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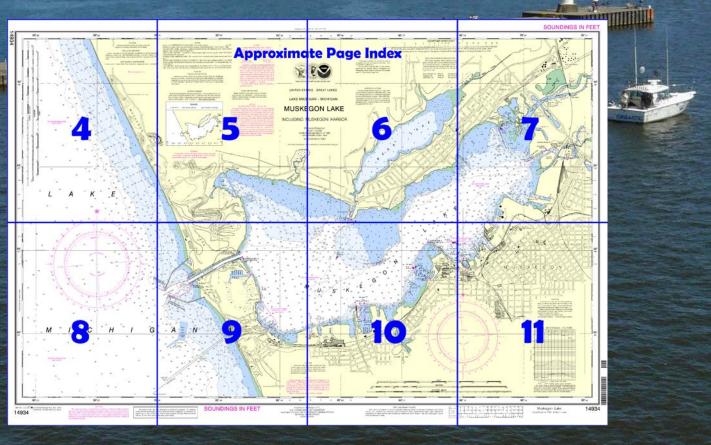
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# Muskegon Lake, Including Muskegon Harbor

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#### What are Nautical Charts?

Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. They show water depths, obstructions, buoys, other aids to navigation, and much more. The information is shown in a way that promotes safe and efficient navigation. Chart carriage is mandatory on the commercial ships that carry America's commerce. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing and passenger vessels, and are widely carried by recreational boaters.

### 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.

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

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 <a href="http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=149">http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=149</a>
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(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot). Muskegon Harbor, 31 miles SSE of Little Sable Point, consists of Muskegon Lake and a dredged entrance channel which connects it with Lake Michigan. Facilities for a wide range of commerce are on the S shore of the harbor at the city of Muskegon, Mich., and at its E end. A lighted stack of the Consumers Energy Co. at the mouth of the Muskegon River in 43°15'16"N., 86°14'23"W. is prominent from Lake Michigan. Sand hills N and S of

the harbor entrance may obstruct the stack from some directions.

Muskegon South Breakwater Light (43°13'30"N., 86°20'48"W.), 70 feet above the water, is shown from a pyramidal tower on the outer end of the S breakwater; a fog signal is at the light.

**Muskegon Lake** is about 4 miles long and varies from 2 miles wide at the W end to as little as 0.6 mile in the E part. The lake has central depths of 25 to 79 feet. Near mid-length of the lake, shoals marked at the outer edges by lights extend from the N and S shores and restrict the available width of deep water to 1,600 feet. There are many obstructions in the shallow parts of the lake, including cribs, pipelines, and submerged pilings and dock ruins.

The North Channel of the **Muskegon River** flows into the NE end of Muskegon Lake. The channel, at a river stage of about 2 feet above extreme low water, has depths of 2½ to 9 feet for 33 miles above the mouth to the former dam at **Newaygo, Mich.** Two fixed bridges, with a reported least clearance of 8 feet, cross the river about 0.3 mile and 0.4 mile above the mouth.

**Bear Lake** parallels the NW side of the NE end of Muskegon Lake and has its outflow through a narrow channel into its N side. **North** A **speed limit** of 8 mph is enforced in Muskegon Harbor. (See **33 CFR 162.120,** chapter 2, for regulations.) A **slow-no wake speed** is enforced in the Bear Lake entrance channel.

A public docking facility is available mid-length of the S lakeshore at the Hartshorn Marina (43°13'48"N., 86°15'54"W.), jointly constructed by the city and the Michigan State Waterways Commission. Several private marinas are along the S shore of Lake Muskegon and can provide: transient berths, gasoline, diesel fuel, marine supplies, sewage pumpout, complete vessel repair, and hoists to 110 tons. A private marina is on the N shore at the outlet of Bear Lake. Transient berths, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, electricity, sewage pumpout, limited marine supplies, launching ramp, and harbormaster services are available. The harbormaster monitors VHF-FM channels 16 and 9. A 30-ton mobile hoist is available for engine repairs, and limited hull and electronic repairs.

**Muskegon Harbor.** Currents in the channel attain velocities up to 3 mph in either direction.

The outer basin is not adapted for anchorage of vessels, but reduces wave action in the entrance channel.

Mooring to the breakwaters, piers, and revetments is prohibited. Mariners are cautioned against navigating outside channel limits in the vicinity of structures protected by stone riprap. In 2001, a rock bed was reported 30 feet N of the South Breakwater Light.

Anchorage.—Muskegon Lake affords good anchorage, generally sand or mud bottom. Special anchorages are in the SW part of the lake and on the S side at Muskegon. (See **33 CFR 110.1 and 110.81**, chapter 2, for limits and re he dredged entrance channel leads from deep water in Lake Michigan between converging breakwaters to an outer basin, thence between piers and revetments to Muskegon Lake. The outer ends of the breakwaters and piers, and the inner ends of piers, are marked by lights. A sound signal, which reportedly operates by keying the microphone five times on VHF-FM channel 79, is at the light on the south pier. (See Notices to Mariners and the latest edition of the chart for controlling depths.

Mooring to the breakwaters, piers, and revetments is prohibited. Mariners are cautioned against navigating outside channel limits in the vicinity of structures protected by stone riprap. In 2001, a rock bed was reported 30 feet north of the South Breakwater Light.

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

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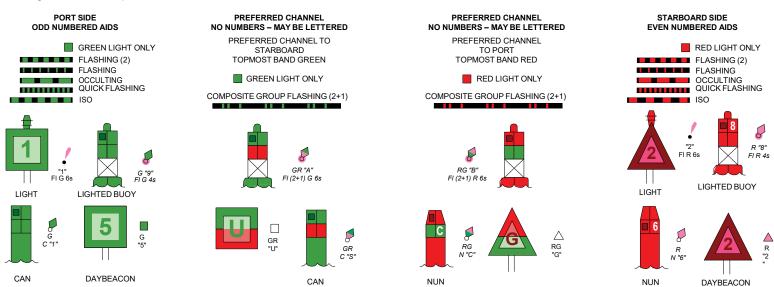
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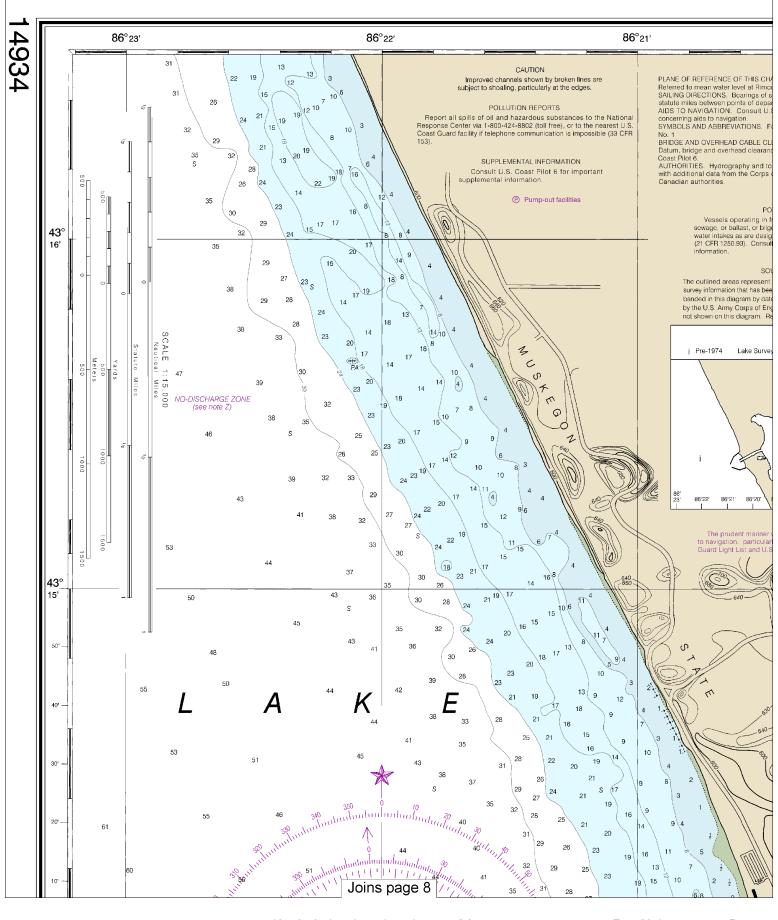
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# Lateral System As Seen Entering From Seaward

on navigable waters except Western Rivers



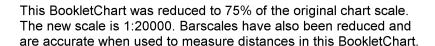
For more information on aids to navigation, including those on Western Rivers, please consult the latest USCG Light List for your area. These volumes are available online at <a href="http://www.navcen.uscg.gov">http://www.navcen.uscg.gov</a>



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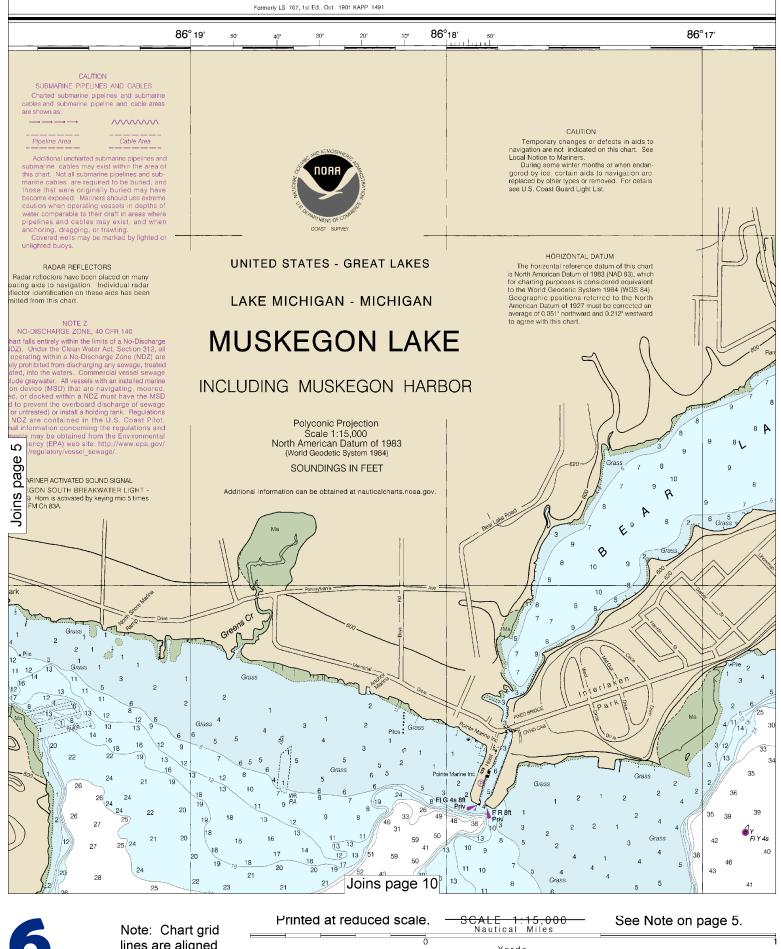
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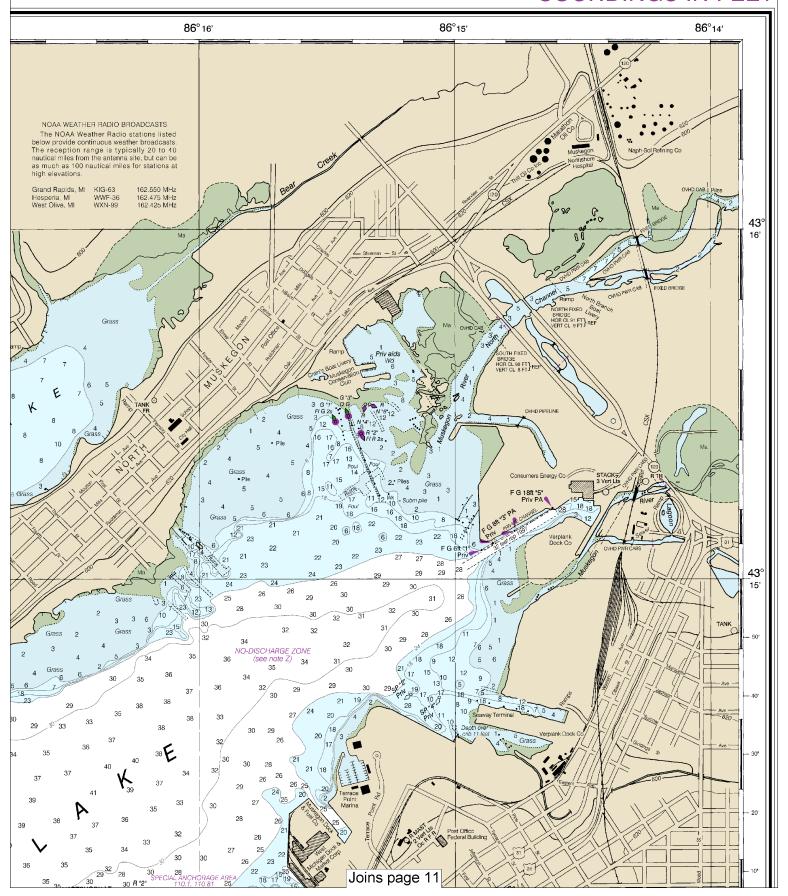


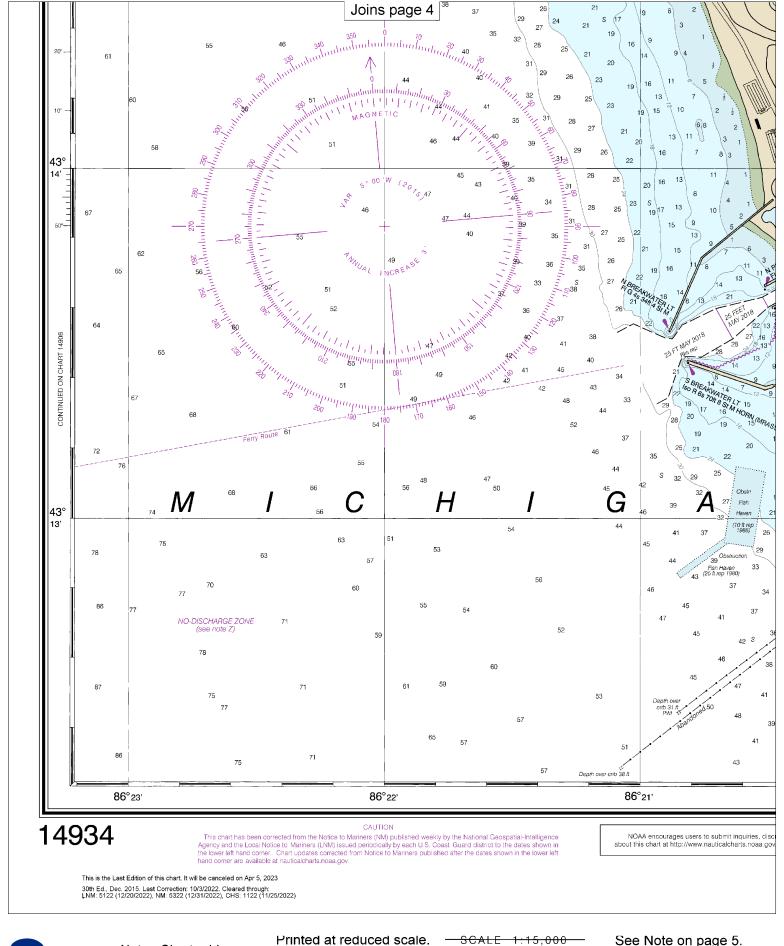


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# **SOUNDINGS IN FEET**

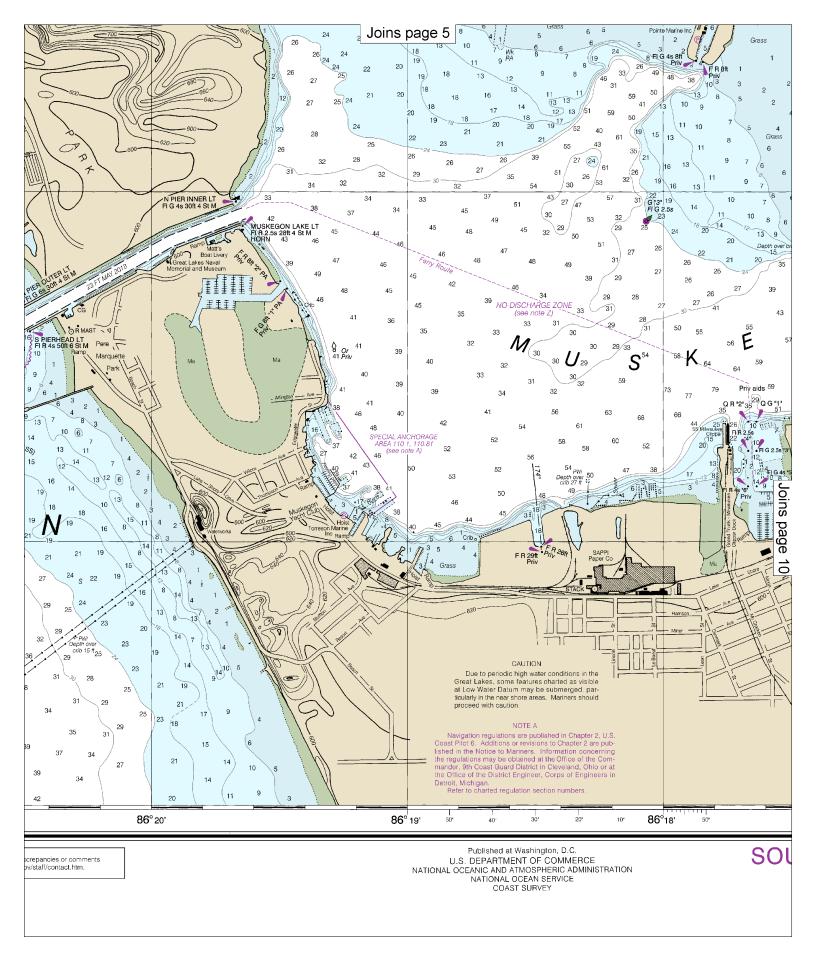


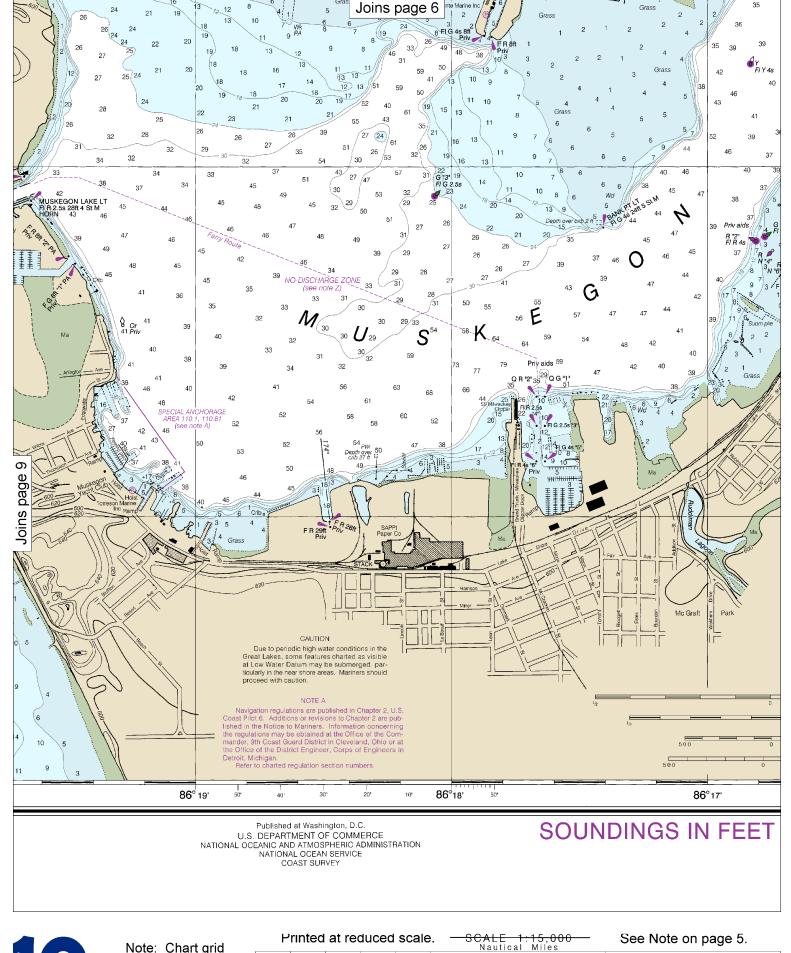




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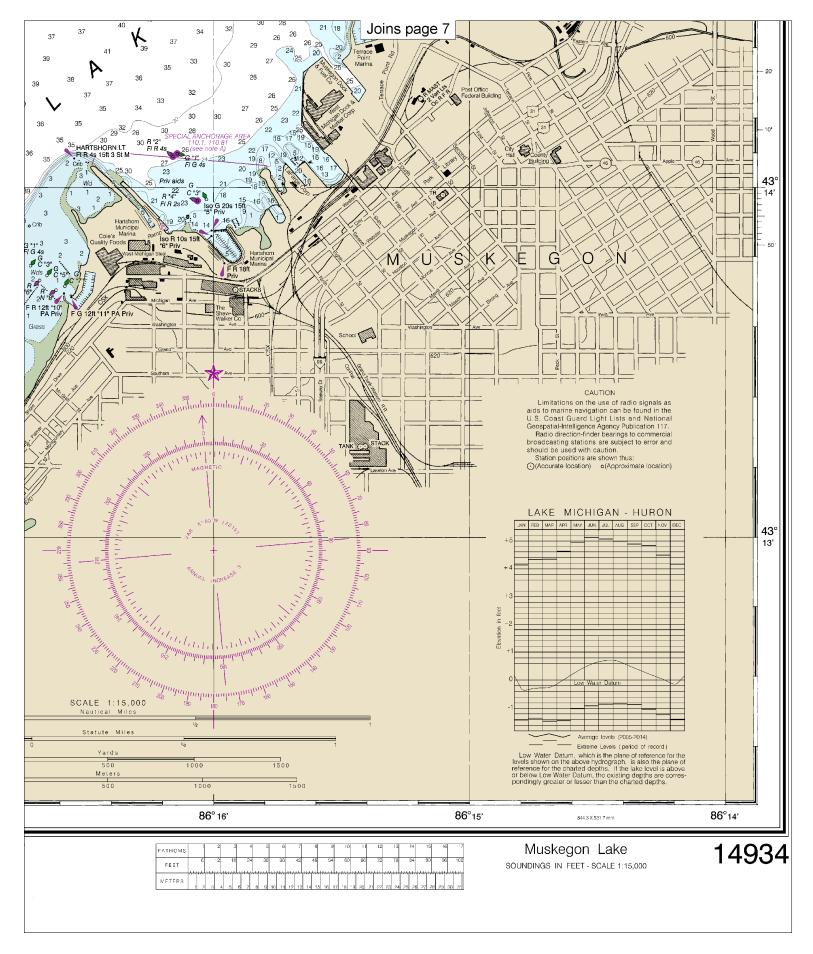




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## VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**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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http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/

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