

# NAUTICAL CHARTS

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What's to be found on the charts?

**COMPASS ROSE:** True Direction, Variation, Magnetic Direction .

**SOUNDINGS:** Numbers on the chart are measured from Mean {Average} low tide, Height is measured from sea level. Average mean low tide is used.

**COLOR CODE:** Shallow water is darker blue, deeper water light blue or white.

**CONTOUR LINES:** Show the depth of the bottom.

Also Shows Channels, depth of water bouys, lights, lighthouses, landmark, rocks reefs, sandbars and much more.

Charts are produced at different scales for different needs. Make sure you have the chart that meets your particular needs.

**CHART ACCURACY:** Charts tell you where things were, not necessarily where things are now.