

# NOAA ASSIST

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# East Coast Navigation Managers



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Colleen became a Navigation Manager in 2018 after working for NOAA for 7 years. Before coming to NOAA she worked as a coastal engineer for 8 years supporting port design and expansion, environmental remediation and beach renourishment efforts. She looks forward to serving as the liaison between NOAA and community.



## Mid-Atlantic



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Ryan Wartick first became a Navigation Manager in 2015 and more recently resumed the role in 2020 after 21+ years of combined active duty service in the Navy and NOAA Corps. He has held a variety of assignments over the years helping NOAA to make and update nautical charts from the Arctic to the Gulf of Mexico and sailed on each NOAA Hydrographic ship in the process. Ryan is excited to continue supporting mariners and the industry.

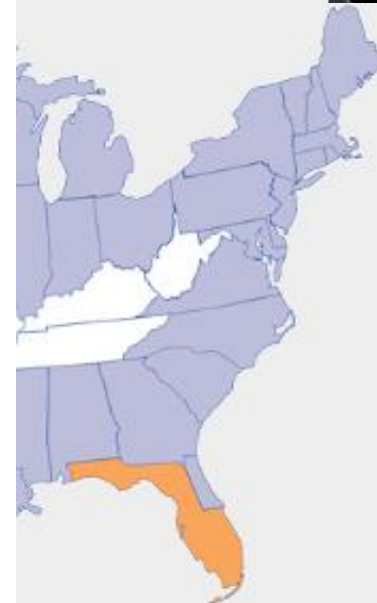


## Southeast



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Kyle Ward became a Navigation Manager in 2011 after working 8 years at NOAA. He enjoys updating charts making boating safer for professional and recreational mariners. A highlight for him has been coordinating hurricane response surveys for ports affected by hurricanes Sandy and Matthew.



## South Florida, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands



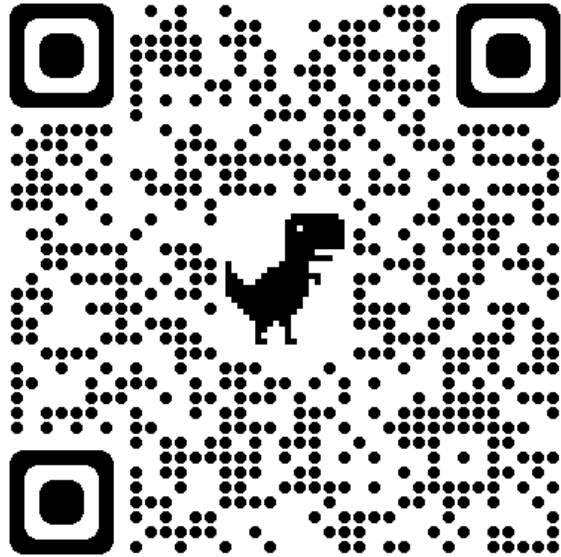
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Nicolás (Nic) became a Navigation Manager in 2021 after working at NOAA for 17 years. He worked as a fishery management specialist and an Endangered Species Act consulting biologist for 8 years supporting NOAA Fisheries and worked as a physical scientist for 9 years supporting NOAA Research in the Office of Ocean Exploration & Research. Nicolas holds a Ph.D. from Texas A&M University in Oceanography.



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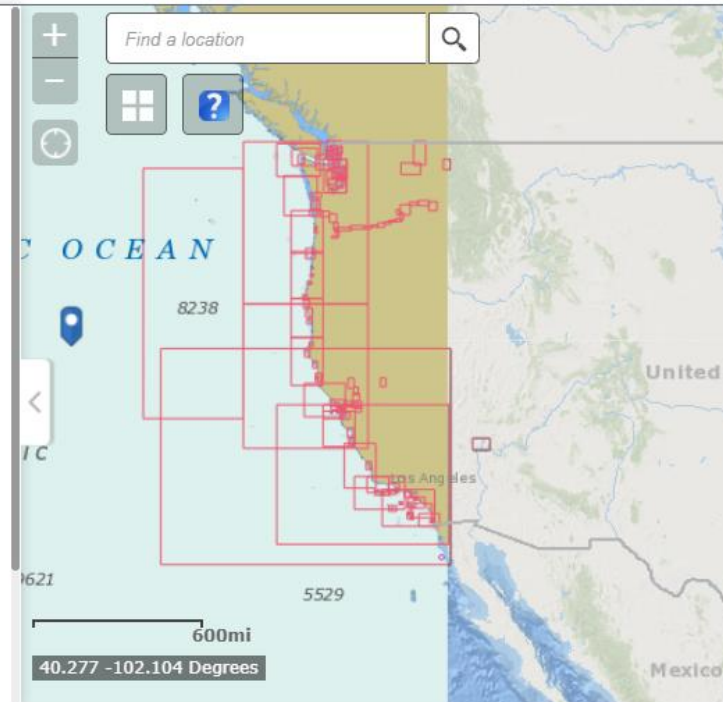
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