

# BookletChart™

**San Diego Bay**  
NOAA Chart 18773

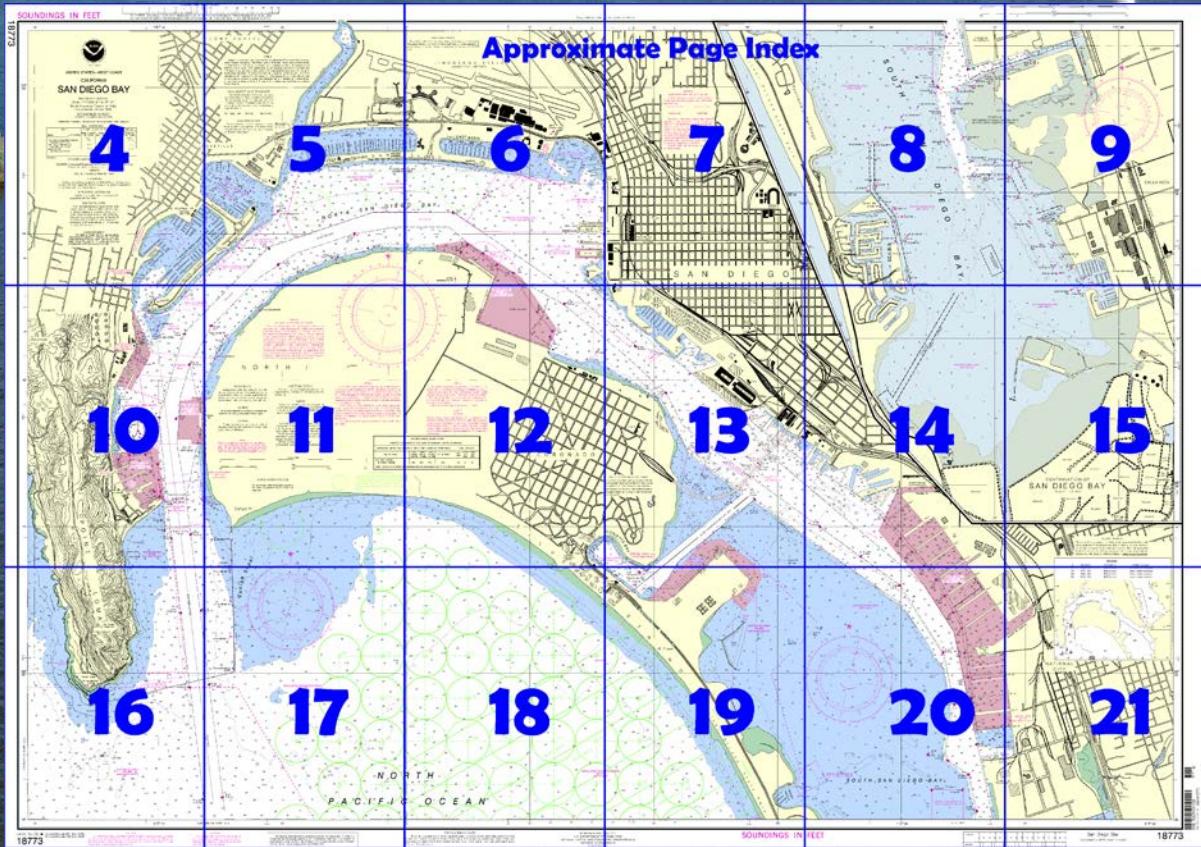


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### What is a BookletChart™?

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.

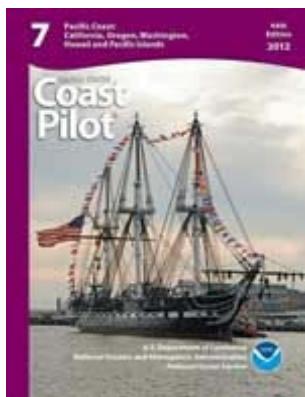
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This BookletChart does NOT fulfill chart carriage requirements for regulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

### 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.

For latest Coast Pilot excerpt visit the Office of Coast Survey website at [http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=187\\_73](http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=187_73).



**(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)**  
Vessels waiting outside the entrance for a pilot will find good anchorage in 36 feet or more SE of the entrance to the channel, although permission to anchor in the restricted area must be obtained from the local naval authorities. For permission to use anchorage berths 125, 126, 147, 158, and 171, contact Navy Afloat Training Group Pacific at 619-556-0900. For permission to use anchorage berths 124, 135, 146, and 170, contact Navy Region Southwest Port Operations at 619-556-1433. For permission to use all other anchorage berths off Silver Strand, contact COMNVBEACHGRU at 619-437-2476. The area in

the lee of Point Loma, S of Ballast Point and W of the E line of the project channel, is reserved for pilot boats and harbor patrol or U.S. Government craft. (See **334.880**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

**Dangers**.—A submerged jetty, marked with lights and daymarks that read "DANGER SUBMERGED JETTY," extends about 220 yards W from Zuniga Point. There are numerous wrecks and obstructions in the shallow area of SE San Diego Bay. Caution should be exercised when navigating outside the marked channels.

**Restricted areas** are: in the waters off the entrance to San Diego Bay; in the lee of Point Loma and S of Ballast Point; between Ballast Point and Zuniga Point (degaussing station); adjacent to the W side of North Island; 0.4 mile N of Ballast Point, W of the dredged channel; off the NE side of North Island surrounding the Navy Pier; adjacent to and extending SE from the entrance channel to Glorietta Bay. (See **33 CFR 334.860, 334.865, 334.870, 334.880 and 334.890**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

**Security zones** are: on the W side of the entrance to San Diego Bay surrounding the Naval Base, extending from Ballast Point to just S of the entrance to Shelter Island Yacht Basin (**165.1102**, chapter 2); adjacent to the W and NE sides of North Island (**165.1105 and 165.1104**); around the Navy Pier adjacent to Broadway Pier (**165.1121**); surrounding the Naval Amphibious Base just S of the entrance channel to Glorietta Bay (**135.1120**); surrounding the Naval Station along the waterfront of National City from Chollas Creek to Pier 14 (**165.1101**); within 25 yards of all piers, abutments, fenders, and pilings of the Coronado Bay Bridge (**165.1110**). (See **33 CFR 165.1101, 165.1102, 165.1104, 165.1105, 165.1110, 165.1120, and 165.1121**, chapter 2, for limits/regulations.)

A series of floating protection barriers, anchored by lighted buoys, surrounds the Naval facilities within the security zones: on the W side of the entrance to San Diego Bay; just N of Ballast Point, on the NE side of North Island; and off the Naval Station along the waterfront of National City.

A **safety zone** is E of Harbor Island on the N side of the bay. (See **33 CFR 165.1106**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

**Currents**.—The currents set generally in the direction of the channels. In the vicinity of the entrance the usual velocity varies from 0.5 to 5 knots depending upon the stage of the tide. S of the end of the jetty there is a slight set toward Zuniga Shoal on the ebb. Great care should be taken while passing Ballast Point as a vessel may take a sudden sheer because of a crosscurrent deflected from Ballast point.

The eddy usually encountered along the ends of the municipal piers makes docking difficult. The velocity and direction of the eddy are irregular, and the greatest care must be exercised by even the most experienced. Strangers should not attempt to dock large vessels without a pilot. (See the Tidal Current Tables for daily predictions.)

**Pilotage, San Diego**.—All foreign vessels and vessels from a foreign port or bound thereto, and all vessels over 300 gross tons sailing under register between the port of San Diego and any other U.S. port, are subject to pilotage. Further information regarding pilotage requirements are detailed in the Pilotage section of the **Port of San Diego Tariff**, available through the ship's agent or directly from the Port District at 619-686-6343.

The Coast Guard Captain of the Port, San Diego, has designated the ship channels in San Diego Harbor as "narrow channels" for the purposes of enforcing Rule 9 of the Navigation Rules

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11<sup>th</sup> CG District  
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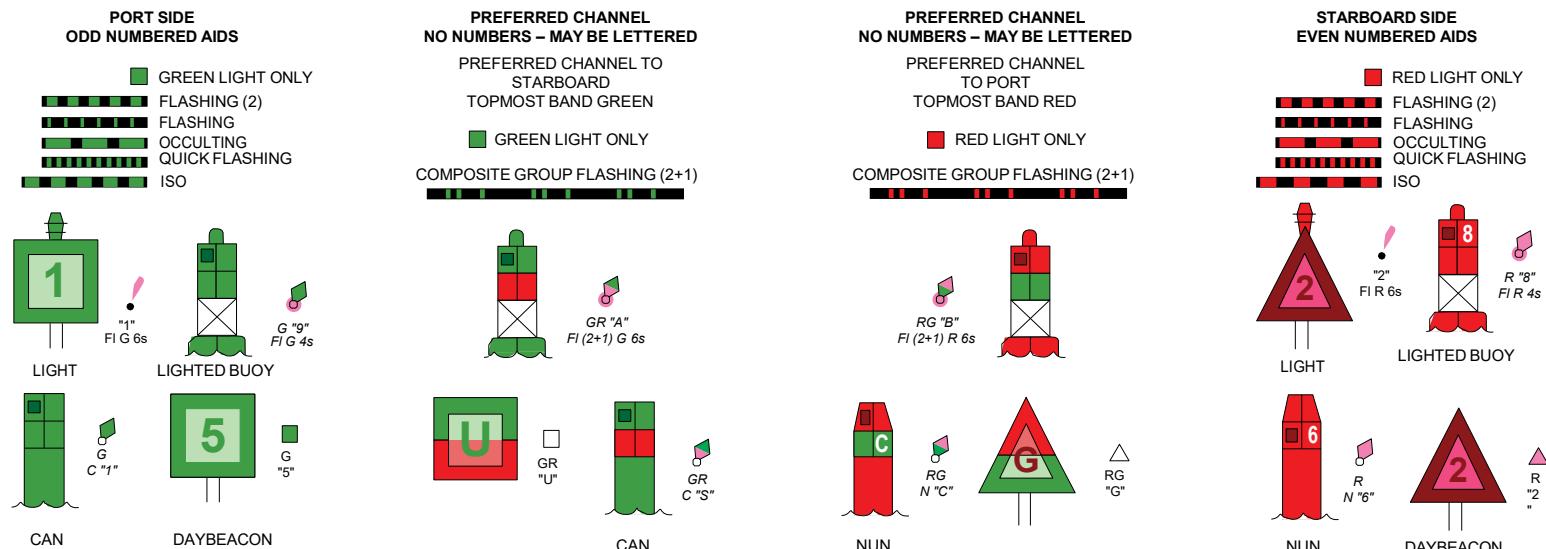
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## Lateral System As Seen Entering From Seaward

on navigable waters except Western Rivers



For more information on aids to navigation, including those on Western Rivers, please consult the latest USCG Light List for your area. These volumes are available online at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov>

15'

117°14'



THE NATION'S CHARTMAKER SINCE 1807

UNITED STATES  
CALIFORNIA - WEST COAST

32°  
44'

# SAN DIEGO BAY

Mercator Projection  
Scale 1:12,000 at Lat 32°42'

North American Datum of 1983  
(World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET  
AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

For Symbols and Abbreviations see Chart No. 1

Additional information can be obtained at [nauticalcharts.noaa.gov](http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov)

TIDAL INFORMATION

PLACE NAME	(LAT/LONG)	Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)		
		Mean Higher High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water
San Diego (Quarantine Station)	(32°42' N/117°14' W)	5.6	4.8	0.9
National City	(32°40' N/117°07' W)	5.9	5.2	0.9
San Diego (Broadway)	(32°43' N/117°10' W)	5.7	5.0	0.9

Dashes (---) located in datum column 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>. (Apr 2012)

HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water

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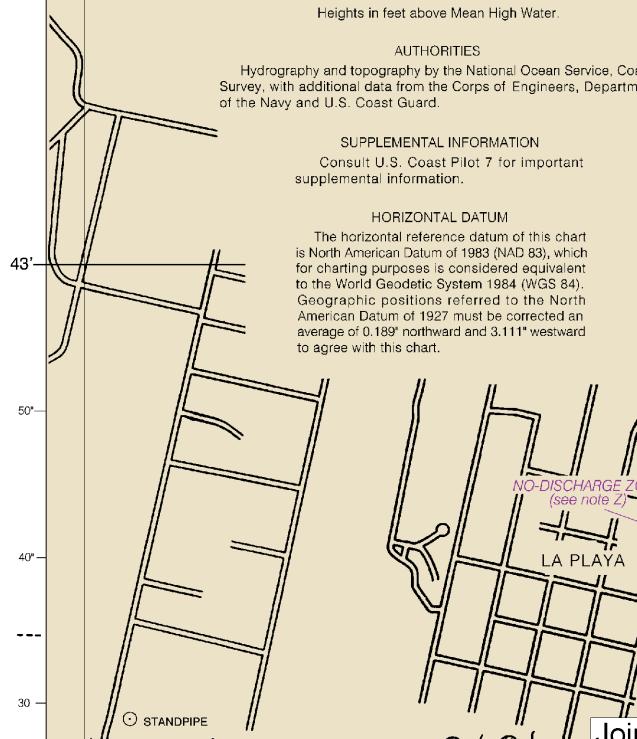
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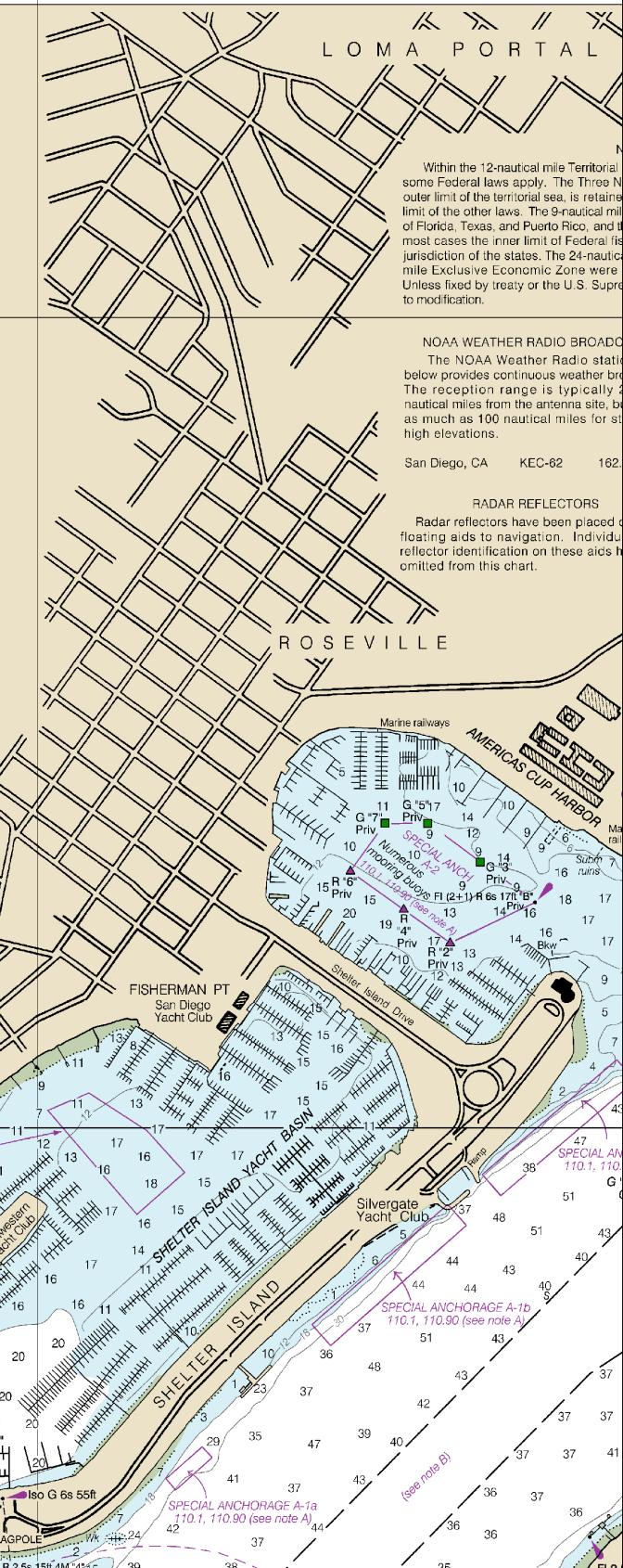
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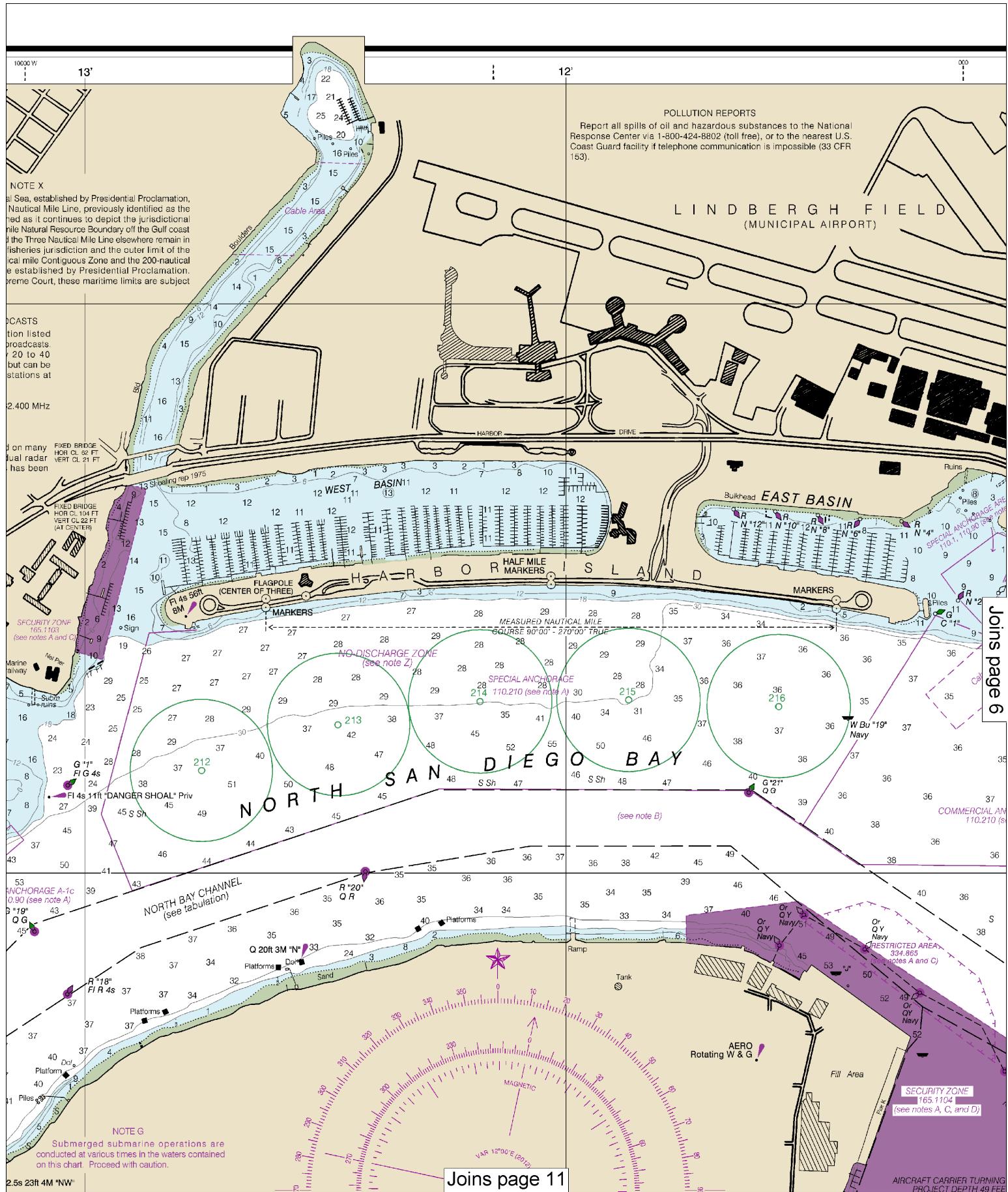
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## POLLUTION REPORTS

**POLLUTION REPORTS**

L I N D B E R G H F I E L D  
(MUNICIPAL AIRPORT)

LINDBERGH FIELD  
(MUNICIPAL AIRPORT)

HARBOR DRIVE

HARBOUR ISLAND

BASIN 1

HALF MILE MARKERS

MEASURED NAUTICAL MILE  
SQUINT 90°00' - 27°00' TRUE

NO-DISCHARGE ZONE  
(see note Z)

SPECIAL ANCHORAGE  
214 110.210 (see note A)

COMMERCIAL ANCHORAGE AREA  
110.210 (see note A)

COMMERCIAL ANCHORAGE AREA  
110.210 (see note A)

RESTRICTED AREA 334.870  
(see notes A and C)

SECURITY ZONE  
165.1104  
(see notes A, C, and D)

AERO Rotating W&G

AERO Rotating W&G

Coast Guard

SAFETY ZONE  
165.1108  
(see notes A and C)

numerous mooring buoys

Marker (lighted)

Broadway Pier

Navy Pier

Fill Area

Rotating W&G

Security barrier  
(see note D)

AIRCRAFT CARRIER TURNING BASIN  
PROJECT DEPTH 10 FEET

VAR 120°0'E (2010)

MAGNETIC

15 AREA

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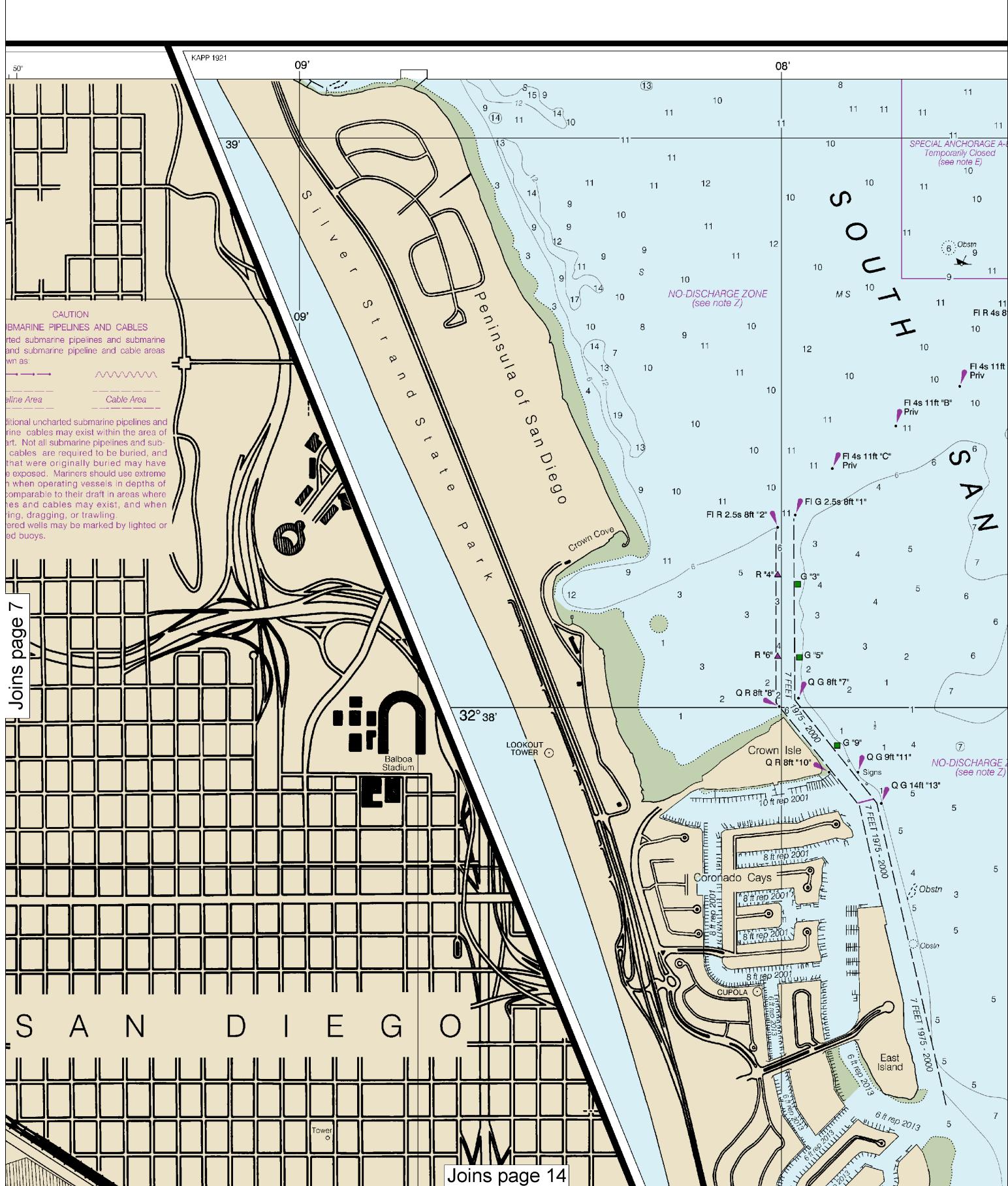
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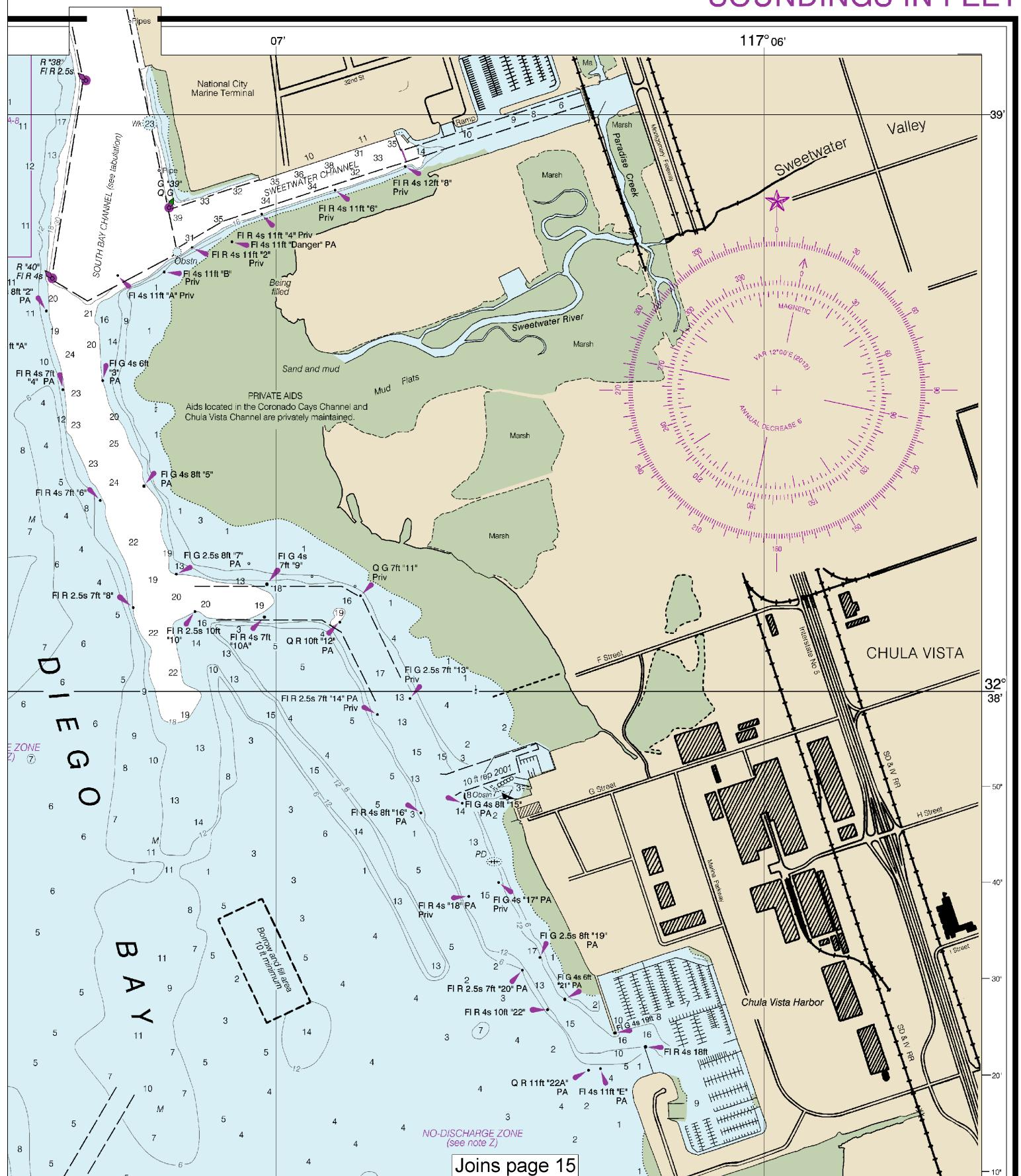
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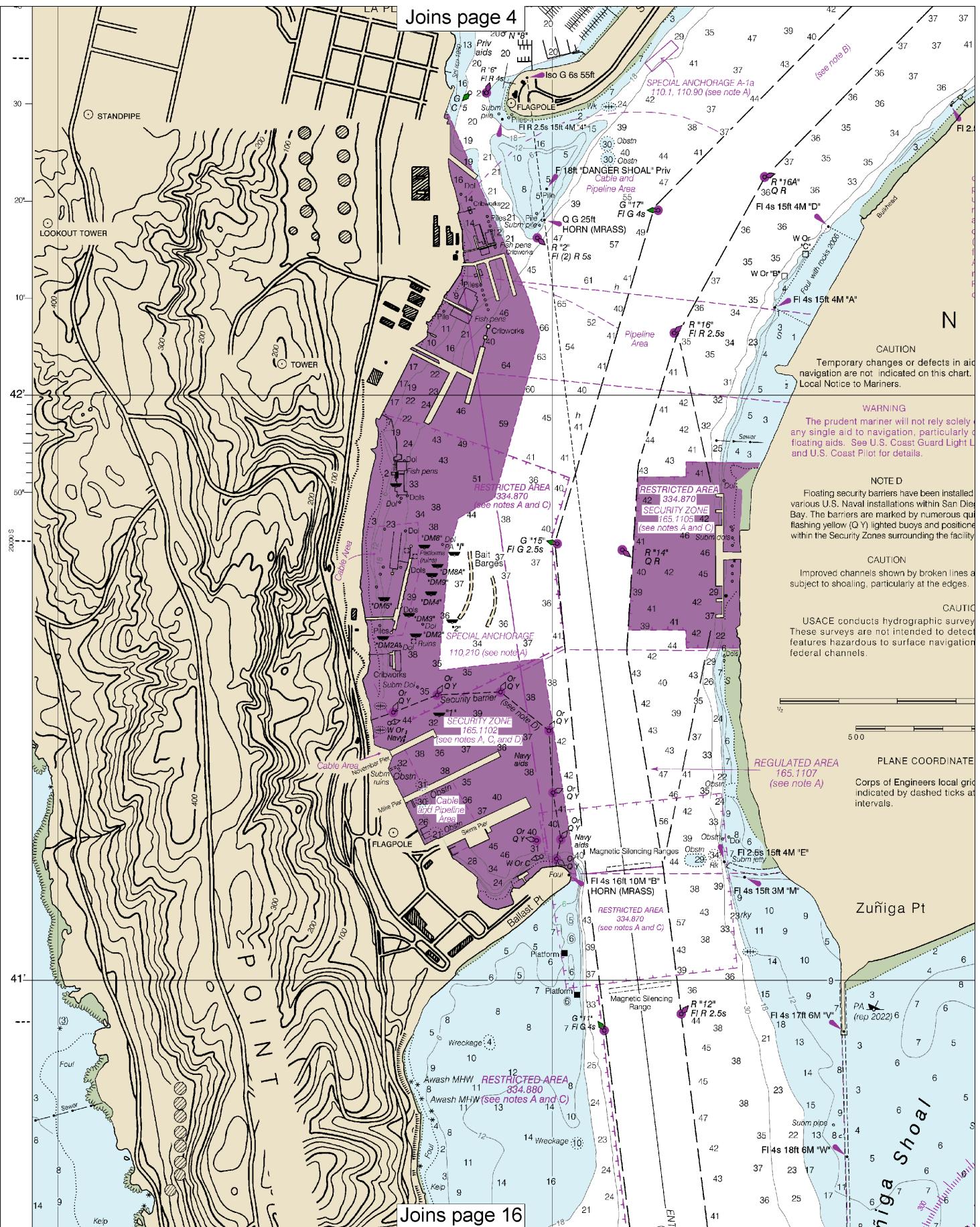
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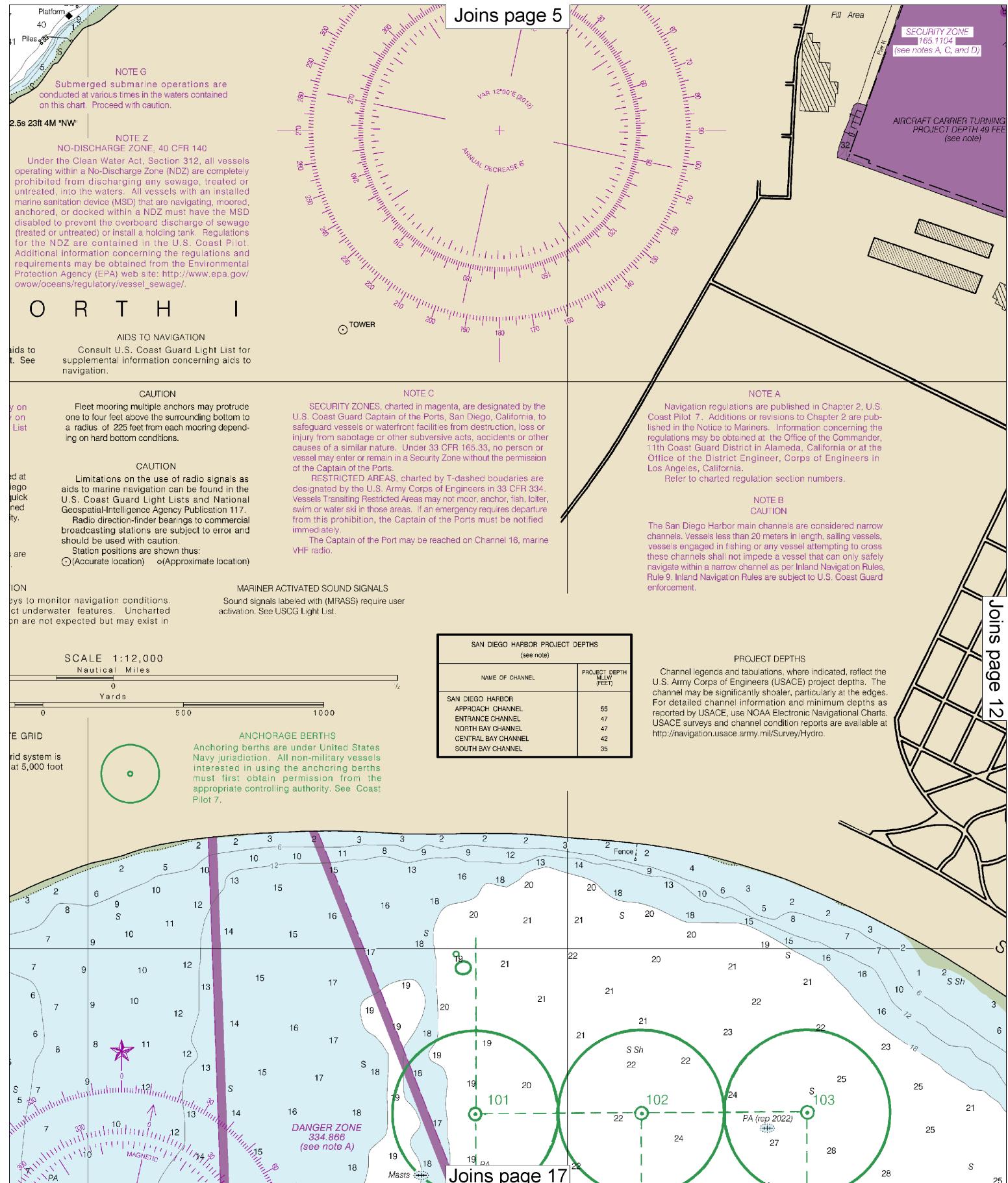
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ANGER ZON  
334.866

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**SECURITY ZONES**, charted in magenta, are designated by the Coast Guard Captain of the Ports, San Diego, California, to guard vessels or waterfront facilities from destruction, loss or damage by sabotage or other subversive acts, accidents or other causes of a similar nature. Under 33 CFR 165.33, no person or vessel may enter or remain in a Security Zone without the permission of the Captain of the Ports.

**RESTRICTED AREAS**, charted by T-dashed boundaries are designated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 33 CFR 334.10. Transiting Restricted Areas may not moor, anchor, fish, loiter or water ski in those areas. If an emergency requires departure from this prohibition, the Captain of the Ports must be notified immediately.

The Captain of the Port may be reached on Channel 16, marine radio.

## ED SOUND SIGNALS

SAN DIEGO HARBOR PROJECT DEPTHS (see note)	
NAME OF CHANNEL	PROJECT DEPTH MILL. (FEET)
SAN DIEGO HARBOR	55
APPROACH CHANNEL	47
ENTRANCE CHANNEL	47
NORTH BAY CHANNEL	42
CENTRAL BAY CHANNEL	35
SOUTH BAY CHANNEL	35

#### NOTE A

**NOTE B  
CAUTION**

PROJECT DEPTHS  
Channel legends and tabulations, where indicated, reflect the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) project depths. The channel may be significantly shoaler, particularly at the edges. For detailed channel information and minimum depths as reported by USACE, use NOAA Electronic Navigational Charts. USACE surveys and channel condition reports are available at <http://navigation.usace.army.mil/Surveyc/Hydro>.

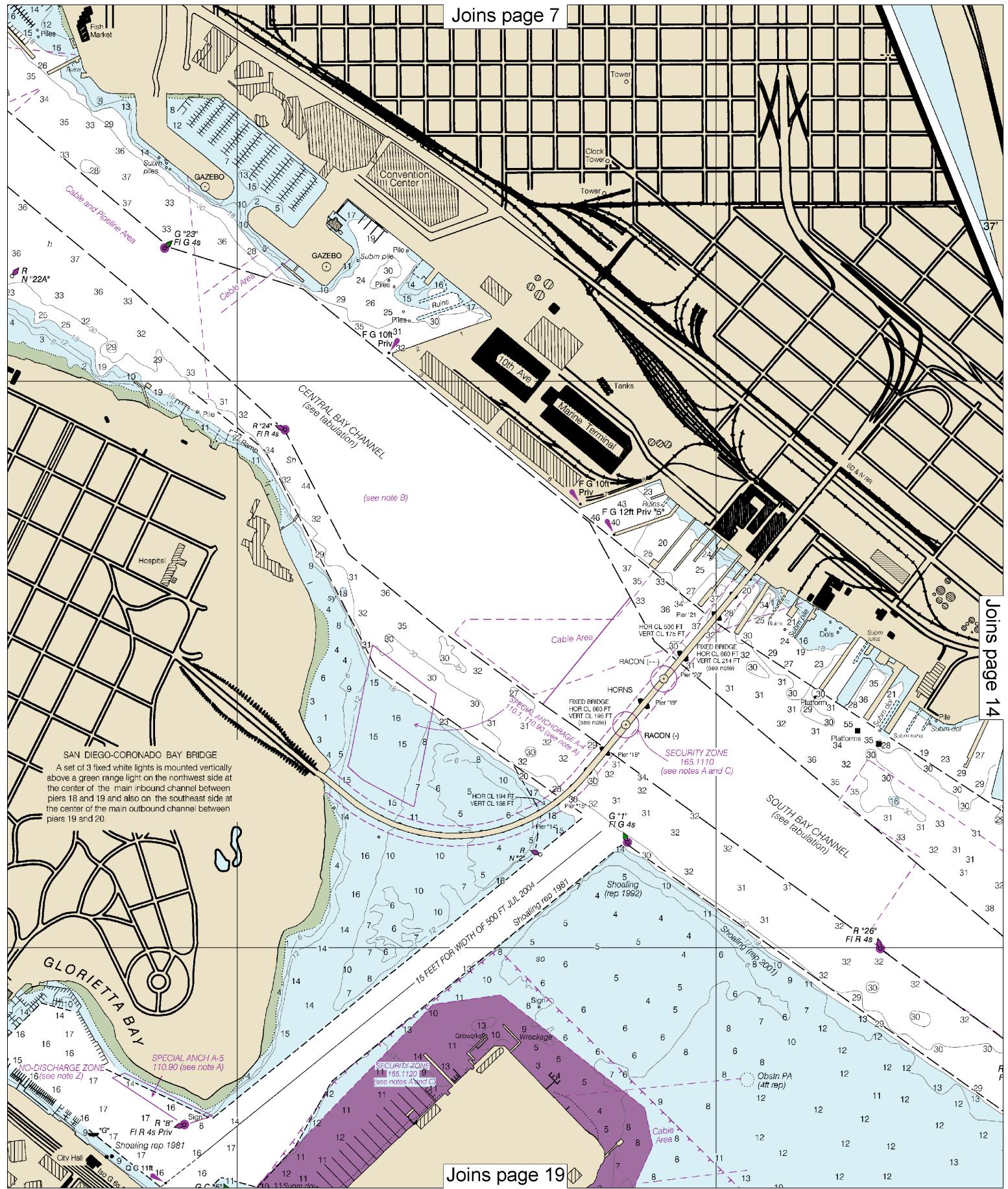
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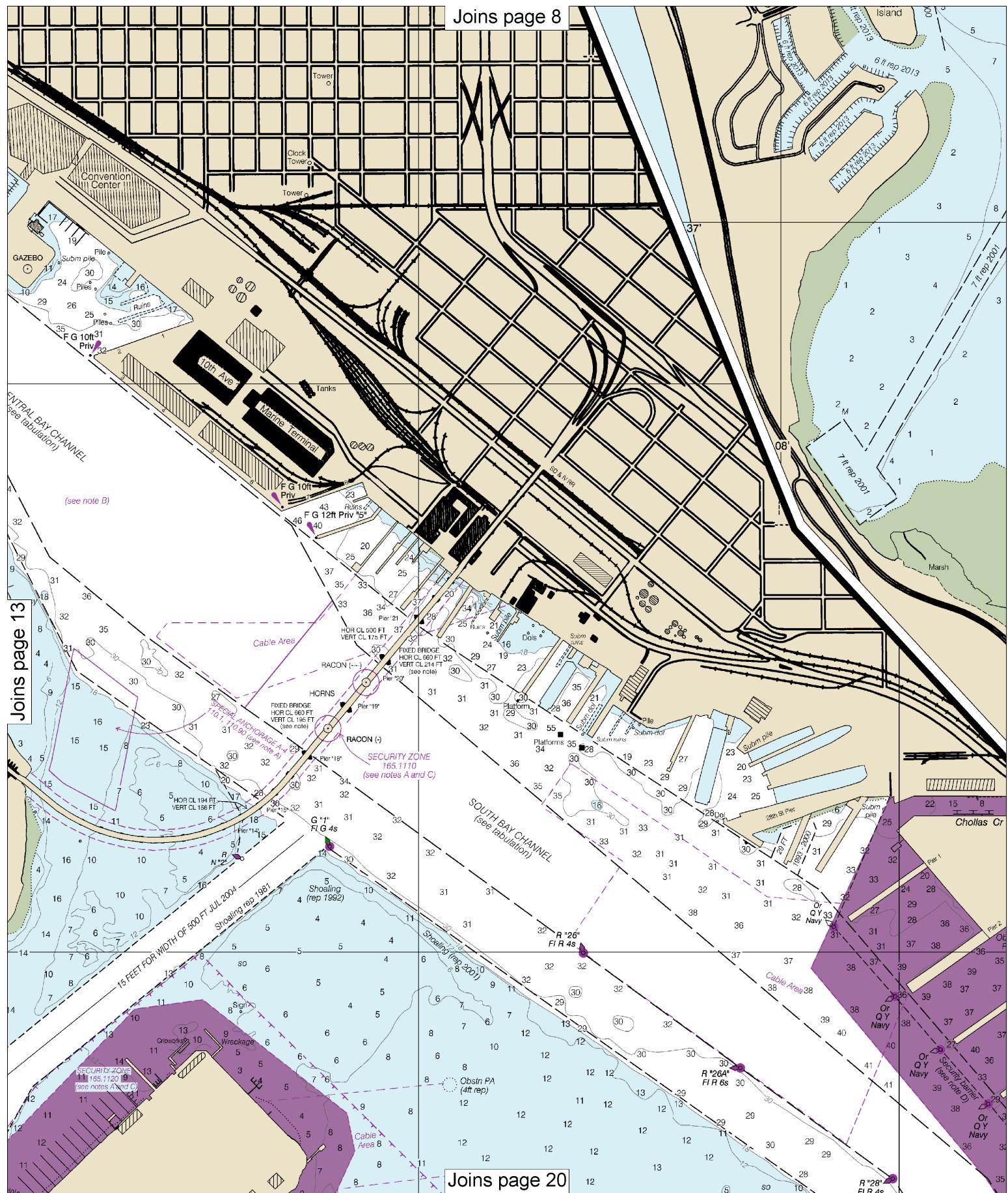
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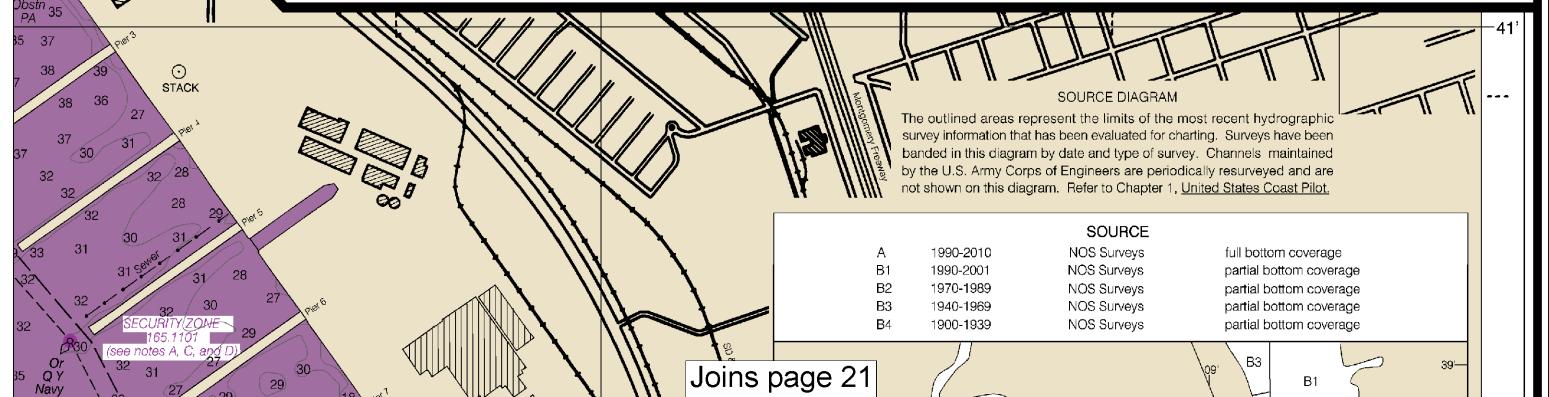
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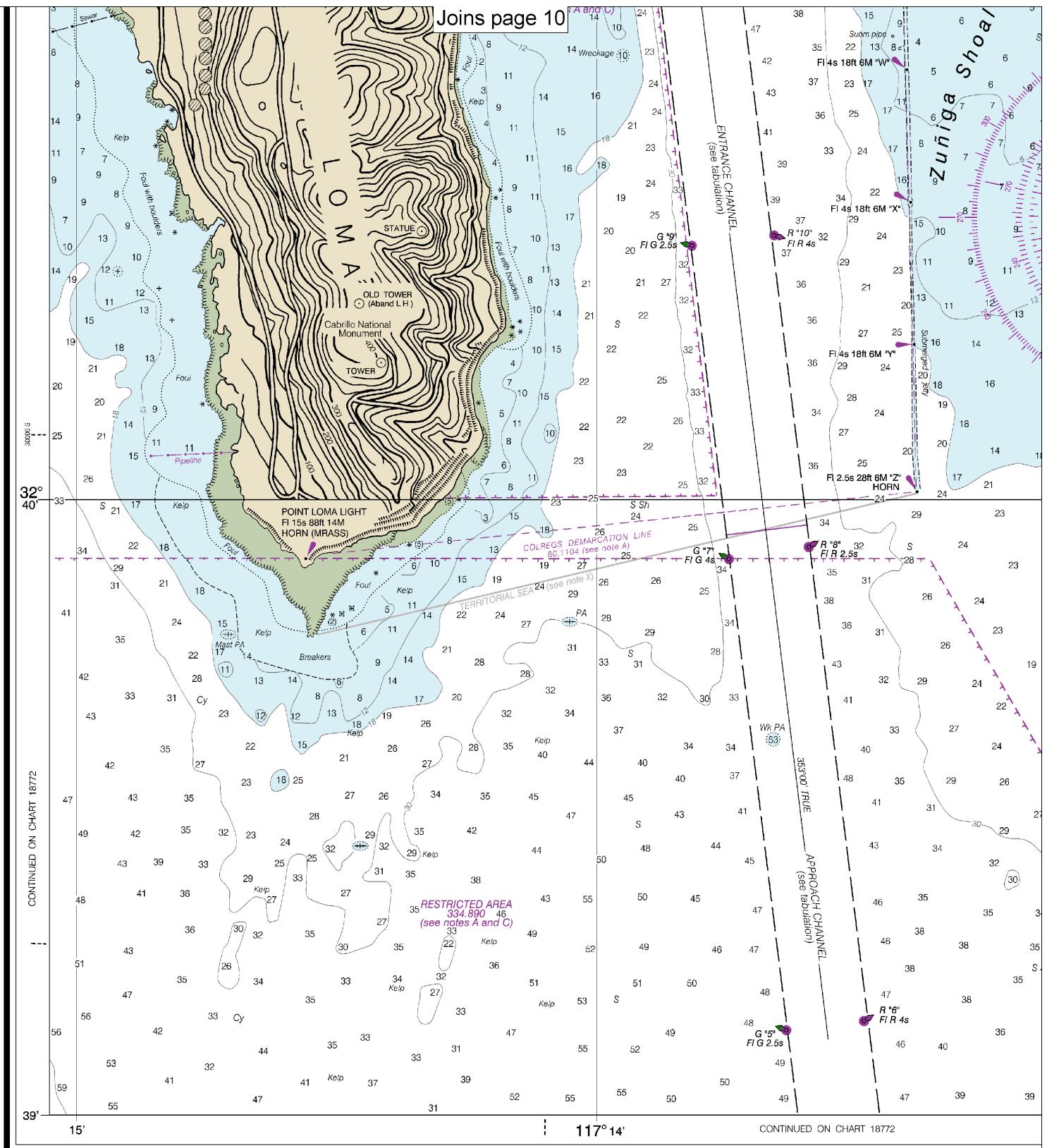
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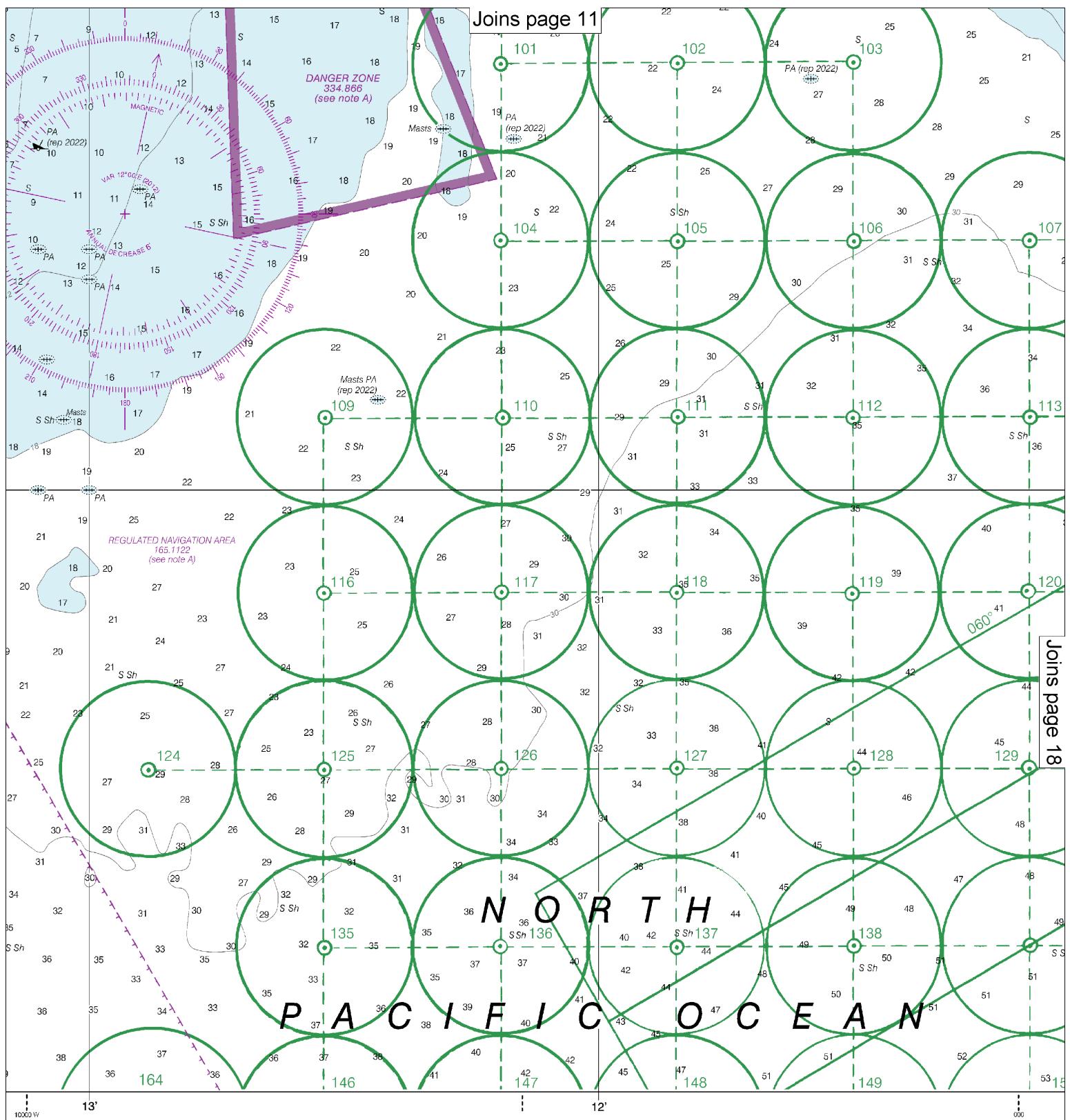
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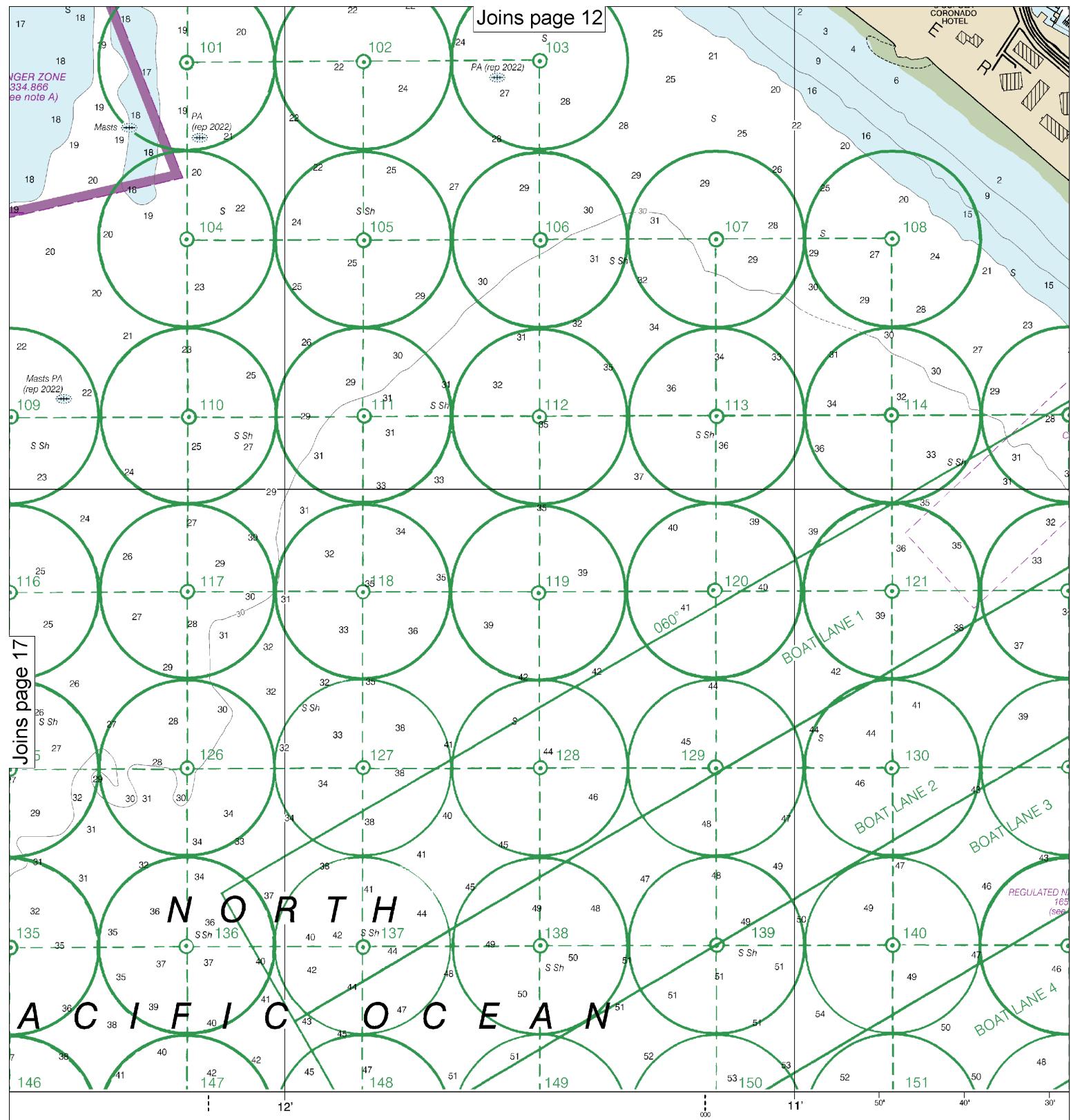
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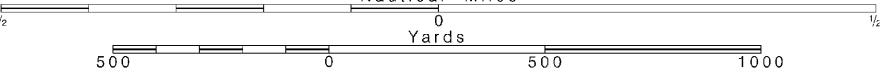
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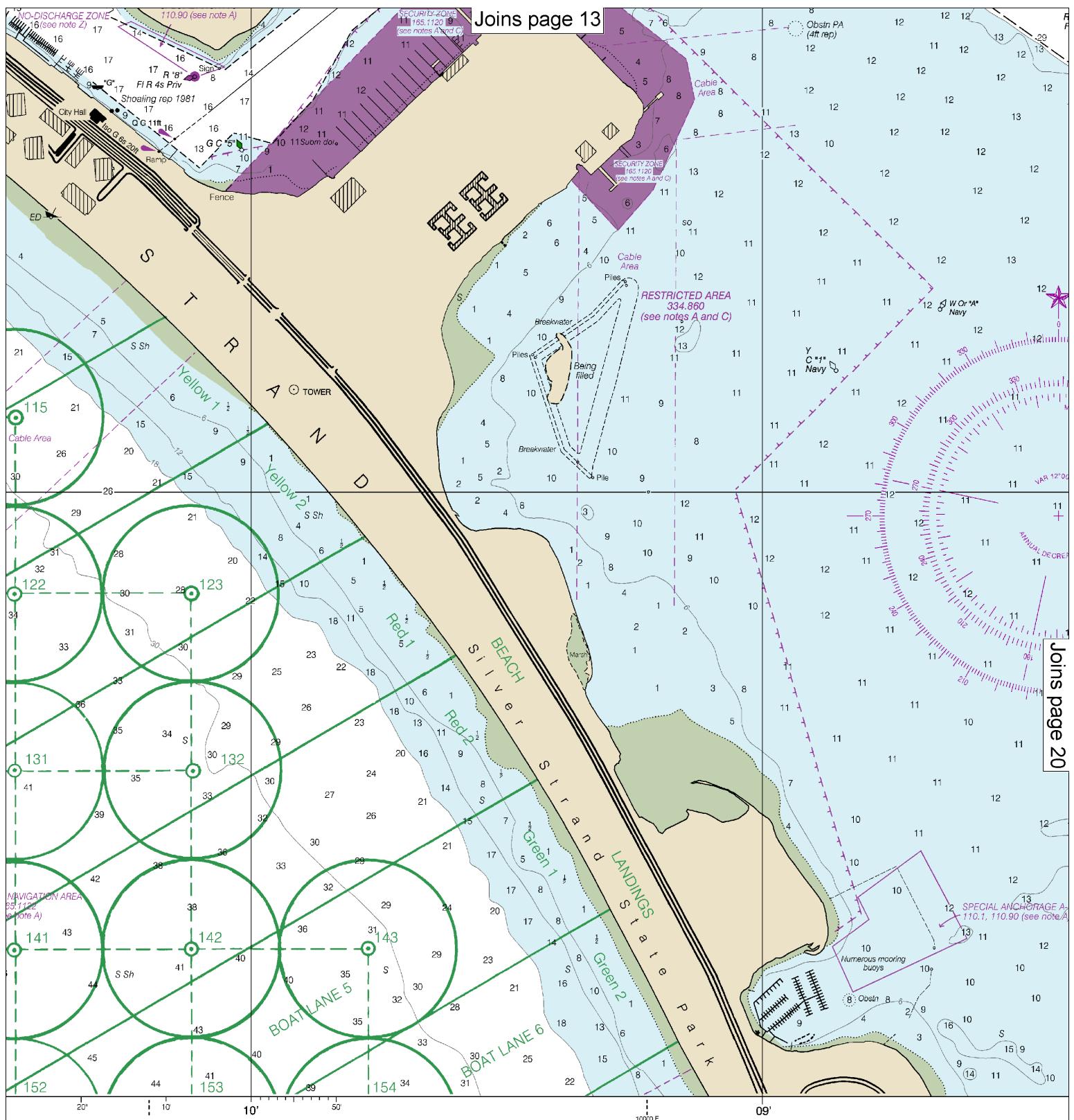
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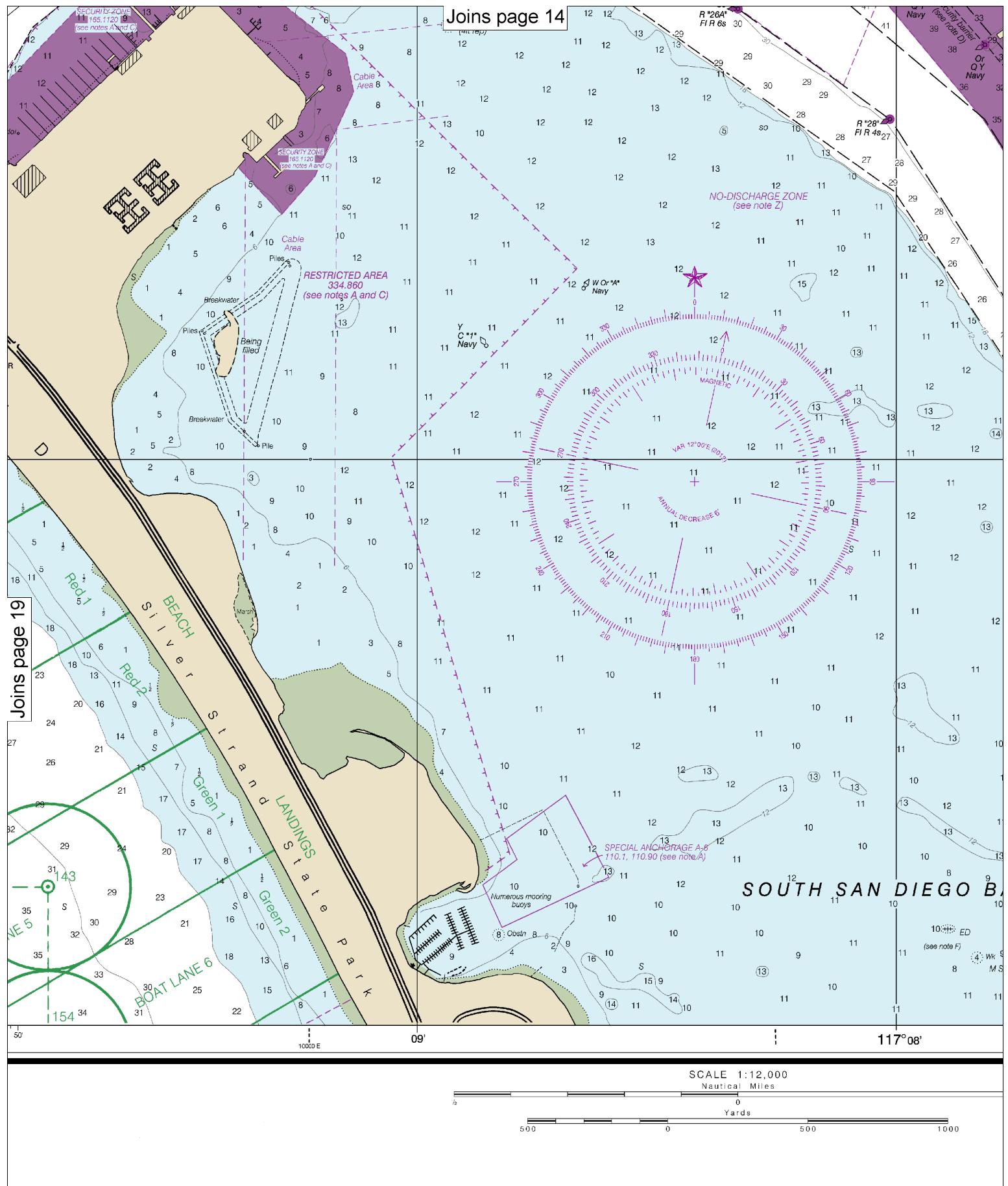


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## VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**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!**



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