



Channel Chatter

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This is some of the chatter going around as to the condition of the waterway from Bonita Bay Marina north to New Pass including the “short cut” along the west side of Batista Island.

All references to depth are in relation to the average yearly low tide known as “0”. Please advise the marina if you notice any changes that should be passed along.

The **Imperial River** downstream from the marina has a depth of approximately **4'** with slightly deeper readings along the outer curve as you approach Government Cut.

Government Cut is at 3 – 3.5' through the middle but drops to 3' as you get to Fish Trap Bay. The bottom is muddy and does not have any oyster bars.

Fish Trap Bay has an average of **4'** throughout and is also muddy.

The **South part of Intrepid Waters area is about 4' – 4.5'** and the **North end of Intrepid Waters is 3' - 3.5' at a zero tide. At the North end of Intrepid Waters, favor the Green Marker on right side heading north.** The right side has an average depth of 4' – 4.5', while the left side has an average depth of 3.5' – 4'. Most of the channel is very rocky and full of oyster beds.

The **“short cut”** has remained the same depth of **2.5' to 3'**. When approaching the High Tide Shortcut stay between the 25mph sign and the mangroves.

Hogue Channel has an average depth of 3.5-4" throughout until you reach the intersection of Hogue Channel and Broadway Channel.

Hogue and Broadway intersection, between markers 63 and 64, the depth is an average of 3.5' – 4'.

The tide mean markers are located at Red marker 50 and Green marker 75.

Heading north from **NEW PASS** on the inside, make a turn around the floating **Green** marked buoy. The depth between markers 29 and 30 is an average of 3' – 4'. This area is muddy/sandy.

The outer **green marker** at **New Pass** is a lighted buoy. It **does not** have a number.
GPS: N 26° 22.337 W 081° 52.477