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TIDAL INFORMATION

Place	Mean High Water	Mean Tide Level	Mean Low Water	Entrance Low Water
	feet	feet	feet	feet
Fishermans Island 37°06'-75°58'	2.7	1.4	0.0	−3.5
Mosquito Point, Back River 37°06'-76°19'	2.2	1.2	0.0	−3.0
Old Point Comfort 37°00'-76°19'	2.5	1.3	0.0	−3.5
Hampton Roads 36°57'-76°20'	2.5	1.2	0.0	−3.5
Cranes Island Light 36°54'-76°20'	2.6	1.3	0.0	−3.5
Lynnhaven Inlet 36°54'-76°05'	2.0	1.0	0.0	−3.0
Cape Henry 36°56'-76°00'	2.8	1.4	0.0	−2.5

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LOGARITHMIC SPEED SCALE

To find SPEED, place one point of dividers on distance run (in any unit) and the other on minutes run. Without changing divider spread, place right point on 60 and left point will then indicate speed in units per hour. Example: with 4.0 nautical miles run in 15 minutes, the speed is 16.0 knots

Nautical Miles

Yards

STORM WARNINGS

The National Weather Service displays storm warnings at the following approximate locations:

Cape Henry 36°56'.8 -76°00'.4
Little Creek 36°55'.0 -76°10'.0
Fort Monroe 37°00'.3 -76°18'.1
Norfolk Navy Base 36°55'.7 -76°18'.9

For Symbols and Abbreviations see Chart No. 1
COLREGS: International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972.
Demarcation lines are shown thus: ———

HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water
Contour interval 20 feet. Relief is shown only where of importance to radar interpretation.

AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Survey with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, U. S. Coast Guard and Defense Mapping Agency.

UNITED STATES – EAST COAST

VIRGINIA

CHESAPEAKE BAY

CAPE CHARLES TO NORFOLK HARBOR

Formerly C&GS 562, 1st Ed., Mar. 1964

Mercator Projection
Scale 1:40,000 at Lat. 37°00'
North American 1927 Datum

SOUNDINGS IN FEET
AT MEAN LOW WATER

CAUTION

FISH TRAP AREAS AND STRUCTURES

Mariners are warned that numerous unmarked duck blinds and fishing structures; some submerged, may exist in fish trap areas. Such structures are not charted unless known to be permanent.

Regulations to assure clear passage to and through dredged and natural channels and to established landings are prescribed by the Corps of Engineers in the Code of Federal Regulations. Definite limits of fish trap areas have been established in some areas and these limits are shown thus: ———

Where definite limits have not been prescribed the location of fishing structures is restricted only by the regulations.

PLANE COORDINATE GRID

The Virginia State plane coordinate grid (South Zone) is indicated on this chart at 20,000 foot intervals thus: ——+——
The last three digits are omitted.

CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Notice to Mariners.

HYDROGRAPHY

The most recent basic hydrographic survey used in the compilation of hydrography in the present area was the Thimble Shoal, was accomplished by the NOAA ship Peirce, commanded by Commander Carl W. Fisher in 1977.

POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center via 800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 3 for important supplemental information.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

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SOUNDINGS IN FEET

RACING BUOYS

Racing buoys within the limits of this chart are not shown hereon. Information may be obtained from the U.S. Coast Guard District Offices as racing and other privately maintained buoys are not all listed in the U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

NOTE F
YORK SPIT CHANNEL
Depths entering from seaward
Surveys of Nov-Dec 1978, June 1979 & June 1981
Left outside quarter ..... 40.3 ft.
Left inside quarter ..... 39.0 ft.
Right inside quarter ..... 41.3 ft.
Right outside quarter ..... 40.0 ft.
The use of this channel shall be restricted to vessels and other watercraft passing up or down Chesapeake Bay, and no vessel or other watercraft shall cross the channel or enter it at any point other than at its ends and in the direction of its axis. Any vessel having entered the channel shall follow the course thereof for its entire length.

CAUTION
Only marine radiobeacons have been calibrated for surface use. Limitations on the use of certain other radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and Defense Mapping Agency Hydrographic/Topographic Center Publication 117 (A & B).
Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution.
Station positions are shown thus:
(a)Accurate location) (a)Approximate location)

CAUTION
Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

NOTE H
CAUTION
The Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel complex is designed to withstand considerable damage from vessels due to adverse weather conditions. Currents in excess of three knots can be expected in the area. Mariners transiting this area are urged to be particularly alert in regards to the weather situation. The National Weather Service provides 24 hour weather information on 2538 and 2450 kHz. The local Marine operator also broadcasts weather information at 0100, 0700, 1300, and 1900 local time on 2538 and 2450 kHz. Transmitting schedules are subject to change; see Notice to Mariners. Maneuvering in close proximity of the bridge-tunnel complex is discouraged.

WARNING
The product mariners will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List Volume 5, Coast Pilot for details.

ANCHORAGE AREAS
110.168 (see note A)
Limits and designation of anchorage areas are shown in color. See charts 12245, 12253 for additional areas not shown on this chart.

NOTE A
Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S. Coast Pilot 3, or weekly Notice to Mariners which include new or revised regulations. Information concerning the regulations may be obtained at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in Norfolk, Va.
Anchorage regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander, 5th Coast Guard District in Portsmouth, Va.
Refer to section numbers shown with area designation.

CABLE AND PIPELINE AREAS
See the larger scale charts for the cable and pipeline crossings in the Elizabeth River south of Lambert Pt.

CRANEY ISLAND DISPOSAL AREA

NOTE B
HAMPTON ROADS TUNNEL APPROACH SPANS
HOR CL 45 FT SOUTH
HOR CL 40 FT NORTH
VERT CL 70 FT

NOTE C
DANGER AREA
Area is open to unrestricted surface navigation but all vessels are cautioned not to anchor, dredge, trawl, lay cables, bottom, nor conduct any other similar type of operation because of residual dangers from mines on the bottom.

NOTE D
CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE & TUNNEL
(Privately-maintained lights)
Trestles A and B – In each trestle section the fixed bridge opening for small craft consists of a group of 3 spans. A fixed green light marks the centerline of each span and fixed red lights mark outer most bridge support piling on each side of the openings.
North Channel & Fisherman Inlet Bridges – A fixed green light marks each mid-channel with fixed red lights marking channel limits.
Fixed red obstruction lights mark each pier in Trestles C and D.

NOAA VHF-FM WEATHER BROADCASTS
The National Weather Service station listed below provides continuous marine weather broadcasts. The range of reception is variable, but for most stations is usually 20 to 40 miles from the antenna site.
Norfolk, Va. KHB-27 162.55 MHz

NOTE E
Numerous duck blinds, stakes, piles, and pipes exist in the waterways of Lynnhaven Bay, Long Creek, Broad Bay and Linkhorn Bay. Submerged piles which have been located are charted but additional submerged piles may exist.

NOTE I
The controlling depth was reported to be 6 feet in the marked channel of Western and Thurston Branches.
1970-1974

NORFOLK HARBOR AND APPROACHES
TABULATED FROM SURVEYS BY THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS – MONTHS TO AUGUST 1981 AND SURVEYS TO JUNE 1981

NAME OF CHANNEL	CONTROLLING DEPTHS FROM SOUNDING OR TIDE IN FEET – MEAN LOW WATER (MLW) LEFT OUTER QUARTER	LEFT INNER QUARTER	RIGHT INNER QUARTER	RIGHT OUTER QUARTER	DATE OF SURVEY	PROJECT DIMENSIONS WIDTH (FEET)	LENGTH (FEET) OR NAUTICAL MILES	DEPTH (FEET)
THIMBLE SHOAL CHANNEL, A	49.5	48.6	45.9	45.0	4-6-81	1000	6.9	50
NORTH AUXILIARY CHANNEL	50.0	52.0	50.6	50.2	4-6-81	400	6.9	50
SOUTH AUXILIARY CHANNEL	49.4	49.4	50.0	49.8	4-6-81	400	6.9	50
NORFOLK HARBOR								
ENTRANCE REACH	CAN-8	49.0	49.0	49.0	3-4-81	1500	1	45
NORFOLK HARBOR REACH	47.5	45.9	44.0	44.0	3-4-81	800–1500	1.5	45
CRANEY ISLAND REACH	44.2	45.0	44.5	843.8	3-4-81	800	2.1	45
LAMBERT REACH	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	9-77	700	0.9	45
PORT NORFOLK REACH	38.8	45.0	45.0	45.0	5-77	700	0.9	45
SOUTHERN BRANCH REACH	42.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	5-77	800	0.9	45
HAMPTON BLVD.								
ENTRANCE CHANNEL	-12.0	-11.6	-12.5	-12.0	12-80	200	1.1	-12
HAMPTON REACH	-12.0	-12.0	-12.0	-12.0	12-80	150	1.0	-12
SUNSET CREEK	-12.0	-12.0	-12.5	-12.5	12-80	80–150	0.5	-12
PHOEBUS CHANNEL	-12.0	-11.0	-12.0	-12.0	4-80	150	0.3	-12

A - TWO CHANNEL IS RESTRICTED TO EXCLUDE VESSELS AND TOWS DRAWING LESS THAN 25 FEET. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS TO PASSENGER DRAFT.
B - SHOALING TO 41.2 FEET IS LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 58 53 30W, 76 29 18W.
C - SHOALING TO 43.0 FEET IS LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 58 53 30W, 76 29 18W.
NOTE: CONTACT THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR CHANGES SUBSEQUENT TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION

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NOTE G
TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME
The RECOMMENDED route for entering and departing from Chesapeake Bay is marked by a tinted purple line centered on a line of fairway buoys which separates the courses of inbound and outbound vessels. Vessels should keep as far to the buoys on their port hand. The passage area is marked by a tinted purple band. Traffic within the Precautionary Area may consist of vessels operating between Thimble Shoal and Chesapeake Channels and one of the established traffic lanes. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme care in navigating within this area.
The traffic separation scheme has been designed to aid in the prevention of collisions at the approach es to Chesapeake Bay but is not intended in any way to supersede or alter the applicable rules of the Road.

LOCAL MAGNETIC DISTURBANCE
Differences of as much as 6° from the normal variation have been observed 3 to 17 nautical miles offshore from Cape Henry to Currituck Beach Light.

LYNNHAVEN INLET TO BROAD BAY
Lynnhaven Inlet is subject to continual change. The controlling depth in the improved channel from daybeacon 8 to daybeacon 13 is 6 feet, and 4 feet to Broad Bay.
April 1981

RADAR REFLECTORS
Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

THE NARROWS
A depth of 6 feet for a width of 90 feet was available in the improved channel through the Narrows.
April 1981

LOCAL MAGNETIC DISTURBANCE
Vessels should not anchor, trawl, fish, or dredge in the vicinity of the submarine cable area which crosses the entrance channel between Fort Wool and Fort Norfolk.

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CAUTION
This chart has been corrected from the Notice to Mariners published weekly by the Defense Mapping Agency Hydrographic/Topographic Center and the Local Notice to Mariners issued periodically by each U.S. Coast Guard district to the print date shown in the lower left hand corner.

Nautical Miles

Yards

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