

5. **Buoy Monuments (1959/1946).** The red and green buoys are tributes to the men who have been repairing buoys in Charleston since 1890. A little known fact is the inventor of the first bell buoy was Captain Henry Brown, a buoy inspector at Charleston SC, and the first bell buoy was made by Charleston Iron Works. Buoys are the signposts of the sea, comparable to the roadside signs familiar to automobile drivers.



6. **Seaman Bernt Riise Memorial (1909).** A Lighthouse Service bell hangs over the headstone of Riise, a seaman aboard the U.S. Revenue Cutter Yamacraw, who drowned in Charleston harbor in 1909. He fell overboard while pulling in the gangway as the ship was preparing to leave the dock. His remains are under the Citadel's football stadium.

7. **Barracks (1962).** This building is where Coast Guardsmen live, sleep, and eat. Please respect their privacy.

8. **Buoy Yard.** These buoys are awaiting maintenance or repair and delivery back to sea. Some weigh as much as 12,000 pounds. So, for your safety, please stay out of the buoy yard.

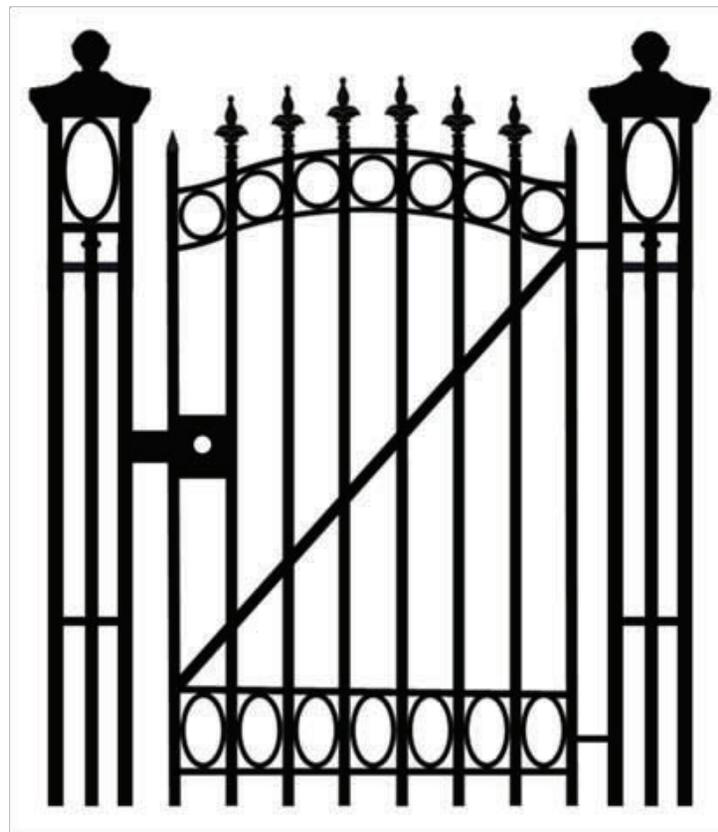
9. **Industrial Building (1988).** This industrial complex is for the repair of boats and sea buoys. Here you will find welders, painters, sandblasters, carpenters, and electricians.

10. **USCGC ANVIL (1962).** This 51 year old inland construction tender is the third oldest boat in the Coast Guard. The ANVIL is responsible for servicing buoys and the building of ranges, lights, and day beacons.

11. **USCGC YELLOWFIN (2000).** This 87 foot coastal patrol boat's missions are search and rescue, law enforcement, defense readiness, and environmental protection.

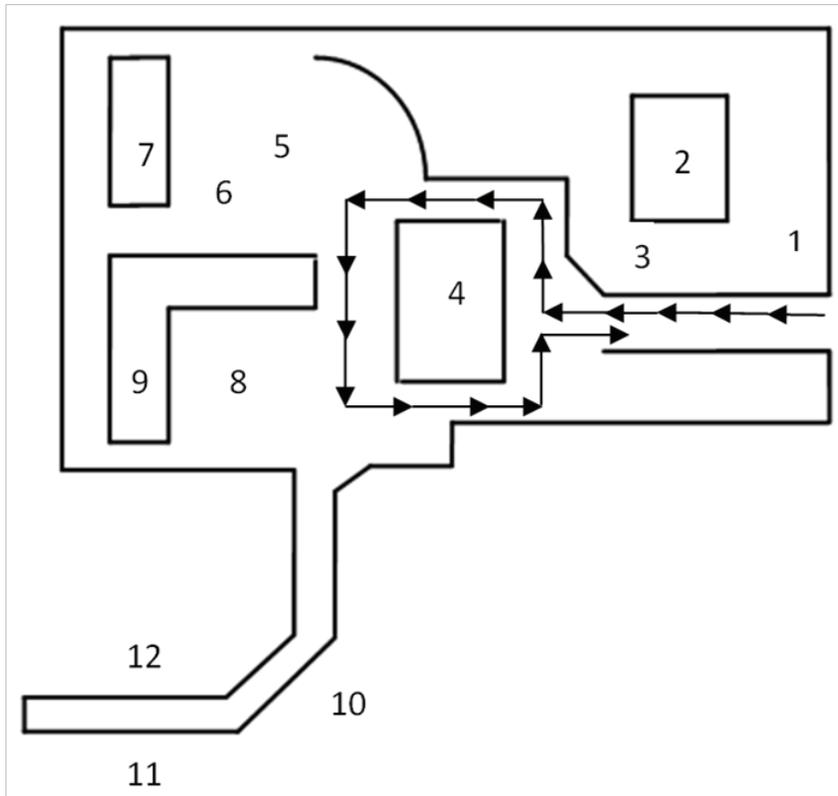
12. **Small Boats.** These high speed small response boats are designed to operate in shallow waters along coastal borders. They perform port security, search and rescue, drug interdiction, environmental and other law enforcement missions.

## Walking Tour



## of Historic Sector Charleston

## Points of Interest



1. U.S. Lighthouse Service Bell Monument
2. Captain of the Port Building
3. Anchor Monument
4. Chisolm's Rice Mill
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6. Seaman Bernt Riise Memorial
7. Barracks
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1. U.S. Lighthouse Service Bell Monument (1923). The booming of a fog bell like this warned mariners of dangerous conditions close to shore. Its clanging sound could be heard more than a mile at sea. Bells were used at lighthouses, on lightships, and on buoys.

2. Captain of the Port Building (1934). The Captain of the Port's office is housed in this former headquarters building for the Sixth Lighthouse District. The building still bears the emblem of the Lighthouse Service at the front top center -- a lighthouse on a shield flanked by two torches. The shield bears the numbers 1934 to commemorate the year the building was erected. During World War II, the Captain of the Port building was used as the Headquarters for the Coast Guard's Mounted Beach Patrol. The Beach Patrol used horses to patrol the southeastern coastline watching for spies, saboteurs, and ships in distress.



3. Anchor Monument (circa 1947). Origin unknown.

4. Chisolm's Rice Mill (1859). The mill has served in 3 capacities -- from 1859 to 1894 as a combined saw/rice mill, from 1916 to 1939 as the supply depot for the Lighthouse Service, and from 1939 to present as an administration building for the Coast Guard. The building is eligible for inclusion on



the National Register of Historic Places. The mill has an interesting structural feature that came as a result of the earthquake of 1886. Earthquake rods were run through the walls to reinforce the building and to close up cracks opened by that earthquake. The end of each rod is anchored with a large circular washer with a large square iron nut in the center. These devices are visible on all four outer walls of the building. In the Rice Mill lobby, navigation instruments from the USCGC COMANCHE are on display. This 165 foot cutter was commissioned in 1934 and saw action during World War II as an escort vessel to Atlantic convoys which were under attack by German U boats. Later she was converted into a museum ship at Patriots Point. In 1989 the ship was badly damaged during Hurricane Hugo. She was sunk in 1992 as an artificial reef 12 miles out of Charleston.