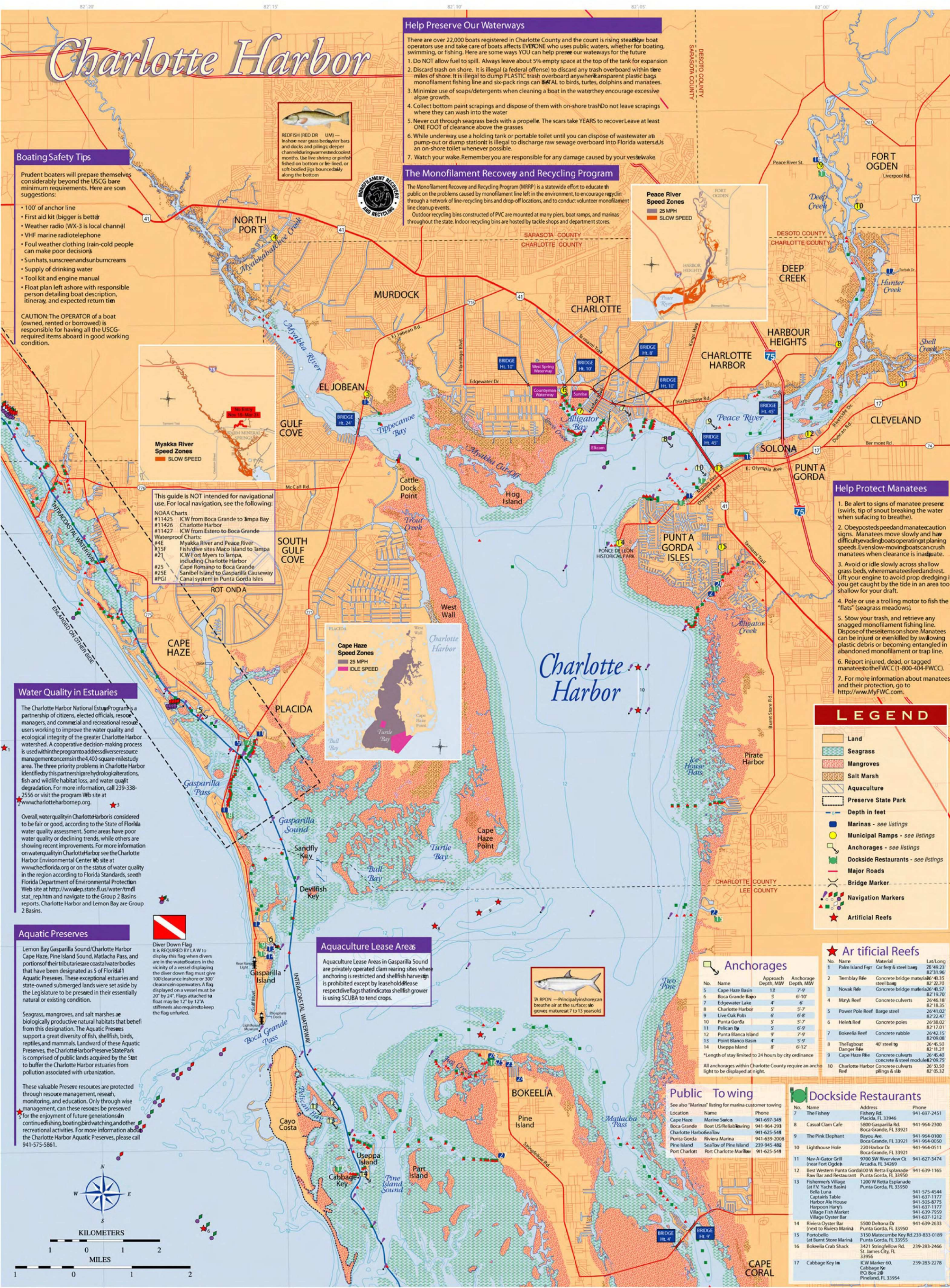


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Help Preserve Our Waterways

- There are over 22,000 boats registered in Charlotte County and the count is rising steadily. Boat operators use and take care of boats affects EVERYONE who uses public waters, whether for boating, swimming, or fishing. Here are some ways YOU can help preserve our waterways for the future.
1. Do NOT allow fuel to spill. Always leave about 5% empty space at the top of the tank for expansion.
 2. Discard trash on shore. It is illegal (a federal offense) to discard any trash overboard within three miles of shore. It is illegal to dump PLASTIC trash overboard anywhere. Transparent plastic bags monofilament fishing line and six-pack rings can be fatal to birds, turtles, dolphins and manatees.
 3. Minimize use of soaps/detergents when cleaning a boat in the water. They encourage excessive algae growth.
 4. Collect bottom paint scrapings and dispose of them with on-shore trash. Do not leave scrapings where they can wash into the water.
 5. Never cut through seagrass beds with a propeller. The scars take YEARS to recover. Leave at least ONE FOOT of clearance above the grasses.
 6. While underway use a holding tank or portable toilet until you can dispose of wastewater at pump-out or dump station. It is illegal to discharge raw sewage overboard into Florida waters. Use an on-shore toilet whenever possible.
 7. Watch your wake. Remember you are responsible for any damage caused by your vessel's wake.

The Monofilament Recovery and Recycling Program

The Monofilament Recovery and Recycling Program (MRRP) is a statewide effort to educate the public on the problems caused by monofilament line left in the environment, to encourage recycling through a network of line-recycling bins and drop-off locations, and to conduct volunteer monofilament line cleanup events.

Outdoor recycling bins constructed of PVC are mounted at many piers, boat ramps, and marinas throughout the state. Indoor recycling bins are hosted by tackle shops and department stores.



Help Protect Manatees

1. Be alert to signs of manatee presence (swirls, tip of snout breaking the water when surfacing to breathe).
2. Obey posted speed and manatee caution signs. Manatees move slowly and have difficulty avoiding boats operating at planing speeds. Even slow-moving boats can crush manatees when clearance is inadequate.
3. Avoid or idle slowly across shallow grass beds, where manatees feed and rest. Lift your engine to avoid prop dredging if you get caught by the tide in an area too shallow for your draft.
4. Pole or use a trolling motor to fish the "flats" (seagrass meadows).
5. Stow your trash, and retrieve any snagged monofilament fishing line. Dispose of these items on shore. Manatees can be injured or even killed by swallowing plastic debris or becoming entangled in abandoned monofilament or trap line.
6. Report injured, dead, or tagged manatees to the FWCC (1-800-404-FWCC).
7. For more information about manatees and their protection, go to <http://www.MyFWC.com>.

LEGEND

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Artificial Reefs

No.	Name	Material	Lat/Long
1	Palm Island Ferry	Concrete bridge materials	28°49'23" N, 82°31'36" W
2	Tierney Reef	Concrete culverts	82°31'36" W, 28°49'23" N
3	Novak Reef	Concrete bridge materials	28°46'18" N, 82°18'35" W
4	Mary Reef	Concrete culverts	28°46'18" N, 82°18'35" W
5	Power Pole Reef	Barge steel	28°46'18" N, 82°18'35" W
6	Heleth Reef	Concrete piles	28°46'18" N, 82°18'35" W
7	Bokeelia Reef	Concrete rubble	28°46'18" N, 82°18'35" W
8	The Lighthouse	40' steel rig	28°46'18" N, 82°18'35" W
9	Cape Haze Reef	Concrete culverts	28°46'18" N, 82°18'35" W
10	Charlotte Harbor Reef	Concrete culverts	28°46'18" N, 82°18'35" W

Anchorage

No.	Name	Approach Depth, MW	Anchorage Depth, MW
1	Cape Haze Basin	13	7-9
2	Boca Grande Bago	5	6-10
3	Edgewater Lake	4	6
4	Charlotte Harbor	5	5-7
5	Live Oak Point	6	6-8
6	Punta Gorda	5	5-7
7	Punta Gorda	5	5-7
8	Punta Gorda	5	5-7
9	Punta Gorda	5	5-7
10	Punta Gorda	5	5-7
11	Punta Gorda	5	5-7
12	Punta Gorda	5	5-7
13	Punta Gorda	5	5-7
14	Punta Gorda	5	5-7

Public Marina

No.	Name	Phone
1	Cape Haze Marina	941-697-349
2	Boca Grande Marina	941-964-293
3	Charlotte Harbor Marina	941-625-548
4	Punta Gorda Marina	941-639-2008
5	Pine Island Marina	239-945-480
6	Port Charlotte Marina	941-625-548

Dockside Restaurants

No.	Name	Address	Phone
1	The Fishery	Fishery Rd., Placida, FL 33946	941-697-2451
2	Casual Clam Cafe	5800 Gasparilla Rd., Boca Grande, FL 33921	941-964-2300
3	The Pink Elephant	Bayou Ave., Boca Grande, FL 33921	941-964-0100
4	Lighthouse Grill	220 Harbor Dr., Boca Grande, FL 33921	941-964-0511
5	Nav-A-Gator Hole	9700 SW Riverway Ck., Arcadia, FL 34269	941-627-3474
6	Best Western Punta Gorda	1150 Main St., Punta Gorda, FL 33950	941-639-1165
7	Fishermen's Village	1200 W. Reta Esplanade, Punta Gorda, FL 33950	941-575-4544
8	Bella Luna	1200 W. Reta Esplanade, Punta Gorda, FL 33950	941-637-1177
9	Harbor Ale House	1200 W. Reta Esplanade, Punta Gorda, FL 33950	941-505-8775
10	Harpoon Harry's	1200 W. Reta Esplanade, Punta Gorda, FL 33950	941-637-1177
11	Village Fish Market	1200 W. Reta Esplanade, Punta Gorda, FL 33950	941-639-7959
12	Village Oyster Bar	1200 W. Reta Esplanade, Punta Gorda, FL 33950	941-637-1212
13	Rivera Oyster Bar	5500 Deltona Dr., Punta Gorda, FL 33950	941-639-2633
14	Pomello	3150 Main St., Punta Gorda, FL 33950	941-639-8319
15	Bokeelia Crab Shack	3421 Stringfellow Rd., Punta Gorda, FL 33950	239-283-2466
16	Cabbage Key Inn	ICW Marker 60, Cabbage Key, Pineland, FL 33954	239-283-2278

Water Quality in Estuaries

The Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program is a partnership of citizens, elected officials, resource managers, and commercial and recreational resource users working to improve the water quality and ecological integrity of the greater Charlotte Harbor watershed. A cooperative decision-making process is used within the program to address diverse resource management concerns in the 4,400-square-mile study area. The three priority problems in Charlotte Harbor identified by this partnership are hydrologic alterations, fish and wildlife habitat loss, and water quality degradation. For more information, call 239-338-2556 or visit the program Web site at www.charlotteharbornep.org.

Overall, water quality in Charlotte Harbor is considered to be fair or good, according to the State of Florida water quality assessment. Some areas have poor water quality or declining trends, while others are showing recent improvements. For more information on water quality in Charlotte Harbor, see the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center Web site at www.checflorida.org or on the status of water quality in the region according to Florida Standards, see the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Web site at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/tmdl/stat_rep.htm and navigate to the Group 2 Basins reports. Charlotte Harbor and Lemon Bay are Group 2 Basins.

Aquatic Preserves

Lemon Bay Gasparilla Sound/Charlotte Harbor Cape Haze Pine Island Sound, Matlacha Pass, and portions of their tributaries are coastal water bodies that have been designated as 5 of Florida's 1 Aquatic Preserves. These exceptional estuaries and state-owned submerged lands were set aside by the Legislature to be preserved in their essentially natural or existing condition.

Seagrass, mangroves, and salt marshes are biologically productive natural habitats that benefit from this designation. The Aquatic Preserves support a great diversity of fish, shellfish, birds, reptiles, and mammals. Landward of these Aquatic Preserves, the Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park is comprised of public lands acquired by the State to buffer the Charlotte Harbor estuaries from pollution associated with urbanization.

These valuable Preserve resources are protected through resource management, research, monitoring, and education. Only through wise management, can these resources be preserved for the enjoyment of future generations in continuing fishing, boating, bird watching, and other recreational activities. For more information about the Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves, please call 941-575-5861.

Diver Down Flag
It is REQUIRED BY LAW to display this flag when divers are in the water. Boaters in the vicinity of a vessel displaying the diver down flag must give 100' clearance inshore or 300' clearance in open waters. A flag displayed on a vessel must be 20" by 24", flag attached to a float may be 12" by 12". A stiffens also required to keep the flag unfurled.

Aquaculture Lease Areas

Aquaculture Lease Areas in Gasparilla Sound are privately operated clam rearing sites where anchoring is restricted and shellfish harvesting is prohibited except by leaseholder. Please respect the leaseholder's rights and do not use SCUBA to tend crops.

TA RPOON — Principally inshore can breathe air at the surface; no gills; matures 7 to 13 years old.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection gives the Clean Marina designation to marinas that meet federal and state environmental regulations and provide environmental education and access to boaters. For more information, visit the Clean Marina Web site at www.dep.state.fl.us/cleanmarina/

Marinas

No.	Name/Location/Phone	Approach Depth, MW	Yacht Basin	Boat Lift	Water	Electric	Gas	Commodities	Other
9	Eldred Marina Placida 941-697-1431	4	7	B	S				
10	Gasparilla Marina Placida 941-697-2280	9	6	B,E,W	S	H,M,E	30	MC	S
11	Uncle Hugh's Marina Resort Gasparilla Island 941-964-0154	6	8	B,E,W	S			MC	R,L,S
12	The Inn Marina Boca Grande 941-964-2777	5	4	E,W	H,M,E	25 ft. or		L	I,O
13	Boca Grande Marina Boca Grande 941-964-2100	6	7	B,E,W	H,M,E			MC	R,S
14	Whidde Marina Boca Grande 941-964-2878	8	9	B,E,W				MC	S
15	Gulf Coast Marine Center II El Jobean 941-629-9666	4	5	S	H,M	7.5	M	S	T
16	Desoto Marina near Ft. Ogden 941-627-3474	4	6	B,E	S			R	R,S
17	Peace River Fish Camp Cleveland 941-639-2819	4	4	B,E,W	S			L,S	T,S,L
18	Punta Gorda Marina Punta Gorda 941-639-2750	4	6	E,W	H,M,E	15	35	T	I,O

Marinas

No.	Name/Location/Phone	Approach Depth, MW	Yacht Basin	Boat Lift	Water	Electric	Gas	Commodities	Other
19	Fishermen's Village Punta Gorda 941-637-3000	6	6	B,E,W				MC	R,L,S
20	Gator Creek Marina Punta Gorda 941-639-3446	4	8		H,M	6			
21	Rivera Marina Punta Gorda 941-639-2008	6	6	B,E,W	S	H,M,E	30	S,M	R,S
22	Burnt Store Marina Punta Gorda 941-637-0083	7	6	B,E,W	S	M,E	40	C,S	R,L,S
23	Jug Creek Marina Bokeelia 239-283-3331	3	4		H,M	40		R,S	T
24	Harbor Hideaway Marina Bokeelia 239-283-1107	6	4	B	S	H	23 ft.	L,S	T
25	Four Winds Marina Bokeelia 239-283-0250	4	4	B,E,W	H,M,E	5	MC	R,L,S	T,S
26	Bocella Marina Bokeelia 239-283-5005	3	5	B	S			L,S	T
27	Pineland Marina Pineland 239-283-3593	3.5	5	S	H,M,E	35 ft.	9	M	S

Municipal Ramps

No.	Name/Location	Road	Directions	Approach Depth, MW	Single Docks	Pier(s)	Packaging	Pilings	Beach
4	North Port Marina	Padon	Chancellor Blvd. at Kennedy Dr.	4	*	*	*	*	*
5	El Jobean Pier	El Jobean	On S.R. 776 next to Gulf Coast Marine Center II	2	*	*	*	*	*
6	Spring Lake Pier	Port Charlotte	On Edgewater Dr. at West Spring Lake	3.5	*	*	*	*	*
7	Port Charlotte Beach	End of Harbor Blvd	Port Charlotte	3.5	*	*	*	*	*
8	Harbour Heights	On Harbour Dr	Harbour Heights	2	*	*	*	*	*
9	Deep Creek Ramp	Port Ogden	End of Peace River St. next to Desoto Marina	4	*	*	*	*	*
10	Liverpool Ramp	Port Ogden	End of Liverpool Rd. of U.S. 17	4	*	*	*	*	*
11	Riverside Ramp	Cleveland	On Riverside Dr. 4 miles W of U.S. 17	4	*	*	*	*	*
12	Dart Park	Solona	End of Danville of Riverside Dr.	1.5	*	*	*	*	*
13	Laishley Pier	Punta Gorda	Nend of Nesbit St. at E. Manatee	3*	*	*	*	*	*
14	Ponce de Leon Pier	Punta Gorda	West of Manatee	5	*	*	*	*	*
15	Wisteria Pier	Punta Gorda	End of Wisteria off Rio Mill	7	*	*	*	*	*

* Ramp in poor condition; uneven pavement and shoaling at end constrain usability. 1/2 ft draft at ML.