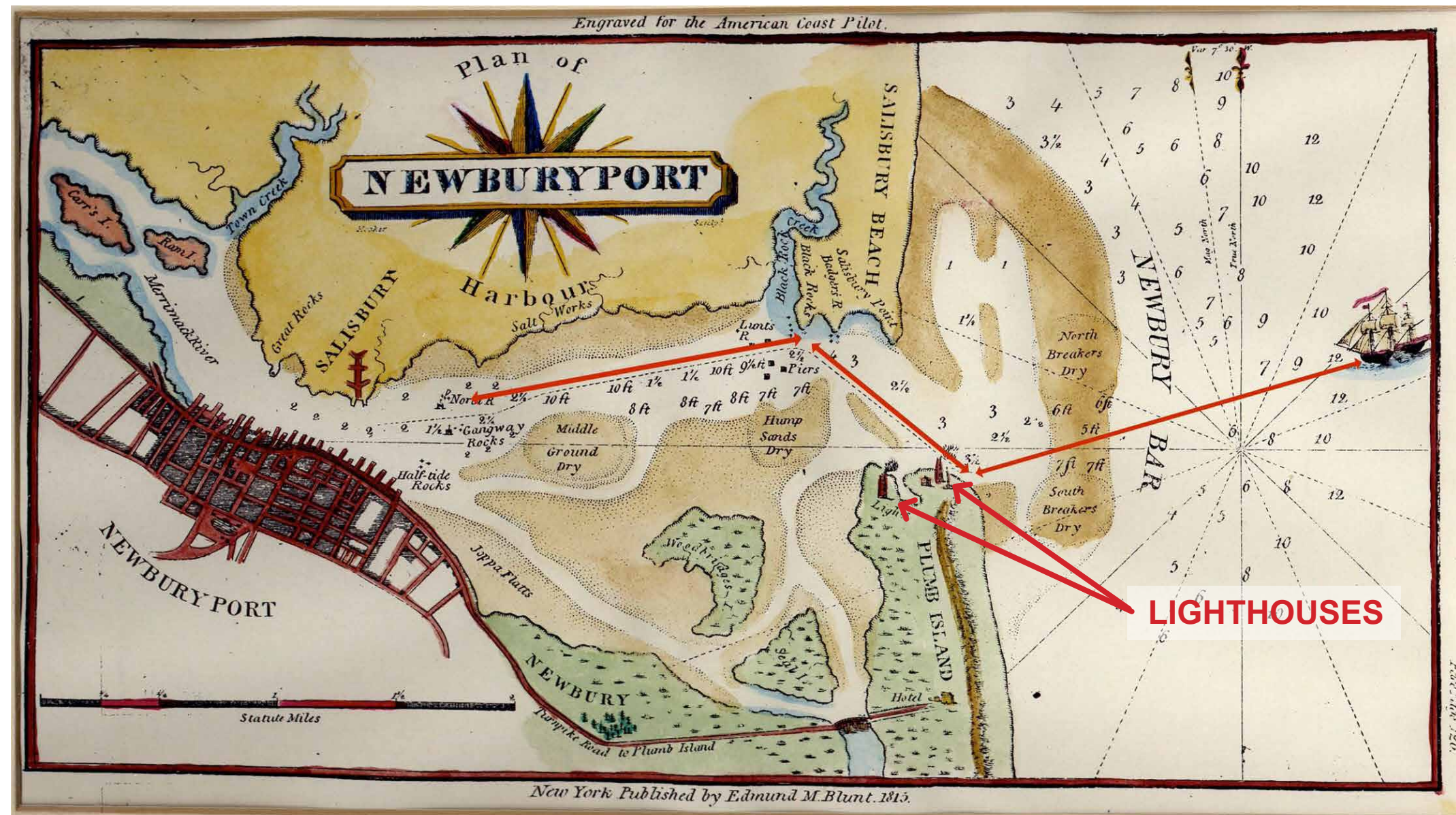
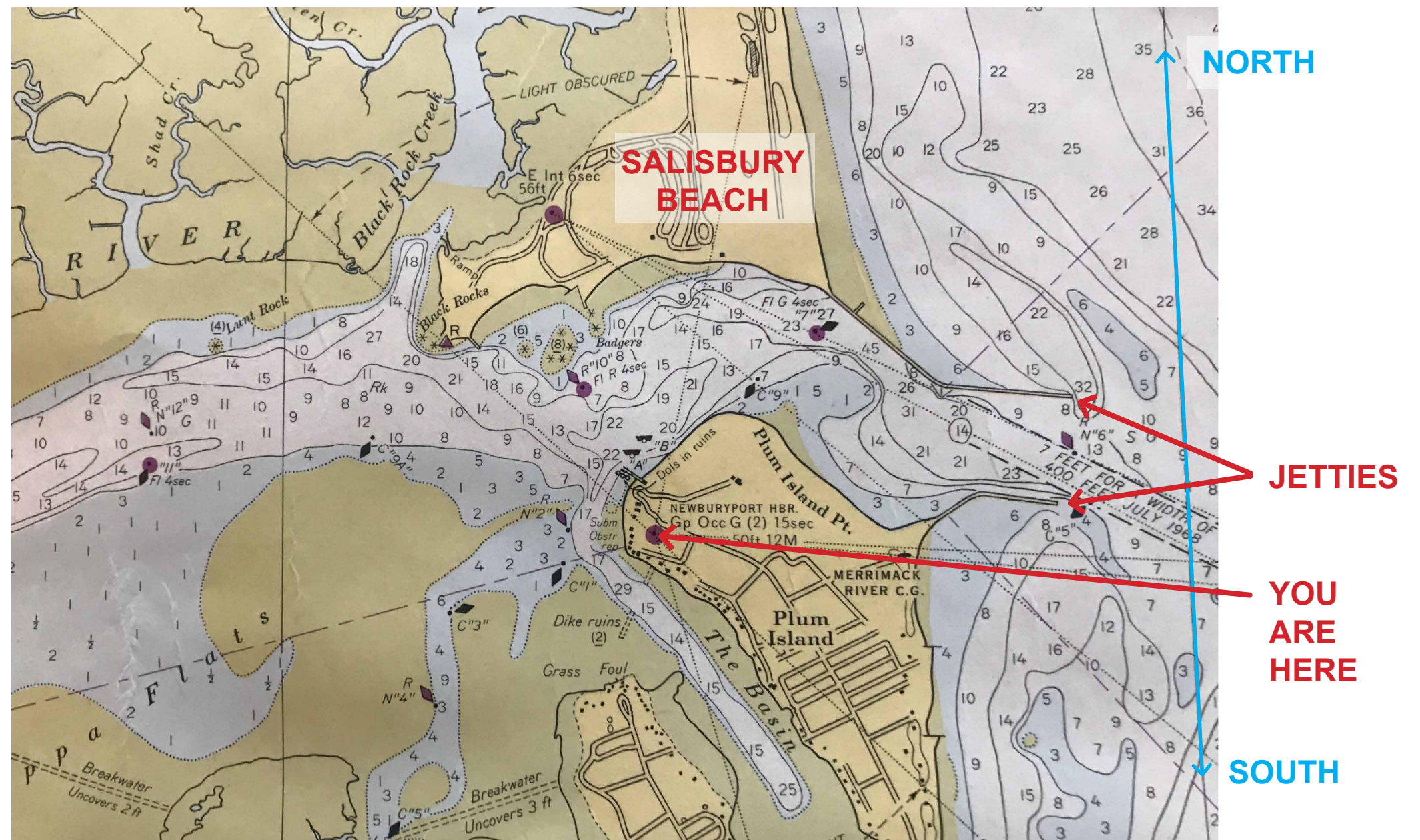


USCG Nautical Chart of the Merrimack River (1968)

The USCG Nautical Chart of the Merrimack River from 1968 is very similar today. The lighthouse still serves as a navigational aid to those entering the river or in helping offshore mariners to determine where they are based upon the assigned green light off/on sequence.

U.S. Department of Commerce Coast & Geodetic Survey. Nautical Chart of Merrimack River [map]. Washington, D.C.: United States Department of the Interior, United States Geological Survey (USGS), 1968.



Entrance to the Merrimack River as Shown in Coastal Pilot Chart (1815)

Navigating the mouth of the Merrimack River has always been difficult, but imagine coming in under sail and having to run on a line with the two lighthouses in range, avoiding the North and South Breakers, as well as the rocks along the shore of Salisbury Beach.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Coast Survey. Nautical Chart of Merrimack River [map]. Washington, D.C.: United States Department of the Interior, United States Geological Survey (USGS), 1815.

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