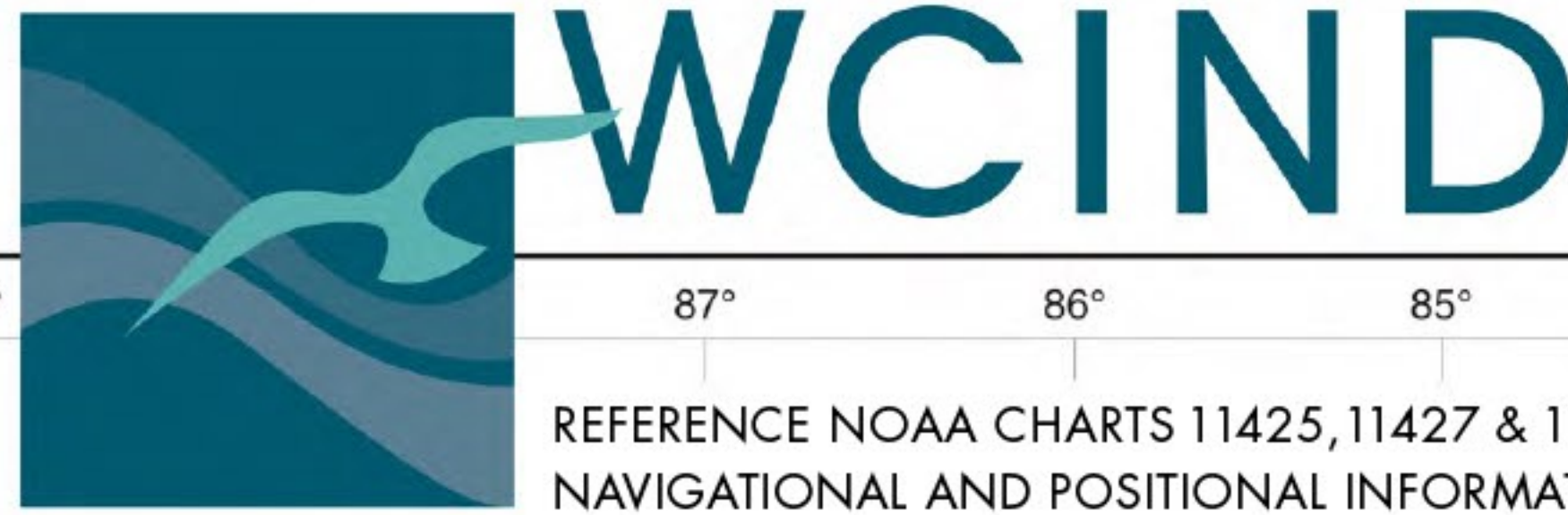


WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT



TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE THE COMMERCIAL, RECREATIONAL, AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES OF DISTRICT WATERWAYS. Originally developed to facilitate commercial shipping to and along the Southwest Florida coast, today the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway's function is a blend of recreational and commercial use. Predominantly used today for cruising, sailing, fishing, and eco-exploring activities.

APPS FOR BOATERS

MyMonterle Mobile
 Vail Sarasota
 Natura Viewing

Lee Waterways
 U.S. Coast Guard
 Calusa

Fall like a Southwest Florida local with these interactive app! Get access to waterway and nature trail navigation guides with the Lee County Waterway app and the Calusa Blueway kayak trail guide. The app listed will bring you to some of the best places or places in SWFL to see flora and fauna on both land and water. Boating safety regulations as well as tips for better fishing and boating experiences are also featured. To report damaged channel markers, navigational hazards, damaged boat ramp amenities or other countywide issues requiring attention in Manatee County, download the MyMonterle Mobile app.

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WCIND BOATER'S GUIDE

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The West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) is a multi-county special taxing body, covering Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, and Lee counties, encompassing an estimated 1.5 million people. The district plays a pivotal role in the waterway project that promote safe navigation from the open water of the Gulf of Mexico or the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) to the systems of secondary waterways, and supports boating, fishing, and beach-oriented projects.

WCIND supports county and local governments in maintaining and enhancing:

- public navigation channels and inlets
- boating access facilities
- waterfront parks
- piers and special structures

Due to reduced federal funding, local sponsors of the U.S. inland navigation system must now carry more of the cost of maintaining those systems. Given this, WCIND currently assesses less than 20 percent of its statutorily allowable millage rate to accomplish its mission. The member counties of the district collaborate closely to benefit from the resources afforded through a regional approach.

RESOURCES

MANATEE COUNTY (www.mymanatee.org)

Natural Resources 941-742-9923
 Parks & Recreation 941-742-9923
 Sheriff's Office 941-742-9011

SARASOTA COUNTY (www.sarasota.gov)

Natural Resources 941-861-5000
 Parks & Recreation 941-861-5000
 Sheriff's Office 941-861-2010

CHARLOTTE COUNTY (www.charlottecountyfl.com)

Natural Resources 941-641-3220
 Parks & Recreation 941-742-1200
 Sheriff's Office 941-890-2101

LEE COUNTY (www.lee-county.com)

Natural Resources 238-533-8109
 Parks & Recreation 238-533-7275
 Sheriff's Office 238-427-1000

U.S. COAST GUARD SEARCH AND RESCUE (www.uscg.mil)

1st District - 16 Search and Rescue stations 911
 Ft. Myers Beach (Lee & Charlotte Counties) 238-533-5724
 Cape Coral (Lee & Charlotte Counties) 941-724-1261
 Ft. Myers (Charlotte & Lee Counties) 941-724-1261

U.S. COAST GUARD BOATING SAFETY (www.uscgboating.org)

Boating Foundation 800-997-8024 (6258)

FLORIDA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION (www.myfwc.com)

Saltwater fishing and/or shellfish harvesting regulations: 888-324-9922
 The Fish Commission (www.fish.com) 888-324-9922
 Environmental Water Quality Boating Laws/Regulations, and encourages reporting of dead, injured or tagged manatees, sea turtles or other wildlife. 888-404-FWCC-Call: FWCC/FWMC

FLORIDA BEACH TIDE STATUS REPORT (www.flbeachreport.org)

Florida Sea Grant Extension Program 866-300-9799

Provides educational information on marine and aquatic resources in the area: 941-744-4340
 Charlotte County 238-533-5118
 Lee County 941-722-5724
 Manatee County 941-388-4441

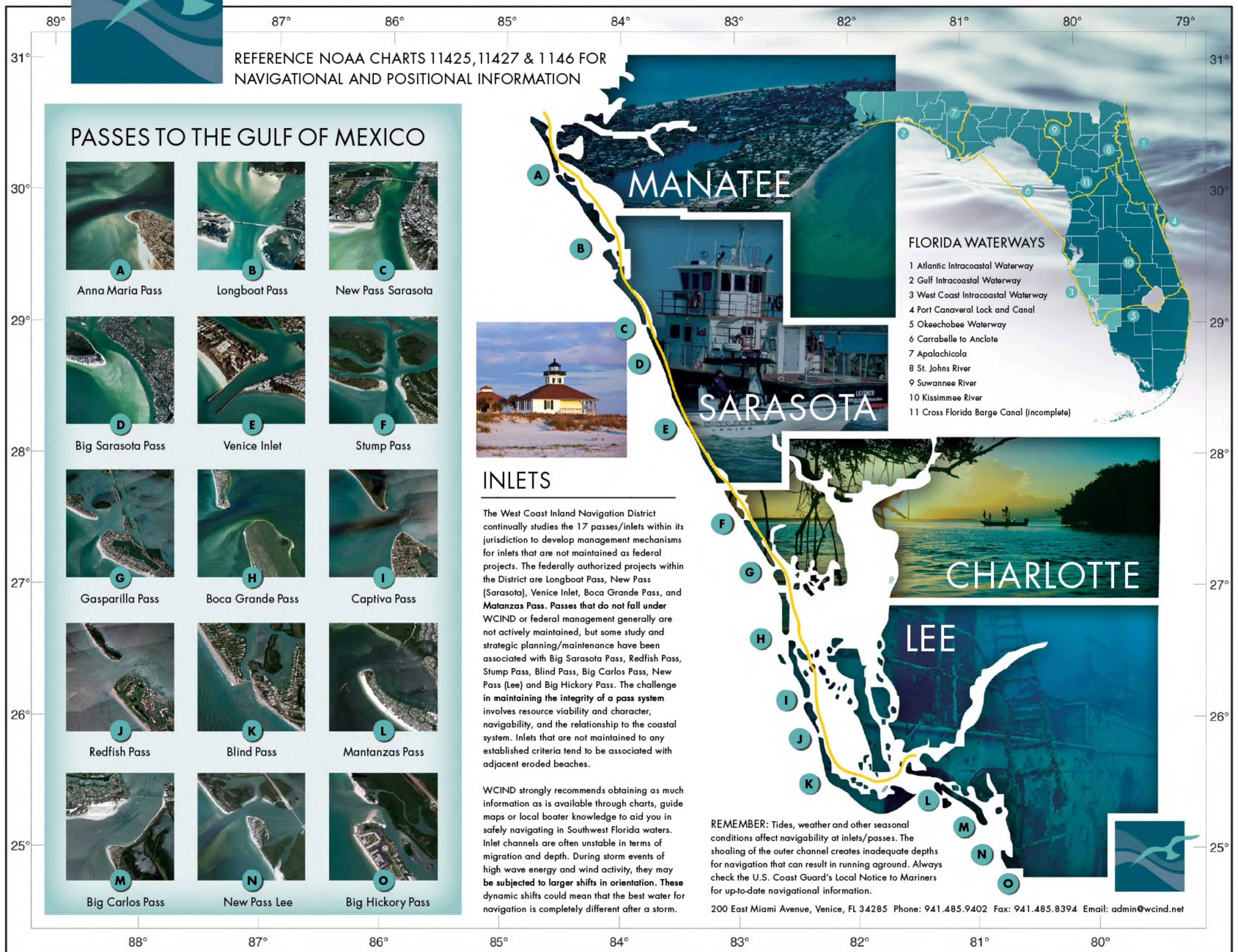
MOITE MARINE LABORATORY (www.moite.org)

A marine research and education facility 941-388-4441

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST (13-44-5256)

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TIDE AND CURRENT DATA (http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov)



REFERENCE NOAA CHARTS 11425, 11427 & 1146 FOR NAVIGATIONAL AND POSITIONAL INFORMATION

PASSES TO THE GULF OF MEXICO

A Anna Maria Pass	B Longboat Pass	C New Pass Sarasota
D Big Sarasota Pass	E Venice Inlet	F Stump Pass
G Gasparilla Pass	H Boca Grande Pass	I Captiva Pass
J Redfish Pass	K Blind Pass	L Mantanzas Pass
M Big Carlos Pass	N New Pass Lee	O Big Hickory Pass

MANATEE

SARASOTA

- ### FLORIDA WATERWAYS
- 1 Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway
 - 2 Gulf Intracoastal Waterway
 - 3 West Coast Intracoastal Waterway
 - 4 Port Canaveral Lock and Canal
 - 5 Okaloachee Waterway
 - 6 Carrabelle to Anclote
 - 7 Apalachicola
 - 8 St. Johns River
 - 9 Suwannee River
 - 10 Kissimmee River
 - 11 Cross Florida Barge Canal (incomplete)

INLETS

The West Coast Inland Navigation District continually studies the 17 passes/inlets within its jurisdiction to develop management mechanisms for inlets that are not maintained as federal projects. The federally authorized projects within the District are Longboat Pass, New Pass (Sarasota), Venice Inlet, Boca Grande Pass, and Matanzas Pass. Passes that do not fall under WCIND or federal management generally are not actively maintained, but some study and strategic planning/maintenance have been associated with Big Sarasota Pass, Redfish Pass, Stump Pass, Blind Pass, Big Carlos Pass, New Pass (Lee) and Big Hickory Pass. The challenge in maintaining the integrity of a pass system involves resource viability and character, navigability, and the relationship to the coastal system. Inlets that are not maintained to any established criteria tend to be associated with adjacent eroded beaches.

WCIND strongly recommends obtaining as much information as is available through charts, guide maps or local boater knowledge to aid you in safely navigating in Southwest Florida waters. Inlet channels are often unstable in terms of migration and depth. During storm events of high wave energy and wind activity, they may be subjected to larger shifts in orientation. These dynamic shifts could mean that the best water for navigation is completely different after a storm.

REMEMBER: Tides, weather and other seasonal conditions affect navigability at inlets/passes. The shoaling of the outer channel creates inadequate depths for navigation that can result in running aground. Always check the U.S. Coast Guard's Local Notice to Mariners for up-to-date navigational information.

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