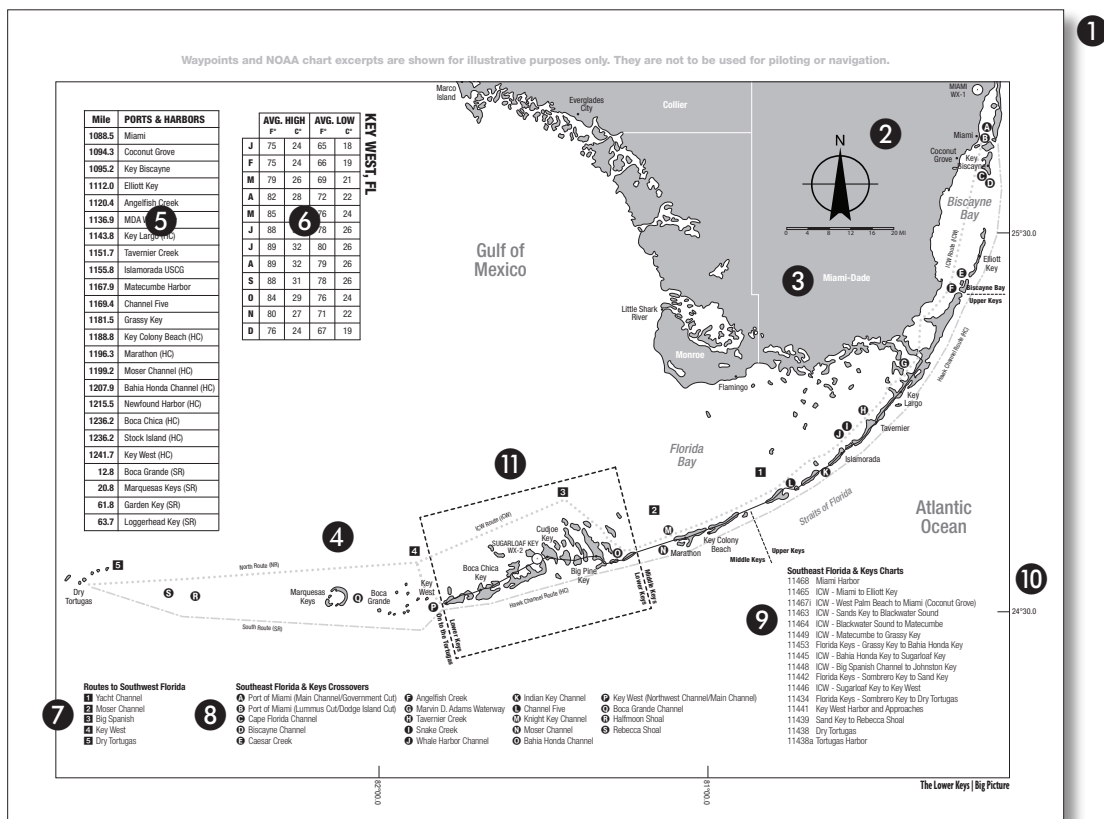


SEEING THE BIG PICTURE

Each navigation section begins with a boater-centric visual overview of the area, called a BIG PICTURE™. Use BIG PICTURES in lieu of a road atlas to locate counties, cities, and other features commonly referred to in local NOAA or AM/FM weather broadcasts. Specifically geared to cruisers, these overview maps include routes, weather tower locations, and other important Waterway attributes.

The BIG PICTURE for each section includes tables for port-to-port distances and average seasonal temperatures. They also include transit routes, crossovers, routes to Southwest Florida, and a list of required NOAA charts. A compass rose, distance scale, and latitude/longitude ticks provide a sense of orientation and scale.



1 The Big Picture

Get an overview of South Florida, Florida Bay, and the Florida Keys. Pick out the ICW, Hawk Channel, and North and South routes to the Dry Tortugas.

2 North Up and Distance Scale

A compass rose, distance scale, and latitude/longitude ticks provide a sense of orientation and scale.

3 Counties

Look to the BIG PICTURE to locate counties mentioned in approaching weather forecasts. *The Florida Keys are in Monroe County.*

4 Waterway Routes

Visualize the track of the ICW ROUTE, HAWK CHANNEL ROUTE, and North and South Routes to the Dry Tortugas.

5 Ports & Harbors

Use the distance table for quick estimates of travel time between ports.

6 Seasonal Temperatures

Note the average high temperature for daytime exposure and average low temperature for evenings at anchor. Also in Celsius for metric-minded cruisers.

7 Routes to Southwest Florida

Find the five departure or arrival points for seven Southwest Florida destinations: Flamingo, Little Shark River, Everglades City, Marco Island, Naples, Ft. Myers, and Charlotte Harbor (Boca Grande).

8 Crossovers

Locate *potential* channels to cross between the ICW and Hawk Channel or the North and South Dry Tortugas Routes.

9 Required Charts

A list of required NOAA charts from Miami Harbor to the Dry Tortugas.

10 Latitude/Longitude Ticks

Latitude and longitude ticks provide a sense of east/west and north/south progression.

11 Section Coverage

Regional boundaries highlight each MTW section: Biscayne Bay, Upper Keys, Middle Keys, Lower Keys, and On to the Tortugas.