

## 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> |
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**Cover Photo: The NOAA Ship Fairweather**, is a hydrographic survey ship that was originally commissioned in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) fleet in 1968 and is named for Mt. Fairweather in southeast Alaska, which is the highest peak in the Fairweather Range--the tallest coastal range on earth. The ship was deactivated in 1989, but due to a critical backlog of survey requirements for nautical charts in the Alaska region, it was placed back into active service in 2004. The **Fairweather** is designed and outfitted primarily for conducting hydrographic surveys in support of nautical charting, but is capable of many other missions in support of NOAA programs. The ship is equipped with the latest in hydrographic survey technology--multi-beam survey systems; high-speed, high-resolution side-scan sonar; position and orientation systems, hydrographic survey launches, and an on-board data-processing server. Increased mission space and deck machinery enable **Fairweather** to be tasked with anything from buoy operations to fisheries research cruises. The 241 foot vessel is based in Ketchikan, Alaska and is NOAA's only multi-role Arctic survey platform. The bathymetric data collected by the ship is used to update critical chart areas in Alaska and the Arctic. The **Fairweather** is featured on the cover not only due to her invaluable survey collection capabilities and service to our nation, but also to recognize it as the last at-sea command of Rear Admiral Chris Andreasen, NOAA Corps (Ret) who is retiring after 50 years of service to the U.S. and international maritime community. RADM Andreasen has served in various capacities both afloat and ashore at NOAA, as the President of the Directing Committee for the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO), and most recently as the Chief Hydrographer of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA). His dedication, commitment and contributions to global safety of navigation throughout his career are unequalled and we wish him fair winds and following seas in his retirement!