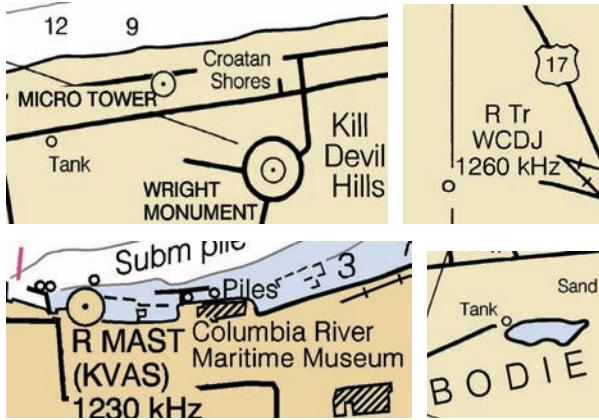


NOAA Nautical Charting Calendar

Charting Landmarks¹

A landmark is a fixed, natural or artificial object on land which is prominent from seaward and can be used to determine direction or position. Landmarks include buildings, stacks, tanks, towers, and radio antennas. Not all suitable objects in an area would be charted as landmarks. The term excludes objects erected for navigational purposes such as lights or daybeacons.



Landmarks are charted in the exact position reported on source documents. An accurate landmark symbol consists of a black circle 1.18 mm in radius with a center dot 0.25 mm in diameter when the position of the landmark is located within 10 feet of its correct geographic location.

An approximate landmark symbol consists of a smaller black circle 0.5 mm in radius without a center dot. It is used when the landmark is less accurately located than above, but is charted within 100 feet of its correct geographic location.

An approximate landmark symbol with the letters PA (position approximate) is used where the charted location of the object is within 101 to 300 feet of its correct geographic location.

One or more labels accompany the symbol. The first label gives the term most likely to identify the object (e.g., TOWER, CHIMNEY). Landmarks charted with the accurate landmark symbol are labeled in vertical capital letters. Those charted with the approximate landmark symbol are labeled with initial capitals only. Secondary labels may be added for clarity and are enclosed in parentheses. Capitalization for secondary labels is the same as primary labels.

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | Text adapted from "Nautical Chart Users Manual," which is available for free at http://chartmaker.ncd.noaa.gov/staff/nucm/nucm.htm . | | |