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2025 Washington SEA GRANT TOWLANES

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Crabber Towboat Lanes Data Loading Instructions from this flash drive (thumbdrive):

If you have a previous version of Towlanes on your plotter, please delete the lines before you load this new edition to avoid confusion between the old lines and the new ones. Significant changes were made near Crescent City, CA. Three National Science Foundation near surface moorings off the Oregon coast been added.

P-Sea WindPlot II® Data Loading Instructions

(These instructions are written for P-Sea WindPlot II version 7.25.10. Other versions may have a slightly different procedure.)

1. Open the P-Sea WindPlot program. The WindPlot file is a "Marks" file, with the towboat lanes being linked marks.

2. Back up your existing plotter data to the hard drive or an external flash drive (recommended).

2.1. If you have existing towlanes on your WindPlot plotter, delete your existing towlanes and then install new lines from this flashdrive.

3. Insert the Crabber Towlane flash drive into a USB port on the computer. If a new window opens on top of P-Sea WindPlot, note the letter designating the drive and then close the new window--for example it might be "E", "F" "G" or some other letter. You will load the data through the P-Sea WindPlot program.

4. Go to the upper left corner and click on the DATA menu, then select Marks from the pull down menu. IMPORTANT--you want to pull down the DATA menu at the top left, not the Marks menu that is next to it to the right. DATA>Marks will open a new window that will give you the opportunity to get data or save data. Select the thumbdrive from the pull down Drive menu.

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT--check the box to ADD TO your marks, OTHERWISE, THE TOWLANE DATA WILL REPLACE ALL YOUR MARKS. YOU MUST ADD TO

your marks to see your fishing info and the towlanes. It will create duplicate marks if you have loaded an earlier version of Crabber Towlane data, but you can "Search for duplicates" which will remove all duplicate marks.

After you select ADD TO and the drive letter, select the button that says "GET". The

window will show you getting data from the thumbdrive and adding it to RAM. You can confirm the addition of Crabber Towlane marks by going to an area nearshore and look for the towlanes, which are marks that are linked together. In P-Sea WindPlot, not of the colors match the standards used in other programs. In PSea WindPlot, the year-round lanes are dark blue, the Summer lanes are bright blue and the Advisory lanes are red.

5. One the Data>Marks menu, save from RAM to C: to copy the data to you computer. You can now remove the thumbdrive.

(These instructions were created for loading data into Coastal Explorer version 2009. Other versions may have a slightly different procedure.)

Open the Coastal Explorer program.

1. Back up your existing fishing data to the hard drive or an external drive (recommended).

1.1 If you have existing towlanes on your plotter, delete them line by line.

2. Insert the Crabber Towlanes flash drive into a USB port on the computer. If a window opens, note the letter designating the drive—for example it might be "E", "F" "G" or some other letter and then close the window. You will load the data from within the Coastal Explorer program.

3. Using your trackball or mouse move your cursor to the "File" menu in the upper left corner and click the left button. A menu will drop down. Select "Import".

4. The Import Navigation Objects window will open asking where to import the navigation objects from. Left click on the small button "Some other file on My Computer" then left click on the "Select File" button. A new window will open. Locate the flash drive from the list. Select the Crabber Towlanes flash drive that was plugged in. (#2 above).

5. Move your cursor over the file "2025 Crabber Towlanes" and click the left button to select it. Move your cursor to the "Open" button in the lower left of the window and left click.

6. The crabber towlanes should be shown on your display. Move your plotter to a towlane area to confirm that the data has loaded.

7. In the lower right corner of your monitor look for the icon that says, "Safely Remove Hardware". Click on this with your left trackball button or left mouse button.

Select the flash drive to eject. You may then remove the flash drive.

Nobeltec Visual Navigation Suite® Data Loading Instructions
(These instructions are based on Nobeltec VNS version 7.1.900.
Loading this data in other versions of Nobeltec may
require a slightly different procedure.)

1. Open the Nobeltec Program.

2. Back up your data to the hard drive. Pull down the File menu in the upper left corner and select the Save All (Nav Objects) or export your data to an external flash drive (recommended).
 - 2.1 If you have existing towlanes on your plotter, please delete them.

3. Insert the Crabber Towlane flash drive into a USB port on the computer. If a window opens, note the letter designating the drive and then close the window.

4. Open the "File" menu in Nobeltec, select "Navigation Objects", then move your cursor to the right to see the choices. Select "Import Objects". The Import Navigation Objects window opens with the default file directory of your hard drive. Select the "Browse" button, pull down the menu expansion button (downward pointing triangle) to the right of the Nobeltec Community folder. A menu will expand down. Select the drive with the Crabber Towlane flash drive.

5. Select the Nobeltec folder, then select the "2025 Craber Towlanes.txt" file.

6. Click on "Open".

7. The Import Navigation Objects window returns, with your selected file and drive shown. Click on the "Import All" button.
8. Click on the "OK" or "Done" button (This is important!).
9. Move your chart to see the crabber towlanes to confirm that the data has loaded.
10. In the lower right corner of your monitor look for the icon that says, "Safely Remove Hardware". Click on this with your left trackball button or left mouse button. Select the flash drive to eject. You may remove the flash drive.

OLEX Data Loading Instructions

1. Open the OLEX program. Back up your existing fishing data (recommended).
2. Rename an empty plot layer at the bottom of your screen to "2025 Towlanes" Do this by clicking the >>> button at the bottom left and find a plot layer in which the letter name is grayed out. This means there is no data currently on this plot layer. Select the layer, right click to open the new window, then click on "Rename the plot layer". A new small window will open; type "2025 Towlanes" and click "Ok".
3. Insert the Towlane flash drive into a USB port on the computer.
4. A new window will open "Storage device detected". Select "Read from"
5. Select the red "2025CrabberTowlanes.gz" file.

6. Click on the black flashing "Read" box in the lower right.
7. A new window will open "Olex plotter data-do you really want to read? Click on "Yes"
8. A window will open asking how to organize the plotter objects. Select the 2025 Towlanes plot layer, then click "Ok".
9. You may now remove the thumbdrive.

GLOBE Data Loading Instructions

1. Open Globe
2. Insert thumbdrive. If a window opens on top of Globe, note the name of the drive show, such as "USB Drive E". Close the window.
3. On the Lines menu, select Open...
4. The Open Line File window will open. In the top "Look in:" box, go to the right side and click on the down arrow. Select the drive you just plugged in.
5. Double click the ECC Globe folder, then select the Globe "2025 Towlanes.mdb" file. Click Open in the lower right corner.
6. The towlanes should be on your monitor screen. On the Lines menu, select "Save A Copy..."
7. A new window will open. In the File name: box near the bottom, type "2019 Towlanes", then click the Save button.

8. Close Globe, then remove the thumbdrive.

TimeZero® Data Loading Instructions

(These instructions are written for TimeZero version 3.3.0.54. Other versions may have a slightly different procedure.)

1. Open the TimeZero® program.
2. Back up your existing data by using the Backup Collection button on the main menu under the TIMEZERO on the top left.
Then DELETE the old tow lanes layer on your plotter unless you have other info in that layer.
2. Insert the 2025 Crabber Towlanes flash drive into a USB port on the computer. If a window opens, note the letter designating the drive--for example it might be "E", "F" "G" or some other letter and then close the window. You will load the data from within the TimeZero program.
3. Using your trackball or mouse move your cursor to the "File" menu in the upper left corner and click the left button.
A menu will drop down. Select "Import/Export". On the "Welcome to the Import/export wizard" screen, click the "Import Data" button. Click Next.
3. Make sure the "Time Zero Exchange" button is selected. On older programs you may not see Time Zero Exchange. If you don't, select Time Zero Data (TZD) data. Click Next.
4. On this screen, "Import layers from file" should be checked. IMPORTANT: Make sure "Remove duplicated objects" is NOT checked!
5. Click on "Please select the files to import". Scroll down the list on the left to the USB Drive, double left click "2025 Crabber Towlanes.tzx" to select it. Click "Open".

6. The 2025CrabberTowlanes layer will load into your plotter layers. Check it to confirm that the data has loaded.

7. It would be a good idea to not add your fishing data to this layer, so if the towlanes change in the future, you can simply delete the old towlanes without losing any fishing data.

8. In the lower right corner of your monitor look for the icon that says, "Safely Remove Hardware". Click on this with your left trackball button or left mouse button. Select the flash drive to eject. You may then remove the flash drive.