



**March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Waterford Yacht Club and Waterford Harbor Marina,  
Kemah, Texas  
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

This event will be governed by the "Rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2017-20), the prescriptions of US Sailing Association. RRS 26, 29 will not be applicable.

Also USCG Navigation Rules apply, since commercial waters can a part of the race course special attention have to be given to Rule 9 (b).

**2. ENTRIES**

Competitors may enter the Regatta by completing the Registration Form and turning it in by Friday March 23, 2018. Competitors will race in the PHRF class with ratings assigned as per the race committee per PHRF database. This rating will be used to calculate the corrected race time.

**3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official Race Information Notice Board located in the Ice House at the Waterford Harbor Marina between Piers 14 and 15.

**4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to these sailing instructions shall be posted before noon before the day it will take effect. Any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 2000 hours (8:00 PM) on the day before it will take effect.

**5. IDENTIFICATION**

Each boat will check in prior to the Start on **VHF channel 68**.

**6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

There will not be any signals from shore.

**7. SCHEDULE OF RACES**



**11. RECALLS**

There will be no recalls; all boats will start on the honor system. In case of a dispute about the start time, the time of the race committee boat will be the used time.

**12. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK**

13.1. No change to the Marks will be made.

**13. THE FINISH**

The finish line will be the line where the compass bearing of marker 6 is 0 degree. At that moment the finishing boat will announce this time on channel 68 and log this time in the sailing log.

**14. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit is March 30<sup>th</sup> at 22:00 hour (10PM).

**15. PENALTIES**

A boat that has taken her Penalty Turns shall notify the Race Committee via **VHF channel 68** at the first reasonable opportunity. At that time she shall also inform the Race Committee of the identity of the other boat involved in the incident.

**16. PROTESTS**

16.1. Intent to protest shall be signaled in accordance with RRS. The protesting boat shall also notify the Race Committee and be acknowledged before leaving the finish area.

16.2. A protested boat can clear itself on the water by making a penalty turn as in RRS 2017-2020 appendix B 44.

16.3. Protests shall be written on forms available at the Freeport Marina and delivered there within two hours following the arrival in the harbor of the Race Committee member.

16.4. The times and locations of the protest hearings, along with the names of the boats involved will be posted.

**17. SCORING**

The boat with shortest corrected sailed time is the winner

**18. SAFETY**

18.1. Any boat that has checked in, and then withdraws before finishing the race, shall notify the Race Committee on the water, or, if that is not possible, the Waterford Yacht Club race committee chair (Doug Catenaci) at 713-517-4184 or (Dennis Stetzel) 281-216-4086 or **VHF Channel 68**.

18.2. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participating in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing Authority will not accept liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in connection with or prior to or after the regatta.

18.3 When the Y flag is displayed on the race committee boat all competitors shall wear personal flotation devices. See RRS part 4 rule 40.

18.4 Any boat which interferes with commercial ship traffic in the Houston or Freeport Ship Channel during the race will be disqualified.

**19. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

19.1 A yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor receive special radio communications not available to all yachts. This does not apply to situations that threaten safety of life and/or property.

19.2 The Race Committee will monitor **VHF channel 68** for the Pursuit Line and in the case of abandonment of the race.

19.3 It is highly advised to use the (free) app RaceQs for race tracking.

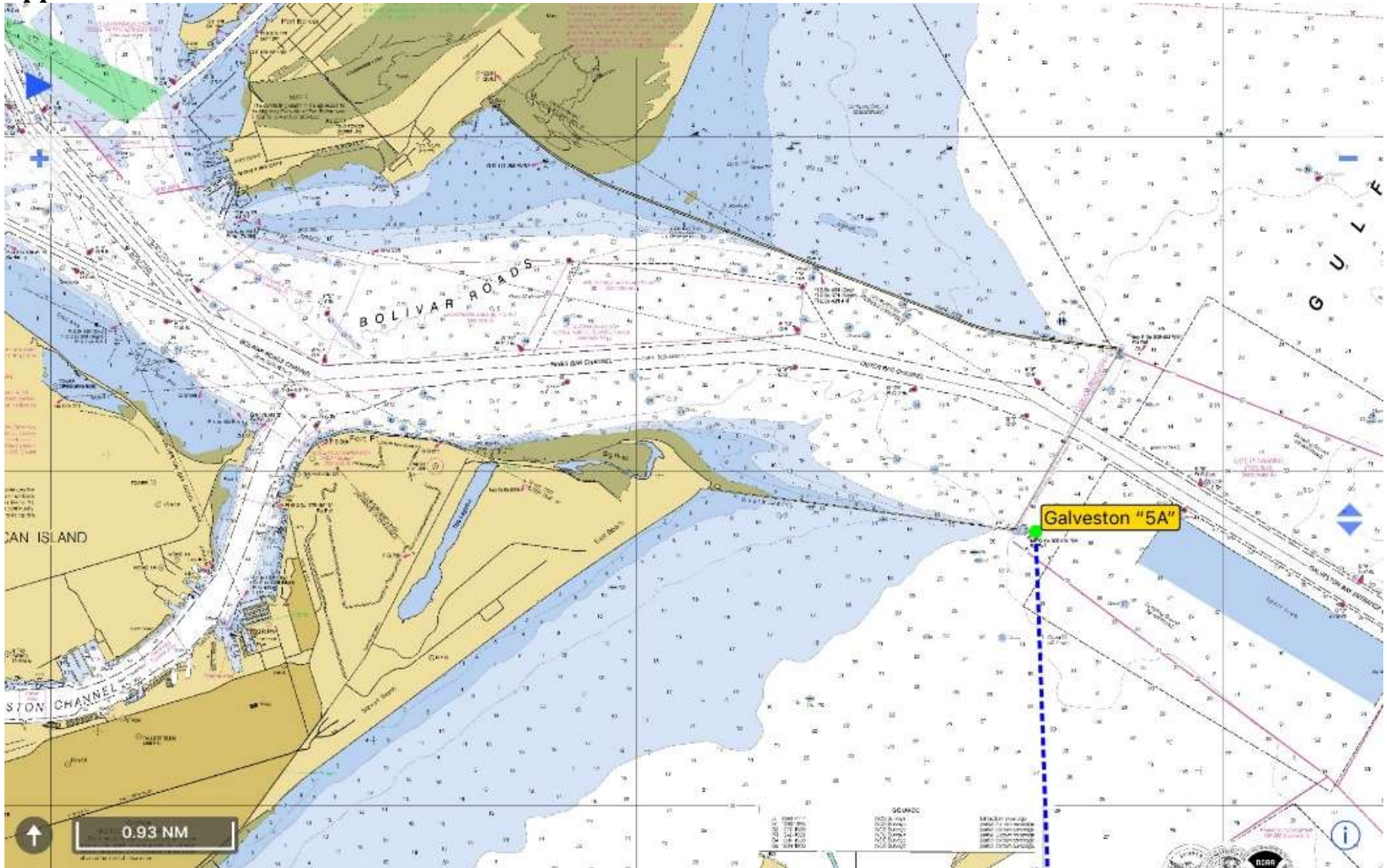
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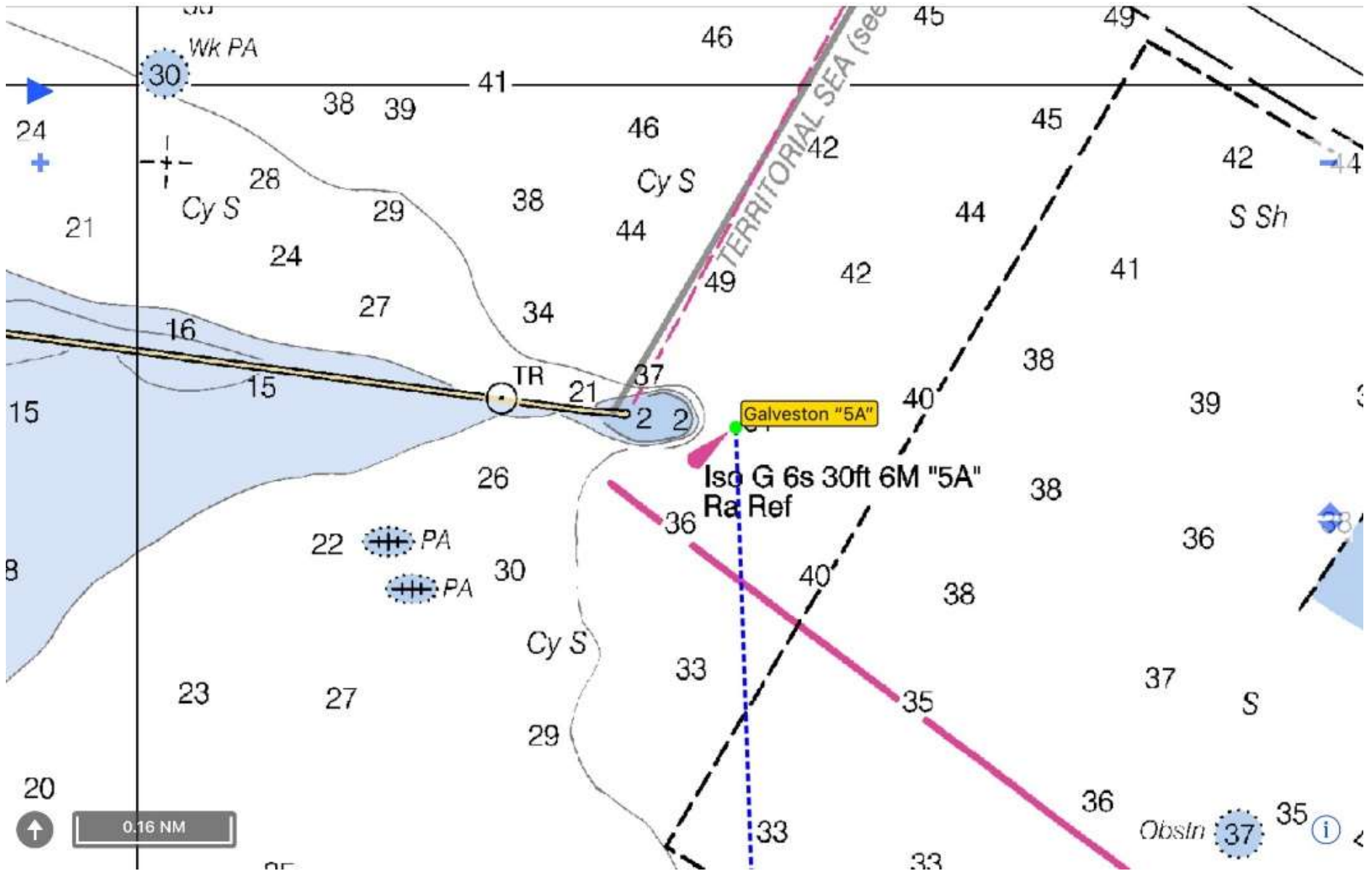
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**Start**

**Galveston "5A" - End of South Jetty**

**Approximate Location:            29° 19.638' N    094° 41.274' W**





Keep mark to starboard – record start time when “5A” is bearing 270 degrees (West).

**Course to first mark (approximate)**

**178° True 176° Magnetic**

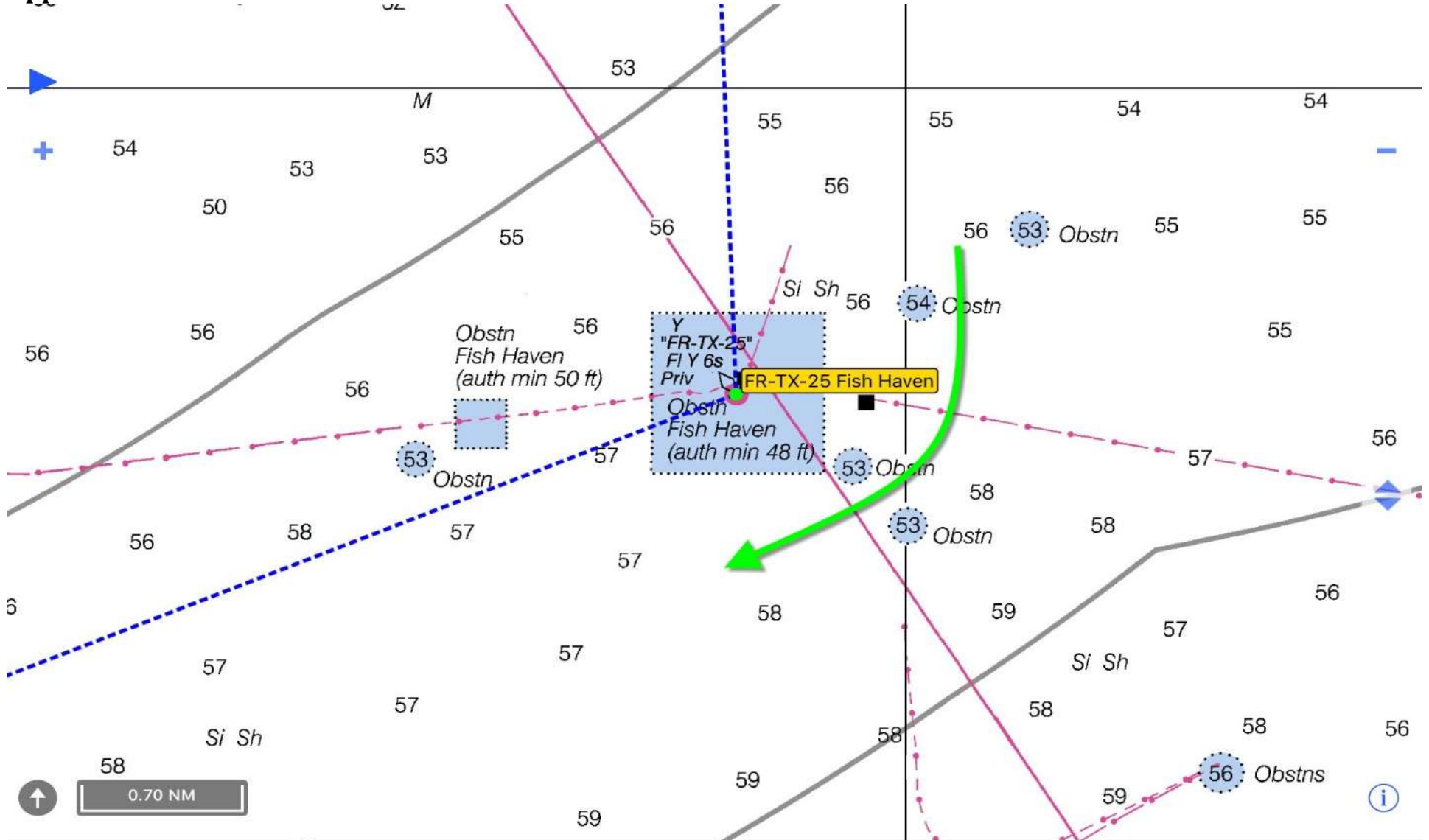
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**First Mark**

**Fish Haven FR-TX-25** (also known as the "12 mile rig" – platforms removed, now sea floor artificial reef)

Fl Y 6s (yellow barrel buoy) Private

**Approximate Location:**  $29^{\circ}08.574' N$   $094^{\circ}40.834' W$



**Course to finish (approximate)**

**248° True 246° Magnetic**

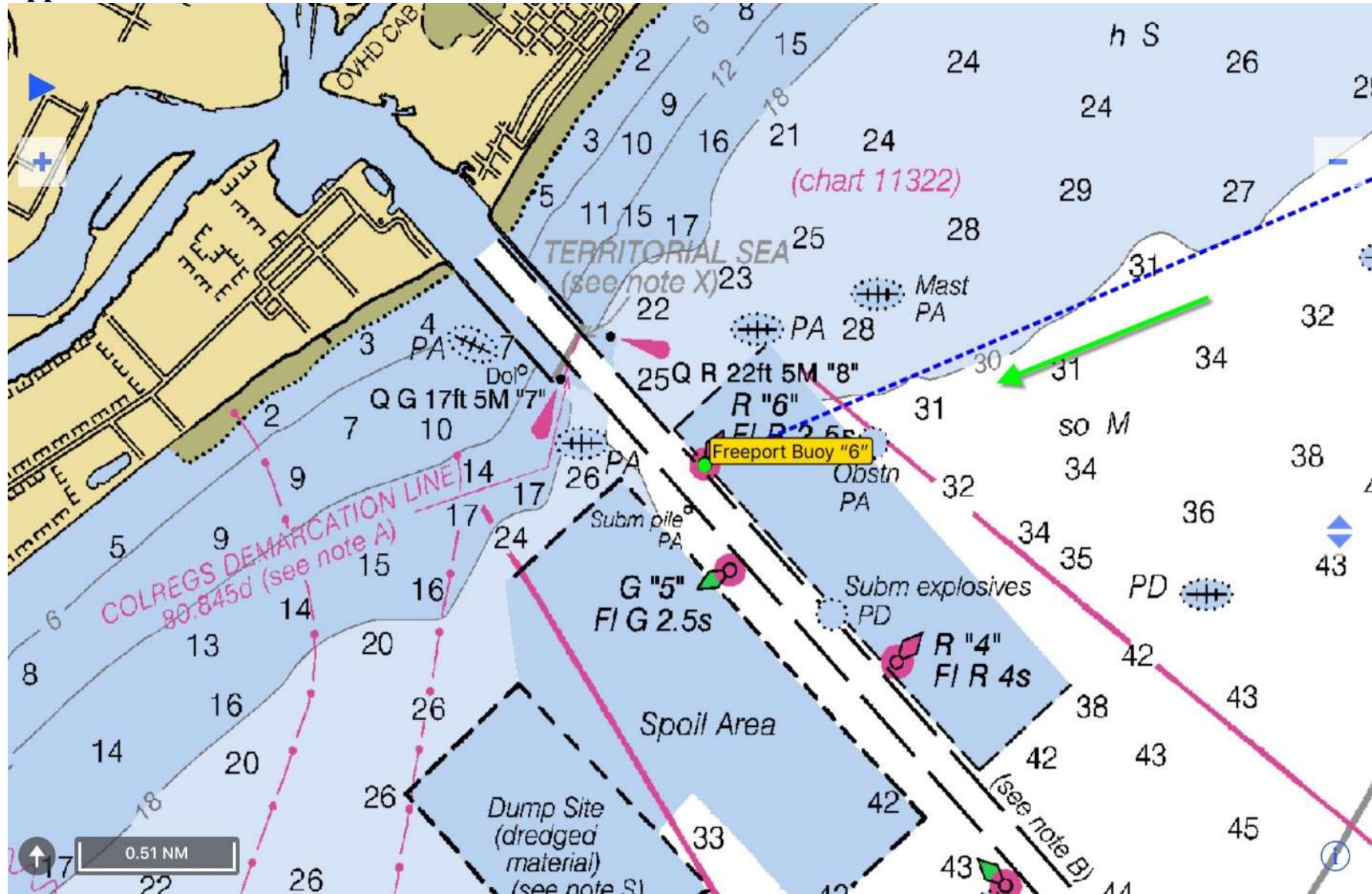
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**Finish**

**Freeport "6" Red buoy**

Fl R 2.5s (red barrel buoy)

**Approximate Location:** 28° 55.430' N 095° 16.930' W

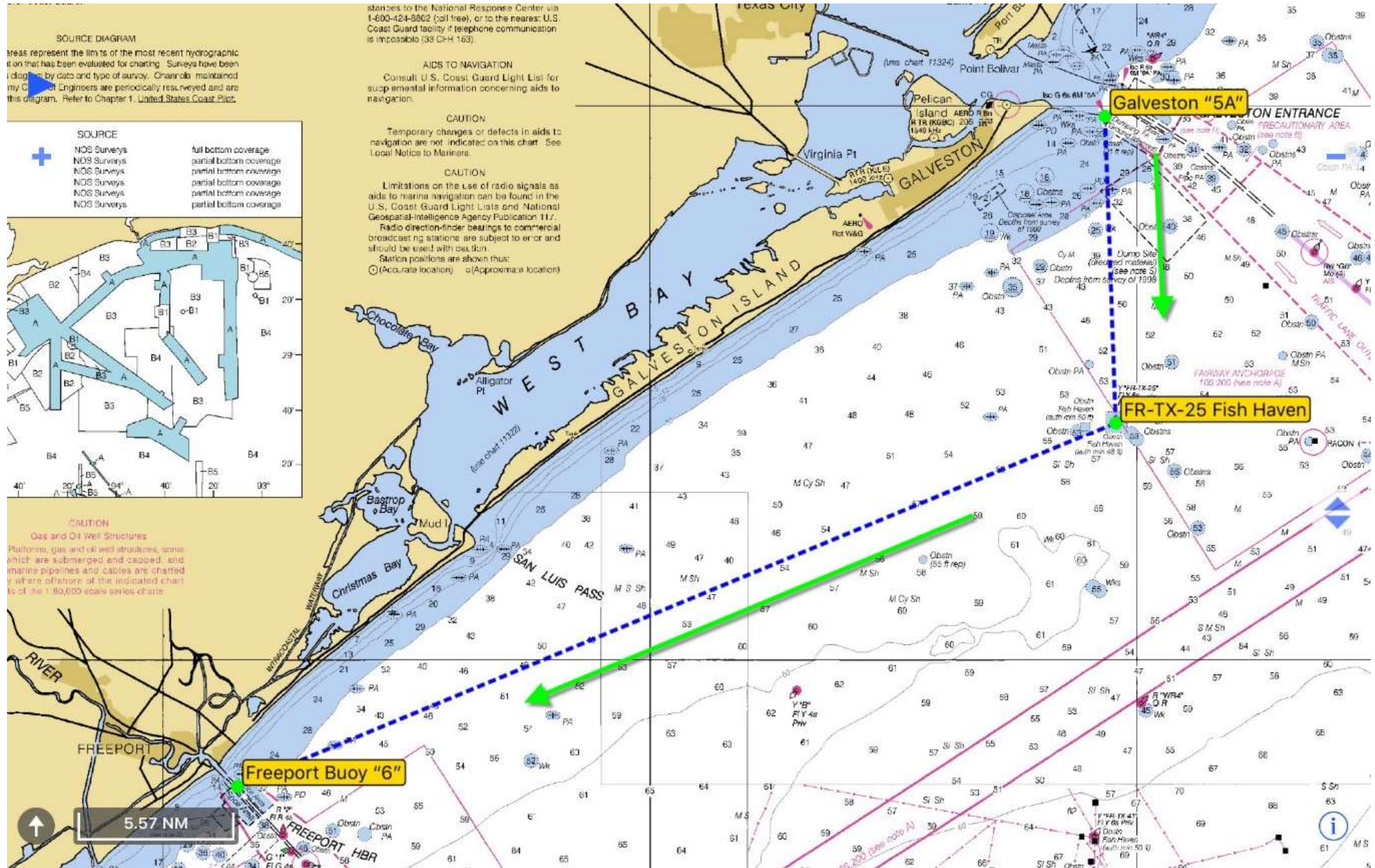


**Record finish time when Freeport buoy "6" is starboard bearing 0 (due north) – stay clear of ship channel traffic.**



# Regatta Overview

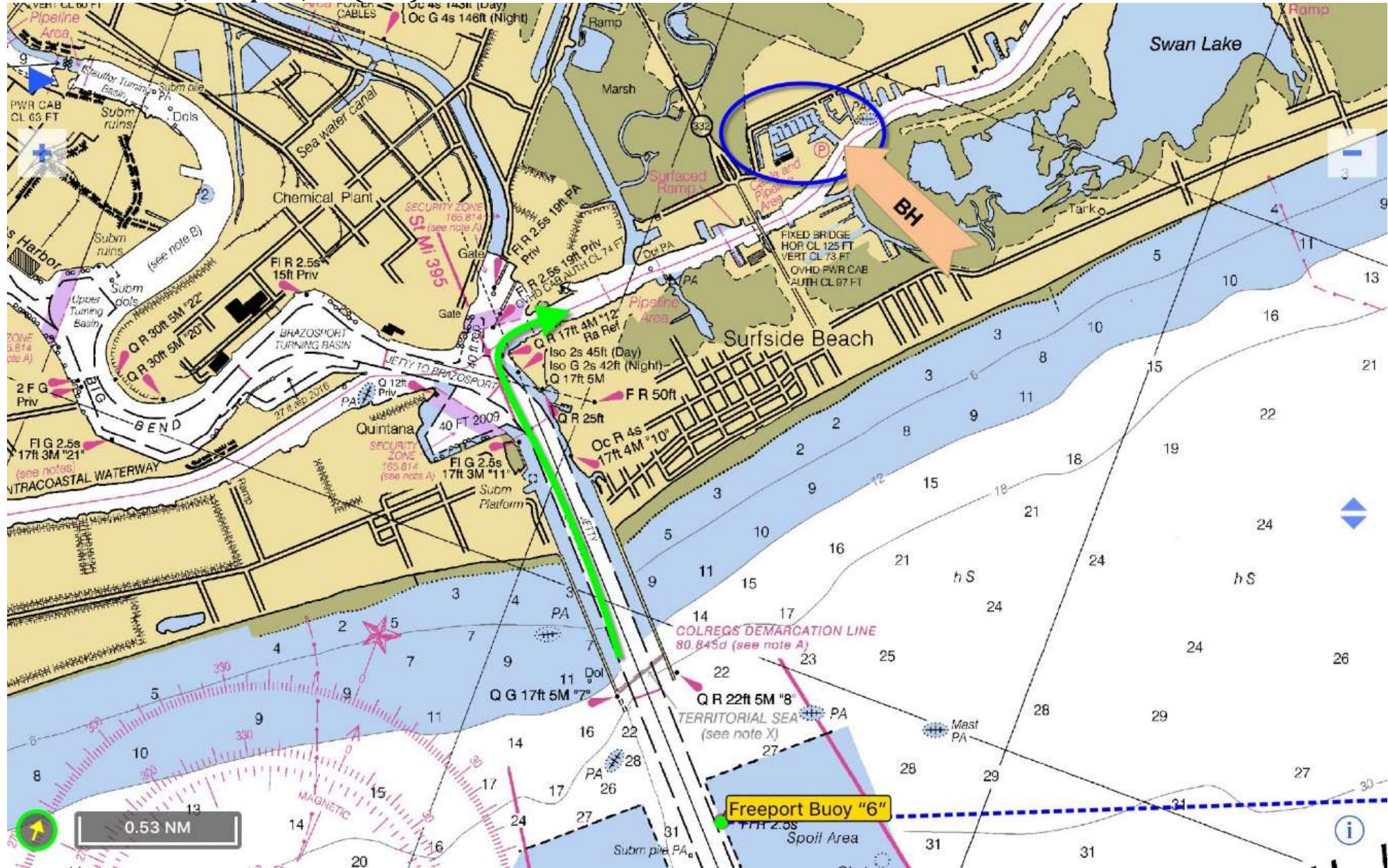
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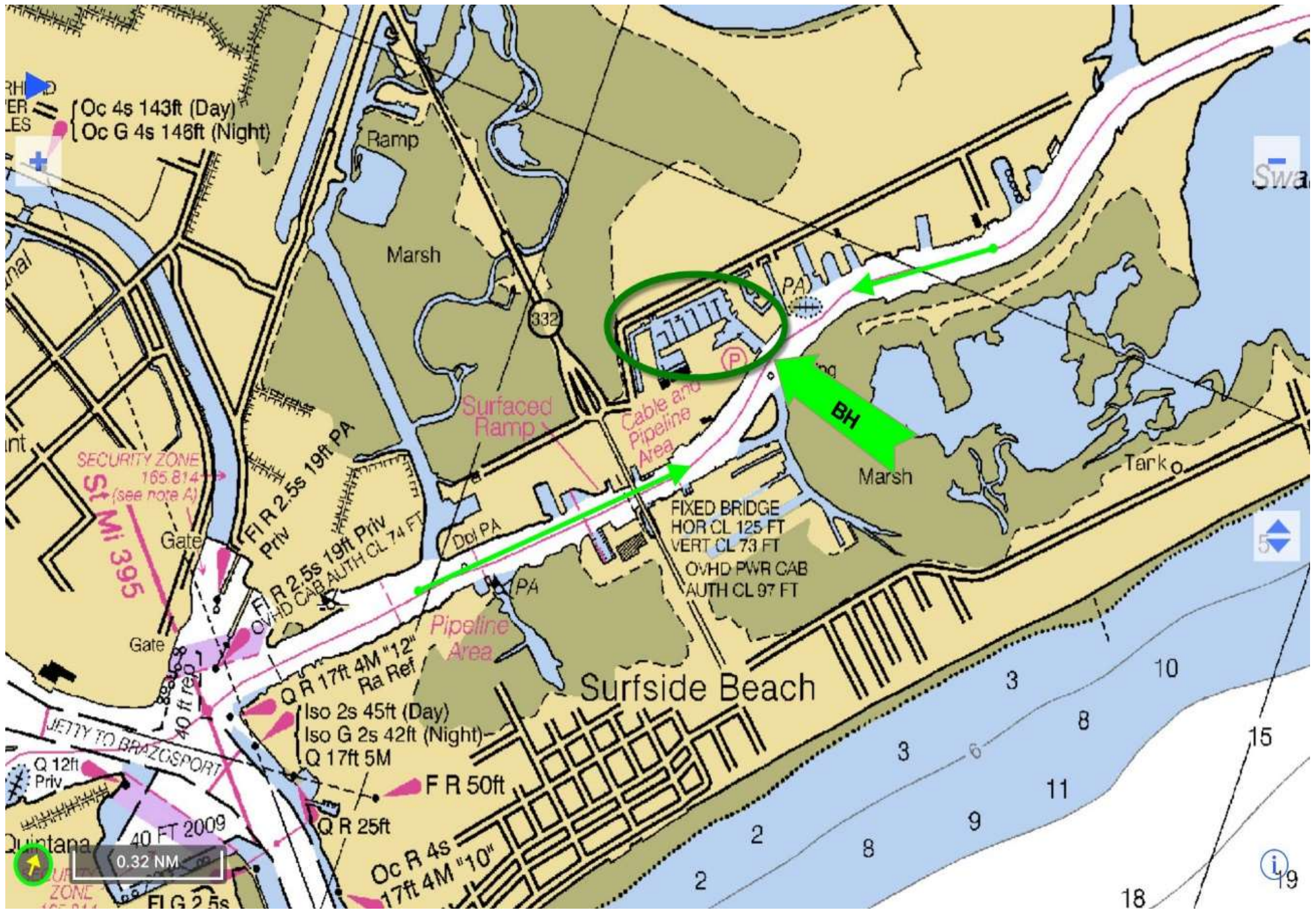


## Additional information

Freeport - Bridge Harbor marina VHF Channel 16 / 68

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