# Ferry Traffic Routing Protocol

San Francisco Bay Region

Overview The San Francisco Harbor Safety Committee (HSC) established a traffic routing protocol for ferries in San Francisco Bay Region. The protocol includes ferry routes in Central Bay, San Pablo Bay, and South San Francisco Bay, and a safe maneuvering zone around the San Francisco Ferry Terminal (Ferry Building).

Compliance Compliance with these routes by ferryboats is voluntary but strongly recommended. Failure to follow the routes may result in a additional voice reporting for ferryboats.

Mariners are cautioned that ferries operating in San Francisco Bay Region may depart from the routes for navigation safety. Mariners should always keep a close lookout.

Learning More These ferry routes are charted on paper and electronic nautical charts. Waypoints and other details can be downloaded from the Marine Exchange website (www.sfmx.org).

Diagrams The following pages show diagrams of the routes. These diagrams include details that might not be plotted on nautical charts.

Recreational vessels, pay special attention to areas marked "Caution – Avoid" and "Stay Clear."
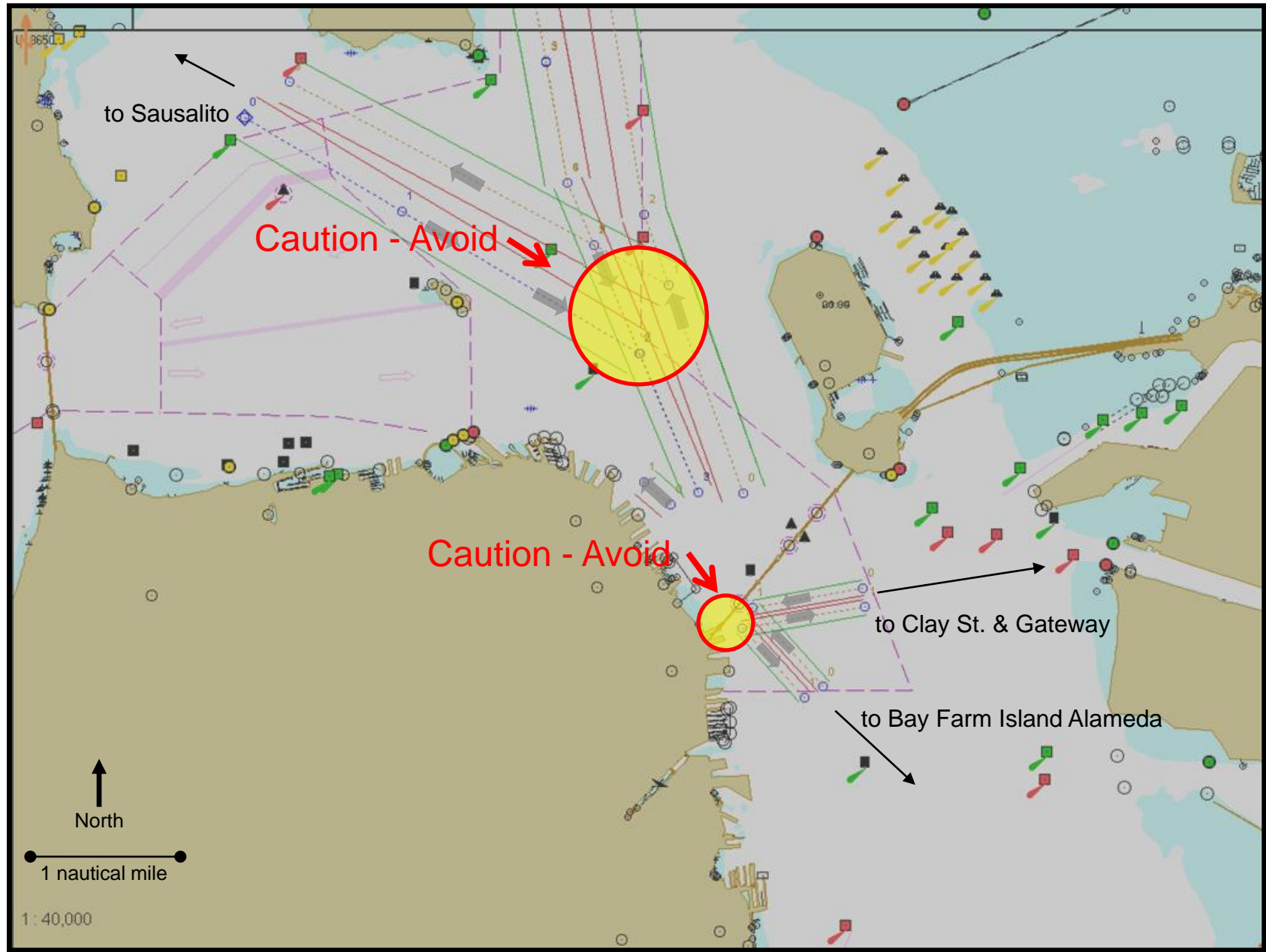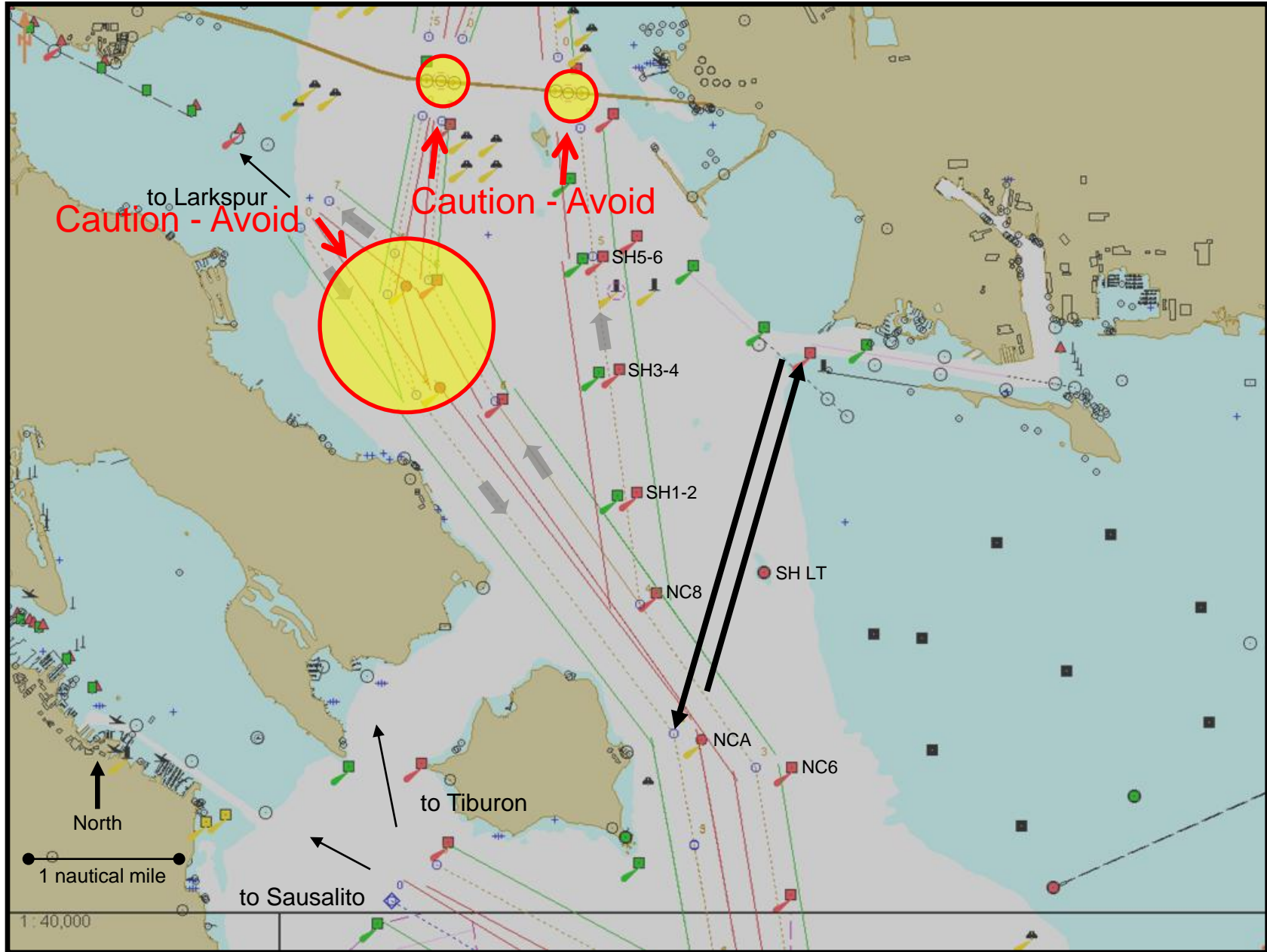
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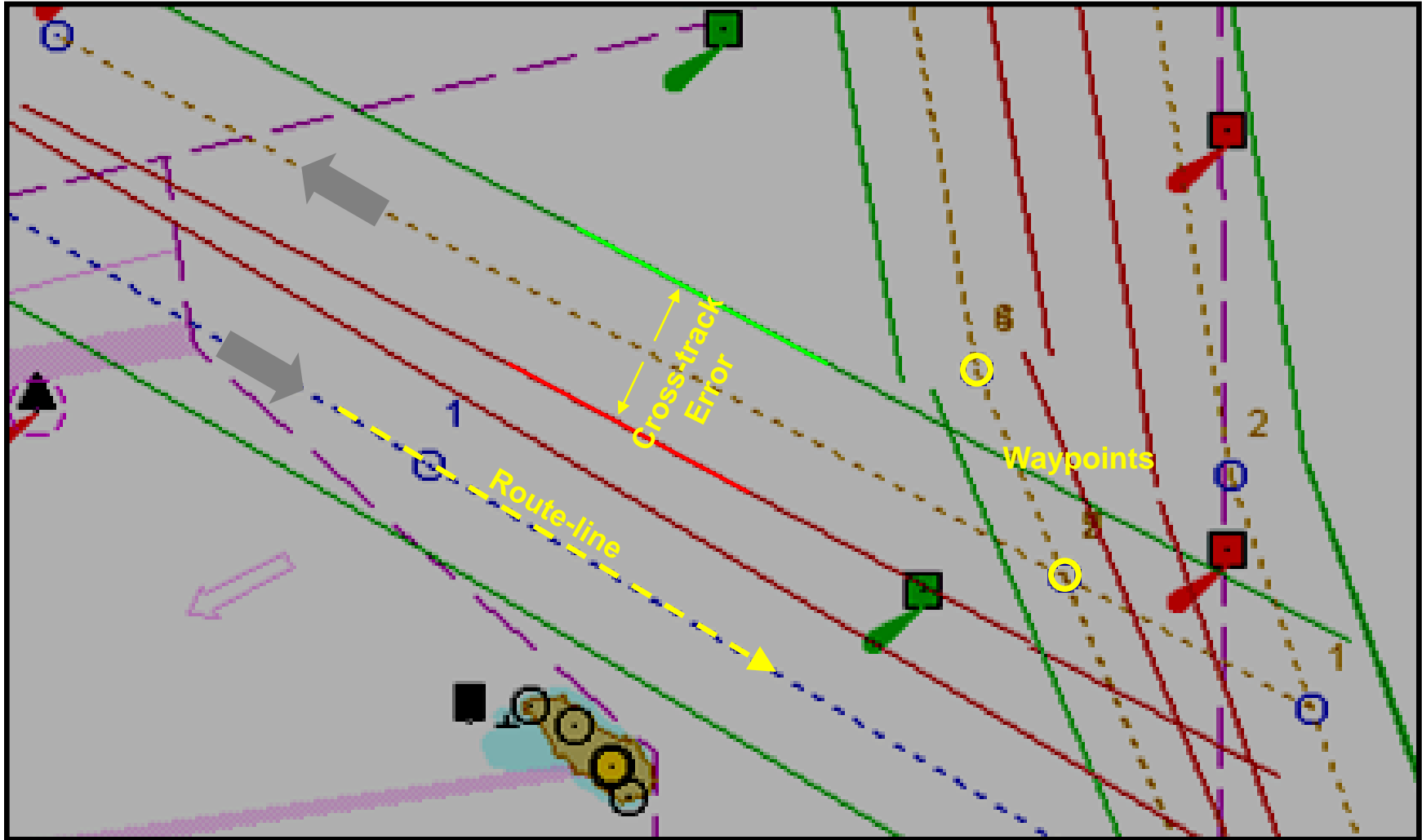
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- Route-line: Centerline of the ferry route.
- Cross-track Error: Left and right of route-line tolerance.
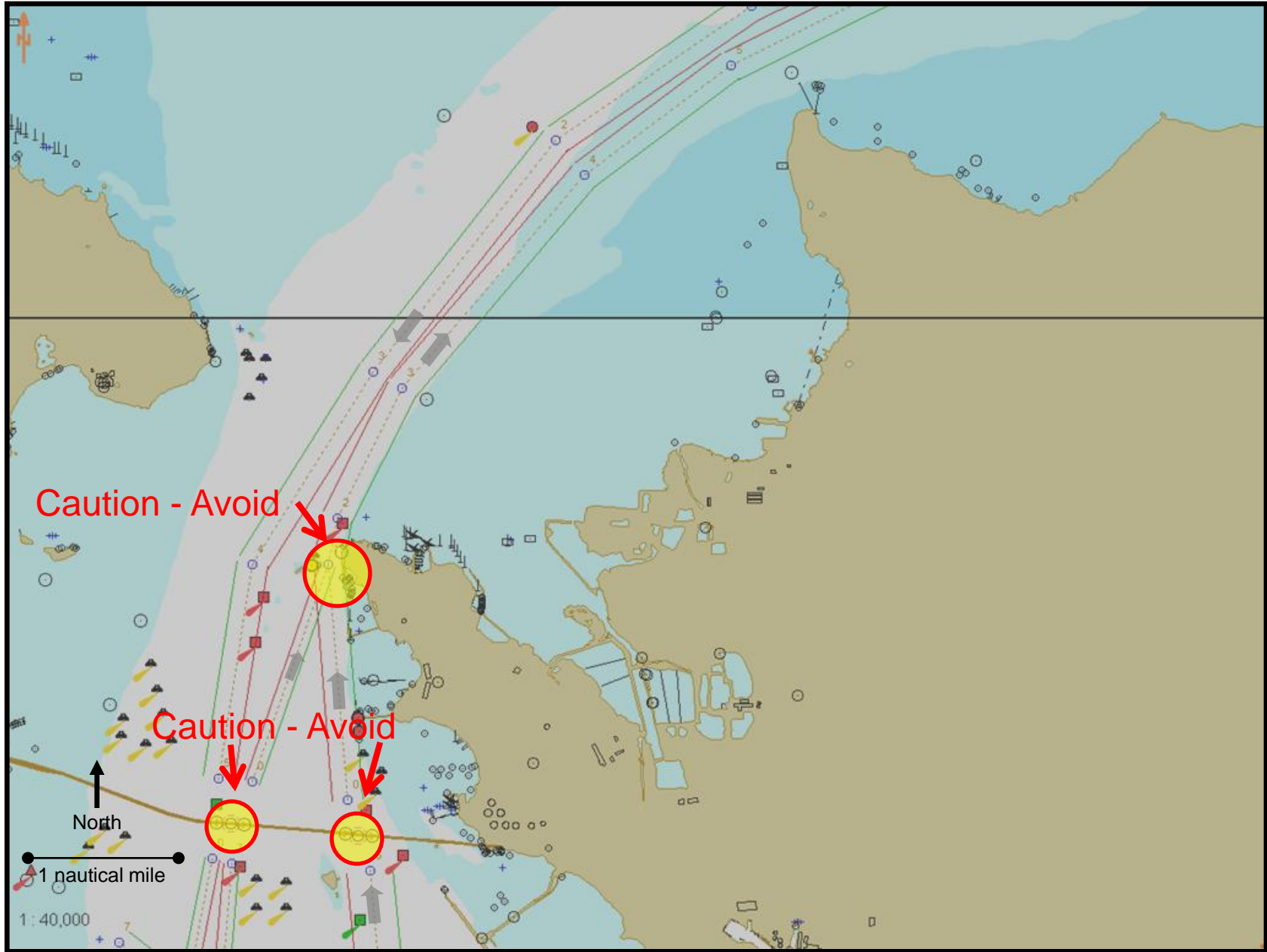- Waypoints: Turns, route crossing points, and communications points.
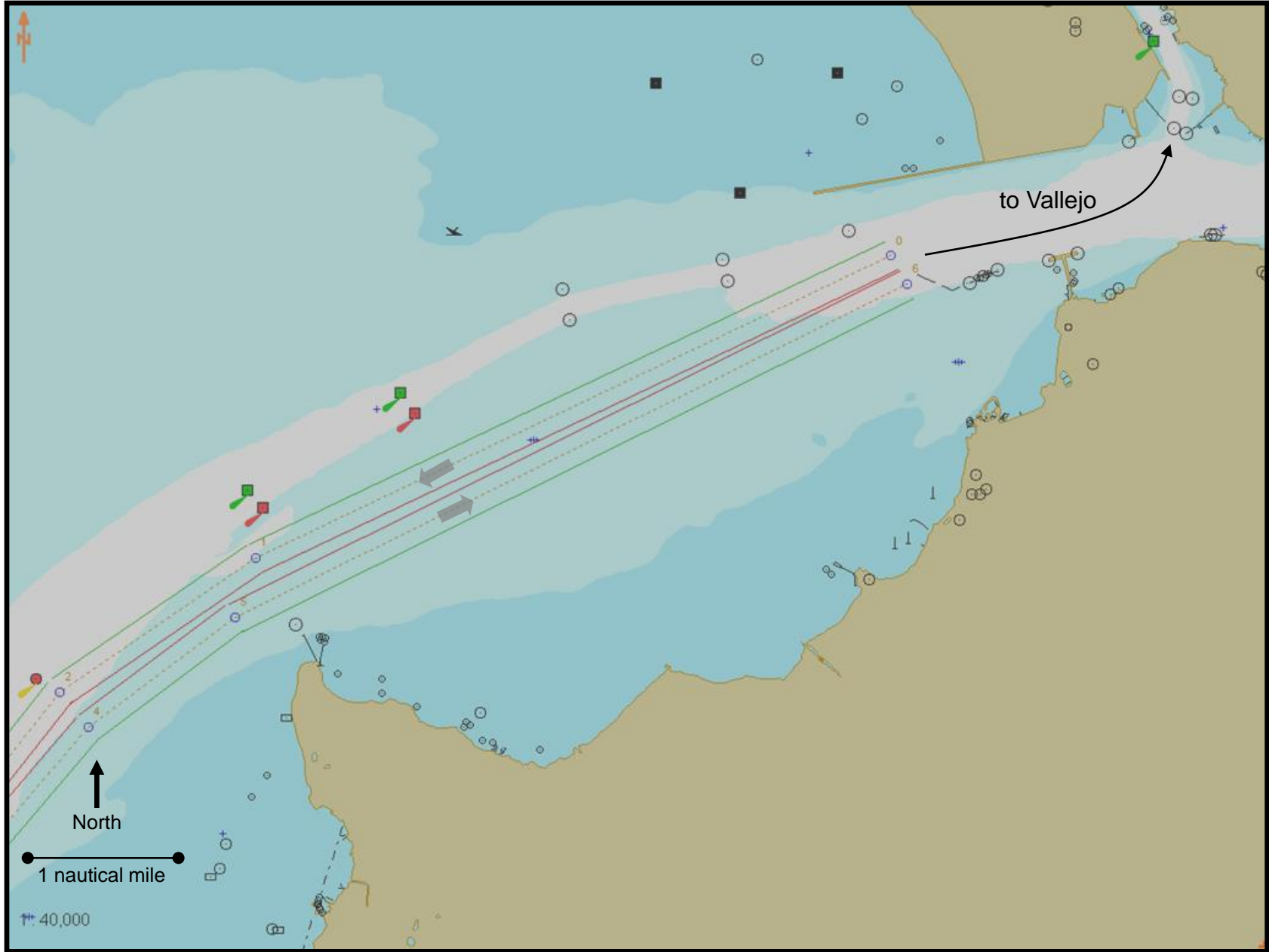
Central Bay and South San Francisco Bay

to Sausalito

Caution - Avoid

Caution - Avoid

to Clay St. & Gateway

to Bay Farm Island Alameda

North

1 nautical mile

1 : 40,000

Caution - Avoid

to Larkspur
Caution - Avoid

SH5-6

SH3-4

SH1-2

SH LT

NC8

NCA

NC6

North

1 nautical mile

to Tiburon

to Sausalito

1 : 40,000

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San Pablo Strait Channel

Caution - Avoid

Caution - Avoid

North

1 nautical mile

1 : 40,000

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San Pablo Bay and Mare Island Strait

to Vallejo

North

1 nautical mile

40,000

Ferry Building Approach/Departure Zone

Stay Clear

Ferry Building

Caution - Avoid

to Clay St. & Gateway

to Bay Farm Island Alameda

North

1 nautical mile

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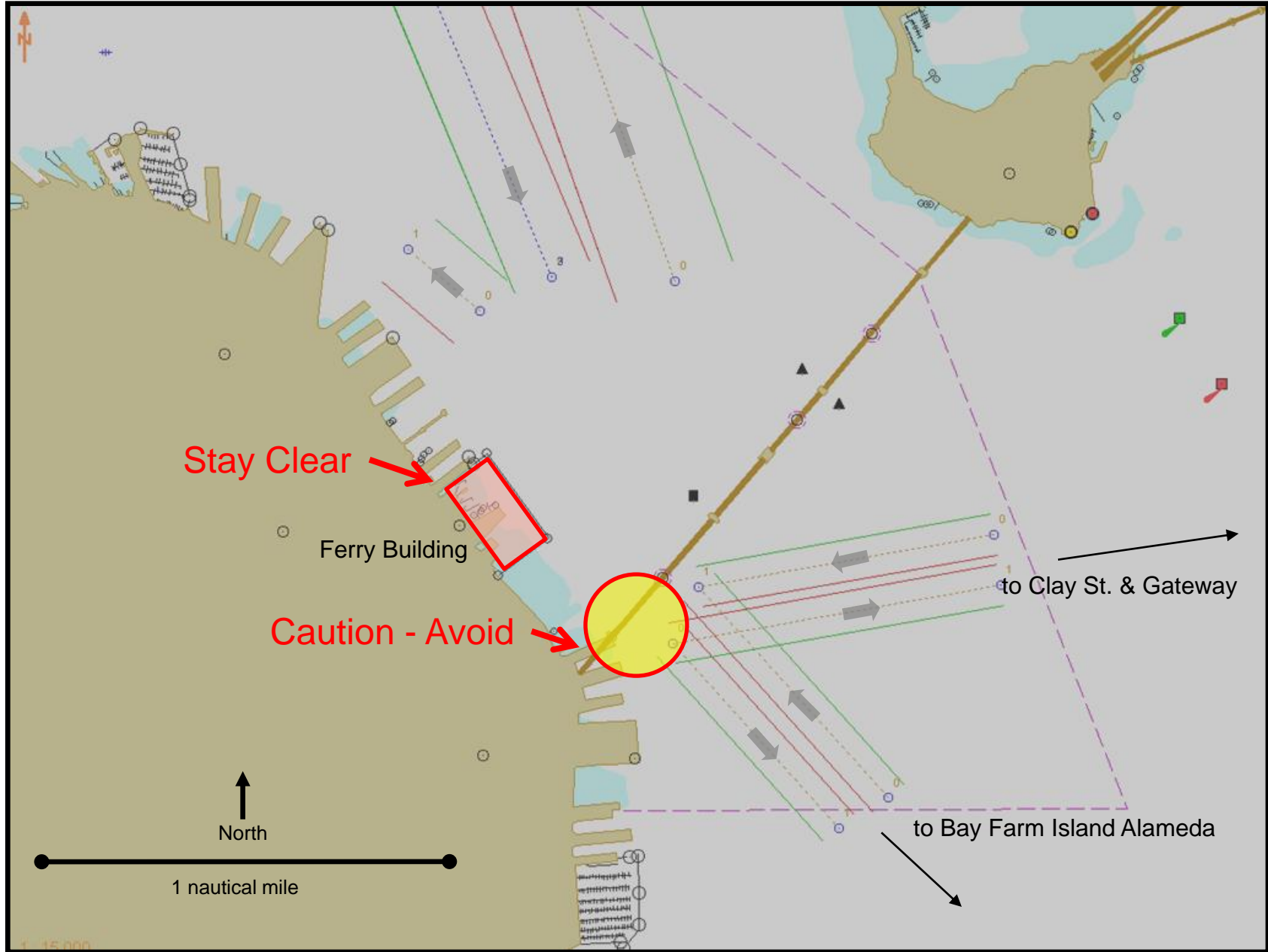
Ferry Building Maneuvering Area

Stay Clear

100 meters

284 meters (0.15nm)

North

0.25 nautical mile

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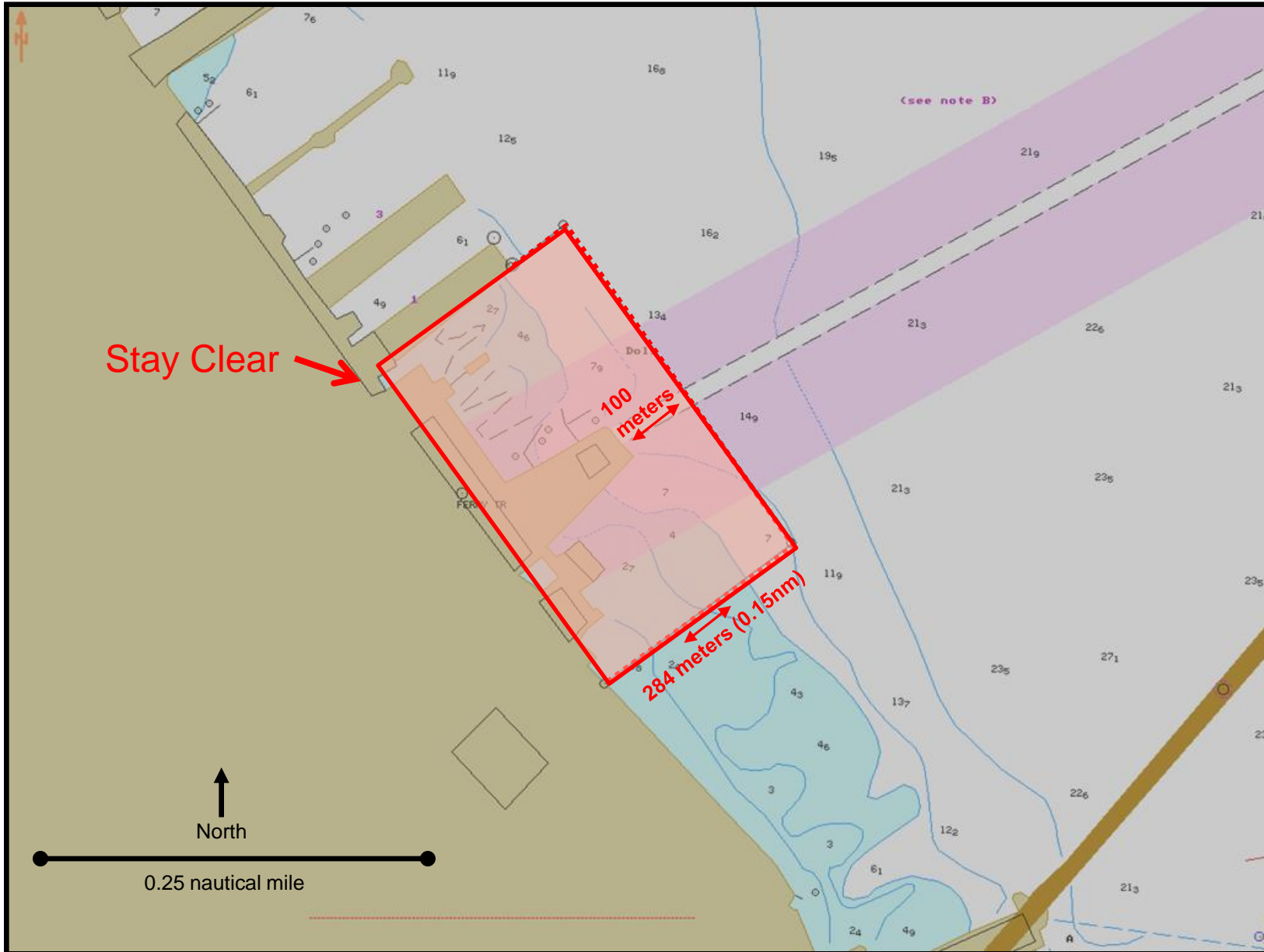
Source and Contact Information

Diagrams are screen print files from vector-based electronic nautical charts (ENCs).

Additional lines and labels were added to the screen print files for emphasis and clarity.

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