What is a NOAA RespondersChart?

The **NOAA RespondersChart™** is a tool for oil spill response, hurricane recovery, search and rescue, homeland security, and other incidents where the nautical chart is a natural tool for planning, coordinating, or sharing information. Responders can download these charts, digitally annotate them with incident-specific information, and then print copies, or distribute electronic copies via e-mail or by posting for use on the Internet.

NOAA RespondersCharts are provided for free, in Adobe PDF format at www.NauticalCharts.gov/RespondersChart. Commenting and annotating usage rights have been enabled. **Adobe Reader 7.0 or later is required** to use the commenting and annotating functionality. Adobe Reader is free at www.Adobe.com.

RespondersCharts have been reduced in size to 11” by 17” so as to be printable on a wide variety of printers. Because of the severe reduction in scale, detailed information is difficult to read. Use full scale NOAA nautical charts for navigation.

Tips for Commenting and Annotating

Pictures and text can be **Cut** and **Pasted** directly from an authoring package such as Microsoft Word. Try it to see how it behaves.

Use the menu items **Tools** -> **Drawing Markup** -> **TextBox** or **CallOut** to insert boxes for text. Then type or cut and paste text into the boxes.

Highlight a TextBox or CallOut, right click on your mouse, and select **Properties** to change the fill color and border of the item.

Use the menu items **Tools** -> **Commenting** -> **Stamps** to replace the “Revised” stamp with one containing the current date.

Use the menu items **Tools** -> **Drawing Markup** -> **Line**, **Polygon Line**, **Polygon Tool**, etc. to draw on the chart. Add explanations of your additions with the **Tools** -> **Drawing Markup** -> **CallOut**s.

Use the menu items **Help** -> **Complete Help** to learn all about the commenting and annotating tools available in Adobe Reader.

Tips for Printing

Use the menu item **File** -> **Print** -> **Name** to select your printer. Then select **Properties** to perform the detailed setup.

Set the **paper size** to 11”x17”, and the **orientation** to “portrait.”

To print the charts with your markups, choose **Document With Stamps** or **Document With Markups** from the **Comments and Forms** pop-up menu in the **Print** dialog box.

Set the other options for your printer, such as setting “Page Scaling” to “None,” indicating which tray has 11”x17” paper, and the number of copies.

If your printer can print 2-sided, find the checkbox for that feature, and check it. If not, select “print odd pages” then reinsert the paper and select “print even pages” to get 2-sided printing.

If you do use 2-sided printing, the additional settings **Booklet Layout, Left Edge Binding, 2 pages/sheet** gives the most convenient combination of front and back side orientations.

Save a copy to your computer.
Then use Adobe Reader 7.0 'Tools' to

Place your incident-specific information here.

Points of Contact

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RespondersChart

York River – Yorktown to West Point

(NOAA Chart 12243)

A miniaturized NOAA nautical chart for incident response planning and mangement. Use the full size NOAA chart for navigation.

- ☑ *Annotate Using Tools in Adobe Reader 7.0*
- ☑ *PDF Format Prints on most printers*
- ☑ *Convenient 11”x17” Size*
- ☑ *Post on the Internet*
- ☑ *Compiled by NOAA, the Nation’s Chartmaker.*

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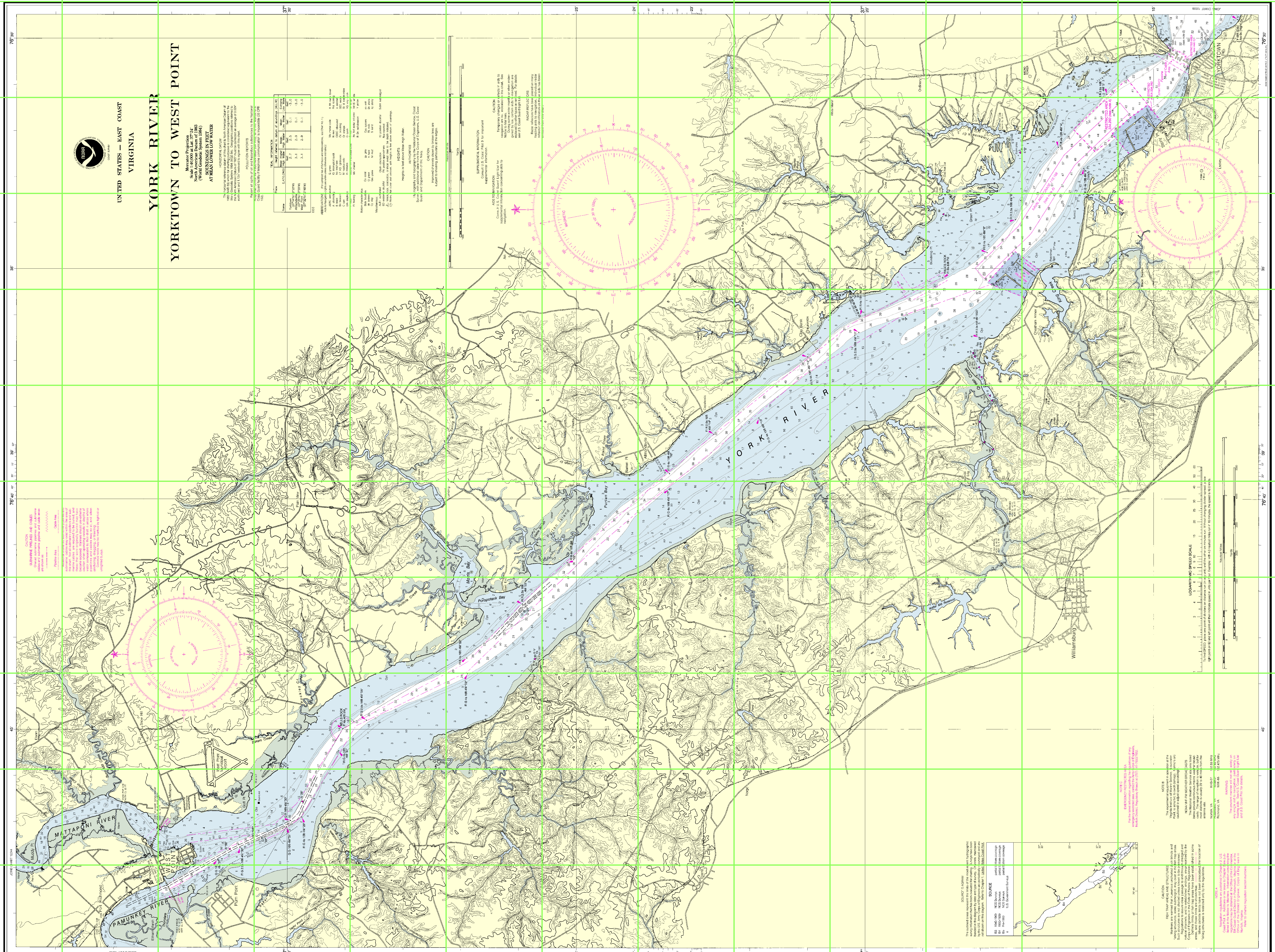
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