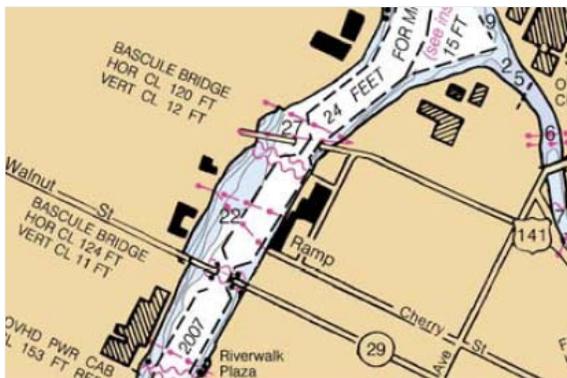
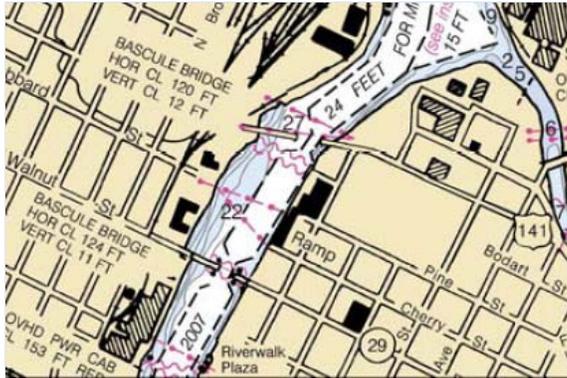


NOAA Nautical Charting Calendar



NOAA's Redesign of Some Chart Features

NOAA is reviewing the value of some of the information traditionally included on its nautical charts. The intent is to simplify the chart thus making it easier to use and maintain.

One example is state plane coordinate tick marks. These tick mark symbols appear on many nautical charts but sometimes interfere with the symbolization of more navigationally important features. They also add to chart clutter. State plane tick marks are not necessary for marine navigation so NOAA is considering whether to delete them.

Another example is urban road networks. Roads are currently shown on paper and raster charts, but not on ENC's. To include urban roads on ENC's, a significant effort would be needed to redigitize city streets that are currently on paper charts and raster charts. NOAA is proposing to retain major roads, especially those connecting to bridges, but without maintaining the complete urban road network. Examples of paper charts with and without dense road networks are shown at left.

Notices announcing such proposed changes to paper, raster, and ENC charts can be found on the Office of Coast Survey web site at: www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov/staff/headline-important.html. A user comment form is provided and public comment is welcomed.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28		