

MARINE INFORMATION

NOAA CHART NEW EDITIONS AND THEIR AVAILABILITY

NOAA recognizes two paper nautical chart products:

- the Charts-on-Demand chart distributed by OceanGrafix (www.OceanGrafix.com), and
- the traditional NOAA/NOS paper chart distributed by the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA).

The Charts-on-Demand chart is available the day after NOAA clears a New Edition for release. The traditional chart is available two to eight weeks later. Each is official, should be put into service immediately, and meets Federal chart carriage requirements immediately upon its release. For questions contact NOAA at help@nauticalcharts.gov or call 301-713-1773 x105. Dates of Latest Edition for both charts are listed at <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov>.

This week's new editions released by NOAA are listed below:

11438	12 th Ed. Apr 2004 NEW EDITION FL-DRY TORTUGAS (New edition due to numerous Notice to Mariner changes.)	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD) 1:30,000
12354	41 st Ed. Apr 2004 NEW EDITION CT-NY-LONG ISLAND SOUND-EASTERN PART (New edition due to hydrographic changes.)	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD) 1:80,000/LORAN-C

MERCHANT MARINE PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) and its working groups will meet to discuss various issues relating to the training and fitness of merchant marine personnel. MERPAC advises the Secretary of Homeland Security on matters relating to the training, qualifications, licensing, and certification of seamen serving in the U.S. merchant marine. All meetings will be open to the public.

MERPAC will meet on Wednesday, June 2, 2004, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Thursday, June 3, 2004, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. These meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. Requests to make oral presentations, submittals of written material or requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee should reach the Coast Guard on or before May 19, 2004.

MERPAC will meet on both days in Room 2415 of the Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 Second St., SW, Washington, DC 20593. Further directions regarding the location of Coast Guard Headquarters may be obtained by contacting Mr. Mark Gould at (202) 267-6890. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to CDR Brian J. Peter, Commandant (G-MSO-1), US Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001.

This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov/search/searchFormSimple.cfm> by entering docket number 17495.

For questions on this notice, on the meeting agenda, for information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact CDR Brian J. Peter, Executive Director of MERPAC, or Mr. Mark C. Gould, Assistant to the Executive Director at the telephone number above, by fax at (202) 267-4570, or by e-mail mgould@comdt.uscg.mil.