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Chesapeake Bay – Pocomoke and Tangier Sounds NOAA Chart 12228

A reduced-scale NOAA nautical chart for small boaters When possible, use the full-size NOAA chart for navigation.



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What is a BookletChart[™]?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience. but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

Whenever possible, use the official, full scale NOAA nautical chart for navigation. Nautical chart sales agents are listed on the Internet at http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov.

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(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot) Onancock Creek (37°43.4'N., 75°51.1'W.), 38 miles north of Cape Charles, has traffic in petroleum products, sand, and gravel. A marked dredged channel leads across the entrance bar and up the creek to an anchorage basin off the town of Onancock, about 4.3 miles above the mouth, thence to channels in the North Branch and Central Branch at the head of the creek. In 2010, the midchannel controlling depths were 5 feet

to Onancock, thence 7 feet in the North Branch, with 8 feet in the North Branch basin, thence 4.5 feet in Central Branch to the first bridge, thence 4 to 6 feet in the anchorage basin.

Water and electricity are available at the public dock at Onancock. Gasoline is available at the oil wharf opposite the town dock. Diesel fuel is available by truck. The harbormaster makes berthing assignments and monitors VHF-FM channel 16.

Chesconessex Creek is 2 miles northward of Onancock Creek. In 1976, shoaling to an unknown extent was reported in the approach to the creek between Chesconessex Buoy 1 and Light 2. Above Light 2, depths are about 8 feet for 1 mile above the mouth to the middle of Tobacco Island, thence in 1997, favoring the south side of the channel, 6 feet to **Chesconessex**, about 2 miles above the mouth of the creek; thence in 2001, depths of about 1 to 3 feet could be carried to about 0.4 mile above the town. The creek is used by small local boats. The approach to Chesconessex Creek from eastward of Watts Island Light is marked by buoys and a light; the channel above the entrance is marked by daybeacons and sometimes bush stakes.

The southern and main entrance to Pocomoke Sound, between the southern end of Watts Island and Pocomoke Sound Light 6 (37°47'49"N., 75°50'19"W.), is 40 miles northward of Cape Charles. Extensive flats occupy most of the sound. A channel, wide and deep at the entrance but comparatively shallow in its most northerly part, leads to Pocomoke River, the most important tributary.

The shores of Pocomoke Sound are low and without prominent natural landmarks. The critical points along the main channel between the entrance and the mouth of Pocomoke River are marked by lights and buoys. The Virginia-Maryland boundary line is marked by buoys with orange and white bands, and diamond-shaped white daybeacons with orange reflective borders.

The sound is used by many local oyster and fishing boats and by some tugs and barges. Small boats can enter from northwestward in Tangier Sound by way of Broad Creek, which is discussed later.

A string of marshy islands and large shoals separates the lower part of Pocomoke Sound from Tangier Sound on the westward. Watts Island, southernmost of the string, is marshy and wooded. Watts Island Warning Light is 0.6 mile south-southwestward of the island.

Little Fox Island, 5 miles northward of the entrance, is low with flats between it and Watts Island. The flats are shallow and should not be navigated without local knowledge. Great Thorofare, just northward of Little Fox Island, has depths of 2 feet and is used by local boats. Just north of Pocomoke Sound Light 6, a marked crooked tributary channel with depths of 8 feet or more leads between shallow flats for 5 miles into a dredged channel in Deep Creek. In 2005, the controlling depth in the dredged channel from the entrance to the turning basin at the town of **Deep Creek** was 1.9 feet; depths from 1.2 to 2.5 feet were in the turning basin. The channel is marked by lights and daybeacons. Deep Creek is used only by small local boats, many of which enter from Hunting Creek on the eastward by way of The Notch, a passage behind the 1.5 mile chain of islands which separates the outer parts of the two creeks; the controlling depth in The Notch is about 2 feet; the channel is marked by bush stakes.

Another tributary channel, 3.5 miles northeastward of Pocomoke Sound Light 6, leads to Hunting Creek along the south side of Guilford Flats and southward through The Thorofare to the wharf at Hopkins on the east side of Hunting Creek, 2.5 miles above the mouth. The marked channel has depths of 7 feet or more to within 0.7 mile of Hopkins, thence 2.5 feet to the wharf.

U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center 24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies

RCC Norfolk

Commander 5th CG District Norfolk, VA

(575) 398-6231

Table of Selected Chart Notes

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

> SMALL CRAFT WARNINGS During the boating season small-craft warnings will be displayed from sunrise to sunset on Maryland Marine Police Cruisers while underway in Maryland waters of the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries. ----

ONANCOCK CHANNEL The controlling depth was 5 feet for a width of 100 feet to Onancock. The depth in the North Branch was 7 feet for a width of 100 feet. The depth in the North Branch Basin was 8 feet. The depth in the Central Branch to the first bridge was 41% feet for a mid-width of 50 feet and 4 feet in the South Branch Basin. Aug 2010 N

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 private buoys are not all listed in the U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

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 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.456" northward and 1.246° eastward to agree with this chart.

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.



CAUTION FISH TRAP AREAS AND STRUCTURES Mariners are warned that numerous uncharted duck blinds and fishing structures, some submerged, may exist in the 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 error and three limits or about three about three limits and the limits of the short three limits of the short the short three

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CONTROLLING DEPTHS FROM SEAWARD IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER (MLLW) PROJECT DIMENSIONS									
	NAME OF CHANNEL	80 Percent of Project Width - 40 Percent on Either Sice of Center Line	DATE OF SURVEY	WIDTH (FEET)	LENGTH (MILES)	DEPTH MLLW (FEET)			
	ENTRANCE CHANNEL CHANNEL	8.3 4.1	6-12 6-12	100 60	0.3	8			
	ANCHORAGE BASIN TANGIER CHANNEL TO	5.8	6-12	400		7			
	CHESAPEAKE BAY	5.7	6 -12	60	0.7	7			
	NOTE - CONSULT THE COR	NOTE - CONSULT THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR CHANGES SUBSEQUENT TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION							

PLA	CE	Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW					
NAME	(LAT/LONG)	AT/LONG) Mean Higher Mean High Water High Wate		Mean Low Water			
		feet	feet	feet			
Ewell, Smith Island	(38°00'N/76°02'W)	(38°00'N/76°02'W) 1.8 1.6	1.6	0.1			
Crisfield	(37°59'N/75°52'W)	2.1	2.0	0.1			
Shelltown	(37°59'N/75°38'W)	2.7	2.5	0.1			
Watts Island	(37°48'N/75°54'W)	1.8	1.7	0.1			
Dashes () located in datum columns indicate unavailable datum values for a tide station. Real-time water levels,							
tide predictions, and tidal current predictions are available on the Internet from http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov.							

CRISFIELD HARBOR CHANNEL DEPTHS TABULATED FROM SURVEYS BY THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS - REPORT OF APR 2011 AND SURVEYS TO MAR 2011								
CONTROLLING DEPTHS FROM SEAWARD IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER (MLLW) PROJECT DIMENSIONS								
NAME OF CHANNEL	LEFT OUTSIDE QUARTER	MIDDLE HALF OF CHANNEL	Right Outside Quarter	DATE OF SURVEY	WIDTH (FEET)	LENGTH (MILES)	DEPTH MLLW (FEET)	
CRISFIELD HARBOR								
ENTRANCE TO 37°58'50'N, 75°51'54'W	4.0	9.0	8.0	3-11	425-100	1.85	12	
THENCE TO END OF CHANNEL	5.0	5.0	4.0	3-11	100	0.45	12	
DAUGHERTY CREEK		A3.6		3-07	60	3.84	7	
BRICK KILN CHANNEL	3.2	5.8	4.6	3-07	100	0.49	6	
A. REPORTED DEPTH IS FOR FULL WIDTH OF CHANNEL. NOTE - CONSULT THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR CHANGES SUBSEQUENT TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION								

CAUTION SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES

are shown as:

Cable Area Pipeline Area

OLD HOUSE COVE

Channel was reported dredged to 5 set 1979.

CAUTION Mariners are warned to stay clear

of the protective riprap surrounding

navigational light structures shown

HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

Mercator Projection

Scale 1:40,000 at Lat. 37°51'

North American Datum of 1983 (World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET

AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

CAUTION

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

For Symbols and Abbreviations see Chart No. 1

CAUTION

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

During some winter months or when endan-gered by ice, certain aids to navigation are

replaced by other types or removed. For details see U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous sub-tances to the National Response Center via

-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S

Coast Guard facility if telephone communication

POCOMOKE SOUND

maintained by the States of Maryland and Virginia AUTHORITIES

The white and orange buoys and white daybeacons marking the state boundary are

Hydrography and topography by the National

AIDS TO NAVIGATION Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to

Ocean Service. Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers and U.S.

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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 aution when operating vessels in depths o vater comparable to their draft in areas where and comparative to their draft in areas when pipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, dragging, or trawling. Covered wells may be marked by lighted or unlighted buoys.

RADAR REFLECTORS

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

NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS The NOAA Weather Badio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at igh elevations Salisbury, MD Heathsville, VA KEC-92 WXM-57 162.475 MHz 162.400 MHz

Charted submarine pipelines and submarine cables and submarine pipeline and cable areas

NOTE B TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME

SOUNDINGS IN FEET

One-way traffic lanes overprinted on this chart in the vicinity of Smith Point are RECOMMENDED for all vessels except of collisions but are not intended in any way to supersede or after the applicable Rules of the Road. The recomment band which separates the courses of inbound and outbound vessels. Vessels should leave the buoy on their port h



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VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications. **Channel 9** – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch. Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here. Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

Getting and Giving Help — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

Distress Call Procedures

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."

• Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.

- Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!



NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/

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