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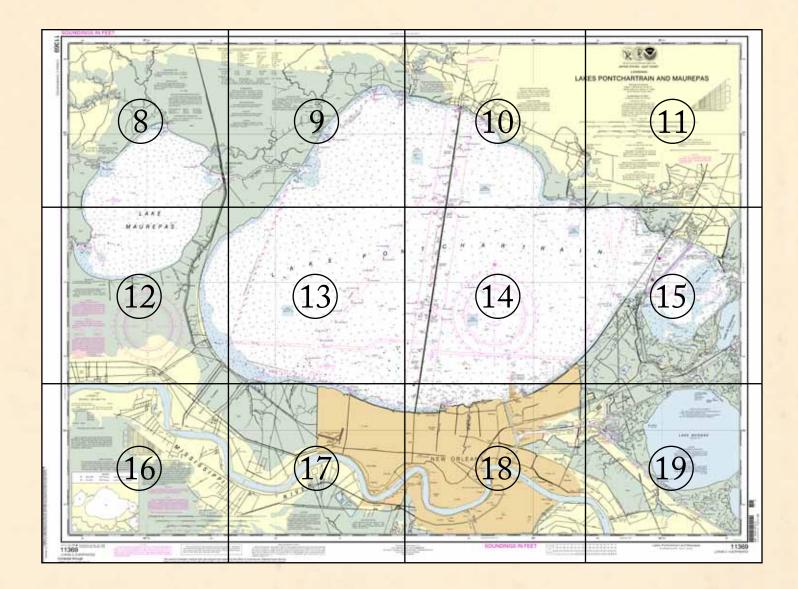
NOAA is proud to join with the nation's ports, the U.S. Navy, and OpSail, to celebrate the bicentennial of the War of 1812, a pivotal time in our nation's history.

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The chart on the cover is a military map of Loisiana compiled at the U.S. Coast Survey Office, 1863, NOAA's predecessor organization.



# New Orleans, the United States Navy, and the War of 1812

espite the crucial importance of the Mississippi River for exporting American produce, the Department of the Navy largely neglected the U.S. naval station at New Orleans during the first two years of the War of 1812. Captain John Shaw considered the dozen gunboats and three brigs under his command in 1812 inadequate to protect the city from a potential British assault, but the most he could get from the Secretary of the Navy was permission to build a floating battery to help block the Mississippi Delta's major channel. Hurricanes, Indians, pirates, and the Spanish

concerned the station more than the British – until the anticipated British attack finally became reality late in 1814.

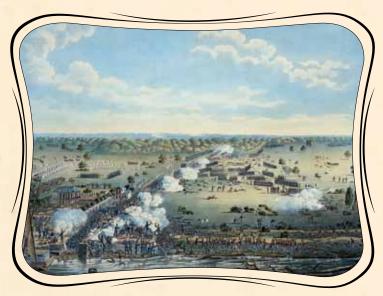
In the meantime, the naval station participated in two significant armed actions. In April 1813, Shaw sent naval forces to escort troop transports and blockade Mobile Bay during the U.S. Army's successful campaign to capture Mobile, in Spanish West Florida. In September 1814, forces from the New Orleans station, now under the command of Master Commandant Daniel T. Patterson, attacked and broke up the base used by pirates and smugglers in Barataria Bay, on the southern coast of Louisiana.

From the beginning of the war, the British recognized the importance of New Orleans, but they weren't ready to launch an operation until late in 1814. They chose to land troops at Bayou Bienvenu at the west end of Lake Borgne, 15 miles from New Orleans. Because of the shallowness of the lake, they had to anchor their fleet 60



The Battle of Lake Borgne ended in the capture of five American gunboats in December 1814. (U.S. Naval Academy Museum)

miles away from the landing place and transport the troops in boats of shallow draft. Before debarking any troops, however, they had to defeat the American gunboat flotilla defending the lake's passage. On December 12, the launches, barges, and pinnaces of the British fleet rowed into Lake Borgne in search of the American gunboats. The battle, fought on the 14<sup>th</sup>, ended in the capture of five American gunboats and a sloop, and the burning of a schooner to prevent its capture. Despite this initial victory for the British, the battle served to delay the invasion, giving the American land forces more time to prepare a defense.



The Battle of New Orleans was the last major battle in the War of 1812. (Navy Art Collection, Naval History & Heritage Command)

On the morning of December 23, the British landed and advanced to within seven miles of the city of New Orleans, on a road that paralleled the Mississippi River. That night, American troops under General Andrew Jackson, supported by the U.S. Navy schooner *Carolina* and the ship *Louisiana* in the river, attacked the enemy force. The Americans then retreated two miles and set up a defensive line behind a shallow canal. The British destroyed *Carolina* with heated shot fired from a shore battery and forced *Louisiana* to retire. Sailors and Marines under Patterson fought in Jackson's lines and on the eastern side of the Mississippi River, and manned a battery on the western side that flanked the British forces attacking the main American lines.

On January 8, a British frontal assault against the American forces met an unwavering defense. That defense inflicted disproportionate British casualties and saved the city.

# Louisiana and the U.S. Coast Survey

I 1807, losing ships to accidents in U.S. coastal waters was a common occurrence. The young nation needed nautical charts, so President Thomas Jefferson signed a law authorizing the Survey of the Coast, to measure water depths, triangulate locations, and produce the nation's navigational charts.

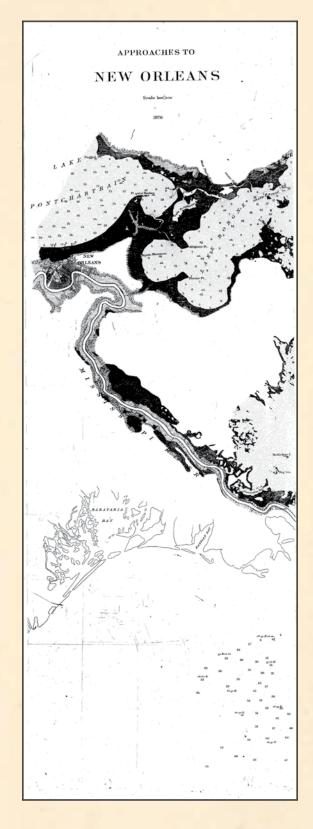
The new agency experienced some growing pains in the early years. Ferdinand Hassler, who was eventually to become the agency's first superintendent, went to England to collect scientific instruments and was unable to return through the duration of the War of 1812.

After Hassler returned, he started work on a survey of New York Harbor in 1817, but Congress stepped in to suspend the work because of tensions between civilian and military control of the agency. After several years under the control of the U.S. Army, the Survey of the Coast was re-established in 1832, and President Andrew Jackson appointed Hassler as Superintendent.



Coast Survey sounding schooner Experiment was in service from 1835 to 1839.

The first field team of Coast Surveyors came to Louisiana in 1844, to size up the requirements for establishing the shoreline. By the next year, Coast Survey assistant F.H. Gerdes (who was to do invaluable work in Louisiana for the Union during the Civil War) was leading the effort to map the Louisiana coastline. Lieutenant Commanding Carlile P. Patterson, a future head of Coast Survey, sailed the schooner PHOENIX from New York to the Gulf, and started recording the tides and currents, to prepare for the first nautical charts of Louisiana waters. Patterson conducted the nation's first hydrographic surveys in the Gulf of Mexico.



Over 1,500 historical maps and charts from Louisiana are online for your exploration, at nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/history

# NOAA's Navigation Services serve American communities coast to coast



*President Thomas Jefferson* founded the U.S. Coast Survey in 1807 and tasked it with creating charts of the nation's coastal waters so America's young shipping industry could thrive. Today, America's coastal waters remain as central to the nation's prosperity as they were 200 years ago, and NOAA's Coast Survey is still making the nation's charts.

The nation's economy depends on a robust and reliable marine transportation system. From America's agricultural communities – whose farm exports reached a record \$136.3 billion in 2011 – to the 13 million people with jobs that rely on commercial ports, to the 10 million Americans who take a cruise every year, businesses and families everywhere rely on a safe, efficient, and dependable marine transportation system. The ships and ports that are charged with the safe transport of people and products, in turn, rely on the critical informational infrastructure and services provided by NOAA's Navigation Services.



# Stay safe with NOAA nautical charts

Recreational boaters, unlike commercial mariners, are not required to carry nautical charts. As coastal waterways grow more crowded, however, smart boaters use the latest nautical charts, updated by NOAA with the precision and accuracy that mariners rely on. Obtaining the latest chart is easier than ever. It can be as easy as clicking a link. www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/staff/charts.htm

# Plan for fun and safety at the Bicentennial War of 1812 events

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## What are nautical charts?

Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. The show water depths, obstructions, buoys, and other aids to navigation. The information promotes safe and efficient navigation.

Chart carriage is mandatory on the commercial ships that carry goods to and from America's shores. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing boats, and passenger vessels. Smart recreational boaters also carry nautical charts.

## What is a BookletChart?

The BookletChart helps recreational boaters locate themselves on water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. (This special commemorative edition also contains event and historical information not available on full-scale charts.) The bar scales are reduced, but accurately measure distances. (See the note at the bottom of page X for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.Whenever possible, use the official full-scale NOAA nautical chart for navigation. Check your local marine store, or go to nauticalcharts.noaa.gov for a list of chart agents. This BookletChart does not fulfill chart carriage requirements forregulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

# Notice to Mariners Correction Status

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. NOAA has made additional chart corrections in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. Coast Pilot excerpts are not updated from the time of publication.

## Excerpts from U.S. Coast Pilot 5, chapters 7 and 8

**Mississippi River** empties into the N central part of the Gulf of Mexico through a number of mouths or passes which, taken together, form the delta of the river. The river and its tributaries form the largest network of navigable waters in the world. The two principal passes, South Pass and Southwest Pass, are about 1,600 nautical miles from New York, 500 nautical miles from Key West, 300 nautical miles E of Galveston, and 440 nautical miles E of Corpus Christi. The river is the access to the Ports of New Orleans and Baton Rouge, and the numerous cities in the central part of the United States located in the Mississippi River Valley and along its tributaries, the Ohio, Missouri, Red, Tennessee, and other rivers flowing into it. From the mouth, at the entrance to Southwest Pass, it is about 1,840 miles to Minneapolis, 1,960 miles to Pittsburgh, 1,680 miles to Knoxville, and 1,530 miles to Chicago via the Illinois Waterway. (See the publication "Distances Between United States Ports" for more detailed information.)

Algiers Alternate Route and Algiers Lock, on the W bank of the river about 88.4 miles AHP, connect the Mississippi River with an extensive network of inland waterways W of New Orleans. The route is an alternate route of the Intracoastal Waterway leading W of New Orleans. (See chapter 12 for description of canal and lock.)

The **Port of New Orleans** is one of the largest ports in the United States. It is located on both sides of the Mississippi River with its lower limit about 80.6 miles AHP, and its upper limit about 115 miles AHP. The limits of the port encompass the parish of Orleans and the river frontage of the parishes of St. Bernard and Jefferson.

The city of **New Orleans** is the major commercial area within the port limits. It is one of the largest cities on the Gulf and is a natural gateway to and from the vast central and S portions of the nation, and particularly to the entire Mississippi Valley with which it is connected by numerous inland water routes.

Abreast of New Orleans on the opposite bank of the river are **Algiers**, which is part of the city of New Orleans, **McDonoghville**, **Gretna**, **Harvey**, **Marrero**, and **Westwego**. Algiers and Gretna are connected with New Orleans by ferries operated by the Mississippi River Bridge Authority and the Crescent City Connection Division, Bridges and Marine Administration.

The Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (Industrial Canal) offers a deepwater connection between Mississippi River and Lake Pontchartrain, a distance of about 5.8 miles.

Lake Borgne, the Wextension of Mississippi Sound is partly separated from Mississippi Sound by Grassy Island, Half Moon (Grand) Island, and Le Petit Pass Island and their outlying shoals. **The Rigolets** is a deep passage 7 miles long and about 0.4 mile wide connecting Lake Borgne and Lake Pontchartrain.

Lake St. Catherine can be reached through Fort Pike Canal or through a natural unmarked channel in Sawmill Pass. The lake has numerous oil well structures.

**Chef Menteur Pass**, a connecting passage between Lake Borgne and Lake Pontchartrain, is located about 10 miles SW of The Rigolets.

Lake Pontchartrain, roughly elliptical in shape, is 36 miles long, 22 miles wide at the widest part, 10 to 16 feet deep, and lies N of the Mississippi River at New Orleans. The lake connects with the Mississippi River through the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal; with Lake Borgne through The Rigolets and Chef Menteur Pass; and with Lake Maurepas through Pass Manchac and North Pass.

Three causeways cross the E end of Lake Pontchartrain. U.S. Interstate Route 10 highway causeway, about 3.5 miles W of The Rigolets and crossing between **Pointe aux Herbes** and **Howze Beach**, has a bridge with a fixed span over the navigation channel about 1.2 miles from its NE end with a clearance of 65 feet. In 2006, a replacement fixed highway bridge with a design clearance of 73 feet was under construction close E of the existing bridge. U.S. Route 11 highway causeway, W of U.S. Interstate Route 10 highway causeway and crossing from Pointe aux Herbes to **North Shore**, has two bascule bridges; one, about 1 mile SWof North Shore, has a clearance of 12 feet. The N span is equipped with a radiotelephone. The bridgetender can be contacted on VHF-FM channel 13; call sign, KMC-226. The overhead power cable justWof this bridge has a clearance of 94 feet. The Southern Railway causeway, W of U.S. Route 11 highway causeway and crossing between **South Point** and North Shore, has a bascule bridge about 1 mile SW of North Shore.

**Bayou Bonfouca**, which empties into Lake Pontchartrain 3 miles NW of the Southern Railway causeway N swing bridge, is the approach to the town of Slidell.

Lacombe Bayou empties into Lake Pontchartrain 4.5 miles W of Bayou Bonfouca.

**Mandeville** is a summer resort on the N shore of Lake Pontchartrain 20 miles N of New Orleans.

**Tchefuncta River** flows into Lake Pontchartrain about 21 miles N of New Orleans.

**Madisonville**, a town 1.5 miles up Tchefuncta River, has berths at public landings above and below the W side of the bridge.

**Tangipahoa River** is a narrow stream flowing into Lake Pontchartrain 6 miles SW of Tchefuncta River.

**Pass Manchac** is a passage 5.5 miles long connecting Lake Pontchartrain with Lake Maurepas.

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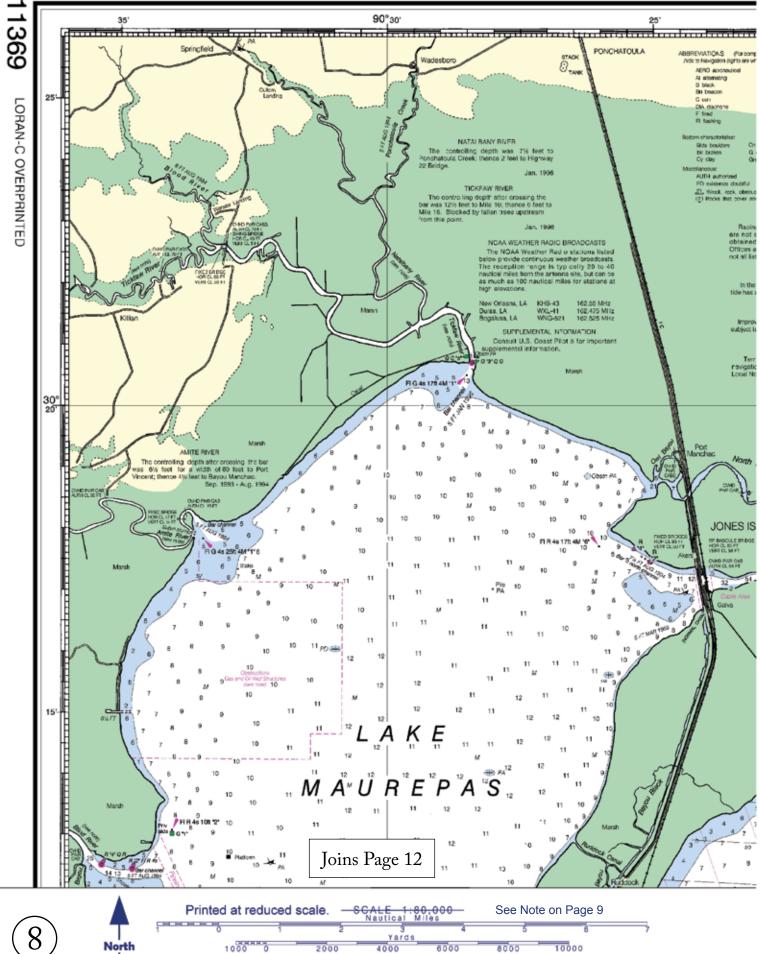
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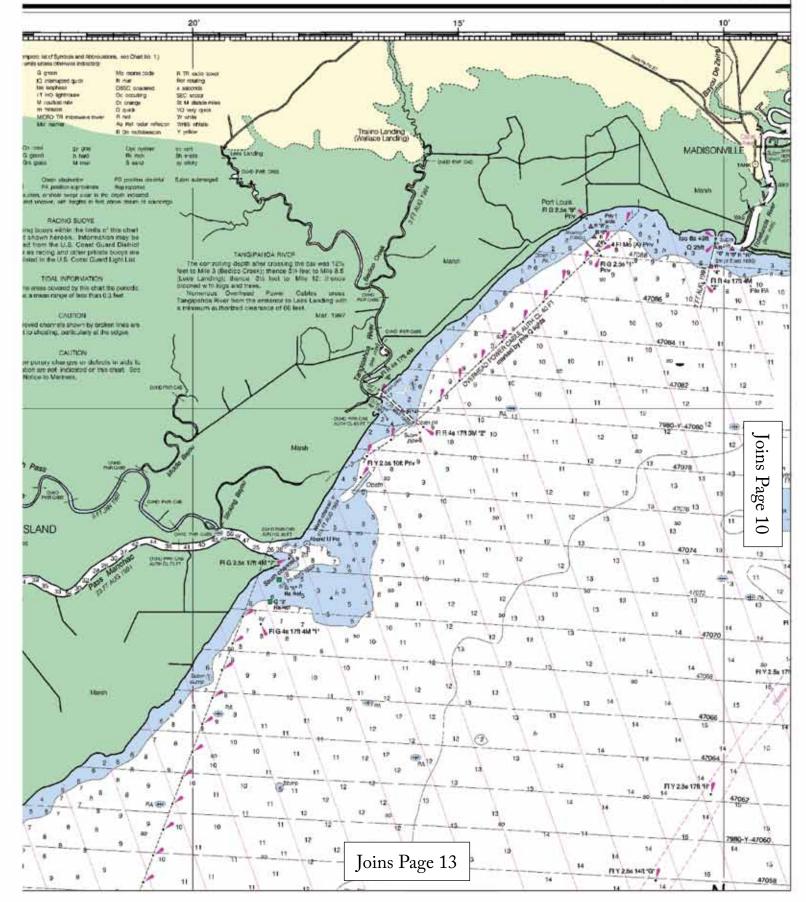
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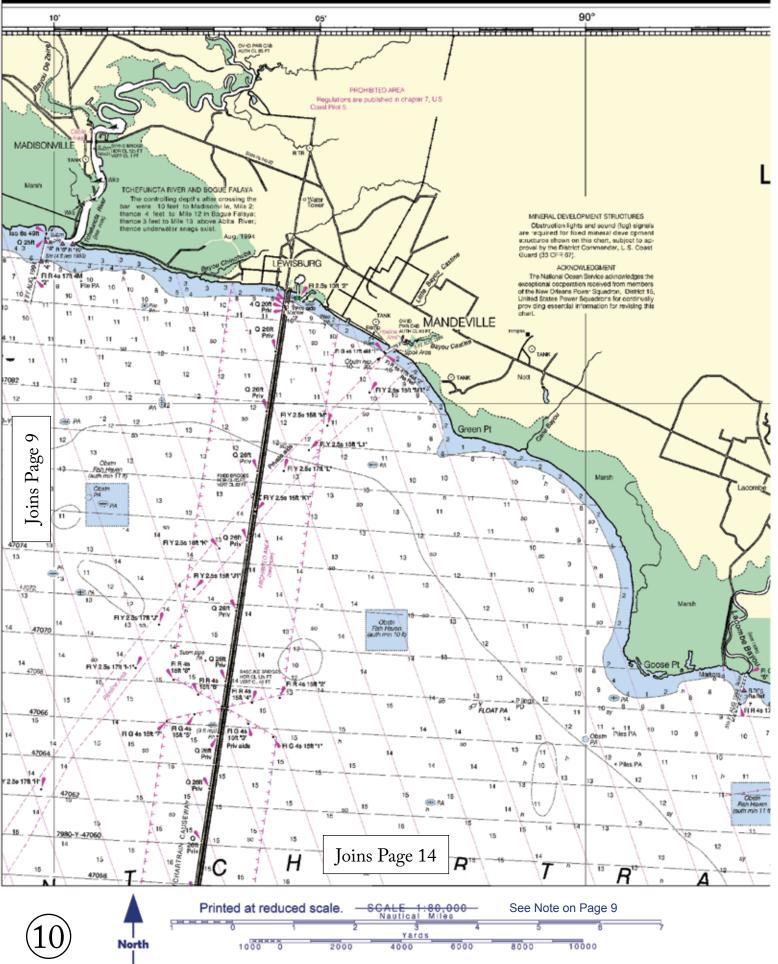


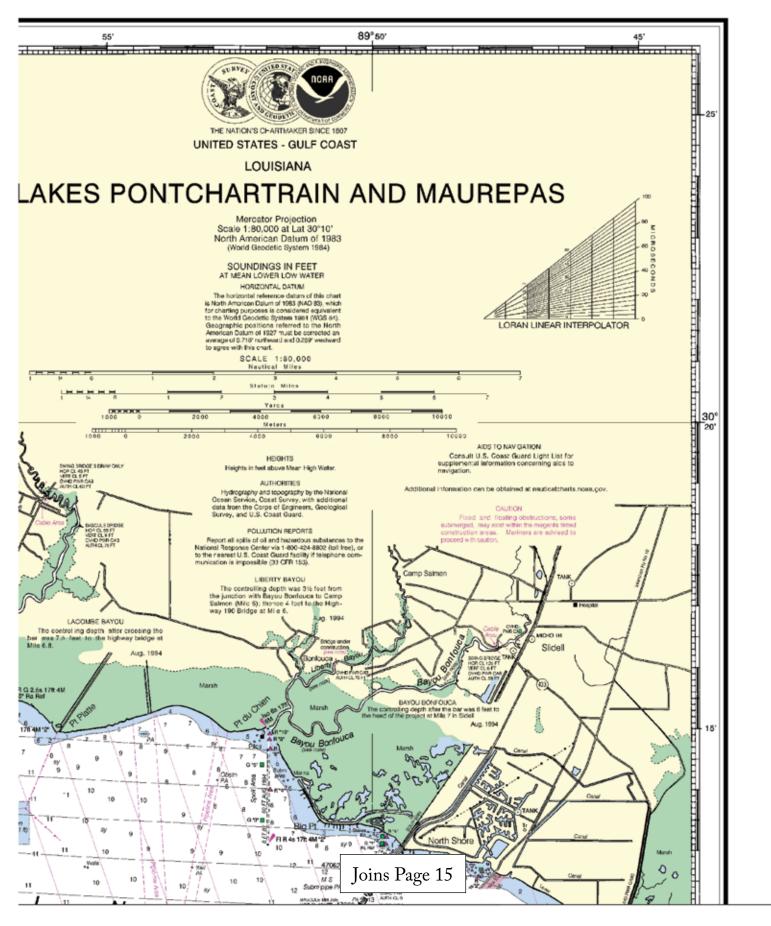


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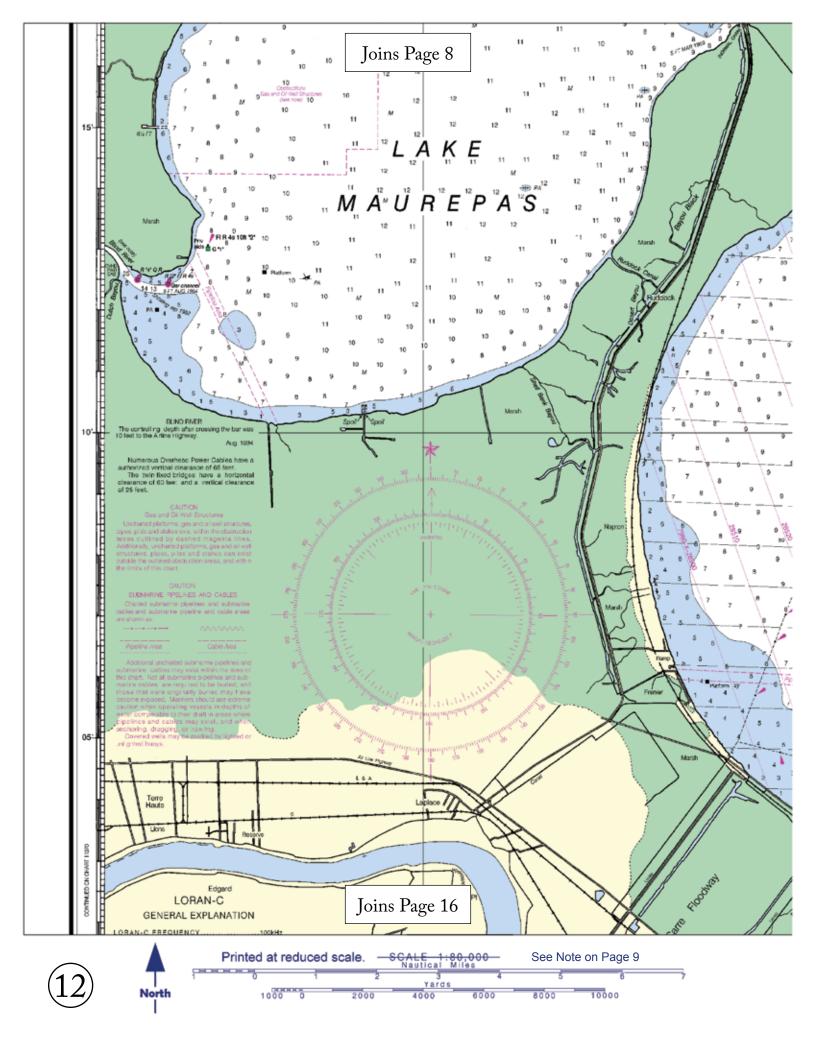
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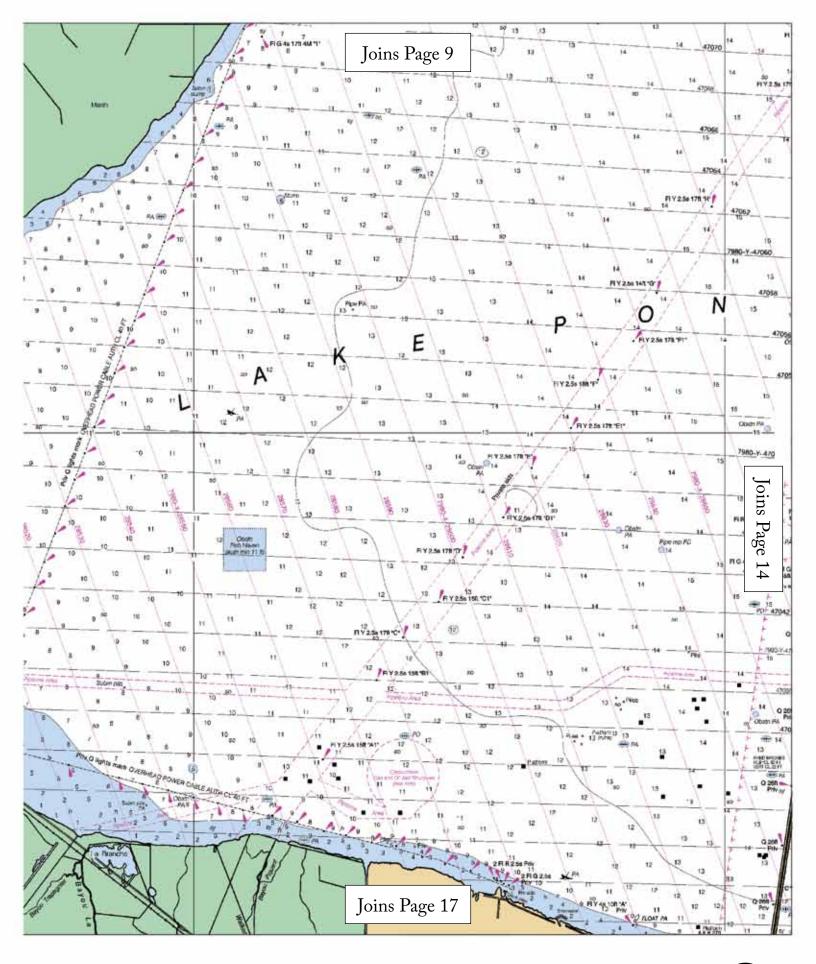




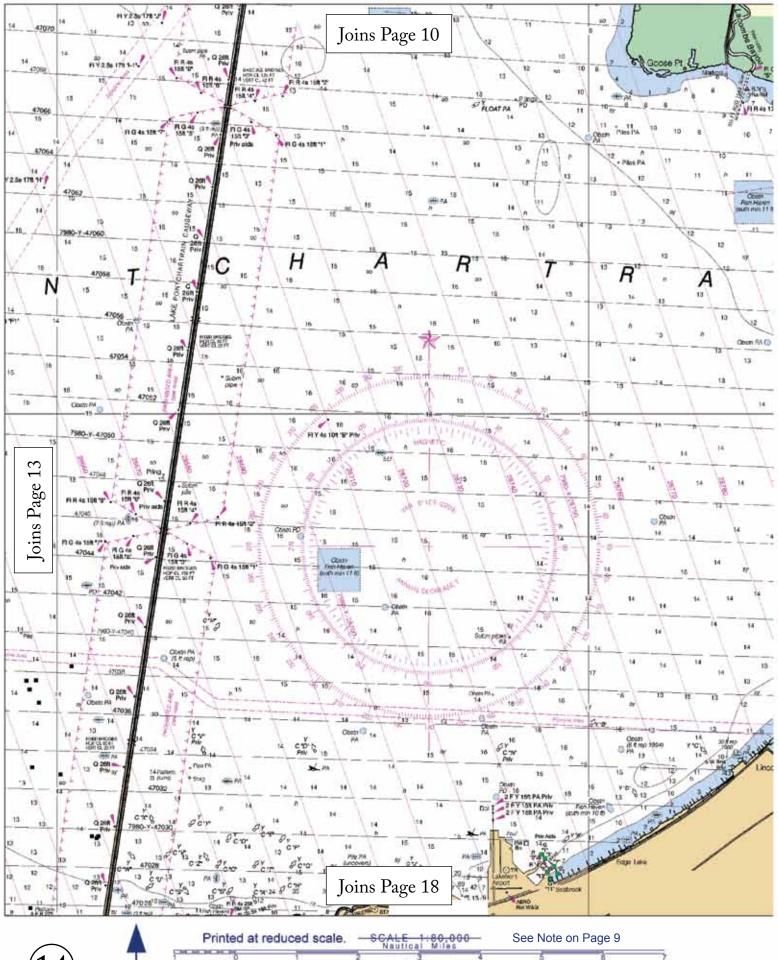
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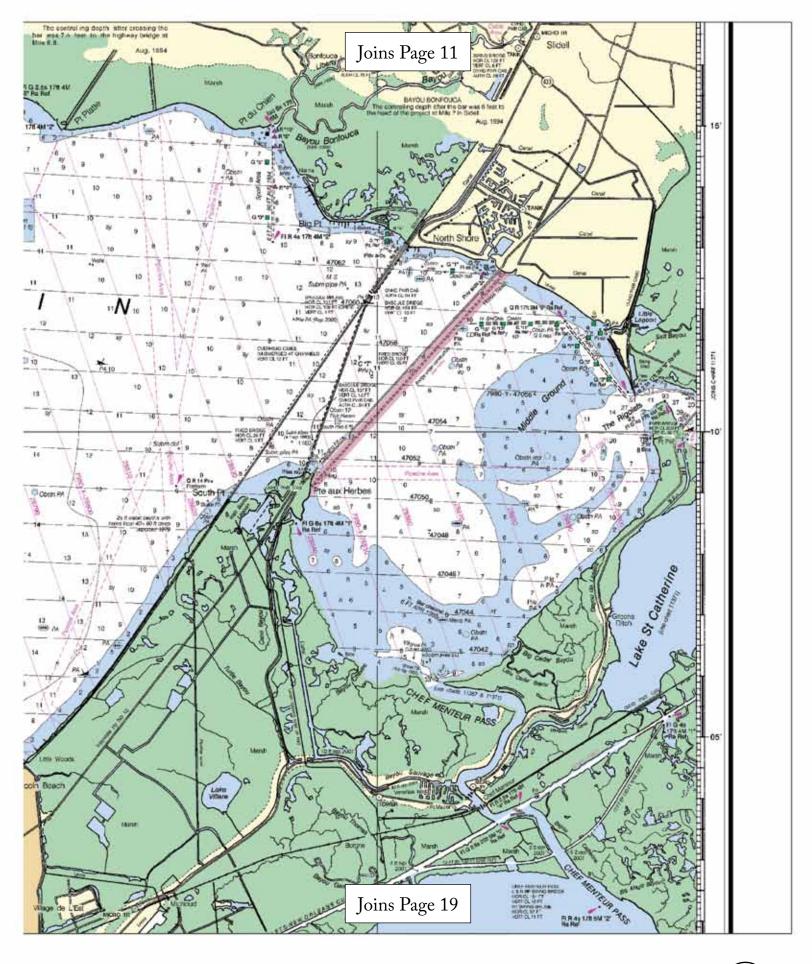
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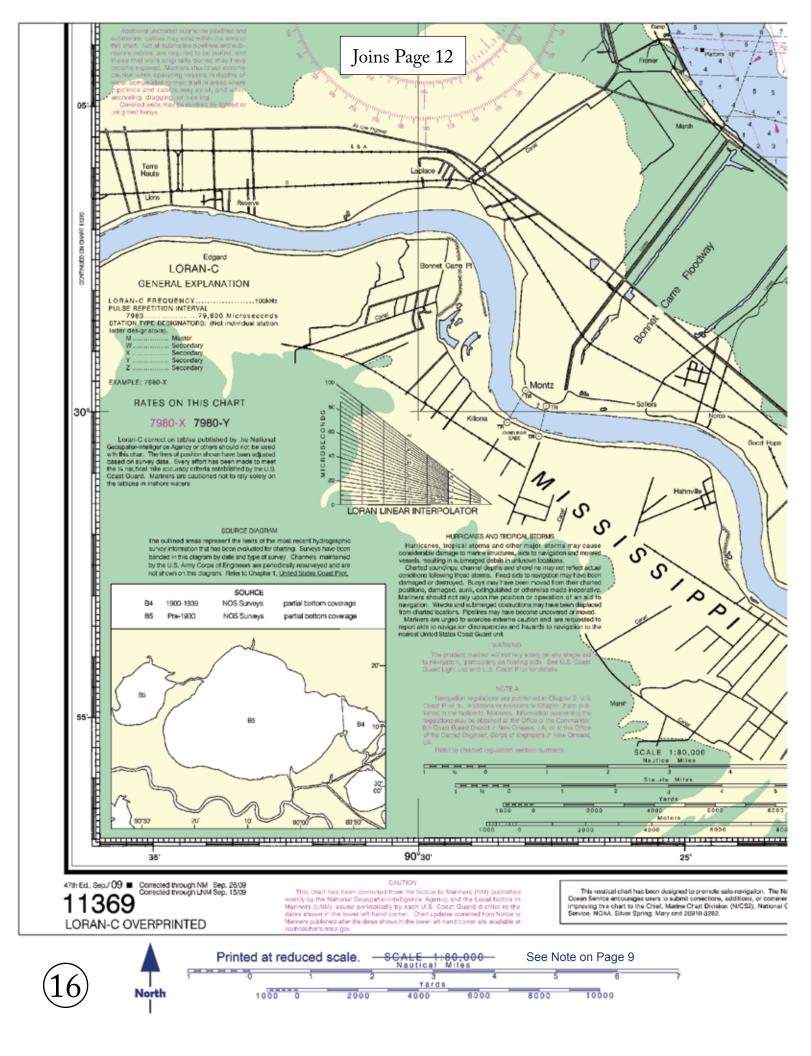
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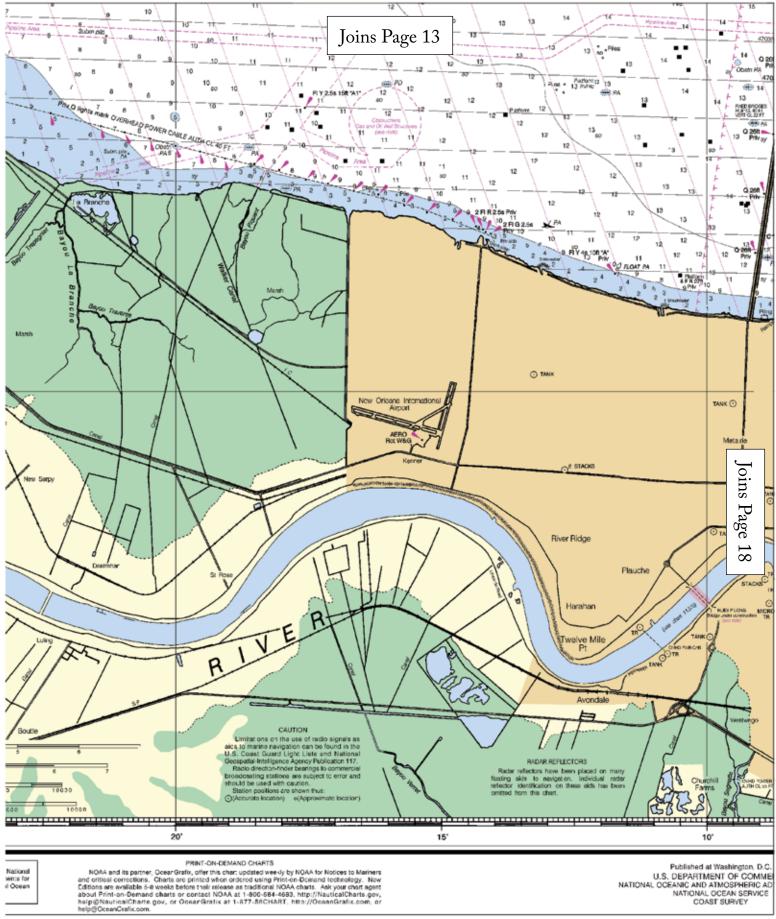
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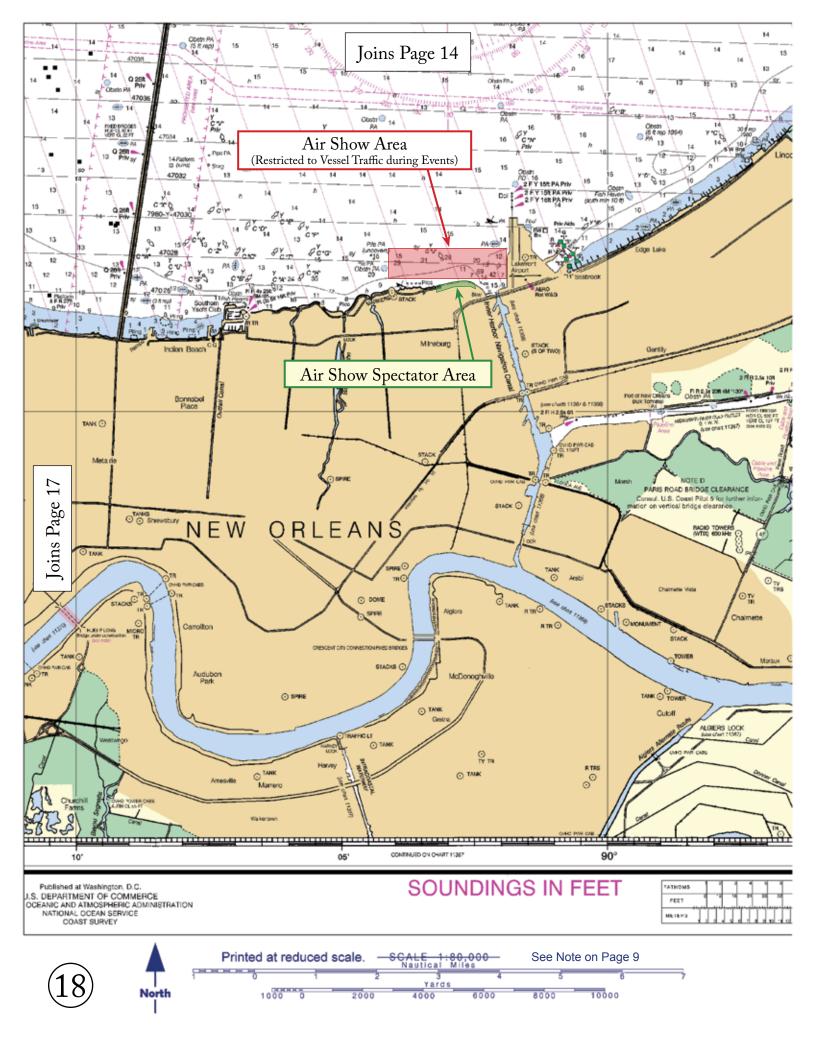
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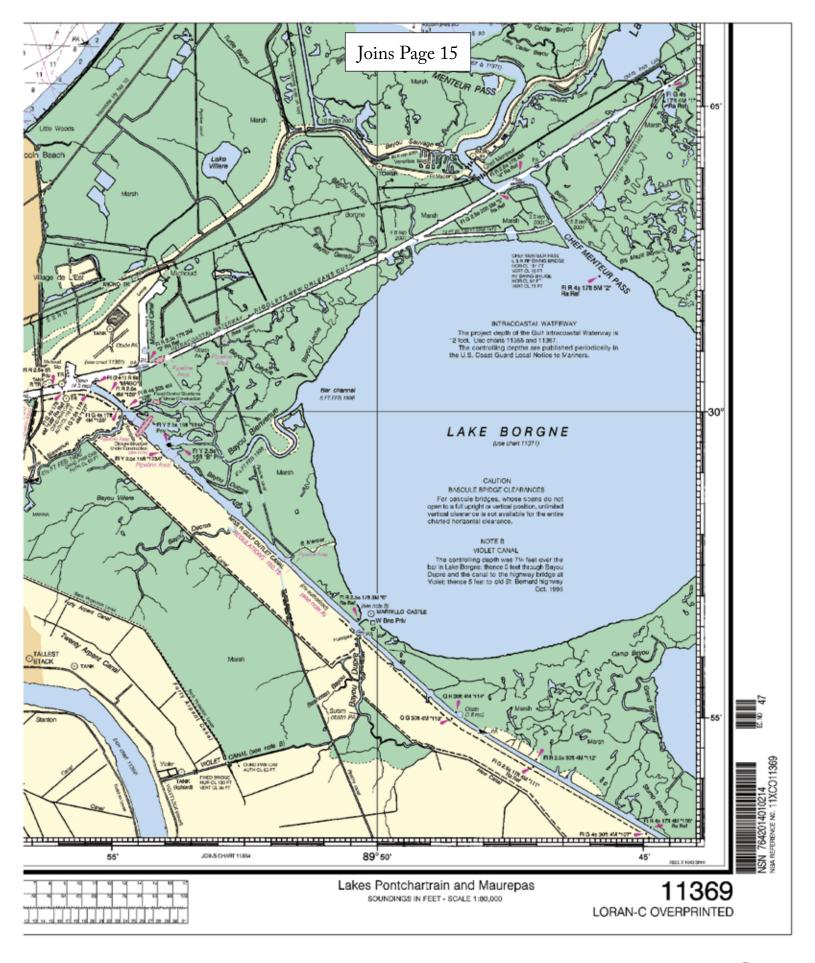


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# **EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

## VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 - Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 - Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

**Channel 16** – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

**Channel 22A** – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

## **Distress Call Procedures**

1. Make sure radio is on.

- 2. Select Channel 16.
- 3. Press/Hold the transmit button.
- 4. Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."

5. Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.

- 6. Release transmit button.
- 7. Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

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**Getting and Giving Help** — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

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