

Keep Your Crab Pot, Eat More Crabs

12,000 crab pots are lost each year in Puget Sound. Those pots trap and kill 129,000 of your harvestable crabs. Follow these simple steps to decrease your chance of losing your crab pots.

Legend

-  = Navigational Buoy
-  = Boat Launch

Secure Lid and Escape Panels with Cotton Biodegradable Escape Cord

Crabs can escape from lost post after the cord degrades

Use A Weighted Line

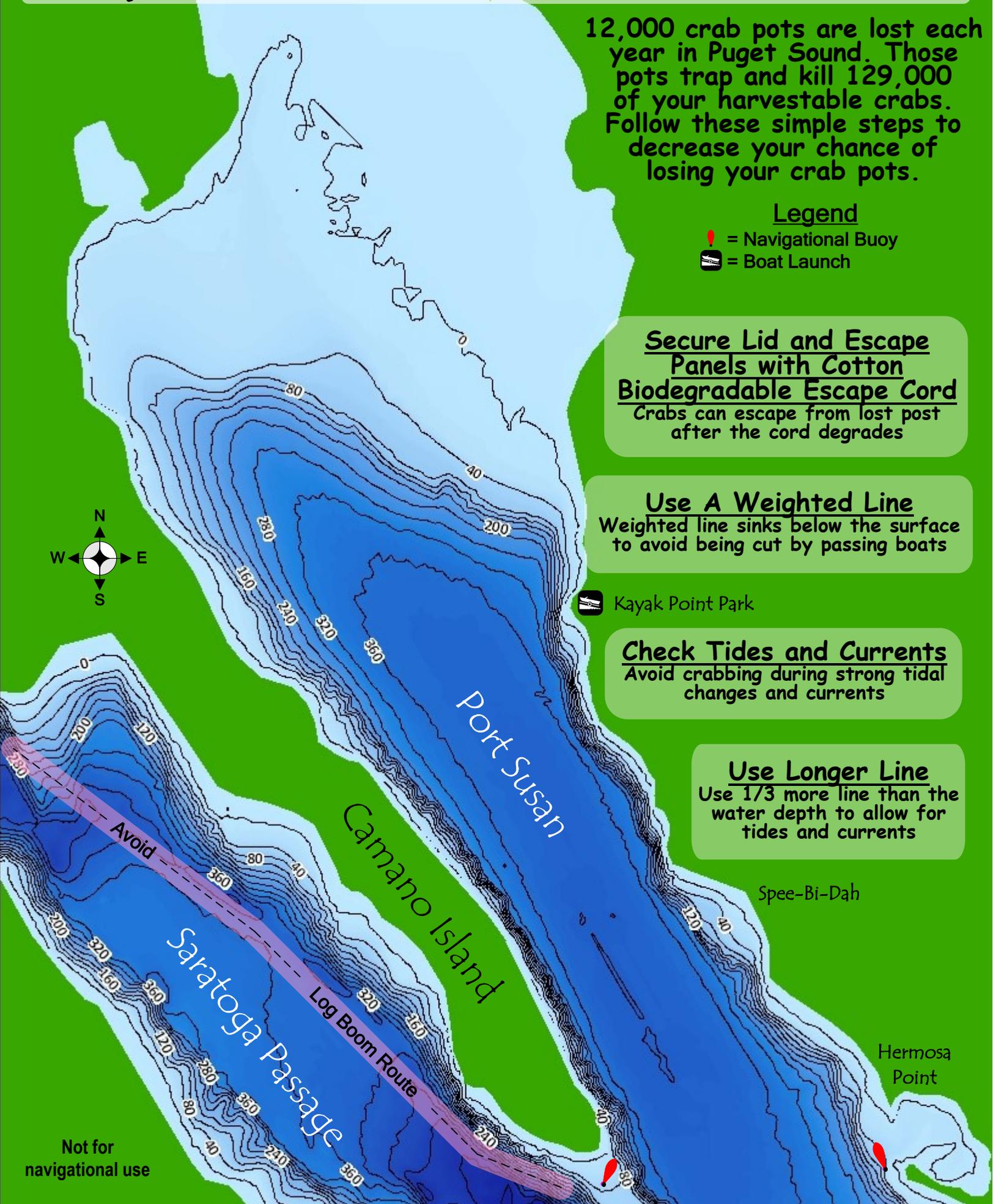
Weighted line sinks below the surface to avoid being cut by passing boats

Check Tides and Currents

Avoid crabbing during strong tidal changes and currents

Use Longer Line

Use 1/3 more line than the water depth to allow for tides and currents



 Kayak Point Park

Spee-Bi-Dah

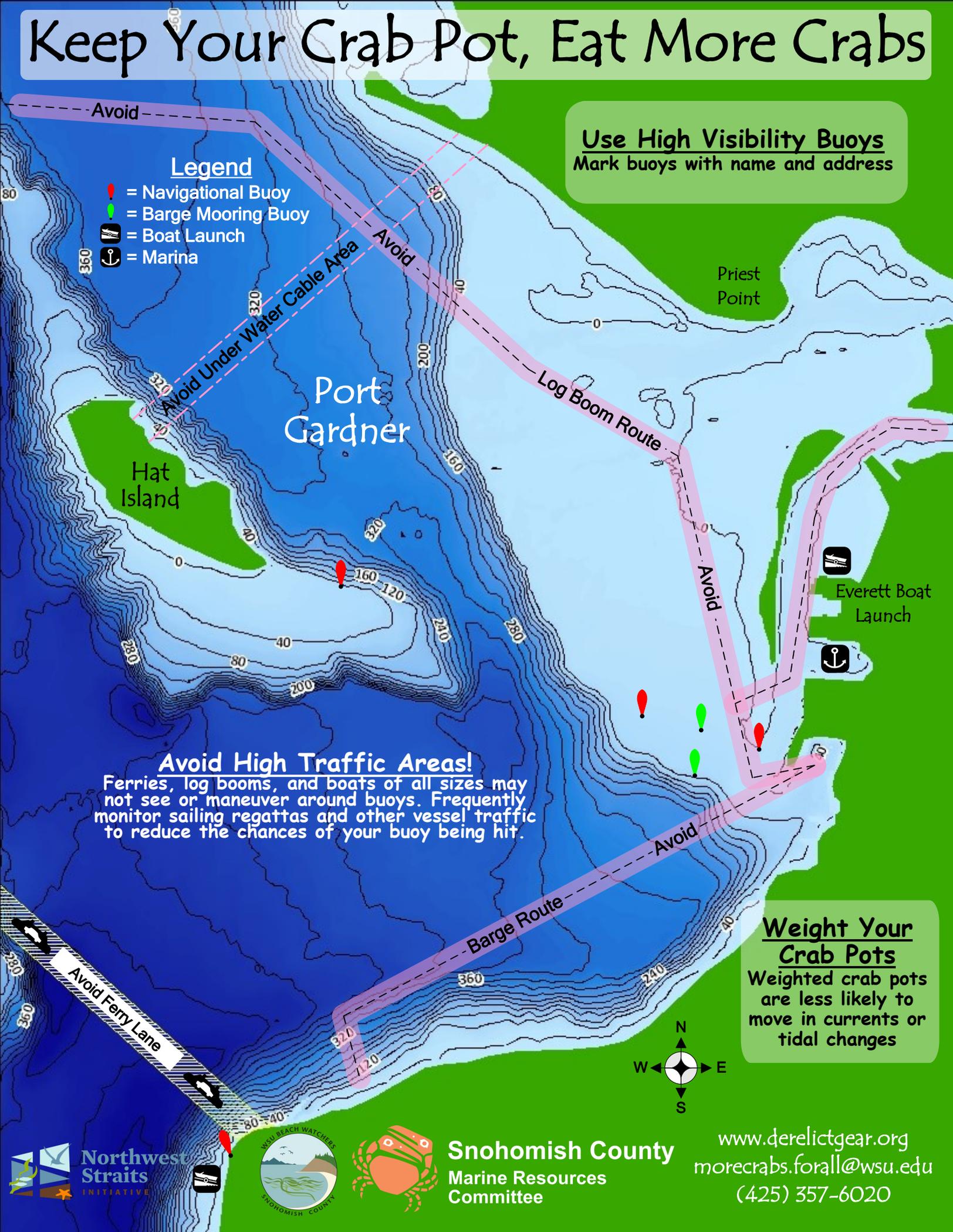
Hermosa Point

Not for navigational use

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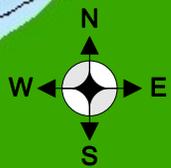
Use High Visibility Buoys
 Mark buoys with name and address

- Legend**
-  = Navigational Buoy
 -  = Barge Mooring Buoy
 -  = Boat Launch
 -  = Marina



Avoid High Traffic Areas!
 Ferries, log booms, and boats of all sizes may not see or maneuver around buoys. Frequently monitor sailing regattas and other vessel traffic to reduce the chances of your buoy being hit.

Weight Your Crab Pots
 Weighted crab pots are less likely to move in currents or tidal changes



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