

## How to Navigate to Rich Gano's Pier or Miller Marine

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This photo is taken facing directly west. The south slip is to the left along the pier beside the boat lift. The north slip is to the right of the boat lift and includes 12 feet of space alongside the “ell” which runs across the front (east) side of the boat lift.

The table below presents the waypoints to the pier from a point in West Bay north of the Hathaway Bridge after passing under a powerline. The route leads about 040 true toward another set of power lines (45-foot air draft but apparently higher if you hug the towers). If coming from the Destin area, note that navigation markers change at West Bay Point, and you will want to leave “G-1” and “G-3” to port as you round that point. From that second power line area, turn toward the ENE, pretty much aimed at the solitary white condominium building on the north end of the Bailey Bridge, and go to the Fanning Bayou lineup waypoint.

The first green marker in the Fanning Bayou channel is a day mark atop a piling is way off in left field (really), and I never go toward it – keep to the red side. Do not stray far left as you approach this point, and do not cut it short during low tides. The opposite marker is a small red nun buoy. The next marker is a single green can followed by a single red day mark farther along the channel.

After the red day mark, the channel splits and is marked by a Green-over-Red day mark "A" which you may leave to port as you turn to 000 True. Look for a second junction day mark "B" which is green over red marker. This "B" junction marker's board is currently only one-sided showing only to vessels exiting the bayou, and all you will see on the way in is the back of that board. Steer close to this mark, but do not go beyond it as you turn to starboard heading directly toward our pier while keeping to starboard of the green day mark halfway along between "B" blue metal roofed boat slip.

If you want to head to Miller Marine boatyard, treat Junction "A" as a green marker (preferred channel) and turn right to follow the day markers to that location, but for our house, treat it as a red marker and then head due north toward Junction "B."

Water to either side of the slips is very shoal.

Name	Bearing (True)	Bearing (Mag)	Distance (NM)	Latitude N	Longitude W
North of Hathaway Bridge	052	055	1.084331	30-12.214	85-43.393
FL Red "6" near power line	034	037	3.544723	30-15.152	85-41.097
Fanning Bayou channel lineup	064	067	1.163094	30-15.652	85-39.882
Fanning entrance marks	042	045	0.586904	30-16.085	85-39.423
Near day mark G "3"	043	046	0.290063	30-16.297	85-39.194
Junction "A"	035	038	0.353624	30-16.586	85-38.958
Junction "B"	000	003	0.285661	30-16.872	85-38.957
Gano pier	038	041	0.223268	30-17.048	85-38.799

If you are comfortable with .gpx files, I am sending one running from the Hathaway Bridge to our pier.

