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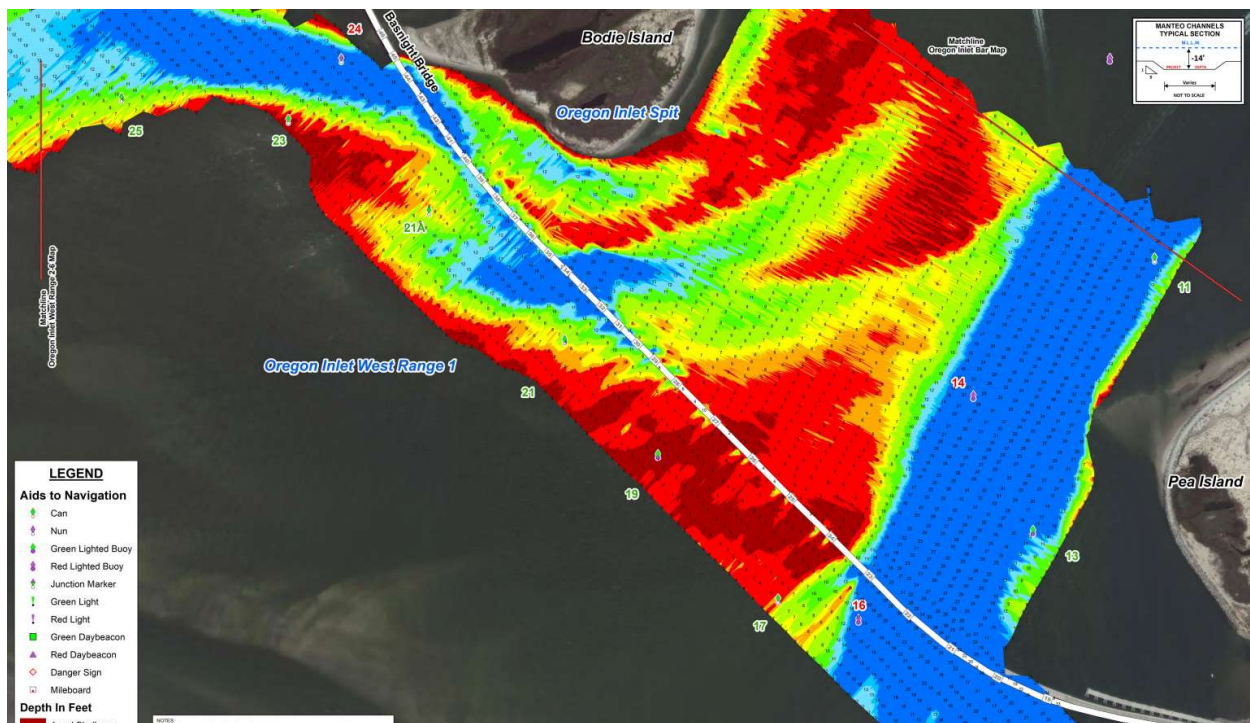
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MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN 008-22

**Oregon Inlet, North Carolina**  
**Severe Shoaling and Re-Positioning of Aids To Navigation**

May 20, 2022

Significant shoaling exists between Oregon Inlet Buoy 17 (LLNR 28055) and Oregon Inlet Channel Buoy 21 (LLNR 28070), reducing channel depths to two to three feet at mean low water as indicated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's hydrographic survey performed on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The shallow depths of the current channel will not permit use of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer Shallow Draft Fleet dredges to clear the channel. Under the current condition, these aids to navigation can no longer be configured or maintained to safely mark a passable channel. As such, Oregon Inlet Buoy 17 (LLNR 28055) will be temporarily disestablished and Oregon Inlet Channel Buoy 21A (LLNR 28073) will be discontinued. Oregon Inlet Lighted Buoy 19 (LLNR 28065) and Oregon Inlet Channel Buoy 21 (LLNR 28070) will be re-positioned to the northeast to mark good water.

The Coast Guard is not closing or otherwise restricting the waterway. Boaters choosing to transit through this channel do so at their own risk and should use extreme caution. The Coast Guard and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are currently coordinating and actively investigating other potential areas where a marked channel can be established to provide access to and from Oregon Inlet.



If you have questions, please email the Sector North Carolina Waterways Management Division at [ncmarineevents@uscg.mil](mailto:ncmarineevents@uscg.mil) or contact the Sector North Carolina Command Center at (910) 343-3882.

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