

## 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	571-557-5831	547-5831	571-558-3213
Navigation Publications	571-557-8080	547-8080	571-558-3213
NGA/DLIS 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 Matthew S. Twomey	USNS JOSHUA HUMPHREYS

**Cover Photo:** The former **USCGC STORIS (WMEC-38)** was built at the Toledo Shipbuilding Co., Toledo, OH, commissioned 30 September 1942 and assigned to serve as a supply ship with a degree of icebreaking capability off the coast of Greenland during World War II. After the de-escalation of U.S. military forces, **STORIS** was assigned to Alaska to patrol the most grueling waters on earth - the Bering Sea. On 1 October 1991, at the age of 49 years and 1 day, she officially became the oldest commissioned cutter in the Coast Guard and earned the title *Queen of the Fleet*. On 16 November 1992, wearing her hull numbers in gold, **STORIS** eclipsed the Revenue Cutter Bear with the longest service in the Bering Sea, accumulating 58 years and four months of service there, the current U.S. Coast Guard record. She was decommissioned 12 February 2007. On 31 December 2012 the National Park Service officially entered the former **USCGC STORIS** into the Registry of National Historic Places. This listing acknowledges her history as the last remaining major surface ship to have served on the Greenland Patrols, the last Coast Guard cutter to have performed official Bering Sea Patrols, and her role in the expedition through the Northwest Passage in 1957. She is now one of five former USCG vessels listed as National Historic Places.