

INFORMATION
OF
SPECIAL INTEREST
OR
IMPORTANCE
TO
MARINERS

NM 44/04

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.

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD NAVIGATION INFORMATION SERVICE

THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD NAVIGATION INFORMATION SERVICE (NIS), OPERATED BY THE USCG NAVIGATION CENTER, PROVIDES INFORMATION FOR ALL RADIONAVIGATION SYSTEMS. SEE SECTION III.

MANDATORY AREA TO BE AVOIDED OFF THE NORTHEAST COAST OF NEW ZEALAND

THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) HAS ANNOUNCED THAT A NEW AREA TO BE AVOIDED HAS BEEN ADOPTED FOR THE POOR KNIGHTS ISLANDS, OFF THE NORTHEAST COAST OF THE NORTH ISLAND OF NEW ZEALAND EFFECTIVE 0001 GMT ON 1 DECEMBER 2004. FOR DETAILS, SEE SECTION III.