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General

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Bearings

Bearings are true, and are expressed in degrees from 000° (north) to 360°, measured clockwise. General bearings are expressed by the initial letters of the points of the compass (e.g., N, NNE, NE, etc.). Adjective and adverb endings have been discarded. Wherever precise bearings are intended degrees are used.

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Courses

Courses are true, and are expressed in the same manner as bearings. The directives "steer" and "make good" a course mean, without exception, to proceed from a point of origin

along a track having the identical meridional angle as the designated course. Vessels following the directives must allow for every influence tending to cause deviation from such track, and navigate so that the designated course is continuously being made good.

Current

Current directions are the true directions toward which currents set.

Dangers

As a rule, outer dangers are fully described, but inner dangers which are well-charted are, for the most part, omitted. Generally, dangers are described according to the information received; however, much understanding is needed to verify the complexities of phenomenon encountered in the Arctic region.

Distances

Distances are expressed in nautical miles of 1 minute of latitude. Distances of less than 1 mile are expressed in meters, or tenths of miles.

Geographic Names

Geographic Names are generally those used by the nation having sovereignty. Names in parentheses following another name are alternate names that may appear on some charts. In general, alternate names are quoted only in the principal description of the place. Diacritical marks, such as accents, cedillas, and circumflexes, which are related to specific letters in certain foreign languages, are not used in the interest of typographical simplicity. Geographic names or their spellings do not necessarily reflect recognition of the political status of an area by the United States Government.

Heights

Heights are referred to the plane of reference used for that purpose on the charts and are expressed in meters.

Light and Fog Signals

Light and Fog Signals are not described, and light sectors are not usually defined. The Light Lists should be consulted for complete information.

Radio Navigational Aids

Radio Navigational Aids and radio weather services are not described in detail. Publication No. 117 Radio Navigational Aids and NOAA Publication, Selected Worldwide Marine Weather Broadcasts, should be consulted.

Soundings

Soundings are referred to the datum of the charts and are expressed in meters.

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Wind

Wind directions are the true directions from which winds blow.

Reference List

The principal sources examined in the preparation of this publication were:

British Hydrographic Department Sailing Directions.

Canadian Sailing Directions.

Danish Sailing Directions.

Norwegian Sailing Directions.

Russian Hydrographic Department Sailing Directions.

U.S. National Science Foundation journals, reports, and documents.

Reports from United States Naval and merchant vessels and various shipping companies.

Other U.S. Government publications, reports, and documents.

Charts, light lists, tide and current tables, and other documents in possession of the Agency.