

NOAA Nautical Charting Calendar

Junction Buoy¹

Junction buoys typically mark a junction of two channels and can be passed safely on either side. As with other buoys, these can be lighted or unlighted. If unlighted, the buoy would resemble a green can (if the preferred channel were to the right when approaching from seaward) or a red nun (if the preferred channel were to the left when approaching from seaward). The nun would have horizontal red and green bands with the topmost band red. It would be charted by the symbol shown in Section Q 4 of Chart No. 1. The diamond shape would have two fills – red and green (topmost red) – and the letters RG along with the letter(s) on the buoy shown in quotation marks. If lighted, these would be larger buoys, but retain the same physical color and lettering scheme. The color of the light matches the color of the topmost band. These would be charted using the same symbols as given above, except that the magenta disc would be added, along with the light characteristics as noted above.



Bifurcation, Junction, Isolated danger, Wreck and Obstruction buoys

Figure 1 – From Chart 1, "Nautical Chart Symbols, Abbreviations and Terms"

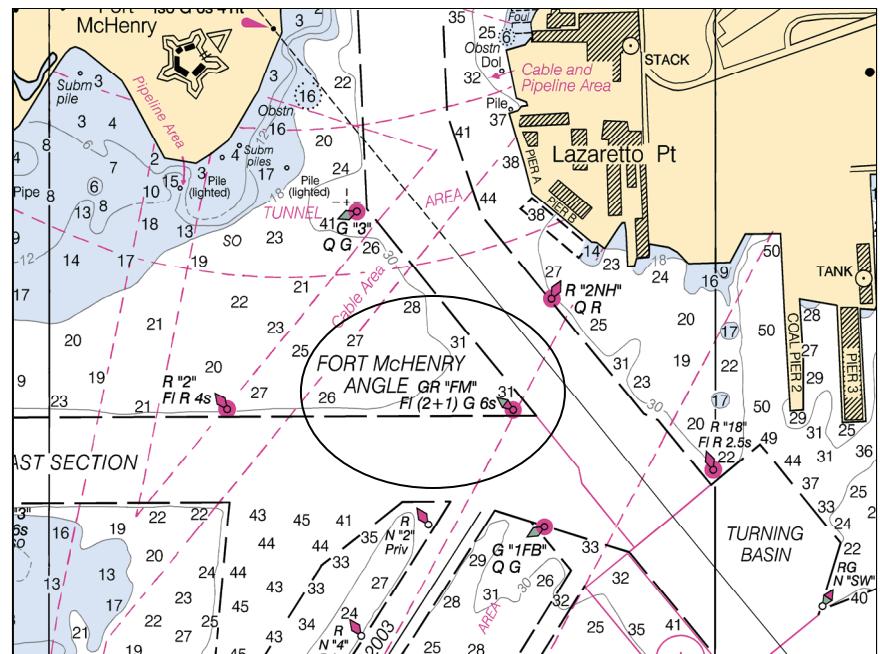


Figure 2 – From Chart 12281, "Baltimore Harbor" showing a junction buoy

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SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
						1		2		3		4	
5	6	7		8		9		10		11			
12	13	14		15		16		17		18			
19	20 Washington's Birthday	21		22		23		24		25			
26	27	28											

¹From "Nautical Chart Users Manual," available for free at <http://chartmaker.ncd.noaa.gov/staff/ncum.htm>