

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Maritime Safety Office	571-557-8384	N/A	571-558-3213
World Wide Navigational Warning Service	571-557-5455	547-5455	571-558-3426
Maritime Safety Web site	571-557-7103	547-7103	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	571-557-8080	547-8080	571-558-3261
DLA Catalog of Maps Charts and Related Products	269-961-7766	661-7766	269-961-7791

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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:

<b>Observer</b>	<b>Ship/Organization</b>
Second Officer Francisco Medal	M/V MAERSK KENTUCKY

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