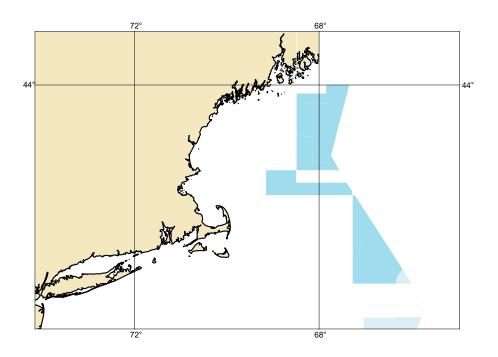
Zone of Confidence (ZOC) Diagram



ZOC CATEGORIES

ZOC	COLOR	POSITION ACCURACY	DEPTH ACCURACY	SEAFLOOR COVERAGE
A1		± 5 m + 5% depth ± 16.4 ft + 5% depth	= 0.50 m +1% d = 1.6 ft +1% d = 0.3 fm +1% d	All significant seafloor features detected.
A2		± 20 m ± 65.6 ft	= 1.00 m +2% d = 3.3 ft +2% d = 0.6 fm +2% d	All significant seafloor features detected.
В		± 50 m ± 164.0 ft	= 1.00 m +2% d = 3.3 ft +2% d = 0.6 fm +2% d	Uncharted features hazardous to surface navigation are not expected but may exist.
С		± 500 m ± 1640.4 ft	= 2.00 m +2% d = 6.6 ft +2% d = 1.1 fm +2% 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 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.

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ABBREVIATIONS

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

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 1 for important supplemental information. Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 2 for important supplemental information. Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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SOUNDING DATUM

Soundings referred to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

VERTICAL DATUM

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

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

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 1, NGA Publication 145, and Canadian Sailing Directions, Gulf of Maine and Bay of Fundy for important supplemental information.

Information concerning Canadian Nautical Charts, Sailing Directions, Tide Tables, and other Government publications of interest to mariners may be obtained on request to the Dominion Hydrographer, Canadian Hydrographic Service, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Ottawa.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 6 for important supplemental information.

Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

SOUNDING DATUM

In Canadian waters, soundings are referred to Lowest Normal Tide.

VERTICAL DATUM

Overhead clearances in the Great Lakes are reduced correspondingly when water surface is above Low Water Datum. See U.S. Coast Pilot 6 for clearances.

NOTE A

Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S. Coast Pilot 2. 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, 1st Coast Guard District in Boston, MA or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in New York, NY.

Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

NOTE A

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Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

VERTICAL DATUM

In Canadian waters, overhead clearances are referred to Higher High Water Large Tides.

NOTE A

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Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

NOTE A

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Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

PRECAUTIONARY AREA

Traffic within the Precautionary Area may consist of vessels making the transition between operating in Ambrose or Sandy Hook Channels and one of the traffic lanes. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme care in navigating within this area.

PRECAUTIONARY AREA

Traffic within the Precautionary Area may consist of vessels operating between Boston Harbor and one of the established traffic lanes. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme care in navigating within this area. Recommended traffic lanes have been established for the approach to Boston Harbor.

CANADIAN AIDS TO NAVIGATION

See Canadian List of Lights, Buoys and Fog Signals for information not included in the U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

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PRECAUTIONARY AREA

Traffic within the Precautionary Area may consist of vessels operating between Narragansett Bay or Buzzards Bay and one of the established traffic lanes. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme care in navigating within these areas.

PRECAUTIONARY AREA

Traffic within the Precautionary Area may consist of vessels operating between Portland Harbor and one of the established traffic lanes. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme care in navigating within this area. Recommended traffic lanes have been established for the approaches to Portland Harbor.

RECOMMENDED TWO WAY ROUTES

Recommended two-way routes have been established including deep-water routes for vessels in the approaches to Portland Harbor and Casco Bay, through Hussey Sound to Cousins Island and through Broad Sound to Harpswell, Maine. While not mandatory, deep draft commercial vessels (including tugs and barges) are requested to follow the designated routes at the master's discretion. Other vessels, while not excluded from these routes, should exercise caution in and around these areas and monitor VHF Channel 16 or 13 for information concerning deep draft commercial vessels (including tugs and barges) transiting these routes. See U.S. Coast Pilot 1, Chapter 8.

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 ISLES OF SHOALS

Trawlers or other vessels should exercise caution while dragging the ocean floor within a 6.7 mile radius of Isles of Shoals Light since it is known that JATO (Jet-Assisted Take Off) racks and associated debris exist in the area.

PRECAUTIONARY AREA

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

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 Portland Harbor and New York Harbor and the approach to Narragansett Bay, Buzzards Bay and Boston Harbor and for routing traffic through the Bay of Fundy 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 lanes and separation zones use extreme caution. The recommended route in the Bay of Fundy has been established by the Department of Transport, Canada. See large scale Canadian charts.

CAUTION FISH TRAP AREAS

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

CAUTION DANGER AREA

Area 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 UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE

This area is a former firing range active from 1952 to 1961. Mariners are cautioned against anchoring, dredging or trawling in this area due to the possible existence of unexploded ordnance.

AREA TO BE AVOIDED

To avoid the risk of pollution and damage to the environment, this area has been designated an Area to be Avoided. All vessels carrying petroleum, dangerous or toxic cargoes. or any other vessel exceeding 1,000 gross tons should avoid this area.

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 prohibited completely 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-marinasand-ports .

CAUTION DISPUTED AREA

This area is disputed by United States and Canada. Cette zone est l'objet d'un désaccord entre les États-Unis et le Canada.

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.

NOTE Z NO-DISCHARGE ZONE, 40 CFR 140

Under the Clean Water Act, Section 312, all vessels operating within a No-Discharge Zone (NDZ) completely prohibited from discharging any sewage, treated or untreated, into the waters. Commercial vessel sewage shall include graywater. 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 Additional information Pilot. concerning the regulations and requirements may be obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website: https://www.epa.gov/vesselsmarinas-and-ports .

FIRING PRACTICE AND EXERCISE AREAS

Limits of Canadian Firing Practice and Exercise Areas. See Canadian Notice to Mariners No. 35 of each year.

RECOMMENDED SEASONAL AREA TO BE AVOIDED

This area has been established in order to reduce the risk of ship strikes of the endangered North Atlantic right whale. It is recommended that ships of 300 gross tonnage and upwards solely in transit during the period of Jun 1st through Dec 31st should avoid the area. (MSC IMO SN.1/CIRC.263)

NARRAGANSETT BAY RESTRICTED AREA

A 3218 meters/2 mile wide restricted area extends from the northern limits of the Narragansett Bay Approach traffic separation zone to 41°24′ 42″N. This restricted area within the precautionary area will only be closed to vessel traffic during periods of daylight and optimum weather conditions for torpedo range use. Consult Chapter 6, U.S. Coast Pilot 2, for additional information.

AREA TO BE AVOIDED

All vessels carrying cargoes of oil or hazardous materials and all other vessels of more than 1,000 gross tons should avoid the area (MSC IMO XLIII/18).

DEEPWATER PORTS

The Neptune and Northeast Gateway Deepwater Ports are encompassed by multiple boundaries. The outermost boundary represents an Area to Be Avoided and is referenced in 33 CFR 150.940. The central boundaries represent areas designated as No Anchoring Areas as well as Regulated Navigation Areas and referenced in 33 CFR 150.940 and 33 CFR 165.117, respectively. The innermost boundaries represent Safety Zones and Security Zones, both of which are referenced in 33 CFR 165.117. See Note A for information regarding the publication of Navigation regulations.

AREA TO BE AVOIDED (ATBA)

In order to significantly reduce the risk of ship strikes to the highly endangered North Atlantic Right Whale, ships of 300 gross tons and above should avoid the area between the period of Apr 1st through Jul 31st. Reference IMO Sn/Circ. 272. Where the boundary of the Area to Be Avoided (ATBA) is co-linear with the boundary of the Traffic Separation Scheme or the boundary of the Mandatory Ship Reporting Area, it has been offset slightly for clarity.

STELLWAGEN BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY (PROTECTED AREA: 15 CFR 922)

The following activities are prohibited within Stellwagen Bank Marine Sanctuary: certain discharging or dumping, industrial exploring or developing, drilling and dredging, removing historical artifacts, lightering. Refer to 15 CFR 922 for details of sanctuary regulations.

LOCAL MAGNETIC DISTURBANCE

Magnetic disturbance has been reported in the vicinity of 44°31.5'N, 66°55'W, and 44°33'N, 66°45'W.

MANDATORY SHIP REPORTING SYSTEM AREA 33 CFR 169 (SEE NOTE A)

Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2 of the U.S. Coast Pilot for this geographic area. Refer to regulation section numbers.

RIGHT WHALE CRITICAL HABITAT (PRECAUTIONARY AREA: 50 CFR 226.203, 224.103C; SEE NOTE A)

It is illegal to approach any right whale anywhere closer than 500 yards/457.2 meters.

CHANGEABLE AREA SHINNECOCK INLET

The depths through the inlet are subject to frequent changes and may differ appreciably from charted depths.

Aids to navigation are not charted.

NOTE

An area in the vicinity of Grand Manan Channel is disputed by United States and Canada.