

MARINE INFORMATION

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NEW EDITION OF SAILING DIRECTIONS

Pub. 158, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Japan, Volume 1, Seventh Edition, 2000, is ready for issue. This publication has been corrected to 2 September 2000, including Notice to Mariners No. 36 of 2000.

Note: Copies of the above publication may be obtained from the Government Printing Office (GPO).

NEW EDITION OF WORLD PORT INDEX

Pub. 150, World Port Index, Seventeenth Edition 2000, is ready for issue. This edition contains information available to the National Imagery and Mapping Agency up to 7 October 2000, including Notice to Mariners No. 41 of 2000.

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NAVIGATION INFORMATION NETWORK (NAVINFONET)

The National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA) plans to discontinue the Navigation Information Network (NAVINFONET) Service on 15 December 2000. Established in 1985, NAVINFONET has served the maritime community by providing continuous worldwide direct modem connection and access to NIMA maritime safety information databases. In July 1999, as part of the development and transition to operations of the Navigation Safety System (NSS), the NIMA Marine Navigation Website (<http://pollux.nss.nima.mil>) became operational. All NIMA maritime safety information will continue to be made available via the NIMA Marine Navigation Website to serve our maritime customers worldwide and carry forth the legacy of NAVINFONET into the 21st century. Comments should be addressed to webmaster@nima.mil, or:

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NIMA MARITIME SAFETY INFORMATION CENTER

The National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA) has restructured its Geospatial Information and Services Office (GI) to establish regional and functional Centers of Excellence. This reorganization will align GI with NIMAs mission, vision and strategic goals, enhance NIMA situational awareness, and improve direct customer interaction and service. Effective 04 December 2000, the NIMA Marine Navigation Department along with all other NIMA hydrographic components will be incorporated into the NIMA Maritime Safety Information Center of Excellence. This new organizational name will appear on all future editions of NIMA hydrographic products and will also be implemented on the NIMA Marine Navigation Website (<http://pollux.nss.nima.mil>). All current NIMA maritime safety information, charts and publications will continue to be made available as normal during this transition. The new mailing address for the NIMA Maritime Safety Information Center follows:

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