2026 Fall Regatta

Hosted By: Pontchartrain Yacht Club and Corinthian Sailing Association

November 14 and 15, 2026

Sailing Instructions

1. **RULES**
   a. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the ORR-EZ Racing Rule.

   b. Sailing Instructions that alter the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Sailing Instruction No	Rule Altered Herein
4.b	RRS "Race Signals"
9.c	RRS A4 and A5
12.c	RRS 35, A4 and A5
12.d	RRS 61.2
13.d	RRS 60.1
14.b and 14.d	RRS A2

2. **NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**
   Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse on the glass case near the bar.

3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
   a. Changes to sailing instructions will be posted two (2) hours before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect with the exception of a change to the schedule of races. Schedule changes will be posed by 7:00 pm the day before it will take effect and at the event page on Club Spot https://pontyc.org/regatta/.
   b. Questions regarding the sailing instructions shall be submitted to the PRO in writing. Responses will be posted on the official Notice Board.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

a. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the south end of the Pontchartrain Yacht Club lawn.
b. When postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag AP is lowered. This alters RRS "Race Signals".

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The schedule will be as follows weather permitting

Saturday, November 14, 2026	Skippers Meeting	10:00am at PYC
	First Warning Signal	11:55am

Sunday, November 15, 2026	Skippers Meeting	10:00am at PYC
	First Warning Signal	11:55am
	Awards	ASAP after racing

Race Time Limit (RTL) is 4 hours 00 minutes. Boats not completing the course within the RTL will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

CLASS FLAGS

a. Classes will start using the class flags indicated below.

Class	Class Flag
Spinnaker A	White
Spinnaker B	Green
Non-Spinnaker A	Light Blue
Non-Spinnaker B	Purple

b. Division may or may not be divided into classes based upon participation prior to each Saturday's skipper meeting. Those breaks will be posted after the skippers meeting.

6. RACING AREA

Racing area will be Lake Pontchartrain, south of Pontchartrain Yacht Club and the Bayou Castine harbor entrance.

7. COURSES

Courses will be assigned and announced at the skipper's meeting. Separate courses may be prescribed for each division. The courses shall be a combination of legs between M1, L1 and PontYC J marks. See Appendix A.

Other marks may be established by the Race Committee as conditions and circumstances require. Such marks shall be described in the Skipper's Meeting.

Direction, sequence, rounding instructions and any other course descriptors will be announced at the skipper's meeting and posted on the PontYC bulletin Board.
After start, changes to course will be announced to the fleet on VHF Channel 68 or the channel announced at the skipper's meeting. Racing boats shall acknowledge the change in course, if issued.

8. MARKS

a. Marks M1 and L1 are permanent structures.
b. PontYC J is a moored yellow colored vertical cylinder.
c. Other marks will be briefed at the Skipper's Meeting as required.

9. START

a. The Start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
b. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area staying clear of other fleets.
c. The race committee intends to recall OCS boats by hailing sail numbers or boat names after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a). The race committee will use the VHF radio and/or a loud hailer to hail. The race committee will operate on and monitor VHF Channel 68 with Channel 67 as an alternative.
d. Boats starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
e. In the event that signal and/or mark set boat are unavailable, the Race Committee may define alternate start procedures at the Skipper's Meeting.

10. FINISH

a. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the finish mark.
b. In the event that signal and/or mark set boat are unavailable, the Race Committee may define alternate finish procedures at the Skipper's Meeting.

11. TIME LIMITS

a. The time limit for steeplechase races shall be four and one half (4.5) hours.
b. The time limit for windward/leeward races shall be one hour.

12. PROTESTS

a. Competitors shall notify the finishing vessel of their intent to protest upon finishing, or as soon as possible after retiring.

b. Protests shall be delivered to a member of the Race Committee within sixty (60) minutes after the race committee boat docks.
c. Notices of protest hearings will be posted on the official notice board within fifteen (15) minutes of the end of protest time.
d. Breaches of SIs 9.b and 15 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

13. RATING SYSTEM

a. Time on distance (TOD) ORR-EZ Benchmark PHRF ratings will be used.
b. Course configuration and course length will be declared before the race at the Skipper's Meeting, and are not subject to protest. This changes RRS 60.1.

14. SCORING

a. The Low Point System scoring will be used per RRS Appendix A.
b. One (1) completed race will constitute a series for the Fall Regatta.
c. All boats will be handicapped using the appropriate current GYA ORR-EZ Benchmark PHRF for their declared division, or, if the boat does not have a current GYA ORR-EZ Benchmark PHRF, the rating assigned by the Race Committee. Assigned ratings shall not be subject to protest.

15. SAFETY

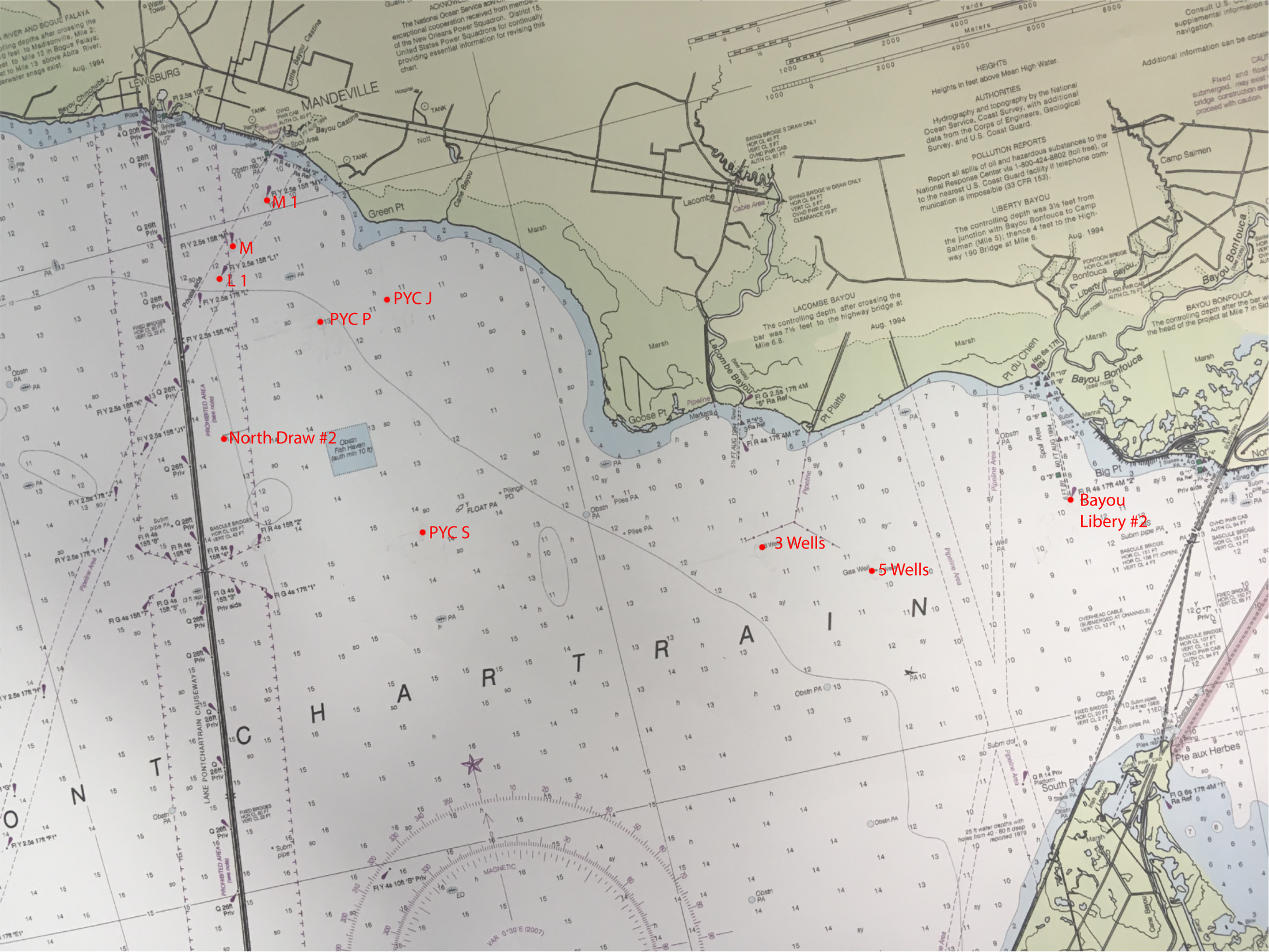
a. All boats shall be in compliance with the United States Coast Guard and Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries required safety equipment.
b. All boats must have a functional VHF radio capable of communication on VHF Channels 16, 67 and 68.
c. Prior to the first warning signal of each day, all boats shall check in by sailing past the stern of the race committee signal boat on starboard tack and hail the boat name and sail number and shall be acknowledged by the Race Committee.
d. A boat that retires from a race shall notify a race committee vessel before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, the Pontchartrain Yacht Club office immediately after arrival ashore.
e. The Pontchartrain Yacht Club and Corinthian Sailing Association of Lake Pontchartrain each encourage all personnel aboard vessels underway to wear appropriate Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) and to avoid intoxication.

16. PRIZES

a. First, Second and Third Place awards in each division will be given for the overall Fall Regatta.

Appendix A

- ***Chart of Marks***
- ***Course/Distance between Marks***
- ***Mark Positions***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POLLUTION REPORTS
Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).
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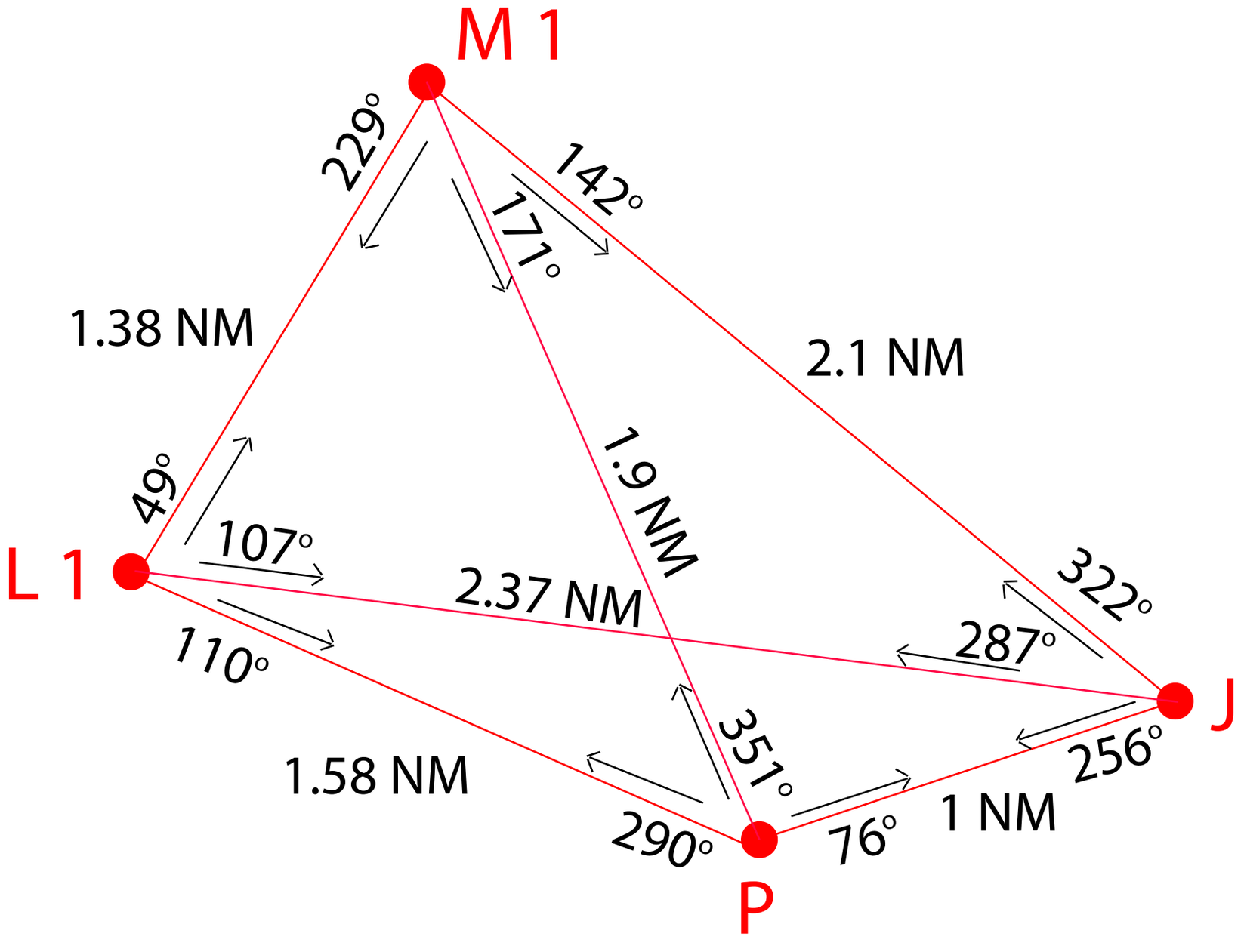
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Bearings and Distances

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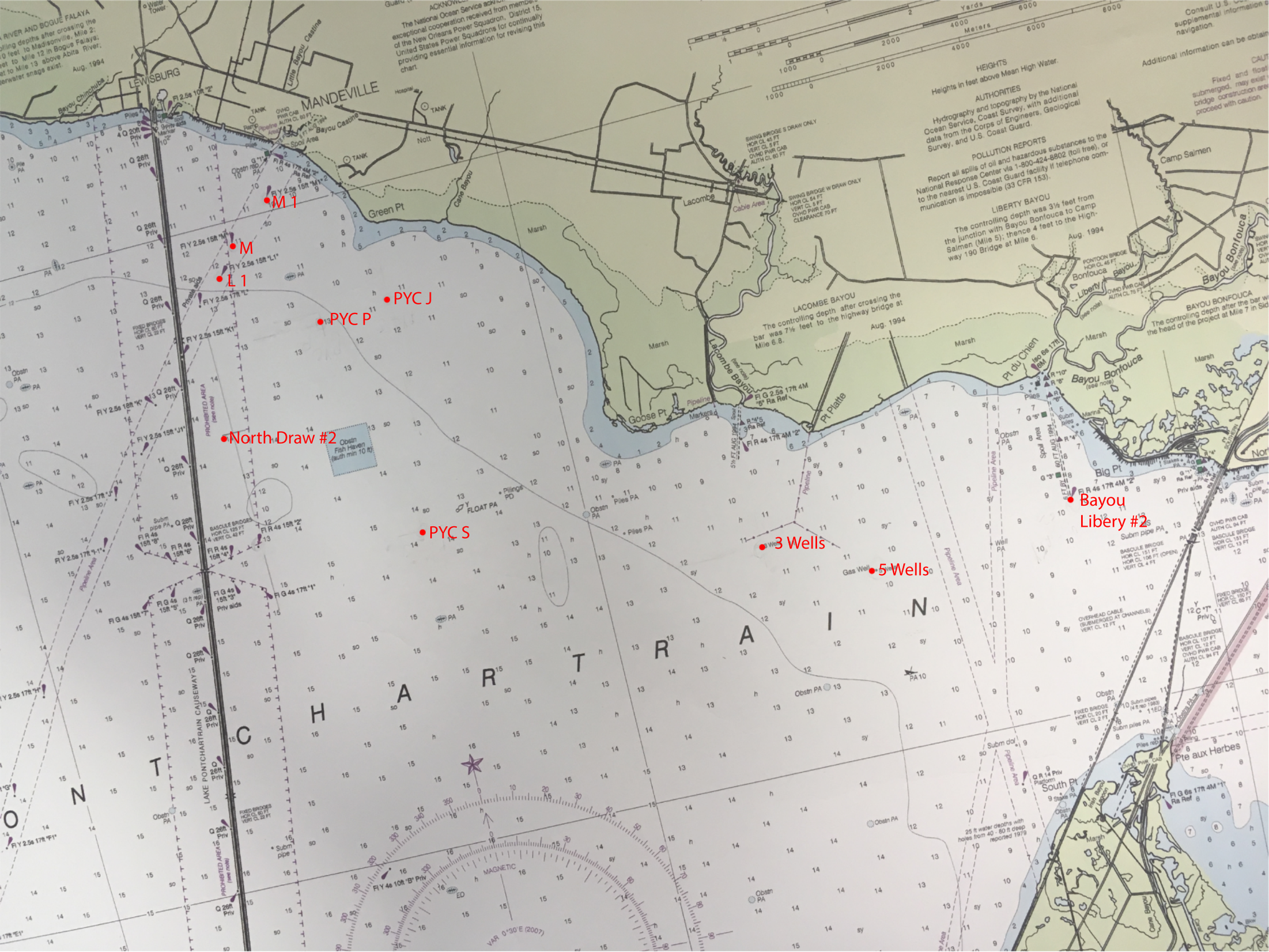
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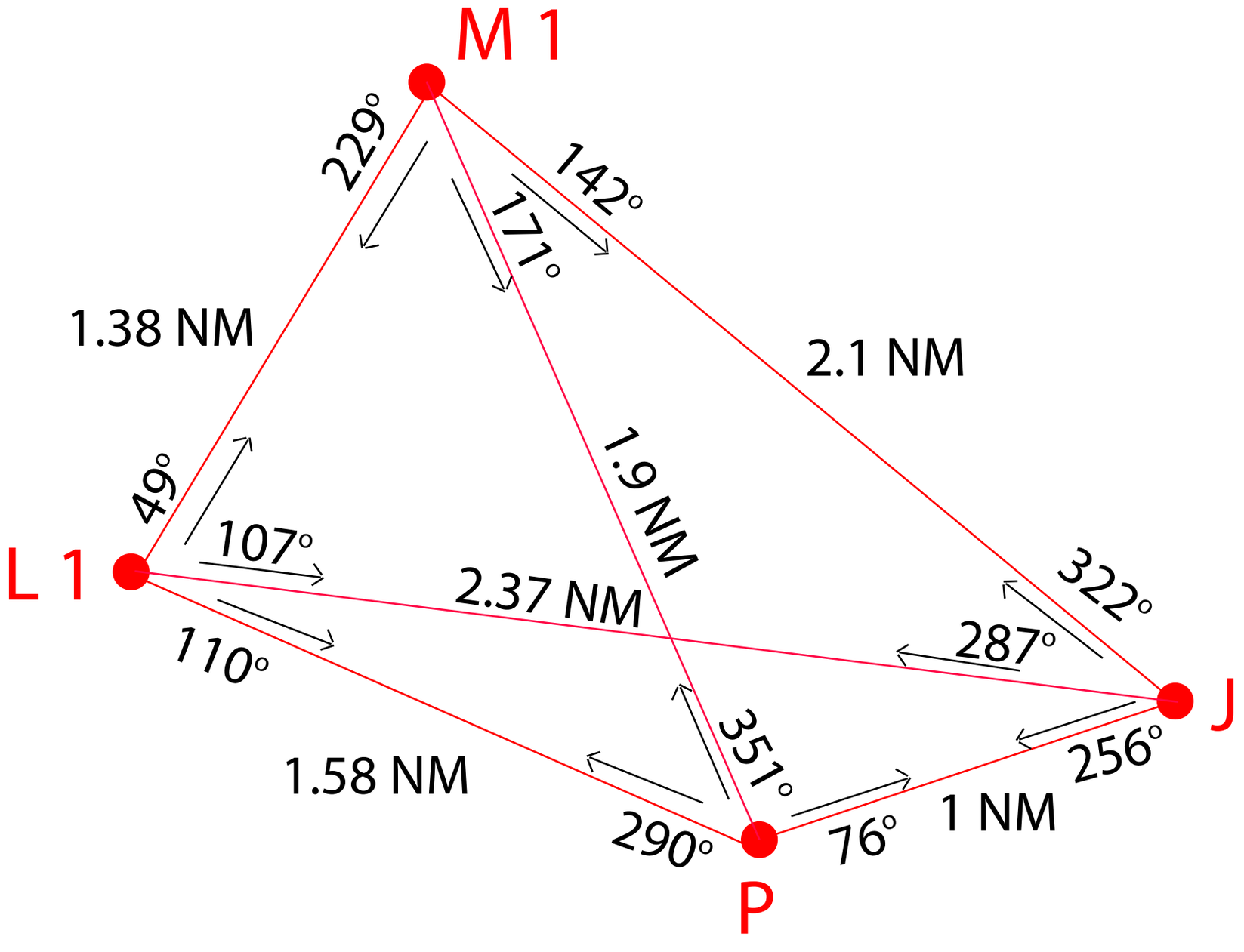
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