

INFORMATION
OF
SPECIAL INTEREST
OR
IMPORTANCE
TO
MARINERS

NM 40/04

HYDROGRAM

**National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
Bethesda, MD 20816-5003**

SPECIAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW PRODUCTS
OR SERVICES

IMPORTANT
CHANGES

2 October 2004

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NOTICE TO MARINERS CHANGE IN DISTRIBUTION

THE NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (NGA) IS TRANSITIONING FROM PRODUCING AND DISTRIBUTING HARD COPY NAUTICAL SAFETY PRODUCTS TO DIGITAL DISSEMINATION. EFFECTIVE WITH U.S. NOTICE TO MARINERS NUMBER 1, 2005, NGA WILL NO LONGER DISTRIBUTE HARD COPY VERSIONS OF THE WEEKLY NOTICE TO MARINERS AND WILL MAKE THEM AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE VIA THE INTERNET. 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.

TWO-WAY ROUTE IN THE GREAT NORTH EAST CHANNEL, TORRES STRAIT

THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) HAS ANNOUNCED THAT A NEW TWO-WAY ROUTE HAS BEEN ADOPTED FOR THE GREAT NORTH EAST CHANNEL OF THE TORRES STRAIT, OFF THE NORTHEAST COAST OF AUSTRALIA EFFECTIVE 0000 GMT 1 DECEMBER 2004. FOR DETAILS, SEE SECTION III.