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**ABBREVIATIONS adopted for the PLANS & CHARTS of this WORK**

b	blue		current
bk	black		Flood
br	brown		Ebb
} during ordinary Springs			
brk	broken	kn	Knots
c	coarse		Inside of this line less than 1 fathom
ch	chalk		d° _____ 2
cl	clay		d° _____ 3
crl	coral		d° _____ 4 &c.
d	dark		d° _____ 10
f	fine		d° _____ 20 &c.
g	gravel		d° _____ 100
gn	green		d° _____ 200 &c.
gy	grey	+ _____	Rock with 1 fathom _____
grd	ground	* _____	Rock nearly awash _____
h	hard	(o) {	Any figures inserted within a small circle denote the depth in feet over a spot at High water that dries at low water. The adjacent signs will express whether that may be sand, mud, or rock &c.
m	mud		
oz	ooze		_____ Anchorage for large vessels
oy	oysters		d° _____ small d°
p	pale		d° _____ coasters
r	rocky	HW.	_____ High Water
rd	red	LW.	_____ Low Water
rot	rotten	F.&C.	_____ Full & Change
s	sand		_____ Sandy beach
sf	soft		_____ Gravelly d°
sh	shells		_____ Stony d°
sm	small		_____ Mud
sp	speckled	EIR/(near a Lighthouse) Fixed, Intermittent, Revolving	
st	stones	BCRW/(near a Buoy) Black, Chequered, Red White	
stf	stir	fm	_____ Fathoms
w	white	ft	_____ Feet
wd	weeds	Spr.	_____ Springs
y	yellow	Np	_____ Neaps

} ordinary springs at low water, over a figure denotes no bottom at that depth

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(o) { An established light whether on the shore or afloat