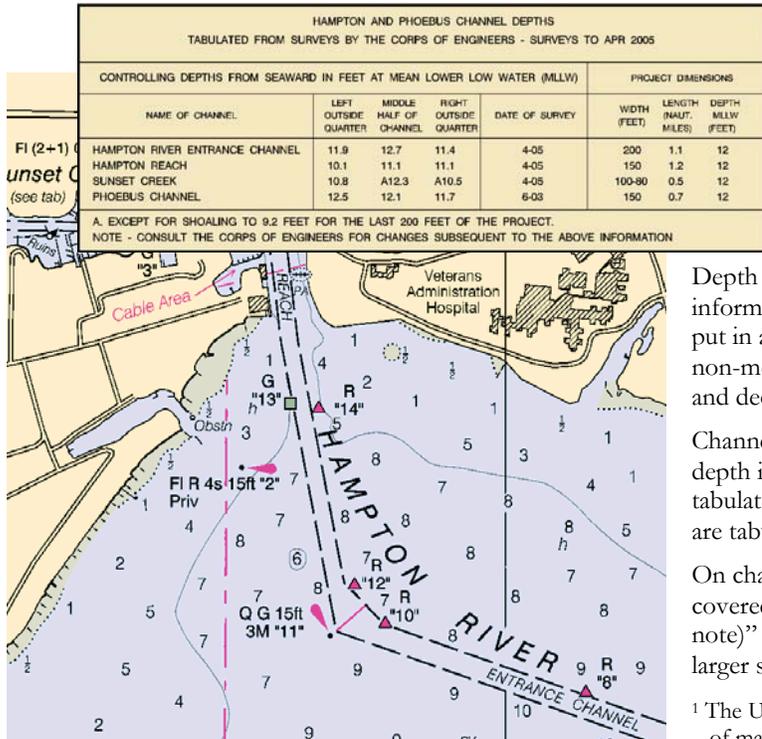


NOAA Nautical Charting Calendar

Dredged Channels



Improved (artificial) channels are dredged to establish and maintain project depths¹. Dashed lines are charted to show channel limits. The line thickness, length of dash, and space vary with the type of channel. Blue tint is charted inside the limits when the project depth or controlling depth is equal to or less than the value of the charted blue tint curve or when the seaward end of an improved channel terminates in a blue tint area.

Depth curves are not shown for improved channels. Channel depth information is either tabulated, shown within or adjacent to the channel, or put in a controlling depth note. Controlling depths are charted in feet on non-metric charts (including those with soundings in fathoms) and meters and decimeters on metric charts.

Channels which are 400 feet or more in width for their major portion show depth information tabulated by quarters; channels 100 feet to 400 feet are tabulated by outside quarters and middle half; and channels less than 100 feet are tabulated by full width.

On charts where dredged channel legends and tabulations are adequately covered by larger scale charts, the legend and tabulation are omitted; "(see note)" is placed in the channel and a note is added referring mariners to that larger scale chart; or a label is charted, e.g. (use chart 11416).

¹ The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers spent \$966M dredging 204 million cubic yards of material in FY 2006, including that from 25,000 miles of dredged channels.

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30	<p>Prepared by the Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, NOAA, www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov, 1-301-713-2770.</p> <p>Note: You can add your own information to the Charting Calendar using Adobe Reader 7 or later. The tools are found at the Tools -> Commenting, and Tools -> Drawing Markup features of Adobe Reader.</p>												