

INFORMATION  
OF  
SPECIAL INTEREST  
OR  
IMPORTANCE  
TO  
MARINERS

**NM 41/04**

# HYDROGRAM

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SPECIAL  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
NEW PRODUCTS  
OR SERVICES  
IMPORTANT  
CHANGES

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## **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NOTICE TO MARINERS CHANGE IN DISTRIBUTION**

THE NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (NGA) IS TRANSITIONING FROM PRODUCING AND DISTRIBUTING HARD COPY NAUTICAL SAFETY PRODUCTS TO DIGITAL DISSEMINATION. EFFECTIVE WITH U.S. NOTICE TO MARINERS NUMBER 1, 2005, NGA WILL NO LONGER DISTRIBUTE HARD COPY VERSIONS OF THE WEEKLY NOTICE TO MARINERS AND WILL MAKE THEM AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE VIA THE INTERNET. SEE SECTION III.

## **NOAA CHART NEW EDITIONS AND THEIR AVAILABILITY**

NOAA RECOGNIZES TWO NAUTICAL CHART PRODUCTS: CHARTS-ON-DEMAND AND TRADITIONAL NOAA/NOS PAPER CHARTS. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, SEE SECTIONS II AND III.

## **PERSIAN GULF-RA'S AL KUH AND APPROACHES TO RA'S AL KHAFJI AND ADRIATIC SEA NEW TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES**

THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) HAS ANNOUNCED THAT NEW TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES IN THE PERSIAN GULF (OFF RA'S AL KUH AND THE APPROACHES TO RA'S AL KHAFJI) AND IN THE ADRIATIC SEA WILL BE IMPLEMENTED EFFECTIVE 0001 GMT 1 DECEMBER 2004. FOR DETAILS, SEE SECTION III.