

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Mariners are requested to notify NGA of discrepancies in charts and publications, using the Marine Information Report and Suggestion Sheet at the back of this Notice to Mariners. This form should also be used to report permanent changes, additions, or deletions from charted or published information. Reports which constitute an immediate hazard to navigation should be sent to the nearest NAVAREA Coordinator via coast radio stations. All reports are greatly appreciated. Marine Information Report and Suggestion sheets received during the past week were submitted by the following observers:

| Observer | Ship/Organization |
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| Navigation Team | USS ALEXANDRIA |
| Captain Donald Tierney | USNS PFC DEWAYNE T WILLIAMS |

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