

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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For further information concerning NGA hydrographic products and services, including the Maritime Safety Web site, users may contact:

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Office of Maritime Safety	571-557-8384	547-2000	571-558-3213
World Wide Navigational Warning Service	571-557-5455	547-5455	571-558-3213
Maritime Safety Web site	800-455-0899	N/A	N/A
Notice to Mariners: Regions 1 and 2	571-557-8282	547-8282	571-558-3213
Notice to Mariners: Regions 3 thru 9	571-557-8383	547-8383	571-558-3213
Sailing Directions, Fleet Guides	571-557-5943	547-5943	571-558-3261
Navigation Publications	571-557-6684	547-6684	571-558-3261
DLA Catalog of Maps Charts and Related Products	269-961-7766	661-7766	269-961-7791

The Maritime Safety Web site can be accessed directly at <http://msi.nga.mil/NGAPortal/MSI.portal>. For your convenience NGA provides four e-mail addresses. For information affecting Notice to Mariners use MCDNtM@nga.mil, for information affecting Sailing Directions and all other navigational publications use MCDPubs@nga.mil, for information concerning the Maritime Safety Web site, use webmaster\_nss@nga.mil and for information concerning the World Wide Navigational Warning Service, use NavSafety@nga.mil.

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:

<b>Observer</b>	<b>Ship/Organization</b>
Second Officer Jennifer Frederiksen	USNS CATAWBA

**Cover Photo:** The **Le Moyne** is a coastal research vessel at the University of Southern Mississippi Department of Marine Science. She is named after French Canadian Commandant Pierre Le Moyne who with approximately 200 sailors, soldiers, laborers, and artisans, set foot on land that has come to be known as Biloxi. Thus, it became the first French colony along the northern coastline of the Gulf of Mexico in territory that almost two decades earlier had been claimed for France. The **Le Moyne** is capable of conducting hydrographic operations using multi-beam sonar and side-scan sonar systems. These systems provide students exposure to state-of-the-art technology and the opportunity to build a fully functioning hydrographic survey platform from a small boat. The final charts and Report of Survey are submitted to the National Ocean Service for evaluation and assessment. If acceptable, the information is used to update existing nautical charts. **Le Moyne** is a 29 foot Aluminum Chambered Boat (ACB) with twin 150 horsepower Suzuki motors. She has a fast response hull configuration able to reach speeds of 30 knots in good seas and is designed to handle rougher conditions if needed.