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# Chesapeake Bay – Tangier Sound, Northern Part NOAA Chart 12231

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#### What is a BookletChart<sup>™</sup>?

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.

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### **Notice to Mariners Correction Status**

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.

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(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot) Smith Island consists of a large group of marshy islands separated by narrow thorofares; travel from place to place is mostly by boat. Tylerton, Ewell, and Rhodes Point are small villages along the interior channels; crabbing, oystering, and fishing are the principal industries. Gasoline and diesel fuel are available at Ewell and only diesel fuel at Rhodes Point; some supplies can be obtained at the villages. The island

has telephone and motorboat communication with Crisfield. A marine railway at Rhodes Point can haul out boats up to 40 feet for hull repairs. A well-marked 5-mile channel with several dredged sections extends from Tangier Sound through **Big Thorofare** to Ewell, thence northwestward in **Levering Creek** and again through Big Thorofare to Chesapeake Bay. In 1992-2010, the midchannel controlling depth was 3.4 feet from Tangier Sound to Tyler Ditch; thence in 2010, a midchannel controlling depth of 7 feet to Ewell, thence 7 feet from Ewell to Light 9; thence in 2008-2010, a midchannel controlling depth of 1.8 feet to Chesapeake Bay.

A marked channel leads southward from Big Thorofare through **Tyler Ditch** to Tylerton, about 1.7 miles above the entrance. In 2010, the controlling depth was 6 feet in the dredged section, thence natural depths of about 4 feet to Tylerton.

Another marked dredged channel from Tylerton to Rhodes Point, in 2010, had a controlling depth of 5.5 feet. Local fishermen in shallowdraft boats sometimes approach Tylerton from southward at high water, leaving the main channel in Tangier Sound 7 miles north of Tangier Sound Light and following the deeper water northward into Tyler Creek. The depth in the southern approach is about 4 feet.

**Sheep Pen Gut** is the approach to Rhodes Point from the west. A dredged channel marked by daybeacons leads from Chesapeake Bay through the gut. In 1995-2010, the controlling depth was 1.5 feet. Several other thorofares, with depths less than 3 feet, lead westward from the interior of Smith Island to Chesapeake Bay. Navigation of these channels requires local knowledge.

Kedges Straits, between Smith Island on the south and uninhabited South Marsh Island on the north, is used by vessels bound from northward in Chesapeake Bay to points southward of Manokin River in Tangier Sound. The inner approach to the straits is about 16 miles north of Tangier Sound Light. A depth of 10 feet can be carried through the marked straits.

**Holland Island Bar Light** (38°04'07"N., 76°05'45"W.), 37 feet above the water, is shown from a white square house with a black and white diamond-shaped daymark on piles in depths of 9 feet on the north side of the bay approach to Kedges Straits; a seasonal sound signal is at the light, which is 6.3 miles due east of a point on the bay ship channel 72.6 miles above the Virginia Capes.

**Solomons Lump Light** (38°02'53"N., 76°00'54"W.) is shown from a white octagonal dwelling, with a square tower, on a brown cylindrical base, in depths of 7 feet on the Smith Island side of Kedges Straits. Easterly winds raise the water and northwesterly winds lower it sometimes as much as 2 feet below the normal level. In severe winters

sometimes as much as 2 feet below the normal level. In severe winters, floating ice makes navigation of the straits dangerous.

**Holland Straits,** on the north side of Kedges Straits between South Marsh Island on the south and **Bloodsworth Island** and other smaller uninhabited low marshy islands on the north, is generally shallow and should not be used without local knowledge. Sandbars obstruct the Chesapeake Bay side and patches of eel grass uncover in the Tangier Sound entrance on the lower tides. Bloodsworth Island is within a **danger zone** for naval firing and bombing. A **prohibited area**, within the danger zone and with a radius of 0.5 mile, is close off the western side of the island. (See **334.190**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations of the danger zone and prohibited area.)

**Hooper Strait,** between Bloodsworth Island on the south and Hooper Islands and Bishops Head on the north, is the most northerly direct passage from Chesapeake Bay into Tangier Sound and is used by vessels bound from northward in the bay to tributaries at the north end of the sound. The inner approach to the strait is 27 miles north of Tangier Sound Light.

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

RCC Norfolk

Commander 5th CG District Norfolk, VA

(575) 398-6231

## FLATCAP BASIN Channel is marked by privately naintained daybeacons. OLD HOUSE COVE Channel was reported dredged to 5 feet 1979. HEIGHTS Heights in feet above Mean High Water. Mercator Projection Scale 1:40,000 at Lat. 38°05' North American Datum of 1983 (World Geodetic System of 1984) SOUNDINGS IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER SCALE 1:40,000 Nautical Miles WICOMICO RIVER The controlling depth was 10 feet for a width of 50 feet to light 23, thence 11 feet for a middle width of 75 feet to Salisbury. Aug 2007 - Oct 2010 AIDS TO NAVIGATION Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for upplemental information concerning aids to navigation. CAUTION Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges. AUTHORITIES Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers and U.S. Coast Guard. NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS The NOAK Weather Radio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the anterna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations. Salisbury, MD KEC-92 WXM-57 162.475 MHz Heathsville, VA 162.400 MHz CAUTION Mariners are warned to stay clear of the pro-tective riprap surrounding navigational light structures shown thus: CAUTION Temporary changes or defects in aids to nevigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notee to Mariners. 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. 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.

#### For Symbols and Abbreviations see Chart No. 1

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are shown as:			

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Cable Area		

Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and sub-marine 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 deuths of 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 buoss.

unlighted buoys

## **Table of Selected Chart Notes**

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 0.444" northward and 1.232" eastward to agree with this chart.

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.

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

NOTE NOTE A Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S. Coast Pilot 3. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are pub-lished in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander, 5th Coast Guard District in Portsmouth, Virginia or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in Baitimore, Maryland. Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

#### 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). 11

#### $\gg$ 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 FISH THAP AREAS AND STRUCTORES 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 areas, and those limits are shown thus: Where definite limits have not hear prescribed the location of Where definite limits have not been prescribed, the location of

fishing structures is restricted only by the regulations

TIDAL INFORMATIÓN					
PLACE	Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)				
NAME	(LAT/LONG)	Mean Higher High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water	
Ewell, Smith Island Crisfield Hooper Strait Light Great Shoals Light, Monie Bay	(38°00'N/76°02'W) (37°59'N/75°52'W) (38°14'N/76°05'W) (38°13'N/75°53'W)	foot 1.8 2.1 1.7 2.6	foot 1.6 2.0 1.6 2.4	feet 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1	
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CRISFIELD HARBOR CHANNEL DEFTHS 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							
NAVE OF CHANNEL	LEFT OUTSIDE QUARTER	MIDDLE HALF OF CHANNEL	RIGHT OUTSIDE QUARTER	DATE OF SURVEY	WIDTH (FEET)	LENGTH (MLES)	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							

## SOUNDINGS IN FEET





Note: Chart grid	Printed at reduced scale.		See Note on page 5.	
lines are aligned		1 Yards	2	3
with true north.		1000 2000 3000	4000 5000	





This BookletChart was reduced to 70% of the original chart scale. The new scale is 1:57143. Barscales have also been reduced and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart.



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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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