

MARINE INFORMATION

NOAA CHART NEW EDITIONS AND THEIR AVAILABILITY

NOAA recognizes two paper nautical chart products:

- the Charts-on-Demand Chart distributed by OceanGrafix (www.OceanGrafix.com), and
- the Traditional NOAA/NOS paper Chart distributed by the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA).

The Charts-on-Demand Chart is available the day after NOAA clears a New Edition for release. The Traditional Chart is available two to eight weeks later. Each is official, should be put into service immediately, and meets Federal chart carriage requirements immediately upon its release. For questions contact NOAA at help@nauticalcharts.gov or call 301-713-1773 x105. Dates of Latest Edition for both charts are listed at <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov>.

This week's new editions released by NOAA are listed below:

11401	30 th Ed. Apr 2004 NEW EDITION FL-APALACHICOLA BAY TO CAPE SAN BLAS (New edition due to numerous Notice to Mariner changes.)	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD) 1:80,000/LORAN-C
11505	2 nd Ed. Apr 2004 NEW EDITION SC-GA-SAVANNAH RIVER APPROACH (New edition due to numerous Notice to Mariner changes and changes in hydrography.)	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD) 1:40,000
12252	24 th Ed. Apr 2004 NEW EDITION VA-JAMES RIVER-JORDAN POINT TO RICHMOND (New edition due to numerous Notice to Mariner changes.)	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD) 1:20,000
16300	9 th Ed. Mar 2004 NEW EDITION AK-WEST COAST-KUSKOKWIM BAY (New edition due to change in format.)	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD) 1:200,000/LORAN-C

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