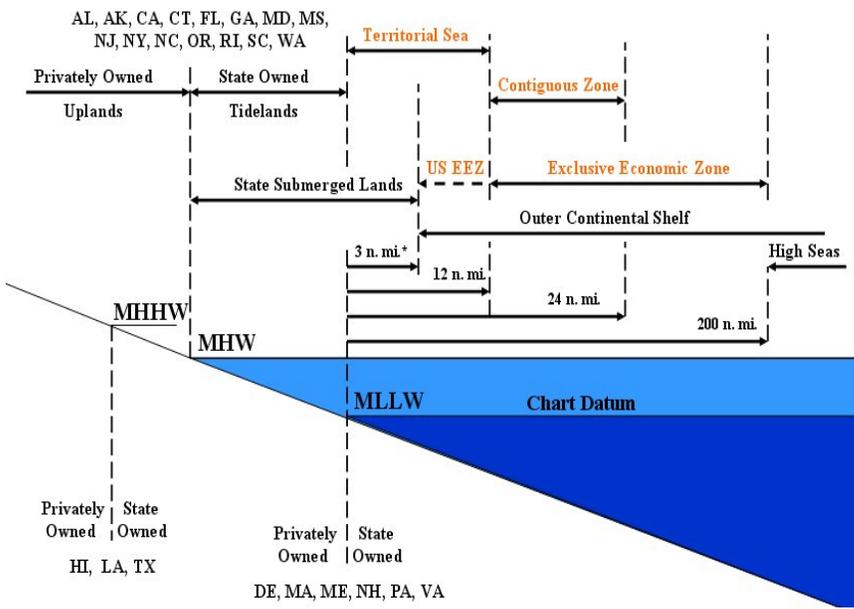


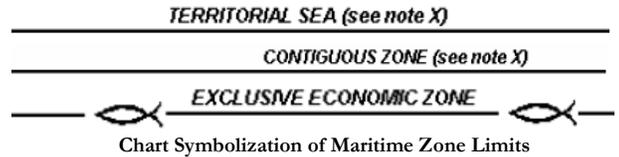
NOAA Nautical Charting Calendar

Maritime Zones¹

NOAA charts show the 12 nautical mile Territorial Sea, 24 nautical mile Contiguous Zone, and 200 nautical mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) limits. These maritime zones are measured from the “normal baseline” which is mean lower low water (MLLW) in the U.S.



- In the **Territorial Sea**, the U.S. exerts sovereignty including the airspace above and the seabed below. However, ships of all countries enjoy the right of innocent passage.
- In the **Contiguous Zone**, the U.S. exercises control necessary to prevent infringement of its customs, fiscal, immigration or sanitary regulations. A nation does not exercise sovereignty over the waters of the contiguous zone.
- In the **EEZ**, the U.S. has sovereign rights for exploring, exploiting, conserving and managing natural resources, both living and nonliving, of the seabed, subsoil and the superjacent waters. Other nations may exercise freedom of navigation.
- The **Three Nautical Mile Line** is no longer an internationally recognized maritime limit. It is retained on NOAA charts because fisheries and water quality laws are tied to it, and its depiction helps enforce the regulations.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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28	29	30	31	Prepared by the Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, NOAA, www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov , 1-301-713-2770. ¹ More information, including digital files of maritime zone limits, can be found on the Coast Survey web site: http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/csdl/mbound.htm		