



Uniquely Nautical™



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TRIVIA ABOUT NAUTICAL CHARTS

- In the U.S., nautical charts for U.S. coastal waters, including the Great Lakes and U.S. territories are produced by NOAA's Office of Coast Surveys.
- It can take several years to collect the data that is included on a specific chart.
- Enlisted seamen in the U.S. Navy who use the ship's charts and perform the navigation are called Quartermasters.
- The shortest distance between two points in a globe is not a straight line. Vessels at sea (and aircraft, too) follow a "Great Circle" route, which takes into consideration the curvature of the Earth.
- A "large scale" chart shows a SMALL area. A "small scale" chart shows a LARGE area.
- On a nautical chart, if you see an indication of the quality of the bottom, marked as "fly", the bottom characteristic is "Flinty."
- "Isobath" is another name for the contour depth lines on a nautical chart that connect points of equal depth.
- A compass in the Northern Hemisphere points in a northerly direction; not to the North Pole but to the North Magnetic Pole. In the Southern Hemisphere, the compass also points to the Magnetic North Pole.
- Nome, Alaska got its strange name from a misreading. On a nautical chart, a British officer had written "? Name" where Nome is nowadays. A cartographer misread it as "C. Nome", or Cape Nome. When the town was founded, it took its name from the cape.
- Lowrance was the first company to offer a GPS unit with uploadable digital nautical charts.
- The U.S. Coast Guard publishes navigational information updates for U.S. nautical charts in its weekly "Notice to Mariners": [LNM List Server Registration - U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center](#)

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