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Color Key for Charts

| Type of Chart | Scale | Purpose |
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| HARBOR CHARTS (outlined in red) | 1:50,000 and larger | For navigation and anchorage in harbors and small waterways. |
| COAST CHARTS (outlined in purple) | 1:50,001 to 1:150,000 | For coastwise navigation inside the offshore reefs and shoals, entering bays and harbors of considerable size, and navigating certain inland waterways. |
| GENERAL CHARTS (outlined in purple) | 1:150,001 to 1:600,000 | For use when a vessel's course is well offshore but when its position can be fixed by landmarks, lights, buoys, and characteristic soundings. |
| SAILING CHARTS (outlined in purple) | 1:600,001 and smaller | Plotting charts used for offshore sailing between distant coastal ports and for approaching the coast from the open ocean. |
| SMALL-CRAFT CHARTS (outlined in green) | 1:80,000 and larger | Specially designed with small craft information. |