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HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL

CARPENTERS BAYOU TO HOUSTON

Mercator Projection
Scale 1:10,000 at Lat. 29°43'
North American Datum of 1983
(World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET
AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

PLANE COORDINATE GRID
(based on NAD 1927)
Texas State, South Central Zone, is indicated on this chart at 4000 foot intervals thus: +

Additional information can be obtained at nauticalcharts.noaa.gov.

HEIGHTS
Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

AUTHORITIES
Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Coast Guard.

THE NATION'S CHARTMAKER SINCE 1807

UNITED STATES - GULF COAST

TEXAS

BUFFALO BAYOU

Mercator Projection
Scale 1:10,000 at Lat. 29°43'

SCALE 1:10,000
Nautical Miles
Yards

BUFFALO BAYOU
The controlling depth from Jensen Drive Bridge to the confluence with White Oak Bayou, a distance of 0.6 miles, was 8 feet for a width of 50 feet.
March 1994

SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast Pilot.

SOURCE		
A	1990-2003 NOS Surveys	full bottom coverage
B1	1930-2000 NOS Surveys	partial bottom coverage
B4	1900-1939 NOS Surveys	partial bottom coverage

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 4.6 nautical miles run in 15 minutes, the speed is 16.0 knots.

SCALE 1:10,000
Nautical Miles
Yards

ABBREVIATIONS

(For complete list of Symbols and Abbreviations, see Chart No. 1.)

Aids to Navigation (lights are white unless otherwise indicated)

AERO aeromautical
Al alternating
Bn beacon
Bn tr beacon tr
C can
Dia diaphone
F fixed
Fl flashing
G green
Gp grp group
Iso isophase
LT HO lighthouse
Mo (A) morse code A
N nun
Oc occulting
Or orange
Q quick
R red
Ra Ref radar reflector
Ra Sr radiobeacon
Ra tr radio tower
Rac racon
S south
Siren
Sp spar
Tr tripod
VQ very quick
W white
WHIS whistle
Y yellow

Bottom characteristics

Brk breaches
Br broken
Cy clay
Co coral
G gravel
Gy grey
M mud
Oys oysters
Pt pteropod approximate
S sand
Sh shells
Sy shale
Wd weed
(D) Rocks that cover and uncover, with heights in feet above datum of soundings.

Obstn obstruction
PD position doubtful
Sunk sunkened
Wk wreck

Miscellaneous

AUTH authorized
ED existence doubtful
Rep reported
(U) Rocks, wreck, obstruction, or weed awash due to the stage of tide.

HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System of 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.920" northward and 0.757" westward to agree with this chart.

NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts. The broadcast range is typically 25 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

Galveston, TX	KHB-40	162.55 MHz
Houston, TX	KGG-40	162.40 MHz

POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility. If telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

CAUTION

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

CAUTION

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

TIDES

There is practically no periodic tide. The rise and fall of the water depends upon meteorological conditions.

RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflectors are not shown on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 5 for important supplemental information.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

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

WARNING

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

CAUTION

SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES

Charted submarine pipelines and submarine cables and submarine pipeline and cable areas are shown as:

Pipeline Area Cable Area

Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and submarine cables are required to be buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in areas of shallow water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, dragging, or trawling.

Covered wells may be marked by lighted or unlighted buoys.

NOTE A

Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S. Coast Pilot 5. Additional information is found in Chapter 1 and published in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander, 8th Coast Guard District in New Orleans, LA, or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in Galveston, TX.

Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

NOTE B

The U.S. Coast Guard operates a mandatory Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) system in the Houston and Galveston waterways. Vessel operating procedures and designated communications channels are published in 33 CFR 161, the U.S. Coast Pilot, and in the VTS User's Manual.

HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL DEPTHS

TABULATED FROM SURVEYS BY THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT OF MAR 2008

CONTROLLING DEPTHS FROM SEAWARD IN FEET AT MEAN LOW TIDE (MLT).

PROJECT DIMENSIONS

NAME OF CHANNEL	LEFT OUTSIDE QUARTER	LEFT INSIDE QUARTER	RIGHT INSIDE QUARTER	RIGHT OUTSIDE QUARTER	DATE OF SURVEY	WIDTH (FEET)	LENGTH (NAUT MILES)	DEPTH (FEET)
HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL:								
EXXON DL TO SLIP	39.0	40.0	41.0	38.0	9-07	530-700	4.95	40
THENCE TO GREENS BAYOU (B)	32.0	35.0	34.0	31.0	10-07	500-700	6.70	40-45
GREENS BAYOU CHANNEL								
(TO FIRST BEND)	36.0	37.0	36.0	35.0	2-08	600-775	0.34	36
THENCE TO HARRIS								
TURNING POINT (NAD)	34.0	39.0	40.0	36.0	10-07	350	1.91	40
TURNING POINT AT HEARNS BAYOU	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	10-07	500	0.17	40
THENCE TO SOUTHERN								
PACIFIC SLIP	34.0	38.0	39.0	33.0	10-07	350	0.34	40
TURNING POINT AT SIMS BAYOU	37.0	38.0	38.0	35.0	10-07	700	0.26	40
SIMS BAYOU CHANNEL:								
TURNING BASIN SWART (I)	23.0	33.0	35.0	35.0	10-07	300	0.69	36
TURNING POINT AT BRADY ISLAND	23.0	33.0	40.0	37.0	10-07	422	0.17	36
HOUSTON TURNING BASIN	27.0	32.0	33.0	32.0	2-08	250-1000	0.70	36
UPPER TURNING BASIN	19.0	16.0	15.0	15.0	2-08	150	0.23	36

A CHANNEL MARKING THE FIRST 90 LEFT OUTSIDE QUARTER IN VICINITY OF EXXON DL CO.

B CHANNEL NARROWS IN VICINITY OF THE SHELL DK CO. SLIP.

ELEVATIONS IN FEET ABOVE MEAN LOWER LOW WATER (MLLW) AS ESTABLISHED BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS. DEPTHS ARE REFERENCED TO A LOCAL DREDGING REFERENCE CALLED MEAN LOW TIDE, FOR AN APPROXIMATE CONVERSION TO MEAN LOWER LOW WATER, ADD 1 FOOT TO EACH DEPTH IN THE TABULATION.
NOTE - CONSULT THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR CHANGES SUBSEQUENT TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION.

HURRICANES AND TROPICAL STORMS

Hurricanes, tropical storms and other major storms may cause considerable damage to marine structures, aids to navigation and moored vessels, resulting in submerged debris in unknown locations.

Aids to navigation may be damaged, destroyed or may reflect actual conditions following these storms. Fixed aids to navigation may have been damaged or destroyed. Buoys may have been moved from their charted positions, damaged, sunk, extinguished or otherwise made inoperative. Mariners should not rely upon the position or operation of an aid to navigation. Wrecks and submerged obstructions may have been displaced from charted locations. Pipelines may have become uncovered or moved. Mariners should exercise caution when navigating in storm areas and should report aids to navigation discrepancies and hazards to navigation to the nearest United States Coast Guard unit.

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