

NOAA Nautical Charting Calendar



GEOGRAPHIC AND OTHER NAMES

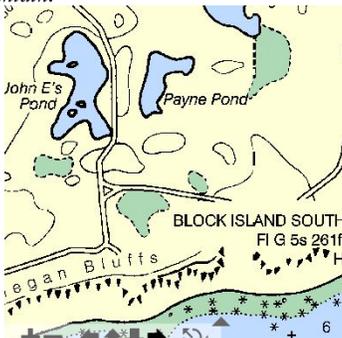
In NOAA nautical charting, the term "geographic names" refers to localities, natural features, and man-made waterways. The name does not apply to other man-made objects or features such as roads, bridges, parks, buildings, and stadiums.

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) establishes uniform geographic name usage throughout the Federal Government. President Benjamin Harrison created the Board in 1890 with the authority to settle geographic names questions. It develops principles, policies, and procedures governing the spelling, use, and application of both domestic and foreign geographic names. Decisions of the Board are binding on the Federal Government. Any person or organization, public or private, may request the Board to render formal decisions on place names. (see <http://geonames.usgs.gov/>)

The Domestic Names Committee (DNC) carries out the BGN's U.S. names standardization. Every year, the DNC reviews hundreds of domestic name proposals and suggested name changes from private citizens and local, state, and tribal authorities. The DNC never initiates a name proposal; but mediates place name controversies and rules on new name proposals.

The Foreign Names Committee (FNC) carries out the BGN's foreign names standardization. Working with geographic names authorities in foreign countries, the FNC determines policies for the treatment of foreign names, including systems for rendering geographic names in non-Roman scripts such as Arabic and Korean.

Factoid: Since 1890, the Board has allowed only 5 apostrophe's for natural features: *Ike's Point, Martha's Vineyard, John E's Pond, Carlos Elmer's Joshua View, and Clark's Mountain.*



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