

NOAA Nautical Charting Calendar

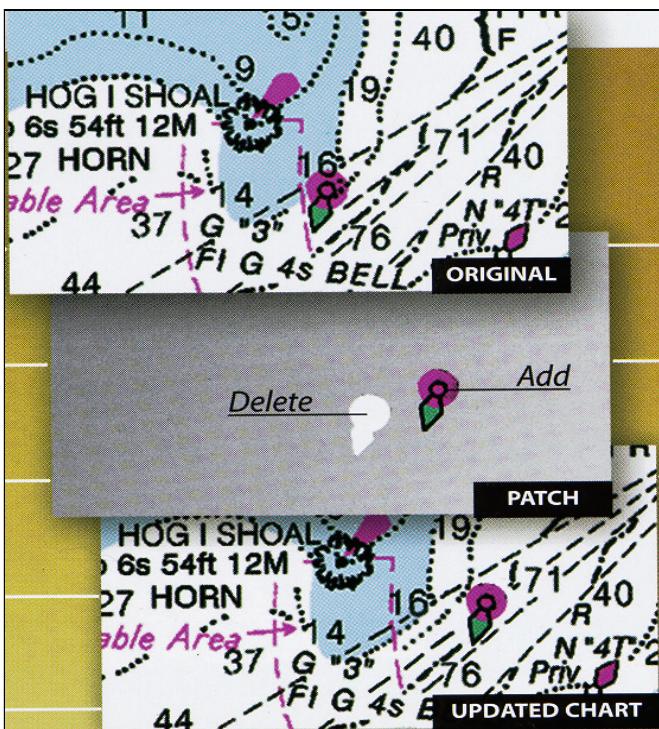


Figure 1 – A NOAA RNC™; a digital update patch which paints out old information and draws in the new; and the updated RNC.

Electronic Charts Part 1 – Official Raster Charts

Official Raster Navigational Charts (NOAA RNCs™) are high quality digital facsimiles of NOAA's paper charts. Geo-referencing and other metadata have been added. They are in the proprietary .BSB format, conform to International Hydrographic Organization standard S-61, and are issued by NOAA as an official product intended for navigational use.

NOAA's nautical cartographers correct the RNCs each week for Notices to Mariners (USCG, NGA, and Canadian Coast Guard). The RNCs and weekly digital updates are available for free download from NOAA at <http://NauticalCharts.noaa.gov>.

NOAA RNCs, when used with GPS and navigation software, show your position in real-time over a familiar chart background. ".BSB-compatible" navigation software is available that offers voyage planning and monitoring features. In some cases, radar, AIS, and mariner-added information can be overlaid on the chart.

The Coast Guard is rewriting U.S. chart carriage regulations to include electronic charts. Watch the e-mail that distributes this calendar for an announcement of the draft regulations and public comment period.

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