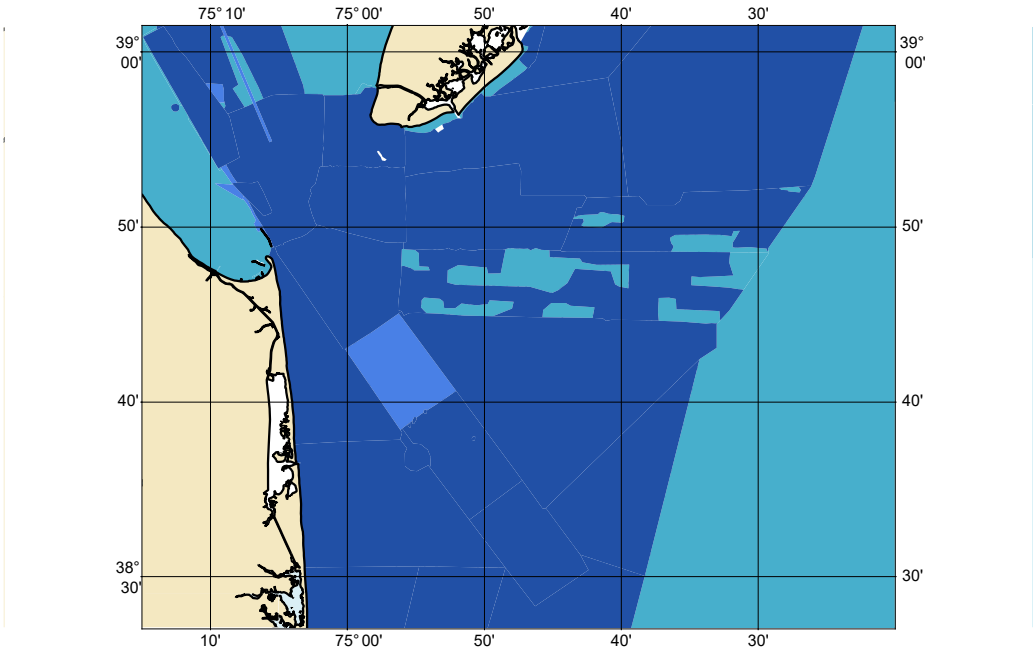


Zone of Confidence (ZOC) Diagram



ZOC CATEGORIES

ZOC	COLOR	POSITION ACCURACY	DEPTH ACCURACY	SEAFLOOR COVERAGE
A1		$\pm 5\text{ m} + 5\% \text{ depth}$ $\pm 16.4\text{ ft} + 5\% \text{ depth}$	$= 0.50\text{ m} + 1\% \text{ d}$ $= 1.6\text{ ft} + 1\% \text{ d}$ $= 0.3\text{ fm} + 1\% \text{ d}$	All significant seafloor features detected.
A2		$\pm 20\text{ m}$ $\pm 65.6\text{ ft}$	$= 1.00\text{ m} + 2\% \text{ d}$ $= 3.3\text{ ft} + 2\% \text{ d}$ $= 0.6\text{ fm} + 2\% \text{ d}$	All significant seafloor features detected.
B		$\pm 50\text{ m}$ $\pm 164.0\text{ ft}$	$= 1.00\text{ m} + 2\% \text{ d}$ $= 3.3\text{ ft} + 2\% \text{ d}$ $= 0.6\text{ fm} + 2\% \text{ d}$	Uncharted features hazardous to surface navigation are not expected but may exist.
C		$\pm 500\text{ m}$ $\pm 1640.4\text{ ft}$	$= 2.00\text{ m} + 2\% \text{ d}$ $= 6.6\text{ ft} + 2\% \text{ d}$ $= 1.1\text{ fm} + 2\% \text{ d}$	Depth anomalies may be expected.
D		Worse than ZOC C	Worse than ZOC C	Large depth anomalies may be expected.
U		Unassessed - The quality of the bathymetric data has yet to be assessed.		

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HEIGHTS

Heights of fixed aids to navigation and vertical clearances of overhead obstructions will be shown in feet if the units are set to feet or fathoms. If units are set to meters, heights will be shown in meters. Land elevation values are shown in meters only.

WATER LEVELS, CURRENTS, AND TIDES

Real-time water levels, tide predictions, and tidal current predictions are available on the internet from NOAA's Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services (CO-OPS) at https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/water_level_info.html and https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/currents_info.html.

ABBREVIATIONS

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

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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).

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.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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

VERTICAL DATUM

Overhead clearances are referred to Mean High Water (MHW).

NOTE A

Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S. Coast Pilot 3. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are published in the Notices to Mariners. Information concerning the regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander, 5th Coast Guard District in Portsmouth, VA or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in Philadelphia, PA.

Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

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

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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

SOUNDING DATUM

Soundings referred to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

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COLREGS DEMARCATION LINE

The Inland Navigational Rules Act of 1980 is in effect for vessels transiting this area. The seaward boundaries of this area are the COLREGS demarcation lines. In the area seaward of the COLREGS demarcation lines, vessels are governed by COLREGS: International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972. The COLREGS demarcation line is defined in COLREGS 33 CFR 80.503.

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PRECAUTIONARY AREA

Traffic within the Precautionary Area may consist of vessels operating between Delaware Bay and one of the established traffic lanes. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme care in navigating within this area.

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TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME

One-way traffic lanes are RECOMMENDED for use by all vessels traveling between the points involved. They have been designed to aid in the prevention of collisions at the approaches to Delaware Bay, but are not intended in any way to supersede or alter the applicable Rules of the Road. Separation zones are intended to separate inbound and outbound traffic and to be free of ship traffic. Separation zones should not be used except for crossing purposes. When crossing traffic lane and separation zones use extreme caution.

INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY AIDS

The U.S. Aids to Navigation System is designed for use with nautical charts, and the exact meaning of an aid to navigation may not be clear unless the appropriate chart is consulted. Aids to navigation marking the Intracoastal Waterway exhibit unique yellow symbols to distinguish them from aids marking other waterways. When following the Intracoastal Waterway southward from Manasquan Inlet to Cape May, NJ, aids with yellow triangles should be kept on the starboard side of the vessel and aids with yellow squares should be kept on the port side of the vessel. A horizontal yellow band provides no lateral information, but simply identifies aids to navigation as marking the Intracoastal Waterway. All lights and lighted buoys marking the Intracoastal Waterway show a flash every four seconds, unless otherwise specified. The aids marking tributary channels, in general, are maintained by the state of New Jersey.

CAUTION
OYSTER GROUNDS

Numerous stakes and obstructions exist within areas in Delaware Bay.

CAUTION

The Corps of Engineers has confirmed (April 2013) that the channel past the Turning Basin to Rehoboth Bay remains an authorized navigation project and has not been actively maintained since 1984. There are no plans to survey this project in the foreseeable future.

CAUTION
LIMITATIONS ON THE
USE OF RADIO SIGNALS

Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117.

Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution.

CAUTION
FISH TRAP AREAS

Uncharted stakes, piles and, fishing structures, some submerged, may exist within this area.

CAUTION
SUBMERGED CABLES AND PIPELINES

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 depths 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 buoys.

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CAUTION FISH TRAPS 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 areas. Where definite limits have not been prescribed, the location of fishing structures is restricted only by the regulations.

DANGER AREA

Offshore area east of Cape Henlopen to Rehoboth Beach is open to unrestricted surface navigation, but all vessels are cautioned neither to anchor, dredge, trawl, lay cables, bottom, nor conduct any other similar type of operation because of residual danger from mines on the bottom.

CAUTION

USACE conducts hydrographic surveys to monitor navigation conditions. These surveys are not intended to detect underwater features. Uncharted features hazardous to surface navigation are not expected but may exist in federal channels. For more information visit <https://navigation.usace.army.mil/Survey/Hydro>.

CAUTION

Improved channels 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. During some winter months or when endangered by ice, certain aids to navigation are replaced by other types or removed. For details, see U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

RESTRICTED AREA RIGHT WHALE SEASONAL MANAGEMENT AREA (50 CFR 224.105)

All vessels greater than or equal to 65 feet / 19.8 meters in length must slow to speeds of 10 knots or less in seasonal management areas.

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NOTE Z

NO-DISCHARGE ZONE, 40 CFR 140

Under the Clean Water Act, Section 312, all vessels operating within a No-Discharge Zone (NDZ) are completely prohibited from discharging any sewage, treated or untreated, into the waters. All vessels with an installed marine sanitation device (MSD) that are navigating, moored, anchored, or docked within a NDZ must have the MSD disabled to prevent the overboard discharge of sewage (treated or untreated) or install a holding tank. Regulations for the NDZ are contained in the U.S. Coast Pilot. Additional information concerning the regulations and requirements may be obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website: <https://www.epa.gov/vessels-marinas-and-ports>.

CAUTION

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DREDGING BUOYS

Lighted dredging buoys in Delaware Bay are not charted as they are frequently moved.

REHOBOTH BAY AIDS

The aids to navigation in Rehoboth Bay and Indian River Inlet are unreliable and the remaining portions of fixed aids, damaged or destroyed by ice or coastal storms, may be hazardous to navigation. Extreme caution in navigating these waters is advised. Indian River Inlet Buoys 4 to 17 mark a shifting channel and are not charted.

MIDDLE THOROFARE AIDS

Numerous lighted and unlighted buoys are not charted because they are frequently shifted in positions.

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CHANGEABLE AREA

The entrance channel to Hereford Inlet is not protected by jetties are subject to frequent changes. The buoys are not charted because they are frequently shifted in position. Buoys are removed if shoaling makes inlets unnavigable.

NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

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Lewes, DE WXJ-94 162.550 MHz

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Sudlersville, MD WXX-97 162.500 MHz

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Salisbury, DE KEC-92 162.475 MHz