

INFORMATION
OF
SPECIAL INTEREST
OR
IMPORTANCE
TO
MARINERS

NM 31/04

HYDROGRAM

**National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
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SPECIAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW PRODUCTS
OR SERVICES

IMPORTANT
CHANGES

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD NAVIGATION INFORMATION SERVICE

THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD NAVIGATION INFORMATION SERVICE (NIS), OPERATED BY THE USCG NAVIGATION CENTER, PROVIDES INFORMATION FOR ALL RADIONAVIGATION SYSTEMS. SEE SECTION III.

DISCONTINUANCE OF 121.5 AND 243 MHZ FOR SATELLITE DISTRESS ALERTS TO BEGIN

THE INTERNATIONAL COSPAS-SARSAT PROGRAM HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO TERMINATE SATELLITE PROCESSING OF DISTRESS SIGNALS FROM 121.5 AND 243 MHZ EMERGENCY BEACONS. SEE SECTION III.

NOAA CHART NEW EDITIONS AND THEIR AVAILABILITY

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