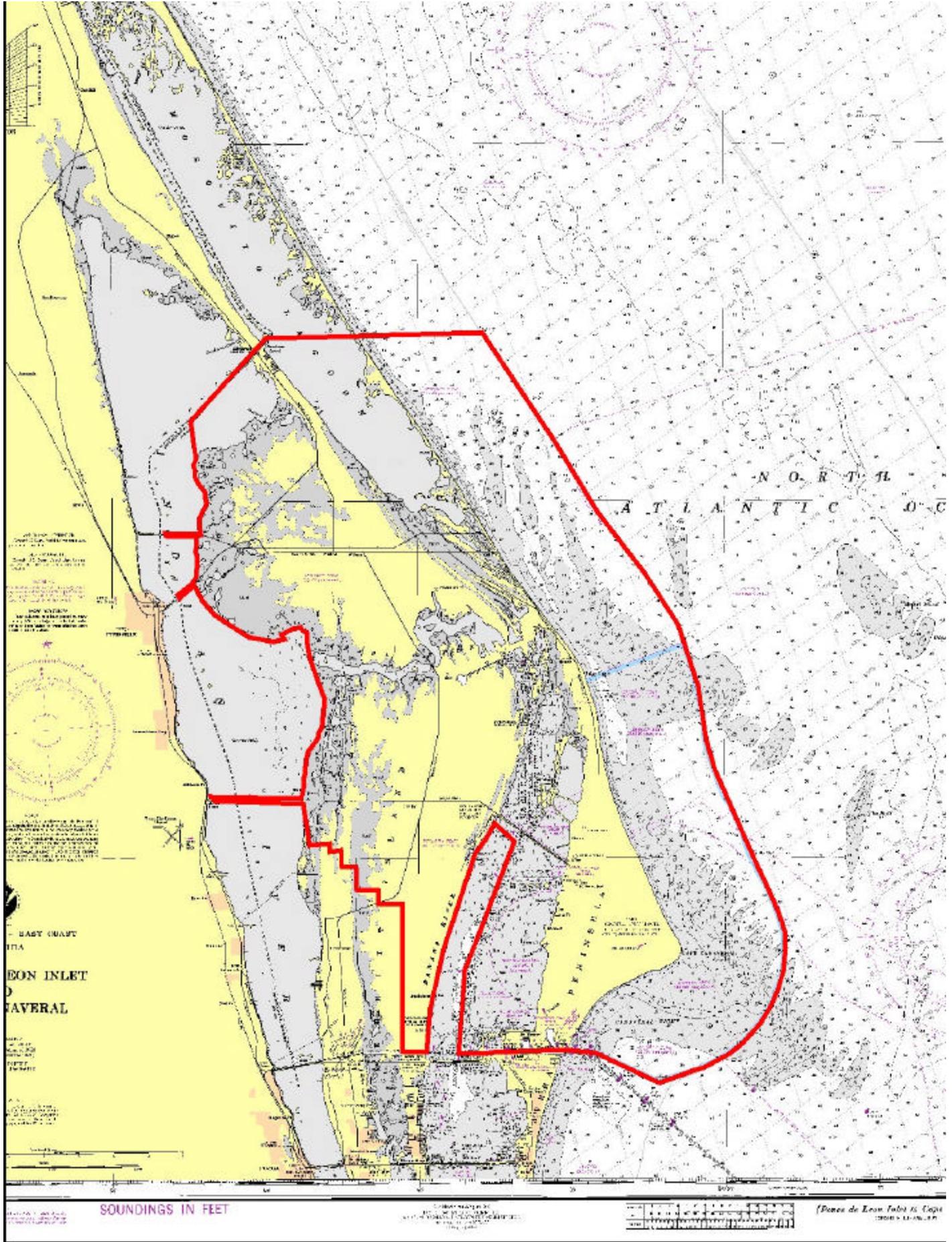


**Naval Vessel Protection Zones:**

The U.S. Navy and Coast Guard are enforcing security zones around all U.S. Navy vessels. No vessel may come within 100 yards of a U.S. naval vessel, whether the naval vessel is underway or moored. Additionally, vessel must slow to minimum speed necessary to maintain steerage when coming within 500 yards of any U.S. naval vessel. These zones apply to the ports of Jacksonville, Canaveral, and Fernandina.

**Local 100 yard security zones:**

The U.S. Coast Guard is also enforcing security zones around all tank vessels, cruise ships, and military pre-positioned ships (MPS) in the ports of Jacksonville and Canaveral. No vessel may come within 100 yards of these ships, whether these ships are underway or moored.



## **Kennedy Space Center, Merritt Island, Florida Security Zone**

Security Zone: Depicted above is the Coast Guard security zone in the vicinity of Kennedy Space Center, Merritt Island, Florida, published at 33 CFR 165.701.

This security zone is typically activated whenever space vehicles are to be launched by the United States government from Cape Canaveral. After the terrorist attacks of September 2001, this zone was activated on a 24/7 basis through May 2002 in order to provide additional protection for important government assets.

On May 7, 2002 the U.S. Air Force obtained through the Army Corps of Engineers a temporary restricted area for Kennedy Space Center and the DOD facilities in the Cape Canaveral area. This restricted area on the water, coupled with the "No Trespassing" areas on government land in and around Kennedy Space Center, Patrick Air Force Base, and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, basically mirrors the Coast Guard security zone described above. This restricted area is active 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as DOD restricted areas generally are. The temporary restricted area will remain in place for 1 year while the Air Force goes through the formal rulemaking process for a permanent restricted area.

The U.S. Air Force is primarily responsible for the enforcing the new restricted area and has full authority to do so. Vessels operating in the area should promptly obey all commands and direction given by Air Force personnel. Enforcement personnel will typically be armed and will use necessary force if a threat to government property or personnel is perceived. Violating a DOD restricted area is also a criminal offense, and penalties include fines and imprisonment.

The U.S. Air Force will determine whether excepted areas for commercial fisherman will be carved out in the new restricted area described above when missile launches are not taking place. Commander, USAF 45th Space Wing, should be contacted at 1-800-470-7232 for information concerning any such areas. All vessels should observe the restricted area in full, absent express permission to the contrary from Commander, 45th Space Wing.