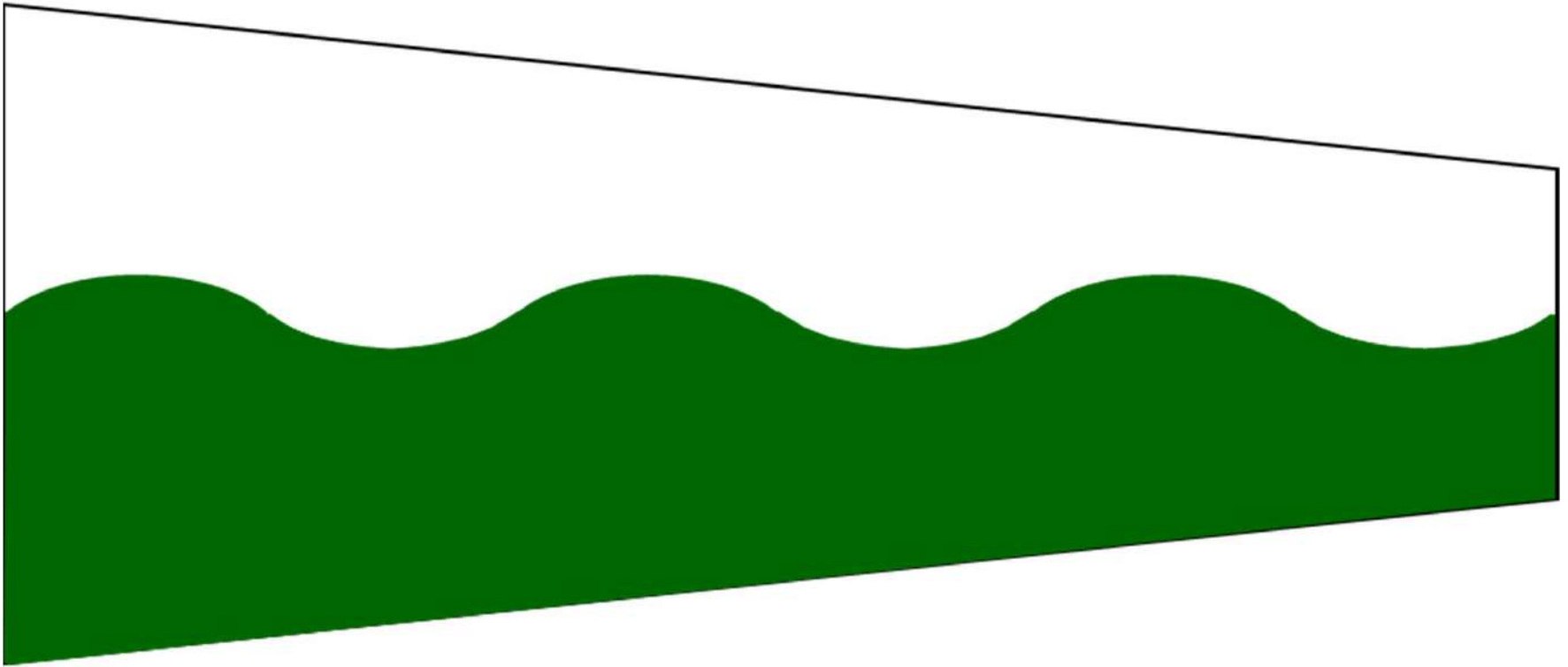


# SBCC Rendezvous Basics

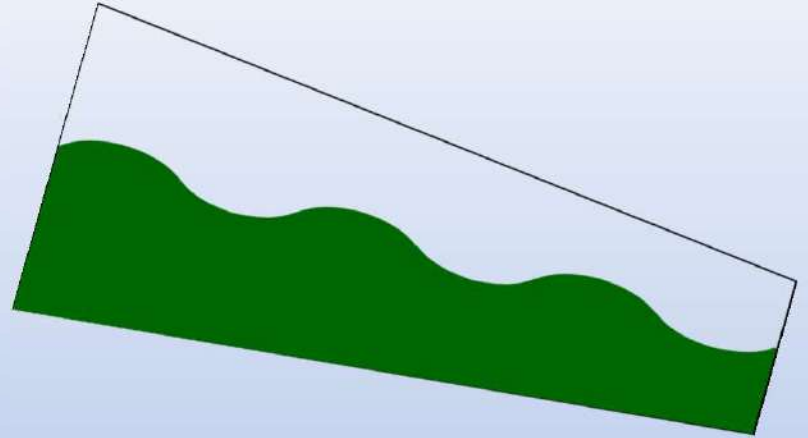


# Background

- SBCC started in 1951 when members of several local yacht clubs wanted to get together on the Great South Bay and spend overnights on their boats
- SBCC members meet on the Great South Bay every weekend from early May to Mid October, crews get together and then spend the night.
- This provides a weekly destination to get out there.

# Typical Rendezvous

- Host boat flies a large SBCC burgee
- Others raft to the host or anchor
- Starts 1600/1630-ish
- Everyone meets on the host boat; raft up or dinghy over



- Bring an appetizer to share
- Bring your own beverages
- Talk, eat and have a good time for a few hours.
- Nothing formal, duration can be a few hours to well after dark



**You DO NOT need a large boat to start cruising**

Many started small and then upgraded



# Boat Preparation - Basic

- **Don't overthink it**
  - Start small - it's just one overnight, under 24 hrs.
  - Food and beverages for the rendezvous (RV) & what you enjoy in the morning
  - Berth can be a sleeping bag
    - If that's roughing it too much, then bring something more comfortable
  - If you're starting out, don't go if the weather forecast isn't great / beyond your experience

- Need the ship's **battery** to last the night
  - This falls under routine maintenance
- When at anchor, you need a working **anchor light** from sunset to sunrise



- Anchor with rode and/or  
Lines and fenders for rafting

- Have questions?...**ASK!**



# Boat Preparation - Next Step

- [www.theboatgalley.com](http://www.theboatgalley.com)
  - Tips and tricks geared towards longer term living aboard, but much applies to a single overnight
  - Google theboatgalley.com + topic
    - Examples: theboatgalley.com plates  
theboatgalley.com knives
- **Comfortable Bed**
  - Memory foam mattress topper does wonders & is not expensive - cut to your berth dimensions
  - Good sheets, blankets, and pillows

- **Ventilation - Wind Scoop**

- Breeze Booster

- Wind from bow only
- Self Supporting
- No drilling holes
- May affect bug screen



- Breeze Bandit

- Catches wind from all directions
  - May help in a marina or
  - Wind against current
- Need halyard and line forward
- Install four snaps on inside of hatch



# Boat Preparation - More Advanced

- **LED light bulb conversion**
  - Interior and Anchor Lights
    - Power usage is about 10% of incandescent bulbs
      - Can be reduced from 40 Ah to 4 Ah for an overnight!
    - Anchor lights need to meet USCG requirements - 2 n.m.
    - LED conversion can be done for about \$50 in a few hours
    - Amazon has many interior bulbs
    - **Note:** Polarity sensitive

- **Solar** - Free, quiet charging when the sun shines



- **Battery monitor** - Battery state of charge



- **Refrigeration** - Need adequate power (solar, battery monitor)



- **Anchor wash-down** - Some anchorages are very muddy

# Dinghy

- If anchored, then you need a way to get to the RV
- Most SBCC cruisers have a dinghy
- **Lack of a dinghy is not a reason to miss an RV**
  - Ask the host boat in advance to raft up or if you can get a ride to the RV
  - Members with a dinghy can usually provide a ride
  - Unpractical for many solo sailors



## Long term and frequent RVs:

- Think about getting a dinghy, but get enough experience to know what you need; talk to other members
- Solo sailors consider a small kayak or paddleboard



- Two week cruise and many RVs? A dink will make your life easier and be more self sufficient

- **A painter that floats is a good idea**
  - Less chance of getting it wrapped in your prop
  - Samson Float line (double braid)



- **Your dinghy is a boat**
  - Need the minimum equipment for that size vessel
    - PFDs, Running Lights, etc.



- **Make sure to securely tie your dinghy**
- Have **two** attachment points
  - Two Painters  
or
  - One Painter, then:  
Cleat hitch plus  
bowline around a  
rail



# One Week Later....



# What to Bring to the Rendezvous?

- An appetizer that is easily shared
  - Simple is often the case, but you can get elaborate
  - Store bought is fine
  - Examples
    - Costco Cookies
    - Cheese and crackers
    - Fruit / vegetable plate
    - Shrimp cocktail
  - How much to bring?
    - Our rule of thumb is enough to cover just us, plus a little
      - Ensures enough, regardless the number of boats attending
- Beverages- Bring your own



# After the Rendezvous

- Conclude the night on your boat
  - Sometimes there is a post RV get together
- If rafting, some break off and anchor, others stay rafted the night; **based on host discretion**
- Stay until 0600 the next day to receive RV credit
- Next day
  - Some leave early
  - Some stay the day



# Overnights

- Doesn't feel like being on Long Island, it's like being on vacation
- These are the “million dollar views”









# Hosting a Rendezvous

- Fleet Captain will provide a large burgee in advance
- Your boat is the central point
  - If you have a smaller boat, ask others to raft for seating room
  - Bring garbage bags, paper goods (plates, napkins, utensils)
- 1600-1630 hoist the large burgee on a flag halyard
- Write down the boats that stayed the night (until 0600) and provide to the Fleet Captain
- Fleet Captain will arrange to get the burgee back or to hand off to the next host

# Rendezvous Themes

- Each rendezvous typically has a theme
  - Host usually picks when signing up
  - Choose from what we've done in the past, or pick your own
  - Get creative!

# Pirates of the Caribbean



# Go Fly a Kite



# Summer Olympics



# Cruising Guide of the South Bay Cruising Club

[www.sbccsail.org](http://www.sbccsail.org)

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Cruising Guide

[https://sbccsail.org/Forms/Cruising\\_Guide\\_2017.pdf](https://sbccsail.org/Forms/Cruising_Guide_2017.pdf)

Lots of good information about cruising and each location

Some information may be slightly dated

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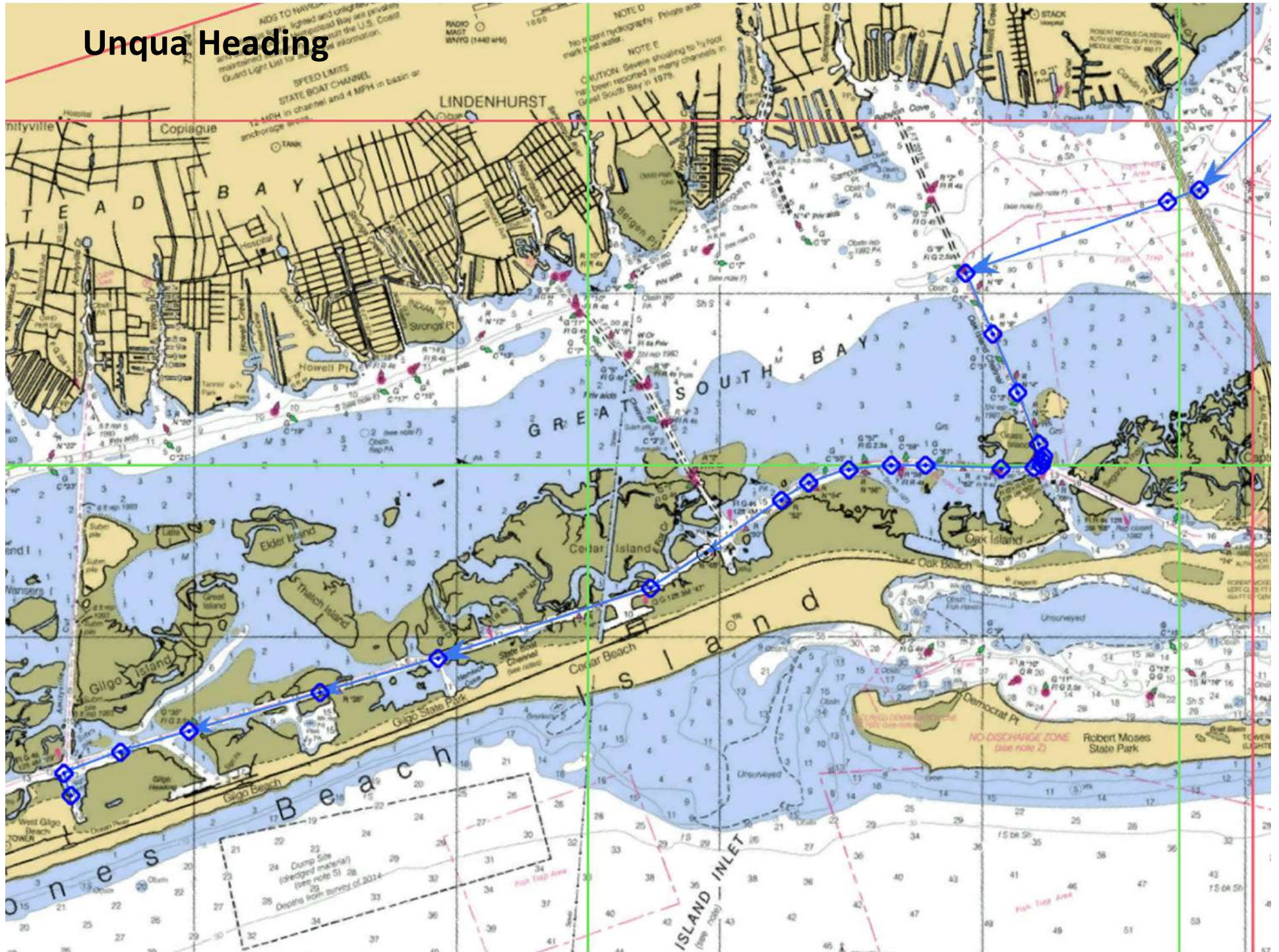
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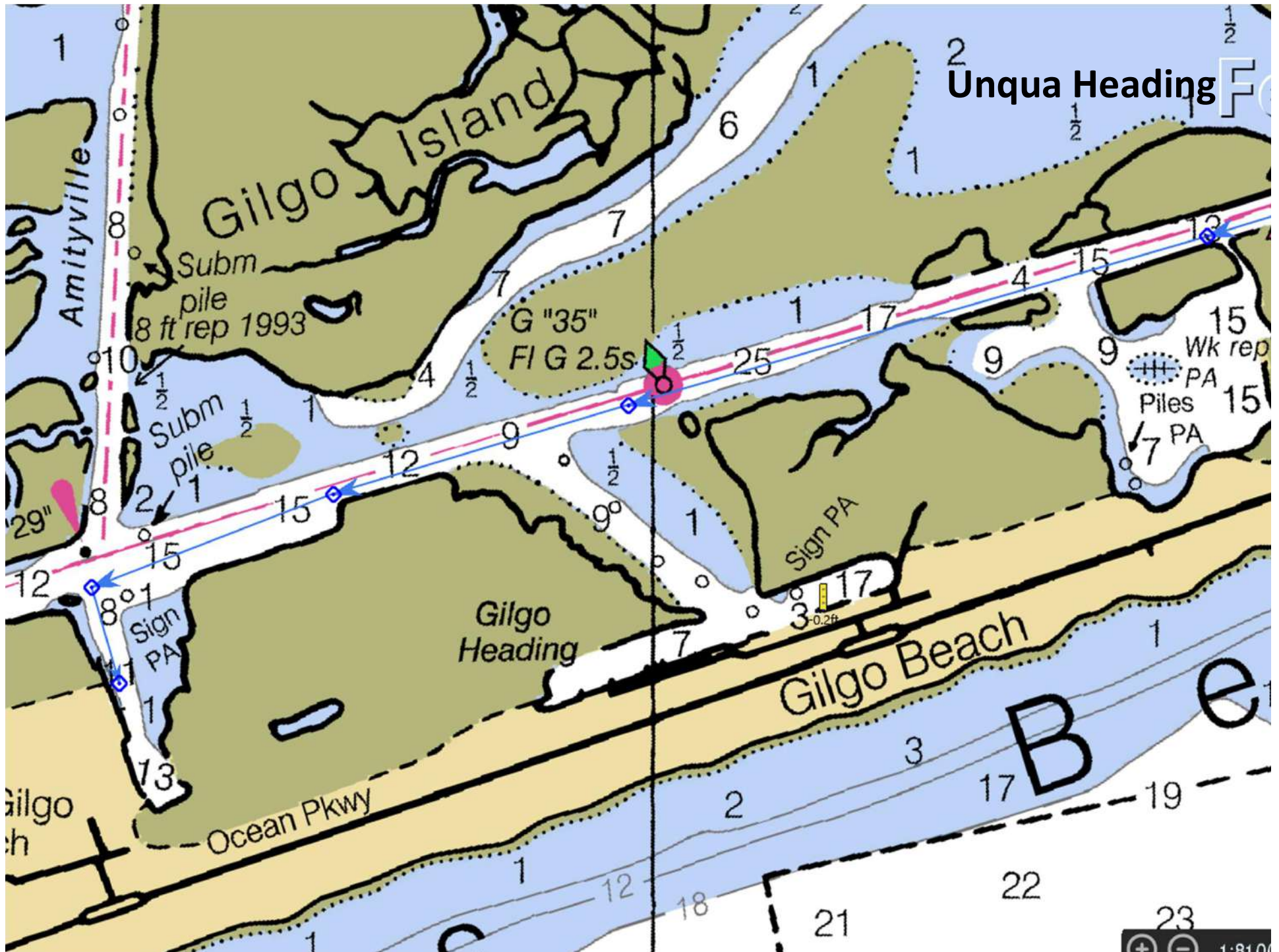
- Unqua Heading
- Coast Guard Cove
- Hemlock Cove
- Oak Island Lead
- Atlantique
- Great River
- Sailors Haven
- Watch Hill
- Bellport Bay

# Unqua Heading - Marina

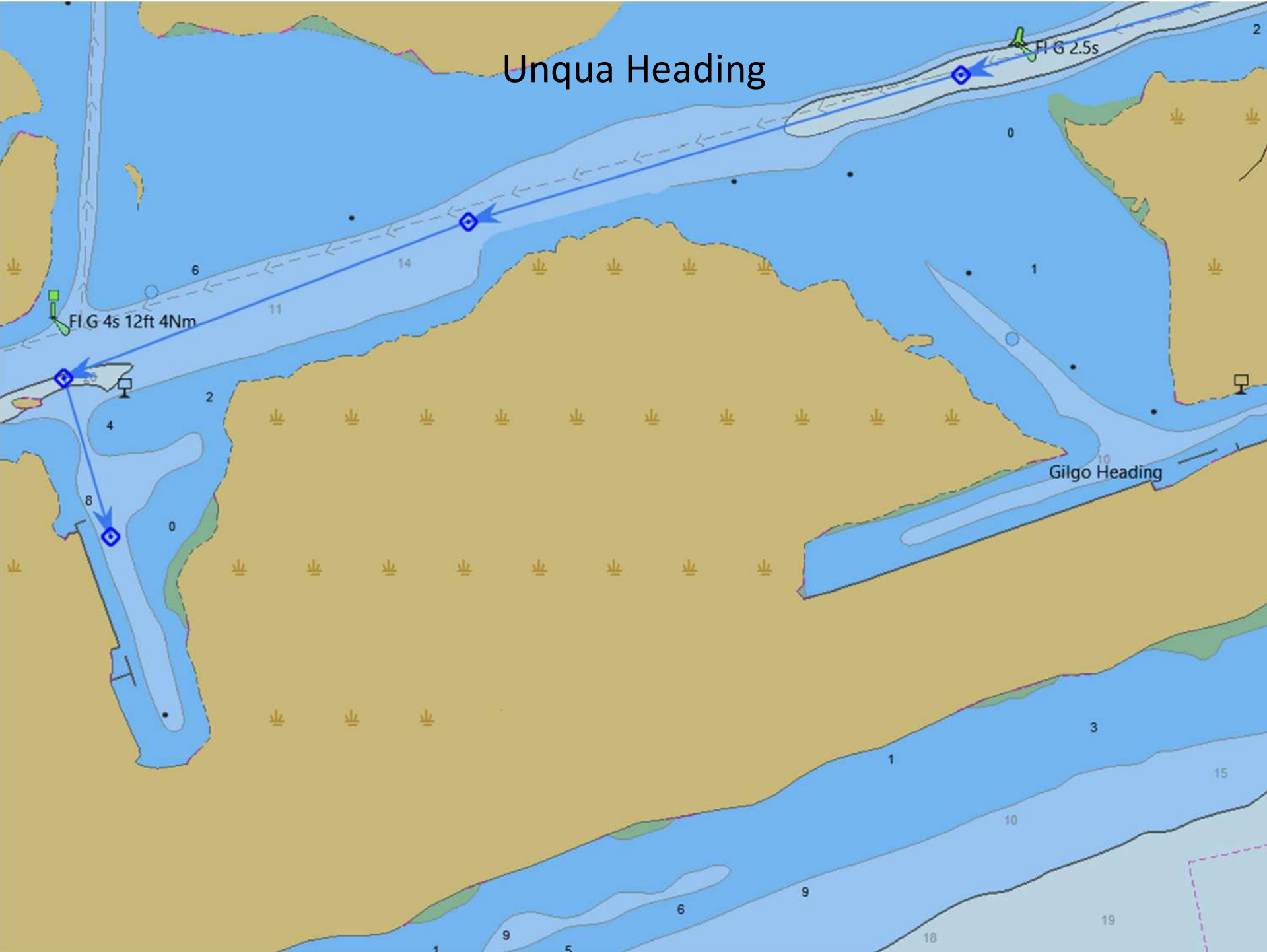
- Always check current charts and obtain local knowledge. Do not rely on this as a source for navigation!
- South of buoy “29” Fl G 4s is a small cove south of the state boat channel opposite the south end of the Amityville Cut
- Walkway under Ocean Parkway to the beach
- Privately owned by Unqua Corinthian Yacht Club
- An SBCC member is a member of the UCYC and has arranged for us to spend a Fall weekend there for RVs
- Cannot go there at other times and a UCYC member must be present when you are there

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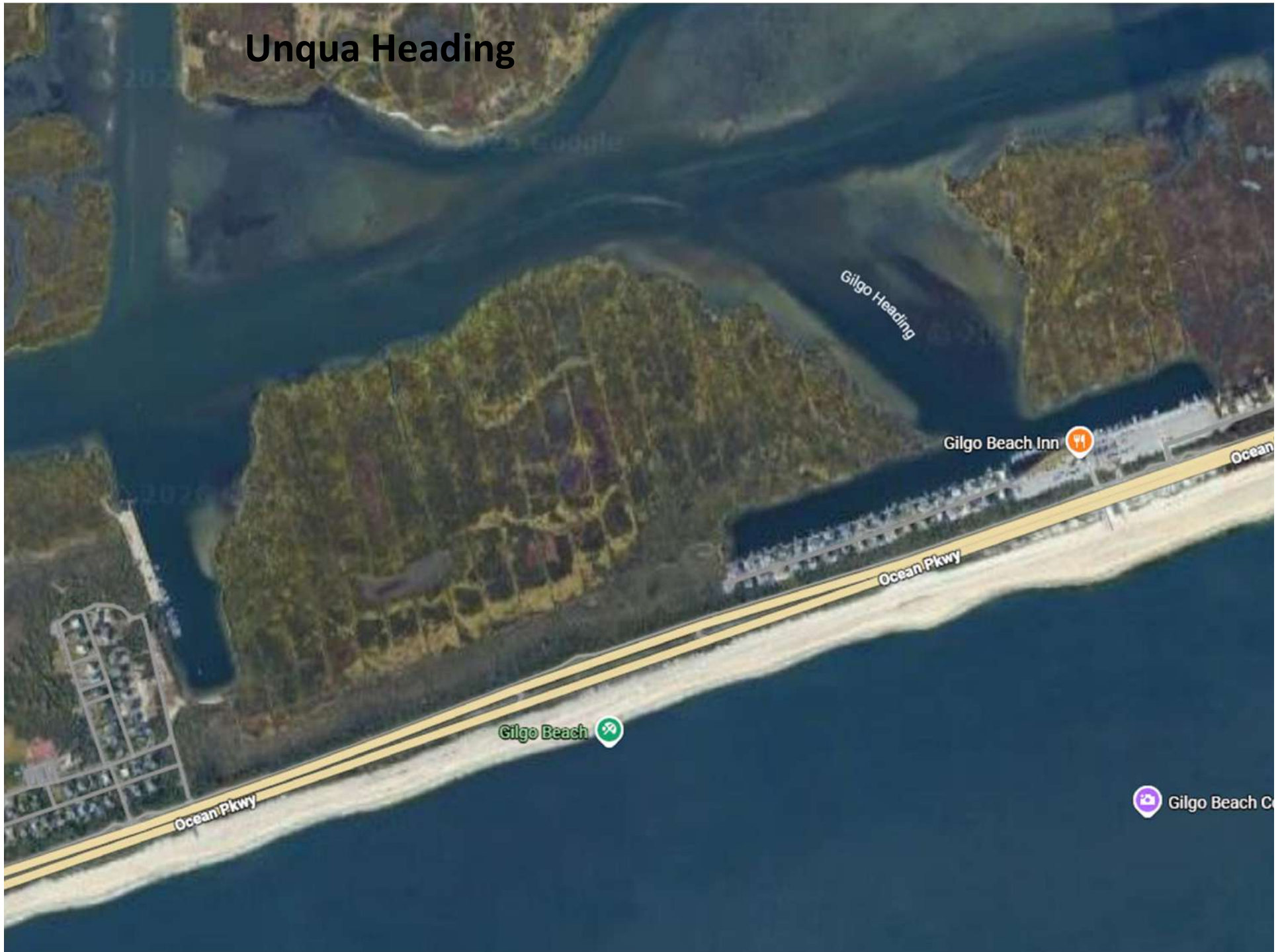




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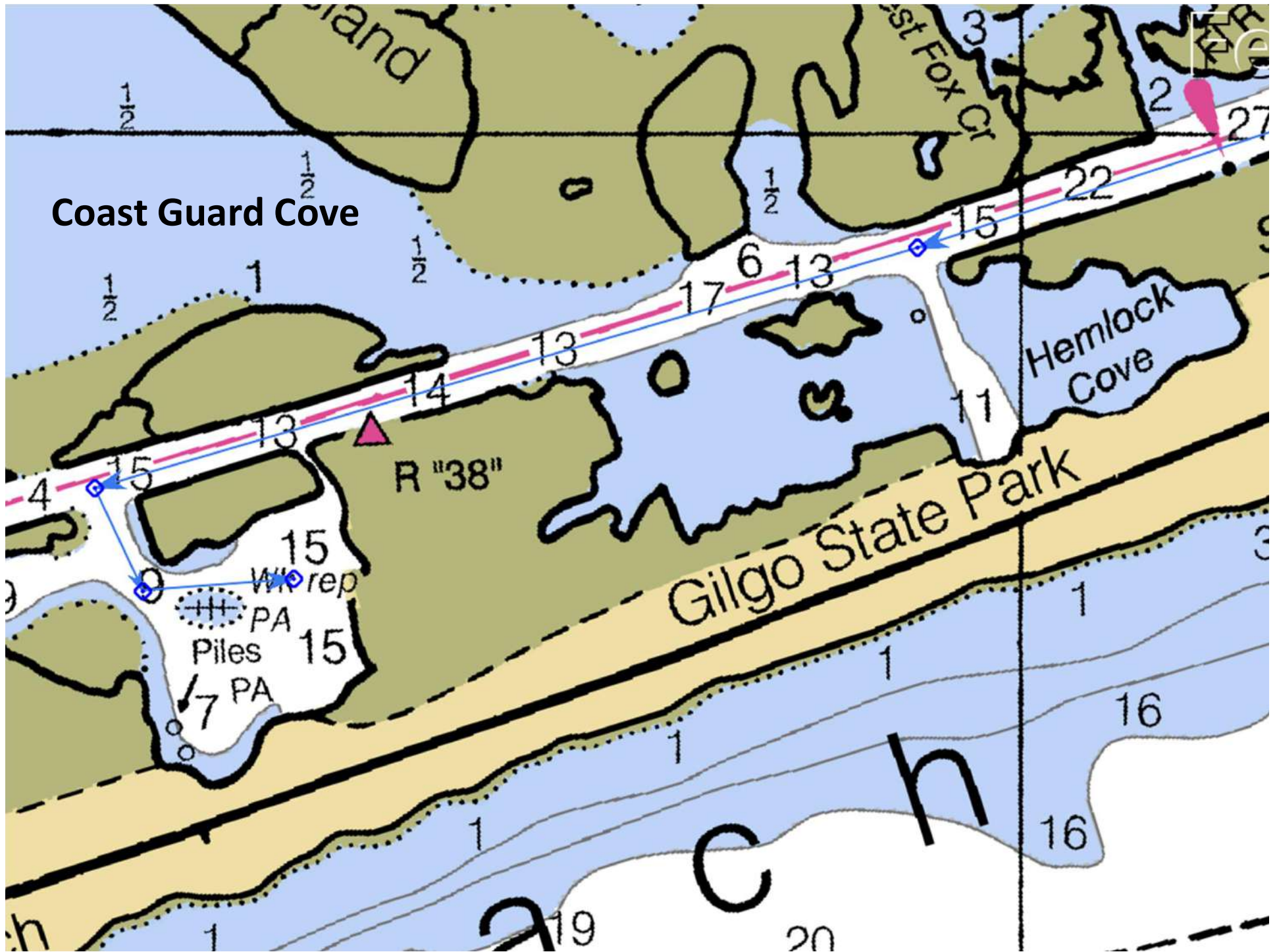
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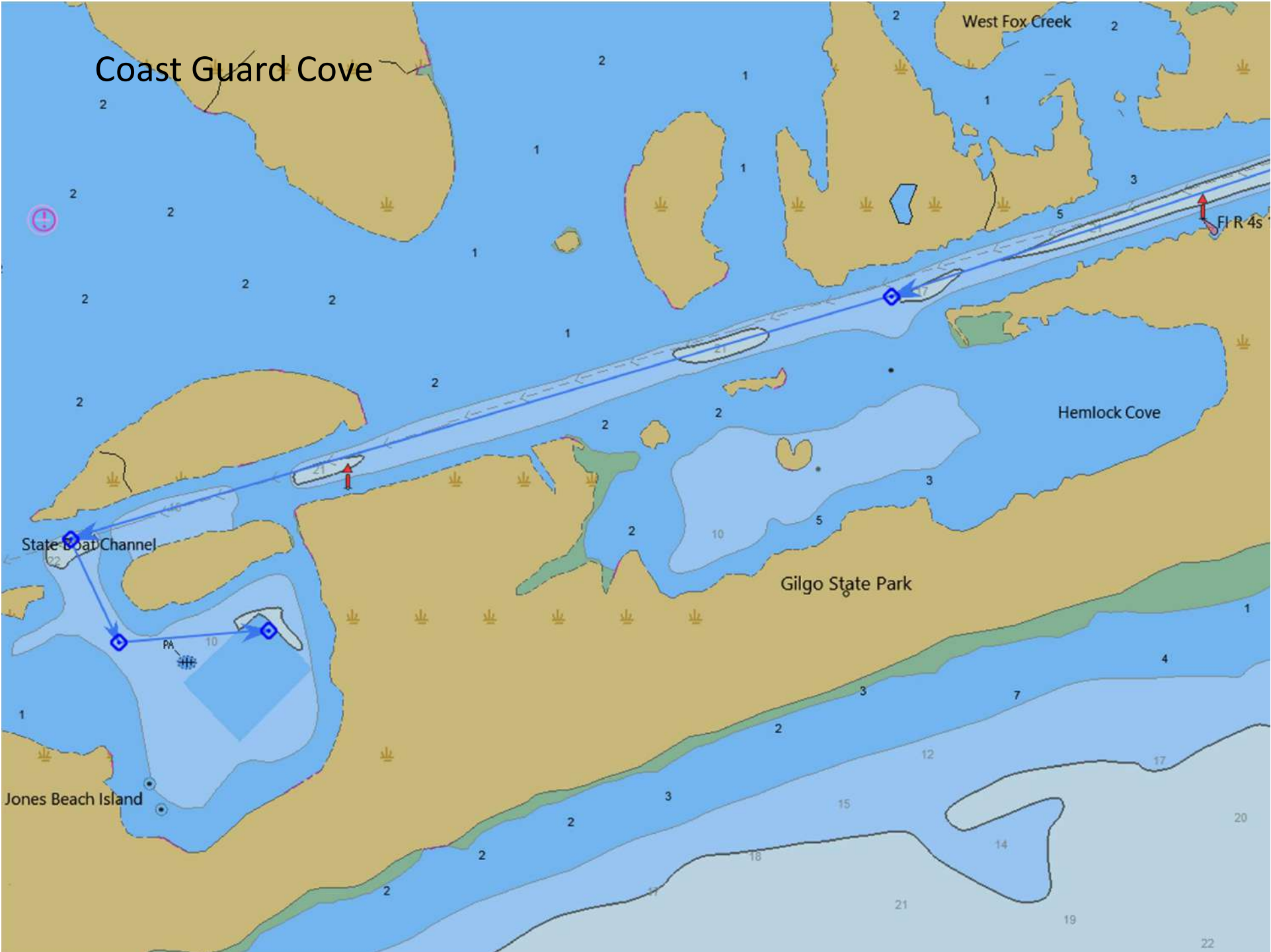
Gilgo Beach

# Coast Guard Cove - Anchored

- Always check current charts and obtain local knowledge. Do not rely on this as a source for navigation!
- From the East: Follow the state channel, continue 0.25 nm past day mark R “38” to entrance.
- From the West: Follow the Amityville Cut south to the State Boat Channel, turn east and steam to day marker “35” continue for 0.5 nm to the entrance (40 37.600' N //073 23.2600' W)
- Well protected from boat traffic
- We anchor on the east side
- Good first rendezvous spot
- Depths vary, try to drop anchor in shallower area







# Coast Guard Cove



Gilgo

Thatch Island

West Fox  
Creek

Little Sw  
Creek

Hemlock Cove

Coast Guard Cove

Gilgo State Park 4x4

Ocean Pkwy

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# Coast Guard Cove



Coast Guard Cove

Anchor This Area

Ocean Pkwy

Ocean Pkwy

Gilgo State Park 4x4

# Coast Guard Cove



# Coast Guard Cove

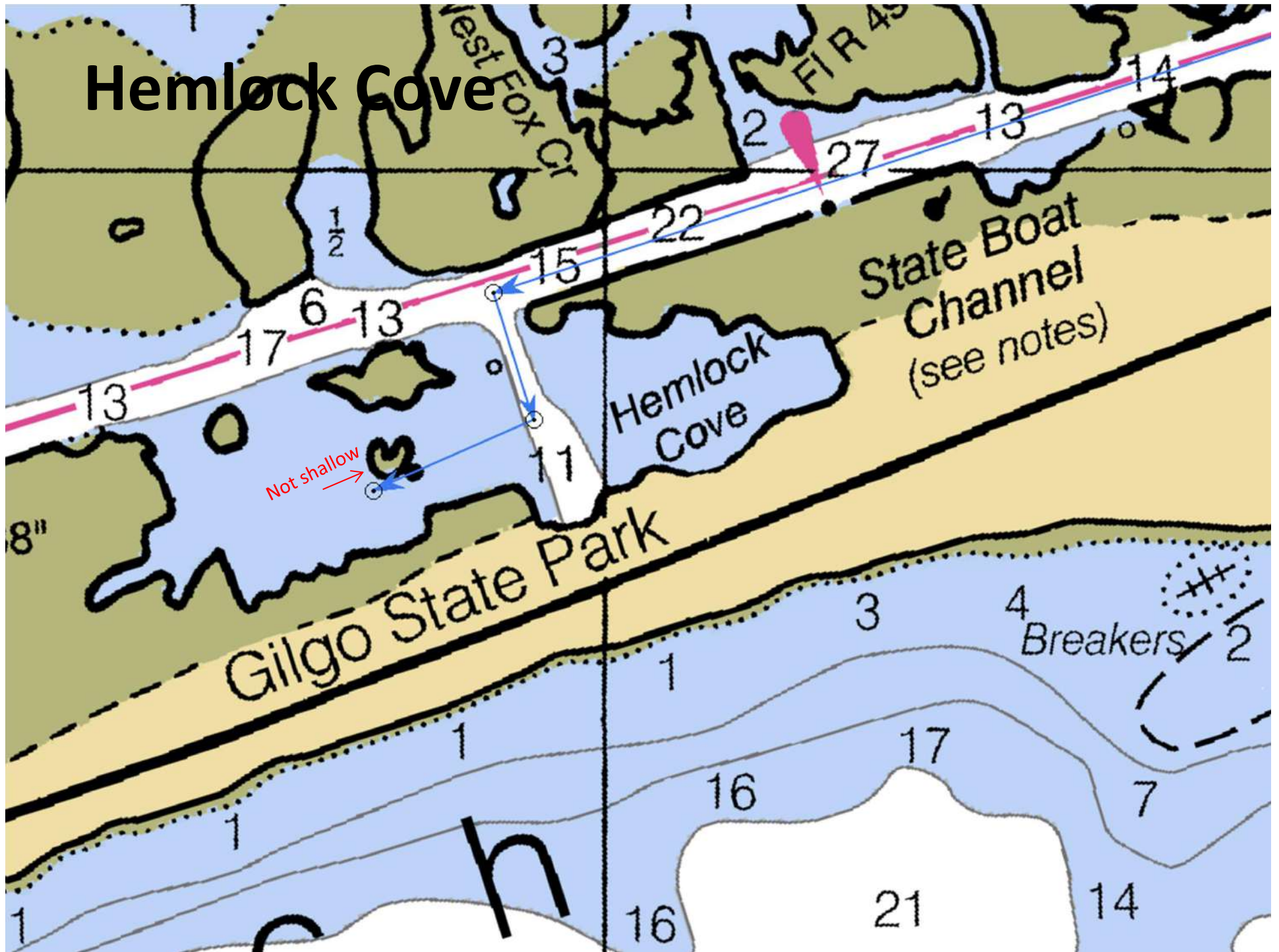


# Hemlock Cove - Anchor

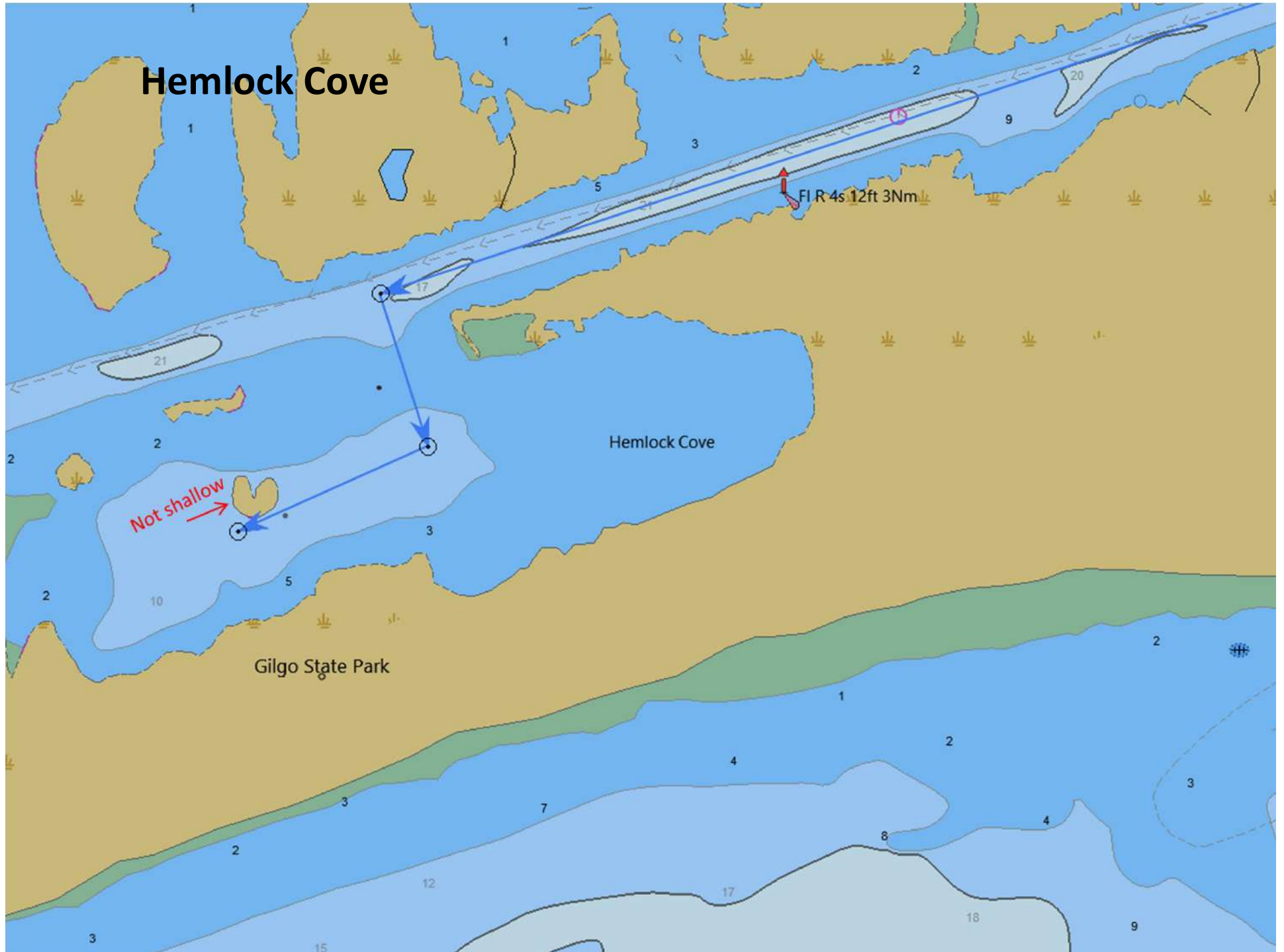
- Always check current charts and obtain local knowledge. Do not rely on this as a source for navigation!
- 0.3 nm west of red “42”
- 0.9 nm east of Coast Guard Cove
- Enter half way between the marsh on the east and pole to the west
- Proceed south of the pole, almost halfway from pole to shore, then turn east (starboard)
  - The area just south of the pole is shallow
- The shallow area shown on the chart in the center is not there
- Find shallower areas, avoid 30’ hole - scope and swing
- Powerboats to the east, we anchor to the west
- Good first rendezvous spot
- Can take dinghy to shore and walk to Cedar Beach (1 nm)
  - Jogging / bike paved trail
  - Live music at The Salt Shack
  - Watch for tide changes if leaving dinghy- set anchor/tie to shore



# Hemlock Cove



# Hemlock Cove



# Hemlock Cove



# Hemlock Cove

Pole  
Avoid- Shallow

Powerboats

Hemlock Cove

Anchor This Area

Land dink here



# Hemlock Cove

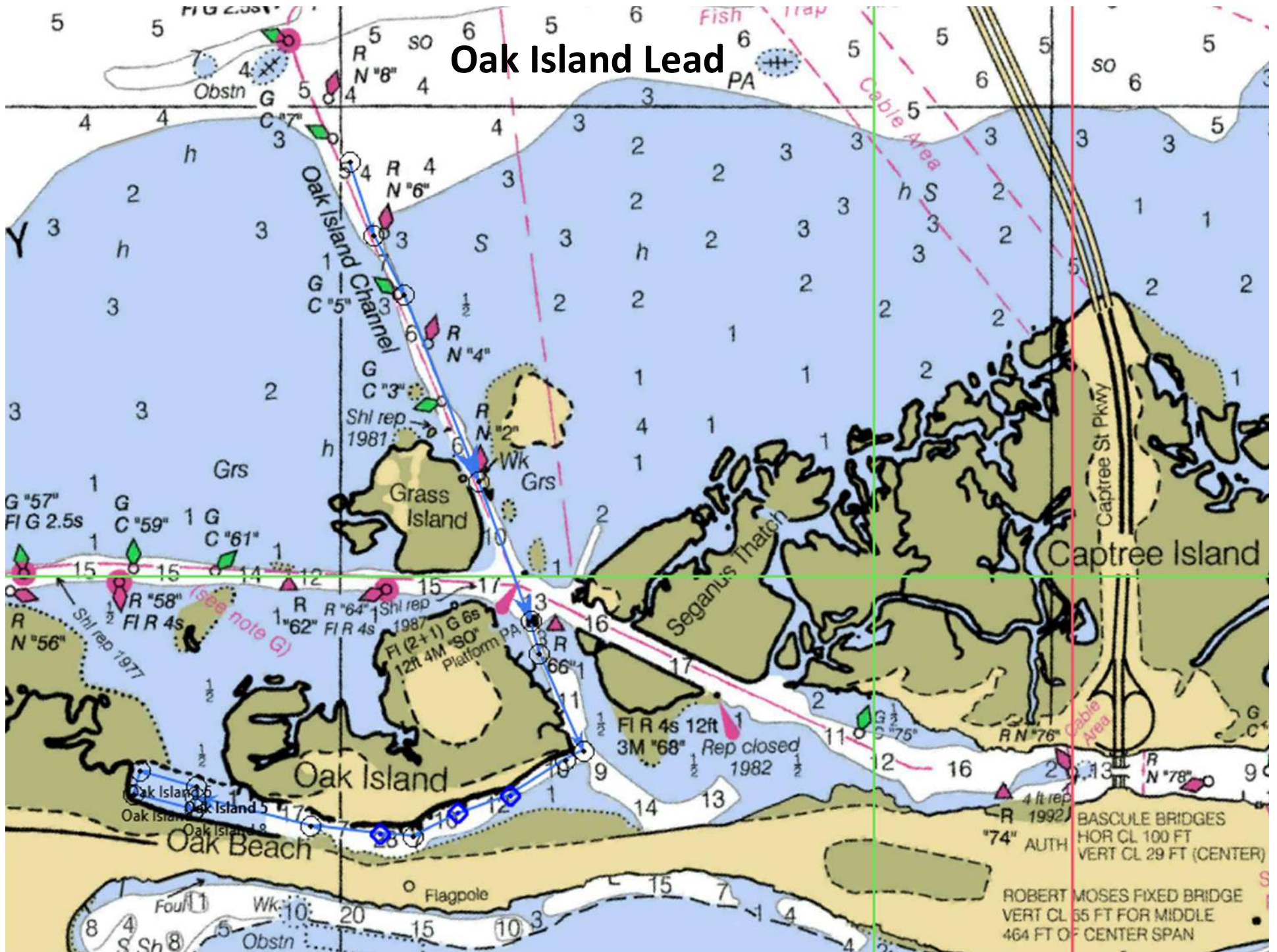


Pole

# Oak Island Lead - Anchor

- Always check current charts and obtain local knowledge. Do not rely on this as a source for navigation!
- Beautiful area, some say the best on the GSB
- The entry can be challenging
- The area where you turn from south to west is shallowest
  - Top half of the tide
  - Drafts over 4'-6" may be pushing mud to make this turn
- Be careful during north or shifting winds
- This may not be ideal for your first few RVs

# Oak Island Lead

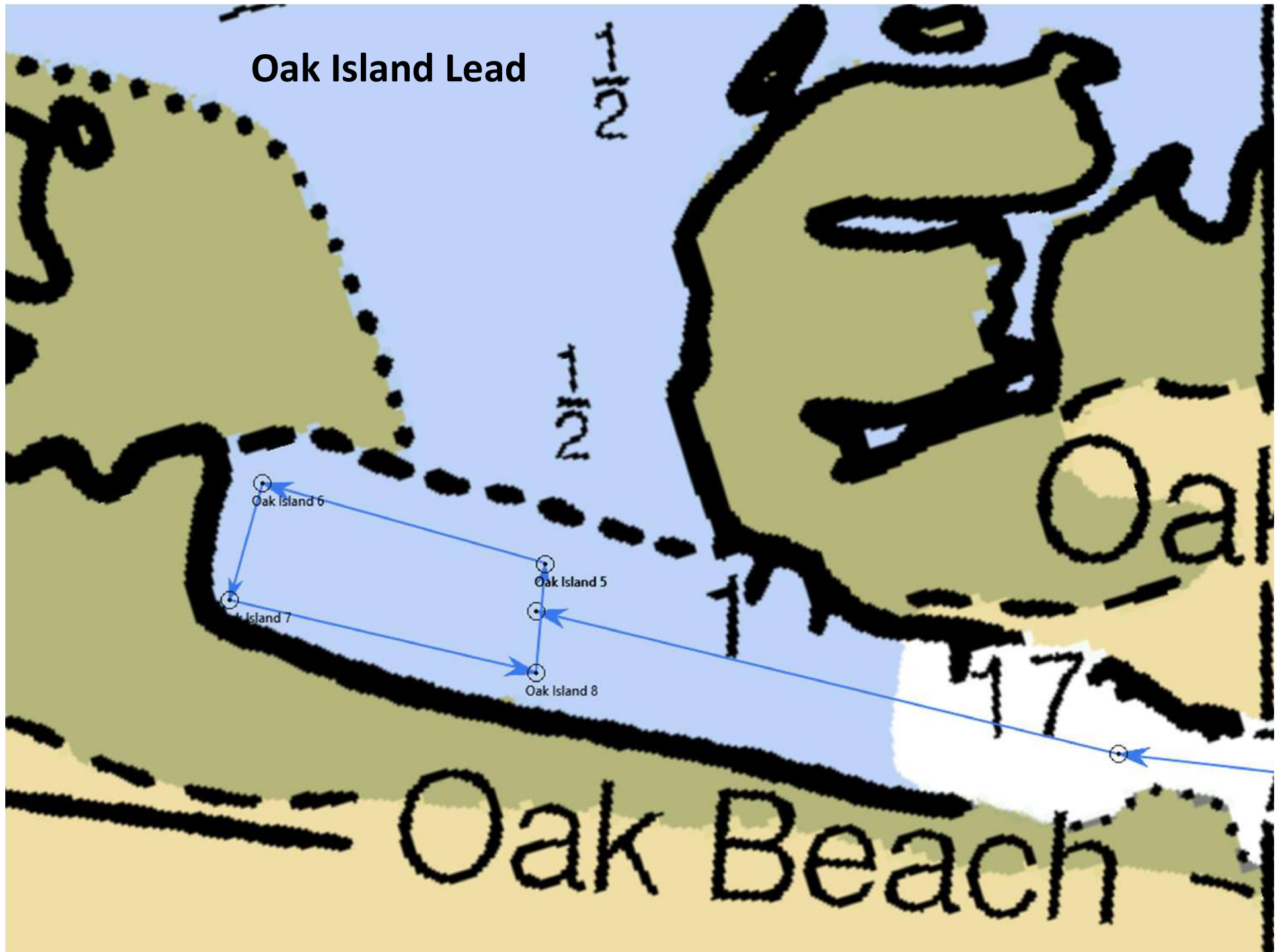


BASCULE BRIDGES  
HOR CL 100 FT  
VERT CL 29 FT (CENTER)

ROBERT MOSES FIXED BRIDGE  
VERT CL 65 FT FOR MIDDLE  
464 FT OF CENTER SPAN



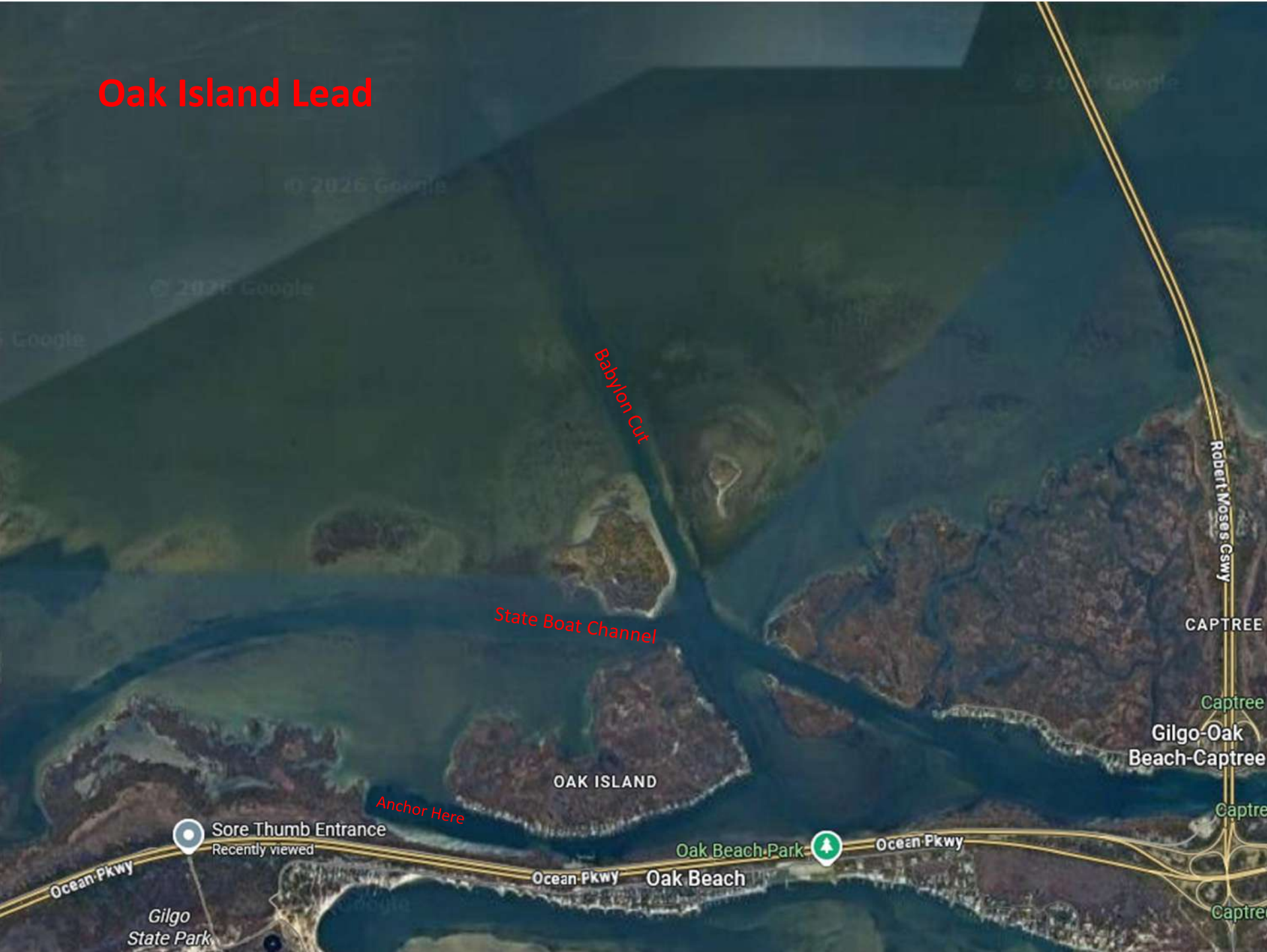
# Oak Island Lead



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# Oak Island Lead

State Boat Channel

Babylon Cut

Wood Platform

Shallowest at this turn

Oak Island

Stay close to the north shore



# Oak Island Lead

Anchor This Area  
(west of the houses)

Avoid Osprey  
Nesting Area

Coastal Greenway

Ocean Blvd



# Oak Island Lead



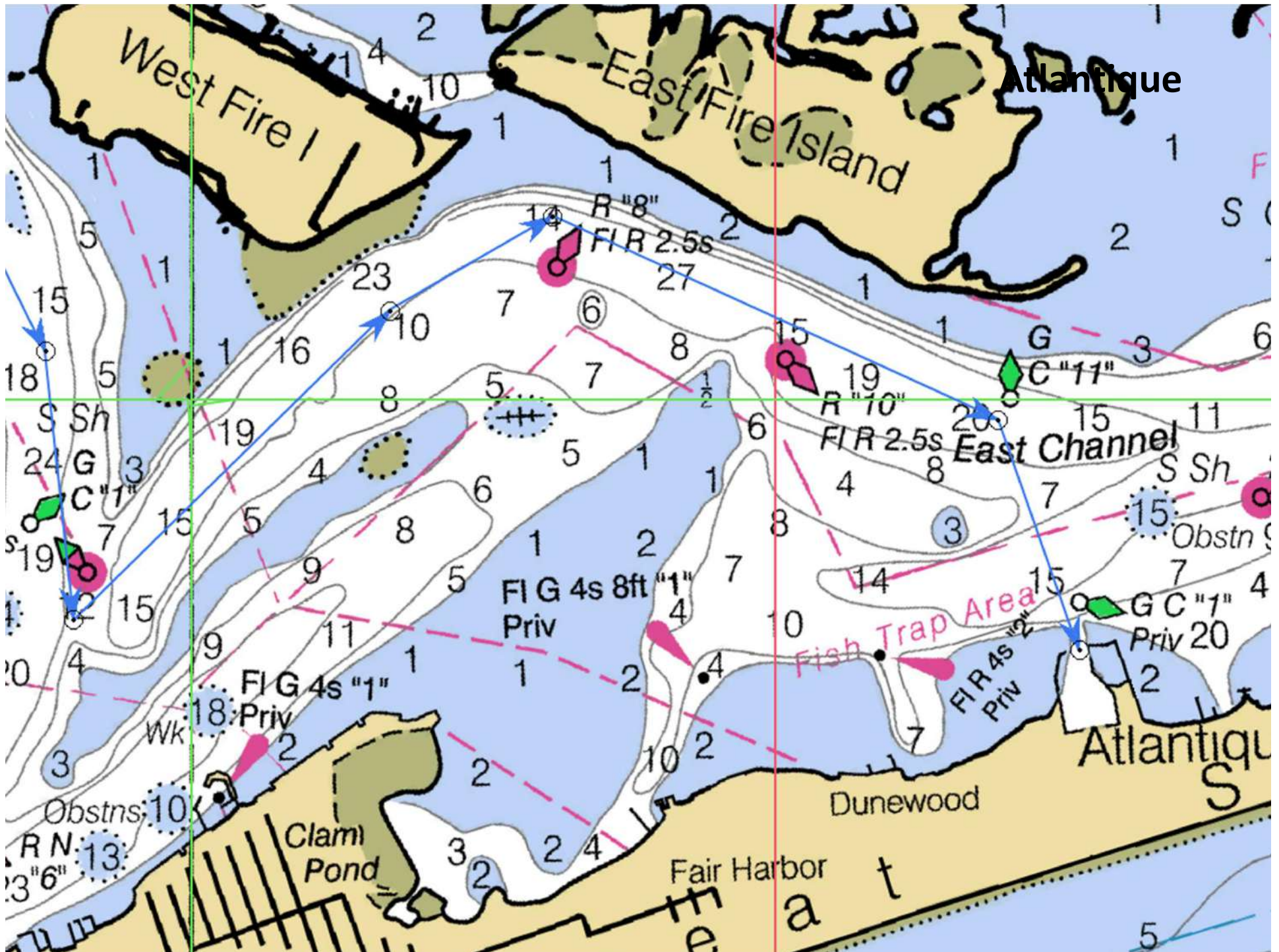
# Oak Island Lead



# Atlantique - Marina

- Always check current charts and obtain local knowledge. Do not rely on this as a source for navigation!
- Islip Town marina that is now privately managed
- Islip Town resident rates require a sticker from Strong's Marine
  - Historically, SBCC events have been provided TOI rates with no sticker requirements. This is coordinated by the Fleet Captain
- Reserve on Dockwa
  - Mention part of SBCC
  - The “Cove” (East side) is calmer on the overnight
- Stay in the marked channels
- Call on Ch. 9 for slip assignment when close





Atlantique

Atlantique S

Fair Harbor

West Fire I

East Fire Island

East Channel

Dunewood

Clam Pond

Fish Trap Area

FIG 4s 8ft "1" Priv

FIG 4s "1" Priv

FIR 4s "2" Priv

G C "1" Priv 20

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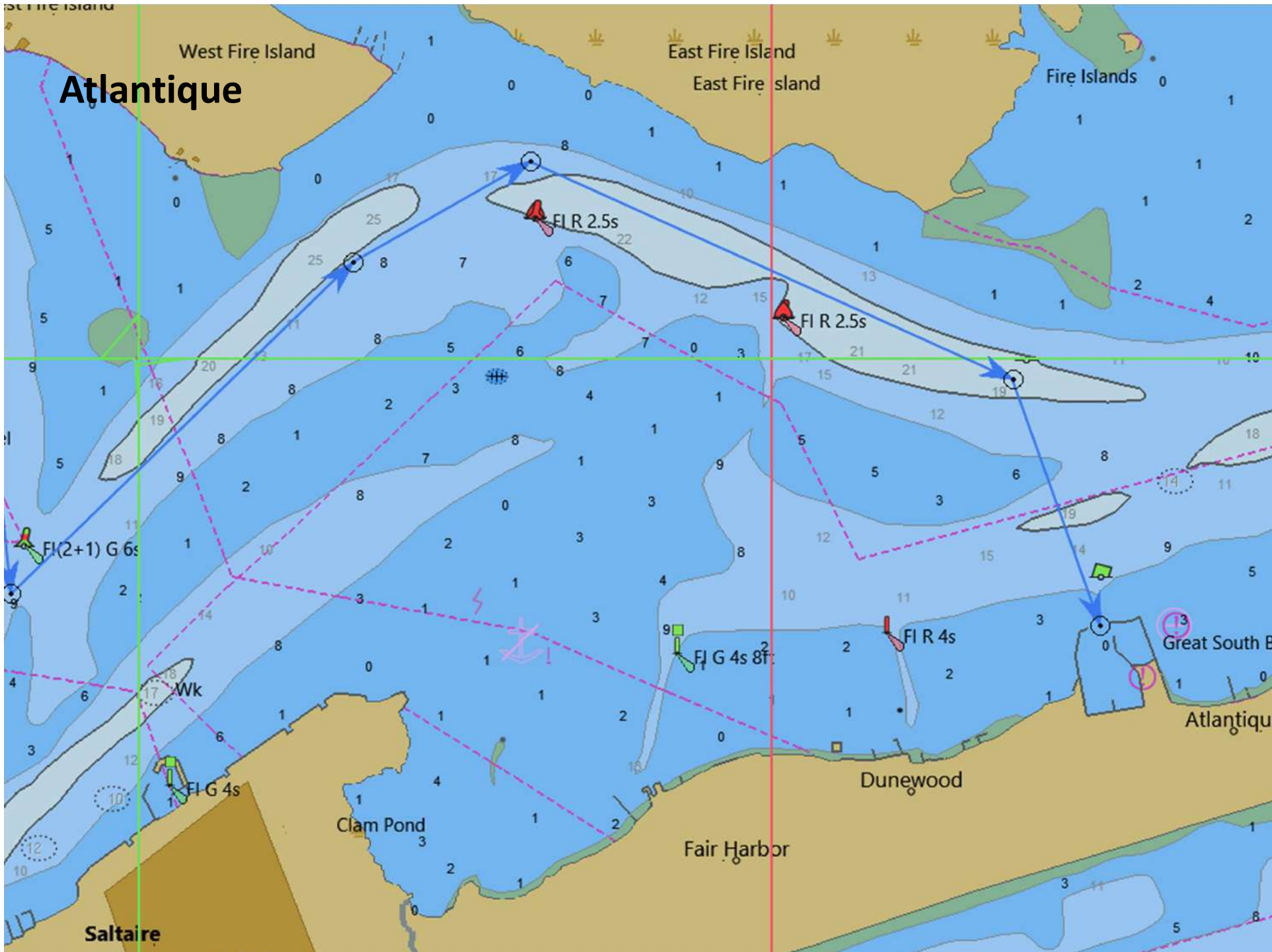
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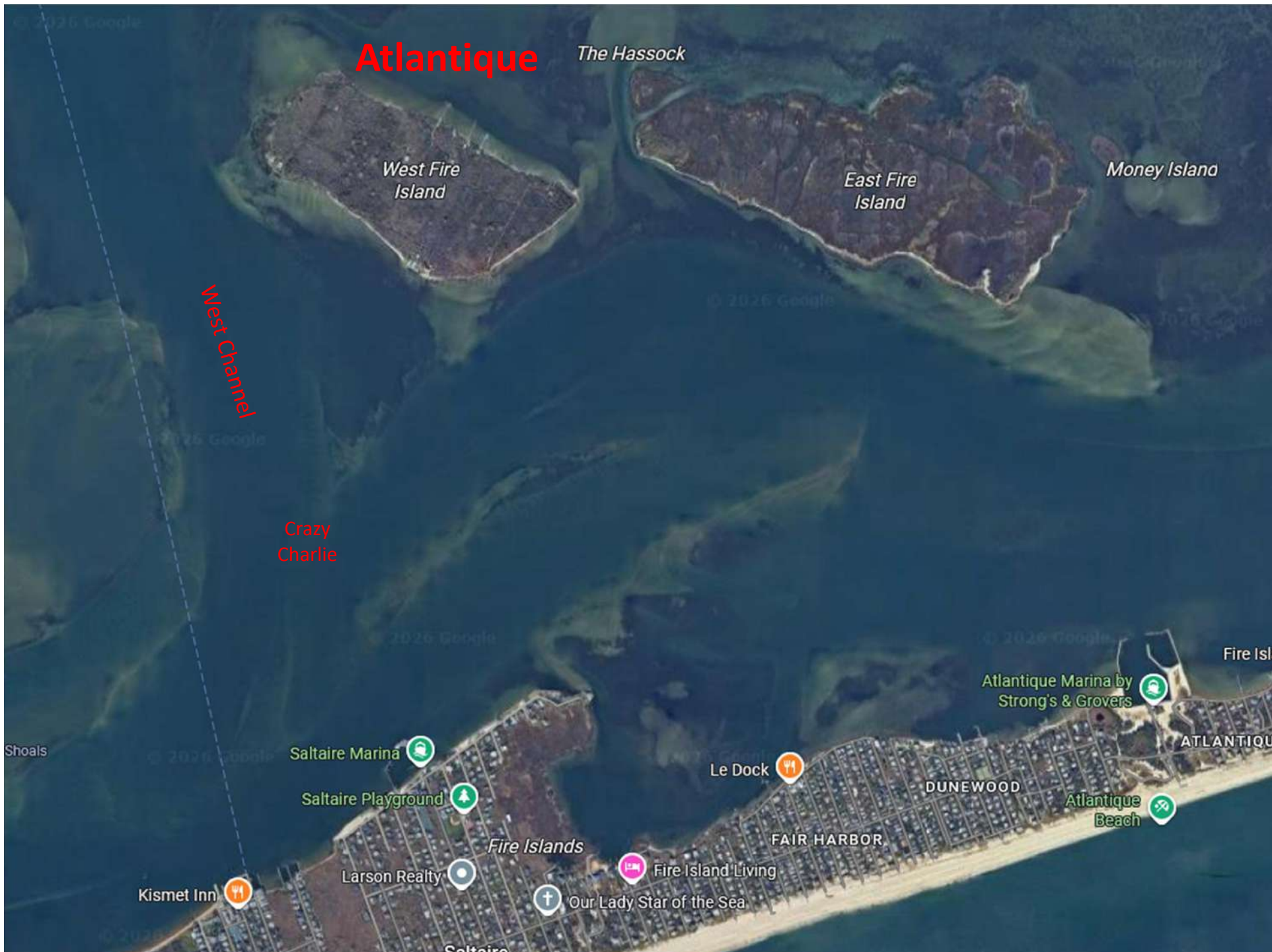
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Atlantique

The Hassock

West Fire Island

East Fire Island

Money Island

West Channel

Crazy Charlie

Saltaire Marina

Saltaire Playground

Kismet Inn

Larson Realty

Fire Islands

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Fire Island Living

Le Dock

FAIR HARBOR

DUNEWOOD

Atlantique Beach

Atlantique Marina by Strong's & Grovers

ATLANTIQUE

Fire Isl

**Atlantique**



# Atlantique



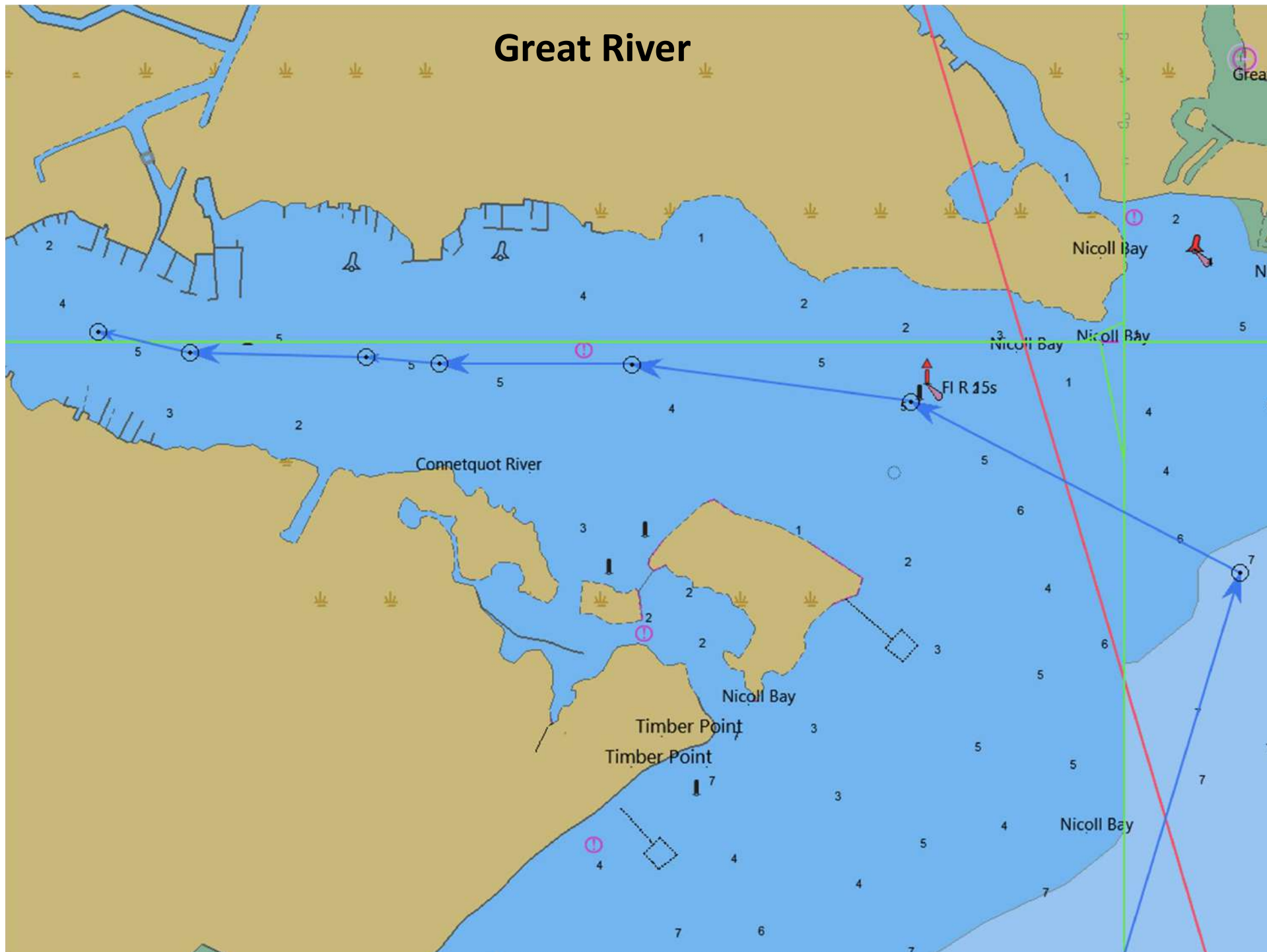
# Great River - Anchor

- Always check current charts and obtain local knowledge. Do not rely on this as a source for navigation!
- On Connetquot River (East of Heckscher Park)
- Popular spot on weekends
- We mostly anchor opposite the Snapper Inn
- Music on the weekends
  - Weddings (Snapper Inn & The View)
  - Oakdale Yacht Marina
- Dinghy to Snapper Inn, The View or The Wharf if arriving on Friday
  - The View has dockage during your meal and a GREAT happy hour!

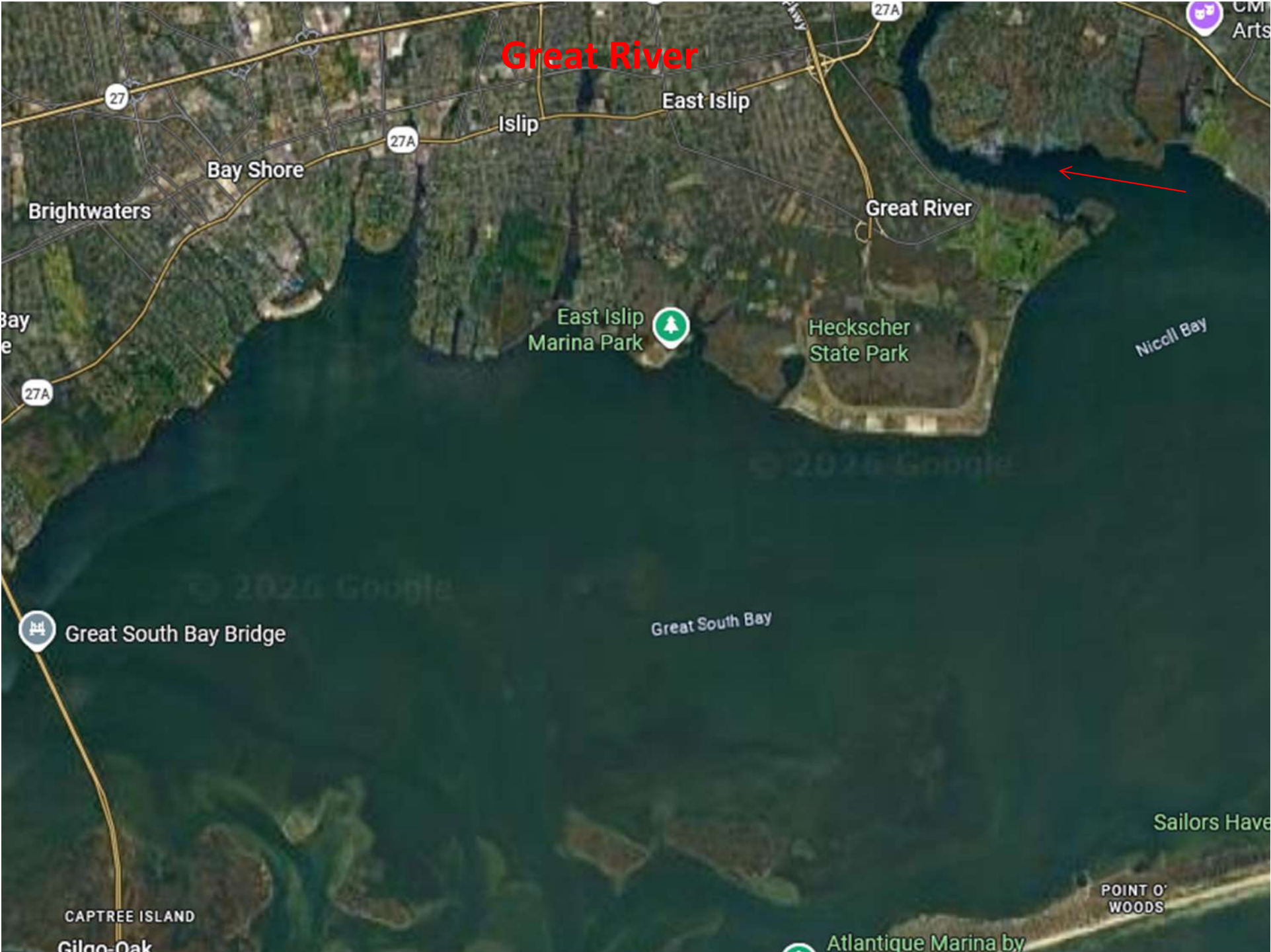




# Great River



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# Great River



**Anchor Here  
(Away from channel)**

**No Wake Area**

The Wharf

Moku Loa Paddle Tribe

Connetquot River  
Dinghy Club

Oakdale Yacht Marina

View

The Snapper Inn

Shore Dr

Shore Dr

Fern Pl

Vanderbil  
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Great River Fire  
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# Great River



# Great River

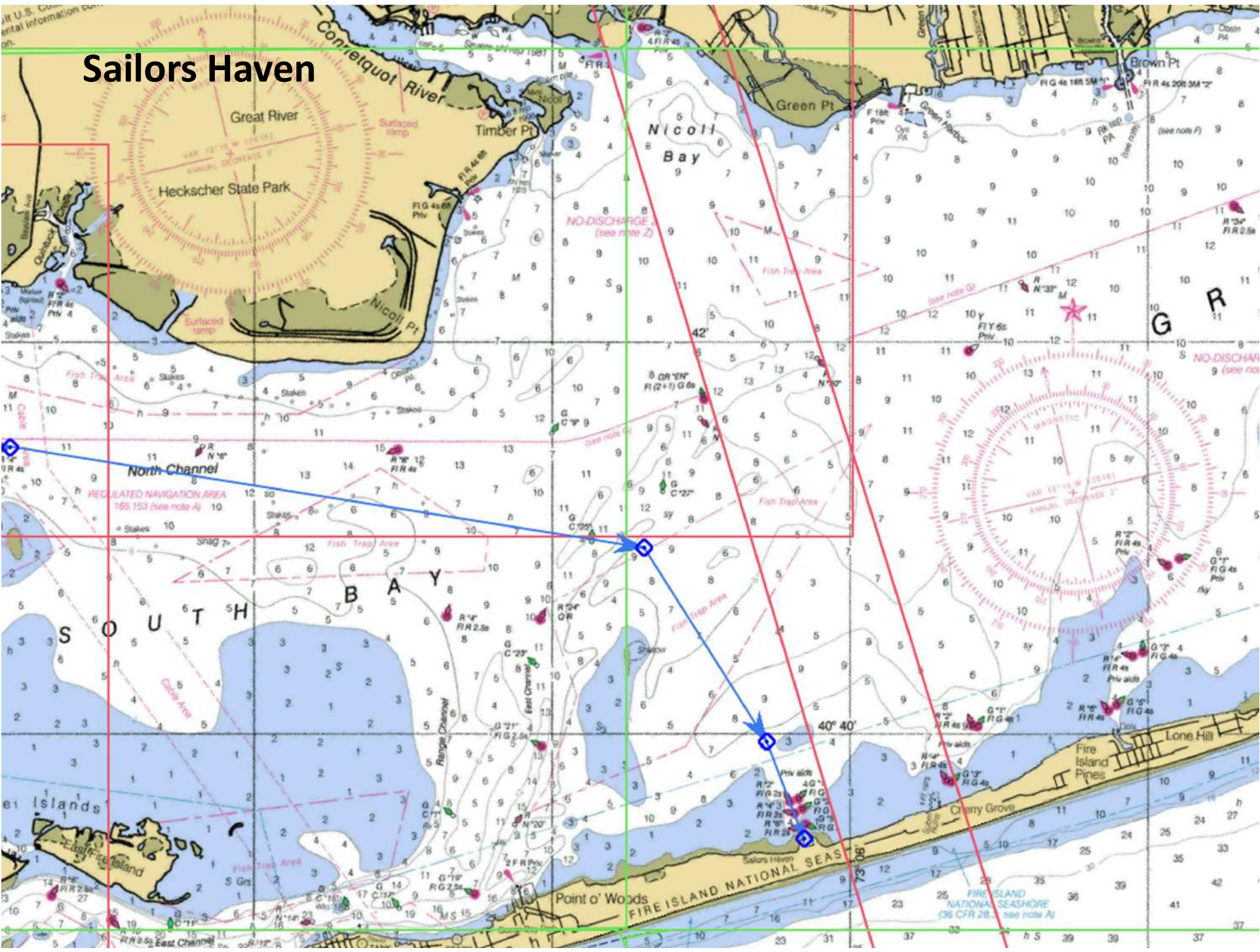
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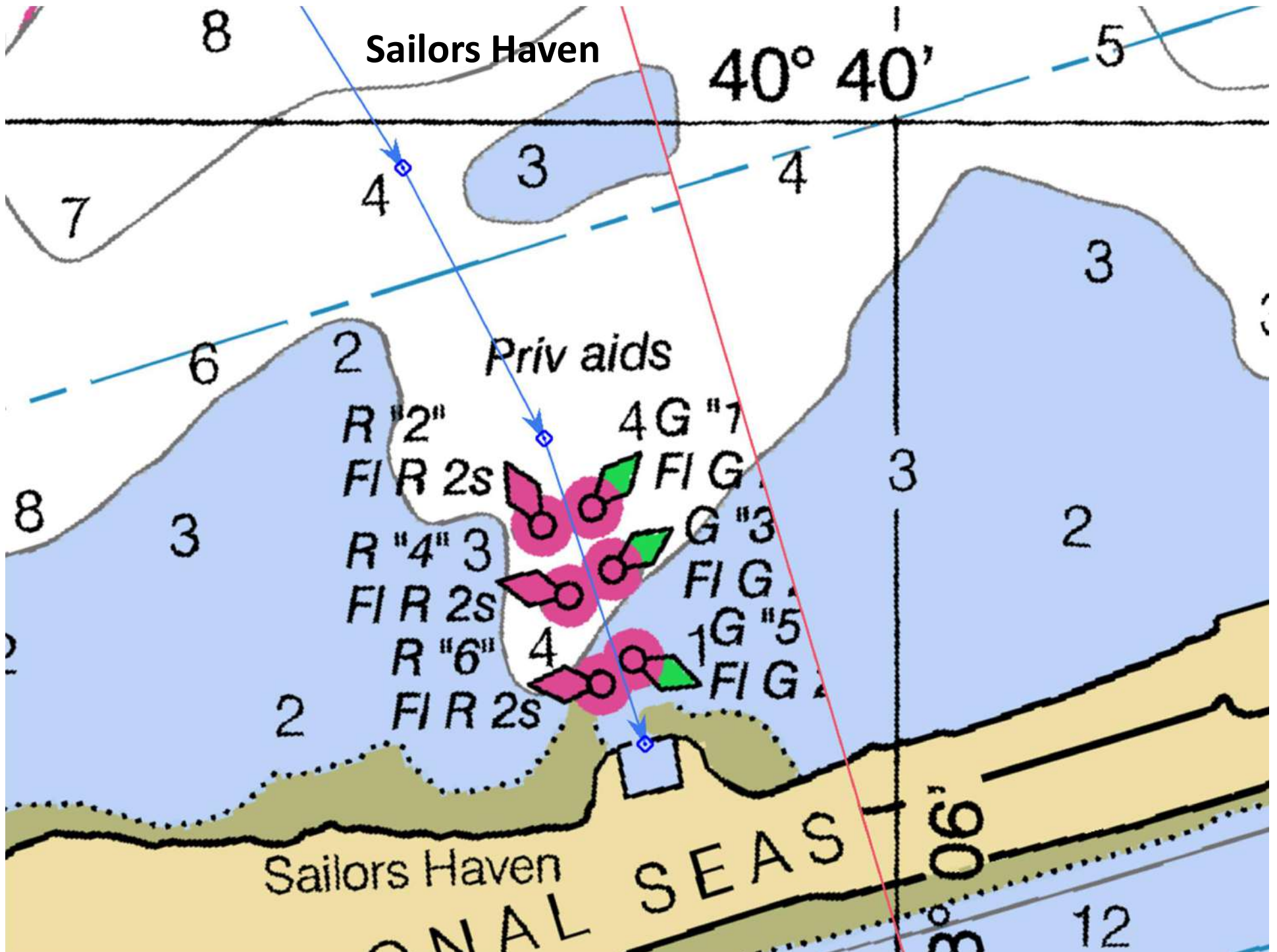


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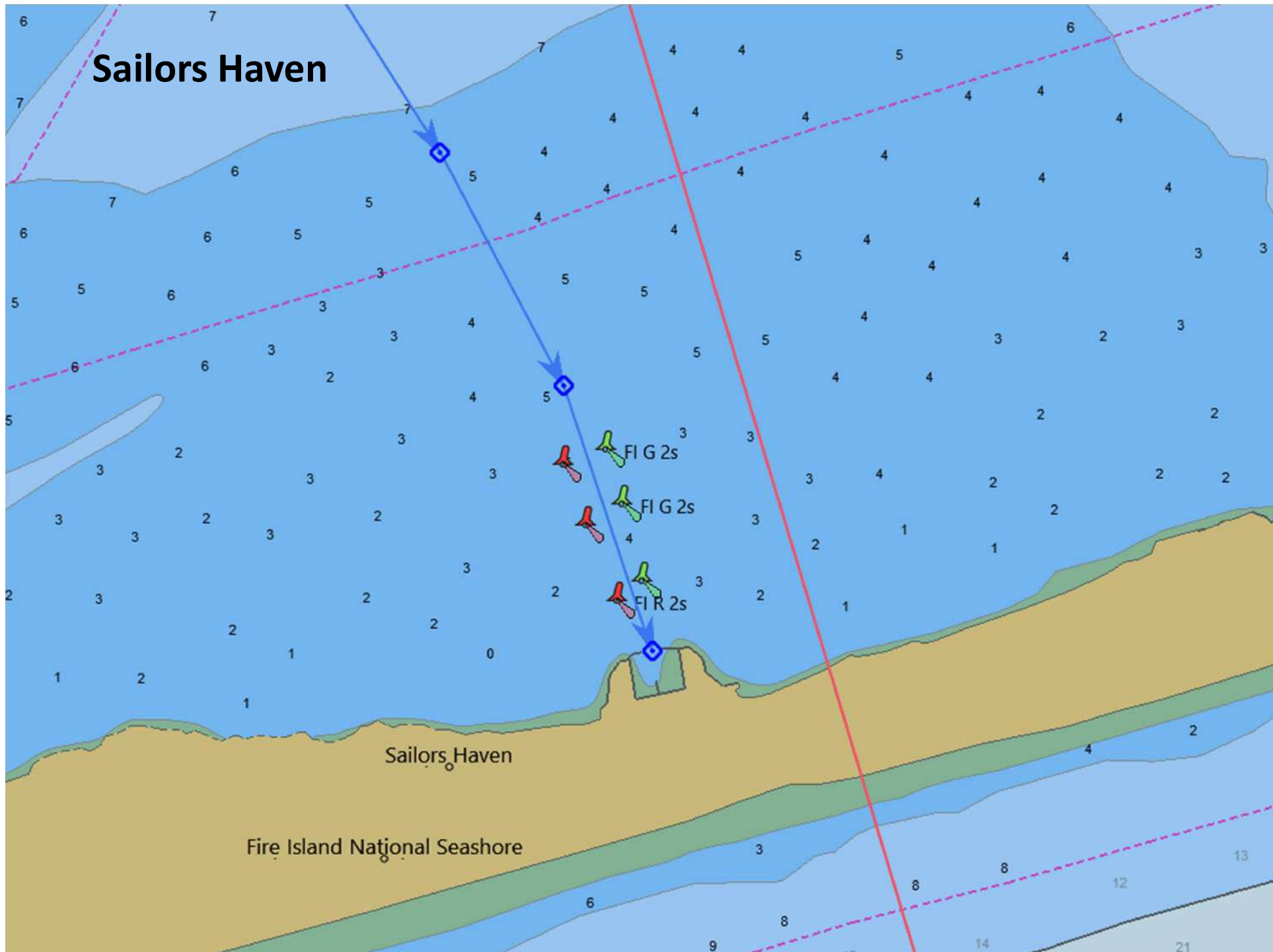
- Always check current charts and obtain local knowledge. Do not rely on this as a source for navigation!
- Reserve on Dockwa
  - Mention part of SBCC group
- North winds can be unpleasant
- South of Great River
- Watch shallow areas directly north of marina
- Call dockmaster for local knowledge
- May need to transition on the top half of tide
- Sunken Forest
  - Rare ecological community here on Long Island

# Sailors Haven

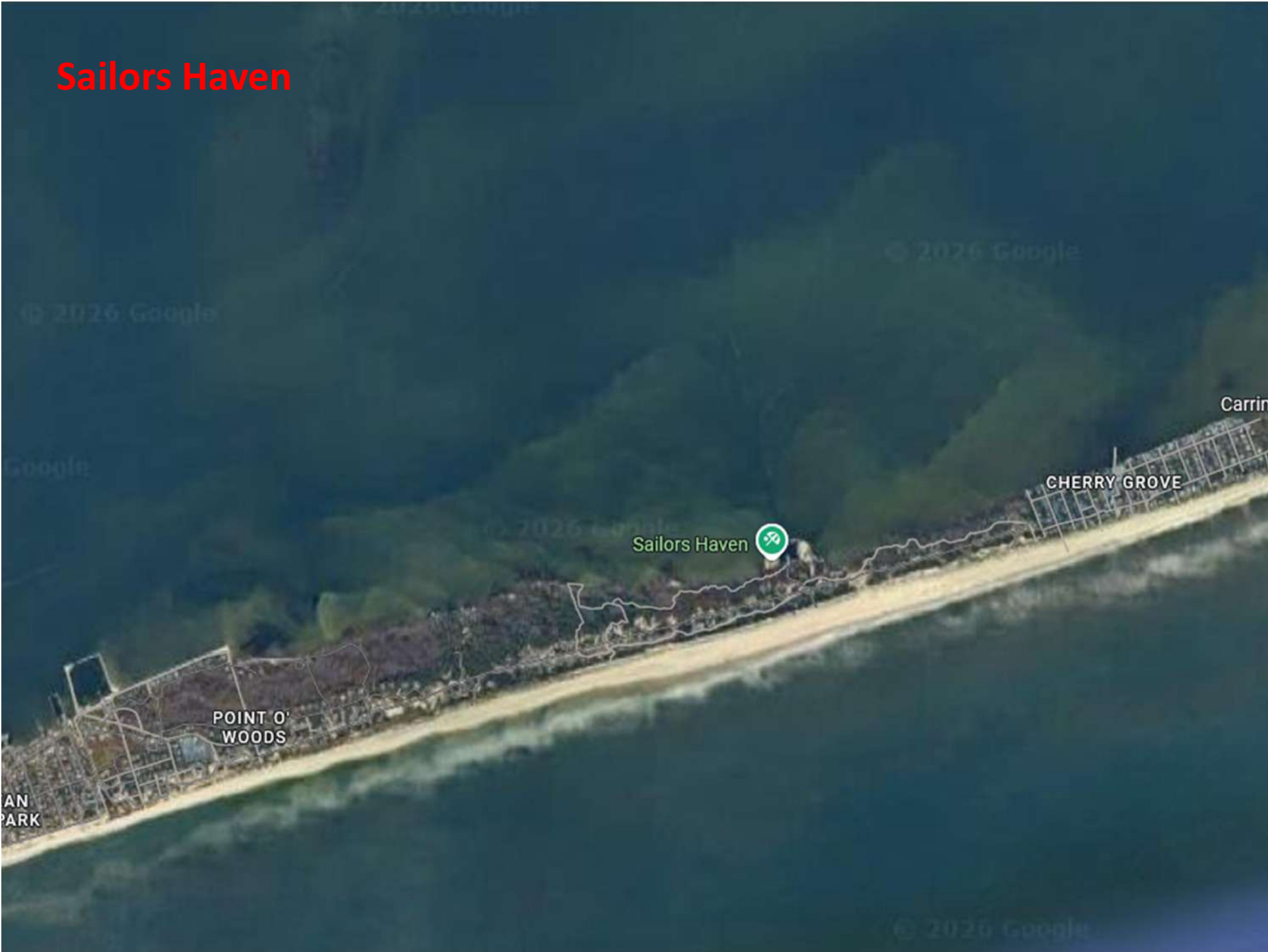




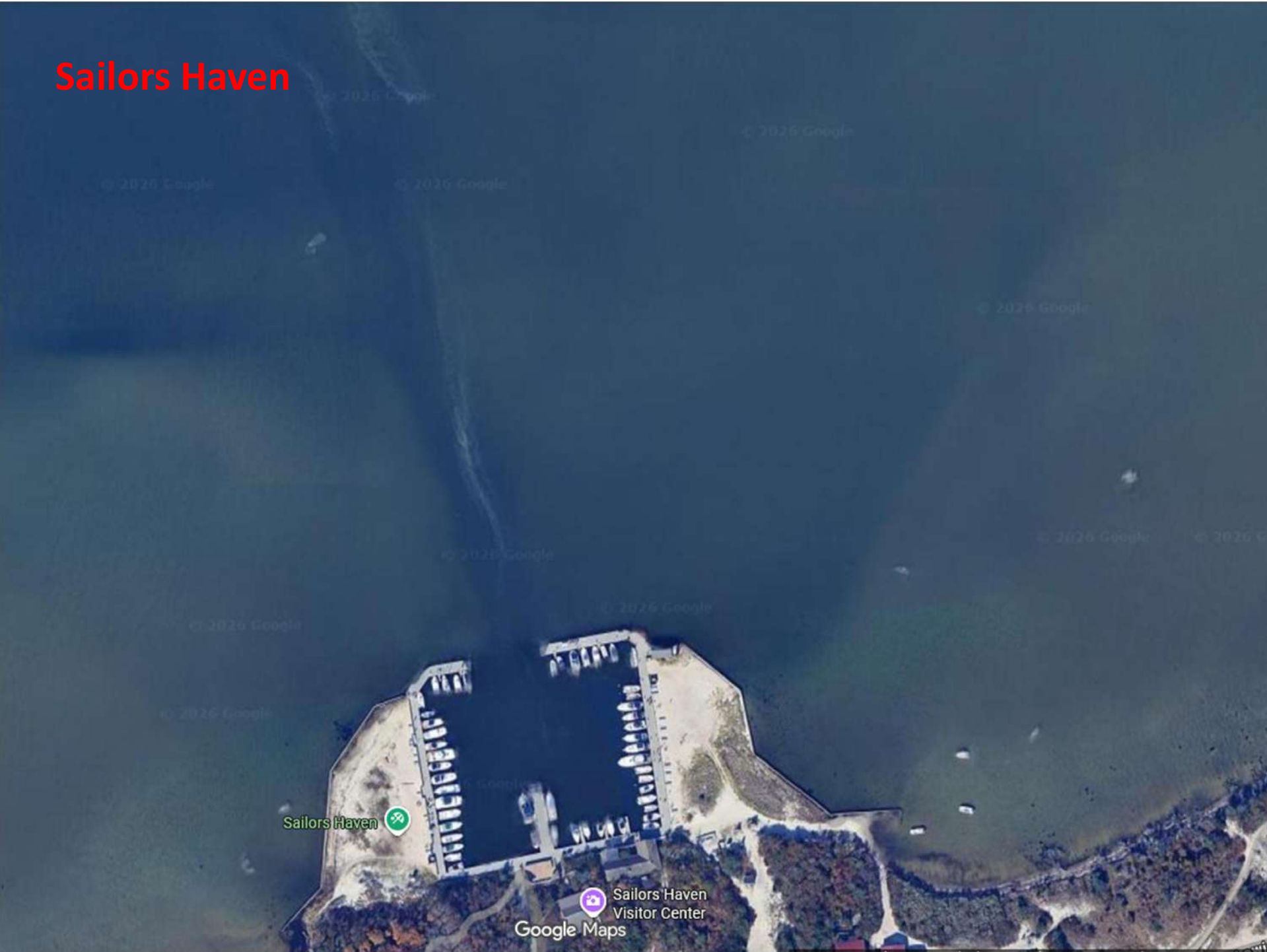
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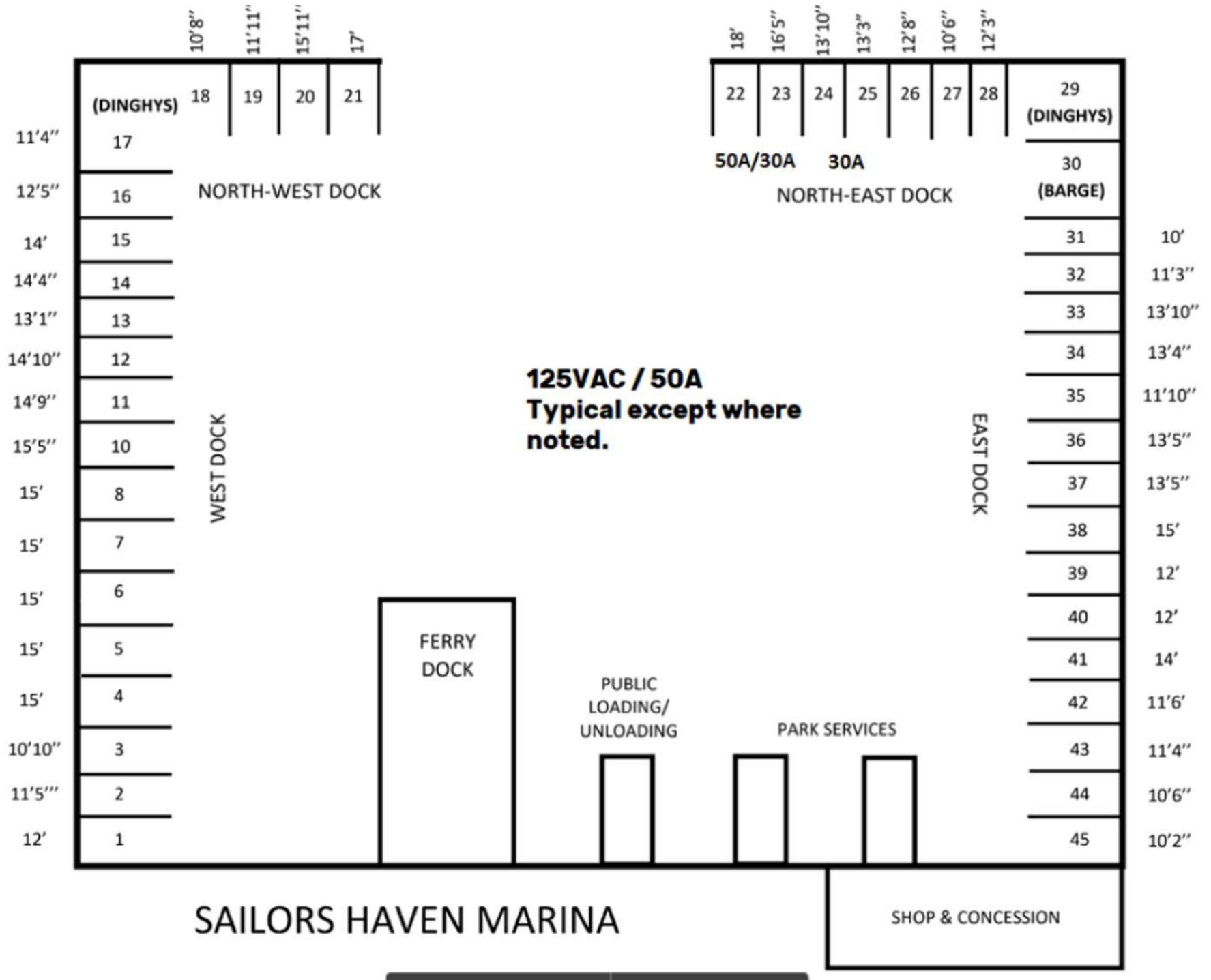


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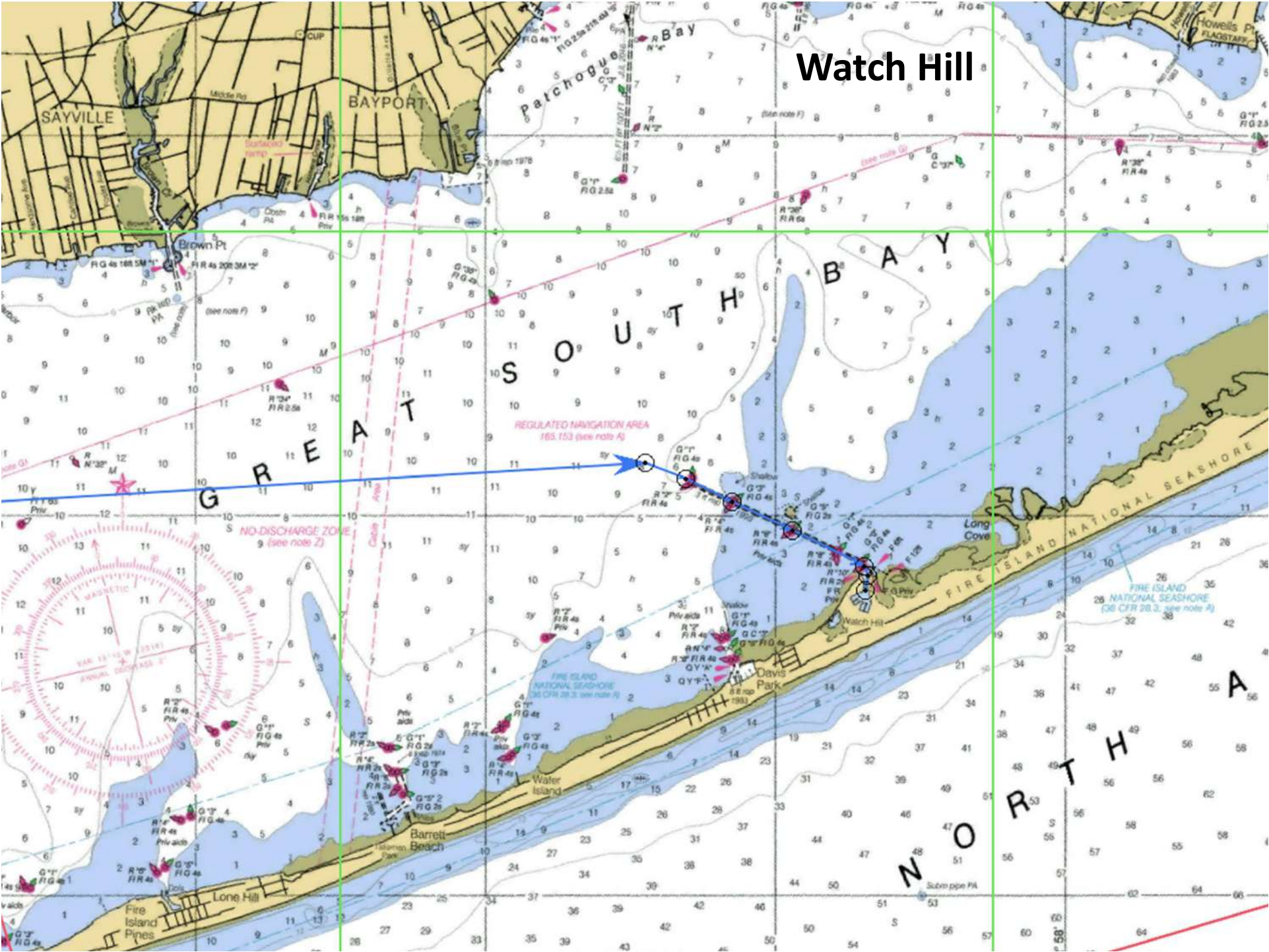


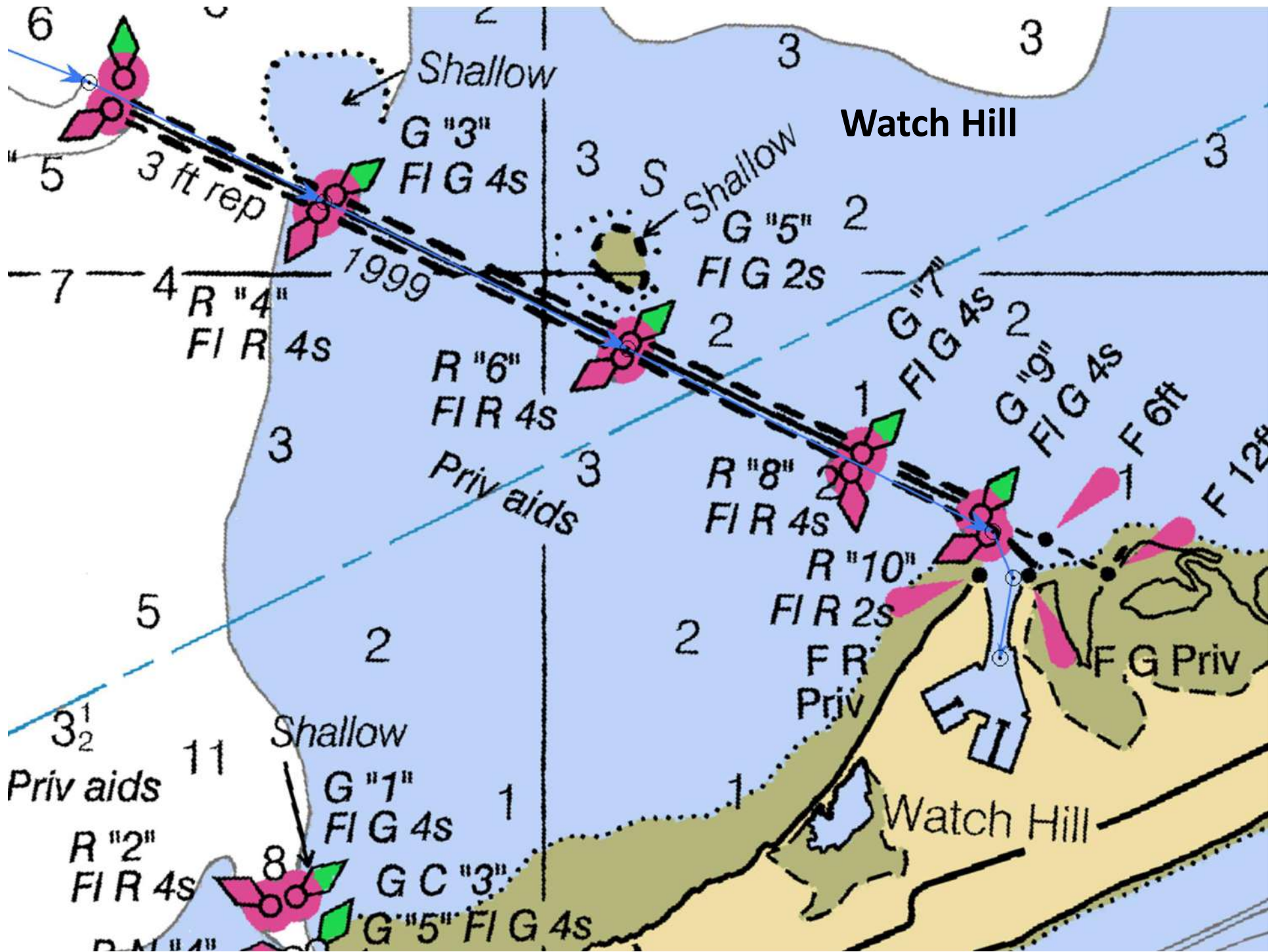


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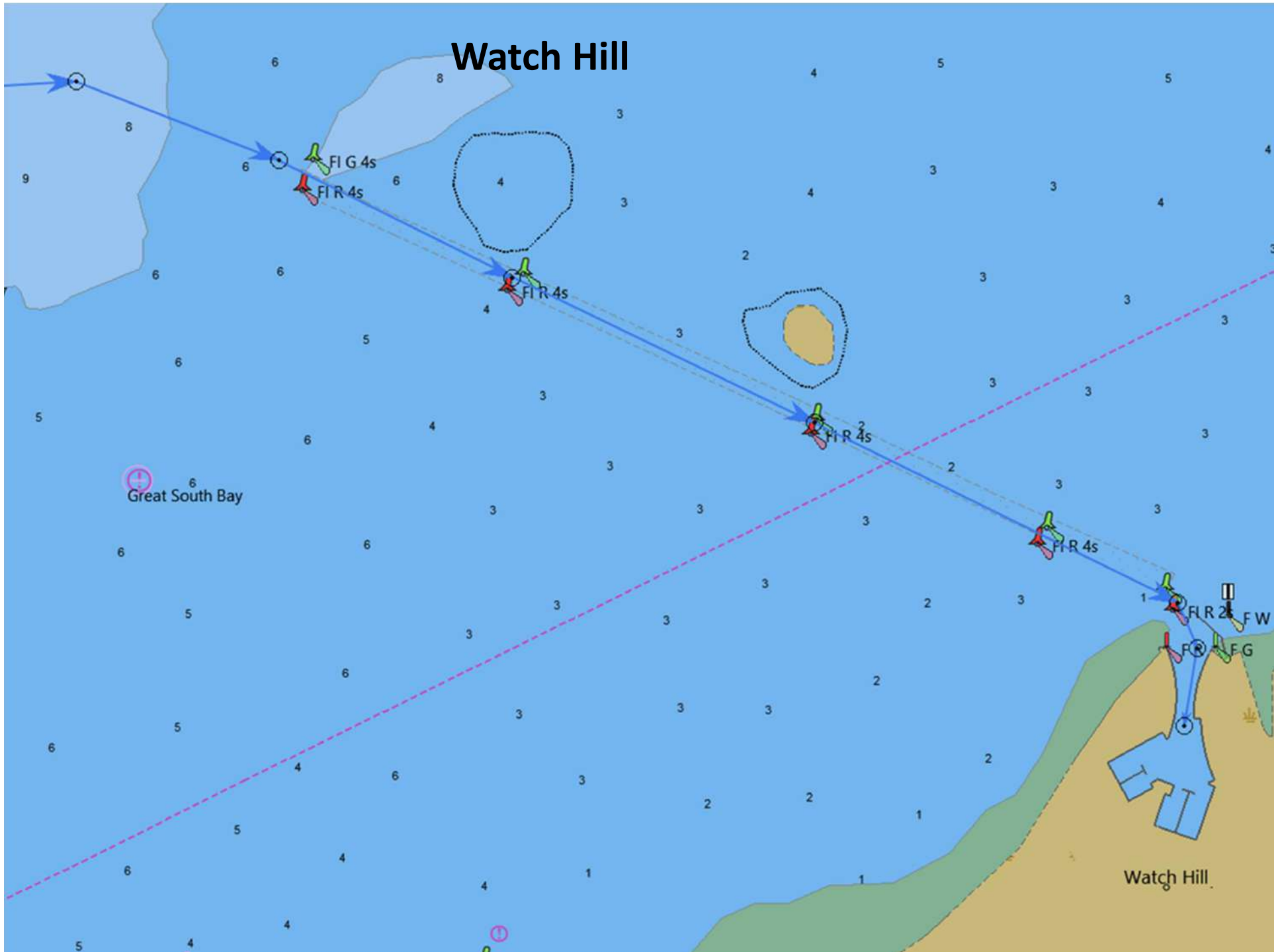
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- Reserve on Dockwa
  - Mention part of SBCC group
- Long narrow channel - stay in center
- Check ferry schedule and do not transit channel with the ferry
- Deeper drafts will need top half of tide
- Shoaling in channel early in season
  - The ferries help clear this out
- New restaurant opening Spring 2026
- Pump out station hasn't worked in years

# Watch Hill



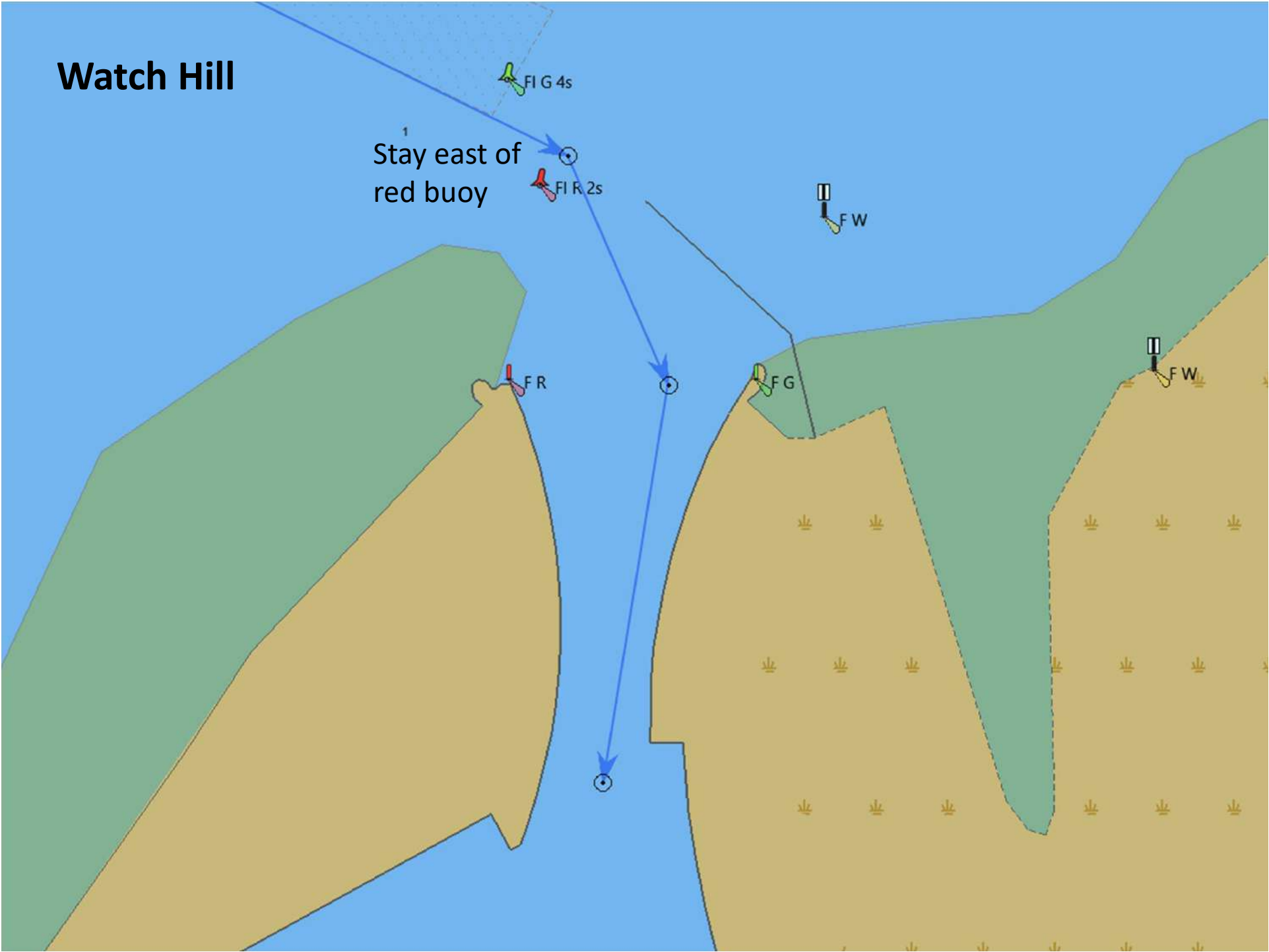


# Watch Hill



# Watch Hill

1  
Stay east of  
red buoy



# Watch Hill

Land's End  
Waterfront Catering

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Watch Hill Fire Island  
Campground & Safari...  
Temporarily closed

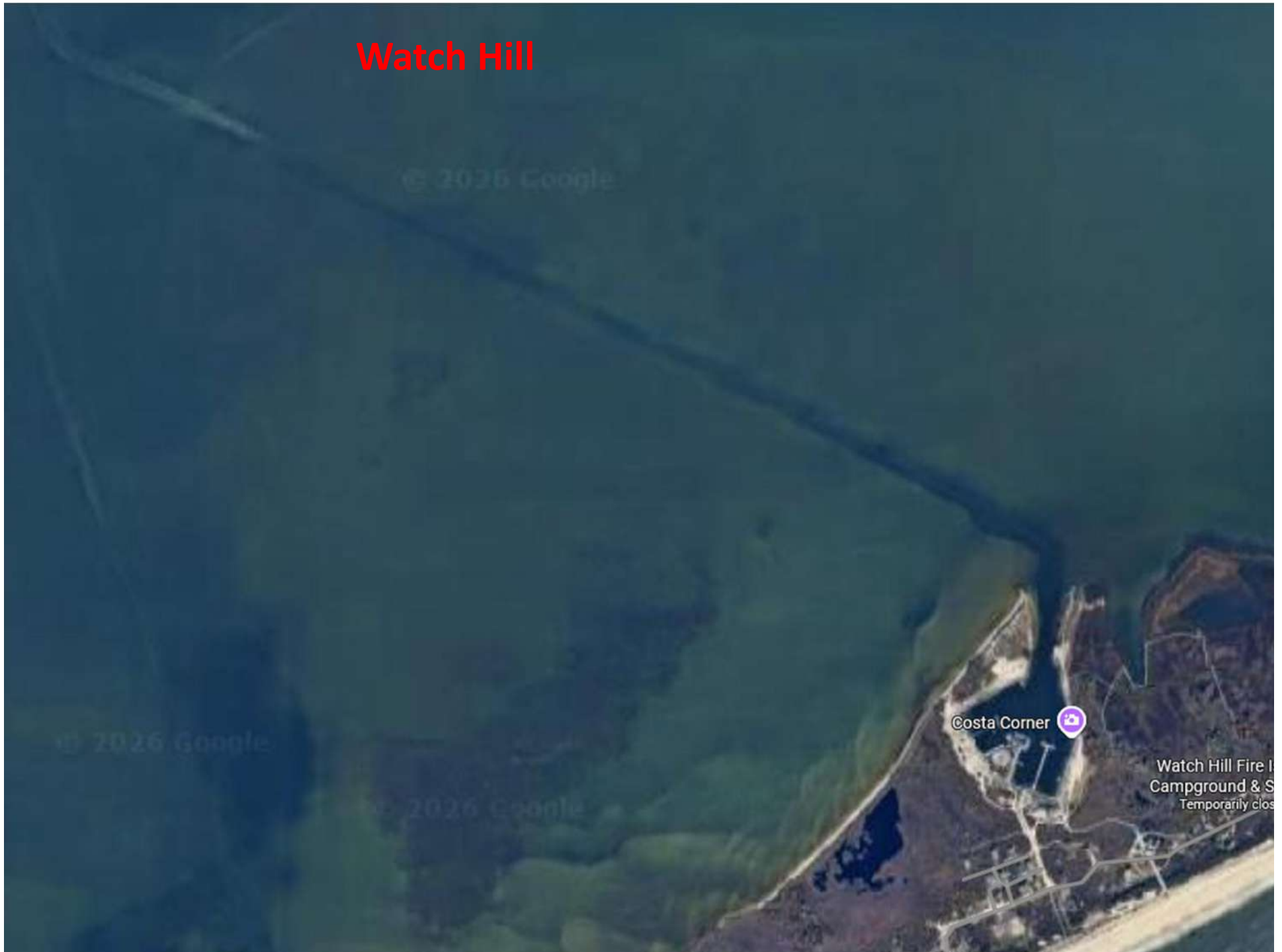
*Fire Island  
National  
Seashore*

WATER ISLAND

Barrett  
Beach Park

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# Watch Hill



Costa Corner

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# Watch Hill

↑  
North

Broken  
Pump Out

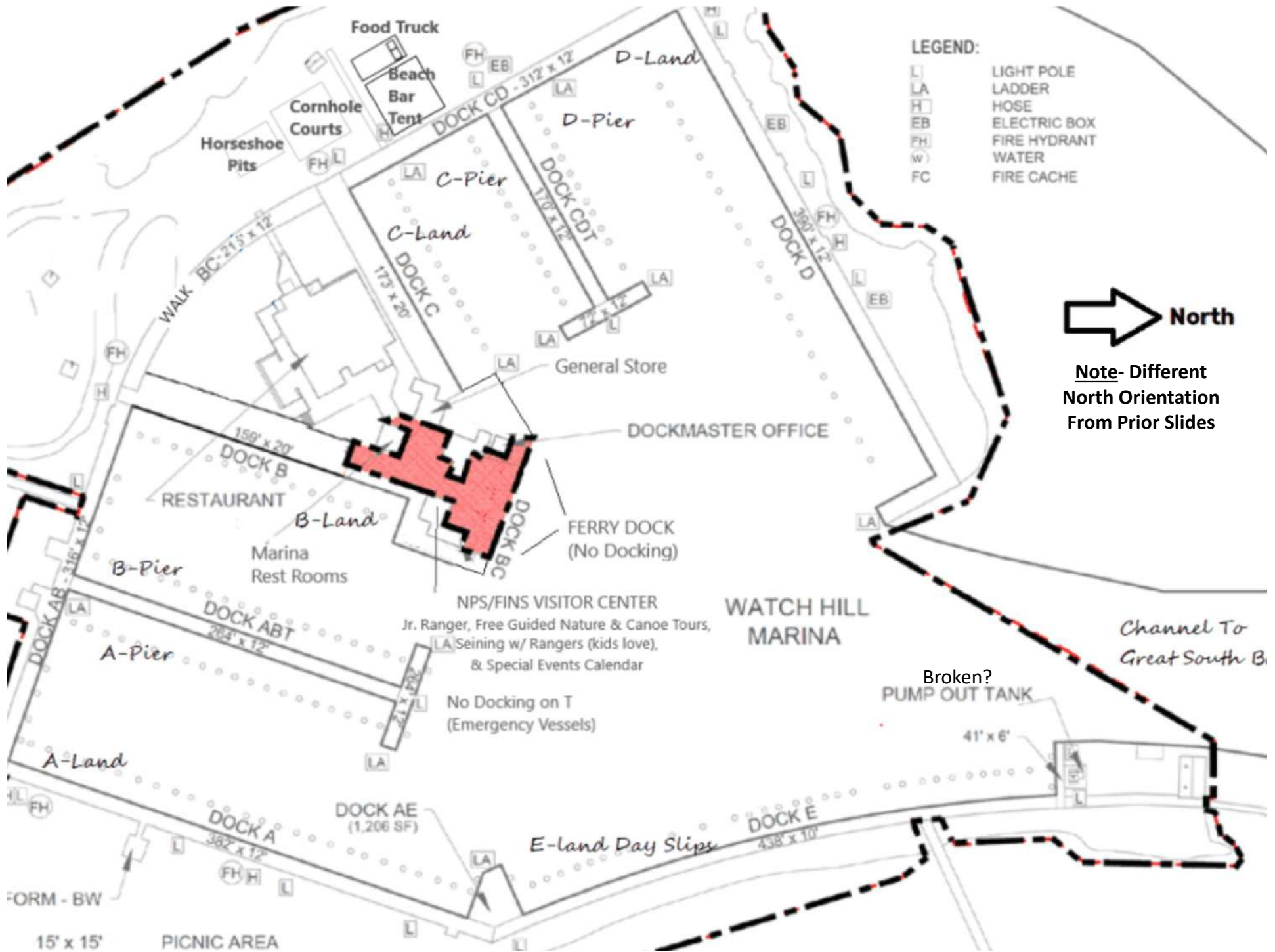
Watch Hill Visitor Center

Costa Corner



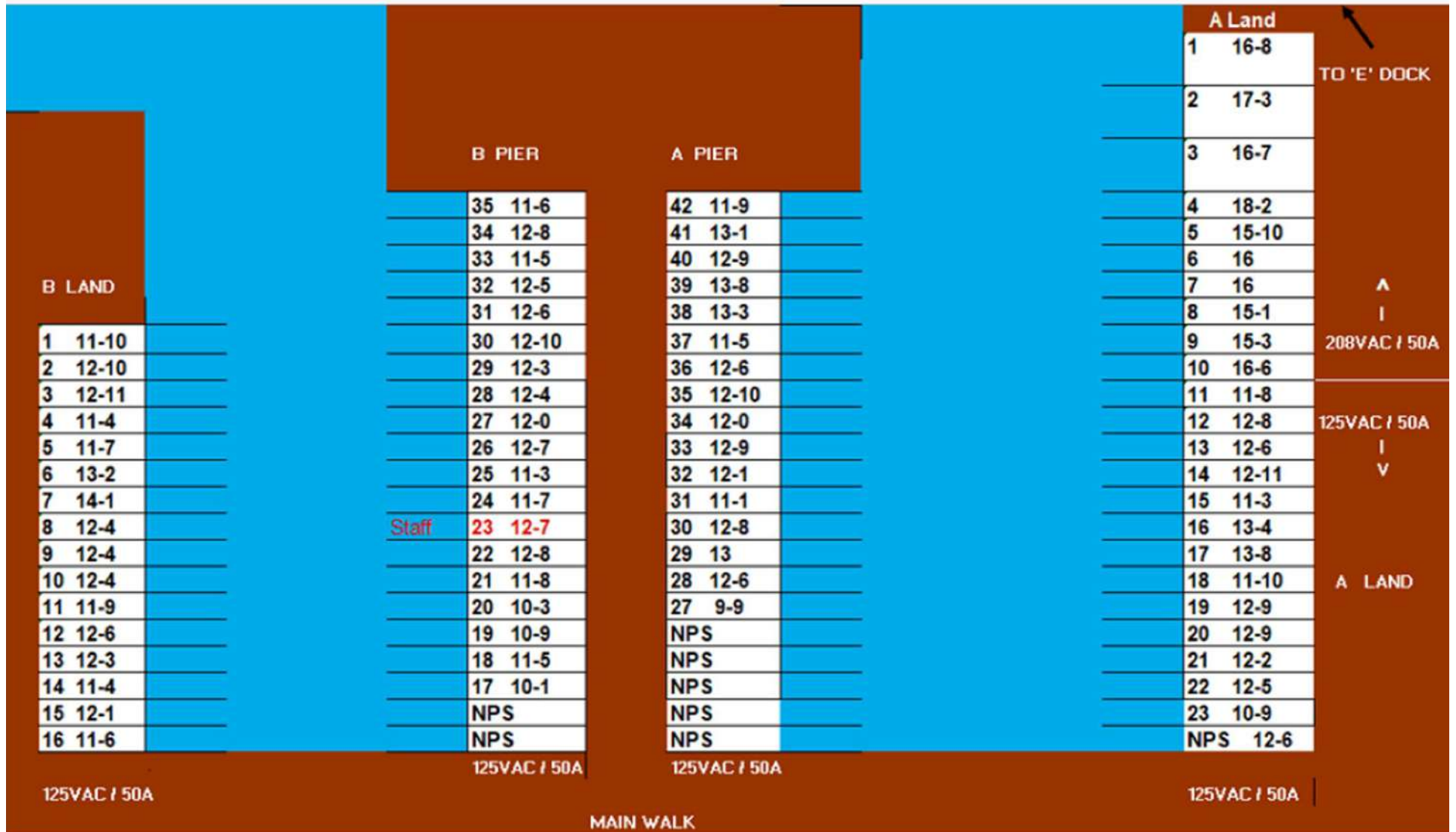
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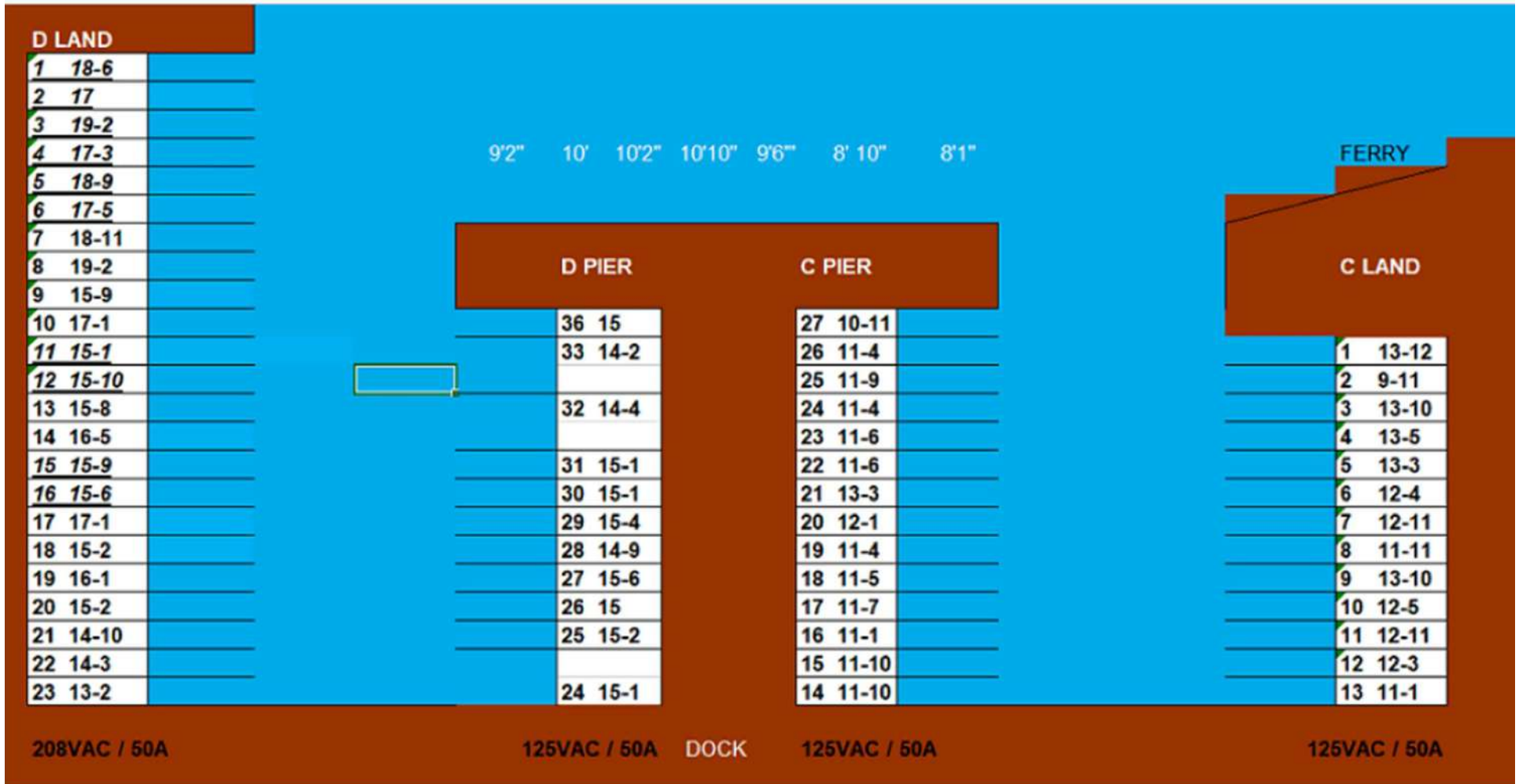


**North**  
 Note- Different North Orientation From Prior Slides

# Watch Hill- Basin A & B



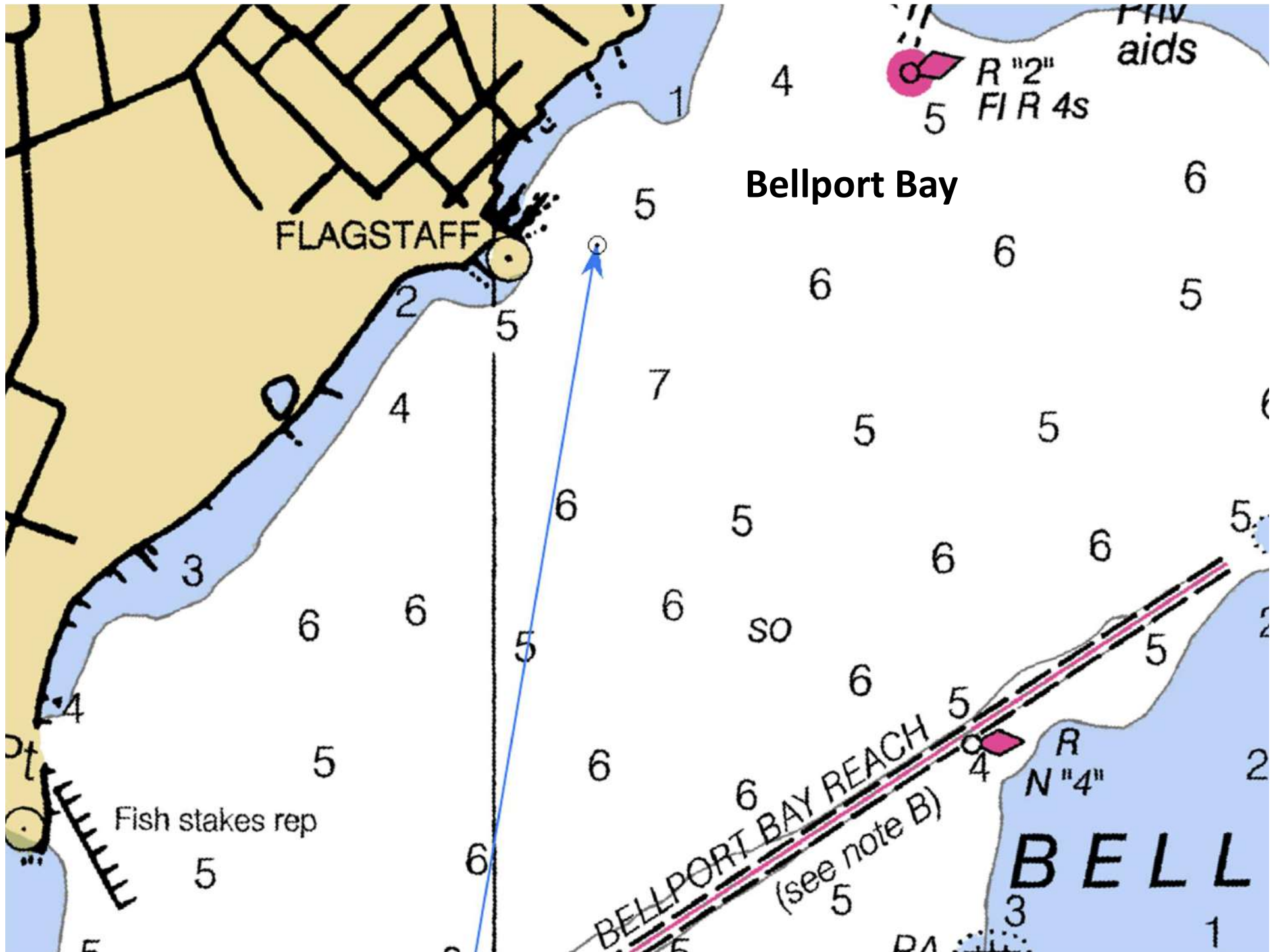
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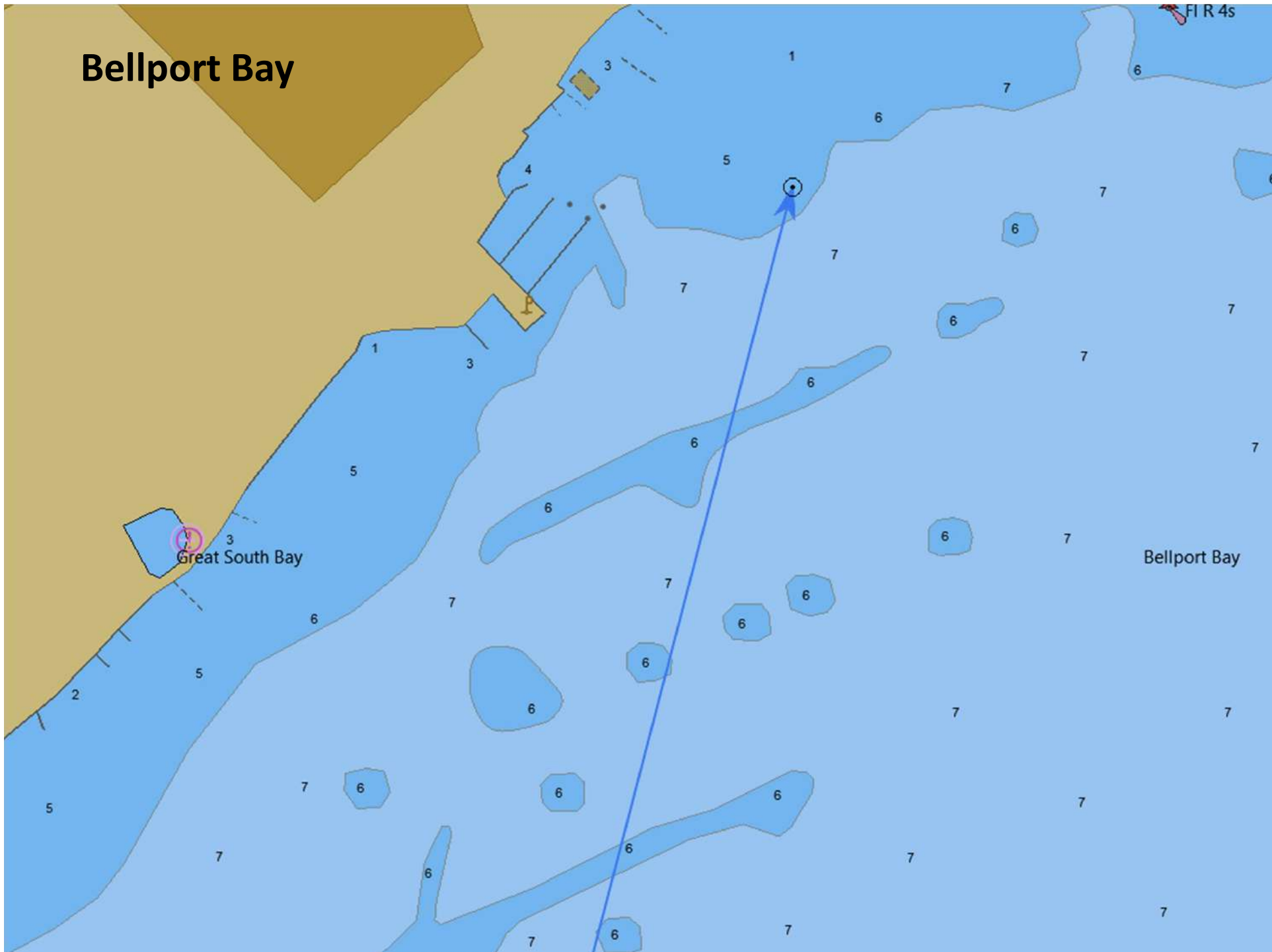
# Bellport Bay - Anchor

- Always check current charts and obtain local knowledge. Do not rely on this as a source for navigation!
- Eastern most rendezvous location
- Always a land based rendezvous
- Dinghy to dock
- Some arrive day prior and walk into town
  - Several Restaurants
- Southeast wind can get bumpy overnight
- No concerns if under 5' draft
- Anchor south of mooring field and east of channel
- Live music at the Bandshell on weekends





# Bellport Bay



# Bellport Bay

Hedges Creek  
County Park

Station Rd

Bellport Bay T  
Wetland Area

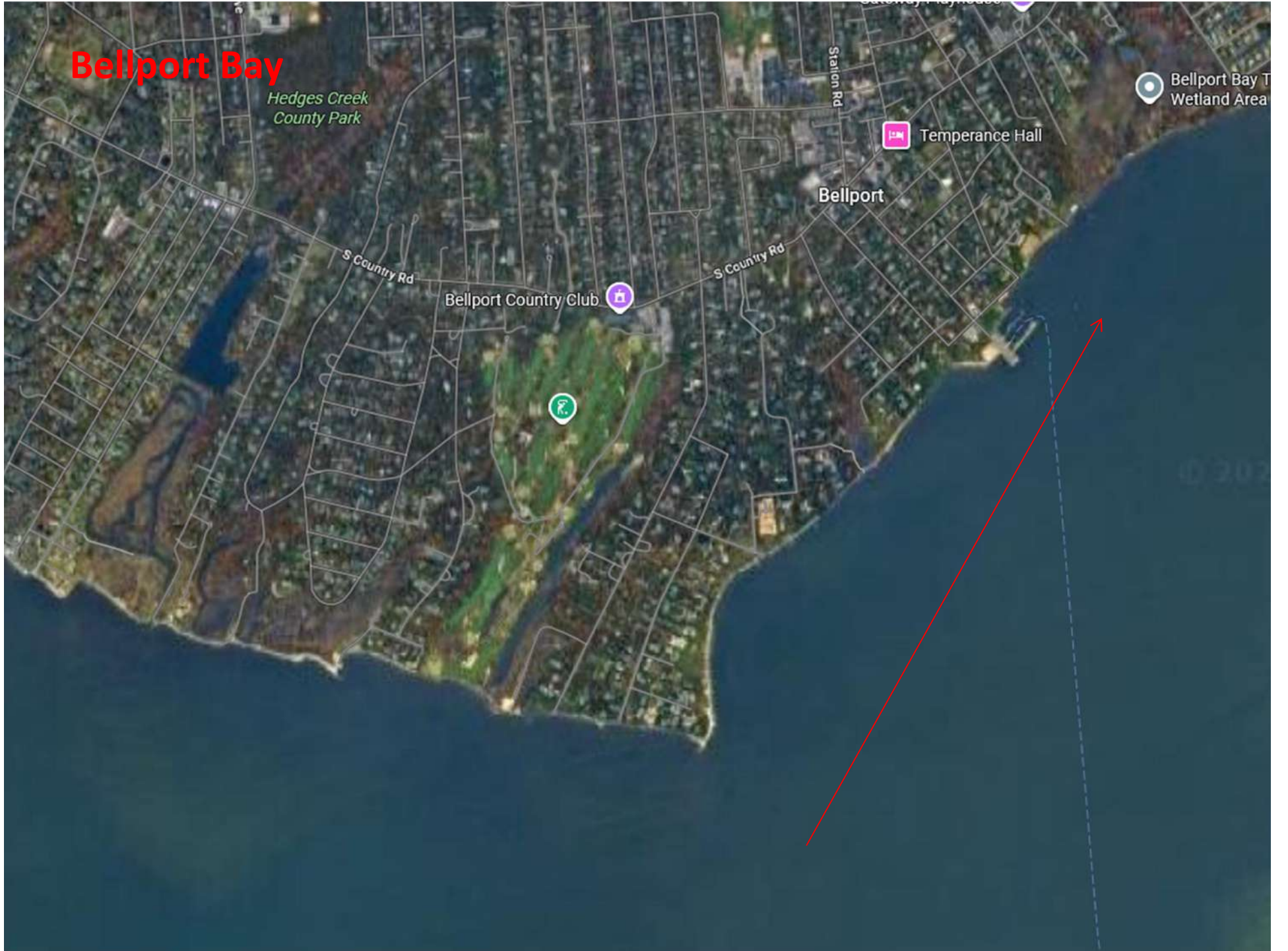
Temperance Hall

Bellport

S Country Rd

Bellport Country Club

S Country Rd



# Bellport Bay

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Mooring Field

Anchor Here

Channel

Ho-Hum Beach Ferry

Dinghy Dock

Row Boat Beach

Osborn Park

Bellport Marina

Bellport Bay Yacht Club

Bellport Bandshell

Browns Ln

Ray

Pearl St

Shore Rd

Shore Rd

Bellport Ln





# Bellport Bay

Dinghy Dock

Beach  
Dinghy

Row Boat  
Beach

Osborn Park

RV  
Location A

Shore Rd

Bellport Ln

Park Here

Walk to Town

Bellport  
Bandshell

RV  
Location B

Ho-Hum Beach Ferry

Bellport Marina

Bellport Bay Yacht Club

Bellport Ln

Shore Rd

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