

5 Things to Know about the End of Traditional NOAA Paper Nautical Chart Production

- 1. A five-year process to end all traditional paper nautical chart production** will shut down all other raster chart products and services associated with traditional NOAA paper nautical charts, including:
 - Print-on-demand (POD) paper nautical charts
 - NOAA raster navigational charts (NOAA RNC®)
 - NOAA RNC tile service
 - Full-size chart PDFs
 - BookletChart™ PDFs
 - Online RNC viewerThe expected cancellation date of these products and services is January 2025.
- 2. NOAA is seeking feedback from chart users** and companies that provide products and services based on NOAA raster and electronic navigational chart (NOAA ENC®) products. This information will shape the manner and timing in which the product sunseting process will proceed. Comments may be submitted with the ASSIST feedback tool at <https://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/customer-service/assist>. A Federal Register Notice soliciting comments will also be released shortly.
- 3. NOAA is undertaking a three-pronged sunseting process** to ease the transition to ENC-based products while continuing to support safe navigation:
 - Improving data consistency and providing larger scale coverage of NOAA's primary chart product, the ENC.
 - Providing access to paper chart products based on ENC data, either through the NOAA Custom Chart web app or third-party commercial data providers.
 - Shutting down all traditional paper and associated raster chart production.Efforts to improve ENCs and develop the NOAA Custom Chart web app have been ongoing for several years now. The cancelation of some paper and raster charts may start as early as mid to late 2020. NOAA does not have the resources to continue maintaining both traditional paper nautical charts and ENCs.
- 4. Paper Charts from ENC data** can now be created with the NOAA Custom Chart web app at <https://devgis.charttools.noaa.gov/pod>. Users can create charts from the latest NOAA ENC data, then download, view, and print the output to get a paper or digital backup for GPS-enabled chart displays or other electronic chart systems.
- 5. Historical editions of nautical charts** - suitable for framing - back to the mid-1800s, may be downloaded for free at <https://historicalcharts.noaa.gov>.

