

CHART YOUR COURSE!

Learn your way around Hillsborough Bay by using the chart on the back. Plot the course that the boat takes and also label the numbered areas as the tour progresses (the instructor should point out these landmarks as you go). If there are any animal sightings, draw a picture of the animal on the chart where you first spotted the animal.

Davis Island
Harbor Island
Hillsborough Bay
2D
3D
Sunken Island
Bird Island

MacDill Air Force Base
Hillsborough River
Alafia River
Fantasy Island
Sparkman Channel
Hookers Point

As you tour the Bay, answer the following questions.

1. What is the natural depth of Tampa Bay? 12 ft.
2. What is the dredged depth of Tampa Bay channels? 43-45 ft.
3. Tampa has the largest port in Florida. TRUE/ FALSE (circle one)
4. There are more than 200 species of fish in the bay.
5. Tampa Bay's islands were formed naturally. TRUE FALSE (circle one)
6. Tampa Bay is considered an ESTUARY because it is a mixture of salt and fresh water.
7. Name a man-made island in Tampa Bay. DAVIS, HARBOR, 2D, 3D, BIRD, SUNKEN
8. What kind (species) of dolphin do you find in the bay? ATLANTIC BOTTLE NOSE
9. About 80 % of marine life spends part of its life time in an estuary.
10. How many rivers empty into Tampa Bay? 4 Name one of these rivers. HILLSBOROUGH, ALAFIA, MANATEE, LITTLE MANATEE
11. Invasive species are plants or animals that are not native to a particular area and disrupt the natural ecosystem. Florida has the second most invasive species, and HAWAII has the most! Give an example of one invasive species found around the bay. BRAZILIAN PEPPER, AUSTRALIAN PINE, BROWN ANOLE, CUBAN TREEFROG, GREEN IGUANA, HYDRILLA, KUDZU, MARINE TOAD, RED-EARED SLIDER,
12. Tampa Bay is 400 square miles.

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