbors along the W coast of Hawaii; all others are smooth during regular NE trades, but are exposed during kona weather. The trade winds draw around Kalae and hold N offshore for about 3 miles, generally causing a rough sea from Kalae to Kauna Point. At Kauna Point, the complexion of the sea changes abruptly, the sea being considerably smoother to the N.

(200) Storms from the SW to NW are most frequent in January and February. Some protection for small craft may be found in Keauhou, Honokohau, and Kawaihae Bays, but anchorage space is limited. Boats sometimes seek shelter along the SE side of the island during these storms.

(201) Gasoline and a limited supply of water are available at Keauhou, Kailua Kona, and Kawaihae along the W coast. Supplies are mostly obtained from the stores on the main highway inland from the coast.

(202) The section of the W coast between Kalae and Kawaihae Bay, 79 miles N, is known as the **Kona Coast.** The country along this coast is broken up by numerous lava flows, varying in length from a few hundred yards to 30 miles, that have broken out from Mauna Loa and Hualalai. Between these flows are areas that are heavily wooded and covered with vegetation above an elevation of 1,500 feet, and there are large areas planted in coffee. Many of the lava flows reach the coast and terminate in bluffs, some fairly high and others only a few feet above the water. Scattered trees and bushes can be seen between many of the flows.

(203) From Pali o Mamalu to Hanamalo Point, about 16 miles NW, are lowlands several miles wide, which rise gradually to the mountains. The country is extremely desolate, with its grayish-black slopes of bare lava. A particularly black flow lies at the base of the lighter colored cliffs of Pali o Mamalu.

(204) At an elevation of 2,000 feet the kona region is known for its cool and bracing climate and plentiful rain. Little variation in weather is experienced; there is generally a land and sea breeze, except during kona winds. This condition, however, does not apply between

Kawaihae Bay and Upolu Point, since the region is affected by the winds which draw across the island.

(205) **Waiahukini,** a small fishing village at the base of **Pali o Kulani,** is marked by a patch of white sand. **Kä'iliki'i (Kailikii Shoal)** extends about 0.5 mile offshore to the W and N of the landing.

(206) **Puu Hou,** a black, well-defined cone 273 feet high, is close to the beach 1.6 miles NW of Waiahukini.

(207) **Pohue Bay,** 9 miles NW of Kalae, has a sand beach at its head where landings can be made.

(208) **Na Puu a Pele** are cones near the beach 12 miles NW of Kalae. The cones are prominent landmarks, and at the summit of the highest is a black stone cairn.

(209) **Kauna Point,** 13.5 miles NW of Kalae, is low, flat, and somewhat grassy, with a small hummock of graying lava 0.5 mile inland. The concrete base of a former light, nearly flush with the ground, is visible on the point. A 160-foot tower(19°03'01.2"N., 155°52'32.4"W.) is conspicuous just NNW of the point.

(210) **Kamoi Point,** 16.3 miles NW of Kalae, is a low jumble of lava rock. A small bight, S of the point, has a sand beach at its NE extremity where small boats can land. A small shack and a skeleton tower at the head of the bight are conspicuous from seaward.

(211) **Kanewaa Point** is 18.5 miles NW of Kalae.

(212) **Okoe** is at the head of **Okoe Bay,** a cove immediately S of Hanamalo Point. The cove indents the shore more than any other in the vicinity and has a little more sand on the beach. Anchorage can be found in depths of 7 to 15 fathoms. Larger vessels can anchor in 20 fathoms by entering the bay from due W and dropping anchor with Milolii Point Light bearing **022°.**

(213) **Hanamalo Point,** 21 miles NW of Kalae, is a low mass of lava with no prominent features. Unless close inshore, the point is difficult to distinguish from other points in the vicinity. S of Hanamalo Point, an inshore current sets S around Kalae and thence NE along the shore to the vicinity of Keauhou Point.

(214) **Milolii Point Light** (19°11.2'N., 155°54.5'W.), 44 feet above the water, is shown from a 20-foot white steel pole with a black and white diamond-shaped daymark.

(215) **Milolii,** a village 2 miles N of Hanamalo Point, has a concrete boat landing. The landing has a depth of 7 feet alongside. The current off the landing has a prevailing N set which sometimes reaches a velocity of 2 knots. A dangerous reef extends about 400 yards offshore at the S end of the village.

(216) An abandoned schoolhouse, visible only from the NW, is in the ironwood grove 250 yards S of the Milolii landing. Between the school and the landing is a grove of coconut trees, back of which are the 15 or 20 houses of the village. Otherwise, the countryside is a barren mass of lava. There is no protected anchorage off the landing. Storms occur most frequently in January and February.

(217) The lava flow of 1926 from the slopes of **Puu o Keokeo** entirely destroyed the village of **Hoopuloa,** 1 mile N of Milolii. The same flow nearly engulfed Milolii.

(218) **Papa Bay,** 3 miles N of Milolii, is a coastal indentation to the S of a prominent black lava flow of 1919. The ruins of an ancient Hawai'ian civilization are at the N end of the bay.

(219) Three lava flows of 1950 are prominent 4.3, 7.7, and 9.3 miles N of Milolii Point Light. These flows emanating from the SW rift zone of Mauna Loa extend into the sea, forming precipitous cliffs.

(220) **Auau Point,** 8.6 miles N of Hanamalo Point, is the crescent-shaped rim of an old crater that has had its seaward face blown out.

(221) **Lepeamoa Rock,** 11 miles N of Hanamalo Point, is close offshore from the island. The rock, 95 feet high, is the crescent-shaped rim of an old crater that has had its seaward face blown out. About 1.5 miles inland from the rock is the 1,766-foot peak of **Haleili.** Small villages of a few houses each are scattered along the coast, 1 or 2 miles apart, between Milolii and Lepeamoa Rock. The highway, which is 2 miles inland at Milolli, draws nearer the coast until at Lepeamoa Rock it is only 0.5 mile inland.

(222) **Kauhako Bay,** 34 miles NW of Kalae, is a small cove which has at its head a pali, or cliff, about 0.5 mile long and 120 feet high. **Hookena** is a small village at the foot of the N end of the pali. A prominent landmark is a stone church, with steeple, at the N end of the village. A large grove of coconut and shade trees is near the village. Anchorage can be found in depths of 15 fathoms, sandy bottom, about 300 yards off Hookena. There is a landing near the N end of the sand beach.

(223) The bluffs along the coast N of Hookena lose their height. The slope up to the interior is not so steep as to the S, and the country is covered with brush and coffee plantations.

(224) **Loa Point,** about 35.5 miles NW of Kalae, is flat and low, and green to within 40 yards of the water, then rocky.

(225) Between Loa Point and Hookena is the settlement of **Kealia,** which is at the N end of a long white sand and coral rubble beach. The villages along this section of the coast usually have a few houses on the beach, but most of the houses are on the highway 1 or 2 miles inland.

Chart 19332

(226) **Honaunau Bay**, 37 miles NW of Kalae, indents the coast about 500 yards and is about 500 yards in width.

The bay lies between two flat lava points. **Puuhonua Point,** on the S, is lower and smaller and is marked by the 12-foot-high stone walls of the **City of Refuge** and by a grove of tall coconut trees. The City of Refuge is of historic interest and is now maintained as a National Historical Park of about 182 acres. In former times, criminals or refugees reaching the place were safe until such a time as the king of the land took action. Vessels anchor in depths of 4 to 8 fathoms 150 yards from the S shore. Small boats can easily land on the shingle beach on the SE side of the bay during normal weather.

(227) **Palemano Point,** on the S side of the entrance to Kealakekua Bay, is low and flat, with scattered coconut trees and temple ruins near its outer end. The buildings of a resort camp on the point are prominent. A mass of bare rocks extends 125 yards off the N side of the point. About 0.4 mile N of the point, an old lava flow reaches the shore.

(228) **Kealakekua Bay,** 40 miles NW of Kalae, is marked on its N side by a light on Cook Point. The bay is about 2 miles wide between Palemano Point and Keawekaheka Point, and indents the coast about 1 mile. The shore is low, except on the NE side where a precipitous cliff between 400 and 600 feet high extends about 0.5 mile. A narrow reef fringes the shore between the S end of the cliff and Palemano Point. The bay is free of obstructions, affords good anchorage in all but strong SW winds, and is by far the best anchorage along this coast. In choosing an anchorage it is well to remember that in the daytime a sea breeze will prevail, shifting to a land breeze at night. The bottom is of coral and sand and is only fair holding ground.

(229) **Kaawaloa Cove** is the N part of Kealakekua Bay and lies between the high cliff and Cook Point. It was here that Captain James Cook was killed by the natives in 1779. **Cooks Monument** is a concrete shaft, 25 feet high, near the shore of the inner side of Cook Point. A concrete landing, with a depth of about 6 feet alongside, affords a means for visitors to reach the monument. Kaawaloa Cove is within the boundary of Kealakekua Bay Marine Life Conservation District and Underwater Park. State regulations forbid anchoring, except in an emergency, and overnight mooring at other than designated locations within the park boundaries. A copy of the regulations can be obtained from the office of the harbormaster at Hilo.

(230) The village of **Napoopoo** consists of a few houses scattered among the coconut trees just S of the cliff. Water and provisions are scarce. The landing, which has a depth of about 4 feet alongside, is in the middle of the village. A church spire is fairly prominent from offshore.

(231) **Keawekaheka Point,** on the N side of the entrance to Kealakekua Bay, is a low, bare, lava point. An extensive lava flow reaches from the point to the high cliff at the head of the bay.

Chart 19327

(232) Puu Ohau, 1.5 miles N of Keawekaheka Point, is a green cone, 231 feet high, near the beach. The cone has a blowhole in the middle, and its seaward side is blown out, forming a red cliff.

(233) **Keikiwaha Point,** 2 miles N of Keawekaheka Point, is low, black, and jagged, with coconut trees on it. About 2 miles inland from the point, and on the highway, are a stack, a church, and the buildings of **Kainaliu.**

(234) From Napoopoo to Kailua Kona is the most thickly settled section of the coast; cultivated fields of coffee extend both ways from the highway that parallels the shore 1 to 2 miles inland.

(235) **Kaukalaelae Point,** 4.4 miles N of Keawekaheka Point, is low and flat. The white hotel on the point is one of the most prominent landmarks along this coast.

(236) **Keauhou Bay,** 45 miles NW of Kalae, indents the coast 0.3 mile and is 300 yards wide between entrance points. The bay is between two lava flows at the foot of a gentle slope and, though small, is one of the best protected along the Kona coast. **Keauhou Bay Light** (19°33.7'N., 155°57.7'W.), 35 feet above the water, is shown from a 30-foot pole on shore at the head of the bay. A three-color directional light is shown 10 feet below on the same structure; the fixed white sector of the beam marks the centerline of the entrance channel on course **066°.** The channel is also marked by an unlighted range, the rear marker of which is on the same structure as the lights. The **Keauhou** schoolhouse on the highway 1.5 miles inland is fairly prominent from offshore. The bottom is extremely irregular and has many coral heads with depths of 5 to 6 feet over them. A reef extends 100 yards off the N entrance point. By maintaining a lookout for coral heads, boats of 4-foot draft can enter the bay for anchorage. Breakers frequently extend across the mouth of the bay. A 3-ton hoist is on the pier; a launching ramp, fuel, moorings, and a limited amount of water are available. A marine railway can handle craft up to 45 feet.

(237) **Kahalu‘u** is a small village about 1 mile N of Keauhou.

(238) **Hualalai,** in the central W part of the island, is a conical peak 8,269 feet high, covered with vegetation to its summit and prominent from any point of approach. Its W slopes terminate in a bare lava plain about 4 miles wide. The plain forms a low beach consisting of sand in some places and lava rocks in others.

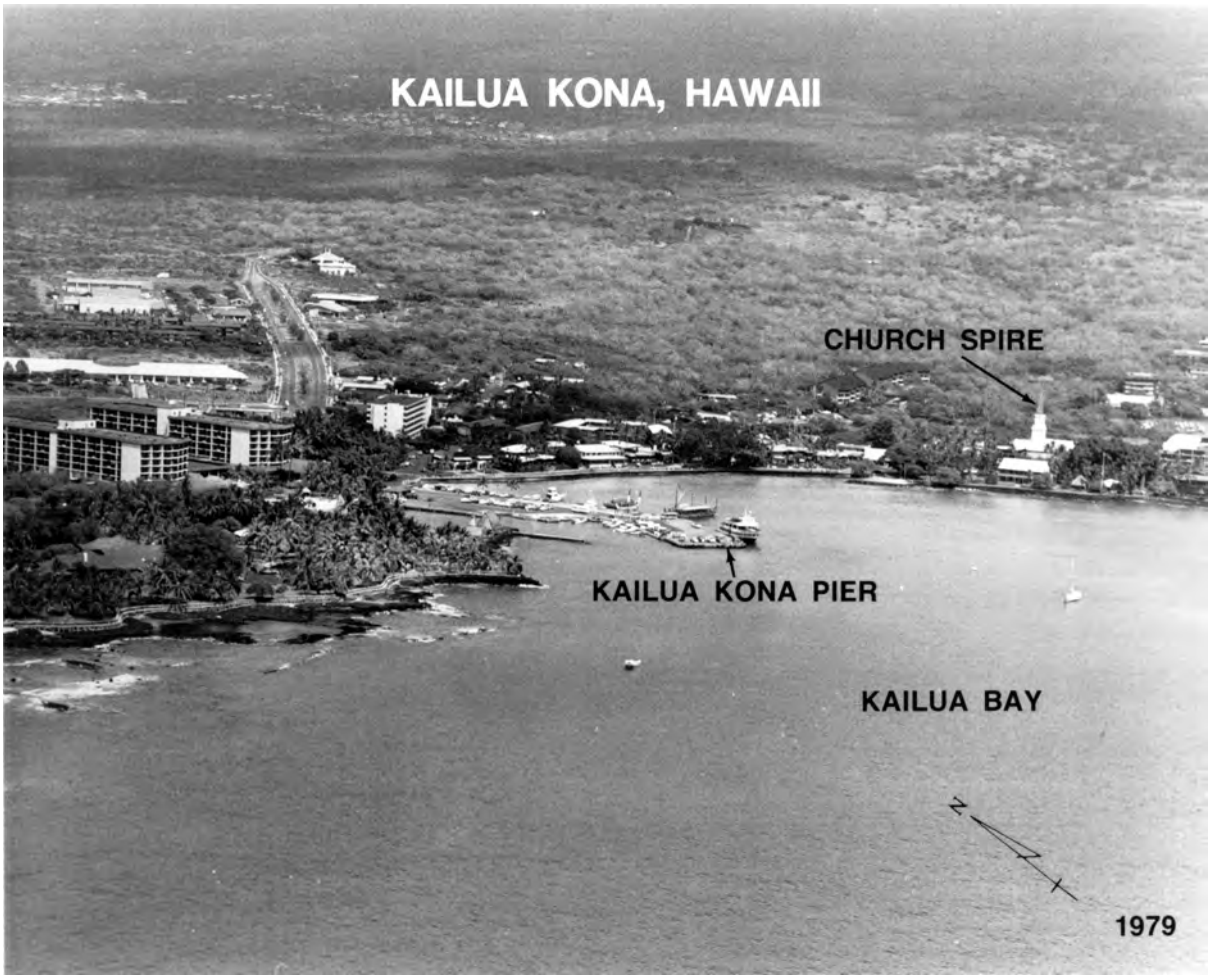

Chart 19331

(239) **Kailua Bay**, 50 miles NW of Kalae, is a dent in the coast at the S end of the flat plain which extends N to Kawaihae Bay.

(240) **Kailua,** on the N side of the bay, formerly a barge terminal, is now used by cruise and charter boats. Large ships anchor offshore and ships' tenders are used for transportation to shore. **Kailua Light** (19°38'16"N., 156°00'03"W.), 32 feet above the water, is shown from a white pyramidal concrete tower on **Kukailimoku Point,** which is on the NW side of the bay entrance. Also prominent is the church spire E of Kailua pier and the radio tower NW of the pier.

(241) No breakwater protects this small exposed harbor. Access is good, and no channel is required to reach open water. The turning basin E of the pier is 12 to 20 feet deep and about 500 feet square. The approach to the pier is marked by a **023°** directional light. The W side of the pier has a surfaced boat-launching ramp. Gasoline, water, and marine supplies are available in limited quantities. A harbormaster is at Kailua and can be reached at 808-329-4215.

Chart 19327

(242) The coast between Kailua Bay and Kawaihae Bay is a black, jagged mass of lava. The numerous capes and indentations are caused by the lava flows over the level country. Between Keahole and Upolu Points, the trade winds draw over the mountains, at times causing a very strong offshore wind. Vessels anchoring in this vicinity should be prepared to use both anchors, as the prevailing N current prevents laying to the wind.

(243) **Kaiwi Point,** about 2 miles NW of Kailua, is low and black, with some small patches of white sand. Shoal water extends about 0.3 mile offshore on the S side of the point, but on the W side the 100-fathom curve is only 0.3 mile offshore.

(244) **Honokohau Small-Boat Harbor,** at the head of **Honokohau Bay,** about 1 mile N of Kaiwi Point, is entered through a marked dredged channel that leads to two basins in the harbor. In 1983, the controlling depths were 13 feet from the bay to the W basin, thence 13 to 15 feet in the W basin, except for lesser depths along the E side, thence 7 feet in the channel along the N side of the harbor, with 6 feet in the E basin. Two boat ramps, a haul-out ramp, and moorings are available in

the harbor. A wharfinger is available on weekdays from 0630 to 1730 and can assist in arranging delivery of petroleum products by tank truck.

(245) **Keahole Point,** 57 miles NW of Kalae, is the W extremity of Hawaii Island. **Keahole Point Light** (19°43.7'N., 156°03.6'W.), 43 feet above the water, is shown from a 33-foot white pyramidal concrete tower. An aerobeacon atop the 65-foot control tower, 1.2 miles ENE of Keahole Point Light, is more prominent at night than Keahole Point Light. The point is low and well defined, and consists of black lava with some small vegetation. White patches of sand may be seen between the fingers of the lava. A N current sets past Keahole Point. Frequently there are small tide rips near the point, and 2 miles to the N the rips are violent when the NE trade winds are strong. A berth of 0.5 mile clears the point in deep water. Mariners should not anchor within 1 mile offshore or 500 yards N and 1000 yards S of Keahole Point because of submerged pipelines.

(246) **Puu Waawaa** (see chart 19320), 13 miles E of Keahole Point, is prominent and can often be seen when Hualalai is hidden by the clouds. The mountain, 3,971 feet high, is dome-shaped, with deep gorges on its side, and rises about 1,000 feet above the slope on which it stands.

(247) Between **Makolea Point** and **Kawili Point,** 3 and 4 miles N of Keahole Point, shoal water extends about 0.7 mile offshore. The sand and coral bottom is plainly visible. A current sets NE along this coast, and there are tide rips off Makolea Point. Offshore, beyond the 2,000-fathom curve, the current has been observed to set E toward the coast. When a heavy swell is running, breakers extend about 0.5 mile offshore. Strangers should give these points a berth of 1.5 miles. The village of **Mahaiula** is at the head of the unimportant bay between the two points. Between Keahole and Mano Points are several small bays that are rarely used.

(248) **Kuili,** 5 miles N of Keahole Point and 0.3 mile inland, is a brown crater 342 feet high. The hill marks the seaward end of a series of cones on the ridge extending from the NW slope of Hualalai. An extensive shoal extends about 0.5 mile offshore about 2 miles N of Kuili and between the villages of **Kukio** and **Kaupulehu.**

(249) **Mano Point,** 9 miles NE of Keahole Point, is a poorly defined, rounded, flat mass of lava.

(250) **Kiholo Bay,** 11 miles NE of Keahole Point, indents the coast 0.5 mile and is 1 mile wide. The head of the bay is foul, but local vessels have anchored close to the black lava shore on the S side. A SW current, with an average velocity of about 0.5 knot, has been observed in Kiholo Bay. The village of **Kiholo** consists of a few houses in a coconut grove at the head of the bay.

(251) **Puu Anahulu** (see chart 19320), 4 miles E of Kiholo, is a prominent yellowish cone, 1,523 feet high, with lava flows on three sides.

(252) **Kapalaoa** is a village on the S side of a small bight 3.5 miles NE of Kiholo. The bight is foul and can only be used by small boats with local knowledge.

(253) A mooring float marking a former Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion Site is about 12 miles WNW of Mano Point.

Charts 19330, 19327

(254) **Puako Bay** is a small indentation in the coast 20 miles NE of Keahole Point. There is no protection for large vessels, and very little is available for small craft. The bay is open to W and NW winds and is foul with coral heads and reefs. The shores are mostly black, smooth lava extending into the water on a gentle slope, with many detached rocks of the same material. A small landing is at **Puako,** on the SE side of the bay, and many houses are along the S shore.

(255) Small boats can approach the landing on a course of 137° until within 250 yards of it, where the channel is marked by private buoys; a private light is on shore near the landing. A reef off **Waima Point,** 1 mile SW of Puako, is easily recognized from a safe distance offshore. Anchorage can be found about 0.8 mile NW of Puako in depths of 12 to 15 fathoms, sand and coral bottom.

(256) A large hotel and golf course can be seen at **Kaunaoa Beach,** 2.7 miles NE of Waima Point. A cluster of three tanks, about 0.6 mile S of the hotel, is also prominent.

(257) The coast, which has a NE trend to Puako, turns N for 3 miles, then gradually recurves to the NW, forming **Kawaihae Bay.** The black lava flows are no longer characteristic, and the back country, with its extensive slopes, is some of the best grazing land in the State.

(258) **Kawaihae,** 3.5 miles N of Puako, is a commercial deepwater harbor in the N part of Kawaihae Bay. The harbor is protected by stone revetment and fill on the S and by a breakwater on the W; the entrance is from NW.

Prominent features

(259) **Kawaihae Light** (20°02.5'N., 155°49.9'W.) 59 feet above the water, is shown from a 36-foot white pyramidal concrete tower on the NW side of Kawaihae. Deep and heavily wooded **Honokoa Gulch** is NW of the harbor, and **Puukohola Heiau** is a square of dark rocks on a 50-foot knoll SE of the breakwater. **Puu Kamalii,** 1 mile NE of Kawaihae, is 690 feet high and fairly conspicuous.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(260) The lines established for Kawaihae Harbor are described in **80.1470**, chapter 2.

Channels

(261) Federal project depths are 40 feet for the entrance channel and 35 feet for the main basin behind the breakwater. (See Notice to Mariners and latest edition of the chart for controlling depths.) A lighted **120°** entrance range and lighted and unlighted buoys mark the channel. The N end of the breakwater is marked by a light. A small-boat basin, just N of the main basin, had a controlling depth of 12 feet in December 1989. The breakwater on the W side of the small-boat basin is marked by a light at the S end.

Anchorages

(262) Good anchorage, except in kona weather, may be found in depths of 8 to 15 fathoms between Honokoa Gulch and the outer end of the entrance channel.

Dangers

(263) Reefs that bare in places extend as much as 0.5 mile from the outer side of the breakwater and from the shore to the S.

Tides and currents

(264) The mean range of tide is 1.3 feet and the diurnal range of tide is 2.0 feet at Kawaihae. The strong N current felt off Keahole Point and Makolea Point passes offshore at Kawaihae, where there is practically no current.

Weather, Kawaihae and vicinity

(265) This subject has been discussed on previous pages, but vessels maneuvering in Kawaihae Harbor are again warned to be on the alert for sudden strong offshore gusts caused by the trade winds drawing over the mountains.

Pilotage, Kawaihae

(266) Pilotage is compulsory for all foreign vessels and for U.S. vessels under register in the foreign trade; it is optional for U.S. vessels in the coastwise trade with a Federal licensed pilot on board.

(267) The pilot boat, NININI, is yellow and 22 feet long with the word "PILOT" written in black letters on the hull. The boat displays the standard pilot lights at night and the International Code flag "H" by day. The pilot boarding station is 1 mile seaward of the NW end of the breakwater on the entrance channel rangeline. The pilots monitor and work VHF-FM channel 12. Mariners are requested to give at least 24 hours advance notice of

arrival with gross tonnage, length, and draft of vessel; telephone (808-537-4169). Additionally, vessels are requested to rig the pilot ladder 2 feet above the water on the lee side and maintain a speed of not more than 5 knots.

Towage

(268) Tug service must be arranged for in advance; there are no tugs available in the harbor.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(269) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(270) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

Harbor regulations

(271) These are established by the Harbors Division of the Hawaii Department of Transportation and are enforced by the **harbormaster.**

Wharves

(272) The State-owned waterfront facilities are on the NE side of the harbor basin. General cargo is usually handled by ships' tackle, and cargo to and from barges by forklift trucks. For a complete description of the port facilities refer to Port Series No. 50, published and sold by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (See appendix for address.)

(273) **Kawaihae Pier 1**: Just inside harbor basin; 410-foot face, 20 to 24 feet reported alongside; deck height, 8 feet; 8,700 square feet covered storage; 20 refrigerated container positions; receipt and shipment of general and containerized cargo by barge; receipt of bulk cement and lumber; operated by State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division; and others.

(274) **Kawaihae Pier 2**: 200 yards SE of barge wharf; 1,152-foot face with 38-foot ends; 35 feet reported alongside; deck height, 8 feet; 12,000 square feet covered storage; pipelines extending from wharf to 5 steel storage tanks in rear with 41,000 barrel capacity; receipt and shipment of general cargo and automobiles; shipment of aggregate; receipt of petroleum products; operated by State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division; and others.

(275) A 100-foot-wide concrete ramp with mooring dolphins, used exclusively for handling military cargo to and from U.S. Government-owned landing craft, is at the SW end of the harbor.

Supplies

(276) Water and limited amounts of fuel oil and diesel oil are available.

Communications

(277) Kawaihae has interisland barge and air service and is a port of call for transpacific vessels.

Chart 19327

(278) Between Kawaihae and Mahukona, the country is uncultivated grazing land. Mountain slopes terminate in cliffs at the coast and are cut intermittently by ravines.

Chart 19329

(279) **Mahukona Harbor** is a small, open bight 10 miles NW of Kawaihae and 6 miles SW of Upolu Point. The village of **Mahukona** consists of a few houses in an algaroba grove near the beach, and abandoned warehouses and oil tanks. The shore is rocky, and the slopes back of the village are partially covered with algaroba trees.

(280) **Mahukona Light** (20°10.8'N., 155°54.1'W.), 64 feet above the water, is shown from a 22-foot white pyramidal concrete tower on Kaoma Point, S of the village.

Magnetic disturbance

(281) Differences of as much as 3° from normal variation have been observed in the vicinity of Kauili Point about 0.7 mile N of Mahukona.

(282) Anchorage may be selected 0.2 mile SW of Makaohule Point, in depths of 10 to 15 fathoms, sand and coral bottom. An anchorage with less wind can be found 0.3 mile NW of the point and about 400 yards off the beach.

(283) Reports indicate that the inshore current usually sets N with considerable velocity. However, during the period of current observations the average N drift was about 0.2 knot, both N and S velocities of nearly 1 knot were measured, and the tidal current averaged less than 0.2 knot at strength. During the observations, winds were light to moderate and variable in direction. Strong offshore winds, accompanied by violent gusts from varying directions, are frequently experienced during the normal NE trades. Because of these conditions, vessels should anchor with plenty of cable and have a second anchor ready to let go.

(284) The public landing is at the head of the bight and a private landing is on the N shore. Both landings are for small boats only. Provisions are available.

Chart 19327

(285) The coast between Mahukona and Upolu Point is a series of low, black bluffs. Back of the bluffs, the country is marked by many cinder cones and rises gently to the Kohala Mountains. The cuts and fills of the railroad that formerly skirted the coast from Mahukona to Kohala may be seen when close inshore.

Chart 19320

(286) **Alenuihaha Channel**, between the islands of Hawaii and Maui, is 26 miles wide in its narrowest part, between Upolu Point and Puhilele Point. The channel is free of obstructions and is deep close to the shores.

(287) Strong trade winds usually prevail, causing the channel to be very rough and a current of 1 to 2 knots to set W. Passage is very difficult for smaller vessels, especially when going E. During the calms that frequently follow, there is at times an E set of about 1 knot, and during kona winds the E set may reach a velocity of 2 or 3 knots. The channel is roughest and the W current strongest when the wind is between NNE and ENE. During periods of strong NE trades, violent tide rips may be encountered 2 miles N of Keahole Point, probably caused by the meeting of the SW offshore current with the N inshore current. When bound from Upolu Point to Alalakeiki Channel, an onshore set is sometimes felt when reaching the lee of Maui.

Chart 19340

(288) **Maui**, 26 miles NW of Hawaii, has an area of 728 square statute miles and is second in size of the eight large islands. The island is 42 miles long in a NW-SE direction and 23 miles in greatest width. A low, flat isthmus joins the two distinct mountain masses that make up the island. The crater of **Haleakala** (house of the sun), 10,025 feet high, is near the center of the E and larger part of the island. On the NW side of the crater the land slopes gently, while on the S and E sides, it is much steeper and in some places precipitous. **Koolau Gap** on the N side, and **Kaupo Gap** on the SE side, are two large openings in the side of the crater. **Puu Kukui,** 5,788 feet high, is near the center of the W and smaller part of the island, which is cut up by rugged peaks and deep valleys and gulches.

Anchorages

(289) Anchorages are numerous on the SW side of Maui; the first requirement under ordinary conditions is shelter from the trade winds.

Currents

(290) In the vicinity of Maui, currents are variable, depending to a great extent upon the velocity and direction of the wind. Usually there is a W flow in the offshore areas along the N and S coasts, which is part of the general W oceanic drift accompanying the prevailing NE trade winds. Much of the flow along the S coast appears to continue W past the S coast of Kahoolawe. Weak, variable currents are reported in Alalakeiki Channel, and there is a N flow in Auau Channel. Near the shores of the island the currents are complicated by tidal effects, wind, and counter currents.

Weather, Maui and vicinity

(291) The trade winds divide at Kauiki Head, one part following the trend of the coast NW and the other part following the S coast. The winds following the NW coast divide again at the isthmus, one part drawing S and often reaching great force in the vicinity of Maalaea Bay, and the other part following the trend of the coast around the NW end of Maui and through Pailolo Channel, with the greater force on the Molokai side of the channel. That part of the trades following the trend of the S coast of Maui divides, with part continuing along the S shore of Kahoolawe and the other part drawing through Alalakeiki Channel, around the N end of Kahoolawe and W through Kealaikahiki Channel.

(292) On the S coast of Maui, a sea breeze frequently sets in about 0900 and continues until after sundown, when the land breeze springs up. Light airs or calms are generally found in the vicinity of Molokini Islet and again along the W shore of Maui between Hekili and Kekaa Points. In the vicinity of Lahaina a light onshore breeze is generally felt, while farther out in Auau Channel the NE trades are noticed.

(293) Rainfall is quite heavy on the windward side of the island and light on the lee side.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine.

(294) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(295) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

Supplies

(296) Marine supplies are available in limited quantities for small craft at Kahului, Wailuku, Lahaina, and Maalaea. Fuel and water are available at Kahului, Maalaea, and Lahaina.

Repairs

(297) Some machine repairs can be made at Kahului. Minor repairs of small craft can be accomplished at Maalaea.

Communications

(298) Maui has telephone communication with the other islands and with the mainland. Passenger and freight service travels over good to fair highways that extend to most parts of the island. Kahului is a port of call for interisland and transpacific shipping. The island has regularly scheduled air service.

(299) From Hana Bay to Cape Hanamanioa, the coast has a generally WSW trend. Between Hana Bay and Nuu Landing the coast consists of high, rough bluffs, broken up by numerous small capes and indentations. Vegetation may be seen as far as Kaupo Gap. The entire S face of Haleakala is steep and eroded, presenting a reddish-brown appearance, dotted here and there with green patches. The slopes become less steep as the shore is approached. From Nuu Landing to Cape Hanamanioa the coast is bare, with practically no sign of habitation. Dangers lie offshore in the vicinity of Alau Island, Ahole Rock, and between Pohakueaea Point and Cape Hanamanioa. Otherwise, the 10-fathom curve lies within 0.2 mile of the shore. Landings can be made during trade-wind weather in the numerous coves along the coast between Muolea Point and Nuu Landing. There are no suitable anchorages between Nuu Landing and Cape Hanamanioa.

Chart 19341

(300) **Hana Bay** lies between Kauiki Head and Nanualele Point at the E end of Maui. The bay is about 0.4 mile in diameter and is open to the E. **Hana** is on the S side of the bay.

(301) **Kauiki Head,** on the S side of Hana Bay entrance, is a crater 390 feet high; the outer half of the crater has eroded, leaving the inner side exposed. Because it is joined to the rest of Maui by a comparatively low neck of land, Kauiki Head has the appearance from a distance of a separate island. **Kauiki Head Light** (20°45.4'N., 155°58.7'W.), 85 feet above the water, is shown from a 14-foot white pyramidal concrete tower on an islet close to the NE side of the crater.

(302) The shores of Hana Bay are rocky except for two short beaches, one at the S end of the bay and the other on the NW side. A shoal, usually marked by breakers, extends halfway across the bay from the middle of the N shore. A small 16-foot rocky spot is 350 yards N of the light. Numerous rocks, some bare at all tides, extend for 200 yards off **Nanualele Point.** The point is low, flat lava on the N side of Hana Bay. **Twin Rocks** are two bare rocks, with deep water close-to, about 300 yards NE of the light; the inner and larger rock is 15 feet high. About 200 yards S and 300 yards SE of outer Twin Rock are **Inner Pinnacle Rock,** about 3 feet high, and **Outer Pinnacle Rock,** about 5 feet high.

(303) The entrance channel to Hana Bay is between Twin Rocks and the 16-foot shoal and is unmarked. A local rule is to avoid entering the harbor when the seas are breaking at the entrance.

(304) The bay does not afford a desirable anchorage. Small vessels sometimes anchor in the SW portion of the bay, but swinging room is limited. Anchorages in the bay are exposed to NE winds and sea, and during strong SW blows vessels are apt to drag anchor. In the absence of local knowledge, anchorage should be attempted only by small craft.

Currents

(305) Just outside the bay a tidal current reaches its S strength when the tide at Honolulu is rising and its N strength when the Honolulu tide is falling. S and N velocities of about 1 knot and 1.5 knots, respectively, have been observed. Farther offshore, a strong N or NE current has been reported. Off Kauiki Head and Nanualele Point, rough seas occur when a NE wind blows against the NE current.

(306) No breakwater protects this small, exposed harbor. The turning basin is 20 to 30 feet deep and about 600 feet by 800 feet. The State-owned T-pier provides 300 feet of berthing space, but is in poor condition and no longer maintained. Vessels drop anchor NW of the pier and make a starboard landing. Small boats can be launched from the sand beach at the S end of the bay.

Chart 19340

(307) **Puu o Kahaula**, 545 feet high, is the highest of five hills 0.7 mile inland from Hana; the stone memorial cross atop the hill is sometimes lighted at night.

(308) **Alau Island,** 1.5 miles S of Kauiki Head and 0.4 mile offshore, is 100 yards in diameter and 150 feet high, is grass covered and has a few coconut palms. Between the island and Maui is an extensive reef. Tidal currents of 0.5 knot, setting N and S, have been observed near Alau Island. Off the island is a strong NE current, and there is an eddy between the island and Kauiki Head.

(309) Two rocks with about 9 feet of water over them are close together about 0.7 mile SE of Alau Island. Under favorable conditions, these rocks appear as small,

yellowish-brown spots in the water. However, they are seldom seen and do not break in moderate seas. Vessels may avoid the rocks by giving Alau Island a berth of about 1.5 miles in passing.

(310) **Iwiopele,** about 1.5 miles S of Hana Bay, is a formation similar to Kauiki Head and resembles the latter in size and appearance.

(311) **Mokae Cove,** almost 1 mile S of Iwiopele, affords a landing for small boats in NE weather. S currents with velocities up to 0.5 knot have been observed 0.5 mile from the shore in this locality.

(312) From **Makaalae Point,** 3 miles S of Kauiki Head, the coastal trend is SW. There are several villages between Mokae Cove and Wailua Cove. A church spire is prominent on the bluff at **Puuiki,** 3.5 miles SW from Kauiki Head.

(313) **Wailua Cove** is at the mouth of a valley 5.5 miles SW from Kauiki Head. Inland from the cove and halfway up the mountain is a high waterfall that is usually conspicuous from offshore. A white cross, below the waterfall, is visible. Landings may be made during normal trade-wind weather in almost any of the coves along the coast, although the swell enters all of them. **Muolea Point,** a mile E of Wailua Cove, is rounded and rocky.

(314) **Kipahulu,** 8 miles SW of Kauiki Head and 0.5 mile W of **Puhilele Point,** is a ranch settlement on the W side of deep **Kipahulu Valley;** a stack is prominent. **Ahole Rock,** about 0.3 mile off the shore below Kipahulu, is low and flat, and has a bare appearance; anchorage in the vicinity is not recommended.

(315) **Kaapahu Bay,** 1.5 miles W of Kipahulu, is a small coastal dent which sometimes can be used for small-boat anchorage in trade-wind weather; there are depths of 4 fathoms about 200 yards off the pebble beach.

(316) **Kaupo Landing,** 11 miles SW of Kauiki Head, is the best in the vicinity during trade-wind weather. Adjacent land is divided into small homesteads, and cattle raising is the principal occupation. Vessels anchor well off and E of the landing. Strong E winds make landings difficult.

(317) **Kailio Point,** 13 miles SW of Kauiki Head, is 73 feet high, narrow, and at the E end of **Mamalu Bay.** A prominent church is on the highway directly N of the point. Trade-wind anchorage may be found about 300 yards from the head of the bay in depths of 10 fathoms, sandy bottom.

(318) **Kaupo Gap** is the large opening, about 1.3 miles wide, in the SE side of Haleakala Crater. An immense old lava flow slopes gradually from the gap to the coast. The wide U-shaped gap at the top is a good landmark, day or night, for Kailio Point. The brush-covered lava flow is the dividing line between the forest and brush of the E part and the barren W part of the S coast. Waterfalls are numerous E of the gap.

(319) Low **Apole Point,** 15 miles SW of Kauiki Head, is composed of black, jagged rock. The point marks the seaward end of the Kaupo lava flow.

(320) **Nuu Landing** is a small bight on the W side of Apole Point. Small vessels can find anchorage in depths of about 8 fathoms.

(321) From Nuu Landing to **Pohakueaea Point,** 12 miles to the W, the coast is barren and deep water is close-to. All dangers are close to the bluffs. A few homesteads may be seen on the slopes that rise to the rim of Haleakala. The slopes are cut by gulches and are barren except for a scattering of trees about halfway up. At Pohakueaea Point, the 20-fathom curve begins to trend offshore.

(322) A pinnacle rock with depths of less than 12 feet over it is reported to exist within 0.5 mile of the shore somewhere between Pohakueaea Point and La Perouse Bay. The rock may be off Pohakueaea Point as an extension of the lava flow that forms the point. Vessels making the run along this coast in recent years have observed no indication of an offshore danger; however, they give Cape Kinau a berth of about 1 mile, as it is known that a steamer struck bottom in the vicinity of the cape, probably about 0.2 mile offshore.

(323) **Lualailua Hills,** 6 miles W of Nuu Landing and 2 miles inland, are a group of red mounds about 2,000 feet high.

(324) **Hokukano,** 1 mile SW of Lualailua Hills, is a conspicuous red cone with a lava flow reaching the sea in a high black mass.

(325) **Pimoe,** 2.4 miles W of Hokukano, is a red dome, irregular in shape, with its E side broken. The dome, 1,766 feet high, is the crater from which the large, fan-shaped lava flow in the vicinity of Pohakueaea Point had its origin.

Chart 19347

(326) **Cape Hanamanioa**, the SW extremity of Maui, is a black lava mass. **Hanamanioa Point Light** (20°35.0'N., 156°24.7'W.), 73 feet above the water, is shown from a 21-foot pole with a black and white diamond-shaped daymark on the cape. A current is reported to set constantly NW past the cape; however, a short series of observations a mile SE of the light indicates a tidal current with a velocity of 0.8 knot at strength.

(327) **La Perouse Bay,** between Cape Hanamanioa and Cape Kinau, is about 0.7 mile wide and indents the coast about 0.5 mile. On the NW side of the bay is **Puu Kanaloa,** a low, yellowish-brown cone at the water's edge, with its seaward side blown out. The crater is

surrounded by a lava flow from **Kalua Lapa,** a small, black cone about 1 mile N of the bay. A rock covered 10 feet is in the middle of the entrance to the bay. A rocky outcrop is on the NW side of the bay. Strangers are advised to exercise extreme caution in the bay.

(328) **Cape Kinau,** 1.5 miles NW of Cape Hanamanioa, is a broad, low, black, lava point and a **protected area** of a Natural Area Reserve. A rock with 4½ feet of water over it is 400 yards offshore near the N end of the cape.

(329) **Puu Olai,** about 2.5 miles N of Cape Kinau, is the most prominent landmark in this vicinity. The hill is brown in color, 367 feet high, and consists of three bare knolls, of which the southernmost is the highest.

(330) **Molokini,** 5.5 miles NW of Cape Hanamanioa, is a small crescent-shaped islet about 0.3 mile long and 156 feet high. The islet is the bare rim of a crater, the N part of which is submerged. **Molokini Island Light** (20°37'50"N., 156°29'51"W.), 186 feet above the water, is shown from a 30-foot pole with a red and white diamond-shaped daymark. A reef extends 300 yards N from the NW end of the islet; there is deep water close to the S side. Vessels pass on either side of the islet. In March 1984, unexploded ordnance was reported in the vicinity of the islet; caution is advised.

(331) **Makena Anchorage,** 1 mile N of Puu Olai, is exposed to kona weather, but affords good holding ground during the trades. Anchorage can be had in depths of 12 to 15 fathoms off **Nahuna Point,** with a fairly prominent church bearing 100°. A few houses may be seen among the trees on the rocky point at the N side of the bight, and a prominent house is at the S end of the sand beach. The strong trade winds that are felt farther N in Maalaea Bay are not pronounced at Makena. Secondary roads lead along the coast and inland from the village. Anchorage can also be found in **Ahihi Bay,** just S of Puu Olai.

(332) The country back of Makena rises gently to the mountains. The lower slopes are covered with cactus, while the slopes higher up are wooded in places. From Makena to Kihei the coast has a general N trend and is heavily developed with beach homes and hotels. The country back of the coast is like that in the vicinity of Makena.

(333) **Keawakapu** is 8 miles N of Cape Hanamanioa. An apartment building on the small point at Keawakapu is the most prominent landmark along this coast. A fish haven, 200 yards by 1,150 yards, is 0.7 mile SW of Keawakapu.

Chart 19350

(334) **Maalaea Bay** is a large bight midway along the SW coast of Maui. The shores are low, mostly sandy, and fringed with algaroba trees. The isthmus behind the bay and the slopes on either side are cultivated in sugarcane. Several hotels and resort developments can be seen along the E side of the bay.

(335) Maalaea Bay is only a fair anchorage. Fresh winds sweep across the isthmus during the trades, and the bay is completely exposed to kona storms. The holding quality of the ground is poor. A N current has been reported in the bay. In the central and E portions the bottom is very irregular. A reef fringes the shore for a distance of 3.5 miles S of Kihei. Off Kalepolepo, where the reef is widest, a 14-foot spot is -0.5 mile offshore along the edge of the reef. Broken ground with a least depth of 3 fathoms lies about 0.7 mile WSW of the Kihei wharf. A shoal with a least depth of 7 fathoms is in the center of the bay; shoals with 3¾ and 4¾ fathoms are NE of this shoal. Strangers should pass well offshore.

(336) **Kalepolepo,** is on the E side of Maalaea Bay, 11 miles N of Cape Hanamanioa. A large old fishpond extends 0.2 mile from shore. Local vessels anchor behind the reefs in depths of 3 to 4 feet.

(337) **Kihei** is on the E side of Maalaea Bay 12 miles N of Cape Hanamanioa. A settlement is scattered among the trees and along the beach in the vicinity of the remains of a wharf.

(338) **Kealia Pond,** just NW of Kihei, is separated from the bay by a narrow sand strip over which the shore highway passes.

(339) **Maalaea** is a village on the NW shore of Maalaea Bay. A few buildings can be seen among the algaroba trees. The boat harbor at the village is about 500 yards long E to W, about 200 yards across, and is protected by breakwaters. Depths in the harbor are about 7 feet in the W basin and about 10 feet in the NE basin, mud bottom. In 1955, the entrance channel had a controlling depth of 10 feet. The entrance channel is marked by a **339°** lighted range; private buoys and daybeacons mark the boat harbor. A shoal area, marked by a daybeacon, with depths of about 1 foot extends from the center of the harbor N to the shore. Boats going to the public moorings in the W end of the harbor should pass between this daybeacon and the breakwater. Gasoline, diesel fuel (in cans), water, ice, marine supplies, and a launching ramp are available. Boats up to 65 feet can be handled for engine repairs. The harbor office is at the head of the harbor. The harbor experiences considerable surge during all but calm weather.

Coast Guard Station

(340) Coast Guard Station Maui is just inside the breakwaters of Maalaea Village.

Chart 19347

(341) **McGregor Point Light** (20°46.6'N., 156°31.4'W.) 72 feet above the water, is shown from a 22-foot white tower on McGregor Point on the W side of Maalea Bay. The coast between McGregor Point and Olowalu is broken by low bluffs rising from the water's edge, behind which the country presents a barren appearance. The mountains have sharp jagged peaks and are cut by deep gorges.

(342) **Papawai Point,** 0.9 mile W of McGregor Point, is the southernmost point of W Maui. Deep water is close inshore at the point.

(343) **Olowalu** is on **Hekili Point,** 18 miles NW of Cape Hanamanioa. The deep gulch of **Olowalu Stream** appears as a gap in the mountains when abreast of the point and is an excellent night mark.

(344) **Launiupoko Point,** about 2 miles NW of Olowalu, is low and rounding. About 0.8 mile inland from the point is an 808-foot hill that has a mottled, grayish-brown appearance. Shoal water extends about 0.2 mile offshore from the point NW to Lahaina. The highway skirts the shore between these points, and automobile lights along the road are usually the only lights seen along the coast.

Chart 19348

(345) **Lahaina** is 23 miles NW of Cape Hanamanioa. Once the whaling capital of the mid-Pacific, Lahaina is now a colorful resort town and a favorite port of call of yachtsmen and boating enthusiasts. In the vicinity of Lahaina, canefields extend along the coast and for several miles inland on the ridges that lead to high, rugged mountains. A mill stack near the center of Lahaina is very prominent. A reef, over which the sea generally breaks, extends about 350 yards offshore from Makila Point, 1 mile SE of Lahaina, to Puunoa Point, a mile NW of Lahaina. **Mala** is a small settlement on the N side of **Puunoa Point.** The concrete wharf at Mala is in poor condition and is no longer in use. A breakwater extends along the NE side of the Mala wharf. A launching ramp is between the inner end of the breakwater and a short groin that protects the ramp on its N side.

(346) **Lahaina Light** (20°52'20"N., 156°40'43"W.), 44 feet above the water, is shown from a 39-foot white pyramidal concrete tower at the inner end of the Lahaina small-boat wharf.

(347) S of Lahaina wharf is a boat basin, about 200 by 800 feet, protected by breakwaters. The approach to the basin is marked by a lighted buoy. The entrance channel is marked by private lighted buoys and a **044.4°** lighted range. In August 1979, the controlling depth was reported to be 8 feet in the channel. Depths inside the basin range from 5 to 10 feet. Vessels entering or leaving the boat basin should exercise caution as the combined effects of the swell and the 90° turn into the basin can set vessels onto the shoal opposite the basin entrance.

(348) Limited quantities of small-craft supplies can be obtained at Lahaina; a 1-ton hoist is available on the small-boat wharf.

(349) Off Lahaina is good anchorage, and calm water will generally be found even though strong trade winds are blowing elsewhere. However, the anchorage is exposed in kona weather. Permanent mooring buoys for pleasure craft are reportedly in the area. In approaching this anchorage, vessels should keep about 1 mile offshore until the light bears 056°, then head in on this course and anchor in depths of 9 to 15 fathoms. Anchorage can be had anywhere in the bight N of Mala wharf, 0.6 mile offshore in depths of about 12 fathoms, sandy bottom.

Currents

(350) The current off Lahaina usually sets N and reaches a maximum velocity of 1 or 2 knots before low water. Before high water the current is normally quite weak and may set either N or S.

(351) It is reported that the current near the wharf at Mala sets S most of the time.

(352) The coast between Mala and Kekaa Point consists of a low, sandy beach with a fringe of coconut and algaroba trees, back of which the canefields extend inland for about 2 miles. Buildings can be seen along the coast among the trees.

(353) **Puu Laina,** 1.2 miles NE of Mala, is a prominent cone 650 feet high. The lower slopes of the hill are covered with cane.

(354) **Hanakaoo Point,** 2 miles N of Mala, is rounding and not conspicuous from offshore. The 10-fathom curve is about 500 yards off this point, and the bottom slopes gradually to the sandy beach. A hotel is on the S side of the point.

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(355) **Kekaa Point** (20°55.8'N., 156°42.0'W.), 26 miles NW of Cape Hanamanioa, is the westernmost extremity of Maui. The point is a dark, rocky promontory, 85 feet high, which appears detached from a distance; there are no offshore dangers. A hotel is on the point. A prominent mill stack is 0.8 mile N of the point.

(356) A northward current is reported off Kekaa Point. A tidal current of 0.5 knot, setting N and S, was observed 0.5 mile from the shore.

(357) From Kekaa Point to Lipoa Point, the coast consists of low bluffs and stretches of sand beach along which may be seen clumps of algaroba trees and several resort hotel complexes. The gently sloping country is cut by shallow gulches and is covered with cane and pineapple which extend well up the mountain slopes.

(358) **Napili Bay,** 4.5 miles N of Kekaa Point, is a small bight between two coral reefs. Anchorage can be found about 0.5 mile offshore in depths of 5 fathoms, but it is seldom used. N currents are reported off the bay. Small boats can land in Napili Bay during tradewind weather. Breakers extend 0.2 mile offshore for a distance of 1.5 miles S of the bay.

(359) **Hawea Point Light** (21°00.2'N., 156°40.0'W.), 75 feet above the water, is shown from a post with a diamond-shaped black and white daymark 5 miles N of Kekaa Point.

(360) **Honolua Bay** is the open bight on the S side of **Lipoa Point,** which is 7 miles NE of Kekaa Point. Smaller vessels can find fair anchorage in the bay, and boats can land in the cove at the NE end.

(361) In the vicinity of Lipoa Point, the bluffs along the N shore of Maui become higher and more precipitous. Also, the bluffs are cut up by more bights and headlands. The country is more rolling and is cut by deeper gulches. The mountains are steeper and greener. Near their tops the mountains are wooded in places. Patches of black rocks, awash at high water, are found close inshore off several of the points in the vicinity. Vessels should give this coast a berth of at least 0.8 mile.

(362) **Kanounou Point,** about 2 miles ENE of Lipoa Point, has several bare, black rocks a short distance offshore.

(363) **Honokohau,** on the W side of Kanounou Point, consists of a few houses at the mouth of **Honokohau Stream.** There is little protection off the village.

(364) **Nakalele Point** is 3 miles ENE of Lipoa Point; the SE face of the point has waterspouts. Close off Nakalele Point are several bare, black rocks. **Nakalele Point Light** (21°01.7'N., 156°35.4'W.), 142 feet above the water, is shown from a 21-foot pile with a black and white diamond-shaped daymark.

Chart 19342

(365) **Kahakuloa Head**, 3 miles SE of Nakalele Point, is the seaward end of one of the numerous abrupt capes in this general vicinity. **Puu Koae (Sugarloaf),** a dark bare, conical mound 634 feet high, is on Kahakuloa Head; this feature is one of the most conspicuous landmarks on the island of Maui. E and close to Puu Koae, on the same ridge, is a low and more rounded dome. **Kahakuloa** is a small village in **Kahakuloa Bay,** just W of Kahakuloa Head. A spire can be seen in the village. Kahakuloa is the last settlement on the paved road that skirts the W and N shores of Maui. Deep water is found close to the head, although there are numerous breakers and covered rocks just offshore. A rock, covered 4½ feet, in surrounding depths of 15 to 20 fathoms, is 0.4 mile off the head of the cove between Puu Koae and Mokeehia Island.

(366) **Mokeehia Island,** 1.4 miles SE of Puu Koae, is a large, bare rock 170 feet high, just off the outer end of **Hakuhee Point.** Caverns can be seen in the faces of the cliffs on both sides of the island.

(367) **Puu Olai,** 0.7 miles inland from Mokeehia Island, is 1,002 feet high.

(368) **Hulu Island,** 95 feet high and close to shore, is 2 miles S of Mokeehia Island. Several rocks are close S of the island.

(369) **Waihee Point** is 2.6 miles S of Mokeehia Island. SE of the point is extensive **Waihee Reef,** and back of the point is deep and precipitous **Waihee Valley,** which is quite prominent.

(370) **Iao Valley,** also deep and precipitous, is 6 miles S of Mokeehia Island; some of the finest scenery on Maui is found in this vicinity.

(371) **Wailuku** at the mouth of Iao Valley and 1.5 miles from the coast, is the seat of Maui County and is the largest town on the island. The town has a hospital, hotels, and numerous stores; a white multistory building in the center of the town is prominent. There is a direct highway to Kahului.

(372) **Kahului Harbor,** on the S side of **Kahului Bay** 6 miles SE of Mokeehia Island, is protected by breakwaters which extend outward from the W and E shores. On the SE side of the harbor is the commercial deepwater port of **Kahului.**

Prominent features

(373) **Pauwela Point Light** (20°56'44"N., 156°19'17"W.), 161 feet above the water, is shown from a 40-foot white post 9 miles ENE of Kahului Harbor and is the principal mark for the approach. Other marks are an aero light at the airport E of Kahului, the breakwater lights, the lighted entrance range, the powerplant stacks E of the piers, the radio tower 0.8 mile W of the rear range, and the Wailuku spire and stack 2 miles W of the harbor.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(374) The lines established for Kahului Harbor are described in **80.1460**, chapter 2.

Channels

(375) From deep water on the N, the channel leads between the breakwaters, then turns sharply SE to the

Kahului piers. A Federal project provides for an entrance channel 35 feet deep and a harbor basin of the same depth. Channel and basin are maintained at or near project depth. Navigational aids include lighted and unlighted buoys, breakwater lights, and a **177°** lighted range. A channel, marked by private buoys, leads to a launching ramp at the W end of the harbor.

Anchorages

(376) Swinging room inside the breakwaters is too restricted for large vessels, which may anchor E of the sea buoy, but caution is necessary to avoid dragging by the prevailing NE trades. Small craft have plenty of anchorage room in the unimproved areas behind the breakwaters.

Dangers

(377) **Waihee Ree**f, NW of the breakwaters, and **Spartan Reef,** NE of the breakwaters, extend 0.7 mile and 1.2 miles offshore, respectively. Vessels approaching the harbor entrance range from either direction should avoid the reefs. The W part of the inner harbor is shallow.

Tides and currents

(378) The diurnal range of tide is 2.3 feet at Kahului. Harbor currents are weak.

Weather

(379) The prevailing winds are the NE trades.

Pilotage, Kahului

(380) Pilotage is compulsory for all foreign vessels and for U.S. vessels under register in the foreign trade; it is optional for U.S. vessels in the coastwise trade with a Federal licensed pilot on board. Pilotage is available through the Honolulu Pilots Association; they can be reached at (808) 532-7233.

Towage

(381) A 1,500 hp tug is available at the port.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(382) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(383) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.) There is a private hospital between Kahului and Wailuku.

(384) Kahului is a **customs port of entry.**

Harbor regulations

(385) These are established by the Harbor Division of the Hawaii Department of Transportation. The

harbormaster enforces the regulations and assigns berths and anchorages. The harbormasters' office hours are from 0745-1630 and can be contacted at 808-873-3350; 808-877-4307 (after business hours) and 808-872-8696 (emergency pager).

Wharves

(386) The State-owned and operated piers are on the SE side of the harbor. General cargo is usually handled by ships' tackle, and cargo to and from barges by forklift trucks; crawler and truck cranes are available. Transit sheds with 78,000 square feet of covered storage space and 21 acres of open storage space are available at the piers. Truck lines serve the piers. For a complete description of the port facilities refer to Port Series No. 50, published and sold by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (See appendix for address.)

(387) **Pier 1:** 1,350 feet of berthing space along the SW side; 35 feet reported alongside; deck height, 9 feet; two traveling bulk sugar loading towers with conveyors and loading spouts, loading rate 800 tons per hour; receipt and shipment of general and containerized cargo; receipt of automobiles; receipt of petroleum products, coal, lumber, and steel products; shipment of raw sugar and molasses; boarding passengers.

(388) **Pier 2:** 894 feet of berthing space along the NE side, 27 feet reported alongside; deck height, 9½ feet; 288 feet of berthing space along the outer end, 27 feet reported alongside; receipt and shipment of conventional and containerized cargo and automobiles; receipt of lumber, bulk cement, and liquefield petroleum gases.

(389) **Pier 3:** extends NE from the foot of Pier 2; 500 feet of berthing space along NW side, 18 feet reported alongside; deck height, 9 feet; receipt and shipment of general and containerized cargo and automobiles; receipt of petroleum products, sand, lumber, and steel products; boarding passengers; mooring towboats.

(390) There is a surge at the piers during periods of heavy N swells; this occurs about 10 times a year. Departing vessels may have some difficulties in breasting off from Pier 1 during kona weather.

Supplies

(391) Gasoline, diesel fuel, and water are available at all piers; gasoline and diesel fuel are trucked in. Bunker C fuel can be obtained in limited quantities by truck. Ice and some marine supplies are available.

Repairs

(392) Kahului has no facilities for making repairs or drydocking deep-draft vessels. The nearest such facilities are in Honolulu. There are machine, electrical, and welding concerns off the waterfront for making above-the-waterline repairs to vessels.

Communications

(393) Kahului has regular interisland barge service and is a port of call for transpacific vessels, but interisland passenger travel is almost entirely by air. Telephone communication is available to the other islands and to the mainland.

(394) The coast is low between Kahului Harbor and Pauwela Point. The back country is planted in sugarcane.

(395) **Paia** is 6 miles E of Kahului Harbor and 1 mile inland. An opening in Spartan Reef off Paia is sometimes used by local craft seeking anchorage behind the reef.

(396) **Maliko Bay,** 8 miles ENE of Kahului Harbor, is a narrow opening with steep, rocky sides. The bay provides fair anchorage for small craft in depths of 1½ to 5¼ fathoms, rocky bottom, when the trade winds are blowing. Rocks and foul ground, which extend from the E side of the entrance to the bay to about halfway across, form a natural breakwater. Rocks on the W side of the entrance restrict the channel to a width of about 100 yards. A reef that bares is on the SW side of the bay about 0.1 mile inside the entrance. Small craft can be launched from a boat ramp at the head of the bay.

(397) **Pauwela Point,** 9 miles ENE of Kahului Harbor, is marked by a prominent light which has already been described. An E current is reported off the point. **Pauwela** is 1 mile inland. Back of Pauwela are several hills with heavily wooded tops.

Chart 19340

(398) Paralleling the NE coast of Maui is a State highway which is the main link between Kahului and Hana. From Pauwela E the road is a succession of sharp turns and steep grades as it winds from and toward the shore in crossing the numerous gulches. Sections of the highway can be seen from seaward, but it disappears as it follows the gulches inland.

(399) Between Pauwela and Nahiku, a distance of about 15 miles, the bluffs reach heights of 300 to 400 feet, then gradually lose elevation to the SE, and are low in the vicinity of Hana. The back country is generally green, and the higher slopes are heavily wooded. Because of the heavy rains, waterfalls are numerous in the many gulches that lead to the sea. Very little of this NE coast is planted in sugarcane. From Pauwela Point to Waipio Bay the land on the seaward side of the coastal highway is under pineapple cultivation, and there are many taro patches at Keanae and Nahiku. The slopes SE of Nahiku are grazing areas for cattle. There are many inshore rocks between Pauwela Point and Hana,

but all such dangers can be avoided by keeping a mile offshore.

(400) **Uaoa Bay,** 3 miles E of Pauwela Point and just E of **Opana Point,** indents the coast about 0.4 mile. Fair anchorage during S winds can be had 0.3 mile offshore in depths of 12 to 16 fathoms, sandy bottom. A large detached rock off Opana Point marks the W side of the bay.

(401) **Pilale Bay,** 4 miles E of Pauwela Point, is a small opening at the mouth of a deep valley. Small boats can find fair anchorage during tradewind weather in depths of 4 to 7 fathoms a short distance off the beach.

(402) **Waipio Bay,** 6 miles E of Pauwela Point, lies between **Honokala Point** and **Huelo Point** and is open to the NE. **Huelo** is a small village along the highway 0.5 mile inland; a church steeple is fairly prominent from seaward.

(403) **Hoalua Bay,** 7 miles SE of Pauwela Point is small and too exposed for anything but emergency anchorage. Under favorable conditions landings can be made at the head of the bay.

(404) **Oopuola Cove,** 8 miles SE of Pauwela Point, is narrow and steepsided. A reef lies just N of the point on the W side of the entrance. Beach landings can be made at times, and small boats can find anchorage in depths of 3 to 6 fathoms near the center of the cove. **Puu Kukai,** 574 feet high, is 0.5 miles W of the cove.

(405) **Keopuka Rock,** 141 feet high, is 9.5 miles SE of Pauwela Point and close to shore. The rock's double-humped top is distinctive from E or W, but from directly offshore it blends into the cliffs behind it.

(406) **Honomanu Bay,** 10 miles SE of Pauwela Point, is a good landing place and a fair small-boat anchorage during the trades, although the swell is felt in the bay. Anchorage can be found in depths of 2 to 3 fathoms about 200 yards from the black shingle beach at the head of the bay. The E side of the bay is shallow. **Puu o Kohola,** 844 feet high, is 0.5 mile W of the bay.

(407) **Nuaailua Bay,** close E of Honomanu Bay and on the W side of Keanae Point, is the only suitable anchorage for moderate-size vessels along this NE coast. The bay is somewhat exposed to the NE trades, but is partly protected by Keanae Point. A 250-foot vessel can anchor in depths of 13 to 15 fathoms in the middle of the main bay; the bottom is quite even and has good holding qualities. Approach from seaward should be made on a due S course, keeping about 0.3 mile off the W shore and well clear of the 15-foot lone, black rock which is 0.3 mile off the E shore.

(408) **Keanae Point,** 11 miles SE of Pauwela Point, is a low, flat peninsula that juts out 0.3 mile from the bluff line. Landings should not be attempted on the point proper because of the covered rocks and ledges on all sides. A scattering of houses can be seen on the point.

(409) **Keanae Valley** is the largest and most prominent valley on this part of Maui. The valley leads inland 7 miles from the vicinity of Keanae Point to **Koolau Gap,** the large opening in the N rim of Haleakala Crater.

(410) **Pauwalu Point** is 1 mile SE of Keanae Point. **Mokumana Rock,** close off Pauwalu Point, is 77 feet high and flat-topped; the rock is particularly outstanding when approached from the E, but from some directions it appears to be a continuation of the point although there is a separation of some 50 yards.

(411) **Aluea Rock,** 2 miles SE of Keanae Point and about 0.2 mile offshore, is only a few feet high and has the appearance of a reef awash as the seas break over it continuously and covered rocks extend another 300 yards from shore. This area should be avoided by all boats.

(412) **Wailua** consists of a few houses along the shore of the small bight immediately SW of Aluea Rock. On the E side of the bight is a high wooded bluff, and the W side is low and grass-covered. The highway leading to Hana leaves the shore W of the bight and from seaward it may be seen high up on the ridges as it winds its way SE.

(413) **Nahiku,** 15 miles SE of Pauwela Point, is a small settlement on the E side of an open bight. Anchorage can be found in depths of 7 fathoms close to shore, but strangers should not attempt it because of the two covered rocks near shore. A SE current is reported off Nahiku, and the inshore current between Nahiku and Kauiki Head is said to be weak. **Kuhiwa Gulch** extends inland from the vicinity of Nahiku and is visible from seaward.

(414) **Opikoula Point** is a low, rocky bluff on the E side of the Nahiku anchorage. Similar bluffs extend 5 miles SE to Pukaulua Point, and there are no easily recognized landmarks. This reef-fringed stretch of coast is not recommended for small-boat landings.

(415) Low **Pukaulua Point** is 2.5 miles NNW of Hana Bay and Kauiki Head. **Hana Airport** is 0.5 mile NW of the point; the main runway is laid out in an E-W direction and is close to the bluffs.

Chart 19347

(416) **Alalakeiki Channel**, between Maui and Kahoolawe, is about 6 miles wide. The channel is clear of dangers, with the exception of Molokini, which is marked by a light.

(417) Observations show that the **current** usually flows NW with a maximum velocity of 0.7 knot on the W side of the channel near Kahoolawe Island, and SSE with a maximum velocity of 0.4 knot along the E side of the channel near Maui Island. Velocities up to 1 knot have been observed in the channel.

(418) The trade winds draw through the channel, hauling around the N end of Kahoolawe. The trades blow with much force at the E entrance to the channel, but in the vicinity of Molokini it is generally calm.

(419) **Auau Channel,** between Maui and Lanai, is about 8 miles wide. With the exception of a reef about 3 miles long, which extends not more than 0.5 mile offshore N of Kikoa Point, Lanai, the channel is free from obstructions. The aerolight at Molokai airport can be seen when passing through Auau Channel.

(420) Observations in Auau Channel show that the **current** seldom floods, but that the flow is mainly in the ebb direction; ebb is E with a velocity of 1.1 knots. Beginning with maximum ebb, the current decreases to a minimum ebb or slack and then increases to a maximum ebb without a significant flow in the flood direction. Maximum velocities of 2 knots have been observed. (For predictions see the Tidal Current Tables.) During trade winds it is often calm in the channel.

(421) **Pailolo Channel,** between Maui and Molokai, is about 7.5 miles wide. The channel is clear of obstructions with the exception of Mokuhooniki and Kanaha Rock, near the E end of Molokai, and a reef about 0.8 mile wide which fringes the shore of Molokai.

(422) Observations show the **current** in the channel to set NE with a velocity of about 0.3 knot. The maximum velocity observed was 0.6 knot.

(423) In navigating this channel, the tanks on Molokai and Maui will prove useful landmarks; those on Molokai are on the SE shore, near Pukoo, and those on Maui are on its WNW side, near Kekaa Point.

(424) It is reported that the junction of Pailolo, Auau, and Kalohi Channels, locally known as **The Slot,** is subject to high winds and dangerous currents.

Chart 19347

(425) **Kahoolawe**, 6 miles SW across Alalakeiki Channel from the SW extremity of Maui, has an area of 45 square statute miles and is the smallest of the eight major islands. Kahoolawe is about 10 miles long and 6 miles wide, and from a distance has an even, unbroken appearance. The high cliffs on the E and S sides are grayish-black; the soil of the mountain tops and the gentle slopes of the N and W sides are reddish. The island has scarcely any rainfall, and the huge clouds of red dust which trail to leeward during strong winds can be seen for many miles. **Puu Moaulaiki (Moaula),** a brown dome 1,444 feet high near the E end of the island, is the most prominent landmark.

(426) **Warning.**–Kahoolawe is under Naval jurisdiction. The island was previously used as a military target area for bombing and gunnery training. Large amounts of unexploded ordnance are present on the island and in its adjacent waters. Entry onto the island or in its adjacent waters is prohibited without the consent of Commander, Third Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860. Entry regulations are contained in **32 CFR 763.1 through 763.6** (not carried in this Coast Pilot). A **danger zone** extends 2 miles from all sides of the island. (See **334.1340**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(427) From **Lae o Kuikui (Cape Kuikui),** the most N point of the island, to Kanapou Bay, the coast is rocky and the bluffs gradually increase to cliffs several hundred feet high at the bay.

(428) **Lae o ka Ule (Ule Point),** 2.8 miles SE of Lae o Kuikui, is on the N side of Kanapou Bay.

(429) **Kanapou Bay** 2 miles wide between Lae o ka Ule and **Lae o Halona (Halona Point),** offers protection in kona weather. Anchorage is available for small vessels in **Keoneuli (Beck Cove)** on the SW side of the bay. The bay should be entered on a SW course, heading for the middle of the cove, and anchorage should be made in depths of 15 to 20 fathoms off the mouth of the cove and midway between the sides. The bottom shoals rapidly from depths of 12 to 3 fathoms about 0.2 mile from the sandy beach at the head of the cove. W winds draw down the canyon at the head of the cove with considerable force.

(430) From **Lae o Kaka (Kaka Point),** the SE point of Kahoolawe, to within 1 mile of Honokanaia on the SW side, the coast consists of sheer cliffs which reach a maximum height of 800 feet at Kamohio Bay. There are no offlying dangers except Puu Koae.

(431) **Kamohio Bay** and **Waikahalulu Bay,** 3 and 6 miles W of Lae o Kaka, respectively, each indent the coast about 0.7 mile. Neither bay can be recommended as an anchorage because of the deep water close to the shores. The bays are subject to strong gusts of wind that sweep down over the high cliffs when the trades are blowing. On the W side of Kamohio Bay is **Puu Koae,** a black mass of rocks 378 feet high and about 100 yards offshore.

(432) **Kahoolawe Southwest Point Light** (20°30.1'N., 156°40.0'W.), 120 feet above the water, is shown from a 20-foot white skeleton tower near the SW end of Kahoolawe.

(433) The prevailing current along the S coast of Kahoolawe is W.

(434) **Honokanaia** is 1 mile SE of **Lae o Kealaikahiki (Kealaikahiki Point),** the westernmost point of the island. The cove is the best anchorage on the island except during W or S weather. Anchorage can be had in depths of 10 to 12 fathoms 0.5 mile off the sand beach. The prevailing current at the anchorage is NW. The best landing is on the sand beach close to the

conspicuous black rock at the head of the cove. The shore is low and has alternate stretches of sand and rocks. A stream, which is usually dry, and a clump of algaroba trees may be seen. As many as five buildings may be seen on the shore above the beach.

(435) **Kuia Shoal,** with a least depth of 1 fathom, extends 0.7 mile W from Lae o Kealaikahiki. A shoal with a least depth of 3 fathoms is about 0.5 mile SW of Kuia Shoal. Vessels should give the point a berth of at least 1.5 miles. The country slopes up evenly from Lae o Kealaikahiki to the E.

(436) The NW coast is rocky and has a line of low bluffs from which the country slopes gently up to the reddish hills in the center of the island. There are scarcely any distinguishing marks and no off-lying dangers.

(437) **Kuheeia Bay (Kuheia Bay),** 2 miles SW of Lae o Kuikui, is a very small bight where boats can land at times.

(438) **Kealaikahiki Channel,** between Kahoolawe and Lanai, is about 15 miles wide. The channel is free from obstructions. Currents in the channel are weak and variable and are influenced by the wind. A maximum velocity of 0.5 knot in a general NE direction was observed in 1962. Sailing craft should avoid this channel during trade winds, as long periods of calms sometimes occur S and W of Kahoolawe and Lanai.

Chart 19340

(439) **Lanai**, 8 miles W across Auau Channel from Maui and the same distance S across Kalohi Channel from Molokai, has an area of 141 square statute miles and ranks sixth in size of the eight major islands. Lanai is about 15 miles long in a NW direction and about 10 miles wide near its S end, gradually narrowing toward its NW end. The highest point on Lanai is **Lanaihale,** 3,370 feet high and 3.5 miles inland from the SE side of the island. The slopes on the E side of the mountain are steep and cut by gulches; those on the W side are more gradual, terminating in a rolling plain between the 1,000- and 2,000-foot levels. There is little rainfall, and, in general, the island has a barren appearance. The central portion of the island is covered with extensive pineapple fields which, because of their position on a high plain, are not easily seen from the sea. Pineapple cultivation is the principal occupation, although some livestock is raised. **Lanai City,** the only large community, is in the center of the island.

Chart 19347

(440) The coast is low, sandy, and brush-covered from **Kikoa Point,** the easternmost point of Lanai, to **Kamaiki Point,** 3.1 miles SSW. A coral reef and shoal water fringe the shore from 200 to 400 yards off the beach. Low bluffs appear to Kamaiki Point, gradually increasing in height until close to Manele Bay, where they reach a maximum of about 400 feet.

(441) **Manele Bay** is a small indentation in the S coast of Lanai, 3 miles SW of Kaimaiki Point; a lighted buoy is off the entrance, the ruins of a cattle loading ramp, resembling a fisherman's scaffolding, are on the SW point of the bay, and the wreckage of a barge is on the N shore.

(442) **Manele Small-Boat Harbor,** protected by a breakwater on the S side, is in the NW corner of the bay. A light marks the end of the breakwater. A dredged channel, marked by private buoys, leads from Manele Bay N of the breakwater thence SW to a mooring basin. In February 1997, the midchannel controlling depth was 7 feet in the dredged channel, with depths of 6 to 8 feet in the basin; general depths of 4 to 6 feet are available in the boat slips. In December 1981, a rock covered 3 feet was reported about 30 yards NW of the breakwater light in 20°44'45"N., 156°53'23"W. A fishing pier and launching ramp are at the head of the harbor.

(443) A low rock, over which the sea usually breaks, is 300 yards seaward from the entrance point on the E side of Manele Bay. Small local vessels have anchored in depths of 14 fathoms about 350 yards SW of the rock.

(444) **Puupehe Island (Puupehe Rock),** 0.5 mile SW of Manele Bay, is 110 feet high, brown on its steep sides, and flat and grass-covered on its top. It is separated from the shore by a short, low sandspit. The island is the most prominent landmark along this section of the coast. Rocks, over which the sea usually breaks, extend 300 yards E and S from Puupehe. **Hulopoe Bay,** just to the W of the island has a sandy beach at its head. Squalls are less pronounced in Hulopoe Bay than in Manele Bay.

(445) Hulopoe Bay is within the boundary of Manele-Hulopoe Marine Life Conservation District. State regulations forbid operating, mooring, or anchoring any power-driven vessel within Hulopoe Bay. A copy of the regulations can be obtained from the State of Hawaii, Dept. of Land & Natural Resources, P.O. Box 621, Honolulu, Hawaii 96809.

(446) From Manele Bay to Palaoa Point, the coast consists of low bluffs, behind which the land rises in steep slopes to the tableland above. It is reported that the currents are weak along the S coast of Lanai. A high, detached, grass-covered rock is close to the shore 1.8 miles W of Puupehe. Many small rocks are close to the shore; one, awash at times, is 400 yards offshore and about 2 miles E of Palaoa Point. No buildings can be seen along this coast.

(447) **Palaoa Point Light** (20°43.9'N., 156°57.8'W.), 91 feet above the water, is shown from a white skeleton tower on the E prong of a double point at the SW extremity of Lanai. A small bight, with a rocky shore on which small boats can usually land during trade-wind weather, is between the double points. A small black rock, about 5 feet high, is about 200 yards off the N side of the point. Another rock, about the same distance offshore but 0.3 mile N, is about 28 feet high.

(448) Beyond Palaoa Point, the coast has a NNW trend. Between the point and Kaumalapau Harbor, the sheer coastal bluffs of **Pali Kaholo** are more than 1,000 feet high in some places. The bluffs are marked by two landslides; one, very large and conspicuous, is 1.5 miles N of Palaoa Point; the other, not so large, is 2.5 miles N of the point.

(449) **Puu Ulaula,** 1,271 feet high, is 2 miles N of Palaoa Point and a mile inland from Pali Kaholo. There is an air-navigation installation on the summit.

Chart 19351

(450) **Kaumalapau Harbor**, 3.5 miles N of Palaoa Point, is the best harbor on Lanai in all but W and kona weather. The harbor is a small bight at the mouth of the most prominent gulch in the vicinity. A shoal area, marked by unlighted buoys at the outer extremity, extends along the S and E sides of the harbor. Many local fishing craft moor to unlighted mooring buoys in the harbor.

(451) **Kaumalapau** is a commercial barge landing on the N side of the harbor.

(452) **Kaumalapau Light** (20°47.0'N., 156°59.5'W.), 68 feet above the water, is shown from a post on the S side of the harbor entrance. Oil tanks are prominent on the high ground back of the wharf. A private aerolight is about 2.3 miles E of the harbor.

(453) A 250-foot breakwater is on the N side of Kaumalapau Harbor. A lighted buoy, marking the N side of the entrance, is about 50 yards WSW of the outer end of the breakwater. There is no entrance channel but a 600-foot opening leads to a turning basin which is 30 to 50 feet deep and about 500 feet by 800 feet. The wharf provides cargo sheds and about 400 feet of berthing space. The facilities also include two 35-ton and one 30-ton cranes, bulk-handling and storage for petroleum products.

(454) Gasoline, diesel fuel, and water can be obtained on the Kaumalapau wharf. Small craft up to 40 feet can be handled by a derrick to the deck of the wharf, and small machine repairs can be made at a nearby shop.

(455) Between Kaumalapau Harbor and Ka‘ena Point, the coast is a series of bluffs, in some places precipitous and 300 to 400 feet high. The shore is rocky, with a few short stretches of sand. In general, the bottom is fairly steep-to, but small vessels can find anchorage with sufficient swinging room in some places. At times, when the trades are blowing, the wind sweeps down the gulches in heavy gusts which are felt for a mile or more offshore. There are no houses or trees of any size along this coast, which has a barren appearance.

(456) **Nanahoa (Five Needles),** about 2.3 miles N of Kaumalapau Harbor and near the middle of the W side of the island, are a group of detached pinnacle rocks. The outermost rock is about 300 yards offshore and 32 feet high, and the inner pinnacle is 120 feet high. The rocks are of the same material as the higher cliffs of the shore and are therefore not easily recognized from offshore.

(457) **Keanapapa Point,** 7.5 miles NW of Kaumalapau Harbor, is the westernmost point of Lanai. The point is low and rocky and is marked by a small knoll 150 yards inland from the shore. A small detached rock, 8 feet high and 150 yards offshore, is 1.9 miles SE of Keanapapa Point. The cliffs, which are 200 feet high in the vicinity of this rock, gradually diminish in height until they are only 20 or 30 feet high 0.5 mile S of Keanapapa Point.

(458) **Ka‘ena Point,** 1 mile N of Keanapapa Point, is low and rocky and is hard to distinguish from the other points in the vicinity. The low, rounding, unlighted, NW coast of Lanai is not easily seen at night, and vessels should give it a berth of at least 1 mile, although 0.5 mile will clear all dangers. There are many small, rocky points and short, sandy indentations in this vicinity, and boats can land in the lee of the points at times.

(459) About 1.5 miles ENE of Ka‘ena Point is a 1-mile-long stretch of sand beach, with no fringing reef, that provides easy landing for small boats. E of this beach the coral reef fringes the N and E sides of Lanai to a width of as much as 0.3 mile. In general, the beach is backed by a low, narrow strip of land that rises gently to the tableland. Vegetation consists of cactus, low brush, and a few small trees.

Chart 19347

(460) **Pohakuloa Point**, marked by a light, 4 miles ENE of Ka‘ena Point, is so low and rounding that it is difficult to recognize as the N extremity of Lanai. A 150-yard opening in the reef 0.4 mile E of the point affords small-boat access to the sand beach. Two wrecks on the reef that fringes the N coast are very prominent. One wreck is 0.7 mile W of Pohakuloa Point; the other wreck is 4.4 miles E of the point.

(461) **Maunalei Gulch,** 6 miles E of Pohakuloa Point, is forked and should not be confused with deep **Hauola Gulch,** 2 miles farther to the SE. A hard-surface highway leads from Lanai City to the mouth of Maunalei Gulch; a group of beach houses, probably **Kahokunui,** is 0.8 mile NW of the gulch.

(462) **Keomuku,** 10 miles SE of Pohakuloa Point, is an abandoned village in an extensive coconut grove. There is a shallow opening in the reef off the village, and boats of less than 4-foot draft find anchorage behind and S of the entrance.

(463) The NE coast of Lanai should be given a berth of at least 0.8 mile. Current information for this coast is included in discussion of Auau Channel.

(464) **Kalohi Channel,** 8 miles wide between Lanai and Molokai, is free of dangers except for the marginal reefs around the two islands.

Currents

(465) Observations made in Kalohi Channel show reversing currents with average maximum velocities of 0.5 knot. The flood sets NE, and the ebb sets SW. (See Tidal Current Tables for predictions.)

Chart 19340

(466) **Molokai**, 7.5 miles NW across Pailolo Channel from Maui and 8 miles N across Kalohi Channel from Lanai, has an area of 259 square statute miles and ranks fifth in size of the eight major islands. More or less rectangular in shape, Molokai is about 34 miles long in a W direction and about 7 miles wide. The E end is mountainous; its summit is **Kamakou,** 4,970 feet high. On the N side, the mountain slopes are very steep, in many places almost perpendicular, and numerous deep gorges with precipitous sides can be seen. On the S side, the slopes are gradual, cut by gorges, and terminate in a narrow strip of rolling land near the coast. On the W side, the land slopes gently and is cut by gulches; here and there the crater of an extinct volcano can be seen. About 10 miles from the W end of the island the plain is only a few hundred feet high and is marked here and there by prominent blowholes. The entire W end of the island is a bare table land cut by small gulches and rising gradually to **Mauna Loa,** 1,400 feet high. From seaward this part of the island presents a smooth and rolling appearance.

(467) The island's rural economy includes tourism, cattle ranching, irrigated fruit and vegetable farming, and coffee.

Anchorage

(468) Depths along the S and W coasts of Molokai are such that vessels may anchor at will, having due regard for the abrupt shoaling inside the 10-fathom curve. The bottom is mostly coral and sand. The E end of the island is exposed to the NE trades, and the N coast is exposed and offers very little protection. The only traffic along the N coast is the twice-yearly supply barge that calls on Kalaupapa, a community of Hansen's Disease patients. Kamalo Harbor and the boat lagoon in Pukoo Harbor are the only harbors on the S side of the island considered safe during kona storms. Local knowledge is advised when entering Pukoo Harbor.

Currents

(469) Current observations have been made at several places along the S shore of Molokai between Kamalo and Laau Point. They indicate, in general, an E flow along the shore in the vicinities of Kaunakakai and Kamalo and a W flow near Laau Point. Combined with these movements are tidal currents which usually reach an E maximum velocity about the time of low water at Honolulu and a W maximum about the time of high water. The W flow near Laau Point is reported to turn sharply N at the point, and vessels should guard against a set toward the point. Currents are said to set W along the entire N coast of Molokai and NE along the E coast. (For further current information covering waters adjacent to Molokai, see the discussions of Pailolo, Kalohi, and Kaiwi Channels.)

Weather, Molokai

(470) The trade winds divide at Cape Halawa; one part follows the N shore and another part follows the S shore. Because of the topography of the island the trade wind is frequently a little S of E along the S coast of Molokai. The wind is usually light in the early morning, but blows with considerable strength in the middle of the day. During strong trades, dust clouds appear over the W end of the island. Very heavy rainfall is found on the NE side of the island; the S and W sides have very little rainfall.

Supplies.

(471) Provisions and some marine supplies are available at Kaunakakai. Gasoline and diesel fuel can be delivered by truck to the Kaunakakai pier. There are no other sources of provisions on Molokai.

Communications

(472) The island has telephone communication with the other islands and with the mainland. Good roads extend from Kaunakakai, on the S coast, to Molokai Airport, in the W central part of the island, and to Kamalo

and other small towns. Interisland air and barge service are available.

(473) From Cape Halawa, the E part of the island, to Kamalo, a distance of about 12 miles, the coast has a general SW trend; thence to Laau Point, a distance of about 25 miles, the trend is W. A reef about 1 mile wide fringes almost the entire coast, the widest part being in the bight about 13 miles E of Laau Point. During the day the limits of the reef can generally be determined by the breakers, but, at night, vessels are cautioned to give this coast a good berth.

Chart 19347

(474) **Cape Halawa**, the E point of Molokai, is a brown cliff about 300 feet high. Breakers extend about 300 yards off the point and a rock, which bares at times, is 250 yards offshore. During the heavy E sea, it is apt to be quite choppy off this point and vessels should give the cape a berth of about 1.5 miles.

(475) **Cape Halawa Light** (21°09'33"N., 156°42'45"W.), 280 feet above the water, is shown from a steel pole with a concrete base.

(476) **Koalii,** 1 mile W of the cape, is a hill 794 feet high. In general, the coast between Cape Halawa and Kaunakakai Harbor is low, but rises, first gently, then rapidly, to high, rugged mountains that are cut by many gulches.

(477) **Mokuhooniki,** a small, yellow, bare, rocky islet, 198 feet high and with almost perpendicular sides, is 0.9 mile offshore and 1.6 miles S of Cape Halawa. **Kanaha Rock,** 95 feet high, is about 50 yards SW of Mokuhooniki. Midway between the rocks and Molokai are depths of about 15 fathoms.

(478) **Honouliwai,** 3.5 miles SW of Cape Halawa, is a small indentation in the coast and offers small boats a little protection from the trades. It should be entered only with local knowledge. About 0.3 mile NE of Honouliwai is **Honoulimaloo,** a small bight in the coast. The coral reef trends farther offshore from Honouliwai SW.

(479) **Waialua,** 4.6 miles SW of Cape Halawa, consists of a few houses at the mouth of a gulch.

(480) **Pauwalu Harbor,** 5 miles SW of Cape Halawa, is a double opening in the reef. The W opening is about 200 yards wide and is usually marked by breakers on either side. Within the entrance is a small pocket with depths of about 2 fathoms, where a few local vessels find some shelter. A house and tank near the beach are partly hidden by trees. The reef extends 0.6 mile offshore, and the 10-fathom curve is about 0.7 mile offshore.

(481) About a mile SW of Pauwalu Harbor is another opening in the reef near **Kainalu.**

Chart 19353

(482) **Pukoo Harbor**, 7.4 miles SW of Cape Halawa is a pocket in the reef some 800 yards long and 250 yards wide. A depth of 11 feet can be carried across the entrance bar at the reef line and behind the reef line for about 600 yards. A privately dredged channel continues to a three-fingered boat lagoon, called **Pukoo Lagoon,** which occupies the former location of the Pukoo Fishpond. The entrance to the lagoon is a 60-yard opening through a rock seawall. Channel depths range from 12 feet to 8 feet at the lagoon entrance; depths in the lagoon are 6 feet. The lagoon offers excellent protection to small craft in all weather. The outer harbor is smooth during the trades, although the wind sweeps across it with full force. The passage through the reef is marked on either side by breakers. During kona storms, breakers extend across the passage. Boats entering the harbor should start their approach midway between the breakers and steer for the opening in the seawall of the boat lagoon. Caution should be exercised as there are no navigation aids, and numerous coral heads and submerged rocks are on both sides of the channel; local knowledge is advised. The village of **Pukoo** consists of a few houses on the lowland near the beach in front of a steep-sided gorge that extends well back into the mountain. The reef at Pukoo extends 0.6 mile offshore.

Chart 19347

(483) There are many old fishponds in the vicinity of Pukoo and along the coast for 10 miles W. About 1 mile W of Pukoo is the village of **Kaluaaha,** where two church steeples may be seen above the trees.

(484) **Kalaeloa Harbor,** 3.2 miles W of Pukoo Harbor, is the largest and best protected harbor along the coast, but its use is limited by the bar across the entrance, which is an unmarked opening in the reef. A light is on the SE point of the diamond-shaped peninsula on the NE side of the harbor.

Chart 19353

(485) **Kamalo Harbor**, 5 miles SW of Pukoo Harbor, is the E of two pockets opening S in the reef at the most S point on Molokai. The harbor, excluding the entrance, is about 150 yards wide, and extends more than 0.5 mile into the reef. The entrance, about 90 yards wide, has a

bar with a general depth of 10 feet, although it is possible to carry 19 feet into the harbor through a channel with a least width of 30 yards. A shoal covered 6 feet is 50 yards N of the entrance. A lighted buoy is off the entrance, and a buoy and a daybeacon mark the E side of the harbor. The coral reefs marking the limits of deep water within the harbor usually are easily seen by day. The village of **Kamalo** consists of a few houses at the mouth of a gulch back of the harbor. The ruins of an old wharf are at the head of the harbor.

(486) Kamalo Harbor offers good protection from W to N winds. The soft gray mud bottom has good holding quality. The harbor is used by small boats, but seldom by larger vessels. The swell is not felt within the harbor. Current observations a mile off Kamalo show velocities of about 1 knot. Water, fuel, and supplies are available in the village.

Chart 19351

(487) Puu Papai, 830 feet high, is 2 miles NW of Kamalo Harbor and 0.6 mile inland. Deep **Kamalo Gulch** is 1 mile E of the hill and 2.5 miles W of the hill is **Kawela Gulch,** which extends well inland from the small village of **Kawela.**

(488) From Kamalo Harbor the coast has a W trend and the reef extends as much as 1 mile from shore.

Chart 19353

(489) **Kaunakakai Harbor**, 9 miles W of Kamalo Harbor and 16 miles from the W extremity of Molokai, is a commercial barge harbor in the reef off **Kaunakakai.** The harbor is about 600 feet wide by 1,500 feet long and is open to the S. In December 2000, the harbor basin had a controlling depth of 19 feet, except for shoaling to 11 feet in the E corner. In July 2002, the harbor basin had a reported depth of 24 feet. Channel markers include lighted and unlighted buoys and a **034°** lighted range.

(490) The State-owned wharf, lit by floodlights at night, provides a cargo shed and 680 feet of berthing space. Two 8-ton cranes are on the W side of the wharf. A 700-yard-long mole extends NE from wharf to shore. The mole protects small craft from the trade winds. Barges can lie at the wharf except during the two or three severe kona storms of the winter season; Kamalo Harbor offers better protection for small craft during the konas. Water is piped to the wharf; gasoline and diesel fuel can be delivered by tank truck. Some marine supplies may be obtained in Kaunakakai.

(491) A landing pier and mooring area for small craft are just off the N end of the wharf; the controlling depth is 8 feet. A channel, marked by a private buoy and daybeacons, leads to a small-boat harbor off the SE side of the wharf. With local knowledge, 10 feet can be carried into the harbor. The SE side of the channel and E side of the harbor are extremely shoal; caution is advised. The harbor is protected on its E side by a detached breakwater.

(492) The coastal reef extends more than a mile from shore on both sides of the Kaunakakai entrance. Vessels can anchor temporarily in depths of about 15 fathoms off the entrance, but there is little shelter from the NE trades or the konas.

(493) Current observations a mile off Kaunakakai indicate an E set most of the time. Maximum velocities observed were 1 knot E and 0.5 knot W. E and W maximums occur at about the times of low water and high water, respectively, at Honolulu.

Chart 19351

(494) For 3 miles W from Kaunakakai the lowlands extend much farther inland than along any other section of the coast. The reef extends more than a mile from shore and is mostly covered 1 to 3 feet, but has many coral heads that bare at low water. The country between Kaunakakai and Kolo is bare and rocky and is cut by numerous small gulches. The sandy beach is fringed with algaroba trees.

(495) The aerolight of Molokai Airport and the aero obstruction lights on the surrounding hills are visible off the S shore of the island.

Chart 19353

(496) **Kolo Harbor**, about 10 miles W of Kaunakakai, is a large pocket in the reef with a narrow entrance from S. Two private white markers on shore about 300 yards W of Kolo wharf provide a **007°** range, which marks the channel through the reef. The channel and the harbor have depths of about 8 feet; the harbor is subject to shoaling. A moderately heavy swell causes heavy surf on the entrance bar, and the combination of surf and current often creates a hazardous condition. Kolo Harbor affords anchorage with limited swinging room, but the swell is felt even though its full force is broken by the outer reefs. The harbor is not recommended for strangers. The ruins of an old wharf are at the head of the harbor.

Chart 19351

(497) From Kolo Harbor W to Laau Point, the coast is low and has a narrow sand beach, broken here and there by

short stretches of rocky shore. The coral reef gradually becomes narrower until it disappears at Laau Point.

(498) **Haleolono Point,** 13 miles W of Kaunakakai and 3.5 miles E of Laau Point, is a conspicuous brown bluff, 50 feet high, that extends 0.2 mile along the water's edge.

Chart 19353

(499) **Lono Harbor**, an abandoned barge harbor at Haleolono Point, is protected by two breakwaters; the entrance channel is 12 feet deep and is marked by a **346°** private unlighted range. The 500-foot-square harbor basin is 18 feet deep. The harbor has a 260-foot wharf, and fixed moorings provide an additional 680 feet of berthing space. Local knowledge is advisable for entering.

Chart 19351

(500) **Waieli** is a prominent, bare hill, 625 feet high, 1 mile NE of Haleolono Point.

(501) **Laau Point,** the SW extremity of Molokai, is low and rocky; the 10-fathom curve is about 0.5 mile offshore. **Laau Point Light** (21°06.0'N., 157°18.3'W.), 151 feet above the water, is shown from a 20-foot pole with a black and white diamond-shaped daymark on a bluff near the point. The prevailing current off Laau Point is N, and vessels are cautioned against a set onto the point.

(502) **Penguin Bank,** an extensive shelf, makes out from the W end of Molokai in a general WSW direction for a distance of 28 miles from Laau Point. The bank is fairly flat and consists of sand and coral at depths of 21 to 30 fathoms. Along the N, W, and S edges, the bank drops off very abruptly into depths of more than 100 fathoms.

(503) In the vicinity of Laau Point currents are strong and likely to be erratic. Usually flowing along the W part of the S coast of Molokai is a W current that turns sharply to the N as it rounds the point. A strong tide rip W and N of the point forms breakers when the wind is N. A NE set over Penguin Bank joins the N current along the W coast of Molokai. This current is not felt in the deep water W of Penguin Bank but is apparent at the edge of the bank when passing inside the 100-fathom curve. There is no apparent connection between this current and the tides, and the trade winds appear to have little effect upon it, although it appears to be stronger or weaker according to whether there is a barometric depression N or S of the islands.

(504) Between Laau Point and Ilio Point, a distance of about 8 miles, the W coast of Molokai is bare, low, and rolling, and cut up by a few small gulches. The beach is marked by low bluffs and short stretches of sand, back of which the land rises gently.

(505) **Ilio Point,** 8 miles from Laau Point, is the NW extremity of Molokai. Breakers have been observed about 0.3 mile off Ilio Point during heavy weather. A 293-foot hill is 0.8 mile inland. During the trades, small craft can find fair anchorage 1.5 miles S of the point.

(506) The N coast of Molokai is mostly bold, but deep-draft vessels should not stand close to the shore. This N coast has no harbor or anchorage that affords shelter in all winds. Kalaupapa is the only port of call for local vessels.

(507) **Mokio Point,** 3 miles E of Ilio Point, is a low, rocky bluff with a detached rock just offshore.

(508) Five miles E of Ilio Point is **Hauakea Pali,** a low cliff that extends inland at right angles to the beach. The seaward end resembles a large, white sandbank and is the most conspicuous landmark in the vicinity. The cliff is the W boundary of the low plain that extends across the island.

(509) E of Hauakea Pali the coastal bluffs gradually rise to precipitous cliffs which are 2,000 to 3,000 feet high in some places.

(510) **Kalaupapa Peninsula,** 16 miles E of Ilio Point, is a low point of land that juts out 2 miles from the face of a high cliff. **Molokai Light** (21°12'34"N., 156°58'11"W.), 213 feet above the water, is shown from a 138-foot white tower on the outer part of the peninsula. There is deep water close to the peninsula except for the marginal reef just N of Kalaupapa.

(511) **Kalaupapa** on the W side of Kalaupapa Peninsula is the commercial barge harbor for the community of Hansen's Disease patients which occupies the peninsula. Special permit is required to land unless on State business. This open harbor has a small breakwater on the N side. The State landing provides 56 feet of berthing space and has depths of 2 to 4 feet alongside. Access is good, and no channel is needed to reach open water. Anchorage can be found in depths of 12 fathoms 0.2 mile off the landing.

Chart 19347

(512) The country between Kalaupapa Peninsula and Cape Halawa has a very irregular and jagged appearance and is more or less covered with vegetation. The coastal cliffs are broken by headlands, bights, and deep gulches. There are no landing places other than the few debris piles in front of the cliffs and the few level spots in the mouths of the gulches.

(513) **Kalawao,** on the SE side of Kalaupapa Peninsula is a part of the community of Hansen's Disease patients.

(514) **Mokapu Island,** 360 feet high, is 3 miles SE of Molokai Light and 0.7 mile offshore. The island is the outermost of two; **Okala Island,** 370 feet high, is close to shore.

(515) **Pahu Point,** 5 miles SE of Molokai Light, is a bold, pyramidal headland 1,022 feet high. The point is the seaward end of a sharp ridge that extends inland along the W side of a deep gulch. **Mokolea Rock,** over which the sea always breaks, is 0.6 mile NE of the point.

(516) **Umilehi Point,** 1 mile E of Pahu Point, is particularly conspicuous and appears to be a small crater with the entire seaward side blown out. **Mokohola Island,** 20 feet high, is a dark rock 0.3 mile off Umilehi Point.

(517) The E half of Molokai's N coast is noted for its rugged scenery and high waterfalls. **Papalaua Falls,** 10 miles E of Kalaupapa Peninsula and 5 miles W of Cape Halawa, start from an elevation of about 2,000 feet at the head of a deep gulch and have a 500-foot drop in one place.

(518) **Halawa Bay** is between **Lamaloa Head,** an 837-foot cliff, and Cape Halawa, the E extremity of Molokai. The bay, which is about 1.5 miles wide between Lamaloa Head and Cape Halawa extends about 0.7 mile inland, affords no shelter from the trades, but indifferent anchorage can be found in depths of 5 fathoms about 0.3 mile from the head. The shores of the bay are mostly backed by high cliffs; there are two black rocks close to the S shore.

(519) **Halawa** consists of a few houses at the mouth of a deep gulch on the SW side of Halawa Bay. The gulch penetrates W, and a waterfall is visible 1 mile from the mouth. A triangular cliff, 300 feet high, is conspicuous about 0.5 mile E of Halawa.

Chart 19340

(520) **Kaiwi Channel**, between Molokai and O‘ahu, is about 22 miles wide and is clear of obstructions. A general N drift is reported over Penguin Bank and in the vicinity of Laau Point; elsewhere in the channel the currents appear variable, depending mainly upon the direction and velocity of the wind. The trade winds that follow the N and S shores of Molokai draw across Kaiwi Channel toward Makapuu Point.

Chart 19357

(521) **O‘ahu**, 22 miles WNW across Kaiwi Channel from Molokai, has an area of 604 square statute miles and is third largest of the eight major islands. O‘ahu measures 39 nautical miles SE-NW between Makapu‘u and Ka‘ena Points and 26 miles S-N between Kalaeloa and Kahuku Point. The island has two prominent mountain ranges, and its skyline is rough and jagged.

(522) **Ko‘olau Range** parallels the NE coast for nearly its entire length. The part of the range between Makapu‘u Point and Kane‘ohe Bay has on its seaward side a sheer, rocky cliff, or pali, nearly 2,000 feet high in some places. NW of Kane‘ohe Bay, the cliffs give way to steep, rugged slopes. From offshore, the NW half of the range appears as a long ridge, sloping gradually downward, and ending in low bluffs near Kahuku Point. The crest of the ridge and about half the seaward slope are wooded; the lower part of the slope is grass-covered. The entire range has a very jagged appearance and is cut up on its inland side by deep gorges and valleys. The greatest elevation in Ko‘olau Range is at **Puu Konahuanui,** 3,150 feet high and 5 miles back of Honolulu; the peak is on the E side of Nuuanu Valley and overlooks the famous **Nu‘uanu Pali** at the head of the valley. Two miles closer to Honolulu is **Tantalus,** a rounded peak, 2,013 feet high, with a heavily wooded summit. On the seaward side of Ko‘olau Range the land is mostly low and rolling; it is cut by a few sharp hills, and is under cultivation.

(523) **Waianae Mountains** parallel the SW coast for nearly the entire distance between Ka‘ena Point and Kalaeloa. Several spurs extending from the range toward the shore form short valleys. The range has numerous high peaks; **Kaala,** 4,046 feet high, is the highest.

(524) Between the two mountain ranges is an extensive plain which extends from Pearl Harbor on the S to Haleiwa on the N; the plain rises to an elevation of about 1,000 feet at Wahiawa. There are low, flat, coastal plains between Honolulu and Barbers Point, in the vicinity of Waianae, Haleiwa, and Kahuku Point, and between Kane‘ohe Bay and Waimanalo.

(525) Prominent headlands on O‘ahu are Makapu‘u Head, Koko Head, Diamond Head, Ka‘ena Point, Kahuku Point, Kualoa Point, and Mokapu Peninsula. The entire coast of the island is fringed with coral reefs 0.5 to 1 mile in width, except along parts of the W shore between Kalaeloa and Ka‘ena Point. From Ka‘ena Point to Kahuku Point, the reefs are not so continuous as along other parts of the island.

Harbors and ports

(526) The largest harbors on O‘ahu are Kane‘ohe Bay and Pearl Harbor; the latter is a prohibited area. Small-craft harbors include Maunalua Bay, Honolulu's Ala Wai Boat Harbor and Kewalo Basin, Waianae Harbor, and Waialua Bay. The NE coast is exposed to the trade winds during most of the year, and the only small-craft shelter available is in Kane‘ohe Bay.

Currents

(527) The currents around O‘ahu depend largely upon the winds and are variable in velocity and direction. The general tendency is a W or N flow along the coast. Tidal currents and eddies are noticeable in some places.

Weather, O‘ahu

(528) Thanks largely to the marked marine influence and the persistent trade winds, the climate of O‘ahu is unusually pleasant for the tropics. Records at the International Airport at Honolulu, on the leeward side of the island, show a lowest temperature of 52°F (11.1°C) and a highest of 95°F (35°C). August is the warmest month with an average temperature of 81.3°F (27.4°C). January and February are the coolest with an average temperature of 73.0°F (22.8°C). Each month, May through November, has recorded maximum temperatures in excess of 90°F (32.2°C) while each month from November through May has recorded minimum temperatures of 60°F (15.6°C) or lower. Throughout the year, the average daily range in temperature is about 14°F (8°C).

(529) In some parts of the Ko‘olau Range the annual rainfall is as much as 300 inches (7620 mm). The driest region is the southwest where rainfall drops to below 20 inches (508 mm) a year. At the International Airport, the average annual precipitation is only about 22 inches (559 mm) ranging from about 3.5 inches (89 mm) in December to about one-third of an inch (9.7 mm) in June.

Supplies and repairs

(530) All kinds of supplies are available at Honolulu, and medium-size vessels can be handled for repairs.

Communications

(531) O‘ahu has a good network of hard-surfaced highways. Air and sea transportation is available from Honolulu to the other islands and to the mainland.

(532) Honolulu is the only port in the Hawai‘ian Islands that maintains a commercial radio communication watch.

Chart 19358

(533) **Makapu‘u Head**, the E extremity of O‘ahu, is a bold, barren, rocky headland 647 feet high. **Makapuu Point Light** (21°18.6'N., 157°38.9'W.), 420 feet above the water, is shown from a 46-foot white cylindrical concrete tower on the head.

(534) The seaward side of Makapu‘u Head is a dark cliff; the inland side slopes rapidly to the valley which separates it from the Ko‘olau Range. The headland is the landfall for vessels inbound to Honolulu from the mainland.

(535) There is deep water close to the outer end of the headland, but shallower water is found along the N and E sides. Deep-draft vessels should give Makapu‘u Head a berth of about 1 mile and/or stay in depths greater than 20 fathoms.

(536) The **restricted area** of the Makai Undersea Test Range extends NW and NE from Makapu‘u Point. (See **334.1410,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(537) **Koko Crater,** 2.6 miles SW of Makapu‘u Head and 0.5 mile from the beach, is a sharp, brown cone 1,204 feet high. The coast between Makapu‘u Head and Koko Crater is low sand, rock, and shingle; from Koko Crater to Koko Head the coast is rocky, precipitous, and somewhat irregular.

(538) **Hanauma Bay,** 3.5 miles SW of Makapu‘u Head, is 0.3 mile wide and extends 0.5 mile inland. The waters off the entrance are very choppy during S and E winds. Across the head of the bay is a sand beach that is fringed by 150 yards of coral reefs. The bay is a nature preserve and is a popular snorkeling and scuba diving site. State regulations do not permit boats to enter the bay.

(539) **Koko Head,** 4 miles SW of Makapu‘u Head, is a bold promontory 640 feet high; the seaward side is precipitous, the top is flat, and it slopes off rapidly on the inland side. The headland is developed on its lower W slopes with residential homes, but its general appearance is mostly brown and barren. There is deep water close to Koko Head. Strong W currents have been reported offshore.

(540) **Maunalua Bay** is an open bight that extends W from Koko Head to Diamond Head; coral reefs fringe most of the shore. On the W side of Koko Head, a channel, marked by a light and private daybeacons, leads through the reef to a private marina in Kuapa Pond and to a public launching ramp behind the reef. The channel has a least depth of 5 feet, except at the entrance where it shoals to a depth of 3 feet on the E side near Daybeacon 2. Behind the Koko Head reefs is one of the few anchorages that offer small-craft shelter in all weather except kona storms. Although depths are 13 feet, only small craft familiar with the area should venture behind the reefs. Tidal currents in Maunalua Bay flood W and ebb E; slack waters occur at about the times of high and low waters at Honolulu.

Caution

(541) Vessels approaching Honolulu from the E at night should not mistake the lights between Koko Head and Diamond Head for the lights of Waikiki Beach. Commercial and residential development of the coast along Maunalua Bay has resulted in an increase of background lighting. Vessels have mistaken Makapuu Point

Light for Diamond Head Light and run aground on the reef W of Koko Head.

(542) **Wailupe,** 2.7 miles W of Koko Head, is a residential area with a seawall and private piers. A channel, reported dredged to 12 feet, leads through the reefs to Wailupe. Several pipes mark the W side of the entrance channel.

(543) **Diamond Head,** 9 miles WSW of Makapu‘u Head, is an extinct volcano 761 feet high. The steep slopes and the top of the crater are bare and brown; the base is brush covered. **Diamond Head Light** (21°15.3'N., 157°48.6'W.), 147 feet above the water, is shown from a 55-foot white concrete tower near the beach. A lighted buoy is moored in 150 feet of water 0.6 mile off the light. Currents setting in various directions with velocities up to 1 knot were noted about 3 miles SW of Diamond Head.

Chart 19369

(544) The low coast between Diamond Head and Honolulu Harbor is thickly developed, and palm trees are numerous. Along this stretch is world-famous **Waikiki Beach** with its big hotels, surfboarding, outrigger canoe races, and sunbathers. The Waikiki Shore Water Restricted Zone is an area extending about 0.4 mile offshore along Waikiki Beach. Boating is prohibited in this area, except by permit issued by the Harbors Division, Hawaii Department of Transportation.

Anchorage

(545) A **special anchorage** is in **Kapua Entrance,** about 0.9 mile S of Waikiki Beach. (See **110.1 and 110.128d(d)**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(546) **Ala Wai Boat Harbor** is 2.5 miles NW of Diamond Head Light. A dredged channel leads from Mamala Bay through the reefs to the basins inside the harbor. In 1967, the channel was dredged to 22 feet. Depths inside the harbor are 8 to 20 feet. The approach to the channel is marked by lighted buoys and the channel is marked by private buoys, daybeacons, and a **013°30'** lighted range.

(547) During the trades, the winds within the harbor are distorted by the nearby tall buildings. Vessels maneuvering in the harbor under sail should beware of sudden changes in the direction and velocity of the wind. The harbor can be entered in all weather except during kona storms.

(548) It was reported in 1975, that many unmarked vessels anchor in the harbor, and entry at night could be dangerous.

(549) The harbor is one of the most popular places for small-boat activity on O‘ahu, and yacht clubs in the harbor are the host for the famed transpacific yacht race. The harbor attendant controls the berthing and mooring facilities.

(550) Marine supplies and complete repair facilities are available in the harbor including a sailmaker, radio repairs, and a marine railway that can handle craft up to 45 feet.

(551) **Kewalo Basin,** 3.5 miles NW of Diamond Head Light, is used exclusively by cruise boats, and charter and commercial fishing vessels. A dredged channel leads from Mamala Bay through the reefs to the basin. The channel has a controlling depth of 19 feet. Depths in the basin are from 18 to 22 feet for the most part with shallow depths of less than 4 feet along the edges of the entrance channel. The channel is marked by lighted and unlighted buoys and a **034°45'** lighted range.

(552) At times when kona winds create high swells, the channel becomes extremely hazardous. There is usually a strong rip current crossing the channel at this time.

(553) On the NW side of the basin is a shipyard; the marine railway at the shipyard can handle vessels up to 125 feet long. A harbor agent controls the basin facilities

Charts 19367, 19369, 19362

(554) **Honolulu Harbor** is 5 miles NW of Diamond Head and midway along the S coast of O‘ahu; the harbor is protected from all winds and is usually free of surge. **Honolulu** is the capital and the principal deepwater port of the State of Hawaii.

Prominent features

(555) **Honolulu Harbor Entrance Light** (21°17.7'N., 157°52.1'W.), 95 feet above the water, is shown from a white post on the SE point of the entrance channel. The flashing green light can be easily identified against the background of Honolulu lights.

(556) **Sand Island,** which borders the seaward side of Honolulu Harbor, is Government-owned and has been built up mostly from harbor dredging. The Coast Guard base is on the NE side of the island.

(557) **Aloha Tower,** a 193-foot cream-colored, square clock tower on Pier 10, is one of the most conspicuous objects in the harbor. The tall, square, twin white office buildings 300 yards E of Aloha Tower are prominent and provide an excellent reference to ships approaching the harbor by day. **Punchbowl Hill,** 500 feet high and flat topped, is 1 mile inland from Aloha Tower. The horizontal blue lights of the Ala Moana Tower

restaurant (21°17.8'N., 157°50.7'W.), 1.5 miles E of Honolulu Harbor entrance, are easily distinguished at night and provide an excellent navigation aid.

Caution

(558) Vessels approaching the harbor from the W at night should not mistake the lights between Pearl Harbor and Honolulu for the lights of Honolulu, or the lighted buoys off Kalihi Channel for the lighted buoys off the main entrance. Vessels have mistaken these lights and gone aground off Keehi Lagoon. From the E the lights N of Diamond Head should not be confused with those of Honolulu, or the lighted aids of Kewalo Basin with those of Honolulu Harbor. Also from the E, vessels should not mistake the lights between Koko Head and Diamond Head for the lights of Waikiki Beach. Commercial and residential development of the coast along Maunalua Bay has resulted in an increase of background lighting. Vessels have mistaken Makapuu Point Light for Diamond Head Light and run aground on the reef W of Koko Head.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(559) The lines established for Mamala Bay are described in **80.1420,** chapter 2.

Channels

(560) A Federal project provides for a 45-foot Honolulu Entrance Channel from **Mamala Bay**, thence 40 feet in the main harbor basin. The project also provides for a 23-foot channel leading from seaward in Mamala Bay through Kalihi Channel on the W side of Sand Island to Kapalama Basin. The connecting channel between main harbor basin and Kapalama Basin has a 40-foot project depth with 40 feet in the Kapalama Basin. (See Notice to Mariners and the latest editions of charts for controlling depths.)

(561) **Honolulu Entrance Channel** is marked by lights, buoys, and a **028°** lighted range. The rear light and marker of the range is sometimes obscured when large ships are moored at Berth 8. **Kalihi Channel** is marked by lights, buoys, and a **007°** lighted range.

(562) The John H. Slattery (Sand Island) highway bridge over the harbor end of Kalihi Channel has fixed spans with a clearance of 14 feet.

Anchorages

(563) Except during strong kona winds and within at least 600 yards on either side of an underwater sewer outfall line that extends from a point on Sand Island in

(564) 21°18'13.7"N., 157°53'14.0"W., thence to

(565) 21°17'00.6"N., 157°54'06.0"W., thence to

(566) 21°16'56.0"N., 157°54'31.0"W., and thence to

(567) 21°16'59.2"N., 157°54'43.1"W., is in depths from about 20 to 30 fathoms, sand and coral bottom, in Mamala Bay between the seaward ends of the two deep-water channels. Mariners are advised not to use this anchorage or to leave the anchorage during periods of large S swell. Use of the anchorages in this area is controlled by the Honolulu harbormaster, and any vessel that wishes to use an assigned anchorage is required to obtain permission from the harbormaster's office. Vessels entering the area anchorages are required to seek traffic clearance from Aloha Tower traffic control on VHF-FM channel 12; call sign, WHX-528. Vessels are also required to advise Aloha Tower of their departure time from the anchorages. All vessels must monitor VHF-FM channels 16 and 12 while they are in the anchorages. Anchorage is not practical in the harbor basins because of the limited swinging room. (See **110.1 and 110.235**, chapter 2, for locations, limits, and regulations.)

Tides

(568) The mean range of tide is 1.3 feet, and the diurnal range of tide is 2.0 feet at Honolulu. Daily predictions for Honolulu are given in the Tide Tables.

Currents

(569) It is reported that a tidal current floods W and ebbs E along the coast between Makapu‘u Point and Honolulu. In the vicinity of Honolulu, an E counterflow along the edge of the reef is reported to accompany the W flood. Strong W currents have been reported off Honolulu. Currents setting toward all four quadrants and having velocities up to 1 knot have been noted about 3 miles SW of Diamond Head.

Tsunami (seismic sea waves)

(570) The size of a predicted tsunami cannot be estimated in advance. Most of them felt in Honolulu Harbor have been relatively small; the largest of record was 10 feet high, in 1960. However, it is prudent to anticipate that even greater ones may strike.

(571) Honolulu Harbor authorities require all ships to vacate the harbor prior to the estimated time of arrival of a sea wave if possible. If a long engine-warmup is necessary, it should be started at the first alert so the vessel may be ready to proceed in time.

(572) Telephone notification will be given by the Captain of the Port to vessel agents who must, in turn, notify their respective ships. Messengers will be used to the extent available to supplement the telephone warnings.

(573) When ready to depart, each ship should obtain clearance from the harbormaster. The Aloha Tower, traffic control, can be contacted on VHF-FM channel 12, call sign WHX-528. The traffic controller will assign

each vessel a departure time in accordance with harbor regulations, depending on vessel size, type, location in the harbor, and vessel type priority. Once a vessel has checked in with Aloha Tower traffic control, they are required to monitor VHF-FM channel 12 at all times.

(574) The **harbormaster** will assign the departure time in accordance with assigned priorities and in consideration of the time each vessel becomes ready to move. The assigned priorities for vessels ready to depart are: Government vessels, passenger vessels, tankers, vessels with explosive cargo, and freighters.

(575) Vessels unable to move in time should take adequate precautions against damage during the tsunami due to the expected rise and fall of the water.

(576) (See discussions of tsunamis at beginning of this chapter and in chapter 1.)

Weather, Honolulu and vicinity

(577) The climate of Hawaii is unusually pleasant for the tropics. Its outstanding features are (1) the persistence of the trade winds, where not disrupted by high mountains; (2) the remarkable variability in rainfall over short distances; (3) the sunniness of the leeward lowlands, in contrast to the persistent cloudiness over nearby mountain crests; (4) the equable temperature from day to day and season to season; and (5) the infrequency of severe storms.

(578) The prevailing wind throughout the year is the NE trade wind, although its average frequency varies from more than 90 percent during the summer to only 50 percent in January.

(579) Annual rainfall in the Honolulu area averages less than 30 inches along the coast (22 inches at the airport, 24 inches in the downtown area (559 mm and 610 mm, respectively)), but increases inland at about 30 inches (762 mm) a mile. The mean annual number of days with precipitation totals 220. The wettest year on record, 1965, saw nearly 43 inches (1092 mm) while the driest year, 1983, saw only five inches (127 mm) of precipitation. In March 1958, over 15 inches (381 mm) of precipitation fell in one 24-hour period. Parts of the the the Koʻolau Range average 300 inches (7620 mm) or more a year. This heavy mountain rainfall sustains extensive irrigation of cane fields and the water supply for Honolulu. East (windward) of the Koʻolaus, coastal areas receive 30 to 50 inches (762 to 1270 mm) annually; cane and pineapple fields in central Oʻahu get about 35 to 40 inches (889 to 1016 mm). Oʻahu is driest along the coast west of the Waianaes where rainfall drops to about 20 inches (508 mm) a year. However, variations from month to month and year to year are considerable; more so during the cooler season, when occasional major storms provide much of the rain, than in the summer, when rain occurs primarily as showers that form within the moist trade winds as they override the mountains. Thus, March rainfall at Honolulu Airport has ranged from more than 20 inches (508 mm) to as little as 0.001 of an inch (0.03 mm, in effect, a trace). In the mean, about a third of the airport's annual total occurs during its two wettest months, December and January. Trade-wind rainfall is more frequent at night. Daytime showers, usually light, often occur while the sun continues to shine, a phenomenon referred to locally as "liquid sunshine."

(580) Average water temperatures at Waikiki Beach vary from 75°F (23.9°C) in the morning to 77°F (25°C) in the afternoon during March, and from 77°F (25°C) in the morning to 82°F (27.8°C) in the afternoon during August.

(581) Because of the persistence and moderate humidity of the NE trade winds, even the warmest months are usually comfortable. But when the trades diminish or give way to S winds, a situation known locally as "kona weather" ("kona storms" when stormy), the humidity may become oppressively high.

(582) Weather severe enough to interfere with shipping or travel is uncommon. Intense rains of the October to April "winter" season sometimes causes serious, but local, flash flooding. Thunderstorms are infrequent and usually mild, as compared with those of the midwestern United States. Hail seldom occurs, and when it does it is small and rarely damaging to crops. At great intervals a small tornado or a waterspout moving onshore may do some slight damage. Four hurricanes have struck Hawaii since 1950, but several times that many, and a number of less intense tropical cyclones, most of them drifting W from their breeding grounds off the Mexican coast, have approached near enough for their outlying winds, clouds, and rain to affect the islands.

(583) The National Weather Service office is at the airport; **barometers** may be compared there or by telephone. (See appendix for address.)

(584) (See page T–12 for **Honolulu climatological table.)**

Pilotage, Honolulu

(585) Pilotage is compulsory for all foreign vessels and U.S. vessels under register in foreign trade; it is optional for U.S. vessels in coastwise trade with a Federal licensed pilot on board. The 37-foot-long pilot boat IKAIKA is yellow and gray and displays the words "HAWAII PILOTS" in large white letters on the sides of the cabin. The pilot boat also displays the International Code Flag "H" at all times and shows a white light over a red light at night. The pilot boat monitors VHF-FM channel 12 at all times, and also monitors the working frequencies, VHF-FM channels 7A, 8, and 9, of the harbor pilots.

(586) The boarding area for arriving vessels is about 1 mile seaward of the sea buoy, on the entrance channel rangeline. The pilot station is at pier 19. The pilot station monitors VHF-FM channels 12 and 16.

(587) Mariners are requested to give at least 24 hours advance notice of arrival by telephone (808-537-4169) or by calling "HONOLULU PILOTS" on VHF-FM channels 16 or 12; call sign, WXZ-456. Mariners are also requested to contact the pilot station on VHF-FM channel 12 1 hour prior to arrival to confirm a closer Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA). Additionally, mariners are requested to give gross tonnage, length, and draft of the vessel. Arriving vessels should rig the pilot ladder on the leeward side about 1 meter (about 3 feet) above the water. When pilots are boarding incoming vessels from the pilot boat, the vessel should maintain a speed of about 5 knots. Foreign and U.S. vessels under registry in foreign trade, and U.S. vessels in coastwise trade without a licensed Federal pilot on board must acquire pilot service before entering the anchorages.

(588) In addition to the above, the State of Hawaii has established **special pilotage regulations** for all **tankers, tanker barges,** and **tankerlike vessels.** In general the regulations require these vessels to have on board a Honolulu Port Pilot when entering or departing Honolulu Harbor for any reason. Exempt from this requirement are tankerlike vessels and vessels towing tanker barges when under the control and direction of a person duly licensed as a pilot by the U. S. Coast Guard for the Port of Honolulu, and tankers when departing from anchorage. A copy of the rules and regulations affecting such vessels may be obtained from the Department of Transportation of the State of Hawaii, Harbors Division, Honolulu, or at the office of the harbormaster.

(589) All mariners are advised to monitor Honolulu harbor traffic movements on VHF-FM channel 12 at all times when approaching or transiting the waters of Mamala Bay.

Towage

(590) Tugs up to 4,000 hp, including several z-drive type tractor tugs, are available in Honolulu. Salvage equipment is also available.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(591) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(592) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

(593) Honolulu is a **customs port of entry.**

Coast Guard

(594) **Honolulu Coast Guard Base** is on the NE side of Sand Island. A Marine Safety Office maintains a **vessel documentation** office in Honolulu. (See appendix for address.)

Harbor regulations

(595) Harbor regulations are established by the Harbors Division, Hawaii Department of Transportation, and are enforced by the harbormaster. Prior to entry, all vessels must establish communications with Aloha Tower traffic control on VHF-FM channels 12 or 16; call sign, WHX-528. The phone number for Aloha Tower is (808) 587-2076. **Traffic control** in Honolulu is controlled by amber lights on the tower at night. The lower light, showing fixed, is 143 feet above the water; the upper flashing light is 152 feet above the water. The lights are visible 5 miles from 320° to 062°; flashing light on, incoming traffic only; fixed light on, outgoing traffic only; both lights on or no lights showing, harbor closed to all traffic. To pass visual messages, contact Pearl Harbor Navy Signal Tower, call H-1.

(596) The **speed limit** in Honolulu Harbor is 5 knots for all vessels and tows and 10 knots for motorboats, and other small craft.

(597) A flashing amber warning light, privately maintained and shown about 22 feet above the water from a pole about 70 yards SSW of Pier 38, is activated when there is a gas leak or the likelihood thereof. Anyone observing the light flashing should remain well clear and upwind, and sources of ignition should be secured.

Wharves

(598) Honolulu has over 60 piers and wharves around its harbor waterfront. Only the deep-draft facilities are described. For a complete description of the port facilities refer to Port Series No. 50, published and sold by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (See appendix for address.) The alongside depths for the facilities described are reported; for information on the latest depths, contact the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division or the private operators. All facilities have direct highway connections. Water is available at most piers and wharves.

(599) General cargo at the port is usually handled by ship's tackle; special handling equipment, if available, is mentioned in the description of the particular facility. Several cranes to 200 tons can be rented. Numerous warehouses and cold storage facilities adjacent to the waterfront are available.

(600) Privately owned pipelines are available for petroleum products, liquid fertilizers, and molasses.

(601) **State of Hawaii, Diamond Head Terminal, Piers 1 and 2:** bulkhead wharf on E side of entrance channel;

2,967 feet long, 34 to 39 feet alongside; deck height, 7 feet; about 29 acres of paved open storage; receipt and shipment of general and containerized cargo, shipment of molasses; owned and operated by the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division.

(602) **State of Hawaii, Pier 8:** 595 feet long; 34 feet alongside; deck height, 7 feet; Aloha Tower Marketplace is at the rear in a former transit shed; owned and operated by the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division.

(603) **State of Hawaii, Pier 9**, 608 feet long; Piers 10 and 11, 956 feet long; 33 feet alongside; deck height, 7 feet; Aloha Tower is on the pier; boarding and disembarking passengers; owned and operated by the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division.

(604) **State of Hawaii, Piers 19 and 20:** 1,060 feet long; 32 to 34 feet alongside; deck height, 6 feet; about 2.5 acres of open storage; mooring company-owned towboats and barges; mooring pilot boat; operated by Sause Brothers, Inc.; owned by the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division.

(605) **State of Hawaii, Pier 21:** 425 feet long; 35 feet alongside; deck height, 6 feet; mooring, repairing, fueling, and dispatching company-owned floating equipment; owned by the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division; operated by Hawai‘ian Tug & Barge, an HEI Co.; and Smith Maritime.

(606) **State of Hawaii, Piers 22-23:** 890 feet long; 31 feet alongside; deck height, 6 feet; 26,000-ton grain elevator; receipt of grain; owned by Department of Transportation, Harbors Division; operated by Hawai‘ian Flour Mills (HFM); Hawai‘ian Tug & Barge, an HEI Co.; and Smith Maritime.

(607) **State of Hawaii, Piers 24-25:** 935 feet long; 20 to 30 feet alongside; deck height, 6 feet; receipt and shipment of conventional, containerized, and roll-on/roll-off general cargo and automobiles by barge in inter-island trade; mooring company-owned towboats, barges, and floating equipment; owned by the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division; operated by Young Brothers Ltd., an HEI Co.; and Hawai‘ian Tug & Barge, an HEI Co.

(608) **State of Hawaii, Pier 26:** 695 feet long; 23 to 30 feet alongside; deck height, 6 feet; receipt and shipment of conventional, containerized, and roll-on/roll-off general cargo and automobiles by barge in inter-island trade; owned by the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division; operated by Young Brothers Ltd.

(609) **State of Hawaii, Pier 27:** 885-foot-long face, 150 feet outside; 29 feet alongside face; deck height, 7 feet; receipt and shipment of conventional, containerized, and roll-on/roll-off general cargo and automobiles by barge in inter-island trade; owned by the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division; operated by Young Brothers Ltd.

(610) **State of Hawaii, Piers 28 and 29**: 1,290 feet long; 29 to 31 feet alongside; deck height, 7 feet; receipt and shipment of conventional, containerized, and roll-on/roll-off general cargo and automobiles by barge in inter-island trade; owned by the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division; operated by Young Brothers, Ltd.

(611) **Chevron Products Co., Honolulu Pier 30:** 270 feet long; 30 to 31 feet alongside; deck height, 6 to 7 feet; receipt and shipment of petroleum products; bunkering vessels; owned and operated by Chevron Products Co., Inc.

(612) **State of Hawaii, Piers 31A, 31, 32 and 33:** 1,440 feet long, 34 feet alongside; deck height, 7 feet; about 5 acres of open storage; receipt and shipment of conventional general cargo in foreign and domestic trade; receipt of lumber, automobiles, caustic soda, and miscellaneous bulk commodities; bunkering vessels; owned and operated by the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division.

(613) **State of Hawaii, Pier 34:** 550 feet long; 34 feet alongside; deck height, 7 feet; receipt of petroleum products, shipment of bulk cement; owned by the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division; operated by Tosco Distribution Co.; Tesoro Petroleum Corp.; and Hawai‘ian Cement Corp.

(614) **State of Hawaii, Pier 35:** 705 feet long; 18 to 35 feet alongside; deck height, 7 feet; mooring company-owned vessels; owned by the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division; operated by the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division; and Smith Marine.

(615) **State of Hawaii, Pier 36:** 68-foot-long face, lower side 546 feet long, upper side 432 feet long; 34 feet alongside face and lower side, 6-20 feet along upper side; deck height, 7 to 7½ feet; mooring fishing vessels; mooring company-owned floating equipment; handling equipment, materials, and supplies; owned by the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division; operated by the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division and P&R Water Taxi, Ltd.

(616) **State of Hawaii, Pier 39:** 105-foot-long face, 32 feet alongside; lower side 1,213 feet long, 24 to 32 feet alongside; upper side 1,025 feet long, 33 feet alongside; deck height, 8 feet; about 9.5 acres open storage; receipt and shipment of conventional, containerized, and roll-on/roll-off general cargo and automobiles by barge in inter-island trade; owned by the State of Hawaii,

Department of Transportation, Harbors Division; operated by Young Brothers, Ltd.

(617) **State of Hawaii, Pier 40:** lower and upper sides 1,005 feet long; 25 to 32 feet along lower side, 27 to 33 feet along upper side; face 250 feet long, 33 feet alongside; deck height, 8 feet; about 13 acres open storage; receipt and shipment of conventional, containerized, and roll-on/roll-off general cargo and automobiles by barge in inter-island trade; mooring company-owned floating equipment; owned by the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division; operated by Young Brothers, Ltd.

(618) **State of Hawaii, Pier 51A:** 556 foot face; 39 feet alongside; deck height, 8 feet; receipt and shipment of containerized general cargo in foreign and domestic trade; receipt of petroleum products; owned by the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division; operated by Sea-Land Service, Inc. and Airport Group International, Inc.

(619) **State of Hawaii, Piers 51B and 51C:** 1,346-foot face; 39 feet alongside; deck height, 8 feet; two 37½-ton cranes; receipt and shipment of containerized and roll-on/roll-off general cargo in foreign and domestic trade; receipt and shipment of molasses; owned by the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division; operated by Matson Terminals, Inc.

(620) **Piers 52A, 52B, and 53:** total length, 3,000 feet; 40 feet alongside; deck height, 8 feet; seven cranes to 45 tons; receipt and shipment of containerized and roll-on/roll-off general cargo and automobiles in inter-island trade; receipt and shipment of molasses; owned by the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division; operated by Matson Terminals, Inc. and Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.

Supplies

(621) Bunker oils, diesel fuels, and water are piped to most of the piers; gasoline is available at the fuel piers. Marine supplies are available in quantity.

Repairs

(622) Honolulu has two floating drydocks. The largest has a lifting capacity of 2,800 tons, length of 345½ feet over the keel blocks, width of 58 feet between wing walls and a maximum width of 84 feet, and a depth of 19 feet over the blocks. A large marine railway is available in the port; lifting capacity 1,400 tons, maximum length 222 feet, maximum width of 63 feet, and maximum depth of 10 feet. The service of a 200-ton mobile crane is available. Machine work can be obtained; a 84-inch lathe with a 44-foot bed is available for this purpose. In an emergency large commercial vessels have been handled at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.

Communications

(623) Honolulu is a major port of call for transpacific vessels, and there is commercial barge service to and from the other islands. Air service, passenger and freight, includes scheduled flights to the other islands, to the mainland, and to W and SW Pacific areas.

Chart 19369

(624) **Keehi Lagoon**, 6 miles NW of Diamond Head is triangular in shape and is fronted by coral reefs. The cuts through the lagoon are former seaplane landing areas. Kalihi Channel, previously mentioned, cuts through the SE part of the lagoon. A privately dredged channel branches NW from Kalihi Channel to a small-boat harbor and a barge harbor and turning basin on the E side of the landing areas. In 1974, the reported controlling depths were 12 feet in the channel to the turning basin and 15 feet in the basin. The barge channel is marked by a private **334°** lighted range.

Anchorage

(625) A **special anchorage** is in Keehi Lagoon on the W side of the barge channel. (See **110.1 and 110.128d(c)**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(626) Submerged pipelines, centered about 160 yards NE from the N corner of the special anchorage, extend from the SE to the NW side of Keehi Lagoon; mariners should avoid anchoring in the pipeline area.

(627) **Honolulu International Airport,** on the N shore of Keehi Lagoon, is the largest commercial airport in the State. The aerolight on the control tower is prominent from seaward.

Charts 19357, 19369, 19366

(628) A low, flat plain, 3 to 5 miles wide, borders the sandy shore between Keehi Lagoon and Barbers Point. The area includes Pearl Harbor and several airfields. W of Pearl Harbor, most of the area is developed with residential communities.

(629) **Pearl Harbor,** 9.5 miles WNW of Diamond Head, is a **Defensive Sea Area** established by Executive Order No. 8143 of May 26, 1939. The order says in part:

(630) "The area of water in Pearl Harbor, Island of O'ahu, Territory of Hawaii, lying between extreme high-water mark and the sea, and in and about the entrance channel to said harbor, within an area bounded by the extreme high-water mark, a line bearing S from the SW corner of the Puuloa Naval Reservation, a line bearing S from Ahua Point, and a line bearing W from a point 3 miles due S from Ahua Point, has been established as a

defensive sea area for purposes of national defense, and no persons (other than persons on public vessels of the United States) are permitted to enter this defensive sea area, and no vessels or other craft (other than public vessels of the United States) are permitted to navigate in this area, except by authority of the Secretary of the Navy."

(631) Permission to enter Pearl Harbor must be obtained in advance from Commander, Navy Region Hawaii 96860.

Pilotage, Pearl Harbor

(632) All vessels, except commissioned ships of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard, are required to take a pilot when entering or departing Pearl Harbor. Pilots meet vessels at Approach Point PAPA HOTEL (21°16'06"N., 157°56'23"W.), about 2 miles SE of the entrance buoys. All vessels destined for Pearl Harbor must pass through this point, which is not marked by any navigational aid.

(633) Pearl Harbor Control maintains a 24 hour guard on VHF-FM channel 69. it is requested that vessels guard VHF-FM channel 69, 1 hour before entrance, and continuously thereafter unless guard for this circuitry is arranged after arrival. The voice call of Pearl Harbor Port Control is "Pearl Harbor Control;" ships use own ship's name as voice call. Pearl Harbor Control also guards the Bridge-to-Bridge frequency VHF-FM channel 13.

(634) **General description.–**There are many prominent features in and around Pearl Harbor. (See chart.) The fan-shaped harbor has an entrance width of 400 yards and a greatest inland extent of 5 miles. The 45-foot entrance channel is marked by lighted and unlighted buoys and by a lighted range. The main basin is divided by two peninsulas and an island into four smaller basins known as **West Loch, Middle Loch, East Loch,** and **Southeast Loch.** Tidal currents are generally weak, but the ebb sometimes exceeds 0.5 knot. A dangerous W set may be experienced in the vicinity of the entrance to Pearl Harbor Channel.

Anchorages

(635) **Special anchorages** are on the E side of the Pearl Harbor Entrance Channel near Kumumau Point; on the W side of the channel in the lagoon S of Iroquois Point; and in Aiea Bay on the E side of East Loch. (See **110.1 and 110.128d (e) through (h),** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Chart 19362

(636) **Barbers Point,** 17 miles W of Diamond Head, is the SW extremity of O'ahu. The low land back of the rounding point extends 3 miles N to the foothills of the Waianae Mountains; the hill slopes are steep and partly brush covered but the bare soil that shows in places gives them a reddish appearance.

(637) **Barbers Point Light** (21°17.8'N., 158°06.4'W.), 85 feet above the water, is shown from a 71-foot white cylindrical concrete tower. A reef extends 0.6 mile off the light.

(638) Five miles NE of Barbers Point and 2 miles inland are the prominent chimneys of a sugar mill at **Ewa.** An industrial park is on the point. Tanks are about 0.8 mile N of the light and stacks are close N.

(639) In April 1996, Captain of the Port Honolulu amended federal **pilotage waters** in the vicinity of the offshore pipeline terminal off Barbers Point. The area was expanded to be identical to that designated in May 1995 for vessels engaged in foreign commerce and is defined by the following points:

(640) 21°17'47"N., 158°06'23"W.; thence to

(641) 21°14'49"N., 158°06'23"W.; thence to

(642) 21°14'49"N., 158°03'10"W.; thence to

(643) 21°15'26"N., 158°00'57"W.; thence to

(644) 21°18'18"N., 158°01'49"W.; thence along the shoreline to the point of beginning.

(645) All foreign trade vessels, U.S. vessels under registry, and U.S. vessels engaged in coastwise trade operating within this area must be under the direction and control of a first class pilot.

(646) Two naval **danger zones** and a **restricted area** have been established between Barbers Point and the entrance to Pearl Harbor. (See **334.1360, 334.1370, and 334.1400**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(647) Two offshore oil tanker mooring terminals and their submarine pipelines are located within the **anchorage and non anchorage areas** that have been established off Barbers Point. (See **110.1 and 110.236**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) All vessels, except for vessels with official business at the tanker terminals, should stay well S of these areas in order to avoid the unlit mooring buoys located there.

Currents

(648) There is a general W current along the coast between Honolulu and Barbers Point. Velocities up to 0.8 knot, setting W, have been measured off the point, and greater velocities have been reported.

Chart 19357

(649) The coast has a general NW trend between Barbers Point and Kaena Point, a distance of about 20 miles, and consists of alternating ledges of rock and stretches of white sand. Spurs of the Waianae Mountains extend

to most of the points. Between the spurs and ridges are heavily wooded valleys that contrast with the rocky and bare mountains. A highway follows the coast from just N of Barbers Point to Kaena Point.

(650) Much of the shoreline is fringed with rocks and reefs, but they are mostly close to the shore. The 3-fathom curve is within 0.5 mile of the shore, and the 10-fathom curve is within 1 mile. Vessels can avoid all outlying dangers by giving the coast a berth of 1 to 1.5 miles. Other than Pokai Bay, there are no harbors or anchorages along the W coast that afford shelter in all winds.

(651) **Barbers Point Harbor** is about 2 miles NW of Barbers Point. A dredged channel leads NE to a basin in the harbor. In March-April 1999, the dredged channel had a controlling depth of 37 feet, except for lesser depths along the edges, thence 36 to 38 feet in the basin with lesser depths along the edges. The channel is marked by a lighted buoy, lights, and a **045°** lighted range. The basin has a 1,600-foot dock with a 30-acre paved backup area and 120 acres for cargo handling and storage. A ship repair company has an 18,000-ton drydock capable of handling vessels to over 600 feet long and 94 feet wide. A state licensed pilot is required to enter the harbor. Vessels entering the harbor during the winter months should be aware of large swells coming from the N.

(652) A marina harbor entrance, marked by lights, is in the NW portion of the basin. Gasoline, diesel fuel, 267 slips, electricity, water, pump-out, marine supplies, and a public boat ramp are available at the marina. In December 2003, the harbormaster reported that the marina could accommodate vessels up to 150 feet in length with a draft of 13 feet.

(653) A flashing amber warning light, privately maintained and shown from a pole about 22 feet high on the S side of the harbor, is activated when there is a gas leak or the likelihood thereof. Anyone observing the light flashing should remain well clear and upwind, and sources of ignition should be secured.

(654) Barbers Point is a **customs port of entry.**

(655) **Kahe Point,** 3.5 miles N of Barbers Point, is the seaward end of a mountain spur. A large power plant is prominent on the point. The largest stack is 475 feet high with a strobe light on top. Two short boulder groins extending from the shore protect the intake of the plant's cooling system. The outfall is about 250 yards offshore with 9 feet of water over it.

(656) **Nanakuli,** 5.5 miles N of Barbers Point, is a homestead area near the shore.

(657) **Puu o Hulu,** about 7 miles NW of Barbers Point, is a narrow rocky, barren ridge, 1.5 miles long. A large water tank is on the saddle of the S slope. The ridge is on **Maili Point,** the S of the two important projecting points of this coast, and is the most conspicuous landmark in this vicinity. The W end of the ridge is close to the shore and has an elevation of 856 feet; it is precipitous on its seaward side.

Chart 19361

(658) **Lualuaei Homestead** tracts are N and NE of Puu o Hulu. Two 1,500-foot radio towers are prominent in the valley. **Puu Mailiilii,** about 2 miles N of Puu o Hulu, is a narrow, rocky ridge, 723 feet high, near the shore and approximately at right angles with it.

(659) Low **Kaneilio Point,** 10 miles NW of Barbers Point, projects 0.2 mile from the general coastline. A fish haven consisting of old auto bodies is 1 mile S of the point. Between Puu o Hulu and Kaneilio Point the light-colored buildings of a limekiln 0.3 mile inland show up against a dark background. In November 1999, suspected live ordnance was reported about 2 miles SW of Kaneilio Point inside the following coordinates: 21°26'23"N., 158°12'11"W.; 21°26'23"N., 158°12'38"W.; 21°25'26"N., 158°12'38"W.; 21°25'26"N., 158°12'11"W.

(660) **Pokai Bay,** on the NW side of Kaneilio Point, is the seaward approach to **Waianae.** Shallow water extends 0.3 mile from the inner shore of the bay. The breakwater extending N from Kaneilio Point and the opposing boulder groin from the inner shore form a State water recreation area. Piles are about midway between the breakwater and the shore. The area E of the piles is for swimming, and the area between the piles and the breakwater is for outrigger canoes. No person shall operate, anchor or moor any other vessel in the area between the piles and the breakwater except in adverse weather conditions when emergency anchoring is permitted.

(661) **Waianae Boat Harbor,** 0.5 mile NW of Kaneilio Point, is owned and operated by the State of Hawaii. The harbor is used primarily by fishing boats. The harbor is entered from the SE between two breakwaters. The harbor is protected on the W side by a 1,690-foot-long L-shaped breakwater, marked on its seaward end by a light, and on the NE side at the entrance by a 220-foot-long stub breakwater. A **003°-183°** lighted range marks the entrance approach. In April 1996, the controlling depths were 9 feet in the entrance channel, thence 11 feet in the main access channel along the L-shaped breakwater, thence 12 feet in the turning basin. Berthing, water, and two double launching ramps are available at the harbor. Waianae harbormaster has scheduled daytime hours (0745 to 1630) Tuesdays through Saturdays; phone numbers are: 808-697-7095 (business) and 808-851-1839 or

808-696-9921 (emergency or after hours); 808-594-0849 (fax).

Local magnetic disturbance

(662) Differences of 2° or more from normal variation may be expected in Pokai Bay.

(663) A deep valley extends about 4 miles inland between Puu o Hulu and Lahilahi Point and is the largest valley on this side of the Waianae Range. The broken ridge which makes down to Puu Paheehee divides the valley. **Puu Paheehee,** 652 feet high, is about 1 mile inland from Waianae.

(664) **Lahilahi Point,** 1.7 miles NW of Kaneilio Point, is a detached, steep ridge of dark rock, 234 feet high. This narrow, conspicuous point, projecting seaward about 0.2 mile, has the appearance of an islet from a distance and is known to local fishermen as **Black Rock.** An apartment building on the beach 250 yards N of the point and a hotel about 1.2 miles NNE of the point are good landmarks.

(665) **Kepuhi Point,** 13 miles NW of Barbers Point, is a few hundred yards from the seaward end of a bold, rocky, mountain spur.

Chart 19357

(666) The coastal bight between Kepuhi Point and Ka‘ena Point, 7 miles to the NW, is backed mostly by ridges of the Waianae Mountains. Midway along the bight is a sand beach in front of a small valley; small boats can make beach landings when the sea is smooth and can anchor in depths of 4 to 6 fathoms about 0.2 mile offshore.

(667) **Ka‘ena Point,** the NW extremity of O‘ahu, is low and rocky and is only a few hundred yards from the foot of Kuaokala Ridge. **Kaena Point Light** (21°34.3'N., 158°15.8'W.), 931 feet above the water, is shown on top of a 25-foot building on Kuaokala Ridge. Another light is 0.9 mile W of Kaena Point Light on the lower W end of the Point. Off the end of the point are several low, jagged rocks, over which the sea washes, and breakers extend about 0.4 mile from shore. The 10-fathom curve is 0.8 mile W of the point.

(668) The **danger zone** of a firing area covers a wide sector N of Ka‘ena Point. (See **334.1350**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Currents

(669) A continuous NW current and moderate tide rips are reported off Ka‘ena Point. Observations over a 24-hour period at a location 0.8 mile S of Kaena Point Light show a NW current averaging 0.8 knot; the greatest velocity measured was 1 knot.

(670) The N coast of O‘ahu trends E for 9 miles from Ka‘ena Point to Waialua, thence NE for another 11 miles to Kahuku Point; rock ledges alternate with stretches of white sand beach. The broad valley back of Waialua spreads to the coastal plain, which narrows as it approaches Ka‘ena and Kahuku Points; most of the valley is cultivated in sugarcane. From Ka‘ena Point to Waialua the mountains have a rugged appearance; from Waialua to Kahuku Point the hills resemble a continuous plateau. A hard-surface highway parallels the coast.

(671) Most of the N coast is fringed with reefs as much as 0.5 mile in width, but all dangers can be avoided by staying at least 1 mile from shore. Haleiwa Small-Boat Harbor is the only harbor along the N coast.

(672) **Kuaokala Ridge,** back of Ka‘ena Point, is high, and its seaward end breaks off rather abruptly. White domes and telemetry antennas are conspicuous along the ridge. The scattered beach houses between Ka‘ena Point and Waialua are backed by cultivated fields that extend to the mountains.

(673) **Kaiaka Bay** is a small coastal dent 9 miles E of Ka‘ena Point; **Kiikii Stream** and **Paukauila Stream** empty into the head of the bay. Prominent from offshore is the mill stack in **Waialua,** 0.5 mile back of the beach. A depth of 3 feet can be carried halfway into the bay by passing between the **Kaiaka Point** reefs, on the NE side, and the reef in midentrance.

(674) **Waialua Bay,** 1 mile NE of Kaiaka Bay, is a small dent at the bend in the middle of the N coast. The bay shores are low, black rock, with sand patches in the bights and fringed by large algaroba trees. The low land back of the beach slopes gently to a tableland with mountain ranges on either side. **Haleiwa** is at the head of Waialua Bay.

(675) **Haleiwa Small-Boat Harbor,** at the head of Waialua Bay is protected by a breakwater on the W and a mole marked by a light on the E. In March 1999, the midchannel controlling depth in the entrance channel was 9 feet. In 1979, depths of 6 to 11 feet were alongside the berths. The channel is marked by lighted and unlighted buoys and by a **129°** lighted range. Water is available at most berths, and a launching ramp is in the harbor. The harbor can be entered in all but the most violent storms, at which time good anchorage is found about 1 mile offshore in 20 to 30 fathoms.

(676) **Anahulu River** empties into the SW corner of Waialua Bay. River navigation is restricted by the fixed bridge over the mouth; the clearance is 8 feet for a channel width of 14 feet.

(677) The narrow coastal plain between Waialua and Kahuku Point is backed by a vegetation-covered tableland with steep seaward slopes that are cut by deep gorges.

(678) **Waimea Bay,** 5 miles NE of Waialua, is a small coastal dent at the mouth of the **Waimea River** gorge. The highway bridge over the river can be seen from seaward. A yellow-brown tower and scattered buildings are visible on the N side of the bay.

(679) **Wananapaoa Islet,** the outer of two ragged masses of black rock off the S point of Waimea Bay, has deep water close to its seaward sides. The submerged rocks near the point on the NE side of the bay are usually marked by breakers.

(680) Waimea Bay affords little shelter, and beach landings can be made only in very smooth weather. There is a wide beach at the head of the bay, but both sides of the entrance are fringed with rocky ledges. Indifferent anchorage is available in depths of 9 or 10 fathoms, sand bottom, 0.3 mile W of the river mouth.

(681) **Waialee** is 4 miles NE of Waimea Bay. A group of large conspicuous buildings is at the foot of a bluff a few hundred yards inland. Also prominent are two large dish antennas atop a ridge about 1.3 miles SW of Waialee, a radome on Mount Kawela about 2 miles SE, and a windmill with a strobe light about 2.0 miles ESE. Low **Kuilima Point,** 5.4 miles NE of Waimea Bay, has a resort hotel complex on the point.

(682) **Kahuku Point,** the N extremity of O‘ahu, is low and sandy; the dunes are partly overgrown with vegetation, and there are few scattered trees. The coast rounds gradually at Kahuku Point, and there are several small black rocks close to shore. The land rises gently from the low bluffs near the point to the mountains of Ko‘olau Range. The 10-fathom curve draws in to within 0.4 mile of the point. The breakers afford sufficient daytime warning of coastal dangers, but the low, unmarked point is difficult to locate at night. Currents off Kahuku Point set W or NW, but are sometimes negligible; tide rips have been reported 1 mile E of the point.

(683) The coast between Kahuku Point and Makapu‘u Point, 30 miles to the SE, is known as **Windward O‘ahu** and is more productive than other parts of the island because of its greater rainfall. Paralleling this coast is the Ko‘olau Range from which several spurs reach shore between Laie Bay and Kane‘ohe Bay. The shore is low and sandy with patches of black rock outcrop, particularly at the headlands and most of the points. Between the shore and Ko‘olau Range is a narrow strip of cultivated land; this coastal area widens between Kane‘ohe Bay and Waimanalo and is one of the principal agricultural areas of O‘ahu. There are good highways along the entire coast.

(684) Nearly all of this NE coast is fringed by coral reefs with little or no water over them at low tide, and the area is exposed throughout most of the year to the sea and swell built up by the NE trades. The numerous small openings in the reefs can be navigated by local craft; wider openings lead to Kahana, Kane‘ohe, Kailua, and Waimanalo Bays. The 10-fathom curve is no farther than 1.6 miles from shore except in Kane‘ohe Bay.

(685) **Kahuku,** 3 miles SE of Kahuku Point, is marked by a mill stack which is a half mile from the beach.

(686) Low **Makahoa Point** projects 0.2 mile from the general coast 3.5 miles SE of Kahuku Point. **Kihewamoku,** an islet 24 feet high, is 0.5 mile off Makahoa Point; 0.2 mile N of the islet is a rock that covers 4 feet and sometimes breaks.

(687) Wooded **Kalanai Point,** 4 miles SE of Kahuku Point is on the N side of Laie Bay. **Mokuauia,** an island 0.2 mile long and 23 feet high, is 0.2 mile off the point; between the island and the point are depths of only 1 or 2 feet. A rock 0.2 mile seaward of the island is covered 10 feet.

(688) **Pulemoku,** a rock 30 feet high, is 0.4 mile SE of Mokuauia. A 2-foot-high rock is close to the S side of Pulemoku.

(689) **Laie Bay** has outer depths of 3 to 7 fathoms, and a narrow reef opening affords access to shelter and landing for local small craft. **Laie,** at the head of the bay, has a Mormon Temple, a large, flat-roofed building that is visible from seaward.

(690) **Laniloa** a narrow peninsula with white sandy beaches on either side and covered with homes is on the S side of Laie Bay. Off the outer end of Laniloa are two small rocky islets; **Kukuihoolua,** 30 feet high and **Mokualai,** 33 feet high.

(691) **Kaipapau Hill,** about 700 feet high, is 2 miles S of Laniloa and 0.5 mile inland; the hill has a pyramidal, grass-covered top.

(692) **Hauula** is a beach settlement 2.5 miles S of Laniloa. **Punaluu** 4 miles S of Laniloa, is a beach settlement with a prominent apartment building near the beach.

(693) **Kahana Bay,** 11 miles SE of Kahuku Point, has an entrance width of 1 mile between **Makalii Point** on the N and **Mahie Point** on the SE; inland extent is 0.6 mile. Local small craft make the narrow passage through the reef and find limited shelter behind it. A breakwater protects a launching ramp on the W side of the bay. The breakers on both sides of the bay are the only guides for entering.

Chart 19359

(694) **Kualoa Point**, 15 miles SE of Kahuku Point, is on the NW side of the entrance to Kane‘ohe Bay. **Mokoli‘i**

Island, 206 feet high, is a conspicuous conical islet 0.3 mile seaward of Kualoa Point.

(695) **Kane'ohe Bay** has an entrance width of 4.6 miles between Kualoa Point on the NW and Mokapu Peninsula on the SE; greatest inland extent is 3 miles. The bay has low sand and coral beaches along which are many of the old diked fishponds, some which are still in use. Islands, coral reefs, and sand shoals are numerous throughout the bay. Mokoli'i Island, **Kapapa Island,** about 2.8 miles SE of Kualoa Point and in the center of Kane'ohe Bay, and **Kekepa Island,** mushroom-shaped and 4.4 miles SE of Kualoa Point, are easy to identify from seaward and make for a good landfall during daylight. **Moku o Loe Island (Coconut Island),** in the SW part of the bay, is the largest of the islands.

(696) The University of Hawaii operates a launch that ferries university personnel to and from the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology on the island of Moku o Loe. The launch runs from the island to a nearby pier on the SW side of Kane'ohe Bay.

(697) **Kane'ohe Bay** is a **Naval Defensive Sea Area**.established by Executive Order No. 8681 of February 14, 1941. The order says in part:

(698) "The territorial waters within Kane'ohe Bay between extreme high-water mark and the sea and in and about the entrance channel within a line extending 3 miles NE from Ka'o'io Point, a line extending 4 miles NE from Kapaho Point, and a line joining the seaward extremities of the two above-described bearing lines, are hereby established and reserved as a naval defensive sea area for purposes of national defense, such area to be known as Kane'ohe Bay Naval Defensive Sea Area; and the airspace over the said territorial waters is hereby set apart and reserved as a naval airspace reservation for purposes of national defense, such reservation to be known as Kane'ohe Bay Naval Airspace Reservation.

(699) "At no time shall any person, other than persons on public vessels of the United States, enter Kane'ohe Bay Naval Defensive Sea Area, nor shall any vessel or other craft, other than public vessels of the United States, be navigated into said area unless authorized by the Secretary of the Navy.

(700) "At no time shall any aircraft, other than public aircraft of the United States, be navigated into Kane'ohe Bay Naval Airspace Reservation, unless authorized by the Secretary of the Navy."

(701) **Note.–**Naval control over entry into Kane'ohe Bay Naval Defensive Sea Area has been suspended, except for a 500-yard **prohibited area** around the perimeter of Mokapu Peninsula where only authorized vessels may enter. Naval control may, however, be reinstated without notice at any time.

(702) **Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station** is on Mokapu Peninsula. Mariners are advised that field operations are conducted throughout the year and divers, rafts, and aircraft may be operating in the bay. Caution should be taken when operating near the air station runway.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(703) The lines established for Kane'ohe Bay are described in **80.1430**, chapter 2.

(704) Two channels lead through the reefs to the SE end of the bay. The deeper approach from the N end of the bay is through a dredged channel entered about 2 miles E of Kualoa Point. The channel is marked by lights, buoys, daybeacons, and a **227°** and a **349°30'** lighted range with the front range tower common to both. In May 1976, the controlling depth in the channel was 25 feet. Sampan Channel (Kaneohe Passage) to the SE, is entered about 0.85 mile NW of the N extremity of Mokapu Peninsula. This channel intersects the deeper channel about 0.9 mile W of Mokapu Peninsula, and is marked by a **217°15'** lighted range, daybeacons, and lighted and unlighted buoys. In May 1976, the controlling depth was 8 feet.

(705) **Crashboat Channel,** about 0.4 mile W of Mokapu Peninsula, has been dredged by the Navy for search and rescue vessels. This channel is within the prohibited area and should not be used by pleasure craft as it may hamper aid to a needy vessel or downed pilot. The Navy monitors 2716 kHz at its search and rescue facility on the SW side of Mokapu Peninsula; telephone number (257–2941 or 257–3543).

Anchorages

(706) **Special anchorages** are in the SE and W parts of Kane'ohe Bay. (See **110.1 and 110.128d (a) and (b)**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Dangers

(707) Mariners are advised to exercise caution as the channels and other dredged areas in the bay have not been dragged or swept. Numerous coral heads are along the sides of the channels, and many of these are marked by privately maintained pipes extending 3 to 5 feet above the water.

(708) The bay is by far the best locality for the operation of small craft on O'ahu. Many permits are being obtained by property owners to dredge small-boat basins and channels through the reefs. Numerous docks, including the Kaneohe Yacht Club, are in the bay. In addition, many uncharted private floats and buoys, used to

mark race courses, moorings, and fish and lobster pots are throughout the bay.

(709) **A 015°–195° measured course,** 3,038 feet long, is SE of Moku o Loe Island in Kane‘ohe Bay. The range markers are 30-by 40-inch white daymarks with orange borders set on coral reefs about 0.4 mile off the SE shore of the bay.

(710) **Kane‘ohe** near the SE end of the bay is the principal community in the area. Radio towers are prominent at **He‘eia,** a mile NW of Kane‘ohe.

(711) **He‘eia Kea Small-Boat Harbor,** just N of Kealohi Point about 0.9 mile N of He‘eia, is open to the public. In 1999, the controlling depth in the harbor was 6½ feet. The fuel pier has a reported depth of 12 feet alongside. Gasoline, diesel fuel, berths, water, ice, and launching ramps are available. Anchorage in the harbor is by permit only.

Chart 19357

(712) **Mokapu Peninsula**, 20 miles SE of Kahuku Point, has a greatest elevation of 683 feet. **Pyramid Rock,** on the NW point of the peninsula, is black and has a sharp summit. **Pyramid Rock Light** (21°27.7'N., 157°45.8'W.), 101 feet above the water, is shown from a white square concrete house with black diagonal stripes. **Puu Hawaiiloa** is a 337–foot hill near the center of the peninsula. A red and white skeleton tower and a nearby aerobeacon atop the hill are the most prominent navigation aids on the peninsula.

Danger zone

(713) A weapons training range **danger zone**, marked by lighted and un-lighted buoys, extends NNE from Mokapu Point. (See **334.1380**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(714) **Ulupau Crater,** part of an old crater rim, is a rocky headland at the NE end of Mokapu Peninsula. **Mokumanu Islands,** two islets with vertical sides 202 feet and 132 feet high, are 0.7 mile N of the headland. The passage between the islets and the peninsula has midchannel depths of 3½ to 8½ fathoms, but is not recommended for strangers. An E current is reported in the vicinity of Mokumanu Islands.

(715) The beach between Mokapu Peninsula and Makapu‘u Point, 10 miles to the SE, is mostly low and sandy, with black rocks showing in some places. Between the beach and the cliffs of the Ko‘olau Range is a narrow strip of land developed with residential communities. The cliffs are characteristic of Ko‘olau Range from behind Kane‘ohe Bay to rugged Makapu‘u Head.

(716) **Mokolea Rock,** is about 1 mile off the SE side of Mokapu Peninsula; the black rock is 20 feet high, has a submerged edge that extends 0.15 mile W, and has depths of 6 to 8 fathoms around it.

(717) **Kailua Bay,** S of Mokapu Peninsula, is an open bight which affords no shelter from the trades. The N part of the bay is free of the usual fringing reefs, and there is a sand beach at the head of the bay.

(718) **Alala Point,** on the S side of Kailua Bay, is a low bluff with a 25-foot white stone monument that resembles a lighthouse. A public launching ramp is on the W side of the point.

(719) **Popoia Island** is a small, flat, low-lying island 0.2 mile N of Alala Point.

(720) **Mokulua Islands,** 0.7 mile from shore and midway between Mokapu Peninsula and Makapu‘u Head, are steep, rocky, grass covered, and locally known as **Twin Peaks**. Elevations are 206 feet for the N islet and 182 feet for the S islet. On the shore side of the islets is an extensive reef; between the reef and the shore is a small-boat passage that leads to private landings.

Chart 19358

(721) **Wailea Point**, 5 miles NW of Makapu‘u Head, is the NW point of Waimanalo Bay. An inactive airfield occupies a large area S of the point.

(722) **Waimanalo Bay,** between Wailea Point and Makapu‘u Head, affords all-weather shelter for small craft behind the barrier reefs that parallel much of the bay’s shore. A 2-mile stretch off midbay has no fringing coral reef; in its S part, the reef gets closer to shore and disappears near Makapu‘u Head. Depths of 10 feet can be carried into the bay except during strong trades when the entrance is closed by breakers. **Waimanalo** is on the coastal highway that skirts the head of the bay.

(723) **Manana Island,** 361 feet high, is 1 mile NNW of Makapuu Point Light. The island is part of an old crater and has a lighter shade of rock than any other in the vicinity. The sides are bluff except on the W where there is a short sloping point. The water is deep on the seaward side of Manana Island, and there are depths of 4 fathoms between the island and the mainland; the 4-fathom passage is not recommended for strangers.

(724) **Kaohikaipu Island,** 80 feet high, is a flat, black mass of rock midway between Manana Island and Makapu‘u Head. A double rock, 10 feet high, is 200 yards NE of Kaohikaipu, and a small black rock, barely above water, is about the same distances SW of the island. There are depths of 4 fathoms between Manana and Kaohikaipu Islands, but passage is not recommended for strangers because reefs make off from both islands. Depths are 4 to 6 fathoms in the bight between

Kaohikaipu Island and Makapu'u Head; passage is not recommended.

(725) About 1.2 miles NW of Makapu'u Point is a privately operated ocean research facility. An L-shaped pier, protected by a breakwater, extends 700 feet into the bay. In March 1984, the basin and the channel leading to the facility had a reported controlling depth of 16 feet. The channel and the basin are privately marked by daybeacons and a **211°46'** lighted range. A **restricted area** of the Makai Undersea Test Range extends about 2.5 miles offshore. (See **334.1410**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Chart 19380

(726) **Kauai Channel**, NW of O'ahu, is wide, deep, and clear. During the trades the current usually sets W across the channel and divides at Kauai, part following the N side of the island and the other part following the S side. Strong S or SW winds cause the current to set in the opposite direction to that produced by the trades.

Chart 19381

(727) **Kauai**, 63 miles NW across Kauai Channel from O'ahu, has an area of 555 square statute miles and is fourth largest of the eight major islands. Kauai measures 29 nautical miles E-W by 23 miles N-S and slopes from centrally located **Kawaikini,** a 5,170-foot peak. **Lihue,** the seat of Kauai County, is 2 miles inland from the east-coast port of Nawiliwili.

(728) The mountains on the W and N sides of Kauai descend in steep, jagged ridges; the gentle slopes on the E and S sides are cut by numerous gulches. The peaks are nearly always cloud covered, making them difficult to see from any great distance. Dome-shaped **Haupu,** 2,297 feet high, is prominent in the SE part of the island. The entire NW coast is backed by high bluffs; the rest of the coast is mostly low and rocky with some scattered sand beaches. A low coastal plain extends W from the town of Waimea. The few outlying dangers can be avoided by giving the coast a berth of 2 miles.

Harbors and ports

(729) Nawiliwili, on the E coast, and Port Allen, on the S coast, are the only commercial harbors on Kauai and are the only places that afford shelter in almost all weather.

(730) Small craft planning to visit Kauai should carry two good holding anchors, because mooring space is scarce and there are few well-protected anchorages. Advance arrangements with the Kauai District Manager, Harbors Division of the Hawaii Department of Transportation, are advised.

Currents

(731) The oceanic currents in the vicinity of Kauai generally follow the winds. The available local information relative to currents is given in the discussions of the various localities.

Weather, Kauai

(732) The trade winds divide on the E side of Kauai, one part follows the N coast and one part the S coast, and unite again some distance W of the island. On the W side, between Mana Point and Makaha Point, calm or light variable airs prevail. A moderate SW wind is sometimes felt at Waimea Bay, while a strong E wind is blowing about 2 miles (4 km) offshore. Along the N and S shores the early morning trade wind is usually light until about 0900 and again decreases in strength about 1600. Occasionally kona winds, starting in the SE, displace the normal trades; this condition occurs more often during the winter.

(733) The E and N, or windward, sides of the island are noted for their heavy rainfall, which reaches a maximum yearly average of more than 400 inches (10160 mm) on 5,080-foot-high (1550 m) **Waialeale**. The lower slopes have much less rain, and along the S side the fall seldom exceeds 20 inches. The winter, from December to March, produces the strongest winds, which sometimes reach gale force and are accompanied by more rain than is usual at other times of the year. Precipitation averages over 42 inches (1067 mm) at the Lihue airport and has ranged from 74.4 inches (1890 mm) in 1982 to 16.4 inches (417 mm) the very next year. Precipitation falls, on average, 275 days each year. December is the wettest month and June, the driest.

(734) The National Weather Service office located at the Lihue Airport has an average annual temperature of 75.6°F (24.2°C). The average maximum is 81.1°F (27.3°C) while the average minimum is 69.7°F (20.9°C). Annual extremes are 90°F (32.2°C) recorded in August 1981, September 1993 and 1995, and October 1957, and 50°F (10°C) recorded in January 1969. August is the warmest month with an average temperature of 79.3°F (26.3°C) while January and February each have an average temperature of 71.6°F (22°C).

(735) (See page T-13 for **Lihue climatological table**.)

Supplies and repairs

(736) Food supplies are obtainable at the various towns on the island, particularly at Lihue, the county seat. Marine supplies are limited to small-craft requirements and occasionally must be ordered from Honolulu. Fuel and water are available at Nawiliwili and Port

Allen; limited bunker C oil is available at Port Allen. The island has no repair facilities for medium or large vessels, but minor repairs can be made at Nawiliwili and Port Allen.

Communications

(737) Port Allen and Nawiliwili are ports for a few interisland barges and transpacific vessels. Interisland passenger traffic is by air. Telephone communication is available to the other islands and to the mainland. A good highway skirts the island except on the NW side.

Chart 19383

(738) **Nawiliwili Bay**, on the SE side of Kauai, has an entrance width of 0.8 mile between Carter and Ninini Points and an inland extent of about 1 mile. **Nawiliwili,** on the N side of the bay, is one of the two commercial deepwater ports on Kauai and is protected by a breakwater, marked at the end by a light, extending NE from Carter Point, and by a jetty in the inner harbor. SE winds produce some surge, but the harbor is otherwise secure.

Prominent features

(739) The shore consists of rocky bluffs, except at the mouth of Huleia Stream and in the vicinity of Nawiliwili. The jagged, mountainous coast extending SW from the bay is in marked contrast with the lowlands of Huleia Stream, on the SW side of the bay, and affords a means of fixing the entrance from well offshore. A water tank on the wharf and a large white bulk sugar warehouse on the hill overlooking the wharf are conspicuous.

(740) A flashing amber warning light, privately maintained and shown about 4 feet above the roof on the SW corner of the shed (largest shed on the N piers) on Pier 2, is activated when there is a gas leak or the likelihood thereof. Anyone observing the light flashing should remain well clear and upwind, and sources of ignition should be secured.

(741) **Ninini Point,** on the N side of the entrance, is low, flat, and rocky, and is backed by land planted in cane. A rocky ledge with a depth of 12 feet at the outer end extends about 100 yards S of the point. **Nawiliwili Harbor Light** (21°57.3'N., 159°20.2'W.), 112 feet above the water, is shown from an 80-foot buff-colored cylindrical concrete tower on the point. The loom of the light is frequently seen by vessels 40 miles away.

(742) **Kukii Point,** 0.7 mile W of Ninini Point and the N entrance point of the inner harbor, is a high bluff with a low, rocky shelf at the base. There is a light on the point.

(743) **Carter Point,** on the S side of the entrance to Nawiliwili Bay, is rocky and rises rapidly to **Kalanipuu;** the hill is marked by an aviation obstruction light 799 feet high. The mountain spur that extends inland rises to Haupu, the most prominent feature of SE Kauai.

(744) **Kawai Point,** 0.5 mile S of Carter Point, is a bold rocky headland, 525 feet high, very irregular and jagged in appearance.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(745) The lines established for Nawiliwili Harbor are described in **80.1450,** chapter 2.

Channels

(746) A Federal project provides for an entrance channel 40 feet deep to a harbor basin 35 feet deep; the entrance channel is marked by a lighted range, lights, and buoys. In May 2003, the controlling depth was 37 feet for a mid-width of 180 yards in the entrance channel, thence depths of 30 to 35 feet were available in the basin (except for lesser depths along the S edge.)

Anchorage

(747) Anchorage in the vicinity of Nawiliwili Bay, outside the breakwater, is not recommended. Commercial vessels are not allowed to anchor within the harbor basin, except by permission from the harbormaster. Swinging room is limited. An anchorage area for small boats is within the mouth of **Huleia Stream,**adjacent to the small boat harbor basin.

(748) A **special anchorage** is N of the Nawiliwili Small-Boat Harbor. (See **110.1 and 110.128c**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Caution

(749) Generally, the current offshore of Ninini Point is from north to south. However, deep-draft vessels have reported a northerly set as they get closer to the point, while on the range line. The transit of the entrance into Nawiliwili Harbor is difficult for large vessels in all but calm weather. The turn around the outer breakwater, then immediately turning in the opposite direction around the inner jetty, is made difficult by the combined effects of the winds and seas. Vessels must contend with large quartering swells and brisk tradewinds on the stern, while approaching the outer breakwater. While turning around the inner jetty into the main basin, the fresh tradewinds generally are on the beam. Local pilots require an assist tug to escort all medium to large size vessels inbound and outbound from Nawiliwili. Vessels berthing at pier 3 are advised to consider laying out an anchor to assist in undocking during moderate to heavy tradewinds weather conditions.

Tide

(750) The mean range of tide is 1.2 feet and the diurnal range of tide is 1.9 feet at Nawiliwili.

Pilotage, Nawiliwili

(751) Pilotage is compulsory for all foreign vessels and for U.S. vessels under register in the foreign trade; it is optional for coastwise vessels who have on board a pilot licensed by the Federal government.

(752) The pilot boat, IWA, is a yellow 35-foot catamaran with the word PILOT in black letters on the side of the cabin. The boat displays the International Code flag "H". Harbor regulations require that vessels may only transit the entrance from sunrise to sunset. Vessels may shift from pier to pier within the basin at night. The pilot boarding ground is 1 mile ESE of Nawiliwili Harbor Light, on the rangeline. The pilots monitor and work on VHF-FM channel 12. Mariners are requested to give at least 24 hours advance notice of arrival with overall length, gross tonnage, and draft of vessel; telephone 808-537-4169. Vessels are requested to rig a ladder no more than one meter on the lee side and to maintain a "dead slow ahead" speed, between 5 and 10 knots. The boarding area is generally very rough, open sea conditions. Vessel masters are advised that boarding a pilot in these conditions may take some time. They should not allow their vessel to stand in towards shore W of Ninini Point until a local pilot is on the bridge.

Towage

(753) An 85-foot, 2,700 hp tug is based in Nawiliwili and services both Nawiliwili and Port Allen. Local pilots request the use of this tug for nearly all vessels transiting Nawiliwili Harbor.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(754) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(755) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.) A private hospital is at Lihue.

(756) Nawiliwili is a **customs port of entry.**

Harbor regulations

(757) Harbor regulations are established by the Harbors Division of the Hawaii Department of Transportation and enforced by the harbormaster.

(758) The **speed limit** in the harbor is 5 m.p.h.

Wharves

(759) The State Wharf, in the N part of the harbor, provides 1,140 feet of berthing space with depths of 20 to 33 feet alongside, from W to E, in October 1992, and a deck height of 8 feet. Pier 1, the E 438-foot section of the wharf, is used principally for the receipt and shipment of general and containerized cargo by barge in the interisland trade, and for the receipt of lumber, bulk cement, and petroleum products. Pier 2, the W 702-foot section of the wharf, is used for the receipt and shipment of general and containerized cargo by deep-draft vessels in the foreign and domestic trade; the receipt of liquefied petroleum gas and petroleum products; and for the shipment of bulk raw sugar and molasses. Two transit sheds and an annex shed with a total of 62,000 square feet of storage space are available for cargo in transit.

(760) General cargo at the wharf is usually handled to and from vessels by ships' tackle and to and from barges by forklift trucks. Crawler and truck cranes can be obtained locally; no floating cranes or derricks for making heavy lifts are available at the port.

Supplies

(761) Gasoline, kerosene, fuel oil, and diesel fuel are available by tank truck, and water is piped to the pier. Some provisions and supplies are available at Lihue. Marine supplies are limited to items for small craft.

Repairs

(762) There are no facilities available at Nawiliwili for making major repairs or for drydocking large, deep-draft vessels. Several machine, electrical, and welding concerns off the waterfront in Nawiliwili and in Honolulu are available for making above-waterline repairs to vessels berthed at the port.

(763) **Nawiliwili Small-Boat Harbor** is on the SW side of Nawiliwili Harbor. Two jetties protect the harbor and are marked by lights on the outer ends at the entrance. Private daybeacons mark the channel inside the harbor. The harbor has three piers, 85 berths, a launching ramp on the N side of the harbor, and a pump-out station. In April 1999-May 2003, the controlling depths were 9 feet for a mid-width of 30 yards; thence in May 2003, 12 feet in the basin (except for lesser depths along the S edge), thence 7 feet in the channel along the S side of the harbor.

Chart 19381

(764) **Kawelikoa Point**, 4 miles SW of Nawiliwili Bay, is a dark, rocky headland 691 feet high. The point is at the seaward end of a ridge which extends N to a 2,297-foot-high peak of Haupu.

(765) From about 1.5 miles SW of Kawelikoa Point to Hanapepe Bay, the coast is a series of low bluffs and beaches; the back country is mostly under cultivation, and the cane fields extend well up the slopes in some places.

(766) **Makahuena Point,** 7 miles SW of Nawiliwili Bay, is the S extremity of Kauai. The low, flat point has a rocky shore with bluffs 20 to 50 feet in height. The land near the point is sandy and rolling, and there are short stretches of sand beach both NE and W of the point. A hotel is prominent on the W side of the point. **Makahuena Point Light** (21°52.1'N., 159°26.6'W.), 80 feet above the water, is shown from a 20-foot pole with a black and white diamond-shaped daymark on the point. The bottom slopes gradually to a depth of 7 fathoms about 0.5 mile off the point. Several reefs extend about 300 yards offshore between the point and Koloa Landing.

(767) There is a conspicuous mill stack at **Koloa,** 2 miles inland from Makahuena Point. The stack is visible all along this coast except for the short distance where it is hidden by **Paa Cones,** which are on a long, low ridge that extends inland from the point.

(768) **Koloa Landing,** 1.5 miles W of Makahuena Point, has a landing slip for small, flat-bottom boats and outrigger canoes. The landing slip is treacherous, and only persons familiar with the landing should attempt to land a small boat. Anchorage is available in depths of 12 fathoms, rocky bottom, about 400 yards S of the landing. A road leads inland to Koloa.

(769) **Kuhio Park** is 0.5 mile W of Koloa Landing and on the shore road. There are several beach houses between the landing and the park.

(770) **Kukuiula Bay,** 3 miles W of Makahuena Point, has an entrance width of 150 yards and an inland extent of 300 yards; considerable protection is afforded small craft except in S winds. A wreck (21°52.9'N., 159°29.6'W.), covered 25 feet, is about 0.3 mile S of the breakwater. **Kukuiula** is a settlement at the head of the bay. About 500 yards W of Kukuiula is the **Spouting Horn,** a seawater spout which is active even in smooth weather.

(771) **Lawai Bay,** 3.5 miles W of Makahuena Point, has an entrance width of 300 yards and an inland extent of 0.2 mile; fair protection is afforded small craft except in S winds. The side shores of the bay are low and rocky, but there is a wide sand beach at the head. A grass-topped

rock, 70 feet high, stands at the upper edge of the sand on the W side of the bay.

(772) **Makaokahai Point,** 4.6 miles W of Makahuena Point, is easily recognized because of the several hills extending N from it. One particularly prominent hill, 0.5 mile inland, is 436 feet high and well rounded, has canefields on the lower slopes, and is evenly capped with trees. The first low hills on the point are the walls of a water-filled crater.

(773) **Ioleau,** 1.1 miles N of Makaokahai Point, is a flat-topped 625-foot hill. A Vortac station on the hill is a good landmark.

(774) **Kalanipuao Rock,** with 2 feet of water over it, is about 0.3 mile SE of Makaokahai Point and is marked by a buoy. Vessels should not attempt to pass N of the buoy.

(775) **Koheo Point,** 1.4 miles W of Makaokahai Point, is level and covered with vegetation. A radio tower is on the W side of the point.

Chart 19382

(776) **Wahiawa Bay**, 2.8 miles W of Makaokahai Point and 1 mile E of Port Allen, is 170 yards wide at the entrance and indents the coast about 0.2 mile. Excellent protection is afforded small craft in all but S winds. Boats anchor in depths of 5 to 10 feet, sandy bottom. The sides of the bay are rocky. The seas usually break over the shoal 100 yards off **Weli Point** on the SE side of the bay.

(777) **Hanapepe Bay,** midway along the S coast of Kauai, is the approach to **Port Allen.** The bay is about 0.6 mile wide and about 0.4 mile long, and is protected from the SE by a breakwater marked near the end by a light. The shores are low, rocky bluffs except at the head of the bay, where there is a sandy beach.

Local magnetic disturbance

(778) Differences of as much as 2¼° from normal variation have been observed at Hanapepe Bay.

Prominent features

(779) The E side of the bay has several oil tanks and warehouses. A light is on low, flat, and rocky **Puolo Point** on the W side of the bay. A landing strip, used by tour helicopters and occasionally small planes, is back of the point.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(780) The lines established for Port Allen Harbor are described in **80.1440**, chapter 2.

Channels

(781) A Federal project provides for 35-foot depths in the entrance channel and harbor basin. Lighted and unlighted buoys mark the W and N limits of Hanapepe Bay. In May 2003, depths in the entrance and basin were 30 to 34 feet (except for gradual shoaling to 14 feet in the N corner.)

Dangers

(782) A reef extends about 200 yards from the shore E of the inner end of the breakwater. In heavy weather breakers extend 350 yards offshore on the NW side of the bay and 50 to 150 yards off the SE side of Puolo Point. In January 1984, a 19-foot shoal was reported about 0.5 mile E of Hanapepe Light in about 21°53.7'N., 159°35.9'W.

Anchorage

(783) There is little shelter for vessels intending to anchor off Port Allen. In order for a vessel to get in the lee of the bluffs, located on the E shore, the vessel would be positioned dangerously close to shallow water near the breakwater. Fresh tradewinds generally make this area a poor anchorage. The harbor is congested with small commercial charter boats. There is little swinging room within the basin. Port Allen is known for surge conditions. At times, the surge is severe enough to discourage commercial vessels from mooring at the S face of the main pier.

Tides and currents

(784) The diurnal range of tide is 1.7 feet at Port Allen. The prevailing current off Puolo Point is W.

Pilotage, Port Allen

(785) Pilotage is compulsory for all foreign vessels and U.S. vessels under register in the foreign trade; it is optional for coastwise vessels who have on board a pilot licensed by the Federal government. The pilot boat, IWA, is a yellow 35-foot catamaran with the word PILOT in black letters on the side of the cabin. The boat displays the International Code flag "H" by day and the white and red signal lights at night. The pilot boarding ground is 0.75 mile S of the outer end of the breakwater. The pilots monitor and use VHF-FM channel 12. Mariners are advised to give at least 24 hours advance notice of arrival with overall length, gross tonnage, and draft of vessel; telephone 808-537-4169. Vessels are requested to rig a ladder no more than one meter on the lee side and to maintain a "dead slow ahead" speed, between 5 and 10 knots.

Towage

(786) An 85-foot, 2,700 hp tug based at Nawiliwili Harbor services vessels entering or leaving Port Allen.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine

(787) (See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and appendix for addresses.)

(788) **Quarantine** is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.) A private hospital is at Waimea.

(789) Port Allen is a **customs port of entry.**

Harbor regulations

(790) Harbor regulations are established by the Hawaii Department of Transportation, Harbors Division and enforced by the **harbormaster.**

(791) The **speed limit** in the harbor is 5 m.p.h.

Wharves

(792) The State pier in the E part of the harbor provides 600 feet of berthing space along both the N and S sides, and 124 feet along the W face. In April 1999, depths to 25 feet were available along the N side, 33 feet on the S side and 28 feet on the W face; deck height, 11 feet. A transit shed with 24,000 square feet of covered storage space, and open storage are available. Pipelines are on the wharf, and bulk handling and storage facilities for molasses, liquid fertilizer, and petroleum products are in the port. General cargo, and barge and tanker traffic are handled at the pier.

(793) Vessels are advised to drop an anchor when approaching the pier. This assists in maneuvering to a berth as well as getting away in an emergency. During and after strong winds some surge is experienced at the pier. This condition may require small and medium craft to cast off and sometimes interferes with the cargo handling of large vessels.

Supplies

(794) Gasoline, fuel oil, and diesel fuel are available by tank truck, and water is piped to the wharf. Provisions are available in the principal towns on the island. Marine supplies are limited to small-craft items.

Repairs

(795) Facilities for minor repairs to vessels are available.

(796) **Port Allen Small Boat Harbor** is N of the State pier on the E side of the bay. The harbor has 3 launching ramps, 38 berths, 6 mooring buoys, and a small pier.

Communications

(797) Port Allen has highway and telephone communication with other parts of the island and radiotelephone and air communication with the other islands of the group. The town is a port of call for interisland barge and transpacific vessels.

Chart 19386

(798) **Kaumakani** is 2 miles NW of Puolo Point and a half mile inland. A mill stack is prominent.

(799) **Robinson Landing,** 1 mile NW of Kaumakani, is a small-boat harbor with a dredged entrance that accommodates drafts of 2 to 4 feet. A stone wall has been built around the harbor edges, and a marine railway is available for handling small craft. This is a private landing and cannot be used without the owner's permission.

(800) **Hoanuanu Bay,** 2 miles NW of Kaumakani, has depths of 2 to 3 fathoms and affords good protection from trade winds for small craft. The E side of the bay is rocky; the NW side is a sand beach.

(801) A breaking area extends 0.5 mile off **Poo Point,** which is on the NW side of Hoanuanu Bay. A buoy is moored in 44 feet 0.9 mile off the point.

(802) **Waimea Bay,** an open bight 3 miles NW of Kaumakani, is the approach to **Waimea,** which is the place where Captain James Cook, R.N., made his first (January 1778) landing in the islands.

Anchorages

(803) A **naval anchorage** is off Waimea Bay. (See **110.1 and 110.237,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) Good anchorage, for other vessels, can be found in and off Waimea Bay during ordinary weather in depths of 3 to 20 fathoms, sand bottom. Small boats usually shift anchorage to Hoanuanu Bay for better protection when the trades are strong. Depths of 5 to 18 feet extend 0.3 mile from the shore of Waimea Bay. The Waimea pier, 0.3 mile NW of the Waimea River, is a former inter-island steamer landing that is used as a state recreational pier, primarily for fishing. The town has a hospital.

(804) **Waimea River,** which empties into Waimea Bay along the E side of Waimea, is navigable only for pulling boats because of the bar across the mouth; the river descends from the mountains through the deepest gorge on this part of Kauai. The ruins of a Russian fort are on the E side of the river's mouth; the fort was built in 1815 and abandoned in 1817.

(805) Between Waimea River and **Oomano Point,** 2.3 miles to the W, a reef extends 0.4 mile from shore and breaks in heavy weather. **Kikiaola Boat Harbor,** 1.6 miles W of the river, is entered over the reef and is protected by breakwaters marked by privately maintained lights. The harbor has a launching ramp and loading piers; the entrance is marked by a privately maintained lighted range. The controlling depth is about 6 feet over the reef. In August 1982, shoaling to less than 5 feet was reported in the basin. Caution should be exercised when entering or leaving the harbor due to the combined effects of the breakers and the 90° turn in the basin.

Chart 19381

(806) A low plain, about 2 miles wide, extends W from Waimea River around Kokole Point and N to Barking Sands beyond Nohili Point. The shore side of the plain has a growth of algaroba trees, behind which are occasional sand dunes.

(807) **Kekaha** is a plantation settlement on the NW side of Oomano Point and 2.5 miles from Waimea River. A mill stack is prominent.

(808) **Kokole Point,** 5 miles WNW of Waimea River, is low, rounding, and wooded. **Kokole Light** (21°58.7'N., 159°45.4'W.), 58 feet above the water, is shown from a three-legged tower with a black and white diamond-shaped daymark on the point. The transmitting antenna of Radio Station **WWVH** (National Bureau of Standards) is about 0.7 mile NW of Kokole Light.

(809) **Mana Point,** about 3.5 miles N of Kokole Point, is the W extremity of the island. Along the water's edge is a strip of sand that extends 2 miles on either side of the point, but the sea breaks on a lava ledge at the edge of the sand, making the beaching of boats dangerous except when the sea is smooth.

(810) Current observations taken during a 24-hour period 0.5 mile off Mana Point show a tidal current of 0.8 knot velocity at strength setting S and N along the coast. The S maximum occurs about 3 hours after low water at Honolulu, and the N maximum 3 hours after high water. Similar observations taken near the coast about 3.8 miles NNE of Nohili Point show a tidal current with velocities generally less than 0.5 knot.

(811) Discolored water, caused by the drainage canals and the undertow from the beach, is often noted as far as 2 miles off Mana and Kokole Points. The village of **Mana,** 1 mile inland from Mana Point, is marked by several large bushy trees and tall coconut palm trees. An aviation control tower at Bonham auxiliary navy landing field 1 mile SW of Mana is prominent.

Safety zone

(812) A safety zone extends northward from Mana Point to Polihale. (See **165.1406,** chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)safety zone

Danger zone

(813) A danger zone is between Mana Point and Nohili Point. (See **334.1390**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(814) **Nohili Point,** about 6 miles N of Kokole Point, is marked by **Nohili Dune,** 100 feet high, and the highest and southernmost of a chain of sand dunes extending along the coast for 2.5 miles to the NE. The dunes are known as **Barking Sands**. A road continues to Polihale. A light is on the point.

(815) A narrow sand shoal, with depths of 7 to 10 fathoms, extends from Nohili Point to **Alapii Point,** 7.5 miles to the NE. The shoal, which appears to be a succession of E-W sand ridges, is 1 to 2 miles from shore. A depth of 3 fathoms is 0.5 mile W of Alapii Point; from there to Kailiu Point, 7 miles farther to the NE, the 15-fathom curve is at an average distance of 1 mile from shore. A private aerolight is about 2.5 miles SW of Alapii Point, and a conspicuous radar dome antenna is on top of a high ridge about 3 miles ESE of Alapii Point.

(816) From Barking Sands NE to Kailiu Point, the coast is rocky and precipitous. The section between Alapii and Kailiu Points consists of a series of cliffs known as **Na Pali (Napali).** These cliffs are 2,000 feet high in some places, and are cut up by numerous streams which form small waterfalls. The S part of this section is practically bare, but the N part is wooded.

(817) **Kalalau Valley,** 2.5 miles NE of Alapii Point, is the broadest and deepest valley along the NW coast and is easily distinguished from seaward.

(818) **Kailiu Point,** on the N coast of Kauai, is the seaward end of a jagged ridge that ends abruptly in a sharp peak 1,200 feet high. There is a narrow strip of lowland at the point.

Chart 19385

(819) **Haena Point**, 1.2 miles E of Kailiu Point, is low and rounding. A reef, which bares at low water, extends 0.3 mile NW from the point. The **Haena Caves,** which cannot be seen from seaward, are 0.2 mile inland under the bold face of the mountains; the caves are near the W end of the highway that skirts the N shore of Kauai.

(820) **Wainiha Bay,** 1.3 miles E of Haena Point, has an entrance width of 0.5 miles between the extensive **Kepuhi Point** reef on the W and **Kolokolo Point** on the E; inland extent is 0.4 mile. The bay is an open bight that affords little protection except in kona weather. **Wainiha River** empties into the head of the bay from the most W of the deep valleys along the N coast of Kauai.

(821) **Lumahai River,** which is unnavigable, empties into the sea on the E side of Kolokolo Point; E of the river mouth is a sandy beach with a few rocky patches.

(822) **Makahoa Point,** 2 miles ESE of Haena Point, is black and rocky. A half mile inland is Puu Ka Manu, a 714-foot hill.

(823) **Hanalei Bay** has an entrance width of a mile between Makahoa Point on the W and the extensive Puu Poa Point reef on the NE; inland extent is nearly a mile. Breaking coral reefs fringe the shores on both sides of the entrance. Seas break across the entire entrance during N or NW gales. During the winter and spring, the entire bay is subject to high surf, but when the sea is calm good protection is afforded from the trades. Midbay anchorage is in depths of 6 fathoms, sandy bottom.

(824) Along the sandy beach at the head of Hanalei Bay are clumps of ironwood and coconut trees and the houses of **Hanalei.** The highway is close to the shore. Three miles inland the mountains attain heights of more than 4,000 feet.

(825) **Hanalei River,** which empties into the E side of the bay, is navigable for shallow-draft boats for a distance of 2 or 3 miles. A privately dredged channel, marked by private daybeacons, passes close to the reef on the NE side of the bay and leads to the river mouth. At high water, a depth of 4½ feet can be carried over the bar at the mouth and about 4 feet to the bridge 1.8 miles above the mouth. A launching ramp is on the S side of the river, 0.1 mile above the mouth. A clump of ironwood trees is prominent on the N side of the river's mouth.

(826) Overhead power and telephone cables with a clearance of 27 feet cross Hanalei River at its mouth.

(827) A 300-foot long concrete pier, used as a shore recreation site for swimming and fishing, is on the E side of the bay and 200 yards S of the Hanalei River. A prominent large resort complex is on the bluff on the N side of the river near the entrance.

(828) **Waioli Stream** and **Waipa Stream.** which empty into the head of Hanalei Bay, are not navigable.

(829) **Puu Poa Point,** on the E side of Hanalei Bay, is a bluff about 50 feet high, back of which a green ridge extends inland.

(830) From offshore the N side of Kauai presents a very irregular and jagged skyline, with ridges extending in all directions. In the NW part of the island these ridges often end abruptly at the sea. The mountains are heavily wooded. The coast between Hanalei and Kalihiwai Bays is a series of more or less wooded bluffs cut up by gulches back of which a rolling plain extends to the mountains. Between the shore and the highway, l mile inland, is a resort community with homes, condominiums, and golf courses.

(831) **Kalihiwai Bay,** , 4.5 miles E of Hanalei Bay, is about 0.5 mile wide and is a popular surfing site. **Kapukaamoi Point,** a red precipitous bluff about 150 feet high, is on the E side of the entrance. Several houses are scattered along the sand beach at the head of the bay, which is backed by a wooded gulch. Indifferent anchorage, with poor holding ground, can be found in depths of 5 fathoms in the center of the bay, but a heavy swell sets in during N winds. A rock awash is 150 yards N of Kapukaamoi Point. A reef, 0.2 mile wide and bare at low water, fringes the shore for 2.5 miles W from Kalihiwai Bay, and vessels should stay at least 0.8 mile offshore. A shore road, with beach houses along it, extends W from the bay for 1.5 miles.

(832) **Kilauea Point,** the N extremity of Kauai Island, is a grass-covered bluff about 165 feet high. **Kilauea Point Light** (22°13.9'N., 159°24.1'W.), 174 feet above the water, is shown from a white concrete pole. **Mokuaeae Island,** 200 yards off Kilauea Point, is a black, flat, grass-topped rock about 200 yards in diameter and 92 feet high. The island is the most prominent feature in the vicinity to coasting vessels.

(833) **Kilauea,** 1.3 miles inland from Kilauea Point, is the site of a sugarmill, but is not easily seen when close to the shore. The sugar of the district is trucked to Nawiliwili for shipment.

(834) Between Kilauea Point and Mokolea Point the coast is bluff, rising gradually from each point to an elevation of about 570 feet midway between them.

(835) **Makapili Rock,** 0.8 mile SE of Kilauea Point, is 156 feet high, black, and prominent. The rock is on the outer end of a narrow neck of land that juts out 200 yards from the general coastline.

(836) **Mokolea Point,** 1.2 miles SE of Kilauea Point, is narrow and 140 feet high, and projects out 0.3 mile from the general coastline. The point is on the NW side of Kilauea Bay and has two old buildings near its outer end. An abandoned rock quarry is on the E side of the point.

(837) **Kilauea Bay** has an entrance width of 0.5 mile and an inland extent of 0.5 mile. The bay is subject to high surf, especially in the winter and spring. The bay is open to the trades, but offers some protection in W weather. A narrow coral reef fringes the shore, and **Kilauea Stream** empties into the head of the bay. Anchorage can be found in depths of 6 fathoms, rocky bottom, near the center of the bay.

(838) Low **Kepuhi Point** is 2 miles E of Mokolea Point. The low coast between the two points is fringed with a narrow coral reef.

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(839) **Moloaa Bay** (22°12'N., 159°20'W.), 4.5 miles SE of Kilauea Point, has an entrance width of 0.3 mile and extends the same distance inland to the mouth of a gulch. Little protection is afforded from the heavy swell that sets into the bay during the trades, but anchorage is possible during S winds in depths of 3 to 6 fathoms in midbay. There are a few houses along the sand beach at the head of the bay, and rice is grown in the gulch. The interior between Moloaa and Anahola Bays is used for pineapple cultivation and for grazing.

(840) **Papaa Bay,** 6 miles SE of Kilauea Point, is a small bight that is wide open to the trades. The central part of the bay is foul, and there is a rock awash 300 yards from shore. A coral reef fringes the S shore.

(841) **Anahola Bay,** 7.5 miles SE of Kilauea Point, is a small bight exposed to the trades. **Kahala Point,** a low bluff with a grove of ironwood trees near the outer end is on the SE side of the bay. **Kahala Point Light** (22°08.8'N., 159°17.7'W.), 40 feet above the water, is shown from an 18-foot steel pole with a black and white diamond-shaped daymark on the point. A water tank 1 mile W of the light is prominent. Discolored water frequently extends for a considerable distance off **Kuaehu Point** on the NW side of the bay. A reef extends about 0.3 mile from Kuaehu Point. Because of the numerous reefs, strangers should not attempt to enter the bay. In moderately smooth weather small vessels can find anchorage well inside the bay in depths of 4 to 6 fathoms, mud bottom.

(842) **Puu Konanae,** 1.3 miles inland from Anahola Bay, is a tall, dark spire, with green slopes, that stands out more prominently than any other land feature on this part of the island.

(843) Between Kahala Point and Kealia are low coastal bluffs and a rocky shore with some patches of sand.

(844) **Kealia,** 3 miles S of Kahala Point, is a plantation village. A short breakwater, extending SE from the shore, affords some protection from N weather for shallow-draft boats. The breakwater is not kept in repair, and portions have been carried away by the sea. Vessels should not approach the village without local knowledge. About 0.7 mile S of Kealia, a flat building on a low hill is prominent from offshore.

(845) **Kapaa,** 4.5 miles S of Kahala Point, is scattered along the beach. A reef, which is 0.3 mile wide in some places, extends alongshore from N of Kapaa to Hanamaulu Bay. An opening in the reef at Kapaa is usually marked by breakers on either side. Small craft find anchorage in depths of about 2 fathoms behind the reef and about 150 yards off the N side of the village.

(846) **Wailua** is a settlement at the mouth of **Wailua River,** which empties into small **Lehuawehe Bay** 6.5

miles S of Kahala Point. The river, which is spanned by a bridge at its mouth, is navigable for small boats for several miles, once a shifting bar at the mouth is passed. Only very shallow draft vessels can cross the bar even at high tide, and only during calm weather. A public marina is 0.3 mile above the mouth. Vessels may find unprotected anchorage off Wailua in depths of 10 to 15 fathoms, rocky bottom, but like the whole NE coast of the island, anchorage is not safe when the trade winds are blowing. **Waipouli** is a village 1 mile NE along the highway from Wailua.

(847) **Nonou,** 1.3 miles NW of Wailua and 1,241 feet high, is the northernmost and highest of the low mountains near the coast.

(848) **Kalepa Ridge** is 1 mile inland and parallels the coast from Wailua to Hanamaulu Bay. The S end of the ridge, which is about 700 feet high, is marked by several buildings high on the seaward face of the bluff. The buildings can be seen for many miles offshore and are a good leading mark for Hanamaulu Bay.

Chart 19384

(849) **Hanamaulu Bay**, 10 miles S of Kahala Point and 2.6 miles N of Nawiliwili, is about 0.3 mile wide and indents the coast about 0.5 mile. **Ahukini Landing** is on the point on the S side of the entrance. Only the outer third of the bay has deep water; the sand and coral bottom slopes gradually from the 18-foot curve to the beach at the head of the bay. The shores of the bay are low, rocky bluffs, about 40 feet high, except for the white sand beach at the head. A fringe of trees on the bluffs forms a windbreak for the extensive cane fields on either side of the bay. **Hanamaulu Stream,** which empties into the head of the bay, is not navigable.

(850) The 20-foot concrete tower of an abandoned lighthouse is on the outer end of the 300-foot stone breakwater that projects from the S point of Hanamaulu Bay entrance; the pilings and ruins of a small wooden pier are at the inner end of the breakwater. The bay is no longer used by large vessels. Only the concrete piling remains of the former wharf at Ahukini Landing, and most of the port installations are in ruins. A heavy outside swell causes a heavy surge in the harbor.

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(851) From Hanamaulu Bay to Nawiliwili the coast is a series of low bluffs with occasional stretches of sand beach; there are no off-lying dangers. Sugarcane is grown extensively on the land back of the beach. An aerolight at Lihue Airport is 0.7 mile S of Hanamaulu Bay.

Chart 19380

(852) **Kaulakahi Channel**, between Kauai and Ni‘ihau, is about 15 miles wide and clear of obstructions. Off Mana Point the trade wind following the S coast of Kauai meets the air current that has followed around the N side. The trades blow directly across the lowlands of Ni‘ihau, but part is deflected S and around the SE point of the island.

Currents

(853) Little is known of the current in Kaulakahi Channel, but presumably it is variable depending mainly upon the velocity and direction of the wind. There appears to be a general NW flow along the SW coast of Kauai. It is reported that a current sometimes sets S along the E coast of Ni‘ihau at the same time that the current is setting NW along the Kauai coast. There are noticeable tidal currents near the W extremity of Kauai.

(854) **Ni‘ihau,** 15 miles W across Kaulakahi Channel from Kauai, is seventh in size and westernmost of the eight major islands. Ni‘ihau has an area of 72 square statute miles, a NE-SW length of 16 nautical miles, and an average width of 3.5 miles. Near the middle of the island is a high tableland with occasional rises or cones, the highest of which is 1,281-foot **Pänï‘au.** The N and E ends of the tableland are precipitous and vary in height from 600 to 1,000 feet; the S and W slopes are gradual. An unpaved road follows the W coast of Ni‘ihau for most of its length. The island lies in the rain shadow of Kauai and is a semi-arid island with no streams.

(855) The population of Ni‘ihau was 230 in 1990. One family owns the entire island and operates it as a cattle ranch. There are no scheduled communications with the island.

(856) **Lehua,** about 0.6 mile off the N end of Ni‘ihau, is a small rocky, crescent-shaped island, with the crescent open to the N. The E and W points are low, rising gradually to an elevation of about 700 feet near the center of the island. On the W point is a natural arch. **Lehua Rock Light** (22°01.1'N., 160°05.9'W.), 704 feet above the water, is shown from a 10-foot post on the summit of Lehua.

(857) **Lehua Channel,** between Ni‘ihau and Lehua, is restricted on its S side by rocks that show above water and extend about halfway across it. A depth of 9 fathoms can be carried through the channel by staying within about 350 yards of the Lehua shore. In heavy NW weather the swell almost breaks in the passage, and, as little is to be gained by using the channel, vessels should pass N of Lehua Island. The current

through the channel varies with the tide and sets in both directions with a velocity of about 1.5 knots.

(858) To the E of Lehua Channel vessels should give the N coast of Ni‘ihau a berth of 0.5 mile; to the W the clearance should be about 1 mile.

(859) **Puu Kole (Puukole Point),** on the N end of Ni‘ihau, is low, as is **Kikepa Point,** 1 mile to the E. Between these points and the high bluff on the N side of the tableland, the land is low and grass covered, with a few low hills. From a distance this lowland is not visible and Lehua appears to be about 3.5 miles from Ni‘ihau.

(860) **Kaunuopou Point**, 1.8 miles SE of Kikepa Point, is the easternmost point of Ni‘ihau. **Kaunuopou Rocks**, over which the sea breaks, are 300 yards off the point. Another rock, about 0.4 mile off the S side of the point, usually breaks and should be given a good berth by vessels approaching Ki‘i.

(861) **Ki‘i (Ki‘i Landing)**, a small bight about 0.7 mile W of Kaunuopou Point, is only slightly protected from the trade winds. The landing is usable in ordinary weather, but not in S weather. The landing is built on beach boulders and has depths of only 2 or 3 feet alongside. Anchorage can be had in depths of about 8 fathoms, coral bottom, about 0.6 mile off the landing.

(862) About 1.3 miles S of Ki‘i, a reef with about 1 fathom of water over it and usually breaking, extends 0.5 mile offshore. The 10-fathom curve is about 1 mile offshore. From the vicinity of the reef to Pueo Point the coastline consists of cliffs reaching a height of 1,000 feet.

(863) **Pueo Point**, 5 miles S of Kaunuopou Point, is a prominent brown, precipitous bluff about 800 feet high. SW from the point for a distance of about 4.5 miles the coastline consists of bluffs that gradually diminish in height toward the lowlands of the S half of the island. The bluffs are broken by small bights, most of which have short sand or pebble beaches where boats could land during smooth weather. Beyond the bluffs to Kawaihoa, a distance of about 6 miles, the coast consists of a series of low bluffs about 15 feet high, with stretches of sand beach, a few sand dunes, and scattered trees. Between Pueo Point and Kawaihoa are no known outlying dangers; the few isolated rocks are very close to the shore.

(864) The lowland of the S part of the island is broken by two hills, one on Kawaihoa and the other, **Kawaewae**, a gently rounded hill 315 feet high, which is 4 miles N of the cape and 1.3 miles inland from the W coast.

(865) **Kawaihoa (Kawaihoa Point)**, the southernmost point of Ni‘ihau, is formed by a hill 548 feet high, the seaward face of which is steep. From a distance the hill has the appearance of an island and can easily be mistaken for Ka‘ula. Deep water is close to the point. About 2 miles S of the point there is a prevailing W current which reaches a velocity of about 1.5 knots.

(866) Beyond Kawaihoa the coast gradually curves NW and N and is low and rocky with occasional short sand beaches. At **Le‘ahi (Le‘ahi Point),** 1.7 miles W of Kawaihoa, the 10-fathom curve is 0.6 mile offshore. A road skirts the W shore.

(867) The coast between **Kamalino**, a former village 4 miles NW of Kawaihoa and Puu Kole, is practically one low, continuous beach, with an occasional group of rocks. Near the beach are numerous sand dunes covered with sparse vegetation. In the vicinity of Kamalino, weak currents have been reported setting N and S along the coast.

(868) **Nonopapa Landing**, 5.5 miles NW of Kawaihoa, is the principal landing on the island. Local vessels call occasionally for the island’s cattle. The landing is used only from May to September, as there is often a heavy N swell during the winter. The landing is marked by a shed and derrick on a short concrete retaining wall at the N end of a long sand beach. **Kaeo**, a cone 1,018 feet high and near the center of the tableland, shows on the skyline from the anchorage.

(869) Anchorage is available in depths of 8 fathoms, coral and sand bottom, about 660 yards off the derrick, with the landing shed and Kaeo in range and bearing 070°. Kawaewae is 1.5 miles 135° from the anchorage. The landing is somewhat protected by a small reef extending about 75 yards SW from the end of the retaining wall. Small boats approaching the landing head S of it until the reef is rounded. **Pu‘uwai,** the principal village of the island, is about 2.5 miles NE of the landing.

(870) **Kuakamoku Rock,** 1.6 miles N of Nonopapa Landing, is a large, single rock about 4 feet above water and near the center of a reef some 200 yards in diameter and 500 yards offshore. The reef should be given a berth of 0.5 mile, and only small craft should attempt the passage between the reef and the shore. Other reefs extend about 0.5 mile offshore 0.5 mile S, and 3 miles NE of Kuakamoku Rock.

(871) **Kaununui (Kaununui Point)**, 4.5 miles NE of Kuakamoku Rock, is marked by a group of rocks a few feet high and close to the shore. A coral reef with depths of 6¼ fathoms over it is 1.5 miles off the point. It is reported that the reef breaks in heavy weather. The passage inside the reef is not recommended except for small boats.

(872) **Keawanui Bay**, is no more than a slight curve in the shoreline that extends NE from Kaununui for 3 miles. The bay has a sand and coral bottom and a sandy shore. A rock with 2 feet of water over it is in the S part of the bay, 0.8 mile N of Kaununui and 0.5 mile offshore.

(873) From the N side of the bay to Puu Kole the coast is foul for a distance of about a mile offshore. Vessels should give this section of the coast a berth of at least 1 mile. About 2 miles W of Puu Kole and 0.9 mile offshore

is a reef with reported depths of 12 feet over it. A mile S of this reef and 0.8 mile offshore is a rock with 5 feet of water over it.

(874) **Ka‘ula**, 19 miles SW of Ni‘ihau, is a small, bare, rocky islet, 550 feet high. Vessels have anchored close to both the S and E sides of Ka‘ula in depths of about 20 fathoms, but as the islet is only 0.7 mile long, little protection is afforded. A rock with a least depth of 5 fathoms is 3.8 miles 300° from the highest point on Ka‘ula. A bank with depths of 30 to 40 fathoms extends 5 miles NW from the islet

Danger zone

(875) The **danger zone** of an aerial bombing and strafing target is centered on Ka‘ula. (See **334.1340**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

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(876) **Outer Islands**. The small rocky islands, reefs, and atolls WNW from Ni‘ihau form a well-defined chain in the Hawai‘ian Archipelago. Between Ni‘ihau and Gardner Pinnacles, 480 miles distant, are several widely separated high barren rocks; continuing W are the coral reefs and atolls.

(877) The Hawai‘ian Archipelago from longitude 161°W. to 176°W. is part of the **Hawai‘ian Islands National Wildlife Refuge,** and under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Interior. The islands and atolls in the refuge include Nihoa, Necker Island, French Frigate Shoals, Gardner Pinnacles, Maro Reef, Laysan Island, Lisianski Island, Pearl and Hermes Reef, and all intervening reefs and shoals, which are also part of the so-called Leeward Islands.

(878) The refuge was established in 1909 in order to preserve wildlife including very rare forms, found in the area. All fish and wildlife are protected. Federal laws governing wildlife and national wildlife refuges are in force. Sharks are abundant throughout the refuge. Entry to the refuge is **prohibited** except by permit issued by the Refuge Manager, Hawai‘ian/Pacific Islands National Wildlife Refuge Complex, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, P.O. Box 50167, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850. Entry upon Tern Island of French Frigate Shoals and Green Island, Kure Atoll, must be also by approval Commander, 14th U.S. Coast Guard District, Honolulu. The restrictions apply to all civilian and military agencies, as well as individuals. Because of the extreme fragilities of the refuge islands ecosystems general public use is not permitted. Entry to the entire refuge is restricted to scientists on previously U.S. Fish and Wildlife approved research projects.

Areas to be Avoided-Hawai‘ian Islands

(879) The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has adopted certain areas to be avoided in the region of the Hawai‘ian Islands National Wildlife Refuge. To avoid the risk of pollution due to an accident in these areas, all vessels of more than 1,000 gross tons carrying cargoes of oil or hazardous materials should avoid the areas within a circle having a radius of 50 miles centered upon the following geographical positions:

(880) Pearl and Hermes Reef (27°50'N., 175°50'W.);

(881) Lisianski Island (26°00'N., 173°55'W.);

(882) Laysan Island (25°45'N., 171°45'W.);

(883) Maro Reef (25°25'N., 170°35'W.);

(884) Gardner Pinnacles (25°00'N., 168°00'W.);

(885) French Frigate Shoals (23°45'N., 166°15'W.);

(886) Necker Island (23°35'N., 164°40'W.);

(887) Nihoa (23°05'N., 161°55'W.).

(888) The **Northwestern Hawai‘ian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve**, established by Executive Order 13178 of December 4, 2000, encompasses an area of the marine waters and submerged lands of the Northwestern Hawai‘ian Islands. The seaward boundary of the reserve in 50 miles from the approximate geographical center of Nihoa Island, Necker Island, French Frigate Shoals, Gardner Pinnacles, Maro Reef, Laysan Island, Lisianski Island, Pearl and Hermes Reef, Midway Atoll, and Kure Atoll and includes all areas of the Hawai‘ian Islands National Wildlife Refuge and Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge. As part of the establishment of the reserve, Executive Order 13178 contains conservation measures that restrict some activities throughout the reserve, and establishes Reserve Preservation Areas around certain island, atolls, and banks. With certain exceptions, all consumptive uses are restricted within the Reserve Preservation Areas. For additional information, go to http://hawaiireef.noaa.gov.

Atolls

(889) An atoll may comprise one or more low coral islands situated on a strip or ring of coral surrounding a central lagoon. Many of these atolls have openings in the coral ring that permit passage of small boats, and sometimes large vessels, to anchorage in the enclosed lagoon.

Reefs

(890) Successful navigation through or among coral reefs often depends on the eye. They are always more plainly to be seen from the masthead than from the deck or bridge. The best observing conditions are with the sun high and behind the observer, and with the sea slightly ruffled; reefs are extremely difficult to distinguish if the sea is glassy calm.

(891) Reefs with about 3 feet of water over them appear light brownish in color; those with a fathom or more appear light green, deepening to dark green and finally deep blue. Under favorable circumstances, a reef with depths of 3 or 4 fathoms over it can be seen from aloft for a considerable distance; in greater depths, the reef can only be seen when nearly over it. Polaroid glasses have been found of great help in navigating among reefs.

Vigias

(892) A vigia is an indication on a chart that a dangerous rock or shoal is thought to be near the spot indicated. Doubtful navigation and strong currents account for a large proportion of the vigias that encumber or have encumbered the charts of the Pacific Ocean. Phosphorescence, seaweed scum, and shoals of fish often resemble reefs and breakers so closely as to deceive the most experienced. Many vigias have been disproved by extensive investigation, but many others are still on the charts and remain a source of annoyance to the navigator.

Chart 19016

(893) **Nihoa** (23°03' N., 161°55' W.), a barren, rocky, and uninhabited island, is about 120 miles NW of Ni'ihau. The island was discovered by Captain Douglas of the British vessel IPHIGENIA on April 13, 1790. The low, stone walls of ancient Polynesian ceremonial sites still remain on the island. The island is inhabited by a number of species of sea birds and two extremely rare land birds.

(894) Nihoa is about 0.8 mile long and 0.2 mile wide. The E, N, and W sides are high and precipitous; the S side is much lower and its slopes are more gradual. **Millers Peak,** 910 feet high and the highest point on the island, is near the NW end. **Tanager Peak**, 874 feet high, is near the NE end. The SE and SW sides of the island terminate at points on either side of **Adams Bay.** In the bay are three small bights; the westernmost has a sand beach, and the shores of the other two are rocky ledges. There is deep water, close to all sides of the island.

(895) The safest anchorages are between the 15-and 20-fathom curves W and SW of the island, but the holding ground is poor. The middle cove of Adams Bay probably affords the best landing, but the surge is considerable and great care must be taken in landing anywhere on the island. During heavy NW weather landing is very dangerous. A steep trail leads from the middle cove to the top of the bluff. At the foot of the bluff is a seepage of water that is not suitable for drinking purposes except in emergencies.

Currents

(896) The prevailing current sets W in the vicinity of Nihoa. Current observations taken about 0.2 mile W of the island show a nontidal flow of about 0.2 knot setting WSW combined with a tidal current of nearly 0.5 knot at strength setting N and S. The N strength of the tidal current occurs about 6 hours after the local transit of the moon and the S strength at about the time of local transit. The velocity measured was nearly 2 knots and set S.

Local magnetic disturbance

(897) Differences from normal variation of as much as 33° have been observed on Nihoa.

(898) Nihoa is near the SW end of a bank which is about 18 miles long in a NE-SW direction 10 miles wide and has depths of 14 to 36 fathoms, except for a reported depth of 6½ fathoms at the westernmost extremity. Another bank, the center of which is about 18 miles WSW from Nihoa, is about 14 miles long in an E-W direction, 9 miles wide, and has depths of 15 to 25 fathoms, except for an 11-fathom depth about 2 miles SE of its center, and a 14-fathom depth about 6 miles SSE of its center, reported in 1968. A bank about 54 miles SE of Nihoa has a least depth of 32 fathoms except for a reported depth of 19 fathoms at its S end; the positions of the reported depths are approximate and caution is advised. The two banks 57 and 70 miles W of Nihoa have least depths of 29 and 33 fathoms, respectively. The edges of the bank slope steeply to much greater depths. A 9-fathom shoal is about 5 miles NW of the E bank.

(899) **Necker Island** (23°34'N., 164°42'W.) is 158 miles W from Nihoa. It was discovered by La Perouse on November 1, 1786, and was annexed to Hawaii in 1895. The island, which might well be called a rock, is uninhabited, but, like Nihoa, shows unmistakable evidence of ancient habitation. It is the home of countless sea birds.

(900) About 0.7 mile long and less than 0.2 mile wide, Necker Island is made up entirely of lava. There are four peaks or hills, one near each end and two between. The highest, **Summit Hill**, 277 feet high, is near the middle of the island. **Annexation Hill**, 249 feet high, at the W end of the island, is separated from the other hills by a low saddle and, when seen from a distance appears detached. There is a sparse growth of low brush on the upper slopes of the hills.

(901) **Northwest Cape,** a rocky spur extending N from the W end of the island, is joined to the rest of the island by a low isthmus over which the seas break in rough weather. On the W side of the cape is **West Cove,** and on the E side is **Shark Bay**. Off the E end of the island are several low, detached rocks. A depth of 5 fathoms has

been reported 0.5 mile S of Necker Island where general depths are 10 to 12 fathoms.

(902) Vessels can anchor in depths of about 12 fathoms 0.5 mile S of the SW point of the island, but the island is so small that it affords little protection. West Cove and Shark Bay are the landing places, and are usually very hazardous and there are times when it is impossible to land anywhere on the island. During heavy NW weather landing at West Cove is very dangerous. Shark Bay, open to the NE trades, is usually filled with breakers. Small seepages of unpalatable water have been found on the island.

Tide

(903) The rise and fall of the tide is about 1 foot.

Currents

(904) The prevailing current sets W, but countercurrents may be expected close to the island. Four days of current observations taken 0.2 mile WNW of the W end of Necker Island show a W nontidal flow of about 0.5 knot, combined with a tidal current of about 0.8 knot at strength. E trade winds prevailed during the observations.

Weather, Necker Island

(905) September is reported to be the calmest month of the year; strong N and NE winds prevail during the other months.

Local magnetic disturbance

(906) Differences from the normal variation of as much as 22° have been observed on Necker Island.

(907) Necker Island is near the N end of a bank about 40 miles long in a NW-SE direction. The bank is about 15 miles wide and has depths of 8 to 23 fathoms except for a reported 5-fathom depth 0.5 mile S of Necker Island and a 5-fathom depth reported in 1968 about 5 miles N of Necker Island. The sand and coral bottom is plainly visible. A 10-fathom shoal has been reported about 19 miles NE of Necker Island.

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(908) **French Frigate Shoals**, about 85 miles W from Necker Island, is a crescent-shaped atoll about 17 miles long in a NNW direction. It was discovered by La Perouse on November 6, 1786, the day after leaving Necker Island, and like that island, was annexed to Hawaii in 1895. The atoll consists of a coral reef with a number of small, bare, sand islets on it, and is flanked by a volcanic rock and numerous coral heads and reefs. It is home to many sea birds, seals, turtles and other fish and wildlife all protected by Federal Law.

(909) La Perouse Pinnacle and Tern Island are the best landmarks. The other islands are of little assistance in navigation due to their constantly changing size and shape and low elevations. Shark Island has been observed to be particularly unreliable in this regard.

(910) The crescent reef is double, and the outer and inner arcs bound a lagoon that is 1 to 6 miles wide. At its midpoint the windward reef lies about 8 miles from a line joining the tips of the crescent; the leeward reef is about 5 miles from this line. The windward reef is nearly continuous and can be plainly seen in the daytime for a considerable distance by vessels approaching from the N, E or SE. The sea practically always breaks over the reef, and during the few times it is not breaking, the green shoal water inside the reef is seen in ample time to avoid danger. The bottom slopes uniformly from the reef to the 100-fathom curve 1 to 2 miles off, and there are no known dangers from N through E to S of the windward reef.

(911) The leeward or inner reef, however, is broken in many places and in normal weather is seldom marked by breakers. The lagoon between the reefs is very foul with numerous coral heads, some just under the surface of the water.

(912) A bank with depths of 8 to 20 fathoms extends about 8 miles W from the midpoint of the inner reef, where it then drops off rapidly to great depths.

(913) **La Perouse Pinnacle** (23°46'N., 166°16'W.), a volcanic rock about 60 yards long, 20 yards wide, and 122 feet high, lies about midway between the tips of the crescent and W of the leeward arc of the reef. The rock is so steep and rugged that is almost inaccessible. From a distance its guano-coated outline resembles a brig under sail. A small detached lava rock about 9 feet high lies off the W side of the pinnacle. The points of the crescent reef, as indicated by the ends of the line of breakers, bear about 170° and 310° from La Perouse Pinnacle. La Perouse Pinnacle is reported to be the first object sighted, generally, when approaching the atoll, and that it is usually picked up on radar at 12 to 15 miles.

(914) **Shark Island,** the northwesternmost of the sand islets, lies 6 miles NW of La Perouse Pinnacle. A coral reef fringes the island. **Tern Island,** about 2 miles ENE of Shark Island, is marked by two 40-foot towers, low concrete buildings, a wooden telegraph pole, and four large trees. The island and buildings are visible at 8 and 5 miles, respectively. There are no facilities on the island.

(915) **East Island**, 3 miles ENE of La Perouse Pinnacle, is a low sand bar 600 yards long in a NW direction and about 100 yards across. Reefs that are awash most of the time extend a mile W and 0.2 mile S from the

island; the S reef seldom breaks. A coral head that sometimes breaks is 0.6 mile S of East Island. NE and E of the island are numerous coral heads and reefs.

(916) Extreme caution must be exercised when navigating in the vicinity of these islets because of the numerous coral heads.

Channels

(917) The principal approach to Tern Island is through a natural channel that leads to a lagoon and anchorage SE of the island. Entry into the lagoon is through an opening in the reef indicated by the 3¼-fathom sounding in 23°51'09"N., 166°16'27"W., on chart 19402. Mariners are advised that attempting entry into the lagoon requires extensive local knowledge, good sea and weather conditions, and the sound judgment to recognize when conditions allow committing the vessel to a course through the reef opening.

Anchorages

(918) The best holding ground SW of French Frigate Shoals is in depths of 13 to 15 fathoms, sand bottom; in lesser depths the bottom is mostly coral. There are no all-weather anchorages for large vessels, but the conformation of the reef is such that some protection can be found from choppy seas and ground swell. Small vessels can find good protection from most weather behind the shoals and coral heads.

Routes

(919) Vessels approaching French Frigate Shoals from the N, E, or SE in the daytime should have no difficulty in picking out the outer reef from a considerable distance off. La Perouse Pinnacle, plainly visible from outside the reefs in clear weather, is reported to make a good radar target at 19 miles. From the S, the reef is not so easily seen. The sea may not break over the shoals, and although the bottom is plainly visible close in, the shoals might not be detected from a short distance. The 100-fathom curve is only about 0.5 mile from the shoals.

Currents

(920) A prevailing current sets W in the vicinity of French Frigate Shoals, but variable currents have been noted. A SW current of 2 knots has been measured. A 1-day series of half-hourly current observations taken

0.7 mile W of the S end of the shoal during a period of small wind velocity shows practically no current.

Weather, French Frigate Shoals and vicinity

(921) The NE trades prevail throughout the year, but W blows can be expected during the winter. The average wind velocity is 12 knots, with monthly averages of about 16 knots in December to 9.5 knots in August. Gales have been experienced in July and September. Occasional heavy showers of short duration cut visibility to about 2 miles (4 km).

Chart 19019

(922) **Brooks Banks** and **St. Rogatien Bank** are a group of five coral banks between French Frigate Shoals and Gardner Pinnacles. The banks extend 50 miles in a NW direction, have depths of 11 to 59 fathoms, and are separated by channels several miles wide and more than 100 fathoms deep. The largest of these banks lies 60 miles 305° from La Perouse Pinnacle, is about 12 miles in diameter, and has depths of 12 to 56 fathoms. The southeasternmost bank, the smallest in the group, is 27 miles 297° from La Perouse Pinnacle, is about 2 miles in diameter, and has depths of 28 fathoms. The northwesternmost bank is 75 miles 311° from La Perouse Pinnacle, is about 6 miles long and 4 miles wide, and has depths of 30 to 43 fathoms.

(923) Unprotected anchorage can be had on the shoaler areas, but the holding ground is only fair. The sand and coral bottom is plainly visible. There are no known dangers.

Currents

(924) The oceanic flow is variable, but usually sets W. Sixty half-hourly current observations indicate a NW nontidal current of about 0.5 knot, combined with a tidal current of 0.8 knot at strength. The tidalcurrent is somewhat rotary, turning clockwise. The largest velocity observed was nearly 1.5 knots setting W.

Chart 19421

(925) **Gardner Pinnacles** (25°00'N., 168°00'W.) are 120 miles NW of La Perouse Pinnacle. They were discovered by Captain Allen of the whaler MARO in June 1820. The pinnacles are solid, volcanic, rocky islets; the larger pinnacle is 190 feet high and about 200 yards in diameter, and the smaller about 100 yards from the NW side of the larger. The rocks are barren of vegetation and are covered with guano, giving them a snow-capped appearance. The only off-lying dangers are a small rock just off the NW side of the larger pinnacle and two 20-foot patches, one of which is about 100 yards S of the larger pinnacle and the other just N of the smaller pinnacle. From an E approach, the pinnacles are reported visible at a distance of 20 miles.

(926) Anchorage can be had anywhere on the bank which surrounds the pinnacles, but there is no protection; in general, the holding ground is poor. In comparatively smooth weather, landings can be made just N of the bight on the W side of the larger pinnacle. Because of its exposed position, most times the surf breaks high up its sides and landings are extremely hazardous and generally impossible. Some sea birds nest on its higher elevations.

Currents

(927) Current observations taken at a number of locations in the vicinity of Gardner Pinnacles show a WNW oceanic drift of about 0.2 knot combined with a rotary tidal current, turning clockwise, of 0.2 knot at strength. Velocities of about 2 knots setting WSW were measured during E winds.

(928) Gardner Pinnacles lie near the NE side of a bank about 50 miles long, in a N-S direction, and about 20 miles wide near the N end. The bank has depths of 10 to 25 fathoms, and the sand and coral bottom is plainly visible.

Chart 19019

(929) **Raita Bank** (25°32'N., 169°28'W.), is about 85 miles 291° from Gardner Pinnacles. It was discovered in 1921 by the French schooner RAITA. The bank is about 20 miles long in a NNE direction and has a maximum width of about 10 miles. Depths range from 9 to 20 fathoms, and the sand and coral bottom is plainly visible under ordinary weather conditions. At the 20-fathom curve, the bottom drops off rapidly to great depths. In heavy weather, the swells seem to lump up slightly over the shoaler areas, but there are no known dangers. Large schools of ulua fish and sharks have been observed on the bank. Anchorage can be had on the bank in the open sea with fair holding ground.

Currents

(930) Variable currents are reported in the vicinity of Raita Bank. Observations in the vicinity indicate a rotary tidal current turning clockwise.

Chart 19441

(931) **Maro Reef** (25°25'N., 170°35'W.), is about 60 miles W of Raita Bank. It was discovered by Captain Allen of the whaler MARO in June 1820. The large, oval-shaped,

coral bank is about 31 miles long in a NW direction and about 18 miles wide. The center of the bank is a large area of reefs awash. This broken area, about 12 miles long in a NW direction and 5 miles wide, is extremely foul, with many coral heads awash and channels of deep water between. Only one very small rock, about 2 feet high and on the N side of the reef, shows above high water. The broken part of the reef is practically always marked by breakers. The wide shelf of the bank is outside the broken part of the reef.

(932) Breakers, or the light blue-green color of the area within the broken portions of the reef, give the first warning of the proximity of danger. All maneuvering in the vicinity of the broken area must be done with extreme caution and with the sea and light such that shoal spots can be seen and avoided. Ordinarily, spots with less than 6 fathoms of water are plainly visible.

(933) There are no known dangers more than 3.3 miles from the general outline of broken portions of Maro Reef, thus leaving a navigable shelf with depths of 12 to 20 fathoms on all sides but the NE where depths of 7 to 10 fathoms are found.

Currents

(934) In the vicinity of Maro Reef the prevailing current sets W, but variable currents have been noted. Over the bank a rotary tidal current, turning clockwise, has been reported.

Charts 19442, 19019

(935) **Laysan Island** (25°46'N., 171°44'W.) is a low sand island about 65 miles WNW of Maro Reef. The island is 1.6 miles long in a N-S direction, about 1 mile wide, and 35 feet in elevation at its highest point near the N end. In the center of the island is an extremely hypersaline, foul-smelling lake about 0.9 mile long. The island, mostly soft white sand, is partly covered with low vines and grass, and walking over it is tiring because of innumerable sea-bird nesting holes. The island is marked by an ironwood tree behind a wooden refuge warning sign on the W side of the island, and by a grove of coconut palms on the N edge of the lake. The wreck of a steel fishing boat is on the S shore of the island in 25°45.4'N., 171°44.4'W., but does not present a good radar target. Water can be obtained by digging shallow wells. The island is uninhabited and is seldom visited. As with other islands in the Leeward Islands, an entry permit is required. It is home to countless sea birds. Millions of flies make a visit there unpleasant most of the year.

(936) A coral reef, a few hundred yards wide, fringes the island. About 0.3 mile off the NW shore is a small, sharp rock, about 3 feet high. Coral heads, covered with 4 to 7 fathoms of water, are numerous in the area within 1 mile of the island. The sand and coral bottom can usually be seen in depths less than 10 fathoms, and often in greater depths. When approaching closer than 1 mile, a sharp lookout must be maintained to detect the coral heads.

(937) Vessels can anchor in depths of 8 to 15 fathoms 1 to 1.5 miles off the island on all sides, depending upon which side affords the best protection. During the trades, anchorage can be had 0.5 to 1 mile off the W side in depths of 8 to 15 fathoms, fair holding ground. In 1976, the Coast Guard Cutter MALLOW found good anchorage in 45 feet of water, sand and coral bottom, in 25°46'22"N., 171°45'15"W., with the ironwood tree bearing 084°, 1,390 yards. However, the anchor chain is subject to fouling on the coral heads because of the rotary currents. Small craft drawing not over 12 feet can lie at anchor inside the reef and off the ironwood tree on the W side of the island, but this anchorage affords no protection from W winds. In February-March 1978, the NOAA Ship TOWNSEND CROMWELL found anchorage with good holding ground, sand and coral bottom, and fair protection from strong W and NW winds accompanied by heavy seas and swell in 25°46.3'N., 171°43.0'W. and 25°45.8'N., 171°43.5'W. Surf of 10 to 15 feet was observed breaking on the W side of the island, and a 3- to 5-foot surf was observed on the reefs on the E and NE side.

(938) During NE and SE weather, the best landing can be made off the ironwood tree on the W side of the island on a sloping sandy beach. A poor landing can be made near the NE end of the island during light W winds. Caution is advised when attempting a landing on this side of the island. Clear sand beaches are almost nonexistent, and approaches to the beach must be made between breakers on the outer reef and the shore. Summer is the best for landing, as the NE trades prevail during this period.

Currents

(939) A current velocity of about 1 knot and a rotary tidal current, turning clockwise, have been reported. The current is believed to depend to a great extent upon the wind. In 1976, the Coast Guard Cutter MALLOW observed the current to round the S side of the island in a clockwise direction on the flood; and to round the N tip of the island in a counterclockwise direction on the ebb.

(940) Laysan Island is just SE of the center of a circular bank 14 miles in diameter, with depths of 9 to 23 fathoms, beyond which the water deepens rapidly.

(941) **Northampton Seamounts,** unsurveyed seamounts with a least known depth of 15 fathoms, are about 35 miles SW of Laysan Island.

Charts 19442, 19022

(942) **Lisianski Island** (26°04'N., 173°58'W.) is a small, low, sandy island, about 120 miles W of Laysan Island. Captain Lisianski, of the Russian ship NEVA, discovered the island on October 15, 1805, when his ship grounded on the reef and was nearly wrecked. The island is about 1.2 miles long in a NNW direction, 0.5 mile wide, and 20 feet in elevation at its highest point on the NE side. The shores are white sand except for two stretches of rock ledge at the waterline on the E side of the island. Behind the sand beach, the island is overgrown with vines and bushes. One coconut palm tree in the NE part of the island is prominent from N. In 1976, a small boat was reported wrecked on the NE end of the island and two groves of palm trees were observed near the middle of the island. Brackish water may be obtained by digging shallow wells. Large numbers of sea birds nest on the island, and, as at Laysan, large numbers of flies make a stay there unpleasant. The island is uninhabited and seldom visited. Visits should be made during the summer, when the NE trades prevail, but small-boat landings have been made on the E side of the island at other times, although this is very risky.

(943) A reef circles around to the SW from off the N side of the island. It is marked near its offshore end by a coral ledge that bares at times and over which the seas break. The S end of this ledge is 1.7 miles 260° from the N end of the island. About 0.5 mile SW of this point is another ledge which is marked by a breaker in most weather. Midway between these ledges or breakers is a passage leading to the lagoon between the island and the reef. The passage has an uneven bottom with depths of 11 to 22 feet. About 350 yards SW of the N ledge is a small shoal with a depth of 3 feet over it. These shoal spots are easily seen and avoided by small boats making the passage into the lagoon, but vessels should not enter without local knowledge. Once inside, anchorage can be had in depths of 3 to 6 fathoms, taking care to avoid the scattered coral heads with only a few feet of water over them. Landing can be made on the W side and S end of the island in all but SW and W weather.

(944) **Neva Shoal,** with innumerable coral ledges, extends about 8 miles SE from Lisianski Island. This reef, which is about 4 miles wide, has its W extremity about 4 miles SSW of the island. The S end of the reef is usually marked by breakers, and many of the ledges break in almost all weather. The shoal has areas of deeper water between the ledges, and small boats can maneuver but with difficulty over many parts of the reef. It must be avoided entirely by larger vessels.

(945) In addition to Neva Shoal, there are many coral heads with depths of 3 to 6 fathoms over them within 3 miles of all sides of the island. A small coral ledge, with an islet on it and nearly always marked by breakers, is 2.7 miles 254° from the S end of the island. Between this ledge and the island are depths as great as 8 fathoms and a scattering of coral heads, some of which are nearly awash. The lagoon could be entered between this ledge and the ledge marking the S side of the previously described opening 1 mile N. A rock covered 14 feet, about 1.5 miles NNE of the island, is marked by breakers only during heavy weather. Under favorable conditions dangerous coral heads can be seen for several hundred yards.

Anchorage

(946) Anchorage can be had in trade-wind weather about 3 miles W of the island in depths of 11 to 15 fathoms, sand and coral bottom, with the N end of the island bearing 080°. During SW weather, vessels can find anchorage 3 to 4 miles E of the N end of the island in depths of 8 to 15 fathoms. Small boats can anchor in the lagoon, as described previously.

(947) Vessels may approach to within 3 miles of Lisianski Island from the N on courses between 270° and 090°. The island and Neva Shoal should be given a wide berth when passing S of them, as the island is seldom seen from the S limits of the shoal. Vessels approaching from the SW should keep about 5 miles W of the meridian of the island until the island bears 090°, and then approach the anchorage.

Currents

(948) One-half day of current observations taken 3 miles W of Lisianski Island indicate a rotary tidal current, turning clockwise, of 0.8 knot velocity at strength. A prevailing NW current is reported in the vicinity of the island.

(949) Lisianski Island and Neva Shoal lie just SE of the center of a bank about 25 miles long in a NW direction and about 15 miles wide. Outside the reefs, general depths on the bank are 9 to 47 fathoms.

(950) **Pioneer Bank** (26°02'N., 173°26'W.) is about 30 miles E of Lisianski Island. The bank is about 8 miles in diameter, and soundings of 18 fathoms have been obtained near its center. No breakers or dangers were observed during a preliminary survey, but, as the least

depth may not have been obtained, vessels should avoid the area.

(951) An unsurveyed bank with least known depths of 30 fathoms is reported to be about 36 miles NW of Lisianski Island.

Chart 19461

(952) **Pearl and Hermes Atoll**, about 145 miles NW of Lisianski Island, is an extensive oval-shaped atoll about 40 miles in circumference, 17 miles long in a NE direction, and 9 miles wide. The reef was discovered on April 26, 1822, by the British whalers PEARL and HERMES, which were wrecked on the same night within 10 miles of each other. Within the outer reef is a lagoon in which are numerous coral reefs with deep water between. The remains of a wreck stranded on the E side of the reef are still visible, but over the years most have been beaten down by breakers. There are no known dangers outside the heavy breakers on the outer reef.

(953) Within the outer fringing reef are several small islets, most of which are on the S side; the exception is **North Island.** There are also several sandbanks that are awash at high water. **Southeast Island** (27°47'N.,175°49'W.) is the largest of the group; five other named islands are scattered along a 7-mile stretch to W. The islands are uninhabited and are vegetated with low plants and shrubs. Large numbers of sea birds nest on the islands.

(954) The 6-mile opening on the NW side of the outer reef has depths of 1 to 6 feet between the numerous coral heads, and is hazardous to negotiate with a small boat. The small-boat channel between Southeast Island and **Bird Island,** next islet to the W, has a least depth of 4 feet; the channel between Bird Island and **Sand Island** has 19 feet. Lagoon entrance or navigation are definitely not for the amateur.

Anchorage

(955) Anchorage can be had off the W entrance to the lagoon in depths of 8 to 12 fathoms, or on the E side of the reef. Vessels have anchored midway between the S entrances and about 0.6 mile off Bird Island in depths of 25 fathoms.

Currents

(956) The current appears to set N between Lisianski Island and Pearl and Hermes Atoll.

Chart 19022

(957) **Salmon Bank** is about 60 miles SW from Southeast Island on Pearl and Hermes Atoll. The least known depth on the bank is 30 fathoms.

(958) **Gambia Shoal,** position doubtful, is about 50 miles WNW of Southeast Island on Pearl and Hermes Atoll. The shoal has a depth of 14 fathoms, and the bottom can be plainly seen. About 25 miles N of the charted position of Gambia Shoal is **Ladd Seamount,** a bank with a least known depth of 35 fathoms.

Charts 19480, 19481, 19482

(959) **Midway Islands**, 1,150 miles WNW of Honolulu, were discovered in 1859 by Captain N. C. Brooks, an American shipmaster on the Hawai'ian vessel GAMBIA; possession was taken on behalf of the United States on September 30, 1867, by Captain William Reynolds of the U.S.S. LACKAWANNA. The circular atoll is 6 miles in diameter and encloses two islands. The coral reef does not completely enclose the lagoon; there is a natural opening on the W side, and another opening has been dredged on the S side. The reef rises abruptly from deep water and there are no off-lying rocks or shoals; breakers mark all seaward sides of the reef. The enclosed islands average 12 feet high with a maximum height of 45 feet. Numerous birds, especially albatross, nest on the islands and are sometimes a hazard to landing or departing airplanes.

(960) The Midway Islands, not part of the State of Hawaii, are under the administration of the Department of the Interior **Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge** established by Executive Order No. 13022 of October 31, 1996. Copies of the Executive Order directing the **Management** and **General Public Use** of the National Wildlife Refuge System can be obtained from Refuge Manager, Hawai'ian/Pacific Islands National Wildlife Refuge Complex, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, P.O. Box 50167, Honolulu, HI 96850.

(961) Requests for emergency entry of vessels in distress should be made by any means possible to the Joint Rescue Coordination Center (JRCC), Honolulu, Hawaii (808-541-2500). JRCC will then obtain entry approval or denial from the USFWS Refuge Manager and provide a response to the requester.

(962) Non-emergency entry requests must be approved in advance by contacting the USFWS Refuge Manager. Additionally, the Midway harbormaster can be reached by VHF-FM radio channel 16.

(963) **Eastern Island,** at the SE end of the atoll, is triangular in shape, about 1.2 miles long, and 6 to 12 feet high.

(964) **Sand Island,** on the S side of the atoll, is about 2 miles long in a SW direction and is composed of white coral sand. Prominent from offshore are the towers, tanks, and radio masts of the naval installations and a group of trees on the N side of the island. An aerolight is on top of the tallest tank in the N central part of the island.

(965) **Welles Harbor** is the area inside the gap in the barrier reef on the W side of the atoll. The harbor was formerly used to a considerable extent as an anchorage by ships calling at Midway, but since the dredging of the ship channel and harbor between Sand and Eastern Islands, Welles Harbor is little used. Navigation in this area should not be attempted.

Channels

(966) Marked dredged channels through the S reef lead to deepwater basins on the E and NE sides of Sand Island,and to a small-craft basin on the W side of Eastern Island. The entrance channel is marked by a lighted buoy and a **395.5°** lighted range. (**Consult the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for latest controlling depths in channels and alongside piers.**)

Anchorages

(967) The established anchorage area is NE of Sand Island. Outside anchorage is available in depths of 15 to 25 fathoms E of the main channel sea buoy; this anchorage is fair during NE winds, but should not be attempted during winds from other quadrants. Anchorage S of Sand Island is prohibited to avoid possible fouling of the San Francisco-Honolulu-Midway-Guam-Manila cable.

Routes

(968) Vessels approaching Midway Islands are reminded that entry into the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge is prohibited without prior approval. In approaching from any direction, vessels will remain 3 miles off until S of the entrance. Then vessels should steer a course to pass through a position (28°09'25"N., 177°21'15"W.) about 2 miles S of Midway Channel Entrance Lighted Buoy 1, then steer a N course heading directly between Sand and Eastern Islands until the channel is made out, then steer on the range. Due to the prevailing E winds and W set of current, caution must be exercised in entering. Drift and leeway should be anticipated, and sufficient speed should be maintained at all times to control the vessel. (See discussion of currents in the channel.)

Radar Navigation

(969) Radar and visual contact have been frequently made with the radio towers on Sand Island at distances in excess of 20 miles.

(970) The best radar returns are the SE edge of Sand Island, the stranded wreck on E edge of the entrance channel, the radio towers on Sand Island, an unlighted platform on the N side of the atoll, and the W tip of Eastern Island.

Tides

(971) The mean range of tide is 0.8 feet and the diurnal range of tide is 1.2 feet at Midway Islands. The generally calm waters inside the reef are occasionally subjected to strong surge, and they can be extremely agitated by winter gales.

Currents

(972) The current off the main entrance channel usually sets W with a velocity of about 2 knots. Within the channels, the current changes direction with velocities of 2 to 8 knots, depending on the weather; extreme caution is necessary to avoid being carried outside the channel limits. It is reported that during heavy gales Welles Harbor is full of strong currents caused by the sea forced over the reefs.

Weather, Midway Islands and vicinity

(973) During the summer the winds are generally variable and light, either from NE, SE, or SW until about the middle of July, when fresh to strong NE trades set in, continuing through July and August. SW winds are always accompanied with a low barometer, rain, and squalls. Rain also comes occasionally with NE and SE winds and a high barometer. NW winds following SW storms generally indicate clearing weather.

(974) During the winter from October to April, gales frequently occur, working around from SE through SW to NW. Occasionally a few days of fine weather will prevail, but a rough W sea is always present.

(975) The average temperature at Midway is 73°F (22.8°C). The average maximum is 76°F (24.4°C) while the average minimum is 68°F (20°C). The record high is 92°F (33.3°C) recorded in September 1979, July and August 1984, and August 1987. The record low is 49°F (9.4°C) recorded in January 1980. On average, only one day each year is 90°F (32.2°C) or warmer and 137 days each year are 80°F (26.7°C) or warmer.

(976) Precipitation is moderate at Midway and averages 41.3 inches (1050 mm) each year. June is the driest month and January the wettest. On average, six thunderstorms each year effect Midway.

Pilotage, Midway Islands

(977) Pilotage regulations are currently under development for Midway. Vessels required by law to have a licensed master should consult the Captain of the Port, Honolulu (808-522-8264 ext. 352) to determine specific pilotage requirements. Pilots are not required for public vessels of the United States.

Harbor facilities

(978) Two deepwater piers are on the NE side, and one smaller pier is in the inner harbor on the E side of Sand Island; a small-craft pier is on the W side of Eastern Island.

(979) Provisions, jet fuel (JP–5), and water are not available for commercial use, except in case of emergency. Limited emergency repairs can be made to vessels, but there are no drydocking facilities. Tugs are available; there is a 20-ton mobile crane for use in emergencies.

Chart 19480

(980) **Nero Seamount** is about 30 miles WSW from Midway Islands. Nero Seamount, formerly Pogy Bank, extends about 8.5 miles in an E-W direction, about 7 miles in a N-S direction, and has a least depth of 37 fathoms.

Chart 19483

(981) **Kure Atoll** (28°25'N., 178°20'W.) is 50 miles WNW of Midway Islands, which it closely resembles both in formation and appearance. Kure Atoll is 4.5 miles in diameter, and a nearly continuous coral reef encloses a lagoon in which reefs and coral heads alternate with deep water. A mile-wide break in the SW side of the barrier reef provides an entrance of sorts to the lagoon.

Anchorage

(982) Good anchorage in 15 fathoms may be found on the NW side of the atoll.

(983) Entry upon Kure Atoll must be approved by the State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources and Commander, 14th Coast Guard District, Honolulu, HI. These restrictions apply to all civilian and military agencies as well as individuals.

(984) **Green Island,** on the SE side of the atoll, has a highest elevation of 20 feet and is covered with scaevola brush.

(985) The island is a wildlife refuge and entry upon the island must be by approval of the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources. This restriction applies to civilian and military agencies as well as individuals. The Coast Guard has reported that Green Island presents a good radar target at 22 miles and the reef line presents a good target at 7.5 miles. Another good radar target, reported by NOAA Ship TOWNSEND CROMWELL, is a large wreck in about 28°27.0'N., 178°18.9'W., on the NE side of the atoll. W of Green Island are small sand islets, the largest of which is 8- to 10-foot-high **Sand Island.** These islands continually shift and change with weather and sea action.

(986) The best anchorage is on the W side, at the SW corner of the atoll with depth of 8 to 15 fathoms, rocky bottom. Boats may then be taken to a concrete pier with 3 to 5 feet alongside, located at about the midpoint of the lagoon side of Green Island. Vessels also anchor about 0.3 to 0.5 mile SSW of the S tip of Green Island in depths up to 15 fathoms. Landings can be made in good weather through a break in the reef to a sand beach at the SW tip of Green Island; depths to the landing are 5 to 6 feet between small coral heads and ledges.

(987) A bank with depths of 20 to 30 fathoms surrounds Kure Atoll. No dangers have been observed outside the reef; however, the reef is inadequately surveyed. From the appearance of the islands, it may be assumed that they are sometimes visited by severe storms, the sand being thrown into numerous cones and pyramids.

Currents

(988) A set to the S has been observed between Kure Atoll and Midway Islands. In the vicinity of Kure Atoll a continuous E current of about 2 knots during W weather has been reported.

Weather

(989) Weather for Kure Atoll is similar to that for the Midway Islands.

Chart 19022

(990) In 1923, breakers were reported observed about 180 miles S of Kure Atoll in about 25°23'N., 178°04'W., by the American vessel ETHAN ALLEN. The master reported that the swell appeared to mount up and occasionally break as though over a shoal extending for about 2 or 3 miles in an E-W direction.

Charts 83633, 83637

(991) **Johnston Atoll** (16°45'N., 169°31'W.) is about 780 miles WSW of the island of Hawaii. Johnston Atoll consists of four islets that lie on a reef about 9 miles long in a NE-SW direction. Johnston Island, the largest island, lies about 2 miles inside the SW end of the reef. **Sand Island** and **Hikina Island** lie about 1 and 2 miles NE of

Johnston Island, respectively; **Akau Island** is about 1.5 miles N of Sand Island.

(992) Johnston Atoll is a possession of the United States; it is administered by the Department of Defense and under management of Field Command, Defense Special Weapons Agency (FCDSWA). Additionally, Johnston Atoll is designated as a National Wildlife Refuge and is administrated as such by the Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The atoll is closed to the general public and unauthorized vessels without prior clearance shall not be navigated with 3 miles of the atoll's perimeter.

Prominent features

(993) The Joint Operations Building, with its aviation beacon, stands on the NE end of the island. The Johnston Atoll Chemical Agent Disposal System stands on the SW portion of the island. Both buildings are prominent. Sand Island has several buildings which show as separate radar targets. The outline of the island does not show until within 10 miles of the island.

Channels

(994) The main entrance channel is entered S of Johnston Island and leads to the harbor. The harbor consists of a turning basin within the lagoon about midway between Johnston and Sand Islands. The entrance channel is marked by lighted and unlighted buoys, daybeacons, and a **000°** lighted range. In 1964, the entrance channel was dredged to a depth of 35 feet. The turning basin and harbor area have a depth of 35 feet. The berthing area alongside the main pier has a depth of 29.8 feet. Maximum draft for vessels entering the harbor under normal conditions is 28 feet. The largest vessel to enter was 656 feet long. Vessels bound for Johnston Island ship channel should approach the channel from the S, passing through position 16°41'N., 169°31'W. and then proceed to the pilot boarding position. Ships should not enter at night or when cross channel winds exceed 25 knots.

Anchorage

(995) Vessels drawing more than 28 feet should anchor in the channel approach area S of the channel entrance. Anchorage is prohibited within the area of an arc extending 1.5 miles S and SE from Johnston Atoll Channel Entrance Lighted Buoy 2. Anchorage is prohibited in an area situated near the center of the turning basin.

Dangers

(996) A barrier reef surrounds Johnston Island, and extends in an arc from about 2 miles W to about 7 miles NE of the island. Depths outside the reef drop off to 600 feet about 0.4 mile off. With heavy breakers on the reef, a 2 to 3-foot surge exists inside the lagoon. From the NE, via S to SW is a foul area with a very irregular bottom. The 600-foot curve lies 4 miles S of the center of Johnston Island; however, there are 34-foot shoals lying as close as 0.3 mile inside the curve and depths shallower than 10 fathoms can be found as far as 10 miles E and 6 miles SE of the Johnston Island.

Regulations

(997) **Johnston Atoll** is a Naval Defensive Sea Area and Airspace Reservation, and is closed to the public. Non-government vessels without prior clearance shall not be navigated within 3 miles of the atoll's perimeter. The administration of Johnston Atoll is under the jurisdiction of the Defense Special Weapons Agency, Commander, Johnston Atoll, APO AP 96558. Authorities at Johnston Atoll must receive ship visit requests a minimum of 5 days in advance, with the following information:

(998) 1. Purpose and authority of visit.

(999) 2. Name and type of vessel.

(1000) 3. Vessel itinerary.

(1001) 4. Crew and passenger manifest

(1002) The following regulations are in effect for all non-public vessels calling on Johnston Atoll:

(1003) 1. Entrance to the harbor is not authorized at night.

(1004) 2. Ships are required to night steam or anchor 3 miles S of Johnston Atoll to wait for daylight.

(1005) 3. Observe carefully, rules and regulations prescribed by the Commander for navigation in harbors and anchorages of Johnston Atoll, and have on board an officer familiar with these waters while underway in these areas.

(1006) 4. All persons on board shall be U.S. citizens.

(1007) 5. No photographs will be taken from the vessel. All cameras will be kept in the custody of the master so long as the vessel is in waters contiguous to Johnston Atoll.

(1008) 6. While anchored, the vessel will maintain steam up and be prepared to get underway.

(1009) 7. Dogs, cats, and other animals shall be confined on board.

(1010) 8. Plants and fruits will not be imported without specific authority of the Commander of Johnston Atoll.

(1011) 9. No garbage or ashes will be dumped overboard within 3 miles of Johnston Atoll. Ships will normally dump garbage before entering the channel. During the stay in port, garbage and trash removal will be arranged. Rat guards will be placed promptly on all lines, chains, hawsers, etc., used to make fast.

(1012) 10. No oil or oily bilges may be pumped while in the harbor.

Communications

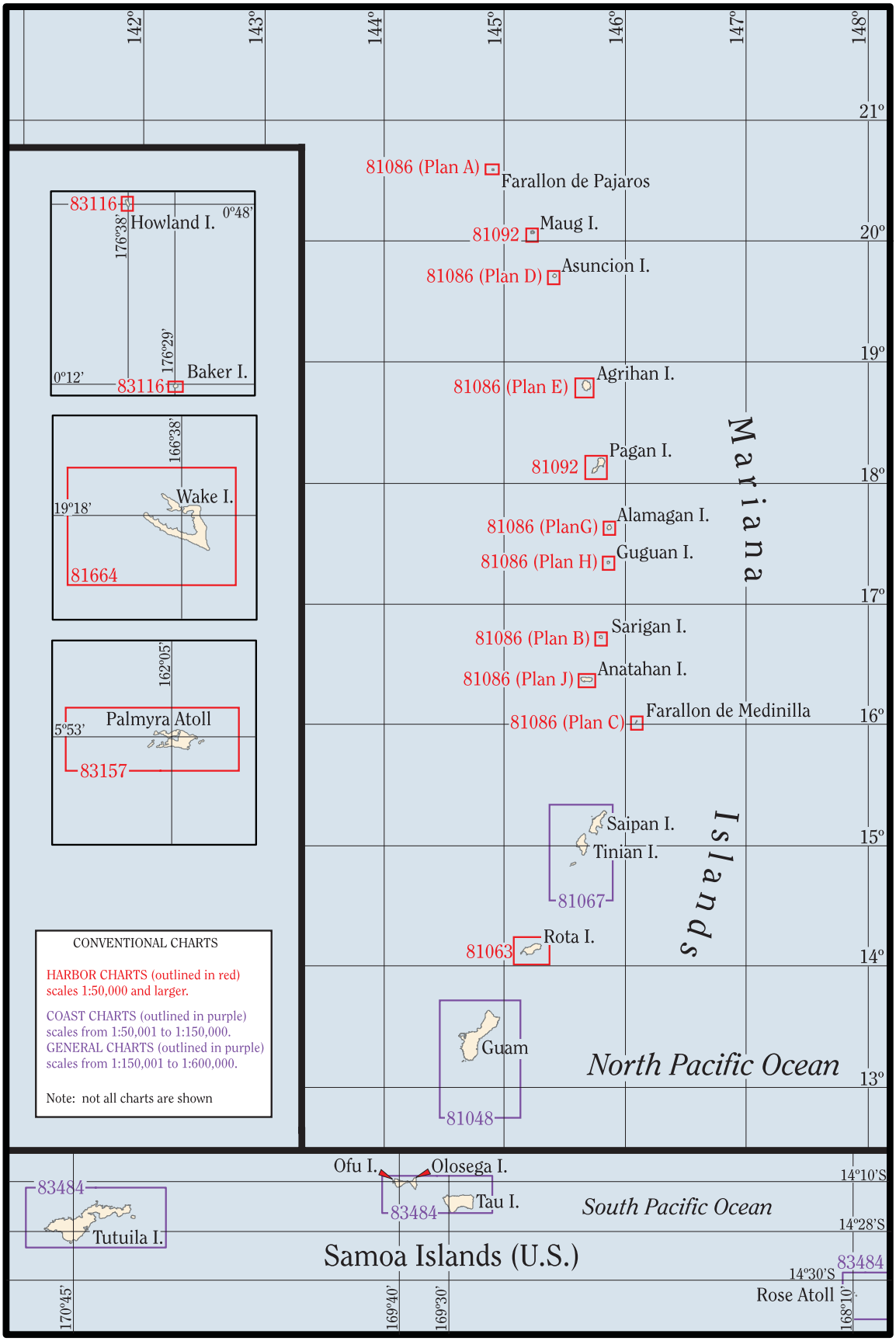
(1013) Communications with the atoll are under military supervision. Ships are requested to contact Johnston Atoll when within 100 miles of the atoll. The atoll can be contacted on VHF-FM channel 16 and on VHF 121.5 MHz and UHF 243.0 MHz; these frequencies are guarded 24 hours. Radio contact can also be established on other pre-coordinated marine frequencies.

Tides

(1014) Johnston Atoll was recently added as a National Ocean Service tidal reference station. The mean range of tide is 1.9 feet, with maximum water level of 2.81 feet above MHHW and minimum water level -1.74 feet below MLLW. Currents in the entrance channel and inside the lagoon are highly variable and dependent upon observed wind speed and wave heights.

Weather

(1015) Winds average 10 to 15 knots in summer and 15 to 25 knots in winter. They are from the E to NE about 90 percent of the time. The occasional Hawai‘ian Island storms are characterized by stormy S or SW winds and heavy rains. Brief showers occur frequently, but protracted bad weather is rare. Visibility is good, usually over 12 miles.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Pacific Islands

(1) Islands and Pacific waters discussed in this chapter are other than those of the Hawai‘ian Archipelago. See chapter 14, Hawaii, for the latter.

Chart 83116

National Wildlife Refuges, American Samoa

(2) The National Wildlife Refuges of Rose Atoll (American Samoa), Howland Island, Baker Island, Jarvis Island, and Palmyra Atoll are administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior. The refuge boundaries extend outward to the 3-mile limit, except Palmyra Atoll with an outward boundary of 12 miles. Entry into the refuge without a permit is prohibited, except in an emergency. An entry permit is obtained from Refuge Manager, Hawai‘ian/Pacific Islands National Wildlife Refuge Complex (see appendix, under Department of Interior (indexed as such), for address).

Chart 83484

(3) The **Samoa Islands** (Navigator Islands) (13°25'S. to 14°30'S.; 168°00'W. to 173°00'W.) consists of two groups of islands, which are commonly referred to as **American Samoa** and **Western Samoa**. The islands comprising American Samoa are **Tutuila Island**, **Aunuu Island**, **Ofu Island**, **Olosega Island**, **Ta'u Island**, and **Rose Atoll**. Western Samoa comprises the islands of **Upolu Island** and **Savai'i Island**.

(4) The Samoa Islands have been populated for 3,000 years, but known to the western world for little more than two centuries. American Samoa, the only U.S. territory S of the equator, consists of five rugged, highly eroded volcanic islands, and two coral atolls. The land area of the territory is 76 square miles. The islands have population of approximately 60,000, with most people living on the main island of Tutuila. Tuna fishing and canning are the major industries.

COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(5) The lines established for U.S. Pacific Island Possessions are described in 80.1495, chapter 2.

Weather, Samoa Islands

(6) The prevailing winds, or so-called trade winds, come from a direction more nearly E, blowing between ESE and NNE. They are fairly constant through the dry season, but during the wet season they are fitful, and are frequently broken by periods of calm. The islands lie within the typhoon area of the W Pacific. Typhoons occur from January to March, and occasionally up to the middle of April. The year divides itself distinctly, but not sharply into a dry season (May to November) and a wet season (November to April.) The wettest month, January, has a range of 5 to 65 inches of precipitation. The annual rainfall has also varied this much. The climate varies little from year to year, because of the great area of water surrounding the group. December is the hottest month, with an average excess of only about 2° over the mean temperature for July, the coldest month.

Caution

(7) Caution should be exercised in the vicinity of American Samoa, as several Fish Aggregating Devices have been moored at off-lying, deep-water locations around Tutuila, and other positions around the group. The devices may drift off position, and/or concentrations of fishing vessels may be found in their vicinity. The devices are comprised of aluminum catamaran floats painted orange and white. Each device carries a white daymark, fitted with the letter designation of the device, and a flashing white light. The devices offer good radar returns.

(8) **Rose Atoll** (14°33'S., 168°09'W.), the farthest E of the Samoa Islands, is nearly square in shape; its sides are about 1.5 miles in length. Sand Island, inside the reef on the N extremity, is merely a sand spot. A large clump of trees, 65 feet high, stands on Rose Atoll. There is a boat channel into the lagoon, close W of the N extremity of the reef. Rose Atoll is a U.S. National Wildlife Refuge. (See National Wildlife Refuges, this chapter.)

Tides and currents

(9) Tidal currents off Rose Atoll are reported to set NE and SW, with the SW or ebb current being the stronger.

(10) The **Manua Islands** (14°13'S., 169°33'W.) consists of three islands, Ofu, Olosega, and Ta'u, which extend over an area of about 17 miles in an ESE-WNW direction. The islands are about 60 miles E of Tutuila. Ofu and Olosega are joined by a bridge. These islands are sparsely populated. The villages on the islands have only a few hundred people. There is a national park on Ofu and Ta'u.

(11) **Ta'u Island** (14°15'S., 169°28'W.) is the farthest of the three islands which comprise the Manua Islands. The island is about 5.8 miles long E-W, is dome-shaped, and rises to a height of 3,170 feet. It is covered with vegetation. **Maafee Islet** is located close offshore, about 0.3 mile S of the W extremity of the island.

(12) **Ta'u Harbor** (14°14.5'S., 169°30.6'W.), on the W shore, should only be entered by flat bottom boats; caution is advised. Currents and waves can push a vessel into the rock wall and reef groin. The channel is shallow due to sand accumulations. The harbormaster reported a depth of 4 to 5 feet at low tide. The dock is poorly maintained and should be avoided. Permission to enter the harbor along with directions must be obtained from the harbormaster in Pago Pago Harbor.

(13) **Faleasao Harbor** (14°13.02'S., 169°30.10'W.) is located at the NW point of Ta'u Island. Severe storms have damaged the jetty and mariners are advised to avoid the jetty while transiting the channel. Numerous coral heads and a shallow bottom present a danger to navigation. The harbormaster reported a depth of 8 feet or less at low tide. Permission to enter the harbor along with directions must be obtained from the harbormater in Pago Pago Harbor.

Anchorage

(14) **Faleasau (Faleasao)**, on the NW side of the island, affords sheltered anchorage, in 14.5 fathoms, during the trade winds, but a vessel should be prepared to weigh anchor with any change. Anchorage may be obtained, in 13 fathoms, coral, 0.4 mile W of **Fitiuta Point**, the NE extremity of the island.

Caution

(15) An area with a least depth of 22 fathoms, is about 1.3 miles W from the NW extremity of Ta'u Island. This area has experienced submarine volcanic action.

Tides and currents

(16) The tidal currents at the Faleasau anchorage flow SW on the ebb at 1 to 2 knots, and the flood flows NW at 1 to 2 knots.

(17) **Olosega Island** (14°11'S., 169°37'W.), 6 miles NW of Ta'u Island, rises nearly perpendicular on its W side to a height of 2,095 feet. The coral reef surrounding the island consists of two regular shelves, one beyond the other. There is fair anchorage, except during the trade winds, in 18 fathoms, coral, S of the W extremity of Olosega Island, and in 14.5 fathoms, sand, NE of the W extremity of the island.

(18) **Ofu Island** (14°11'S., 169°39'W.) is separated from Olosega Island by Asaga Strait, which is about 0.2 mile wide. Ofu Island is nearly 3 miles long in an E-W direction, and about 1.5 miles at its widest point. The island rises to 1,621 feet on its SE part. Two islets lie off the W side of the island. The coastal reef extends about 0.2 mile from Ofu Island to these islets. Lights are on the NW end of the island.

(19) **Ofu Harbor** (14°09.8'S., 169°40.9'W.) is on the NW point of Ofu Island. Severe storms have filled in the harbor with sediment. The storms have also damaged the seawalls and mariners are advised to stay clear. Approach to dock is shallow with a reported depth of 10 feet by the harbormaster. Offloading and loading of cargo is not advised during high tide. Permission to enter the harbor along with directions must be obtained from the harbormaster in Pago Pago Harbor.

(20) **Tutuila Island** (14°19'S., 170°42'W.) is about 17 miles long in an ENE-WSW direction, 5 miles wide, and rises to a height of 2,142 feet. A wooded mountain ridge extends nearly the entire length of the island and is extremely rugged, especially in the E. The N coast is bold and precipitous. The 100-fathom curve lies from 0.1 to 2.3 miles off the S coast, about 4.3 miles off the W extremity, and from 1.3 to 2.5 miles off the N coast. There are several shoal areas, especially off the S coast, which are best seen on the chart. The S coast of the island extends from **Cape Matatula**, the E extremity of the island, in a WSW direction about 14 miles to **Steps Point**, the S extremity, and then about 5.8 miles NW to **Cape Taputapu**, the W extremity. From **Cape Matatula** to **Matuli Point**, 1.5 miles S, the coast is fronted by a reef which extends about 0.1 mile offshore.

Tides and currents

(21) Currents near the coast set SSW, particularly with NE winds; velocities of 4 knots have been observed. Between Tutuila Island and Upolo Island (Western Samoa), a NW current with a velocity of less than 0.5 knot has been found to exist. A current setting SW from Cape Taputapu is said to produce overfalls.

(22) **Aunuu Island** (14°17'S., 170°33'W.) is 0.7 mile SSE of Matuli Point. The island has two peaks, and there is a village at its W end. Lights are on the NE side and off the NW corner.

(23) **Aunuu Harbor** is located on the west side of Aunuu Island. Aunuu Harbor is a feeder port for the island. Small boats from **Auasi Harbor** on Tutuila Island

frequently transit between the islands. Mariners should be aware that the light off the NW corner of the island, near the harbor, marks the entrance and is on the S jetty, not the N jetty. Permission to enter the harbor along with directions must be obtained from the harbormaster in Pago Pago Harbor.

Caution

(24) A cable area extends across the channel between Aunuu and Tutuila Islands and is best seen on the chart; vessels should avoid anchoring in the vicinity. **Nafanua Bank**, with a least charted depth of 3½ fathoms, extends 1.5 miles in a SW direction from Aunuu Island. A rock, covered 1¾ fathom, is about 0.4 mile SSE of **Cape Fogausa**. A rock, covered 3 fathoms, is about 1.2 miles SW of Cape Fogausa between **Fagaitua Bay** and **Narragansett Passage**. The chart should be consulted for other depths.

(25) **Breakers Point** (14°17.4'S., 170°39.8'W.), 3.5 miles WSW of Cape Fogausa, is the E entrance point to Pago Pago Harbor and is marked by a light. In 1989, discolored water was reported in the S approach to the harbor in about 14°22.2'S., 170°40.7'W. **Taema Bank**, with a least depth of 4 fathoms, lies about 1.6 miles SSE of the entrance to Pago Pago Harbor. The bank is about 2.3 miles long in an ENE-WSW direction and is marked on the W end by a lighted buoy. Narragansett Passage is between Taema Bank and Nafanua Bank to the E. There are several banks in the vicinity of the passage whose positions may best be seen on the chart. The passage is not recommended due to the age of survey.

(26) **Pago Pago Harbor** (14°17'S., 170°40'W.), a natural harbor located on the S shore of Tutuila Island, is entered between Breakers Point and **Niuloa Point**. **Pago Pago**, on the NW side of the harbor is the largest village on the island and is the capital of American Samoa; it is the only port of entry for American Samoa. The village of **Utulei** is close SE of the government administration buildings, and the village of **Fagatogo** is close W of the same buildings.

Prominent Features

(27) Easily identified landmarks include Aunuu Island; Steps Point, the S extremity of the island marked by a light; the sharp peak of **Matafao**, 2,142 feet high, 1.3 miles S of Pago Pago; the flat, dome shape of **North Pioa Mountain**, 1,718 feet high, on the E side of the harbor; and **Fatu Rock**, 102 feet high, 0.2 mile S of Niuloa Point. **Tauga Rock**, about 1 mile E of Breakers Point, is 89 feet high and prominent.

Routes

(28) Vessels approaching from the E should pass about 2 miles E and 1.5 miles SE of Aunuu Island, thence a course of **256°** should be steered until **Breakers Point Light** (14°17'36"S., 170°39'48"W.) bears about **025°**, thence alter course to the N to pass W of Taema Bank. When clear of the bank, steer a NE course to intersect the entrance range, thence steer **342°** and enter the harbor the range. This range line passes E of **Whale Rock** and W of **Toasa Rock**. Vessels and deep-draft vessels approaching from the W or S should keep outside the 100-fathom line until reaching 14°21'S., 170°41.5'W., thence steer **025°** to clear the W end of Taema Bank, then proceed as directed above. Mariners should stay well clear of Taema Bank. Locals have noted breakers over Taema Bank during rough weather.

Anchorage

(29) There is good anchorage in the inner harbor, in 6 to 25 fathoms, mud and sand. The best anchorage for large vessels is at midchannel off the Main Dock. Vessels of 1,000 gross tons or more should not anchor in less than 15¾ fathoms, as the harbor becomes narrow and there is no room to swing.

Dangers

(30) The shores of the harbor are fringed by reefs, which on the W and E sides of the entrance extend up to 0.3 mile offshore. In most parts the reefs are steep-to and their edges are marked by surf. The depths in the harbor are from 17 to 37 fathoms. A 10-fathom spot is outside the 20-fathom line, about 0.2 mile of Breakers Point. A dangerous submerged wreck is about 0.1 mile E of the spot. **Whale Rock**, covered 2 fathoms and marked by a lighted buoy on the E side and Toasa Rock covered 2 feet and marked by a buoy on the SW side, are the two principal dangers in the harbor.

Tides

(31) The mean tidal range is 2.3 feet, while the spring range is 3 feet.

Pilotage

(32) Pilotage is not compulsory, but is advisable; a pilot is available day or night. Pilotage fees are charged whether or not a pilot is used. It is recommended that large vessels request a pilot if docking in inclement weather. A radio request for a pilot should be made 24 hours prior to the ETA. The pilot prefers to embark close to the dock, but in good weather will embark off Fatu Rock. Entrance at night is not encouraged; however, if previous arrangements are made and weather permits, a pilot will embark during hours of darkness. Port officials board incoming ships alongside the dock.

Harbormaster

(33) Pago Pago Control and the harbormaster may be contacted on VHF-FM channel 16. Pago Pago Harbor Control also monitors 2182 kHz. Required notifications to the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection and/or the Captain of the Port, Honolulu, may be made in American Samoa to:

(34) U.S. Coast Guard Liaison Office, American Samoa

(35) P.O. Box 249

(36) Pago Pago, American Samoa

Wharves

(37) Station Wharf (Main Wharf), on the S side of the inner harbor, has depths of 5¼ to 6 fathoms alongside, however, in 1987, a vessel reported a least depth of 5 fathoms alongside. A deep draft container wharf, 787 feet long, is situated between Station Wharf and the oil dock. The oil dock has depths of 5¼ fathoms alongside. In 1992, Station Wharf and the oil dock were reported to be in poor condition. The customs pier has a depth of 1½ fathoms at the SW end and 3¾ fathoms at the NE end. The facilities on the N shore of the inner harbor are reserved for the fishing fleet serving the canneries.

(38) From Pago Pago Harbor, the shore trends SW 6.8 miles to **Steps Point** (14°22.4'S., 170°45.6'W.) Midway along this stretch of shore, near the airport, a reef extends about 0.3 mile offshore; the sea breaks continuously on this reef.

(39) The area W of Steps Point, including **Fagatele Bay**, was designated **Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary** in 1986. Within the sanctuary lies a Paleo-tropical coral reef with close to 200 species of coral and several hundred species of fish. Due to the "no disturbance of the bottom" and "no take of invertebrates" prohibitions throughout the sanctuary, anchoring is discouraged. No discharges are permitted within the sanctuary boundary; boaters are asked to restrict any discharges near the mouth of the bay. Scuba divers should display a "diver down" flag when in the water. (See **15 CFR 922.1** through **922.50** and **Subpart J**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(40) The shore from Steps Point to **Papualoa Point**, about 2 miles NW, is formed partly by perpendicular rocks and partly by blocks of lava, which extend some distance seaward and upon which the sea breaks. **Leone Bay** is entered between Papualoa Point and **Fagaone Point**, and is open to the SSW. There is anchorage W of the village of **Leone**, in 15 to 20 fathoms, but it is dangerous when winds are from the S or SSW.

(41) **Cape Taputapu** (14°19'S., 170°51'W.), the W extremity of Tutuila, lies 1.5 miles WNW of Fagaone Point. It is a mass of high, steep rocks, fronted by some rocky islets. Taputapu Island lies on the reef close SW of Cape Taputapu. The following banks, with the indicated least depths, lie in the approach to Cape Taputapu:

(42) a. 14 fathoms – 3.3 miles SE.

(43) b. 11 fathoms – 2.3 miles SSE.

(44) c. 15 fathoms – 3.8 miles SW.

(45) d. 18 fathoms – 3.5 miles W.

(46) The N coast of Tutuila is described from E to W. From Cape Matatula to **Pola Island**, 6.5 miles W, the coast is indented by numerous bays. The coast then trends WSW 11 miles to Cape Taputapu. This coast is also indented with bays. **Aoa Bay** (14°15'S., 170°35.4'W.), affords anchorage, in 16 fathoms, midway between the entrance points. **Masefau Bay**, entered W of **Tiapea Point**, 1.5 miles W of Aoa Bay, affords anchorage, in 17 fathoms. The surrounding reefs and **Nuusetoga Island**, off the W entrance point, narrow the anchorage. **Afono Bay**, 1.5 miles W of Nuusetoga Island, is reported to provide good anchorage, in 14 fathoms, coral, except in N winds.

(47) **Pola Island** (14°14'S., 170°40.2'W.), 1.5 miles NW of Afona Bay, is located off the N extremity of Tutuila Island. **Cockscomb Point**, the N extremity of Pola Island is formed by a ridge of rocks, which are high, indented, and steep. An area with a least depth of 13 fathoms is just over 1 mile ENE of Cockscomb Point and an area with a least depth of 15 fathoms is about 1.5 miles W of the point. **Fagasa Bay** is about 4 miles SW of Cockscomb Point. Anchorage, protected from the trades, can be had in 13 fathoms between the E and W points of the bay. Between Fagasa Bay and **Aoloau Bay**, 3 miles WSW, there are two small bays backed by mountains. Aoloau Bay affords good anchorage, in 14 fathoms in mid-bay, but vessels should be prepared to leave on short notice when the winds shift to the N. Aoloau Bay is small and surrounded by high mountains. A 12-fathom area is 1.5 miles NNE of Aoloau Bay. Similar depths are charted to a distance of 4.8 miles W of the 12-fathom depth. **Poloa Bay** (14°19'S., 170°50.6'W.), 4 miles SW of Aoloau Bay, affords good anchorage during E winds, in 16 fathoms, midway between the entrance points. Vessels should be prepared to leave on short notice when the wind shifts to the W. In this bay there is a 1 to 4 knot current that runs in a SW direction. Cape Taputapu is located close SW of Poloa Bay.

Chart 83116

(48) **Howland Island** (0°48'N., 176°38'W.), **Baker Island** (0°12'N., 176°28'W.), and **Jarvis Island** (0°23'S., 160°01'W.) are National Wildlife Refuges (see National Wildlife Refuges, this chapter).

Chart 83157

Palmyra Atoll (Palmyra Island) (05°53'N., 162°05'W.)

(49) Palmyra Atoll (Palmyra Island) is about 780 miles SSW of the island of Hawaii and is a National Wildlife Refuge (see National Wildlife Refuges, this chapter.)

Chart 81664

Wake Island (19°16'N., 166°40'E.)

(50) Wake Island lies in the Pacific Ocean on the direct route from Hawaii to Hong Kong. The island is administered by the U.S. Air Force.

(51) See Sailing Directions (Enroute) for the Pacific Islands (Pub. 126), published by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, for detail on the preceding islands.

Chart 81004

Mariana Islands

(52) Mariana Islands are comprised of the **Northern Marianas** and **Guam**. The Northern Marianas, a self-governing U. S. commonwealth consists of a chain of 16 volcanic islands, which extend in a N and S direction for a distance of about 450 miles. The islands in the group from N to S are Farallon de Pajaros, Maug, Asuncion, Agrihan, Pagan, Alamagan, Guguan, Sarigan, Anatahan, Farallon de Medinilla, Saipan, Tinian, Aguijan, and Rota. Except for Maug, which is a cluster of three tiny islands, all are single islands which rise precipitously as mountain peaks of rocky, volcanic material and are conspicuous from the offing. They are a good radar target from a distance of 14 miles, but are reported to give a poor return from a distance of 28 miles. Their total area is approximately 184 square miles. The three principal islands, Saipan (47 square miles), Tinian (39 square miles) and Rota (32 square miles) form two-thirds of the land area of the group.

Guam (13°25'N., 144°44'E.)

(53) Guam, a U.S. territory since 1898, is not included in the Northern Marianas. Guam is the largest and most southern island of the Marianas Archipelago. The island is about 30 miles long and varies from 4 to 8 miles in width. Guam is not discussed further in the Coast Pilot; see Sailing Directions (Enroute) for the Pacific Islands, Pub. 126, for further description of Guam.

Weather, Pacific Islands

(54) The islands of the Marianas Archipelago have similar weather conditions. Under ordinary circumstances, the wind and seas in the vicinity of Guam are easterly due to the Northeast Trades. Westerly winds are at times experienced during the summer months as Guam is barely within the limits of the Southwest Monsoon. These winds are light as a rule. In the vicinity of Guam, northeasterly and east-northeasterly winds prevail for 6 months of the year. These winds blow from the northeast to east 65% of the time between December and May, and are strongest during these months. Between June and November, the surface winds are quite variable; calms are rare. In the southerly islands, the winds show a slight southerly trend as early as May.

(55) In the vicinity of the islands of Saipan and Tinian, the steadiest winds occur when the winter monsoon and the NE Trades reinforce each other. Between November and April, NE and easterly winds prevail 70% of the time at rates of 10 to 12 knots. During the summer monsoon (May to October) easterly winds predominate, but southerly to westerly winds also occur. Wind velocities are about 10 to 11 knots from May to July, and 8 knots from August to October. Land mass effect modifies the maritime diurnal variations so that the surface winds are strongest at 0300 and weakest at 1400.

(56) In the vicinity of Pagan Island, the winds are steadiest during the Northeast Monsoon (November through March). They blow mostly from the NE at an average rate of 15 knots. From April through June, the monsoon weakens and the prevailing winds become more easterly. During the wet season (June through November), easterly winds continue to predominate, but with considerable percentages from southerly to westerly directions. The winds are mostly light; the only strong winds occurring with typhoons.

(57) Precipitation increases decidedly during the summer months, especially in the southern islands. The wet season (July through October) has a mean monthly average of 10 inches (254 mm) or more. The major rainfall consists of heavy showers. As a rule, the rainfall diminishes as the latitude increases.

(58) The rainy season at Guam is from the first of July until the early part of November, with a monthly average of 11 to 15 inches (279 to 381 mm). January through June is the driest period, with an average monthly fall of 3.9 to 6.5 inches (99 to 165 mm). March is the driest month with an average precipitation amount of 3.9 inches (99 mm). The mean average rainfall is about 101 inches annually (2565 mm) but has ranged from 165 inches (4191 mm) in 1976 to 67 inches (1702 mm) in 1973. An average of 30

thunderstorms each year effect the island of Guam. The most active month is August.

(59) The rainy season at the islands of Saipan and Tinian is from July to November; the dry season lasts from December through June. During the rainy season, with the doldrums belt lying almost directly over these islands, there are increased showers and numerous thunderstorms and squalls. The dry season is characterized by fair weather, interrupted by fronts associated with northerly low pressure centers and some showers. Saipan Island has an average rainfall of 86 inches (2184 mm) per year with a monthly average of 13 inches (330 mm). During the rainy season (July through October) it averages 13 inches (330 mm) per month. Throughout the rest of the year, the average is about 4 inches (102 mm) per month. April is the driest month with an average of about 2¾ inches (70 mm).

(60) Typhoons frequently form south and east of the Mariana Archipelago and routinely pass in the vicinity of these islands. They are apt to occur more often during the summer months and are accompanied by high winds and torrential rains. They seldom occur during the winter months.

(61) Tropical disturbances often occur in the vicinity of Guam. Since 1842, at least 51 tropical cyclones have come within 25 miles (46 km) of Guam and another 49 have come within 50 miles (93 km) of the island. Since 1980, nine tropical cyclones have come within 25 miles (46 km) of the island and another 11 within 50 miles (93 km) of the island. As recently as August 1992, before attaining super typhoon status, Typhoon Omar raked the island with winds of 105 knots and gusts in excess of 140 knots. Omar was the most damaging typhoon to strike Guam since Typhoon Pamela in 1976. Omar caused an estimated $457 million of damage and destroyed or severely damaged over 2,158 homes.

(62) Tropical disturbances occur between August and January in the vicinity of the islands of Saipan and Tinian. Since 1842, at least 51 tropical cyclones have come within 25 miles (46 km) of Saipan and another 53 have come within 50 miles (93 km) of the island. Since 1980, 15 tropical cyclones have come within 25 miles (46 km) of the island while an additional 15 have come within 50 miles (93 km) of the island. As recently as December 3, 1986, Super Typhoon Kim passed only 18 miles (33 km) north of Saipan and raked the island with 135 knot winds and record rainfall.

(63) Tropical disturbances usually pass well to the south of Pagan Island, but several have been experienced. August, September and October are the most likely months. January through April is the only period believed to be entirely free of such storms. Probably not more than one a year pass close enough to affect Pagan Island.

(64) Gales, other than those of tropical origination, seldom occur in the vicinity of the islands of Tinian and Saipan. Winds reach gale force in the vicinity of Pagan Island from 2 to 4% of the time.

(65) Thunderstorms occur frequently from July to the early part of November. December through May are the months that are relatively free from thunderstorms.

(66) In Guam, the mean temperature is 79°F (26.1°C), the mean maximum is 86°F (30°C), and the mean minimum is 72°F (22.2°C). The temperatures for the rest of the Mariana Islands are quite uniform throughout the year. January and February are the coolest months. The nights are cooler in the northern islands. Temperatures above 85°F (29.4°C) normally occur from 25 to 28 days a month between April and August. The daily minimums seldom fall below 74°F (23.3°C) during the summer months. The yearly RANGE of temperatures is 3°F (2°C) in the south and 7°F (4°C) in the north. The daily RAnge is about 10°F (6°C). The extreme maximum temperature on Guam is 95°F (35°C) recorded in September 1957 and the extreme minimum is 54°F (12.8°C) recorded in March 1965.

(67) In Saipan, the mean temperature is 82°F (27.8°C), the mean maximum is 86° (30°C), and the mean minimum is 77°F (25°C). Extremes include a maximum of 104°F (40°C) recorded in May 1977 and September 1987 and an extreme minimum of 60°F (15.6°C) recorded in March 1975.

(68) Humidity is high throughout the year, but there is somewhat less humidity from December through May. The yearly average is about 76%. The January average is 68% and the June average is 84%.

(69) Fog and mist are rarely reported in the Guam, Saipan- Tinian areas. Visibility of less than ¼ miles (2 km) can be expected on less than one day per month. The occurrence of fog averages only one to two days each year.

(70) The yearly average cloud cover is about 7/10 (70%). The maximum coverage of 8/10 to 9/10 occurs during the summer months (July to October). Cloudiness is higher over the islands than over the adjacent seas. Clouds are more frequent during the daytime.

Tides and currents

(71) See Sailing Directions (Planning Guide) for the South Pacific Ocean (Pub. 122), for general information on tides, currents, and tidal currents in the region.

(72) Currents in the vicinity of the Mariana Islands are for the most part westerly. They are strongest near to and south of Saipan Island, and gradually become weaker north of that island. In June, the Equatorial Drift Current was reported to be strongest during that season in the parallel of 13° N. and to run to the northwest at a maximum rate of 1 knot. In October, a

westerly current of 1 knot to 1½ knots was reported to have been experienced up to 20 miles east of Guguan Island, but little or no current was experienced north of that island.

(73) Variable currents are sometimes encountered near the islands. These are caused by the physical makeup of the island and by the additional force of the tidal currents.

(74) An almost constant southwesterly set has been reported along the northwest coast of Guam during the Northeast Trades. This current has been felt up to 10 miles offshore.

(75) In the vicinity of the Mariana Islands, the flood current usually sets westerly and ebb easterly; the tidal currents turn at the approximate times of high and low water. These currents are usually weak, except in narrow passages, and their directions and rates are sometimes variable. The tidal currents are usually confused and irregular off the east sides of these islands, due to the configuration of the land.

(76) **Rota Island** (14°10'N., 145°12'E.), of volcanic formation, is about 32 miles northeast of Guam. The northeast part consists of a plateau 522 feet (159 meters) high; southwesterly part is a low sandy isthmus. The shore of Rota is generally steep and rocky except at the southwest tip; a narrow coral reef nearly fringes the entire island. Rota rises to 1,611 feet (491 meters) in its west-central part.

Caution

(77) A naval operating area is off the north shore of Rota.

(78) **Harnom Point (Puntan Taipingot)** (14°07'N., 145°07'E) is the south end of **Taipingot**, a prominent headland that forms the southwesterly end of Rota Island. A conspicuous chimney, 157 feet (48 meters) high, is almost 1½ miles northeast of Harnom Point. A **118°** lighted Range is just west of the chimney.

(79) **Sasanhaya Bay** is east of Taipingot and at its head is the village of Rota (Songsong). A flagstaff and a conspicuous white school are in the village.

Tidal currents

(80) The diurnal inequality is considerable. The flood attains a rate of ½ knot. The flood sets southerly, the ebb northerly; turning at about the time of high and low water.

Anchorages

(81) Sasanhaya Bay affords the only anchorage in Rota. However, a swell sets in with winds from any direction except northeast. When northeasterly winds are strong, they often blow down from the steeps slopes at the inner part of the bay. Anchorage may be found in depth of 16 fathoms (29 meters), about 900 yards south of the flagstaff. During northeasterly winds, good anchorage may be found off the easterly side of the bay with the Range beacons in line bearing 054° and the lone beacon, lying 0.4 mile south of the Range beacons, bearing 134°.

(82) **Sansanlago Bay**, situated on the northwest side of the Taipingot Peninsula, affords some shelter during southeasterly winds, about 2/3 mile west-northwest of the flagstaff.

Off-lying Danger

(83) A bank with a depth of 22 fathoms (40 meters) is about 120 miles, 273° from Harnom Point (Puntan Taipingot).

(84) **Aguijan Island** (14°51'N., 145°33'E.) is about 022°, 42 miles from Rota Island, and it has steep, cliffy and inaccessible shores. Naftan Rock is about ½ mile southwest of the island's southwest end.

Off-lying banks and dangers

(85) **Esmeralda Bank**, about 17 miles northwest of Aguijan Island, has a least depth of about 33 fathoms (60 meters), and can be recognized by the discoloration of the water, which has the appearance of sulphur being emitted. A 30 fathom (54 meters) bank , marked by boiling sulphur, is about 20 miles northwest of Aguijan Island. Other banks with greater depths are charted in this vicinity.

(86) A bank, with a depth of 19 fathoms (34 meters) over it, is about 5 miles southwest of Aguijan Island.

(87) **Tatsumi Reef**, centered about 2 miles southeast of the southern end of Tinian Island, is on the northeast side of Tinian Channel. A patch with a depth of 13 fathoms (24 meters) over it is 14 miles west of the north end of Tinian Island.

(88) **Tinian Island** (15°00'N., 145°38'E.) is northeast of Aguijan Island and it is separated from it by Tinian Channel. The north end of the island is low and flat.

(89) Tinian Island is an experimental cattle raising center. The island is extensively cultivated; vegetables and produce are shipped to Guam. Tinian is a transfer point for tuna purse seiners. An inter-island tug and barge reportedly visits the island several times a week. The population was 899 (1980).

Aspect-Landmarks

(90) **Lasso Hill**, 564 feet (172 meters) high, is the summit of the island and lies about 3¾ miles south of the

north end of Tinian Island. **Maga Hill**, a mile northwest of Lasso Hill, is joined to the latter by a ridge. The land south of this ridge is sloping and for the most part cultivated.

(91) An extensive ridge is located along the east side of the south part of the island, between **Carolinas (Lalo) Point** and **Masalog Point**. The coast between these points is faced by a sheer cliff. The broad and cultivated land in the central part of the island gives way to narrow and successively lower terraces near the coast. These levels are separated by steep slopes or cliffs. Sandy beaches are found near the town of Tinian and in the bay between Masalog Point and Asiga.

(92) A conspicuous church tower, with a silver-colored dome, is about 2/3 mile north of the head of the breakwater.

(93) There is a conspicuous radio tower on Lasso Hill and a chimney in the town of Tinian.

(94) Many charted landmarks were either nonexistent or were overgrown with foliage (1963).

(95) **Tinian Harbor** is the name given to the area lying off the southwestern shore of Tinian Island, fronting the town, and including the swept area best shown on the chart.

(96) The inner harbor area off Tinian is protected from the sea by a breakwater constructed on the reef that fronts the town. The north end of the breakwater was (1981) in ruins. Ships drawing 25 feet (7.6 meters) can berth. A buoyed channel, 250 yards wide and dredged to 28 feet (8.5 meters), is entered about ½ mile south of the head of the breakwater. The channel leads northeast and northwest to the docks. The northerly leg of the channel is about 175 yards wide. Depths of 28 feet (8.5 meters) to 31 feet (9.5 meters) were reported east of the east end of the breakwater.

Caution

(97) Less water than charted was reported (1970) in the channel, harbor, and pier area.

Tides and currents

(98) At times the tides will become diurnal around the time of the moon's maximum declination. The currents set northwest on the flood and southeast on the ebb; attaining rates of about a knot and turning at about the times of high and low water.

(99) In February-March 1994, the USS BEAUFORT reported the Range of tide to be 2 feet.

Wharves

(100) Main Quay; length 2,000 feet; 22 to 32 feet (6.7 to 9.8 meters) alongside. Pier 1 and Pier 2, off the NW side

of Main Quay, were reported in ruins and unserviceable in 1994.

Pilotage, Saipan

(101) Vessels must obtain permission and acquire a pilot from the authorities at Saipan before entering the harbor. In 1994, it was reported that a pilot resided in Tinian. Entering and exiting port is permitted only during daylight hours and "Tinian Port Control" monitors VHF-FM channel 16.

Anchorages

(102) Anchorage may be found, in depths of 10 to 20 fathoms (18.3 to 37 meters), sand and coral, good holding ground, off Tinian; however, it is unsafe during the Southwest Monsoon.

(103) During westerly winds anchorage may be found in a bay on the northeast side of Tinian Island between Masalog and Asiga Points, in depths of 15 to 25 fathoms (27 to 46 meters); however, this anchorage is reported untenable during strong easterly and north-easterly winds.

(104) **Explosive anchorages** are off the west shore of Tinian Island, off **Gurguan Point** (see **110.239**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations).

(105) A **security zone** is off the west shore of Tinian Island, between Gurguan Point and the village of Tinian (see **165.1403**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations).

Routes

(106) A course of **035°** leads through the first leg of the channel to a position southeast of the outer end of the breakwater, then a course of **336°** leads to the main quay.

(107) **Saipan Island** (15°10'N., 145°45'E.), the second largest of the Mariana Islands, is northeast of Tinian Island and is separated from it by **Saipan Channel**. Saipan Channel is deep and clear of known dangers.

Aspect-landmarks

(108) A chain of mountains, the summit of which is **Ogso Tagpochau**, 1,555 feet (474 meters) high, a conspicuous, conical, extinct volcano, lines the center of the island in a north-south direction. The east peninsula and the south part of the island are low flat plateaus. Some relatively level areas are found on the north end and northwest and west sides of the island, between the coast and the lower slopes of the ridge. These areas are, for the most part, cultivated. The land on the west and northwest sides slopes down to the beaches. The

northeast and southeast shores of the island are formed by rugged, rocky cliffs.

(109) The west and northwest shores are fronted by barrier reefs, within which are shallow lagoons. Detached dangers and foul ground containing many coral heads, with depths of 3 fathoms (5.5 meters) or less, extend about a mile southwest from the southwest extremity of the barrier reef that fronts the northwesterly end of the island. A number of detached dangers lie south of this foul ground, along the edges of the swept anchorages areas.

(110) Vessels approaching the island will first sight Ogso Tagpochau. Vessels passing south of the island will next sight **Mount Fina Sisu**, the 295-foot (90-meter) summit, located 2¾ miles south-southwest of the above peak. This summit, when first seen, appears as a detached island. **Isleta Managaha (Maniagassa Island)**, located off the northwest coast, appears as a destroyer when viewed from the west.

Tidal Currents

(111) Tidal currents in Saipan Channel set northwesterly at a rate of 2½ knots on the flood and southeasterly at 1¼ knots on the ebb; turning at about the times of high and low water. In the outer anchorage of Saipan Harbor, the tidal currents are irregular, with a maximum west- northwest set of about 2 knots during the flood. In Garapan Anchorage, the tidal currents set northerly at rates of ½ to 1 knot during the flood and southwesterly at rates of ½ to ¾ knot during the ebb. In Puetton Tanapag the tidal currents set north on the flood and south on the ebb, neither exceeding a rate of ¾ knot. They appear to turn at times of high and low water.

(112) **Saipan Harbor** (15°12'N., 145°41'E.), lying on the west side of Saipan Island, includes the outer anchorage, **Garapan Anchorage** and **Puetton Tanapag,** the inner harbor. The outer part of the harbor has been swept to a depth of about 52 feet (16 meters). The inner part, outside a distance of about a mile from the shore, has been swept to a least depth of about 33 feet (10.1 meters).

(113) An abandoned lighthouse, 43 feet (13.1 meters) high, white circular concrete structure, stands at an elevation of 375 feet (114 meters), about a mile northeastward of the pier at Garapan. Two radio masts, marked by obstruction lights, are close to the abandoned lighthouse. Many wrecks are in the harbor.

(114) Saipan Harbor is reported to be radar conspicuous at a distance of about 20 miles.

(115) The northern part of Saipan Harbor, **Puetton Tanapag**, is entered through a dredged channel. In March 1999-August 2003, the channel had a controlling depth of 31 feet to the basin, thence depths of 36 to 40 feet were available in the basin.

Wharves

(116) Pier C; L-shaped; 500 feet berthing space, north side; 23-26 feet (7-8 meters) alongside.

Pilotage

(117) Pilotage is compulsory; pilots board vessels in the vicinity of Tanapag Harbor Approach Lighted Buoy T.

Anchorages

(118) The outer anchorage affords shelter during prevailing easterly winds, but none during infrequent westerly storms. This anchorage, which lies from 3 to 5 miles offshore, is suitable only as a temporary anchorage for large vessels.

(119) The inner anchorage, which includes Garapan Anchorage, contains numerous berths in 8 fathoms (14.6 meters) to over 30 fathoms (55 meters), holding ground fair to good, with coarse coral sand. This anchorage lies from 1 to 2 miles offshore.

(120) Vessels can anchor in 10 fathoms (18.3 meters), sand bottom, about 4/5 mile offshore, abreast **Mount Fina-Sisu**, off the village of **Chalan Kanoa**.

(121) Vessels can anchor in 12 to 14 fathoms (22 to 26 meters), coral bottom, in a position about 1½ miles off **Garapan**. The anchorage area in Puetton Tanapag has been dredged to a project depth of 30 feet (9.1 meters). A seaplane landing area is northward of the anchorage area.

Caution

(122) A sewer outfall extends from a position about 200 yards southwest of the southwest corner of Pier C to a position about 600 yards north-northwest of the northwest corner of the same pier.

(123) Unexploded ordnance has been reported to lie within Anchorage Berth L8.

(124) Some mooring buoys are in the harbor.

Routes

(125) Vessels entering Puetton Tanapag should make the approach with the light on Managaha ahead bearing **044°**, passing on either side of the fairway buoy. When approaching Lighted Buoy No. 3, course should be altered to **088°** with the harbor entrance lighted range lined up. This course leads into and through the harbor.

(126) **Bahia Laolao** (Bahia Laulau) is on the southeast side of Saipan Island affording the only shelter with the wind between west and north, but due to excessive depths it can not be recommended. Vessels may obtain

anchorage in a depth of about 30 fathoms, about 600 yards offshore, south of the village of Laulau.

Off-lying banks and dangers

(127) A bank, with a depth of 26 fathoms (48 meters) is about 9½ miles north-northeast of **Puntan Sabaneta** (15°17'N., 145°49'E.).

(128) **Arakane Reef**, about 175 miles west of Saipan Island, is a coral reef with a least depth of 30 feet (9.1 meters) over it. In 1945, a heavy swell was observed over Arakane Reef; discoloration was very noticeable. In 1969, mooring buoys were reported to be upon this reef.

(129) **Farallon de Medinilla** (16°01'N., 146°05'E.) 265 feet (81 meters) high, and guano-covered, has steep coasts forming precipes. Deep caves are found on the south and west shores. A chasm, located in the southern part of the island, separates that part from the north. Farallon de Medinilla was reported to be radar conspicuous from a distance of 23 miles. In 1967, the island was reported to lie 1½ miles east of its charted position.

(130) A rocky patch, with a depth of 10 fathoms (18.3 meters), is about 600 yards northeast of the north end of the island. Another bank is about ¼ mile further north. Both banks are marked by breakers in heavy weather. In 1964, a depth of 10 fathoms (18.3 meters) was reported to lie about 9¼ miles west by north of the northern extremity of Farallon de Medinilla.

(131) There is a temporary anchorage, in a depth of about 32 fathoms (59 meters), about 700 yards northwest of **Cape South**, the south end of the island.

Caution

(132) Farallon de Medinilla is used as a bombing and strafing target complex by the U.S. Navy. Mariners are advised to avoid the area by as wide a margin as is practicable.

(133) **Anatahan Island** (16°22'N., 145°40'E), 2,585 (788 meters) high, is about 20 miles northwest of Farallon de Medinilla, and is of volcanic formation. The crater of a dormant volcano, which contains a wide grass-covered field, forms the summit of the island. The crater wall has a peak on its east and west sides; the west one being quite sharp.

(134) Small vessels can anchor off the northern part of the west coast of Anatahan Island, about 600 yards offshore. A bank, with a depth of 37 fathoms (67 meters) over it, is about 18 miles east of Anatahan Island. In 1974, another bank with a depth of 35 fathom (64 meters) was reported to lie about 10 miles farther north-northeast of the island.

(135) In 1967, a depth of 12 fathoms (22 meters) was reported in 17°08'N., 143°15'E. An 8 fathom (14.6 meters) patch has been reported to be in 16°31'N., 143°08'E.

(136) **Sarigan Island** (16°43'N., 145°47'E.), lying about 20 miles northeast of Anatahan Island, is cone-shaped, wooded, and of volcanic origin; rising to a height of 1,801 feet (549 meters) in its southern part.

(137) A bank, with a depth of 12 fathoms (21.9 meters) is 5 miles north of Sarigan Island.

(138) **Zealandia Bank**, about 11 miles north-northeast of Sarigan Island, is comprised of two rocks that dry, lying ½ mile apart. The sea breaks on these rocks at all times and the breakers can be seen from a distance. It was reported that there was a depth of 11 fathoms (20.1 meters) around both rocks, and that there are no other dangers. A bank, with a depth of 51 fathoms (93 meters) over it, is 9 miles northwest of Zealandia Bank.

(139) **Guguan Island** (17°19'N., 145°51'E.), lying about 35 miles north of Sarigan Island, has two summits; the southern is 988 feet (300 meters), the north is 814 feet (248 meters) high, and is an active volcano. Guguan Island is reported to be a good radar target from a distance of 27 miles. A large quantity of sulphur covers the ground around the crater. When seen from east or west, the northern summit appears to be covered with snow. The coasts are steep, and there is vegetation and breadfruit trees.

(140) **Alamagan Island** (17°36'N., 145°50'E.), lying 15 miles north of Guguan Island, is an inactive volcano with two peaks; the higher being 2,441 feet (744 meters). The island is reported to be radar conspicuous at a distance of 31 miles. The shores are lined with rocks and the southeast side is a steep slope of bare lava. There is a hot spring at the north end of the west coast.

(141) Shoals with depths 35 and 26 fathoms (64 and 48 meters) were reported (1946 and 1970, respectively) to lie about 165 miles west of Alamagan Island. A bank, with a least depth of 60 feet (18.3 meters) over it, lies 27 miles north-northeast of the above 35 fathom (64 meters) shoal.

Anchorage

(142) Anchorage may be found, during northeasterly winds, off the southwest side of Alamagan Island, about 600 yards offshore, in 12 fathoms (22 meters), sand bottom.

(143) **Pagan Island** (18°07'N., 145°47'E.) lying about 30 miles north of Alamagan Island, has two active volcanoes. **Mount Pagan**, 1,870 feet (570 meters) high, rises in the northern and larger segment of the island. Several volcanic cones, some of which give off steam, are located in the southern part of the island. A hot spring

lies on the eastern side of the southern part of the island. The two parts of the island are connected by a narrow, but high, isthmus. The island is rugged, except for a low level marshland lying south of Mount Pagan. Two lakes are located between the mountain and the northwest coast. The western lake, which is separated from the sea by a sand bar, 50 yards wide, is salty. The shores of the island are steep and rocky, except for some sandy beaches along Apaan Bay. Casuarina and coconut trees grow along most of the coastline and lower slopes, but the upper and steeper slopes of the volcanoes appear almost barren. **Apaan Bay** is an open bight off the middle of the west side of Pagan Island. The beach is for the most part steep, exposed to surf, and has a thick growth of shrubs. **Shomushon**, a settlement which contains most of the population of the island, is located at the head of a small inlet that indents the northern end of the bay.

Anchorage

(144) Anchorage may be found in Apaan Bay in a depth of about 60 feet (18.3 meters), southwest of **Bandeera Rock**. Bandeera is a prominent rock, 161 feet (49 meters) high, lying 600 yards northwest of Shomushon. This anchorage is sheltered from winds between northeasterly and easterly, but during westerly winds heavy seas set in, making the anchorage dangerous.

(145) A 24-foot (7.3 meters) shoal is about 800 yards south-southwest of Bandeera Rock. A shoal, with depths less than 36 feet (11 meters) over it, projects 400 yards south-southwest from the 24-foot (11-meter) shoal.

(146) **Agrihan Island** (18°46'N., 145°40'E.), lying about 33 miles north of Pagan Island, has two peaks. The highest peak rises to 3,166 feet (965 meters). The island is of volcanic origin and has a large crater. The southwest side forms a gentle slope with a shore of black sand. **Agrihan**, a small settlement, is located near the southwest end of the island. A prominent church is about a mile northwest of the southern extremity of Agrihan Island. It was reported that the island was visible from a distance of 26 miles. Agrihan Island serves as a good radar target from a distance of 31 miles. A westerly current with a rate of 1¼ knots was observed in August, in a position about 6 miles northwesterly of Agrihan Island.

Anchorage

(147) Anchorage may be taken in 14 fathoms (26 meters), sand and gravel bottom, about 650 yards off the beach fronting the settlement of Agrihan; however, it is unsafe during strong southerly or westerly winds, when there is a heavy swell.

(148) **Asuncion Island** (19°40'N., 145°24'E.), lying about 55 miles north of Agrihan Island, is a volcanic cone rising steeply to a height of 2,923 feet (891 meters). White smoke occasionally emits from this cone. On the northeast and east sides there are some prominent crevices and broken cliffs, from the cracks in which smoke emits. The slope is gentle at the southwestern foot of the mountain, and coconut palms grow sparsely amongst dense stunted trees. The south coast is fronted by a pebble beach; the remaining coasts are precipitous.

(149) In 1955, breakers and discolored water were reported to extend about ½ mile offshore from the northeast end of the island.

(150) Asuncion Island is reported to be radar conspicuous from a distance of up to 48 miles.

(151) In 1969, it was reported that Asuncion Island lay 2 miles north of its charted position.

(152) In 1953, a bank, with a depth of 27 fathoms (49 meters) over it was reported to lie about 5½ miles southeast, and another, with a depth of 58 fathoms (106 meters) over it lies 16 miles south, of Asuncion Island.

(153) In 1945, depths of 52 and 60 fathoms (95 and 110 meters) were reported to lie about 85 miles west-southwest of Asuncion Island.

(154) **Maug Islands** (20°01'N., 145°14'E.), lying about 24 miles north-northwest of Asuncion Island, are comprised of three rocky, uninhabited islands; named North, East and West. This group has the appearance of a conical volcanic peak that has partially collapsed. **North Island**, 748 feet (228 meters) high, is the highest but smallest. This island, together with **East Island**, and **West Island**, form a circle that encloses a lagoon. The steep sides of East Island are covered with grass and low bushes, and the higher slopes are covered with trees and coconut palms. A tower is on the summit of East Island. In 1958, the ruins of what appeared to be a fishing station were reported on the north end of the same island.

(155) In 1965, it was reported that Maug Islands were incorrectly charted. In 1977, Maug Island was reported to be a fair radar target from distances up to 38 miles.

Local magnetic anomaly

(156) A local magnetic anomaly amounting to 3°W has been observed near East Island, and up to 7° near West Island.

(157) **Supply Reef**, with a depth of 27 feet (8.2 meters) over it, lies about 10 miles northwest of North Island. Supply Reef is reported to be a circular reef of about 300-yard diameter, marked by discolored water and by breaking seas.

(158) Tidal currents set easterly across the south entrance of the lagoon at a rate of ¾ knot during the flood. They set north through the entrance at a rate of ¼ knot during the ebb.

Depths-Limitations

(159) South Passage, about 600 yards wide and swept to depths of 59 feet (18 meters) and 48 feet (14.6 meters), is the best passage leading into the lagoon. The northeast passage, which has been swept to 15 feet (4.6 meters) over a width of 150 yards, is not recommended, as it is fully exposed to the prevailing winds. The northwest passage is foul.

Anchorages

(160) In 1941, it was reported that safe anchorage could be found, in depths of 20 to 40 fathoms (37 to 73 meters), about halfway between the west end of North Island and the southwest end of East Island; rock bottom.

(161) Vessels can anchor off the northern part of the west side of East Island.

(162) A vessel reported anchoring in 16 fathoms (29 meters), black sand bottom, with the northern point of East Island bearing 056°. However, this anchorage was reported unsafe due to swells rolling in through the northeast passage.

(163) **Farallon de Pajaros** (20°32'N., 144°54'E.), lying about 36 miles north-northwest of Maug Islands, is the most northern of the Mariana Islands and it is an active volcano; its summit forming a regular cone of ashes 1,047 feet (319 meters) high.

(164) In 1974, a shoal, with a depth of 10 feet (3 meters) over it, was reported to lie 115 miles northwest of Farallon de Pajaros. Submarine volcanic activity has been reported in this vicinity.

(165) Farallon de Pajaros is reported to be visible from a distance of 40 miles; at night the crater glow can be seen for 15 miles. In 1967, it was reported that the volcano appeared as a well defined shadow at night from a distance of 27 miles. Farallon de Pajaros is radar conspicuous from a distance of 29 miles. The northern, southern, and eastern coast are precipitous. All coasts are rocky and steep-to. There is no anchorage. The island is barren, except near the high rock on the southeast side, where there is some coarse grass.

(166) A high rock is connected to the southeast side of the island. Several smaller rocks, one of which is prominent, are located about 150 yards southeast of the high rock. A rock lies about 300 yards offshore of a position located about 600 yards southeast of the southwestern end of the island. There is a depth of less than 6 feet (1.8 meters) over this rock.

(167) **Stingray Shoal**, having a depth of 8 fathoms (14.6 meters), is located in approximate position 20°30'N., 142°26'E. The shoal has not been examined, and should be given a wide berth.

Appendix

Sales Information

(1) National Ocean Service (NOS) publications, nautical charts and unclassified National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) nautical charts are sold by NOS and its authorized sales agents in many U.S. ports and in some foreign ports through the National Aeronautical Charting Office. Mail orders should be addressed to:

(2) Federal Aviation Administration

(3) National Aeronautical Charting Office

(4) Distribution Division (AVN-530)

(5) 6303 Ivy Lane, Suite 400

(6) Greenbelt, MD 20770-6325.

(7) Mail orders must be accompanied by a check or money order (payable in U.S. funds) payable to FAA. Remittance from outside the United States should be make either by an International Money Order or by a check payable on a U.S. bank. Chart catalogs, which include a listing of authorized sales agents, are free upon request. Telephone orders may be placed by calling 301-436-8301 or toll-free 1-800-638-8972 (Visa, MasterCard or Discover accepted); or by FAX, 301-436-6829 or by Email: 9-AMC-Chartsales@faa.gov. Sales information is located on the internet website address, http://www.naco.faa.gov.

National Ocean Service Offices

(8) **Washington, DC (Headquarters)**: Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, NOAA, Herbert C. Hoover Bldg., 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230-0001.

(9) **Silver Spring**: Chief, Office of Coast Survey (N/CS), National Ocean Service, NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282.

(10) **Norfolk**: Director, Atlantic Marine Center, National Ocean Service, NOAA, 439 West York Street, Norfolk, VA 23510-1114.

(11) **Seattle**: Director, Marine Operations Center (Pacific), National Ocean Service, NOAA, 1801 Fairview Avenue East, Seattle, WA 98102-3767.

Charts and Publications–National Ocean Service

Nautical Charts (See Chart Catalogs)

(12) United States Coastal and Intracoastal waters, and possessions.

(13) Great Lakes, Lake Champlain, New York State Canals, and the St. Lawrence River–St. Regis to Cornwall, Canada.

(14) **Publications** (See the publication **Dates of Latest Editions** for latest editions and prices)

Coast Pilots

(15) U.S. Coast Pilot 1, Atlantic Coast, Eastport to Cape Cod.

(16) U.S. Coast Pilot 2, Atlantic Coast, Cape Cod to Sandy Hook.

(17) U.S. Coast Pilot 3, Atlantic Coast, Sandy Hook to Cape Henry.

(18) U.S. Coast Pilot 4, Atlantic Coast, Cape Henry to Key West.

(19) U.S. Coast Pilot 5, Atlantic Coast–Gulf of Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands.

(20) U.S. Coast Pilot 6, Great Lakes, Lakes Ontario, Erie, Huron, Michigan and Superior, and St. Lawrence River.

(21) U.S. Coast Pilot 7, Pacific Coast, California, Oregon, Washington, and Hawaii.

(22) U.S. Coast Pilot 8, Pacific Coast Alaska, Dixon Entrance to Cape Spencer.

(23) U.S. Coast Pilot 9, Pacific and Arctic Coasts, Alaska–Cape Spencer to Beaufort Sea.

Distance Tables

(24) Distances Between United States Ports (available on the internet only at http://chartmaker.ncd.noaa.gov/nsd/ports.html.)

Tide Tables

(25) Europe and West Coast of Africa.

(26) East Coast, North and South America.

(27) West Coast, North and South America.

(28) Central and Western Pacific Ocean and Indian Ocean.

(29) Supplemental Tidal Predictions-Anchorage, Nikiski, Seldovia, and Valdez Alaska.

Tidal Current Tables

(30) Atlantic Coast, North America.

(31) Pacific Coast, North America and Asia.

Tidal Current Charts

(32) Boston Harbor.

(33) Narragansett Bay to Nantucket Sound.

(34) Narragansett Bay.

(35) Long Island Sound and Block Island Sound.

(36) Delaware Bay and River.

(37) Upper Chesapeake Bay.

(38) Charleston Harbor, S.C., including the Wando, Cooper, and Ashley Rivers.

(39) Tampa Bay.

(40) Puget Sound, Northern Part.

(41) Puget Sound, Southern Part.

Dates of Latest Editions

(42) Gives the edition and date of the latest edition of charts and publications of the National Ocean Service. Published quarterly and available free from the National Aeronautical Charting Office, AVN-530, Federal Aviation Administration, Riverdale, MD 20737-1199; telephone 1-800-638-8972.

Charts and Publications–Other U.S. Government Agencies

(43) A partial list of publications and charts considered of navigational value is included for the ready reference of the mariner. In addition to the agents located in the principal seaports handling publication sales, certain libraries have been designated by the Congress of the United States to receive the publications as issued for public review.

Government Printing Office

(44) Publications of the U.S. Government Printing Office may be ordered from Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402-9325. Orders may be charged to Visa, MasterCard or Choice by calling (202) 512-1800 during normal business hours. Inquiries on availability, cost, etc, of GPO publications may be addressed to a 24-hour FAX number: 202-512-2250.

National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Procurement Information

(45) Unclassified publications produced by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) are available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-1954. Orders can be placed on the U.S. Government Online Bookstore (http://bookstore.gpo. gov), by phone (202-512-1800) or by FAX (202-512-2250). Classified NGA publications and charts are available to authorized users from National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Combat Support Center (Attn: PMSR), Washington, DC 20315-0020. NGA Customer Assistance Office may be contacted at 1-800-826-0342 or 287-2495 (Autovon).

Nautical Charts

(46) **U.S. Waters:**

(47) **Apalachicola, Chattahoochee and Flint Rivers Navigation Charts, Alabama River Charts, and Black Warrior-Tombigbee Rivers River Charts:** Published and for sale by U.S. Army Engineer District Mobile, P.O. Box 2288, AL 36602, Attn: Map Sales, LM-SR; telephone, 251-441-5631.

(48) **Flood Control and Navigation Maps of the Mississippi River, Cairo, IL to the Gulf of Mexico:** Published by Mississippi River Commission and for sale by U.S. Army Engineer District Vicksburg, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183-3435, Attn: Map Sales; telephone: 601-631-5042.

(49) **Upper Mississippi River Navigation Charts (Mississippi River, Cairo, IL to Minneapolis, MN):** Published and for sale by U.S. Army Engineer District Rock Island, Clock Tower Bldg., P.O. Box 2004, Rock Island, IL 61204-2004; telephone, 309-794-5338.

(50) **Charts of the Illinois Waterway, from Mississippi River at Grafton, IL to Lake Michigan at Chicago and Calumet Harbors:** Published and for sale by U.S. Army Engineer District Rock Island, Clock Tower Bldg., P.O. Box 2004, Rock Island, IL 61204-2004; telephone, 309-794-5338.

(51) **Foreign Waters:** Published by National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (see National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Procurement Information above).

(52) **Marine Weather Services Charts:** Published by the National Weather Service; for sale by NOS Distribution Division (see Sales Information above).

Publications

(53) **Notices to Mariners:**

(54) Electronic versions of the Local Notices to Mariners are posted weekly on the U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center's website at : http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/lnm/default.htm. The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Notices to Mariners are available at: http://pollux.nss.nga.mil/untm/.

(55) **Special Notice to Mariners** are published annually in National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Notice to Mariners 1. These notices contain important information of considerable interest to all mariners. Interested parties are advised to read these notices.

(56) **Light Lists (United States and Possessions):** Published by U.S. Coast Guard; for sale by the Government Printing Office. (See Government Printing Office, early this appendix.)

(57) **List of Lights (Foreign Countries):** Published by National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (see National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Procurement Information above).

(58) **Sailing Directions (Foreign Countries):** Published by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (see National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Procurement Information above).

(59) **Radio Navigational Aids,** Pub. 117: Published by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (see National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Procurement Information above).

(60) The **Nautical Almanac,** the Air Almanac, and Astronomical Almanac: Published by U.S. Naval Observatory; for sale by Government Printing Office. (see Government Printing Office, early this appendix.)

(61) **American Practical Navigator Bowditch** Pub. 9: Published by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (see National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Procurement Information above).

(62) **International Code of Signals** Pub. 102: Published by National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (see National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Procurement Information above).

(63) **Marine Product Dissemination Information**: maintained by the National Weather Service on the internet, (http://www.new.noaa.gov/om/marine/home htm.

(64) **Navigation Rules**: Navigation Rules, International-Inland (COMDTINST M16672.2 series): Published by the U.S. Coast Guard; for sale by Government Printing Office. (see Government Printing Office, early this appendix.)

(65) **Federal Requirements for Recreational Boats:** Published by U.S. Coast Guard; available without charge by contacting the toll free Boating Safety Hotline (telephone, 800-368-5647).

(66) **Port Series of the United States:** Published and sold by Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army, Water Resources Support Center, Port Facilities Branch, Casey Building, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5586.

(67) **Maritime Radio Users Handbook:** Published and sold by Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services, 655 Fifteenth Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20005-5701.

National Ocean Service Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services

(68) **For Tide and Tidal Current Predictions:**
(69) Products and Services Division (N/OPS3)
(70) Room 7115
(71) 1305 East-West Highway
(72) Silver Spring, MD 20910-3281
(73) TEL 301-713-2815 Exts. 123, 119, 122
(74) FAX 301-713-4500 (24 hours)
(75) EMAIL Tide.Predictions@noaa.gov

(76) **For Tide Observations, Datums and Levels, Benchmark Sheets:**
(77) Products and Services Division (N/OPS3)
(78) Room 7317
(79) 1305 East-West Highway
(80) Silver Spring, MD 20910-3281
(81) TEL 301-713-2877 Exts. 176, 152
(82) FAX 301-713-4437 (24 hours)
(83) EMAIL Stephen.Lyles@noaa.gov

(84) **PORTS® Information and Data**
(85) Products and Services Division (N/OPS3)
(86) Room 7317
(87) 1305 East-West Highway
(88) Silver Spring, MD 20910-3281
(89) TEL 301-713-2877 Exts. 176, 152, 149, 148
(90) FAX 301-713-4437 (24 hours)
(91) EMAIL Stephen.Lyles@noaa.gov

Publishers of Tide Tables and Tidal Current Tables:

(92) **ProStar Publications Inc.**
(93) 8643 Hayden Place
(94) Culver City, CA 90232-2901
(95) TEL 1-310-280-1010 or 800-481-6277
(96) FAX 1-310-280-1025 or 800-487-6277 (24 hours)

(97) **Thomas Reed Publications, Inc**
(98) 293 South Main Street
(99) Providence, RI 02903
(100) TEL 1-800-995-4995 or 401-454-8300
(101) FAX 1-401-454-8455 (24 hours)

(102) **International Marine**
(103) P.O. Box 547
(104) Backlick, OH 43004
(105) TEL 1-800-262-4729
(106) FAX 1-614-759-3641

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Offices

(107) **Pacific Ocean Division Office:** Bldg. 230, Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-5440.

(108) The Pacific Ocean Division includes the State of Hawaii. The division also performs protection and preservation works at the islands of Guam and American Samoa.

(109) **Los Angeles District Office:** 300 North Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

(110) The Los Angeles District includes the coastal waters and tributaries of California from the Mexican boundary to Cape San Martin (35°54'N., 121°27'W.).

(111) **Portland District Office:** Duncan Plaza, 333 S.W. First Avenue, P.O. Box 2946, Portland, OR 97208.

(112) The Portland District includes the coastal waters and tributaries of Oregon, and the waters and tributaries of the Columbia River as far as the bridge at Umatilla, Oreg., just below McNary Dam.

(113) **Sacramento District Office:** 650 Capitol Mall, Federal and Court Bldg., Sacramento, CA 95814-4794.

(114) The Sacramento District includes Suisun Bay, and the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers and their tributaries.

(115) **San Francisco District Office:** 211 Main Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-1905.

(116) The San Francisco District includes the coastal waters and tributaries from Cape San Martin to the Oregon boundary, including San Francisco Bay but not Suisun Bay and the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers and their tributaries.

(117) **Seattle District Office:** 4735 East Marginal Way South, Seattle, Wash. 98134.

(118) The Seattle District includes the coastal waters and tributaries of Washington except the Columbia River.

(119) **Walla Walla District Office:** Bldg. 602, City-County Airport, Walla Walla, WA 99362-9265.

(120) The Walla Walla District includes the Columbia River and tributaries above the bridge at Umatilla, Oreg., just below McNary Dam.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Offices

(121) Regional offices and States in the EPA coastal regions:

(122) **Region I** (New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island): J. F. Kennedy Federal Bldg., Boston, MA 02203.

(123) **Region II** (New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands): 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278.

(124) **Region III** (Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, District of Columbia, Pennsylvania): 841 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

(125) **Region IV** (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, North Carolina): 345 Courtland Street, NE., Atlanta, GA 30365.

(126) **Region V** (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin): 230 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60604.

(127) **Region VI** (Louisiana, Texas): 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75270.

(128) **Region IX** (California, Hawaii, Guam): 215 Fremont Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94105.

(129) **Region X** (Alaska, Oregon, Washington): 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Wash., 98101.

Coast Guard District Offices

(130) Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District, Coast Guard Island, Building 50-6, Alameda, CA 94501-5100. Arizona; Utah; Nevada; California; and the ocean area bounded by a line from the California-Oregon state line westerly to 40°N., 150°W., thence southeasterly to 5°S., 100°W., thence northeasterly to the border between Guatemala and Mexico on the Pacific Coast (14°38'N., 92°19'W.).

(131) Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District, 915 Second Avenue, Jackson Federal Building, Seattle, Wash. 98174-1067. The coastal waters and tributaries in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana.

(132) Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District, Prince Kalanianaole Federal Building, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850-4982. The State of Hawaii and the Pacific Islands belonging to the United States west of 150°W., and south of 40°N.

(133) **Note:** A Marine Safety Office combines the functions of the Captain of the Port and Marine Inspection Office.

(134) The symbol (D) preceding an office indicates that a Documentation Office is at the same address.

Coast Guard Marine Safety Offices (MSO)

(135) **USCG Sector Honolulu** – 400 Sand Island Parkway, Honolulu HI 96819

(136) **MSO San Diego** – 2710 North Harbor Drive, San Diego CA 92101

(137) **MSO/Group Los Angeles-Long Beach** – 1001 South Seaside Avenue, Bldg. 20, San Pedro CA 90731

(138) **MSO San Francisco Bay** – Coast Guard Island, Bldg. 14, Alameda CA 94501

(139) **MSO Portland** – 6767 North Basin Avenue, Portland OR 97217

(140) **MSO Puget Sound** – 1519 Alaskan Way South, Bldg. 1, Seattle WA 98134

Coast Guard Stations

(141) The stations listed are in the area covered by this Coast Pilot. They have search and rescue capabilities and may provide lookout, communication, and/or patrol functions to assist vessels in distress. The National VHF-FM Distress System provides continuous coastal radio coverage outwards to 20 miles on channel 16. After contact on channel 16, communications with the Coast Guard should be on channel 22. If channel 22 is not available to the mariner, communications may be made on channel 12. Selected stations guard the International Radiotelephone Distress, Safety and Calling Frequencies.

(142) **California:**

(143) Humboldt Bay Air Station (40°59'N., 124°06'W.). At McKinleyville.

(144) Bodega Bay (38°18.7'N., 123°03.0'W.). On E side of channel 0.8 mile inside Bodega Harbor.

(145) Channel Islands Harbor (34°09.7'N., 119°13.3'W.). On the E side of the harbor about 0.4 mile above the entrance.

(146) Golden Gate (37°49'54"N., 122°28'30"W.). At entrance to Horseshoe Bay, about 0.4 mile NNE of Golden Gate Bridge.

(147) Humboldt Bay (40°46.1'N., 124°13.2'W.). E side of North Spit at the entrance to Humboldt Bay.

(148) Lake Tahoe (39°10.8'N., 120°07.1'W.). On W shore of the lake, about 1.3 miles W of Dollar Point.

(149) Los Angeles/Long Beach (33°43'26"N., 118°16'06"W.). On the W side of Reservation Point.

(150) Los Angeles Air Station (33°57'N., 118°24'W.). At Los Angeles International Airport.

(151) Vallejo (38°06'38"N., 122°16'12"W.) 2.5 miles above the entrance to Mare Island Strait just below the Vallejo-Mare Island causeway lift bridge.

(152) Rio Vista (38°08.8'N., 121°41.5'W.). On the W side of the Sacramento River, 0.9 mile below bridge.

(153) Sacramento Air Station (38°40'N., 121°24'W.). NE of the city at McClellan Air Force Base.

(154) San Diego (32°43.6'N., 117°10.9'W.). In North San Diego Bay, 700 yards NE of E end of Harbor Island.

(155) San Diego Air Station (32°43.6'N., 117°10.9'W.). In North San Diego Bay.

(156) San Francisco Base and Station (37°48.7'N., 122°21.6'W.). On the E side of Yerba Buena Island.

(157) San Francisco Air Station (37°38'N., 122°23'W.). At San Francisco International Airport.

(158) **Hawaii:**

(159) Barbers Point Air Station (21°18.8'N., 128°04.4'W.). At Barbers Point Naval Air Station.

(160) Honolulu Base (21°18.6'N., 157°52.6'W.). On Sand Island, 0.8 mile from harbor entrance.

(161) Maui (20°47.5'N., 156°30.6'W.). At Maalaea Village in Maalaea Bay.

(162) **Oregon:**

(163) Astoria Air Station (46°10'N., 123°53'W.). At Clatsop County Airport.

(164) Chetco River (42°02.8'N., 124°16.0'W.). On E side of river, about 450 yards above the entrance.

(165) Coos Bay (43°20.7'N., 124°19.3'W.). S side of Charleston Boat Basin.

(166) Depoe Bay (44°48.6'N., 124°03.5'W.). On E side of bay.

(167) North Bend Air Station (43°25'N., 124°15'W.). At North Bend Municipal Airport.

(168) Siuslaw River (44°00.1'N., 124°07.2'W.). On E side of river, about 1.3 mile above the entrance.

(169) Tillamook Bay (45°33.5'N., 123°55.2'W.). On N shore at Garibaldi.

(170) Umpqua River (43°40.9'N., 124°10.9'W.). In Winchester Bay, 2 miles above the mouth.

(171) Yaquina Bay (44°37.6'N., 124°03.3'W.). Newport waterfront, N side of bay near bridge.

(172) **Washington:**

(173) Bellingham (48°45.4'N., 122°30.4'W.). In Squalicum small-boat harbor.

(174) Cape Disappointment (46°16.8'N., 124°02.7'W.). At Fort Canby on SW side of Baker Bay.

(175) Grays Harbor (46°54.3'N., 124°06.1'W.). On the S side of Westhaven Cove.

(176) Neah Bay (48°22.3'N., 124°35.8'W.). About 0.5 mile S of Waadah Island.

(177) Port Angeles Air Station (48°08.4'N., 123°24.5'W.). On Ediz Hook about 0.3 mile W of the E extremity of the hook.

(178) Quillayute River (47°54.5'N., 124°38.2'W.). At La Push.

(179) Seattle (47°39.8'N., 122°23.5'W.). On S side Lake Washington Ship Canal, 0.8 mile from W entrance.

Coast Guard Radio Broadcasts

(180) Urgent, safety, and scheduled marine information broadcasts are made by Coast Guard radio stations. In general, these broadcasts provide information vital to vessels operating in the approaches and coastal waters of the United States including Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands. Transmissions are as follows:

(181) **By radiotelephone:** (a) upon receipt; (b) repeated 15 minutes later, (for urgent messages only); (c) text only on the first scheduled broadcast unless canceled; (d) additional broadcasts at the discretion of the originator.

(182) **Urgent broadcasts** are preceded by the urgent signal PAN-PAN. Both the urgent signal and message are transmitted on 2182 kHz, and VHF-FM channel 16.

(183) **Safety broadcasts** are preceded by the safety signal SECURITY. After the preliminary safety signal is broadcast on 2182 kHz and VHF-FM channel 16, broadcast stations will shift to 2670 kHz and VHF-FM channel 22A, respectively.

Scheduled broadcasts

(184) The following Coast Guard radio stations make scheduled broadcasts, preceded by a preliminary call on 2182 kHz and VHF-FM channel 16 at the times and frequencies indicated:

(185) **NOR,** San Diego, Calif., VHF-FM channel 22A, 0903 and 1703 P.s.t. (Remote antennas on Point Loma and San Clemente Island.)

(186) **NMQ-9,** Los Angeles/Long Beach, Calif., 2670 kHz, 1000 and 2100 P.s.t.; VHF-FM channel 22A, 0500 and 1800 P.s.t. (Remote VHF-FM antennas on San Pedro Hill, Laguna Peak (34°07'N., 119°04'W.), and Tranquillon Mountain.)

(187) **NMC-6,** Monterey, Calif., VHF-FM channel 22A, 0733, 0815, 1545, and 1933 P.s.t. (Remote VHF-FM antennas at Cambria, Point Sur, and Mount Umunhum (37°09'38"N., 121°53'51"W.))

(188) **NMC,** San Francisco, Calif., 2670 kHz, 0603 and 1803 P.s.t.

(189) **NMC–17,** San Francisco, Calif., VHF-FM channel 22A, 0800, 1100 and 1530 P.s.t.

(190) **NMC–11,** Humboldt Bay, Calif., 2670 kHz, 0703 and 1903 P.s.t.; VHF-FM channel 22A, 0815 and 1515 P.s.t. (Remote VHF-FM antennas at Cahto Peak, Trinidad Head and Point St. George.)

(191) **NOE,** North Bend, Oreg., 2670 kHz, 1003 and 2203 P.s.t.; VHF-FM channel 22A, 1003 and 2203 P.s.t.

(192) **NMW,** Astoria, Oregon, 2670 kHz, 0933 and 2133 P.s.t.; VHF-FM channel 22A, 0933 and 2133 P.s.t.

(193) **NMW–44,** Portland, Oregon, VHF-FM channel 22A, 0945 P.s.t.

(194) **NOW,** Port Angeles, Wash., 2670 kHz, 1015 and 2215 P.s.t.; VHF-FM channel 22A, 1015 and 2215 P.s.t.

(195) **NMW–43,** Seattle, Wash., VHF-FM channel 22A, 1030 and 2230 P.s.t.

(196) **NMO,** Honolulu, Hawaii, 2670 kHz, 1103 and 2303 H.A.s.t.; VHF-FM channel 22A, 0700 and 1900 H.A.s.t.

U.S. NAVTEX Transmitting Stations

(197) NAVTEX coverage is reasonably continuous to 200 NM off the U.S. East, Gulf, and West Coasts; Puerto Rico; Southwest Alaska; Hawaii; and 300-400 NM off Guam. U.S. Coast Guard NAVTEX broadcast stations (Pacific Ocean) and message content follow:

(198) **Long Beach (NMC)(Station Q)**

(199) Eleventh Coast Guard District Broadcast Notices to Mariners.

(200) Distress, Urgent, and Safety messages.

(201) Gale, storm, and Hurricane warnings.

(202) Coastal weather forecasts for Point St George to Guadalupe Island and 60 NM offshore.

(203) Broadcast times: 0045, 0445, 0845, 1245, 1645, 2045 GMT.

(204) **San Francisco (NMC) (Station C)**

(205) Eleventh Coast Guard District Broadcast Notices to Mariners.

(206) Distress, Urgent, and Safety messages.

(207) Gale, storm, and hurricane warnings.

(208) Offshore marine weather forecasts for:

(209) North of 30 N., East of 160 E.;

(210) South of 30 N., East of 140 W.

(211) Broadcast times: 0000, 0400, 0800, 1200, 1600, 2000 GMT.

(212) **Astoria (NMW)(Station W)**

(213) Thirteenth Coast Guard District Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

(214) Distress, Urgent, and Safety messages.

(215) Gale, storm, and hurricane warnings.

(216) Offshore marine weather forecasts for the Canadian border to Point St. George and 250 NM offshore.

(217) Broadcast times: 0130, 0730, 1330, 1930 GMT.

(218) **Kodiak (NOJ)(Station J)**

(219) Seventeenth Coast Guard District Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

(220) Distress, Urgent, and Safety messages.

(221) Gale, storm, and hurricane warnings.

(222) Offshore marine weather forecasts for the Canadian border to 85 N including the Aleutian Chain.

(223) Broadcast times: 0300, 0700, 1100, 1500, 1900, 2300 GMT.

(224) **Honolulu (NMO)(Station O)**

(225) Fourteenth Coast Guard District Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

(226) Distress, Urgent, and Safety messages.

(227) Gale, storm, tropical storm, and typhoon warnings.

(228) Offshore marine weather forecasts for:

(229) North Pacific to 50 N. and 160 E. to 140 W.;

(230) South Pacific to 25 S. and 160 E. to 110 W.

(231) Broadcast times: 0040, 0440, 0840, 1240, 1640, 2040 GMT.

(232) **Guam (Station V)**

(233) Marianas Section Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

(234) Distress, Urgent, and Safety messages.

(235) Gale, storm, tropical storm, and typhoon warnings.

(236) Offshore marine weather forecasts.

(237) Broadcast times: 0100, 0500, 0900, 1300, 1700 GMT.

Customs Ports of Entry and Stations

(238) Vessels may be entered and cleared at any port of entry or customs station, but at the latter only with advance authorization from the Customs Service district director.

(239) **Pacific Region**

(240) **San Diego District:**

(241) Port of Entry: San Diego.

(242) Los Angeles District:

(243) Ports of Entry: Los Angeles-Long Beach, Port San Luis.

(244) Customs Station: Port Hueneme.

(245) **San Francisco District:**

(246) Ports of Entry: San Francisco-Oakland, Eureka.

(247) Customs Station: Monterey.

(248) Columbia-Snake (at Portland) District:

(249) Ports of Entry: Astoria, Coos Bay, Longview, Newport.

(250) **Seattle District:**

(251) Ports of Entry: Aberdeen, Blaine, Point Roberts, Puget Sound (includes Anacortes, Bellingham, Everett, Friday Harbor, Neah Bay, Olympia, Port Angeles, Port Townsend, and Tacoma).

(252) **Honolulu District:**

(253) Ports of Entry: Barbers Point, Hilo, Honolulu, Kahului, Nawiliwili-Port Allen.

National Weather Service Offices

(254) The following offices will provide forecasts and climatological data or arrange to obtain these services from other offices. They will also check barometers in their offices or by telephone; refer to the local telephone directory for numbers:

California

(255) Eureka Weather Forecast Office: 300 Startare Drive, Eureka, CA 95501

(256) Los Angeles/Oxnard Weather Forecast Office: 520 North Elevar Street, Oxnard, CA 93030

(257) Sacramento, California Weather Forecast Office

(258) San Diego Weather Forecast Office: 11440 W. Bernardo Court, Suite 230, San Diego, CA 92127

(259) San Francisco Bay Area Weather Forecast Office: 21 Grace Hopper Avenue, Stop 5, Monterey, CA 93943-5505

(260) San Joaquin Valley Weather Forecast Office: 900 Foggy Bottom Road, Hanford, CA 93230-5236

Hawaii

(261) Honolulu Weather Forecast Office: 2525 Correa Road, Ste 250, Honolulu, HI 96822

Oregon

(262) Medford Weather Forecast Office: 4003 Cirrus Drive, Medford, OR 97504-4198

(263) Pendleton Weather Forecast Office: 2001 NW 59th Drive, Pendleton, OR 97801

(264) Portland Weather Forecast Office: 5241 NE 122nd Avenue, Portland, OR

Washington

(265) Seattle Weather Forecast Office: 7600 Sandpoint Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115-6349

(266) Spokane Weather Forecast Office: 2601 N. Rambo Road, Spokane, WA 99224

Radio Weather Broadcasts

(267) Taped or direct broadcasts of marine weather forecasts and storm warnings are made by commercial and Coast Guard radio stations in the area covered by this Coast Pilot. These broadcasts usually are made several times a day; the transmission schedules are shown on the **Marine Weather Services Charts** for the following areas:

(268) Mexican Border to Point Conception, Calif.

(269) Point Conception, Calif. to Point St. George, Calif.

(270) Point St. George, Calif. to Canadian Border.

(271) Hawai'ian Waters.

(272) The weather broadcasts schedules of Coast Guard radio stations are also listed in the descriptions of Coast Guard marine services found elsewhere in this appendix.

NOAA Weather Radio

(273) National Weather Service VHF-FM radio stations provide mariners with continuous FM broadcasts of weather warnings, forecasts, radar reports, and surface weather observations. These stations usually transmit on 162.55, 162.475, or 162.40 MHz. Reception range is up to 40 miles from the antenna site, depending on the terrain, type of receiver, and antenna used. The following VHF-FM radio stations with location of antenna are in or near the area covered by this Coast Pilot.

(274) **KEC–62**, San Diego, Calif., (33°01'N., 116°57'W.), 162.40 MHz.

(275) **WWG-21**, Santa Ana, Calif., (33°50'N., 117°36'W.) 162.45 MHz

(276) **KWO-37**, Los Angeles, Calif., (34°13'N., 118°03'W.) 162.55 MHz

(277) **KIH-34**, Santa Barbara, Calif., (34°26'N., 119°46'W.) 162.40 MHz

(278) **WWF-62**, Santa Barbara, Calif., (34°31'N., 119°58'W.) 162.475 MHz

(279) **KIH–31**, San Luis Obispo, Calif., (35°21'N., 120°39'W.), 162.55 MHz.

(280) **KEC–49**, Monterey, Calif., (37°11'N., 121°54'W.) 162.55 MHz.

(281) **KHB–49**, San Francisco, Calif., (37°27'N., 122°30'W.), 162.40 MHz.

(282) **KIH–30**, Point Arena, Calif., (39°01'N., 123°31'W.), 162.40 MHz.

(283) **KEC–82**, Eureka, Calif., (40°25'N., 124°07'W.), 162.40 MHz.

(284) **KIH–37**, Brookings, Oreg., (42°07'N., 124°12'W.), 162.55 MHz.

(285) **KIH–32**, Coos Bay, Oreg., (43°23'N., 124°07'W.), 162.40 MHz.

(286) **KIH–33**, Newport, Oreg., (44°45'N., 124°02'W.), 162.55 MHz.

(287) **KIG–98**, Portland, Oreg., (45°34'N., 122°47'W.), 162.55 MHz.

(288) **KEC–91**, Astoria, Oreg., (46°22'N., 123°48'W.), 162.40 MHz.

(289) **KIH–36**, Neah Bay, Wash., (48°22'N., 124°40'W.), 162.55 MHz.

(290) **KHB–60**, Seattle, Wash., (47°32'N., 122°47'W.), 162.55 MHz.

(291) **WXM–62**, Olympia, Wash., (46°29'N., 123°12'W.), 162.475 MHz.

(292) **CFA–240**, Victoria, Canada, (48°43'N., 123°29'W.), 162.40 MHz. (Canadian Government weather radio station.)

(293) **KBA–99**, Hilo, Hawaii, (19°44'N., 155°05'W.), 162.55 MHz.

(294) **KBA–99**, Maui, Hawaii, (20°43'N., 156°16'W.), 162.40 MHz.

(295) **KBA–99**, Honolulu, Hawaii, (21°31'N., 158°09'W.), 162.55 MHz.

(296) **KBA–99**, Kauai, Hawaii, (22°07'N., 159°40'W.), 162.40 MHz.

(297) The National Weather Service provides **Radiofacsimile Weather Information** for Pacific coast waters through the Coast Guard Communications Station San Francisco at Point Reyes, CA (NMC). Broadcasts are made on the following frequencies:

(298) Day: 8682, 12730, 17151.2, 22528.9 kHz.

(299) Night: 4346, 8682, 12730, 17151.2 kHz.

(300) For carrier frequency subtract 1.9 kHz.

(301) Fax schedules are transmitted at 1104 and 2324 GMT, and provide area coverage and descriptions of services. For further information, contact the National Weather Service National Meteorological Center at (301) 763-8442, or fax (301) 899-8903.

National Weather Service Forecast Offices (WSFOs)

(302) Scheduled coastal marine forecasts are issued four times daily by Weather Service Forecast Offices. (See National Weather Service, chapter 1, for further details.) Individual WSFOs and their specific areas of broadcast coverage are as follows:

(303) Los Angeles, Calif.: Inner coastal waters from Point Conception to San Clemente Island, California to the Mexican Border; outer coastal waters from Point Conception to San Clemente Island out to 60 nautical miles.

(304) San Francisco, Calif.: (1) San Francisco, San Pablo, and Suisun Bays, and Western Delta Region; (2) Point Pinos to but not including Point Conception, out 60 miles; (3) Point Arena to but not including Point Pinos, out 60 miles; (4) Point St. George to but not including Point Arena, out 60 miles.

(305) Portland, Oreg.: Clatsop Spit to Point St. George, out 60 miles.

(306) Seattle, Wash.: (1) Cape Flattery to the mouth of Columbia River, out 60 miles; (2) Strait of Juan de Fuca; (3) Inland waters of western Washington.

(307) Honolulu, Hawaii: Coastal waters of the islands of Kauai, O'ahu, Maui, Lanai, Molokai, and Hawaii, out 100 miles.

National Weather Service Port Meteorological Officers (PMOs)

(308) Port Meteorological Officers provide assistance on matters of weather chart interpretation, instruments, marine weather communications, and requirements affecting ship operations. (See **National Weather Service**, chapter 1, for further details.) PMO offices in the area covered by this Coast Pilot are as follows:

(309) Terminal Island, Calif: 2005 T Custom House, 300 South Ferry Street 90731.

(310) Alameda, CA: Coast Guard Island, Building 10, 94501.

(311) Seattle, WA: 7600 Sand Point Way, NE 98115.

(312) Honolulu, HI: Prince Kuhio Federal Building 96850.

Public Health Service Quarantine Stations

(313) Stations where quarantine examinations are performed:

(314) Honolulu: U.S. Quarantine Station, Honolulu International Airport, Terminal Box #67, Honolulu, Hawaii 96819-1832.

(315) Los Angeles: U.S. Quarantine Station, P.O. Box 90834, Los Angeles, CA 90009-0834.

(316) San Francisco: U.S. Quarantine Station, P.O. Box 8548 SFIA, San Francisco, Calif. 94128-0548.

(317) Seattle: U.S. Quarantine Station, Room S-212, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Seattle, WA 98158-1720.

(318) At other ports, quarantine and/or medical examinations are usually performed by Public Health Service contract personnel or by quarantine inspectors from the nearest quarantine station. Inquiries concerning quarantine matters should be directed to the nearest quarantine station.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Regional Offices

(319) **Northeast Region** (New York, Maine, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island): 830 Third Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11232.

(320) **Mid-atlantic Region** (Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, Ohio, New Jersey): U.S. Customhouse, 2nd and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

(321) **Southeast Region** (South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, Puerto Rico): 60 Eighth Street, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30309. Midwest Region (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin): 20 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60602.

(322) **Southwest Region (Texas)**: 3032 Bryan Street, Dallas, TX 75204.

(323) **Pacific Region** (California, Hawaii, Alaska, Washington, Oregon): 50 U.N. Plaza, San Francisco, CA 94102.

Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Offices

(324) Listed below are ports covered by this volume where APHIS inspectors are available to inspect plants, and plant and animal products, and locations of Animal Import Centers where livestock and birds are inspected.

(325) Information on importation of plants, animals, and plant and animal products is available from APHIS, Department of Agriculture, Federal Building, 6505 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782. The specific offices to contact are as follows: for plants, including fruits and vegetables, and plant products, Plant Protection and Quarantine, Room 635, telephone 301-436-6799; for animal products, Import-Export Animals and Products Staff, Room 756A, telephone 301-436-7885; and for live ruminants, swine, equines, poultry and other birds, Veterinary Services, Import-Export Animals and Products Staff, Room 764, telephone 301-436-8590.

(326) **California:**

(327) Los Angeles: Bldg. D North, 9650 La Cienega Boulevard, Inglewood 90301.

(328) Los Angeles: International Arrivals Area, Satellite 2, World Way Center Post Office, Los Angeles International Airport, 90009.

(329) San Diego: U.S. Border Station, San Ysidro 92073.

(330) San Francisco: Agriculture Bldg., Embarcadero and Mission Streets 94120.

(331) San Francisco: Airport Station, San Francisco International Airport 94128.

(332) **Hawaii:**

(333) Hilo: General Lyman Field 96720.

(334) Honolulu: International Arrivals Bldg., Honolulu International Airport 96820.

(335) Wailuku: Federal Post Office Bldg., 96793.

(336) **Oregon:**

(337) Astoria: Port Docks 97103.

(338) Coos Bay: U.S. Postal Service Bldg., 235 West Anderson Street 97420.

(339) Portland: Federal Bldg., 511 Northwest Broadway 97209.

(340) **Washington:**

(341) Blaine: U.S. Customs House, 98230.

(342) Seattle: Federal Office Bldg., 909 First Avenue 98174.

(343) Seattle: Seattle-Tacoma International Airport 98158.

Animal Import Centers:

(344) Honolulu, Hawaii: 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, 96850.

(345) Miami, Fla.: 8120 N.W. 53rd Street, 33166.

(346) Rock Tavern, N.Y., New York Animal Import Center, Stewart Airport, Rural Route 1, Box 74, 12575.

Immigration and Naturalization Service Offices

(347) **California:**

(348) Los Angeles: 300 North Los Angeles Street 90012.

(349) Sacramento: Federal and U.S. Courthouse Bldg., 650 Capitol Mall 95814.

(350) San Diego: 880 Front Street 92188.

(351) San Francisco: Appraisers Bldg., 630 Sansome Street 94111.

(352) San Luis Obispo: Frontage Road South Highway 101, 93406.

(353) San Pedro: Terminal Island 90731.

(354) Stockton: U.S. Post Office Bldg., 401 North San Joaquin Street 95202.

(355) **Hawaii:**

(356) Honolulu: 595 Ala Moana Boulevard 96809.

(357) **Oregon:**

(358) Portland: Federal Office Bldg., 511 Northwest Broadway 97209.

(359) **Washington:**

(360) Bellingham: Federal Bldg., Magnolia and Cornwall Streets 98227.

(361) Blaine: Peace Arch Inspection Station 98230.

(362) Longview: U.S. Postal Service Bldg., 1603 Larch Street 98632.

(363) Port Angeles: U.S. Post Office Bldg., First and Oak Streets 98362.

(364) Seattle: 815 Airport Way South 98134.

(365) Tacoma: U.S. Post Office Bldg., 11th and A Streets 98401.

Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

(366) Interior, Department of Refuge Manager, Hawai‘ian/Pacific Islands National Wildlife Complex, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, P.O. Box 50167, Honolulu, HI 96850. See National Wildlife Refuges (indexed as such), chapter 15.

Federal Communications Commission Offices

(367) **District field offices:**

(368) Waipahu, Hawaii: P.O. Box 1030, 96797.

(369) Long Beach, Calif.: 3711 Long Beach Boulevard, 90807.

(370) Portland, Oreg.: 1782 Federal Bldg., 1220 S.W. Third Avenue 97204.

(371) La Mesa, Calif., 7840 El Cajon Blvd., 92041.

(372) San Francisco, Calif., 424 Customhouse, 555 Battery Street 94111.

(373) Bellevue, Wash.: One Newport, Room 414, 3605 132nd Avenue, S.E. 98006.

Radio shore stations providing medical advice

(374) Messages to shore stations may be transmitted in code groups or plain language; messages should be signed by the master and be prefixed: "RADIOMEDICAL". The following stations will provide radio services for medical advice. (See Medical advice, chapter 1.)

(375) **NMC**, San Francisco, CA, U.S. Coast Guard, and

(376) **NMO**, Honolulu, HI, U.S. Coast Guard on HF single-sideband radiotelephone channels 424(4134 kHz), 601(6200 kHz), 816(8340 kHz), or 1205(12242 kHz).

(377) **NOJ**, Kodiak, AK, U.S. Coast Guard, and

(378) **KLB**, Seattle, WA, Mobile Marine Radio, Inc.

Measured Courses

(379) The positions of measured courses are shown on the chart and their description is included in the Coast Pilots when information is reported to the National Ocean Service. Courses are located in the following places covered by this Coast Pilot.

(380) Bellingham Bay, off the entrance to Whatcom Creek Waterway; 18424.

(381) Budd Inlet, SE of Olympic Shoal; 18456.

(382) Carr Inlet, on the NE shore of McNeil Island; 18448.

(383) Channel Islands Harbor, on the breakwater N of the entrance; 18725.

(384) Commencement Bay, on the SW shore between Ruston and Tacoma; 18474.

(385) Dungeness Bay, on the strait side of Dungeness Spit; 18465.

(386) Edmonds, N of Edwards Point on the E shore of Puget Sound; 18473.

(387) Kaneohe Bay, SE of Moku o Loe Island in S part of bay; 19359.

(388) Lake Washington, on pontoon bridge from Foster Island to Evergreen Point; 18447.

(389) Lake Washington, on pontoon bridge to Mercer Island; 18447.

(390) Long Beach Harbor, on Long Beach Breakwater; 18751.

(391) Marina del Rey, just N of entrance; 18744.

(392) Newport Harbor, W side of harbor entrance; 18754.

(393) Pacific Beach, just N of Scripps Institution of Oceanography; 18765.

(394) Parry Bay, on the NW shore of the bay; 18465.

(395) Port Angeles, in SW part of the harbor; 18468.

(396) Portland Harbor, in Willamette River W of Swan Island; 18526.

(397) Sacramento River, on NE side of river N of Walnut Grove; 18662.

(398) San Clemente Island, S of West Cove; 18763.

(399) San Diego Bay, on W side of North Island; 18773.

(400) San Diego Bay, on S side of Harbor Island; 18773 (not charted).

(401) Santa Barbara Harbor, E of Stearns Wharf; 18725.

(402) Sinclair Inlet, S of Bremerton naval shipyard; 18452.

(403) Vancouver Harbor, on Hayden Island; 18526.

(404) Vashon Island, E of Point Beals; 18448.

(405) The pages in the text describing the courses can be obtained by referring to the index for the geographic places; the chart number follows the names.

CLIMATOLOGICAL TABLES

T = trace (not measurable) of precipitation.
MISS or (blank) is a missing value.

SAN DIEGO, CA (32°44'N, 117°10'W) 13 feet (4m)

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	YEAR	YEARS OF RECORD
SEA LEVEL PRESSURE*														
Mean (Millibars)	1018.5	1017.9	1016.6	1015.5	1014.5	1013.0	1013.3	1013.1	1012.2	1014.3	1016.8	1018.2	1015.3	48
TEMPERATURE (DEGREES F)														
Mean	57.1	58.4	59.5	62.1	64.1	66.8	70.7	72.2	71.2	67.4	62.1	57.7	64.1	48
Mean Daily Maximum	65.4	66.2	66.3	68.4	69.2	71.8	75.9	77.5	77.1	74.2	70.5	66.3	70.8	48
Mean Daily Minimum	48.3	50.0	52.2	55.3	58.4	61.4	65.1	66.5	64.8	60.2	53.2	48.5	57.0	48
Extreme - Highest	88	90	93	98	96	101	95	98	111	107	97	88	111	48
Extreme - Lowest	29	36	39	44	48	51	55	58	51	43	38	34	29	48
RELATIVE HUMIDITY														
Average Percentage	60.5	54.0	41.0	29.7	19.7	5.3	7.7	6.3	-3.2	18.2	43.4	56.6	28.1	48
CLOUD COVER														
Percent of time Clear	36.4	33.7	28.2	26.9	22.6	23.6	29.3	30.8	37.2	33.4	42.8	39.1	32.0	48
Percent of time Scattered	18.3	17.6	19.5	19.2	17.5	16.7	20.1	20.9	18.8	18.6	18.5	19.8	18.8	48
Percent of time Broken	17.7	19.1	21.0	19.8	16.3	12.4	13.6	13.9	12.5	15.3	16.4	17.0	16.2	48
Percent of time Overcast	27.6	29.5	31.4	34.1	43.7	47.3	36.9	34.4	31.5	32.8	22.3	24.0	32.9	48
PRECIPITATION														
Mean Amount (inches)	2.18	1.60	1.93	0.75	0.19	0.08	0.02	0.09	0.18	0.36	1.14	1.41	9.94	48
Greatest Amount (inches)	9.09	5.40	6.96	3.71	1.79	0.87	0.24	2.13	1.90	1.76	5.82	6.60	19.41	48
Least Amount (inches)	T	0.00	T	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	3.41	48
Maximum Amount-24 hrs (inches)	2.57	1.71	2.11	1.42	1.49	0.49	0.23	1.44	0.90	1.00	2.04	2.15	2.57	48
Mean Number of Days with Precipitation	9	8	10	7	7	5	3	2	3	4	6	7	71	48
Snow - Mean Amount (inches)	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	48
Snow - Greatest Amount (inches)	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	48
Snow - Least Snowfall Amount (inches)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	48
Snow - Maximum Amount in 24 hours (inches)	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	48
Mean Number of Days with Snow	Miss	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Miss	Miss	48
WIND														
% of Observations with Gales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48
Mean Wind Speed (knots)	5.3	5.7	6.6	6.9	7.0	6.8	6.6	6.5	6.3	5.7	5.2	4.9	6.1	48
Direction (percentage of observations)														
North	6.7	6.4	5.5	4.9	3.9	4.5	5.8	6.5	7.0	7.8	7.1	7.4	6.1	48
North Northeast	4.6	4.5	3.8	3.6	3.2	3.2	3.8	4.5	5.5	5.4	5.2	4.9	4.4	48
Northeast	5.5	5.2	4.3	3.4	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.9	3.3	4.8	5.2	5.3	3.9	48
East Northeast	4.9	4.5	3.8	2.7	1.8	1.0	0.7	1.2	1.8	3.5	4.7	4.6	2.9	48
East	4.2	3.9	3.6	2.5	1.3	0.8	0.4	0.7	1.5	2.4	4.4	4.2	2.5	48
East Southeast	4.0	3.8	3.6	2.5	1.5	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.9	1.9	3.7	3.8	2.3	48
Southeast	3.5	3.1	2.6	1.9	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.8	1.7	2.4	3.3	1.8	48
South Southeast	4.6	3.7	3.3	2.9	2.5	2.2	1.6	1.5	2.2	2.4	3.6	3.5	2.8	48
South	6.0	5.9	6.2	6.6	8.2	8.5	7.2	6.1	5.7	5.1	5.0	5.1	6.3	48
South Southwest	4.6	5.2	6.0	7.4	10.2	10.9	10.3	8.1	6.4	5.4	4.1	4.2	6.9	48
Southwest	4.0	4.3	5.8	7.4	10.0	10.3	9.2	7.5	5.9	5.2	4.1	3.8	6.5	48
West Southwest	3.6	4.5	6.5	7.1	10.5	9.2	7.2	6.9	5.1	4.7	3.8	3.4	6.1	48
West	4.8	5.4	7.4	8.6	9.5	8.2	8.1	8.3	6.8	5.9	4.5	4.3	6.8	48
West Northwest	10.1	11.8	14.7	17.3	16.9	18.1	20.4	21.3	18.3	14.7	11.9	9.6	15.5	48
Northwest	10.4	11.4	10.9	11.6	10.9	12.6	14.5	15.3	17.0	14.0	11.5	10.8	12.6	48
North Northwest	6.6	6.8	5.6	5.5	4.5	5.7	7.0	7.1	8.9	7.8	7.2	7.4	6.7	48
Calm	12.0	10.0	6.7	4.5	2.3	1.8	1.4	1.6	3.5	7.3	11.6	14.6	6.4	48
Direction (Mean Speed, knots)														
North	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.4	48
North Northeast	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.5	4.5	48
Northeast	4.6	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.7	4.3	48
East Northeast	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.1	3.9	3.7	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.6	4.3	48
East	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.1	3.7	3.4	3.1	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.3	4.0	48
East Southeast	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.1	4.5	4.1	4.5	4.8	5.4	5.1	5.0	5.1	48
Southeast	6.1	6.4	6.5	6.3	5.9	5.4	4.8	5.6	5.2	5.4	5.7	5.8	6.0	48
South Southeast	7.9	8.3	8.7	7.9	6.9	7.1	6.6	6.7	7.1	6.4	6.9	7.0	7.4	48
South	7.1	8.0	8.0	7.4	7.0	6.9	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.1	6.5	6.2	6.9	48
South Southwest	6.6	6.8	7.7	7.7	7.3	7.4	6.7	6.6	6.4	6.6	6.5	6.1	6.9	48
Southwest	6.2	7.1	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.4	6.9	7.0	6.8	7.0	6.4	5.9	7.1	48
West Southwest	6.5	6.9	7.9	7.9	7.7	7.1	6.6	6.7	6.8	7.0	6.4	5.8	7.1	48
West	6.3	6.9	8.1	7.9	7.6	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.7	7.0	6.2	6.3	7.1	48
West Northwest	7.6	7.9	8.8	8.7	8.1	8.0	7.8	8.0	8.0	7.9	7.7	7.5	8.0	48
Northwest	7.0	7.6	8.0	8.2	8.0	7.5	7.3	7.2	7.3	7.4	7.3	7.0	7.5	48
North Northwest	5.3	5.7	5.8	6.1	6.0	5.8	5.6	5.4	5.7	5.5	5.3	5.4	5.6	48
VISIBILITY														
Mean Number of Days with Fog	11	9	8	6	6	7	6	7	9	11	11	11	102	48
% Observations with Visibility <= ½ mile	1.63	1.34	0.60	0.53	0.13	0.17	0.13	0.10	0.79	1.60	1.80	1.92	0.89	48

* Sea level pressure is station pressure reduced to sea level.

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LOS ANGELES, CA (33°56'N, 118°23'W) 100 feet (30.5m)

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	YEAR	YEARS OF RECORD
SEA LEVEL PRESSURE*														
Mean (Millibars)	1018.5	1017.8	1016.4	1015.5	1014.3	1013.1	1013.3	1013.1	1012.4	1014.5	1017.0	1018.2	1015.3	44
TEMPERATURE (DEGREES F)														
Mean	56.2	57.5	58.1	60.6	62.8	66.0	69.3	70.4	69.7	66.6	61.7	57.3	63.0	49
Mean Daily Maximum	64.8	65.6	65.4	67.6	69.1	72.0	75.3	76.5	76.3	74.1	70.6	66.2	70.3	49
Mean Daily Minimum	47.1	48.9	50.3	53.0	56.1	59.5	62.7	63.8	62.6	58.7	52.4	47.9	55.3	49
Extreme - Highest	88	92	95	102	97	104	97	98	110	106	101	94	110	49
Extreme - Lowest	27	34	37	43	45	48	52	51	47	43	38	32	27	49
RELATIVE HUMIDITY														
Average Percentage	59.8	52.6	39.1	29.9	17.8	5.6	8.3	6.2	-1.1	20.5	45.3	57.2	28.3	44
CLOUD COVER														
Percent of time Clear	33.9	33.2	31.5	34.4	31.3	34.2	36.9	38.4	38.3	35.5	39.1	37.6	35.4	44
Percent of time Scattered	19.3	18.5	21.0	20.0	17.8	16.4	20.9	21.1	19.2	20.5	20.7	20.0	19.6	44
Percent of time Broken	16.1	16.2	16.6	15.7	13.9	11.9	14.2	13.8	13.0	14.5	15.7	15.4	14.7	44
Percent of time Overcast	30.7	32.1	30.9	29.9	36.9	37.5	28.0	26.8	29.5	29.5	24.6	27.0	30.3	44
PRECIPITATION														
Mean Amount (inches)	2.88	2.40	1.97	0.79	0.14	0.05	0.02	0.10	0.20	0.27	1.38	1.61	11.81	49
Greatest Amount (inches)	12.71	11.07	6.37	4.52	2.55	0.74	0.32	2.47	1.91	1.79	7.47	5.70	29.46	49
Least Amount (inches)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.11	49
Maximum Amount-24 hrs (inches)	4.56	3.91	3.10	1.26	1.67	0.74	0.28	2.10	1.66	1.75	5.60	2.84	5.60	49
Mean Number of Days with Precipitation	8	7	8	6	5	4	2	2	3	4	5	6	60	49
Snow - Mean Amount (inches)	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	49
Snow - Greatest Amount (inches)	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	49
Snow - Least Snowfall Amount (inches)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	49
Snow - Maximum Amount in 24 hours (inches)	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	49
Mean Number of Days with Snow	Miss	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Miss	49
WIND														
% of Observations with Gales	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	44
Mean Wind Speed (knots)	5.8	6.5	7.0	7.4	7.2	6.9	6.7	6.6	6.3	6.0	5.8	5.7	6.5	44
Direction (percentage of observations)														
North	4.7	4.0	3.0	2.1	1.3	0.7	1.1	1.3	1.3	2.5	4.5	5.0	2.6	44
North Northeast	5.5	3.6	2.5	1.3	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.2	2.0	4.4	5.7	2.4	44
Northeast	7.9	5.6	4.0	2.3	1.4	1.1	0.7	1.0	1.7	3.2	6.3	8.3	3.6	44
East Northeast	9.6	7.3	6.2	4.8	3.2	2.0	1.5	1.6	2.6	5.2	8.4	9.3	5.1	44
East	11.5	10.5	8.8	7.5	5.8	4.2	3.3	3.7	5.3	8.0	10.5	11.1	7.5	44
East Southeast	8.0	7.8	6.2	5.9	4.3	4.0	3.2	3.1	4.5	6.2	7.6	8.2	5.7	44
Southeast	4.1	4.8	4.3	4.0	3.7	4.1	3.3	3.3	3.9	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.9	44
South Southeast	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.2	2.0	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.3	44
South	2.0	2.5	2.2	2.7	2.4	2.7	2.9	2.5	3.2	2.3	2.0	1.6	2.4	44
South Southwest	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.3	2.3	1.8	1.6	1.5	2.0	44
Southwest	3.9	5.2	6.3	7.4	9.2	9.8	8.3	8.5	7.4	6.5	4.3	3.3	6.7	44
West Southwest	12.2	15.7	21.6	26.6	31.7	33.9	34.8	33.7	29.4	23.4	14.9	11.3	24.1	44
West	11.0	13.4	16.7	19.3	21.3	20.9	23.3	22.7	20.5	17.5	13.4	10.9	17.6	44
West Northwest	3.1	3.1	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.2	3.7	3.0	3.0	3.4	44
Northwest	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.2	1.3	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.6	2.0	2.7	1.8	44
North Northwest	3.0	3.0	2.4	2.0	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.8	3.0	4.0	2.1	44
Calm	7.4	7.1	6.0	4.7	5.0	5.7	5.9	6.7	8.0	8.3	8.1	8.4	6.8	44
Direction (Mean Speed, knots)														
North	6.3	6.9	6.3	5.9	4.2	3.1	3.3	3.6	3.5	4.8	5.8	6.5	5.7	44
North Northeast	5.5	6.1	5.1	4.7	4.7	3.9	3.6	4.2	4.3	5.0	5.3	5.8	5.3	44
Northeast	5.4	5.5	5.2	5.2	4.5	4.3	3.9	3.7	4.3	4.9	5.2	5.4	5.2	44
East Northeast	5.4	5.2	5.0	5.1	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.7	5.0	5.2	5.0	44
East	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.5	5.0	5.1	5.0	44
East Southeast	5.3	5.7	5.4	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.7	4.9	4.9	4.5	5.1	5.1	5.1	44
Southeast	5.8	5.9	6.0	5.5	5.4	5.2	5.1	4.9	4.9	4.8	5.2	5.3	5.4	44
South Southeast	5.3	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.3	5.0	5.2	5.1	44
South	5.4	5.9	5.1	5.1	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.6	5.0	4.7	44
South Southwest	7.1	8.4	7.0	6.6	5.9	5.3	4.8	5.0	5.2	5.2	6.4	6.1	6.0	44
Southwest	6.9	7.4	7.9	7.6	7.6	7.2	6.9	6.6	6.8	6.6	6.7	6.4	7.1	44
West Southwest	7.6	8.3	9.2	9.2	8.9	8.6	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.1	7.7	7.4	8.5	44
West	8.1	8.9	9.8	9.9	9.1	8.6	8.3	8.4	8.3	8.4	8.2	7.8	8.7	44
West Northwest	7.1	7.5	8.3	8.3	7.4	6.6	5.9	6.0	6.3	6.5	7.4	6.9	7.0	44
Northwest	7.1	7.8	6.9	6.6	5.4	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.8	5.1	7.0	7.3	6.1	44
North Northwest	7.3	10.0	8.7	9.5	5.9	4.4	4.1	4.0	4.3	6.3	7.9	8.5	7.5	44
VISIBILITY														
Mean Number of Days with Fog	11	10	8	7	6	6	7	8	9	11	11	11	105	49
% Observations with Visibility <= ½ mile	2.35	2.29	1.26	1.01	0.33	0.35	0.48	0.64	1.47	2.38	2.99	3.34	1.56	44

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA (37°37'N, 122°23'W) 8 feet (2.4m)

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	YEAR	YEARS OF RECORD
SEA LEVEL PRESSURE*														
Mean (Millibars)	1020.1	1019.3	1018.0	1017.5	1016.1	1014.5	1014.7	1014.7	1014.1	1016.6	1019.0	1020.3	1017.1	43
TEMPERATURE (DEGREES F)														
Mean	48.9	51.9	53.5	55.7	58.3	61.4	62.7	63.4	64.1	61.1	55.0	49.7	57.2	50
Mean Daily Maximum	55.6	59.1	60.8	63.7	66.4	69.9	71.3	71.9	73.3	70.2	62.9	56.2	65.2	50
Mean Daily Minimum	41.6	44.3	45.7	47.2	49.7	52.4	53.7	54.5	54.3	51.5	46.7	42.6	48.7	50
Extreme - Highest	72	77	85	92	97	106	105	100	103	99	85	75	106	50
Extreme - Lowest	26	30	31	36	39	43	44	45	41	37	31	24	24	50
RELATIVE HUMIDITY														
Average Percentage	75.6	67.7	55.4	49.8	36.0	20.2	21.7	22.3	15.5	40.8	64.8	77.8	45.6	43
CLOUD COVER														
Percent of time Clear	25.7	28.8	26.6	31.5	36.8	43.1	49.8	44.8	50.3	43.8	32.6	27.6	36.8	43
Percent of time Scattered	16.3	16.2	19.0	20.4	20.6	20.1	19.6	20.6	17.7	18.4	18.0	16.6	18.6	43
Percent of time Broken	17.1	18.2	21.0	20.2	18.1	14.3	13.7	15.1	14.1	16.1	18.8	17.0	17.0	43
Percent of time Overcast	40.8	36.8	33.3	27.9	24.6	22.5	16.9	19.5	17.9	21.7	30.5	38.8	27.6	43
PRECIPITATION														
Mean Amount (inches)	4.24	3.17	3.02	1.29	0.34	0.13	0.02	0.04	0.20	1.02	2.34	3.47	19.29	50
Greatest Amount (inches)	11.26	9.52	9.01	6.36	3.81	0.86	0.35	0.66	2.30	7.30	7.94	12.30	38.34	50
Least Amount (inches)	0.24	T	0.05	T	T	T	0.00	T	T	T	T	0.01	8.68	50
Maximum Amount-24 hrs (inches)	5.59	2.21	1.99	2.30	1.53	0.81	0.35	0.35	2.29	2.62	2.39	3.16	5.59	50
Mean Number of Days with Precipitation	14	12	15	11	9	7	6	8	6	8	11	13	120	50
Snow - Mean Amount (inches)	0.0	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	50
Snow - Greatest Amount (inches)	1.5	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	1.5	50
Snow - Least Snowfall Amount (inches)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50
Snow - Maximum Amount in 24 hours (inches)	1.5	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	1.5	50
Mean Number of Days with Snow	Miss	Miss	Miss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Miss	Miss	50
WIND														
% of Observations with Gales	0.08	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.08	0.04	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.04	0.12	0.09	43
Mean Wind Speed (knots)	6.7	7.7	9.4	10.8	11.8	12.0	11.7	11.0	9.8	8.3	6.9	6.8	9.4	43
Direction (percentage of observations)														
North	4.3	3.3	2.5	1.5	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.3	2.2	3.5	4.7	2.2	43
North Northeast	5.6	3.8	2.3	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.9	2.7	3.2	5.0	2.5	43
Northeast	6.0	4.2	2.7	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.7	2.6	3.7	4.7	5.7	3.2	43
East Northeast	5.8	4.1	2.4	1.8	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.9	2.7	4.1	6.4	2.8	43
East	5.4	4.1	2.4	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.4	1.0	1.9	3.6	5.8	2.3	43
East Southeast	6.5	4.5	2.2	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	1.5	4.4	6.4	2.3	43
Southeast	9.4	6.6	4.2	2.0	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.7	2.2	6.6	8.9	3.5	43
South Southeast	6.8	5.2	3.9	2.2	1.1	0.5	0.2	0.5	1.0	2.6	5.4	6.9	3.0	43
South	7.2	6.2	5.5	3.7	2.4	1.4	0.8	1.2	2.3	4.2	6.5	7.4	4.1	43
South Southwest	5.1	5.4	4.7	3.8	2.9	2.4	1.0	1.5	2.3	3.6	5.0	4.5	3.5	43
Southwest	4.1	4.6	5.4	4.7	4.3	2.8	2.2	2.2	3.6	3.9	4.5	3.9	3.8	43
West Southwest	3.8	5.1	6.2	7.3	8.9	8.8	6.3	6.5	6.4	5.1	4.1	3.4	6.0	43
West	5.5	8.8	14.5	20.0	24.7	26.5	18.3	19.2	16.2	12.8	7.1	4.9	14.9	43
West Northwest	8.9	17.3	26.4	33.5	33.6	33.3	33.5	32.1	32.5	28.6	17.6	9.5	25.6	43
Northwest	3.7	6.5	7.9	9.9	12.0	15.0	26.7	25.3	20.2	13.3	7.5	4.4	12.7	43
North Northwest	1.5	2.0	1.8	1.2	1.0	1.5	3.1	3.1	2.5	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.9	43
Calm	10.9	8.2	5.0	3.5	2.8	2.1	2.7	3.0	3.8	7.5	10.6	10.6	5.9	43
Direction (Mean Speed, knots)														
North	7.6	8.1	8.3	8.2	6.2	5.5	6.4	6.5	6.7	8.9	7.3	8.5	7.8	43
North Northeast	6.4	6.7	7.8	7.1	6.8	7.0	6.7	6.8	6.3	6.6	6.5	7.0	6.8	43
Northeast	6.2	6.0	6.1	5.9	6.3	6.8	7.1	6.8	6.1	5.7	6.0	6.4	6.2	43
East Northeast	6.1	6.0	5.6	5.7	5.9	5.8	6.0	5.9	5.6	5.3	6.0	6.6	6.0	43
East	6.0	5.5	5.9	5.5	5.1	4.9	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.8	5.7	43
East Southeast	6.3	6.4	7.4	7.6	5.3	4.5	4.1	6.0	5.9	6.1	6.4	6.2	6.4	43
Southeast	7.6	8.0	8.9	9.1	6.5	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.9	7.1	7.2	7.5	7.6	43
South Southeast	7.1	7.1	7.8	8.3	7.1	7.4	5.8	5.7	5.6	6.8	6.7	6.8	7.1	43
South	8.0	8.4	8.7	8.6	7.0	6.2	5.9	5.3	5.6	6.9	6.7	7.4	7.5	43
South Southwest	8.8	9.8	9.0	9.1	10.0	8.9	8.3	7.6	7.4	6.7	7.0	8.2	8.5	43
Southwest	8.4	8.3	8.1	9.1	10.1	10.1	9.3	8.3	7.9	6.8	7.3	8.2	8.4	43
West Southwest	8.0	7.8	8.5	9.2	10.2	10.6	10.3	9.7	8.4	7.3	7.1	8.2	9.1	43
West	8.3	9.9	11.2	12.7	13.9	13.8	13.0	12.3	11.3	10.0	8.5	8.3	12.0	43
West Northwest	9.3	10.7	12.4	13.1	13.8	13.5	12.7	12.0	11.4	10.8	9.9	9.4	12.0	43
Northwest	8.2	9.4	10.5	11.4	11.9	12.3	12.8	12.4	11.5	10.3	8.9	9.0	11.4	43
North Northwest	7.1	7.7	8.1	8.0	8.0	8.7	10.0	9.9	9.2	8.3	7.0	8.5	8.6	43
VISIBILITY														
Mean Number of Days with Fog	17	12	7	4	4	3	4	4	6	9	12	17	99	50
% Observations with Visibility <= ½ mile	1.88	1.43	0.12	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.52	0.78	1.52	0.52	43

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SACRAMENTO, CA (38°31'N, 121°30'W) 18 feet (5.5m)

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	YEAR	YEARS OF RECORD
SEA LEVEL PRESSURE*														
Mean (Millibars)	1020.7	1019.1	1017.2	1015.9	1014.0	1012.0	1011.8	1012.2	1012.2	1015.3	1019.0	1020.7	1015.8	47
TEMPERATURE (DEGREES F)														
Mean	45.7	50.7	53.8	58.8	65.2	71.5	75.6	74.8	71.8	64.4	53.4	45.8	61.0	48
Mean Daily Maximum	53.0	59.8	64.1	71.4	79.8	87.3	92.9	91.5	87.5	77.9	63.6	53.2	73.6	48
Mean Daily Minimum	37.8	41.0	43.0	45.8	50.2	55.1	57.9	57.6	55.7	50.3	42.7	37.9	48.0	48
Extreme - Highest	70	76	88	93	105	115	114	109	108	101	87	72	115	48
Extreme - Lowest	20	23	26	32	34	41	48	48	43	35	26	18	18	48
RELATIVE HUMIDITY														
Average Percentage	82.2	66.1	47.0	34.1	14.6	-5.4	-6.7	-2.5	-3.4	28.3	65.2	82.5	33.3	48
CLOUD COVER														
Percent of time Clear	22.8	31.4	34.1	39.2	46.9	63.3	78.5	76.3	71.1	55.2	38.0	22.3	48.5	47
Percent of time Scattered	12.9	16.4	18.6	19.8	21.5	19.0	13.1	13.7	15.2	18.5	17.6	14.1	16.7	47
Percent of time Broken	12.4	16.3	17.4	18.7	17.5	11.4	6.3	7.4	8.7	12.3	14.4	12.4	12.8	47
Percent of time Overcast	51.9	35.9	29.9	22.3	14.1	6.3	2.1	2.5	5.0	13.9	29.9	51.2	22.0	47
PRECIPITATION														
Mean Amount (inches)	3.73	2.83	2.58	1.22	0.45	0.15	0.03	0.06	0.32	0.95	2.21	2.84	17.37	48
Greatest Amount (inches)	9.69	8.77	8.13	4.21	3.13	1.26	0.79	0.65	2.78	7.51	7.41	12.64	33.44	48
Least Amount (inches)	0.16	0.15	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	T	0.00	5.58	48
Maximum Amount-24 hrs (inches)	3.05	2.63	1.85	2.17	1.51	1.14	0.77	0.65	1.79	3.77	2.42	2.87	3.77	48
Mean Number of Days with Precipitation	13	11	11	7	4	2	1	1	2	5	9	12	78	49
Snow - Mean Amount (inches)	T	0.0	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	48
Snow - Greatest Amount (inches)	T	2.0	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	2.0	48
Snow - Least Snowfall Amount (inches)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	48
Snow - Maximum Amount in 24 hours (inches)	T	2.0	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	2.0	48
Mean Number of Days with Snow	Miss	Miss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Miss	Miss	49
WIND														
% of Observations with Gales	0.15	0.05	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.09	0.04	48
Mean Wind Speed (knots)	6.2	6.5	7.4	7.5	7.9	8.4	7.8	7.4	6.4	5.6	5.3	5.8	6.8	48
Direction (percentage of observations)														
North	5.9	5.1	3.7	3.0	2.8	2.0	0.9	1.2	3.2	5.3	5.8	5.8	3.7	48
North Northeast	1.8	1.6	1.3	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.8	1.4	1.6	2.1	1.1	48
Northeast	1.8	1.7	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.6	1.3	1.7	1.7	1.0	48
East Northeast	1.4	1.4	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.8	1.2	1.6	0.8	48
East	3.5	3.2	2.3	1.8	1.0	0.6	0.4	0.4	1.0	2.0	2.9	3.5	1.9	48
East Southeast	5.7	5.2	4.6	3.5	2.1	1.7	1.5	1.7	2.3	3.8	4.6	5.3	3.5	48
Southeast	13.5	11.1	10.0	7.9	6.1	5.0	5.7	6.5	7.1	7.2	9.4	11.5	8.4	48
South Southeast	11.6	10.2	9.2	7.1	6.4	7.8	10.0	9.9	8.0	6.3	8.0	10.9	8.8	48
South	7.0	8.3	9.6	10.2	12.3	14.6	18.3	17.5	12.1	8.3	6.1	6.3	10.9	48
South Southwest	3.4	5.3	9.5	12.6	17.7	21.2	25.0	23.2	15.7	8.4	4.0	2.9	12.5	48
Southwest	2.8	4.8	10.8	16.1	20.5	21.9	21.3	19.7	15.6	9.2	3.8	2.7	12.5	48
West Southwest	1.6	2.2	3.8	4.9	4.8	4.2	4.5	5.0	4.6	3.5	2.1	1.4	3.5	48
West	2.0	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.3	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.0	2.1	2.5	48
West Northwest	3.0	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.2	2.8	2.2	2.2	3.1	3.0	3.3	2.8	3.0	48
Northwest	7.4	8.4	8.2	7.9	6.7	5.4	2.5	2.6	5.0	7.7	9.0	8.2	6.6	48
North Northwest	10.1	9.9	9.0	8.8	6.6	5.4	1.7	1.9	6.6	10.2	11.6	11.0	7.7	48
Calm	17.9	15.3	10.0	8.0	6.0	4.5	3.7	5.4	11.3	19.3	23.1	20.3	12.1	48
Direction (Mean Speed, knots)														
North	6.9	7.1	8.2	7.8	8.0	7.3	5.6	5.4	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.6	7.0	48
North Northeast	5.4	5.5	6.1	6.6	6.0	6.9	4.5	5.2	5.1	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.6	48
Northeast	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.9	5.0	5.4	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.5	48
East Northeast	4.3	4.7	5.2	4.9	4.8	4.9	5.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.6	48
East	4.4	4.4	4.7	4.7	4.0	4.6	3.8	3.8	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.4	48
East Southeast	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.4	5.1	5.2	4.6	4.9	4.8	4.7	5.0	5.6	5.3	48
Southeast	8.4	8.1	7.8	6.6	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.8	7.2	7.9	7.0	48
South Southeast	10.1	9.6	8.8	7.5	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.5	6.1	6.7	8.3	9.9	7.9	48
South	7.4	7.2	7.4	7.1	7.4	8.0	7.5	7.4	6.6	6.2	6.4	6.8	7.2	48
South Southwest	7.8	8.2	8.6	9.1	9.6	10.1	9.4	9.1	8.5	7.9	7.7	7.2	9.0	48
Southwest	7.4	8.5	9.3	9.3	10.0	10.5	9.8	9.4	9.0	8.4	7.4	7.0	9.4	48
West Southwest	6.0	6.4	7.2	7.6	7.9	8.0	7.3	6.9	6.5	6.4	5.3	5.7	7.0	48
West	5.0	4.5	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.9	5.6	5.6	5.1	4.6	4.4	4.4	5.2	48
West Northwest	5.6	6.1	7.0	7.5	7.0	7.0	6.2	6.1	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.5	6.3	48
Northwest	7.3	8.3	9.6	9.6	9.0	8.8	6.8	6.7	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.3	8.1	48
North Northwest	8.7	9.8	10.5	10.6	9.8	9.6	7.0	6.8	8.4	9.1	8.3	8.7	9.2	48
VISIBILITY														
Mean Number of Days with Fog	22	14	8	3	1	Miss	Miss	1	2	7	16	22	96	49
% Observations with Visibility <= ½ mile	9.02	3.89	0.62	0.08	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.05	0.63	3.19	8.60	2.18	48

* Sea level pressure is station pressure reduced to sea level.

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EUREKA, CA (40°48'N, 124°07'W) 59 feet (18m)

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	YEAR	YEARS OF RECORD
TEMPERATURE (DEGREES F)														
Mean	48.0	49.3	49.4	50.6	53.2	55.7	57.0	58.0	57.4	55.0	51.8	48.7	52.9	47
Mean Daily Maximum	54.1	55.3	55.2	56.0	58.1	60.2	61.4	62.4	62.8	60.9	58.0	54.9	58.3	47
Mean Daily Minimum	41.4	42.8	43.2	44.7	47.8	50.6	52.2	53.1	51.6	48.6	45.1	42.1	46.9	47
Extreme - Highest	78	80	76	80	82	81	76	82	86	87	78	77	87	47
Extreme - Lowest	26	27	30	34	36	41	46	47	42	32	29	21	21	47
PRECIPITATION														
Mean Amount (inches)	6.61	5.01	5.33	2.87	1.67	0.65	0.15	0.37	0.79	2.71	5.64	6.40	38.18	47
Greatest Amount (inches)	13.92	10.80	11.18	10.68	6.05	2.57	1.13	3.42	3.35	13.04	16.58	14.13	67.21	47
Least Amount (inches)	0.66	0.11	1.18	0.31	0.03	T	0.00	T	T	0.04	0.28	0.52	21.09	47
Maximum amount-24 hrs (inches)	3.70	4.84	2.93	2.32	1.46	1.17	0.89	1.57	1.45	5.04	2.78	3.36	5.04	47
Mean Number of days with precipitation	17	16	19	14	12	9	7	7	8	12	15	16	152	32
Snow - Mean Amount (inches)	0.1	0.1	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	47
Snow - Greatest Amount (inches)	2.8	3.5	1.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.9	3.5	47
Snow - Least Snowfall Amount (inches)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	47
Snow - Maximum Amount in 24 hours (inches)	1.5	2.0	0.9	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.9	2.0	47
Mean Number of Days with Snow	1	1	Miss	Miss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Miss	2	32
VISIBILITY														
Mean Number of Days with Fog	13	11	10	12	13	16	22	23	21	21	15	15	192	32

SEATTLE (Portage Bay), WA (47°39'N, 122°18'W) 20 feet (6.1m)

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	YEAR	YEARS OF RECORD
TEMPERATURE (DEGREES F)														
Mean	41.1	43.7	46.5	51.0	56.5	61.1	65.2	65.0	60.7	53.8	46.8	42.7	52.9	92
Mean Daily Maximum	45.3	48.9	52.7	58.3	64.3	69.0	74.1	73.5	68.1	59.6	51.4	46.7	59.4	92
Mean Daily Minimum	36.4	38.0	39.8	43.2	48.3	52.7	55.8	56.1	52.8	47.5	41.7	38.2	45.9	92
Extreme - Highest	67	70	76	87	92	100	100	97	92	82	73	65	100	92
Extreme - Lowest	0	1	22	30	35	40	44	46	36	19	0	9	0	92
PRECIPITATION														
Mean Amount (inches)	5.07	3.74	3.28	2.16	1.66	1.40	0.66	0.87	1.65	2.99	5.12	5.37	33.99	92
Greatest Amount (inches)	10.93	8.10	7.23	5.25	4.67	3.70	2.16	5.49	5.62	8.04	11.20	15.33	48.14	92
Least Amount (inches)	0.60	0.34	0.42	0.16	0.31	0.03	0.00	T	0.03	0.16	0.50	1.00	19.52	92
Maximum amount-24 hrs (inches)	4.22	2.23	2.57	2.01	1.13	1.42	0.92	1.54	1.70	2.57	2.68	3.40	4.22	92
Mean Number of days with precipitation	28	25	27	24	23	23	17	19	20	25	26	28	285	25
Snow - Mean Amount (inches)	4.0	1.9	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.6	1.4	8.5	92
Snow - Greatest Amount (inches)	31.0	35.4	8.6	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	9.6	13.5	63.6	92
Snow - Least Snowfall Amount (inches)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	92
Snow - Maximum Amount in 24 hours (inches)	11.5	21.5	5.5	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	6.0	10.0	21.5	92
Mean Number of Days with Snow	7	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	Miss	1	3	19	25
VISIBILITY														
Mean Number of Days with Fog	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	4	3	3	3	26	25

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PORTLAND, OR (45°36'N, 122°36'W) 21 feet (6.4m)

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	YEAR	YEARS OF RECORD
SEA LEVEL PRESSURE*														
Mean (Millibars)	1019.4	1018.2	1016.9	1018.0	1017.5	1017.3	1017.5	1016.7	1016.6	1018.1	1018.8	1019.4	1017.9	47
TEMPERATURE (DEGREES F)														
Mean	39.5	43.3	47.5	52.0	57.9	63.4	68.3	68.4	63.6	55.1	46.2	41.4	53.9	62
Mean Daily Maximum	44.7	50.0	55.6	61.2	67.7	73.20	79.50	79.5	74.5	64.0	52.4	46.3	62.5	62
Mean Daily Minimum	33.8	36.1	38.9	42.3	47.6	53.0	56.6	56.7	52.3	45.7	39.5	36.0	44.9	62
Extreme - Highest	65	71	83	90	100	102	107	107	105	92	73	65	107	62
Extreme - Lowest	-2	-3	19	29	29	39	43	44	34	26	13	6	-3	62
RELATIVE HUMIDITY														
Average Percentage	69.2	56.9	43.5	55.1	50.5	48.1	49.5	42.3	40.6	55.7	62.8	68.6	53.7	47
CLOUD COVER														
Percent of time Clear	11.6	11.3	10.2	12.1	14.0	19.0	37.8	33.4	33.9	18.9	10.4	7.9	18.4	47
Percent of time Scattered	8.6	10.5	12.2	13.8	15.9	17.1	17.2	19.1	17.6	15.4	10.4	9.1	13.9	47
Percent of time Broken	12.9	15.8	19.2	21.0	22.9	21.5	16.3	16.5	16.8	18.1	15.9	14.4	17.6	47
Percent of time Overcast	66.8	62.4	58.4	53.2	47.2	42.3	28.8	31.0	31.7	47.5	63.3	68.5	50.2	47
PRECIPITATION														
Mean Amount (inches)	5.38	4.08	3.75	2.49	2.05	1.58	0.53	0.87	1.60	3.06	5.39	6.56	37.33	62
Greatest Amount (inches)	12.83	11.40	8.12	6.22	4.36	4.06	2.68	4.53	4.30	8.41	14.40	17.45	55.47	62
Least Amount (inches)	0.06	0.62	1.10	0.53	0.10	0.02	0.00	T	T	0.19	0.36	1.38	22.48	62
Maximum Amount-24 hrs (inches)	2.48	1.89	2.06	1.83	1.47	1.92	1.06	1.47	2.23	2.44	2.43	3.99	2.48	62
Mean Number of Days with Precipitation	22	19	21	19	16	13	7	8	11	16	21	23	196	48
Snow - Mean Amount (inches)	3.3	1.3	0.5	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.5	7.0	48
Snow - Greatest Amount (inches)	41.4	13.2	12.9	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.2	15.7	44.3	48
Snow - Least Snowfall Amount (inches)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	48
Snow - Maximum Amount in 24 hours (inches)	9.3	6.1	7.6	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.0	8.0	9.3	48
Mean Number of Days with Snow	6	3	2	1	Miss	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	17	48
WIND														
% of Observations with Gales	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.03	0.09	47
Mean Wind Speed (knots)	8.6	8.0	7.2	6.4	6.2	6.2	6.6	6.1	5.7	5.7	7.5	8.4	6.9	47
Direction (percentage of observations)														
North	1.3	1.6	2.6	3.8	5.7	8.2	9.6	8.2	5.3	2.9	1.5	1.5	4.4	47
North Northeast	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.2	2.0	2.2	2.7	2.4	2.1	1.3	0.8	0.9	1.5	47
Northeast	1.0	1.0	1.1	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.3	1.0	0.9	1.4	47
East Northeast	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.2	1.8	1.6	1.5	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.8	47
East	8.3	7.5	6.1	4.8	3.7	2.4	1.7	1.8	3.8	4.2	5.1	6.8	4.7	47
East Southeast	25.4	22.7	15.0	8.5	4.8	3.4	1.8	2.5	6.2	12.5	20.6	24.8	12.3	47
Southeast	13.7	12.0	7.6	4.4	3.0	1.8	1.1	2.3	4.4	8.6	12.8	14.3	7.1	47
South Southeast	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.1	2.3	1.9	1.4	1.8	2.9	4.1	4.8	3.9	3.1	47
South	8.1	7.6	8.5	7.9	5.8	5.1	2.7	3.8	5.0	7.1	9.0	7.8	6.5	47
South Southwest	8.6	9.3	9.6	7.9	5.6	4.9	2.1	2.8	4.6	6.2	8.8	9.0	6.6	47
Southwest	4.2	4.4	5.1	5.2	4.2	3.0	1.6	2.1	3.4	3.9	4.5	4.5	3.8	47
West Southwest	2.6	2.5	4.0	4.6	3.9	2.9	2.3	2.1	3.7	3.6	3.1	2.7	3.2	47
West	2.8	3.5	4.8	5.7	5.7	5.2	4.5	4.8	6.4	5.8	4.1	3.0	4.7	47
West Northwest	3.7	4.8	7.2	9.6	12.0	11.6	12.3	12.4	11.8	8.2	5.0	3.5	8.5	47
Northwest	2.9	3.8	6.0	10.6	16.0	19.2	25.2	23.7	15.1	8.4	4.3	3.1	11.6	47
North Northwest	1.5	2.0	3.6	6.9	12.1	16.1	22.1	18.6	10.2	5.0	2.1	1.9	8.6	47
Calm	9.5	11.2	11.7	11.6	9.4	8.7	6.0	7.7	11.8	15.6	11.6	10.1	10.4	47
Direction (Mean Speed, knots)														
North	3.8	3.9	4.8	5.1	5.6	6.2	6.0	5.7	5.3	4.8	4.5	4.2	5.5	47
North Northeast	4.4	4.4	4.7	4.7	4.8	5.0	4.9	4.8	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.8	4.8	47
Northeast	4.7	4.7	4.9	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.7	5.6	4.6	4.5	5.0	4.8	47
East Northeast	9.3	6.9	6.2	5.8	5.6	5.3	5.6	5.8	8.1	6.5	6.7	7.3	6.6	47
East	11.6	9.9	8.2	7.0	5.6	4.9	5.3	5.1	8.6	8.0	10.4	11.1	8.9	47
East Southeast	10.6	9.9	8.6	7.3	6.4	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.7	8.0	10.0	10.8	9.3	47
Southeast	9.1	9.2	8.1	6.5	6.0	5.8	5.9	5.4	5.6	6.8	8.3	9.0	8.0	47
South Southeast	7.6	8.0	7.6	6.8	6.8	6.1	6.3	5.8	5.6	6.3	7.0	7.1	6.9	47
South	10.5	9.9	9.6	8.7	7.6	6.8	6.6	6.4	6.6	7.9	9.4	9.9	8.7	47
South Southwest	12.4	12.4	11.4	10.1	8.6	8.5	8.5	7.6	8.4	9.5	11.1	12.3	10.7	47
Southwest	10.2	10.6	10.0	9.0	8.2	7.9	7.3	7.2	6.8	7.3	9.0	9.9	8.9	47
West Southwest	7.4	7.6	7.8	7.4	7.1	7.1	6.3	5.9	5.6	5.2	6.4	6.8	6.7	47
West	4.9	5.7	6.2	6.3	6.1	6.0	5.6	5.5	5.0	4.7	5.1	5.3	5.5	47
West Northwest	5.5	6.0	6.6	6.8	6.8	7.0	7.1	6.7	6.3	5.6	5.8	5.6	6.5	47
Northwest	5.7	6.2	6.8	7.0	7.2	7.3	7.6	7.2	6.7	6.0	5.8	6.0	7.0	47
North Northwest	5.6	5.3	6.2	6.9	7.2	7.5	7.8	7.4	6.9	6.2	5.5	5.7	7.2	47
VISIBILITY														
Mean Number of Days with Fog	15	12	9	7	5	4	3	5	12	18	17	16	123	48
% Observations with Visibility <= ½ mile	3.59	2.34	1.00	0.35	0.07	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.86	3.78	4.00	3.66	1.64	47

* Sea level pressure is station pressure reduced to sea level.

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ASTORIA, OR (46°09'N, 123°53'W) 8 feet (2.4m)

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	YEAR	YEARS OF RECORD
SEA LEVEL PRESSURE*														
Mean (Millibars)	1017.6	1017.5	1015.9	1018.0	1018.0	1018.1	1018.9	1018.0	1017.3	1017.7	1017.2	1018.1	1017.7	43
TEMPERATURE (DEGREES F)														
Mean	42.3	44.4	45.7	48.3	52.8	57.1	60.3	60.9	58.7	52.9	46.9	43.0	51.2	43
Mean Daily Maximum	47.9	51.0	53.0	55.8	60.4	64.1	67.6	68.7	67.7	61.2	53.4	48.6	58.3	43
Mean Daily Minimum	36.2	37.3	37.8	40.3	44.7	49.5	52.5	52.6	49.2	44.2	39.9	36.9	43.5	43
Extreme Highest	67	72	73	83	87	93	100	96	95	85	71	64	100	43
Extreme Lowest	11	9	22	29	30	37	39	39	33	26	15	6	6	43
RELATIVE HUMIDITY														
Average Percentage	51.4	49.8	34.1	54.5	54.8	55.9	63.7	54.8	47.6	52.0	46.7	56.5	51.9	47
CLOUD COVER														
Percent of time Clear	11.5	11.7	9.3	10.1	10.1	9.8	18.3	16.9	23.5	16.5	10.8	10.0	13.3	40
Percent of time Scattered	10.2	11.0	12.9	14.1	15.8	15.9	16.3	18.2	18.9	17.0	12.6	12.6	14.6	40
Percent of time Broken	13.1	14.6	17.5	19.0	20.9	18.2	15.5	15.8	16.1	15.6	16.1	15.2	16.4	40
Percent of time Overcast	65.2	62.7	60.4	56.9	53.2	56.2	49.9	49.1	41.6	50.9	60.5	62.2	55.6	40
PRECIPITATION														
Mean Amount (inches)	9.99	7.51	7.06	4.94	2.93	2.57	1.10	1.38	2.75	5.96	10.37	10.50	67.06	43
Greatest Amount (inches)	18.94	21.89	13.47	9.47	6.60	5.48	4.39	5.22	6.93	12.56	17.47	16.57	87.39	43
Least Amount (inches)	0.69	1.35	0.93	1.33	0.37	0.55	0.01	0.08	0.04	0.52	1.45	2.67	41.58	43
Maximum in 24 hrs. (inches)	4.53	2.80	2.50	2.73	1.74	2.07	1.72	1.64	2.41	3.52	3.68	3.59	4.53	43
Mean Number of Days with Precipitation	23	21	23	22	20	19	16	15	15	19	23	24	240	43
Snow - Mean Amount (inches)	2.1	0.4	0.5	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.2	1.1	4.3	42
Snow - Greatest Amount (inches)	26.3	4.0	6.7	1.1	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	4.6	19.0	27.3	42
Snow - Least Snowfall Amount (inches)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	42
Snow - Least Snowfall Amount (inches)	10.8	4.0	4.5	1.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	4.3	5.7	10.8	42
Mean Number of Days with Snow	4	2	2	1	Miss	0	0	0	0	Miss	1	3	13	43
WIND														
% of Observations with Gales (>34kts)	0.12	0.05	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.08	0.09	0.13	45
Mean Wind Speed (Knots)	8.0	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.0	6.5	6.4	7.5	7.8	7.4	45
Direction (percentage of observations)														
North	1.3	1.9	2.2	2.1	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.1	1.2	1.0	1.9	45
North Northeast.	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.8	2.0	1.8	1.4	1.1	1.3	45
Northeast	4.9	4.4	3.3	1.8	1.3	0.9	0.6	0.7	2.8	3.9	4.1	4.5	2.7	45
East Northeast	11.4	10.1	4.9	2.7	1.5	1.0	0.7	0.7	3.2	6.0	9.2	11.5	5.2	45
East	16.5	12.5	7.6	5.2	2.8	2.1	1.2	1.9	4.4	8.2	13.7	16.2	7.7	45
East Southeast	11.5	10.4	9.1	7.4	5.5	4.1	3.4	4.8	7.7	11.1	13.0	13.9	8.5	45
Southeast	7.1	7.3	9.6	8.4	6.6	5.7	4.7	6.5	9.3	11.1	9.6	8.5	7.9	45
South Southeast	4.0	4.7	5.5	5.0	3.9	3.8	3.0	3.7	5.2	5.7	5.8	4.5	4.5	45
South	7.8	8.6	8.6	6.6	5.5	5.1	4.3	5.4	6.4	7.7	8.4	7.5	6.8	45
South Southwest	7.7	8.0	8.0	7.4	6.3	6.6	5.4	6.7	7.6	7.8	7.4	6.5	7.1	45
Southwest	5.8	6.3	7.8	9.5	10.2	11.3	10.4	11.3	9.4	6.9	5.2	4.9	8.3	45
West Southwest	4.1	4.3	5.6	8.6	9.6	9.6	9.2	9.6	6.7	4.3	3.8	4.0	6.6	45
West	3.9	4.4	6.2	8.3	10.4	10.3	10.3	8.6	5.2	3.4	3.2	3.7	6.5	45
West Northwest	2.3	3.0	5.6	8.4	11.1	12.2	14.2	10.9	6.4	3.4	2.7	2.8	7.0	45
Northwest.	1.4	2.6	5.1	8.0	12.0	13.9	18.3	14.5	8.8	4.5	1.8	1.2	7.7	45
North Northwest	0.9	1.5	2.5	3.3	4.2	5.9	7.4	5.5	4.1	2.4	0.8	0.7	3.3	45
Calm	7.7	8.6	6.9	6.3	6.3	5.5	5.4	6.8	8.8	10.2	8.3	7.8	7.4	45
Direction (Mean Speed, knots)														
North	4.5	4.9	5.5	6.1	6.1	6.7	6.7	6.1	5.7	5.5	5.0	5.2	5.8	45
North Northeast.	6.1	6.1	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.0	7.6	6.2	7.4	7.0	6.5	6.2	6.7	45
Northeast	7.1	7.5	7.9	7.9	7.0	6.9	7.4	7.1	8.6	8.2	7.5	7.9	7.7	45
East Northeast	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.1	6.3	5.6	5.8	6.3	7.5	7.1	7.2	7.5	7.3	45
East	7.1	6.7	5.9	5.3	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.0	5.3	5.7	6.4	6.8	6.2	45
East Southeast	6.6	6.1	5.5	5.1	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.6	5.0	5.8	6.3	5.5	45
Southeast	5.8	5.9	5.5	5.0	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.8	5.6	6.1	5.1	45
South Southeast	8.4	8.2	7.5	6.5	5.7	5.4	5.2	5.1	5.5	6.9	8.2	8.4	6.9	45
South	13.1	12.4	10.9	9.3	7.2	6.7	6.3	6.4	7.5	9.4	12.1	12.9	10.0	45
South Southwest	14.0	12.9	11.7	10.2	8.8	8.0	7.4	7.6	8.7	10.2	13.2	13.7	10.7	45
Southwest	11.9	10.8	10.2	9.4	8.6	8.0	7.0	7.2	7.7	8.7	11.2	11.8	8.9	45
West Southwest	10.5	9.5	8.9	8.5	7.8	7.4	6.8	6.7	6.8	7.5	9.1	10.1	7.9	45
West	9.3	8.5	8.7	8.1	7.8	7.5	7.3	6.8	6.6	6.6	8.8	9.6	7.8	45
West Northwest	10.1	9.7	10.2	9.5	9.4	9.2	9.5	9.5	9.0	8.2	10.6	10.7	9.5	45
Northwest	8.6	8.7	9.9	10.7	10.6	10.5	10.5	10.3	9.8	8.7	9.9	10.3	10.2	45
North Northwest	6.1	7.0	7.9	8.6	9.0	9.6	9.3	9.1	8.5	7.5	7.9	7.5	8.7	45
VISIBILITY														
Mean Number of Days with Fog	18	16	15	14	12	13	13	17	18	20	17	18	191	43
Percent Obs with Visibility <= ½ mile	1.64	1.37	0.90	0.65	0.34	0.28	0.48	1.33	1.85	2.47	1.81	1.62	1.23	45

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SEATTLE-TACOMA, WA (47°27'N, 122°18'W) 450 feet (137m)

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	YEAR	YEARS OF RECORD
SEA LEVEL PRESSURE*														
Mean (Millibars)	1017.5	1016.9	1016	1017.3	1017.3	1017.2	1017.9	1017	1017	1017.8	1017.3	1017.5	1017.2	48
TEMPERATURE (DEGREES F)														
Mean	39.7	42.9	45.3	49.4	55.6	60.7	65	64.9	60.5	52.6	45.2	40.9	51.9	48
Mean Daily Maximum	44.5	48.8	52.2	57.3	64.3	69.6	75.1	74.6	69.4	59.5	50.4	45.4	59.3	48
Mean Daily Minimum	34.5	36.6	37.9	41	46.3	51.3	54.4	54.7	51.2	45.3	39.5	35.8	44.1	48
Extreme - Highest	64	70	75	85	93	96	100	99	98	89	74	64	100	48
Extreme - Lowest	0	1	11	29	28	38	43	44	35	28	6	6	0	48
RELATIVE HUMIDITY														
Average Percentage	49.7	44.5	35.3	47.7	48.3	46.8	53.6	45.2	44.6	53.2	48	49.6	47.2	48
CLOUD COVER														
Percent of time Clear	9.5	10.6	11.2	11.1	12.9	15.5	31.5	28.4	27.7	15	8.9	7.9	15.9	48
Percent of time Scattered	9.3	11.2	14.1	15.2	18.7	18.5	18.5	19	17.7	15.4	11.1	9.7	14.9	48
Percent of time Broken	13.6	15.7	19.2	21.7	23.5	23	17.9	18.1	17.9	19.1	16.1	15.3	18.4	48
Percent of time Overcast	67.6	62.4	55.5	52	44.9	43	32.1	34.6	36.7	50.4	63.9	67.1	50.8	48
PRECIPITATION														
Mean Amount (inches)	5.60	4.11	3.71	2.52	1.69	1.46	0.79	1.12	1.81	3.43	5.92	5.85	38.01	48
Greatest Amount (inches)	12.92	9.11	8.4	6.53	4.76	3.82	2.39	4.59	5.95	7.75	10.71	11.85	55.14	48
Least Amount (inches)	0.58	0.35	0.57	0.33	0.12	0.13	T	0.01	T	0.31	0.74	1.37	23.71	48
Maximum Amount-24 hrs (inches)	2.98	2.98	2.7	2.64	1.83	1.75	0.85	1.63	1.65	2.72	3.41	2.14	3.41	48
Mean Number of Days with Precipitation	23	19	21	19	16	14	10	11	12	17	22	23	207	48
Snow - Mean Amount (inches)	4.9	1.7	1.3	0.1	T	0	0	0	0	0	0.9	2.6	11.6	48
Snow - Greatest Amount (inches)	57.2	13.1	18.2	2.3	T	0	0	0	0	2	17.5	22.1	60.6	48
Snow - Least Snowfall Amount (inches)	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	T	48
Snow - Maximum Amount in 24 hours (inches)	20.0	7	6	1.2	T	0	0	0	0	2	7.8	9.3	20	48
Mean Number of Days with Snow	7	4	3	1	Miss	0	0	0	0	Miss	2	5	22	48
WIND														
% of Observations with Gales	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.03	0.03	0.13	48
Mean Wind Speed (knots)	8.4	8.3	8.4	8.2	7.7	7.6	7.2	6.9	7.1	7.4	8.2	8.4	7.8	48
Direction (percentage of observations)														
North	6.4	7.2	7.5	6.7	8.3	9.2	9.9	10.2	12.8	9.8	6.7	6	8.4	48
North Northeast	7.6	7.8	7.2	6.6	7.9	8.3	10.3	9	10.9	9.1	6.9	7.4	8.3	48
Northeast	4.8	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.6	4.3	5	5.1	5.4	4.2	3.8	4	4.5	48
East Northeast	2.8	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.2	1	1.3	1.2	1.8	1.6	2.3	2.6	1.8	48
East	6.5	5.3	4	2.6	1.5	1	0.8	1.1	2.2	3	4.6	6	3.2	48
East Southeast	9.5	7.8	6.2	3.6	2.3	1.4	0.8	1.5	3	6.2	8.3	9.7	5	48
Southeast	9.3	7.9	6.9	5.8	3.6	2.7	1.9	2.9	5.4	8.6	11	10.8	6.4	48
South Southeast	7.2	7.5	6.7	5.7	4.6	3.5	2.8	3.7	4.7	7.1	8.6	8.5	5.9	48
South	14.1	13.7	12.7	12.4	10.6	10.1	8.1	9.7	10.4	13.3	16.1	15.5	12.2	48
South Southwest	13.7	13.7	15.1	15.9	14.9	15.2	13.1	12.5	11	11.5	12.4	13.1	13.5	48
Southwest	6.9	8.1	10.7	13.3	13.4	15.2	13.2	11.3	7.7	7	6.3	6.5	10	48
West Southwest	1.9	2.5	4	5.6	6.4	6.9	7	6.6	3.8	2.7	2	1.9	4.3	48
West	1.0	1.5	1.9	3.2	4.2	4.9	5.8	5.5	3.2	2.1	1.3	1	3	48
West Northwest	0.6	1.1	1.7	2.5	3.8	4	4.6	4.7	3.1	2.3	0.8	0.7	2.5	48
Northwest	0.8	1.2	2	2.5	3.4	3.4	4.1	3.8	2.6	2.1	1	0.6	2.3	48
North Northwest	1.7	2.7	3.7	3.9	5.6	5.2	7.2	6.2	6.1	3.8	2.2	1.5	4.1	48
Calm	5.5	5.5	4.3	4.4	4.2	3.9	4.3	5	6.2	6.1	5.9	5	5	48
Direction (Mean Speed, knots)														
North	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.6	8.5	8.3	8.2	7.8	8.3	7.8	8.2	7.8	8.2	48
North Northeast	7.9	7.9	8	8.2	8.2	8.1	8	7.7	8	8.3	7.8	7.8	8	48
Northeast	7.1	7.4	7.2	7.9	8.1	8	7.9	7.5	7.5	7.2	7.3	7	7.5	48
East Northeast	7.1	6.8	7	6.8	6.5	5.9	6.5	6	5.5	5.7	6.4	6.6	6.5	48
East	7.3	7.2	6.5	6.4	5.3	5.2	4	4.4	5.3	6	6.6	7	6.5	48
East Southeast	7.7	7.4	7	6.4	5.8	5.5	5.4	5.2	5.7	6.5	7.7	7.6	7	48
Southeast	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.6	7.2	7.1	6.8	48
South Southeast	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	6.6	6.4	6.6	6.2	6.4	6.8	7.5	7.6	7.1	48
South	9.8	9.4	9	8.5	7.4	7.2	6.7	6.7	7.3	8.5	9.9	9.8	8.6	48
South Southwest	12.1	11.8	11.1	10.1	9	8.5	7.8	7.9	8.8	10.1	11.5	12	10.1	48
Southwest	12.8	12.4	12	11.1	9.8	9.3	8.3	8.2	9.2	10.4	11.7	13	10.4	48
West Southwest	8.9	8.7	9.6	8.7	8.1	7.8	7.1	7.1	7	7.4	8.9	8.9	8	48
West	4.3	5.5	6.3	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.1	5.9	4.8	5.2	4.5	6	48
West Northwest	5.4	5.5	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.5	6.8	6.5	5.9	5.6	4.8	5.1	6.2	48
Northwest	6.1	6.5	7	7.4	7.2	7.1	7.1	6.9	6.3	6.3	6.8	6.3	6.9	48
North Northwest	8.2	8.1	8	8.7	8.6	8.1	8.4	8.3	8	7.2	7.3	7.3	8.1	48
VISIBILITY														
Mean Number of Days with Fog	18	15	13	10	8	8	8	11	16	19	19	19	164	48
% Observations with Visibility <= ½ mile	3.81	1.93	0.79	0.33	0.24	0.21	0.44	0.8	2.24	4.31	3.85	3.9	1.9	48

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QUILLAYUTE, WA (47°57'N, 124°33'W) 179 feet (54.6m)

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SEA LEVEL PRESSURE*														
Mean (Millibars)	1016.6	1016.3	1014.8	1017.0	1017.5	1017.8	1018.9	1017.8	1017.8	1017.8	1015.4	1016.9	1017.1	29
TEMPERATURE (DEGREES F)														
Mean	40.4	42.4	44.0	46.7	51.7	55.9	59.3	59.7	57.1	50.4	44.3	40.7	49.4	29
Mean Daily Maximum	46.3	49.3	51.9	55.1	60.5	64.2	68.2	69.0	67.1	59.1	50.8	46.2	57.4	29
Mean Daily Minimum	34.1	34.9	35.7	37.8	42.4	46.9	49.8	49.9	46.6	41.2	37.4	34.6	41.0	29
Extreme - Highest	65	73	72	83	92	96	97	99	97	83	69	64	99	29
Extreme - Lowest	7	11	19	24	29	33	38	36	28	24	5	7	5	29
RELATIVE HUMIDITY														
Average Percentage	41.3	37.8	22.8	45.4	50.1	53.0	64.3	53.4	52.5	52.9	29.2	44.4	45.7	29
CLOUD COVER														
Percent of time Clear	12.0	13.2	11.9	9.8	10.4	10.9	16.3	20.0	25.0	16.8	8.8	12.5	14.0	29
Percent of time Scattered	9.2	11.3	13.7	12.6	14.9	14.4	16.3	16.3	18.0	16.4	12.6	11.8	14.0	29
Percent of time Broken	11.8	14.1	16.2	18.5	19.5	17.6	14.8	16.9	15.1	15.7	16.3	14.8	15.9	29
Percent of time Overcast	67.1	61.3	58.1	59.1	55.2	57.1	52.7	46.8	41.8	51.1	62.3	60.8	56.0	29
PRECIPITATION														
Mean Amount (inches)	13.75	12.00	10.97	7.76	5.22	3.13	2.37	2.80	4.62	10.09	14.21	14.83	101.75	29
Greatest Amount (inches)	23.99	20.60	21.86	13.90	12.45	8.50	11.02	15.07	10.93	27.17	29.14	27.82	131.64	29
Least Amount (inches)	1.22	0.87	1.84	2.94	1.05	0.40	0.36	0.30	0.12	1.37	4.41	3.63	60.24	29
Maximum Amount-24 hrs (inches)	7.16	5.07	4.00	2.63	3.52	1.58	5.35	4.29	3.25	4.87	5.28	6.71	7.16	29
Mean Number of Days with Precipitation	23	20	22	22	20	19	16	15	15	20	23	24	239	29
Snow - Mean Amount (inches)	4.6	2.9	1.6	0.3	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	1.0	2.7	13.1	29
Snow - Greatest Amount (inches)	40.1	16.1	10.2	2.8	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	15.6	11.6	58.3	29
Snow - Least Snowfall Amount (inches)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	29
Snow - Maximum Amount in 24 hours (inches)	8.0	7.1	7.5	2.1	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	7.7	7.3	8.0	29
Mean Number of Days with Snow	5	4	4	3	Miss	0	0	0	Miss	Miss	2	5	23	29
WIND														
% of Observations with Gales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.47	29
Mean Wind Speed (knots)	5.8	5.9	5.8	5.5	5.2	5.1	4.8	4.5	4.3	4.7	5.6	5.8	5.2	29
Direction (percentage of observations)														
North	2.2	2.4	2.9	2.3	3.2	2.9	3.3	4.2	4.2	3.2	2.4	2.3	3.0	29
North Northeast	3.9	4.0	4.0	2.6	2.4	1.9	2.4	2.3	4.1	4.4	3.5	3.7	3.3	29
Northeast	11.5	10.6	6.7	4.7	3.5	2.4	2.2	2.7	6.0	6.7	9.3	10.0	6.3	29
East Northeast	11.3	11.0	8.2	6.8	4.8	2.9	2.7	2.9	5.8	8.0	11.5	11.3	7.3	29
East	7.2	7.8	6.3	5.5	3.8	2.3	2.1	2.6	3.8	5.9	8.2	8.2	5.3	29
East Southeast	4.8	5.0	5.0	4.4	3.1	2.3	1.6	1.9	2.6	4.7	5.4	5.2	3.8	29
Southeast	6.6	7.1	6.8	5.1	3.4	2.7	2.1	2.0	3.0	5.9	7.7	7.8	5.0	29
South Southeast	10.0	10.0	9.0	7.0	5.5	5.3	3.6	4.8	6.2	9.1	10.5	11.1	7.7	29
South	8.1	9.6	9.3	9.1	8.3	9.0	7.4	8.8	8.7	9.5	8.6	7.6	8.7	29
South Southwest	4.5	4.5	5.5	6.1	6.5	6.8	6.3	6.6	5.7	4.2	4.2	3.9	5.4	29
Southwest	3.3	3.9	4.3	5.2	6.5	7.1	6.7	6.9	4.7	3.5	2.9	2.6	4.8	29
West Southwest	2.7	2.9	3.9	6.3	7.6	7.5	8.2	7.2	5.2	3.6	2.2	2.3	5.0	29
West	3.3	2.8	3.9	6.7	7.0	7.3	7.4	5.5	3.9	3.2	2.8	2.9	4.7	29
West Northwest	2.5	2.2	4.3	7.0	8.0	9.3	8.8	7.0	4.4	3.0	3.1	2.7	5.2	29
Northwest	1.3	1.4	2.9	3.9	6.3	8.3	9.7	7.2	3.8	2.0	1.6	1.5	4.2	29
North Northwest	1.1	1.5	1.9	2.6	4.2	5.0	6.0	5.2	3.9	2.1	1.2	1.2	3.0	29
Calm	15.8	13.7	14.8	14.8	16.4	17.6	19.5	22.4	24.0	20.9	14.8	15.9	17.6	29
Direction (Mean Speed, knots)														
North	3.9	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.3	4.4	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.3	29
North Northeast	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.2	5.0	5.0	4.4	4.6	5.2	5.2	5.4	5.6	5.3	29
Northeast	7.0	7.2	6.5	5.7	5.1	5.1	4.5	4.4	5.6	5.5	6.3	6.9	6.2	29
East Northeast	5.1	5.3	5.0	4.5	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.4	4.5	4.9	5.2	4.8	29
East	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.2	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.8	4.1	4.4	4.5	4.2	29
East Southeast	5.0	5.0	5.2	4.8	4.4	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.5	4.9	5.2	4.8	29
Southeast	7.3	7.4	7.4	6.9	5.9	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.8	6.9	7.5	7.7	7.0	29
South Southeast	8.5	8.5	8.3	7.3	6.8	6.1	5.8	6.2	6.4	7.7	8.4	8.6	7.7	29
South	8.3	8.1	8.1	7.4	6.7	6.0	5.8	5.8	6.2	7.2	8.3	8.5	7.2	29
South Southwest	8.9	8.3	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.7	6.4	6.0	6.1	7.0	8.7	9.0	7.3	29
Southwest	9.4	9.0	8.7	8.1	7.1	7.2	6.7	6.4	6.5	7.2	8.8	9.6	7.6	29
West Southwest	9.0	7.7	7.9	7.3	7.2	6.8	6.6	6.6	6.3	6.5	8.0	8.6	7.1	29
West	7.6	6.5	7.2	7.3	6.9	6.4	6.3	6.3	5.8	5.8	6.4	7.1	6.6	29
West Northwest	8.5	7.8	7.5	7.1	7.1	6.7	6.4	6.2	6.4	6.6	7.4	8.5	7.0	29
Northwest	7.0	7.5	7.5	7.3	7.0	6.8	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.5	6.8	7.9	6.8	29
North Northwest	5.7	5.1	6.5	6.3	6.4	6.0	6.3	6.1	5.5	5.1	6.0	5.4	6.0	29
VISIBILITY														
Mean Number of Days with Fog	21	19	20	17	17	18	19	20	20	22	21	22	236	29
% Observations with Visibility <= ½ mile	1.87	1.50	1.58	1.12	1.01	1.08	2.07	4.36	3.92	3.45	1.89	1.85	2.16	29

* Sea level pressure is station pressure reduced to sea level.

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TATOOSH ISLAND, WA (48°23'N, 124°44'W) 115 feet (35.1m)

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	YEAR	YEARS OF RECORD
SEA LEVEL PRESSURE*														
Mean (Millibars)	1015.6	1015.7	1014.8	1016.9	1017.6	1017.7	1018.5	1017.7	1016.5	1016.2	1015.8	1015.0	1016.5	19
TEMPERATURE (DEGREES F)														
Mean	41.4	43.3	43.5	46.9	50.6	53.4	55.4	56.2	55.1	52.0	47.3	44.1	49.1	18
Mean Daily Maximum	44.7	46.9	47.4	51.0	54.6	57.2	59.2	60.1	59.5	55.9	50.8	47.4	52.9	18
Mean Daily Minimum	37.6	39.2	39.1	42.4	46.1	49.2	51.1	51.8	50.2	47.7	43.3	40.3	44.8	18
Extreme - Highest	57	63	66	69	74	82	80	76	80	70	64	61	82	18
Extreme - Lowest	14	20	25	33	37	43	46	45	43	36	19	14	14	18
RELATIVE HUMIDITY														
Average Percentage	30.9	31.9	23.2	44.4	51.4	52.0	60.5	52.1	40.1	36.7	32.5	24.9	40.1	19
CLOUD COVER														
Percent of time Clear	11.0	11.3	9.2	10.1	10.3	9.6	15.9	13.5	20.1	13.8	10.5	7.4	11.9	19
Percent of time Scattered	11.6	11.3	14.0	14.4	16.4	12.8	12.4	12.3	15.9	16.5	13.9	11.6	13.6	19
Percent of time Broken	13.0	13.9	17.7	16.3	18.4	15.8	13.6	13.9	13.5	15.7	14.7	14.0	15.1	19
Percent of time Overcast	64.4	63.6	59.1	59.2	55.0	61.7	58.1	60.3	50.5	54.0	60.9	67.1	59.5	19
PRECIPITATION														
Mean Amount (inches)	10.93	9.59	7.91	5.48	2.63	2.59	2.06	2.35	3.38	8.65	11.52	12.52	79.62	18
Greatest Amount (inches)	20.02	21.16	14.80	10.20	6.10	6.31	6.05	4.78	7.04	13.65	22.17	16.81	101.64	18
Least Amount (inches)	1.84	4.23	2.94	0.68	0.87	0.47	0.03	0.18	1.18	2.50	4.47	7.25	68.70	18
Maximum Amount-24 hrs (inches)	2.93	2.74	2.68	3.05	1.64	2.18	1.50	2.14	1.95	3.80	3.76	3.28	3.80	18
Mean Number of Days with Precipitation	25	22	24	20	19	19	18	19	16	20	23	26	251	18
Snow - Mean Amount (inches)	4.4	2.1	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	3.0	13.5	17
Snow - Greatest Amount (inches)	32.3	10.4	24.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.5	20.2	34.5	17
Snow - Least Snowfall Amount (inches)	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	17
Snow - Maximum Amount in 24 hours (inches)	8.5	5.2	10.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	7.0	10.3	17
Mean Number of Days with Snow	6	4	4	Miss	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	19	18
WIND														
% of Observations with Gales	6.09	3.59	1.21	1.01	0.19	0.07	0.02	0.02	0.28	2.06	3.87	5.49	2.32	19
Mean Wind Speed (knots)	17.4	15.9	14.1	12.2	10.3	9.1	8.9	8.9	10.4	14.1	16.6	17.4	12.9	19
Direction (percentage of observations)														
North	0.8	1.5	1.9	2.1	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.7	2.9	1.4	0.8	1.0	1.5	19
North Northeast	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.1	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.6	19
Northeast	3.9	4.9	5.6	5.4	4.9	3.6	3.4	4.2	10.6	8.4	4.1	2.5	5.1	19
East Northeast	10.0	9.1	8.4	6.8	3.8	3.6	3.4	4.0	11.5	12.5	10.6	9.9	7.8	19
East	31.5	24.2	22.1	13.7	8.6	5.8	4.0	6.3	12.9	23.8	30.4	27.2	17.5	19
East Southeast	4.0	3.2	2.3	1.5	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.4	1.0	1.7	3.3	3.3	1.8	19
Southeast	6.5	5.7	5.3	4.3	2.4	1.4	1.4	1.8	2.2	4.8	6.9	6.3	4.1	19
South Southeast	5.6	6.1	5.7	3.5	3.0	3.5	2.7	3.5	4.3	6.1	5.6	6.3	4.6	19
South	13.0	13.8	12.6	14.2	15.5	19.5	24.1	30.6	20.9	15.2	12.9	14.5	17.2	19
South Southwest	3.1	2.5	3.6	5.4	5.9	9.1	12.6	11.8	6.1	4.1	2.7	2.9	5.8	19
Southwest	6.4	7.9	8.8	11.8	14.7	17.6	21.8	17.5	10.0	6.7	6.5	7.2	11.5	19
West Southwest	2.9	2.9	4.2	5.5	7.3	8.0	6.5	4.7	3.2	2.7	2.8	2.6	4.5	19
West	6.7	10.5	11.1	14.6	21.1	17.6	12.2	7.5	7.5	6.5	6.9	8.7	11.0	19
West Northwest	1.7	2.7	2.9	4.1	4.4	3.0	1.6	0.9	1.3	2.2	2.0	2.8	2.5	19
Northwest	1.5	3.1	3.1	4.0	2.7	1.6	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.4	2.2	2.5	2.2	19
North Northwest	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	19
Calm	1.3	1.3	1.8	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.7	1.9	1.1	1.6	2.1	19
Direction (Mean Speed, knots)														
North	8.1	6.6	6.7	5.8	5.3	5.2	5.8	4.7	5.3	5.2	8.1	7.2	5.9	19
North Northeast	11.0	7.5	10.0	7.9	8.4	6.6	6.7	6.4	7.7	6.6	11.1	10.1	8.2	19
Northeast	18.1	13.8	12.2	11.8	11.4	9.7	8.2	9.5	10.8	12.7	14.6	12.4	12.0	19
East Northeast	18.4	16.9	15.5	13.7	13.2	10.5	10.9	10.3	13.8	17.6	17.4	19.0	15.8	19
East	18.5	16.6	15.8	13.2	11.9	10.3	9.3	8.2	11.8	15.2	17.4	19.2	15.8	19
East Southeast	14.7	14.7	13.9	11.6	11.5	8.0	6.7	7.6	11.3	14.3	15.7	14.3	13.8	19
Southeast	12.9	13.4	11.8	11.5	8.4	8.2	8.3	8.9	9.5	12.0	13.3	13.9	12.0	19
South Southeast	15.8	16.4	15.2	14.5	12.9	11.3	11.2	11.3	12.9	16.3	16.1	17.9	14.9	19
South	19.1	17.9	14.8	14.3	11.8	10.9	10.6	10.8	11.6	15.0	19.0	20.1	13.9	19
South Southwest	22.9	18.9	15.5	14.4	11.9	10.3	11.1	9.5	10.5	14.4	22.2	21.7	13.1	19
Southwest	20.1	17.7	14.2	12.3	9.9	9.0	8.7	8.1	8.3	13.5	19.0	18.1	11.7	19
West Southwest	16.1	15.6	13.6	11.8	9.4	8.1	7.7	7.3	8.6	10.9	15.3	15.5	10.7	19
West	16.6	15.0	14.0	11.5	9.7	7.9	6.7	6.5	7.7	11.3	14.6	15.8	11.0	19
West Northwest	16.4	16.2	17.1	12.2	10.3	9.4	7.4	6.6	10.6	15.3	16.8	16.6	13.2	19
Northwest	13.8	13.4	10.1	10.3	8.0	7.7	6.3	5.5	6.5	11.6	14.4	13.1	10.4	19
North Northwest	10.8	10.5	7.1	6.0	6.3	7.3	6.6	5.2	5.2	5.5	11.1	8.8	7.8	19
VISIBILITY														
Mean Number of Days with Fog	11	11	9	9	10	14	18	21	17	13	10	12	155	18
% Observations with Visibility <= ½ mile	0.96	0.74	0.46	0.67	2.73	4.97	9.50	15.12	9.81	3.96	0.95	0.43	4.19	19

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HILO, HI (19°43'N, 155°04'W) 36 feet (10.9m)

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	YEAR	YEARS OF RECORD
SEA LEVEL PRESSURE*														
Mean (Millibars)	1016	1016	1017.6	1017.8	1017.7	1017.5	1016.8	1016.3	1015.3	1015.6	1016.1	1016.2	1016.6	46
TEMPERATURE (DEGREES F)														
Mean	71.7	71.5	71.9	72.7	73.8	75.2	75.9	76.4	76.3	75.7	74.1	72.3	74.0	46
Mean Daily Maximum	79.5	79.3	79.2	79.5	80.9	82.4	82.8	83.4	83.7	83.0	81.0	79.6	81.2	46
Mean Daily Minimum	63.4	63.3	64.2	65.3	66.3	67.5	68.6	69.0	68.5	67.9	66.7	64.6	66.3	46
Extreme - Highest	91	92	93	89	94	90	89	93	92	91	90	93	94	46
Extreme - Lowest	54	53	54	59	59	61	62	63	61	62	58	55	53	46
RELATIVE HUMIDITY														
Average Percentage	34.6	35.1	50.6	52.7	52.2	50.4	43.0	37.6	28.4	31.1	36.5	37.4	40.7	46
CLOUD COVER														
Percent of time Clear	11.1	11.1	4.7	1.3	1.6	1.8	1.6	2.0	3.2	3.8	4.5	8.6	4.6	46
Percent of time Scattered	27.1	25.4	22.2	17.1	17.5	22.8	21.1	22.1	25.8	24.3	21.3	24.6	22.6	46
Percent of time Broken	26.1	25.8	28.5	30.5	30.6	34.0	33.8	33.7	32.4	31.8	29.1	28.5	30.4	46
Percent of time Overcast	35.6	37.7	44.5	51.0	50.2	41.4	43.4	42.1	38.5	40.1	45.2	38.3	42.3	46
PRECIPITATION														
Mean Amount (inches)	9.22	11.54	13.53	13.55	9.49	6.44	10.16	10.70	8.24	9.75	15.35	12.65	130.60	46
Greatest Amount (inches)	32.24	45.55	49.93	43.24	25.01	13.29	28.59	26.92	21.82	26.10	45.75	50.82	211.22	46
Least Amount (inches)	0.36	0.58	0.88	2.93	2.71	1.80	3.83	2.66	1.59	2.40	1.01	0.28	68.09	46
Maximum Amount-24 hrs (inches)	9.51	16.87	15.66	9.66	7.89	2.83	5.91	9.64	8.67	8.63	15.41	9.33	16.87	46
Mean Number of Days with Precipitation	21	20	26	28	29	28	30	29	26	27	26	24	314	46
Snow - Mean Amount (inches)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	46
Snow - Greatest Amount (inches)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	46
Snow - Least Snowfall Amount (inches)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	46
Snow - Maximum Amount in 24 hours (inches)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	46
Mean Number of Days with Snow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
WIND														
% of Observations with Gales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.93	46
Mean Wind Speed (knots)	6.5	6.7	6.7	6.5	6.4	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.9	6.3	6.2	46
Direction (percentage of observations)														
North	6.5	7.1	6.5	5.9	5.3	4.5	5.7	5.4	5.5	5.0	5.1	5.7	5.7	46
North Northeast	4.6	5.2	5.6	5.7	5.4	5.7	6.7	6.6	6.1	4.7	3.7	4.4	5.4	46
Northeast	3.5	4.7	5.8	7.1	6.8	8.1	8.5	8.2	6.5	5.8	4.8	3.7	6.1	46
East Northeast	3.4	3.9	6.1	7.4	7.0	8.6	8.0	7.9	6.1	5.6	4.9	4.0	6.1	46
East	4.1	4.4	6.0	6.1	6.9	7.2	5.9	5.8	5.1	5.0	4.8	3.9	5.4	46
East Southeast	5.5	5.6	5.9	5.2	5.9	4.6	3.6	3.5	4.1	4.8	5.4	5.5	5.0	46
Southeast	4.8	4.5	3.9	3.2	2.7	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.4	3.0	3.8	4.5	3.3	46
South Southeast	4.3	3.2	2.3	2.0	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.8	2.4	3.0	3.5	2.4	46
South	5.9	5.8	4.6	4.4	4.2	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.9	4.9	5.7	4.3	46
South Southwest	12.1	10.7	9.0	8.1	7.6	7.3	5.7	6.6	8.5	9.5	9.5	11.1	8.8	46
Southwest	18.3	17.0	15.0	14.1	14.3	15.2	13.8	14.8	18.4	18.9	19.0	18.6	16.4	46
West Southwest	9.9	9.3	10.7	11.8	11.8	13.2	13.6	13.1	13.7	13.8	12.4	11.4	12.1	46
West	4.3	5.0	5.4	6.4	6.8	6.8	7.6	7.5	6.7	5.7	5.8	4.7	6.1	46
West Northwest	1.9	2.4	2.6	2.9	3.2	2.8	3.3	3.7	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.8	46
Northwest	2.3	2.8	2.4	2.7	2.8	2.0	2.7	2.5	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.7	2.5	46
North Northwest	4.2	4.1	3.6	3.1	3.0	2.2	3.3	2.8	2.6	2.5	3.1	4.1	3.2	46
Calm	4.9	4.5	4.8	4.5	5.0	5.2	5.6	5.4	5.0	5.0	5.5	4.5	5.0	46
Direction (Mean Speed, knots)														
North	8.6	9.1	8.8	7.9	7.7	6.5	6.5	6.8	6.8	6.7	7.6	8.3	7.7	46
North Northeast	8.0	8.7	8.1	8.1	8.1	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.6	7.7	46
Northeast	7.5	8.3	8.2	7.9	7.8	7.9	7.7	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.0	7.7	7.7	46
East Northeast	7.5	8.2	8.1	8.3	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.1	7.7	7.3	7.5	7.7	8.0	46
East	7.9	8.3	8.7	8.6	8.7	8.4	8.1	8.0	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	8.2	46
East Southeast	9.4	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.1	9.1	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.6	8.0	8.6	9.0	46
Southeast	9.3	9.3	9.6	9.7	8.3	7.5	7.3	7.6	8.0	8.3	8.4	8.8	8.7	46
South Southeast	8.3	7.7	7.2	7.2	6.3	5.8	5.3	5.9	6.1	6.7	6.9	7.8	7.1	46
South	6.0	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.6	5.1	5.4	5.0	46
South Southwest	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.0	4.9	46
Southwest	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.3	46
West Southwest	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.7	5.6	46
West	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.4	46
West Northwest	5.8	5.8	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.5	5.5	46
Northwest	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.3	6.5	5.5	5.5	5.7	5.6	5.8	6.2	6.9	6.3	46
North Northwest	8.5	8.9	8.4	7.3	7.5	6.1	6.0	6.6	6.3	6.6	7.6	8.4	7.5	46
VISIBILITY														
Mean Number of Days with Fog	Miss	Miss	Miss	Miss	0	Miss	Miss	Miss	Miss	Miss	Miss	Miss	1	46
% Observations with Visibility <= ½ mile	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	46

* Sea level pressure is station pressure reduced to sea level.

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HONOLULU, HI (21°20'N, 157°55'W) 7 feet (2.1m)

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	YEAR	YEARS OF RECORD
SEA LEVEL PRESSURE*														
Mean (Millibars)	1015.6	1015.8	1017.3	1017.5	1017.4	1017.2	1016.5	1015.9	1015.0	1015.2	1015.7	1015.8	1016.2	46
TEMPERATURE (DEGREES F)														
Mean	73.0	73.0	74.2	75.7	77.4	79.4	80.4	81.3	81.0	79.6	77.3	74.5	77.2	46
Mean Daily Maximum	79.9	80.0	81.0	82.3	84.1	86.0	86.9	87.9	87.9	86.4	83.7	81.0	83.9	46
Mean Daily Minimum	65.5	65.5	67.0	68.6	70.2	72.2	73.4	74.2	73.5	72.3	70.4	67.5	70.0	46
Extreme - Highest	87	88	89	89	93	92	94	93	95	94	93	89	95	46
Extreme - Lowest	52	53	55	56	60	65	66	67	66	61	57	54	52	46
RELATIVE HUMIDITY														
Average Percentage	31.3	32.9	48.3	49.6	48.8	46.6	39.9	33.8	25.4	27.5	32.1	33.4	37.5	46
CLOUD COVER														
Percent of time Clear	12.4	10.7	7.4	4.4	3.6	3.2	2.9	3.3	5.9	5.9	6.5	9.9	6.3	46
Percent of time Scattered	44.3	44.7	46.5	44.4	48.0	52.6	56.3	56.0	55.7	49.6	46.7	42.7	49.0	46
Percent of time Broken	26.3	27.9	28.7	34.5	34.4	35.1	34.5	32.7	30.8	31.8	31.8	30.1	31.6	46
Percent of time Overcast	17.0	16.7	17.4	16.7	14.0	9.0	6.3	7.9	7.5	12.8	15.0	17.3	13.1	46
PRECIPITATION														
Mean Amount (inches)	3.39	2.64	2.81	1.34	0.98	0.38	0.57	0.58	0.70	2.04	2.59	3.55	21.57	46
Greatest Amount (inches)	13.33	13.68	20.79	8.92	7.23	2.46	2.33	3.08	2.08	11.15	14.72	17.29	42.78	46
Least Amount (inches)	0.18	0.06	0.01	0.01	0.09	T	0.03	T	0.05	0.11	0.03	0.06	5.03	46
Maximum Amount-24 hrs (inches)	6.40	5.52	15.32	3.90	3.44	2.00	2.18	2.10	1.35	7.47	5.39	7.89	15.32	46
Mean Number of Days with Precipitation	17	16	19	20	19	19	20	18	17	18	19	18	220	46
Snow - Mean Amount (inches)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	46
Snow - Greatest Amount (inches)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	46
Snow - Least Snowfall Amount (inches)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	46
Snow - Maximum Amount in 24 hours (inches)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	46
Mean Number of Days with Snow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
WIND														
% of Observations with Gales	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.95	46
Mean Wind Speed (knots)	8.3	8.8	9.9	10.2	10.3	11.0	11.4	11.2	9.8	9.1	9.3	9.1	9.9	46
Direction (percentage of observations)														
North	5.8	5.4	5.1	4.4	3.0	1.4	0.9	1.3	2.5	3.8	4.6	5.0	3.6	46
North Northeast	5.1	4.7	4.9	4.6	4.1	2.7	2.4	2.5	3.7	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.0	46
Northeast	13.6	17.1	20.5	26.7	28.2	31	30.8	30.6	25.9	23.3	20.7	18.5	23.9	46
East Northeast	18.9	22.7	31.8	37.4	40.4	47.4	52.1	49.8	43.1	35.6	35.1	27.9	36.9	46
East	5.1	5.6	7.7	6.7	7.8	8.8	9.0	8.9	7.7	8.1	8.3	6.5	7.5	46
East Southeast	1.8	1.6	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.3	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.3	46
Southeast	3.0	2.8	2.3	1.8	1.6	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.7	2.5	2.2	2.8	1.9	46
South Southeast	4.2	3.0	2.7	2.1	1.7	1.1	0.5	0.7	1.9	2.3	2.6	3.3	2.2	46
South	5.5	4.1	3.1	2.1	1.9	0.9	0.4	0.6	1.8	2.4	2.5	3.5	2.4	46
South Southwest	4.2	3.1	2.2	1.3	1.0	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.8	1.5	1.5	2.3	1.6	46
Southwest	4.6	3.9	2.0	1.1	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.7	1.2	1.3	2.6	1.6	46
West Southwest	3.3	2.8	1.5	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.6	1.4	1.0	46
West	2.8	2.7	1.5	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.9	0.8	1.8	1.0	46
West Northwest	3.8	3.7	2.1	1.1	1.2	0.6	0.3	0.5	1.2	1.8	2.0	3.0	1.8	46
Northwest	7.8	7.4	5.1	3.5	2.6	1.1	0.8	1.1	2.6	4.0	5.0	6.6	4.0	46
North Northwest	6.0	6.0	4.3	3.3	2.2	1.0	0.6	0.8	2.2	3.4	4.0	5.3	3.3	46
Calm	5.1	3.9	2.5	2.2	1.8	1.2	0.7	1.0	2.4	3.2	2.9	3.4	2.5	46
Direction (Mean Speed, knots)														
North	5.8	6.1	6.4	5.9	5.7	4.7	5.0	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.6	6.0	5.7	46
North Northeast	7.4	7.8	8.4	8.3	8.8	8.1	8.9	8.2	7.4	7.4	7.7	7.7	8.0	46
Northeast	9.6	10.9	11.5	11.8	11.5	11.8	11.9	11.7	10.9	10.6	10.6	10.9	11.3	46
East Northeast	10.7	11.3	12.0	11.9	11.5	11.7	11.9	11.9	11	10.7	11.3	11.4	11.5	46
East	9.7	9.6	10.4	10.2	9.8	10.5	10.7	10.4	9.5	9.6	10.2	9.9	10.1	46
East Southeast	9.2	8.6	9.5	8.5	8.4	8.4	9.4	10.0	8.3	8.8	9.4	9.1	9.0	46
Southeast	9.9	10.3	11.1	9.4	10.3	10.1	10.7	11.6	11.1	10.6	10.5	10.3	10.4	46
South Southeast	9.9	9.6	9.8	10.1	9.3	10.5	9.8	9.9	9.0	9.5	10.1	9.7	9.7	46
South	8.8	7.9	7.9	7.7	7.2	7.6	7.1	8.2	7.6	7.6	7.6	8.3	8.0	46
South Southwest	9.3	8.2	8.4	8.2	7.8	7.8	6.2	9.0	8.2	7.9	7.5	8.8	8.4	46
Southwest	9.7	9.0	9.4	8.7	8.6	8.0	8.9	9.2	8.6	8.0	8.1	8.8	9.0	46
West Southwest	10.1	9.5	9.5	7.4	7.8	7.5	6.4	10.1	7.5	8.0	7.6	8.7	9.1	46
West	7.5	7.6	6.6	4.9	4.2	4.9	3.1	5.0	4.1	4.4	4.6	6.5	6.3	46
West Northwest	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.7	5.1	5.0	46
Northwest	5.6	5.8	5.8	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.1	4.9	5.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	46
North Northwest	6.0	6.2	5.7	5.8	5.5	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.8	5.0	5.5	5.9	5.7	46
VISIBILITY														
Mean Number of Days with Fog	0	0	Miss	Miss	Miss	Miss	0	0	0	Miss	Miss	Miss	Miss	46
% Observations with Visibility <= ½ mile	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	46

* Sea level pressure is station pressure reduced to sea level.

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LIHUE, HI (21°59'N, 159°21'W) 103 feet (31.4m)

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	YEAR	YEARS OF RECORD
SEA LEVEL PRESSURE*														
Mean (Millibars)	1015.9	1016.2	1017.8	1018.2	1018.2	1017.9	1017.4	1016.7	1015.7	1015.8	1016.2	1016.2	1016.8	45
TEMPERATURE (DEGREES F)														
Mean	71.6	71.6	72.5	73.9	75.7	77.8	78.9	79.6	79.3	77.8	75.7	73.1	75.6	46
Mean Daily Maximum	77.9	77.9	78.2	79.2	81.0	83.0	83.9	84.7	84.8	83.3	80.8	78.6	81.1	46
Mean Daily Minimum	64.8	64.8	66.3	68.0	69.9	72.1	73.3	74.0	73.3	71.8	70.0	67.1	69.7	46
Extreme - Highest	85	86	88	88	88	89	89	90	90	90	89	86	90	46
Extreme - Lowest	50	52	51	56	59	61	62	66	65	61	57	52	50	46
RELATIVE HUMIDITY														
Average Percentage	34.1	36.7	53.1	56.5	56.6	54.2	48.8	42.5	31.9	33.4	37.0	37.0	43.4	45
CLOUD COVER														
Percent of time Clear	16.1	15.9	9.2	4.1	3.1	3.2	1.8	2.5	4.9	6.4	7.1	11.8	7.1	45
Percent of time Scattered	31.4	31.7	30.6	28.7	33.0	38.7	37.9	38.0	44.9	37.8	32.8	31.0	34.8	45
Percent of time Broken	29.2	29.0	32.2	36.0	37.3	37.8	40.5	38.7	35.4	34.4	33.7	31.9	34.7	45
Percent of time Overcast	23.4	23.4	28.0	31.2	26.6	20.4	19.8	20.8	14.8	21.3	26.4	25.4	23.4	45
PRECIPITATION														
Mean Amount (inches)	5.42	3.62	4.25	3.05	2.61	1.59	2.10	1.96	2.24	4.48	5.43	5.59	42.35	46
Greatest Amount (inches)	17.56	11.35	14.54	10.65	12.59	4.83	8.85	8.13	10.87	18.04	18.45	22.91	74.40	46
Least Amount (inches)	0.30	T	0.30	0.32	0.42	0.41	0.75	0.70	0.45	1.02	0.58	0.51	16.40	46
Maximum Amount-24 hrs (inches)	10.73	5.40	5.15	5.33	4.99	2.09	4.97	5.31	7.15	7.85	9.75	11.24	10.73	46
Mean Number of Days with Precipitation	20	19	23	24	23	23	26	25	22	24	24	22	275	46
Snow - Mean Amount (inches)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	46
Snow - Greatest Amount (inches)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	46
Snow - Least Snowfall Amount (inches)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	46
Snow - Maximum Amount in 24 hours	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	46
Mean Number of Days with Snow	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	46
WIND														
% of Observations with Gales	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.97	45
Mean Wind Speed (knots)	9.6	9.9	10.9	11.5	11.0	11.3	11.9	11.4	10.1	10.0	10.5	10.2	10.7	45
Direction (percentage of observations)														
North	4.9	5.5	4.5	4.3	2.9	1.1	1.0	1.3	2.1	3.6	4.9	5.2	3.4	45
North Northeast	6.5	6.6	7.2	7.7	7.0	4.5	5.7	5.4	5.5	7.0	7.2	7.0	6.4	45
Northeast	13.6	18.3	23.8	31.3	34.7	36.5	41.2	39.7	31.3	26.2	22.6	19.9	28.3	45
East Northeast	14.8	17.4	25.8	30.2	31.9	42.8	42.2	40.9	35.7	29.4	26.6	19.7	29.9	45
East	7.1	7.7	9.4	8.9	8.8	7.0	6.1	7.1	8.5	8.7	8.8	8.0	8.0	45
East Southeast	2.2	2.6	2.3	1.3	1.6	0.8	0.5	0.6	1.4	1.8	2.1	2.4	1.6	45
Southeast	1.3	1.4	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.5	1.1	1.1	1.6	0.8	45
South Southeast	2.2	1.6	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.4	1.0	1.3	1.7	1.0	45
South	4.5	2.9	2.0	1.7	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.7	1.6	2.6	3.3	1.8	45
South Southwest	4.4	3.0	1.5	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.8	1.2	2.6	1.2	45
Southwest	7.1	5.4	2.2	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.7	1.1	2.0	3.9	2.0	45
West Southwest	7.6	6.1	3.5	1.3	1.2	0.6	0.2	0.3	1.4	2.4	2.8	4.7	2.7	45
West	12.6	10.9	7.8	4.3	4.0	2.6	1.0	1.6	5.2	7.1	7.7	9.7	6.2	45
West Northwest	6.1	5.6	4.3	3.2	2.9	1.6	0.9	1.3	3.7	4.8	5.1	5.6	3.7	45
Northwest	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.4	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.2	45
North Northwest	3.1	3.0	2.6	1.7	1.2	0.7	0.6	0.6	1.2	1.9	2.5	2.8	1.8	45
Calm	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.4	45
Direction (Mean Speed, knots)														
North	9.0	8.7	8.8	8.1	7.7	5.8	6.6	5.9	6.2	7.2	8.9	8.4	8.1	45
North Northeast	12.1	12.0	11.9	11.6	11.0	9.7	10.4	10.3	9.8	10.7	11.6	11.7	11.1	45
Northeast	12.3	12.5	12.9	12.9	12.2	11.8	11.9	11.5	11.1	11.3	12.3	12.7	12.0	45
East Northeast	11.8	12.2	13.2	13.1	12.1	12.2	12.6	12.1	11.2	11.6	12.5	12.7	12.2	45
East	10.4	10.6	11.7	12.1	10.7	10.9	11.9	11.3	10.2	10.8	11.4	11.2	11.1	45
East Southeast	8.1	8.5	9.5	9.7	9.5	10.3	12.2	10.8	8.9	8.9	10.5	9.3	9.4	45
Southeast	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.5	7.9	8.6	10.2	9.9	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.6	45
South Southeast	9.4	9.7	9.5	10.1	8.5	10.6	9.1	10.4	8.6	9.7	9.9	10.7	9.8	45
South	9.8	9.1	9.1	9.5	8.1	8.0	8.0	9.6	7.5	8.4	9.6	9.9	9.3	45
South Southwest	10.7	10.1	10.1	9.1	8.6	9.4	8.0	12.5	8.7	9.5	9.4	10.5	10.1	45
Southwest	10.5	10.5	10.2	8.0	7.8	7.4	7.5	9.3	7.9	7.9	8.3	10.0	9.8	45
West Southwest	7.8	8.3	7.0	5.9	6.7	5.7	6.5	5.7	6.2	5.9	6.4	6.8	7.1	45
West	6.1	5.9	5.6	5.4	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.9	5.7	45
West Northwest	5.9	5.8	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.5	5.6	5.6	45
Northwest	5.9	6.4	5.8	6.2	5.7	5.0	5.1	5.4	5.5	5.7	6.0	6.3	5.9	45
North Northwest	7.1	7.8	7.7	7.1	6.4	5.8	6.0	6.3	5.9	6.2	7.2	7.4	7.0	45
VISIBILITY														
Mean Number of Days with Fog	Miss	Miss	Miss	Miss	Miss	Miss	Miss	0	0	Miss	Miss	Miss	1	46
% Observations with Visibility <= ½ mile	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45

* Sea level pressure is station pressure reduced to sea level.

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METEOROLOGICAL TABLE FOR COASTAL AREA OFF SAN DIEGO, CA

Boundaries: Between 31°N TO 34°N FROM 116°W TO 120°W

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANN
Wind > 33 Knots (1)	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.2
Wave Height > 9 ft (1)	0.8	1.3	1.7	1.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.9	1.2	0.9
Visibility < 2 nm (1)	4.4	4.5	2.8	2.4	1.5	3.2	2.9	2.2	3.0	4.7	3.3	4.0	3.2
Precipitation (1)	3.6	3.6	2.4	1.7	1.2	1.4	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.9	2.1	3.1	1.8
Temperature > 69 F (1)	1.2	0.8	1.2	1.4	1.9	3.0	9.2	14.7	14.8	9.0	4.4	1.7	5.4
Mean Temperature (F)	58.3	58.4	58.5	59.3	60.4	62.1	64.7	66.4	66.5	65.2	62.7	59.9	61.9
Temperature < 33 F (1)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mean RH (%)	77	79	78	79	81	83	84	84	83	81	77	76	80
Overcast or Obscured (1)	19.4	21.4	22.2	25.7	37.9	48.1	45.7	38.8	31.4	26.3	15.4	16.7	29.3
Mean Cloud Cover (8ths)	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.2	5.0	5.5	5.6	5.3	4.6	4.2	3.4	3.5	4.4
Mean SLP (mbs)	1018	1018	1017	1015	1015	1013	1013	1013	1012	1014	1017	1018	1015
Ext. Max. SLP (mbs)	1040	1040	1037	1034	1030	1029	1027	1027	1028	1031	1035	1040	1040
Ext. Min. SLP (mbs)	996	996	995	998	999	998	999	998	997	997	999	995	995
Prevailing Wind Direction	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW
Thunder and Lightning (1)	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1

METEOROLOGICAL TABLE FOR COASTAL AREA OFF POINT MUGU, CA

Boundaries: Between 34°N TO 36°N FROM 119°W TO 125°W

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANN
Wind > 33 Knots (1)	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.2	1.8	1.5	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.9	1.1	1.4	1.3
Wave Height > 9 ft (1)	4.4	6.0	8.1	10.4	10.6	8.1	5.3	4.4	3.9	3.8	4.6	6.4	6.4
Visibility < 2 nm (1)	4.5	6.3	4.6	4.9	5.7	5.8	8.5	8.0	7.7	8.7	5.5	5.6	6.3
Precipitation (1)	5.5	5.8	5.0	3.2	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.4	3.4	4.8	3.0
Temperature > 69 F (1)	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	1.4	3.4	3.6	4.2	2.6	1.5	0.8	1.7
Mean Temperature (F)	55.5	55.8	55.9	56.7	57.6	59.4	61.1	62.1	62.8	61.7	59.5	57.4	58.8
Temperature < 33 F (1)	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mean RH (%)	79	79	80	80	82	84	86	86	85	84	81	79	82
Overcast or Obscured (1)	21.2	25.7	24.4	24.5	32.1	40.0	50.6	48.2	36.6	29.4	18.9	20.4	31.4
Mean Cloud Cover (8ths)	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.7	5.4	5.4	4.6	4.3	3.7	3.9	4.5
Mean SLP (mbs)	1019	1019	1018	1017	1016	1015	1015	1015	1014	1016	1018	1019	1017
Ext. Max. SLP (mbs)	1036	1036	1045	1043	1035	1031	1033	1030	1032	1034	1040	1039	1045
Ext. Min. SLP (mbs)	987	992	990	996	997	995	998	998	996	998	996	991	987
Prevailing Wind Direction	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW
Thunder and Lightning (1)	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1

METEOROLOGICAL TABLE FOR COASTAL AREA OFF SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Boundaries: Between 36°N TO 38°N FROM 121°W TO 126°W

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANN
Wind > 33 Knots (1)	2.2	2.2	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.4	1.1	0.8	1.0	1.5	1.9	2.9	2.1
Wave Height > 9 ft (1)	6.2	5.9	7.8	9.1	9.8	7.4	5.8	4.8	4.2	3.8	5.3	7.1	6.5
Visibility < 2 nm (1)	7.8	7.3	4.6	3.4	4.7	6.2	7.9	7.6	8.2	8.9	8.8	8.1	6.9
Precipitation (1)	9.4	7.4	6.9	3.8	2.7	2.6	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.6	5.2	7.7	4.4
Temperature > 69 F (1)	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.7	1.1	2.0	2.4	1.3	0.5	0.3	0.8
Mean Temperature (F)	53.7	53.9	54.1	54.2	55.6	57.6	59.2	60.5	61.0	59.7	57.4	55.2	56.9
Temperature < 33 F (1)	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mean RH (%)	82	83	81	81	83	85	86	87	85	85	83	81	84
Overcast or Obscured (1)	30.2	30.6	28.9	25.7	31.8	38.4	49.8	46.9	35.9	30.3	25.3	27.4	33.7
Mean Cloud Cover (8ths)	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.4	4.7	4.7	5.3	5.1	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.7
Mean SLP (mbs)	1019	1019	1018	1018	1017	1016	1016	1016	1015	1017	1019	1019	1017
Ext. Max. SLP (mbs)	1050	1051	1049	1041	1040	1042	1032	1031	1039	1033	1044	1042	1051
Ext. Min. SLP (mbs)	984	985	983	989	994	995	999	998	1000	997	996	989	983
Prevailing Wind Direction	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	N	NW
Thunder and Lightning (1)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1

(1) Percentage Frequency

These data are based upon observations made by ships in passage. Such ships tend to avoid bad weather when possible thus biasing the data toward good weather samples.

METEOROLOGICAL TABLE FOR COASTAL AREA OFF POINT ARENA, CA

Boundaries: Between 38°N TO 40°N FROM 122°W TO 127°W

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANN
Wind > 33 Knots (1)	3.6	3.1	3.3	4.1	6.1	4.8	4.0	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.6	3.4	3.6
Wave Height > 9 ft (1)	9.8	9.8	10.3	12.6	15.3	11.1	11.2	8.1	7.6	6.0	7.4	9.1	10.1
Visibility < 2 nm (1)	8.0	8.6	5.7	4.1	5.2	7.0	9.4	10.0	11.8	9.7	9.4	10.4	8.2
Precipitation (1)	11.1	10.5	9.4	5.6	3.2	2.3	1.8	1.6	2.0	4.4	9.0	12.0	5.6
Temperature > 69 F (1)	0.2	0.1	1.0	0.3	1.2	2.4	2.3	3.8	3.1	1.6	0.7	0.1	1.5
Mean Temperature (F)	52.3	52.9	53.6	53.6	55.3	57.4	59.1	60.4	60.5	58.9	56.2	53.5	56.4
Temperature < 33 F (1)	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mean RH (%)	82	81	80	80	82	84	85	85	85	85	82	82	83
Overcast or Obscured (1)	33.6	34.2	29.5	25.1	26.3	31.2	39.2	38.6	34.2	29.0	31.4	34.9	32.3
Mean Cloud Cover (8ths)	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.7	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.6	5.0	4.6
Mean SLP (mbs)	1019	1019	1018	1018	1017	1016	1016	1015	1015	1017	1019	1019	1017
Ext. Max. SLP (mbs)	1047	1036	1041	1043	1043	1042	1035	1030	1030	1033	1041	1051	1051
Ext. Min. SLP (mbs)	985	984	982	994	993	996	998	997	1000	995	985	991	982
Prevailing Wind Direction	N	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	N	N	NW
Thunder and Lightning (1)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2

METEOROLOGICAL TABLE FOR COASTAL AREA OFF EUREKA, CA

Boundaries: Between 40°N TO 42°N FROM 124°W TO 127°W

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANN
Wind > 33 Knots (1)	6.5	5.1	4.4	3.2	4.6	3.4	3.7	2.4	3.2	2.9	4.2	6.0	4.1
Wave Height > 9 ft (1)	10.8	8.8	10.7	5.5	9.9	7.4	8.8	5.9	6.9	5.0	7.7	11.3	8.2
Visibility < 2 nm (1)	6.9	7.2	5.3	3.2	4.6	6.6	11.0	11.0	11.1	9.8	8.9	7.4	7.7
Precipitation (1)	15.1	12.9	12.2	8.2	4.3	3.2	2.1	3.2	3.3	6.1	12.3	15.0	7.6
Temperature > 69 F (1)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.8	0.9	2.2	1.7	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.6
Mean Temperature (F)	51.7	51.8	52.1	52.6	54.2	56.7	58.2	59.5	59.5	57.6	55.0	52.5	55.3
Temperature < 33 F (1)	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Mean RH (%)	84	83	82	81	83	84	86	87	86	85	83	83	84
Overcast or Obscured (1)	38.8	39.8	35.8	31.6	31.4	32.4	40.4	40.5	35.5	33.2	36.5	37.5	36.1
Mean Cloud Cover (8ths)	5.4	5.5	5.3	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.3	4.5	5.2	5.4	4.9
Mean SLP (mbs)	1018	1018	1018	1019	1019	1018	1017	1017	1015	1017	1018	1018	1018
Ext. Max. SLP (mbs)	1042	1060	1047	1036	1050	1045	1043	1042	1044	1043	1037	1038	1060
Ext. Min. SLP (mbs)	960	982	984	985	992	992	998	993	990	987	978	984	960
Prevailing Wind Direction	S	S	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	S	N
Thunder and Lightning (1)	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3

METEOROLOGICAL TABLE FOR COASTAL AREA OFF NORTH BEND, OR

Boundaries: Between 42°N TO 44°N FROM 124°W TO 127°W

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANN
Wind > 33 Knots (1)	6.5	5.8	4.0	2.4	1.6	2.3	2.1	1.3	1.4	1.8	4.5	5.6	2.9
Wave Height > 9 ft (1)	11.9	11.4	9.8	5.5	5.4	4.7	5.2	3.2	3.3	4.9	11.3	12.0	6.5
Visibility < 2 nm (1)	6.3	6.9	4.5	5.0	4.5	4.9	7.7	14.8	8.7	9.8	5.9	7.1	7.4
Precipitation (1)	18.7	17.7	15.9	10.1	7.6	5.7	3.6	4.0	4.6	6.8	15.2	18.2	9.3
Temperature > 69 F (1)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.7	1.3	1.5	1.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.6
Mean Temperature (F)	49.7	50.0	50.3	51.5	53.6	56.5	58.9	59.3	59.8	57.0	54.0	51.1	55.0
Temperature < 33 F (1)	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Mean RH (%)	83	82	82	81	82	84	86	87	86	85	83	83	84
Overcast or Obscured (1)	42.9	43.2	39.4	34.0	33.6	37.0	37.6	43.6	32.9	34.4	41.4	40.4	38.0
Mean Cloud Cover (8ths)	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.2	5.1	5.3	4.8	5.2	4.4	4.7	5.5	5.6	5.2
Mean SLP (mbs)	1018	1017	1017	1019	1019	1019	1019	1017	1016	1018	1018	1018	1018
Ext. Max. SLP (mbs)	1037	1051	1039	1043	1042	1046	1040	1037	1038	1050	1050	1045	1051
Ext. Min. SLP (mbs)	969	973	984	980	988	995	997	992	985	982	976	961	961
Prevailing Wind Direction	S	S	S	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	S	S	N
Thunder and Lightning (1)	0.4	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.3

(1) Percentage Frequency

These data are based upon observations made by ships in passage. Such ships tend to avoid bad weather when possible thus biasing the data toward good weather samples.

METEOROLOGICAL TABLE FOR COASTAL AREA OFF NEWPORT, OR

Boundaries: Between 44°N TO 46°N FROM 123°W TO 127°W

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANN
Wind > 33 Knots (1)	6.0	3.8	3.2	1.2	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	2.0	4.6	7.9	2.0
Wave Height > 9 ft (1)	12.4	7.7	8.9	3.5	2.8	2.2	1.8	1.7	2.2	4.4	9.9	13.9	4.6
Visibility < 2 nm (1)	6.1	8.0	4.5	3.4	4.2	4.0	4.4	7.5	6.5	7.1	6.5	7.3	5.7
Precipitation (1)	20.7	18.1	16.3	12.7	8.8	7.9	4.7	5.9	6.7	11.4	16.9	19.5	10.8
Temperature > 69 F (1)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.6	1.5	1.7	1.5	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.6
Mean Temperature (F)	48.2	48.6	48.9	50.4	53.6	57.0	59.9	60.4	60.7	57.4	53.0	49.7	55.1
Temperature < 33 F (1)	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.1
Mean RH (%)	82	82	81	81	81	82	84	85	84	83	82	84	83
Overcast or Obscured (1)	44.8	42.6	39.4	34.6	35.5	40.6	40.0	40.1	34.0	33.6	40.4	44.1	38.8
Mean Cloud Cover (8ths)	6.0	5.8	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.8	5.5	5.5	4.8	5.0	5.7	5.9	5.5
Mean SLP (mbs)	1017	1017	1016	1019	1019	1019	1019	1018	1017	1018	1017	1017	1018
Ext. Max. SLP (mbs)	1040	1055	1042	1052	1049	1044	1042	1041	1055	1040	1043	1044	1055
Ext. Min. SLP (mbs)	970	960	972	986	993	990	996	992	985	966	981	964	960
Prevailing Wind Direction	S	S	S	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	S	S	N
Thunder and Lightning (1)	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.3

METEOROLOGICAL TABLE FOR COASTAL AREA OFF ASTORIA, WA

Boundaries: Between 46°N TO 48°N FROM 122°W TO 127°W

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANN
Wind > 33 Knots (1)	5.1	4.9	3.9	1.4	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.5	2.4	5.1	6.6	2.3
Wave Height > 9 ft (1)	8.0	6.9	5.9	3.4	1.9	1.7	1.3	0.9	1.3	4.0	8.7	9.3	4.0
Visibility < 2 nmi (1)	8.0	7.0	5.8	3.6	4.5	4.7	5.7	8.7	6.7	7.5	5.7	7.8	6.3
Precipitation (1)	21.1	19.7	17.6	13.1	10.9	8.6	5.1	6.5	7.8	12.5	20.0	22.0	13.0
Temperature > 69 F (1)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.6	2.1	2.0	1.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.6
Mean Temperature (F)	45.6	47.0	47.7	49.6	52.9	56.4	59.5	60.3	59.8	56.1	50.9	47.6	53.4
Temperature < 33 F (1)	2.3	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.4	0.4
Mean RH (%)	84	84	82	82	84	84	85	87	85	84	83	84	84
Overcast or Obscured (1)	46.4	43.7	38.4	35.0	36.3	41.5	42.1	41.9	32.3	35.4	41.7	45.6	39.9
Mean Cloud Cover (8ths)	6.0	5.9	5.6	5.6	5.7	6.0	5.6	5.5	4.8	5.2	5.8	6.0	5.6
Mean SLP (mbs)	1017	1016	1016	1018	1018	1018	1019	1018	1017	1017	1016	1017	1017
Ext. Max. SLP (mbs)	1045	1041	1058	1040	1050	1043	1038	1037	1049	1040	1042	1050	1058
Ext. Min. SLP (mbs)	970	975	974	978	985	988	991	991	978	980	964	963	963
Prevailing Wind Direction	S	S	S	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	N	S	S	S	NW
Thunder and Lightning (1)	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.2

METEOROLOGICAL TABLE FOR COASTAL AREA OFF SEATTLE, WA

Boundaries: Between 48°N TO 50°N FROM 122°W TO 129°W

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANN
Wind > 33 Knots (1)	3.6	2.8	2.3	1.2	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.5	1.7	3.1	3.4	1.6
Wave Height > 9 ft (1)	17.4	18.0	16.8	15.0	6.7	6.1	1.9	2.1	4.7	16.0	24.0	30.5	12.3
Visibility < 2 nm (1)	11.4	10.4	8.1	7.1	6.6	6.7	9.2	14.0	12.0	13.2	11.7	12.1	10.3
Precipitation (1)	24.4	24.4	19.6	16.7	13.5	10.8	7.5	5.8	9.2	16.6	24.0	24.9	15.6
Temperature > 69 F (1)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	1.6	3.0	2.8	1.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.9
Mean Temperature (F)	44.0	45.3	46.1	48.7	52.8	56.3	58.8	59.3	58.2	53.7	48.3	45.5	52.1
Temperature < 33 F (1)	3.3	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.9	0.4
Mean RH (%)	84	84	82	82	82	82	84	85	84	84	83	84	83
Overcast or Obscured (1)	46.3	43.3	34.5	32.8	32.7	33.1	32.6	32.9	30.6	36.5	38.4	41.3	35.8
Mean Cloud Cover (8ths)	6.2	6.0	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.1	5.0	4.7	5.4	5.9	6.0	5.5
Mean SLP (mbs)	1014	1015	1014	1016	1017	1017	1018	1017	1017	1016	1014	1014	1016
Ext. Max. SLP (mbs)	1041	1057	1041	1060	1044	1042	1048	1040	1050	1041	1043	1048	1060
Ext. Min. SLP (mbs)	951	974	967	977	987	988	993	990	973	967	966	964	951
Prevailing Wind Direction	SE	SE	SE	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	SE	SE	SE	NW
Thunder and Lightning (1)	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2

(1) Percentage Frequency

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METEOROLOGICAL TABLE FOR COASTAL AREA OFF HAWAI'IAN (Windward) ISLANDS

Boundaries: Between 18°N TO 22°N FROM 154°W TO ISLAND

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANN
Wind > 33 Knots (1)	1.4	0.8	1.3	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	1.1	1.9	0.6
Wave Height > 9 ft (1)	4.0	4.0	5.6	3.9	2.5	1.3	1.9	1.8	0.5	1.8	4.7	6.3	3.2
Visibility < 2 nm (1)	1.2	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	1.0	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.5
Precipitation (1)	5.7	5.5	5.6	5.8	3.1	6.4	4.0	5.4	3.1	2.7	5.7	4.0	4.8
Temperature > 69 F (1)	89.9	84.7	87.5	85.8	93.2	94.2	99.7	99.9	99.8	99.6	99.1	95.5	93.8
Mean Temperature (F)	74.1	73.5	73.5	74.1	75.6	76.7	77.7	78.5	78.7	78.3	76.8	75.0	76.0
Temperature < 33 F (1)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mean RH (%)	79	79	78	78	77	77	78	79	77	77	78	78	78
Overcast or Obscured (1)	12.5	13.0	14.7	13.2	7.6	7.1	6.9	7.0	5.7	8.4	11.9	11.0	9.9
Mean Cloud Cover (8ths)	4.1	4.2	4.5	4.5	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.4	4.1	4.2
Mean SLP (mbs)	1015	1016	1017	1017	1017	1017	1017	1016	1015	1015	1016	1016	1016
Ext. Max. SLP (mbs)	1030	1033	1038	1030	1028	1030	1030	1030	1031	1030	1033	1028	1038
Ext. Min. SLP (mbs)	998	996	997	1001	1002	1002	1002	1002	1001	999	1000	1001	996
Prevailing Wind Direction	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Thunder and Lightning (1)	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3

METEOROLOGICAL TABLE FOR COASTAL AREA OFF HAWAI'IAN (Leeward)ISLANDS

Boundaries: Between 18°N TO 22°N FROM ISLANDS TO 160°W

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANN
Wind > 33 Knots (1)	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.9	0.3
Wave Height > 9 ft (1)	2.3	2.5	2.9	2.0	0.9	0.7	1.2	0.9	0.9	1.5	2.2	4.5	1.8
Visibility < 2 nm (1)	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4
Precipitation (1)	4.0	4.6	4.0	3.7	3.2	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.8	3.9	4.5	3.2
Temperature > 69 F (1)	94.7	93.6	93.1	97.0	99.1	99.8	99.8	99.9	99.9	99.8	99.7	97.6	97.8
Mean Temperature (F)	75.1	74.7	74.7	75.7	77.1	78.5	79.2	79.7	80.0	79.3	77.9	76.2	77.4
Temperature < 33 F (1)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mean RH (%)	77	77	77	78	77	77	77	77	77	77	78	78	77
Overcast or Obscured (1)	9.0	10.4	11.9	11.6	7.0	5.4	4.1	4.2	4.8	7.4	9.6	10.4	8.0
Mean Cloud Cover (8ths)	3.7	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.9
Mean SLP (mbs)	1015	1015	1016	1017	1017	1016	1016	1016	1015	1015	1015	1015	1016
Ext. Max. SLP (mbs)	1032	1030	1037	1031	1031	1031	1031	1032	1031	1032	1032	1033	1037
Ext. Min. SLP (mbs)	993	998	1000	1000	1001	1002	1003	1001	1000	999	998	998	993
Prevailing Wind Direction	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Thunder and Lightning (1)	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.3

METEOROLOGICAL TABLE FOR COASTAL AREA OFF BARKING SANDS, HI

Boundaries: Between 36°N TO 38°N FROM 72°W TO 76°W

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANN
Wind > 33 Knots (1)	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.3
Wave Height > 9 ft (1)	3.0	6.2	5.0	5.3	1.8	1.5	2.9	1.4	0.9	1.7	4.5	7.7	3.4
Visibility < 2 nm (1)	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.3
Precipitation (1)	3.8	3.5	4.3	3.9	2.4	1.8	2.1	3.0	2.0	3.1	4.6	5.3	3.3
Temperature > 69 F (1)	84.1	77.0	80.4	88.0	96.1	98.5	99.8	99.9	99.5	99.0	98.3	93.3	93.0
Mean Temperature (F)	73.4	72.7	73.0	73.7	75.2	76.9	77.9	78.8	79.1	78.0	76.6	74.5	75.9
Temperature < 33 F (1)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mean RH (%)	78	78	78	78	79	80	79	79	78	77	78	78	78
Overcast or Obscured (1)	11.3	13.9	13.5	12.4	8.7	5.1	4.6	4.7	3.6	8.7	11.9	14.7	9.3
Mean Cloud Cover (8ths)	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.2	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.1
Mean SLP (mbs)	1015	1016	1018	1018	1018	1018	1017	1017	1016	1016	1016	1016	1017
Ext. Max. SLP (mbs)	1028	1031	1031	1032	1030	1030	1027	1026	1030	1026	1032	1029	1032
Ext. Min. SLP (mbs)	997	999	998	1000	1007	1002	1004	1002	1002	1001	1002	995	995
Prevailing Wind Direction	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Thunder and Lightning (1)	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.4

(1) Percentage Frequency

These data are based upon observations made by ships in passage. Such ships tend to avoid bad weather when possible thus biasing the data toward good weather samples.

METEOROLOGICAL TABLE FOR COASTAL AREA OFF FRENCH FRIGATE SHOALS

Boundaries: Between 23°N TO 25°N FROM 165°W TO 168°W

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANN
Wind > 33 Knots (1)	1.7	1.3	0.4	0.9	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.3	1.6	1.4	0.7
Wave Height > 9 ft (1)	6.7	5.4	3.5	5.2	1.5	0.5	1.5	0.3	0.4	3.0	3.1	7.5	3.1
Visibility < 2 nm (1)	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.5
Precipitation (1)	5.4	4.8	6.1	4.8	4.2	1.8	2.8	4.2	2.9	4.0	6.7	4.5	4.4
Temperature > 69 F (1)	68.7	66.4	68.5	80.7	94.1	99.6	99.9	99.9	100.0	99.8	97.9	87.1	88.9
Mean Temperature (F)	72.0	71.7	71.9	73.1	75.0	77.9	78.7	79.4	79.4	78.5	76.4	73.8	75.7
Temperature < 33 F (1)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mean RH (%)	77	78	79	78	79	79	79	79	78	77	78	76	78
Overcast or Obscured (1)	16.8	14.1	16.1	16.1	10.8	3.9	4.4	7.0	5.0	9.5	14.9	13.6	11.0
Mean Cloud Cover (8ths)	4.6	4.2	4.6	4.8	4.3	3.9	4.2	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.3
Mean SLP (mbs)	1015	1016	1018	1019	1018	1018	1018	1017	1016	1016	1016	1016	1017
Ext. Max. SLP (mbs)	1029	1027	1030	1031	1026	1027	1029	1026	1022	1026	1029	1034	1034
Ext. Min. SLP (mbs)	991	1000	1001	998	1002	1004	1009	1007	1002	1004	1003	991	991
Prevailing Wind Direction	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Thunder and Lightning (1)	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.4

METEOROLOGICAL TABLE FOR COASTAL AREA OFF MIDWAY ISLAND

Boundaries: Between 27°N TO 28°N FROM 176°W TO 179°W

WEATHER ELEMENTS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANN
Wind > 33 Knots (1)	4.1	3.0	2.2	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.3	1.3	3.4	1.4
Wave Height > 9 ft (1)	11.0	12.2	4.7	2.8	1.6	0.2	1.0	0.9	1.4	2.0	7.3	11.2	5.3
Visibility < 2 nm (1)	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	1.1	0.8	0.6
Precipitation (1)	7.6	6.2	5.3	6.6	4.0	4.5	5.9	5.3	5.9	4.7	6.5	6.0	5.7
Temperature > 69 F (1)	23.9	17.0	27.2	38.6	65.6	96.4	99.7	99.8	99.8	97.0	81.6	49.5	64.5
Mean Temperature (F)	67.7	66.8	68.1	69.4	72.5	76.9	79.3	80.2	79.7	76.7	73.8	70.4	73.2
Temperature < 33 F (1)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mean RH (%)	77	77	79	79	80	80	80	80	78	78	78	78	79
Overcast or Obscured (1)	24.3	21.9	22.6	22.0	16.6	13.3	7.4	9.4	13.2	12.8	17.3	21.2	17.1
Mean Cloud Cover (8ths)	5.3	5.0	5.0	5.1	4.9	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.8	5.0	4.8
Mean SLP (mbs)	1015	1016	1019	1021	1019	1019	1020	1019	1017	1018	1017	1017	1018
Ext. Max. SLP (mbs)	1030	1033	1032	1044	1030	1029	1032	1033	1035	1029	1030	1035	1044
Ext. Min. SLP (mbs)	987	998	993	1001	998	1002	1008	1002	1002	1002	1001	983	983
Prevailing Wind Direction	W	W	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	SW	E
Thunder and Lightning (1)	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.4

(1) Percentage Frequency

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MEAN SURFACE WATER TEMPERATURES (T) AND DENSITIES (D)

Stations	Years	Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Mean	
		(T) ºC	(D)	(T) ºC	(D)	(T) ºC	(D)	(T) ºC	(D)	(T) ºC	(D)	(T) ºC	(D)	(T) ºC	(D)	(T) ºC	(D)	(T) ºC	(D)	(T) /C	(D)	(T) ºC	(D)	(T) ºC	(D)	(T) ºC	(D)
La Jolla, CA	56	13.9	24.9	13.9	24.8	14.4	24.8	15.4	24.9	16.9	25.0	18.4	25.0	19.9	25.0	20.8	25.0	19.3	24.9	18.0	24.9	16.3	24.9	14.9	24.9	16.8	24.9
Newport Bay, CA	17	14.0	24.4	14.5	24.4	15.4	24.5	16.6	24.5	17.7	24.9	19.0	25.0	20.3	25.0	21.2	25.0	19.9	25.0	18.7	24.9	16.4	24.6	14.7	24.5	17.4	24.7
Los Angeles (Outer Harbor), CA	49	13.9	24.7	14.2	24.6	14.7	24.8	15.4	24.9	16.2	25.1	17.7	25.1	18.9	25.1	19.7	25.1	19.0	25.1	18.1	25.0	16.5	24.9	14.8	24.8	16.6	24.9
Santa Monica, CA	27	13.5	24.9	13.7	24.9	13.9	25.0	14.7	25.0	15.7	25.2	17.5	25.2	19.2	25.2	19.9	25.2	19.0	25.1	17.6	25.0	15.7	25.0	14.3	24.9	16.2	25.0
Avila Beach, CA	27	12.4	24.5	12.5	24.4	12.3	24.7	12.5	24.9	13.1	25.2	14.1	25.4	15.4	25.4	15.9	25.3	15.7	25.2	15.0	25.1	13.9	24.9	12.8	24.8	13.8	25.0
Pacific Grove, CA	51	11.8	24.7	12.0	24.6	12.2	24.6	12.4	24.7	12.8	24.9	13.4	25.0	13.8	25.0	13.9	25.0	14.2	25.0	13.7	24.9	12.9	24.8	12.4	24.8	13.0	24.8
San Francisco (Ft. Point), CA	51	10.4	21.1	10.9	20.0	11.6	19.9	12.4	20.0	13.1	20.7	13.9	21.5	14.7	22.9	15.2	23.7	15.5	23.8	14.8	23.8	13.0	23.2	11.2	22.4	13.1	21.9
Alameda, CA	33	10.3	17.3	11.9	15.6	13.9	15.7	16.1	16.5	17.8	17.6	19.4	18.7	20.5	20.5	20.5	21.8	20.2	22.4	17.7	21.9	14.4	21.1	11.4	19.5	16.2	19.0
Crescent City, CA	37	9.6	20.8	9.9	20.7	10.2	21.1	10.7	21.8	11.5	22.6	12.5	23.3	13.6	24.0	14.3	24.1	13.5	24.2	12.1	24.0	11.2	22.8	10.2	21.8	11.7	22.6
Astoria (Tongue Pt.), OR	48	4.7	0.1	5.4	-0.2	7.4	-0.5	10.5	-0.7	13.4	-0.7	15.8	-0.6	18.6	-0.5	19.3	-0.2	17.5	0.4	14.0	1.0	9.4	0.9	6.2	0.5	11.8	0.0
Neah Bay, WA	37	7.3	22.4	7.4	22.2	7.9	22.5	9.1	22.7	10.6	23.2	11.6	23.2	11.8	23.7	11.6	23.9	11.3	23.8	10.6	23.4	9.4	22.9	8.2	22.5	9.7	23.0
Seattle (Elliot Bay), WA	50	8.6	20.4	8.2	20.0	8.2	19.9	8.9	19.5	10.3	19.5	11.9	19.9	13.1	20.7	13.4	21.4	13.0	21.8	12.2	21.8	10.8	21.5	9.6	20.9	10.7	20.6
Hilo, HI	26	22.3	19.6	22.2	19.2	22.1	19.0	22.2	17.6	22.7	18.2	23.3	18.9	23.7	18.5	23.9	18.6	24.2	19.2	24.1	19.5	23.5	19.3	22.7	18.9	23.1	18.9
Honolulu, HI	28	24.4	25.4	24.3	25.6	24.3	25.6	24.7	25.8	25.4	25.8	26.0	25.8	26.4	25.9	26.8	25.9	26.9	25.9	26.9	25.9	26.1	25.8	25.0	25.7	25.6	25.8
Kaneohe Bay, HI	16	22.7	25.3	22.7	25.4	23.3	25.1	23.8	25.3	25.1	25.4	26.2	25.9	26.3	25.9	26.6	26.0	26.7	26.0	26.2	25.9	24.7	25.6	23.1	25.4	24.8	25.6
Midway Islands	28	19.7	26.4	19.5	26.4	20.1	26.5	21.0	26.5	22.7	26.6	25.1	26.7	26.4	26.7	26.9	26.6	26.9	26.6	25.1	26.5	23.2	26.5	21.3	26.4	23.2	26.5

F (Fahrenheit) = 1.8C (Celsius) + 32

Density as used in this table is the specific gravity of the sea water or the ratio between the weight of a sea-water sample and the weight of an equal volume of distilled water at 15ºC (59ºF).

DETERMINATION OF WIND SPEED BY SEA CONDITION

Miles Per Hour	Knots	Descriptive	Sea Conditions	Wind Force (Beaufort)	Probable Wave Height (ft.)
0-1	0-1	Calm	Sea smooth and mirror-like.	0	-
1-3	1-3	Light air	Scale-like ripples without foam crests	1	¼
4-7	4-6	Light breeze	Small, short wavelets; crests have a glassy appearance and do not break.	2	½
8-12	7-10	Gentle breeze	Large wavelets; some crests begin to break; foam has glassy appearance. Occasional white foam crests.	3	2
13-18	11-16	Moderate breeze	Small waves, become longer; fairly frequent white foam crests.	4	4
19-24	17-21	Fresh breeze	Moderate waves, taking a more pronounced long form; many white foam crests; there may be some spray.	5	6
25-31	22-27	Strong breeze	Large waves begin to form; white foam crests are more extensive everywhere; there may be some spray.	6	10
32-38	28-33	Near gale	Sea heaps up and white foam from breaking waves begin to be blown in streaks along the direction of the wind; spindrift begins.	7	14
39-46	34-40	Gale	Moderately high waves of greater length; edges of crests break into spindrift; foam is blown in well-marked streaks along the direction of the wind.	8	18
47-54	41-47	Strong gale	High waves; dense streaks of foam along the direction of the wind; crests of waves begin to topple, tumble and roll over; spray may reduce visibility.	9	23
55-63	48-55	Storm	Very high waves with long overhanging crests. The resulting foam in great patches is blown in dense white streaks along the direction of the wind. On the whole, the surface of the sea is white in appearance. The tumbling of the sea becomes heavy and shock-like. Visibility is reduced.	10	29
64-72	56-63	Violent storm	Exceptionally high waves that may obscure small and medium-sized ships. The sea is completely covered with long white patches of foam lying along the direction of the wind. Everywhere the edges of the wave crests are blown into froth. Visibility is reduced.	11	37
73+	64+	Hurricane	The air is filled with foam and spray. Sea completely white with driving spray; visibility is very much reduced.	12	45

ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE CONVERSION TABLE

Inches	Millibars	Inches	Millibars	Inches	Millibars
28.44	963	29.32	993	30.21	1023
28.53	966	29.41	996	30.30	1026
28.62	969	29.50	999	30.39	1029
28.70	972	29.59	1002	30.48	1032
28.79	975	29.68	1005	30.56	1035
28.88	978	29.77	1008	30.65	1038
28.97	981	29.86	1011	30.74	1041
29.06	984	29.94	1014	30.83	1044
29.15	987	30.03	1017	30.92	1047
29.24	990	30.12	1020	31.01	1050

PACIFIC OCEAN DISTANCES

(Nautical Miles)

	Midway Island	Port Allen, HI.	Nawiliwili, HI	Pearl Harbor, HI	Honolulu, HI	Kahului, HI	Kawaihae, HI	Hilo, HI	Kuluk Bay, AK	UNIMAK PASS, AK	Kodiak, AK	Anchorage, AK	Seward, AK	Port Valdez, AK	CAPE SPENCER, AK	Sitka, AK	Ketchikan, AK	Seattle, WA	SWIFTSURE BANK, WA	CAPE FLATTERY, WA	Portland, OR	Astoria, OR	San Francisco, CA	Los Angeles, CA	Long Beach, CA	San Diego, CA
PANAMA CANAL 8°53.0'N. 79°31.0'W.	5707	4777	4767	4690	4685	4609	4594	4527	5604	5228	4924	5117	4940	4984	4603	4538	4387	4044	-	3920	3888	3803	3270	2939	2939	2867
San Diego, CA 32°43.0N., 117°10.5'W.	3097	2347	2330	2283	2278	2212	2219	2175	2806	2412	2115	2303	2124	2174	1787	1723	1575	1228	-	1104	1074	989	455	95	94	-
Long Beach, CA 33°46.2'N., 118°13.3'W.	3034	2302	2284	2241	2236	2173	2183	2143	2725	2331	2034	2223	2043	2092	1707	1643	1497	1148	-	1024	992	908	374	3	-	
Los Angeles, CA 33°45.0'N., 118°16.2'W.	3031	2299	2281	2238	2233	2170	2180	2140	2722	2328	2031	2220	2040	2089	1703	1639	1493	1144	-	1020	989	904	371	-		
San Francisco, CA 37°48.5'N., 122°24.0'W.	2792	2146	2128	2096	2091	2036	2051	2019	2403	1990	1693	1882	1702	1745	1366	1302	1156	807	-	683	652	567	-			
Astoria, OR 46°11.7'N., 123°50.0'W.	2724	2281	2262	2251	2246	2207	2235	2214	2071	1626	1261	1435	1242	1239	883	815	660	278	-	153	85	-				
Portland, OR 45°33.0'N., 122°41.7'W.	2809	2366	2347	2336	2331	2292	2320	2299	2156	1711	1346	1520	1327	1324	968	900	745	362	-	238	-					
CAPE FLATTERY, WA 48°26.0'N., 124°47.0'W.	2694	2308	2289	2290	2285	2245	2276	2260	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	124	10	-						
SWIFTSURE BANK, WA 48°31.0N., 125°00.0'W.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1973	1510	1124	1294	1100	1100	739	681	518	134	-							
Seattle, WA 47°36.2'N., 122°20.3'W.	2818	2432	2413	2414	2409	2369	2400	2384	2107	1644	1258	1428	1234	1234	976*	815	659*	-								
Ketchikan, AK 55°20.5'N., 131°38.7'W.	2570	2387	2368	2388	2383	2361	2405	2398	1656	1193	742	892	682	713	307	224	-									
Sitka, AK 57°03.1'N., 135°20.5'W.	2481	2380	2361	2390	2385	2365	2412	2410	1490	1027	564	708	494	479	85	-										
CAPE SPENCER, AK 58°10.0'N., 136°38.3'W.	2472	2407	2388	2416	2411	2398	2445	2447	1450	987	505	641	422	400	-											
Port Valdez, AK 61°06.0'N., 146°24.0'W.	2386	2445	2429	2473	2468	2463	2513	2524	1224	761	280	385	144	-												
Seward, AK 60°06.0'N., 149°26.0'W.	2250	2351	2332	2378	2373	2377	2432	2439	1115	652	175	274	-													
Anchorage, AK 61°14.2'N., 149°53.3'W.	2305	2459	2440	2482	2477	2479	2535	2542	1151	688	242	-														
Kodiak, AK 57°47.1'N., 152°25.1'W.	2088	2203	2184	2235	2230	2233	2289	2296	968	505	-															
UNIMAK PASS, AK 54°20.0'N., 164°45.0'W.	1680	1972	1963	2024	2028	2044	2110	2126	463	-																
Kuluk Bay, AK 51°51.6'N., 176°37.6'W.	1460	1990	1989	2057	2061	2099	2164	2198	-																	
Hilo, HI 19°44.1'N., 155°03.5'W.	1338	297	287	201	196	121	83	-																		
Kawaihae, HI 20°02.3'N., 155°49.9'W.	1278	240	230	145	140	85	-																			
Kahalui, HI 20°54.0'N., 156°28.2'W.	1232	193	181	94	89	-																				
Honolulu, HI 21°18.5N., 157°52.3'W.	1150	106	96	9	-																					
Pearl Harbor, HI 21°20.0'N., 157°58.3'W.	1146	102	92	-																						
Nawiliwili, HI 21°57.4'N., 159°21.5'W.	1069	21	-																							
Port Allen, HI 24°51.1'N., 159°35.6'W.	1042	-																								
Midway Island 28°13.0'N., 177°22.0'W.	-																									

* Via inside passage

PACIFIC COAST DISTANCES
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, TO CAPE FLATTERY, WASHINGTON

(Nautical Miles)

	Cape Flattery, WA	Aberdeen, WA	South Bend, WA	Portland, OR	Vancouver, WA	Longview, WA	Astoria, OR	Garibaldi, OR	Depoe Bay, OR	Newport, OR	Florence, OR	Gardinar, OR	Coos Bay, OR	Crescent City, CA	Eureka, CA	Sacramento, CA	Stockton, CA	Oakland, CA	San Francisco, CA	Monterey, CA	Port San Luis, CA	Santa Barbara, CA	Port Hueneme, CA	Los Angeles, CA	Long Beach, CA	Newport Beach, CA
SAN DIEGO, CA 32°43.0'N., 117°10.5'W.	1104	1031	1019	1074	1070	1034	989	937	891	881	848	832	817	704	653	530	526	458	455	370	259	174	147	95	94	78
Newport Beach, CA 33°37.1'N., 117°55.5'W.	1038	965	953	1007	1003	967	922	871	825	815	782	766	751	638	587	464	460	392	389	304	193	108	81	27	25	-
Long Beach, CA 33°46.2'N., 118°13.3'W.	1024	951	939	992	988	953	908	857	810	800	768	751	736	624	572	449	445	377	374	290	179	94	66	3	-	
Los Angeles, CA 33°45.0'N., 118°16.2'W.	1020	947	935	989	985	949	904	853	807	797	764	748	733	620	569	446	442	374	371	286	175	90	62	-		
Port Hueneme, CA 34°09.0'N., 119°12.4'W.	961	888	876	930	925	890	845	794	748	737	706	689	674	561	510	387	383	315	312	228	116	29	-			
Santa Barbara, CA 34°24.5'N., 119°41.1'W.	937	864	852	905	901	866	821	770	723	713	681	664	649	537	485	362	358	290	287	203	91	-				
Port San Luis, CA 35°10.4'N., 120°44.8'W.	854	781	769	823	819	783	739	687	641	631	599	582	567	455	403	280	276	208	205	121	-					
Monterey, CA 36°36.5'N., 121°53.0'W.	746	673	661	714	710	675	630	579	532	522	490	474	459	346	294	171	167	100	96	-						
San Francisco, CA 37°48.5'N., 122°24.0'W.	683	610	598	652	647	612	567	516	469	459	427	411	396	283	232	79	75	3	-							
Oakland, CA 37°48.2'N., 122°19.5'W.	686	613	601	655	651	615	570	520	473	463	430	414	399	287	235	82	78	-								
Stockton, CA 37°57.2'N., 121°18.8'W.	755	682	670	723	719	684	639	588	541	531	498	482	467	354	303	75	-									
Sacramento, CA 38°33.8'N., 121°33.0'W.	758	685	673	727	722	687	642	591	544	534	502	486	471	358	307	-										
Eureka, CA 40°47.8'N., 124°11.2'W.	468	395	383	436	432	397	352	301	254	244	212	195	180	64	-											
Crescent City, CA 41°44.5'N., 124°11.4'W.	411	339	327	381	377	341	296	245	199	188	156	140	125	-												
Coos Bay, OR 43°22.4'N., 124°12.5'W.	321	244	232	285	281	246	201	150	101	92	59	42	-													
Gardinar, OR 43°43.9'N., 124°06.8'W.	298	221	209	262	258	223	178	127	78	69	36	-														
Florence, OR 43°58.0'N., 124°06.3'W.	273	196	184	238	234	198	153	102	54	43	-															
Newport, OR 44°37.8'N., 124°03.1W.	235	158	146	200	196	160	115	63	16	-																
Depoe Bay, OR 44°48.6'N., 124°03.6'W.	222	144	133	186	182	146	101	50	-																	
Garibaldi, OR 45°33.3'N., 123°55.1'W.	179	102	90	142	138	103	58	-																		
Astoria, OR 46°11.7'N., 123°50.0'W.	153	75	63	85	80	45	-																			
Longview, WA 46°06.3'N., 122°57.7'W.	198	119	108	39	34	-																				
Vancouver, WA 45°37.6'N., 122°41.3'W.	234	155	143	13	-																					
Portland, OR 45°33.0'N., 122°41.7'W.	238	159	147	-																						
South Bend, WA 46°40.1'N., 123°47.5'W.	131	53	-																							
Aberdeen, WA 46°58.4'N., 123°48.5'W.	117	-																								
CAPE FLATTERY, WA 48°26.0'N., 124°47.0'W.	-																									

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA DISTANCES

(Nautical Miles)

	San Francisco Bay							San Pablo Bay			Suisun Bay			San Joaquin R.		Sacramento River				
	San Francisco	Hunters Point	Redwood City	Oakland	Richmond	Sausalito	San Rafael	Petaluma	Vallejo	Napa	Benicia	Pittsburg	Antioch	Stockton	Hills Ferry	Rio Vista	Sacramento	Knights Landing	Colusa	Chico Landing
Chico Landing 39°42.6'N., 121°56.6'W.	197	203	219	200	194	196	192	204	178	193	171	159	163	174	246	146	119	89	42	-
Colusa 39°13.0'N., 122°00.0'W.	155	161	177	158	152	154	150	162	136	151	129	117	121	132	204	104	77	47	-	
Knights Landing 38°48.1'N., 121'43.1'W.	107	113	129	110	104	106	102	114	88	103	81	69	73	84	156	56	29	-		
Sacramento 38°33.8'N., 121°33.0'W.	78	84	100	81	75	77	73	85	59	74	52	40	44	75	127	27	-			
Rio Vista 38°09.3'N., 121°41.3'W.	52	58	73	55	49	51	47	58	33	48	26	14	17	48	100	-				
Hills Ferry 37°20.4'N., 120°58.5'W.	147	153	168	149	143	145	141	153	127	142	120	107	103	74	-					
Stockton 37°57.2'N., 121°18.8'W.	75	81	96	78	71	73	69	81	55	70	48	35	31	-						
Antioch 38°01.1'N., 121°48.7'W.	44	50	65	47	40	42	38	50	24	39	17	3	-							
Pittsburg 38°02.1'N., 121°52.6'W.	40	46	62	43	37	39	35	46	21	36	14	-								
Benicia 38°02.4'N., 122°08.2'W.	27	33	49	30	24	25	21	33	8	22	-									
Napa 38°17.7'N., 122°16.9'W.	37	43	58	40	34	36	32	43	15	-										
Vallejo 38°05.3'N., 122°15.3'W.	23	29	44	26	19	21	17	28	-											
Petaluma 38°14.1'N., 122°38.2'W.	33	39	54	36	29	31	27	-												
San Rafael 37°58.1'N., 122°30.7'W.	13	19	35	16	9	11	-													
Sausalito 37°51.6'N., 122°28.6'W.	5	11	27	8	7	-														
Richmond 37°54.6'N., 122°21.7'W.	11	17	32	14	-															
Oakland 37°54.6'N., 122°21.7'W.	3	7	22	-																
Redwood City 37°30.8'N., 122°12.5'W.	22	16	-																	
Hunters Point 37°43.5'N., 122°21.5'W.	6	-																		
San Francisco 37°48.5'N., 122°24.0'W.	-																			

DISTANCES ON COLUMBIA RIVER SYSTEM

(Nautical and Statute Miles)

		Johnson Bar Landing, ID	Lewiston, ID	Central Ferry, WA	Ice Harbor Dam, WA	Harrisburg, OR	Corvalis, OR	Albany, OR	Salem, OR	Oregon City, OR	Portland, OR	Richland, WA	Pasco, WA	Port of Walla Walla, WA	McNary Lock & Dam	Umatilla, OR	Arlington, OR	John Day Lock & Dam	The Dalles Lock & Dam	Hood River (town), OR	Bonneville Lock & Dam	Vancouver, WA	St. Helens, OR	Longview, WA	Astoria, OR	Warrenton, OR	Ilwaco, WA	Columbia River Mouth
Columbia River	Columbia River Mouth 46°14.8'N., 124°05.5'W.	483	404	354	291	230	203	192	162	110	97	293	285	276	254	251	210	188	166	148	126	92	75	58	12	11	6	-
	Ilwaco, WA	484	404	355	292	230	203	193	163	111	98	294	286	276	254	252	211	189	167	149	127	93	76	59	13	12	-	*7*
	Warrenton, OR	475	396	346	283	222	195	184	154	103	89	285	277	268	246	244	202	180	159	140	118	84	67	50	4	-	*14*	*13*
	Astoria, OR	470	391	342	278	217	190	180	149	98	85	281	273	263	241	239	198	175	154	136	114	80	62	45	-	*5*	*15*	*14*
	Longview, WA	425	345	296	233	171	144	134	104	52	39	235	227	217	195	193	152	130	108	90	68	34	17	-	*52*	*58*	*68*	*67*
	St. Helens, OR	411	332	282	219	158	131	121	90	39	25	222	214	204	182	180	138	117	95	76	55	20	-	*20*	*71*	*77*	*87*	*86*
	Vancouver, WA	391	312	262	199	145	118	108	77	26	13	202	193	184	162	160	118	96	75	56	35	-	*23*	*39*	*92*	*97*	*107*	*106*
	Bonneville Lock & Dam	356	277	228	164	180	153	142	112	61	47	167	159	149	127	125	84	62	40	22	-	*40*	*63*	*78*	*131*	*136*	*146*	*145*
	Hood River (town), OR	335	256	206	143	201	174	164	134	82	69	145	137	128	106	103	62	40	18	-	*5*	*64*	*87*	*104*	*157*	*161*	*171*	*170*
	The Dalles Lock & Dam	316	237	188	124	220	193	183	152	101	87	127	119	109	87	85	44	22	-	*21*	*46*	*86*	*109*	*124*	*177*	*183*	*192*	*191*
	John Day Lock & Dam	294	215	166	102	242	215	204	174	123	109	105	97	87	65	63	22	-	*25*	*46*	*71*	*110*	*135*	*150*	*203*	*207*	*217*	*216*
	Arlington, OR	273	194	144	81	263	236	226	195	144	130	83	75	66	44	42	-	*25*	*51*	*71*	*97*	*136*	*159*	*175*	*228*	*232*	*243*	*242*
	Umatilla, OR	231	152	103	39	305	278	268	237	186	172	42	34	24	2	-	*48*	*72*	*98*	*119*	*144*	*184*	*207*	*222*	*275*	*281*	*290*	*289*
	McNary Lock & Dam	229	150	101	37	307	280	270	239	188	174	40	32	22	-	*2*	*51*	*75*	*100*	*122*	*146*	*186*	*209*	*224*	*277*	*283*	*292*	*292*
	Port of Walla Walla, WA	207	128	79	15	329	302	292	261	210	196	18	10	-	*25*	*28*	*76*	*100*	*125*	*147*	*171*	*212*	*235*	*250*	*303*	*308*	*318*	*318*
	Pasco, WA	204	125	75	12	339	312	301	271	220	206	8	-	*12*	*37*	*39*	*86*	*112*	*137*	*158*	*183*	*222*	*246*	*261*	*314*	*319*	*329*	*328*
Willamette River	Richland, WA	212	133	83	20	347	320	309	279	228	214	-	*9*	*21*	*46*	*48*	*96*	*121*	*146*	*167*	*192*	*232*	*255*	*270*	*323*	*328*	*338*	*337*
	Portland, OR	403	324	275	211	133	106	96	65	14	-	*246*	*237*	*226*	*200*	*198*	*150*	*125*	*100*	*79*	*54*	*15*	*29*	*45*	*98*	*102*	*113*	*112*
	Oregon City, OR	417	338	288	225	119	92	82	51	-	*16*	*262*	*253*	*242*	*216*	*214*	*166*	*142*	*116*	*94*	*70*	*30*	*45*	*60*	*113*	*119*	*128*	*127*
	Salem, OR	468	389	340	276	68	41	31	-	*59*	*75*	*321*	*312*	*300*	*275*	*273*	*224*	*200*	*175*	*154*	*129*	*89*	*104*	*120*	*171*	*177*	*188*	*186*
	Albany, OR	499	420	370	307	37	10	-	*36*	*94*	*110*	*356*	*346*	*336*	*311*	*308*	*260*	*235*	*211*	*189*	*163*	*124*	*139*	*154*	*207*	*212*	*222*	*221*
	Corvalis, OR	509	430	380	317	27	-	*12*	*47*	*106*	*122*	*368*	*359*	*348*	*322*	*320*	*272*	*247*	*222*	*200*	*176*	*136*	*151*	*166*	*219*	*224*	*234*	*234*
	Harrisburg, OR	536	457	407	344	-	*31*	*43*	*78*	*137*	*153*	*399*	*390*	*379*	*353*	*351*	*303*	*278*	*253*	*231*	*207*	*167*	*182*	*197*	*250*	*255*	*265*	*265*
Snake River	Ice Harbor Dam, WA	192	113	63	-	*396*	*365*	*353*	*318*	*259*	*243*	*23*	*14*	*17*	*43*	*45*	*93*	*117*	*143*	*165*	*189*	*229*	*252*	*268*	*320*	*326*	*336*	*335*
	Central Ferry, WA	129	50	-	*72*	*468*	*437*	*426*	*391*	*331*	*316*	*96*	*86*	*91*	*116*	*119*	*166*	*191*	*216*	*237*	*262*	*302*	*325*	*341*	*394*	*398*	*409*	*407*
	Lewiston, ID	79	-	*58*	*130*	*526*	*495*	*483*	*448*	*389*	*373*	*153*	*144*	*147*	*173*	*175*	*223*	*247*	*273*	*295*	*319*	*359*	*382*	*397*	*450*	*456*	*465*	*465*
	Johnson Bar Landing, ID	-	*91*	*148*	*221*	*617*	*586*	*574*	*539*	*480*	*464*	*244*	*235*	*238*	*264*	*266*	*314*	*338*	*364*	*386*	*410*	*450*	*473*	*489*	*541*	*547*	*557*	*556*

Nautical miles on top (upright text)

Statute miles on the bottom (shaded, slanted type)

DISTANCES IN STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA AND STRAIT OF GEORGIA

(Nautical Miles)

	Vancouver, BC, Canada	New Westminster, BC, Canada	Nanaimo, BC, Canada	Blaine, WA	Bellingham, WA	Anacortes, WA	Friday Harbor, WA	Roche Harbor, WA	Olympia, WA	Tacoma, WA	Bremerton, WA	Eagle Harbor, WA	Seattle, WA	Point Wells, WA	Everett, WA	Port Gamble, WA	Port Ludlow, WA	Port Townsend, WA	Victoria, BC, Canada	Port Angeles, WA	Neah Bay, WA	Swiftsure Bank, WA	Cape Flattery, WA
Cape Flattery, WA 48°26.0'N., 124°47.0'W.	141	139	145	112	108	93	87	83	168	143	131	123	124	111	117	104	100	86	62	61	10	10	-
Swiftsure Bank, WA 48°31.0'N., 125°00.0'W.	150	148	154	121	117	102	96	92	178	153	141	133	134	121	127	114	110	96	71	71	20	-	
Neah Bay, WA 48°22.4'N., 124°36.5'W.	133	132	138	105	101	86	80	76	160	136	124	115	116	103	110	97	93	79	55	54	-		
Port Angeles, WA 48°07.5'N., 123°26.4'W.	95	93	99	65	54	42	37	36	113	89	77	68	69	56	63	50	46	32	19	-			
Victoria, BC, Canada 48°25.0'N., 123°23.5'W.	83	82	89	55	50	36	30	25	115	91	80	71	72	59	66	53	48	34	-				
Port Townsend, WA 48°06.8N., 122°45.2'W.	92	91	97	59	43	30	30	41	84	59	48	40	40	27	34	21	16	-					
Port Ludlow, WA 47°55.3'N., 122°41.0'W.	106	105	111	72	57	43	44	54	75	52	40	32	32	19	26	10	-						
Port Gamble, WA 47°51.3'N., 122°34.7'W.	110	109	115	76	61	47	48	58	78	53	42	34	34	21	28	-							
Everett, WA 47°59.3'N., 122°13.2'W.	115	114	118	80	63	49	62	71	73	49	38	29	30	16	-								
Point Wells, WA 47°47.1'N., 122°23.7'W.	117	116	121	83	68	54	54	64	59	34	23	14	14	-									
Seattle, WA 47°36.2'N., 122°20.3'W.	129	128	134	95	80	66	67	77	50	25	14	8	-										
Eagle Harbor, WA 47°34.2'N.,122°30.7'W.	129	128	134	95	80	66	67	76	50	25	13	-											
Bremerton, WA 47°33.5'N., 122°38.0'W.	138	137	142	104	88	74	76	85	50	29	-												
Tacoma, WA 47°16.0'N., 122°26.0'W.	149	148	154	115	100	86	86	96	34	-													
Olympia, WA 47°03.1'N., 122°54.3'W.	173	171	177	139	124	110	112	121	-														
Roche Harbor, WA 48°36.6'N., 123°09.1W.	62	60	66	35	37	27	12	-															
Friday Harbor, WA 48°32.2'N., 123°00.9'W.	62	60	69	37	28	18	-																
Anacortes, WA 48°31.4'N., 122°36.7'W.	71	70	76	36	17	-																	
Bellingham, WA 48°45.1'N., 122°29.0'W.	72	71	75	38	-																		
Blaine, WA 48°59.5'N., 122°45.9'W.	48	48	55	-																			
Nanaimo, BC, Canada 49°10.1'N., 123°56.0'W.	36	48	-																				
New Westminster, BC, Canada 49°12.0'N., 122°54.5'W.	41	-																					
Vancouver, BC, Canada 49°17.4'N., 123°06.6'W.	-																						

HAWAII DISTANCES

(Nautical Miles)

	Palmyra Island	Johnston Island	Midway Island	Nonopapa, Nihau	Hanalei, Kauai	Waimea, Kauai	Port Allen, Kauai	Nawiliwili, Kauai	Ahukini, Kauai	Pearl Harbor, Oahu	Honolulu, Oahu	Kalaupapa, Molokai	Haleolono, Molokai	Kaunakakai, Molokai	Kamalo, Molokai	Kaumalapau, Lanai	Kahalui, Maui	Lahaina (Mala), Maui	Hana, Maui	Mahukona, Hawai'i	Kawaihae, Hawai'i	Kailua, Hawai'i	Napoopoo, Hawai'i	Hilo, Hawai'i
Hilo, Hawai'i 19°44.1'N., 155°03.5'W.	959	905	1338	332	308	303	297	287	287	201	196	154	155	145	137	136	121	125	85	72	83	109	120	-
Napoopoo, Hawai'i 19°28.6'N., 155°55.3'W.	-	-	-	287	266	260	254	244	245	162	157	138	124	120	112	101	120	99	84	50	45	11	-	
Kailua, Hawai'i 19°38.6'N., 156°00.0'W.	-	-	-	278	257	251	245	235	236	152	147	127	114	109	102	91	110	88	73	39	34	-		
Kawaihae, Hawai'i 20°02.3'N., 155°49.9'W.	928	811	1278	277	251	246	240	230	230	145	140	110	103	93	86	82	85	72	48	12	-			
Mahukona, Hawai'i 20°11.2'N., 155°54.2'W.	-	-	-	272	244	239	233	223	223	138	133	102	95	85	77	76	74	63	36	-				
Hana, Maui 20°45.6'N., 155°59.1'W.	-	-	-	262	224	226	220	210	210	124	119	70	80	69	59	72	37	57	-					
Lahaina (Mala), Maui 20°53.5'N., 156°41.5'W.	-	-	-	214	186	182	177	165	165	78	73	39	34	23	15	25	27	-						
Kahalui, Maui 20°54.0'N., 156°28.2'W.	1010	798	1232	232	194	199	193	181	181	94	89	41	50	39	30	50	-							
Kaumalapau, Lanai 20°47.4'N., 156°59.7'W.	-	-	-	199	172	167	161	151	151	65	60	54	24	21	25	-								
Kamalo, Molokai 21°02.9'N., 156°52.7'W.	-	-	-	203	173	169	163	153	153	66	61	37	22	12	-									
Kaunakakai, Molokai 21°05.1'N., 157°02.0'W.	-	-	-	193	164	160	154	144	144	57	52	45	13	-										
Haleolono, Molokai 21°05.2'N., 157°15.2'W.	-	-	-	181	152	148	142	132	132	45	40	33	-											
Kalaupapa, Molokai 21°11.7'N., 156°59.3'W.		-	-	194	159	162	156	144	143	58	53	-												
Honolulu, Oahu 21°18.5'N., 157°52.3'W.	959	725	1150	147	116	112	106	96	96	9	-													
Pearl Harbor, Oahu 21°20.0'N., 157°58.3'W.	960	722	1146	143	112	108	102	92	92	-														
Ahukini, Kauai 21°59.7'N., 159°20.1'W.	-	-	-	65	29	29	23	5	-															
Nawiliwili, Kauai 21°57.4'N., 159°21.5'W.	986	668	1069	63	32	27	21	-																
Port Allen, Kauai 21°54.1'N., 159°35.6'W.	979	656	1042	45	42	8	-																	
Waimea, Kauai 21°57.4'N., 159°40.4'W.	-	-	-	40	35	-																		
Hanalei, Kauai 22°12.9'N., 159°30.1'W.	-	-	-	52	-																			
Nonopapa, Nihau 21°52.0'N., 160°14.1'W.	-	-	-	-																				
Midway Island 28°13.0'N., 177°22.0'W.	1606	825	-																					
Johnston Island 16°44.6'N., 169°31.2'W.	785	-																						
Palmyra Island 5°52.5'N., 162°08.0'W.	-																							

Distance of Visibility of Objects of Various Elevations at Sea

This table gives the approximate geographic range of visibility for an object which may be seen by an observer. It is necessary to add to the distance for the height of any object the distance corresponding to the height of the observer's eye above sea level.

Height (feet)	Distance - Naut. miles	Distance - Statute miles	Height (meters)	Height (feet)	Distance - Naut. miles	Distance - Statute miles	Height (meter)
1	1.2	1.3	0.3	120	12.8	14.7	36.6
2	1.7	1.9	0.6	125	13.1	15.1	38.1
3	2.0	2.3	0.9	130	13.3	15.4	39.6
4	2.3	2.7	1.2	135	13.6	15.6	41.2
5	2.6	3.0	1.5	140	13.8	15.9	42.7
6	2.9	3.3	1.8	145	14.1	16.2	44.2
7	3.1	3.6	2.1	150	14.3	16.5	45.7
8	3.3	3.8	2.4	160	14.8	17.0	48.8
9	3.5	4.0	2.7	170	15.3	17.6	51.8
10	3.7	4.3	3.1	180	15.7	18.1	54.9
11	3.9	4.5	3.4	190	16.1	18.6	57.9
12	4.1	4.7	3.7	200	16.5	19.0	61.0
13	4.2	4.9	4.0	210	17.0	19.5	64.0
14	4.4	5.0	4.3	220	17.4	20.0	67.1
15	4.5	5.2	4.6	230	17.7	20.4	70.1
16	4.7	5.4	4.9	240	18.1	20.9	73.2
17	4.8	5.6	5.2	250	18.5	21.3	76.2
18	5.0	5.7	5.5	260	18.9	21.7	79.3
19	5.1	5.9	5.8	270	19.2	22.1	82.3
20	5.2	6.0	6.1	280	19.6	22.5	85.3
21	5.4	6.2	6.4	290	19.9	22.9	88.4
22	5.5	6.3	6.7	300	20.3	23.3	91.4
23	5.6	6.5	7.0	310	20.6	23.7	94.5
24	5.7	6.6	7.3	320	20.9	24.1	97.5
25	5.9	6.7	7.6	330	21.3	24.5	100.6
26	6.0	6.9	7.9	340	21.6	24.8	103.6
27	6.1	7.0	8.2	350	21.9	25.2	106.7
28	6.2	7.1	8.5	360	22.2	25.5	109.7
29	6.3	7.3	8.8	370	22.5	25.9	112.8
30	6.4	7.4	9.1	380	22.8	26.2	115.8
31	6.5	7.5	9.5	390	23.1	26.6	118.9
32	6.6	7.6	9.8	400	23.4	26.9	121.9
33	6.7	7.7	10.1	410	23.7	27.3	125.0
34	6.8	7.9	10.4	420	24.0	27.6	128.0
35	6.9	8.0	10.7	430	24.3	27.9	131.1
36	7.0	8.1	11.0	440	24.5	28.2	134.1
37	7.1	8.2	11.3	450	24.8	28.6	137.2
38	7.2	8.3	11.6	460	25.1	28.9	140.2
39	7.3	8.4	11.9	470	25.4	29.2	143.3
40	7.4	8.5	12.2	480	25.6	29.5	146.3
41	7.5	8.6	12.5	490	25.9	29.8	149.4
42	7.6	8.7	12.8	500	26.2	30.1	152.4
43	7.7	8.8	13.1	510	26.4	30.4	155.5
44	7.8	8.9	13.4	520	26.7	30.7	158.5
45	7.8	9.0	13.7	530	26.9	31.0	161.5
46	7.9	9.1	14.0	540	27.2	31.3	164.6
47	8.0	9.2	14.3	550	27.4	31.6	167.6
48	8.1	9.3	14.6	560	27.7	31.9	170.7
49	8.2	9.4	14.9	570	27.9	32.1	173.7
50	8.3	9.5	15.2	580	28.2	32.4	176.8
55	8.7	10.0	16.8	590	28.4	32.7	179.8
60	9.1	10.4	18.3	600	28.7	33.0	182.9
65	9.4	10.9	19.8	620	29.1	33.5	189.0
70	9.8	11.3	21.3	640	29.5	34.1	195.1
75	10.1	11.7	22.9	660	30.1	34.6	201.2
80	10.5	12.0	24.4	680	30.5	35.1	207.3
85	10.8	12.4	25.9	700	31.0	35.6	213.4
90	11.1	12.8	27.4	720	31.4	36.1	219.5
95	11.4	13.1	29.0	740	31.8	36.6	225.6
100	11.7	13.5	30.5	760	32.3	37.1	231.7
105	12.0	13.8	32.0	780	32.7	37.6	237.7
110	12.3	14.1	33.5	800	33.1	38.1	243.8
115	12.5	14.4	33.1	820	33.5	38.6	249.9

Example: Determine the geographic visibility of an object 65 feet above the water, for an observer whose eye is 35 above the water:

Height of object	65 feet	9.4 nautical miles
Height of observer	35 feet	6.9 nautical miles
Computed geographic visibility		16.3 nautical miles

Conversion of Degrees to Points and Points to Degrees

°	'	Points	°	'	Points
000	00	N	180	00	S
002	49		182	49	
005	38	N ½ E	185	38	S ½ W
008	26		188	26	
011	15	N x E	191	15	S x W
014	04		194	04	
016	53	N x E ½ E	196	53	S x W ½ W
019	41		199	41	
022	30	NNE	202	30	SSW
025	19		205	19	
028	08	NNE ½ E	208	08	SSW ½ W
030	56		210	56	
033	45	NE x N	213	45	SW x W
036	34		216	34	
039	23	NE ½ N	219	23	SW ½ S
042	11		222	11	
045	00	NE	225	00	SW
047	49		227	49	
050	38	NE ½ E	230	38	SW ½ W
053	26		233	26	
056	15	NE x E	236	15	SW x W
059	04		239	04	
061	53	NE x E ½ E	241	53	SW x W ½ W
064	41		244	41	
067	30	ENE	247	30	WSW
070	19		250	19	
073	08	ENE ½ E	253	08	WSW ½ W
075	56		255	56	
078	45	E x N	258	45	W x S
081	34		261	34	
084	23	E ½ N	264	23	W ½ S
087	11		267	11	
090	00	E	270	00	W
092	49		272	49	
095	38	E ½ S	275	38	W ½ S
098	26		278	26	
101	15	E x S	281	15	W x N
104	04		284	04	
106	53	ESE ½ E	286	53	WNW ½ W
109	41		289	41	
112	30	ESE	292	30	WNW
115	19		295	19	
118	08	SE x E ½ E	298	08	NW x W ½ W
120	56		300	56	
123	45	SE x E	303	45	NW x W
126	34		306	34	
129	23	SE ½ E	309	23	NW ½ W
132	11		312	11	
135	00	SE	315	00	NW
137	49		317	49	
140	38	SE ½ S	320	38	NW ½ N
143	26		323	26	
146	15	SE x S	326	15	NW x N
149	04		329	04	
151	53	SSE ½ E	331	53	NNW ½ W
154	41		334	41	
157	30	SSE	337	30	NNW
160	19		340	19	
163	08	S x E ½ E	343	08	N x W ½ W
165	56		345	56	
168	45	S x E	348	45	N x W
171	34		351	34	
174	23	S ½ E	354	23	N ½ W
177	11		357	11	

Table For Estimating Time of Transit

Distance	Speed in knots																		
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	30
Nautical Miles	Days-hours	Days-hours	Days-hours	Days-hours	Days-hours	Days-hours	Days-hours	Days-hours	Days-hours	Days-hours	Days-hours	Days-hours	Days-hours	Days-hours	Days-hours	Days-hours	Days-hours	Days-hours	Days-hours
10	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	0-3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1
30	0-4	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1
40	0-5	0-4	0-4	0-4	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-1
50	0-6	0-6	0-5	0-5	0-4	0-4	0-4	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2
60	0-8	0-7	0-6	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-4	0-4	0-4	0-4	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-2	0-2
70	0-9	0-8	0-7	0-6	0-6	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-4	0-4	0-4	0-4	0-4	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-2
80	0-10	0-9	0-8	0-7	0-7	0-6	0-6	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-4	0-4	0-4	0-4	0-4	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3
90	0-11	0-10	0-9	0-8	0-8	0-7	0-6	0-6	0-6	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-4	0-4	0-4	0-4	0-4	0-3
100	0-13	0-11	0-10	0-9	0-8	0-8	0-7	0-7	0-6	0-6	0-6	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-4	0-4	0-4	0-3
200	1-1	0-22	0-20	0-18	0-17	0-15	0-14	0-13	0-13	0-12	0-11	0-11	0-10	0-10	0-9	0-9	0-8	0-8	0-7
300	1-14	1-9	1-6	1-3	1-1	0-23	0-21	0-20	0-19	0-18	0-17	0-16	0-15	0-14	0-14	0-13	0-13	0-12	0-10
400	2-2	1-20	1-16	1-12	1-9	1-7	1-5	1-3	1-1	1-0	0-22	0-21	0-20	0-19	0-18	0-17	0-17	0-16	0-13
500	2-15	2-8	2-2	1-21	1-18	1-14	1-12	1-9	1-7	1-5	1-4	1-2	1-1	1-0	0-23	0-22	0-21	0-20	0-17
600	3-3	2-19	2-12	2-7	2-2	1-22	1-19	1-16	1-14	1-11	1-9	1-8	1-6	1-5	1-3	1-2	1-1	1-0	0-20
700	3-16	3-6	2-22	2-16	2-10	2-6	2-2	1-23	1-20	1-17	1-15	1-13	1-11	1-9	1-8	1-6	1-5	1-4	0-23
800	4-4	3-17	3-8	3-1	2-19	2-14	2-9	2-5	2-2	1-23	1-20	1-18	1-16	1-14	1-12	1-11	1-9	1-8	1-3
900	4-17	4-4	3-18	3-10	3-3	2-21	2-16	2-12	2-8	2-5	2-2	1-23	1-21	1-19	1-17	1-15	1-14	1-12	1-6
1,000	5-5	4-15	4-4	3-19	3-11	3-5	2-23	2-19	2-15	2-11	2-8	2-5	2-2	2-0	1-21	1-19	1-18	1-16	1-9
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STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS FOR BROADCASTS

AIDS TO NAVIGATION	
Aeronautical Radiobeacon	AERO RBN
Articulated Daybeacon	ART DBN
Articulated Light	ART LT
Destroyed	DESTR
Discontinued	DISCONTD
Established	ESTAB
Exposed Location Buoy	ELB
Fog Signal Station	FOG SIG
Large Navigation Buoy	LNB
Light	LT
Light List Number	LLNR
Lighted Bell Buoy	LBB
Lighted Buoy	LB
Lighted Gong Buoy	LGB
Lighted Horn Buoy	LHB
Lighted Whistle Buoy	LWB
Ocean Data Acquisition System	ODAS
Privately Maintained	PRIV MAINTD
Radar Responder Buoy	RACON
Radar Reflector	RA REF
Radiobeacon	RBN
Temporarily Replaced by Unlighted Buoy	TRUB
Temporarily Replaced by Lighted Buoy	TRLB
Whistle	WHIS

CHARACTERISTICS	
Fixed	F
Occulting	OC
Group-Occulting	OC(2)
Composite Group-Occulting	OC(2+1)
Isophase	ISO
Single-Flashing	FL
Group-Flashing	FL(3)
Composite Group Flashing	FL(2+1)
Continuous Quick-Flashing	Q
Interrupted Quick-Flashing	IQ
Morse Code	MO(a)
Fixed and Flashing	FFL
Alternating	AL
Characteristics	CHAR

Color[1]	
Black	B
Blue	BU
Green	G
Orange	OR
Red	R
White	W
Yellow	Y

ORGANIZATIONS	
Coast Guard	CG
Commander, Coast Guard District (#)	CCCD(#)
Corp of Engineers	COE
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency	NGA
National Ocean Service	NOS
National Weather Service	NWS

VESSELS	
Aircraft	A/C
Fishing Vessel	F/V
Liquified Natural Gas Carrier	LNG
Motor Vessel	M/V[2]
Pleasure Craft	P/C
Research Vessel	R/V
Sailing Vessel	S/V

COMPASS DIRECTIONS	
East	E
North	N
Northeast	NE
Northwest	NW
South	S
Southeast	SE
Southwest	SW
West	W

MONTHS	
January	JAN
February	FEB
March	MAR
April	APR
May	MAY
June	JUN
July	JUL
August	AUG
September	SEP
October	OCT
November	NOV
December	DEC

[1] Color refers to light characteristics of Aids to Navigation only.
[2] M/V includes: Steam Ship, Container Vessel, Cargo Vessel, etc.

STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS FOR BROADCASTS (Cont'd)

DAYS OF THE WEEK

Monday	MON
Tuesday	TUE
Wednesday	WED
Thursday	THU
Friday	FRI
Saturday	SAT
Sunday	SUN

COUNTRIES AND STATES

Alabama	AL
Alaska	AK
American Samoa	AS
Arizona	AZ
Arkansas	AR
California	CA
Canada	CN
Colorado	CO
Connecticut	CT
Delaware	DE
District of Columbia	DC
Federated States of Micronesia	FSM
Florida	FL
Georgia	GA
Guam	GU
Hawaii	HI
Idaho	ID
Illinois	IL
Indiana	IN
Iowa	IA
Kansas	KS
Kentucky	KY
Louisiana	LA
Maine	ME
Maryland	MD
Massachusetts	MA
Mexico	MX
Michigan	MI
Minnesota	MN
Mississippi	MS
Missouri	MO
Montana	MT
Nebraska	NE
New Hampshire	NH
Nevada	NV
New Jersey	NJ
New Mexico	NM
New York	NY
North Carolina	NC
North Dakota	ND
Ohio	OH
Oklahoma	OK
Oregon	OR
Pennsylvania	PA
Puerto Rico	PR
Rhode Island	RI
South Carolina	SC
South Dakota	SD
Tennessee	TN
Texas	TX
United States	US
Utah	UT
Vermont	VT
Virgin Islands	VI
Virginia	VA
Washington	WA
West Virginia	WV
Wisconsin	WI
Wyoming	WY

VARIOUS

Anchorage	ANCH
Anchorage Prohibited	ANCH PROHIB
Approximate	APPROX
Atlantic	ATLC
Authorized	AUTH
Average	AVG
Bearing	BRG
Breakwater	BKW
Broadcast Notice to Mariners	BNM
Channel	CHAN
Code of Federal Regulations	CFR
Continue	CONT
Degrees (temperature; Geographic Position)	DEG
Diameter	DIA
Edition	ED
Effect/Effective	EFF
Entrance	ENTR
Explosive Anchorage	EXPLOS ANCH
Fathom(s)	FM(S)
Foot/Feet	FT
Harbor	HBR
Height	HT
Hertz	HZ
Horizontal Clearance	HOR CL
Hour	HR
International Regulations For Preventing Collisions at Sea	COLREGS
Kilohertz	KHZ
Kilometer	KM
Knot(s)	KT(S)
Latitude	LAT
Local Notice to Mariners	LNM
Longitude	LONG
Maintained	MAINTD
Maximum	MAX
Megahertz	MHZ
Millibar	MB
Millimeter	MM
Minute (temperature; geographic position)	MIN
Moderate	MOD
Mountain, Mount	MT
Nautical Mile(s)	NM
Notice to Mariners	NM
Obstruction	OBSTR
Occasion/Occasionally	OCCASION

STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS FOR BROADCASTS (Cont'd)

Operating Area	OPAREA
Pacific	PAC
Point(s)	PT(S)
Position	PSN
Position Approximate	PA
Pressure	PRES
Private, Privately	PRIV
Prohibited	PROHIB
Publication	PUB
Range	RGE
Reported	REP
Restricted	RESTR
Rock	RK
Saint	ST
Second (time; geographic position)	SEC
Signal Station	SIG STA
Station	STA
Statute Mile(s)	SM
Storm Signal Station	S SIG STA
Temporary	TEMP
Through	THRU
Thunderstorm	TSTM
True	T
Uncovers, Dries	UNCOV
Universal Coordinate Time	UTC
Urgent Marine Information Broadcast	UMIB
Velocity	VEL
Vertical Clearance	VERT CL
Visibility	VSBY
Warning	WARN
Weather	WX
Wreck	WK
Yard(s)	YD

MEASUREMENT AND CONVERSION FACTORS

EQUIVALENCIES

nautical mile	1,852.0 meters 6,076.12 feet
statute mile	5,280 feet; 1,609.3 meters; 1.6 093 kilometers
cable	0.1 nautical mile (Canada); 720 feet (U.S.)
fathom	6 feet; 1.8 288 meters
foot	0.3 048 meter
inch	2.54 centimeters
meter	39.37 inches; 3.281 feet; 1.0 936 yards
kilometer	1,000 meters
knot	1.6 877 feet per second 0.5 144 meters per second
miles (statute) per hour	1.466 feet per second 0.44 704 meters per second
acre	43,560 square feet 4,046.82 square meters
pound (avoirdupois)	453.59 gram
gram	0.0 022 046 pound (avoirdupois)
short ton	2,000 pounds
long ton	2,240 pounds
metric ton	2,204.6 pounds;
gram	0.035 274 ounce
kilogram	2.2 pounds
liter	1.0 567 quarts
barrel (petroleum)	42 gallons (U.S.)

CONVERSION FACTORS

SYMBOL	WHEN YOU KNOW	MULTIPLY BY	TO FIND	SYMBOL
LINEAR				
in	inches	25.40	millimeters	mm
in	inches	2.540	centimeters	cm
cm	centimeters	0.032 808	feet	ft
ft	feet	30.48	centimeters	cm
ft	feet	0.3 048	meters	m
ft	feet	0.00 016 458	nautical miles	nm
yd	yards	0.9 144	meters	m
m	meters	3.2 808	feet	ft
m	meters	1.094	yards	yd
m	meters	0.0 005 399	nautical miles	nm
sm	statute miles	0.86 897	nautical miles	nm
sm	statute miles	1.6 093	kilometers	km
sm	statute miles	1,609.3	meters	m
nm	nautical miles	1.151	statute miles	sm
AREA				
ft^2	square feet	0.0 929	square meters	m^2
m^2	square meters	10.764	square feet	ft^2
	acres	4,046.9	square meters	m^2
	acres	43,560	square feet	ft^2
m^2	square meters	0.0 002 471	acres	
ft^2	square feet	0.00 002 296	acres	
ha	hectare	2.471 054	acre	
ha	hectare	10,000	square meters	m^2
ha	hectare	$1.07\ 639 \times 10^5$	square feet	ft^2
	acre	0.404 685	hectare	ha
DEPTHS				
	fathoms	1.8 288	meters	m
m	meters	0.54 681	fathoms	
m	meters	3.2 808	feet	ft
ft	feet	0.3 048	meters	m

CONVERSION FACTORS (Cont'd)

SYMBOL	WHEN YOU KNOW	MULTIPLY BY	TO FIND	SYMBOL
RATES				
ft/sec	feet per second	0.5 925	knots	kt
ft/sec	feet per second	0.6 818	miles per hour	mph
ft/sec	feet per second	30.48	centimeters per second	cm/s
mph	statute miles per hour	0.8 689	knots	kt
mph	statute miles per hour	1.467	feet per second	fps
mph	statute miles per hour	0.447	meters per second	m/s
kt	knots	1.151	miles per hour	mph
kt	knots	0.5 144	meters per second	m/s
kt	knots	1.6 878	feet per second	fps
cm/sec	centimeter per second	0.01 944	knots	kt
cm/sec	centimeter per second	0.02 237	miles per hour	mph
cm/sec	centimeter per second	0.032 808	feet per second	fps
MASS				
g	grams	0.035 275	ounces (avoirdupois)	oz
g	grams	0.002 205	pounds (avoirdupois)	lb
oz	ounces (avoirdupois)	28.349	grams	g
lb	pounds	0.45 359	kilograms	kg
	short tons	2,000	pounds	Lb
	short tons	0.89 286	long tons	
	short tons	0.9 072	metric tons	t
	long tons	2,240	pounds	Lb
	long tons	1.12	short tons	
	long tons	1.016	metric tons	t
t	metric tons	1,000	kilograms	kg
t	metric tons	0.9 842	long tons	
t	metric tons	1.1 023	short tons	
t	metric tons	2,204.6	pounds	Lb
VOLUME				
	barrels (petroleum)	42	gallons (U.S.)	gal
	barrels (petroleum)	158.99	liters	L
	barrels (liquid, U.S.)	31.5	gallons (U.S.)	gal
	barrels (liquid, U.S.)	26.229	gallons (British)	gal
	barrels (liquid, U.S.)	119.24	liters	L
gal	gallons (U.S.)	0.02 381	barrels (petroleum)	
L	liters	0.26 417	gallons (U.S.)	Gal
gal	gallons (U.S.)	3.7 854	liters	L
TEMPERATURE				
	Degrees Fahrenheit	5/9 (after subtracting 32)	Degrees Celsius	
	Degrees Celsius	9/5 (then add 32)	Degrees Fahrenheit	

METRIC STYLE GUIDE

Prefixes: Some of the metric units listed include prefixes such as kilo, centi, and milli. Prefixes, added to a unit name, create larger or smaller units by factors that are powers of 10. For example, add the prefix kilo, which means a thousand, to the unit gram to indicate 1000 grams; thus 1000 grams become 1 kilogram. The more common prefixes follow.

Factor		Prefix	Symbol
1 000 000	10^6	mega	M
1 000	10^3	kilo	k
1/100	10^{-2}	centi	c
1/1000	10^{-3}	milli	m
1/1 000 000	10^{-6}	micro	µ

Spelling: All units and prefixes should be spelled as shown in this guide.

Conversions: Conversions should follow a rule of reason; do not include figures that imply more accuracy than justified by the original data. For example, 36 inches should be converted to 91 centimeters, not 91.44 centimeters (36 inches x 2.54 centimeters per inch = 91.44 centimeters), and 40.1 inches converts to 101.9 centimeters, not 101.854.

Capitalization of Units: The names of all units start with a lower case letter except, of course, at the beginning of the sentence. There is one exception: in "degree Celsius" (symbol °C) the unit "degree" is lower case but the modifier "Celsius" is capitalized. Thus body temperature is written as 37 degrees Celsius.

Capitalization of Symbols: Unit symbols are written in lower case letters except for liter and those units derived from the name of a person (m for meter, but W for Watt, Pa for Pascal, etc.).

Capitalization of Prefixes: Symbols of prefixes that mean a million or more are capitalized and those less than a million are lower case (M for mega (millions), m for milli (thousandths)).

Pluralizations of Units: Names of units are made plural only when the numerical value that precedes them is more than 1. For example, 0.25 liter or 1/4 liter, but 250 milliliters. Zero degrees Celsius is an exception to this rule.

Pluralization of Symbols: Symbols for units are never pluralized (250 mm=250 millimeters).

Incorrect Terms: The prefix "kilo" stands for one thousand of the named unit. It is not a stand-alone term in the metric system. The most common misuse of this is the use of "kilo" for a "kilogram" of something. The word "micron" is an obsolete term for the quantity "micrometer." Also "degree centigrade" is no longer the correct unit term for temperature in the metric system; it has been replaced by degree Celsius.

Spacing: A space is used between the number and the symbol to which it refers. For example: 7 m, 31.4 kg, 37° C.

When a metric value is used as a one-thought modifier before a noun, hyphenating the quantity is not necessary. However, if a hyphen is used, write out the name of the metric quantity with the hyphen between the numeral and the quantity. For example:

a 2-liter bottle, not a 2-L bottle;
a 100-meter relay, not a 100-m relay;
35-millimeter film, not 35-mm film.

In names or symbols for units having prefixes, there is no space between letters making up the symbol or name. Examples: milligram, mg; kilometer, km.

Spaces (not commas) are used in writing metric values containing five or more digits. Examples 1 234 567 km, 0.123 456 mm. For values with four digits, either a space or no space is acceptable.

Period: Do not use a period with metric unit names and symbols except at the end of a sentence.

Decimal Point: The dot or period is used as the decimal point within numbers. In numbers less than one, zero should be written before the decimal point. Examples: 7.038 g; 0.038 g.

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