

INFORMATION  
OF  
SPECIAL INTEREST  
OR  
IMPORTANCE  
TO  
MARINERS

**NM 17/16**

# HYDROGRAM

**National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency  
Springfield, VA 22150-7500**

SPECIAL  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW PRODUCTS  
OR SERVICES

IMPORTANT  
CHANGES

**23 April 2016**

## **DLA ADVISES MARITIME CUSTOMERS ON POSSIBLE PRINT QUALITY ISSUES**

THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY(DLA) HAS ADVISED ALL MARITIME CUSTOMERS TO INSPECT ANY NGA OR NOAA CHART ISSUED AFTER JANUARY 2014 FOR PRINT QUALITY ISSUES AFFECTING THE USABILITY OF THE CHART. SEE SECTION III FOR DETAILS.

### **TERMINATION OF PDU PATCH FILES IN THE .RTP FILE FORMAT**

EFFECTIVE 12 MARCH 2016 THE NGA MARITIME SAFETY OFFICE WILL NO LONGER PROVIDE PUBLICATION DATA UPDATES (PDU) PATCH FILES IN THE “.RTP” FILE FORMAT. SEE SECTION III FOR DETAILS.

### **AREAS TO BE AVOIDED (CLIMATE MOORINGS AND HIGH LATITUDE CLIMATE MOORINGS) IN THE EQUATORIAL ATLANTIC, EQUATORIAL INDIAN OCEAN, GULF OF ALASKA AND NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN**

THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION(NOAA) MAINTAINS AN ARRAY OF BUOYS CALLED RESEARCH MOORED ARRAY FOR AFRICAN-ASIAN-AUSTRALIAN MONSOON ANALYSIS AND PREDICTION (RAMA) IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND PREDICTION AND RESEARCH MOORED ARRAY IN THE ATLANTIC(PIRATA)IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN. SEE SECTION III

### **AREAS TO BE AVOIDED (ATLAS MOORINGS) IN THE EQUATORIAL PACIFIC**

THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA) MAINTAINS AN ARRAY OF BUOYS CALLED AUTONOMOUS TEMPERATURE LINE ACQUISITION SYSTEM (ATLAS) IN THE EQUATORIAL PACIFIC OCEAN. SEE SECTION III.

### **NOAA CHART NEW EDITIONS AND THEIR AVAILABILITY**

NOAA RECOGNIZES TWO PAPER NAUTICAL CHART PRODUCTS: CHARTS-ON-DEMAND AND TRADITIONAL NOAA/NOS PAPER CHARTS. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, SEE SECTIONS II AND III.

### **NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY’S IMPLEMENTATION OF A HARDCOPY TO DIGITAL TRANSITION STRATEGY**

THIS NOTICE IS A REMINDER OF THE NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (NGA) HARDCOPY TO DIGITAL TRANSITION PROGRAM. SEE SECTION III FOR DETAILS.