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2. Department of State/U.S. Embassies.  
<https://www.state.gov>
3. IMB Piracy Reporting Center Home Page.  
[http://www.iccwbo.org/ccs/menu\\_imb\\_piracy.asp](http://www.iccwbo.org/ccs/menu_imb_piracy.asp)
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China	Cautions, Government, Offshore Drilling, Traffic Separation Scheme, U.S. Embassy, Vessel Traffic Service, Appendix I
Colombia	Cautions, Government
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Hong Kong	Government, Traffic Separation Scheme
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New Zealand	Firing Areas, Ice, Search and Rescue
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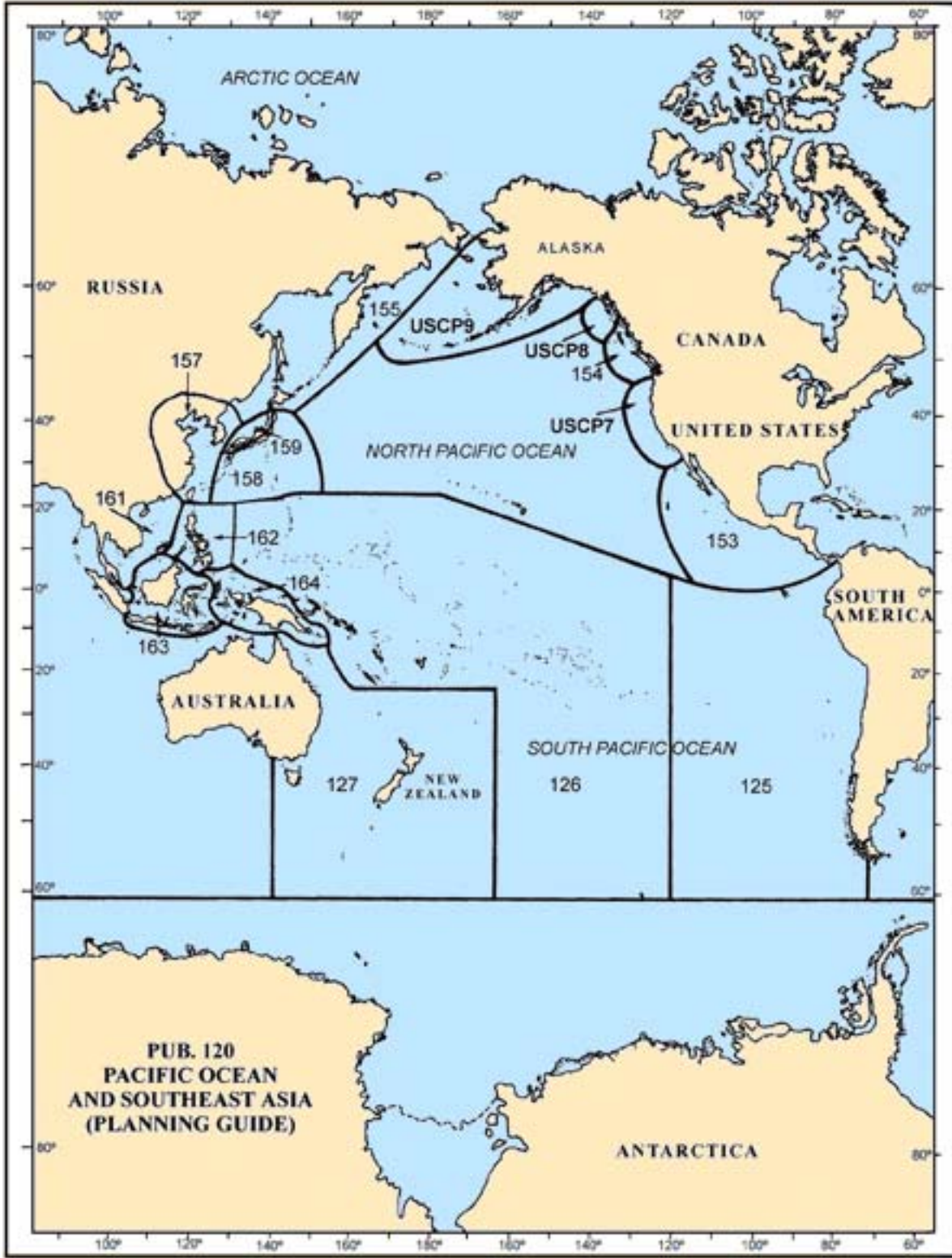
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Colombia	U.S. Embassy
Costa Rica	U.S. Embassy
East Timor	U.S. Embassy
Ecuador	Navigational Information (new graphic), U.S. Embassy, Appendix I, Appendix II
El Salvador	U.S. Embassy
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Hong Kong	U.S. Embassy
Indonesia	U.S. Embassy
Japan	Cautions, Fishing Areas, Regulations, U.S. Embassy, Appendix II, Appendix IV (new)
Kiribati	Navigational Information (new graphic), Regulations, U.S. Embassy
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Canada	Cautions, Meteorology, Regulations, Appendix I, Appendix II
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Colombia	Fishing Areas, Pilotage, Regulations
Costa Rica	Search and Rescue
Ecuador	Regulations
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North Korea	Search and Rescue
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Russia	Search and Rescue
Samoa	Time Zone
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Cambodia	Cautions (new)
Canada	Navigational Information, Search and Rescue
Chile	Meteorology, Ship Reporting Systems
China	Cautions
Cook Islands	Cautions, Meteorology
Colombia	Navigational Information
Ecuador	Appendix II

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French Polynesia	Meteorology, Regulations
Guatemala	Meteorology (new)
Indonesia	Cautions, Meteorology, Navigational Information, US Embassy
Kiribati	Pollution (new), Regulations
Malaysia	Cautions
New Caledonia	Firing Areas, Pollution
New Zealand	Cautions, Firing Areas, Navigational Information, Submarine Operating Areas
Nicaragua	Meteorology (new)
Pacific Ocean	Ship Reporting Systems
Panama	Pollution
Peru	Meteorology (new)
Philippines	Cautions, Meteorology (new)
South Korea	Pollution (new)
Thailand	Cautions
Vietnam	Cautions, Meteorology





**Conversion Tables**

**Feet to Meters**

Feet	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	0.00	0.30	0.61	0.91	1.22	1.52	1.83	2.13	2.44	2.74
10	3.05	3.35	3.66	3.96	4.27	4.57	4.88	5.18	5.49	5.79
20	6.10	6.40	6.71	7.01	7.32	7.62	7.92	8.23	8.53	8.84
30	9.14	9.45	9.75	10.06	10.36	10.67	10.97	11.28	11.58	11.89
40	12.19	12.50	12.80	13.11	13.41	13.72	14.02	14.33	14.63	14.93
50	15.24	15.54	15.85	16.15	16.46	16.76	17.07	17.37	17.68	17.98
60	18.29	18.59	18.90	19.20	19.51	19.81	20.12	20.42	20.73	21.03
70	21.34	21.64	21.95	22.25	22.55	22.86	23.16	23.47	23.77	24.08
80	24.38	24.69	24.99	25.30	25.60	25.91	26.21	26.52	26.82	27.13
90	27.43	27.74	28.04	28.35	28.65	28.96	29.26	29.57	29.87	30.17

**Fathoms to Meters**

Fathoms	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	0.00	1.83	3.66	5.49	7.32	9.14	10.97	12.80	14.63	16.46
10	18.29	20.12	21.95	23.77	25.60	27.43	29.26	31.09	32.92	34.75
20	36.58	38.40	40.23	42.06	43.89	45.72	47.55	49.38	51.21	53.03
30	54.86	56.69	58.52	60.35	62.18	64.01	65.84	67.67	69.49	71.32
40	73.15	74.98	76.81	78.64	80.47	82.30	84.12	85.95	87.78	89.61
50	91.44	93.27	95.10	96.93	98.75	100.58	102.41	104.24	106.07	107.90
60	109.73	111.56	113.39	115.21	117.04	118.87	120.70	122.53	124.36	126.19
70	128.02	129.85	131.67	133.50	135.33	137.16	138.99	140.82	142.65	144.47
80	146.30	148.13	149.96	151.79	153.62	155.45	157.28	159.11	160.93	162.76
90	164.59	166.42	168.25	170.08	171.91	173.74	175.56	177.39	179.22	181.05

**Meters to Feet**

Meters	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	0.00	3.28	6.56	9.84	13.12	16.40	19.68	22.97	26.25	29.53
10	32.81	36.09	39.37	42.65	45.93	49.21	52.49	55.77	59.06	62.34
20	65.62	68.90	72.18	75.46	78.74	82.02	85.30	88.58	91.86	95.14
30	98.42	101.71	104.99	108.27	111.55	114.83	118.11	121.39	124.67	127.95
40	131.23	134.51	137.80	141.08	144.36	147.64	150.92	154.20	157.48	160.76
50	164.04	167.32	170.60	173.88	177.16	180.45	183.73	187.01	190.29	193.57
60	196.85	200.13	203.41	206.69	209.97	213.25	216.54	219.82	223.10	226.38
70	229.66	232.94	236.22	239.50	242.78	246.06	249.34	252.62	255.90	259.19
80	262.47	265.75	269.03	272.31	275.59	278.87	282.15	285.43	288.71	291.99
90	295.28	298.56	301.84	305.12	308.40	311.68	314.96	318.24	321.52	324.80

**Meters to Fathoms**

Meters	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	0.00	0.55	1.09	1.64	2.19	2.73	3.28	3.83	4.37	4.92
10	5.47	6.01	6.56	7.11	7.66	8.20	8.75	9.30	9.84	10.39
20	10.94	11.48	12.03	12.58	13.12	13.67	14.22	14.76	15.31	15.86
30	16.40	16.95	17.50	18.04	18.59	19.14	19.68	20.23	20.78	21.33
40	21.87	22.42	22.97	23.51	24.06	24.61	25.15	25.70	26.25	26.79
50	27.34	27.89	28.43	28.98	29.53	30.07	30.62	31.17	31.71	32.26
60	32.81	33.36	33.90	34.45	35.00	35.54	36.09	36.64	37.18	37.73
70	38.28	38.82	39.37	39.92	40.46	41.01	41.56	42.10	42.65	43.20
80	43.74	44.29	44.84	45.38	45.93	46.48	47.03	47.57	48.12	48.67
90	49.21	49.76	50.31	50.85	51.40	51.95	52.49	53.04	53.59	54.13

**Abbreviations**

The following abbreviations may be used in the text:

**Units**

°C	degree(s) Centigrade	km	kilometer(s)
cm	centimeter(s)	m	meter(s)
cu.m.	cubic meter(s)	mb	millibars
dwt	deadweight tons	MHz	megahertz
FEU	forty-foot equivalent units	mm	millimeter(s)
gt	gross tons	nrt	net registered tons
kHz	kilohertz	TEU	twenty-foot equivalent units

**Directions**

N	north	S	south
NNE	northnortheast	SSW	southsouthwest
NE	northeast	SW	southwest
ENE	eastnortheast	WSW	westsouthwest
E	east	W	west
ESE	eastsoutheast	WNW	westnorthwest
SE	southeast	NW	northwest
SSE	southsoutheast	NNW	northnorthwest

**Vessel types**

LASH	Lighter Aboard Ship	Ro-ro	Roll-on Roll-off
LNG	Liquified Natural Gas	ULCC	Ultra Large Crude Carrier
LPG	Liquified Petroleum Gas	VLCC	Very Large Crude Carrier
OBO	Ore/Bulk/Oil	VLOC	Very Large Ore Carrier
NGL	Natural Gas Liquids	FSO	Floating Storage and Offloading
Lo-lo	Lift-on Lift-off	FPSO	Floating Production Storage and Offloading
		FSU	Floating Storage Unit

**Time**

ETA	estimated time of arrival	GMT	Greenwich Mean Time
ETD	estimated time of departure	UTC	Coordinated Universal Time

**Water level**

MSL	mean sea level	LWS	low water springs
HW	high water	MHWN	mean high water neaps
LW	low water	MHWS	mean high water springs
MHW	mean high water	MLWN	mean low water neaps
MLW	mean low water	MLWS	mean low water springs
HWN	high water neaps	HAT	highest astronomical tide
HWS	high water springs	LAT	lowest astronomical tide
LWN	low water neaps		

**Communications**

D/F	direction finder	MF	medium frequency
R/T	radiotelephone	HF	high frequency
GMDSS	Global Maritime Distress and Safety System	VHF	very high frequency
LF	low frequency	UHF	ultra high frequency

**Navigation**

LANBY	Large Automatic Navigation Buoy	SPM	Single Point Mooring
CALM	Catenary Anchor Leg Mooring	CBM	Conventional Buoy Mooring System
NAVSAT	Navigation Satellite	MBM	Multi-Buoy Mooring System
ODAS	Ocean Data Acquisition System	TSS	Traffic Separation Scheme
SBM	Single Buoy Mooring	VTC	Vessel Traffic Center
		VTS	Vessel Traffic Service

**Miscellaneous**

## XII

The following abbreviations may be used in the text:

AIS	Automatic Identification System	MMSI	Maritime Mobile Service Identity Code
COLREGS	Collision Regulations	No./Nos.	Number/Numbers
IALA	International Assoc of Lighthouse Authorities	PA	Position approximate
IHO	International Hydrographic Office	PD	Position doubtful
IMO	International Maritime Organization	Pub.	Publication
IMDG	International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code	SOLAS	International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea
LOA	Length overall	St./Ste.	Saint/Sainte
UKC	Underkeel clearance	ISPS	International Ship and Port Facility Security

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<b>Ship Reporting System</b>	<b>23</b>	The Great Barrier Reef fringes the NE coast of the country and extends for about 1,200 miles.	
		Most of the country consists of low irregular plateaus. The desert-like center is flat, barren, and dry. Large areas of fertile	

plain are located in the SE part.

The climate is generally arid to semi-arid but there are wide variations. The N part is tropical and the S and E parts are temperate.

## Areas to be Avoided

**The Capricorn Group and the Bunker Group.**—The area in the vicinity of the Capricorn Group (23°20'S., 152°00'E.) and the Bunker Group (23°50'S., 152°20'E.) is an IMO-adopted Area to be Avoided. To avoid the risk of pollution and damage to the environment, all vessels carrying dangerous or toxic cargo and all other vessels exceeding 500 gross tons should avoid the area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 23°10'S, 151°56'E.
- b. 23°53'S, 152°28'E.
- c. 23°55'S, 152°28'E.
- d. 23°57'S, 152°26'E.
- e. 23°57'S, 152°24'E.
- f. 23°32'S, 151°55'E.
- g. 23°36'S, 151°39'E.
- h. 23°33'S, 151°35'E.
- i. 23°30'S, 151°35'E.
- j. 23°25'S, 151°53'E.
- k. 23°20'S, 151°50'E.
- l. 23°20'S, 151°40'E.
- m. 23°15'S, 151°40'E.
- n. 23°10'S, 151°52'E.

**Bass Strait.**—An IMO-adopted Area to be Avoided, which should be avoided by ships greater than 200 gross tons, is bounded by the coast and lines joining the following positions:

- a. The low water line at latitude 38°15'S.
- b. 38°35'S, 147°44'E.
- c. 38°41'S, 148°06'E.
- d. 38°41'S, 148°13'E.
- e. 38°32'S, 148°26'E.
- f. 38°19'S, 148°35'E.
- g. 38°08'S, 148°31'E.
- h. 38°05'S, 148°24'E.
- i. The low water line at latitude 37°58'S.

The area contains oil wells and oil and gas production platforms, most of which are marked by buoys, lighted buoys, and lights. Surveillance by military aircraft and vessels is conducted within a radius of 40 miles from position 38°20'S, 148°00'E.

**Southwest Coral Sea.**—An IMO-adopted Area to be Avoided is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 15°42'28.8"S, 149°06'04.2"E.
- b. 15°31'52.2"S, 149°40'04.2"E.
- c. 15°36'54.0"S, 149°50'25.8"E.
- d. 16°01'09.6"S, 150°09'47.4"E.
- e. 16°23'15.0"S, 150°24'33.6"E.
- f. 16°40'54.6"S, 150°52'12.6"E.
- g. 17°28'15.6"S, 151°08'00.6"E.
- h. 17°30'42.6"S, 151°08'00.6"E.
- i. 17°32'35.4"S, 151°07'27.0"E.
- j. 17°46'49.8"S, 150°57'33.6"E.
- k. 17°59'25.8"S, 150°38'21.0"E.
- l. 18°15'56.4"S, 149°37'58.2"E.
- m. 18°01'54.6"S, 148°23'20.4"E.
- n. 17°55'29.4"S, 148°16'15.6"E.

- o. 17°32'54.0"S, 148°05'08.4"E.
- p. 17°22'16.2"S, 147°41'37.8"E.
- q. 16°45'00.6"S, 147°30'28.2"E.
- r. 16°18'33.6"S, 147°40'36.6"E.
- s. 16°15'00.0"S, 147°43'49.2"E.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

The general direction of buoyage for the purposes of the IALA Buoyage System is E to W along the S coast of Australia, S to N along the W coast of Australia, W to E along the N coast of Australia, counterclockwise in the Gulf of Carpentaria, from W to E in Torres Strait, N to S along the E coast of Australia, and clockwise around Tasmania.

## Cautions

### General

The volume of commercial shipping passing through Torres Strait is considerable. A large number of local craft also operate between the islands.

### Underkeel Clearance Management (UKCM) System

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority has established an internet-based UKCM in the Torres Strait to improve safety and shipping efficiency in the Torres Strait. The system is mandatory for vessels with a draft of 8m and over up to the maximum allowable draft of 12.2m in the strait. For further information, see Pub. 127, Sailing Directions (Enroute) East Coast of Australia and New Zealand.

### Seismic Surveys

In connection with the exploration for oil and gas, seismic survey vessels are operating off the Australian coast. When possible, general details of these activities will be broadcast as AUSCOAST Warnings. However, vessels carrying out such surveys may be encountered without warning.

### Magnetic Anomalies

Compass deflections have been observed W of Recifs et Iles Chesterfield in position 19°52.0'S, 157°31'E.

A local magnetic anomaly, which decreased the normal E variation by 6°, has been reported (1975) in a position about BA NP 15 (2022 edition); 20 miles NE of Sandy Cape Light (24°43.8'S., 153°12.5'E.).

A local magnetic anomaly causing compass deflections has been reported about 4.5 miles SSW of Cowan Point Light (27°08.5'S., 153°21.8'E.).

Compass deflections of 4° to 7° have been reported near the middle of Whitsunday Passage in the vicinity of position 20°16'S, 148°53'E.

Magnetic anomalies have been reported off the coast of Victoria, as follows:

1. In the NW part of Corner Inlet in the vicinity of Port Welshpool (38°41.7'S., 146°27.3'E.).
2. In the vicinity of the Lakes Entrance (37°53.4'S., 147°58.4'E.).

Magnetic anomalies are located off the coast of Tasmania, as follows:

1. In the vicinity of Perkins Bay (40°46.1'S., 145°11.2'E.).
2. Between Rocky Cape (40°51.2'S., 145°30.6'E.) and Burnie (41°03.0'S., 145°55.0'E.).
3. About 10 miles NNE of Ulverstone in position 41°00.0'S, 146°15.0'E. Significant magnetic anomalies may also be encountered between Ulverstone (41°09.6'S., 146°10.5'E.) and Burnie.
4. About 4 miles NNE of Point Sorell in the vicinity of position 41°03'15"S, 146°34'30"E.
5. In Frederick Henry Bay (42°54.0'S., 147°34.0'E.) S of the town of Sorell.
6. In the approaches to Hobart compass deflections of as much as 13-17° each way have been experienced in an area W of Betsey Island (43°03.0'S., 147°29.0'E.), bounded by a line drawn 144° from Iron Pot and 190° from the S end of Betsey Island.
7. Between Cape Pillar (43°13.3'S., 148°00.7'E.) and Governor Island (41°52.3'S., 148°18.8'E.), including within Marion Bay (42°48.0'S., 147°54.0'E.).
8. Between Whale Head (43°38.2'S., 146°52.3'E.) and Cape Pillar (43°13.3'S., 148°00.7'E.), including the entire S part of Bruny Island (43°20.0'S., 147°18.0'E.).
9. In the vicinity of Southport (43°27.0'S., 146°59.0'E.).

### Piracy

Vessels are advised to remain vigilant when transiting the Timor Sea and the Arafura Sea.

Vessels operating in the Voluntary Community Reporting Area (VCR) are strongly encouraged to report all cyber attack incidents and any interference on radio frequencies, radars, GPS, and AIS. For further information on the VCR, see **Pacific Ocean—Ship Reporting System**.

### Currency

The official unit of currency is the Australian dollar, consisting of 100 cents.

### Firing Areas

#### Firing Practice and Exercise Areas

The tables and graphics displayed below indicate details concerning the declared firing practice areas under Australian Army, Air Force, and Naval Forces Regulations.

Firing practice areas may be selected anywhere and details are published in the *Australian Government Gazette* and the *Designated Airspace Handbook*. The limits of these areas are

depicted in Chartlets 1 through 6 and 11.

In view of the responsibility of range authorities to avoid accidents, limits of practice areas are not shown on charts and descriptions of areas will not appear in the Sailing Directions (Enroute). However, beacons, lights, and marking buoys which may be of assistance to the mariner or targets, which might be a danger to navigation, will appear on charts and, when appropriate, will be mentioned in the Sailing Directions.

### Types of Firing Practices

The principal types of practice include the following:

1. **Bombing practice from aircraft.**—Warning signals usually shown.

2. **Air-to-air, air-to-sea or air-to-ground firing.**—Air-to-air firing is carried out by aircraft at a large white or red sleeve, a winged target, or a flag towed by another aircraft moving on a steady course. Air-to-sea firing or air-to-ground firing is carried out from an aircraft at towed or stationary targets on sea or land, the firing in each case being directed seawards.

3. **Antiaircraft firing.**—This may come from anti-aircraft guns or machine guns directed at a target towed by an aircraft, a pilotless aircraft, a balloon, or a kite. Firing may take place from shore batteries or ships.

4. **Firing from shore batteries or ships.**—Firing at fixed or floating targets.

5. **Remote-controlled craft.**—Surface craft, orange in color and 6.4m long, carry no distinctive shapes or lights. They are, however, fitted with navigation lights appropriate to the size in accordance with COLREGS 72. These craft are remotely controlled from helicopters, ships, and, occasionally, from shore.

6. **Rocket and guided weapons firing.**—These may take the form as listed in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 above. All such firings are conducted under Clear (Air and Sea) Range procedures. Devices are generally incorporated whereby the missiles may be destroyed should their flight be erratic.

### Clear Range Procedure

A clear range procedure is in place with respect to firing exercises and in general no broadcast warnings will be issued, with the exception of the case of major exercises, which will be the subject of special warnings. However, vessels approaching and transiting any such areas are requested to maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 16 and on any other specified frequencies.

Further information can be obtained from the authorities listed in the table titled **Contact Information—Safety Offices**.

**Contact Information—Safety Offices**

Area Name	Telephone	Facsimile	E-mail	Position
Shoalwater Bay Training Area	61-7-4935-5000	61-7-4935-5024	<a href="mailto:shoalwater.bay@defence.gov.au">shoalwater.bay@defence.gov.au</a>	22°38'S, 150°50'E
Evans Head Air Weapons Range	61-2-6682-4740	—	—	29°14'S, 153°26'E
Beecroft Weapons Range (R447)	61-2-4448-3839	—	—	35°04'S, 150°58'E



### Visual Warning Signals

Visual warning signals are used, as follows:

1. Ships engaged in firing operations fly a red flag during daylight hours.
2. Range safety craft, target towers, or control launches for radio-controlled towers will display the following:
  - a. A large red flag at the masthead.
  - b. A painted canvas strip (dimensions: 1.8m by 0.9m) with red and white or red and yellow checks in 0.3m squares on the foredeck or cabin roof.

Ships and aircraft engaged in night exercises may illuminate the area with bright white flares.

Vessels should comply with all requests made by range safety craft.

The absence of warning signals should not be used as evidence that an exercise is not underway.

### Definitions

A Restricted Area (R) is an area of defined dimensions within which certain restrictions are applied to aircraft operations. When shown as an R area in Notices to Mariners, the air activity extends to sea level and the nature of the activity is such that dangers to maritime traffic may exist at specified times within the area defined in Notices to Mariners.

A Prohibited Area (P) is an area of defined dimensions within which ships are not permitted under any circumstances.

A Surface Restricted Area (SR) is a surface area of defined dimensions within which activities dangerous to maritime traffic may exist at specified times. The restriction is applicable to maritime traffic only.

The limits of all the areas are laid down numerically by States. Naval practice firings outside of the declared areas may be approved by the Department of Defense (Navy Office) from time to time. Warnings concerning firing practices are promulgated by Notices to Airmen (NOTAM) originated by the RAN and RAAF.

### Fishing Areas

**Torres Strait.**—A significant level of commercial fishing takes place in Torres Strait during the prawn season, which occurs from May through September. These vessels work exclusively at night and anchor in the lee of the islands by day.

A small number of vessels fishing for mackerel may be encountered year round.

**New South Wales.**—Fishing traps marked by floats may be encountered over much of the coastal waters of New South Wales at any time of the year. Where possible, vessels should avoid those waters inshore of the 100m curve between 28°30'S and 32°30'S.

Fish aggregating devices, marked by lighted buoys, may be located up to 10 miles N of Point Lookout (27°26'S., 153°33'E.) and up to 19 miles E of Gold Coast (27°56'S., 153°26'E.).

Lobster fishing takes place off the coast of New South Wales, as follows:

1. November to April—between Port Stephens (latitude 32°42'S.) and Bermagui (latitude 36°25'S.).
2. January to June—between Evans Head (latitude

29°05'S.) and Port Stephens.

When passages permits, vessels are requested to transit outside the 200m curve.

Extensive lobster fishing occurs year round inshore of the 110m depth contour between Morna Point (32°47.1'S., 152°07.5'E.) and Seal Rocks (32°27.8'S., 152°33.2'E.).

Small fishing craft, which are difficult to detect, operate up to 4 miles off Port Jackson (33°50'S., 151°17'E.) and the coasts N and S.

**Tasmania.**—Fleets of small fishing craft work off the S coast of Tasmania in Storm Bay (43°10'S., 147°35'E.) and Frederick Henry Bay (42°55'S., 147°35'E.), as well as off the entire E coast of Tasmania. Crayfish is the main catch.

**Victoria.**—Off the coast of Victoria, a good lookout should be kept for crayfish and shark-fishing vessels, which operate up to 90 miles from the coast. Vessels should also keep a lookout for buoys marking fishing gear. Shark-fishing vessels use long lines, the ends of which are marked by flagged buoys.

### General

Vessels are requested to transit off the coast in accordance with the following recommendations, if possible:

1. South Australia and Victoria—outside the 200m curve.
2. New South Wales—outside the 220m curve.

Inshore commercial and recreational fishing takes place off much of the E coast of Australia from vessels operating from the ports and harbors of New South Wales and Queensland.

### Traditional Fishing

A Memorandum of Understanding between Australia and Indonesia applies to the traditional operations of Indonesian fishermen in the area of the following islands off the NW coast of Australia:

1. Ashmore Reef (12°15'S., 123°05'E.).
2. Cartier Island (12°30'S., 123°33'E.).
3. Browse Island (14°06'S., 123°33'E.).
4. Serengapatan Reef (13°40'S., 122°05'E.).
5. Scott Reefs (14°00'S., 121°53'E.).

Further information can be obtained in AHP 20--Mariner's Handbook for Australian Waters (<https://www.hydro.au/software/products/downloads.htm>).

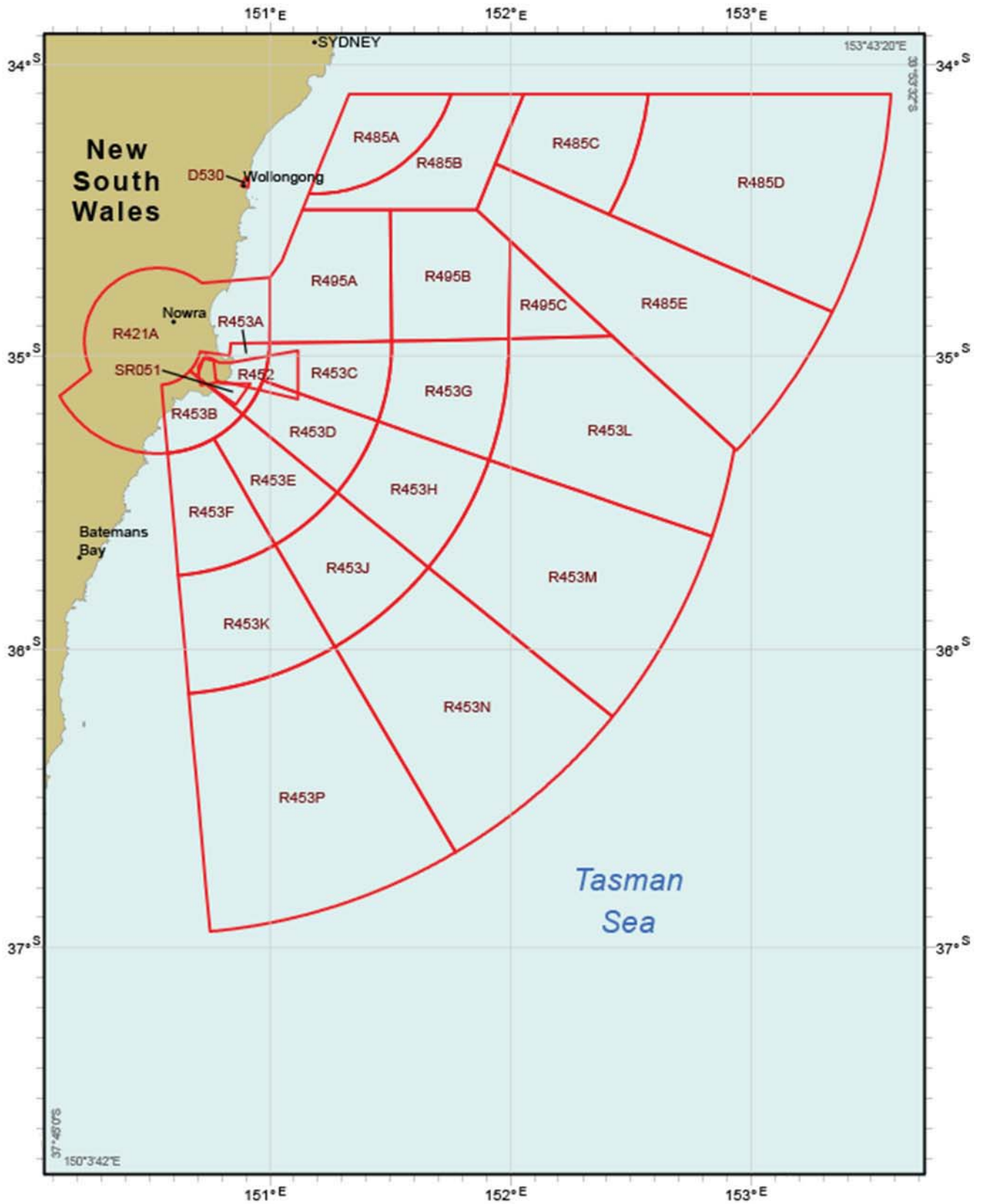
### Government

Australia, a fully independent nation within the British Commonwealth of Nations, is a federal parliamentary democracy recognizing the British monarch as sovereign. The country is divided into six states, two territories, and seven dependent areas.

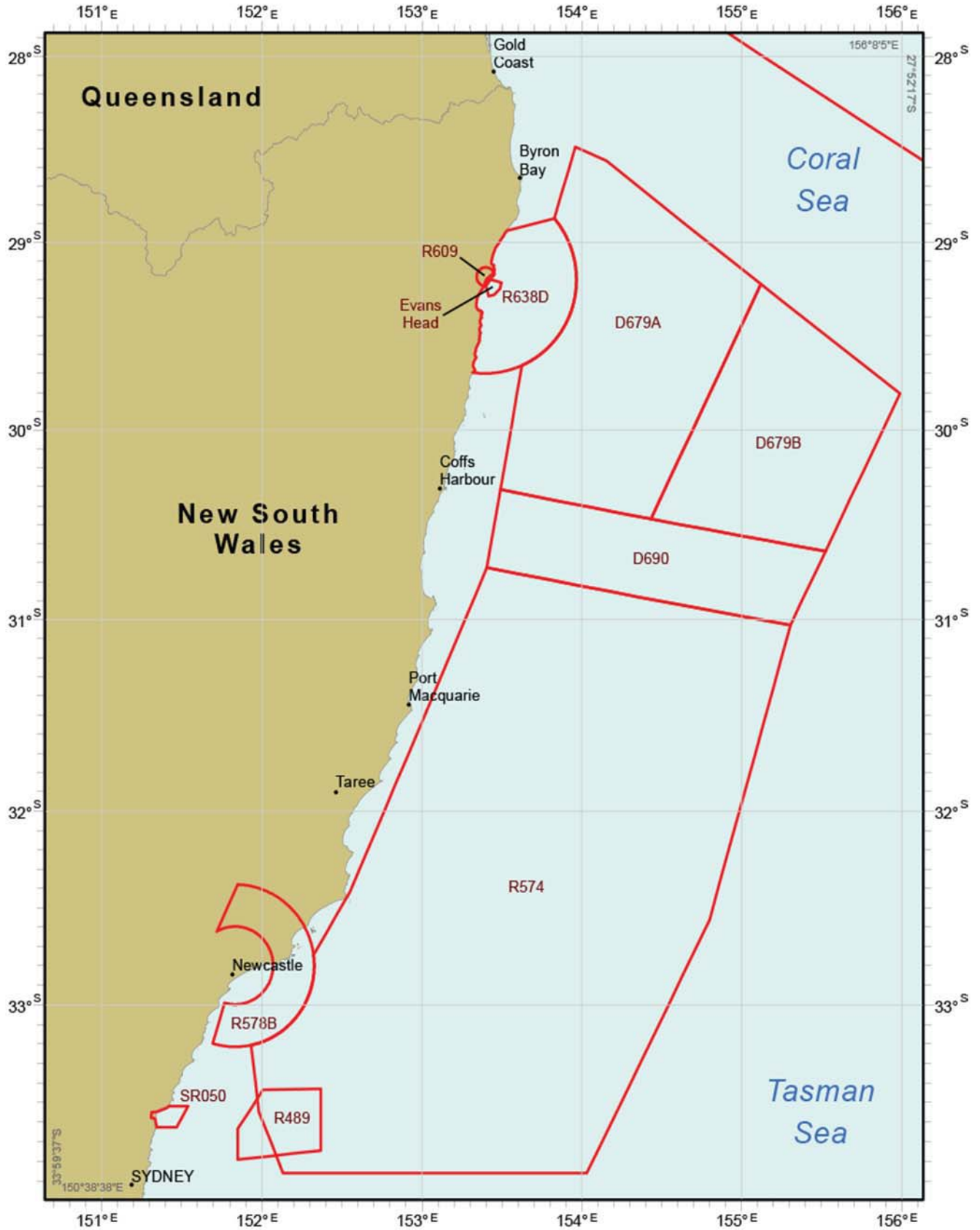
King Charles III, recognized as the Chief of State, appoints a Governor-General based on the recommendation of the Prime Minister. After legislative elections, the leader of the majority party or majority coalition is sworn in as Prime Minister. The bicameral Parliament is composed of a 76-member Senate (directly elected to 6-year terms) and a 151-member House of Representatives (directly elected through proportional representation to 3-year terms).

The legal system is based on English common law.

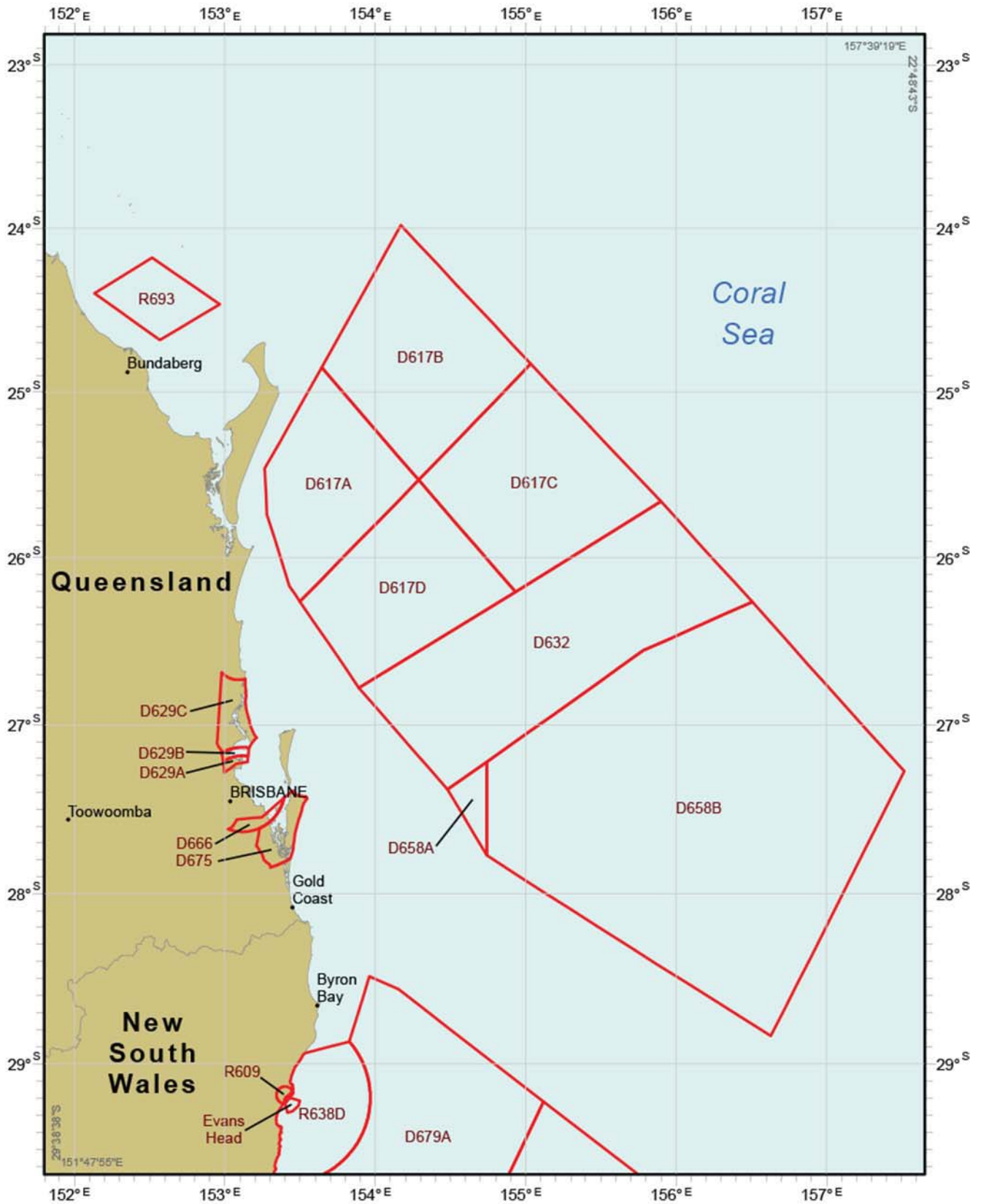
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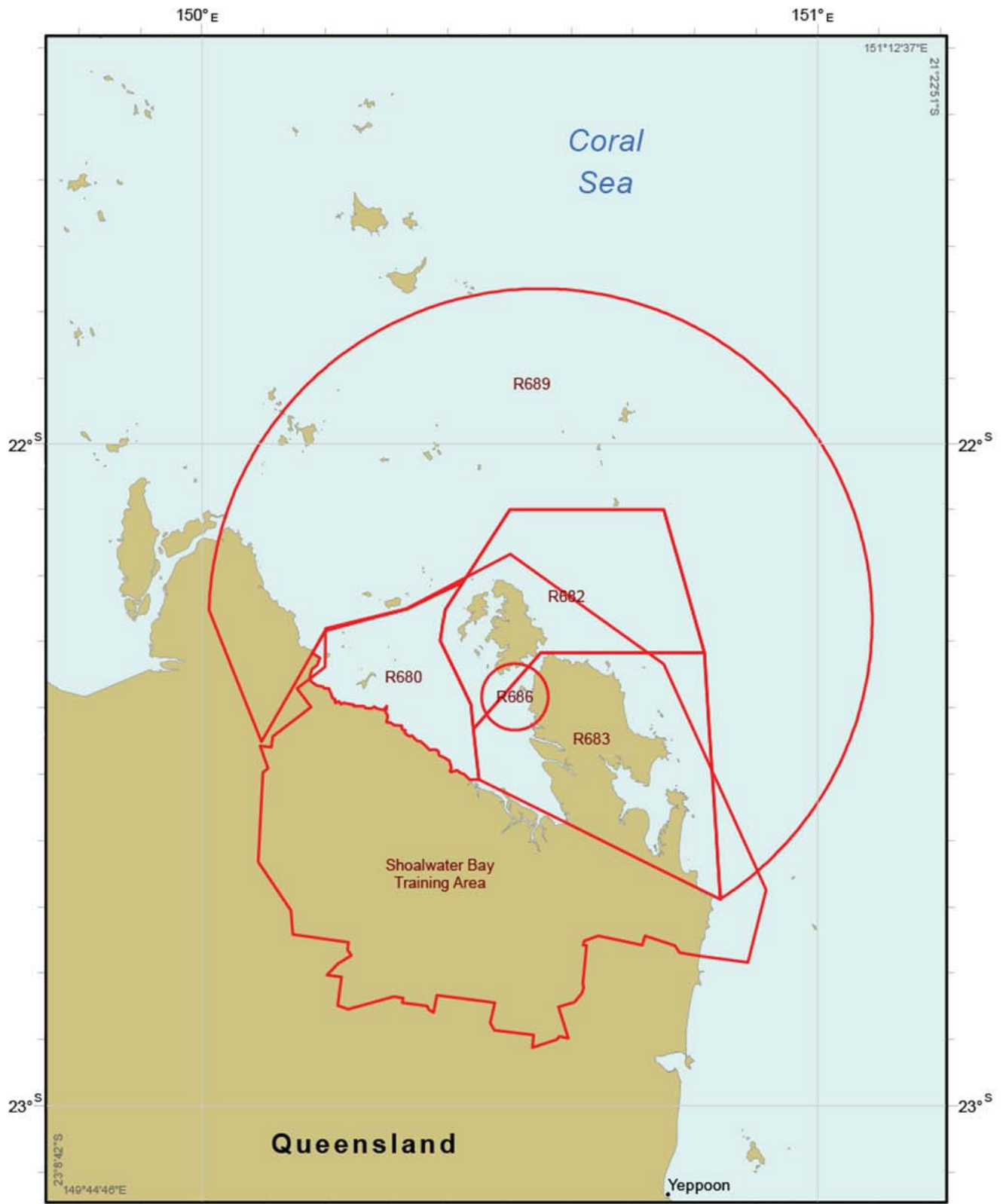
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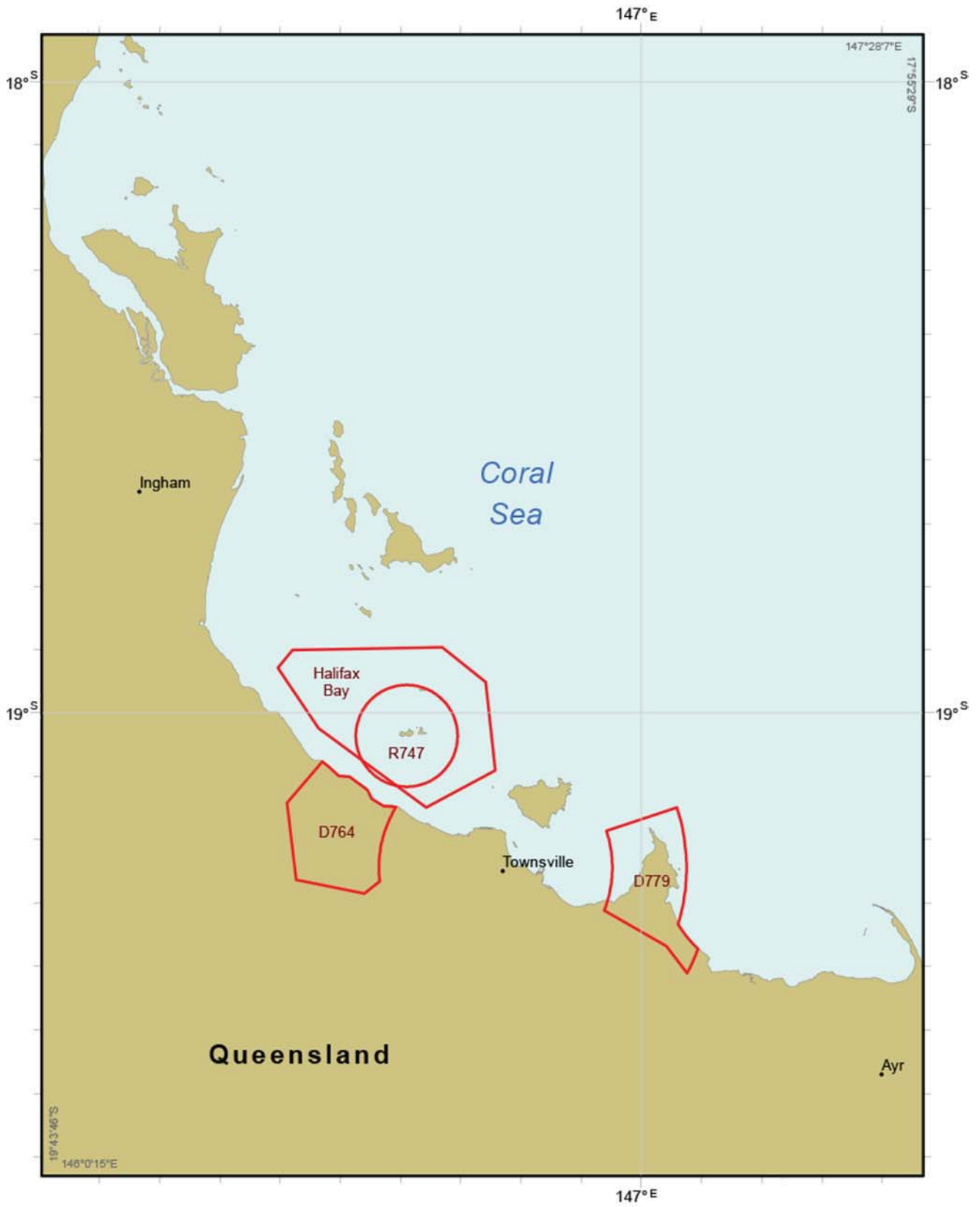
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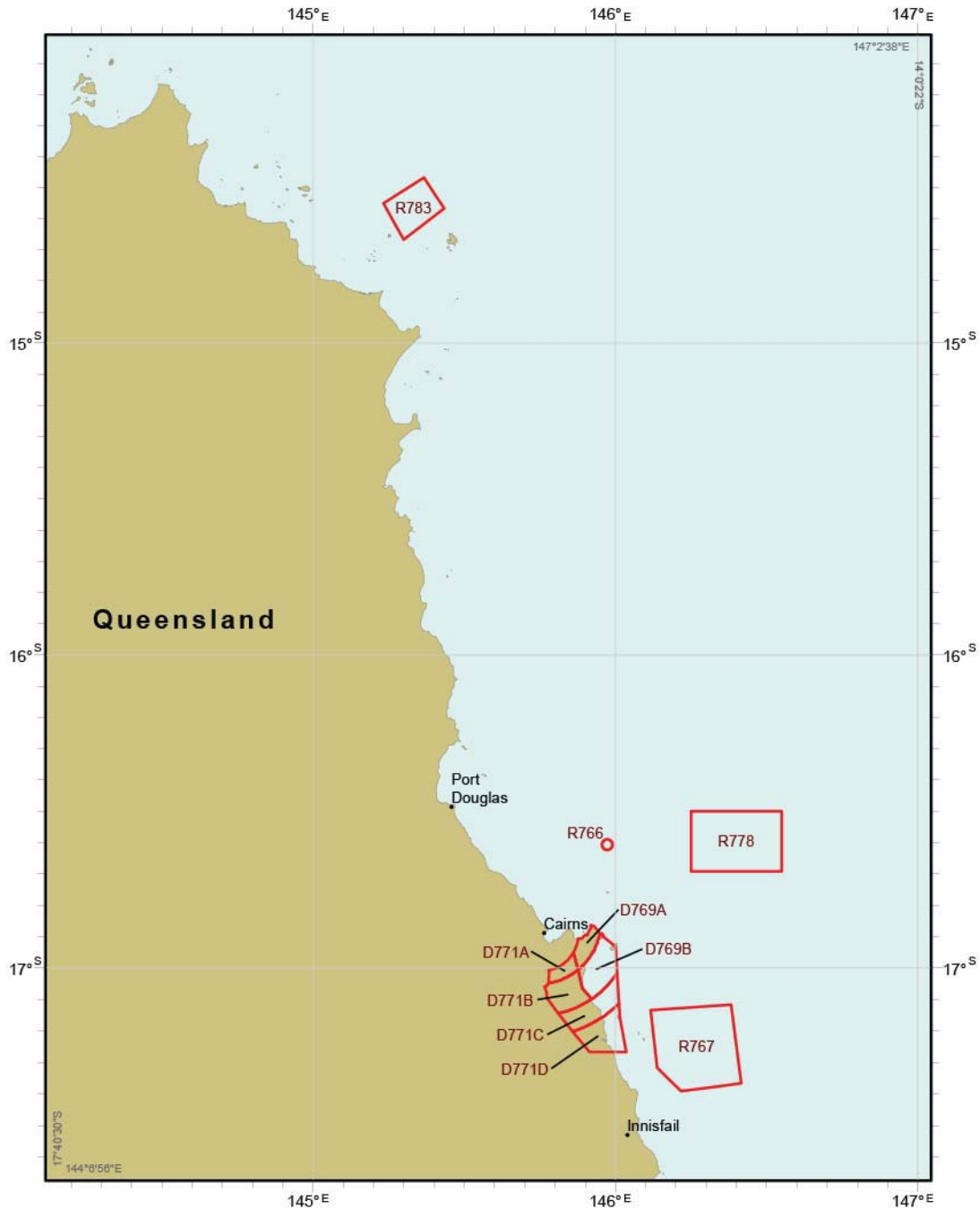
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### Dependent Islands

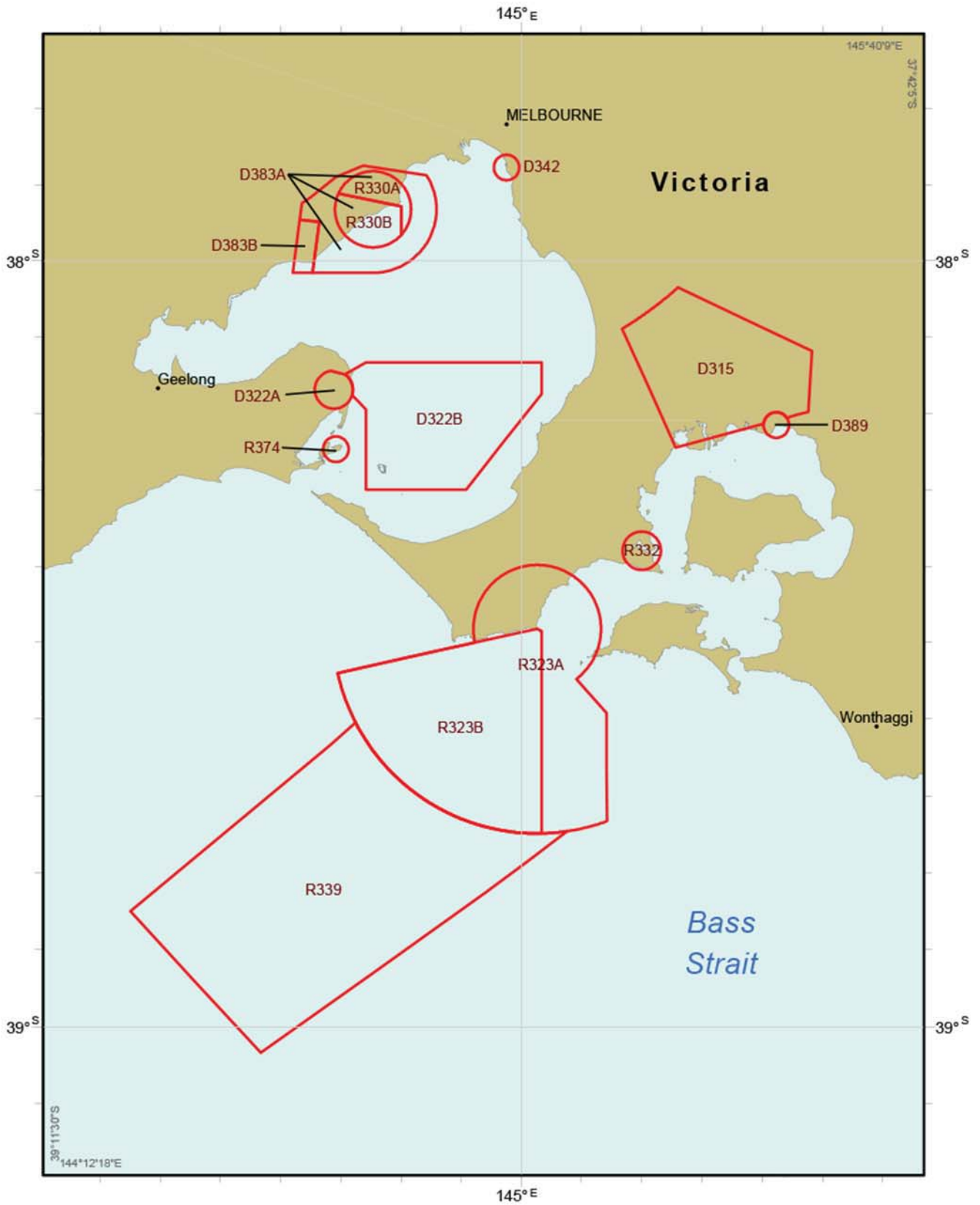
#### The Cocos (Keeling) Islands

The Cocos (Keeling) Islands (12°05'S., 96°53'E.) lie in the Indian Ocean about 2,770 miles NW of Perth. The group is formed by two separate atolls and consists of some 27 small coral islands with a total area of about 14.2 km<sup>2</sup>.

The islands are low-lying, flat, and thickly covered by coco-

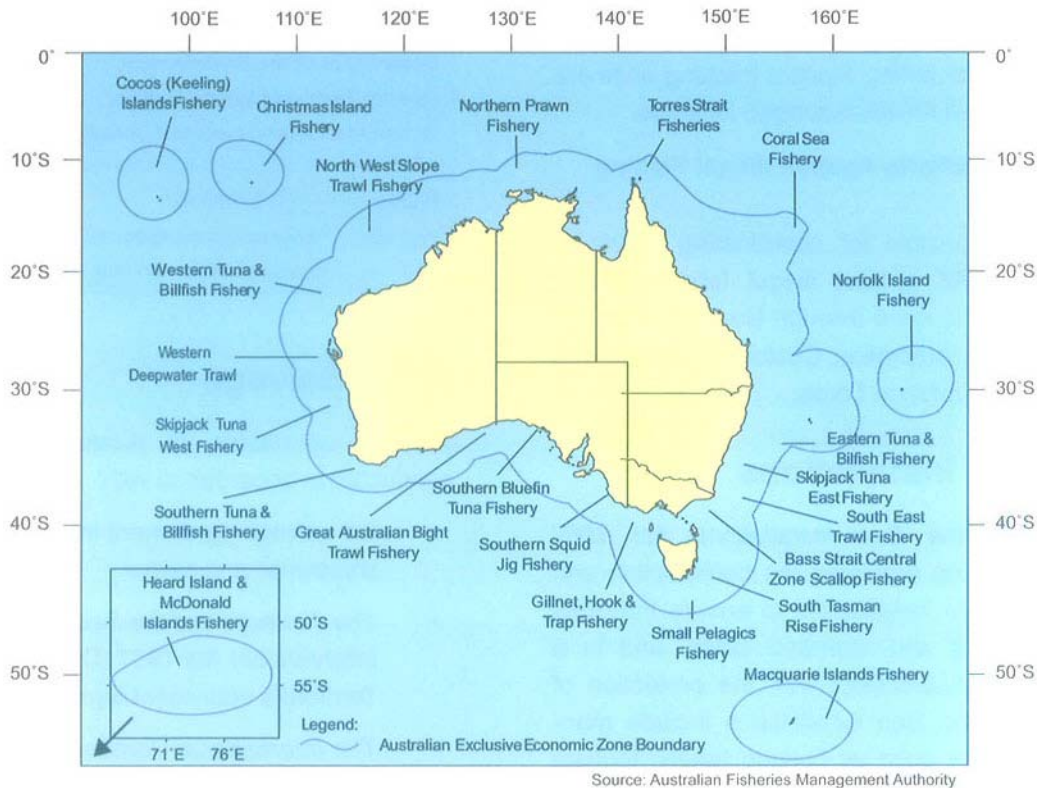
nut palms. They surround a lagoon in which vessels, with drafts of up to 7m, may anchor, but which is extremely difficult for navigation.

The islands were placed (1955) under the authority of the Australian Government as the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands. An Administrator, appointed by the Governor-General, is the government's representative in the Territory and is responsible to the Minister for Territories and Local Govern-



Courtesy of the Australian Hydrographic Service  
**Chartlet No. 11**





### Australia—Fishing Areas



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ment.

West Island is the largest of the group and the site of the airport. The climate is pleasant, being moderated by the SE trade winds for 9 months of the year.

The observed Standard Time is 6 hours 30 minutes fast of UTC. Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

#### Christmas Island

Christmas Island (10°25'S., 105°40'E.), an isolated peak, lies in the Indian Ocean, about 225 miles S of the W end of Java. It is under the control of the Australian Government with an Administrator responsible for local administration. Extraction and export of rock phosphate dust is the island's only industry. The island is about 11 miles long and 4.5 miles wide.

The Time Zone description is GOLF (-7). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

#### Heard Island and the McDonald Islands

Heard Island and the McDonald Islands (53°00'S., 73°00'E.) lie about 2,500 miles SW of Fremantle and are under the control of the Australian Government. Heard Island, of volcanic origin, is about 27 miles long and 13 miles wide; Shag Island lies about 5 miles N of it. The McDonald Islands lie 26 miles W of Heard Island and consist of two small islands and a rock. All the islands are barren and uninhabited.

The islands are located within a marine reserve. Vessels may transit the territorial sea under innocent passage but a permit is required for all other activities.

The Time Zone description is GOLF (-7). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

#### Macquarie Island

Macquarie Island (54°36'S., 158°53'E.) is located in the Southern Ocean approximately 810 miles SE of Tasmania. Sovereignty was claimed by Britain in 1825 and Macquarie Island became part of the colony of Van Diemens Land, which subsequently became Tasmania, and part of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Macquarie Island is 21 miles long and approximately 3 miles wide. It is geologically unique, being the only place on Earth where rocks from the Earth's mantle are exposed above sea level.

el. There are no trees on the island, which is covered by tussock grass and other low growing plants. Most of the island consists of a plateau at a general elevation of 245m, rising to low rounded spurs and hills ranging in height from 365 to 425m. The edge of the plateau falls away abruptly to the sea or to narrow beaches. Landing is difficult.

The island is home to a variety of wildlife, including elephant and fur seals, penguins, and numerous sea birds. A penguin colony at Hurd Point is home to over 1 million birds during the breeding season.

The climate is sub-Antarctic and characterized by persistent strong winds, cloudy skies, and frequent precipitation of rain or snow. Winds are predominantly from the W and NW at an average speed of about 16 knots. Mean annual temperatures range from about 3°C to 7°C. There is no permanent snow or ice cover. The island is often obscured by mist or low cloud.

### Norfolk Island

Norfolk Island (29°02'S., 167°57'E.) lies in the Pacific Ocean about 860 miles NE of Sydney. The island, discovered by James Cook in 1714, became part of Australia in 1914 when it was accepted as a Territory under the authority of the Australian Government

The Territory of Norfolk Island comprises Norfolk Island, Philip Island, and Nepean Island.

Norfolk Island is a self-governing territory, controls its own treasury, and raises revenue under its own system of laws.

### Coral Sea Islands

The Coral Sea Islands Territory is situated in two areas of the Coral Sea, approximately 782,000 square kilometers in area. The territory was established in 1969.

The coral and sand islands are quite small with some grass and low vegetation cover. There is no fresh water. Most of the islands have been declared nature reserves and are normally uninhabited.

### Ashmore and Cartier Islands

The Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Island, comprising West Island, Middle Island and East Island of Ashmore Reef; Cartier Island; and the 12-mile territorial sea generated by those islands, lies about 450 miles W of Darwin and about 170 miles of the NW coast of Australia.

Ashmore Island (12°14'S., 123°04'E.) is located on the outer edge of the Australian continental shelf in the Indian Ocean; Cartier Island lies about 33 miles SE of Ashmore Island.

Much of the territory is declared a Nature Reserve and Marine Reserve, with many areas closed to the public. Access to East Island and Middle Island is by permit only. The area within 4 miles of Cartier Island is closed to all persons. An agreement between Australia and Indonesia allows traditional Indonesian fishermen access to certain parts of Ashmore Reserve to access fresh water, seek shelter, and visit grave sites.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1 *

Holiday	Date(s)
Australia Day	January 26 *
Labor Day (Western Australia only)	First Monday in March
Labor Day (Victoria only)	Second Monday in March
Good Friday	Variable
Easter Saturday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
Easter Monday	Variable
ANZAC Day	April 25
Labor Day (Northern Territory and Queensland only)	First Monday in May
King's Birthday (except Western Australia)	Second Saturday in June
King's Birthday (Western Australia only)	Last Monday in September/first Monday in October
Labor Day (Australian Capital Territory, South Australia, and New South Wales only)	First Monday in October
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26
* If the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, it is observed on the following Monday.	

The following additional holidays in Australia are observed locally:

1. Northern Territory:
  - a. Alice Springs Show Day (July)
  - b. Tennant Creek Day (July)
  - c. Katherine Show Day (July)
  - d. Darwin Show Day (July)
  - e. Borroloola Show Day (June)
  - f. Picnic Day (August)
2. Australian Capital Territory:
  - a. Canberra Day (March)
  - b. Family and Community Day (September)
3. South Australia:
  - a. Adelaide Cup Day (March)
  - b. Proclamation Day (December 26)
4. Tasmania:
  - a. Devonport Cup Day (January)
  - b. Hobart Regatta (February)
  - c. Launceston Cup Day (February)
  - d. Eight Hours Day (March)
  - e. King Island Show Day (March)
  - f. AGFEST (May)
  - g. Burnie Show Day (October)
  - h. Royal Launceston Show Day (October)
  - i. Flinders Island Show Day (October)

- j. Royal Hobart Show Day (October)
- k. Recreation Day (November) (northern Tasmania only)
  - 1. Devonport Show Day (December)
- 5. Western Australia:
  - a. Foundation Cup Day (June)
  - b. Melbourne Cup Day (November)

## Industries

The main industries are mining, industrial and transportation equipment, food processing, chemicals, and steel.

The main exports are coal, gold, natural gas, wheat, and iron ore. The main export-trading partners are China, Japan, South Korea, and India.

The main imports are motor vehicles, crude and refined petroleum, gold, and broadcast equipment. The main import-trading partners are China, the United States, Japan, Germany, and Thailand.

## Languages

English is the official language. There are some native dialects in use.

## Meteorology

See the table titled **Australia—Internet Weather Services**.

## Mined Areas

The following areas are declared dangerous due to mines laid during the war of 1939-1945:

1. **Great Barrier Reef**.—All passages from seaward through the Great Barrier Reef between 11°40'S and 19°07'S have been swept and are open to surface navigation only. They are not safe for anchoring, trawling, or bottoming by submarines.

2. **Moreton Bay**.—An area within a circle, with a radius of 1 mile, centered on position 27°14'34.8"S, 153°21'04.8"E.

3. **Pyramid Rock**.—An area within a circle, with a radius of 1 mile, centered on position 39°49'S, 147°15'E.

Due to the elapse of time, the risk in these areas to surface

navigation is now considered no more dangerous than the ordinary risks of navigation. However, a very real risk still exists with regard to anchoring, fishing, or carrying out any form of submarine or sea bed activity.

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volumes

Pub. 127, Sailing Directions (Enroute) East Coast of Australia and New Zealand.

Pub. 175, Sailing Directions (Enroute) North, West, and South Coasts of Australia

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Australia are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles. **
Contiguous Zone	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	200 miles or the Continental Margin.
* Claims straight baselines. Claims Anxious Bay, Rivoli Bay, Encounter Bay, and Lacedpede Bay as historic waters.	
** Certain islands in Torres Strait retain a territorial sea limit of 3 miles. A special claim extends the territorial sea limit to include a roadstead of the port of Karumba in the Gulf of Carpentaria.	

### Maritime Boundary Disputes

Indonesian groups have challenged Australia's claim to Ashmore Reef (12°15'S., 123°03'E.) and Cartier Island (12°32'S., 123°32'E.).

### Internet Maritime Safety Information

Navigation warnings are available, in English, from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (<https://www.amsa.gov.au/safety-navigation/navigation-systems/maritime-safety-information-database>).

Australia—Internet Weather Services		
Agency	Web Site	Remarks
Bureau of Meteorology	<a href="http://www.bom.gov.au/marine">http://www.bom.gov.au/marine</a>	Detailed coastal and high seas forecasts, tidal information, and related weather information, in English, for Australian and Antarctic waters.
Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association	<a href="https://coastguard.com.au/contact">https://coastguard.com.au/contact</a>	Routine marine safety information and weather bulletins around the Australian coast.

Australia—Internet Maritime Safety Information		
Authority	Information Provided	Web Site
Maritime Safety Queensland	Local Notice to Mariners for the Queensland coast	<a href="https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/boating/notices">https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/boating/notices</a>

Australia—Internet Maritime Safety Information		
Authority	Information Provided	Web Site
Maritime Safety Victoria	Local Notice to Mariners for the Victoria coast	<a href="https://transportsafety.vic.gov.au/maritime-safety/ports-and-waterways/notices-to-mariners">https://transportsafety.vic.gov.au/maritime-safety/ports-and-waterways/notices-to-mariners</a>
Marine and Safety Tasmania	Local Notice to Mariners for the Tasmania coast	<a href="https://mast.tas.gov.au/notices-to-mariners">https://mast.tas.gov.au/notices-to-mariners</a>
South Australia DPTI	Local Notice to Mariners for the South Australia coast	<a href="https://www.dpti.sa.gov.au/latest_news/notice_to_mariners">https://www.dpti.sa.gov.au/latest_news/notice_to_mariners</a>
Western Australia DoT	Links to local Navigational Warnings, Notice to Mariners, weather conditions, and associated information	<a href="https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/marine-information.asp">https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/marine-information.asp</a>
New South Wales Roads and Maritime Services	Links to local Navigational Warnings and Marine Notices for the New South Wales coast	<a href="https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/using-waterways/restrictions-and-closures-on-nsw-waterways/marine-notices/current-notices">https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/using-waterways/restrictions-and-closures-on-nsw-waterways/marine-notices/current-notices</a>

Notices to Mariners are available, in English, from the Australian Hydrographic Service (<https://www.hydro.gov.au/n2m/notices.htm>).

For additional information, see the table titled **Australia—Internet Maritime Safety Information**.

## Offshore Drilling

Petroleum exploration rigs and production platforms may be encountered off the coasts of Australia. The main areas of activity are in the NE part of Bass Strait, in the Timor Sea, and off the NW coast of Australia. Isolated rigs may be encountered anywhere.

Offshore oil and gas installations are located off the coast of Victoria, as follows:

1. Minerva Production Wells (38°42.8'S., 142°57.6'E.).
2. Casino Gas Field, centered on position 38°47.5'S, 142°43.5'E.
3. Henry Production Well (38°42.2'S., 142°37.2'E.).
4. Netherby Production Well (38°40.8'S., 142°38.4'E.).
5. Thylacine Gas Field, centered on position 39°14.2'S, 142°54.1'E.

Safety zones extend a radius of 500m around fixed structures. Only authorized vessels may enter the safety zones. A cautionary zone may also extend a radius of 2.5 miles around the structure.

Drill rigs are moored within a ring of large anchor buoys; this ring may exceed a diameter of 1 mile. The anchor buoys are unlit and may not give a good radar return.

When there is sufficient sea room to do so, vessels should not pass within 2.5 miles of exploration rigs or production platforms, giving sufficient allowance for prevailing weather conditions and the possibility of engine, steering, or other mechanical failure.

Production platforms and exploration rigs maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF channel 16.

## Pilotage

### New South Wales

Pilotage is compulsory for New South Wales. The pilotage

service is under the control of the Maritime Services Board of New South Wales.

### Queensland

Pilotage into Queensland ports is compulsory. It is under the control of the Queensland Department of Harbors and Marine.

Queensland Coast and Torres Strait Pilots are licensed only for coastal pilotage.

Vessels that are exempted in New South Wales and Queensland include all naval vessels, interstate vessels, or coasters, whether under power or sail, and being under 50 nrt.

Regulations are in force in Australian waters concerning use and design of pilot ladders and mechanical pilot hoists.

### Great Barrier Reef/Torres Strait

Pilotage is compulsory for vessels 70m in length or longer and for all laden oil tankers, chemical carriers, and LNG carriers when navigating through the Inner Route of the Great Barrier Reef between Cape York (latitude 10°41'S.) and Cairns Roads (latitude 16°40'S.), when passing through Hydrographers Passage, when passing through Whitsunday Passage, when passing through Torres Strait, or when passing through Great North East Channel.

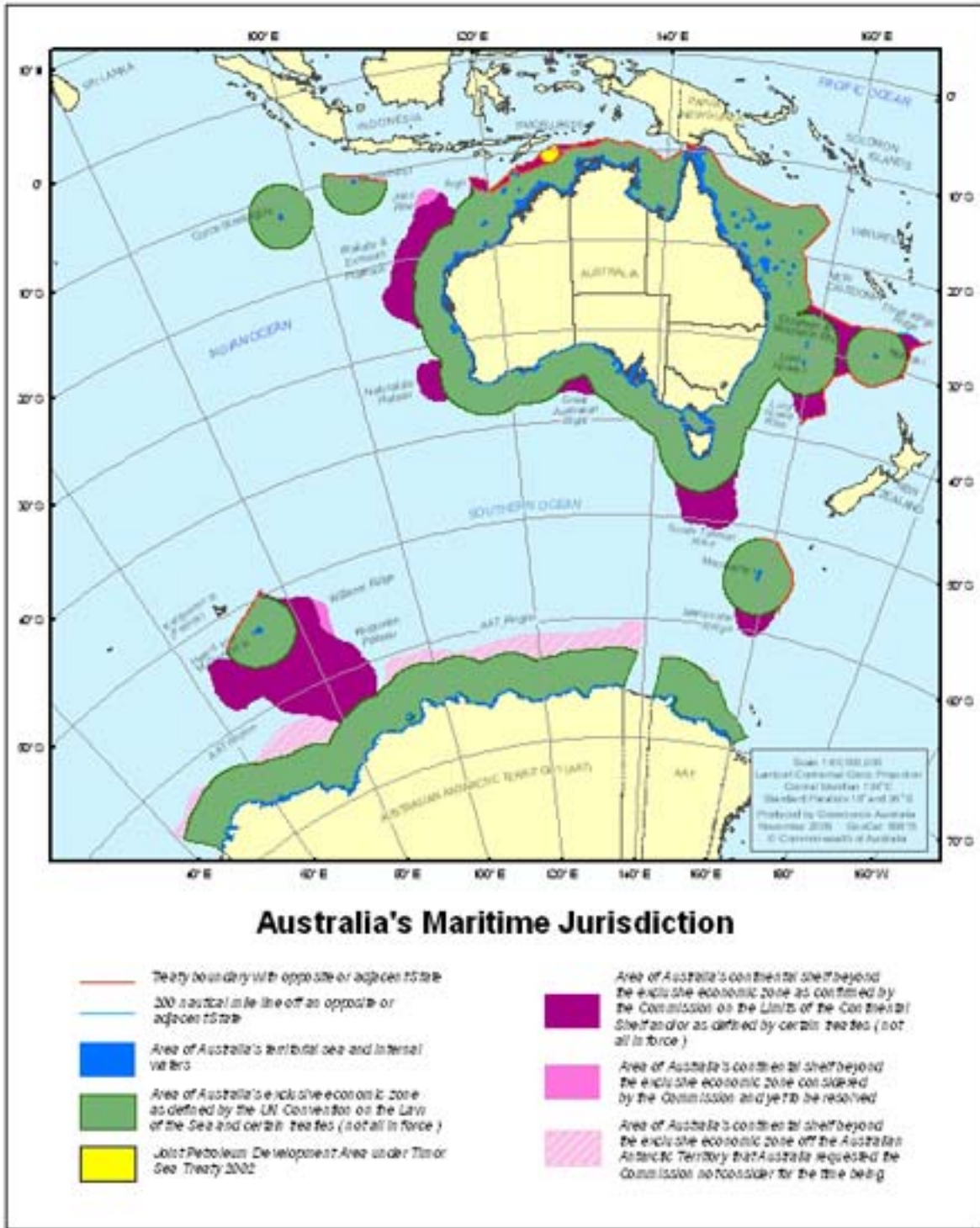
Further information can be found in paragraph 7.2 and paragraph 9.4 in Pub. 127, Sailing Directions (Enroute) East Coast of Australia and New Zealand.

## Pollution

### Insurance Requirements

All vessels 400 gross tons and over carrying oil as cargo or bunkers must have a “relevant insurance certificate” when visiting an Australian port. This requirement does not apply to oil tankers already required to have insurance under the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage 1992. The “relevant insurance certificate” must contain the following information:

1. Vessel name.
2. Owner's name.
3. Name and business address of insurance provider.
4. Commencement date of insurance coverage.



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5. Amount of coverage provided.

Further information on these requirements can be obtained from Environment Protection Standards of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) by telephone (02-6279-5007) or e-mail (Use contact form found at AMSA web site: [http://](http://www.amsa.gov.au/Contact_Us)

[www.amsa.gov.au/Contact\\_Us](http://www.amsa.gov.au/Contact_Us)).

**Pollution Reports**

All vessels navigating within Australian territorial waters must report incidents involving the following:

1. A discharge or probable discharge of oil (Annex I of MARPOL 73/75), or noxious liquid substances in bulk (Annex II of MARPOL 73/75), resulting from damage to the vessel or its equipment, or for the purposes of securing the safety of a vessel or saving life at sea (**Harmful Substances (HS) Report**).

2. A discharge or probable discharge of harmful substances (Annex III of MARPOL 73/75) in packaged form, including those of freight containers, portable tanks, road and rail vehicles, and shipborne barges (**Marine Pollutants (MP) Report**).

3. A loss or probable loss overboard of packaged dangerous cargo, including those in freight containers, portable tanks, road and rail vehicles, or shipborne barges into the sea (**Dangerous Goods (DG) Report**).

4. Damage, failure, or breakdown of a vessel 15m long or greater which either:

a. Affects the safety of the ship, including but not limited to collision, grounding, fire, explosion, structural failure, flooding, and cargo shifting.

b. Results in impairment of the safety of navigation, including but not limited to failure or breakdown of steering gear, propulsion plant, electrical generating system, and essential shipborne navigational aids.

5. A discharge during the operation of the ship of oil or noxious liquid substances in excess of the quantity or instantaneous rate permitted under the current MARPOL Convention.

The pollution report (POLREP) should be sent to the Manager, Marine Environment Protection Division in the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), Canberra through JRCC Australia.

JRCC Australia—Contact Information	
Telephone	61-2-6230-6811
	1-800-641-792 (toll free in Australia)
Facsimile	61-2-6230-6868
	1-800-622-153 (toll free in Australia)
E-mail	<a href="mailto:rccaus@amsa.gov.au">rccaus@amsa.gov.au</a>
Hours	24 hours

Information required in the two reports can be found in Appendix II in the table titled **Australia—Pollution Reports by Vessels Suffering a Casualty**.

Vessels rendering assistance or undertaking salvage work with vessels who have submitted an HS Report or an MP Report are also required to submit these reports. Information required by these reports can be found in Appendix II in the table titled **Australia—Pollution Reports by Vessels Rendering Assistance or Undertaking Salvage Work**.

## Regulations

### Ship Pre-Arrival Report

Foreign flag vessels are required to submit pre-arrival information using the Australian Border Forces' Form 13 (Ship Pre-Arrival Report); this information should be sent at least 96

hours prior to arrival or, as follows:

1. If the duration of the voyage from the previous port is less than 96 hours, the report should be submitted 72 hours in advance.

2. If the duration of the voyage from the previous port is less than 72 hours, the report should be submitted 48 hours in advance.

3. If the duration of the voyage from the previous port is less than 48 hours, the report should be submitted 24 hours in advance.

4. If the duration of the voyage from the previous port is less than 24 hours, the report should be submitted 12 hours in advance.

The Ship Pre-Arrival Report contains security related fields requiring the following information:

1. Details of the International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC).

2. The current security level at which the ship is currently operating.

3. The last ten ports of call, with departure dates, and the security level at each port.

4. When the security level at any of these ports is different from that of the ship, details of any special/specific security measures implemented by the ship.

5. Details of any ship-to-ship activity within the last ten ports of call.

6. Next four ports of call, including Australian ports, where known.

Australian Border Forces' Form 13 (Ship Pre-Arrival Report) can be obtained from the Australian Border Forces web site.

### Australia Border Forces Home Page

<https://www.abf.gov.au/form-listing/forms/form13.pdf>

### New South Wales

Vessels on arrival at any port in New South Wales should obtain a copy of the port regulations.

Regulations have been made for navigation of the navigable rivers in the area of New South Wales.

A vessel approaching any dredge, or other vessel employed on any works in the river, is to reduce speed to a rate not exceeding 4 knots over the ground when at least 275m away and so continue until the vessel has passed 45m beyond the dredge or other vessel.

All vessels passing such dredges or other vessel must pass on the side indicated by the signals from the dredge.

When a vessel is being docked or undocked in the rivers, a red flag is displayed at the entrance to the dock. All vessels approaching must proceed at dead slow speed when at least 275m off the flag, and so continue until 45m past it.

A vessel approaching a ferry shall, when between 0.5 mile and 0.25 mile from the ferry, sound a prolonged warning blast on its whistle or siren, and slow down. If the ferry is underway the vessel should pass astern of or behind the ferry, and if practicable, stop engines when passing over the wire of the ferry to avoid fouling it.

Ferries are forbidden to leave the shore after a vessel has

sounded a prolonged warning blast until the vessel has passed.

Ferries and other vessels working on wires or chains in ports or across navigable rivers exhibit, at each end, an all around red light, not less than 3m above the deck and visible at a distance of 1 mile. A similar green light is located not less than 1m above the red light, at the forward end of the vessel, to indicate the direction of travel.

Speed limits between 4 and 8 knots are in force on many rivers and lakes in New South Wales.

Discharging any pollution or any type of solid material on the continental shelf off the coast of New South Wales is prohibited.

Special regulations are in force regarding the carrying, loading, and discharging of explosives. The information below has been extracted from the regulations made under the Explosives Act, 1905 (New South Wales):

1. At ports in New South Wales, vessels with explosives on board, other than ships' stores not exceeding 50 pounds in weight, must furnish a full report of the same to the local authorities immediately on arrival in port.
2. At Newcastle, report to the harbormaster, at any other port or place, report to the local police inspector, or if there is no inspector, to the principal officer of Customs at such port or place.
3. Vessels having explosives on board must anchor in the anchorages set apart for them.

### Queensland

Vessels on arrival at any port in Queensland should obtain a copy of the port regulations.

The following sound signals are in force in Queensland rivers:

1. The master of every powered vessel shall, immediately before casting off from any wharf or jetty in any river in Queensland, signify his purpose to do so by a prolonged blast on the whistle or siren.
2. The master of every powered vessel proceeding up any river in Queensland and approaching any bend shall sound on the whistle or siren a short blast followed by a long blast. The master of any vessel proceeding down any river and approaching any bend shall sound on the whistle or siren a long blast followed by a short blast.
3. When a powered vessel underway in any river in Queensland is about to turn around, the master shall signify such purpose by four short blasts on the whistle or siren followed, after a short interval, if turning with its head to starboard, by one short blast and, if with its head to port, by two short blasts; and, while such vessel is turning shall repeat such signal to any approaching vessel; the master of the latter vessel shall take action to avoid collision.
4. Power-driven ferries operating across Queensland rivers, exhibit a green light visible all-round the horizon, at each end of the vessel.
5. In the Brisbane River, when power-driven ferries are underway, they exhibit an additional red flashing light visible all-round the horizon, from a position midway between the center of the ferry and the forward green light.

**Speed.**—Every powered vessel when underway within the limits of any port in Queensland, shall be navigated at such reduced speed as to not endanger the safety of any other vessel or vessels or moorings, or cause damage thereto, or to the banks

of any river, or to any wharf, jetty, dredged channel, beacon, buoy, or other harbor improvement.

When passing a berthed container vessel with the portainer boom in the lowered position, vessels should approach at the minimum possible speed and if possible, stop their engines when passing.

Vessels with drafts over 2m must not exceed the prescribed speed limits for the various ports.

**Customs.**—The Collector of Customs has appointed certain stations for the boarding or landing of customs officers at the various ports in Queensland.

The signal to be shown for stopping vessels at such stations shall be "SQ" of the International Code of Signals, or a red light at night.

**Explosives.**—Vessels carrying explosives in excess of 20 pounds are forbidden to proceed beyond certain points at ports in Queensland. For details, see Pub. 127, Sailing Directions (Enroute) East Coast of Australia and New Zealand.

### Victoria

Ships with explosives on board, when entering any port of Victoria, shall specially report the same to the pilot and at the time of making entry at the customhouse.

All vessels entering, or in the ports of Victoria, shall hoist a red burgee at the main. Explosives may be landed only between sunrise and sunset.

No boat shall be used for the conveyance of explosives, either to or from any ship or wharf or other place, unless duly licensed for that purpose, and no explosives shall be landed or conveyed from the ship until notice has been given to the water police (if there are any) at the port place where the ship shall lie, in sufficient time to enable the police to give such directions as may be necessary to prevent danger.

Boats licensed to convey explosives are subject to all the regulations for the management of hulks containing explosives, and no boat with explosives on board shall be towed by a high pressure open-decked steamboat whose furnaces are exposed, or by any steamer with less towline than 20m in length, and no steamer shall approach within 0.1 mile of any hulk, lighter, or boat containing explosives, unless the explosives are stowed in the hold and the hatches are closed and covered with tarpaulin.

No explosives shall be removed from any ship for conveyance to the magazine except between sunrise and sunset, and explosives shall only be permitted to be deposited in the magazine between those hours.

Vessels receiving explosives must be anchored beyond the limits within which ships having explosives on board are not permitted to anchor. Explosives may only be put on board between sunrise and sunset.

No vessel having explosives on board arriving in or off any of the ports of Victoria shall go alongside any wharf or jetty within these ports or be at anchor otherwise than as directed for each port.

### Quarantine

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry assesses all incoming vessels, including commercial and non-commercial vessels that enter Australian ports. Prior to arrival, all vessels, 25m and greater in length, arriving in Australia from overseas, or that have been in contact with overseas vessels or sea installations, are required to submit a Maritime

and Aircraft Reporting System (MARS) for Vessels.

Vessels intending to visit a non-proclaimed port of entry must submit an Application for 20AA Permission to Enter an Australian Non-Proclaimed First Port of Entry and/or Subsequent Port of Call at least 10 days prior to arrival.

The MARS details the condition of the vessel including human health, quarantine risks and ballast water management.

The electronic MARS should be completed by the master and submitted using the submit button at the bottom of the form. This will check required fields and notify the master if there are any discrepancies. If all is clear then the form will select your e-mail desktop application and start an e-mail. Ensure that there are no additional attachments and do not alter the "To" address or the subject line.

The master or vessel's agent is required to forward a completed MARS to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry 12 hours to 96 hours prior to the vessel's arrival in Australia.

If the master or agent fails to submit the MARS to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry, the vessel will be met by a Quarantine Officer on or shortly after berthing to complete quarantine formalities. This will cause delays to the vessel and will incur additional charges.

Vessel masters will be required to complete the Ballast Water Management Summary and provide it to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry on request. Vessels that are intending to discharge internationally sourced ballast water must submit a Ballast Water Report through MARS at least 12 hours prior to arrival.

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry must be notified immediately if the current status of the vessel

changes at any time. Vessel masters or medical officers who knowingly give false or misleading information or negligently give false or misleading information are guilty of an offense.

The DAWR Northern Australia Quarantine Strategy (NAQS) region encompasses the coastal area of northern Australia, from Broome in the W to Cairns in the E, including the Torres Strait. NAQS also conducts collaborative activities in agreed areas of East Timor, Indonesia, and Papua New Guinea.

If your vessel is over 7m and you have visited or been operating in the Torres Strait on a domestic voyage, you must report to Quarantine before you return to the mainland. You must report between 12 hours and 48 hours before reaching your mainland destination. Contact DAWR directly on VHF radio or via local harbor authorities.

<b>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, And Forestry—Contact Information</b>	
<b>National Office</b>	
Telephone	61-3-818-6700 1-800-900-090 (within Australia)
E-mail	<a href="mailto:seaports@agriculture.gov.au">seaports@agriculture.gov.au</a>
<b>National Maritime Center</b>	
Telephone	61-8-8201-6185 1-300-004-605 (within Australia)
E-mail	<a href="mailto:maritimenc@agriculture.gov.au">maritimenc@agriculture.gov.au</a>
Web site	<a href="https://www.agriculture.gov.au">https://www.agriculture.gov.au</a>

<b>Online Forms</b>
<b>Quarantine Pre-Arrival (QPAR) and Department of Agriculture and Water Resources Forms</b>
<a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/aircraft-vessels-military/vessels">http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/aircraft-vessels-military/vessels</a>
<b>Northern Australia Quarantine Strategy (NAQS)</b>
<a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/australia/naqs">http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/australia/naqs</a>
<a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/australia/naqs/torres-strait">http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/australia/naqs/torres-strait</a>

<b>AQIS—Contact Information</b>		
<b>AQIS Regional Office</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
South Australia (Adelaide)	61-8-8201-6140	<a href="mailto:adelaide.seaports@agriculture.gov.au">adelaide.seaports@agriculture.gov.au</a>
Queensland (Brisbane)	61-7-3246-8755	<a href="mailto:brisbane.seaports@agriculture.gov.au">brisbane.seaports@agriculture.gov.au</a>
Far North Queensland (Cairns)	61-7-4241-7800	<a href="mailto:cairnsisg@agriculture.gov.au">cairnsisg@agriculture.gov.au</a>
Northern Territory (Darwin)	61-8-8998-4900	<a href="mailto:ntcargo@agriculture.gov.au">ntcargo@agriculture.gov.au</a>
Tasmania (Hobart)	61-3-6165-3777	<a href="mailto:tasmania.seaports@agriculture.gov.au">tasmania.seaports@agriculture.gov.au</a>
Victoria (Melbourne)	61-3-8318-6700	<a href="mailto:melbourne.seaports@agriculture.gov.au">melbourne.seaports@agriculture.gov.au</a>
Western Australia (Perth)	1-800-900-090	<a href="mailto:fremantle.seaports@agriculture.gov.au">fremantle.seaports@agriculture.gov.au</a>
New South Wales (Sydney)	61-2-8334-7444	<a href="mailto:seaportssydney@agriculture.gov.au">seaportssydney@agriculture.gov.au</a>
Far North Queensland (Townsville)	61 7 4789 7888	<a href="mailto:townsville.seaports@agriculture.gov.au">townsville.seaports@agriculture.gov.au</a>



Department of Agriculture and Water Resources First Ports of Entry are, as follows:

1. Queensland (listed from N to S)—
  - a. Weipa.
  - b. Cairns.
  - c. Mourliyan Harbour.
  - d. Lucinda.
  - e. Townsville.
  - f. Bowen.
  - g. Mackay.
  - h. Hay Point (Dalrymple Bay).
  - i. Port Alma.
  - j. Gladstone.
  - k. Bundaberg.
  - l. Brisbane.
  - m. Gold Coast (Broadwater).
  - n. Port Kennedy.
  - o. Coral Sea Marina (Arlie Beach).
2. New South Wales—
  - a. Yamba.
  - b. Coff's Harbour.
  - c. Newcastle.
  - d. Sydney, including Port Jackson.
  - e. Botany Bay (Sydney).
  - f. Port Kembla.
  - g. Eden (Twofold Bay).
3. Victoria (listed from E to W)—
  - a. Westernport.
  - b. Melbourne.
  - c. Geelong.
  - d. Portland.
4. Tasmania (listed from E to W)—
  - a. Hobart, including Risdon and Sells Point.
  - b. Launceston, including Beauty Point, Bell Bay, and Long Reach.
  - c. Devonport.
  - d. Burnie.
  - e. Port Latta.
5. South Australia (listed from E to W)—
  - a. Port Adelaide.
  - b. Androssan.
  - c. Port Giles.
  - d. Wallaroo.
  - e. Port Pirie.
  - f. Port Bonython.
  - g. Whyalla.
  - h. Port Lincoln.
  - i. Cape Thevenard.
6. Western Australia (listed from S to N)—
  - a. Esperance.
  - b. Albany.
  - c. Bunbury.
  - d. Fremantle, including Kwinana.
  - e. Geraldton.
  - f. Dampier.
  - g. Port Hedland.
  - h. Broome.
  - i. Port Walcott.
  - j. Wyndham.

7. Northern Territory (listed from W to E)—
  - a. Darwin.
  - b. Melville Bay.
  - c. Milner Bay.
8. Other—
  - a. Christmas Island.
  - b. Cocos Island (Keeling Island).
  - c. Norfolk Island.

#### Designated Shipping Area (DSA)

The *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Zoning Plan 2003* is in effect in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. The zoning plan describes the purposes for which each zone may be used or entered without permission and the purposes for which a zone may be used or entered only with the written permission of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

A DSA is established through the Inner Route, recognized passages, and all port approaches in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. The DSA will accommodate vessels using accepted or normally-used routes.

Shipping agents, vessel owners, vessel operators, and ship masters are advised to obtain a copy of the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Zoning Plan 2003* from the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, as follows:

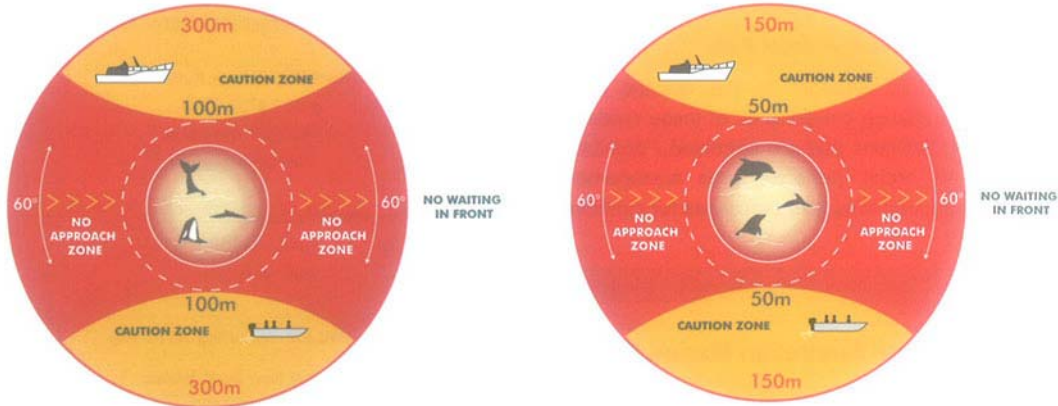
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority— Contact Information	
Telephone	61-7-4750-0700
Web site	<a href="https://www2.gbrmpa.gov.au">https://www2.gbrmpa.gov.au</a>

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority web site also includes information on Zoning Maps, Designated Shipping Areas, and Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas.

Vessel navigation requirements within the limits of the DSA or the General Use Zones of the Greater Barrier Reef Marine Park are given in the accompanying table. Vessels seeking to deviate from the DSA or General Use Zones, other than for the exceptions described below, must seek permission from the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

Vessels normally required to navigate within the DSA or the General Use Zones may deviate from these requirements in the following emergency situations:

1. To investigate and respond to an emergency alert.
2. To save human life or avoid the risk of injury to a person.
3. To locate or secure the safety of an aircraft, vessel, or structure that is, or may be, endangered by the stress of weather, navigational hazards, or operational hazards.
4. To carry out emergency repairs to a navigational aid.
5. To deal with a threat of pollution to the marine environment under a Commonwealth law or a national emergency response arrangement in which the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority participates.
6. Under Commonwealth law, to remove or salvage a vessel; aircraft; or section of aircraft, vessel, or other wreck that is wrecked, stranded, sunk, or abandoned and poses a threat to the marine environment or safety.



Approach Distances for Whales

Courtesy of Australian Seafarer's Handbook  
Approach Distances for Whales

**Submarine Cable Protection Zones**

Australia has established Submarine Cable Protection Zones to prevent damage to critical underwater telecommunications cables, as follows:

1. **Western Australia—Perth Protection Zone.**—Extends from City Beach, Perth for 60 miles offshore or to a depth of 2,000m, covering the SEA-ME-WE3 Cable, which links Australia's communications network with Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and western Europe, the Indigo West Cable, the Indigo Central Cable, and the Australia-Singapore Cable. The zone extends 1 mile of either side of each cable and includes the area between the cables.

2. **New South Wales:**

a. **Northern Sydney Protection Zone.**—Extends from Narrabeen Beach for 40 miles offshore or to a depth of 2,000m, covering the N branches of the Australia-Japan Cable, the Southern Cross Cable, the Pipe Pacific Cable, the Australia-Papua New Guinea Cable, the Gondwana Cable, the Tasman Global Access Cable, and the Japan-Guam-Australia Cable. The zone extends 1 mile on either side of each cable and includes the area between the two cables.

b. **Southern Sydney Protection Zone.**—Extends

from Tamarara Beach and Clovelly Beach for 30 miles offshore or to a depth of 2,000m, covering the S branches of the Australia-Japan Cable, the Southern Cross Cable, the Coral Sea Cable, the Indigo Central Cable, the Hawaki Cable, and the Telstra Endeavor Cable. The zone extends 1 mile on either side of each cable and includes the area between the two cables.

Further information concerning the exact location of Submarine Cable Protection Zones, as well as prohibited and regulated activities within these areas, can be found at the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) web site.

<b>ACMA Home Page (Submarine Cables)</b>
<a href="https://www.acma.gov.au">https://www.acma.gov.au</a>

**Marine Mammals**

Cetaceans (including porpoises, dolphins and whales) in Commonwealth waters are protected under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* which established the Australian Whale Sanctuary encompassing the waters of the Australian Exclusive Economic Zone.

Australia—Whale Information			
Species	Status	Location	Time Frame
Blue whale	Endangered	All Australian waters but primarily off the Perth Canyon (Western Australia), Geographe Bay (Western Australia), and the Bonney Upwelling (southeast Australia to western Victoria).	Migration patterns are poorly known.
Southern right whale	Endangered	All Australian waters, except off Northern Territory, but primarily off the S coast of Australia from Perth (Western Australia) to Eden (New South Wales).	May to November.
Humpback whale	Vulnerable	All Australian waters, except off Northern Territory, but primarily off the S. Migration occurs along the E and W coasts of Australia.	May to November.

Australia—Whale Information			
Species	Status	Location	Time Frame
Sei whale	Vulnerable	Recorded in the waters of Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania, and Queensland.	Migration patterns are poorly known.
Fin whale	Vulnerable	Recorded in the waters of Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, and Queensland.	Migration patterns are poorly known.

Vessel Navigation Requirements—Great Barrier Reef National Marine Park	
Vessels required to navigate within the limits of the DSA or the General Use Zones of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park	Exempt vessels
Vessels 50m long and over.	A vessel of the Australian Defense Force.
Oil tankers, within the meaning given by the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (1973), regardless of its length.	A vessel of the armed forces of another country, if the vessel is in Australian waters with the consent of Australia.
A chemical carrier or liquefied gas carrier, regardless of its length.	A super-yacht (a vessel more than 50m long used for recreational purposes).
A vessel to which the INF Code applies, regardless of its length.	
A vessel adapted to carry oil or chemicals in bulk in cargo spaces.	
A vessel engaged in towing or pushing another vessel or vessels if any of the above descriptions apply to the towed or pushed vessel or if the total length of the tow, measured from the stern of the towing vessel to the after end of the tow is greater than 150m.	

It is an offense to kill, interfere with, injure, take, trade, keep, or move a cetacean in the Australian Whale Sanctuary. Interference with a cetacean includes harassing, chasing, herding, tagging, marking, or branding.

Regulations for watching whales and dolphins are in place in all Australian waters. These aim to minimize disturbance and interruptions to the normal behavior patterns of the animals. The diagrams in the graphics titled **Approach Distances for Whales** and **Approach Distances for Dolphins** give the minimum approach distance and show the best strategies for vessels to approach whales and dolphins.

Whales and dolphins may come close to vessels. In this instance ship masters should take precautions to avoid a collision, either by slowing down and steering away from the animal or placing the engines in neutral and let the animal pass.

#### Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSA)

A PSSA is an area that requires special protection because of its vulnerability to damage caused by marine activities. Vessels operating in or near such an area should exercise the utmost care to avoid damage to the maritime environment and the marine organisms in it. No waste should be discharged overboard.

The following areas have been declared by the IMO to be a PSSA:

1. The Great Barrier Reef (Australia).
2. Extension of the existing Great Barrier Reef PSSA to include Torres Strait (Australia and Papua New Guinea).
3. Extension of the existing Great Barrier Reef PSSA to include the SW part of the Coral Sea (Australia).

#### Routes

An IMO-adopted two-way route, located in the Great North-East Channel in Torres Strait, extends from NE (approximate position 9°13'S, 143°51'E) to SW (about 15 miles NW of Cape York) and is best seen on the chart.

An IMO-adopted two-way route, located through Prince of Wales Channel in Torres Strait, extends from the vicinity of a position close N of the E extremity of Larpent Bank (10°35'S., 142°21'E.) to a position in the vicinity of Herald Patches (10°30'S., 142°04'E.) and is best seen on the chart.

Two IMO-adopted two-way routes for the Great Barrier Reef are in effect and are best seen on the chart.

Two additional IMO-adopted two-way routes are located, as follows:

1. **Diamond Passage**—A line connecting the following positions:
  - a. 16°58'15.0"S, 151°15'33.6"E.
  - b. 16°58'57.0"S, 151°20'43.2"E.
  - c. 17°32'19.2"S, 151°10'33.6"E.
  - d. 17°33'30.0"S, 151°15'40.8"E.
  - e. 17°55'00.0"S, 151°02'24.6"E.
  - f. 17°56'38.4"S, 151°07'22.2"E.
2. **West of Holmes Reefs**—A line connecting the following positions:
  - a. 15°57'46.8"S, 147°15'30.0"E.
  - b. 16°01'04.8"S, 147°20'25.2"E.
  - c. 16°23'22.2"S, 147°10'28.8"E.
  - d. 16°25'41.4"S, 147°15'17.4"E.
  - e. 16°44'45.6"S, 147°02'45.6"E.
  - f. 16°45'48.6"S, 147°07'51.6"E.

## Search and Rescue

JRCC Australia, a unit of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), is responsible for both maritime and aviation search and rescue operations.

When a ship or an aircraft is in distress in the Australian Search and Rescue Region (SRR), the boundaries of which are identical to the boundaries of the Modernized Australian Ship Tracking and Reporting System (MASTREP) area, assistance may be given by vessels in the vicinity and/or the following authorities:

1. The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), through the Rescue Coordination Center Australia (JRCC Australia), is responsible for search and rescue for civil aircraft, for merchant ships outside port limits, and for small craft beyond the capacity of regional SAR resources. JRCC Australia, located in Canberra, coordinates aircraft and surface vessels involved in search and rescue operations within the Australian SRR and can be contacted, as follows:

JRCC Australia—Contact Information	
Telephone	61-2-6230-6811
	1-800-641-792 (toll free in Australia)
E-mail	<a href="mailto:rccaus@amsa.gov.au">rccaus@amsa.gov.au</a>
Hours	24 hours

JRCC Australia is also the Australian Mission Control Center (AUMCC) for the COSPAS/SARSAT International Satellite System used for the detection of distress beacons. It is manned continuously and may be contacted through the AMSA HF DSC network or via INMARSAT.

2. The AMSA HF DSC Network, which has stations located in Wiluna (Western Australia) and Charleville (Queensland), is controlled from JRCC Australia and will respond to initial calls on HF DSC. Vessels wishing to communicate with the HF DSC network (station identifier: JRCC Australia; call sign: VIC; MMSI number 005030001) are required to initiate a DSC call on the International Distress Alerting Frequencies (4207.5 kHz, 6312.0 kHz, 8414.5 kHz, 12577.0 kHz, and 16804.5 kHz). The INMARSAT Land Earth Station (LES) at Perth provides communications through both the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) and Pacific Ocean Region (POR) satellites. Details of Australian Maritime Communications Stations (MCS) can be found in relevant International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and ALRS publications.

3. The Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) is responsible for SAR operations involving Australian and foreign military land-based aircraft, but may provide assistance to other SAR

authorities.

4. The Royal Australian Navy (RAN) is responsible for SAR in respect to naval ships and aircraft.

5. State and Territory Police Forces are responsible for SAR operations involving fishing vessels and pleasure craft within the limitations of their SAR resources, but may provide assistance to other SAR authorities.

Ships fitted with suitable radio equipment can make a significant contribution to safety by guarding an appropriate International distress frequency for as long as practicable, whether or not required to do so by regulations.

All Australian port radio stations use VHF channel 67 to supplement VHF channel 16 as a distress, safety, and calling frequency.

### Australian Maritime Safety Authority (Search and Rescue)

<https://www.amsa.gov.au/safety-navigation/search-and-rescue>

### Volunteer Marine Rescue Groups

A number of volunteer marine rescue services operate closely with state marine authorities, police, customs, and various state rescue services. Assistance provided by these groups include radio monitoring, safety patrols, search and rescue assistance, and marshaling at sporting/leisure events. Further information about these groups can be obtained at the web sites listed in the table titled **Contact Information—Australia Volunteer Rescue Services**.

## Ship Reporting System

### The Modernized Australian Ship Tracking and Reporting System (MASTREP)

The Modernized Australian Ship Tracking and Reporting System (MASTREP) is compulsory for foreign vessels from their arrival at their first Australian port until their departure from their final Australian port and for all regulated Australian vessels while in the MASTREP area. All other vessels are encouraged to participate when within the MASTREP area. Further information can be found in **Appendix I—MASTREP**.

### Great Barrier Reef and Torres Strait Ship Reporting System (REEFREP)

REEFREP is a mandatory system established as a means of enhancing navigational safety and environmental protection in Torres Strait and the Inner Route of the Great Barrier Reef. Further information can be found in Pub. 127, Sailing Directions (Enroute) East Coast of Australia and New Zealand (Sector 7).

### Contact Information—Australia Volunteer Rescue Services

Organization	Web Site
Australian Volunteer Coast Guard	<a href="https://coastguard.com.au">https://coastguard.com.au</a>
Marine Rescue New South Wales	<a href="https://www.marinerescuensw.com.au">https://www.marinerescuensw.com.au</a>
Volunteer Marine Rescue Association Queensland	<a href="http://www.marinerescueqld.org.au">http://www.marinerescueqld.org.au</a>
Volunteer Marine Rescue Western Australia	<a href="https://www.vmrwa.org.au">https://www.vmrwa.org.au</a>

Contact Information—Australia Volunteer Rescue Services	
Organization	Web Site
Northern Territory Emergency Service	<a href="https://nt.gov.au/emergency">https://nt.gov.au/emergency</a>
Volunteer Marine Rescue Tasmania	<a href="https://www.slst.asn.au">https://www.slst.asn.au</a>

### Information Fusion Center Voluntary Reporting Area

Australia is located within the area covered by the Information Fusion Center Voluntary Reporting Area. For further information, see **Pacific Ocean—Ship Reporting System**.

## Signals

### Port Control Signals

When a port in Australia is closed to navigation, the following signals are shown:

1. By day, a black cone, point up, between two black balls, vertically disposed.
2. At night, a green light between two red lights, vertically disposed at the signal masthead.

**Note.**—When these signals are shown, no other masthead signals will be shown.

**Caution.**—Some ports have their own signals. See the appropriate Sailing Directions (Enroute) publication for the port concerned.

### Port Priority Signals

In certain Australian ports, vessels of 35m or more in length (less in some ports), when navigating within the pilotage waters of the port and requiring a priority or right-of-way over other vessels, may display the following:

1. By day, when berthing or unberthing, the flag signals as prescribed in the Port Authority By-laws.
2. At night, two lights mounted vertically, 2m apart, the upper being green and the lower being red.

### Tide Signals

Tide signals, shown from the masthead, refer to vertical movements of the tide only and are given in the accompanying table.

Tide Signals		
Tide	Day signal	Night signal
Flood tide	Black cone, point up	Green light
Ebb tide	Black ball	Red light
Slack water	Black cylinder	White light

### Quarter Tide Signals

When shown with other signals, they are displayed on the mast below the cross tree or the normal position of the cross-tree. Quarter Tide Signals are not shown with Depth Signals. When considered sufficient by local authorities, only 1st Quarter and 3rd Quarter Signals will be shown to indicate 1st Half Tide and 2nd Half Tide. The signals are given in the accompa-

nying tables.

Flood Tide Quarter Tide Signals		
Tide	Day signal	Night signal
1st Quarter	Black cone, point up	Green light
2nd Quarter	Black cone, point up over black cylinder	Green light over white light
3rd Quarter	Two black cones, points up, vertically disposed	Two green lights, vertically disposed
4th Quarter	Black cylinder over black cone, point up	White light over green light

Ebb Tide Quarter Tide Signals		
Tide	Day signal	Night signal
1st Quarter	Black ball	Red light
2nd Quarter	Black ball over black cylinder	Red light over white light
3rd Quarter	Two black balls, vertically disposed	Two red lights, vertically disposed
4th Quarter	Black cylinder over black ball	White light over red light

### Depth Signals

Depths signals are shown at the yardarm, with whole meter signals being shown at the yardarm opposite the decimal signals. The signals indicate the depth, in meters, above local port datum, which may differ from chart datum. Depth Signals, which are not displayed with Quarter Tide Signals, are given in the accompanying table.

Depth Signals		
Depth	Day signal	Night signal
0.25m	Black ball	Red light
0.50m	Black cone, point up	Green light
0.75m	Black cylinder	White light
1m	Black ball over black cone, point up	Red light over green light
2m	Black ball over black cylinder	Red light over white light
3m	Black cone, point up, over black ball	Green light over red light

Depth Signals		
Depth	Day signal	Night signal
4m	Black cone, point up, over black cylinder	Green light over white light
5m	Two black cones, points up, vertically disposed	Two green lights, vertically disposed
6m	Black cylinder over black ball	White light over red light
7m	Black cylinder over black cone, point up	White light over green light
8m	Two black cylinders, vertically disposed	Two white lights, vertically disposed

### Datum Signals

This signal indicates that the yardarm Depth Signals are to be subtracted. If shown at the same time as Navigational Signals, the Datum Signal will be shown 2m below the Tide Signals and the Navigational Signals.

The Datum Signals are, as follows:

1. Day signal—Black cylinder.
2. Night signal—White light.

### Navigation Signals

Navigation signals, shown 2m below the masthead, are used to indicate navigational risk due to the state of the sea on a bar, or to strong tidal currents or freshets in a river. These signals are given in the accompanying table.

Navigation Signals		
Condition	Day signal	Night signal
Normal	No signal shown	
Moderate	Black cone, point down	Quick flashing green light
Dangerous	Two black cones, points down, vertically disposed	Quick flashing red light

### Storm Warning Signals

When bad weather prevails or is expected, special reports and storm warnings are transmitted from the radio stations in the area affected. Daily weather reports and forecasts are also transmitted.

The following signals may be displayed when winds of force 8 or greater are expected:

1. Day signal—One black diamond.
2. Night signal—Two red lights, vertically disposed.

Weather reports and forecasts are posted up in post offices at various ports in Australia.

Within Queensland, warnings of tropical cyclones are sent by the Bureau of Meteorology, Brisbane, by telegram daily (including Sundays) to coastal radio stations.

In Queensland, a red triangular flag is displayed when a tropical cyclone is expected; at night, this signal is illuminated. This signal is only used in Queensland.

Such warnings are also sent to postmasters, harbor masters, police, and general public broadcasting stations in and adjacent to areas likely to be affected. Coastal Radio Stations broadcast such warnings to all ships on receipt. The Bureau issues warnings at 6 hour intervals when a cyclone center is more than 150 miles from the coast. If less than 150 miles from the coast, additional warnings are issued.

For the information of vessels not fitted with a radio, a red pendant will be displayed at various ports and signal stations along the Queensland coast. (See Pub. 127, Sailing Directions (Enroute) East Coast of Australia and New Zealand).

This red pennant indicates that a storm warning message has been received, details of which may be obtained from the harbor officials or postmaster at any port or place where the signal is displayed; when it is displayed at a signal station or lighthouse, the details will be signaled, on demand; the reply to a demand for a storm warning message is made by the International Code, by day, and by light at night.

In addition, there are certain places where storm warning messages are available at the Post Office, but where no red pendant is displayed.

### General Signals

General signals should be used by vessels in Australian ports. A vessel having pilotage exemption should display a white flag at the main or where it can best be seen.

The signals laid down in the International Code of Signals should be used by vessels having explosives on board or waiting for clearance from quarantine or requiring any of the following; pilot, customs, water, police, or medical assistance.

A vessel having inflammable cargo on board shall display at the masthead, by day, Flag "B" of the International Code of Signals, and by night will exhibit a red light, visible all-round the horizon.

A vessel swinging in a river or narrow channel should sound four short blasts on its whistle or siren, followed after a short interval by the appropriate sound signal to indicate its direction of movement.

### Submarine Operating Areas

The entire Australian Economic Zone (EEZ) is a permanently-established Australian submarine exercise area. Australian submarines may be encountered by day or at night while operating in any of the waters off the Australian coast. Under certain circumstances, warnings that submarines are exercising in specified areas may be broadcast by local coastal radio stations.

Submarines may be encountered on the surface at night, particularly between Sydney and Port Jervis.

### Warning Signals

Escort vessels fly the International Code Group "NE2" to denote that submarines, which may be submerged or surfaced, are exercising in the vicinity. Vessels are cautioned to give a wide berth to any vessel flying this signal.

It must not be inferred from the above that submarines exercise only when in the company of escorting vessels.

A submarine submerged in an exercise area at a depth too great to show the periscope may show the following pyrotechnic or smoke candle signals:

1. White smoke candles (with flame) indicate the subma-

rine's position in response to a request from a ship or aircraft or as required.

2. Red pyrotechnic flares (may be accompanied by smoke candles repeated as often as possible) indicate that the submarine is carrying out emergency surfacing procedures. Vessels should keep clear and must not stop their propellers. Vessels must also standby to render assistance.

If the red pyrotechnic flare signal is sighted and the submarine does not surface within 5 minutes, it should be assumed that the submarine is in distress and has sunk. An immediate attempt should be made to fix the position in which the signal was sighted.

White smoke candles burn for up to 6 minutes; they emit white smoke and flame and can be seen day and night. Caution is necessary as they can be easily confused with the smoke and flame of aircraft marine markers and floats.

The red pyrotechnic flare is ejected up to an altitude of 100m. Its duration is 30-40 seconds and can be seen day and night.

These signals may frequently be encountered in areas where Australian naval ships and aircraft exercise, whether or not submarines are present, and should not be confused with a submarine emergency radio beacon (SERB). In case of doubt, the object should be approached to visually confirm whether or not it is a SERB before reporting it.

### Navigation Lights

Australian submarines have their masthead and side lights placed well forward and very low over the water in proportion to their length and tonnage. In particular, some submarines can only show a forward masthead light in calm confined waters. Other submarines may have the forward masthead light situated lower than the side lights. In addition, the main masthead light may be situated well forward of the midpoint of the submarine's length.

The stern light may be placed very low and may, at times, be partially obscured by spray and wash. In some cases, the stern light will be well forward of the aft part of the submarine and will not give a true indication of the submarine's length. The stern lights are invariably situated lower than the side lights.

The aft anchor light of a nuclear submarine at anchor is mounted on the upper rudder which is some distance astern of the hull's surface waterline. Hence, care must be taken to avoid confusing the submarine with two separate vessels of less than 50m in length.

The overall arrangement of submarine lights is unusual and may well give the impression of markedly smaller and shorter vessels. Their vulnerability to collision when proceeding on the surface and the fact that some submarines are nuclear powered dictates particular caution when approaching such vessels.

Nearly all Australian submarines are fitted with an amber quick-flashing light situated above or abaft the main steaming light. This additional light is for use as an aid to identification in narrow waters and areas of dense traffic. Australian submarines will normally exhibit this identification light under the above conditions and when entering or leaving a harbor at night.

Australian Collins class submarines exhibit a very quick flashing yellow identification light (120 flashes per minute). This identification light should not be confused with an air-cushioned vessel operating in a non-displacement mode, which

displays the same light.

### Sunken Submarine

A submarine which is disabled or in distress and unable to surface will try to indicate its position by firing candles, which give off yellow or white smoke, being done either on the approach of surface vessels or at regular intervals, and submarine emergency radiobeacons (SERB).

It may be impossible for a submarine to fire its flares or smoke candles. Correspondingly, a partially-flooded submarine may have only a certain number of smoke candles available and searching ships should not therefore expect many to appear.

Since oil slicks or debris may be the only indication of the presence or whereabouts of the sunken submarine, it is vitally important that surface ships refrain from discharging anything which might appear to have come from a submarine while they are in the submarine probability area. Searching ships and aircraft can waste many valuable hours in investigating these false contacts.

Some submarine pyrotechnics can be fitted with message carriers. If a message has been attached, the pyrotechnic will be fitted with a dye marker, giving off a yellowish-green dye on the surface. Such a pyrotechnic should be recovered as soon as it has finished burning.

Australian Collins class submarines are fitted with a Submarine Launched EPIRB (SERB), which will be described later in this section.

Australian submarines no longer use frequency 243.0 MHz or carry submarine-launched expendable communications buoys (ECB).

At any time after a submarine accident, survivors may start attempting to escape. Current policy dictates that survivors will wait before escaping, as follows:

1. Until rescue vessels are known to be standing by.
2. Conditions inside the submarine deteriorate to such an extent that an escape must be attempted.

It should be noted that, in certain circumstances, the latter situation may not arise through lack of air supply until several days after the accident. However, if the submarine is badly damaged, survivors may have to make an escape attempt immediately. Any ship finding a SERB should not therefore leave the position but stand by well-clear ready to pick up survivors.

The escapees will ascend nearly vertically and it is important to give plenty of sea room to enable them to do so safely.

On arrival at the surface, crew members may be exhausted or ill, and, if circumstances permit, the presence of a boat already lowered is very desirable. Some crew members may require a decompression chamber. Therefore, it is the aim of the authorities to get such a chamber to the scene as soon as possible.

In order that those trapped in the submarine shall be made aware that help is at hand, naval vessels drop small charges into the sea which can be heard from inside the submarine. There is no objection to the use of small charges for this purpose, but it is vital that they are not dropped too close since crew members in the process of making ascents are particularly vulnerable to underwater explosions, and may easily receive fatal injuries. A distance of about 0.3 mile is considered to be safe.

If no small charges are available, the running of an echo sounder or the banging of the outer skin of the ship's hull with a hammer from a position below the waterline are likely to be

heard in the submarine, and such banging and/or sounding should therefore be carried out at frequent intervals.

Submarines may, at any time, release pyrotechnic floats which, on reaching the surface burn, with a flame and/or emit smoke which serve to mark the position of the wreck. They are also like to use this means to acknowledge sound signals.

In summary, the aims of a submarine rescue operation are, as follows:

1. Fixing the exact position of the submarine.
2. Getting a ship standing by to pick up survivors, if practicable, with boats already lowered.
3. Getting medical assistance to survivors picked up.
4. Getting a diver's decompression chamber to the scene in case this is required by those seriously ill after being exposed to great pressure.
5. Informing the trapped crew that help is at hand.
6. Notifying the appropriate authorities.

### Submarine Emergency Radio Beacon (SERB)

The SERB is made of aluminum, colored orange, and is cylindrical in shape, with two whip aerials. The beacon is fitted with an automatic transmitting unit, with a battery life of 48 hours, and operating on the following frequencies:

- a. 406.025 MHz—COSPAS/SARSAT/EPIRB.
- b. 243 MHz—Military Air Guard (no longer used by the Australian navy).
- c. 121.5 MHz—Civil Air Guard.

The SERB can be released from inside the submarine from each escape compartment using a Submerged Signal Ejector and are not tethered to the submarine in any way. Additionally, if pre-programmed by the crew, the EPIRB signal can carry a coded message with the following information:

1. Local time of release.
2. Number of survivors.
3. Time until escape must commence.
4. Depth (if less than 180m) or an indication that rescue is required.
5. Internal pressure.
6. Medical status of survivors.
7. Presence of hostile forces.
8. Estimated latitude and longitude.

### Time Zone

Australia is covered by multiple Time Zones, as follows:

1. Northern Territory—The observed Standard Time is 9 hours 30 minutes fast of UTC. Daylight Savings Time is not observed.
2. Western Australia—The Time Zone description is HOTT (HOTT (-8)). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.
3. South Australia—The observed Standard Time is 9 hours 30 minutes fast of UTC. Daylight Savings Time (10 hours 30 minutes fast of UTC) is maintained from the first Sunday in October until the first Sunday in April of the following year.
4. Tasmania—The Time Zone description is KILLO (-10). Daylight Savings Time (LIMA (-11)) is maintained from the first Sunday in October until the first Sunday in April of the following year.
5. New South Wales, Victoria, and the Australian Capital Territory—The Time Zone description is KILLO (-10).

Daylight Savings Time (LIMA (-11)) is maintained from the first Sunday in October until the first Sunday in April of the following year.

6. Queensland and Whitsunday Island—The Time Zone description is KILLO (-10). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

7. Christmas Island—The Time Zone description is GOLF (-7). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

8. Cocos (Keeling) Island—The observed Standard Time is 6 hours 30 minutes fast of UTC. Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

9. Norfolk Island—The Time Zone description is LIMA (-11). Daylight Savings Time (MIKE (1-12)) is maintained from the first Sunday in October until the first Sunday in April of the following year.

10. The observed Standard Time for Lord Howe Island is 10 hours 30 minutes fast of UTC. Daylight Savings Time (LIMA (-11)) is maintained from the first Sunday in October until the first Sunday in April of the following year.

### Traffic Separation Schemes

Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) off the coasts of Australia are, as follows:

1. South of Wilson Point in Bass Strait. (IMO adopted)
2. Southeast of the Bass Strait Area to be Avoided in Bass Strait. (IMO adopted)
3. Port Jackson. (Government of Australia)
4. Botany Bay. (Government of Australia)
5. Newcastle. (Government of Australia)
6. Port Darwin. (Government of Australia)
7. Off Cape Leeuwin. (IMO adopted)
8. Off Chathan Island. (IMO adopted)

### U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is situated at Moonah Place, Yarralumla, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory 2600.

U. S. Embassy Australia—Contact Information	
Mailing address	7800 Canberra Place
	Washington DC (20521-7800)
Telephone	61-6214-5600
Facsimile	61-9373-9184
E-mail	<a href="mailto:AskEmbassyCanberra@state.gov">AskEmbassyCanberra@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://au.usembassy.gov">https://au.usembassy.gov</a>

### Vessel Traffic Service

Vessel Traffic Services are in operation, as follows:

1. Great Barrier Reef and Torres Strait (REEFVTS), Queensland (16°49'S., 147°45'E.).<sup>1</sup>
2. Abbot Point, Queensland (19°51'S., 148°05'E.).<sup>1</sup>
3. Brisbane, Queensland (27°27'S., 153°05'E.).<sup>1</sup>
4. Bundaberg, Queensland (24°46'S., 152°23'E.).<sup>1</sup>
5. Cairns, Queensland (16°55'S., 145°47'E.).<sup>1</sup>
6. Gladstone, Queensland (23°50'S., 151°15'E.).<sup>1</sup>



7. Hay Point, Queensland (21°15'S., 149°19'E.).<sup>1</sup>  
 8. Karumba, Queensland (17°28'S., 140°50'E.).<sup>1</sup>  
 9. Lucinda, Queensland (18°31'S., 146°20'E.).<sup>1</sup>  
 10. Mackay, Queensland (21°06'S., 149°14'E.).<sup>1</sup>  
 11. Thursday Island, Queensland (10°35'S., 142°14'E.).<sup>1</sup>  
 12. Townsville, Queensland (19°15'S., 146°50'E.).<sup>1</sup>  
 13. Weipa, Queensland (12°40'S., 141°51'E.).<sup>2</sup>  
 14. Whitsunday Group, Queensland (20°15'S., 149°00'E.).<sup>1</sup>  
 15. Melbourne (including Port Philip), Victoria (37°51'S., 144°56'E.).<sup>1</sup>  
 16. Botany Bay, New South Wales (35°00'S., 151°14'E.).<sup>1</sup>  
 17. Port Kembla, New South Wales (34°28'S., 150°55'E.).<sup>1</sup>  
 18. Sydney (Port Jackson), New South Wales (33°51'S., 151°13'E.).<sup>1</sup>  
 19. Ashburton, Western Australia (21°41'S., 115°01'E.).<sup>2</sup>  
 20. Dampier, Western Australia (20°39'S., 116°40'E.).<sup>2</sup>  
 21. Fremantle, Western Australia (32°03'S., 115°44'E.).<sup>2</sup>  
 22. Port Hedland, Western Australia (20°19'S., 118°34'E.).<sup>2</sup>  
 23. Coles Bay, Tasmania (42°13'S., 148°19'W.).<sup>1</sup>  
 24. Devonport, Tasmania (41°11'S., 145°22'W.).<sup>1</sup>  
 25. Grassy Harbour, King Island, Tasmania (40°04'S., 143°04'W.).<sup>1</sup>  
 26. Hobart, Tasmania (41°11'S., 145°22'W.).<sup>1</sup>  
 27. Lady Barron, Flinders Island, Tasmania (40°13'S., 148°15'W.).<sup>1</sup>  
 28. Launceton, Tasmania (41°08'S., 146°52'W.).<sup>1</sup>  
 29. Port Latta, Tasmania (40°50'S., 145°23'W.).<sup>1</sup>  
 30. Stanley, Tasmania (40°46'S., 145°18'W.).<sup>1</sup>  
 31. Strahan, Tasmania (42°09'S., 145°19'W.).<sup>1</sup>
- <sup>1</sup> See Pub. 127, Sailing Directions (Enroute) East Coast of Australia and New Zealand for further information  
<sup>2</sup> See Pub. 175, Sailing Directions (Enroute) North, West, and South Coasts of Australia for further information

## Appendix I—MASTREP (Modernized Australian Ship Tracking and Reporting System)

The Modernized Australian Ship Tracking and Reporting System (MASTREP) is a ship reporting system designed to contribute to safety of life at sea and is operated 24 hours by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) through the Australian Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC Australia) in Canberra.

Participation in MASTREP is compulsory for the following vessels:

1. All foreign vessels from their arrival at their first Australian port until their departure from their final Australian port.
2. All regulated Australian vessels while in the MASTREP area.

All other vessels are encouraged to participate when within the MASTREP area.

MASTREP provides positional data on vessels transiting the Australian Search and Rescue Region (SRR) via AIS technology, which ensures that only the closest vessels are requested to assist in a search and rescue incident, reducing the need for vessels to steam long distances from their intended voyage plan. The Search and Rescue Officers conducting such operations in the Australian SRR routinely use this facet of MASTREP. Given the expansiveness of the Australian SRR, merchant vessels are often the only resources available that can quickly respond to an incident.

The MASTREP area and Australian SRR cover the coast of Australia, as well as the coast of Antarctica between 75°E and 163°E, and extends N to approximately 6°S at its W limit and to 12°S at its E limit. This area, which is best seen on the accompanying graphic, is bounded by the coast of Antarctica and lines joining the following positions:

- a. The coast of Antarctica at longitude 75°00'E.
- b. 6°00'S, 75°00'E.
- c. 2°00'S, 78°00'E.
- d. 2°00'S, 92°00'E.
- e. 12°00'S, 107°00'E.
- f. 12°00'S, 123°20'E.
- g. 9°20'S, 126°50'E.
- h. 7°00'S, 135°00'E.
- i. 9°50'S, 139°40'E.
- j. 9°50'S, 141°00'E.
- k. 9°37'S, 141°01'E.
- l. 9°08'S, 143°53'E.
- m. 9°24'S, 144°13'E.
- n. 12°00'S, 144°00'E.
- o. 12°00'S, 155°00'E.
- p. 14°00'S, 155°00'E.
- q. 14°00'S, 161°15'E.
- r. 17°40'S, 163°00'E.
- s. The coast of Antarctica at longitude 163°00'E.

MASTREP uses Position Reports, which must be transmitted by AIS in accordance with the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), Chapter 5, Regulation 19.2.4. Position Reports must include the following information:

tion:

1. Vessel name.
2. Vessel type.
3. Position.
4. Course.
5. Speed.
6. Navigational status.
7. Safety related information.

Position reporting is automated and the data is fed in to the system using AIS. Positional data is usually updated at time intervals between 5 minutes and 5 hours, depending on the location and source. There is no requirement in MASTREP to transmit Sailing Plans (SP), Deviation Reports (DR), or Final Reports (FR).

No positive search and rescue watch is maintained in MASTREP. MASTREP is a passive ship reporting system and does not involve shore-to-vessel communications. All distress messages should be sent directly to RCC AUSTRALIA while in the MASTREP area. Similarly, any vessel copying an SOS, MAYDAY, or DSC alert from a distressed vessel, or otherwise becoming aware that a distress incident has occurred, should contact RCC Australia.

The master of a vessel must report any malfunction of the vessel's AIS equipment to RCC Australia.

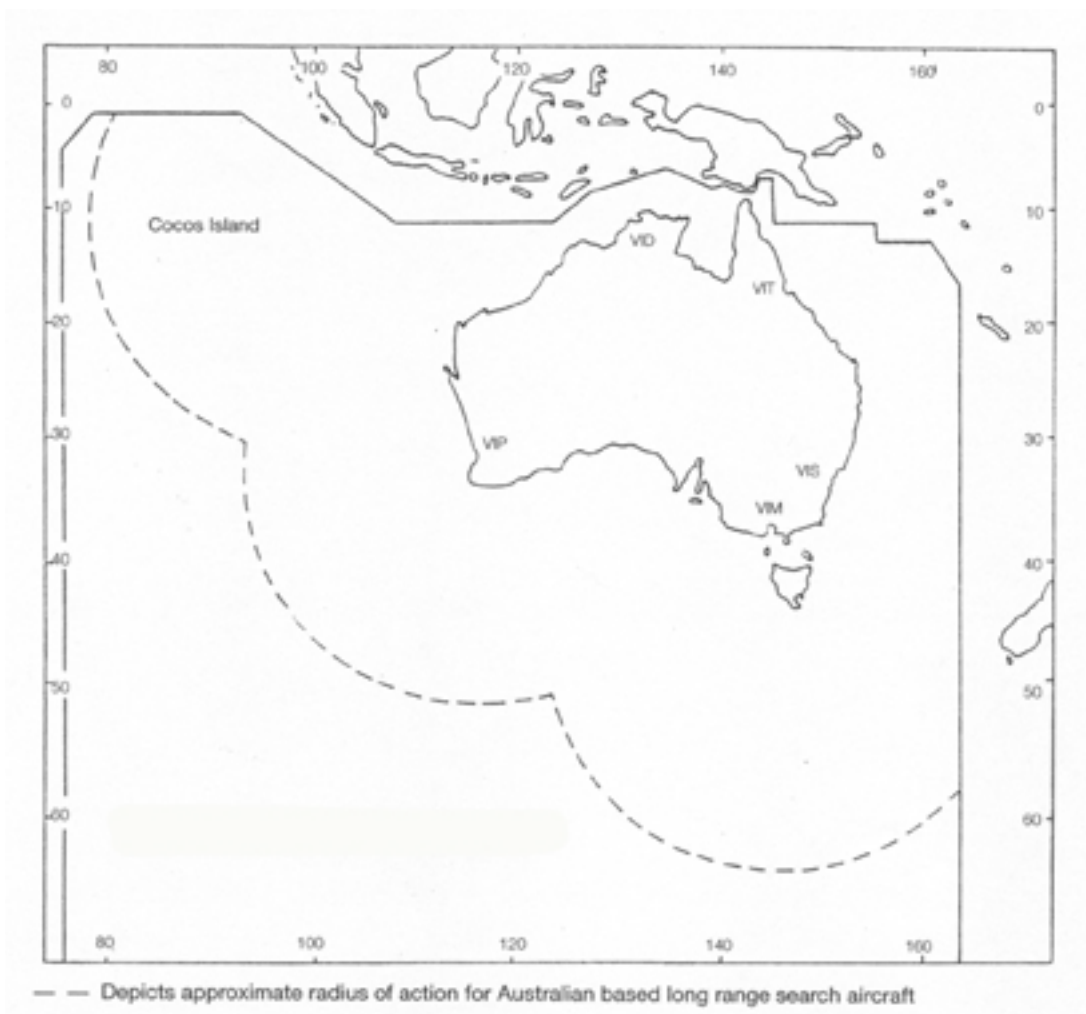
**Communications with RCC AUSTRALIA.**—The primary means of communicating with MASTREP are, as follows:

1. Automatic Identification System (AIS).
2. INMARSAT-C.—Messages sent to MASTREP using special access code (SAC 1243) through Perth LES (POR Satellite Code 212 or IOR Satellite Code 312) will be reverse charged to RCC Australia.
3. HF DSC Network.—Messages sent via the AMSA HF DSC network will be free of charge. The initial contact through the AMSA HF DSC station is made by using a DSC safety priority call to MMSI 005030001. The message can then be passed on an appropriate radiotelephone frequency. All reports sent by voice should include the mandatory fields, including the identifying letter.
4. If INMARSAT-C reports are not sent using SAC 1243 via Satellite Code 212 or Satellite Code 312, it is likely that the message will not be received by RCC Australia and charges will apply to the ship.

If for any reason communications are not possible via AIS, INMARSAT-C, or the AMSA HF DSC station, the required information must be passed by alternative means to RCC Australia using one of the following methods:

1. Other INMARSAT telephone/facsimile services.—Vessels will be charged for messages sent to RCC Australia using INMARSAT systems other than INMARSAT-C.
2. Other non-INMARSAT satellite telephone/facsimile services.—A reverse charge telephone call or facsimile may be used to pass reports when in port.

For further information or advice concerning MASTREP or to obtain copies of MASTREP instructions, contact RCC Aus-



**MASTREP Area**

tralia, as follows:

MASTREP Contact Information	
Telephone	61-2-6230-6811
	1-800-641-792 (toll free in Australia)
Facsimile	61-2-6230-6868
	1-800-622-153 (toll free in Australia)
E-mail	<a href="mailto:rccaus@amsa.gov.au">rccaus@amsa.gov.au</a>
Web site	<a href="https://www.amsa.gov.au/safety-navigation/navigation-systems/modernised-australian-ship-tracking-and-reporting-system">https://www.amsa.gov.au/safety-navigation/navigation-systems/modernised-australian-ship-tracking-and-reporting-system</a>

**Reports to other reporting systems.**—Reports from ships to other reporting systems (AMVER, JASREP, etc.) are not forwarded by RCC Australia. Ships are requested to pass these reports direct.

**REEFVTS interaction.**—The following applies to ships

transiting through the Great Barrier Reef and Torres Strait:

1. Ships must report to REEFVTS.
  2. REEFVTS automatically forwards regular position reports to RCC Australia. When a vessel departs a port within the REEFVTS Area and intends to report to MASTREP when it exits the REEFVTS Area, the vessel should ensure that Position Reports are transmitted by AIS in accordance with the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), Chapter 5, Regulation 19.2.4.
  3. When a vessel departs the REEFVTS Area and is reporting to MASTREP, the master must report any malfunction of the vessel’s AIS equipment to RCC Australia.
- Further information about REEFVTS can be found in Pub. 127, Sailing Directions (Enroute) East Coast of Australia and New Zealand.

Procedures for reporting to REEFVTS are provided in the *Great Barrier Reef and Torres Strait Vessel Traffic Service (Reef VTS) User Guide (2017)* available from the Maritime Safety Queensland web site (<http://www.msq.qld.gov.au/Shipping/Reefvts> (scroll down and select *REEFVTS Users Guide*)).

## Appendix II—Reporting Formats for Australian Pollution Reports

Australia—Pollution Reports by Vessels Suffering a Casualty				
Identifier	Content	DG*	HS*	MP*
A	Vessel name, call sign/ship station identifier, and flag	X	X	X
B	Date and time (UTC) of event	X	X	X
C	Latitude/Longitude	X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>
D	True bearing and distance	X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>
E	True course		X	
F	Speed in knots and tenths of knots		X	
L	Intended track		X	
M	Radio communications (full names of stations)	X	X	X
N	Time of next report		X	
P	Pollution details, as described in the Key below	X <sup>3</sup>	X <sup>2</sup>	X <sup>3</sup>
Q	Ship information, as described in the Key below	X <sup>4</sup>	X <sup>4</sup>	X <sup>4</sup>
R	Dangerous cargo lost overboard, as described in the Key below	X <sup>6</sup>	X <sup>5</sup>	X <sup>6</sup>
S	Weather conditions	X	X	X
T	Name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address (if applicable) of ship's owner and representative s (charterer, manager, or agent)	X	X	X
U	Vessel size and type (details of length, breadth, tonnage, etc.)	X	X	X
X	Remarks, as described in Key below	X <sup>7</sup>	X <sup>7</sup>	X <sup>7</sup>
Key				
*	Sections of the reporting format which are inappropriate may be omitted from the report.			
X	Required information. Information not immediately available should be sent in a supplementary message or messages.			
X <sup>1</sup>	Either C or D may be used.			
X <sup>2</sup>	This information is required in the event of probable discharge. The following details should be included: 1 Type of oil or the correct technical name(s) of the noxious liquid substance on board. 2 UN number(s). 3 Pollution category (A, B, C, or D) for noxious liquid substances. 4 Name(s) of manufacturer(s) of substances, if appropriate, when known, or consignee(s) or consignor(s). 5 Quantity.			
X <sup>3</sup>	This information is required in the event of probable discharge. The following details should be included: 1 Correct technical name(s) of cargo. 2 UN number(s). 3 IMO hazard class(es). 4 Name(s) of manufacturer(s), when known, or consignee(s) or consignor(s). 5 Types of packages, including identification marks. Specify whether portable tanks or tank vehicles, whether vehicle or freight container, or other transport unit containing packages. Include official registration marks and numbers assigned to the unit. 6 An estimate of the quantity and likely condition of the cargo.			
X <sup>4</sup>	The following details should be included: 1 Condition of the vessel. 2 Ability to transfer cargo/ballast/fuel.			

Key	
X <sup>5</sup>	<p>The following details should be included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Type of oil or the correct technical name(s) of the noxious liquid discharged into the sea.</li> <li>2 UN number(s).</li> <li>3 Pollution category (A, B, C, or D) for noxious liquid substances.</li> <li>4 Name(s) of manufacturer(s) of substances, if appropriate, when known, or consignee(s) or consignor(s).</li> <li>5 An estimate of the quantity of the substances.</li> <li>6 Whether lost substances floated or sank.</li> <li>7 Whether loss is continuing.</li> <li>8 Cause of loss.</li> <li>9 Estimate of the movement of the discharge or lost substances, giving current conditions, if known.</li> <li>10 Estimate of the surface area of the spill, if possible.</li> </ol>
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Australia—Pollution Reports by Vessels Rendering Assistance or Undertaking Salvage Work				
Identifier	Content	DG*	HS*	MP*
A	Vessel name, call sign/ship station identifier, and flag	X	X	X
B	Date and time (UTC) of event	X	X	X
C	Latitude/Longitude	X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>
D	True bearing and distance	X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>
E	True course		X	
F	Speed in knots and tenths of knots		X	
L	Intended track		X	
M	Radio communications (full names of stations)	X	X	X
N	Time of next report		X	
P	Pollution details, as described in the Key below	X <sup>3</sup>	X <sup>2</sup>	X <sup>3</sup>
Q	Ship information, as described in the Key below	X <sup>4</sup>	X <sup>4</sup>	X <sup>4</sup>
R	Dangerous cargo lost overboard, as described in the Key below	X <sup>6</sup>	X <sup>5</sup>	X <sup>6</sup>
S	Weather conditions	X	X	X
T	Name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address (if applicable) of ship's owner and representatives (charterer, manager, or agent)	X	X	X
U	Vessel size and type (details of length, breadth, tonnage, etc.)	X	X	X
X	Remarks, as described in Key below	X <sup>7</sup>	X <sup>7</sup>	X <sup>7</sup>
Key				
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## General

Brunei is located in Southeast Asia, bordering the South China Sea and Malaysia.

The climate is tropical marine, hot, humid, and rainy; nights are cool. there is no dry season.

The terrain consists of flat coastal plains which rise to mountains in the E and hilly lowlands in the W.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

## Cautions

Dead trees and logs may be encountered for a considerable distance off the coast of Brunei. Driftwood, palm tree roots, and other flotsam which could be hazardous to navigation may also be encountered.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the Bruneian Dollar, consisting of 100 cents.

## Firing Areas

Binturan Firing Range and Bukit Agok Firing Range lie between the entrance to Sungai Tutong (4°47'N., 114°36'E.) and Tanjung Pungit, 19 miles NE.

Binturan Firing Range is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 4°51.6'N, 114°41.0'E. (coast)
- 4°53.2'N, 114°40.4'E. (Lighted Beacon B1)
- 4°56.1'N, 114°45.0'E. (Lighted Beacon B2)
- 4°54.6'N, 114°46.4'E. (coast)

Bukit Agok Firing Range is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 4°52.0'N, 114°42.4'E. (coast)
- 4°58.2'N, 114°38.0'E.
- 5°04.2'N, 114°46.8'E.
- 4°58.2'N, 114°51.4'E. (coast)

No restrictions are placed on the right to transit the firing ranges, although mariners are advised to exercise caution while in the area. Red flags or red lights are displayed to indicate the areas are in use.



The firing ranges are operated using a clear range procedure. Exercises and firings only take place when the areas are considered to be clear of all shipping.

## Government



Flag of Brunei

Brunei is a constitutional sultanate. The country is divided into four districts.

Brunei is governed by a Sultan. The Cabinet is appointed by the Sultan. The Legislative Council consists of 36 members appointed by the Sultan for 5-year terms.

The legal system is based on English common law and Islamic law.

The capital is Bandar Seri Begawan.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Chinese New Year	Variable
Independence Day	February 23
Armed Forces Day	May 31
Sultan's Birthday	July 15
Christmas Day	December 25

Islamic holidays, which are subject to the appearance of the moon, include Eid Al-Fitr (End of Ramadan), Eid Al-Adha (End of Pilgrimage), Hijrah (Islamic New Year), and the Prophet's Birthday.

## Industries

The main industries are petroleum, petroleum refining, liquefied natural gas, construction, agriculture, aquaculture, and transportation.

The main exports are natural gas, crude and refined petroleum, industrial alcohol, and industrial hydrocarbons. The main export-trading partners are Singapore, China, Japan, Australia, and Malaysia.

The main imports are crude and refined petroleum, vehicles, tug boats, and valves. The main import-trading partners are the Singapore, China, Malaysia, Nigeria, the United Arab Emirates, and the United States.

## Languages

Malay (Bahasa Melayu) is the official language, but English is often used for official purposes. Chinese is also common.

## Meteorology

Marine weather forecasts, marine warnings, and astronomical data are available, in English, from the Brunei Meteorological Department (<http://www.met.gov.bn>).

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

Pub. 163, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Borneo, Jawa, Sulawesi, and Nusa Tenggara.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Brunei are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea	12 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles or the median Exclusive Economic Zone.
Continental Shelf	200 miles or the Continental Margin.

### Maritime Boundary Disputes

In 1984, Brunei established an exclusive economic fishing zone encompassing Louisa Reef (6°20'N., 113°14'E.) in the Spratly Islands but makes no public territorial claims to the offshore reefs. The 2002-issued *Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea* has eased tensions but falls short of a legally-binding code of conduct desired by several of the disputants (China, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Vietnam). For further information, see **China—Navigational Information—Maritime Boundary Disputes**.

### Internet Maritime Safety Information

Notice to Mariners and tidal information are available, in English, from the Marine and Port Authority of Brunei Darussalam (<https://mpabd.gov.bn/notices>).

## Offshore Drilling

Major oil fields lie up to 30 miles seaward of the Brunei coast between Tanjung Baram (4°36'N., 113°58'E.) and Champion Shoals (5°12'N., 114°46'E.). South West Ampa Oil Field, centered on position 4°43'N., 114°09'E., is the largest. Safety zones may extend as much as 1.6 miles from all offshore platforms in the waters off Brunei.

## Pilotage

When a pilot is available and a vessel requires the services of a pilot, the standard flag and flashing light signals for requesting a pilot should be made.

A vessel arriving at night and not immediately requiring the services of a pilot, should display Flag G at daybreak. At night,

vessels can signal the letter G in Morse code by flashing light.

Where the harbormaster acts as a pilot, prior notice should be given by the ship's agent.

### Regulations

Communications can be established between the offshore oil structures/rigs/platforms and passing vessels on VHF channel 15.

### Search and Rescue

The Royal Brunei Armed Forces are responsible for coordinating search and rescue operations.

### Ship Reporting System

#### Information Fusion Center Voluntary Reporting Area

Brunei is located within the area covered by the Information Fusion Center Voluntary Reporting Area. For further information, see **Pacific Ocean—Ship Reporting System**.

### Time Zone

The Time Zone description is HOTEL (-8). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

### U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is situated at Simpang 336-52-16-9, Jalan Duta, Bandar Seri Begawan (in the Diplomatic Enclave).

#### U. S. Embassy Brunei—Contact Information

Mailing address	4020 Bandar Seri Begawan Place
	Washington DC (20521-4020)
Telephone	673-238-7400
Facsimile	673-238-7533
E-mail	<a href="mailto:ConsularBrunei@state.gov">ConsularBrunei@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://bn.usembassy.gov">https://bn.usembassy.gov</a>



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## Cautions

### Piracy

Vessels operating in the Voluntary Community Reporting Area (VCR) are strongly encouraged to report all cyber attack incidents and any interference on radio frequencies, radars, GPS, and AIS. For further information on the VCR, see **Pacific Ocean—Ship Reporting System**.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the riel, consisting of 100 sen.

## Government

## General

Cambodia is located in Southeastern Asia, bordering the Gulf of Thailand and Vietnam.

The climate is tropical. Monsoon season is from May to November. The dry season is from December to April with little seasonal temperature variation.

The terrain is mostly low. There are flat plains with mountains in the SW and N.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.



**Flag of Cambodia**

The government is a parliamentary constitutional monarchy. The country is divided into 24 provinces and one municipality.

Cambodia is governed by a King chosen by the Royal Throne Council. The Prime Minister is named by the Chairman

of the National Assembly and appointed by the King. The bicameral legislature consists of the directly-elected National Assembly, composed of 125 members serving 5-year terms, and the Senate, composed of two appointed and 60 indirectly-elected members serving 6-year terms.

The legal system is based on a mix of French law, royal decrees, and acts of the legislature, with influences of customary law and the remnants of communist legal theory.

The capital is Phnom Penh.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Victory Day	January 7
Meak Bochea	February 5
Women's Day	March 8
Khmer New Year	Variable (3 days)
Labor Day	May 1
King's Birthday	May 14
Vesak	Variable
Royal Ploughing Day	Variable
Children's Day	June 1
King's Mother's Birthday	June 18
Founding of the Revolutionary People's Party	June 19 and June 28
Constitution and Coronation Day	September 24
Pchum Ben	Variable
Paris Peace Talks Anniversary	October 23
King's Father's Birthday	October 31
Independence Day	November 9
Water Festival	November 26
Human Rights Day	December 10

## Industries

The main industries are tourism, clothing, construction, rice milling, fishing, wood and wood products, rubber, cement, gem mining, and textiles.

The main exports are clothing, rice, rubber, light fixtures, trunks/cases, gold, and footwear. The main export-trading partners are Germany, Vietnam, and Japan.

The main imports are petroleum products, clothing, gold, motor vehicles, and flavored water. The main import-trading partners are China, Thailand, Vietnam, and Singapore,

## Languages

Khmer is the official language.

## Meteorology

Marine weather forecasts and marine warnings are available, in English and Khmer, from the Cambodian Department of Meteorology (<http://www.cambodiameteo.com/productview/index>).

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

Pub. 161, Sailing Directions (Enroute) South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Cambodia are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone **	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	200 miles.
* Claims straight baselines. Requires advance permission or notification for innocent passage of warships in the territorial sea.	
** Also considered a Security Zone.	

### Maritime Boundary Disputes

The delineation of a maritime boundary with Vietnam is hampered by a dispute over offshore islands.

## Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory for all ocean-going vessels entering Cambodian waters.

## Regulations

Special regulations exist for the approach and entry of foreign vessels into Cambodian waters.

In general, only those vessels with specific and prearranged permission should attempt to approach this coast.

Cambodian authorities board all vessels on arrival and the Quarantine flag is to be flown even if coming from another Cambodian port. In case of suspected disease on board, contact the local authorities by radio before arrival.

Deratting exemption certificates are recommended to be on board before arrival.

## Search and Rescue

A Rescue Central Committee operates 24 hours at Pochentong Air Traffic Control Center. The Cambodian Ministry of

Defense Navy is responsible for coordinating maritime search and rescue operations.

### Ship Reporting System

#### Information Fusion Center Voluntary Reporting Area

Cambodia is located within the area covered by the Information Fusion Center Voluntary Reporting Area. For further information, see **Pacific Ocean—Ship Reporting System**.

#### Time Zone

The Time Zone description is GOLF (-7). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

### U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is situated at #1, Street 96, Sangkat Wat Phnom, Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh.

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## General

Canada, the largest self-governing country in the Commonwealth of Nations, is a federal state established in 1867 by the British North America Act. Discovered by Cabot in 1497, it was formed from the colonies originally settled by the French and British in the 17th century together with lands owned by the Hudson's Bay Company. The Dominion was finally completed by the inclusion of Newfoundland in 1949.

The country now contains the whole of the North American continent N of the border of the United States of America, excluding Alaska, which is part of the United States of America, but including all of the islands, known as the Canadian Arctic Archipelago, which lie between the Arctic Ocean, on the W,

and the median line with Greenland, on the E.

British Columbia, Canada's only province on the Pacific Ocean, lies between the States of Washington, Idaho, and Montana, on the S, and Alaska on the NW. It is bordered on the N by Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories, and on the E by the Province of Alberta.

The coast trends about 550 miles NW, but the coastline is actually much longer because it is indented by numerous inlets, bays, and fjords. Glacier fed streams flow into the heads of Bute Inlet and Knight Inlet. The entire coast is fronted by mountains rising to over 3,048m.

Between this coastal range and the Rocky Mountains, 200 to 300 miles inland, are the fertile valleys of the Fraser River, the Columbia River, and their tributaries. Offshore are Vancouver Island, the Queen Charlotte Islands, and many smaller islands forming a large archipelago. Between the islands and the mainland a series of sheltered deep channels form the so-called "inner passage" or "inside passage." This inner passage affords a fair number of anchorages for vessels not wishing to navigate at night or in fog; it is lighted and buoyed at important places and is extensively used by local shipping.

Extending from this inner passage are numerous long and intricate inlets which penetrate into the mainland; most of them are narrow channels bordered by high mountains.

The hydrographic characteristics form a parallel to the topographic features. The continuation of steep inclines and narrow gorges below sea level has resulted in a system of narrow straits and deep soundings which characterizes the NW coast of North America from the Strait of Juan de Fuca to Cape Spencer, Alaska.

The climate is cool temperate, but mountain influences affect temperatures and rainfall varies considerably. The driest months occur in summer.

The terrain is mostly plains with mountains in the W and lowlands in the SE.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region B) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information. Caution is necessary, however, as privately-maintained aids, which may consist of non-IALA buoys and markings, may still be encountered in minor locations.

The direction of buoyage along the coast of British Columbia is assumed to be north-going.

Fishing boundary markers, which only indicate the boundaries of fishing zones and are not intended to be used as aids to navigation, can be seen along the shores of the coastal waters of British Columbia. The markers consist of white, orange, or yellow triangles (outline only).

Trees grow rapidly on the W coast of Canada. Caution is necessary as lights originally constructed in clear areas may be obstructed on certain bearings by tree growth.

## Cautions

### Automatic Identification System

Mariners are advised that the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) is continuing to conduct supervised test beds of AIS AtoNs, with the objective of bringing AIS AtoNs to Full Operational Capability (FOC). Specific information on AIS AtoN test bed

sites can be found on the CCG e-Navigation Maritime Information Portal (<https://e-navigation.canada.ca/topics/aids/docs/ais-aton/locations-en>).

### Aquaculture Facilities

Cautionary buoys are deployed to mark the aquaculture work; information buoys are used to mark the leased sites. Mariners are advised to exercise caution and give wide berths to the buoys. Mariners should not attempt to navigate through aquaculture sites unless it is apparent that navigation channels are properly marked.

### Barges Under Tow

Along the coast of British Columbia, it is a common practice for barges under tow to trail a pick-up line in the water. The pick-up line may be up to 110m long, with the end marked by a fluorescent buoy. Vessels should pass towed barges at enough distance to ensure clearing the pick-up line.

### Dumping of Chemical Agents

Historical reviews indicate that mustard and phosgene chemical warfare agents in various containers, including munitions, were dumped at the spoil ground centered on position 48°15'N, 127°00'W about 90 miles WSW of Cape Flattery, the S entrance point to the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Uncorroborated anecdotal information suggests that some of the warfare agents may have been dumped short of the intended location. Vessels should avoid anchoring or conducting sea bed operations in this vicinity.

Anyone with information concerning dumping of explosive or chemical warfare agents is urged to contact DND. Anecdotal information plays an important role in corroborating data and closing the information gaps that currently exist.

### Drifting Logs

Drifting logs are a constant hazard to navigation in the waters of British Columbia, especially in inner passages. Logs over 20m long, as well as brush and entire trees, complete with foliage, may be encountered. Many different sizes of logs and brush may be concentrated in small areas where there are tidal swirls and eddies. The danger is greatest during freshets, after storms, and after unusually high tides.

A particular hazard is the deadhead, a log that is so waterlogged that it is almost entirely submerged, usually assuming a vertical position with its upper end awash or just below the surface. During daylight a deadhead is often invisible unless a slight sea or swell causes it to break the surface.

### Log Booms

Log booms towed by tugs may be encountered along the coast or in confined waterways of British Columbia. These rafts are usually at the end of a long tow line and might be a hazard in poor visibility.

### Sea Planes

A large number of seaplane operating areas are located along the W coast of Canada.

### Scientific Moorings

Scientific moorings may be found on the sea bed off the coast of Canada in the following areas:

1. Between Cape Lazo and Texada Island.
2. Between the Browning Islands and Doyle Island.
3. Between Duval Point and Doyle Island.
4. In an area extending 10.5 miles WSW of Lippy Point.

These scientific moorings are acoustic sensors consisting of a concrete anchor and a tethered instrument package floating above the anchor. Instruments in water less than 150m deep are within 5m of the sea bed. Instruments in water deeper than 150m are located approximately 150m below the surface.

### Magnetic Anomalies

**Rosario Strait.**—Magnetic anomalies are located in the vicinity of Rosario Strait, as follows:

1. Differences of up to 4° along the E shore of Burrows Bay (48°28'N., 122°40'W.).
2. Differences of up to 14° near the SE extremity of Gumes Island (48°32'N., 122°34'W.).
3. Differences of up to 2° in the vicinity of March Point (48°32'N., 122°33'W.).

**Haro Strait.**—A magnetic anomaly, with differences of up to 4°, lies on the E side of Haro Strait, in the vicinity of Bellevue Point (48°30'N., 123°10'W.).

**Orcas Island.**—A magnetic anomaly, with differences of up to 2°, has been observed off Orcas Island in the vicinity of Point Doughty (48°43'N., 123°03'W.).

**Malaspina Strait (49°40'N., 124°56'W.).**—A local magnetic disturbance has been reported in Welcome Passage.

**Comox Harbou (49°40'N., 124°56'W.).**—A local magnetic disturbance of up to 2° in excess of the normal variation has been reported in the harbor.

**South Approach to Desolation Sound.**—Local magnetic disturbances have been experienced in the vicinity of Spillsbury Point (50°00.2'N., 124°56.5'W.).

**Off Cape Scott.**—A magnetic anomaly, with differences of up to 7°, lies off the W coast of Vancouver Island, about 75 miles SW of Cape Scott (50°47'N., 128°26'W.).

**Inner Passage—Cousins Inlet.**—A local magnetic anomaly which increases/decreases the normal magnetic variation by 2-3° exists between Wearing Point Light (52°18.0'N., 127°45.7'W.) and Boscowitz Point, 2 miles SSW.

**Inner Passage—Milbanke Sound.**—Compass deflections have been reported in Merilia Passage (52°22.4'N., 128°29.2'W.) between Vancouver Rocks and Keith Point, 3 miles NNE.

**Queen Charlotte Strait.**—Errors of up to 18° from normal magnetic variation have been reported in Retreat Passage (50°42'N., 126°37'W.), particularly in the vicinity of Meade Bay.

**Portland Canal—Paddy Passage.**—Local compass deflections have been reported in the vicinity of Paddy Passage (55°21.4'N., 129°43.2'W.).

**Queen Charlotte Islands—Meyers Passage.**—A maximum compass deflection of up to 8° has been reported in the N entrance to Meyers Passage (52°36.6'N., 128°8.2'W.).

**Queen Charlotte Islands—Laredo Channel.**—A local magnetic anomaly which increased/decreased the normal magnetic variation by 4° were reported to occur in the vicinity of Wilson Rock (52°40.1'N., 128°58.1'W.), the Ramsbothen Islands (52°41.8'N., 129°02.1'W.), and Morehouse Rock (52°45.7'N., 129°06.1'W.).

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the Canadian dollar, consisting of 100 cents.

## Firing Areas

Firing and bombing practices, and defense exercises, take place in a number of areas off the coast of Canada. The principal types of practices carried out are:

1. **Air-to-Air, Air-to-Sea, or Air-to-Ground Firing.**—Air-to-air firing is carried out by aircraft firing at a large white or red sleeve, a winged target, or flag towed by another aircraft moving on a steady course. Air-to-sea or air-to-ground firing is carried out from aircraft at towed or stationary targets on sea or land, the firing taking place to seaward in the case of those on land. All marine craft operating as range safety craft, target towers, or control launches for radio-controlled targets will display, for identification purposes, while on or in the vicinity of the danger area, the following signals:

- a. A large red flag at the masthead.
- b. A painted canvas strip, 1.8m by 0.9m with red and white checkers in 0.3m squares, on the fore deck or cabin roof.

2. **Anti-aircraft Firing.**—This may be from guns, missiles, or machine guns at a target towed by aircraft as in 1 above, at a pilotless target aircraft, or at balloons or kites. Practice may take place from shore batteries or ships. Warning signals, as a rule, are shown from shore batteries; ships fly a red flag.

3. **Firing from Shore Batteries or Ships at Sea at Fixed or Floating Targets.**—Warning signals usually shown as in 2 above.

4. **At Remote-controlled Craft.**—These craft are about 21m in length and carry “not under command” shapes and lights, as well as normal navigation lights. Exercises consisting of surface firing by ships, practice bombing, air-to-sea firing, and rocket firing will be carried out against these craft or targets towed by them.

A control craft will keep visual and radar watch up to approximately 8 miles and there will be cover from the air over a much greater range to ensure that other shipping will not be endangered.

Warning signals, when given, usually consists of red flags by day and fixed red or flashing red lights by night. The absence of any such signal cannot, however, be accepted as evidence that a practice area does not exist. Warning signals are shown from just before practice commences until it ceases.

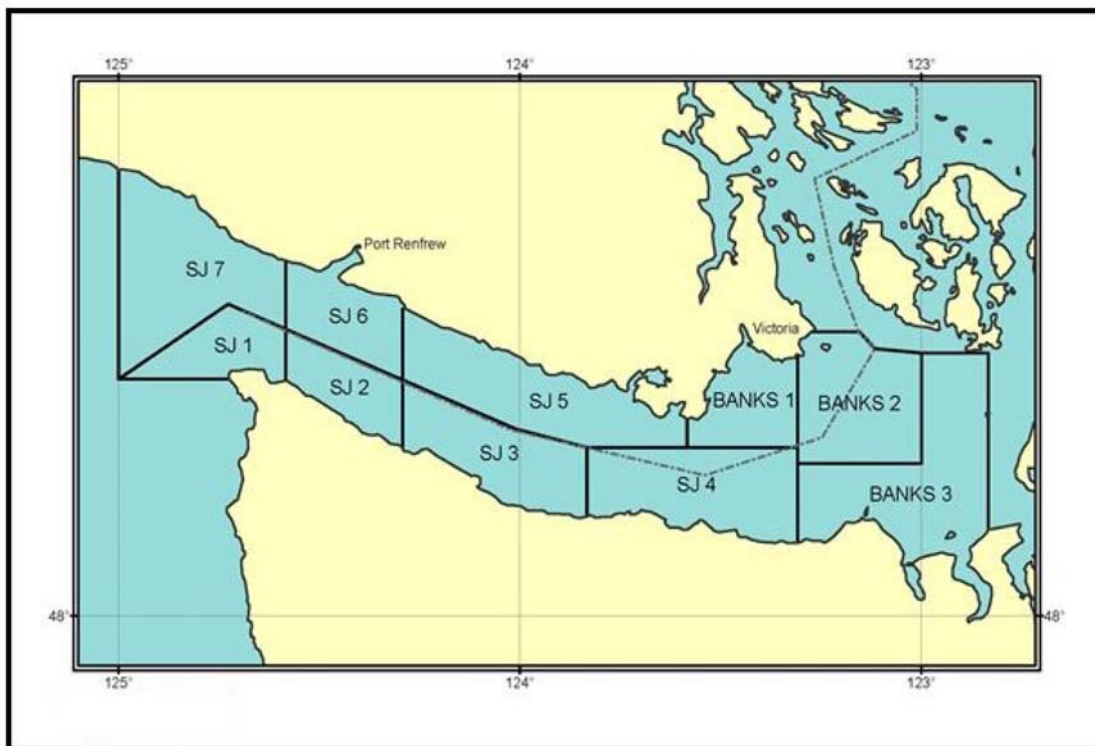
Ships and aircraft carrying out night exercises may illuminate with bright red or orange flares.

A vessel may be aware of the existence of a practice area from local Notice to Mariners or similar method of promulgation and by observing the warning signals or the practice.

The range authorities are responsible for ensuring that there should be no risk of damage from falling splinters, bullets, etc., to any vessel which may be in a practice area.

Areas are only in use intermittently or over limited periods of time. When it is intended that a firing practice and exercise area be used, this information will be promulgated by local Canadian Coast Guard Marine Radio Broadcasts and may also be advertised in local newspapers. Maritime Command vessels are informed by Navigational Warning Messages CANHY-





Chartlet 1—Juan de Fuca Strait

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**Sea Areas—Esquimalt Harbour Approach Areas**

**BANKS 1** (Esquimalt, B.C.) (Chartlet 1)—Subsurface operations area—Area bounded by the coast and lines joining the following positions:

- 48°24'28"N, 123°18'30"W. (coast)
- 48°16'00"N, 123°18'30"W.
- 48°16'00"N, 123°35'00"W.
- 48°18'38"N, 123°35'00"W. (coast)

**BANKS 2** (Esquimalt, B.C.) (Chartlet 1)—Subsurface operations area—Area bounded by the coast and lines joining the following positions:

- 48°27'00.0"N, 123°17'22.0"W. (coast)
- 48°27'00.0"N, 123°09'18.0"W.
- 48°25'22.0"N, 123°06'54.5"W.
- 48°25'00.0"N, 123°00'00.0"W.
- 48°14'30.0"N, 123°00'00.0"W.
- 48°14'30.0"N, 123°18'30.0"W.
- 48°24'28.0"N, 123°18'30.0"W. (coast)

**BANKS 3** (Esquimalt, B.C.) (Chartlet 1)—Subsurface operations area—Area bounded by the coast and lines joining the following positions:

- 48°06'48"N, 123°18'30"W. (coast)
- 48°14'30"N, 123°18'30"W.
- 48°14'30"N, 123°00'00"W.
- 48°25'00"N, 123°00'00"W.
- 48°25'00"N, 122°50'00"W.

- 48°08'04"N, 122°50'00"W. (coast)

**WA** (Esquimalt, B.C.) (Chartlet 2)—Pyrotechnics exercises and general air and surface operations—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- 48°20'36"N, 123°31'34"W.
- 48°23'15"N, 123°28'36"W.
- 48°25'50"N, 123°26'45"W.
- 48°24'25"N, 123°23'15"W.
- 48°15'21"N, 123°23'15"W.
- 48°13'36"N, 123°31'48"W.
- 48°20'00"N, 123°34'30"W.

**WB** (Esquimalt, B.C.) (Chartlet 2)—Pyrotechnics exercises and general air and surface operations—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- 48°24'25"N, 123°23'15"W.
- 48°23'47"N, 123°18'12"W.
- 48°24'45"N, 123°16'00"W.
- 48°18'30"N, 123°13'28"W.
- 48°17'03"N, 123°14'48"W.
- 48°15'21"N, 123°23'15"W.

**WQ** (Race Rocks, B.C.) (Chartlet 2)—Bentinck Island Demolition Range—A circle with radius of 1 mile centered on position 48°18'42"N, 123°32'36"W.

**CYD102** (Esquimalt, B.C.) (Chartlet 3)—Air space associated with Sea Areas WA, WB, and WQ and Land Areas WK (inactive) and WL (inactive).—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- 48°23'48"N, 123°18'30"W.



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**Chartlet 2—Area WA, Area WB, and Area WQ**

- b. 48°18'34"N, 123°13'40"W.
- c. 48°13'36"N, 123°31'48"W.
- d. 48°20'00"N, 123°34'30"W.
- e. 48°20'36"N, 123°31'34"W.
- f. 48°23'21"N, 123°28'36"W.
- g. 48°25'50"N, 123°26'45"W.
- h. 48°24'25"N, 123°23'15"W.

**Sea Areas—Strait of Juan de Fuca**

**Area SJ1** (Chartlet 1)—Subsurface operations area—An area bounded by the coast and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 48°22'30"N, 124°35'00"W. (coast)
- b. 48°22'30"N, 125°00'00"W.
- c. 48°29'36"N, 124°43'38"W.
- d. 48°27'14"N, 124°35'00"W.
- e. 48°22'18"N, 124°35'00"W. (coast)

**Area SJ2** (Chartlet 1)—Subsurface operations area—An area bounded, as follows:

1. North boundary—U.S./Canada international boundary.
2. West boundary—longitude 124°35'00"W.
3. South boundary—coastline of the state of Washington.
4. East boundary—longitude 124°17'35"W.

**Area SJ3** (Chartlet 1)—Subsurface operations area—An area bounded, as follows:

1. North boundary—U.S./Canada international boundary.
2. West boundary—longitude 124°17'35"W.
3. South boundary—coastline of the state of Washington.
4. East boundary—longitude 123°50'00"W.

**Area SJ4** (Chartlet 1)—Subsurface operations area—An area bounded by the coast and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 48°06'48"N, 123°18'30"W. (coast)
- b. 48°16'00"N, 123°18'30"W.
- c. 48°16'00"N, 123°50'00"W.
- d. 48°09'20"N, 123°50'00"W. (coast)

**Area SJ5** (Chartlet 1)—Subsurface operations area—An area bounded, as follows:

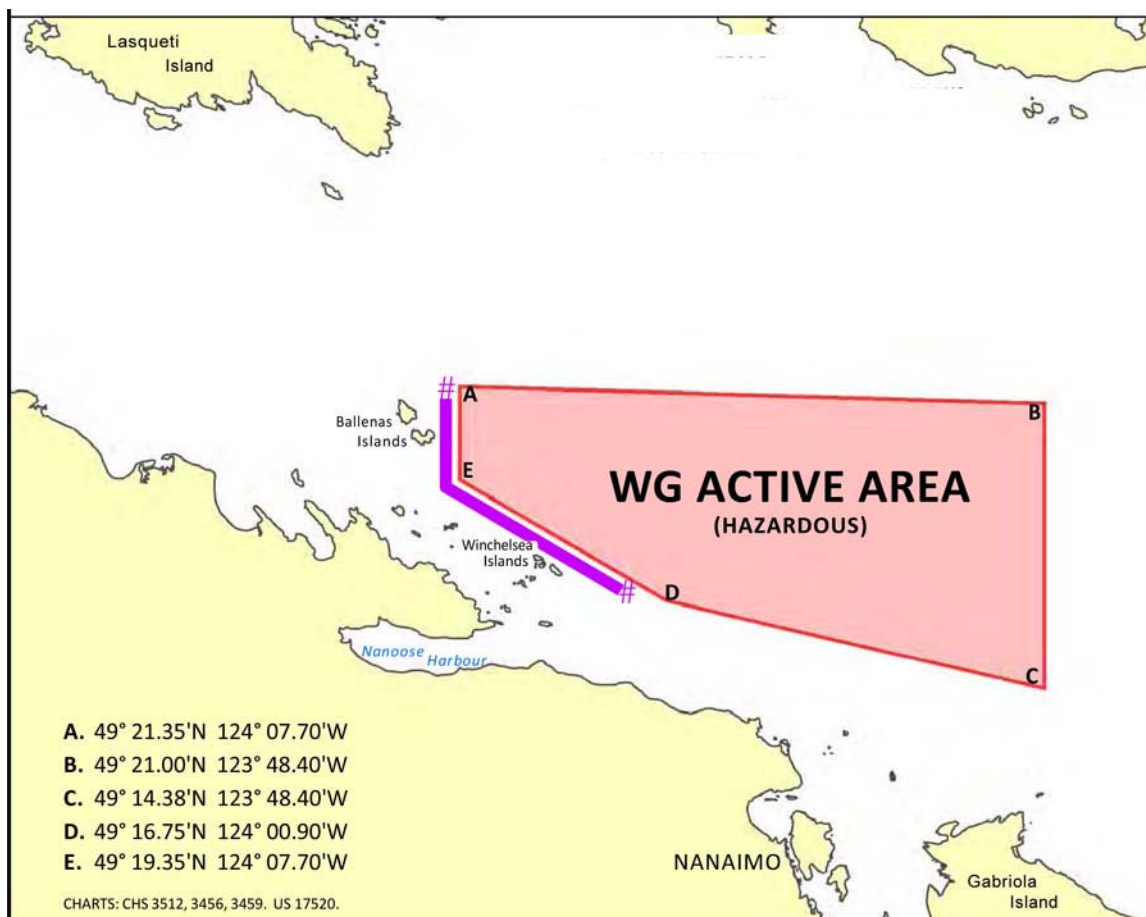
1. North boundary—coastline of Vancouver Island.
2. West boundary—longitude 124°17'35"W.
3. South boundary—U.S./Canada international boundary.
4. East boundary—longitude 123°17'35"W.

**Area SJ6** (Chartlet 1)—Subsurface operations area—An area bounded, as follows:

1. North boundary—coastline of Vancouver Island.
2. West boundary—longitude 124°35'00"W.
3. South boundary—U.S./Canada international boundary.
4. East boundary—longitude 124°17'35"W.

**Area SJ7** (Chartlet 1)—Subsurface operations area—An area bounded, as follows:

1. North boundary—coastline of Vancouver Island.
2. West boundary—longitude 125°00'00"W.
3. South boundary—a line joining the following positions:
  - a. 48°27'14"N, 124°35'00"W.
  - b. 48°29'36"N, 124°43'38"W.
  - c. 48°22'30"N, 125°00'00"W.
4. East boundary—longitude 124°35'00"W.



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### Chartlet 13—Active Area WG

**WH** (The Strait of Juan de Fuca) (Chartlet 4)—Surface firing exercises—Area enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 48°22'00"N, 123°55'05"W.
- b. 48°16'51"N, 123°55'05"W.
- c. 48°17'54"N, 124°00'43"W.
- d. 48°22'29"N, 124°17'35"W.
- e. 48°28'18"N, 124°17'35"W.

#### Sea Areas—Strait of Georgia

**Area SOG** (Chartlet 5)—Subsurface operations—An area bounded, as follows:

1. To the W—Vancouver Island.
2. To the N—50°10'N.
3. To the E—British Columbia mainland.
4. To the S—49°00'N.

**WC** (Haro Strait, B.C.) (Chartlet 6)—General subsurface operations and torpedo firing exercises—Area bounded by the coast and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 48°35'25"N, 123°22'18"W. (coast)
- b. 48°35'25"N, 123°21'48"W.
- c. 48°31'57"N, 123°19'42"W.
- d. 48°31'57"N, 123°21'59"W. (coast)

**WD** (Saanich Inlet, B.C.) (Chartlet 6)—General surface and subsurface operations—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 48°38'48"N, 123°30'45"W.
- b. 48°38'48"N, 123°29'15"W.
- c. 48°37'48"N, 123°29'15"W.
- d. 48°37'48"N, 123°30'45"W.

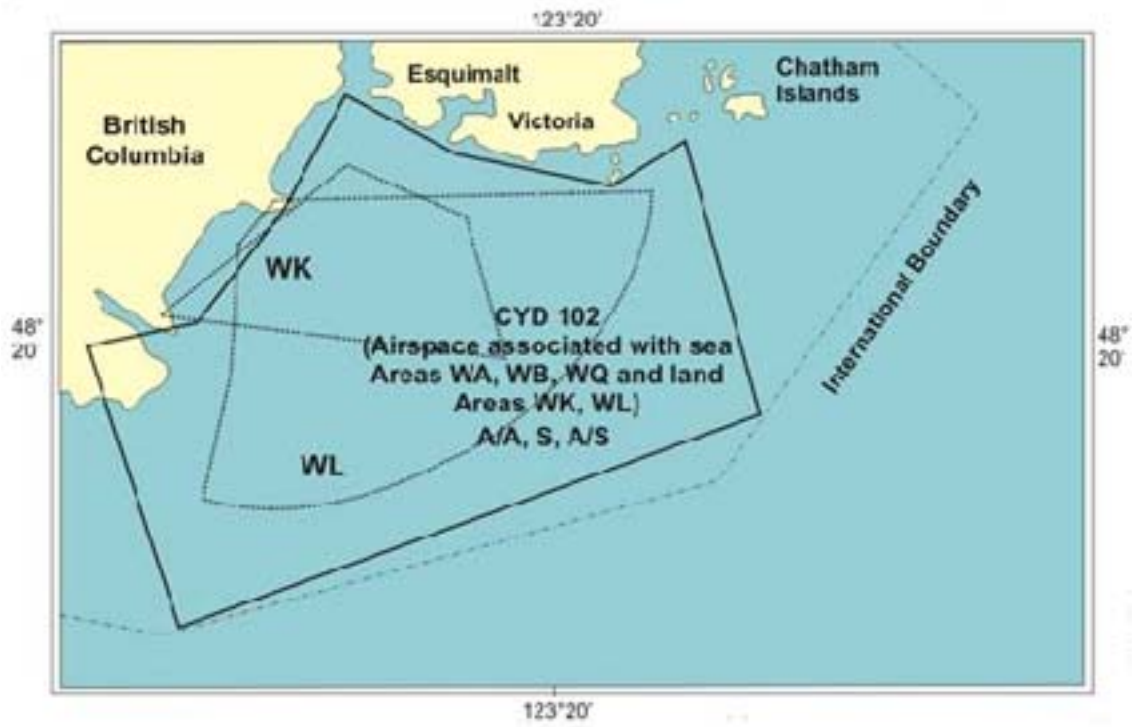
**WE** (Strait of Georgia, B.C.) (Chartlet 7)—General subsurface operations—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 49°11'00"N, 123°24'00"W.
- b. 49°17'00"N, 123°43'00"W.
- c. 49°21'00"N, 123°38'00"W.
- d. 49°16'00"N, 123°20'00"W.

**WF** (Strait of Georgia, B.C.) (Chartlet 7)—General air, surface, and subsurface operations—Area enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 49°19'18"N, 123°43'30"W.
- b. 49°21'18"N, 124°08'00"W.
- c. 49°28'42"N, 124°08'00"W.
- d. 49°24'18"N, 123°43'30"W.

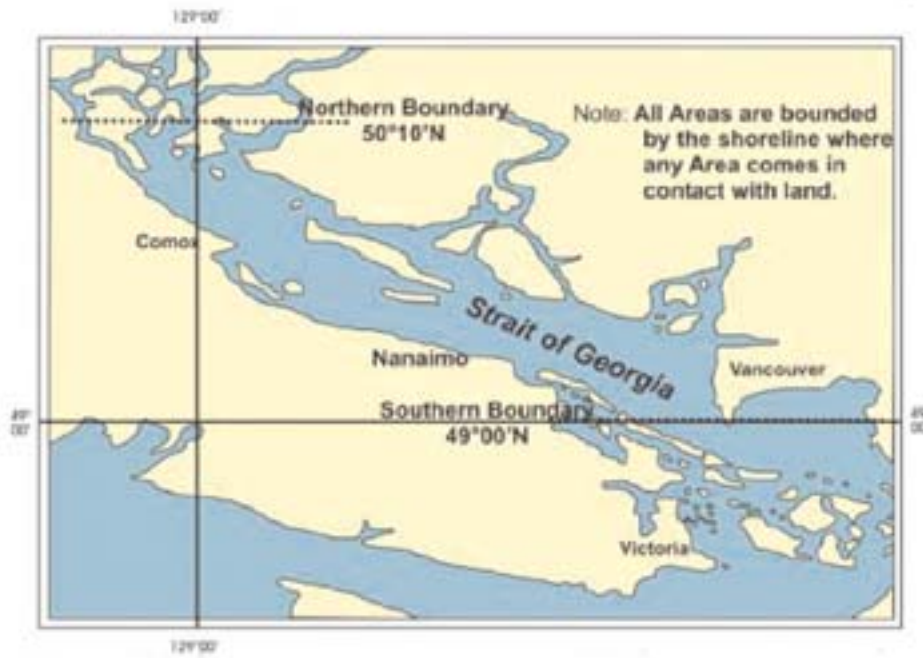
**WG** (Strait of Georgia, B.C.) (Chartlet 7)—General air, surface, and subsurface operations and torpedo firing exercises—



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Chartlet 3—Area CYD102, Area WK, and Area WL

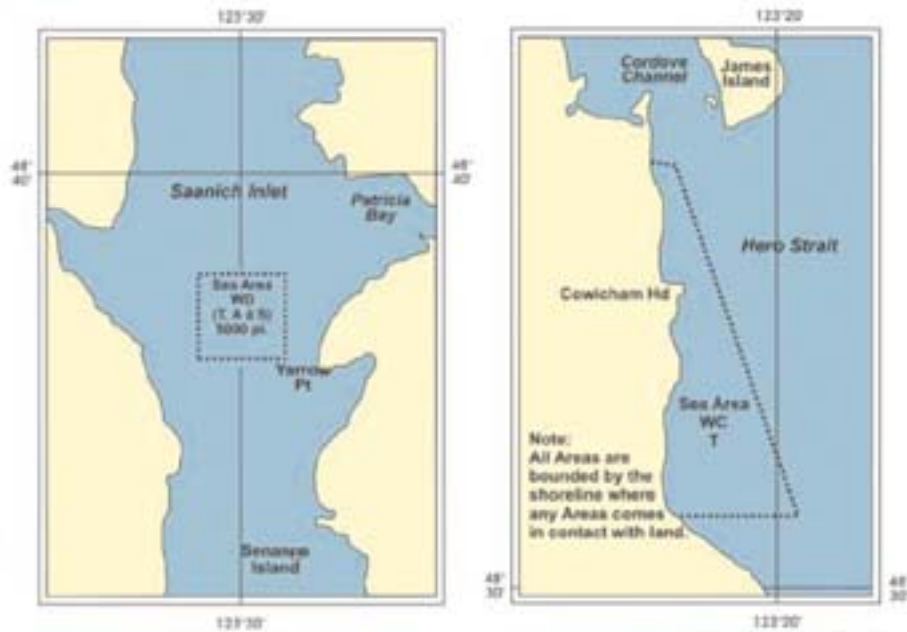


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Chartlet 4—Area WH



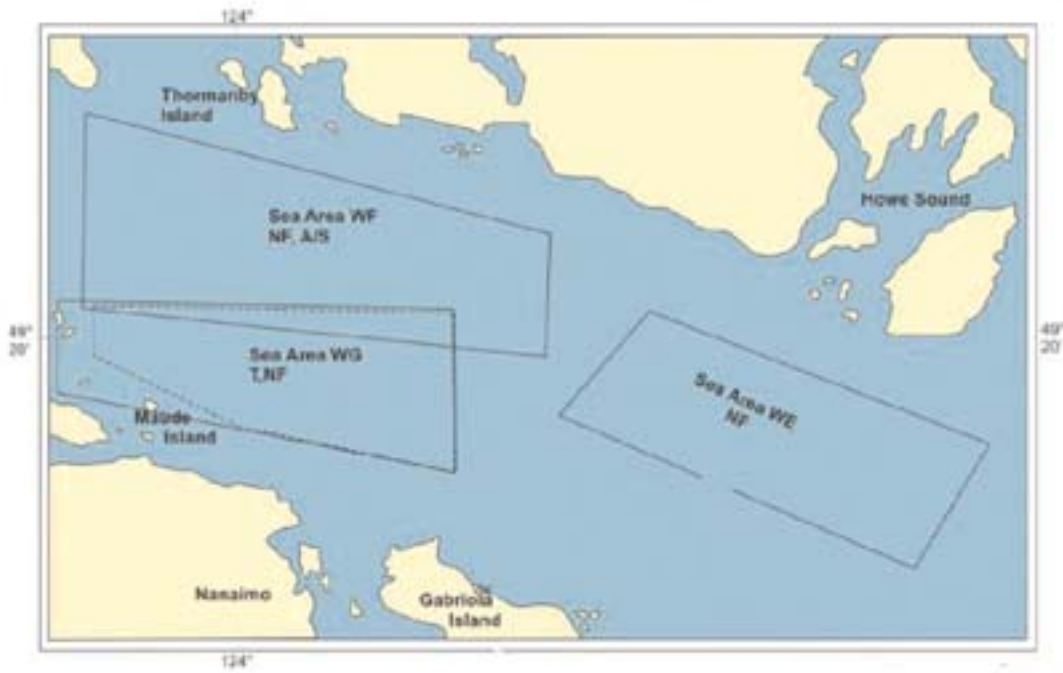
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**Chartlet 5—Area SOG**

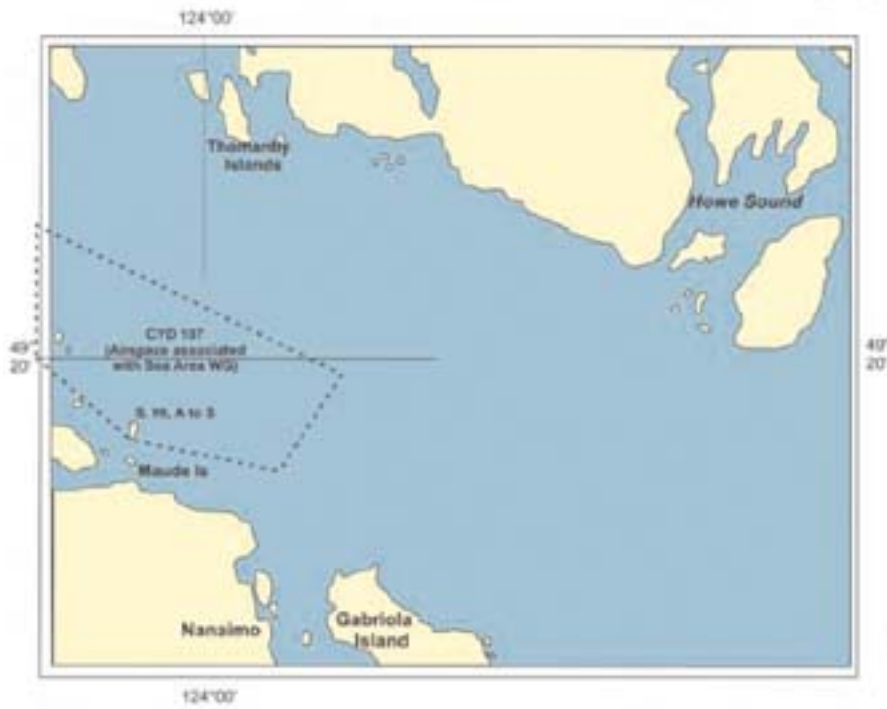


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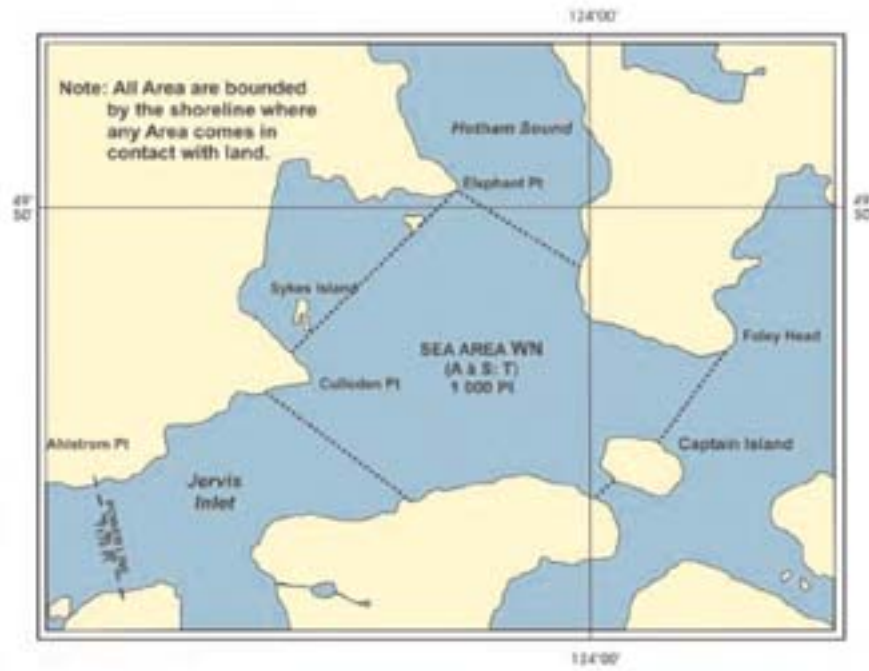
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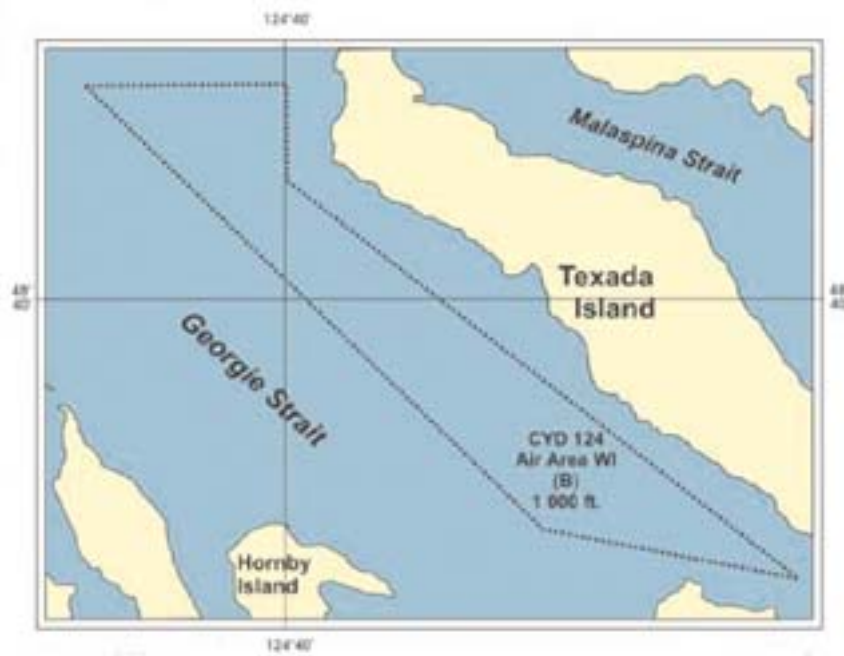
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**Chartlet 7—Area WE, Area WF, and Area WG**



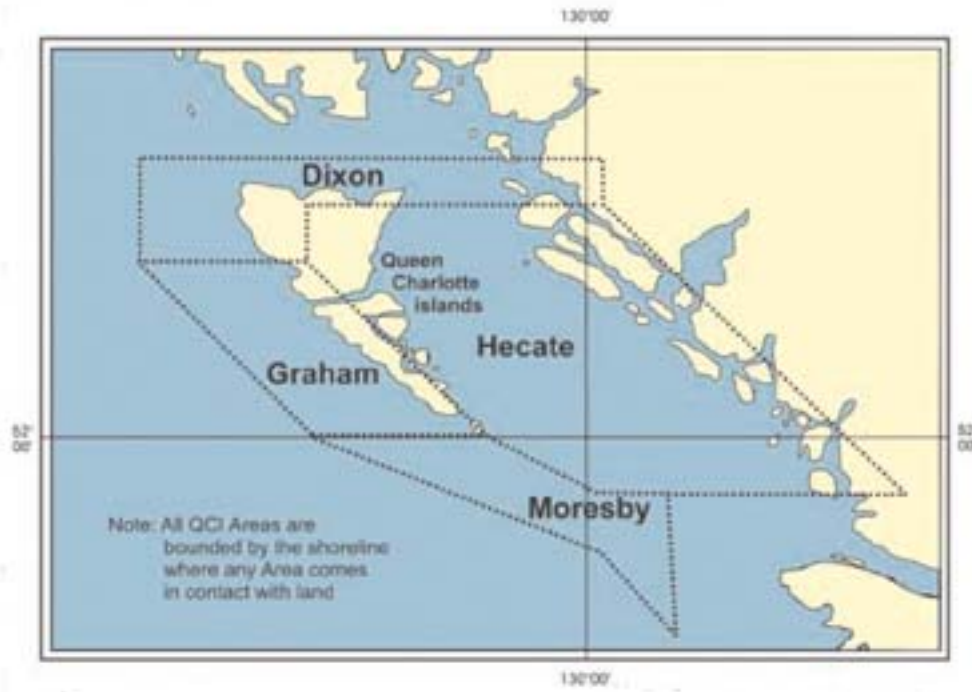
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**Chartlet 8—Area CYD107**



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**Chartlet 9—Area WN**



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**Chartlet 10—Area WI/CYD124**



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**Chartlet 11—Queen Charlotte Islands Areas**



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**Chartlet 12—West Coast Firing Areas (WCFA)**



Area enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 49°21'28"N, 124°09'30"W.
- b. 49°21'00"N, 123°48'24"W.
- c. 49°14'50"N, 123°48'24"W.
- d. 49°18'02"N, 124°09'30"W.

Active Area Coordinates of Sea Area WG:

- a. 49°21'21.0"N, 124°07'42.0"W.
- b. 49°21'00.0"N, 123°48'24.0"W.
- c. 49°14'22.8"N, 123°48'24.0"W.
- d. 49°16'45.0"N, 124°00'54.0"W.
- e. 49°19'21.0"N, 124°07'42.0"W.

The Canadian Forces Maritime Experimental and Test Ranges test ship and aircraft systems and torpedoes launched by surface vessels, submarines, or aircraft. No explosives are used; however, a hazard exists due to the possibility of the torpedo homing in on vessels and then the vessel being struck by the torpedo on its way to the surface.

The portion of Sea Area WG enclosed by pecked lines, as shown in Chartlet 13, is an active surface, subsurface, air, and torpedo firing/operations area which may also include the use of active sonar. Operations are generally, though not exclusively, conducted during daylight hours Monday to Saturday, during which times Sea Area WG is considered to be extremely hazardous to marine traffic.

Any number of lit and unlit mooring buoys may be within Sea Area WG at various locations throughout the year to be used for military purposes. These buoys may be placed, moved, and/or removed without notice.

Mariners are to exercise caution when transiting this area; vessels are required to remain clear of this area whenever Sea Area WG is active.

Sea Area WG constitutes a defense establishment as defined in the National Defense Act to which the Defense Controlled Access Area Regulations apply.

Information on active range hours and safe transit can be obtained, as follows:

1. Winchelsea Island Control (telephone: 1-888-221-1011)—next day activity only.
2. CFMETR Range Officer (telephone: 250-468-5002)—long range planning.
3. Winchelsea Island Control on VHF channel 10 or 16 (call sign: Winchelsea Control)—for safe transit area information when approaching Area WG.
4. Monitoring VHF channel 21B or Weather 3—listening watch only.
5. Navigational Warning—Prince Rupert MCTS Center by e-mail ([NAVWARN.MCTSPrinceRupert@innav.gc.ca](mailto:NAVWARN.MCTSPrinceRupert@innav.gc.ca)) or telephone (250-627-3070).
6. Victoria MCTS Center by telephone (250-363-6333).

A transit area lies 0.5 mile N of Winchester Island and 0.5 mile E of South Ballenas Island. Its use is recommended to allow mariners to safely transit around the active area and to access the marina facilities in Schooner Cove and Nanoose Bay.

Range vessels exhibit a red flashing light in addition to the prescribed lights and shapes. These vessels may operate outside of scheduled hours and should not be approached within 1.5 miles because they may be in a three-point moor with mooring lines extending to buoys up to 0.75 mile away.

Vessels are strongly advised to avoid Area WG, especially during the hours of darkness or during reduced visibility.

**CYD107** (Strait of Georgia) (Chartlet 8)—Airspace associ-

ated with Sea Area WG—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 49°17'18"N, 124°05'00"W.
- b. 49°15'54"N, 123°56'00"W.
- c. 49°19'30"N, 123°51'00"W.
- d. 49°25'30"N, 124°12'00"W.
- e. 49°20'30"N, 124°12'00"W.

**WN** (Jervis Inlet, B.C.) (Chartlet 9)—General surface and subsurface operations—Area bounded by the coast and a line joining the following positions:

- a. 49°50'06"N, 124°02'12"W.
- b. 49°48'21"N, 124°05'06"W.
- c. 49°47'51"N, 124°05'26"W.
- d. 49°46'40"N, 124°03'16"W.
- e. 49°46'41"N, 123°59'50"W.
- f. 49°46'54"N, 123°59'32"W.
- g. 49°47'22"N, 123°58'54"W.
- h. 49°48'30"N, 123°57'30"W.
- i. 49°49'23"N, 124°00'03"W.

**WI/CYD124** (Texada Island, B.C.) (Chartlet 10)—Air and subsurface exercises—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 49°46'30"N, 124°50'00"W.
- b. 49°46'30"N, 124°40'00"W.
- c. 49°43'30"N, 124°40'00"W.
- d. 49°31'30"N, 124°16'00"W.
- e. 49°33'00"N, 124°28'00"W.

#### Sea Areas—Queen Charlotte Islands

**DIXON** (Chartlet 11)—Subsurface operations—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 54°25'N, 134°00'W.
- b. 54°25'N, 130°00'W.
- c. 54°00'N, 130°00'W.
- d. 54°00'N, 132°30'W.
- e. 53°30'N, 132°30'W.
- f. 53°30'N, 134°00'W.

**HECATE** (Chartlet 11)—Subsurface operations—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 54°00'N, 130°00'W.
- b. 54°00'N, 132°30'W.
- c. 53°30'N, 132°30'W.
- d. 52°00'N, 131°00'W.
- e. 51°30'N, 130°00'W.
- f. 51°30'N, 127°20'W.

**MORESBY** (Chartlet 11)—Subsurface operations—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 52°00'N, 132°30'W.
- b. 52°00'N, 131°00'W.
- c. 51°30'N, 130°00'W.
- d. 51°30'N, 129°20'W.
- e. 50°15'N, 129°20'W.
- f. 51°00'N, 130°00'W.

**GRAHAM** (Chartlet 11)—Subsurface operations—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 53°30'N, 134°00'W.
- b. 53°30'N, 132°30'W.
- c. 52°00'N, 131°00'W.
- d. 52°00'N, 132°30'W.

**Note.**—All Queen Charlotte Islands are bounded by the shore where they come in contact with land.

**Canadian Land Forces Exercise Areas**

**WK** (William Head—Esquimalt, B.C.) (Chartlet 3)—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 48°20'42"N, 123°32'42"W.
- b. 48°19'36"N, 123°21'54"W.
- c. 48°23'00"N, 123°22'42"W.
- d. 48°24'12"N, 123°26'45"W.

This area is inactive.

**WL** (Albert Head—Esquimalt, B.C.) (Chartlet 3)—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 48°23'21"N, 123°29'30"W to
  - b. 48°23'33"N, 123°16'24"W.
- then along the arc of a circle centered on
- c. 48°23'06"N, 123°28'54"W to
  - d. 48°15'12"N, 123°32'18"W to
  - e. 48°18'53"N, 123°30'45"W to
  - f. 48°22'00"N, 123°30'45"W.

then to point of commencement.

This area is inactive.

**Vancouver Island—West Coast Firing Areas (WCFA)**

**WCFA North** (Chartlet 12)—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 49°30'00"N, 127°40'00"W.
- b. 49°15'00"N, 127°40'00"W.
- c. 49°15'00"N, 127°02'30"W.
- d. 49°24'36"N, 127°10'12"W.
- e. 49°27'42"N, 127°11'00"W.
- f. 49°30'00"N, 127°14'00"W.

**WCFA South** (Chartlet 12)—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 49°15'00"N, 127°40'00"W.
- b. 49°00'00"N, 127°40'00"W.
- c. 49°00'00"N, 127°00'00"W.
- d. 49°12'18"N, 127°00'00"W.
- e. 49°15'00"N, 127°02'30"W.

**WP** (Chartlet 12)—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 50°00'00"N, 129°00'00"W.
- b. 50°00'00"N, 128°10'00"W.
- c. 49°30'00"N, 127°14'00"W.
- d. 49°27'42"N, 127°11'00"W.
- e. 49°24'36"N, 127°10'12"W.
- f. 48°39'00"N, 126°35'00"W.
- g. 48°39'00"N, 128°00'00"W.
- h. 49°10'00"N, 129°00'00"W.

Surface and air firing practice may be conducted in any part of Area WP. However, the majority of practice takes place in the areas designated West Coast Firing Area North and West Coast Firing Area South. For information on firing practice operations contact Prince Rupert Traffic on VHF channel 74.

**Fishing Areas**

Large concentrations of fishing vessels may be encountered in the following areas:

1. Approaches to Juan de Fuca Strait, La Perouse Bank (48°35'N., 125°45'W.), Swiftsure Bank (48°33'N., 125°00'W.), and Estevan Point (49°23'N., 126°32'W.)—From April 15 to September 30, numerous fishing vessels may be encountered inside the 100m curve. These vessels

may be trolling or towing nets and at night may frequently be at anchor.

Vessels approaching these areas from any direction are advised to pass seaward and clear of these banks due to the prevalence of restricted visibility in this vicinity. Vessels which must cross these banks should navigate with caution to avoid colliding with fishing vessels.

Mariners can receive radar-derived information concerning the locations of large concentrations of fishing vessels by contacting MCTS Center Prince Rupert (see Appendix II).

2. Juan de Fuca Strait.—Numerous drift net or purse seine net vessels may be encountered both day and night; the period of operation is usually from April 15 until November 1. Drift nets can extend up to 552m from the end that is attached to the boat; the free end is marked by a white light.

3. The Fraser River and its approaches—Day and night gill net fishing occurs from July 1 to November 1 and sporadically throughout the rest of the year. Vessels should navigate with caution in this area as gill nets can be up to 375m long.

Large factory ships may be encountered off the W coast of Vancouver Island, from June to November, at various distances offshore between Cape Flattery and Estevan Point. These ships may be fishing, working cargo, or drifting.

Fishing vessels of all types may be encountered in Hecate Strait (53°30'N., 131°00'W.). The heaviest concentrations occur during the herring season (March) and the salmon season (May to October). Crab traps marked by buoys may be encountered in the shoal waters off Rose Point (54°09'N., 131°40'W.).

From June through October, many purse seiners operate in the S end of Haro Strait. At night these vessels normally anchor between Cattle Point (48°27'N., 122°58'W.) and Pile Point (48°29'N., 123°06'W.).

Large concentrations of fishing vessels may be encountered in the Strait of Georgia, especially off the edges of Roberts Bank and Sturgeon Bank and in the Fraser River, from the beginning of July until the end of November and sporadically during the rest of the year. Vessels should navigate with caution in this area as gill nets can be up to 375m long.

Large numbers of fishing vessels operate in the vicinity of Cook Bank (50°56'N., 128°32'W.).

Mariners should give the indicated minimum clearance when passing the following types of fishing vessels:

1. Purse seiners and trawlers—0.5 mile.
2. Gill netters—0.3 mile.
3. Trollers—0.2 mile.

**Marking of Fishing Gear—Pacific Waters**

Fishing gear set in all waters of the Pacific coast under Canadian jurisdiction is marked, as follows:

a. A gill net operated from a commercial fishing vessel has attached to each end:

1. By day, a buoy painted iridescent or plain orange and not less than 1.25m in circumference.
2. By night, a lantern showing a white light.
- b. A longline used in fishing is marked by a buoy attached to each end of the line.
- c. A crab, shrimp, or prawn trap set singly is marked by a buoy.

Fisherman at various locations along the British Columbia coast sometimes use quick flashing lights, called "Scotty

Gear,” on their net floats. Care must be used not to confuse these lights with lighted aids to navigation.

## Government



Flag of Canada

Canada is a federal parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarch and an independent commonwealth of the United Kingdom. The country is divided into ten provinces and three territories.

King Charles III, recognized as the Chief of State, appoints a Governor-General based on the advice of the Prime Minister. The Governor-General appoints a Prime Minister after Parliamentary elections are held. The bicameral Parliament consists of a 105-member Senate, appointed by the Governor-General based on the advice of the Prime Minister and who may serve until 75 years of age, and a directly-elected 338-member House of Commons, serving 4-year terms.

The legal system is based on English common law, except in the province of Quebec, where the legal system is based on French civil law.

The capital is Ottawa.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Day After New Year's Day (Montreal and Quebec City only)	January 2
Family Day (British Columbia only)	February 12
Good Friday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
Easter Monday	Variable
Victoria Day	First Monday on or preceding May 24
Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day (Montreal and Quebec City only)	June 24
Canada Day	July 1
Civic Holiday (except Quebec)	First Monday in August

Holiday	Date(s)
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Thanksgiving Day	Second Monday in October
Remembrance Day	November 11
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26
<b>Note.</b> —Canadian holidays falling on a Saturday or Sunday are observed the following Monday.	

## Industries

The main industries are transportation equipment, chemicals, processed and unprocessed minerals, food products, wood and paper products, fish products, petroleum, and natural gas.

The main exports are crude petroleum, motor vehicles and parts, gold, lumber, and natural gas. The main export-trading partner is the United States. CIA Factbook (January, 2024);

The main imports are motor vehicles and parts, crude oil, and refined petroleum. The main import-trading partners are the United States, China, and Mexico.

## Languages

English and French are the official languages.

## Meteorology

Marine weather forecasts are available, in English and French, from Environment Canada ([https://weather.gc.ca/marine/index\\_e.html](https://weather.gc.ca/marine/index_e.html)).

Weather, ice, and navigational information, in English and French, are available from the Canadian Government e-Navigation Portal (<https://e-navigation.canada.ca/index-en>).

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volumes

Pub. 145, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Nova Scotia and the Saint Lawrence River.

Pub. 146, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Newfoundland, Labrador, and Hudson Bay.

Pub. 154, Sailing Directions (Enroute) British Columbia.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Canada are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.

Maritime Limit	Extent
Continental Shelf	200 miles or the Continental Margin.
* Claims straight baselines. All waters between Canadian islands in the Arctic are claimed as internal waters. Hudson Bay is claimed as historic waters.	

### Maritime Boundary Disputes

Managed maritime boundary disputes with the United States at the following locations:

1. Dixon Entrance (British Columbia/State of Alaska).
2. Strait of Juan de Fuca (Vancouver Island/State of Washington).
3. Beaufort Sea (Yukon Territory/State of Alaska).
4. Machias Seal Island (44°30'N., 67°06'W.) and North Rock (New Brunswick/State of Maine).

It has been reported (2008) that Canada, Denmark, Greenland, Norway, Russia, and the United States have agreed to let the United Nations rule on their overlapping territorial claims in the coastal waters of the Arctic Ocean. Coastal states may claim the sea bed beyond the normal 200-mile limit if the sea bed is part of a continental shelf of shallower waters. For further information, see Pub. 180, Sailing Directions (Planning Guide) Arctic Ocean (Arctic Ocean—Navigational Information—Maritime Boundary Disputes).

Canada, the United States, and other countries dispute the status of the Northwest Passage.

### Internet Maritime Safety Information

See the table titled **Canadian Coast Guard Marine Safety Information**.

### Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory for all vessels over 350 gt in all coastal water of British Columbia under the jurisdiction of the Pacific Pilotage Authority (PPA). Compulsory pilotage may be waived, as follows:

1. Vessels entering a compulsory pilotage area for the purpose of embarking a licensed pilot, until the ship reaches the place arranged for boarding and the licensed pilot has boarded.
  2. Vessels leaving a compulsory pilotage area after the pilot has disembarked in the course of the vessel's departure.
- The pilotage region of the PPA consists of all Canadian waters in and around the province of British Columbia. The pilotage region is divided into five areas, as follows:
1. Area 1.—All waters of the Fraser River.
  2. Area 2.—All Canadian waters between Vancouver Is-

land and the mainland. Its S limit is near the pilot boarding position at the lighted buoy off Brotchie Ledge near Victoria. Its N limit is a line between Cape Caution and Cape Sutil, on the N end of Vancouver Island.

3. Area 3.—All Canadian waters on the W coast of Vancouver Island.

4. Area 4.—All Canadian waters on the mainland N of Vancouver Island. This area extends 5 to 15 miles off the E shore of Vancouver Island.

5. Area 5.—All Canadian waters in and around the Queen Charlotte Islands. This area extends 3 to 20 miles off the W shore of Hecate Strait, leaving a channel through the strait that is not within a compulsory pilotage area. The area also extends 3 to 5 miles off the W and N shores of the Queen Charlotte Islands.

### Pacific Pilotage Authority Home Page

<https://www.ppa.gc.ca/inde>

Pilot vessels are equipped with VHF channels 16 and 17.

For pilot contact information, see the table titled **Pacific Pilotage Authority—Contact Information**.

**Arrival messages.**—The master, owner, or agent of a vessel that is to arrive in a compulsory pilotage area shall notify the PPA of the vessel's ETA in **Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)** at the pilot boarding station, as follows:

1. Off Brotchie Ledge adjacent to Buoy VH—At least 12 hours prior to arrival. The ETA shall be confirmed or corrected 4 hours prior to arrival.
2. Off Cape Beale, at the entrance to Trevor Channel in Barkley Sound (no pilot boat; helicopter pilotage only)—At least 48 hours prior to arrival. The ETA shall be confirmed or corrected 12 hours prior to arrival.
3. Off Triple Island, near Prince Rupert—At least 48 hours prior to arrival. The ETA shall be confirmed or corrected 12 hours prior to arrival.
4. Off Pine Island (temporary pilot station operated from May 1 to October 1 only)—At least 48 hours prior to arrival. The ETA shall be confirmed or corrected 12 hours prior to arrival.
5. Off Sands Head, at the mouth of the Fraser River (for Area 1 pilot transfers)—At least 48 hours prior to arrival. The ETA shall be confirmed or corrected 12 hours prior to arrival.
6. Any other point or place considered by the PPA as necessary to ensure safe and efficient pilotage service—At least 48 hours prior to arrival. The ETA shall be confirmed or corrected 12 hours prior to arrival.

### Canadian Coast Guard Marine Safety Information

Web Site	Remarks
<a href="https://nis.ccg-gcc.gc.ca">https://nis.ccg-gcc.gc.ca</a>	Canadian Coast Guard searchable Navigational Warnings (NAVWARNs) database. Replaces previous Notice to Shipping (NOTSHIP) service.

Canadian Coast Guard Marine Safety Information	
Web Site	Remarks
<a href="https://e-navigation.canada.ca">https://e-navigation.canada.ca</a>	Canadian Coast Guard central e-Navigation Maritime Information Portal including marine weather, tides, currents, hazards, notices, ice conditions, charts, sailing directions, etc. Replaces previous regional web sites.
<a href="https://notmar.gc.ca">https://notmar.gc.ca</a>	Notice to Mariners, in English and French, issued on the last Friday of each month.
<a href="https://www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/navigation/index-eng.html">https://www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/navigation/index-eng.html</a>	Main Navigational Information page, with links to various items of interest such as NAVWARNS, MSI, MCTS Services, Radio Aids to Marine Navigation (RAMN) publications, etc.

Radio messages from ships requiring pilotage shall be addressed to Pilots Victoria and sent via any Canadian Coast Guard Marine Communications and Traffic Service Center (see Appendix II) by radiotelephone. The pilot message shall include the following information:

1. The time in **UTC** that the pilot is required on board.
2. The place the vessel is to boarded.
3. The pilot service to be performed.
4. Whether or not the vessel is granted radio pratique.
5. The name, nationality, length, breadth, draft, and gross tonnage of the vessel.

**Departure messages.**—The master, owner, or agent of a vessel that is subject to compulsory pilotage shall notify the PPA in advance of the **Local Time** that a pilot is required to be on board a vessel that is to go:

1. From one place in a compulsory pilotage area to any other place in a compulsory pilotage area;
2. From one place in a compulsory pilotage area to a place outside a compulsory pilotage area; or
3. From a place outside a compulsory pilotage area to any place in a compulsory pilotage area.

A notice to obtain a pilot for departures and moves shall be given by calling a Pilot Dispatch Center, as follows:

1. The master, owner, or agent of a ship departing from a place where pilotage service is required shall place a Notice of Requirement in **Local Time** with the PPA at least 12 hours before the pilot or pilots are required to be on board the transportation to the ship specified in the Pilotage Order, or, at least 12 hours before the pilot or pilots are required to be on board the ship, if berthed at a place where pilots are based.
2. The Pilot Order Time as specified in a Notice of Requirement may be delayed once or canceled without payment of cancellation fees if prior notice of delay or cancellation is received by the PPA not less than:
  - a. 6 hours in the case of long jobs, i.e. pilotage assignment involving ports, places, or harbors on the W coast of

Vancouver Island and ports, places, or harbors N of 50°N, excluding Port Alberni, Campbell River, Duncan Bay, Prince Rupert, and Kitimat.

b. 4 hours in the case of Roberts Bank, English Bay, Fraser River terminals, all anchorages and berths E of Berry Point, and airports at Vancouver, Victoria, and Cassidy.

c. 3 hours in all other cases

The PPA may agree to waive the 12-hour Notice of Requirement providing the master, owner, or agent gives reasonable cause for not complying.

All Notices of Requirement scheduled between the hours of 1200 and 1700 shall be confirmed, delayed, or canceled by 0900 daily. Any subsequent delays or cancellations will incur the appropriate detention or cancellation fees.

All Notices of Requirement scheduled between the hours of 1700 and 2100 shall be confirmed, delayed, or canceled by 1200 daily. Any subsequent delays or cancellations will incur the appropriate detention or cancellation fees.

Pilot orders scheduled to begin from 2000 until 1059 the following day should be placed prior to 1730 daily.

In cases of emergency involving danger to life, limb, or property, the PPA shall waive any Notice of Requirement and dispatch the first available pilot to cover the emergency.

**Pilot boarding.**—Should rough weather at Cape Beale or the Triple Islands prevent a pilot from boarding, the vessel should follow the pilot boat into more sheltered waters where embarkation is more practical.

In clear weather vessels should indicate their desire for a pilot, by day, by hoisting the International Code flag “G” and, by night, by a signal of four long flashes on their signal lamp.

In fog or thick weather vessels should make a whistle signal of four long blasts. A repetition of this signal will assist the pilot boat in locating the vessel.

Pilot boats do not cruise on station but leave the pilot station on shore, subject to a vessel’s ETA, in ample time to meet the vessel at the boarding station.

Pacific Pilotage Authority—Contact Information		
	Vancouver Dispatch	Victoria Dispatch
VHF	VHF channel 77	VHF channel 17
	604-666-6776	250-363-3878
Telephone	1-800-663-0407 (toll free)	1-800-523-8709 (toll free)
	604-809-4066 (emergency mobile)	250-363-0782 (emergency mobile)

Pacific Pilotage Authority—Contact Information		
	Vancouver Dispatch	Victoria Dispatch
Facsimile	604-666-6093	250-363-3293
E-mail	<a href="mailto:dispatch@ppa.gc.ca">dispatch@ppa.gc.ca</a>	<a href="mailto:vicdisp@ppa.gc.ca">vicdisp@ppa.gc.ca</a>

Pilot boats of the PPA can be contacted by telephone, as follows:

1. Pacific Navigator (located in Stevenson)—604-277-8141.
2. Pacific Scout (located in Victoria)—250-383-3184.
3. Pacific Pilot Two (located in Victoria)—250-383-3184.
4. Pacific Pathfinder (located in Prince Rupert)—250-600-3471.
5. Pacific Pilot Four (located in Prince Rupert)—250-600-3471.

The attention of mariners is drawn to Rule 35(i) of the International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea, which reads: “A pilot vessel when engaged on pilotage duty may in addition to the signals prescribed in paragraphs (a), (b), and (g) of this Rule sound an identity signal consisting of four short blasts.” Mariners are advised that pilot vessels on the coasts of Canada adhere to this rule for sound signals.

The pilot boats are fitted with radar to assist in locating and tracking vessels during periods of low visibility.

The pilot station at Victoria is equipped with VHF radiotelephones and maintains a 24-hour watch on VHF channel 16. All pilot vessels are similarly equipped and may be contacted on either VHF channel 16 or VHF channel 17.

## Pollution

### Oil Pollution Damage

The *International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage 1992 (CLC)* came into force on May 29, 1999 for Canada. All vessels covered by this convention are now required to carry a certificate showing that a contract of insurance or other security that satisfies the requirements of the 1992 CLC is in force with respect to the vessel. The area of application has now been extended to include voyages to offshore terminals within the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). This means that some vessels previously exempt under the 1969 CLC may now be subject to the requirements for certification under the 1992 CLC. A 1992 CLC certificate is required for all ocean-going vessels carrying, in bulk as cargo, more than 2,000 tons of crude oil, fuel oil, heavy diesel oil, lubricating oil, or any other persistent hydrocarbon mineral oil that enters or leaves a port or offshore terminal within Canadian waters or the Canadian EEZ.

As of April 1995, Canadian Shipping Act amendments require that oil tankers of 150 gt and over; all vessels of 400 gt and over carrying oil as fuel or cargo; and groups of vessels that are towed or pushed, are of 150 gt and over, and carry oil as cargo in waters S of 60°N are required to enter into an arrangement with a Transport Canada-certified response organization.

Such vessels must also carry a declaration attesting to the existence of an arranged response also naming the ship’s insurer and persons authorized to implement the vessel’s oil pollution

emergency plan and its clean up.

Under the amendments, any person or ship found discharging pollutants in Canadian water faces fines of up to \$250,000 (Canadian dollars) and or 6 months imprisonment. Individuals found guilty of a marine pollution related offense face fines of up to \$1 million (Canadian dollars), and/or 3 years imprisonment.

The *Regulations for the Prevention of Pollution from Dangerous Chemicals* expressly forbids the discharge of oil, oily mixtures, noxious liquids, dry chemicals listed in Schedule 1 of the regulations, sewage or sewage sludge, organotin compounds, or garbage in Canadian waters. Smoke pollution caused by ships is also covered by the regulations. Penalties for contravention of the regulations include fines of up to \$1 million (Canadian dollars), and/or 3 years imprisonment. For further information, including mandatory documents, record keeping, inspections, and exceptions, consult the “Regulations by Title” section at the Canada Department of Justice Home Page.

### Canada Department of Justice Home Page

<https://justice.gc.ca/eng>

All vessels operating in Canadian and adjacent waters are requested to report oil slicks or pollution of any type to the nearest Marine Communications and Traffic Services (MCTS) Center (see Appendix II). Alternatively, spill reports can be sent to the nearest Canadian Coast Guard 24/7 marine spill reporting telephone number (Pacific Region: 1-800-889-8852).

The report should include the following information:

1. Name of vessel.
2. Contact details (telephone number).
3. Location of the spill.
4. Quantity of the spill.
5. Type of product spilled.
6. On-scene weather.

### Tanker Exclusion Zone

Loaded crude oil tankers of the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) are requested to remain seaward of the Tanker Exclusion Zone (TEZ), defined as a line joining the following positions:

- a. 54°00'N, 136°17'W.
- b. 51°05'N, 132°30'W.
- c. 48°32'N, 126°30'W.
- d. 48°32'N, 125°09'W.

The purpose of the TEZ is to keep laden tankers W of the zone boundary in an effort to protect shoreline and coastal waters from a potential risk of pollution.

### Offshore Vessel Traffic Management

It is recommended that vessels 300 gross tons and over transiting between Cook Inlet and San Diego voluntarily remain at

least 25 miles offshore where traffic management systems such as traffic separation schemes, vessel traffic services, or recommended routes do not exist.

It is recommended that tank vessels carrying persistent petroleum products transiting between Cook Inlet and San Diego voluntarily remain at least 50 miles offshore. Vessels transiting short distances between adjacent ports should seek guidance from the local Captain of the Port or the VTS authority for that area.

#### North American Emission Control Area.

The North American Emission Control Area is in force and applies to all Canadian waters S of 60°N, including the 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone. All vessels must use fuel with a sulphur content of no more than 0.10% when operating in this area.

## Regulations

### Marine Transport Security and 96-Hour Notification Prior to Entering Canadian Waters

The *Marine Transportation Security Regulations* came into force on July 1, 2004. These regulations address marine security levels, ship reporting responsibilities, and the responsibilities of the Canadian Government for the provision of information to vessels pertaining to security.

The entire text of the *Canadian Marine Transportation Security Regulations* and the *Marine Transportation Security Act* can be found on the Transport Canada web site.

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**Application.**—The *Canadian Marine Transportation Security Regulations* apply to vessels and marine facilities (ports) in Canada and Canadian ships outside Canada engaged on voyages between a port in one country and a port in another country and that:

1. Are more than 100 tons gross tonnage, other than a towing vessel.
2. Carry more than 12 passengers
3. Are towing vessels engaged in towing a barge astern or alongside or pushing ahead, if the barge is carrying certain dangerous cargoes means [dangerous goods], other than products, substances, or organisms identified in Class 3, 4, 8 or 9 of the schedule to the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, 1992, that are carried in bulk or in such a quantity as to require an emergency response assistance plan under section 7.1 of the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations.*

The regulations do not apply to pleasure craft, fishing vessels, vessels without a crew that are in drydock, dismantled or laid up vessels, or government vessels.

**Maritime Security (MARSEC) Levels.**—MARSEC levels are based on the International Maritime Organization's International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code security levels and describe the levels of threat that necessitate that the master of a vessel, the operator of a marine facility, or a port administration (as defined in the Canadian Regulations) take steps to reduce the likelihood of a marine transportation security incident.

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MARSEC Levels are defined in the *Marine Transportation Security Regulations*, as follows:

1. MARSEC Level 1—The level for which minimum security procedures are maintained at all times.
2. MARSEC Level 2—The level for which security procedures additional to those of MARSEC Level 1 are maintained for a limited period as a result of heightened risk of a security threat or security incident.
3. MARSEC Level 3—The level for which security procedures additional to those of MARSEC Level 1 and MARSEC Level 2 are maintained for a limited period when a security threat or security incident is probable or imminent, regardless of whether the specific target is identified.

MARSEC Level 1 has been in effect since July 1, 2004. A vessel to which the regulations apply must operate under MARSEC Level 1 at all times unless directed by the Minister of Transport to increase to a higher MARSEC level.

The operator of a vessel shall, before the vessel enters a port or interfaces with a marine facility, ensure that all procedures are taken that are specified in the vessel security plan for compliance with the MARSEC level in effect for the port or marine facility.

**Vessel Responsibilities.**—Any vessel that is operating at a higher MARSEC level than that in effect in the port or marine facility it is interfacing with, or is about to interface with, shall report their MARSEC level to a Marine Communications and Traffic Services (MCTS) Center (see Appendix II) of the Canadian Coast Guard. MARSEC Reports shall include the following information:

1. Identification of the vessel (vessel's name and radio call sign).
2. Time and position of the vessel.
3. Destination of the vessel.
4. MARSEC level at which the vessel is operating.

If an MCTS Center advises that there is a change in the MARSEC level affecting any port or other area within Canadian waters and a vessel cannot comply with the written procedures as outlined in the vessel security plan, the vessel must notify an MCTS Center (see Appendix II).

When at anchor or alongside a marine facility, if a vessel receives notice from a Port Administration or a marine facility security officer that the MARSEC Level in the port or marine facility in which the vessel is located or is about to enter or interface with is raised to a higher level, the master of a vessel shall ensure that the vessel complies, without undue delay, before interfacing with the facility and no later than 12 hours after being notified of the higher level, with all procedures specified in the vessel security plan for compliance with that higher MARSEC level.

If the vessel is in a Canadian port, alongside or at an anchorage, it shall ensure that the local Port Authority or the marine facility security officer who issued the notice is advised if the vessel cannot comply with the higher MARSEC level that has been implemented.

If the vessel is a Canadian ship in the waters of a contracting government, the vessel should communicate its MARSEC level information to the relevant maritime authority of that country. If the vessel is a Canadian ship in the waters of a non-contracting government, and the master has to use temporary procedures or upgrade the vessel's MARSEC level to maintain

the safety of the vessel, the master shall communicate this information to a Canadian MCTS Center (see Appendix II).

**Pre-arrival Information Report (PAIR).**—The PAIR submission applies to vessels, including tall ships, bound for Canadian waters, as follows:

1. SOLAS vessels of 500 gross tons or more.
2. SOLAS and non-SOLAS vessels carrying 12 or more passengers.
3. Non-SOLAS vessels over 100 gross tons.
4. Non-SOLAS vessels that are a towing vessel engaged in towing a barge astern or alongside or pushing ahead, if the barge is carrying certain dangerous cargo.

The PAIR submission does not apply to fishing vessels, pleasure craft, government vessels, nor to vessels operating solely on the Great Lakes or to the portions of a vessel's voyage on the Great Lakes after pre-arrival information has been given prior to its entrance into the St. Lawrence Seaway.

All pre-arrival information must be submitted 96 hours in advance, except as follows:

1. If the duration of the segment of the voyage before entering Canadian waters is less than 96 hours but more than 24 hours, the PAIR shall be submitted at least 24 hours before entering Canadian waters.
2. If the duration of the segment of the voyage before entering Canadian waters is less than 24 hours, the PAIR shall be submitted as soon as practicable before entering Canadian waters but no later than the time of departure from the last port of call.

All vessels are required to send their PAIR fully completed. It is the responsibility of the master of the vessel to ensure that all the information provided to Transport Canada is complete and correct. Masters of vessels required to submit a PAIR who fail to submit or submit incomplete or inaccurate information subject their vessel to control actions such as, but not limited to, inspection, detention, redirection, or expulsion from Canadian waters.

The preferred method of receiving a PAIR is via the 96-hour PAIR PDF form, which can be obtained by e-mail, as follows:

1. [tc.pair-mpa.tc@tc.gc.ca](mailto:tc.pair-mpa.tc@tc.gc.ca) (English form).
2. [tc.mpa-pair.tc@tc.gc.ca](mailto:tc.mpa-pair.tc@tc.gc.ca) (French form).

Once the e-mail is sent, an attached PDF form will automatically be forwarded to the requestor. The forms can be saved and e-mailed to Transport Canada. The PAIR should be sent, as follows:

1. Vessels planning to transit through Canadian territorial waters or enter Canadian waters inbound to a Canadian port on the W coast shall send a PAIR to Transport Canada Marine Security Operations Center West via e-mail ([marsecw@tc.gc.ca](mailto:marsecw@tc.gc.ca)) (telephone: 1-250-363-4850).
2. Vessels planning to transit through Canadian territorial waters or enter Canadian waters inbound to a Canadian port on the E coast, including a Canadian or American port in the Great Lakes, and the Canadian Arctic shall send a PAIR to Transport Canada Marine Security Operations Center East via e-mail ([marsece@tc.gc.ca](mailto:marsece@tc.gc.ca)) (telephone: 1-902-427-8003). The vessel's PAIR shall include the following information:
  1. Vessel's name.
  2. Country of registry.
  3. Name of vessel's registered owner.
  4. Name of vessel's operator.
  5. Name of vessel's classification society (not applica-

ble to tall ships).

6. Vessel's international radio call sign.
7. Vessel's International Ship Security Certificate, Canadian Vessel Security Certificate, or Ship Security Compliance Document Number.
8. Vessel's International Maritime Organization number, if it is a SOLAS ship.
9. The IMO Unique Company Identification Number of its company and the IMO Unique Registered Owner Identification Number of its owner.
10. Date of issuance, date of expiry, and name of the issuing body of its International Ship Security Certificate, Canadian Vessel Security Certificate, or Ship Security Compliance Document.
11. Confirmation that the vessel has an approved vessel security plan.
12. Vessel's current MARSEC level.
13. A statement of when its last ten declarations of security were completed.
14. Details of any security breaches, security incidents, or security threats involving the vessel during the last ten calls at marine facilities and during the time spent at sea between those calls.
15. Details of any deficiencies in its security equipment and systems, including the communication systems, and the way in which the master of the vessel intends to rectify them.
16. Name of vessel's agent, contact person, and the 24-hour telephone and facsimile numbers, if applicable (not applicable to tall ships).
17. Name of vessel's charterer, if applicable.
18. Vessel's position and time at which it reached that position.
19. Vessel's course and speed.
20. Vessel's first port of call in Canada, with the ETA at that port of call and, if applicable, its final destination, with an ETA at that destination.
21. Name of a contact person at the marine facility that it will visit and their 24-hour telephone and facsimile numbers.
22. The following information in respect to each of the last ten marine facilities visited:
  - a. Receiving facility (company dealt with).
  - b. Marine facility visited (pier berthed at).
  - c. City and country.
  - d. Date and time of arrival.
  - e. Date and time of departure.
23. A general description of the cargo, including cargo amount (not applicable to tall ships).
24. The presence and description of any dangerous substances or devices on board, if applicable.
25. The following contact information:
  - a. Master's name.
  - b. E-mail address, if applicable.
  - c. Satellite or cell phone number, if applicable.

All reasonable measures shall be taken to report any changes to previously-reported PAIR information. The vessel shall not enter Canadian water unless the change has been reported and, in the case where a change has occurred after the vessel has entered Canadian waters, that changed is reported prior to the vessel's first interface with a marine facility in Canada.

If a vessel is unable to obtain a PAIR PDF or if the e-mail is unserviceable, vessels may send the required PAIR information



via any Canadian Coast Guard Marine Communications and Traffic Services Center (see Appendix II).

Further information regarding the PAIR submission can be obtained by contacting the appropriate Marine Security Operations Center, as follows:

Marine Security Operations Center—Contact Information	
Maritime Security Center East	
Telephone	1-902-427-8003
E-mail	<a href="mailto:marsece@tc.gc.ca">marsece@tc.gc.ca</a>
Maritime Security Center East	
Telephone	1-250-363-4850
E-mail	<a href="mailto:marsecw@tc.gc.ca">marsecw@tc.gc.ca</a>

It is recommended that a complete copy of the following documents, including any pages containing endorsement information, be included with the vessel's PAIR:

1. International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC).
2. Interim International Ship Security Certificate (IISSC).
3. Canadian Vessel Security Certificate (CVSC).
4. Interim Canadian Vessel Security Certificate (ICVSC).
5. Ship Security Compliance Document.
6. Any papers containing Endorsement Information.

**MCTS Center Responsibilities.**—When the MARSEC level increases from the normal MARSEC Level 1, the MCTS Centers will issue a broadcast informing vessels of the increase to either MARSEC Level 2 or MARSEC Level 3. Once the MARSEC level decreases, the MCTS Centers will issue a broadcast informing vessels of the downgrade in MARSEC levels.

In VTS zones, the MCTS Centers often play a role in regulating vessels at anchor on behalf of port authorities. Therefore MCTS Centers will be involved in informing ships or port authorities about the MARSEC levels at port facilities or of the vessel.

**Ship Security Alert System.**—If the security of a vessel is under threat or in any way compromised, the master or other competent authority onboard may activate the Ship Security Alert System, a system that transmits an automated message from vessel to shore. This message identifies the vessel and provides position information. When a security alert is received by a Canadian Maritime Rescue Coordination Center, the appropriate shore authorities will be notified.

### Paris Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (PMoU) New Inspection Regime (NIR)

The NIR of the PMoU has introduced a mandatory reporting system for vessels arriving at or departing from a port or anchorage in the Paris MoU region.

The report should be sent to the Prince Rupert VTS Center, which can be contacted, as follows:

Prince Rupert VTS Center—Contact Information	
Telephone	1-250-627-3074
Facsimile	1-250-624-9075
E-mail	<a href="mailto:vts.rupert@innav.gc.ca">vts.rupert@innav.gc.ca</a>

For further information, see **Pacific Ocean—Regulations—Paris Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (PMoU) New Inspection Regime (NIR)**.

### Reporting of Marine Occurrences

The Transportation Safety Board (TSB) requires that the person responsible for the ship (e.g. owner, operator, charterer, master, pilot, crew member), in Canadian waters, or a Canadian ship in any waters, report a marine occurrence (accident or incident) as soon as possible and by the quickest means available.

Information is to be reported to the TSB; this can also be accomplished by reporting via a marine radio station, a Marine Communications and Traffic Services Center, a VTS station, a marine radio station operated by the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation, a Canadian harbor radio station, or to a TSB stand-by investigator, as follows:

Transportation Safety Board Investigator—Contact Information	
Atlantic Region	902-471-0820
Central Region	418-580-3510
Pacific Region	604-219-2414

The occurrence shall also be reported, in writing, within 30 days following the occurrence, by completing form TSB 1808 (09-2014) (Report of a Marine Occurrence/Hazardous Occurrence Report). The form can be obtained through any TSB office or can be downloaded from the TSB web site (<http://www.tsb.gc.ca/eng/incidents-occurrence/marine/index.asp>).

Transportation Safety Board—Regional Office Contact Information			
	Atlantic	Central	Pacific
Address	150 Thomas Avenue Dartmouth, NS, B3B 1Z2	Place de la Cite/Tour Belle Cour 2590, boul. Laurier, bureau 700 Quebec, QC, G1V 4M6	# 4-3071 Number Five Road Richmond, BC, V6X 2T4
Telephone	902-426-2348	418-648-3576	604-666-5826
Facsimile	902-426-5143	418-648-3656	604-666-7230
E-mail	<a href="mailto:MarineNotifications.Atlantic@tsb-bst.gc.ca">MarineNotifications.Atlantic@tsb-bst.gc.ca</a>	<a href="mailto:MarineNotifications.Central@tsb.gc.ca">MarineNotifications.Central@tsb.gc.ca</a>	<a href="mailto:MarineNotifications.Pacific@tsb-bst.gc.ca">MarineNotifications.Pacific@tsb-bst.gc.ca</a>

The completed form should be forwarded by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to the appropriate TSB Regional Office, as listed in the table titled **Transportation Safety Board—Regional Office Contact Information**.

### Listening Watch

All vessels in Canadian waters should maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF channel 16, unless in the area of a VTS system, when the watch should be maintained on the appropriate designated frequency. The watch should commence 15 minutes prior to departing the berth.

### AMVER Reporting

Vessels proceeding on an offshore voyage of more than 24 hours' duration which will take them outside VHF and MF radio coverage areas are encouraged to participate in the Automated Mutual-assistance Vessel Rescue System (AMVER). Participation is compulsory for all Canadian vessels and all non-Canadian vessels engaged in coastal trading in Canada. Of this group, the following vessels are exempted:

1. Fishing vessels engaged in fishing.
2. Ships operated by the Canadian government on law enforcement duties.
3. Vessels whose voyages will be within the waters of an Arctic Shipping Safety Control Zone, Hudson Bay, James Bay, or Ungava Bay.
4. Vessels in other waters provided their voyages are within VHF or MF radio coverage areas.

Messages should be addressed to "AMVER Vancouver" or "AMVER Halifax." They may be sent through any Canadian Marine Communications and Traffic Services (MCTS) Center (see Appendix II) which accepts AMVER messages or through a Canadian Coast Guard vessel.

### Practices and Procedures for Public Ports

Transport Canada, pursuant to Section 76 of the Canada Marine Act, has instituted practices and procedures to be followed by all ships entering, berthing, departing, maneuvering, or anchoring in the waters of all public ports. These practices and procedures, which have been developed for the purposes of promoting safe and efficient navigation and environmental protection within the limits of public ports, can be accessed through the **Practices and Procedures for Public Ports** web site.

#### Practices and Procedures for Public Ports

<https://tc.canada.ca/en/marine-transportation/ports-harbours-anchorage/practices-procedures-public-ports>

### Chart and Publications Regulations

Extracts from the Canadian regulations are quoted below:

1. These regulations may be cited as the Chart and Nautical Publications Regulations, 1995.
  - 6.1 Subject to subsection 6.3, the person-in-charge of the navigation of a ship in waters under Canadian jurisdiction shall use, in respect of each area to be navigated by the ship, the most recent edition of:
    - (a) the reference catalog i.e., Catalogue of Nautical

Charts and Related Publications.

(b) the annual edition of the Notices to Mariners, published by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

(c) the following publications, namely:

(d) sailing directions, published by the Canadian Hydrographic Service.

(i) tide and current tables, published by the Canadian Hydrographic Service.

(ii) lists of lights, buoys, and fog signals, published by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

(iii) where the ship is required to be fitted with radio equipment pursuant to any Act of Parliament or of a foreign jurisdiction, the Radio Aids to Marine Navigation, published by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans

(e) the documents and publications listed in the Schedule of Documents and Publications.

6.3 The documents and publications referred to in paragraphs 6.1(c) and (d) may be substituted for similar documents and publications issued by the government of another country, if the information contained in them that is necessary for the safe navigation of a ship in the area in which a ship is to be navigated is as complete, accurate, intelligible, and up-to-date as the information contained in the documents and publications referred to in those provisions.

7. The master of a ship shall ensure that the charts, documents, and publications required by these regulations are, before being used for navigation, correct and up-to-date, based on information that is contained in the Notices to Mariners, Notices to Shipping, or Radio Navigational Warnings.

### Transport Canada Marine Acts and Regulations

Further information on Marine Acts and Regulations issued by Transport Canada can be found at the web site below:

#### Transport Canada Marine Acts and Regulations

<https://tc.canada.ca/en/corporate-services/acts-regulations/list-marine-transportation-acts>

### Schedule of Documents and Publications

1. Ice Navigation in Canadian Waters, published by the Department of Transport, where the ship is making a voyage during which ice may be encountered.

2. Table of Life-Saving Signals, published by the International Maritime Organization and reprinted by the Department of Transport, where the ship is making a foreign voyage, a home-trade voyage, Class I, II, or III, or an inland voyage, Class I.

3. The Merchant Ship Search and Rescue Manual (MERSAR), published by the International Maritime Organization, where the ship is making a foreign voyage or a home-trade voyage, Class I or II.

4. Where the ship is required to be fitted with radio equipment and is making a foreign voyage or a home-trade voyage, Class I or II, the following publications, published by the International Maritime Organization and reprinted by the Department of Transport:

- (a) the International Code of Signals.

(b) the Standard Marine Navigational Vocabulary.

### Conservation of Species at Risk and Marine Mammals

The Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans ensures the protection and conservation of species at risk, including marine mammals and sea turtles in Canadian waters, except when fishing for them under the authority of these regulations. Harassing whales changes or interferes with their behavior, forces them away from their habitat at critical times in their annual reproduction and feeding cycles, and may cause them injury.

The Fisheries Act prohibits any form of disturbance to marine mammals, including repeated attempts to pursue, disperse, or herd whales and any repeated intentional act of negligence resulting in disruption of their normal behavior. Individuals who contravene the Marine Mammal Regulations (MMR) are guilty of an offense and liable to fines and imprisonment (Fisheries Act sec. 78).

The following are general guidelines for dealing with marine mammals:

1. Be aware of critical habitat areas. To view the most current information on aquatic species at risk and their critical habitat, visit the Species at Risk Public Registry (<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/species-risk-public-registry.html>) and the Aquatic Species At Risk Map (<https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/species-especes/saralep/map-carte/index-eng.html>). For marine protected areas, visit the Open Maps Data Viewer (<https://search.open.canada.ca/openmap/a1e18963-25dd-4219-a33f-1a38c4971250>).

2. Slow down. Reduce speed to less than 7.0 knots when within 1,000m (0.540 nautical miles) (unless otherwise specified) of the nearest marine mammal to reduce engine noise and vessel wake. Avoid abrupt course changes. Please note different minimum approach distances and speeds may be required for some species; refer to individual species' needs in this Notice to Mariners and the Marine Mammal Regulations (<https://www.laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-93-56>).

3. Do not approach or position your vessel closer than 100m (0.054 mile) to any marine mammal, and stay at least 200 metres (0.108 nautical mile) away from any whale, dolphin or porpoise in resting position or with its calf as per the MMR. Please note some species require greater minimum approach distances; refer to individual species' needs in Canada Notice to Mariners and in other online sources.

4. Be cautious, courteous, and quiet around areas of known or suspected marine wildlife activity, in the water or at haul-outs and bird colonies. When safe to do so, turn off fish finders and echo sounders. Look in all directions before planning your approach or departure from viewing wildlife.

5. Always approach and depart from the side, moving parallel to the marine mammal's direction of travel while maintaining a distance of at least 100m (0.054 mile) to any marine mammal, and a distance of at least 200m (0.108 miles) away from any whale, dolphin, or porpoise in resting position or with its calf as per the MMR. (Note some species require greater minimum approach distances; refer to individual species' needs in Canada Notice to Mariners and in other online sources.) Do not approach from the front or from behind.

6. Place engine in neutral or shut down and allow animals to pass if your vessel is not in compliance with regula-

tions. Please note some species require greater minimum approach distances; refer to individual species' needs in Canada Notice to Mariners and in other online sources.

7. Pay attention and move away, slowly and cautiously, at the first sign of disturbance or agitation.

8. Stay on the offshore side of marine mammals when they are traveling close to shore.

9. Always avoid going through groups of porpoises or dolphins. Hold course and reduce speed gradually to discourage bow or stern-riding.

10. Limit your on-water viewing time to 30 minutes or less. This will minimize the cumulative impact of many vessels and give consideration to other viewers.

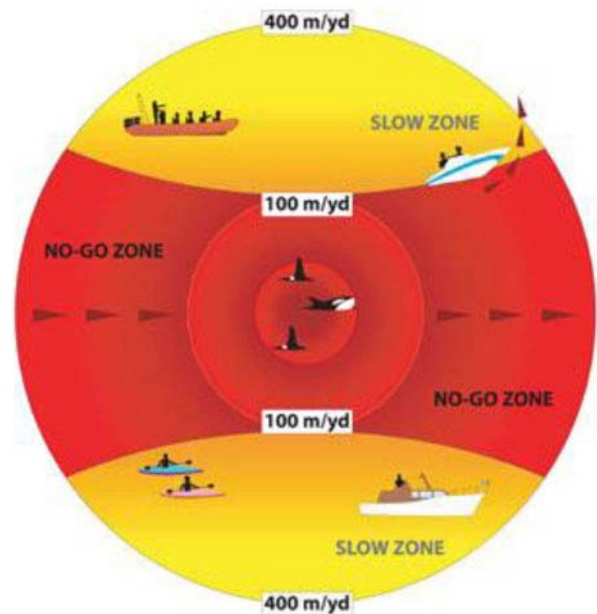
11. Do not feed, swim with or interact with, tag or mark, move or entice, or cause to move, from the immediate vicinity in which you find marine wildlife.

12. Do not separate a marine mammal from members of its group or go between a mother and a calf.

13. Do not trap a marine mammal or its group between a vessel and the shore or between a vessel and one or more other vessels.

14. Never approach using aircraft or drones.

15. Report any collisions with marine mammals, or sightings of entangled, injured or dead marine mammals to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans via the British Columbia Marine Mammal Response Network by telephone (1-800-465-4336), e-mail ([sightings@ocean.org](mailto:sightings@ocean.org)), or VHF channel 16.



### Marine Mammal Distance Requirements

**Northern and Southern Resident Killer Whales.**—Killer whales are the largest member of the dolphin family. Its size, striking black and white coloring, and tail dorsal fin are the main identifying characteristics. Killer whales are mainly black above and white below, with a white oval eye patch and a gray saddle patch below the dorsal fin.

Both the Northern Resident Killer Whale (threatened species) and the Southern Resident Killer Whale (endangered species) are protected under the Species at Risk Act. Stressors on the whales include limited availability of Chinook salmon, physical and acoustical disturbances, oil spills, and contaminants. Critical Habitat Areas and Interim Sanctuary Zones have been established, as follows:

**1. Northern Resident Killer Whale Critical Habitat Areas and Interim Sanctuary Zones.**—The areas and zones protecting the whales are, as follows:

a. The continental shelf waters off southwestern Vancouver Island including Swiftsure Bank and La Pérouse Bank.

b. The waters of Johnstone Strait, southeastern Queen Charlotte Strait, and the channels connecting these straits.

c. The waters of Dixon Entrance along the N coast of Graham Island from Langara to Rose Spit. A voluntary speed limit of 7 knots is recommended and a minimum distance of 200m should be kept from the whales or any other marine mammal.

**2. Southern Resident Killer Whale Critical Habitat Areas and Interim Sanctuary Zones.**—The areas protecting the whales are, as follows:

a. The waters off southwestern Vancouver Island, including Swiftsure Bank and La Perouse Bank.

b. The trans-boundary areas of southern British Columbia, including the southern Strait of Georgia, Haro Strait, and Juan de Fuca Strait. A lateral displacement area is within the outbound shipping lane in Juan de Fuca Strait. A voluntary speed limit of 7 knots is recommended and a minimum distance of 400m should be kept from the whales or any other marine mammal.

In addition, vessels are prohibited from approaching within 400m of any killer within the Southern Resident killer whale critical habitat and British Columbia coastal waters E of Vancouver Island and S of the Campbell River (Cape Mudge) and the Malaspina Peninsula (Sarah Point), including Howe Sound, to just N of Ucluelet, including Barkley Sound, from June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023. Vessels must remain 200m away from all killer whales elsewhere in British Columbia coastal waters.

Interim Sanctuary Zones create spaces of refuge for the whales on a temporary basis, pending further research into a longer-term approach. The location of these zones is based on scientific knowledge of important foraging areas for Southern Resident killer whales. From June 1 until November 30, 2022, no vessel traffic, including whale watching, recreational boating, and fishing, is allowed in the Interim Sanctuary Zones off the SW coast of Pender Island and the SE end of Saturna Island. Exceptions will be allowed for emergency vessels and vessels engaged in indigenous food, social, and ceremonial fisheries; additional exceptions may apply.

Two Seasonal Slowdown Areas, located near Swiftsure Bank, are in effect from June 1, 2022 until November 30, 2022. All vessels, subject to exemptions are limited to a maximum speed over the ground of 10 knots, provided it is safe to do so.

**Note.**—While these restrictions have expired, they can be reinstated at any time if deemed necessary.

In case of any accidental contact between a vessel or gear and a killer whale (or other marine mammals or sea turtles) or if an entangled, sick, injured, distressed, or dead killer whale

(or other marine mammal or sea turtle) is observed in British Columbia waters, the British Columbia Marine Mammal Response Network (Observe, Record, Report) should be contacted immediately, as follows:

1. Telephone (1-800-465-4336).
2. E-mail ([dfo.orr-mpo.ons@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:dfo.orr-mpo.ons@dfo-mpo.gc.ca)).
3. VHF channel 16.

Whale sightings (including location, date, and photos) should be reported to the BC Cetacean Sightings Network, as follows

1. Telephone (1-800-ISAWONE).
2. E-mail ([sightings@ocean.org](mailto:sightings@ocean.org)).
3. Through the online form on their web site (<https://www.wildwhales.org>).
4. Through the Whale Report App ([sightings@ocean.org](mailto:sightings@ocean.org)).

### Marine Protected Areas (MPA)

Any activity within or in the vicinity of the Marine Protected Area that disturbs, damages, destroys, or removes any living marine organism or any part of its habitat is prohibited. The depositing, discharging, or dumping of any substance likely to result in harm to the Marine Protected Area is also prohibited.

The exercise of international navigational rights in the Marine Protected Area is permitted year round. Vessels must operate in compliance with the relevant provisions of the *Canada Shipping Act 2001* and the relevant requirements of the International Maritime Organization.

Vessels not in compliance with these requirements are subject to penalties under the *Oceans Act*.

Vessels must report all accidents or incidents to the Canadian Coast Guard via any Marine Communications Traffic Services (MCTS) Center (see Appendix II) within 2 hours of occurrence or detection.

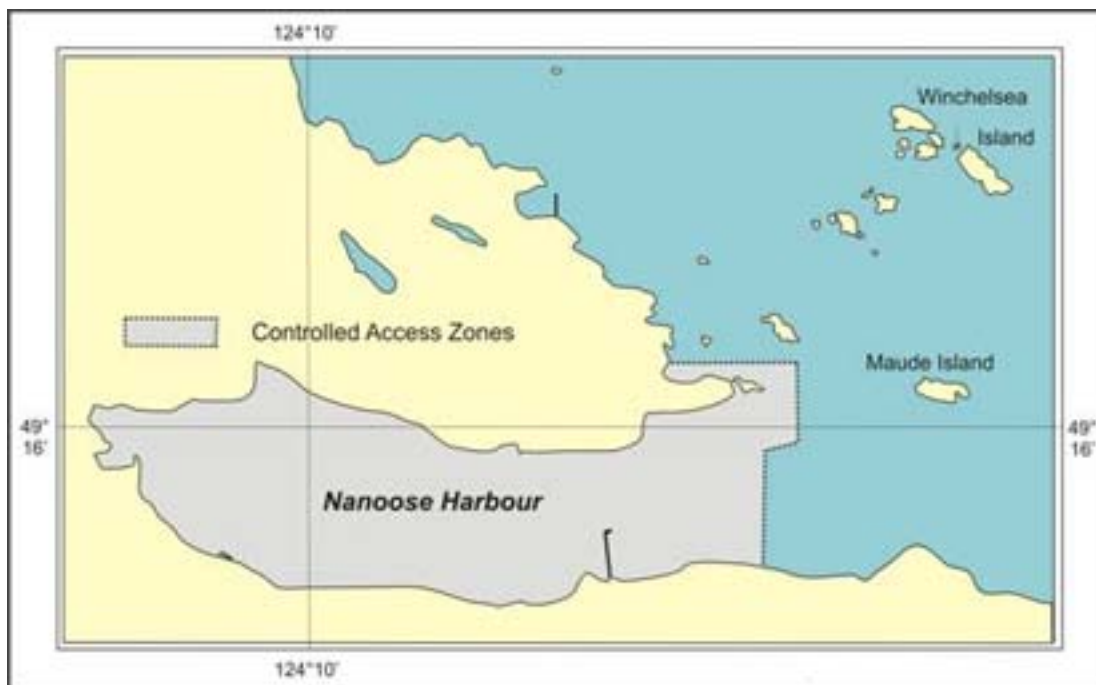
**Bowie Seamount Marine Protected Area.**—This area, composed of the Bowie, Hodgkins, and Davidson Seamounts, is located about 110 miles W of Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlotte Islands). It is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 53°03'07.6"N, 135°50'25.9"W.
- b. 53°16'20.9"N, 134°59'55.4"W.
- c. 53°39'49.2"N, 135°17'04.9"W.
- d. 53°39'18.0"N, 135°53'46.5"W.
- e. 53°52'16.7"N, 136°30'23.1"W.
- f. 53°49'19.6"N, 136°47'33.1"W.
- g. 53°40'02.5"N, 136°57'03.5"W.
- h. 53°13'59.2"N, 136°10'00.0"W.

**Endeavor Hydrothermal Vents Marine Protected Area.**—This area of seismically active sea floor formation and thermal venting lies about 150 miles off the coast of Vancouver Island and is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 47°54'N, 129°02'W.
- b. 47°54'N, 129°08'W.
- c. 48°01'N, 129°08'W.
- d. 48°01'N, 129°02'W.

**Hecate Strait and Queen Charlotte Sound Glass Sponge Reefs Marine Protected Area.**—The area consists of three individual areas, located between Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlotte Islands) and the mainland of British Columbia. These areas are designated Northern Reef MPA (centered on position 53°10'N., 130°39'W.), Central Reefs MPA (centered on position 52°16'N., 129°34'W.), and Southern Reef MPA (centered on



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position 58°19'N., 128°51'W.). No anchoring is permitted in these areas.

#### Controlled Access Zones

The Minister of National Defense has designated certain areas of Canadian waters as Controlled Access Zones (CAZ). A designated CAZ is in effect for an indeterminate period. The Chief of the Defense Staff sets conditions for access/non-access into a CAZ.

Information on the status of a CAZ is given in the Canadian Annual Notice to Mariners, the Canadian Monthly Notice to Mariners, and through the local Vessel Traffic Management System. The local Queen's Harbormaster should be contacted if a vessel determines that they will pass through a CAZ.

The CAZs located in the waters covered by this publication are, as follows:

1. Nanoose Bay (Chartlet 1).—The Nanoose Bay CAZ is comprised of Nanoose Harbour and the contiguous water area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 49°16'22.8"N, 124°07'03.0"W.
- b. 49°16'22.8"N, 124°06'03.0"W.
- c. 49°15'57.6"N, 124°06'03.0"W.
- d. 49°15'56.4"N, 124°06'19.2"W.
- e. 49°15'16.8"N, 124°06'18.0"W.

Designated CAZs within the Nanoose Bay CAZ are, as follows:

- a. Water area contiguous to the naval jetty at the Canadian Forces Maritime Experimental and Test Ranges in Nanoose Harbour bounded by lines joining the following positions:
  - i. 49°15'55.8"N, 124°08'06.0"W.

- ii. 49°15'49.8"N, 124°08'06.0"W.
- iii. 49°15'49.2"N, 124°09'00.6"W.
- iv. 49°15'55.8"N, 124°09'27.6"W.
- v. 49°15'09.0"N, 124°09'30.0"W.

b. Water area within 200m of a designated vessel underway in the Nanoose Bay CAZ.

c. Water area within 100m of a designated vessel that is stationary, including at anchor, in the Nanoose Bay CAZ.

2. Esquimalt Harbour (Chartlet 2).—The Esquimalt Harbour CAZ is comprised of the water area in Esquimalt Harbour and the contiguous area of water between lines joining the following sets of positions:

- a. North boundary:
  - i. 48°27'07.8"N, 123°27'13.8"W.
  - ii. 48°27'21.6"N, 123°27'00.6"W.
- b. South boundary:
  - i. 48°25'18.6"N, 123°25'12.6"W.
  - ii. 48°23'12.6"N, 123°25'12.6"W.
  - iii. 48°23'01.8"N, 123°28'47.4"W.

Designated CAZs within the Esquimalt Harbour CAZ are, as follows:

- a. Water area contiguous to the naval jetties at the Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt, as follows:
  - i. Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:
    - 48°25'43.8"N, 123°26'15.0"W.
    - 48°25'54.0"N, 123°26'31.8"W.
    - 48°26'09.0"N, 123°26'26.4"W.
    - 48°26'12.6"N, 123°26'03.0"W.
    - 48°26'07.2"N, 123°25'43.2"W.

ii. Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 48°26'54.6"N, 123°26'59.4"W.
- 48°26'52.8"N, 123°26'39.0"W.
- 48°26'18.6"N, 123°26'31.2"W.
- 48°26'07.8"N, 123°26'36.6"W.
- 48°26'10.8"N, 123°26'54.0"W.

b. Water area within 200m of a designated vessel underway in the Esquimalt Harbour CAZ.

c. Water area within 100m of a designated vessel that is stationary, including at anchor, in the Esquimalt Harbour CAZ.

3. Rocky Point Ammunition Depot, located SW of Esquimalt Harbour (Chartlet 2).—The Rocky Point CAZ is comprised of the water area contiguous to the ammunition depot bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 48°20'02.4"N, 123°33'12.0"W.
- b. 48°20'09.6"N, 123°32'58.8"W.
- c. 48°20'07.2"N, 123°32'42.0"W.
- d. 48°19'58.8"N, 123°32'33.6"W.
- e. 48°19'46.8"N, 123°32'41.4"W.



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#### Quarantine Reporting Requirements

In the following circumstances only, the person in charge of a vessel shall, inform a quarantine officer, or cause a quarantine officer to be informed, at the Public Health Agency of Canada's Central Notification System (CNS), by telephone, e-mail or radio (via the nearest MCTS Center), when during the course of the vessel's voyage a person on board has the following signs or symptoms:

1. A fever of 38°C or greater (or signs of a fever e.g.,

shivering, flushed skin, excessive sweating, complains of feeling feverish).

2. Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath.
3. New or worsening cough.
4. Cough with blood.
5. Headache.
6. Recent confusion.
7. Skin rash.
8. Bruising or bleeding, without previous injury.
9. Fatigue or weakness.
10. Muscle or body aches.
11. There is a death on board.
12. Human remains are on board.
13. New loss of smell or taste.
14. Gastrointestinal symptoms (abdominal pain, diarrhea, vomiting).
15. Obviously unwell.

To inform a quarantine officer, the person in charge of a vessel shall contact Public Health Agency of Canada's Central Notification System by e-mail ([phac.cns-snc.aspc@canada.ca](mailto:phac.cns-snc.aspc@canada.ca)).

Notification is required as soon as possible prior to arrival. Should there be any changes in the situation being reported, an updated report must be sent.

All notifications (new or updated) submitted 24 hour or less prior to arrival must be accompanied by a call to the CNS (1-833-615-2384).

The person in charge of a vessel who wishes to change the port of destination after receiving instructions from the quarantine officer shall notify the quarantine officer of the change and request new instructions.

#### Ship Sanitation Certificate Program (SSCP)

Health Canada protects public health by ensuring that international vessels stopping in Canada are free of contamination and infection which could introduce communicable diseases. Vessels engaged in international trade are required to obtain a Ship Sanitation Control Certificate or a Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificate every 6 months.

For further information, a free copy of the *Ship Sanitation Certificate Program Inspection Policy and Procedure Manual* can be requested by e-mail ([phb\\_bsp@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:phb_bsp@hc-sc.gc.ca)).

SSCP Inspections—Contact Information	
Facsimile	514-283-4317
E-mail	<a href="mailto:giles.chartrand@hc-sc.gc.ca">giles.chartrand@hc-sc.gc.ca</a>
	<a href="mailto:janice.valliere@hc-sc.gc.ca">janice.valliere@hc-sc.gc.ca</a>

#### Asian Gypsy Moth High Risk Period

The Asian Gypsy Moth High Risk Period in Canada is in effect from March 1 until October 15. Vessels that have called at high-risk ports in Russia, Japan, China, and Korea from June to December of the previous year will not be permitted to enter Canada unless they possess a Phytosanitary Certificate or are inspected at the entrance to Canadian waters. If signs of Gypsy Moths are found during the inspection, the vessel will be rejected and not allowed to enter Canadian waters during the High Risk Period. For a listing of high risk ports in Asia, see the table titled **Asian Gypsy Moth High Risk Ports**.

### Minor Waters

The following sheltered waters on the coast of British Columbia are specified as minor waters:

1. Alberni Inlet and the eastern channel of Barkley Sound as far W as Bamfield Inlet.
2. Quatsino Sound and all waters connected therewith as far W as Koprino Harbor.
3. False Creek, Vancouver, E of the Burrard Bridge.
4. Jervis Inlet inside a line drawn between Thunder Point and Ball Point and all waters connected therewith not seaward of Fox Island in Telescope Passage, that is reported to be inclusive of the Agamemnon Channel and Pender Harbor inside a line drawn between Fearney Point and Moore Point.
5. Prince Rupert Harbor as far S as Charles Point.

### Disposal of Rubbish—Canadian Waters

The Canadian Navigable Waters Protection Act provides that floating material may not be jettisoned into any navigable water. Material liable to sink to the bottom may not be deposited in depths of less than 22m in tidal waters or 14.6m in non-tidal waters.

### North Coast Waterway Management

North Coast Waterway Management Voluntary Guidelines have been established to improve water safety on the shipping route between Kitimat and Browning Entrance with the vicinity of 53°46'15.6"N, 130°45'02.4"W and position 55°46'15.0"N, 128°57'14.4"W. Further details can be found on the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners web site ([https://www.notmar.gc.ca/publications/monthly/documents/NorthCoastWaterwayManagementGuidelines\\_Sept2023.pdf](https://www.notmar.gc.ca/publications/monthly/documents/NorthCoastWaterwayManagementGuidelines_Sept2023.pdf)).

### Rules of the Road—Special Rules and Provisions of a Local Nature

The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 are modified in various Canadian waters by the following:

1. Canadian Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, cited as Collision Regulations, amended by SOR/90-702 and published in 1991.
2. Inland Navigation Rules.

3. Small Vessel Regulations.
4. Boating Restriction Regulations.

### Carriage of Second Masthead Light Aft

A vessel of 50m or more in length when towing or pushing another vessel should carry the second white masthead light aft prescribed in Rule 23 (a)(ii) of Schedule 1 of the Collision Regulations.

### Non-displacement Craft

Non-displacement vessels including hydrofoil craft and air cushion vehicles (ACV) may be encountered in all waters by day or night. A hydrofoil craft is capable of high speed when foiborne and can also operate as a conventional vessel with the hull fully waterborne. An ACV can be wholly or partially supported by a self-generated air cushion under the hull of the vessel. Present day ACVs are a variation of two main types.

One type has rigid keels or side walls and, even when operating fully on the air cushion, proceeds with the keels or side walls remaining in the water.

The other type, when fully cushion-borne, has no rigid connection with the water. Both types are also capable of proceeding fully waterborne. When waterborne and when operating with part of the rigid structure remaining in the water. ACVs have similar characteristics to shallow draft vessels. When partially or fully cushion-borne, although no air caps may be visible, they can operate over land or water. Some may be capable of high speeds up to 80 knots and may be greatly affected by the wind.

In consequence the aspect and navigation lights of an ACV do not necessarily indicate its true direction of motion.

In an emergency all ACVs can stop extremely quickly by alighting on the water. Because of the noise of operation of some types of ACVs sound signals may not be heard from them and they may not be able to hear sound signals made by other vessels. Maneuvering capability, high speed, the possible difficulty of hearing signals from other vessels, and the fact that a non-displacement vessel may not indicate her true direction of motion by the appearance of her navigation lights are taken into account by such a vessel in obeying the construing and appropriate steering and sailing rules.

Asian Gypsy Moth High Risk Ports						
Country	High Risk Ports					
Russia	Kosmina	Nadhotka	Olga	Plastun	Posyet	Russkiy Island
Japan	Aicha	Akita	Aomori	Chiba	Ehime	Fukui
	Fukuoka	Fukushima	Hachinohe	Hakodate	Hannan	Horoshima
	Hokkaido	Hyogo	Ibaraki	Ishikawa	Kagaw	Kagoshima
	Kanagawa	Kobe	Kochi	Kumamoto	Kyoto	Mie
	Miyagi	Miyazaki	Niigata	Oita	Okayama	Ooita
	Osaka	Otaru	Saga	Sakarta	Shimane	Shimuzu
	Tokushima	Tokyo	Tomakomai	Tottori	Toyama	Wakyama
	Yamagata	Yamaguchi				
China	All ports in northern China, including all ports N of Shanghai					
Korea	All ports in Korea					

### Dracones and Vessels Towing Dracones

Dracones are sausage-shaped envelopes of flexible material used for transporting oil in bulk. The dracone's buoyancy is provided by the liquid it contains and as a result is almost entirely submerged. Vessels towing dracones and dracones being towed exhibit the following lights and shapes.

By day, the vessel towing, exhibits, where it can best be seen, a black diamond shape. The dracone, or the last dracone if there is more than one in a line, tows a float also exhibiting a black diamond shape, thus indicating the extremity of the tow.

By night, the vessel towing, exhibits, in addition to normal towing lights, where it can best be seen, an all round blue light visible at a distance of at least 2 nautical miles, and the float towed by the dracone, or the last dracone, if more than one are in line, exhibits an all round white light visible at a distance of at least 2 nautical miles.

### Night Signal for Vessels Requiring Health Clearance

The International Code of Signals provides that a vessel requiring HEALTH CLEARANCE may by night carry a red light over a white light in a vertical line about 1.8m apart and visible all-round the horizon.

Such lights should only be exhibited within the precincts of a port.

### Steering Gear and Main Propulsion System Testing

For information on required testing see the section titled **Vessel Traffic Service—CVTS Advance Report**.

### Search and Rescue

The Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) in cooperation with the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) are responsible for coordinating all Search and Rescue (SAR) activities in Canada, including Canadian waters and the high seas off the coasts of Canada.

The CAF provides dedicated SAR aircraft in support to marine SAR incidents. The CCG coordinates maritime SAR activities in coordination with the CAF and provides dedicated maritime SAR vessels in strategic locations.

The Search and Rescue operations in the Pacific area are coordinated at the Joint Rescue Coordination Center (JRCC) situated at the Canadian Armed Forces Base Esquimalt (Victoria). CAF and CCG officers maintain a continuous watch at this center. The JRCC is the headquarters of a coordinated network of agencies trained to search for and aid vessels in distress. The JRCC is alerted by Coast Guard Marine Communications and Traffic Service Centers immediately upon receiving a distress signal.

The Joint Rescue Coordination Center Victoria can be contacted, as follows:

JRCC Victoria—Contact Information	
Telephone	1-250-413-8933
	1-800-567-5111 (British Columbia and Yukon)
	#727 (cellular)
Facsimile	1-250-413-8932
E-mail	<a href="mailto:jrccvictoria@sarnet.dnd.ca">jrccvictoria@sarnet.dnd.ca</a>

All Canadian Government-owned ships and aircraft are available for Search and Rescue duties when required, as are all Canadian registered ships. In addition the Canadian Coast Guard operates a number of specialized vessels on the W coast of Canada whose prime mission is Search and Rescue. Canadian Coast Guard cutters and vessels can easily be identified by their red hulls and white superstructures.

The Canada Shipping Act allows the master of any vessel in distress to requisition any vessel or vessels which answer the distress signals to come to the vessel's assistance. Even if done and the situation appears well in hand it is advisable for the Master to ensure the JRCC concerned is informed and kept up to date since the JRCC has at its disposal expertise and resources specialized in SAR.

A vessel which is requisitioned to proceed to the assistance of a vessel in distress is required to accept the direction of the JRCC and/or the Master of the vessel in distress.

The Canada Shipping Act provides for legal penalties for refusal to give aid. The JRCC may delegate its authority to the Master of a vessel on the scene who is then termed the "Coordinator Surface Search (CSS)" or "On Scene Commander (OSC)."

### Patrol Vessels

Regular patrols by Canadian Coast Guard vessels specialized in Search and Rescue (SAR) are conducted in areas of concentrated fishing, commercial, recreational, and other marine activities off the Pacific Coast.

Specialized SAR craft are stationed at Victoria, Tofino, French Creek, Bamfield, Port Hardy, Powell River, Campbell River, Ganges, Sandspit, Bella Bella, Prince Rupert, and Vancouver. A SAR hovercraft is stationed at Vancouver International Airport (Sea Island).

During summer months, usually from mid-May to early September, the Canadian Coast Guard supplements their rescue vessels with rubber boats which can be tailored to any launching area in case of an emergency.

### Air Rescue Unit

The Canadian Armed Forces maintain fixed wing aircraft and helicopters that are dedicated and equipped for SAR at Comox, B.C.

### Airborne Life Raft

Canadian Armed Forces fixed wing aircraft and helicopters are capable of dropping inflatable life rafts and survival equipment. The complete drop consists of a line 305m long with a ten-man dinghy at each end and a number of survival packages in between. This is dropped upwind to a distressed mariner; the dinghies inflate upon contact with the water.

### Helicopter Evacuation

When evacuation of personnel by helicopter is planned, prepare a suitable hoisting area, preferably aft, with a minimum radius of 16m if possible. Booms, flagstuffs, stays, running rigging, antenna wires, etc., must be cleared away; secure awnings and all loose gear. At night, light the pick-up area but shade the lights so as not to blind the pilot. Allow the basket or stretcher from the helicopter to touch the deck before handling to avoid static shock. Do not secure any line from a helicopter to your vessel.



### Rescue Auxiliary

The Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue (RCM-SAR) is a volunteer organization which has been organized by the Coast Guard. The auxiliary is comprised of experienced marine individuals to supplement the regular facilities by providing SAR services.

### Distress Message

If you are in distress (you are threatened by grave and imminent danger) transmit the International Distress Call on VHF channel 16. If transmission on this frequency is impossible, any other available frequency on which attention might be attracted should be used. Any Marine Communications and Traffic Services Center or vessel that hears a distress message will reply and initiate SAR action.

### Urgency Message

The transmission of a distress message may start an extensive sea and air search which sometimes continues for days in hazardous weather. Therefore, if you are in urgent need of assistance but not in distress, transmit the urgency signal on the frequencies described above. For further details concerning distress and urgency communications, mariners should consult Canada Radio Aids to Marine Navigation.

#### Canada Radio Aids to Marine Navigation

<https://www.pacific.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/publications/mcts-sctm/ramn-arnm/index-eng.html>

### Ship-to-Air Distress Signal

Ship-to-air distress signal for use in Canadian waters has been designed in conjunction with the Canadian Forces Search and Rescue Authorities. The signal consists of a cloth painted or impregnated with fluorescent paint showing a disc and square to represent the ball and flag of the well known visual distress signal. Evaluation tests by Canadian Forces aircraft indicate that the most suitable color combination is black symbols on a background of orange-red fluorescent paint.

The smallest useful size is a cloth 1.8 by 1.1m showing symbols which have dimensions of 46cm and are the same distance apart. Grommets or loops should be fitted at each corner to take securing lines.

As the purpose of the signal is to attract the attention of aircraft it should be secured across a hatch or cabin top. In the event of foundering it should be displayed by survival craft.

Search and rescue aircraft will recognize this signal as a distress signal and will look for it in the course of a search. Other aircraft on seeing this signal are requested to make a sighting report to the nearest JRCC/MRSC.

The signals are commercially available but they may be made at home or aboard ship without difficulty. A length of unbleached calico, or similar material 1.8m long, together with a can of orange-red fluorescent spray paint are the principal requirements.

This signal is voluntary equipment, but it is hoped that masters of tugs, fishing vessels, and pleasure craft will take advantage of this opportunity to increase the effectiveness of search and rescue operations.

### Aircraft Signals

The following maneuvers performed in sequence by an aircraft mean that the aircraft wished to direct a surface craft towards an aircraft or a surface craft in distress:

1. The aircraft circles the surface craft at least once.
2. The aircraft crosses the projected course of the surface craft close ahead at low altitude and rocks its wings, or opens and closes the throttle or changes the propeller pitch. Due to high noise levels on board surface craft, the rocking the wings is the primary means of attracting attention. These sound signals may be less effective and are regarded as alternative methods.
3. The aircraft heads in the direction in which the surface craft is to be directed.
4. A repetition of such maneuvers has the same meaning.

The following maneuver by an aircraft means that the assistance of the surface craft to which the signal is directed is no longer required—The aircraft crosses the wake of the surface craft close astern at a low altitude and rocks its wings, or opens and closes the throttle, or changes the propeller pitch.

### Radar Reflectors

Operators of disabled wooden craft that are, or may consider themselves to be, the object of a search are requested to hoist on a halyard or to otherwise place aloft any metallic object that would assist their detection by radar. All Coast Guard patrol vessels, planes, and some buoy tenders utilize this equipment and thus can continue searches in darkness and during other periods of low visibility if it can be assumed that the object of the search can be detected through the use of this aid.

Actual observations have shown that wooden hulls or other non-metallic objects are suited as radar targets according to the size, orientation, shape, and other radar reflecting qualities of the object. Their value as radar targets may be enhanced by the use of special radar reflecting devices properly oriented and placed as high above the water line as possible. The largest metallic object available should be used.

### Ship Reporting System

Certain reporting procedures to be followed by vessels when within or intending to enter the waters of Western Canada. Further information can be found in Appendix I.

### Signals

Mariners are informed that, if it is necessary for the Department of National Defense to take control of certain Canadian ports, signals will be displayed from a conspicuous position at or near the ports concerned or by an Examination or Traffic Control Vessel, as follows:

Canada—Port Control Signals		
Meaning	Day signal	Night signal
Entry prohibited	Three red balls, vertically displayed	Three flashing red lights vertically displayed and visible all around the horizon

Canada—Port Control Signals		
Meaning	Day signal	Night signal
Entry permitted	—	Three green lights vertically displayed and visible all around the horizon
Movement within a port or anchorage prohibited	Blue flag	One green light between two red lights vertically displayed and visible all around the horizon

The lights described above will be carried in addition to the ordinary navigation lights of Examination Vessels.

Masters of vessels are warned that should they approach the entrance to a port which is being controlled by the Department of National Defense, they should not enter a declared Dangerous Area or approach boom defenses without permission, nor should they anchor or stop in a dangerous area or prohibited anchorage unless instructed to do so.

Masters are advised therefore to communicate with any government or port authority vessel found patrolling in the area to ascertain the recommended approach route to the port.

In certain circumstances it may be necessary to take special measures to examine, or to establish the identity of, vessels desiring to enter ports, and to control their entry. This is the function of the Examination Service, whose officers will be afloat in Examination Vessels or Traffic Control Vessels.

These vessels will wear the distinguishing flags of the Examination Service. The Examination Service special flag consists of a red and white center, divided horizontally, with a blue border, and the national flag of Canada.

Canadian signal regulations are subject to frequent additions and changes.

## Submarine Operating Areas

The Canadian Maritime Command operates one Victoria class submarine based at Esquimalt, British Columbia.

Mariners are warned that they may encounter submarines anywhere off the Canadian coasts, particularly in the vicinity of the submarine's home port. United States Navy submarines are also frequently encountered off the coasts of Canada, particularly in the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Submarines may be surfaced or submerged, operating independently or with surface ships and/or aircraft.

When a surface ship is operating with a submarine the surface ship will fly the International Code Group "NE2" meaning "Submarines are exercising in this vicinity, you should proceed with great caution."

Vessels should steer so as to give a wide berth to any ship flying this signal. If, from any cause, it is necessary to approach it, vessels should proceed at slow speed until warning is given of the danger zone by VHF bridge-to-bridge radio, flags, or signal lamp. At all times, a good lookout should be kept for submarines whose presence may only be indicated by a periscope or snorkel showing above the water.

A submarine operating either independently or with a surface ship or aircraft, when at a depth too great to show its periscope, may indicate its position by releasing a "smoke candle" or a "flare."

Under certain circumstances warnings that submarines are exercising in specified areas may be issued as "CANHY-DROPAC" messages on standard navigational warning broadcasts.

Canadian submarines operating on the surface display an all round rotating amber light (90 flashes per minute) visible for at least 3 miles.

Submarines operating at periscope depth may also show an all round or quick flashing red or yellow light to indicate their presence to exercising aircraft.

## Subsurface Operations Areas

Ninety-seven adjoining subsurface operations areas are located on and off the W coast of Vancouver Island. The locations of the areas are best seen on Chartlet 14.

Information on the following subsurface operations areas off the W coast of Canada can be found under Firing Areas:

1. Esquimalt Harbor—BANKS 1, BANKS 2, and BANKS 3.
2. Strait of Juan de Fuca—Areas SJ1, SJ2, SJ3, SJ4, SJ5, SJ6, and SJ7.
3. Strait of Georgia—Areas SOG, WC, WD, WE, WF, WG, WI/CYD 124, and WN.
4. Queen Charlotte Islands—DIXON, HECATE, MORESBY, and GRAHAM.

## Distress Signals

A disabled submarine which is unable to surface will try to indicate its position by the following methods:

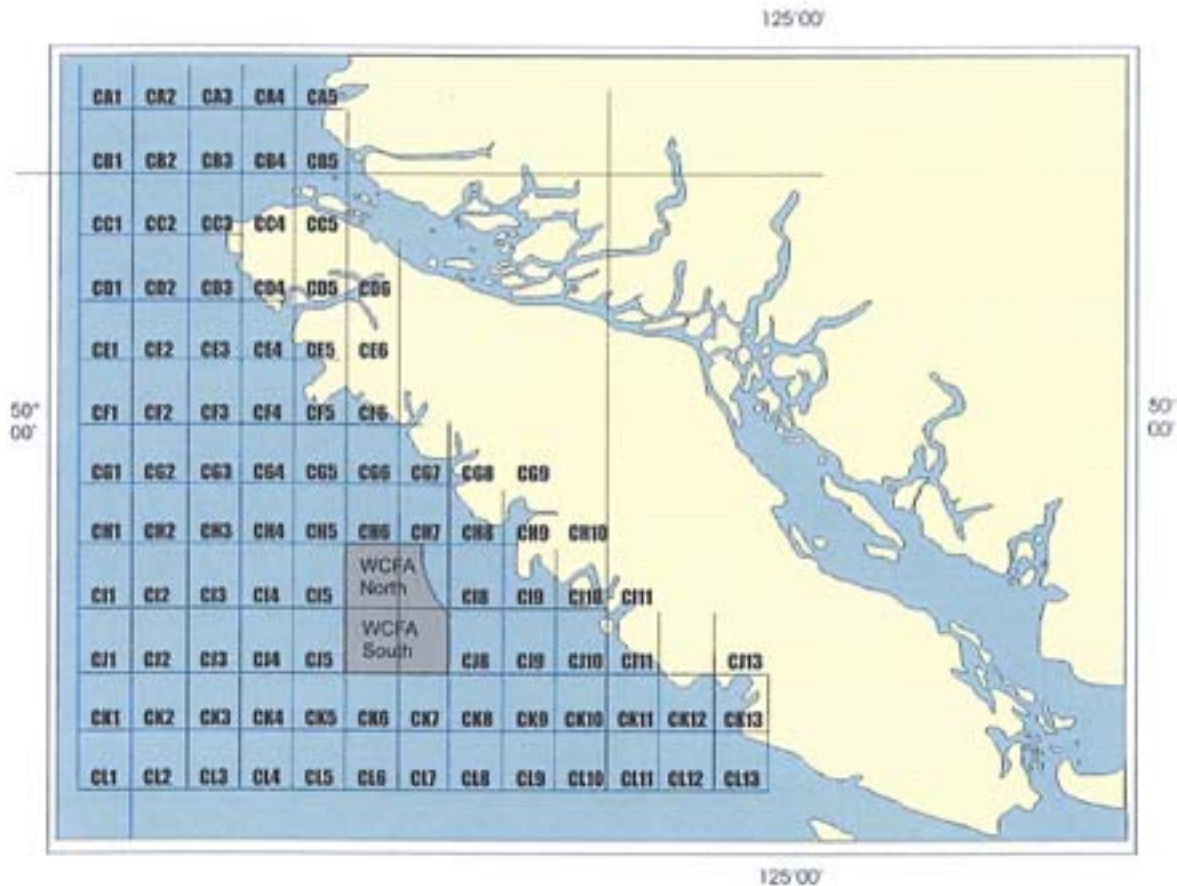
1. Releasing an indicator buoy as soon as the accident occurs.
2. Firing red pyrotechnic signals.
3. Pumping out fuel or lubricating oil.
4. Releasing air bubbles.
5. Personnel or debris floating on the surface.

In any submarine accident, time is the most vital factor affecting the chances of rescue of survivors. At the first indication that a submarine accident has occurred, by sighting the signals described above or actually being in a collision with a submarine, an immediate report should be made by the quickest means possible, to the appropriate authority, as follows:

1. Atlantic Coast—Headquarters of Maritime Forces Atlantic at Halifax (telephone: 902-427-2501).
2. Pacific Coast—Headquarters of Maritime Forces Pacific at Esquimalt (telephone: 250-363-2425).
3. The nearest Marine Communications and Traffic Services (MCTS) Center (see Appendix II).

The aim of a submarine rescue operation is to save lives and will have to achieve the following:

1. Fixing the exact position of the submarine.
2. To get a ship standing by to pick up survivors, with boats already lowered, if practicable.
3. To inform the trapped personnel that help is at hand.
4. To get medical assistance to the recovered survivors.
5. To get a recompression chamber to the scene.
6. To get divers, rescue equipment, etc. on the scene to assist the submarine personnel.



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**Chartlet 14—West Coast Subsurface Operating Areas**

There are Canadian Maritime Forces Atlantic and Maritime Forces Pacific organizations, designed to respond to a submarine search and rescue event, which are kept at an immediate readiness for action. It is clear, however, that any ship may at any time find evidence of a submarine disaster and, if it takes prompt and correct action as described above, may be in a position to play a vital role.

There should be no reluctance to make a report of a suspected submarine accident because the observer has been unable to establish beyond any reasonable doubt that a submarine accident has occurred. The Canadian Maritime Forces Atlantic and Maritime Forces Pacific are prepared to react appropriately.

At any time after a submarine accident, survivors may start attempting to escape. Conditions are likely to deteriorate rapidly and postponement of escape will only be made in order to allow rescue ships time to reach the scene. Any ship finding an indicator buoy should not leave the position but should remain in the area, well-clear, ready to pick up survivors.

If the escape option is started, escapees will ascend nearly vertically from the bottomed submarine, either individually or in small groups. It is important that sufficient sea room is given to enable them to do so in safety. On arrival at the surface, they may be exhausted or ill, and the presence of an already lowered boat to assist in their recovery is very desirable. Some personnel may require recompression treatment, and it will be the aim

of the Commander of either Canadian Maritime Forces Atlantic or Maritime Forces Pacific, as appropriate, to get such personnel to a recompression chamber as soon as possible.

In order that those trapped in the submarine know that help is at hand, Canadian Maritime Forces will drop up to 12 small charges, individually at 5-second intervals, into the sea. There is no objection to the use of small charges for this purpose, but it is vital that they are not dropped too close, since men in the process of making ascents are particularly vulnerable to underwater explosions and may easily receive fatal injuries; a distance of 0.25 mile is considered safe. Vessels can also indicate their presence by the intermittent running of an echo sounder on high power, or by banging on the outer skin of an underwater portion of the ship's hull with a hammer. Such sounds are likely to be heard by the submarine and should be carried out at frequent intervals.

#### **Submarine Indicator Buoys**

Canadian Victoria Class submarines are fitted with two indicator buoys, one at each end of the ship, which are tethered to the submarine by a mooring line and can be released from inside in case of emergency or if for any reason the submarine is unable to surface. The buoys are marked either FORWARD or AFT to indicate which end of the submarine they were released and are all marked with the submarine's identification number.

These buoys do not contain a telephone and there is, therefore, no requirement to approach it close by. Great care should be taken to avoid damage to the buoy and its mooring line and it should only be touched if it shows signs of sinking. In this case, a boat should endeavor to support the buoy while putting minimal possible strain on the mooring line. Attaching a life raft to the wire may be the best means of achieving adequate support. There is a great danger of parting the wire and losing the location of the distressed submarine.



*Courtesy of Canadian Hydrographic Service*  
**Canada—Submarine Indicator Buoy**

The buoys, known as Type 639 Model 060, are made of aluminum and are cylindrical in shape. They are 76.2cm in diameter and 79.8cm high, with a cylindrical projection on the bottom about 16.5cm deep. There is a mooring bolt on the bottom, from which is suspended 1,000m of 1.3cm (circumference) nylon mooring line. Orange and silver reflective tape is wrapped alternately around the upper half of the buoy.

The buoy floats with a freeboard of about 15.2cm. The buoy has an extending vertical whip antenna, which extends to a height of 1.77m above the buoy.

The buoy has a visual three-digit identification number in accordance with *ATP 57—NATO Submarine Search and Rescue Manual*.

A white light, which flashes twice per second for at least 40 hours, is mounted in the center of the top surface. In darkness and good weather, the visibility of the light without binoculars is 3.2km.

For identification purposes, the following inscriptions are carried on each buoy around the top surface:

1. In English—"S.O.S. (identification number) Finder inform Navy, Coastguard or Police. Do not secure to or touch."
2. In French—"S.O.S. (numero d'identification) Prevenir immediament autorites maritimes. Defense de toucher."

The buoys are fitted with an automatic transmitting radio unit which is activated when the indicator buoy is released. The operating characteristics are, as follows:

1. 243.0 MHz—the sound is a high-pitched tone dropping to a low-pitched tone, then a break. This is repeated and these repeating tones will trigger automatic-receiving SAR equipment.
2. GMDSS frequency 406.025 MHz—a 15-digit code is transmitted in digitized format. This code is received by satellite, which will correspond to the specific indicator buoy. The code is identified by the Rescue Coordination Centers.

Ships hearing these signals should immediately report their position, depth of water, and, if possible, an indication of signal strength. If the buoy is sighted in depths of water greater than 1,000m, it is certain to be adrift; this fact should also be reported as soon as possible.

#### **Submarine Emergency Position Indicating Radiobeacon (SEPIRB)**

Each submarine carries four SEPIRB devices. They are designed to be launched from submarines or manually over the side by hand. The device is about 7.6cm in diameter and about 105cm long, with a maximum weight of about 8.2 pounds. Once launched and on the surface, the SEPIRB operates, as follows:

1. The device obtains a GPS fix and begins transmitting a digital message to COSPAS-SARSAT on 406.025 MHz. The message contains its initial GPS fix (a default value until a GPS fix is obtained), elapsed time from activation, and its unique ID number. No further position updates are performed.
2. Six hours after initial activation, the SEPIRB begins transmitting a homing beacon signal on 121.5 MHz to assist in the location of the buoy.

The SEPIRB continues to operate until it is deactivated or it reaches the end of its battery life (a minimum of 48 hours).

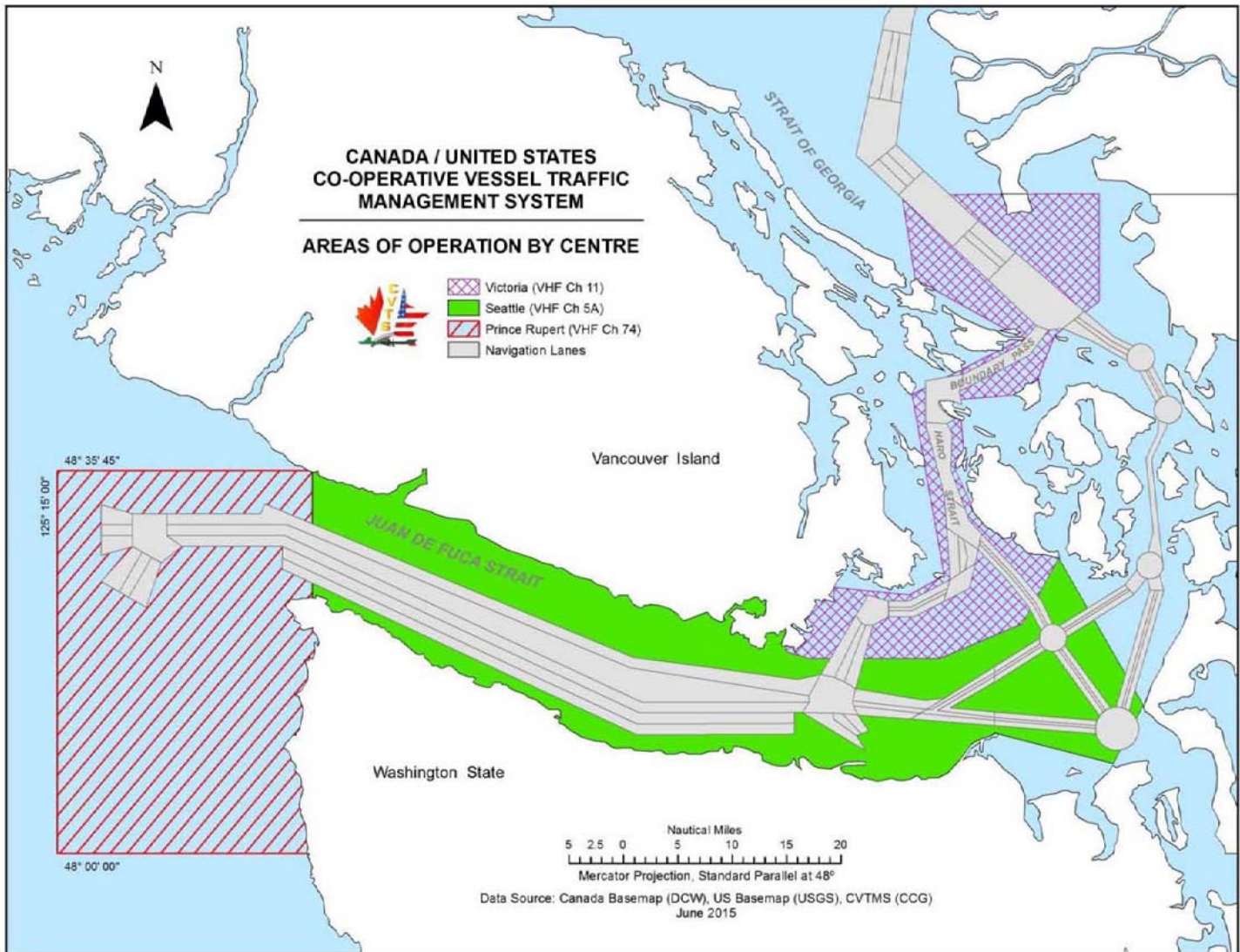
#### **Time Zone**

Canada is covered by multiple Time Zones. Information is given in Appendix III in the accompanying table titled **Canada—Time Zones**.

#### **Traffic Separation Schemes**

Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) on the W coast of Canada are, as follows:

1. In the Strait of Juan de Fuca and its approaches. (IMO



*Courtesy of Fisheries and Oceans Canada*

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adopted)

2. In Puget Sound and its approaches in Haro Strait, Boundary Pass, and the Strait of Georgia. (IMO adopted)
3. In Haro Strait and Boundary Pass and in the Strait of Georgia. (IMO adopted)
4. Vancouver Harbor (Government of Canada)
5. Johnstone Strait—Race and Current Passages (Government of Canada)
6. Broughton Strait—Haddington Island (Government of Canada)

**U.S. Embassy**

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Web site	<a href="https://ca.usembassy.gov">https://ca.usembassy.gov</a>

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## Vessel Traffic Service

Vessel Traffic Services operate, as follows:

1. Prince Rupert (52°45'N., 130°03'W.).
2. Victoria (48°25'N., 123°24'W.).
3. Vancouver (50°27'N., 125°34'W.).

For further information, see Pub. 154, Sailing Directions (Enroute) British Columbia.

### Canada/United States Cooperative Vessel Traffic Services Agreement (CVTS)

In 1979, by formal agreement, the Canadian Coast Guard and the United States Coast Guard established the Co-operative Vessel Traffic Services (CVTS) for the Strait of Juan de Fuca region. The purpose of this agreement is to provide for a co-operative system of vessel traffic management in the applicable waters in order to enhance safe and expeditious movement of vessel traffic while minimizing the risk of pollution of the marine environment.

Inbound vessels are to check in with Prince Rupert Traffic on VHF channel 74 at either 48°00'N or 125°00'W prior to entering the traffic separation scheme.

Participation with Prince Rupert, Seattle, and Victoria Traffic is mandatory within Canadian and United States territorial waters. The CVTS Area of Operation is best seen on the chartlet titled **Canada/United States Cooperative Vessel Traffic Management System—Areas of Operation by Centre**.

An information service, such as a vessel's identity, destination, or other information obtained through the VTS reports and sensors, is available upon request outside of the VTS zone.

*English Language.*—All communications with Seattle, Prince Rupert, or Victoria Traffic must be made in clear unbroken English. At least one person capable of conducting two-way radio communications using the English language must be present on the bridge at all times within the CVTS reporting area. When language problems do arise, communications may be preceded by using message markers as found in the IMO Standard Marine Communication Phrases.

## Appendix I—Ship Reporting Procedures for Western Canada

The purpose of this section is to describe the ship reporting procedures to be followed by vessels when within or intending to enter the waters of Western Canada.

### Pre-arrival Information Report (PAIR)

The Canadian Maritime Transportation Security Regulations require a Pre-arrival Information Report (PAIR) to be filed prior to entry into Canadian waters. Message format and contact information can be found in **Regulations**.

### Responsibilities

There is no intention on the part of the Canadian Coast Guard to attempt to navigate or maneuver ships from a shore station and nothing in this publication overrides the authority of the master for the safe navigation of the ship. Information passed to the master is intended to assist in the safe conduct of the ship.

A Marine Communications and Traffic Services (MCTS) Officer may, under specific circumstances:

1. Grant a clearance to the vessel to enter, leave, or proceed within the VTS Zone.
2. Direct the master, pilot, or person in charge of the deck watch of the vessel to provide any pertinent information in respect of that vessel that may be specified in the direction.
3. Direct the vessel to use any radio frequencies in communications with coast stations or other vessels that may be specified in the direction.
4. Direct the vessel, at the time, between the times or before or after any event that may be specified in the direction to:
  - a. Leave a VTS Zone.
  - b. Leave or refrain from entering any area within a VTS Zone that may be specified in the direction.
  - c. Proceed to or remain at any location within a VTS Zone that may be specified in the direction.

A vessel, as well as the master, pilot, or person in charge of the deck watch of the vessel, shall comply with a direction given to it or them by the MCTS Officer. Notwithstanding, the master, pilot, or person in charge of the deck watch of the vessel may take any action that may be required to ensure the safety of life, the ship, or any other ship.

The master of a ship shall ensure that before the ship enters a VTS Zone the ship's radio equipment is capable of receiving and transmitting radio communications on the appropriate VTS sector frequency.

### Traffic Clearance

A Traffic Clearance is an authorization for a ship to proceed subject to such conditions as may be included in the authorization. The Traffic Clearance is predicated upon ship report information and known waterway/traffic conditions. A Traffic Clearance does not eliminate the need for other authorizations required by legislation or by-laws.

Should any factor upon which the clearance is predicated alter to the detriment of safe navigation, the clearance may be delayed or other conditions may be attached to the clearance.

- A Traffic Clearance is required prior to:
1. Entering a VTS Zone.
  2. Commencing a departure maneuver.

3. Commencing a maneuver that may be detrimental to safe navigation.

4. Proceeding after being stranded, stopped due to breakdown of main propulsion machinery or steering gear, or having been involved in a collision.

### Communications

Radiotelephone procedures used in communicating with an MCTS Center are those specified by the International Telecommunications Union in the *Manual for Use by the Maritime Mobile and Maritime Mobile Satellite Services*.

A continuous listening watch shall be maintained on the appropriate VTS sector frequency on radio equipment located:

1. At any place on board the ship, where the ship is at anchor or moored to a buoy.
2. In the vicinity of the ship's conning space, where the ship is underway.

The continuous listening watch may be suspended if an MCTS Officer directs the ship to communicate with coast stations and/or other ship stations on a different VHF radio frequency.

All times given in local VTS Zone reports should be in local time and in accordance with the 24-hour clock system.

Navigation safety calls on the designated VTS sector frequencies should be kept to the minimum consistent with the safety requirement of the situation.

*Communication Difficulties.*—Where a ship, for any reason other than shipboard radio equipment failure, is unable to obtain the required Traffic Clearance or, after receiving a Traffic Clearance, is unable to maintain direct communication with the appropriate MCTS Center, the master may nevertheless proceed along the route, but shall take all reasonable measures to communicate with the appropriate MCTS Center as soon as possible and obtain the specified clearance.

*Shipboard Radio Communications Equipment Malfunction.*—In the event of a shipboard radio equipment failure where the ship is unable to obtain the required Traffic Clearance or, after receiving a Traffic Clearance, is unable to maintain direct communication with the appropriate MCTS Center, the vessel shall:

1. If it is in a port or anchorage where repairs can be made, remain in the port until the vessel is able to establish communications in accordance with the *Canada Shipping Act 2001, Part 5, Section 6(a)*.
2. If it is not in a port or anchorage where repairs can be made, proceed to the nearest reasonably safe port or anchorage on its route and remain there until the vessel is able to establish communications in accordance with the *Canada Shipping Act 2001, Part 5, Section 6(b)*.

### Zone Description

*Western Canada.*—The Western Canada VTS Zone consists of all Canadian waters on the W coast of Canada and referred to in the *Vessel Traffic Services Zones Regulations*.

*Local Zones.*—West Coast VTS Local Zones have been established for traffic to Prince Rupert, Tofino, and Vancouver. Further information can be found in Pub. 154, Sailing Directions (Enroute) British Columbia.

### VTS Offshore Report

With respect to Western Canada VTS Zones, the *Vessel Traffic Services Zones Regulations* require a report to be made at least 24 hours before the ship enters a VTS Zone from seaward, including Alaska, or as soon as possible where the ETA at that VTS Zone is less than 24 hours after the ship departs from the last port of call, as follows:

1. Every ship of 500 gross tons or more.
2. Every ship that is engaged in towing or pushing one or more vessels, where the combined tonnage of that ship and its tow amounts to 500 gross tons or more.
3. Every ship carrying a pollutant or dangerous cargo, or engaged in towing or pushing a vessel carrying a pollutant or dangerous cargo as prescribed in the following:
  - a. International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code.
  - b. Vessel Pollution and Dangerous Chemicals Regulations.

Participation is mandatory.

The Offshore Report should be made by e-mail ([vt.s.r.u.p.e.r.t@innav.gc.ca](mailto:vt.s.r.u.p.e.r.t@innav.gc.ca)), telephone (250-627-3071), or via any Canadian Coast Guard MCTS Center free of charge (See Appendix II).

The Offshore Report will contain the following information:

1. The name of the ship.
2. The radio call sign of the ship.
3. The name of the master of the ship.
4. The position of the ship.
5. The time (UTC) the ship arrived at the position.
6. The course of the ship, if any.
7. The speed of the ship, if any.
8. The prevailing weather conditions (including ice, if applicable).
9. The estimated time (UTC) that the ship will enter the VTS Zone.
10. The name of the VTS Zone the ship intends to enter.
11. The destination of the ship.
12. The ETA (UTC) of the ship at the destination.
13. The intended route the ship.
14. The name of the last port of call of the ship.
15. The draft of the ship.
16. Any dangerous cargo, listed by class, or pollutant, that is carried on board the ship or vessel being towed or pushed by the ship:
  - a. The type and amount of any oil that is carried in bulk in the ship's hold.
  - b. The type and amount of any oil to be unloaded from or loaded into the ship's hold at the port or the marine installation.
17. Any defect in the ship's hull, main propulsion machinery, steering systems, radars, compasses, radio equipment, anchors, or cables.
18. Any discharge, or threat of discharge, of a pollutant from the ship into the water, and any damage to the ship that may result in the discharge of a pollutant from the ship into the water.
19. The name of the Canadian or United States agent of the ship.
20. The date of expiration of a certificate referred to in Article VII of the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1969/1992; the International Oil

Pollution Prevention Certificate; the International Pollution Prevention Certificate for the Carriage of Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk; the Certificate of Fitness; and the Certificate of Compliance, if any issued to the ship.

The date of expiration of the following items are also requested, if issued to the ship:

- a. ISM Safety Management Certificate.
- b. ISM Document of Compliance.
- c. International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001 Certificate (known as the Bunkers Convention Certificate).
- d. Certificate of Insurance or Other Financial Security in Respect of Liability for the Removal of Wrecks.

### Local VTS Zone Report

For vessels within or about to enter a Western Canada VTS Zone, the *Vessel Traffic Services Zones Regulations* apply in respect of:

1. Every ship 20m or more in length.
2. Every ship engaged in towing or pushing any vessel or object, other than fishing gear, where:
  - a. The combined length of the ship and any vessel or object towed or pushed by the ship is 45m or more.
  - b. The length of the vessel or object being towed or pushed by the ship is 20m or more in length.

With respect to the VTS Zones specified in the *Vessel Traffic Services Zones Regulations*, these regulations do not apply in respect of:

1. A ship engaged in towing or pushing any vessel or object within a log booming ground.
2. A pleasure yacht that is less than 30m in length.
3. A fishing vessel that is less than 24m in length and not more than 150 gross tons.

Vessels are required to report the following information via any Canadian Coast Guard MCTS Center free of charge (see Appendix II):

1. **Entering a Zone.**—At least 15 minutes before entering a VTS zone, a vessel should apply for a Traffic Clearance, stating:
  - a. Vessel name.
  - b. Call sign.
  - c. Position.
  - d. ETA when the vessel will enter the VTS Zone.
  - e. Destination.
  - f. ETA at destination.
  - g. Whether any pollutant or dangerous cargo is carried on board the ship or any vessel or object being towed or pushed by the ship.
- Ships in possession of a valid Traffic Clearance are not required to provide this report.
2. **Arriving at a Calling-In-Point (CIP).**—When a ship arrives at a CIP, a vessel should report:
  - a. Vessel name.
  - b. Position.
  - c. ETA at a location requiring a report.
3. **Arriving at a Berth.**—As soon as practicable after arriving, a vessel should report:
  - a. Vessel name.
  - b. Position.
4. **Immediately before commencing a departure maneuver (leaving the berth).**—The vessel should apply for a



Traffic Clearance, stating:

- a. Vessel name.
- b. Call sign.
- c. Position.
- d. Destination.
- e. ETA at destination.
- f. Whether any pollutant or dangerous cargo is carried on board the ship or any vessel or object being towed or pushed by the ship.
- g. ETD from the berth.

5. **Immediately after completing a departure maneuver (leaving the berth).**—The vessel should report:

- a. Vessel name.
- b. Position.
- c. ETA at a location requiring a report.

6. **Maneuvers.**—A vessel shall request a Traffic Clearance 15 minutes prior to commencing any maneuver, such as:

- a. A compass adjustment.
- b. The calibration and servicing of navigational aids.
- c. A sea trial.
- d. A dredging operation.
- e. The laying, picking up, and servicing of submarine cables.
- f. Any other maneuver that may be detrimental to safe navigation.

The request should state the following:

- a. Vessel name.
- b. Position.
- c. A description of the intended maneuver.

As soon as practicable after the maneuver, a description of the maneuver just completed should be made to the VTS Center.

**Change in information.**—A report shall be made whenever a significant change occurs in the information previously provided in any report made pursuant to the *Vessel Traffic Services Zones Regulations*.

**Non-routine reports.**—Pursuant to the *Vessel Traffic Services Zones Regulations*, a report indicating the vessel's name, position, and a description of the incident shall be made prior

to the vessel proceeding, as soon as the master becomes aware of any of the following conditions:

1. The occurrence on board the ship of any fire.
2. The involvement of the ship in a collision, grounding, or striking.
3. Any defect in the ship's hull, main propulsion systems, steering systems, radars, compasses, radio equipment, anchors, or cables.
4. Any discharge or probable discharge of a pollutant from the ship into the water.
5. Another ship in apparent difficulty.
6. Any obstruction to navigation.
7. Any aid to navigation that is functioning improperly, damaged, out of position, or missing.
8. The presence of any pollutant in the water.
9. The presence of a ship that may impede the movement of other ships.
10. Any ice and weather conditions that are detrimental to safe navigation.

Items 6, 7, and 8 are not required if the information has been previously promulgated by a Navigational Warning.

Mariners are encouraged to provide, on a voluntary basis, any information pertaining to charts and publications which may not be on board so that arrangements can be made to embark the necessary items.

**Variations.**—Ferries and other vessels on a regularly scheduled voyage may be exempted from making routine reports. Formal variations to reporting procedures will be granted only where alternate arrangements to provide essential information are made and where the equivalent procedure or practice is deemed to be as safe as that required in the regulations.

Formal variations may be obtained by submitting a written request to the appropriate Regional MCTS Superintendent, Canadian Coast Guard.

In circumstances other than those described above, informal variations may be granted from time to time on a one time only basis by an MCTS Officer where the procedure or practice requested is deemed to be as safe as that required in the regulations.

## Appendix II—MCTS Center Contact Information

Marine Communications and Traffic Services (MCTS) Centers—Contact Information			
Location	Telephone	Facsimile	E-mail
<b>Pacific Coast</b>			
MCTS Prince Rupert (VAJ)	250-627-3070	250-624-9075	<a href="mailto:supervisor.rupert@innav.gc.ca">supervisor.rupert@innav.gc.ca</a>
			<a href="mailto:navwarn.mctsPrinceRupert@innav.gc.ca">navwarn.mctsPrinceRupert@innav.gc.ca</a>
MCTS Victoria (VAK)	250-363-6611	250-363-6556	<a href="mailto:supervisor.victoria@innav.gc.ca">supervisor.victoria@innav.gc.ca</a>
<b>Arctic Coast</b>			
MCTS Iqaluit (open from mid-May to late-December) (VFF)	867-979-5269 (East)	867-979-4264	<a href="mailto:iqanordreg@innav.gc.ca">iqanordreg@innav.gc.ca</a>
	867-979-0310 (West)		<a href="mailto:navwarn.mctsiqaluit@innav.gc.ca">navwarn.mctsiqaluit@innav.gc.ca</a>
<b>Atlantic Coast</b>			
MCTS Halifax (VCS)	902-426-9750	902-426-4483	<a href="mailto:hlxecareg1@innav.gc.ca">hlxecareg1@innav.gc.ca</a>
	902-426-9751		<a href="mailto:supervisor.mcts-halifax@dfo-mpo.gc.ca">supervisor.mcts-halifax@dfo-mpo.gc.ca</a>
MCTS Goose Bay (VOK)	709-896-2252	709-896-8455	<a href="mailto:Safety.Labrador@innav.gc.ca">Safety.Labrador@innav.gc.ca</a>
MCTS Les Escoumins (VCF)	418-233-2194	418-233-3299	<a href="mailto:safety.escoumins@innav.gc.ca">safety.escoumins@innav.gc.ca</a>
MCTS Placentia (VCP)	709-227-2181	709-227-5637	<a href="mailto:Safety.Placentia@innav.gc.ca">Safety.Placentia@innav.gc.ca</a>
	709-227-2182		
MCTS Port aux Basques (VOJ)	709-695-2167	709-695-7784	<a href="mailto:safety.portauxbasques@innav.gc.ca">safety.portauxbasques@innav.gc.ca</a>
MCTS Quebec (VCC)	418-648-4427	418-648-7244	<a href="mailto:awn-raa@innav.gc.ca">awn-raa@innav.gc.ca</a>
			<a href="mailto:qbcsup@innav.gc.ca">qbcsup@innav.gc.ca</a>
MCTS Sydney (VCO)	902-564-7751	902-564-7662	<a href="mailto:safety.sydney@innav.gc.ca">safety.sydney@innav.gc.ca</a>

## Appendix III—Time Zones

Canada—Time Zones			
Zone	Location	Standard Time	Daylight Savings Time
1	Newfoundland (NST) (except Labrador)	+3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	+2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Observed from the second Sunday in March until the first Sunday in November.
2	Atlantic Zone (AST)—New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Anticosti E of 63°W, and Labrador	QUEBEC (+4)	PAPA (+3) Observed from the second Sunday in March until the first Sunday in November.
2a	Atlantic Zone (AST)—Eastern Quebec	QUEBEC (+4)	Not observed.
3	Eastern Zone (EST)—Eastern Northwest Territories, Ottawa, eastern Ontario, western Quebec, and Anticosti W of longitude 63°W	ROMEIO (+5)	QUEBEC (+4) Observed from the second Sunday in March until the first Sunday in November.
3a	Eastern Zone (EST)—Nunavut and western Ontario	ROMEIO (+5)	Not observed.
4	Central Zone (CST)—Manitoba, central Northwest Territories, Cambridge Bay, and Kugluktuk/Coppermine	SIERRA (+6)	ROMEIO (+5) Observed from the second Sunday in March until the first Sunday in November.
4a	Central Zone (CST)—Saskatchewan	SIERRA (+6)	Not observed.
5	Mountain Zone (MST)—Mountain Northwest Territories and Alberta	TANGO (+7)	SIERRA (+6) Observed from the second Sunday in March until the first Sunday in November.
5a	Mountain Zone (MST)—Yukon and some towns in north-eastern British Columbia	TANGO (+7)	Not observed.
6	Pacific Zone (PST)—British Columbia and western Northwest Territories (except Yukon)	UNIFORM (+8)	TANGO (+7) Observed from the second Sunday in March until the first Sunday in November.



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## General

Chile is located in the S part of South America, bordering the South Atlantic Ocean and the South Pacific Ocean, between Argentina and Peru.

The climate is extreme desert in the N; Mediterranean, with wet winters and dry summers in the central part of the country; a cool and damp temperate zone in the S; and wet and stormy in the extreme S.

The terrain consists of low coastal mountain, a fertile central valley, and the rugged Andes Mountains in the E.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region B) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

The direction of buoyage is, as follows:

1. Along the coast and in channels oriented N-S (except for Canal Magdalena)—From S to N.
2. Canal Magdalena—From N to S.
3. In channels oriented E-W (except for Canal Cockburn and Estrecho de Magallanes)—From W to E.
4. Canal Cockburn and Estrecho de Magallanes—From E to W
5. Port approaches—From seaward.

Lights and beacons not covered by IALA standards may be encountered. These aids are usually white with one or more red bands and do not have topmarks. Beacons may be painted a non-standard color to stand out in contrast to the snowy background; those beacons in exposed locations may also be pyramidal in shape. There is no standard system regarding the color and shape of range beacons and anchorage beacons.

Beacons and buoys marking the inner channels of Tierra del Fuego should not be fully relied upon. They are generally small and difficult to identify. Buoys are also likely to drag.

## Cautions

### Kelp

Kelp grows on most dangers having a rocky or stone bottom, especially in the channels E and S of Isla Chiloe (43°00'S., 74°00'W.). However, many dangers are not marked by kelp as heavy seas can tear the kelp from the rocks or a moderate current can pull the kelp underwater so it is not visible.

### Waves and Swell

On the S part of the coast of Chile, autumn and winter gales create heavy swells.

On the N part of the coast of Chile, swells with a long fetch

may come ashore in calm weather and persist for several days at a time. These rollers are locally known as “bravezas” and occur with their greatest frequency during autumn and winter in Antofagasta.

### Marine Reserve

The Chilean government has announced the creation of a no-take Marine Reserve around Isla Sala Y Gomez (26°28'S., 105°28'W.). Within this area, which covers about 58,000 square miles, fishing and the removal of any plants or animals are prohibited within about 125 miles of the coastline of the island.

### Whales

Whales may be sighted in the vicinity of Canal Chacao (41°47'S., 73°40'W.) during the feeding season (between January and May). If whales are sighted lookouts should be posted and vessels should navigate with caution at a maximum speed of 10 knots.

### Magnetic Anomalies

**Coast.**—Magnetic anomalies off the coast of Chile are located, as follows:

1. About 1.75 miles W of Punta Tinaja (29°57'09.0"S., 71°21'52.8"W.).
2. In the vicinity of Bahia Tongoy (30°15'S., 71°34'W.).
3. In the vicinity of Caleta Los Hornos (29°36.9'S., 71°17.8'W.).
4. In the vicinity of Caleta Cruz Grande (29°26.8'S., 71°18.7'W.).
5. In the approaches to Puerto Caldera (27°03.0'S., 70°49.8'W.).
6. In the vicinity of the parallel of latitude 25°00'S off Rada Paposo (25°01.4'S., 70°28.5'W.).
7. In Canal Ninualac (45°01'S., 74°07'W.), where compass deflection of up to 8° have been reported.
8. In Bahia Nassau (55°25'S., 67°25'W.), where the compass is reported to become very sluggish.

**Easter Island.**—Strong local compass deflections have been reported, as follows:

1. A short distance off the N coast of the island.
2. Off the coast between Cabo Norris (27°03.4'S., 109°23.3'W.) and Punta Islotas, about 3.5 miles SSW.
3. Off Moto-Nui (27°12.1'S., 109°27.4'W.).

**Isla Salas y Gomez.**—Off the N coast of the island.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the Chilean peso, consisting of 100 centavos.

## Firing Areas

The Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service of the Navy (SHOA) is responsible for coordinating the promulgation of firing practice area and exercise area warnings, as follows:

1. Exercises taking place more than 5 miles from the coast—Issued via SafetyNET, NAVTEX, or maritime radio services.
2. Exercises taking place within 5 miles of the coast—

Broadcast by the relevant maritime radio station on VHF channel 9 or 10.

For further informations, SHOA can be contacted by telephone (56-322-266666) or e-mail (oirs@shoa.cl).

Further information can also be obtained from MRCC Chile by e-mail or telephone, as listed in Appendix I.

Navigation is prohibited in a military exercise area extending from the coast between Punta Barrancos (29°36.6'S., 70°12.0'W.) and Caleta Ligate (20°30.0'S., 70°10.3'W.).

### Fishing Areas

Extensive fishing activity occurs in the approached to Iquique (20°12.0'S., 70°09.1'W.).

### Government



Flag of Chile

Chile is a presidential republic. The country is divided into 16 regions.

Chile is governed by a directly-elected President serving a 4-year term. The Cabinet is appointed by the President. The bicameral National Congress consists of a 50-member directly-elected Senate serving 8-year terms, and a 155-member directly-elected Chamber of Deputies serving 4-year terms.

The legal system is based on the Code of 1857 from Spanish law and subsequent codes influenced by French and Austrian law.

The administrative capital is Santiago. The legislative capital is Valparaiso.

### Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Good Friday	Variable
Holy Saturday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
Labor Day	May 1
Battle of Iquique/Navy Day	May 21
Corpus Christi	Variable
St. Peter and St. Paul	July 2
Assumption Day	August 15
National Unity Day (Reconciliation Day)	First Monday in September
Independence Day	September 18
Army Day	September 19
Dia de la Raza/Columbus Day	October 12
All Saints' Day	November 1
Immaculate Conception	December 8
Christmas Day	December 25
New Year's Eve	December 31

### Ice

#### Icebergs

Channels within Chilean waters may be obstructed by drifting icebergs which have been calved from the adjacent glaciers. Extreme caution is required, especially when traveling at night.

### Combined Antarctic Naval Patrol—Contact Information

	MRCC Ushuaia	MRCC Punta Arenas	MRSC Puerto Williams	MRCC Antarctica Chilena
Telephone	54-2901-431098	56-61-2201161	56-61-2621090 56-61-2624228	56-32-2208557 56-32-2208556 56-32-2203881
Facsimile	54-2901-431098	—	—	—
Radio	500 kHz, 2182 kHz, 4660 kHz, and VHF channel 16	2182 kHz, 2738 kHz, and VHF channel 16	2182 kHz, 2738 kHz, and VHF channel 16	—
E-mail	<a href="mailto:mrcrushuaia@armada.mil.ar">mrcrushuaia@armada.mil.ar</a> <a href="mailto:armada_emanau@armada.mil.ar">armada_emanau@armada.mil.ar</a>	<a href="mailto:mrccpuntaarenas@directemar.cl">mrccpuntaarenas@directemar.cl</a>	<a href="mailto:mrcspuertowilliams@directemar.cl">mrcspuertowilliams@directemar.cl</a> <a href="mailto:mrcspuertowilliams@directemar.gtm.cl">mrcspuertowilliams@directemar.gtm.cl</a>	<a href="mailto:mrcantarctica@directemar.cl">mrcantarctica@directemar.cl</a> <a href="mailto:odmcpfildes@directemar.cl">odmcpfildes@directemar.cl</a>

### Combined Antarctic Naval Patrol

The Combined Antarctic Naval Patrol (Argentina-Chile) normally carries out patrol duties from November 15 until March 15. Patrol duties include search and rescue duties; maritime salvage, surveillance, and anti-pollution work; providing safe conditions for mariners and human life at sea; and maintaining the area to be free of pollution. The area of responsibility is S of 60°S between the meridians of 10°W and 131°W. Vessels requiring assistance should contact naval patrol vessels on VHF channel 16 or 2182 kHz or with any of the listed Maritime Rescue Coordination Centers (MRCC) or Maritime Rescue Subcenters (MRSC).

### Industries

The main industries are copper, lithium and other minerals, foodstuffs, fish processing, iron and steel, wood and wood products, transport equipment, cement, and textiles.

The main exports are copper, fruit, fish products, wood pulp, and wine. The main export-trading partners are China, the United States, Japan, and South Korea.

The main imports are crude and refined petroleum, vehicles, and broadcast equipment. The main import trading partners are China, the United States, Brazil, Germany, and Argentina.

### Languages

Spanish is the official language.

### Meteorology

Marine weather forecasts, warnings, and associated information, in English and Spanish, are available in a low bandwidth format from the Servicio Meteorologico de la Armada de Chile (<http://web.directemar.cl/met/jturno/indice/english.htm#Avisos>).

### Navigational Information

#### Enroute Volume

Pub. 125, Sailing Directions (Enroute) West Coast of South America.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Chile are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	200/350 miles. **
* Claims straight baselines.	
** Claims continental shelves for Easter Island (Isla de Pascua) and Sala y Gomez Island (Isla Sala y Gomez) extending 350 miles from their respective baselines.	

### Maritime Boundary Disputes

Dispute with Peru over the economic zone delineated by the maritime boundary.

### Internet Maritime Safety Information

Navigational warnings for Chilean coastal waters and NAVAREA XV Warnings are available, in English and Spanish, from the Chilean Navy Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service (<https://www.shoa.cl/php/index.php>).

### Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory for all foreign vessels entering or leaving a port, harbor, or oil terminal or when navigating within Chilean waters.

Pilotage is compulsory in Estrecho de Magallanes. Details can be found in Pub. 124, Sailing Directions (Enroute) East Coast of South America.

### Pollution

Chile forbids pollution of any kind within 200 miles of its coasts.

The discharge of oil or oil products is prohibited within 50 miles of the coast of Chile and the off-lying Chilean islands.

Vessels are prohibited from pumping bilges or jettisoning rubbish and waste materials within 10 miles of a Chilean port.

Chile—Pilot Contact Information		
	Asociacion Chilena de Practicos de Puerto	Asociacion de Practicos Autorizados de Canales de Chile
Telephone	56-32-2234254	56-32-2758737
Facsimile	56-32-2234254	56-32-2234254
E-mail	<a href="mailto:practico@practicosdechile.cl">practico@practicosdechile.cl</a>	<a href="mailto:apacagl@gmail.com">apacagl@gmail.com</a>
Web site	—	<a href="http://www.apacag.cl">http://www.apacag.cl</a>

Chile—DGTMM Regional Centers		
DGTMM Regional Center	Telephone	E-mail
Iquique	56-57-2401959 56-95-6224586	<a href="mailto:mrcciquique@dgtm.cl">mrcciquique@dgtm.cl</a> <a href="mailto:fgonzalezconcha@dgtm.cl">fgonzalezconcha@dgtm.cl</a>
Punta Arenas	56-61-201105 56-9-42814513	<a href="mailto:opergmpta@directemar.cl">opergmpta@directemar.cl</a> <a href="mailto:melgueta@dgtm.cl">melgueta@dgtm.cl</a>
Puerto Montt	56-9-32466871 56-9-68798332	<a href="mailto:mrccpuertomontt@directemar.cl">mrccpuertomontt@directemar.cl</a> <a href="mailto:rmoraga@dgtm.cl">rmoraga@dgtm.cl</a> <a href="mailto:fcarmona@dtgm.cl">fcarmona@dtgm.cl</a>
Talcahuano	56-41-2266147 56-9-76217642	<a href="mailto:opergmtlc@directemar.cl">opergmtlc@directemar.cl</a> <a href="mailto:jleiva@dgtm.cl">jleiva@dgtm.cl</a>
Valparaiso	56-32-2208909 56-32-2208913 56-95-6441158	<a href="mailto:mrccvalparaiso@directemar.cl">mrccvalparaiso@directemar.cl</a> <a href="mailto:mrivasv@dgtm.cl">mrivasv@dgtm.cl</a>

Vessels entering ports in Chile must exchange ballast water at least once before entering port. This exchange of ballast water must occur not less than 12 miles from the coast. On arrival, a ballast report must be delivered to the Port Authority, from whom further information may be obtained.

A vessel loading or discharging ballast must do so in the berth designated by the Port Authority, and must take precautions against the spilling of ballast into the sea.

All vessels within the Chilean Ship Reporting System (CHILREP) are requested to report incidents involving dangerous goods, harmful substances, and maritime pollutants. Further information on the reports and the format of these reports can be found in the Chilean Ship Reporting System (CHILREP) under Ship Reporting System.

Vessels can report pollution incidents 24 hours via any of the following Chilean coast radio stations:

1. Antofagasta Radio (CBA).
2. Magallanes Radio (CBM).
3. Puerto Montt Radio (CBP).
4. Talcahuano Radio (CBT).
5. Valparaiso Playa Ancha Radio (CBV).

Vessels may also report spills using the Direccion General del Territorio Maritimo y Marine Mercante (DGTMM) Regional Center contact points as listed in the accompanying table titled **Chile—DGTMM Regional Centers**.

## Regulations

### International Ship and Port Facility (ISPS) Code

Vessels not certified under the ISPS Code are not permitted to call at Chilean ports.

All foreign-flagged vessels navigating in the Chilean Search and Rescue Region and heading to any Chilean port, or any vessel navigating in the Strait of Magellan, must inform the Chilean Maritime Authority, via its agent, of the ISPS security level of the vessel. The information must be sent 72 hours prior to arrival at a port or entering the Strait of Magellan. The information may also be passed in the CHILREP message using Line X.

### General

No small craft or boat may come alongside a vessel entering a port until after it has been visited by the officers of the Health Authority, the Port Captain, and the Customs Office.

After the inspection, the Port Captain will grant pratique. Warships are not obliged to receive these visits.

Masters of merchant vessels must report during the above visits whether any sick or injured persons are on board, being particularly careful to report any contagious diseases.

On the arrival of a vessel in a port, the Maritime Authority will assign the berth to be occupied. Vessels may not shift berths without the permission of the Port Captain, except in cases of danger or absolute necessity, which must be reported immediately. The Port Authority will also determine the number of anchors to be used, their direction, and the amount of chain on each, according to the season.

No vessels shall begin working cargo until properly moored, and until the cargo handling gear is in good order and has been inspected.

Vessels discharging, loading, or transferring explosive or inflammable cargoes must display a red flag.

It is forbidden to discharge any firearms, either with blanks or live ammunition, or to throw explosives overboard from either warships or merchant vessels lying in a port.

In the event of bad weather vessels anchored in a port must drop their second anchor, hoist their boats, and have their engines on stand by. The Master and crew must remain on board. When bad weather is indicated, a signal will be displayed by the Port Authority.

In the case of fire or stranding of any vessel, every other vessel in the port is obliged, at the request of the Port Authority, to lend all assistance and gear such as anchors, lines, and towing facilities, and such personnel as necessary.

After sunset it is forbidden to land passengers on any part of the shore, except the principal pier or spot designated by the Port Authority.

No merchant vessel's boat may go outside the limits of the port without written permission from the authorities.

Vessels entering Chilean waters or lying within any Chilean port must display the Chilean flag from its foremast.

Crews of vessels are forbidden to go ashore with knives,



sword canes, or firearms.

It has been reported that light dues are levied at the first Chilean port of call, for which a receipt is issued. The receipt, valid for 1 calendar year, must be presented at each Chilean port of call as proof of payment. Reports have indicated the charges are substantial; however, they may be waived for foreign warships on official visits.

Information concerning port charges and light dues is obtained from the vessel's agent or diplomatic representative.

Local authorities or the appropriate agency of the Chilean government may also be consulted when planning a voyage.

Vessels coming from a foreign port must exchange sea water ballast prior to arriving in Chilean territorial waters. Upon arrival, a ballast report must be delivered to the port authority, from whom further information may be obtained.

### Yacht Sightings

All vessels navigating S of 47°40'S should inform any Maritime Traffic Control Office of any contact with yachts or other pleasure craft, stating the following information about the vessel sighted:

1. Vessel's name and call sign.
2. Crew information.
3. Date and time of sighting.
4. Position.
5. Any other useful information.

### Notice of Arrival

All vessels bound for a Chilean port must send their ETA to the Port Captain 24 hours in advance. The message should state the following information:

1. Vessel name and flag.
2. ETA (date and time).
3. Number of passengers (including none, if applicable).
4. Quantity of hazardous cargo for the port or in transit (including none, if applicable).
5. State of health of crew and/or passengers.
6. Draft.

Vessels bound for a Chilean port must establish contact with the Port Captain on VHF channel 16 when 20 miles from the port.

### Approved Routes

In accordance with the General Regulations for Pilotage and Navigation in Chilean Waters, foreign vessels navigating in Chilean channels are required to keep to the following routes:

1. Approved routes in the channels of Tierra del Fuego:
  - a. Canal Beagle from Cabo San Pio (55°04'S., 66°32'W.) to Paso Darwin (55°54'S., 70°12'W.).
  - b. Canal Beagle to Canal Cockburn from Paso Darwin to the SW end of Canal Cockburn (55°50'S., 72°07'W.).
  - c. Canal Cockburn to Estrecho de Magallanes from the SW end of Canal Cockburn to the S end of Seno Magdalena (54°05'S., 70°57'W.).
2. Approved routes in the channels of Patagonia:
  - a. Estrecho de Magallanes to Paso Victoria, from the S end of Canal Smyth (52°46'S., 73°51'W.), to the NE end of Paso Victoria (51°58'S., 73°39'W.). This is the first leg of the main S-N route.
  - b. Paso Victoria to Estero Ultima Esperanza, from the NE end of Paso Victoria to the NE end of Canal Senoret

(51°42'S., 72°40'W.). This is the route to ports in Canal Senoret.

c. Paso Victoria to Canal Concepcion, from the NE end of Paso Victoria to the N end of Canal Concepcion (50°10'S., 74°43'W.). This is the second leg of the main S-N route.

d. Canal Trinidad, from the N end of Canal Concepcion to Golfo Trinidad (49°58'S., 75°30'W.).

e. Canal Concepcion to Golfo de Penas, from the N end of Canal Concepcion to the N end of Bahia Tarn (47°42'S., 74°50'W.). This is the third and final leg of the main S-N route.

### Automatic Identification System (AIS)

Vessels transiting Chilean waters must be equipped with an Automatic Identification System (AIS) capable of sending and receiving information on the ship's identity, cargo, position, and other information, such as the ship's draft, ETA, and any other updated information.

### Navigation Requirements in the Chilean Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)

Foreign-flagged vessels transiting the Chilean EEZ must inform the Chilean Maritime Authority of their transit plans at least 6 hours prior to entering the EEZ. They must also update their position at 6-hour intervals. Any reductions in speed, along with the reason for the reduction, should be sent immediately.

### Reporting Requirements for Inland Waters

Foreign vessels navigating the inland waters of Chile must report their positions, via the nearest coast radio station, daily at 1200 and 2400 UTC. For further information, see **Ship Reporting System—National Ship Reporting System**.

Vessels navigating in Chilean channels should maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 16.

In addition, vessels should make a safety call 10 miles prior to entering a dangerous passage on VHF channels 16 and 70, and then every 10 minutes on VHF channel 16, until clear of the passage, stating:

1. Vessel's name.
2. Position.
3. ETA at next dangerous passage.

### Inland Reporting Areas

Reporting systems are in operation in certain inland canals in Chile, as follows:

1. Angostura Guia (50°45'S., 74°29'W.).
2. Angostura Inglesa (48°59'S., 74°27'W.).
3. Canal Chacao (41°47'S., 73°36'W.).
4. Canal Fallos (48°29'S., 75°03'W.).
5. Canal O'Brien (54°55'S., 70°29'W.).
6. Canal Ocasio (54°34'S., 71°58'W.).
7. Canal Picton (49°36'S., 75°19'W.).
8. Canal Pulluche (45°47'S., 74°24'W.).
9. Canal Wide (49°55'S., 74°27'W.).
10. Canal Sarmienta/Isla Bonduca (51°22'S., 74°01'W.).
11. Del Paso Aguirre (54°42'S., 71°34'W.).

For further information, see Pub. 125, *Sailing Directions (Enroute) West Coast of South America*.

### Strait of Magellan Reporting Areas

Reporting systems in the Strait of Magellan operate in the following areas:

1. Canal Gray (52°20'S., 73°43'W.).
2. Canal Jeronimo (53°38'S., 72°27'W.).
3. Paso Shoal (52°32'S., 73°38'W.).
4. Paso Summer (52°18'S., 73°39'W.).
5. Primera Angostura (52°31'S., 69°35'W.).

For further information, see Pub. 124, Sailing Directions (Enroute) East Coast of South America.

### Quarantine

All vessels arriving from abroad must call at one of the following ports for free pratique:

1. Antofagasta.
2. Arica.
3. Coquimbo.
4. Iquique.
5. Puerto de Talcahuano.
6. Puerto San Antonio.
7. Puerto San Vicente.
8. Punta Arenas.
9. Tocopilla.
10. Valparaiso.

Vessels may be exempted from such calls and may proceed directly to their destination with permission from the National Health Service, which must be provided a notice of 8 days.

### Search and Rescue

The Maritime Rescue Coordination Center (MRCC) Chile, located in Valparaiso, is subdivided into five districts; each district contains a Maritime Rescue Coordination Center and one or more Maritime Rescue Coordination Subcenters (MRSC). The area of responsibility also includes the Drake Passage and an area which extends to Antarctica, which generally experiences adverse weather conditions.

A network of coast radio stations, monitored by MRCC Chile, maintains a continuous listening watch on international distress frequencies.

MRCC Chile, all MRCCs, and all MRSCs can be contacted as listed in Appendix I in the table titled **Chile—MRCC and MRSC Contact Information**.

Motor lifeboats are stationed at Valparaiso (33°02'S., 71°38'W.) and Talcahuano (36°42'S., 73°06'W.).

### Ship Reporting System

#### Chilean Ship Reporting System (CHILREP)

The Chilean Ship Reporting System (CHILREP) is a voluntary system operated by the General Directorate of the Maritime Territory and Merchant Marine, which is a Directorate of the Chilean Navy. Further information on CHILREP can be

found in Appendix II.

#### National Ship Reporting System

In addition to the CHILREP system, there is a National Ship Position System which requires all vessels bound for a Chilean port to report its arrival at least 24 hours in advance. In addition, vessels navigating Chilean Inland Waters must make position reports, as follows:

1. Foreign vessels should report their position at 1200 and 2400 UTC daily.
2. Chilean flag vessels must report their position at 1200 and 2400 UTC daily.
3. Foreign vessels navigating outside Chilean Inland Waters should report their position between 1200 and 1600 UTC daily.

National Ship Reporting System—Contact Information	
Telephone	56-32-2208637
	56-32-2208638
	56-32-2208639
Facsimile	56-32-2208662
E-mail	<a href="mailto:mrccchile@directemar.cl">mrccchile@directemar.cl</a>

#### Strait of Magellan

A Vessel Traffic Service and reporting system is in operation in the Strait of Magellan and its approaches. For further information, see Pub. 124, Sailing Directions (Enroute) East Coast of South America.

#### Signals

Storm signals used in Chilean ports are given in the accompanying table titled **Chile—Storm Signals**.

#### Submarine Operating Areas

Chilean submarines exhibit an amber flashing light, visible all around, to denote their presence on the surface and to serve as a warning to other vessels to proceed with caution and keep clear.

Submarine operating areas are located, as follows:

1. South of Golfo Corcovado—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:
  - a. 43°10.0'S, 73°06.5'W.
  - b. 43°41.0'S, 73°22.7'W.
  - c. 43°41.0'S, 73°50.0'W.
  - d. 43°33.0'S, 73°50.0'W.
  - e. 43°33.0'S, 73°33.4'W.
  - f. 43°10.0'S, 73°21.5'W.

Chile—Storm Signals		
Day	Night	Meaning
Pennant 2 *	One green light	Weather variable
One black ball	One red light	Bad weather expected (Winds force 4-7 from N)

Chile—Storm Signals		
Day	Night	Meaning
Two black balls, vertically disposed	Two red lights, vertically disposed	Storm expected
Flag M *	—	Small craft traffic suspended
Flag R *	—	All cargo operations suspended
* From the International Code of Signals		

2. Off Bahia Concepcion—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 36°15.0'S, 73°00.0'W.
- 36°30.0'S, 73°00.0'W.
- 36°35.0'S, 73°04.0'W.
- 36°35.0'S, 73°25.0'W.
- 36°45.0'S, 73°25.0'W.
- 36°45.0'S, 74°00.0'W.
- 36°27.0'S, 74°00.0'W.
- 36°27.0'S, 73°25.0'W.
- 36°15.0'S, 73°25.0'W.

3. Off Valparaiso—An area bounded by the parallels of 32°30.0'S and 33°00.0'S and the meridians of 71°40.0'W and 71°48.0'W.

4. Off Quintero—An area bounded by the parallels of 32°37.5'S and 32°52.5'S and the meridians of 71°48.0'W and 72°12.0'W.

5. Off Coquimbo—An area bounded by the parallels of 29°45.0'S and 30°25.0'S and the meridians of 71°31.0'W and 72°00.0'W.

6. Off Antofagasta—An area bounded by the parallels of 22°45.0'S and 23°50.0'S and the meridians of 70°33.0'W and 71°13.0'W.

7. Off Iquique—An area bounded by the parallels of 19°45.0'S and 20°20.0'S and the meridians of 70°16.0'W and 70°40.0'W.

- Approaches to Arica. (IMO adopted)
- Approaches to Iquique. (IMO adopted)
- Approaches to Antofagasta. (IMO adopted)
- Approaches to Quintero Bay. (IMO adopted)
- Approaches to Valparaiso. (IMO adopted)
- Approaches to Concepcion Bay. (IMO adopted)
- Approaches to San Vicente Bay. (IMO adopted)
- Approaches to Punta Arenas. (IMO adopted)

### U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is situated at Avenida Andres Bello 2800, Las Condes, Santiago.

U. S. Embassy Chile—Contact Information	
Mailing address	3460 Santiago Place
	Washington, DC (20521-3460)
Telephone	56-2-2330-3000
Facsimile	56-2-2330-3710
E-mail	<a href="mailto:SantiagoUSA@state.gov">SantiagoUSA@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://cl.usembassy.gov">https://cl.usembassy.gov</a>

### Vessel Traffic Service

Vessel Traffic Services are in operation, as follows:

- Arica (18°28'S., 70°19'W.).
- Bahia Quintero (32°46'S., 71°31'W.).
- Iquique (20°12'S., 70°09'W.).
- Mejillones (23°05'S., 70°26'W.).
- Valparaiso (33°02'S., 71°38'W.).

For further information, see Pub. 125, Sailing Directions (Enroute) West Coast of South America.

A Vessel Traffic Service and reporting system is in operation in the Strait of Magellan and its approaches, including Canal Gray (52°20'S., 73°43'W.), Canal Jeronimo (53°28'S., 73°27'W.), Paso Shoal (52°32'S., 73°38'W.), and Paso Summer (52°18'S., 73°39'W.). For further information, see Pub. 124, Sailing Directions (Enroute) East Coast of South America.

### Time Zone

The Time Zone description for mainland Chile, Archipelago de Juan Fernandez and Isla San Felix is QUEBEC (+4). Daylight Savings Time (PAPA (+3)) is maintained from the first Saturday in September until the first Saturday in April of the following year.

The Time Zone description for Isla de Pascua (Easter Island) is SIERRA (+6). Daylight Savings Time (ROMEO (+5)) is maintained from the first Saturday in September until the first Saturday in April of the following year.

The Time Zone description for the Magellanes Region is PA-PA (+3). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

### Traffic Separation Schemes

Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) in Chile are, as follows:

## Appendix I—MRCC and MRSC Contact Information

Chile—MRCC and MRSC Contact Information			
	Telephone	Facsimile	E-mail
MRCC Chile	56-32-2208637 56-32-2208638 56-32-2208639	56-32-2208622	<a href="mailto:mrccchile@directemar.cl">mrccchile@directemar.cl</a>
MRSC Arica	56-58-2206470 56-58-2206486	56-58-2206496	<a href="mailto:mrscarica@directemar.cl">mrscarica@directemar.cl</a>
MRCC Iquique	56-57-2401945	—	<a href="mailto:mrcciquique@directemar.cl">mrcciquique@directemar.cl</a>
MRSC Antofagasta	56-55-2630000 56-55-2630037	—	<a href="mailto:mrscantofagasta@directemar.cl">mrscantofagasta@directemar.cl</a> <a href="mailto:cbaradio@directemar.cl">cbaradio@directemar.cl</a>
MRSC Caldera	56-52-2315276	—	<a href="mailto:mrsccaldera@directemar.cl">mrsccaldera@directemar.cl</a>
MRSC Coquimbo	56-51-2558137	—	<a href="mailto:mrsccoquimbo@directemar.cl">mrsccoquimbo@directemar.cl</a>
MRCC Valparaiso	56-32-2528909 56-32-2208913	—	<a href="mailto:mrccvalparaiso@directemar.cl">mrccvalparaiso@directemar.cl</a> <a href="mailto:cbvradio@directemar.cl">cbvradio@directemar.cl</a>
MRSC Hanga Roa, Isla de Pascua	56-32-2100222 56-32-2100567	—	<a href="mailto:mrshangaroa@directemar.cl">mrshangaroa@directemar.cl</a> <a href="mailto:cbyradio@directemar.cl">cbyradio@directemar.cl</a>
MRSC San Antonio	56-35-2584886 56-35-2584846	—	<a href="mailto:mrscsanantonio@directemar.cl">mrscsanantonio@directemar.cl</a>
MRCC Talcahuano	56-41-2266162	—	<a href="mailto:mrcccalcahuano@directemar.cl">mrcccalcahuano@directemar.cl</a>
MRSC Valdivia	56-63-2278971 56-63-2278987	—	<a href="mailto:mrsevaldivia@directemar.cl">mrsevaldivia@directemar.cl</a>
MRCC Puerto Montt	56-65-2205190	—	<a href="mailto:mrccpuertomontt@directemar.cl">mrccpuertomontt@directemar.cl</a>
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MRSC Puerto Aysen	56-67-2331461	—	<a href="mailto:mrscaysen@directemar.cl">mrscaysen@directemar.cl</a>
MRCC Punta Arenas	56-61-2201161	—	<a href="mailto:mrccpuntaarenas@directemar.cl">mrccpuntaarenas@directemar.cl</a>
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## Appendix II—Chile Ship Reporting System (CHILREP)

The Chilean Ship Reporting System (CHILREP) is a voluntary system operated by the General Directorate of the Maritime Territory and Merchant Marine, which is a Directorate of the Chilean Navy. Participation is compulsory for all Chilean vessels; other vessels are encouraged to participate. The CHILREP system is a ship reporting system established with the following objectives:

1. To limit the time between the loss of a vessel and the initiation of search and rescue action, in cases where no distress signal is sent out.
2. To limit the search area for a rescue action.
3. To provide up-to-date information on shipping resources available in the area, in the event of a search and rescue incident.

The coverage of CHILREP and the Chilean maritime search and rescue area as advised to the International Maritime Organization are identical. The CHILREP area is bounded by the coasts of Argentina, Chile, and Antarctica and lines joining the following positions:

1. Western limit—
  - a. 18°21'03.0"S, 70°22'54.0"W. (Chile/Peru border)
  - b. 18°21'03.0"S, 120°00'00.0"W.
  - c. 30°00'00.0"S, 120°00'00.0"W.
  - d. 30°00'00.0"S, 131°00'00.0"W.
  - e. The Antarctic coast at 131°00'00"W.
2. Eastern limit—
  - a. 55°22'54.0"S, 65°43'36.0"W. (coast)
  - b. 56°22'48.0"S, 65°43'36.0"W.
  - c. 56°22'48.0"S, 67°16'00.0"W.
  - d. 58°21'00.0"S, 67°16'00.0"W.
  - e. 58°21'00.0"S, 53°00'00.0"W.
  - f. The Antarctic coast at 53°00'00.0"W.

CHILREP is a positive reporting system in that, should an expected report become overdue, actions which include worldwide communications checks, the alerting of ships in the vicinity, and the launching of search aircraft will be initiated.

CHILREP messages are sent, as follows:

1. When the vessel is at sea, the report is to be sent through any Chilean coast radio station which accepts public correspondence.
2. When the vessel is in a Chilean port, the report is to be sent through any Chilean coast radio station which accepts public correspondence; the message should be addressed to Directemar Valparaíso.

### Message Requirements

A **Sailing Plan (SP)** is submitted upon departure from a Chilean port or when entering the CHILREP area. The SP is relayed to the CHILREP service, where a computerized plot is maintained for the vessel's position.

A **Position Report (PR)** is sent once a day between 1200 and 1600 UTC so that a report is received every 24 hours.

A **Deviation Report (DR)** must be sent any time a vessel is in a position more than 2 hours steaming from the position that would be predicted from the last SP or PR. Failure to do so will result in the search being concentrated in the wrong area in the event of a missed report, and the possibility that survivors from a stricken ship may not be found.

A **Final Report (FR)** is to be sent on arrival at the ship's

destination or on departure from the CHILREP area.

The first line of each message is always CHILREP followed by the message type (SP, PR, DR, or FR). The basic CHILREP format and the required information for each message are contained in the accompanying table titled **CHILREP Reports—Format and Information Required**.

### Types of Messages

**Sailing Plan (CHILREP SP).**—The SP contains information necessary to initiate a plot and give an outline of the vessel's intended passage. An SP should be sent within 24 hours prior or up to 2 hours after entry into the CHILREP area or departure from a port within the CHILREP area, in accordance with one of the following scenarios:

1. SP-1 submitted on entering the CHILREP area
2. SP-2 submitted on departure from a port within the CHILREP area to a port outside the CHILREP area. The report may be submitted prior to sailing and up to 2 hours after departure.
3. SP-3 submitted on departure from a port within the CHILREP area to a port within the CHILREP area. The report may be submitted prior to sailing and up to 2 hours after departure.
4. SP-4 submitted when transiting the CHILREP area from and to a port not in the CHILREP area.

**Position Report (CHILREP PR).**—A PR should be sent daily between 1200 and 1600 UTC. The PR must reflect the position, course, and speed of the ship at the time of the report. If it is necessary to alter the nominated daily reporting time, the alteration should be shown in the PR sent before the change. The information contained in the PR will be used to update the computerized plot.

**Deviation Report (CHILREP DR).**—A DR must be sent should a vessel, at any time, be in a position more than 2 hours steaming from the position that would be predicted from the last SP or PR. Line X of the DR should contain the reason for the deviation (speed reduction due to weather, change of destination, etc.).

**Final Report (CHILREP FR).**—An FR contains the information which terminates the vessel's participation in the CHILREP system. Line X of the FR must include the words "Final Report." An FR should be sent in accordance with one of the following scenarios:

1. FR-1 submitted prior to or on arrival at a port within the CHILREP area.
2. FR-2 submitted when a vessel has departed from the CHILREP area. This report should be sent as soon as practicable.

**Other reports.**—All vessels within the CHILREP system are requested to report incidents involving the following:

1. **Dangerous Goods Report (CHILREP DG).**
2. **Harmful Substances Report (CHILREP HS).**—Vessels engaged in or requested to engage in an operation to render assistance or undertake salvage should also send this report.
3. **Maritime Pollutants Report (CHILREP MP).**—Vessels engaged in or requested to engage in an operation to render assistance or undertake salvage should also send this report.

**Overdue Reports.**—To avoid unnecessary search action, it is important that vessels report at the nominated reporting time each day and send their FINAL REPORT when leaving the CHILREP area. If a vessel is unable to pass a position report

due to unserviceable radio equipment or other reasons, all attempts must be made to pass a signal to this effect through another vessel, port, or other shore authority, either by VHF or use of an emergency transmitter.

CHILREP Reports—Format and Information Required												
Identifier		Sailing Plan				PR	DR	Final Report		DG	HS	MP
		SP-1	SP-2	SP-3	SP-4			FR-1	FR-2			
A	Vessel name and call sign.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
B	Date and time of report (6 digits—date (2 digits), hours (2 digits), and minutes (2 digits)). Reports are to be in Universal Coordinated Time (UTC), to be indicated by the suffix Z.					X	X			X	X	X
C	Position—Latitude (4 digits in degrees and minutes) N or S and Longitude (5 digits in degrees and minutes) W.					X	X			X	X	X
D	Geographical position (optional). Used when sailing near the coast or in inland waters. Give well-known name(s) of clearly identifiable landmark(s).											
E	True course anticipated until next reporting time (3 digits). When more than one course is to be used, enter Various; this will be interpreted as being the normal course(s) a vessel will follow on that particular passage. If this is not the case clarification should be made.					X					X	
F	Speed (the anticipated average speed the vessel will make until the next report).	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	
G	Last port of call (when entering CHILREP area only).	X			X							
H	Date/time (using format shown in B) and point of entry into CHILREP system. The point of entry is the latitude/longitude at which the vessel is entering the CHILREP area or the Chilean port from which the vessel is departing.	X	X	X	X							
I	Destination and ETA (with date).		X		X		X					
J	Whether a pilot is carried on the vessel. Notification of pilot is required when route considers inland waters navigation.			X								

CHILREP Reports—Format and Information Required												
Identifier		Sailing Plan				PR	DR	Final Report		DG	HS	MP
		SP-1	SP-2	SP-3	SP-4			FR-1	FR-2			
K	Date/time (using format shown in B) and point of exit from CHILREP system. The point of exit is the latitude/longitude at which the vessel is leaving the CHILREP area or the Chilean port the vessel is to arrive at.	X	X	X	X			X	X			
L	Route (the vessel's intended track). State whether Great Circle (GC), Rhumb Line (RL), or Coastal, with waypoints being followed, expressed in latitude and longitude. Courses are not required if waypoints are mentioned.	X	X	X	X						X	
M	Coast radio stations or maritime communications stations monitored. Include INMARSAT and SELCALL number, if fitted. List stations which the vessel normally works to contact managers, owners, agents, etc., in addition to the Chilean maritime communications stations monitored.	X	X	X	X					X	X	X
N	Nominated daily reporting time (using format shown in B). Daily reporting times are advised to be made within the period from 1200 to 1600 UTC.	X	X	X	X						X	
O	Draft.											
P	Cargo (brief identification).									X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>2</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>
Q	Defects or other limitations.									X	X <sup>3</sup>	X <sup>3</sup>
R	Reports of any pollution seen.									X <sup>4</sup>	X <sup>5</sup>	X <sup>4</sup>
S	Weather conditions in the area.									X <sup>6</sup>	X <sup>6</sup>	X <sup>6</sup>
T	Vessel's agents.									X <sup>7</sup>	X <sup>7</sup>	X <sup>7</sup>
U	Vessel's type and size.									X	X	X
V	Medical personnel carried.	X	X	X	X							
W	Number of persons on board.											
X	Remarks.	X	X	X		X	X <sup>8</sup>	X <sup>9</sup>	X <sup>9</sup>		X <sup>10</sup>	X <sup>10</sup>
<b>CHILREP Key</b>												
X	Required information. Other designators may be included at the discretion of the Master or when relevant to the type of report being sent.											

CHILREP Key	
X <sup>1</sup>	<p><b>DG</b>—This information is required if the condition of the vessel is such that there is danger additional losses of packaged dangerous cargo into the sea.</p> <p><b>MP</b>—This information is required in the event of probable discharge.</p> <p>The following details should be included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Correct technical name(s) of cargo.</li> <li>2 UN number(s).</li> <li>3 IMO hazard class(es).</li> <li>4 Name(s) of manufacturer(s), when known, or consignee(s) or consignor(s).</li> <li>5 Types of packages, including identification marks. Specify whether in portable tanks or tank vehicles, or packaged in vehicle, freight container, or other transport unit containing packages.</li> <li>6 An estimate of the quantity and likely condition of the cargo.</li> </ol> <p>Information not immediately available should be sent in a supplementary message or messages.</p>
X <sup>2</sup>	<p>The following details should be included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Type of oil or the correct technical name(s) of the noxious liquid substance on board.</li> <li>2 UN number(s).</li> <li>3 Pollution category (A, B, C, or D) for noxious liquid substances.</li> <li>4 Name(s) of manufacturer(s) of substances, if appropriate, when known, or consignee(s) or consignor(s).</li> <li>5 Quantity.</li> </ol> <p>Information not immediately available should be sent in a supplementary message or messages.</p>
X <sup>3</sup>	<p>The following details should be included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Condition of the vessel.</li> <li>2 Ability to transfer cargo/ballast/fuel.</li> </ol> <p>Information not immediately available should be sent in a supplementary message or messages.</p>
X <sup>4</sup>	<p>The following details should be included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Correct technical name(s) of cargo.</li> <li>2 UN number(s).</li> <li>3 IMO hazard class(es).</li> <li>4 Name(s) of manufacturer(s), when known, or consignee(s) or consignor(s).</li> <li>5 Types of packages, including identification marks. Specify whether in portable tanks or tank vehicles, or packaged in vehicle, freight container, or other transport unit containing packages.</li> <li>6 An estimate of the quantity and likely condition of the cargo.</li> <li>7 Whether lost cargo floated or sank.</li> <li>8 Whether loss is continuing.</li> <li>9 Cause of loss.</li> </ol> <p>Information not immediately available should be sent in a supplementary message or messages.</p>
X <sup>5</sup>	<p>The following details should be included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Type of oil or the correct technical name(s) of the noxious liquid discharged into the sea.</li> <li>2 UN number(s).</li> <li>3 Pollution category (A, B, C, or D) for noxious liquid substances.</li> <li>4 Name(s) of manufacturer(s) of substances, if appropriate, when known, or consignee(s) or consignor(s).</li> <li>5 An estimate of the quantity of the substances.</li> <li>6 Whether lost substances floated or sank.</li> <li>7 Whether loss is continuing.</li> <li>8 Cause of loss.</li> <li>9 Estimate of the movement of the discharge or lost substances, giving current conditions, if known.</li> <li>10 Estimate of the surface area of the spill, if possible.</li> </ol> <p>Information not immediately available should be sent in a supplementary message or messages.</p>
X <sup>6</sup>	<p>When reported, the following items are recommended:</p> <p>Pressure (Pa) (4 digits).</p> <p>Wind direction and force in knots (5 digits).</p> <p>Air and water temperature, when available, in °C.</p> <p>Dew point (in degrees and tenths) (3 digits) in °C.</p> <p>Vessels which anticipate passing through areas of severe weather conditions or are experiencing severe weather are urged to report their position at more frequent intervals.</p>
X <sup>7</sup>	<p>Name, address, telex, and telephone number of the vessel's owner and representative (charterer, manager, or operator of the vessel, or their agent).</p>



<b>CHILREP Key</b>	
X <sup>8</sup>	Include the reason for the deviation (speed reduction due to change in weather, change of destination, etc.).
X <sup>9</sup>	Must include the words Final Report.
X <sup>10</sup>	The following details should be included: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Actions being taken with regard to the discharge and the movement of the vessel.</li><li>2 Assistance or salvage efforts which have been requested or which have been provided by others.</li><li>3 The master of an assisting or salvage vessel should report the particulars of the action undertaken or planned.</li></ol> Information not immediately available should be sent in a supplementary message or messages.



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There is a great diversity of climate, physical regions, peoples, and languages, but the population is mostly concentrated on the river plains where the flattest land is located.

Only 10 per cent of the land is arable, with the soil generally poor in character, requiring the practice of terraced agriculture.

With the exception of the coast, which is temperate, most of China has hot summers and cold winters.

Rainfall in the S part amounts to about 2,000mm per year and is about twice that of the N part.

The S coast of China is indented by the great estuary of the Chu Chiang (Canton River), and Hainan Tao lies offshore just E of Vietnam.

The intermediate coast contains numerous bays and smaller inlets which provide areas of anchorage for those with permission to approach and enter.

The terrain is mostly mountains. High plateaus and deserts are in the W. Plains, deltas, and hills are in the E.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect although some buoys may not conform to the IALA system. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

Many navigational aids in China are being fitted with Automatic Identification System (AIS) capabilities. In addition, numerous virtual AIS aids to navigation exist in the fairways and approaches to Shanghai and other Chinese ports. The channels are constantly changing and the positions of the fairway and the virtual AIS navigational aids are changed accordingly.

Lights may be altered without notice, new lights continue to be established, and the use of racons and AIS is increased.

During the winter months, many buoys in Bo Hai and in the N area of the Yellow Sea, especially in port approaches, may be removed or replaced by ice buoys.

## Cautions

### High Speed Craft

High speed craft operate in Zhujiang Kou between Hong Kong, Macau, and Shekou (22°28'N., 113°54'E.), and ports on the Zhujiang. Vessels are advised to maintain a good lookout.

### Magnetic Anomalies

A local magnetic anomaly is located about 2 miles W of Jinshan Zui (39°48.7'N., 119°31.6'E.).

A local magnetic anomaly, where the normal magnetic variation can increase by as much as 5°, is located about 1 mile N of Jiming Dao (37°27'N., 122°29'E.).

Compass deflections occur in Beigang Shuidao between position 31°20'N, 122°20'E and position 31°21'N, 122°07'E.

Compass deflections have occurred in the entrance to Kemen Shuidao (26°25.0'N. 119°47.8'E.) in the approach to Luoyuan Wan.

Local magnetic anomalies have been reported in the vicinity of Haiyang Dao (39°03.9'N., 123°10.0'E.).

### Sand Waves

See **Taiwan—Cautions.**

### Piracy

Vessels operating in the Voluntary Community Reporting

Area (VCR) are strongly encouraged to report all cyber attack incidents and any interference on radio frequencies, radars, GPS, and AIS. For further information on the VCR, see **Pacific Ocean—Ship Reporting System.**

## Wind Farms

Numerous wind farms, some of which are under construction, lie off the coast between Zhelang Jiao and Shibeisha Jiao (22°67'N., 116°30'E.).

Other wind farms are located, as follows:

1. In the vicinity of position 23°14.7'N, 117°01.7'E.
2. Putian Pirnhaiwon Qind Farm (25°09'N., 119°23'E.).

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the yuan, consisting of 10 jiao.

## Fishing Areas

### Fishing Grounds

**Bohai Sea.**—In depths of 10 to 25m. The spring season runs from late April until late June, with its peak in late May and early June. The summer season runs from July until October and takes place mainly in the S and central portions of the Bohai Sea.

**Northern Yellow Sea.**—In depths of 15 to 40m. The spring season runs from late April until late June, with its peak in May. The autumn season runs from August to late November.

**Central Yellow Sea.**—In depths of 15 to 30m. The spring season runs from mid April until early June, with its peak in May. The autumn season runs from September until late November.

**Southern Yellow Sea.**—In depths of 20 to 50m. The spring season runs from mid April until early May. The autumn season runs from September until late November.

**East China Sea.**—The main fishing areas are, as follows:

1. Changjiang Kou.—The main fishing season occurs in November and December.
2. Zhoushan.—The main fishing season occurs in November and December.
3. Minzhong.—The winter season runs from November until February, with its peak in December. The spring season runs from March until May, with its peak in March and April.
4. Minnan.—The spring season runs from the last ten days of March through the first 10 days of May, with its peak in April and May. Migratory species are caught from October until February.
5. Taiwan Shoal.—The spring season runs from the last ten days of March through the first 10 days of May, with its peak in April and May. Migratory species are caught from October until February.

Squid fishing occurs in the East China Sea from boats up to 100 tons, principally from July through October. Bright lights may be used at night to attract the fish.

**South China Sea.**—Fishing is confined mainly to the coastal shelf, with little activity in the deeper waters off the shelf. On the coastal shelf off southeast China, these fishing grounds extend NE from Hainan Dao. Within the 100m curve trawling and long-line fishing are carried out year round, as follows:

1. East of Hainan Dao—Long-line fishing from January to May. Trawling from November to May.
2. Central region W of Pratas Reef—Long-line fishing from May to August. Trawling from November to May.
3. Southeast of Hong Kong—Long-line fishing from September to April. Trawling from November to March.

### Fishing Vessels

Large fleets of fishing junks may be encountered on the coast of China; the junks may not be carrying lights, but have their smallest sail forward. They are solidly built and serious damage could be incurred by colliding with them.

Fishing vessels vary from traditional rowing or sailing craft as little as 3m long to modern trawlers 15m long and over.

Large concentrations of fishing vessels under sail and power may be encountered, particularly in Taiwan Strait.

Large fleets of fishing vessels may be encountered W of Taiwan Banks.

Mariners are cautioned that fishing vessels, in addition to being hampered, are liable at times to make unannounced maneuvers.

Every care should be taken to keep clear of vessels engaged in fishing.

### Fishing Stakes and Fishing Traps

Fishing stakes have been reported up to 30 miles offshore and mariners should consider this when proceeding from one Chinese port to another. Fishing stakes consist of several bamboo poles anchored by large stones. They are usually marked by a flag. A sampan is usually secured to the stakes; vessels should not pass between the sampan and the stakes.

Fish traps may be encountered up to 10 miles off the coast between Changjankou Beijiao (31°42'N., 121°53'E.) and Baigeshi Lan (36°41'N., 121°22'E.) and up to 15 miles off the coast between and Baigeshi Lan and Chengshan Jiao (37°24'N., 122°42'E.). The traps, which are in use during the spring and fall fishing seasons, consist of floating bag nets with a framework of spars, some of which are of considerable size, moored to the bottom in rows sometime up to 2 miles long. During strong tidal currents, the traps may not be visible.

### Government



**Flag of China**

The People's Republic of China is a Communist state. The country is divided into 23 provinces, five autonomous regions, four municipalities, and two special administrative districts.

China is governed a President elected by the National People's Congress to a 5-year term. The Premier is nominated by the President and confirmed by the National People's Congress. The unicameral National People's Congress consists of a maximum of 3,000 members elected by municipal, regional, and provincial people's congresses to serve 5-year terms.

The legal system is based on a complex mixture of custom and criminal statutes.

The capital is Beijing.

### Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1-2
Chinese New Year	Variable (3 days)
Labor Day	May 1-3
National Day	October 1-3

### Ice

There is some degree of ice formation in winter in the Bohai Sea and the N parts of the Yellow Sea. In general, this area is the lowest world latitude where ice formation occurs. In normal winters, ice formation is not particularly severe, but there have been instances in the past where ice formation in this area has closed navigational channels, interrupted shipping operations, and posed a threat to the safety of vessels, port equipment, and offshore petroleum infrastructure.

### Industries

The main industries are mining and ore processing; iron, steel, aluminum, and other metals; coal; machine building; armaments; textiles and apparel; petroleum; cement; chemicals; fertilizers; consumer products (including footwear, toys, and electronics); food processing; transportation equipment (including automobiles, rail cars and locomotives, ships, and aircraft); telecommunications equipment; commercial space launch vehicles; and satellites.

The main exports are broadcast equipment, computers, integrated circuits, office machinery and parts, and telephones. The main export-trading partners are the United States, Hong Kong, and Japan.

The main imports are crude petroleum, integrated circuits, iron, natural gas, vehicles, and gold. The main import-trading partners are South Korea, Japan, the United States, Germany, Australia, and Taiwan.

### Languages

The Chinese language has many dialects, but the common speech or Putonghua (often referred to as "Mandarin") is based on the Beijing Dialect. There are several dialects in use throughout China, but the government is promoting the general use of the national language.

## Meteorology

Marine weather forecasts and warnings are available, in English and Chinese, from the Hong Kong Observatory (<https://www.hko.gov.hk/en/index.html>).

## Mined Areas

Several areas are declared dangerous due to mines laid during World War II and the Korean War. Due to the elapse of time, the risk in these areas to surface navigation is now considered no more dangerous than the ordinary risk of navigation. However, a very real risk still exists with regard to anchoring, fishing, or any form of submarine or sea bed activity.

**Hainan Tao.**—The area N of 18°11'N, and between the meridians of 109°29'E and 109°35'E, is dangerous due to ground mines. A swept channel into Yu-lin Chiang Harbor has been cleared of ground mines, as follows:

1. A rectangle with its NE corner bearing 194°, 914m from Lotao Jiao (18°12'36"N., 109°33'06"E.) with E and N sides running 180°, 5,669m and 270°, 2,743m from this position.

2. A 732m wide channel bearing 149.75° from the center of the harbor entrance connects with the rectangle.

**Qionghou Haixia (W approach).**—The area bound by the parallels of 20°00'N and 20°10'N, and the meridians of 109°14'E and 109°22'E, is dangerous due to mines.

**Qionghou Haixia (E approach).**—The area bound by the parallels of 20°00'N and 20°30'N, and the meridians of 110°30'E and 111°00'E, is dangerous due to mines. Middle Channel, about 1 mile wide, has been swept with its centerline passing through the following positions:

- 20°15'30"N, 111°00'00"E.
- 20°15'30"N, 110°55'18"E.
- 20°14'18"N, 110°49'12"E.
- 20°14'30"N, 110°44'24"E.
- 20°14'30"N, 110°30'00"E.

**Shantou Gang.**—An area are known to be dangerous to navigation and a cleared channel through it are, as follows:

1. The area bounded by the parallels of 23°18'N and 23°21'N, and by the meridians of 116°45'E and 116°47'E, is dangerous.

2. A channel has been swept with the centerline passing through the following positions:

- Bearing 357°, 2.25 miles from Biao Jiao Light (Haowang Chiao Light) (Good Hope Cape Light) (23°14'18"N., 116°48'12"E.).
- Bearing 139°, 1.1 miles from flagstaff. on Lu Yu (Te Chou).
- Bearing 305°, 1.6 miles from flagstaff. on Lu Yu (Te Chou).

The channel is 0.4 mile wide except where it is limited by the navigable width of Luyu Shuidao (Te Chou Channel). The area W of position (c) is safe.

**Xiamen Gang Approaches.**—An area are known to be dangerous to navigation and a swept area and cleared channel through it are, as follows:

- The area bounded by the parallels of 24°16'N and 24°25'N, and by the meridians of 118°06'E and 118°15'E, is dangerous.
- The area bounded by the parallels of 24°15'42"N and

24°19'36"N, and by the meridians of 118°09'00"E and 118°13'18"E, has been swept.

3. A channel has been swept 0.5 mile wide, with the centerline passing through the following positions:

- 24°19'48"N, 118°10'24"E.
- 24°25'00"N, 118°05'24"E.

Vessels are recommended to approach the channel through the swept area described in paragraph (2) and with Tatan Tao Light bearing 000°.

**Wenzhou Wan.**—The area bounded by the parallels of 27°55'N and 28°05'N, between the meridians of 121°35'E and 121°55'E, is dangerous.

**T'ai-chou Wan.**—The area bounded by the parallels of 28°25'N and 28°30'N, between the meridians of 121°57'E and 122°03'E, is dangerous.

**Hwang Hai.**—Area enclosed by a circle, with a radius of 2 miles centered on position 33°51'N, 123°10'E, is dangerous.

**Ma Kung Approaches.**—The area bounded by lines joining the following positions is open to unrestricted surface navigation, but vessels are cautioned not to anchor nor submarines to operate submerged:

- 23°31'54"N, 119°31'12"E.
- 23°32'48"N, 119°29'42"E.
- 23°33'42"N, 119°30'24"E.
- 23°33'06"N, 119°32'30"E.

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volumes

Pub. 157, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Coasts of Korea and China.

Pub. 161, Sailing Directions (Enroute) South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand.

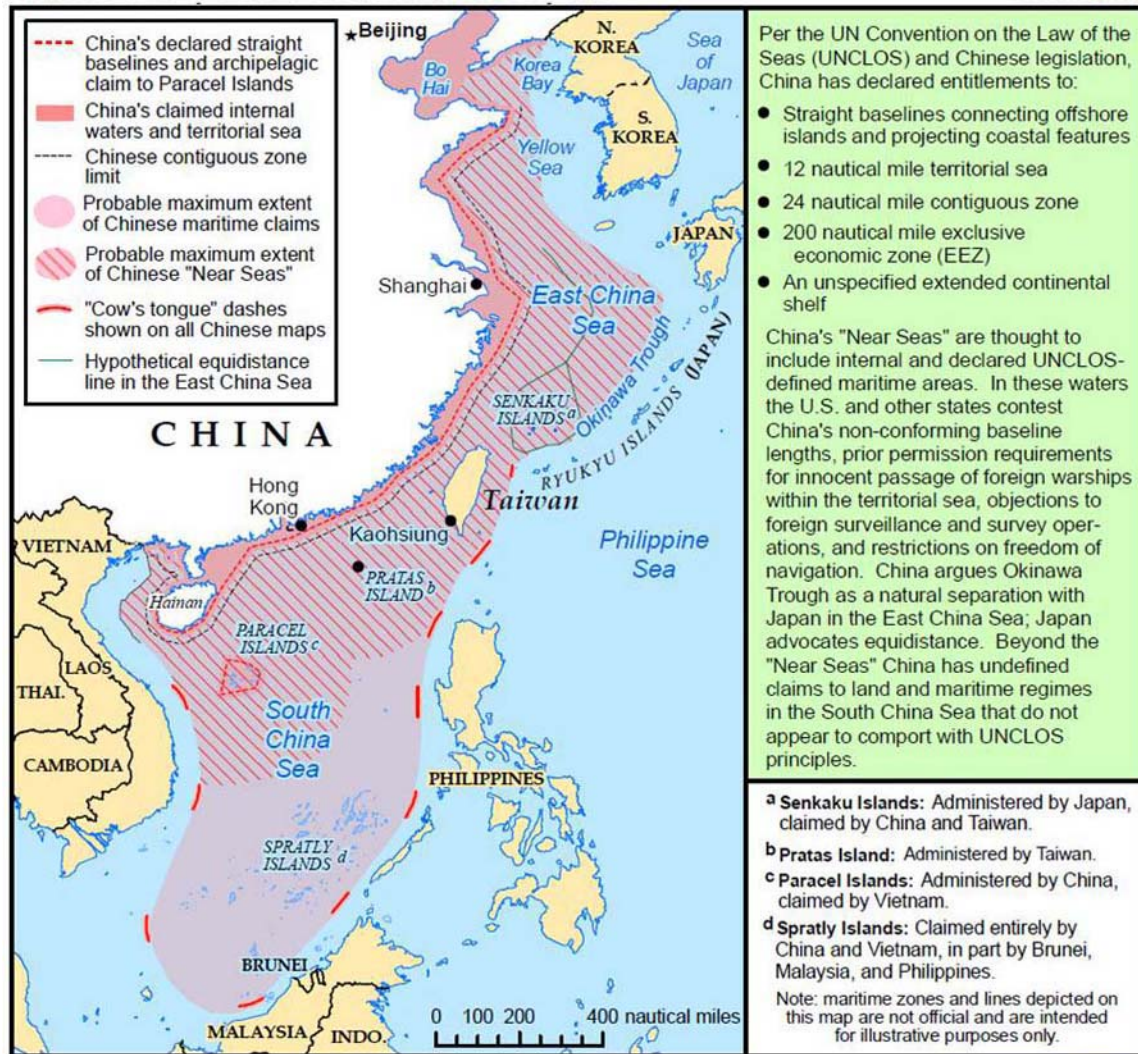
### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of China are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone **	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone ***	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	200 miles or the Continental Margin.
* Claims straight baselines. Requires advance permission or notification for innocent passage of warships in the territorial sea.	
** Also considered a Security Zone.	
*** Claims right to create Safety Zones around structures in the Economic Zone, right to require authorization to lay submarine cables and pipelines, and right to broad powers to enforce laws in the Economic Zone.	

### Maritime Boundary Disputes

Involved in a complex dispute with Vietnam, the Philippines, Taiwan, Malaysia, and Brunei over the Spratly Islands (8°38'N., 111°55'E.). The 2002-issued *Declaration on the*



Courtesy of US Department of State

### China's Perspective of its Maritime Space

*Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea* has eased tensions but falls short of a legally-binding code of conduct desired by several of the disputants.

Occupies the Paracel Islands (16°40'N., 112°20'E.), which are also claimed by Vietnam and Taiwan.

A maritime boundary and joint fishing zone agreement with Vietnam remains unratified.

Claims the Japanese-administered Senkaku Islands (Diaoyu Tai) (25°50'N., 124°05'E.).

China and Taiwan both claim James Shoal (3°58'N., 112°20'E.), which has an average depth of about 17m, and lies about 50 miles off the coast of the Malaysian state of Sarawak on the NW side of the island of Borneo, despite the fact the shoal lies within the exclusive economic zone of Malaysia.

#### Internet Maritime Safety Information

Notice to Mariners, weather, and associated safety information are available, in English and Chinese, from the Maritime Safety Administration (<https://en.msa.gov.cn/index.php>).

#### Typhoon Havens

Anchorage and shelter during typhoons can be found, from S to N, as follows:

1. Basuo Gang (19°06'N., 108°37'E.).
2. Yangpu (19°43'N., 109°11'E.).
3. Houshui Wan (19°54'N., 109°24'E.).
4. Liusha Gang (20°27'N., 109°54'E.).
5. Zhanjiang Gang (21°11'N., 110°25'E.).
6. Dafangji Dao (21°23'N., 111°11'E.).
7. Dajin (21°52'N., 113°01'E.).
8. North of Lingding Sha (22°36'N., 113°44'E.).
9. Humen Shuido (22°47'N., 113°37'E.).
10. Nizhou Shuido (22°55'N., 113°34'E.).
11. South of Dahao Zhou (23°05'N., 113°29'E.).
12. Mirs Bay (22°31'N., 114°25'E.).
13. Daya Wan (22°35'N., 114°36'E.).
14. Fanhe Gang (22°47'N., 114°47'E.).
15. Shantou (23°21'N., 116°40'E.).
16. Dongshan Wan (23°47'N., 113°33'E.).

17. Nanao Dan (23°37'N., 117°18'E.).
18. Xiamen Dan (24°25'N., 118°04'E.).
19. Xinghau Wan (25°20'N., 119°25'E.).
20. Luoyuan Wan (26°25.4'N., 119°42.3'E.).
21. Sansha Wan (26°39.5'N., 119°48.7'E.).
22. Fuyao Liedao (26°56.5'N., 120°19.8'E.).
23. Shacheng Gang (27°10.3'N., 120°24.3'E.).
24. Heinu Wan (27°47.9'N., 121°06.6'E.).
25. Leqing Wan (Yeuding Wan) (28°08.8'N., 121°06.6'E.).
26. Xiangshan Gang (29°39.7'N., 121°54.5'E.).
27. Dapeng Shan (29°45.5'N., 122°21.8'E.).
28. Changtu Gang (30°15'N., 122°18'E.).
29. Qushan Dao (30°26'N., 122°22'E.).
30. Luhushan South (30°49.4'N., 121°37.2'E.).
31. Baoshan Anchorage (31°31.6'N., 121°23.5'E.).

## Offshore Drilling

China has vastly expanded its offshore hydrocarbon extraction activities and currently operates about 100 oil fields, especially in Bo Hai and the coastal regions N of Chang Jiang to Shandong Bandao. Natural gas extraction is also in production. Mariners should be alert to the possibility of encountering rigs, the existence of which may not have been promulgated by Notice to Mariners or Navigational Warnings.

Floating or fixed drill rigs may be encountered off the S coast of China. Buoys associated with the drilling operations are frequently moored in the vicinity of these structures. The positions of these rigs and buoys are frequently changed and are generally promulgated by radio navigational warnings.

Offshore oil installations and structures are usually surrounded by safety zones which may extend up to 500m from their outer edges.

Submarine pipelines extends about 220 miles SE from Nanhui Zui (30°52'N., 121°55'E.) and 180 miles ESE from Yangshanshan Zu (29°46'N., 121°55'E.) to a lit production platform in position 28°30.9'N, 125°01'E. Other platforms, wells, and connecting pipelines are located within 80 miles of this position.

Within Yacheng Gas Field (17°30'N., 109°10'E.) are many uncharted features. The nature of the activities in this area is complex and constantly changing. Vessels should navigate with caution.

Major offshore oil terminals are located off the coast of China, as follows:

1. Penyu Oil Terminal (20°51'N., 114°43'E.).
2. Wenchang Terminal (19°37'N., 112°03'E.).
3. Lihua Terminal (20°50'N., 115°42'E.).
4. Huizhou Terminal (21°20'N., 115°25'E.).
5. Lufeng Terminals (21°36'N., 116°09'E.).

## Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory in Zhu Jiang and in all Chinese ports which are open to foreign shipping.

The vessel or the vessel's agent shall supply the following information to the port's pilotage authority:

1. Shipping company name.
2. Vessel name (in English and Chinese).
3. Nationality.

4. Call sign.
5. Vessel type.
6. Width, loa, and draft.
7. Maximum height above waterline.
8. Gross tons, net tons, and deadweight tons.
9. Main engine and thruster type.
10. Power and speed.
11. Cargo type and quantity.
12. ETA.
13. ETD.
14. Time of berth shifting.

Certain regulations, with respect to seaport pilotage issued by the Ministry of Communications of the People's Republic of China, have been made with a view of safeguarding the sovereignty of the People's Republic of China and ensuring the safety of ports and vessels:

**Article 1.**—For all foreign vessels which enter, leave, navigate, or shift berths within any port of the People's Republic of China, pilotage is compulsory.

No foreign vessel shall enter, leave, navigate, or shift berths within a port without having on board a pilot designated by the Harbor Superintendency Administration.

In cases of emergency, such as a sudden change of weather, a vessel at anchor may, however, for the purpose of ensuring safety, shift from her original anchor position to any other position in its vicinity without a pilot, provided the Harbor Superintendency Administration is notified of the same.

**Article 2.**—Incoming foreign vessels shall anchor in the designated anchorage or pilot station and await the pilot. In case an outgoing foreign vessel requests the pilot to conduct the vessel beyond the limits of the pilotage water, the pilot has the right to refuse such request.

**Article 3.**—Prior to arrival at the pilot anchorage, incoming vessels shall communicate with the pilot station (boat) or the port signal station by exhibiting appropriate signals prescribed by the Chinese Port Authorities and follow the instructions given by the pilot station (boat) or the port signal station.

**Article 4.**—When the pilot is boarding or leaving, it is the duty of the master of the vessel piloted to take safety measures and furnish a pilot ladder complying with the requirements of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea for embarking and disembarking the pilot safely and quickly, with due regard being paid to the safety of the pilot boat.

**Article 5.**—The master of the vessel piloted shall give the pilot a correct description of the vessel's navigability and steering qualities, and shall meet the pilot's demands in piloting. Failing to do so, the master shall be responsible for the consequences arising therefrom.

**Article 6.**—While the vessel is under pilotage, the master thereof shall in no way be relieved of his responsibility for management and operation of the vessel.

The master shall still give care to the safe navigation of the vessel and must cooperate closely with the pilot.

In the interests of safe navigation, the master may put forward reasonable recommendations and requirements, but shall not interfere in the pilot's work unreasonably. If the master has to leave the bridge temporarily, he shall inform the pilot of the same and designate an officer as his representative during his absence.

**Article 7.**—In order to ensure the vessel's safety, the pilot has the right to suspend pilotage when necessary until the cir-

cumstances are suitable for safe navigation again.

**Article 8.**—For marine accidents occasioned by the fault of a pilot in the course of piloting, the pilot shall be duly punished, but shall hold no liability for loss or damage resulting therefrom.

**Article 9.**—When sea conditions or other special circumstances make it impossible for the pilot to board an incoming vessel at the designated place, the vessel shall first be guided by the pilot boat to a place at which the pilot can safely embark, and then, be conducted by the pilot into the port after his boarding.

In case of an outgoing vessel, if the pilot finds it difficult to disembark at the designated place for the same reasons as are stated above, he may disembark midway at a safe place and then guide the vessel out of the port with the pilot boat.

**Article 10.**—The pilot may be accompanied by apprentice pilots who go on board for practice. The master of the vessel piloted shall provide them with conveniences in regard to both work and life.

**Article 11.**—The master of the vessel piloted shall sign the Pilotage Bill and pay the pilotage or shifting charges according to the prescribed tariff and if the pilot considers that the vessel should be assisted by a tug or tugs, the charges for the tugs actually employed shall also be for the account of the vessel.

**Article 12.**—These Regulations shall come into force on the date of publication. The *Regulations Relating to Sea-Port Pilotage*, promulgated by the Ministry of Communications of the People's Republic of China on 9th December 1959, shall at tee time be abrogated.

## Pollution

The Chinese Ministry of Transport has established measures to reduce harmful emissions from shipping on the coast of China. Emission Control Areas (ECA) have been established, as follows:

1. Coastal Control Area—Broadly includes all sea areas and ports within 12 miles of the straight baseline extension of the Chinese mainland (excluding waters under the jurisdiction of Hong Kong and Macau).
2. Inland Control Area—Navigable waters of the Yangtze River and the Xijiang River main lines.
3. Hainan Control Area—Broadly includes the coastal area of Hainan Dao.

The implementation of the new requirements will be phased in over time, as follows:

- a. **1 January 2019**—All vessels are required to use fuel oil with a sulphur content of no more than 0.5% m/m (mass by mass).
- b. **1 January 2020**—All vessels entering the Inland Control Area must use fuel oil with a sulphur content of no more than 0.10% m/m.
- c. **1 March 2020**—All vessels without an Exhaust Gas Cleaning System entering an ECA must carry and use only fuel oil that is compliant with Chinese requirements.
- d. **1 January 2022**—All vessels entering the Hainan Control Area must use fuel oil with a sulphur content of no more than 0.10% m/m.
- e. **1 January 2025**—Chinese regulators will decide whether all vessels entering Chinese ECAs should use Ultra Low Sulphur Fuel (the sulphur content of the fuel to be no

more than 0.10% m/m).

Further information can be obtained from the People's Republic of China Ministry of Transport web site (<http://www.mot.gov.cn>).

## Prohibited Areas

### Bo Hai and approaches

**Laotieshanxi Jiao.**—An area bound by the coast and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 38°47'07"N, 121°08'27"E. (coast)
- b. 38°47'07"N, 121°01'03"E.
- c. 38°35'19"N, 121°01'03"E.
- d. then counterclockwise from point c to the coast along the minor arc of a circle with a radius of 10 miles centered on Laotieshanxi Jiao Light.

**Beihuangcheng Doa.**—A circle with a radius of 7 miles centered on Beihuangcheng Doa Light (38°23.5'N, 120°54.5'E.).

### Yellow Sea

**Sushan Dao.**—An area bounded by the coast and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 36°52'31"N, 122°26'33"E. (coast)
- b. 36°48'31"N, 122°26'33"E.
- c. 36°44'49"N, 122°15'57"E.
- d. 36°45'25"N, 122°14'51"E.
- e. 36°50'25"N, 122°10'27"E. (coast)

**Lingshan Dao.**—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 35°55'19"N, 120°24'33"E.
- b. 35°55'49"N, 120°45'03"E.
- c. 35°38'13"N, 120°53'33"E.
- d. 35°23'01"N, 120°53'33"E.
- e. 35°23'01"N, 119°56'03"E.
- f. 35°42'43"N, 120°06'33"E.
- g. 35°47'01"N, 120°09'48"E.
- h. 35°54'43"N, 120°21'27"E.
- i. 35°54'43"N, 120°24'03"E.

**Ligen Wan.**—An area bounded by the coast and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 35°53'07"N, 120°09'51"E. (coast)
- b. 35°38'19"N, 120°01'33"E.
- c. 35°33'01"N, 119°57'03"E.
- d. 35°28'01"N, 119°47'33"E.
- e. 35°35'01"N, 119°54'18"E. (coast)

## Regulations

### Quarantine Regulations

The information listed below has been extracted from the Quarantine Regulations of the People's Republic of China.

Masters of vessels subject to quarantine inspection shall supply the following information to the Quarantine Officer by radio at least 3 hours prior to arrival at the quarantine anchorage:

1. Vessel name and ETA.
2. Number of passengers, number of crew, and number of passengers landing at the port.
3. Overseas port of departure and last port of call.
4. Number of cases of infectious disease during the last 15 days, or any deaths during the voyage (state name of dis-



eases).

5. Number and nature of any cases of non-infectious diseases.

6. Whether a ship's surgeon is on board.

Quarantine inspections are normally conducted from sunrise to sunset, but may be conducted from sunset to sunrise if the Quarantine Officer is satisfied that the conditions on board the vessel will allow an adequate inspection to be performed.

For the purposes of these regulations, diseases for which vessels will be quarantined shall include the following:

1. Plague.
2. Cholera.
3. Smallpox.
4. Typhus fever.
5. Yellow fever.

6. Any disease which may be prescribed by the Minister of Health.

Masters of every vessel coming from a prescribed place shall provide the Quarantine Officer as complete a list as possible of all passengers on board, including the full address, if obtainable, of any person disembarking at the port.

The following vessels are subject to quarantine inspection upon arrival:

1. Vessels which come from a foreign port, unless an exemption has been granted.
2. Vessels which come from a proclaimed place.
3. Vessels which have infectious disease on board or on which a death has occurred since the last quarantine inspection.

Vessel subject to quarantine inspection shall:

1. Display the quarantine signal at least 3 miles prior to entering the port.
2. Display the quarantine signal until pratique has been granted.

The quarantine signals are, as follows:

1. By day.—International Code flag Q at the foremast.
2. At night (awaiting inspection).—Sounding of three distinct prolonged blasts on the ship's whistle, repeated at intervals.
3. At night (in quarantine or if inspection has been arranged).—Three red lights, vertically disposed, not less than 1.8m apart.

No unauthorized person shall go on board or alongside any vessel that is displaying the quarantine signal.

#### ETA Messages

Vessels should send their ETA 7 days in advance, via their agent, to the relevant Harbor Superintendency Administration. Vessels departing from a port within a 24-hour sailing time should send their ETA upon departure. The ETA should be confirmed 24 hours prior to arrival and include the vessel's draft fore and aft. Any changes in the ETA should be sent im-

mediately.

#### Dangerous Cargo Regulations

Vessels carrying dangerous cargo must submit their ETA, as well as the following information, to the appropriate Port Authority 96 hours prior to arrival, as follows:

1. Vessel name.
2. Vessel size.
3. Vessel type.
4. Stowage plan.

Vessels with a voyage time of less than 96 hours from their last port of call prior to arrival at a Chinese port must notify the appropriate Port Authority of their ETA and the above information prior to departing from the previous port.

#### Other Regulations

Foreign vessels should establish contact through a coast radio station near its port of destination.

Before calling at a Chinese port, vessels should apply via radio for pratique when departing the previous port.

The vessel's agent will send instructions for inbound vessels either through the coast radio station or INMARSAT.

When at anchor, vessels must maintain a continuous listening watch on the assigned VHF channel.

#### Special Regulations

Regulations exist for the passage of foreign vessels through Chung-chou Hai-hsia (Hainan Strait). These regulations are set forth in detail in Pub. 161, Sailing Directions (Enroute) South China Sea and the Gulf of Thailand.

#### Routing Measures

Taiwan has established routing measures around the coast of the country for vessels trading between Taiwan and mainland China. These routing measures are known as the Taiwan/Mainland Direct Cross-Strait Shipping Links. For further information, see **Taiwan—Regulations—Routing Measures**.

#### Single-hull Tankers

Single-hull tankers are prohibited from entering Chinese ports and territorial waters.

#### Search and Rescue

The China Maritime Search and Rescue Center in Beijing coordinates search and rescue operations and is assisted by Maritime Rescue Coordination Centers (MRCC). Contact information can be found in the accompanying table titled **China—Search and Rescue**.

A network of coast radio stations maintains a continuous listening watch on international distress frequencies.

China—Search and Rescue			
Location	Telephone	Facsimile	E-mail
MRCC China (SAR Center Beijing)	86-10-65292218	86-10-65292245	<a href="mailto:cnmrcc@mot.gov.cn">cnmrcc@mot.gov.cn</a>
	86-10-65292221		
MRCC Liaoning Province	86-411-82635487	86-411-82622230	<a href="mailto:liaoningmrcc@inmsa.gov.cn">liaoningmrcc@inmsa.gov.cn</a>

China—Search and Rescue			
Location	Telephone	Facsimile	E-mail
MRCC Tianjin	86-22-58806991	86-22-58876990	<a href="mailto:02212395@163.com">02212395@163.com</a>
MRCC Hebei Province	86-335-5366806	86-335-5366809	<a href="mailto:hebeizhzx@163.com">hebeizhzx@163.com</a>
MRCC Shandong Province	86-532-82654437	86-532-82654497	<a href="mailto:sdmsa12395@126.com">sdmsa12395@126.com</a>
MRCC Jiangsu Province	86-25-83279620	86-25-83279663	—
MRCC Shanghai	86-21-53931419	86-21-53931420	<a href="mailto:jzhzx@shmsa.gov.cn">jzhzx@shmsa.gov.cn</a>
MRCC Zhejiang Province	86-571-85454372	86-571-85454810	<a href="mailto:zjmsa12395@163.com">zjmsa12395@163.com</a>
MRCC Fujian Province	86-591-83838801	86-591-83838820	<a href="mailto:1499457067@qq.com">1499457067@qq.com</a>
MRCC Guangdong Province	86-20-34283886	86-20-34281854	<a href="mailto:gdmrcc@163.com">gdmrcc@163.com</a>
MRCC Guangxi	86-771-5531110	86-771-5537517	<a href="mailto:gxmrc@163.com">gxmrc@163.com</a>
MRCC Hainan Province	86-898-68653899	86-898-68666231	<a href="mailto:hnrc@hainan.gov.cn">hnrc@hainan.gov.cn</a>
MRCC Yangtze River	86-27-82765555	86-27-82418021	<a href="mailto:2894012482@qq.com">2894012482@qq.com</a>
MRCC Heilongjiang Province	86-451-88912331	86-451-88912337	<a href="mailto:hj12395@163.com">hj12395@163.com</a>
MRCC Lianyungang	86-518-82310309	86-518-82236977	<a href="mailto:lygmsazhzx@163.com">lygmsazhzx@163.com</a>

## Ship Reporting System

### China Ship Reporting System (CHISREP)

The China Ship Reporting System (CHISREP) is operated by the Shanghai Maritime Safety Administration of the Maritime Safety Administration of the People's Republic of China. Further information on CHISREP can be found in Appendix I.

### Reporting Requirements for Vessels Entering the Territorial Sea of the People's Republic of China (PRC)

It has been reported (2021) the following non-Chinese vessels shall report to the Maritime Safety Administration of the PRC when entering the territorial sea of the PRC:

1. Submersibles.
2. Nuclear-powered vessels.
3. Ships carrying radioactive materials.
4. Ships carrying bulk oil, chemicals, liquefied gas, and other toxic and harmful substances.
5. Other vessels that may endanger maritime traffic safety of the PRC as prescribed by laws, administrative regulations, or provisions of the State Council.

Vessels or their agents can submit this report using the chan-

nels listed in the table titled **Reporting Requirements—Submission Methods**.

Reporting Requirements—Submission Methods	
Telephone	86-21-65089469
Facsimile	86-21-66072764
E-mail	<a href="mailto:chnshiprep@shmsa.gov.cn">chnshiprep@shmsa.gov.cn</a>
Web site	<a href="https://www.sh.msa.gov.cn/chnshiprep">https://www.sh.msa.gov.cn/chnshiprep</a>

Reporting requirements are divided into two parts, as follows:

1. Initial Report.—Sent upon the initial entry into the territorial sea of the PRC.
2. Follow-up Report.—Sent every 2 hours after entering the territorial sea of the PRC. However, these reports are not required if the vessel's AIS equipment is working properly. The required information, along with the required format, is given in the table titled **Reporting Information and Format**.

Reporting Information and Format	
Required Information	Required Format
<b>Initial Report</b>	
Ship name, call sign, IMO Number, and MMSI	SPRING/DFPH2/93655788/218846000//
Report date and time and ship's current position	202108/211450UTC/2933N/12312E//
Last port of call and departure time	SINGAPORE/202108/112150UTC//
Next port of call and estimated time of arrival	SHANGHAI/202108/251830UTC//
Ship's satellite telephone number	00870773156389//

Reporting Information and Format	
Required Information	Required Format
Proper name of dangerous cargo carried on board, UN Number(s) (if none, mark with NA), category of noxious substance(s) (if not applicable, mark with NA), and cargo quantity (in tons)	BENZENE/1114/Y/50000//
Follow-up Report	
Ship name, call sign, IMO Number, and MMSI	SPRING/DFPH2/93655788/218846000//
Report date and time and ship's current position	202108/221108UTC/3016N/12303E//
Intended course and average speed	COG296/SOG125//

### In the Waters of the River Red Reporting System

The following vessels are required to participate in the reporting system:

1. Fishing vessels with a length of 24m and over.
2. Cargo vessels of 300 gross tons and over.
3. Passenger vessels as defined in Chapter I of SOLAS 1974 (as amended).

Further information on the reporting system can be found in Pub. 157, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Coasts of Korea and China.

### Information Fusion Center Voluntary Reporting Area

China is located within the area covered by the Information Fusion Center Voluntary Reporting Area. For further information, see **Pacific Ocean—Ship Reporting System**.

### Yangtze Estuary Ship Reporting System

The reporting system is mandatory for all passenger vessels and vessels of 300 gt and over. It is voluntary for vessels under 300 gt.

Further information on the reporting system can be found in Pub. 157, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Coasts of Korea and China.

### Signals

Harbor signals, storm signals, berthing signals, quarantine signals, and traffic signals used in China are given in the tables in Appendix IV. Flags and pennants are from the International Code of Signals (ICS) unless otherwise noted.

### Time Zone

China covers several Time Zones, but Time Zone description HOTEL (-8) is kept for the whole country. Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

### Traffic Separation Schemes

Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) in China are, as follows:

1. Qing Zhou Traffic Separation Scheme for High Speed Craft. (Government of China)
2. Approaches to Shanghai. (Government of China)
3. Nancoa Shuido. (Government of China) \*
4. Nanzhi Hangdao. (Government of China) \*
5. Beicao Shuido. (Government of China) \*

6. Nangang Shuido. (Government of China) \*
  7. Above Wusong Kou. (Government of China)
  8. Huangpu Jiang. (Government of China) \*
  9. Hengsha. (Government of China)
  10. Baoshan Shuido. (Government of China) \*
  11. West and NW of Xinliuhe Sha. (Government of China) \*
  12. Approaches to Qingdao Gang. (Government of China)
  13. Changshan Channel. (Government of China)
  14. In the Waters of the Changshan Jiao Promontory. (Government of China)
  15. Off Chengshan Jiao. (IMO adopted)
  16. Approaches to Dalian. (Government of China)
  17. Qingzhou Haixia. (Government of China)
  18. Northeast Approaches to Qingzhou Haixia. (Government of China)
  19. Laotieshan Shuido. (Government of China)
  20. Qingdao Gang. (Government of China)
  21. Mazu Ao.
  22. Caofeidian. (Government of China)
  23. Ningbo Gang. (Government of China)
  24. Yeuqing Wan. (Government of China)
  25. Cezi Shuido. (Government of China)
  26. Meizhou Wan. (Government of China)
- \* Located in the approaches to or within Chang Jiang.

### U.S. Embassy

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Mailing address	7300 Beijing Place
	Washington DC (20521-7300)
Telephone	86-10-8531-3000
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E-mail	<a href="mailto:BeijingACS@state.gov">BeijingACS@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://china.usembassy-china.org.cn">https://china.usembassy-china.org.cn</a>

### Vessel Traffic Service

Vessel Traffic Services are in operation, as follows:

1. Beichangshan Shuidao (38°01'N., 120°45'E.).<sup>1</sup>
2. Binhai (34°18'N., 120°16'E.).<sup>1</sup>
3. Caofeidian (38°56'N., 118°30'E.).<sup>1</sup>
4. Changdao (37°51'N., 120°41'E.) and Penglai (37°49'N., 120°46'E.).<sup>1</sup>
5. Chang Jiang (30°23'N., 113°03'E.).<sup>1</sup> The VTS is further subdivided into the following VTS areas:
  - a. Nantong VTS (32°00'N., 120°49'E.).
  - b. Zhangjia Gang VTS (31°58'N., 120°24'E.).
  - c. Jiangyin VTS (31°56'N., 120°15'E.).
  - d. Taizhou VTS (32°18'N., 119°51'E.).
  - e. Zhenjiang VTS (32°13'N., 119°26'E.).
  - f. Nanjing VTS (32°06'N., 118°44'E.).
  - g. Wuhu VTS (31°20'N., 118°21'E.).
6. Changxingdao (39°30'N., 121°17'E.).<sup>1</sup>
7. Chengshan Jaio (37°23'N., 122°47'E.).<sup>1</sup>
8. Dalian (38°42'N., 121°23'W.).<sup>1</sup>
9. Dongjiakou (35°35'N., 119°48'E.).<sup>1</sup>
10. Dongshan Wan (23°47'N., 117°33'E.).<sup>1</sup>
11. Dongying (38°05'N., 118°59'E.).<sup>1</sup>
12. Fujian Coastal VTS (24°54'N., 119°07'E.).<sup>1</sup> The VTS is further subdivided into the following VTS areas:
  - a. Sector I—controlled by Fuzhou VTS (26°03'N., 119°18'E.).
  - b. Sector II—controlled by Quanzhou VTS (24°54'N., 118°41'E.).
  - c. Sector III—controlled by Xiamen VTS (24°27'N., 118°04'E.).
  - d. Sector IV—controlled by Zhangzhou VTS (23°45'N., 117°54'E.).
13. Gaolan (Zhuhai) (23°03'N., 113°30'E.).<sup>2</sup>
14. Guangao Wan (25°12'N., 116°43'E.).<sup>1</sup>
15. Guangzhou (21°55'N., 113°12'E.).<sup>2</sup>
16. Haimen (28°41'N., 121°27'E.).<sup>1</sup> The VTS is further subdivided into the following VTS areas:
  - a. Haimen VTS.
  - b. Damaiyu VTS.
17. Huanghua (38°21'N., 117°55'E.).<sup>1</sup>
18. Hangzhou Bay Bridge (Jiaxing) (30°28'N., 121°07'E.).<sup>1</sup>
19. Huizhou (22°42'N., 114°34'E.).<sup>1</sup>
20. Jiangsu (33°28'N., 119°47'E.).<sup>1</sup> The VTS is further subdivided into the following VTS areas:
  - a. Lianyungang (Coastal VTS) (34°51'N., 119°42'E.).
  - b. Jiangyin (River VTS) (34°56'N., 120°15'E.).
  - c. Nanjing (River VTS) (32°10'N., 118°58'E.).
  - d. Nantong (River VTS) (32°00'N., 120°49'E.).
  - e. Taizhou (River VTS) (32°18'N., 119°51'E.).
  - f. Zhangjia Gang (River VTS) (31°58'N., 120°24'E.).
  - g. Zhenjiang (River VTS) (32°10'N., 119°30'E.).
21. Jiangyin (31°56'N., 120°15'E.).<sup>1</sup>
22. Jingtang (39°12'N., 119°00'E.).<sup>1</sup>
23. Jingshan Wan (24°43'N., 118°45'E.).<sup>1</sup>
24. Laizhou (37°25'N., 119°51'E.).<sup>1</sup>
25. Lianyungang (34°51'N., 119°42'E.).<sup>1</sup>
26. Longkou (37°39'N., 120°19'E.).<sup>1</sup>
27. Maji Shan (30°36'N., 122°30'E.).<sup>1</sup>
28. Minjiang Kou (26°01'N., 119°42'E.).<sup>1</sup>
29. Nanjing (32°10'N., 118°58'E.).<sup>1</sup>
30. Nantong (32°00'N., 119°49'E.).<sup>1</sup>
31. Ningde (26°38'N., 119°40'E.).<sup>1</sup>
32. Ningbo-Zhoushan (29°58'N., 121°47'E.).<sup>1</sup>
33. Panjin (40°40'N., 121°59'E.).<sup>1</sup>
34. Qingdao (36°03'N., 120°19'E.).<sup>1</sup>
35. Qinhuangdao (39°54'N., 119°35'E.).<sup>1</sup>
36. Qinzhou (21°42'N., 108°36'E.).<sup>2</sup>
37. Qiongzhou Haixia (Hainan Strait) (20°10'N., 110°17'E.).<sup>2</sup>
38. Rizhao (35°22'N., 119°32'E.).<sup>1</sup>
39. Shanghai (31°24'N., 122°31'E.).<sup>1</sup>
40. Shantou (23°21'N., 116°41'E.).<sup>1</sup>
41. Shenzhen (22°30'N., 114°09'E.).<sup>2</sup> The VTS is further subdivided into the following VTS areas:
  - a. Shenzhen (East).
  - b. Shenzhen (West).
42. Taizhou (32°18'N., 119°51'E.).<sup>1</sup>
43. Tianjin Gang (38°58'N., 117°47'E.).<sup>1</sup>
44. Weihai (37°31'N., 122°13'E.).<sup>1</sup>
45. Weitou Wan (24°32'N., 118°30'E.).<sup>1</sup>
46. Wenzhou (28°02'N., 120°39'E.).<sup>1</sup>
47. Wuhan (30°34'N., 114°18'E.).<sup>1</sup>
48. Wuhu (31°25'N., 118°18'E.).<sup>1</sup>
49. Yangpu (19°44'N., 109°12'E.).<sup>2</sup>
50. Yangshan (30°37'N., 122°05'E.).<sup>1</sup> The VTS is further subdivided into the following VTS areas:
  - a. Yantai (37°34'N., 121°24'E.).<sup>1</sup>
  - b. Yingkou (40°41'N., 122°14'E.).<sup>1</sup>
  - c. Zhangjia Gang (31°58'N., 120°24'E.).<sup>1</sup>
  - d. Zhanjiang (21°10'N., 110°25'E.).<sup>2</sup>
  - e. Zhenjiang (32°10'N., 119°30'E.).<sup>1</sup>
  - f. Zhoushan (30°01'N., 122°06'E.).<sup>1</sup> The VTS is further subdivided into the following VTS areas:
    - a. Zhoushan VTS.
    - b. Ningbo VTS.

<sup>1</sup> For further information, see Pub. 157, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Coasts of Korea and China.

<sup>2</sup> For further information, see Pub. 161, Sailing Directions (Enroute) South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand.

## Appendix I—CHISREP

### China Ship Reporting System (CHISREP)

The China Ship Reporting System (CHISREP) is operated by the Shanghai Maritime Safety Administration of the People's Republic of China. The objectives of the system are, as follows:

1. To reduce the time from the notification of the loss of a ship, even in the absence of a distress signal, to the initiation of search and rescue action.
2. To promote quick assistance to ships proceeding in the CHISREP area.
3. To delimit the search and rescue area when the position of the vessel in distress is unknown or uncertain.
4. To offer emergency medical assistance or advice.

The area of coverage of CHISREP is N of latitude 9°00'N and W of longitude 130°00'E, excluding other countries' territorial seas and inland water areas.

Although CHISREP is mandatory for most Chinese-flagged vessels, all foreign vessels entering Chinese waters are encouraged to participate. These reports can be sent, as follows:

1. Facsimile (86-21-65089469).
2. E-mail ([chisrep@shmsa.gov.cn](mailto:chisrep@shmsa.gov.cn)).
3. Telex (85-337117 HSASC C).
4. Morse or NBDP through Shanghai Coast Radio Station.
5. Shipping company report.

CHISREP Center—Contact Information	
Telephone	86-21-65078144
	86-21-65073273
Facsimile	86-21-65089469
Telex	85-337117 HSASC CN
E-mail	<a href="mailto:chisrep@shmsa.gov.cn">chisrep@shmsa.gov.cn</a>

**Types of Reports.**—There are seven different CHISREP reports; four are General Reports and three are Special Reports. The required information for each type of report is given in Appendix II (General Reports) and Appendix III (Special Reports).

General Reports are, as follows:

1. **Sailing Plan (CHISREP SP).**—This report should be sent to the CHISREP Center, as follows:

- a. When departing a Chinese port—Within 2 hours before departure from a Chinese port.
- b. When entering the CHISREP area from overseas—From 24 hours prior until 2 hours after crossing the CHISREP area boundary.

The SP should contain enough information to initiate a plot and give an outline of the vessel's intended route. If the vessel fails to get underway within 2 hours after the time stated in the SP, a new SP should be sent.

2. **Position Report (CHISREP PR).**—This report should be sent to the CHISREP Center at the prescribed or appointed time. The first PR is required within 24 hours of the latest SP and every 24 hours afterward, unless a daily reporting time has been stipulated. The interval between PRs must not exceed 24 hours.

Should a vessel at any time be in a position more than 2 hours sailing time from the position predicted in its last intended route, a new PR or a DR should be sent. This information will be used by the CHISREP Center to update its plot of the vessel.

If a DR is sent less than 2 hours before the PR, the next PR may be sent 24 hours after the DR.

If the duration of a voyage is less than 24 hours, the ship is not required to send a PR; only an SP and an FR are required.

The ETA at a Chinese coastal port or the time of departure from the CHISREP area should be confirmed in the last PR. Any revised ETA may also be amended in any PR.

3. **Deviation Report (CHISREP DR).**—This report should be sent to the CHISREP Center, as follows:

- a. If the ship alters its intended route.
- b. If the vessel is at any time in a position more than 2 hours sailing time from the position predicted in its last SP or PR.

4. **Final Report (CHISREP FR).**—This report should be sent to the CHISREP Center, as follows:

- a. When the ship arrives at a Chinese coastal port.
- b. Within 2 hours before to 2 hours after departing the CHISREP area.

If, for any reason, a CHISREP PR or a CHISREP FR fails to be sent, vessels should try to pass the message through another vessel or other related shore authority.

Special Reports are, as follows:

1. **Dangerous Goods Report (CHISREP DG).**—This report should be sent when an incident takes place involving the loss or potential loss overboard of hazardous packaged cargo.

2. **Harmful Substances Report (CHISREP HS).**—This report should be sent when an incident takes place involving the discharge or probable discharge of oil (Annex I of MARPOL 73/78) or noxious liquid substances in bulk (Annex II of MARPOL 73/78).

3. **Marine Pollutants Report (CHISREP MP).**—This report should be sent when an incident takes place involving the loss or potential loss overboard of harmful substances in packaged form as identified by the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code as marine pollutants (Annex III of MARPOL 73/78).

**Overdue Reports.**—When vessels do not send a report within 3 hours of the prescribed or appointed time, the CHISREP Center will give the vessel an alarm signal and take the following actions:

1. Check to see whether the CHISREP Center has received the report.
2. Directly contact the ship through the most effective means of communication.
3. Have the appropriate coast radio station attempt to contact the vessel (format: ship's call sign).

Ships which are 6 hours overdue will be called in the coast radio station's general call list (format: ship's call sign).

When ships are 12 hours overdue, the CHISREP Center will contact the owner, operator, and/or agent of the vessel or vessels that may have had contact with it to determine the status of the overdue vessel.

Ships which are 18 hours overdue will have an urgent call (format: ship's call sign/XXX) followed by PAN/PAN made by the coast radio station.

For vessels which are 24 hours overdue, the CHISREP Center will come up with a Search and Rescue plan to be forwarded to the appropriate Rescue Coordination Center for action.

## Appendix II—CHISREP Message Formats—General Reports

CHISREP Message Formats—General Reports								
Identifier	Content	SP <sup>1</sup>	SP <sup>2</sup>	SP <sup>3</sup>	SP <sup>4</sup>	PR	DR	FR
A	Vessel's name and call sign	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
B	Time (UTC)—(date and time of report 6 digits-day of month 2 digits; hour and minutes 4 digits)					X	X	
C	Latitude and longitude (latitude is 4-digit group in degrees and minutes with N or S; longitude is 5-digit group in degrees and minutes E)					X	X	
E	Course	I	I	I	I	X	X	
F	Speed	X	X	X	X	X	I	
G	Last port of call	X	X	X	X			
H	Date/Time (UTC)/Position of entry into the CHISREP area	X	X	X	X			
I	Next port of call and ETA	X	X	X	X		X	
K	Date/Time (UTC)/Position of departure from CHISREP area or name of the port when entering a port within the CHISREP area	I	I	X	X		I	X
L	Intended track	X	X	X	X		X	
M	Coast radio stations monitored or other communication methods	X	X	X	X			
N	Date/Time (UTC) of next Position Report	I	I	I	I	X	I	
O	Draft (in meters)		I	I	I			
S	Weather (sea state (1-9), wind speed (in knots), wind direction {N/NE/E/SE/S/SW/W/NW}, and visibility {good/moderate/poor})	I	I	I	I	I	I	
T	Vessel's agent (name and particulars)	I	I	I	I			
U	Vessel's gt and type	I	I	I	I			
V	Whether doctor, physician's assistant, or nurse is on board	I						
W	Persons (state number of persons on board)	I	I	I	I			
X	Remark (any other useful information)	I	I	I	I	I	I	
Z	End of report	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Key								
SP <sup>1</sup>	Format of CHISREP SP for vessels entering the CHISREP area from overseas and berthing at Chinese ports.							
SP <sup>2</sup>	Format of CHISREP SP for vessels transiting between two Chinese ports.							
SP <sup>3</sup>	Format of CHISREP SP for vessels departing Chinese ports for foreign ports.							
SP <sup>4</sup>	Format of CHISREP SP for vessels in transit (crossing the CHISREP area from one foreign port to another).							
X	Required information.							
I	If necessary.							

## Appendix III—CHISREP Message Formats—Special Reports

CHISREP Message Formats—Special Reports				
Identifier	Content	DG	HS	MP
A	Vessel's name and call sign	X	X	X
B	Time (UT (GMT))—(date and time of report 6 digits-day of month 2 digits; hour and minutes 4 digits)	X	X	X
C	Latitude and longitude (latitude is 4-digit group in degrees and minutes with N or S; longitude is 5-digit group in degrees and minutes E)	X	X	X
E	Course		X	
F	Speed		X	
L	Intended track		X	
M	Coast radio station monitored or other communication methods	X	X	X
N	Date/Time (UTC) of next Position Report		X	
P	Pollution details, as described in the Key below	X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>2</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>
Q	Defects, damages, deficiencies, and other limitations (brief details)	X <sup>3</sup>	X <sup>3</sup>	X <sup>3</sup>
R	Pollution, dangerous cargo lost overboard	X <sup>4</sup>	X <sup>5</sup>	X <sup>4</sup>
S	Weather (sea state (1-9), wind speed (in knots), wind direction {N/NE/E/SE/S/SW/W/NW}, and visibility {good/moderate/poor})	X	X	X
T	Vessel's agent (name and particulars)	X <sup>6</sup>	X <sup>6</sup>	X <sup>6</sup>
U	Vessel's gt and type	X	X	X
X	Remark (any other useful information)		X	X
Z	End of report	X	X	X
Key				
X	Required information.			
X <sup>1</sup>	<p><b>DG</b>—This information is required if the condition of the vessel is such that there is danger of additional losses of packaged dangerous cargo into the sea.</p> <p><b>MP</b>—This information is required in the event of probable discharge.</p> <p>The following details should be included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Correct technical name(s) of cargo.</li> <li>2 UN number(s).</li> <li>3 IMO hazard class(es).</li> <li>4 Name(s) of manufacturer(s), when known, or consignee(s) or consignor(s).</li> <li>5 Types of packages, including identification marks. Specify whether portable tanks or tank vehicles, whether vehicle or freight container, or other transport unit containing packages. Include official registration marks and numbers assigned to the unit.</li> <li>6 An estimate of the quantity and likely condition of the cargo.</li> </ol> <p>Information not immediately available should be sent in a supplementary message or messages.</p>			
X <sup>2</sup>	<p>The following details should be included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Type of oil or the correct technical name(s) of the noxious liquid substance on board.</li> <li>2 UN number(s).</li> <li>3 Pollution category (A, B, C, or D) for noxious liquid substances.</li> <li>4 Name(s) of manufacturer(s) of substances, if appropriate, when known, or consignee(s) or consignor(s).</li> <li>5 Quantity.</li> </ol>			
X <sup>3</sup>	<p>The following details should be included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Condition of the vessel.</li> <li>2 Ability to transfer cargo/ballast/fuel.</li> </ol>			



Key	
X <sup>4</sup>	<p>The following details should be included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Correct technical name(s) of cargo.</li> <li>2 UN number(s).</li> <li>3 IMO hazard class(es).</li> <li>4 Name(s) of manufacturer(s), when known, or consignee(s) or consignor(s).</li> <li>5 Types of packages, including identification marks. Specify whether portable tanks or tank vehicles, whether vehicle or freight container, or other transport unit containing packages. Include official registration marks and numbers assigned to the unit.</li> <li>6 An estimate of the quantity and likely condition of the cargo.</li> <li>7 Whether loss is continuing.</li> <li>8 Whether lost cargo floated or sank.</li> <li>9 Cause of loss.</li> </ol>
X <sup>5</sup>	<p>The following details should be included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Type of oil or the correct technical name(s) of the noxious liquid discharges into the sea.</li> <li>2 UN number(s).</li> <li>3 Pollution category (A, B, C, or D) for noxious liquid substances.</li> <li>4 Name(s) of manufacturer(s) of substances, if appropriate, when known, or consignee(s) or consignor(s).</li> <li>5 An estimate of the quantity of the substances.</li> <li>6 Whether lost substances floated or sank.</li> <li>7 Whether loss is continuing.</li> <li>8 Cause of loss.</li> <li>9 Estimate of the movement of the discharge or lost substances, giving current position, if known.</li> <li>10 Estimate of the surface area of the spill, if possible.</li> </ol>
X <sup>6</sup>	Name, address, telex number, and telephone number of the vessel's owner and representative (charterer, manager, or operator of the vessel or their agent).

## Appendix IV—Signals

China—Harbor Signals		
Day	Night	Meaning
Hotel flag	One white light over one red light	Pilot vessel on station.
Romeo flag	—	Vessel requires fresh water.
Delta flag over Pennant Zero	—	Vessel requires linehandling boat or linehandlers for berthing/unberthing
Delta flag over India flag	One red light between two white lights, vertically disposed	Vessel requires transportation boat.
Lima flag over Pennant Four	—	Vessel requires trash disposal boat or vehicle.
Lima flag over Pennant Six	One white light over one red light over one green light, vertically disposed	Vessel requires wastewater boat or vehicle.
Romeo flag over Uniform flag over Pennant One	One white light over one green light over one red light, vertically disposed	Vessel carrying out maneuvering trials.
Charlie flag over Bravo flag over Pennant Six	One green light over one white light over one red light, vertically disposed	Vessel on fire and requiring immediate assistance.
Charlie flag over Bravo flag over Pennant Seven	One white light between two green lights, vertically disposed	Vessel taking on water and requiring immediate assistance.
Whiskey flag	One green light over two white lights, vertically disposed	Vessel requires urgent medical assistance.
Delta flag	Two green lights over one white light, vertically disposed	Vessel entering/exiting a dock. Passing vessels to remain clear.
Victor flag over Echo flag	One white light between two green lights, vertically disposed	Vessel fumigating.
Bravo flag over Pennant Zero	One green light over two red lights, vertically disposed	Vessel venting after fumigating.
Romeo flag over Yankee flag	One green light over one red light	Vessel is conducting above or underwater construction work.
One black ball over Pennant One	One red light over two white lights, vertically disposed	Large vessel or tow will be or is turning in Zone 1.
One black ball over Pennant Two	Two red lights over one white light, vertically disposed	Large vessel or tow will be or is turning in Zone 2.
One black ball over Pennant Three	One red light over one green light over one white light, vertically disposed	Large vessel or tow will be or is turning in Zone 3.
One black ball over Pennant Four	Two red lights over one green light, vertically disposed	Large vessel or tow will be or is turning in Zone 4.
One black ball over Pennant Five	One red light over two green lights, vertically disposed	Large vessel or tow will be or is turning in Zone 5.
November flag	One blue light	Cable vessel is mooring/casting off mooring cables.

China—Storm Signals		
Day	Night	Meaning
<b>Winds not associated with a typhoon</b>		
One black cylinder	Two green lights, vertically disposed	Winds force 6-7 within 6 hours.
One black diamond	One red light over one green light	Winds over force 8 within 24 hours.
<b>Winds associated with a typhoon</b>		
One black T	Three white lights, vertically disposed	Tropical storm within 48 hours.
One black ball	One green light between two white lights, vertically disposed	Winds force 6-7 within 24 hours.
One black triangle, point up	One white light over two green lights, vertically disposed	Winds over force 8 within 24 hours.
Two black triangles, points together, vertically disposed	Three green lights, vertically disposed	Storm force winds not exceeding force 12 within 12 hours.
One black X	One green light between two red lights, vertically disposed	Typhoon.

China—Berth Signals		
Day	Night	Meaning
November flag	One green light	Vessels of 200 tons and over will be docked at this berth. The flag/light is normally placed at the middle of the berth.
Red triangular flag (non-ICS)	One red light	Vessels of 200 tons and over will be docked at this berth. The flag/light marks the end of the berth.

China—Quarantine Signals		
Day	Night	Meaning
Quebec flag	Three red lights, vertically disposed	Vessel free of disease. Quarantine certificate requested.
Two Quebec flags, vertically disposed	Two red lights over one white light over one red light, vertically disposed	Disease or suspect disease. Request immediate quarantine inspection.

China—Traffic Signals		
Day	Night	Meaning
Black arrow, point up	One blue light	Large vessel or tow entering or moving upstream.
Black arrow, point down	One yellow light	Large vessel or tow entering or moving downstream.
Green square flag (non-ICS)	One green light	Sunken vessel or object.
One black ball over a horizontal black cylinder	One red light over one white light over one green light, vertically disposed	Temporary one-way traffic in the harbor. May be displayed on a harbor boat.
Foxtrot flag over Pennant Zero	Four red lights, vertically disposed	Prohibited zone in the harbor. May be displayed on a harbor boat.

China—Signals for Vessels Engaged in Special Operations		
Day	Night	Meaning
Black ball on each yard arm	Red light on mast; white light on each yard arm	Vessel engaged in construction work. Water clear on both sides of the vessel.

China—Signals for Vessels Engaged in Special Operations		
Day	Night	Meaning
Black ball on one yard arm; black cross on other yard arm	Red light on mast; white light on one yard arm with a red light on other yard arm	Vessel engaged in construction work. Do not pass on side displaying black cross or red light.
Alpha flag	One red light	Diver underwater.
Triangular red flag	One red light	Tug is moving a lateral anchor or an open anchor is placed on this side of the vessel.
Swallowtail flag, with upper half blue and lower half white	—	Water quality survey vessel operating.
Two square green flags, vertically disposed	Two green lights, vertically disposed	Salvage vessel on site.



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## General

Colombia is located in the N part of South America, bordering the Caribbean Sea, between Panama and Venezuela and bordering the North Pacific Ocean between Ecuador and Panama.

The climate is tropical along the coast and E plains; the wettest months are March through May and October through November. It is cooler in the highlands and the Andes Mountains.

The terrain from the coast inland consists of flat coastal lowlands, a central highlands, the high Andes Mountains, and flat plains in the E.

## Areas to be Avoided

**Isla Malpelo** (4°00'N., 81°31'W.), about 270 miles W of the

coast, has been declared a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area. All vessels greater than 500 gt, as well as all fishing vessels, should avoid the area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 5°00'00.0"N, 80°22'10.2"W.
- b. 4°26'30.0"N, 80°22'10.2"W.
- c. 4°26'30.0"N, 80°43'49.8"W.
- d. 3°45'40.2"N, 80°43'49.8"W.
- e. 3°45'40.2"N, 81°08'00.0"W.
- f. 3°28'55.2"N, 81°08'00.0"W.
- g. 3°28'55.2"N, 82°06'09.0"W.
- h. 2°43'16.2"N, 82°06'05.4"W.
- i. 2°43'16.2"N, 83°03'30.0"W.
- j. 5°00'00.0"N, 83°03'30.0"W.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region B) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

Many lights have been reported as extinguished, damaged, destroyed, irregular, or unreliable.

## Cautions

### Piracy

Incidents of armed robbery and piracy have been reported in the vicinity of Buenaventura (3°54'N., 77°05'W.).

### Marine Nature Reserves

The Santuario de Fauna y Flora Malpelo Marine Reserve has been established in an area centered on position 4°13.0'N, 81°00.0'W. The area contains the Isla de Malpelo Particularly

Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) and ATBA. Restrictions may apply and local authorities should be contacted for details.

Marine nature reserves have also been established around Isla Gorgona (2°58'N., 78°11'W.) and in Bahía de Málaga (3-55'N., 77-20'W.).

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the Colombia peso, consisting of 100 centavos.

## Fishing Areas

An area for the exclusive use of local fishing craft extends from the low water mark to a position about 2.5 miles offshore between Punta San Francisco Solano (6°17.8'N., 77°28.4'W.) and Punta Ardita (7°09.0'N., 77°48.7'W.).

## Government



Flag of Colombia

Colombia is a presidential republic. The country is divided into 32 departments and one capital district.

Colombia is governed by a directly-elected President who serves a 4-year term. The Cabinet is appointed by the President. The bicameral Congress is composed of a 108-member Senate and a 188-member House of Representatives. Members of both houses are directly elected to serve 4-year terms.

The legal system is based on Spanish and French civil law.

The capital is Bogota.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Feast of the Epiphany	January 6 *
St. Joseph Day	March 19 *
Holy Thursday	Variable
Good Friday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
Labor Day	May 1

Holiday	Date(s)
Ascension Day	Variable
Corpus Christi	Variable
Feast of the Sacred Heart	Variable
St. Peter and St. Paul	June 29 *
Independence Day	July 20
Battle of Boyaca	August 7
Assumption Day	August 15
Dia de la Raza	October 12 *
All Saints' Day	November 1
Cartagena Independence Day	November 11 *
Immaculate Conception	December 8
Christmas Day	December 25
* If the holiday does not fall on a Monday, it is celebrated on the following Monday.	

## Industries

The main industries include textiles, food processing, oil, clothing and footwear, beverages, chemicals, cement, and mining (gold, coal, and emeralds).

The main exports are crude and refined petroleum, coffee, gold, and coal. The main export-trading partners are the United States, China, Panama, and Ecuador

The main imports are refined petroleum, cars, broadcasting equipment, packaged medicine, and corn. The main import-trading partners are the United States, China, Mexico, and Brazil.

## Languages

Spanish is the official language.

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volumes

Pub. 125, Sailing Directions (Enroute) West Coast of South America.

Pub. 148, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Caribbean Sea Volume 2.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Colombia are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	200 miles.
* Claims straight baselines.	

### Maritime Boundary Disputes

Dispute with Nicaragua over using the 82°W meridian as the maritime boundary.

Colombia, Honduras, Nicaragua, Jamaica, and the United States assert various claims to Bajo Nuevo and Serranilla Bank.

Maritime boundary dispute in the Gulf of Venezuela with Venezuela.

### Internet Maritime Safety Information

Navigation Warnings are available, in English and Spanish, from the Colombian Institute for Oceanography and Hydrography (<https://www.cioh.org.co>).

### Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory for all vessels exceeding 250 nt and must be requested 48 hours in advance.

### Pollution

Vessels may not clean tanks within 60 miles of the coast of Colombia. A vessel arriving at a port with dirty ballast will be ordered to proceed to sea beyond the 60-mile limit and take on clean ballast.

### Regulations

#### General

Masters of vessels, within the territorial waters of Colombia, are liable to heavy fines, seizure of the vessel, or cancellation of licenses for the following offenses:

1. Failure to obey the orders of competent authorities regarding arrival and departure of Colombian ports.
2. Mooring at piers, river banks, or off beaches where this is prohibited by the authorities.
3. Altering their port of destination without permission.
4. Unjustifiable delay on passage between two ports.
5. Embarking or disembarking unauthorized cargo or passengers.
6. Failure to comply with instructions from military, naval, police, customs, or port authorities.
7. Failure to comply with the regulations of the competent authorities in force for maritime and river traffic.

#### ETA Messages

The vessel's ETA should be sent 48 hours and 12 hours in advance through the agent. Any delay in the ETA should be sent at least 6 hours in advance.

Vessels carrying dangerous cargo must notify the port, through their agent, 48 hours in advance, giving the details of packing and stowage, as well as whether the cargo is in transit or will be off-loaded in the port.

### Berthing

Berthing priority in Colombian ports is, as follows:

1. Warships.
2. Passenger and mail vessels running on a fixed schedule.
3. Vessels carrying livestock and perishable cargo.
4. Passenger vessels not on a fixed schedule.
5. Vessels loading cargo for export.
6. Vessels discharging cargo for import.
7. Tankers.
8. Coastal vessels.
9. Vessels carrying explosives.

### Pratique

There is no radio pratique. No direct advice from the vessel to the port authority is required; this advice should be passed to the agent with the ETA message.

### Ballast Water Exchange

Ballast water exchange zones have been designated for emergency situations or non-compliance of ballast management. Ballast water and sediments must be managed in the same region as the source and must not be moved between the Pacific region and the Caribbean region unless they are retained on board and not discharged while in Colombian waters.

Numerous conditions, prohibitions, and control measures apply. The local authorities should be contacted for details regarding the applicable regulations and procedures.

Ballast Water Exchange Zones are located off the Caribbean coast of Colombia, as follows:

1. **Pacific 01.**—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:
  - a. 4°52.9'N, 79°45.2'W.
  - b. 4°53.4'N, 78°26.7'W.
  - c. 3°52.3'N, 78°26.3'W.
  - d. 3°51.8'N, 79°44.8'W.
2. **Pacific 02.**—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:
  - a. 1°39.6'N, 80°15.0'W.
  - b. 1°57.7'N, 80°35.5'W.
  - c. 2°54.2'N, 79°45.7'W.
  - d. 2°36.2'N, 79°25.2'W.

### Search and Rescue

Colombian Coast Guard stations maintain continuous listening watches for distress traffic, as follows:

1. Atlantic coast—VHF channels 11 and 16.
2. Pacific coast—VHF channels 16 and 68.

Colombian Coast Guard stations can be contacted as listed in the table titled **Colombian Coast Guard—Contact Information**.

Colombian Coast Guard—Contact Information			
Station	Telephone	Facsimile	E-mail
<b>Caribbean Coast</b>			
Ballenas	57-5-6550316	57-5-6550316	<a href="mailto:ceguc@fnc.armada.mil.co">ceguc@fnc.armada.mil.co</a>

Colombian Coast Guard—Contact Information			
Station	Telephone	Facsimile	E-mail
Barranquilla	57-5-3441428 ext. 206	57-5-6550316	<a href="mailto:cegbar@fnc.armada.mil.co">cegbar@fnc.armada.mil.co</a>
Cartagena	57-5-6550316	57-5-6550316	<a href="mailto:ceguc@fnc.armada.mil.co">ceguc@fnc.armada.mil.co</a>
Covenas	57-5-6550316	57-5-6550316	<a href="mailto:ceguc@fnc.armada.mil.co">ceguc@fnc.armada.mil.co</a>
Puerto Bolivar	57-5-6550316	57-5-6550316	<a href="mailto:ceguc@fnc.armada.mil.co">ceguc@fnc.armada.mil.co</a>
	57-5-3506690		
	57-5-3506631		
San Andres	57-8-5132153	57-8-5132153	<a href="mailto:cegsai@fnc.armada.mil.co">cegsai@fnc.armada.mil.co</a>
Santa Marta	57-5-4231666	57-5-4231608	<a href="mailto:cegsam@fnc.armada.mil.co">cegsam@fnc.armada.mil.co</a>
Turbo	57-4-8275379	57-4-8275380	<a href="mailto:cegut@fnc.armada.mil.co">cegut@fnc.armada.mil.co</a>
Pacific Coast			
Centro de Operaciones del Pacifico (COPA)	57-2-2460585	57-2-2460630	<a href="mailto:copafnp@armada.mil.co">copafnp@armada.mil.co</a>

### Time Zone

The Time Zone description is ROMEO (+5). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

### U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is situated at Carrera 45. No. 24B-27, Bo-

gota.

U. S. Embassy Colombia—Contact Information	
Mailing address	3030 Bogota Place
	Washington DC (20521-3030)
Telephone	57-275-3000
Facsimile	57-275-4600
E-mail	<a href="mailto:ACSBogota@state.gov">ACSBogota@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://co.usembassy.gov">https://co.usembassy.gov</a>





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## General

The Cook Islands consists of 15 islands located in the South Pacific Ocean between 8°S and 23°S, and 156°W and 167°W. They are divided into the Northern Cook Islands and the Southern Cook Islands (Lower Cook Islands).

The Northern Cook Islands consist of Suvarrow Atoll, Penrhyn Atoll, Manihiki Atoll, Rakahanga Atoll, Nassau Island, and Pukapuka Islands. The islands are low coral atolls generally enclosing a lagoon.

The Southern Cook Islands (Lower Cook Islands) consist of Palmerston Atoll, Mangaia, Rarotonga, Mauke, Mitiaro, Atiu, Takutea, Manuae, and Aitutaki. Manuae and Takutea are low coral atolls enclosing a lagoon. The remaining islands are volcanic and more elevated.

Rarotonga, the largest of the Cook Islands, has an area of 25 square miles. The rugged volcanic interior of the island rises to a height of 652m.

The climate is tropical and moderated by trade winds. Rainfall is moderate to heavy throughout the year, with the heaviest rainfall occurring from November through March. The weather is variable from day to day; an otherwise sunny day can end in rainfall.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

## Cautions

Fish aggregating devices (FAD), consisting of an unlit orange raft, may be encountered in the waters of the Cook Islands. Concentrations of fishing vessels may be found in the vicinity of the FADs

A magnetic anomaly has been reported off Rakahanga in position 10°08'S, 161°00'W.

A magnetic anomaly has been reported off the SE side of Rarotonga in position 21°10.5'S, 159°44.8'W.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the New Zealand dollar, consisting of 100 cents.

## Government

The Cook Islands is a self-governing parliamentary democracy in free association with New Zealand. The Cook Islands are fully responsible for their internal affairs. New Zealand retains responsibility for external affairs and defense in consulta-



**Flag of the Cook Islands**

tion with the Cook Islands.

King Charles III is recognized as the Chief of State and is represented by the High Commissioner of New Zealand and a United Kingdom Commissioner. The Cook Islands are governed by a Prime Minister who is usually the leader of the majority party or majority coalition after legislative elections are held. The Cabinet is appointed by the Prime Minister. The unicameral Parliament consists of 24 directly-elected members serving 4-year terms. The 24-member House of Ariki is an advisory council composed of hereditary chiefs; it advises on traditional matters and maintains considerable influence, but has no legislative authority.

The legal system is based on New Zealand law and English common law.

The capital is Avarua on Rarotonga.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Good Friday	Variable
Easter Monday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
ANZAC Day	April 25
King's Birthday	Second Saturday in June
Gospel Day (Rarotonga only)	July 25
Constitution Day	August 4
Gospel Day	October 26
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26

## Industries

The main industries are fruit processing, tourism, fishing, clothing, and handicrafts.

The main exports are fish products, pleasure boats, paintings, lobsters, and tuna. The main export-trading partners are Japan, France, Thailand, Greece, and China.

The main imports are refined petroleum, pleasure boats, vehicles, integrated circuits, foodstuffs, beer, and flavored water. The main import-trading partners are New Zealand, Turkey, It-

aly, Japan, and Fiji.

## Languages

English and Cook Islands Maori (Raratongan) are the official languages. Most islanders are bilingual, using the Cook Islands Maori dialect.

## Meteorology

Weather bulletins are available, in English, from the Cook Islands Meteorological Service (<https://www.met.gov.ck/latest-bulletin>).

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

Pub. 126, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Pacific Islands.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of the Cook Islands are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	200 miles or the Continental Margin.

## Regulations

### Ports of Entry

Vessels are required to call at one of the following ports in the Cook Islands prior to calling at any other island unless they are in distress or have received specific approval from the government of the Cook Islands:

1. Avatiu on Rarotonga.
2. Aratunga on Aitutaki.
3. Penrhyn Atoll.

### Rhinoceros Beetle Regulations

Every vessel arriving in the Cook Islands from an area infested with rhinoceros beetles, which feeds on and destroys the heart of new growth shoots of the coconut palm, is required to keep at least 1 mile off the shore or encircling reef of an island from at least 15 minutes before sunset until at least 15 minutes after sunrise.

The areas regarded as infested are, as follows:

1. Fiji.
2. Indonesia.
3. New Britain.
4. New Ireland.
5. Palau.
6. Philippines.
7. Samoa.
8. Tokelau Islands.
9. Tonga.

## 10. Wallis and Futuna.

Before these regulations can be eased, the following quarantine periods must be observed:

1. Cargo vessels which have been operating in an infested area—3 months.
2. Naval vessels and yachts which have been in an infested port—3 weeks.

**Pre-arrival Quarantine Reporting**

Vessels must send the following information to the Cook Islands Port Authority and the Community Health Service-Public Health Department:

1. Name and date of port.
2. Name of vessel.
3. Nationality and master's name.
4. Net registered tonnage.
5. Date of issue of Ship Sanitation Control/Exemption Certificate.
6. Number of passengers.
7. Number of crew.
8. List of ports of call from commencement of voyage with dates of departure.

The following health questions must also be answered:

1. Has there been any case or suspected cases of plague, cholera, yellow fever or smallpox on board?
2. Has plague occurred or been suspected among rats or mice on board or mortality among them?
3. Has any person died on board other than as a result of an accident?
4. Is there any case of illness which may be of an infectious nature?
5. Is there currently a sick person on board?
6. Are there any other conditions which may lead to an infection or the spread of an infectious disease?

In the absence of any medical officer/surgeon, the master should regard the following symptoms as grounds for suspecting the existence of infectious disease:

1. Fever accompanied by prostration or persisting for several days or attended with glandular swelling.
2. Any acute skin rash or eruption with or without fever.
3. Severe diarrhea with symptoms of collapse.

## 4. Jaundice accompanied by fever.

<b>Quarantine Reporting—Contact Information</b>	
<b>Cook Islands Port Authority</b>	
Telephone	682-21921
Facsimile	682-21191
E-mail	<a href="mailto:john.jessie@cookislands.gov.ck">john.jessie@cookislands.gov.ck</a>
Web site	<a href="http://www.ports.co.ck">http://www.ports.co.ck</a>
<b>Community Health Services—Public Health Department</b>	
Telephone	682-29110
Facsimile	682-29100
Web site	<a href="https://www.health.gov.ck">https://www.health.gov.ck</a>

**Search and Rescue**

The Cook Islands Police are responsible for coordinating search and rescue operations.

Rarotonga Coast Radio Station (ZKR) maintains a continuous listening watch on 2182 kHz and VHF channel 16.

<b>Cook Islands—Search and Rescue Contact Information</b>	
<b>Rarotonga Coast Radio Station</b>	
Telephone	682-29680
E-mail	<a href="mailto:radiohf@vodafone.co.ck">radiohf@vodafone.co.ck</a>
	<a href="mailto:jteiti@vodafone.co.ck">jteiti@vodafone.co.ck</a>

**Time Zone**

The Time Zone description is WHISKEY (+10). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

**U.S. Embassy**

There are no U.S. diplomatic offices in the Cook Islands. Diplomatic relations were established with Cook Islands in 2023.



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## General

Costa Rica is located in Central America, bordering the Caribbean Sea and the North Pacific Ocean, between Panama and Nicaragua.

The climate is tropical, having its dry season from December to April, and its rainy season from May to November.

The terrain is primarily coastal plains separated by rugged mountains.

## Areas to be Avoided

### Around Peninsula de Oso

An IMO-adopted Area to be Avoided exists around Peninsula de Osa, including an area on the W side of the entrance to

Golfo Dulce. Vessels of 900 gt and over, as well as all vessels carrying dangerous or toxic cargo, should avoid the ATBA, which is bounded by the coast and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 8°47'15.0"N, 83°38'41.4"W. (coast)
- b. 8°43'36.0"N, 84°00'00.0"W.
- c. 8°24'30.0"N, 83°40'00.0"W.
- d. 8°20'00.0"N, 83°14'06.0"W.
- e. 8°32'28.8"N, 83°14'06.0"W.
- f. 8°32'30.0"N, 83°17'03.6"W. (coast)

### East Side of the Entrance to Golfo Dulce

An IMO-adopted Area to be Avoided is located the E side of the entrance to Golfo Dulce. Vessels of 500 gt and over, as well as all vessels carrying dangerous or toxic cargo, should avoid the ATBA, which is bounded by the coast and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 8°32'28.8"N, 83°08'53.4"W. (coast)
- b. 8°32'28.8"N, 83°12'04.2"W.
- c. 8°20'00.0"N, 83°12'04.2"W.
- d. 8°20'00.0"N, 83°06'40.8"W. (coast)

**Note.**—Both ATBAs have been established to avoid the risk of pollution and environmental damage and to reduce the risk of collisions with humpback whales.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region B) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

Many lights have been reported as extinguished, irregular, or unreliable.

## Cautions

The Pacific coast of Costa Rica and its inland waters are a critical habitat for humpback whales, for migration and breeding, and for other species of whales feeding throughout the year.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the Costa Rica colon, consisting of 100 centimos.

## Government



Flag of Costa Rica

Costa Rica is a presidential republic. The country is divided into seven provinces.

Costa Rica is governed by a directly-elected President who serves for a 4-year term. The Cabinet is appointed by the President. The unicameral Legislative Assembly is composed of 57 directly-elected members serving 4-year terms.

The legal system is based on Spanish civil law.

The capital is San Jose.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Juan Santamaria (Anniversary of the Battle of Rivas)	Mid-April
Holy Thursday	Variable
Good Friday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
Labor Day	May 1
Corpus Christi	Variable
St. Peter and St. Paul	June 29
Annexation of Guanacaste	Late July
Our Lady of Los Angeles	August 2

Holiday	Date(s)
Assumption Day/ Mother's Day	August 15
Independence Day	September 15
Columbus Day/Dia de la Raza	October 12
Immaculate Conception	December 8
Christmas Eve	December 24
Christmas Day	December 25
Christmas Holiday	December 28-31

## Industries

The main industries are food processing, medical equipment, textiles and clothing, construction materials, fertilizer, and plastic products.

The main exports are medical equipment, bananas, tropical fruit, orthopedic appliances, and food preparations. The main export-trading partners are the United States, the Netherlands, Belgium, Guatemala, and Panama.

The main imports are refined petroleum, broadcasting equipment, vehicles, medical instruments, and packaged medicines. The main import-trading partners are the United States, China, and Mexico.

## Languages

Spanish is the official language.

## Meteorology

Marine weather bulletins are available, in English and Spanish, from the Instituto Meteorologico Nacional (<https://www.imn.ac.cr/web/imn/inicio>).

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volumes

Pub. 148, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Caribbean Sea Volume 2.

Pub. 153, Sailing Directions (Enroute) West Coasts of Mexico and Central America.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Costa Rica are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea	12 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	200 miles or the Continental Margin.
* Claims straight baselines.	

### Maritime Boundary Disputes

Legal dispute with Nicaragua over navigational rights on the San Juan River.

### Regulations

No vessel is allowed to enter a Costa Rican port until visited by a Health Inspector, the Captain of the Port, and a Customs Officer.

Vessels should send their ETA at their first Coast Rican port as soon as possible after leaving its previous port and at least 72 hours in advance. Any changes of at least 1 hour in the ETA should be reported at least 24 hours in advance. The initial message should include the following information:

1. Vessel draft.
2. Cargo.
3. Cargo consignees.
4. Vessel requirements.

### Search and Rescue

Puntarenas Coast Radio Station (TEC) maintains a continuous listening watch on VHF channel 16 for distress traffic.

Costa Rica—SAR Contact Information	
MRCC Costa Rica	
Telephone	506-2600-5630
	506-2286-5813
	506-2286-4418
	506-8913-7432 (WhatsApp)

### Costa Rica—SAR Contact Information

E-mail	<a href="mailto:Operaciones.sng.cr@gmail.com">Operaciones.sng.cr@gmail.com</a>
	<a href="mailto:ariasm@msp.go.cr">ariasm@msp.go.cr</a>
	<a href="mailto:jhernandez@msp.go.cr">jhernandez@msp.go.cr</a>

### Time Zone

The Time Zone description is SIERRA (+6). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

### Traffic Separation Schemes

A Traffic Separation Scheme (Government of Costa Rica) is in operation in the entrance to the Golfo de Nicoya.

### U.S. Embassy

The embassy is situated on Calle 98, Via 104, Pavas, San Jose.

### U. S. Embassy Costa Rica—Contact Information

Mailing address	3180 St. George's Place
	Washington DC (20521-3180)
Telephone	506-2519-2000
Facsimile	506-2519-2305
E-mail	<a href="mailto:acssanjose@state.gov">acssanjose@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://cr.usembassy.gov">https://cr.usembassy.gov</a>



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## Government



**Flag of East Timor**

## General

East Timor, on the E half of the island of Timor, is located NW of Australia, in the Lesser Sunda Islands, at the E end of the Indonesian archipelago.

The climate is tropical hot and humid, with a distinct dry season from June to October. The highest rainfall occurs in the S part of the country.

The terrain is mostly mountainous.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

Navigational aids are unreliable and may be missing, unlit, or out of position.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the U.S. dollar, consisting of 100 cents.

East Timor is a semi-presidential republic. The country is divided into 12 municipalities and one special administrative region.

East Timor is governed by a directly-elected President serving a 5-year term. The Prime Minister is appointed by the President. The unicameral National Parliament is composed of 65 directly-elected members serving 5-year terms.

The legal system is based on Portuguese law. The capital is Dili.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Good Friday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable

Holiday	Date(s)
Labor Day	May 1
Independence Restoration Day	May 20
Constitution Day	August 30
Liberation Day	September 20
All Saints' Day	November 1
Santa Cruz Day	November 12
Independence Day	November 28
Immaculate Conception/ Heroes Day	December 8
Christmas Day	December 25

### Industries

The main industries include agriculture, printing, soap manufacturing, handicrafts, and woven cloth.

The main exports are crude oil, natural gas, coffee, vegetables, and scrap iron. The main export-trading partners are Singapore, China, Japan, and Indonesia.

The main imports are refined petroleum, vehicles, cement, and motorcycles. The main import-trading partners are Indonesia, China, Singapore, and Malaysia.

### Languages

Portuguese and Tetum are the official languages. English and Bahasa Indonesia are also in common use.

### Navigational Information

#### Enroute Volume

Pub. 163, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Borneo, Jawa, Sulawesi, and Nusa Tenggara.

#### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of East Timor are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea	12 miles.

Maritime Limit	Extent
Contiguous Zone	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	200 miles or the Continental Margin.

#### Maritime Boundary Disputes

The maritime border with Indonesia remains unresolved.

### Search and Rescue

#### RCC Timor-Leste—Contact Information

Telephone	670-331-7110
	670-331-3821
Facsimile	670-331-7111
E-mail	<a href="mailto:comroatsc@hotmail.com">comroatsc@hotmail.com</a>

### Time Zone

The Time Zone description is INDIA (-9). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

### U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is situated at Avenida de Portugal, Praia dos Coqueros, Dili.

#### U. S. Embassy East Timor—Contact Information

Mailing address	8250 Dili Place
	Washington DC (20521-8250)
Telephone	670-332-4684
	670-330-2400
Facsimile	670-331-3206
E-mail	<a href="mailto:ConsDili@state.gov">ConsDili@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://ti.usembassy.gov">https://ti.usembassy.gov</a>





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## General

Ecuador is located in the W part of South America, bordering the Pacific Ocean at the Equator, between Colombia and Peru.

The climate is tropical along the coast and cooler inland. In coastal areas, the dry season is from May through December. In the mountains, the dry season is only from June through

September. In the mountains, the temperature may be as much as 10°C lower than along the coast.

The main feature of Ecuador is the great mass of the Andes Mountains. A narrow stretch of coastal plain lies between the sea and the Andes Mountains.

## Areas to be Avoided

An IMO Area to be Avoided, established to safeguard the islands' marine ecosystem, is in force around the Archipelago de Colon (Galapagos Islands). All ships and barges carrying cargo of oil or potentially hazardous material and all ships of 500 gt and over in transit should avoid the area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 2°29'49.2"N, 92°21'25.2"W.
- b. 1°25'55.8"N, 89°03'32.4"W.
- c. 0°00'42.0"S, 88°05'45.0"W.
- d. 0°11'54.0"S, 88°00'57.0"W.
- e. 0°34'54.0"S, 87°54'34.2"W.
- f. 1°02'12.6"S, 87°52'57.0"W.
- g. 2°35'04.2"S, 88°48'18.0"W.
- h. 2°46'12.0"S, 89°29'41.4"W.
- i. 2°41'59.4"S, 90°42'12.6"W.
- j. 2°05'12.0"S, 92°17'40.8"W.
- k. 1°32'01.2"S, 92°43'55.2"W.
- l. 1°48'40.2"N, 92°40'30.6"W.

Vessels in this area must also avoid any discharge or exchange of ballast water.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region B) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

## Cautions

Unlit fishing vessels may be encountered in the Gulf of Guayaquil.

Incidents of armed robbery and piracy, including vessels underway, have been reported in the vicinity of Guayaquil (2°12'S., 79°53'W.).

## Magnetic Anomalies

Magnetic anomalies in the Galapagos Islands are located, as follows:

1. About 16 miles WSW and 16 miles SSW of Punta Suarez (1°22.0'S., 89°44.5'W.), the W extremity of Isla Espanola. The normal variation increases from 2° to 4° in these areas.
2. In Canal Bolivar (0°17.6'S., 91°22.9'W.) in the approach to Bahia Isabel.
3. About 7 miles NE of Cabo Berkely (0°00.5'S., 91°35.5'W.).
4. About 3.5 miles S of Isla Tortuga (1°01.1'S., 90°52.2'W.).
5. Off Cabo Marshall (0°01.1'S., 91°11.8'W.).

## Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA)

The Archipelago de Colon (Galapagos Islands) and its surrounding waters have been declared a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area. The PSSA is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 2°30.0'N, 92°21.0'W.
- b. 2°14.0'N, 91°40.0'W.
- c. 1°14.0'N, 90°26.0'W.
- d. 0°53.0'N, 89°30.0'W.
- e. 0°35.0'S, 88°38.0'W.
- f. 0°52.0'S, 88°34.0'W.
- g. 1°59.0'S, 89°13.0'W.
- h. 2°05.0'S, 89°34.0'W.
- i. 2°01.0'S, 90°35.0'W.
- j. 1°32.0'S, 91°52.0'W.
- k. 1°13.0'S, 92°07.0'W.
- l. 1°49.0'N, 92°40.0'W.

All vessels of 500 gt and over and vessels of any size carrying a cargo of oil or hazardous material entering or departing any port in the Archipelago de Colon must do so only through charted recommended tracks established on the E and W sides of the PSSA, as follows:

1. West side of the PSSA:
  - a. Eastbound vessels—Trackline joining position 1°26'11.4"S, 92°43'49.8"W and position 1°18'56.4"S, 92°02'48.6"W.
  - b. Westbound vessels—Trackline joining position 1°21'04.8"S, 92°43'43.8"W and position 1°14'24.8"S, 92°06'21.0"W.
2. East side of the PSSA:
  - a. Eastbound vessels—Trackline joining position 1°10'09.6"S, 87°57'42.6"W and position 1°10'09.6S, 88°44'14.4"W.
  - b. Westbound vessels—Trackline joining position 1°05'08.4"S, 87°54'43.8"W and position 1°05'08.4"S, 88°41'19.2"W.

## Whale Areas

Due to the presence of whales, the following provisions apply off the coast of Ecuador from June through October:

1. Avoid navigating E of Isla de la Plata (1°16'S., 81°05'W.); vessels should navigate around the W end of the island.
2. Vessels with a draft of 5m and over are prohibited from navigating between Isla de la Plata and the mainland.
3. Small craft should navigate with extreme caution in depths of less than 40m between Punta Salinas (3°01'S., 80°16'W.) and Punta Sua (0°52'N., 79°56'W.).

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the U.S. dollar, consisting of 100 cents.

## Firing Areas

Firing practice areas are located W and N of San Lorenzo (1°03.5'S., 80°54.7'W.), as follows:

- a. 39 miles W of Isla de la Plata (1°15.7'S., 81°04.4'W.).
- b. 15 miles N of Cabo San Mateo (0°57.3'S., 80°49.0'W.).

## Government



Flag of Ecuador

Ecuador is a presidential republic. The country is divided into 24 provinces.

Ecuador is governed by a directly-elected President who serves a 4-year term. The Cabinet is appointed by the President. The unicameral National Assembly is composed of 137 directly-elected members serving 4-year terms.

The legal system is based on the Chilean civil code, with modifications and traditional law in indigenous communities.

The capital is Quito.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Carnival (2 days)	Variable
Holy Thursday	Variable
Good Friday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable

Holiday	Date(s)
Labor Day	May 1
Battle of Pichincha	May 24
Bank Holiday	Last Friday in June
Simon Bolivar Day	July 24
Foundation Day (Guayaquil only)	July 25
Independence Day	August 10
Anniversary of Guayaquil	October 9
All Souls' Day	November 2
Anniversary of Cuenca	November 3
Anniversary of Quito	December 6
Christmas Day	December 25
New Year's Eve	December 31

## Industries

The main industries are petroleum, food processing, textiles, wood products, and chemicals.

The main exports are crude and refined petroleum, shrimp, bananas, and tuna. The main export-trading partners are the United States, China, Panama, and Chile.

The main imports are refined petroleum, coal tar oil, cars, packaged medicines, and soybean products. The main import-trading partners are the United States, China, Colombia, and Panama.

## Languages

Spanish is the official language. Quechua, the language of the Inca empire, is also spoken.

## Meteorology

Navigational warnings and marine weather forecasts for coastal waters up to 12 miles offshore are available, in Spanish, from the Ecuadorean Naval Oceanographic Institute (<http://www.inocar.mil.ec/web/index.php>).

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

Pub. 125, Sailing Directions (Enroute) West Coast of South America.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Ecuador are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf **	200 miles.

Maritime Limit	Extent
* Straight baselines have the effect of enclosing the waters between Archipelago de Colon (Galapagos Islands). Claims the right to enforce environmentally-based navigation restrictions in the vicinity of Archipelago de Colon (Galapagos Islands).	
** Claims the right to extend its Continental Shelf to a distance of 350 miles from the baselines of Archipelago de Colon (Galapagos Islands).	

For further information, see the graphic titled **Ecuador—Maritime Claims**.

### Maritime Boundary Disputes

Dispute with Peru over the economic zone delineated by the maritime boundary.

### Internet Maritime Safety Information

Navigation Warnings, Notices, and other related information is available, in Spanish, from the Ecuadorean Naval Oceanographic Institute (<http://www.inocar.mil.ec/web/index.php>).

## Offshore Drilling

Oil exploration and extraction activities occur in the Gulf of Guayaquil and off the W coast of Ecuador.

An oil exploration site is located SW of Chanduy (2°24'09"S., 80°40'48"W.). Navigation is prohibited within 2 miles of the platforms.

Exploration is taking place between Puntilla de Santa Elena (2°11.4'S., 81°00.7'W.) and in the vicinity of Bajo Montanita (1°49.7'S. 81°03.'W.).

## Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory for all vessels and is available 24 hours. Vessels should await the pilot off the sea buoy at all ports unless instructed to the contrary. The pilot must be requested by the agent at least 12 hours in advance.

## Pollution

Tank cleaning may not be undertaken by the following vessels within the indicated distances off the coast of Ecuador:

1. Ocean-going vessels—50 miles.
2. Coastal vessels—15 miles.

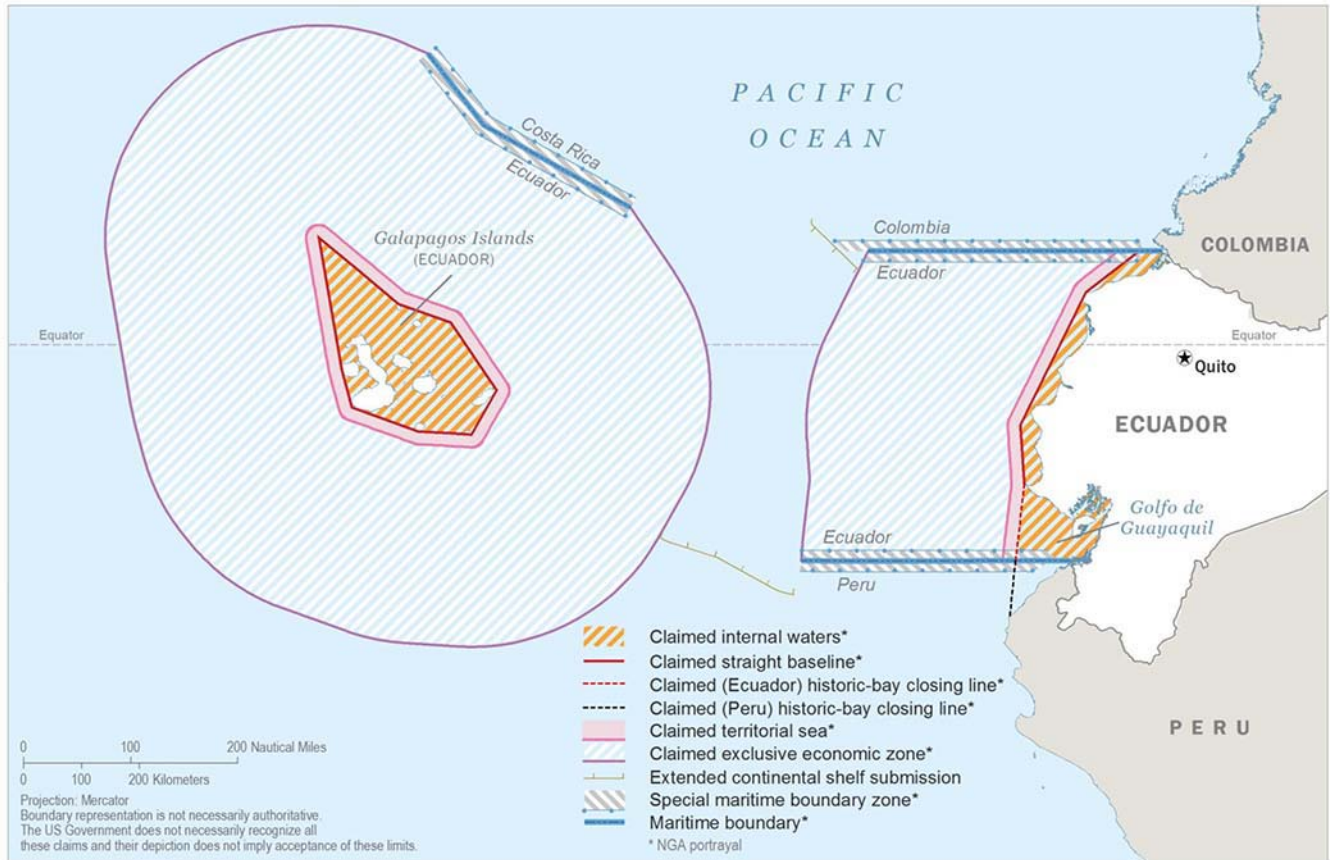
## Regulations

### General

Vessels, other than those making for an established harbor or subject to force majeure, are prohibited from approaching within 12 miles of the low water line off any part of the coast of Ecuador.

Only vessels bound for Ecuadoran ports in Golfo de Guayaquil may proceed inshore of a line joining the following positions:

- a. 2°12.0'S, 81°04.5'W.
- b. 3°24.5'S, 80°22.0'W.



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- c. The midpoint of the mouth of the Rio Zarumilla.

Vessels must obtain permission from the local authorities prior to leaving a berth or departing from a port.

#### Notice of Arrival

All vessels bound for any port in Ecuador should send their ETA 72 hours prior to arrival at the pilot boarding position to the Port Authority of their destination. This message, which should be in Spanish, should be sent to the following:

1. Port Captain.
2. Health Officer.
3. Customs Administration.
4. Immigration Office.

The message should contain the following information:

1. Name of vessel.
2. Nationality of vessel.
3. Last port of call.
4. Destination.
5. Any sick crew on board?
6. Any explosives on board?
7. Number of passengers for the port.
8. Number of passengers in transit.
9. Weight of cargo, in tons, to be unloaded.
10. Weight of cargo, in tons, in transit.
11. Any mail to discharge?
12. ETA at the outer buoy, sea buoy, or pilot boarding po-

sition.

13. Agent's name.

14. Master's name.

Messages should also be sent to the agent and should include berthing requirements, maximum draft, etc.

Any changes to the ETA of over 1 hour should be reported at least 12 hours in advance.

#### Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSA)

A PSSA is an area that requires special protection because of its vulnerability to damage caused by marine activities. Vessels operating in or near such an area should exercise the utmost care to avoid damage to the maritime environment and the marine organisms in it. No waste should be discharged overboard. The IMO has declared the Galapagos Archipelago to be a PSSA.

#### Marine Nature Reserves

Marine nature reserves are established around the Archipelago de Colón, including the Galapagos Marine Reserve, as follows:

1. **Galapagos Marine Reserve (GMR)** is an area that extends 40 miles from the baseline of the archipelago where only artisanal (traditional) fishing is allowed.
2. **Special Marine Protection Area (SMPA)** is an area that extends 60 miles from the baseline of the archipelago,

which regulates the transport of toxic or high-risk products within the area. Local authorities should be contacted for further details.

3. **Hernandad Marine Reserve (HMR)** (2°34.0'N., 90°00.0'W.) is an area of 60,000 km<sup>2</sup>, located within the EEZ of Ecuador, which has been established to conserve endangered species vulnerable to injury and death from industrial fishing fleets. There are charted zones within the area, as follows:

a. Responsible Fishing Zones (RFZ) where fishing activities, except for activities that include the use of long lines, are allowed in accordance with the management plan approved by the local environmental authority.

b. No Take Zones (NTZ) where extractive activities will not be allowed, where oceanic ecosystems, migratory routes, and feeding areas of threatened marine species will be conserved.

## Search and Rescue

The Ecuadorian Coast Guard Headquarters is responsible for coordinating search and rescue operations. Guayaquil Coast Radio Station (HCG) maintains a continuous listening watch for distress traffic on 2182 kHz and VHF channels 16, 26, and 70.

Guayaquil Coast Radio Station—Contact Information	
Telephone	593-4-2505302
Facsimile	593-4-2505294
E-mail	<a href="mailto:guayaquil_radio@dirneg.org">guayaquil_radio@dirneg.org</a>

## Ship Reporting System

### GALREP

GALREP, a mandatory ship reporting system, has been established in the Archipelago de Colon (Galapagos Islands) PS-SA and the Area to be Avoided. Further information concerning GALREP can be found in Appendix I.

### SITRAME

SITRAME is a mandatory vessel reporting system applying

to vessels navigating in the area between the coast of Ecuador and Archipelago de Colon (Galapagos Islands) and in the area extending 200 miles around Archipelago de Colon (Galapagos Islands). Further information concerning SITRAME can be found in Appendix II.

## Signals

### Tsunami Warnings

Ecuador receives and retransmits tsunami exercise messages, tsunami information messages, tsunami notice/warning messages, and tsunami notice messages. For further information on tsunami warnings, see **Pacific Ocean—Cautions—Tsunami Warning System** in Pub. 120, Sailing Directions (Planning Guide) Pacific Ocean and Southeast Asia.

## Time Zone

The Time Zone description for mainland Ecuador is RO-MEO (+5). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

The Time Zone description for Archipelago de Colon (Galapagos Islands) is SIERRA (+6). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

## Traffic Separation Schemes

In the Approaches to Guayaquil Traffic Separation Scheme (Government of Ecuador) is in effect in Canal de Jambeli in the approaches to Guayaquil.

## U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is situated at Avenida Avigiras E12-170 and Avenida Eloy Alfaro, Quito.

U. S. Embassy Ecuador—Contact Information	
Mailing address	3420 Quito Place
	Washington DC (20521-3420)
Telephone	593--2-398-5000
E-mail	<a href="mailto:ACSQuito@state.gov">ACSQuito@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://ec.usembassy.gov">https://ec.usembassy.gov</a>

## Appendix I—GALREP Ship Reporting System

GALREP is a mandatory ship reporting system covering the Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) and the Area to be Avoided surrounding the Archipelago de Colon (Galapagos Islands). All vessels are required to participate in this system. The boundary of the reporting area is identical to the boundary of the Area to be Avoided. For information on the boundaries of the PSSA and the Area to be Avoided, see Areas to be Avoided and Cautions.

Vessels must report at the following positions:

1. Upon entering the reporting area.
  2. Immediately after departing from a port or anchorage located in the Galapagos PSSA.
  3. When deviating from the route leading to the port of destination or anchorage that was originally reported.
  4. When it is necessary to deviate from the planned route owing to weather conditions, damaged equipment, or a change in navigational status.
  5. Upon leaving the reporting area.
- Upon entering the reporting area, vessels must send a mes-

sage to notify MRSC Santa Cruz via Puerto Ayora Coast Radio Station (CRS); vessels unable to contact Puerto Ayora CRS must send the message through Baquerizo Moreno CRS. Contact information is given in the table titled **GALREP Ship Reporting System—Contact Information**.

Every reporting message must begin with the word GALREP and include one of the following two-letter prefixes, as follows:

1. SP—Sailing Plan.
2. DR—Deviation Report.
3. FR—Final Report.

Messages using these prefixes are sent free of charge. Information on the format of these messages is given in the table titled **GALREP Ship Reporting System—Message Formats and Message Requirements**. The report should be sent in either Spanish or English.

Vessels are required to maintain a continuous listening watch when in the reporting area.

GALREP Ship Reporting System—Contact Information		
	Puerto Ayora CRS	Baquerizo Moreno CRS
Call sign	Puerto Ayora Radio (HCY)	Baquerizo Moreno Radio (HCW)
VHF frequency	VHF channels 16 and 70	VHF channels 16 and 70
RT frequency	2182 kHz, 2187.5 kHz, and 4125 kHz	—
Telephone	593-5-2527473	593-5-2520346
Facsimile	593-5-2527473	593-5-2520346
E-mail	<a href="mailto:puertoayora_radio@dirnea.org">puertoayora_radio@dirnea.org</a>	<a href="mailto:capbaq@dirnea.org">capbaq@dirnea.org</a>
	<a href="mailto:puertoayoraradio@gmail.com">puertoayoraradio@gmail.com</a>	
MMSI	007354757	007354758
Hours	24 hours	24 hours

GALREP Ship Reporting System—Message Formats and Message Requirements				
Designator	Information	SP	DR	FR
A	Vessel name, call sign, IMO Number, and MMSI Number or registration number.	X	X	X
B	Date and time of report (UTC), in 6 digits, followed by Z.	X	X	X
C	Position (latitude in degrees and minutes N or S and longitude in degrees and minutes W).	X	X	X
E	True course in degrees (3 digits).	X	X	X
F	Speed in knots (to nearest knot—2 digits).	X	X	X
G	Last port of call.	X		
I	Destination and ETA (UTC) at next port of call, expressed as in B.	X	X	
P	Type(s) of oil cargo, and quantity, quality, and density. If also carrying other hazardous materials, the type, quantity, and IMO classification should be stated, as appropriate.	X		
Q	Details of defects, including damage, deficiencies, and other circumstances that impair normal navigation.	I	I	

GALREP Ship Reporting System—Message Formats and Message Requirements				
Designator	Information	SP	DR	FR
T	Name, telephone number, and facsimile or e-mail for the communication of information about the cargo.	X		
W	Number of persons on board.	X		
X	Miscellaneous information concerning the vessel, such as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Estimated quantity and characteristics of liquid fuel.</li> <li>2. Navigational status (e.g.: moving under own propulsion, limited maneuverability, etc.)</li> </ol>	X		
X Required I If necessary				

## Appendix II—SITRAME Ship Reporting System

SITRAME (Ecuador Ship Reporting System) is a mandatory system for all vessels sailing in Ecuadorian territorial waters. The system carries out surveillance of vessels transiting Ecuadorian waters or arriving/departing from Ecuadorian ports in order to maintain maritime safety and security. In the event of a search and rescue incident, the system will provide immediate location of vessels in the vicinity of the incident and will also take any necessary action in instances concerning maritime security.

The reporting area comprises:

1. National inland waters of Ecuador.
2. An area bounded by the coast of Ecuador and lines joining the following positions:
  - a. 1°28'54.0"N, 78°51'12.0"W. (coast)
  - b. 1°28'54.0"N, 95°23'00.0"W.
  - c. 3°23'34.2"S, 95°23'00.0"W.
  - d. 3°23'34.2"S, 80°18'18.0"W. (coast)
3. An area extending 200 miles around the Archipelago de Colon (Galapagos Islands).

Reports should be addressed to the Direccion Nacional de los Espacios Acuaticos (DIRNEA) in Guayaquil by e-mail, telex, facsimile, or via Guayaquil Coast Radio Station.

DIRNEA—Contact Information	
Telex	308-43325
	308-42512
Facsimile	593-4-2324714
E-mail	<a href="mailto:guayaquil_radio@dirnea.org">guayaquil_radio@dirnea.org</a>
	<a href="mailto:puertoayoraradio@dirnea.org">puertoayoraradio@dirnea.org</a>
	<a href="mailto:guayaquil_radio@armada.mil.ec">guayaquil_radio@armada.mil.ec</a>
Hours	24 hours

There are four types of reports in SITRAME, as follows:

1. **Sailing Plan (SP).**—Contains information required when vessels enter the reporting area and should be sent, as follows:

- a. When the vessel intends to depart an Ecuadorian port. This message must indicate waypoints of the vessel's SP within the reporting area to arrive at another Ecuadorian port or to leave the reporting area and must be sent at least 2 hours before departure.
- b. When arriving from a foreign port bound for an Ecuadorian port. This message must indicate waypoints of the vessel's SP within the reporting area and must be sent 72 hours before arrival at the port, attaching the Arrival Addi-

tional Information (AAI), obtainable from naval agencies or the internet (<http://www.digmer.org>).

c. When arriving from a foreign port and transiting the reporting area on innocent passage. This message must indicate waypoints of the vessel's SP within the reporting area and must be sent 2 hours prior to entering the reporting area.

2. **Position Report (PR).**—Contains information which allows the effective surveillance of a vessel's departure, entry into the reporting area, or confirming the vessel's position and should be sent, as follows:

a. To confirm departure from an Ecuadorian port at the commencement of the voyage described in the SP. This message must be sent immediately upon departure from the port.

b. To confirm entry into the reporting area according to the details described in the SP. This message must be sent immediately upon arrival into the reporting area.

c. To confirm the vessel's position during its transit within the reporting area. It is not necessary to send this message should the vessel need to enter an Ecuadorian port or to leave the reporting area at short notice. The message can be sent at any time after arrival at or before departure from the reporting area.

A Position Report may also be sent when the vessel is in an emergency situation.

3. **Deviation Report (DR).**—Contains information to correct an established route as advised in a previously-sent SP. The DR must be submitted, as follows:

a. When the vessel's position has deviated 25 miles or more from the original route. This message must be sent immediately upon deviation.

b. When the port of destination is changed. This message should be sent 12 hours prior to arrival at the new port of destination.

c. When other causes affect the original SP.

4. **Final Report (FR).**—Provides information to report the vessel's arrival at the destination port or the departure point from the reporting area. The FR must be submitted, as follows:

a. To report the vessel's arrival at an Ecuadorian port of destination. This message must be sent 1 hour prior to arrival.

b. To report the vessel's arrival at a point of departure from the reporting area which will complete the vessel's participation in SITRAME. This message must be sent immediately when departing the reporting area.

SITRAME Ship Reporting System—Message Formats and Message Requirements

Designator	Information	SP	PR	DR	FR
A	Vessel name/call sign/flag/type//	X	X	X	X
B	Port of departure/date and time (given in ROMEO (+5)) of departure/month/port facility//	X	X	X	X
C	Port of destination/ETA (given in ROMEO (+5))/month/port facility//	X	X	X	X



**SITRAME Ship Reporting System—Message Formats and Message Requirements**

Designator	Information	SP	PR	DR	FR
D	Position (latitude-longitude)/date and time (given in ROMEO (+5))/month//	X	X	X	X
E	Waypoints/latitude-longitude/ETA (given in ROMEO (+5))/month//	X		X	
F	Course/speed//	X	X	X	X
X	Remarks//	X	X	X	X

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	Guayaquil
	Ecuador
Web site	<a href="https://www.dirnea.org">https://www.dirnea.org</a>



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## General

El Salvador, located in Central America, is the smallest of the Central American countries. It is bounded on the W by Guatemala, to the N and E by Honduras, and shares the Golfo de Fonseca with Honduras and Nicaragua. It is the only Central American country which has no Caribbean coastline.

The principal port is La Union, an excellent harbor. Acajutla and La Libertad are open roadsteads.

The climate is tropical, with the rainy season from May to October and the dry season from November to April. Inland,

the nights are cool.

The terrain is typically Central American, with a high mountainous plateau rising inland bordered by a narrow, hot, and humid coastal plain.

The two high mountain chains, which cross almost the entire country, have numerous spurs which extend very close to the coast.

Earthquakes are not infrequent. Volcan de Izalco, an active volcano, rises in the SW corner of the country.

None of the rivers which intersect the coastal plain are of any use to navigation.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region B) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

Navigational lights along the coast have been reported to be irregular and unreliable.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the U.S. dollar, consisting of 100 cents.

## Government



**Flag of El Salvador**

El Salvador is a presidential republic. The country is divided into 14 departments.

El Salvador is governed by a directly-elected President serving a non-renewable 5-year term. A Council of Ministers is appointed by the President. The unicameral Legislative Assembly consists of 84 directly-elected members, serving 3-year terms.

The judicial system is based on civil law, with traces of common law.

The capital is San Salvador.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Holy Thursday	Variable
Good Friday	Variable
Holy Saturday	Variable
Labor Day	May 1
Bank Holiday	June 30
San Salvador Festival	August 3-6
Independence Day	September 15
All Souls' Day	November 2
First Call for Independence	November 5
Christmas Day	December 25
New Year's Eve	December 31

## Industries

The main industries are food processing, beverages, petroleum, chemicals, fertilizers, textiles, furniture, and light metals.

The main exports are electrical capacitors, plastic lids, raw sugar, and toilet paper. The main export-trading partners are the United States, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua.

The main imports are refined petroleum, packaged medicines, clothing, broadcast equipment, and natural gas. The main import-trading partners are the United States, China, Guatemala, Mexico, and Honduras.

## Languages

Spanish is the official language.

## Meteorology

Marine weather forecasts and synopsis are available, in Spanish, from the El Salvador Department of the Environment (<http://www.snet.gob.sv/ver/meteorologia/pronostico/marítimo>).

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

Pub. 153, Sailing Directions (Enroute) West Coasts of Mexico and Central America.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of El Salvador are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	200 miles.
* Claims Golfo de Fonseca as a historic bay.	

### Maritime Boundary Disputes

Advised by the ICJ to adopt a tripartite resolution with Honduras and Nicaragua to establish a maritime boundary in the Golfo de Fonseca which considers Honduran access to the Pacific Ocean.

Claims Conejo Island, in Golfo de Fonseca.

## Search and Rescue

The El Salvadorian Air Force is responsible for coordinating search and rescue operations.

El Salvador is part of the Corporacion Centroamericana de Servicios de Navegacion Aerea (COCESNA), the Central American aeronautical search and rescue network. Rescue Sub-Center (RSC) El Salvador works with RCC Centro America.

RSC El Salvador—Contact Information	
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Further information on COCESNA can be found in **Honduras—Search and Rescue**.

## Time Zone

The Time Zone description is SIERRA (+6). Daylight Sav-

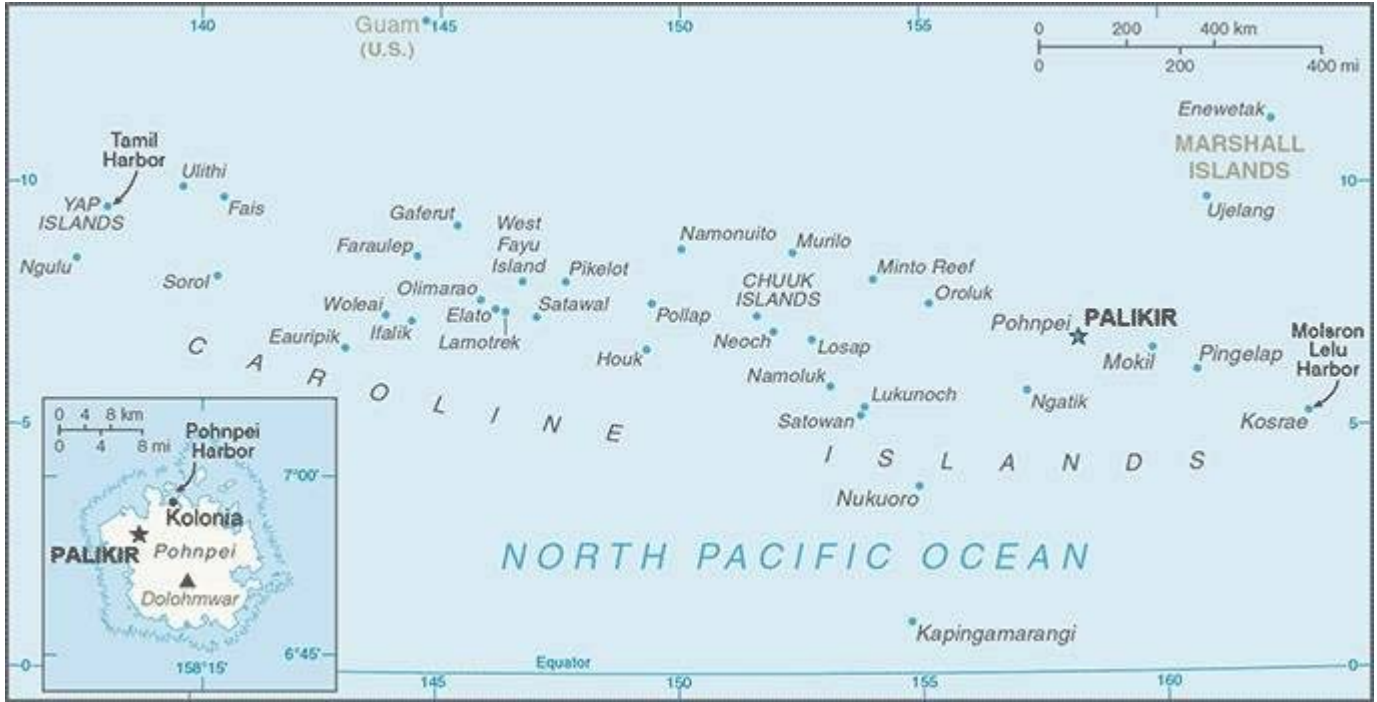
ings Time is not observed.

**U.S. Embassy**

The U.S. Embassy is located at Final Boulevard Santa Elena, Antigua Cuscatlan, La Libertad, San Salvador.

U. S. Embassy El Salvador—Contact Information	
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Web site	<a href="https://sv.usembassy.gov">https://sv.usembassy.gov</a>



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## General

The Federated States of Micronesia, formerly known as the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, is composed of all the Caroline Islands except the Bell group. They are located in the North Pacific Ocean in a vast chain between 1°N and 10°N, and 131°E and 164°E.

The four major island states are Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, and Yap. There are a total of 607 islands in the country.

The climate is tropical. There is heavy rainfall throughout the year, especially in the E islands, which are located on the S edge of the typhoon belt. Typhoons occasionally occur from June to December.

The terrain ranges from high mountainous islands to low coral atolls. There are volcanic outcroppings on Pohnpei, Kosrae, and Truk.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

## Cautions

Local fishermen in small canoes may be encountered within the Caroline Islands in the area bound by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 8°20'N, 147°00'E.
- b. 8°20'N, 148°00'E.
- c. 7°30'N, 148°00'E.
- d. 7°00'N, 147°00'E.
- e. 7°15'N, 146°00'E.
- f. 7°40'N, 145°35'E.

Caution should be exercised when transiting this area, especially at night and during times of low visibility.

## Magnetic Anomalies

A local compass deflection of about 1° occurs in the vicinity of Ta Island at the SE end of Satowan Atoll (5°24.3'S., 153°35.8'E.).

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the U.S. dollar, consisting of 100 cents.

## Government

The Federated States of Micronesia is a federal republic and has a constitutional government in free association with the



**Flag of the Federated States of Micronesia**

United States. The country is divided into four states.

The Federated States of Micronesia is governed by a President who is elected to a 4-year term by the Congress. The unicameral Congress consists of 14 members. Four members, one from each state, are directly elected to serve 4-year terms; the President is chosen from one of these four members. The remaining 10 members are directly elected to serve 2-year terms.

The legal system is based on common law and customary law.

The capital is Palikir.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Kosrea Constitution Day	January 11
Yap Day	March 1
Pohnpei Culture Day	March 31
Good Friday	Variable
Proclamation of the Federated States of Micronesia	May 10
Independence Day	July 4
Liberation Day	September 11
United Nations Day	October 24
Independence Day	November 3
Pohnpei Constitution Day	November 8
Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
Yap Constitution Day	December 24
Christmas Day	December 25

## Industries

The main industries are tourism, construction, specialized aquaculture, and craft items from shell and wood.

The main exports are fish, scrap metal, and aircraft. The main export-trading partners are Thailand and China.

The main imports are poultry, broadcasting equipment, meats, fish products, vehicle parts, and lumber. The main import-trading partners are the United States, China, Japan, Taiwan, and South Korea.

## Languages

English is the official language.

## Mined Areas

Within Chuuk or the Hogulu Islands, swept channels to the Moen Island (Weno Island) anchorage have been established, as follows:

1. North Pass (Mochonap)—A channel 0.5 mile wide, with its centerline joining the following points:
  - a. 7°28'36.0"N, 151°48'34.8"E.
  - b. 7°29'18.0"N, 151°48'55.2"E.
  - c. 7°31'34.8"N, 151°51'13.2"E.
  - d. 7°32'22.2"N, 151°51'18.0"E.
  - e. 7°37'25.8"N, 151°49'07.8"E.
  - f. 7°39'37.8"N, 151°47'54.0"E.
  - g. 7°40'55.2"N, 151°46'55.8"E.
2. Northeast Pass (Mochenap)—A channel 0.5 mile wide, with its with centerline joining the following points:
  - a. 7°30'00.0"N, 151°49'54.0"E.
  - b. 7°30'25.8"N, 151°53'57.0"E.
  - c. 7°30'13.8"N, 151°55'33.0"E.
  - d. 7°30'00.0"N, 151°56'52.8"E.
  - e. 7°29'55.2"N, 151°57'54.0"E.

then course 061.5° through Northeast Pass.

3. South Pass (Mochun Fanew)—A channel 0.5 mile wide, with its centerline joining the following points:
  - a. 7°13'28.2"N, 151°47'52.2"E.
  - b. 7°17'37.8"N, 151°51'36.0"E.
  - c. 7°19'13.8"N, 151°51'36.0"E.
  - d. 7°19'23.4"N, 151°52'34.2"E.
  - e. 7°19'23.4"N, 151°54'59.4"E.
  - f. 7°22'24.0"N, 151°56'43.8"E.
  - g. 7°23'54.0"N, 151°54'39.0"E.
  - h. 7°23'37.2"N, 151°49'40.2"E.
4. West Pass (Mochun Pianu)—A channel to the anchorage SE of Fefan Island, 0.5 mile wide, with its centerline joining the following points:
  - a. 7°15'54.0"N, 151°44'31.2"E.
  - b. 7°14'13.2"N, 151°40'05.4"E.
  - c. 7°14'18.0"N, 151°38'03.0"E.
  - d. 7°16'55.2"N, 151°35'53.4"E.
  - e. 7°17'43.2"N, 151°34'34.8"E.
  - f. 7°19'52.8"N, 151°31'55.2"E.

then a course 270° through Piaanu Pass.

5. Ships should veer anchor and cable if anchoring, and submarines should not bottom in the above channels, due to the danger of detonating inactive mines.

6. Moen Anchorage (Weno Anchorage) has been swept and is considered safe for navigation. The anchorage is enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 7°22'42.0"N, 151°45'25.2"E.
- b. 7°22'42.0"N, 151°50'25.8"E.
- c. 7°24'00.0"N, 151°50'25.8"E.
- d. 7°24'31.2"N, 151°48'42.0"E.

- e. 7°25'19.2"N, 151°48'43.8"E.
- f. 7°25'34.8"N, 151°49'07.8"E.
- g. 7°28'33.0"N, 151°49'51.0"E.
- h. 7°28'33.0"N, 151°45'22.2"E.

7. The area in the vicinity of Eten Island (Etten Island) is safe for surface navigation only. Anchoring, dredging, pile-driving, trawling, and submarine bottoming should be avoided.

**Navigational Information**

**Enroute Volume**

Pub. 126, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Pacific Islands.

**Maritime Claims**

The maritime territorial claims of the Federated States of Micronesia are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	200 miles or the Continental Margin.

**Search and Rescue**

The National Police of the Federated States of Micronesia is responsible for the coordination of search and rescue operations. The Office of National Disaster is assisted by a designat-

ed SAR Coordinator and four regional Disaster Control Officers (DCO) in Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, and Yap, which can be contacted, as listed in the table titled **Search and Rescue Contact Information**.

A continuous listening watch is maintained on 5205 kHz, 7876.5 kHz, and VHF channel 16 for distress calls.

**Time Zone**

The Federated States of Micronesia is covered by several Time Zones, as follows:

1. Yap and Chuuk—The Time Zone description is KILO (-10). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.
2. Pohnpei, Pingelap, and Kosrae—The Time Zone description is LIMA (-11). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

**U.S. Embassy**

The U.S. Embassy is situated at 1286 U.S. Embassy Place, Kolonia.

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Web site	<a href="https://fm.usembassy.gov">https://fm.usembassy.gov</a>

Search and Rescue Contact Information			
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SAR Coordinator (National Police)	691-320-2628	691-320-3243	—
	691-320-2058		
DCO Kosrae	691-370-3009	691-370-3162	<a href="mailto:kosraedco@gmail.com">kosraedco@gmail.com</a>
	691-9970-1145 (mobile)		
DCO Pohnpei	691-320-2384	691-320-3895	<a href="mailto:fsmnpvms@gmail.com">fsmnpvms@gmail.com</a>
	691-926-1094 (mobile)		
DCO Chuuk	691-330-5520	—	<a href="mailto:fritzjustin5@gmail.com">fritzjustin5@gmail.com</a>
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	691-950-1842 (mobile)		



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**General**

Fiji, an independent nation within the British Commonwealth, consists of about 320 islands and islets located in the South Pacific Ocean between 15°S and 22°S, and 174°E and 177°W. The island of Rotuma (12°30'S., 178°00'E.) was added to the colony in 1881.

The two main islands are Viti Levu and Vanua Levu.

The climate is tropical marine having slight seasonal temperature changes; oceanic influences prevent undue extreme temperature and humidity variations. during the Southeast Trade Winds, which blow from May through November, the nights are cool and the rainfall amounts are the least.

The terrain for most of Fiji’s larger islands is mountainous and volcanic. Mount Victoria, on Viti Levu, is the highest mountain, with an elevation of 1,424m. There are several other mountains with heights in the vicinity of 1,000m.

Generally, the smaller islands are of limestone and coral, their cliffs rising steeply to flat tops with little vegetation.

**Buoyage System**

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

Beacons with a triangle or diamond topmark should be passed, as follows:

1. White triangle, point up—pass on seaward side.
2. Black triangle, point down—pass on its landward side (the track passes between the beacon and the main island).
3. White diamond—pass on either side.
4. Pennants (when used)—point towards the deep-water channel.

In some cases, beacons are established in a position almost equidistant from two separate coastlines, making it difficult to determine which coastline is the governing factor with reference to the beacon’s topmark. In this case, the coastline of the larger portion of land is the deciding factor.

Caution is necessary as bird droppings can make the black triangle appear white from a distance.

**Cautions**

**Fish Aggregating Devices**

Fish aggregating devices, consisting of strings of floats attached to concrete block anchors by a rope and chain connection, may be found in Fijian waters. These devices, used to



attract fish, are usually marked by a flag.

**Fish Rafts**

Unmanned fish rafts, consisting of a number of poles lashed together and used to attract fish, are moored offshore in Fijian waters. The larger ones are about 12m long and about 2m in diameter. They are normally lit and carry radar reflectors.

The lights and mooring systems are prone to failure. Rafts may be encountered adrift and unlit.

Concentrations of fishing vessels may also be found in the vicinity of fish rafts.

**Storm Damage to Beacons**

Beacons along the coast are frequently destroyed or damaged by tropical storms. It may take up to 1 year to repair or replace the beacons and they may not be rebuilt on their charted positions.

**Local Magnetic Anomaly**

Compass deflections of up to 87° have been reported in the vicinity of Naikovu Rock (17°51.5'S., 179°25.8'E.) of the S extremity of Nairai Island.

**Currency**

The official unit of currency is the Fiji dollar, consisting of 100 cents.

**Government**



Flag of Fiji

Fiji is a parliamentary republic. The country is divided into 14 provinces and one dependency.

Fiji is governed by a President, elected to a term of 3 years by the Parliament. The Prime Minister is appointed by the President. The Cabinet is appointed by the Prime Minister from among members of Parliament.

The unicameral Parliament consists of 55 directly-elected members serving 4-year terms.

The legal system is based on British law.

The capital is Suva.

**Holidays**

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
January 1	New Year's Day
Good Friday	Variable

Holiday	Date(s)
Easter Saturday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
Easter Monday	Variable
Prophet's Birthday	Variable
May 5	National Youth Day
Last Friday in May	Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna Day
Second Saturday in June	King's Birthday
July 23	Constitution Day
Diwali (Deepavali)	Variable
October 8	Fiji Day
December 25	Christmas Day
December 26	Boxing Day

**Industries**

The main industries are tourism, sugar, clothing, copra, gold, silver, and lumber.

The main exports are water, refined petroleum, fish, raw sugar, aircraft, fuel wood, and gold. The main export-trading partners are the United States, Australia, China, New Zealand, and Tonga.

The main imports are refined petroleum, aircraft, vehicles, dentistry devices, and broadcast equipment. The main import-trading partners are New Zealand, China, Singapore, Australia, and the United States.

**Languages**

English, Taukei, and Fiji Hindi are the official languages.

**Meteorology**

Marine weather forecasts are available, in English, from the Fiji Meteorological Service (<https://www.met.gov.fj>).

**Cyclone Threat Warnings**

The Nadi Tropical Cyclone Warning Center (Nadi TCWC) is activated whenever there is a cyclone threat to Fiji. Nadi TCWC will issue Special Weather Bulletins (SWB) containing TROPICAL CYCLONE ALERTS or TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNINGS, as appropriate.

**Mined Areas**

Mines have been cleared from the following areas listed in the accompanying table, but vessels must not anchor nor should submarines bottom.

Vitu Levu
Rovodrau Bay—West entrance (18°18'S., 178°01'E.)
Rovodrau Bay—Middle entrance (18°17.6'S., 178°04.2'E.)

Vitu Levu
Rovodrau Bay—East entrance (18°17.5'S., 178°06.0'E.)
Nukubuko Passage (18°11'S., 178°28'E.)
Nukulau Passage (18°11'S., 178°31'E.)
Moturiki Channel (17°48'S., 178°47'E.)
West of Moturiki Island (17°45'S., 178° 45'E.)
West of Ovalau (17°40'S., 178° 47'E.)
Southeast of Moon Reef (17°31'S., 178°31'E.)
Northeast of Wilkes Passage (17°51'S., 177°11'E.) and Malolo Passage (17°48'S., 177°08'E.)
East and S of Navini Island (17°42'S., 177°14'E.)
North and S of Eluvuka Island (17°39'S., 177°16'E.)
Between Etai Islet and Tivua Islet
Manava Passage (17°20'S., 177°48'E.)
Natubo Drauvi Passage (17°19'S., 177°51'E.)
Nukurauvula Passage (17°18'S., 178°00'E.)
Nananu Passage (17°15'S., 178°12'E.)
Vanua Levu
Naotamu Passage (16°16'S., 179°03'E.)
Mali Passage (16°17'S., 179°16'E.)
Sau Sau Passage (16°10'S., 179°29'E.)
Point Passage (16°49'S., 179°15'E.)
Nayavu Passage (16°51'S., 179°07'E.)
Kubulau Passage (16°52'S., 179°06'E.)

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

Pub. 126, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Pacific Islands.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Fiji are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	Depth of 200m or the Limit of Exploitation.
* Claims archipelagic status.	

### Internet Maritime Safety Information

Coastal navigation warnings, local marine notices, and related safety information are available, in English, from the Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji (<https://www.msaf.com.fj/category/alerts-notice>).

## Pilotage

Pilots board in Suva (18°08'S., 178°25'E.) or Lautoka (17°36'S., 177°26'E.) for the following ports, except where noted:

1. Vatia Wharf, Viti Levu. \*
2. Malau, Vanua Levu.
3. Yavena Passage (pilot boards in position 17°19'S, 177°45'E).
4. Bligh Water. \*
5. Yasawa-i-Rara, including Malakati and Mamanuca (pilot boards in position 16°41'S, 177°32'E).
6. Yadua Passage, Vanua Levu. \*
7. Dravuni and Ono Island, Kadavu (pilot boards in position 18°45'S, 178°25'E).
8. Galoa Port, Vanua Levu. \*
9. Pacific Harbor, Beqa Island, and Beqa Channel. \*
10. Levuka.
11. Savu Savu.
12. Wairiki, Vanua Levu. \*
13. The Lau Islands. \*
14. Taveuni, Kioa, Rabi, Qamea, and the Loucaia Islands. \*
15. Vatu-I-Ra Channel. \*
16. Somosomo Strait. \*
17. Bega Passage. \*

\* By prior arrangement with the pilot through the agent.

## Regulations

### General

The master of every vessel shall anchor, moor, or place his vessel where the harbor master may direct and shall not move nor allow the said vessel to be moved from such place without permission of the harbor master and shall also remove his said vessel from any such place when ordered by the harbor master.

No person shall anchor a vessel in the fairway of any channel so as to obstruct the approach to any wharf.

Vessels entering any harbor having onboard explosives or any material of a dangerous or inflammable nature shall, from the time of entering the harbor until such goods have been unloaded, by day display a red flag, and by night exhibit a red light, visible all round the horizon for a distance of at least 2 miles.

Masters of vessels arriving with such goods shall immediately furnish the harbor master with particulars of the same.

### Rhinoceros Beetle Regulations

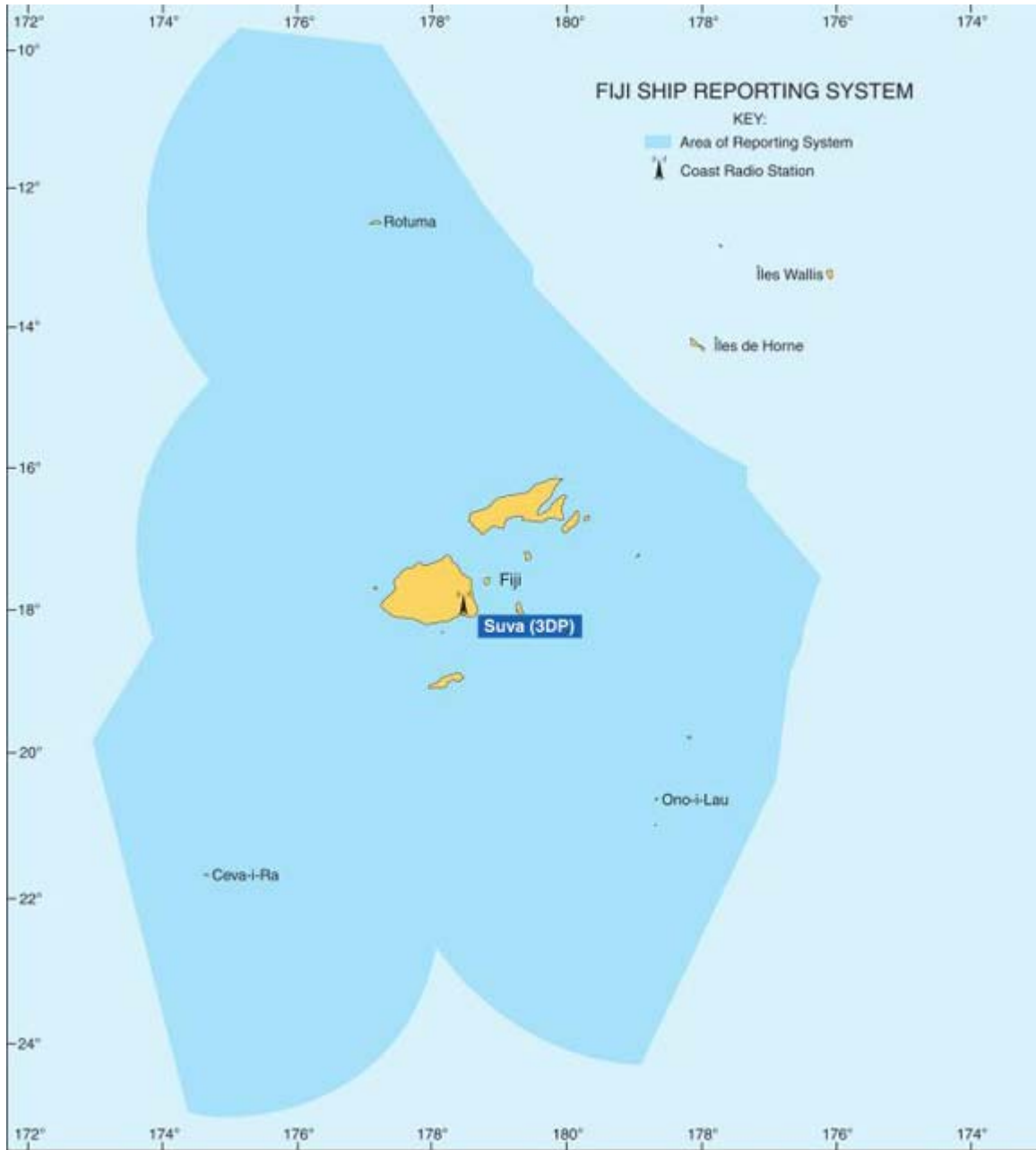
Vessels proceeding from an area infested by rhinoceros beetles, which feeds on and destroys the heart of new growth shoots of the coconut palm, to clean areas must first obtain an inspection and clearance certificate. Full details should be obtained locally.

Clean areas are, as follows:

1. Lau Group.
2. Islands more than 5 miles N and E of Vanua Levu.
3. Kaduva Island.
4. Koro Island.

Infested areas are, as follows:

1. Viti Levu.
2. Vanua Levu and remaining islands.



**Quarantine**

Radio pratique should be requested 72 hours prior to ETA. The message should be sent to the Port Health Authority stating the following information:

1. Number and health of the crew.
2. Ports of call within the last 50 days, including the dates of departure.

Port Health Authority—Contact Information	
E-mail	<a href="mailto:info@fijiports.co.fj">info@fijiports.co.fj</a>

3. Request for pratique.

**Search and Rescue**

A National Search and Rescue Committee coordinates search and rescue operations in the waters around Fiji. Rescue Coordination Centers (RCC) are located at RCC Suva and RCC Nadi.

Port Health Authority—Contact Information	
Telephone	679-331-2700
Facsimile	679-330-0064

Rescue Subcenters may be temporarily established in other areas based on the situation.

Suva Coast Radio Station (3DP) maintains a continuous listening watch for distress traffic on 2182 kHz and VHF channel 16.

Fiji—Search and Rescue Contact Information	
Maritime Surveillance Center (MSC) Fiji	
Telephone	679-331-5380
Facsimile	679-330-6295
Fiji Maritime Surveillance RCC	
Telephone	679-331-6204
	679-331-6205
	679-331-6206
	679-331-5380
Facsimile	679-330-6295
E-mail	<a href="mailto:operations@rccfiji.org">operations@rccfiji.org</a>
	<a href="mailto:operations@mrsfiji.org">operations@mrsfiji.org</a>
RCC Nadi	
Telephone	679-672-5777 (extension 4183, 4446, or 4811)
Facsimile	679-672-2470 (Monday-Friday from 2000-0430 UTC)
E-mail	<a href="mailto:nadircc1@afl.com.fj">nadircc1@afl.com.fj</a>

### Ship Reporting System

A maritime surveillance safety service involving ship reporting has been established for all vessels, including small craft.

Reports should be sent at least once daily to Suva Coast Radio Station (3DP) or to MSC Fiji by facsimile (679-330-6295) or e-mail ([msc@connect.com.fj](mailto:msc@connect.com.fj)).

The report should include the vessel's name, position, date and time of report, port of destination, and ETA.

### Signals

A yellow pendant is displayed when a tropical cyclone of storm or hurricane intensity exists and may affect the locality within the next 24 to 36 hours.

### Time Zone

The Time Zone description is MIKE (-12). Daylight Savings Time (Zone Description -13) is maintained from the second Sunday in November until the third Sunday in January (2021-2023) or the second Sunday in January (2024-2025); caution is necessary as it has been reported (2022) Fiji has suspended observing Daylight Savings Time until 2024.

Rotuna Island does not observe Daylight Savings Time.

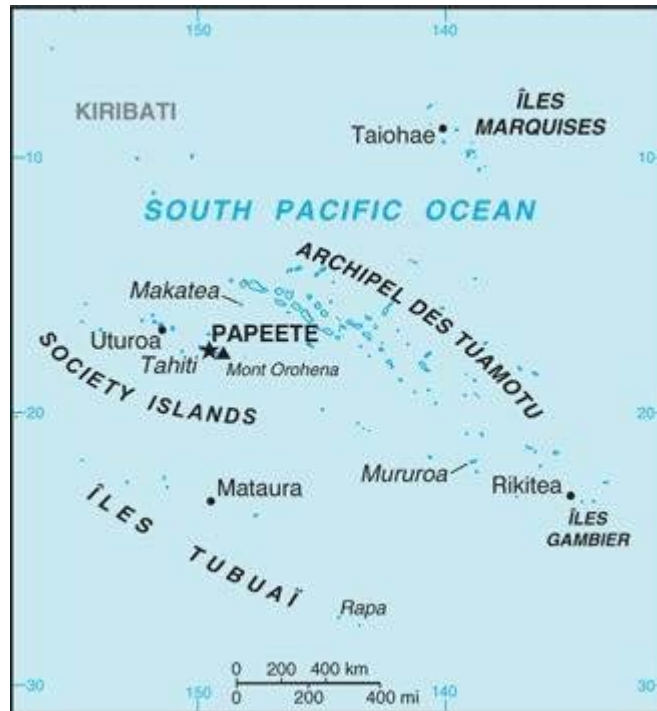
### U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is situated at 158 Princes Road, Tamavua.

U. S. Embassy Fiji—Contact Information	
Mailing address	4920 Suva Place
	Washington DC (20521-4290)
Telephone	679-331-4466
Facsimile	679-330-2267
E-mail	<a href="mailto:SuvaACA@state.gov">SuvaACA@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://fj.usembassy.gov">https://fj.usembassy.gov</a>

### Vessel Traffic Service

A vessel traffic service is in operation for Suva (18°08'S., 178°25'E.). For further information, see Pub. 126, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Pacific Islands.



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## General

French Polynesia, formerly called the French Settlements in Oceania, is an Overseas Territory within the French Community. It consists of four distinct island groups containing some 130 islands in the South Pacific Ocean. The island groups extend from 7°S to 29°S, and from 131°W to 156°W.

The archipelagoes forming French Polynesia are scattered across 3,941 square kilometers of ocean.

The four islands groups constituting French Polynesia are the Marquesas Islands, the Tuamotu Archipelago, the Society Islands, the Austral Islands.

## The Marquesas Islands

The Marquesas Islands, consisting of ten volcanic islands and a few small islets, extend in a NW and SE direction, between the parallels 7°S and 11°S, and the meridians 138°W and 141°W.

The five principal inhabited islands are Nuku Hiva, Ua Pu, Hiva Oa, Tahuata, and Fatu Hiva. The best known of the islands is Hiva Oa, a fertile and heavily-wooded high island.

All the islands are volcanic in origin; mountains in the interior of the islands rise to heights of 470 to 1,230m. The coasts, composed of steep black cliffs, are nearly all steep-to and indented by bays.

Winds from E to NE are more pronounced from April to October, while in other months winds from E to NE are more prevalent. Gales are rare; when they do occur, it is usually in December.

## The Tuamotu Archipelago

The Tuamotu Archipelago, consisting of 78 islands, is divided into two groups for administrative purposes; the Gambier Islands and their dependencies form the E group and the Tuamotu Islands form the W group. The archipelago extends for about 950 miles in a NW and SE direction, between the parallels 14°S and 24°S, and the meridians 135°W and 149°W.

The archipelago is also called the Paumotu Archipelago, the Low Archipelago, or the Dangerous Archipelago. With a few exceptions all the islands are low-lying coral atolls or rings of coral enclosing saltwater lagoons. The chief exception is the upraised island of Makatea, formerly noted for its phosphate deposits, now exhausted. It has a copra economy. Some of the atolls have their income augmented by the pearls found in the extensive lagoon areas.

The climate is tropical and the weather is generally hot. May

through October is slightly cooler than the rest of the year. Most rain falls in the warmer months.

The Southeast Trade Winds blow throughout the year; the prevailing wind is usually E or ESE. Hurricanes occasionally occur, using from December through February.

### The Society Islands

The Society Islands contains 12 major islands divided into a windward cluster of five islands and a leeward section of seven islands. They extend for about 400 miles in a WNW and ESE direction between the parallels 15°S and 18°S, and the meridians 148°W and 155°W.

All the islands are high, volcanic, and encircled by barrier reefs except for Tetiaro, which is an atoll.

The Windward Islands consist of Tahiti, Moorea, and the smaller islands of Mehetia, Tetiaroa, and Maïao.

The Leeward Islands consist of the volcanic islands of Huahine, Raiatea, Tahaa, Bora Bora, and Maupiti, together with the four small atolls of Tupai, Mopelia, Manuae, and Motu One. The latter three atolls are uninhabited.

Tahiti is the largest island of the group. It is formed of volcanoes with an isthmus and appears like a figure-eight.

### The Austral Islands

The Austral Islands consist of the five inhabited islands of Rurutu, Tubuai, Rimatara, Raivavae, and Rapa, as well as the uninhabited Marotiri Rocks and Maria Islands. Mataura, on Tubuai, is the chief settlement.

The chain extends for about 800 miles in a WNW and ESE direction between the parallels 21°S and 24°S, and the meridians 147°W and 155°W.

The islands are volcanic in origin and moderately high, with the exception of Iles Maria, which form an atoll. All the islands are surrounded by reefs which are usually steep-to. The water is not very clear and the coral heads are difficult to sea.

The island of Tubuai is a high volcanic island measuring about 5 miles long and 3 miles wide. It is oval in shape with Mount Taita, 400m high, its highest point. A barrier reef encircles the island. There is an airstrip for light planes.

Tubuai is a very fertile island and coffee, copra, bananas, manioc (arrowroot), and oranges are grown here.

The climate is tropical but moderate.

The terrain is a mixture of rugged high islands and low islands with reefs.

### Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. The IALA System is used to mark channels from seaward through gaps in the barrier reef and the main channels within the barrier reefs to important harbors and anchorages. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

A Special System is used to mark minor channels within the barrier reefs where the direction of navigation cannot be determined without ambiguity. The edges of the channel are marked, as follows:

1. Landward side—Red can or spar buoys with a red hemisphere topmark, rounded part up.

2. Barrier reef side—Green can or spar buoys with a green cone topmark, point down.

Beacons, with the same color and topmark, may be used in

place of buoys in either system.

The buoys and beacons are fitted with reflectors and are unlit.

In some shallow minor channels, there still may be local beacons, referred to as marker beacons, installed at the edges of reefs. These beacons consist of spars, with the upper half painted white and the lower half painted black.

### Cautions

#### Nuclear Testing

Underground nuclear tests are conducted by the French government at Fangataufa (22°15'S., 138°45'W.) and Mururoa, 20 miles NNW of Fangataufa, at the SE end of the Tuamotu Archipelago. Access to the atolls and entry into their lagoons are prohibited. When tests are in progress, an area with a radius of 100 miles, centered on the atoll is considered dangerous and is controlled by the French authorities.

#### The Austral Islands

Aids to navigation in the Austral Islands cannot be relied upon.

The water in this area is not very clear and the coral heads are often difficult to identify.

#### Local Magnetic Anomalies

Local magnetic anomalies have been reported in French Polynesia, as follows:

1. A local magnetic anomaly causing abnormal deflections of 15° to 20° has been reported on Ile Rapa (27°36.5'S., 144°21.0'W.).
2. Compass deflections have been reported about 15 miles NE of the E end of Tahiti in position 17°37'S., 148°57'W and on Isthmuth de Taravoa at Fort de Taravoa (17°43.6'S., 149°18.6'W.).
3. Compass deflections have been reported within the harbor of Papeete and on the N shore of the harbor.
4. Off Nuku-Hiva in position 8°54'S., 140°05'W.
5. Off the coast of all volcanic islands.

#### Seaplane Operating Areas

Numerous seaplane operating areas are located in or adjacent to passages within the reefs surrounding Raiatea and Tahaa, some of which may not be charted.

### Currency

The official unit of currency is the Pacific franc, consisting of 100 centimes.

### Firing Areas

Remotely-piloted aircraft operations and anti-aircraft firing exercises from vessels takes place in the approach to Papeete, W of Ile de Tetiaroa, in the following areas:

1. **Area NT D21.**—A circular area situated within an arc centered on position 17°33.0'S., 149°36.2'W (the CP) extending clockwise from a line on a bearing of 332° from the CP to a line on a bearing of 000° from the CP, with the inner boundary of this area consisting of an arc extending a radius of 23 miles from the CP and the outer boundary of this area

consisting of an arc extending a radius of 40 miles from the CP.

2. **Area NT D22.**—A circular area situated within an arc centered on position 17°33.0'S, 149°36.2'W (the CP) extending clockwise from a line on a bearing of 332° from the CP to a line on a bearing of 000° from the CP, with the inner boundary of this area consisting of an arc extending a radius of 40 miles from the CP and the outer boundary of this area consisting of an arc extending a radius of 60 miles from the CP.

3. **Area NT D23.**—Remotely-piloted aircraft exercises, as well as low altitude and instrument flight training take place in the approaches to Papeete W of Tetiaroa Atoll in an area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 17°10.0'S, 149°36.2'W.
- b. 16°33.0'S, 149°36.2'W then counterclockwise along the arc of a circle centered on position 17°33.0'S, 149°36.2'W to position
- c. 16°49.1'S, 150°05.3'W.
- d. 17°12.7'S, 149°47.5'W then clockwise along the arc of a circle centered on position 17°33.0'S, 149°36.2'W to position
- e. 17°10.0'S, 149°36.2'W.

Vessels should avoid passing through the area. Information regarding upcoming exercises is promulgated 5 days in advance by Coastal Navigation Warnings (AVURNAV) and 2 days in advance by EGC satellite broadcasts. Further information can be obtained from JRCC Tahiti (see Search and Rescue for contact information).

## Fishing Areas

### Regulated Fishing Zones

Regulated fishing areas where specific fishing rules have been introduced, are located throughout the country. Further information can be obtained on the web site of the Department of Marine Resources (<http://www.resources-marines.gov.pf/cartes-thematiques.zpr>).

### Fish Aggregating Devices

Fish Aggregating Devices (FADS) may be encountered in the waters throughout French Polynesia. These devices are marked on the surface by either a 1m in diameter spherical yellow buoy equipped with a radar reflector or by smaller yellow, red, or orange buoys; the buoys are not usually charted.

Caution is advised as FADS are not maintained as aids to navigation; the lights, if fitted, are prone to failure, as are the float moorings. The swing radius of a FAD may be as much as 1 mile. Vessels are requested not to approach within 150m of the devices.

Concentrations of fishing vessels may also be found in the vicinity of FADS.

### Pearl Farms

Pearl farms, which may constitute hazards to navigation, lie in the atolls in a area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 14°00'S, 153°00'W.
- b. 14°00'S, 133°00'W.
- c. 24°00'S, 133°00'W.
- d. 24°00'S, 153°00'W.

Vessels should contact the Pearl Service Center, Tahiti (telephone: 689-500-013 or facsimile: 689-438-159) 48 hours prior to transiting this area to obtain the precise positions of pearl farms. Caution is necessary as the position of the pearl farms can change without notice.

## Government



**Flag of French Polynesia**

French Polynesia, a French territory since 1843, opted in November 1958 for the status of an Overseas Territory within the French Community. The territory is divided into five administrative divisions.

French Polynesia is governed by a President elected by members of the Territorial Assembly to a 5-year term. The unicameral Territorial Assembly consists of 38 directly-elected members serving 5-year terms; the party receiving the most votes gets an additional 19 seats, also for 5-year terms.

The legal system is based on French law.

The capital is Papeete.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Missionary Day	March 5
Good Friday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
Easter Monday	Variable
Labor Day	May 1
Ascension Day	Variable
Whitsunday	Variable
Whitmonday	Variable
Bastille Day	July 14
Assumption Day	August 15
Autonomy Day	September 8
All Saint's Day	November 1
Armistice Day	November 11
Christmas Day	December 25

## Industries

The main industries are tourism, pearls, agricultural processing, handicrafts, and phosphates.

The main exports are cultured pearls, coconut products, mother-of-pearl, vanilla, and shark meat. The main export-trading partners are Japan, Hong Kong, Kyrgyzstan, the United States, and France.

The main imports are fuels, foodstuffs, and machinery and equipment. The main import-trading partners are France, South Korea, the United States, and New Zealand.

## Languages

French is the official language.

## Meteorology

Marine weather forecasts and warnings are available, in French, from Meteo France Polynesie (<https://www.meteo.pf>).

Information about tsunamis and tropical cyclone activity is available, in French, from the Department of Marine Resources (<http://www.ressources-marines.gov.pf/prevention-secrimer/cyclone-tsunami>).

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

Pub. 126, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Pacific Islands.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of French Polynesia are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	Depth of 200m or the Limit of Exploitation.
* Claims straight baselines.	

### Internet Maritime Safety Information

Navigation Warnings are available, in French, from JRCC Papeete (<http://www.jrcc.pf/infonaut>).

## Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory, as follows:

1. Papeete—All vessels with an loa greater than 40m except for French naval vessels with an loa less than 90m and coastal vessels registered in French Polynesia with an loa less than 90m.

2. All vessels with an loa greater than 90m calling at the following islands:

- a. Moorea.
- b. Huahine.

- c. Raiatea-Tahoa (Uturoa port and lagoon passages).
- d. Tahoa.
- e. Bora-Bora.
- f. Rangiroa.

All pilots are based at Te Ara Tai pilotage station in Papeete. The pilot launches have yellow hulls with the word PILOT in black on both sides of their superstructure.

Movements of naval vessels are normally carried out by military pilots, although it is customary for a civilian pilot to be engaged for the first entry and last departure of such vessels.

Licensed pilots for other ports and anchorages are available at Papeete and may be obtained by VHF channel 12, by displaying the customary signals, or, preferably, by giving 24 hours notice by radio. Pilots board about 2 miles NW of Passe de Papeete.

## Pollution

A report must be sent to JRCC Tahiti for any situation which is likely to water or coastal pollution, such as a discharge or a risk of discharge of polluting substances at sea or any slick of polluting substances and any containers or drifting objects observed at sea.

**SURNAV Report.**—The report should contain the following information:

1. Vessel name, flag, MMSI, and call sign.
2. Date and time (UTC) in format DDHHMM Z.
3. Position (latitude/longitude).
4. Course.
5. Speed.
6. Destination.
7. Radiotelephone watch maintained.
8. Draft.
9. Cargo quantity and category (according to MARPOL 73/76 definitions).
10. Nature of the damage.
11. Reporting of any pollution caused or observed and any containers, packages, or cargo lost overboard or observed adrift and presenting a danger to navigation or the environment.
12. Name and contact details of the owner, charterer, or any consignee in France.
13. Type of vessel.
14. Number of people on board (crew passengers, and possible stowaways).
15. Date and time (UTC) of any assistance or towing call, presence possible, and name of assisting vessel or the time (UTC) of arrival of a possible assisting vessel and any other information.
16. Request to send the report to another system (such as AMVER, AUSREP, or JASREP).
17. End of report.

**SURNAV Damage Report.**—The report should contain the following information:

1. Vessel name, flag, MMSI, and call sign.
2. Date and time (UTC) in format DDHHMM Z.
3. Position (latitude/longitude).
4. Course.
5. Speed.
6. Destination.
7. Radiotelephone watch maintained.



8. Draft.
  9. Cargo quantity and category (according the MARPOL 73/76 definitions).
  10. Nature of the damage.
  11. Reporting of any pollution caused or observed and any containers, packages, or cargo lost overboard or observed drift and presenting a danger to navigation or the environment.
  12. Name and contact details of the owner, charterer, or any consignee in France.
  13. Type of vessel.
  14. Number of people on board (crew, passengers, and possible stowaways).
  15. Date and time (UTC) of any assistance or towing call, presence possible, and name of assisting vessel or the time (UTC) of arrival of a possible assisting vessel and any other information.
- Contact information for JRCC Tahiti can be found in Search and Rescue.

- a. Taiohae, Nuku Hiva.
- b. Hakahau, Ua Pou.
- c. Atuona, Hiva Oa.
4. Austral Islands:
  - a. Mataura, Tubuai.
  - b. Moerai, Rurutu.
  - c. Raima, Raivavae.
5. Tuamotu Archipelago:
  - a. Tiputa, Rangiroa.
  - b. Rikitea, Mangareva.

**Regulations**

**Ports of Entry—Commercial Vessels**

The entry to French Polynesia by commercial vessels is permitted only through the following ports:

1. Papeete, Iles du Vent.
2. Hao, Tuamotu Archipelago.
3. Mururoa, Tuamotu Archipelago.

The entry through Hao and Mururoa is further restricted by the Regulated Area restrictions applying to the Tuamotu Archipelago as described below.

Upon arrival at or prior to departure from a port in French Polynesia, the following information should be sent to the Port Authority:

1. Vessel name and type, country of registry, and owner’s name.
2. Last or next port of call, as appropriate.
3. Nature of any cargo.
4. Number of crew.
5. Passenger list.

Port Authority—Contact Information	
Telephone	689-40-474882
Facsimile	689-40-474882
E-mail	<a href="mailto:trafficmaritime@portppt.pf">trafficmaritime@portppt.pf</a>
Web site	<a href="http://www.portdepapeete.pf">http://www.portdepapeete.pf</a>

**Ports of Entry—Pleasure Craft**

Pleasure craft arriving in French Polynesia must make their first stop at one of the designated entrance ports:

1. Windward Islands:
  - a. Papeete, Tahiti.
  - b. Afarelatu, Moorea.
2. Leeward Islands:
  - a. Unroa, Raiatea.
  - b. Fare, Huahina.
  - c. Vaitape, Boro Bora.
3. Marquesas Islands:

**Rhinoceros Beetle Regulations**

Every vessel arriving in French Polynesia or its dependencies from an area infested with rhinoceros beetles, which feeds on and destroys the heart of new growth shoots of the coconut palm, is required to anchor at least 400m offshore between sunset and sunrise with its holds closed until a sanitary inspection has been completed. If necessary, disinfestation will be carried out before a vessel is permitted to berth alongside.

The areas regarded by French authorities as infested are, as follows:

1. Bismarck Archipelago.
2. Cuba.
3. Dominican Republic.
4. Fiji.
5. Haiti.
6. Indonesia.
7. Irian Jaya (Manokwari, Sarmi, and Sorenarwa).
8. Japan.
9. New Guinea.
10. Palau.
11. Philippines.
12. Puerto Rico.
13. Samoa.
14. Taiwan.
15. Tonga.
16. Wallis and Futuna.

**Pre-arrival Quarantine Information**

The Maritime Declaration of Health is not required except in case of sickness or epidemic on board the vessel. In that event the declaration is sent, via the ship’s agent, to the harbormaster’s office 2 to 3 days prior to ETA.

**Rabies**

The import of dogs and cats into French Polynesia from areas affected by rabies is prohibited.

**Regulated Area—Tuamotu Archipelago**

Navigation of the territorial and inner waters of the Tuamotu Archipelago located S of 17°20’S and E of 145°45’W is regulated. No vessel can enter these waters without permission of the French government.

Requests to enter these waters should be sent at least 3 working days in advance, as follows:

1. Vessels entering from ports outside French Polynesia—requests should be sent to the Governor of the territory.
2. Vessels sailing from ports in French Polynesia—requests should be sent to the Administrator of Mercantile Marine in Papeete.

The request should state whether the requirement is to pass through only territorial waters or to pass through both territorial and internal waters.

An Area to be Avoided, which encompasses a number of atolls, is centered on position 15°59'20.4"S, 145°32'07.2"W.

## Search and Rescue

JRCC Tahiti coordinates local search and rescue operations and maintains a continuous listening watch for distress calls on VHF channel 16 (Society Archipelago only), 2182 kHz, 2187.5 kHz, and 8291 kHz.

JRCC Tahiti—Contact Information	
Telephone	689-40-541616 (emergency)
	689-87-757547 (mobile)
	582-422799192 (INMARSAT-C)
Facsimile	689-40-423915 (24 hours)
E-mail	<a href="mailto:contact@jrcc.pf">contact@jrcc.pf</a>
	<a href="mailto:jrcctahiti@gmail.com">jrcctahiti@gmail.com</a> (Rescue)
Web site	<a href="http://www.jrcc.pf">http://www.jrcc.pf</a>

## Ship Reporting System

### SURNAV (French Polynesia and Clipperton Island) Ship Reporting System

Participation in this system is, as follows:

1. Mandatory:
  - a. Vessels over 15m loa sailing in French Territorial Waters off French Polynesia and Clipperton Island.
  - b. Vessels of 3,000 gt and over engaged in commercial navigation.
  - c. Vessels carrying dangerous or polluting cargo, oils, or residual gas of dangerous or polluting oils in the meaning of conventions, codes, and protocols in place, whatever their method of storage, and light tankers as well as light towed equipment carrying or having carried dangerous or polluting substances
2. Not required:
  - a. State vessels and vessels engaged in coastal trade operations in the territorial waters of French Polynesia.
  - b. State vessels in the territorial waters of Clipperton Island.

Vessels shall report to JRCC Tahiti by any means of communication in the following situations:

1. Any incident or accident impacting the ship safety, such as collision, grounding, damage, failure or breakdown, flooding or shifting of cargo, any defects in the hull, or structural failure.
2. Any incident or accident compromising the safety of navigation, such as failures likely to affect the ship's maneuvering or navigational capabilities, or any defect affecting propulsion systems, steering gear, power generation facilities, or navigation or communication equipment.
3. Any discharge, during the ship operation, of oils or noxious liquids substances exceeding the statutory rates set.
4. Any loss of dangerous or polluting cargo carried in

bulk or as cargo.

5. Any slick of polluting products and any container or cargo drifting at sea.

6. Any danger or weather situation that may affect the safety of navigation.

**SURNAV Messages** state the following information:

SURNAV	
Designator	Information required
ALFA	Vessel's name, call sign, IMO Number, MMSI Number, and flag.
BRAVO	Date and time, in DDHHMM (UTC), of the position mentioned in C.
CHARLIE	Position (latitude/longitude) or true bearing and distance from a clearly identified landmark.
ECHO	True course.
FOXTROT	Speed.
GOLF	Port of departure.
HOTEL	Date and time (UTC) and point of entry into French territorial waters or date and time (UTC) of departure from French harbor.
INDIA	Destination and ETA.
KILO	Date and time (UTC) and point of departure from French territorial waters or date and time (UTC) of arrival at port or waiting area within French waters.
MIKE	Radio watched maintained.
OSCAR	Draft.
PAPA	Cargo quantity, UN Number, and IMO risk class (MARPOL 73).
QUEBEC	Any defects, damage, faults, or restrictions to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Main propulsion machinery.</li> <li>2. Steering gear.</li> <li>3. Anchor and mooring equipment.</li> </ol>
UNIFORM	Type of vessel, characteristics, and gt.
WHISKEY	Total number of people on board.
X-RAY	Any other information.

**SURNAV Damage Messages**, when dealing with an incident or situation, state the following information:

SURNAV—Damage	
Designator	Information required
ALFA	Vessel's name, call sign, IMO Number, MMSI Number, and flag.

SURNAV—Damage	
Designator	Information required
BRAVO	Date and time, in DDHHMM (UTC), of the position mentioned in C.
CHARLIE	Position (latitude/longitude) or true bearing and distance from a clearly identified landmark.
ECHO	True course.
FOXTROT	Speed.
GOLF	Port of departure.
INDIA	Destination and ETA.
MIKE	Radio watched maintained.
OSCAR	Draft.
PAPA	Cargo quantity, UN Number, and IMO risk class (MARPOL 73).
QUEBEC	Any defects, damage, faults, or restrictions.
ROMEO	Report of each caused or observed pollution or any container, parcel, or cargo lost overboard or observed adrift and being a danger to navigation or to the environment.
TANGO	Name of vessel's agent or owner.
UNIFORM	Type of vessel, characteristics, and gt.
WHISKEY	Total number of people on board.
X-RAY	Date and time (UTC) of an eventual call for assistance or for towing, the eventual presence and name of an assistance ship, or the rallying time (UTC) of an eventual assistance ship. Any other information.

Any vessel referred to in paragraph 1b above, about to pass through the French Territorial Waters of French Polynesia and Clipperton Island, must report to JRCC Tahiti at least 48 hours before entering territorial waters if coming from outside these waters. Messages should be sent at least 2 hours before departure if vessel is preparing to leave those waters from a port or anchorage on the French coast. Any change to intentions in activity must be reported immediately to JRCC Tahiti. Messages should be in the format of a SURNAV message detailing the following information:

1. Navigational intentions while within territorial waters.
2. The state of maneuvering and navigational ability.
3. A list of dangerous products on board (where applicable).

Vessels referred to in paragraph 1c above should transit in the territorial waters more than 7 miles from the coast on a continuous route and as directly as possible.

Vessels referred to in paragraph 1c above approaching or departing from a French port or anchorage within the territorial waters, should cross the 7-mile zone on a continuous route as directly as possible.

### Signals

See the table titled **French Polynesia—Special Traffic Signals**.

The use of these signals may indicate obstructions exist in the fairway. Mariners should proceed with caution and obey any signals made by the port authorities.

French Polynesia—Special Traffic Signals		
Day	Night	Meaning
Three red balls, vertically disposed	Three red lights, vertically disposed	Port closed
Three green balls, vertically disposed	Three green lights, vertically disposed	Port open
A blue flag	One red light, one green light, one red light, vertically disposed	Movement prohibited

### Time Zone

The Time Zone description for Tahiti, the Tuamotu Islands, the Society Islands, and the Austral Islands is WHISKEY (+10). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

The Time Zone description for the Gambier Islands is VICTOR (+9). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

The standard time of the Marquesas Islands is 9 hours 30 minutes behind UTC. Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

### U.S. Embassy

There are no U.S. diplomatic offices in French Polynesia. French Polynesia is an overseas territory of France.



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## General

Guatemala is located in Central America, bordering the Caribbean Sea, between Honduras and Belize and bordering the North Pacific Ocean, between El Salvador and Mexico. It has about 70 miles of coast on the Caribbean side and 220 miles on the Pacific side. San Jose is the largest port on the Pacific coast.

The climate is tropical; hot and humid in the lowlands, and cooler in the highlands.

The terrain is mostly mountains with narrow coastal plains and rolling limestone plateaus.

The entire Pacific coast is bordered by a 30 mile wide belt of tropical lowland backed inland by high mountainous country of volcanic origin. Many of the peaks of this range rise to elevations in excess of 3,658m.

The Pacific slope of this range is the most densely populated section of the country. Violent earthquakes are a frequent oc-

currence and in the past have caused considerable damage to the capital city of Guatemala.

The N part of the country contains the great plain of Peten, a low, humid, and heavily forested area which comprises about one-third of the total territory of the state.

The greater part of this region is uncultivated, although many districts have extremely fertile soils and an abundance of water.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region B) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

Many lights have been reported as extinguished, irregular, or unreliable.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the quetzal, consisting of 100 centavos.

## Government

Guatemala is a presidential republic with a traditionally dominant executive. The country is divided into 22 departments.

Guatemala is governed by a directly-elected President who serves a 4-year term. The Council of Ministers is appointed by the President. The unicameral Congress consists of 160 directly-elected members serving 4-year terms.

The legal system is based on civil law.

The capital is Guatemala City.



Flag of Guatemala

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Holy Thursday	Variable
Good Friday	Variable
Holy Saturday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
Labor Day	May 1
Army Day	June 30
Assumption Day	August 15
Independence Day	September 15
Revolution Day	October 20
All Saints' Day	November 1
Christmas Eve (half day)	December 24
Christmas Day	December 25
New Year's Eve (half day)	December 31

## Industries

The principal industries are sugar, textiles and clothing, furniture, chemicals, petroleum, metals, rubber, and tourism.

The main exports are bananas, sugar, coffee, cardamom, palm oil, clothing, and iron alloys. The main export-trading partners are the United States, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Mexico.

The main imports are fuels, broadcast equipment, packaged medicines, vehicles, clothing and apparel, and polymers. The main import-trading partners are the United States, China, Mexico, and El Salvador.

## Languages

Spanish is the official language. There are 23 recognized Amerindian languages.

## Meteorology

Wave heights, current and sea temperature data, and meteorological and seismic warnings are available, in Spanish, from the National Institute of Seismology, Vulcanology, Meteorology, and Hydrology (<https://www.insivumeh.gob.gt>).

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volumes

Pub. 148, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Caribbean Sea Volume 2.

Pub. 153, Sailing Directions (Enroute) West Coasts of Mexico and Central America.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Guatemala are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	Depth of 200m or the Limit of Exploitation.
* Claims Bahia de Amatique as a historic bay.	

## Pollution

All accidents/incidents must be immediately reported to the Port Facilities Protection Officer, Department of Industrial Safety and Environment. The report must contain the following information:

1. Identification of all possible sources of the spill.
2. Protection and cleaning priorities.
3. Potential size of discharge.
4. Possible scenarios and methods of response to spill.
5. Time to initiate the response if it occurs.
6. Evaluation according to ISO 31000 standard.
7. Establish operational control in critical cases.

## Search and Rescue

A Maritime Rescue Coordination Center is located at the Joint Operations Center, Guatemala City, for both the Atlantic coast and the Pacific coast.

MRCC Joint Operations Center—Contact Information	
Command	Telephone
Caribbean Naval Command	502-449-74267
	502-449-74269
	502-449-74270

Guatemala is part of the Corporacion Centroamericana de Servicios de Navegacion Aerea (COCESNA), the Central American aeronautical search and rescue network.

Further information on COCESNA can be found in **Honduras—Search and Rescue**.

Zone 10, Guatemala City.

### Time Zone

The Time Zone description is SIERRA (+6). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

### U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is situated at 7-01 Avenida Reforma,

U. S. Embassy Guatemala—Contact Information	
Mailing address	3190 Guatemala Place
	Washington, DC (20521-3190)
Telephone	502-2326-4000
Facsimile	502-2326-4654
E-mail	<a href="mailto:AmCitsGuatemala@state.gov">AmCitsGuatemala@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://gt.usembassy.gov">https://gt.usembassy.gov</a>



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## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region B) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information. Many lights have been reported as extinguished, irregular, or unreliable.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the lempira, consisting of 100 centavos.

## Government

## General

Honduras is located in Central America, bordering the Caribbean Sea, between Guatemala and Nicaragua and bordering the North Pacific Ocean, between El Salvador and Nicaragua. Honduras has a 400 mile coastline along the Caribbean Sea and a short 40 mile Pacific outlet in the Golfo de Fonseca. It shares borders with Nicaragua, Guatemala, and El Salvador.

Puerto Amapala, the only port on the Pacific coast, is located on the NW side of Isla Tigre.

The terrain is predominately mountainous, with a narrow plain on the Pacific side and a wide coastal plain on the Caribbean side. The high mountain ranges in the interior rise to elevations of about 3,048m in places, but elsewhere, the heights rarely exceed 1,524m.

Both coastal areas are typically tropical with a hot humid climate. The climate is temperate in the mountains.



**Flag of Honduras**

Honduras is a presidential republic. The country is divided into 18 departments.

Honduras is governed by a directly-elected President who serves a 4-year term. The Cabinet is appointed by the President. The unicameral National Congress is composed of 128 members, serving 4-year terms, elected by proportional representation.

The legal system is based on civil law.  
The capital is Tegucigalpa.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Holy Thursday	Variable
Good Friday	Variable
Holy Saturday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
Panamerican Day	April 14
Labor Day	May 1
Independence Day	September 15
Francisco Morazan's Birthday	October 3
Columbus Day (Dia de la Raza)	October 12
Armed Forces Day	October 21
Christmas Day	December 25

## Industries

The main industries are sugar, coffee, textiles, clothing, wood products, and cigars.

The main exports are apparel, coffee, shrimp, insulated wire, gold, bananas, and palm oil. The main export-trading partners are the United States, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Nicaragua.

The main imports are refined petroleum, clothing and apparel, packaged medicines, broadcast equipment, and insulated wiring. The main import-trading partners are the United States, China, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Mexico.

## Languages

Spanish is the official language. Amerindian dialects are also spoken.

## Meteorology

Marine weather, tidal, and astronomical information are available, in English and Spanish, from the Honduras Merchant Marine Directorate (<http://www.marinamercante.gob.hn>).

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volumes

Pub. 148, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Caribbean Sea Volume 2.

Pub. 153, Sailing Directions (Enroute) West Coasts of Mexico and Central America.

## Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Honduras are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	200 miles or the Continental Margin.
* Claims straight baselines. Claims Golfo de Fonseca as a historic bay.	

## Maritime Boundary Disputes

Colombia, Honduras, Nicaragua, Jamaica, and the United States assert various claims to Bajo Nuevo and Seranilla Bank.

Advised by the ICJ to adopt a tripartite resolution with El Salvador and Nicaragua to establish a maritime boundary in the Golfo de Fonseca which considers Honduran access to the Pacific Ocean.

Conejo Island, in Golfo de Fonseca, is claimed by El Salvador.

Claims Sapodilla Cays (16°07'N., 88°16'W.) off the coast of Belize. This area is being run as a joint ecological park between the two countries.

## Search and Rescue

The aeronautical search and rescue agency responsible for all countries in Central America is RCC Centro America.

RCC Centro America—Contact Information	
Telephone	504-22342507
	504-22834750
Facsimile	504-22342488
E-mail	<a href="mailto:rcc_sar@cocesna.org">rcc_sar@cocesna.org</a>
Web site	<a href="https://www.cocesna.org">https://www.cocesna.org</a>

The following countries are part of the Corporacion Centroamericana de Servicios de Navegacion Aerea (COCESNA), the Central American aeronautical search and rescue network:

1. Belize.
2. Costa Rica.
3. El Salvador.
4. Guatemala.
5. Honduras.
6. Nicaragua.

Each country has a rescue sub-center (RSC) working in conjunction with RCC Centro America. The preferred languages for inter-RSC communication are English and Spanish.

## Time Zone

The Time Zone description is SIERRA (+6). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.



**U.S. Embassy**

The U.S. Embassy is situated at Avenida La Paz, Tegucigalpa.

**U. S. Embassy Honduras—Contact Information**

Mailing address	3480 Tegucigalpa Place
	Washington, DC (20521-3480)

**U. S. Embassy Honduras—Contact Information**

Telephone	504-2236-9320
Facsimile	504-2236-9037
E-mail	<a href="mailto:usahonduras@state.gov">usahonduras@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://hn.usembassy.gov">https://hn.usembassy.gov</a>



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## General

Hong Kong, a former British Crown Colony, now a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People’s Republic of China, is located in eastern Asia, bordering the South China Sea and China. It lies just within the tropics on the SE coast of China. The SAR consists of 236 islands and islets, many of them waterless and uninhabited.

The climate is tropical monsoon. It is cool and humid in the winter, hot and rainy from spring through summer, and warm

and sunny in the fall.

The terrain is hilly to mountainous with steep slopes and lowlands are reported in the N.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

## Cautions

### High Speed Craft

High speed craft operate in Zhujiang Kou between Hong Kong, Macau, and Shekou (22°28’N., 113°54’E.), and ports on the Zhujiang. Vessels are advised to maintain a good lookout.

### Typhoons

Hong Kong is susceptible to typhoons. These storms may be generated over 1,000 miles away in the Pacific Ocean or may occur with little warning less than 400 miles away. Some of the worst storms to hit Hong Kong have intensified within the last 100 miles.

Storm warning signals are issued at 6-hour intervals whenever a tropical disturbance occurs within an area bounded by the following positions, which covers the majority of shipping routes radiating from Hong Kong:

- a. 10°00’N, 105°00’E.
- b. 10°00’N, 125°00’E.
- c. 30°00’N, 125°00’E.
- d. 30°00’N, 105°00’E.

These bulletins refer only to tropical storms. Information on tropical cyclones may be broadcast by the Vessel Traffic Center.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the Hong Kong dollar, consisting of 100 cents.

## Firing Areas

**Port Shelter Range.**—Small arms and Air Force weapons firing in an area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 22°24'18"N, 114°16'06"E.
- b. 22°22'42"N, 114°15'42"E.
- c. 22°21'48"N, 114°15'42"E.
- d. 22°20'48"N, 114°15'06"E then SE along Clear Water Bay Road to
- e. 22°18'00"N, 114°17'12"E.
- f. 22°18'00"N, 114°17'54"E.
- g. 22°20'24"N, 114°20'24"E.
- h. 22°22'00"N, 114°19'30"E then along the NE coastline of Tai Tau Chau to the point of beginning.

**Pak Kong Range.**—Artillery and heavy weapons firing in an area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 22°20'24"N, 114°20'24"E.
- b. 22°18'00"N, 114°17'54"E.
- c. 22°16'36"N, 114°18'42"E.
- d. 22°16'18"N, 114°20'48"E.
- e. 22°15'54"N, 114°22'00"E.
- f. 22°16'00"N, 114°24'00"E.
- g. 22°19'54"N, 114°23'54"E.
- h. 22°19'48"N, 114°21'54"E.
- i. 22°22'18"N, 114°20'30"E.

## Government



**Flag of Hong Kong**

Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China. China has promised to respect the existing social and economic systems of Hong Kong.

Hong Kong is governed by a Chief Executive elected to a 5-year term by a special Election Committee. The unicameral Legislative Council consists of 70 members indirectly elected by functional constituencies and 20 directly-elected members; all members serve 4-year terms.

The legal system is based on English common law and Chinese customary law.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Chinese New Years (3 days)	Variable
Ching Ming (Tomb Sweeping Day)	Variable
Good Friday	Variable
Holy Saturday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
Easter Monday	Variable
Labor Day	May 1
Buddha's Birthday	Variable
Dragonboat Festival	Variable
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Day	July 1
Autumn Festival	Variable
National Day	October 1
Chung Yeung Festival	Variable
Winter Solstice Festival	Variable
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26

## Industries

The main industries are trading and logistics, financial services, professional services, tourism, clothing and textiles, shipping, electronics, toys, and clocks/watches.

The main exports are gold, broadcast equipment, integrated circuits, gas turbines, silver, diamonds, and telephones. The main export-trading partners are China, India, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom.

The main imports are integrated circuits, broadcast equipment, office machinery, telephones, and diamonds. The main import-trading partners are China, Taiwan, Singapore, South Korea, the United States, and Japan.

## Languages

Cantonese, English, and Mandarin are the official languages.

## Meteorology

Marine weather forecasts and warnings are available, in English and Chinese, from the Hong Kong Observatory (<https://www.hko.gov.hk>).

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

Pub. 161, Sailing Directions (Enroute) South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Hong Kong, which are the same as for China, are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone *	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone **	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	200 miles or the Continental Shelf.
* Also considered a Security Zone.	
** Claims right to create a Safety Zone around any structure in the Economic Zone, the right to require authorization to lay submarine cables and pipelines, and the right to broad powers to enforce laws in the Economic Zone.	

### Internet Maritime Safety Information

Notice to Mariners, tidal information, and associated information are available, in English and Chinese, from the Hong Kong Hydrographic Office (<https://www.hydro.gov.hk/eng/index.php>).

### Pilotage

Pilotage is available 24 hours and is compulsory for most vessels. For further information, see Sector 2 in Pub. 161, Sailing Directions (Enroute) South China Sea and the Gulf of Thailand.

### Pollution

**Fuel Regulations.**—The Air Pollution Control (Ocean Going Vessels) (Fuel at Berth) Regulation (Cap. 311AA) requires ocean-going vessels to use clean fuels while berthing in Hong Kong. Details can be found on the following web site (<http://www.legislation.gov.hk/eng/home.htm>).

**Prevention of Air Pollution Regulations.**—While in Hong Kong waters, all vessels are required to meet emission standards for air pollutants generated by ships, in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation CAP 413P. This regulation replaces the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation CAP 413M.

Details of the regulation can be found on the Hong Kong Marine Department web site (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/publication/home.html>).

### Regulations

#### International Ship and Port Facility (ISPS) Code

The ISPS Code applies to ships on international voyages and

port facilities directly interfacing with these ships. The following regulations apply to ships covered by the ISPS Code entering or staying in Hong Kong waters:

1. **Pre-arrival procedures.**—A vessel calling at a port facility in Hong Kong or intending to transit Hong Kong waters en route to ports in the delta of the Pearl River should provide additional security-related information in addition to its advance notice of arrival. The required information, which should be sent by facsimile (852-2858-6646) to the Hong Kong Vessel Traffic Center (VTC), is, as follows:

- a. Ship's name.
- b. Call sign.
- c. IMO number.
- d. Buoy and/or Anchorage (state whether facilities "will be used/will not be used").
- e. Availability of ISSC or Interim ISSC (state Yes or No).
- f. Date of expiration of ISSC or Interim ISSC (in format of YYYY/MM/DD).
- g. Issuing authority of ISSC or Interim ISSC.
- h. Security level ship is currently operating at (Level 1, Level 2, or Level 3 with reason(s), if known).
- i. Last port of call
- j. Name of last port facility.
- k. Was the last port facility ISPS compliant (state Yes or No)?

1. Security level of last port facility (state Level 1, Level 2, or Level 3).

m. For the last ten calls at port facilities after July 1, 2004, has the ship interfaced with a facility that was not ISPS compliant (state Yes or No)?

n. Within the period of the last ten calls at port facilities, has the ship conducted ship-to-ship activities with another ship that was not ISPS compliant (state Yes or No)?

2. **Procedures for vessels remaining in port.**—While staying in the port of Hong Kong, ship owners or agents should observe the maritime security level of the port and put in place necessary security measures as prescribed in the ship's security plan. The maritime security levels for the port of Hong Kong and for Hong Kong registered ship can be found on the following web site:

#### Hong Kong Marine Department Home Page

<https://marsec.mardep.gov.hk/en>

Under certain circumstances, the port facility security officer of a port facility at which a ship is berthed may request the master or the ship security officer to sign a Declaration of Security (DoS) in accordance with the port facility security plan.

3. **Procedures for ships mooring at buoys and anchorages.**—Government mooring buoys and anchorages are managed by the Marine Department (MD). These port facilities are also subject to ISPS Code requirements. Ships intending to moor at these facilities are required to sign a DoS with the MD under the following circumstance:

- a. The ship does not have a valid ISSC or Interim ISSC,
- b. The ship is operating at Security Level 3 or at a security level higher than that prevailing in Hong Kong,

- c. The ship has come from a non-ISPS compliant port facility, and
- d. It is required to do so by the Designated Authority.

#### Notice of ETA

Vessels should send their ETA to the Marine Department Hong Kong at least 24 hours prior to arrival or immediately upon departure from a port less than 24 hours sailing time from Hong Kong.

**Non-convention vessels.**—The pre-arrival notification for non-convention vessels should be submitted to the Vessel Traffic Center of the Marine Department (facsimile: 852-2359-4264) and should state the following information:

1. Vessel's name.
2. Call sign or MD reference number (a number assigned to the vessel for the purpose of reporting arrival and departure if visiting Hong Kong for the first time). If the vessel does not have a call sign or MD number, the vessel's official number may be used.
3. Flag.
4. Type of vessel.
5. gt.
6. LOA (in meters).
7. Number of crew including master.
8. Purpose of call in Hong Kong and intended berth or anchorage on arrival.
9. Estimated maximum draft of vessel in meters upon arrival.
10. Any defects affecting maneuverability of seaworthiness, or special conditions of the vessel or its cargo.
11. Quantities and categories of dangerous goods on board including radioactive materials (insert "None" if applicable).
12. Name of agent in Hong Kong (insert "None" if no agent appointed and indicate whether an agent is to be appointed or whether the master is to act as agent) and name of vessel's master.
13. Intended pilot boarding station if pilot is required (Note.—Pilots should be requested, through the agent, from Hong Kong Pilots Association).
14. ETA (expressed as "YY/MM/DD/hh/mm") at berth or intended pilot boarding station.
15. Last port of call (state name of port and country or territory).
16. Height to highest point of vessel in meters above waterline on arrival.
17. Name of insurance policy or indemnity arrangement provider.
18. Any other relevant information (if applicable).

**Convention vessels.**—The pre-arrival notification for convention vessels should be submitted to the Vessel Traffic Center of the Marine Department (facsimile: 852-2858-6646) and should state the following information:

1. Vessel's name.
2. Call sign. If the vessel does not have a call sign, the vessel's official number may be used.
3. Flag.
4. Type of vessel.
5. gt.
6. LOA (in meters).
7. Number of crew including master.

8. Purpose of call in Hong Kong and intended berth or anchorage on arrival.

9. Estimated maximum draft of vessel in meters upon arrival.

10. Any defects affecting maneuverability of seaworthiness, or special conditions of the vessel or its cargo.

11. Quantities and categories of dangerous goods on board including radioactive materials (insert "None" if applicable).

12. Name of agent in Hong Kong (insert "None" if no agent appointed and indicate whether an agent is to be appointed or whether the master is to act as agent) and name of vessel's master.

13. Intended pilot boarding station if pilot is required (Note.—Pilots should be requested, through the agent, from Hong Kong Pilots Association).

14. ETA (expressed as "YY/MM/DD/hh/mm") at berth or intended pilot boarding station.

15. Last port of call (state name of port and country or territory).

16. Height to highest point of vessel in meters above waterline on arrival.

17. Any other relevant information (if applicable).

**Tankers.**—The pre-arrival notification for tankers should be submitted to the Vessel Traffic Center of the Marine Department (facsimile: 852-2858-6646) and should state the following information:

1. Vessel's name.
2. Call sign.
3. Flag.
4. LOA (in meters).
5. Maximum draft.
6. Present dwt.
7. Date keel laid.
8. Cargo type; quantity (in tons); and whether for loading, discharging, transshipment, or transit.
9. ETA at intended pilot boarding position, special anchorage, or berth in the waters of Hong Kong.
10. ETD from intended berth in the waters of Hong Kong.
11. Intended berth.
12. In the case of a vessel carrying liquefied gas in bulk, details of any certificate of fitness with respect to that cargo, including number, name of person or body issuing the certificate, date of issue, date of latest survey and date of expiration, and type of liquefied gas carried.
13. In the case of a vessel carrying more than 2,000 tons of oil in bulk, details of any certificate of insurance, insuring against risk of pollution with respect to that cargo, including number, name of person or body issuing the certificate, date of issue, and date of expiration.
14. In the case of a vessel carrying (or to carry) any noxious liquid substances in bulk, details of any International Pollution Prevention Certificate with respect to that cargo, including number, name of person or body issuing the certificate, date of issue, date of latest survey and date of expiration, and indicating whether for loading, discharge, transshipment, or transit.
15. Whether a MARPOL surveyor is required.
16. Whether a fixed inert gas system is fitted in the vessel.
17. Whether a fixed tank washing system is fitted in the vessel tanks.

18. The category of the vessel as defined under Regulation 13G of Annex 1 to MARPOL 73/78.

19. Delivery date of the vessel.

20. Compliance with the Condition Assessment Scheme (CAS) and information concerning Protective Location (PL) and Hydrostatic Balance Loading (HBL), if applicable.

When permission to enter the waters of Hong Kong has been granted, the master of the vessel shall provide initial reports to the VTC on VHF channel 12 when the vessel is in the vicinity of the seaward limits of the Vessel Traffic Service.

### Navigation Regulations

Normally, ships enter and leave Hong Kong berths via the Lam Tong Hoi Hap Channel (Tathong Channel); however, ships assigned berths in the vicinity of Green Island should proceed through Lema Channel to East Lamma Channel.

In passing through Lema Channel, ships should remain as far N as is feasible for safe navigation and never less than 5 miles N of the NE head of Tan Kan Tao.

### Typhoon Season Regulations (15 May to 31 October)

Every person in charge of a vessel shall comply with the requirements of the Director of Marine, who may order such vessel to anchor or secure in any place he may direct, or prohibit anchoring or securing in any place, and who may order the vessels to be removed to another place within the SAR.

Except with the prior permission of the Director, no dead ship shall be anchored, moored, or secured at any place within the waters of the SAR nor, except with such permission, shall any repairs be undertaken upon any ship which is so anchored, moored, or secured which will result in such ship becoming a dead ship.

The expression "dead ship" means any ship exceeding 50m in length, other than a laid-up ship, which is unable to proceed under its own power, unable to maneuver with its own steering gear, unable to work its own anchors, or unable to maintain the watertight integrity of the ship.

Upon a local storm warning signal, vessels at government mooring buoys shall clear away anchors and cables and raise all possible steam on the main engines. Vessels shall, if so directed, be ready to leave their mooring, at any time.

Upon a local storm signal other than No. 1 being hoisted, vessels at government buoys not being special typhoon moorings shall, within 2 hours, move to a typhoon anchorage or to special typhoon moorings. The Director may at his discretion order a vessel at a special typhoon mooring to leave that mooring.

Any ship within the waters of the SAR shall have on board at all times such number of crew as, in the opinion of the director of marine, is qualified and is capable of carrying out all duties which may reasonably be required to ensure the safety of the ship having regard to the circumstances pertaining thereto. Masters or their agents requesting a buoy are advised to ascertain whether it is considered safe for use under typhoon conditions.

Nothing in these regulations shall prevent any vessel which is already at a typhoon mooring buoy from shifting to an anchorage if such is preferred.

### Harbor Regulations

Any vessel to which the International Code signal L is made locally by flag, sound, or flashing lamp from a Marine Department, Police, or Customs and Excise Department launch or a Government signal station, shall stop until authorized to proceed.

No rubbish, oil, or other substances are to be disposed of by any vessel within the waters of the harbor.

No vessel shall in any part of the SAR emit smoke (including soot, ash, gritty particles, or oil) in such quantity as to be a nuisance.

Additional information on harbor regulations pertaining to pilots, speed, mast heights, restricted areas, etc. will be found in Sector 2 of Pub. 161, Sailing Directions (Enroute) South China Sea and the Gulf of Thailand.

### Quarantine Regulations

The following documents should be submitted to the Hong Kong Port Health Office within 24 hours of arrival:

1. Hong Kong Maritime Declaration of Health (Form DH 168E), which can be downloaded from the Hong Kong Department of Health web site.
2. Ship Sanitation Control Certificate (SSCC) or Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificate (SSCEC) (Form DH2666). See Note below.
3. Crew list.
4. Passenger list.

These forms can be submitted by facsimile (852-2574-7136) or e-mail ([pa\\_rp@dh.gov.hk](mailto:pa_rp@dh.gov.hk)).

Requests for free pratique should state the port and country that issued the vessel's hygiene certificate. If the certificate was not issued by a World Health Organization-designated port, free pratique will not be granted and the vessel will be subject to inspection by the Hong Kong Port Health Office upon its arrival.

The application for free pratique can be submitted within 30 to 8 hours by facsimile (852-2893-6747) or through the Electronic Business System (<https://ebs.mardep.gov.hk>).

Free pratique becomes invalid if the health conditions on board the vessel change between the submission of the request for free pratique and the arrival of the vessel. The master or agent must inform the Port Health Office about the change by telephone (852-2543-1702) and go to the quarantine anchorage for further inspection.

The Hong Kong Maritime Declaration of Health (Form DH 168E) and the Request for Radio Pratique (Form DH 1418E) can be downloaded from the Hong Kong Department of Health web site.

#### Hong Kong Department of Health Home Page

<https://www.dh.gov.hk>

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Prevention and Control of Disease

Vessels which have been to any Vietnamese port within 6 days of their ETA in Hong Kong are normally eligible to apply for free pratique unless considered otherwise by the World

Health Organization.

Hong Kong Port Health Office—Contact Information	
Telephone	852-2543-1702
Facsimile	852-2543-2557
E-mail	<a href="mailto:pho_hb@dh.gov.hk">pho_hb@dh.gov.hk</a>

Telephone enquiries concerning free pratique can be made by calling 852-3904-9319.

### Dangerous Cargo Regulations

Vessels carrying explosives shall not anchor, without the permission of the Director of Marine, within 450m of any Government Explosives Depot or within 450m of any other vessel.

Vessels carrying explosives shall show the following signals until the Director of Marine determines the holds are clean and ventilated:

1. By day—The International Code flag “B” at the highest masthead.
2. At night—A red light at a height of not less than 6m above the uppermost deck.

Vessels carrying petroleum having a flash point of less than 65.5°C shall show the following signals until the Director of Marine determines the holds are clean and ventilated:

1. By day—A red flag of not less than 0.9m square with a white circular center 1.5cm in diameter at the highest masthead and shall also fly the International Code signal “SU7.”
2. At night—A red light at a height of not less than 6m above the uppermost deck.

Vessels carrying dangerous cargo, upon arrival in Hong Kong, shall anchor in one of the prescribed Dangerous Goods Anchorages, and shall obtain permission from the Director of Marine before going alongside any wharf or shifting berth.

Vessels carrying Category 5 dangerous cargo (Classes 1, 2, or 3) shall not enter or remain in that part of Hong Kong Harbor, without permission of the Director of Marine, bounded, as follows:

1. On the E—A line drawn from a position on Hong Kong Island near Pak Kok (North Point) (22°17.7'N., 114°12.0'E.) in a 334° direction to the Kowloon Peninsula.
2. On the E—A line drawn from position 22°16.5'N, 114°07.0'E on Hong Kong Island in a 329° direction to the W side of Tsing Chau (Green Island) and then on a bearing of 026° to the SW side of Ngong Shuen Chau (Stonecutters Island).

When a local storm signal other than No. 1 or No. 3 is broadcast/hoisted, vessels carrying Category 1 or Category 5 dangerous shall, unless otherwise directed by the Director of Marine, proceed outside the harbor and remain outside the harbor until such signal is lowered.

All dangerous cargo is loaded or discharged in one of the Dangerous Cargo Anchorages, unless the vessel has received permission from the Director of Marine to use the oil wharves at Tsing Yi.

All vessels, with keels laid on or after 12 April 1972 and which are carrying bulk chemicals, must possess a Certificate of Fitness in accordance with the IMO-adopted *Code for the*

*Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk* before such vessels can enter or leave the Hong Kong SAR.

### Search and Rescue

The Maritime Rescue Coordination Center (MRCC) Hong Kong is located at Hong Kong Marine Rescue Radio (VRC).

MRCC Hong Kong—Contact Information	
Telephone	852-2233-7999
Facsimile	852-2541-7714
E-mail	<a href="mailto:hkmrcc@mardep.gov.hk">hkmrcc@mardep.gov.hk</a>

Hong Kong Marine Rescue Radio (VRC) maintains a continuous listening watch on GMDSS frequencies for distress traffic.

### Ship Reporting System

#### Information Fusion Center Voluntary Reporting Area

Hong Kong is located within the area covered by the Information Fusion Center Voluntary Reporting Area. For further information, see **Pacific Ocean—Ship Reporting System**.

### Signals

#### Quarantine Signals

Ships granted radio pratique should, when entering the Hong Kong SAR, display the following signals:

1. By day—International Code flags T0.
2. At night—Three white lights, vertically disposed.

#### Storm Signals

Local storm signals are broadcast within the Hong Kong SAR and are displayed at the Cheung Chau Aeronautical Meteorological Station located on a small hill lying about 0.5 mile E of the W extremity of Cheung Chau (22°13'N., 114°01'E.). The signals are listed in the table in Appendix I.

Signal No. 1 is a cautionary or stand-by signal hoisted when a tropical disturbance exists which may be a potential threat to Hong Kong Harbor. At this early stage it is not possible to forecast with any certainty whether gale or typhoon winds may actually occur in the area.

Signal No. 8 (8NE, 8SW, 8SE, and/or 8NW) conveys a definite warning of gale winds from a specified direction.

Signal No. 9 may not necessarily be used if conditions warrant the display of Signal No. 10 as soon as it is evident that the gale winds will increase.

When Signal No. 1 is broadcast/hoisted, the crews of vessels in Hong Kong Harbor, as well as personnel required to carry out safety preparations on land, should be placed on stand-by. Any safety preparations which may take time to complete should be started.

When Signal No. 3 is broadcast/hoisted, all safety preparations should begin at once. It would be very dangerous to wait for the broadcasting/hoisting of Signal No. 8 before taking precautionary actions.

**Time Zone**

The Time Zone description is HOTEL (-8). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

**Traffic Separation Schemes**

Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) in Hong Kong are, as follows:

1. East Lamma Channel. (IMO adopted)
2. Tathong Channel. (IMO adopted)
3. Dangan Channel. (IMO adopted)
4. Lantau Channel. (Government of Hong Kong)
5. Northwest Siu A Chau, North Cheung Chau, and South Cheung Chau. (Government of Hong Kong)
6. Zhujiany Kou. (Government of Hong Kong)

**U.S. Embassy**

The Chief of Mission, Consul-General is situated at 26 Gar-

den Road, Central, Hong Kong.

U. S. Consulate General Hong Kong and Macau—Contact Information	
Mailing address	8000 Hong Kong Place
	Washington DC (20521-8000)
Telephone	852-2523-9011
Facsimile	852-2845-1598
E-mail	<a href="mailto:acshk@state.gov">acshk@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://hk.usconsulate.gov">https://hk.usconsulate.gov</a>

**Vessel Traffic Service**

Vessel Traffic Services are in operation, as follows:

1. Hong Kong (22°21'N., 114°08'E.).
2. Shenzhen (22°32'N., 114°06'E.). The VTS is further subdivided into the following VTS areas:
  - a. Shenzhen (East).
  - b. Shenzhen (West).

For further information, see Pub. 161, Sailing Directions (Enroute) South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand.



## Appendix—Hong Kong Harbor—Local Storm Signals

Hong Kong Harbor—Local Storm Signals					
Signal No.		Day signal	Night signal	Meaning	Remarks
1	Stand-by only	Black T	Three white lights, vertically disposed	A depression or typhoon centered within 500 miles of Hong Kong may affect the area.	
3	Strong wind	Inverted black T	One white light between two green lights, vertically disposed	Strong wind (mean wind speed of 22-23 knots) expected, which may reach gale force later.	When hoisted, this signal normally gives about 12 hours warning of a strong wind in Hong Kong Harbor.
8NW	Northwest gale	One black triangle, point up	One white light over two green lights, vertically disposed	Gale (mean wind speed of 34 knots and up) expected from the NW quadrant. Gusts may exceed 64 knots.	These signals are equally significant regarding wind speed. Normally, the first of these signals is hoisted about 12 hours before the gale affects Hong Kong Harbor.
8SW	Southwest gale	One black triangle, point down	One green light over two white lights, vertically disposed	Gale (mean wind speed of 34 knots and up) expected from the SW quadrant. Gusts may exceed 64 knots.	
8NE	Northeast gale	Two black triangles, points up, vertically disposed	One white light below two green lights, vertically disposed	Gale (mean wind speed of 34 knots and up) expected from the NE quadrant. Gusts may exceed 64 knots.	
8SE	Southeast gale	Two black triangles, points down, vertically disposed	One green light below two white lights, vertically disposed	Gale (mean wind speed of 34 knots and up) expected from the SE quadrant. Gusts may exceed 64 knots.	
9	Increasing gale	Two black triangles, points together, vertically disposed	Three green lights, vertically disposed	Gale expected to increase	
10	Typhoon	Black cross	One green light between two red lights, vertically disposed	Typhoon wind (mean wind speed of 64 knots and up) expected from any direction.	Signal hoisted as soon as there are definite indications that the sustained wind speed in Hong Kong Harbor is likely to exceed 64 knots.



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## General

Indonesia, located in Southeast Asia, is an archipelago that forms a natural barrier between the Indian Ocean and the Pacific. It consists of an archipelago of over 17,000 islands extending up to about 3,100 miles along the equator between the mainland of Southeast Asia and Australia.

The main islands are Sumatra (Sumatra), Java, Sulawesi (formerly Celebes), the S part of Kalimantan (Borneo), and Irian Jaya (W half of New Guinea).

Indonesia shares land borders with Malaysia, East Timor, and Papua New Guinea.

The climate is tropical, being hot and humid. It is more moderate in the highlands.

The terrain is mostly coastal lowlands. The larger islands have interior mountains.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

In some places in Indonesian waters small buoys, wooden beacons, projecting marks, or other unofficial devices may be found. These devices do not necessarily conform to the official buoyage system.

Channel beacons and lighted beacons follow the same color and topmark system as the buoys. However, occasionally, port

hand beacons may carry two cans; starboard hand beacons may carry two cones, points up.

Within Indonesian waters, lights and buoys are considered unreliable, being frequently irregular, extinguished, missing, or off station.

Spoil grounds are marked by spar buoys with the top half yellow and the bottom half black.

Quarantine anchorage areas are marked by yellow spar buoys.

## Cautions

### Navigational Hazards

Many of the rivers in Indonesia carry large quantities of debris and sediment from inland areas. Much of this material is deposited at the coast, both within the river mouths and in the sea immediately beyond them. Changes in the coasts and river banks in these areas should be expected. Long rivers with large deltas are particularly liable to change.

Logging takes place, mainly in Irian Jaya and Kalamantan. Driftwood brought down by the rivers can be a hazard, particularly after strong winds or heavy rains.

Driftwood which can damage a vessel's bow is brought down by rivers during the rainy season and is a hazard in Selat Bangka (2°15'S., 105°50'E.), as well as in Teluk Bone off the E coast of Sumatera and the coasts of Papua.

During the Northwest Monsoon, driftwood is carried S into Selat Karimata (2°30'S., 109°00"E.). In addition, large sections of river bank, held together by thick growth, form floating islands, some of which are large enough to be seen a distances of 5 to 8 miles, which may be encountered in the strait and the open sea.

Off the N coast of Papua between Pulau-pulau Podena (2°07'S., 139°29'E.) and Tanjung Narwaku, about 112 miles WNW, vessels may encounter large tree trunks and other debris washed down from the numerous rivers entering the sea along this section of coast.

Rivers on the N coast of Jawa carry heavy sediment loads. These sediment loads are deposited along the shore, with the possibility that coastal points are extending seaward. The use of ranges and bearings for navigation may not be adequate for safe navigation. Vessels should remain in depths greater than 20m.

### Marine Nature Reserves

Numerous charted conservation areas have been established off the E coast of Sulawesi.

### Sandwaves

Sandwaves, with depths shoaler than charted, are encountered in Selat Karimata off the SW coast of Kalimantan. The main areas are located, as follows:

- 20 miles S of Gosong Aling (3°30.7'S., 110°11.0'E).
- 25 miles NW of Gosong Aling.
- 20 miles W of Karang Karysfort (2°40.5'S., 109°49.1'E.).

### Piracy

Piracy attacks have occurred on underway vessels in the vicinity of Selat Phillip (1°05'N., 103°43'E.) and other channels using by vessels transiting to and from Malacca Strait. These

attacks were usually made from fast motor boats approaching from astern. Loaded vessels with low freeboard seem to be vulnerable.

Piracy incidents are common in the following areas:

- Along the N and E shores of Pulau Bintan (1°05'N., 104°27'E.).
- In the approaches to Selat Bangka (2°15'S., 105°50'E.), Selat Gelasa (3°00'N., 107°15'E.), and Selat Baur (3°00'N., 107°18'E.).
- North of Pulau-pulau Takobonerate.
- Off the S coast of Kalimantan, particularly in the Taboneo Anchorage in the approach to Sungai Barito.
- Along the E coast of Kalimantan, as follows:
  - In the open waters of Selat Makassar.
  - In Makassar (5°08'S., 119°25'E.).
  - Samarinda (0°30'S., 117°09'E.) and the Sungai Kutei delta.
  - Balikpapan (1°16'S., 116°49'E.).
  - In the vicinity of the Santan Oil Terminal (0°06.4'N., 117°32.4'E.).
  - Armed robberies have been reported off the coast between Tanjung Sangata (0°24'N., 117°35'E.) and Tanjung Mangkalihat (1°01'N., 118°59'E.), particularly at the anchorage off the Tanjung Bara Coal Terminal (0°32'N., 117°40'E.).
  - In the open waters of the Java Sea on the alternative passages between Selat Lombok (8°30'S., 115°50'E.) and Selat Makassar (1°00'S., 118°E.).
  - Northwest of Pulau Bawean (5°47'S., 112°40'E.).
  - Within Selat Surabaya, which separates Jawa from Madura.
  - Off the coasts of Pulau Linnga (0°10'S., 104°35'E.).
  - Off the S coast of Sulawesi, particularly in the area N of Pulau-pulau Takabonerate (6°46'S., 121°08'E.).
  - In the anchorage at Teluk Semangka (5°42'S., 104°45'E.).
  - Within the harbor limits of Tanjungpriok (6°05'S., 106°53'E.), Banjarmasin (3°20'S., 114°35'E.), Balokpapan (1°16'S., 116°49'E.), Muara Jawa (0°44'S., 117°36'E.), Semarawang (6°56'S., 110°25'E.), Samarinda (0°31'S., 117°10'E.), and Cigading (6°01'S., 105°57'E.).

In general, incidents of piracy remain at a high level in the waters of the Indonesian archipelago.

The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) of the International Chamber of Commerce has established a Piracy Countermeasures Center at Kuala Lumpur. For more information, see **Malaysia—Cautions—Piracy**.

It has been reported (2014) Indonesian Marine Police are advising all vessels intending to anchor to do so at or near the areas listed in the table titled **Anti-Piracy Anchorage Areas**. Indonesian Marine Police can conduct more efficient patrols in these areas if the vessels are in the same location.

Anti-Piracy Anchorage Areas	
Location	Position
Belawan	3°55.0'N, 98°45.3'E
Dumai	1°42.0'N, 101°28.0'E
Nipah	1°07.3'N, 103°37.0'E

Anti-Piracy Anchorage Areas	
Location	Position
Tanjungpriok	6°00.3'S, 106°54.0'E
Gresik	7°09.0'S, 112°40.0'E
Taboneo	4°41.3'S, 114°28.0'E
Adang Bay	1°40.0'S, 116°40.0'E
Muara Berau	0°17.0'S, 117°36.0'E
Muara Jawa	1°09.0'S, 117°13.0'E
Balikpapan	1°22.0'S, 116°53.0'E

Vessels are advised to maintain strict anti-piracy watches, take anti-piracy measures, and report all attacks and suspicious sightings to the local authorities and the IMB Piracy Reporting Center.

Vessels operating in the Voluntary Community Reporting Area (VCR) are strongly encouraged to report all cyber attack incidents and any interference on radio frequencies, radars, GPS, and AIS. For further information on the VCR, see **Pacific Ocean—Ship Reporting System**.

#### Magnetic Anomalies

Local magnetic anomalies have been observed off the NE coast of Flores and SW of Pulau Serbete (8°09.3'N., 123°01.4'E.).

A local magnetic anomaly, which causes an increase of up to 2°E over normal variation, is reported to exist off the W coast of Kalimantan between a position 17 miles W and a position 13 miles S of Pulau Serutu Light (1°43.1'S., 108°41.9'E.).

A local magnetic anomaly, caused by the presence of iron, exists in the vicinity of the village of Alusi (7°40.1'S., 131°35.0'E.), on the E coast of Pulau Yamdena.

An area with local deflections of the magnetic compass lies off the NW side of Pulau Kobroor about 6 miles W of the S extremity of Pulau Wasir (5°31'S., 134°16'E.).

#### Coastal Accretion

Many coastal areas in Indonesia are subject to rapid coastal accretion, a process due to the large quantity of sediment brought down by the many rivers which flow into the sea between points of land. The extension of both land points and coastal banks should always be expected. This phenomena is particularly in evidence along both the S and N coasts of Papua.

#### Maritime Areas of Common Concern

A cooperative agreement between Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines has established Maritime Areas of Common Concern and associated ship reporting systems in the vicinity of the southern Sulu Sea, the Sulu Archipelago, and the northwestern Celebes Sea. Within this area multiple transit Corridors, established to mitigate the threat to shipping, have been established in these areas, including Basilan Strait, Moro Gulf, Alice Strait, and Sibutu Passage. For further information, see **Philippines—Routes and Philippines—Ship Reporting System**.

#### Currency

The official unit of currency is the rupiah, consisting of 100 sen (sen no longer used).

#### Firing Areas

##### General

Firing practice areas and surface exercise areas are usually marked by blue-and-white striped buoys lettered DB in red.

##### Naval Exercise Area

**South Coast of Sumatera.**—A naval exercise area is located in Teluk Lampung in the vicinity of position 5°42.5'S, 105°20.0'E. Vessels may encounter concentrations of naval vessels in this area.

##### Firing Practice Areas

When firing practice is held on the N coast of Madura, in the E and W channels of Surabaya, in the area around Probolinggo, in Teluk Balikpapan, and in the region of Tarakan, one or more of these areas of the sea is unsafe for navigation, with the understanding that remaining in these areas is forbidden, while passage remains free, as follows:

1. **Selat Madura.**—Selat Madura is used for naval exercises. Vessels are required to navigate within the below-mentioned limits:

a. On the S side N of a line between a position 20 miles NW of Karang Mas Light (7°41'S., 114°26'E.) and Outer Buoy (7°24'S., 113°00'E.).

b. On the N side S of a line between 5.5 miles SW of Sapudi Light (7°05'S., 114°17'E.) to a position 23 miles due W, then to Manila Rock Light (7°22'S., 113°10'E.), and then to Tanjung Batupitah, 9 miles N of Manila Rock.

Vessels navigating the NE coast of Java or S coast of Madura should keep a lookout for naval vessels displaying International Code flag signals.

2. **Cilacap.**—The area between the meridians of 109°01'E, 109°10'E, the parallel 7°46'42"S, the N Java coast, and the coast of Nusa Kambangan is subject to the following signals:

a. By day—A red flag upon Tjimiring Hill on Nusa Kambangan and on the end of the boat wharf at Sentolo Kawat.

b. By night—An all round red light at each of the above positions.

3. **Teluk Balikpapan.**—The area between the parallels 1°13'30"S, 1°23'24"S, the meridian 116°52'06"E, and the Borneo coast is subject to the following signals:

a. By day—A red flag on the post on Tokong Hill.

b. By night—An all round red light at the above position.

4. **Tarakan (North Side).**—The area between the parallels 3°23'N, 3°33'N, the meridians 117°25'E, 117°35'E, and the coasts of the enclosed and neighboring islands is subject to the following signals:

a. By day—A red flag on the hill near Tandjung Djua-ta.

b. By night—An all round red light on the above position.

5. **Tarakan (South Side).**—The area between the paral-

leys 3°07'30"N, 3°21'24"N, the meridians 117°29'00"E, 117°41'54"E, and the coasts of the enclosed and adjacent islands, is subject to the following signals:

- By day—A red flag on the high light beacon on the coastal reef of Menulun.
- By night—An all around red light at the above position.

Ships which are in, or which enter, the danger area must follow any directions given by patrol vessels or aircraft. Any craft carrying a target will bear the signals as a patrol vessel.

#### Rocket Firing and Bombing Practice Areas

The area bordered by the straight lines connecting the following points will be used by the Indonesian Navy for rocket firing and bombing practices:

- 7°05'00"S, 112°42'40"E.
- 7°05'00"S, 112°40'25"E.
- 7°03'04"S, 112°40'25"E.
- 6°58'50"S, 112°43'20"E.
- 6°58'50"S, 112°46'25"E.
- 7°05'00"S, 112°42'40"E.

This area has been declared as a dangerous area since it will constantly be used as a training area and the rocket firing and bombing will be done without any advance notice as to when the practices will be held.

All vessels plying in this area are hereby warned to exercise due caution.

**Buru Island.**—The area enclosed by the following positions is used for firing practice by the Indonesian Air Force:

- 2°52'S, 125°50'E.
- 3°56'S, 125°50'E.
- 3°56'S, 127°28'E.
- 2°52'S, 127°28'E.

**West Kalimantan.**—The area between the coast and a parallel line 12 miles offshore, between the following points, is used for firing practice by the Indonesian Air Force:

- 0°00'N, 108°57'E.
- 2°17'N, 109°38'E.

**Malang.**—Air to air and air to surface firing in the area inland and along the S coast of Java between:

- 8°30'S, 113°38'E.
- 8°30'S, 112°15'E.
- 8°20'S, 112°15'E.

Firing practice areas are often announced in Notice to Mariners.

**Selat Sunda.**—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 6°24'S, 105°34'E.
- 6°24'S, 105°46'E.
- 6°00'S, 105°46'E.
- 6°00'S, 105°34'E.

**Teluk Semangka.**—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 5°38'S, 104°37'E.
- 5°46'S, 104°44'E.
- 5°42'S, 104°48'E.
- 5°42'S, 104°48'E.

**Teluk Lampung (Teluk Rantai).**—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 5°34'S, 105°09'E.
- 5°34'S, 105°17'E.

c. 5°43'S, 105°24'E.

d. 5°53'S, 105°24'E.

**Pulau Malang Biru (Natuna Sea).**—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 2°28'S, 105°28'E.
- 2°28'S, 105°58'E.
- 2°40'S, 105°58'E.
- 2°40'S, 105°28'E.

**Between Karimun Jawa and Pulau Bawean.**—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 5°15'S, 110°32'E.
- 5°50'S, 111°32'E.
- 5°50'S, 110°32'E.
- 5°15'S, 111°32'E.

**Westnorthwest of Pulau Bawean.**—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 5°26.5'S, 111°41.0'E.
- 5°20.5'S, 111°55.1'E.
- 5°40.5'S, 111°55.1'E.
- 5°40.5'S, 111°41.0'E.

**East of Pulau Masalembo Besar.**—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 4°49.4'S, 114°20.1'E.
- 4°49.4'S, 116°00.0'E.
- 6°05.6'S, 116°00.0'E.
- 6°05.6'S, 114°19.9'E.

**North of Pulau Sapudi.**—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 6°54'S, 114°21'E.
- 6°54'S, 114°56'E.
- 6°00'S, 114°56'E.
- 6°00'S, 114°21'E.

**North of Pulau-pulau Sapudi.**—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 6°55.6'S, 114°16.0'E.
- 6°15.6'S, 114°16.0'E.
- 6°15.6'S, 115°11.0'E.
- 6°55.6'S, 115°11.0'E.

**South of Pulau Sapudi.**—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 7°35'S, 114°14'E.
- 7°35'S, 115°00'E.
- 7°15'S, 115°00'E.
- 7°15'S, 114°14'E.

**South of Pulau Kangean.**—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 7°19'S, 115°10'E.
- 7°19'S, 115°40'E.
- 7°50'S, 115°40'E.
- 7°50'S, 115°10'E.

**East of Surabaya.**—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 8°05.0'S, 114°40.0'E.
- 8°03.0'S, 115°20.0'E.
- 7°33.5'S, 115°20.0'E.
- 7°33.5'S, 114°40.0'E.
- 7°24.5'S, 114°14.5'E.
- 7°24.5'S, 113°40.0'E.
- 7°23.5'S, 113°00.5'E.

**Sulawesi Sea.**—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 1°40'S, 122°00'E.
- b. 1°40'S, 124°00'E.
- c. 2°30'S, 124°00'E.
- d. 2°30'S, 122°00'E.

**Molucca Sea.**—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 2°00'S, 125°56'E.
- b. 2°00'S, 127°14'E.
- c. 2°50'S, 127°14'E.
- d. 2°50'S, 125°50'E.

**Seram Sea.**—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 2°30'S, 128°40'E.
- b. 2°30'S, 129°20'E.
- c. 2°00'S, 129°20'E.

**Banda Sea.**—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 4°25'S, 129°00'E.
- b. 4°25'S, 130°00'E.
- c. 4°00'S, 130°00'E.
- d. 4°00'S, 129°00'E.

**Sawu Sea.**—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 10°20'S, 121°00'E.
- b. 10°20'S, 122°55'E.
- c. 9°20'S, 122°55'E.
- d. 9°20'S, 121°00'E.

**Selat Wetar.**—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 8°15'S, 126°00'E.
- b. 8°15'S, 126°55'E.
- c. 8°00'S, 126°55'E.
- d. 8°00'S, 126°00'E.

**Pulau Gundul Live Firing Training Area.**—A circular area with a radius of 3 miles centered on position 5°47'20"S, 110°34'40"E.

A narrow torpedo testing range runs through this area in the direction of the coast at Tanjung Kemujan (5°48.7'S., 110°28.4'E.), passing along the N edge of the reef which encircles Pulau Cendikian (5°48.1'S., 110°33.5'E.).

**Surabaya Western Channel/Madura.**—A practice bombing and rocket firing area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 7°05'00"S, 112°40'25"E.
- b. 7°03'04"S, 112°40'25"E.
- c. 6°58'50"S, 112°46'25"E.

The live firing target position is 7°01'35"S, 112°42'10"E.

**Teluk Cenderawasih (Teluk Irian)**—A practice bombing and rocket firing area in the waters around the Biak Islands is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 0°00', 136°00'E.
- b. 0°00', 137°00'E.
- c. 1°00'S, 137°00'E.
- d. 1°00'S, 136°30'E.
- e. 1°40'S, 136°00'E.

**Selat Sorenarwa.**—A practice bombing and rocket firing area in the waters around the Biak Islands is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 1°09.9'S, 135°55.0'E.
- b. 1°09.9'S, 136°00.0'E.
- c. 1°11.4'S, 136°05.0'E.

- d. 1°19.9'S, 136°05.0'E.
- e. 1°19.9'S, 135°55.0'E.

**Pulau Padaito (Irian Jaya).**—A practice bombing area consisting of a circular area with a radius of 5 miles centered on position 1°19.0'S, 136°21.0'E.

**Note.**—Information on Indonesian firing areas in Sumatera can be found in Pub. 160, Sailing Directions (Planning Guide) South Atlantic Ocean and Indian Ocean.

## Fishing Areas

Traps, seine and drift nets, lines, lures, and bottom trawls are all fishing methods used in Indonesia. Fishing craft vary from 3 to 15m in length. In coastal waters, large concentrations of fishing vessels may be encountered; even in open water, the occasional lone fishing vessel may be encountered.

The reliability of the lights on fishing vessels is low; some may be lit or lights may only be displayed at the last minute on the approach of a larger vessel.

Fishing boats operating with nets may be found up to 8 miles S of the S entrance to Selat Laut (3°36.5'S, 115°58.0'E.), on the SE extremity of Kalimantan.

A large number of fishing craft can be found off the S coast of Sulawesi. They are normally found off the coastal bank in depths of less than 20m but they may be encountered further offshore in deeper water as well. These fishing grounds may also be marked by stakes. The boats frequently do not show any lights at night.

Fishing boats may also be encountered in the vicinity of the offshore reefs lying across the head of Teluk Bone, on the S side of Sulawesi, particularly in the central part of the entrance to the bay where there are depths of 200m.

On some outlying banks and off many parts of the coast, particularly off river mouths, fishing stakes and enclosures will be found in depths of 5 to 10m and sometimes in depths as great as 20m. These enclosures, constructed of wooden poles or bamboo driven into the bank and interlaced with branches, constitute a considerable hazard to vessels navigating at night.

Numerous floating fish traps, about 4m long, have been established in the Molucca Sea off the E coast of North Sulawesi and in the Celebes Sea. Mariners are advised to navigate with caution as these fish traps are difficult to see and may not be lighted at night.

Fish havens are numerous in the waters around Kalimantan but may be encountered anywhere. They may be laid on the seabed, suspended in the water column, or float on the surface.

Fish havens exist 20 miles W of Pulau Sangihe (3°33'N., 125°33'E.) extending up to 35 miles W and up to 70 miles in a N and S direction.

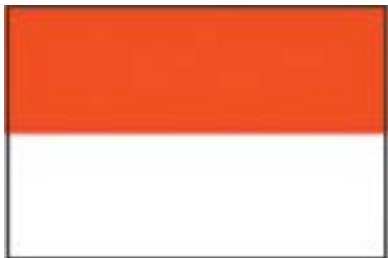
## Traditional Fishing

A Memorandum of Understanding between Australia and Indonesia applies to the traditional operations of Indonesian fisherman in the area of the following islands off the NW coast of Australia:

1. Ashmore Reef (12°15'S., 123°05'E.).
2. Cartier Island (12°30'S., 123°33'E.).
3. Browse Island (14°06'S., 123°33'E.).
4. Serengapatan Reef (13°40'S., 122°05'E.).
5. Scott Reefs (14°00'S., 121°53'E.).

Further information can be obtained in AHP 20--Mariner's Handbook for Australian Waters (<https://www.hydro.au/software/products/downloads.htm>).

## Government



Flag of Indonesia

Indonesia is a presidential republic. The country is divided into 35 provinces, one autonomous province, one special region, and one special capital city district.

Indonesia is governed by a directly-elected President serving a 5-year term. The Cabinet is appointed by the President. The bicameral People's Consultative Assembly consists of the 136-member Regional Representative Council, directly elected through a system of proportional representation to 5-year terms, and the 575-member House of Representatives, directly elected to 5-year terms.

The legal system is based on Roman/Dutch law and is substantially modified by indigenous concepts.

The capital is Jakarta. In 2022, approval was given to move the capital to Nusantara, a jungle area in East Kalimantan, on Borneo. The new capital is expected to be established in August 2024.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Nyepi Saka (Balinese New Year)	Variable
Good Friday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
Ascension Day	Variable
Waisak (Birthday of Buddha)	Variable
Independence Day	August 17
Christmas Day	December 25
New Year's Eve	December 31

Islamic holidays, which are subject to the appearance of the moon, include the Ascension of the Prophet (Isra Mi'raj), Eid

Al-Fitter (End of Ramadan), Eid Al-Adha (End of Pilgrimage), Hijrah (Islamic New Year), and the Prophet's Birthday.

## Industries

The main industries are petroleum and natural gas, textiles, automobiles, electrical appliances, clothing, footwear, mining, cement, medical instruments and appliances, handicrafts, chemical fertilizers, plywood, rubber, processed food, jewelry, and tourism.

The main exports are coal, palm oil, natural gas, iron alloys, , and stainless steel. The main export-trading partners are China, the United States, Japan, India, and Singapore.

The main imports are crude and refined petroleum, vehicle parts, telephones, and natural gas. The main import-trading partners are China, Singapore, Japan, Thailand, the United States South Korea, and Malaysia.

## Languages

Bahasa Indonesia (a modified form of Malay) is the official language. English, Dutch, and several local dialects, the most common of which is Javanese, are also used.

## Meteorology

Marine weather bulletins are available, in English and Indonesian, from the Indonesian Meteorology, Climatology, and Geophysics Council (<https://bmkg.go.id/en.html>).

## Mined Areas

Indonesian vessels carrying out minesweeping operations or minesweeping training have been greatly hampered in their maneuverability, therefore all other vessels must give them a wide berth. Minesweeping vessels will make the signals, according to the International Code of Signals, to indicate that they are in operation and to indicate the presence of minesweeping equipment.

When a minesweeper or a formation of minesweepers displays signals that show a minesweeping operation, other vessels must steer clear of the danger side or sides, keeping at a distance of at least 500m and must not cross the bow or the stern of such vessels at a distance of less than 1,000m.

For their own safety, vessels must try to steer clear of ships making these signals and not approach them within the distances specified above.

The Indonesian Government has declared the following areas dangerous due to mines which were laid during World War II. Due to the lapse of time, navigation through these minefields whether they have been swept or not is now considered no more dangerous from mines than from any other of the usual hazards to navigation; but in the unswept areas a real danger still exists with regard to anchoring, fishing or any form of submarine or sea bed activity.

### Sumatera—East Coast—Pulau Lingga

1. The area of water bounded on the N side by the S coast of Pulau Lingga, on the E side by longitude 104°48'E, on the S side by latitude 0°29'S, and on the W side by the NE coast of Pulau Singkep and longitude 104°32'E is dangerous.

2. A swept channel S of Pulau Lingga, clear for all types of vessels, is bounded as follows:

a. On the N side by a line joining the following positions:

- i 0°20'06"S, 104°32'00"E.
- ii 0°23'06"S, 104°48'00"E.

b. On the S side by a line joining the following positions:

- i 0°21'30"S, 104°32'00"E.
- ii 0°22'00"S, 104°35'00"E.
- iii 0°23'18"S, 104°39'48"E.
- iv 0°24'54"S, 104°48'00"E.

3. A recommended track near Selat Berhala lies between position 0°54'00"S, 104°24'00"E and position 0°54'00"S, 104°35'00"E.

#### Sumatera—East Coast—Sungai Banyuasin

1. The river is dangerous between the parallels of 2°20'00"S, and 2°23'30"S.

2. A channel 1 mile wide has been swept along the fairway of the river. The W limit passes through:

- a. 2°20'00"S, 104°49'09"E.
- b. 2°23'18"S, 104°45'00"E.

3. A channel 300m wide has been swept with the center-line joining the following positions:

- a. 500m bearing 270° from 2°23'18"S, 104°45'00"E.
- b. 2,000m bearing 360° from position a.
- c. 3,300m bearing 300° from position b.

The upper reaches of Sungai Banyuasin and Sungai Lalang, which enters Sungai Banyuasin N of Tanjung Serah, are clear for all types of surface vessels.

#### Sumatera—East Coast—Sungai Palembang

Although Sungai Palembang has not been swept, it has been navigated so frequently that danger from mines for all vessels may be considered negligible. The following directions should, however, be followed:

1. When making the entrance, vessels should keep to the range lines, taking care not to be W of the inner leads N of 2°17'12"S.

2. Vessels should keep to the E side of the river between latitude 2°34'00"S, and latitude 2°35'12"S.

3. Vessels should also keep to the E side of the river abreast the village of Upang (2°43'30"S., 104°57'30"E.).

Sungai Telang (2°22'S., 104°54'E.) is considered free of mines.

#### Sumatera—East Coast—Pulau Segama

The area within a circle of radius 3 miles centered on position 5°12'S, 106°04'E is dangerous.

#### The Java Sea and Selat Sunda

A residual risk exists from mines broken from their moorings throughout the area.

#### Java—South Coast—Alur Pelayaran Cilacap

A danger area is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. The S coast of Jawa at 109°02'30"E.
- b. 7°44'30"S, 109°02'30"E.
- c. 7°44'30"S, 109°04'51"E.

d. The S coast of Jawa at 109°04'51"E.

The area bounded by lines joining the following positions has been swept:

- a. 7°44'30"S, 109°02'30"E.
- b. 7°47'00"S, 109°02'30"E.
- c. 7°47'00"S, 109°04'51"E.
- d. 7°44'30"S, 109°04'51"E.

The area bounded by lines joining the following positions has been swept:

- a. 7°43'30"S, 109°04'43"E.
- b. 7°43'30"S, 109°05'05"E.
- c. 7°41'43"S, 109°05'05"E.
- d. 7°41'43"S, 109°05'17"E.
- e. 7°41'13"S, 109°05'17"E.
- f. 7°41'07"S, 109°05'43"E.

An area declared free of mines is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 7°43'31"S, 109°04'46"E.
- b. 7°43'31"S, 109°04'00"E.
- c. 7°41'24"S, 109°04'00"E.
- d. 7°41'24"S, 109°04'46"E.

#### Java—North Coast—Tanjung Awarawar

The area bounded by the land and lines joining the following positions are dangerous:

1. West limits of the danger area—
  - a. the N coast of Java at 111°28'51"E.
  - b. 6°34'00"S, 111°28'51"E.
  - c. 6°39'00"S, 111°54'00"E.
  - d. 6°46'00"S, 111°54'00"E.
  - e. 6°46'00"S, 111°52'30"E.
  - f. then S to the coast.
2. East limits of the danger area—
  - a. the N coast of Java at 111°55'00"E.
  - b. 6°46'00"S, 111°55'00"E.
  - c. 6°46'00"S, 111°54'30"E.
  - d. 6°39'00"S, 111°54'30"E.
  - e. 6°39'30"S, 111°59'51"E.
  - f. then S to the 20m contour at 111°59'51"E.
  - g. along the 20m contour to 112°01'51"E.
  - h. then S to the 5m contour at 112°01'51"E.
  - i. along the 5m contour to 112°06'21"E.
  - j. then N to the 20m contour at 112°06'21"E.
  - k. along the 20m contour to 112°07'51"E.
  - l. 6°41'00"S, 112°07'51"E.
  - m. 6°45'00"S, 112°29'51"E.
  - n. 6°45'00"S, 112°34'00"E.
  - o. 6°47'20"S, 112°34'00"E.
  - p. 6°47'20"S, 112°30'10"E.
  - q. 6°51'10"S, 112°34'00"E.
  - r. the N coast of Jawa at 112°34'00"E.

Between the W limits and the E limits, a channel 0.5 mile wide, which has been cleared of mines, leads to the harbor at Pereng (6°47'S., 111°54'E.).

A narrow passage close E of point m above leading S to the shore and ranging from 1.25 miles wide at its seaward end to 0.5 mile wide at the shore has been swept clear of mines. A narrow passage, 0.3 mile wide and extending S to the shore from the storage tanker Cilicap (6°40'S., 112°09'E.), has been cleared of mines.

The following areas have been swept free of mines:



1. Area I—Bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 6°45'19.2"S, 112°14'58.2"E.
- b. 6°45'19.2"S, 112°15'06.0"E.
- c. 6°50'52.2"S, 112°15'06.0"E.
- d. 6°50'52.2"S, 112°15'21.0"E.
- e. 6°51'34.2"S, 112°15'21.0"E.
- f. 6°51'34.2"S, 112°15'07.8"E.
- g. 6°52'42.0"S, 112°15'07.8"E.
- h. 6°52'42.0"S, 112°14'48.0"E.
- i. 6°52'23.6"S, 112°14'48.0"E.
- j. 6°52'23.6"S, 112°14'59.4"E.
- k. 6°51'34.2"S, 112°14'59.4"E.
- l. 6°51'34.2"S, 112°14'42.6"E.
- m. 6°50'52.2"S, 112°14'42.6"E.
- n. 6°50'52.2"S, 112°14'52.2"E.

2. Area II—Bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 6°52'06.0"S, 112°22'01.2"E.
- b. 6°51'56.4"S, 112°22'06.6"E.
- c. 6°51'52.2"S, 112°22'09.0"E.
- d. 6°51'29.4"S, 112°22'23.4"E.
- e. 6°51'41.4"S, 112°22'45.6"E.
- f. 6°51'03.6"S, 112°22'31.2"E.
- g. 6°51'58.2"S, 112°22'21.0"E.
- h. 6°52'02.4"S, 112°22'18.0"E.
- i. 6°52'09.0"S, 112°22'14.4"E.
- j. 6°52'14.4"S, 112°22'08.4"E.

3. Area III—Bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 6°48'47"S, 112°30'37"E.
- b. 6°48'44"S, 112°31'26"E.
- c. 6°49'18"S, 112°31'27"E.
- d. 6°49'20"S, 112°30'38"E.

4. Area IV—Bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 6°46'46"S, 112°29'19"E.
- b. 6°47'26"S, 112°27'10"E.
- c. 6°47'34"S, 112°27'13"E.
- d. 6°47'44"S, 112°26'41"E.
- e. 6°47'13"S, 112°26'32"E.
- f. 6°47'03"S, 112°27'03"E.
- g. 6°47'11"S, 112°27'05"E.
- h. 6°46'29"S, 112°29'19"E.

5. Area V—Bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 6°47'08"S, 112°28'09"E.
- b. 6°48'15"S, 112°28'31"E.
- c. 6°48'25"S, 112°28'00"E.
- d. 6°47'37"S, 112°27'45"E.
- e. 6°48'24"S, 112°25'17"E.
- f. 6°47'54"S, 112°25'01"E.
- g. 6°47'25"S, 112°26'35"E.
- h. 6°47'44"S, 112°16'41"E.
- i. 6°47'34"S, 112°27'13"E.
- j. 6°47'26"S, 112°27'10"E.

6. Area VI—Bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 6°50'29"S, 112°30'35"E.
- b. 6°50'45"S, 112°31'16"E.
- c. 6°50'31"S, 112°31'21"E.

- d. 6°50'43"S, 112°31'52"E.
- e. 6°51'13"S, 112°31'40"E.
- f. 6°51'01"S, 112°31'10"E.
- g. 6°50'48"S, 112°31'15"E.
- h. 6°50'32"S, 112°30'35"E.

7. Area VII—Bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 6°52'10"S, 112°15'48"E.
- b. 6°52'09"S, 112°15'54"E.
- c. 6°52'36"S, 112°16'03"E.
- d. 6°52'38"S, 112°15'58"E.

Within the E limits, the area bounded by lines joining the following positions has been swept clear of mines:

- a. 6°46'04.0"S, 111°56'16.5"E.
- b. 6°45'48.0"S, 111°55'32.4"E.
- c. 6°39'00.0"S, 111°55'32.4"E.
- d. 6°39'05.0"S, 111°56'03.0"E.
- e. 6°42'08.5"S, 111°56'03.0"E.
- f. 6°42'08.5"S, 111°58'03.0"E.
- g. 6°39'05.0"S, 111°58'03.0"E.
- h. 6°39'05.0"S, 111°58'19.0"E.
- i. 6°44'18.7"S, 111°58'19.0"E.
- j. 6°45'20.7"S, 111°57'20.4"E.
- k. 6°45'20.7"S, 111°57'50.0"E.
- l. 6°45'48.0"S, 111°57'50.0"E.
- m. 6°45'48.0"S, 111°57'05.0"E.

#### Java—North Coast—Pulau-pulau Karimunjawa

The area within a circle of radius 15 miles centered on position 5°37'00"S, 110°54'00"E is dangerous.

#### Java—North approaches to Surabaya

1. The danger area on the W side of the approach is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 6°53'21"S, 112°34'00"E.
- b. 6°53'21"S, 112°43'58"E.
- c. 6°45'00"S, 112°43'45"E.
- d. 6°45'00"S, 112°43'57"E.
- e. 6°46'00"S, 112°43'57"E.
- f. 6°46'00"S, 112°44'09"E.

g. The intersection of the W side of the entrance channel with 112°44'09"E.

h. The W side of the entrance channel to 112°42'45"E.

i. South along 112°42'45"E to the N coast of Java.

2. The danger area on the E side of the approach is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. The N coast of Pulau Madura at 113°00'00"E.
- b. 6°52'40"S, 113°00'00"E.
- c. 6°52'40"S, 112°45'03"E.
- d. 6°53'00"S, 112°45'03"E.

e. The intersection of the E side of the entrance channel with 6°53'00"S.

f. The E side of the entrance channel to 112°42'45"E.

g. 7°11'15"S, 112°42'45"E.

h. 7°11'24"S, 112°43'00"E.

i. North along 112°42'45"E to the S coast of Pulau Madura.

3. An area declared mine-free is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 7°04'16"S, 112°40'16"E.
- b. 7°05'44"S, 112°39'52"E.

- c. 7°07'46"S, 112°40'00"E.
  - d. 7°07'46"S, 112°39'39"E.
  - e. 7°10'01"S, 112°40'40"E.
  - f. 7°11'08"S, 112°41'20"E.
  - g. 7°11'19"S, 112°42'45"E.
  - h. 7°10'35"S, 112°42'45"E.
  - i. 7°10'35"S, 112°42'18"E.
  - j. 7°10'05"S, 112°41'17"E.
  - k. 7°09'35"S, 112°40'43"E.
  - l. 7°08'31"S, 112°40'36"E.
  - m. 7°07'11"S, 112°40'43"E.
4. An area declared mine-free is bounded by lines joining the following positions:
- a. 7°07'24"S, 112°39'23"E.
  - b. 7°07'40"S, 112°39'24"E.
  - c. 7°08'29"S, 112°39'47"E.
5. An area declared mine-free is bounded by lines joining the following positions:
- a. 7°10'24"S, 112°40'28"E.
  - b. 7°10'24"S, 112°40'35"E.
  - c. 7°10'49"S, 112°40'47"E.
  - d. 7°10'49"S, 112°40'34"E.
  - e. 7°10'40"S, 112°40'28"E.
6. An area declared mine-free is bounded by lines joining the following positions:
- a. 7°10'21"S, 112°40'33"E.
  - b. 7°10'59"S, 112°40'51"E.
  - c. 7°10'58"S, 112°40'58"E.
7. An area declared mine-free in the vicinity of the International Container Terminal is bounded by lines joining the following positions:
- a. 7°11'22"S, 112°41'28"E.
  - b. 7°11'40"S, 112°41'53"E.
  - c. 7°12'18"S, 112°41'33"E.
  - d. 7°12'18"S, 112°42'45"E.
  - e. 7°11'35"S, 112°42'45"E.
8. An area declared mine-free lies close N of Pertamina Asphalt Wharf and is bounded by lines joining the following positions:
- a. 7°09'00"S, 112°39'27"E.
  - b. 7°08'50"S, 112°39'57"E.
  - c. 7°09'23"S, 112°40'09"E.
  - d. 7°09'34"S, 112°39'37"E.
9. An area declared mine-free lies close NW of Teluk Laming Terminal and is bounded by lines joining the following positions:
- a. 7°10'38"S, 112°40'41"E.
  - b. 7°10'58"S, 112°40'50"E.
  - c. 7°11'25"S, 112°40'39"E.
10. The swept area W of Unjung Pangkah (6°51'S., 112°33'E.) is bounded by lines joining the following positions:
- a. 6°54'13"S, 112°30'18"E.
  - b. 6°53'32"S, 112°30'09"E.
  - c. 6°44'55"S, 112°29'30"E.
  - d. 6°44'55"S, 112°29'54"E.
11. The centerline of a swept channel lies between lines joining the following positions:
- a. 6°51'30"S, 112°43'02"E.
  - b. 7°06'00"S, 112°39'00"E.
  - c. 7°11'25"S, 112°42'40"E.

The width of the swept channel between point 4a and point 4b is 1.5 miles. The width of the swept channel between point 4b and point 4c is 278m.

12. A swept area in the vicinity of the wreck of the Belantik (6°53'43"S., 112°43'55"E.) is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 6°53'31"S, 112°43'55"E.
- b. 6°53'31"S, 112°43'45"E.
- c. 6°54'14"S, 112°43'26"E.
- d. 6°54'12"S, 112°43'41"E.

13. The harbor of Surabaya is clear between 112°43'E and 112°46'E.

14. A swept area safe for surface navigation is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 7°09'04"S, 112°39'45"E.
- b. 7°09'32"S, 112°39'59"E.
- c. 7°10'27"S, 112°40'32"E.
- d. 7°10'27"S, 112°40'42"E.
- e. 7°09'32"S, 112°40'17"E.
- f. 7°09'02"S, 112°40'04"E.

15. **In the vicinity of Siam Maspolin Terminal (Area 1A).**—An area declared free of mines is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 7°07'14"S, 112°39'02"E.
- b. 7°06'00"S, 112°38'52"E.
- c. 7°05'58"S, 112°38'18"E.
- d. 7°06'04"S, 112°38'11"E.
- e. 7°06'03"S, 112°38'05"E.
- f. 7°06'40"S, 112°37'21"E.
- g. 7°07'16"S, 112°37'21"E.

16. **In the vicinity of Siam Maspolin Terminal (Area 1B).**—An area declared free of mines is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 7°06'03"S, 112°38'00"E.
- b. 7°06'00"S, 112°37'36"E.
- c. 7°06'34"S, 112°37'22"E.

17. **In the vicinity of Siam Maspolin Terminal (Area 2).**—An area declared free of mines is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 7°07'37"S, 112°37'30"E.
- b. 7°07'33"S, 112°39'29"E.
- c. 7°07'45"S, 112°39'30"E.
- d. 7°07'52"S, 112°35'36"E.
- e. 7°07'41"S, 112°37'31"E.

18. **In the vicinity of the Gresik Petrochemical Wharf.**—An area declared free of mines is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 7°08'18"S, 112°39'10"E.
- b. 7°08'12"S, 112°39'25"E.
- c. 7°08'53"S, 112°39'42"E.
- d. 7°08'54"S, 112°39'36"E.
- e. 7°08'51"S, 112°39'36"E.
- f. 7°08'50"S, 112°39'33"E.
- g. 7°08'22"S, 112°39'21"E.
- h. 7°08'26"S, 112°39'08"E.
- i. 7°08'23"S, 112°39'08"E.
- j. 7°08'22"S, 112°39'11"E.

#### Java—East approaches to Surabaya

1. The danger area is bounded on the N by the coast of Pulau Madura, on the W by 112°46'00"E, and on the E and S

by lines joining the following positions:

- a. the S coast of Java in 7°20'00"S.
  - b. 7°20'00"S, 112°54'20"E.
  - c. 7°21'00"S, 112°55'20"E.
  - d. 7°31'00"S, 112°55'20"E.
  - e. 7°31'00"S, 112°57'21"E.
  - f. 7°23'10"S, 113°00'21"E.
  - g. 7°16'00"S, 113°08'21"E.
  - h. the coast of Pulau Madera in 113°08'21"E.
2. A swept area is bounded by lines joining the following positions:
    - a. 7°11'15"S, 112°48'25"E.
    - b. 7°13'33"S, 112°51'20"E.
    - c. 7°23'50"S, 113°01'20"E.
    - d. 7°23'50"S, 112°57'10"E.
    - e. 7°19'20"S, 112°53'00"E.
    - f. 7°13'58"S, 112°48'00"E.
  3. A swept area is bounded by lines joining the following positions:
    - a. 7°12'30"S, 112°46'41"E.
    - b. 7°12'30"S, 112°46'46"E.
    - c. 7°09'33"S, 112°46'52"E.
    - d. 7°09'33"S, 112°46'57"E.
  4. A swept area is bounded by lines joining the following positions:
    - a. 7°18'12"S, 113°03'00"E.
    - b. 7°18'12"S, 113°03'08"E.
    - c. 7°18'20"S, 113°03'08"E.
    - d. 7°18'20"S, 113°03'00"E.
    - e. 7°19'35"S, 113°04'16"E.
    - f. 7°19'31"S, 113°04'20"E.
  5. A swept area is bounded by lines joining the following positions:
    - a. 7°16'54"S, 113°02'29"E.
    - b. 7°16'54"S, 113°03'43"E.
    - c. 7°18'48"S, 113°03'43"E.
    - d. 7°18'48"S, 113°02'30"E.
  6. Area I—A swept area is bounded by lines joining the following positions:
    - a. 7°18'21"S, 113°02'30"E.
    - b. 7°19'13"S, 113°02'30"E.
    - c. 7°19'13"S, 113°01'09"E.
    - d. 7°18'21"S, 113°01'09"E.
  7. Area II—A swept area is bounded by lines joining the following positions:
    - a. 7°19'29"S, 113°03'49"E.
    - b. 7°19'47"S, 113°04'02"E.
    - c. 7°19'32"S, 113°04'17"E.
    - d. 7°18'48"S, 113°03'48"E.
    - e. 7°18'48"S, 113°03'27"E.
    - f. 7°19'25"S, 113°03'53"E.

#### Jawa—East coast of Pulau Madura

1. The W danger area is bounded by lines joining the following positions:
  - a. 7°00'00"S, 113°59'51"E.
  - b. 7°08'00"S, 113°59'51"E.
  - c. 7°10'00"S, 114°04'51"E.
  - d. 7°10'00"S, 114°12'51"E.
  - e. 7°00'00"S, 114°29'51"E.
2. The E danger area is bounded by lines joining the fol-

lowing positions:

- a. 7°00'00"S, 114°25'33"E.
  - b. 7°07'00"S, 114°27'33"E.
  - c. 7°10'00"S, 114°26'51"E.
  - d. 7°10'00"S, 114°29'51"E.
  - e. 7°00'00"S, 114°29'51"E.
3. The waters either side of Pulau Sapudi between these two areas are clear.

#### Pulau Sumbawa—Teluk Bima

Teluk Bima is open to unrestricted surface navigation. Anchoring in the bay is dangerous between 8°25'00"S and 8°26'30"S.

#### Pulau Sumba—Waingapu

1. The danger area lies S of 9°37'00"S and W of 120°16'51"E.
2. The swept channel into Waingapu lies on the line of the range beacons between 9°36'S and 9°38'S. The channel is 540m wide.
3. Safe anchorage exists in Teluk Waingapu S of 9°38'S.

#### Kalimantan—Tanjung Selatan

The danger area is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 4°10'00"S, 114°35'51"E.
- b. 4°10'00"S, 114°44'51"E.
- c. 4°22'00"S, 114°44'51"E.
- d. 4°22'00"S, 114°35'51"E.

#### Kalimantan—South of Pulau Laut

The danger area is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 4°03'00"S, 115°57'51"E.
- b. 4°03'00"S, 116°13'51"E.
- c. 4°21'00"S, 116°13'51"E.
- d. 4°21'00"S, 115°57'51"E.

#### Kalimantan—Southern entrance to Selat Laut

The danger area lies N of 3°48'00"S and is bounded on the W by 115°51'51"E and on the E by 116°01'51"E.

The swept channel for the S entrance lies with its centerline joining the following positions:

- a. 3°43'36"S, 115°51'51"E.
- b. 3°40'54"S, 115°57'30"E.
- c. 3°30'58"S, 116°01'22"E.
- d. 3°28'32"S, 116°01'22"E.

The width of the swept channel varies from 450m to 1,100m.

An area declared mine-free is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 3°28'30"S, 116°01'58"E.
- b. 3°28'18"S, 116°02'01"E.
- c. 3°28'27"S, 116°02'33"E.
- d. 3°28'40"S, 116°02'29"E.

#### Kalimantan—Northern entrance to Selat Laut

1. The danger area is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 3°03'00"S, 116°06'51"E.
- b. 3°03'00"S, 116°21'51"E.
- c. 3°19'00"S, 116°21'51"E.

- d. 3°19'00"S, 116°06'51"E.
2. The swept channel for the N entrance lies between the following positions:
- 3°10'54"S, 116°24'51"E.
  - 3°12'47"S, 116°18'24"E.
  - 3°11'30"S, 116°16'12"E.
  - 3°11'36"S, 116°15'06"E.
  - 3°15'00"S, 116°11'16"E.
  - 3°16'50"S, 116°08'42"E.
  - 3°17'22"S, 116°06'20"E.
  - 3°20'04"S, 116°05'50"E.
  - 3°25'45"S, 116°02'16"E.
  - 3°26'18"S, 116°02'24"E.
  - 3°26'09"S, 116°01'59"E.
  - 3°26'36"S, 116°02'12"E.
  - 3°28'32"S, 116°00'48"E.
  - 3°26'39"S, 116°00'14"E.
  - 3°25'34"S, 116°00'29"E.

The width of the swept channel is, as follows:

- Between point 2a and point 2b—1,800m.
  - Between point 2b and point 2f—1,200m.
  - Between point 2f and point 2i—270m.
  - Between point 2i and point 2m—135m.
  - Between point 2m and point 2o—270m.
3. The area immediately around the North Pulau Laut Coal Terminal and adjacent approach areas is clear of mines.
4. An area enclosing the SE approach channel has been swept between the following positions:
- 3°13'18"S, 116°19'06"E.
  - 3°13'12"S, 116°18'24"E.
  - 3°13'12"S, 116°17'36"E.
  - 3°13'54"S, 116°17'36"E.
5. A 500m-wide swept channel, in the N approaches to Selat Laut, lies with its centerline between the following positions:
- 3°02'54"S, 116°17'33"E.
  - 3°03'20"S, 116°18'36"E.
  - 3°08'48"S, 116°18'36"E.
  - 3°11'15"S, 116°15'54"E.

#### Kalimantan—East of Pulau Laut

The danger area is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 3°18'00"S, 116°22'51"E.
- 3°18'00"S, 116°40'51"E.
- 3°39'00"S, 116°40'51"E.
- 3°39'00"S, 116°22'51"E.

#### Kalimantan—Teluk Pamukan

The danger area lies within a circle, with a radius of 1.5 miles, centered on position 2°35'25"S, 116°32'35"E.

#### Kalimantan—Balikpapan

1. A danger area to the W is bounded by the coast and lines joining the following positions:
- 1°15'20"S, 116°46'53"E.
  - 1°17'35"S, 116°46'57"E.
  - 1°17'50"S, 116°47'19"E.
  - 1°18'35"S, 116°47'40"E.
  - 1°19'40"S, 116°48'40"E.
  - 1°23'50"S, 116°45'40"E.

- 1°24'50"S, 116°46'00"E.
  - then on a line bearing 335° to the coast.
2. A danger area to the E is bounded by the coast and lines joining the following positions:
- 1°15'10"S, 116°55'55"E.
  - 1°19'15"S, 116°55'55"E.
  - 1°19'18"S, 116°54'38"E.
  - 1°19'35"S, 116°52'42"E.
  - 1°19'30"S, 116°49'50"E.
  - 1°18'20"S, 116°48'50"E.
  - 1°18'00"S, 116°48'38"E.
  - 1°17'25"S, 116°49'15"E.
  - then along the arc of a circle, with a radius of 2,040m, centered on position 1°16'18"S, 116°49'15"E to
  - 1°16'30"S, 116°48'10"E.
  - 1°16'25"S, 116°48'22"E.
3. A danger area lies within a circle, with a radius of 1 mile, centered on position 1°19'05"S, 116°57'22"E.
4. The swept channel into Teluk Balikpapan lies between the W danger area and the E danger area described in paragraph 1 and paragraph 2 above and is clear for all types of vessels.
5. Vessels should not approach within 55m of wrecks charted in the swept areas due to the possibility of unswept mines.

#### Kalimantan—Tarakan (Lingkak)

1. The danger area is bounded by lines joining the following positions:
- 3°15'N, 117°30'E.
  - 3°15'N, 117°50'E.
  - 3°30'N, 117°50'E.
  - 3°30'N, 117°30'E.
2. A swept anchorage area is defined by lines joining the following positions given as ranges and bearings from the root of the Commercial Pier (3°17'07"N., 117°35'46"E.):
- 319°—0.71 mile.
  - 299.5°—4.50 miles.
  - 288°—4.87 miles.
  - 196.5°—0.98 mile.
  - 105°—0.93 mile.
3. The swept channel to the anchorage area is defined by the following bearings and distances from the rear range light (3°13'54"N., 117°36'36"E.):
- 327°—1.15 miles.
  - 339°—2.71 miles.
- These positions define the E edge of the swept channel, which has a width of 278m.
4. A 500m-wide swept channel leads into Muara Sabawang, with its centerline joined by the following positions:
- 3°26'10"N, 117°50'00"E.
  - 3°26'10"N, 117°43'00"E.
  - 3°30'00"N, 117°39'20"E.
5. A swept area S of Pulau Bunyu is defined by lines joining the following positions given as ranges and bearings from the root of the pier (3°27'58"N., 117°49'49"E.):
- 170.5°—1.15 miles.
  - 183°—0.98 mile.
  - 238.5°—0.66 mile.
  - 266°—0.98 mile.
  - 271.5°—1.45 miles.

- f. 267.5°—1.53 miles.
- g. 277°—1.97 miles.
- h. 284°—1.87 miles.
- i. 294.5°—2.24 miles.
- j. 295.5°—2.79 miles.
- k. 294.5°—3.28 miles.
- l. 292°—3.31 miles.
- m. 295.5°—4.76 miles.
- n. 293°—5.19 miles.
- o. 289°—3.61 miles.
- p. 174°—1.48 miles.

#### Sulawesi—Teluk Parepare

Danger Area No. 1 is defined, as follows:

1. West of a line joining Tanjung Lero with the cape situated E of Barialai, then to
2. The W edge of Batu Tete, then to
3. The cape situated 0.3 mile N of Batu Tete.

Danger Area No. 2 is defined, as follows:

1. Bounded on the E by the coast.
2. Bounded on the S by the parallel of the S extremity of Taka Tallange.
3. Bounded on the W by a line joining the W extremity of Taka Tallange and the E point of Batu Laubang.
4. Bounded on the N by the parallel of Batu Laubang Beacon.

#### Sulawesi—North channel to Makassar

1. Danger Area No. 1 is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 5°11'00"S, 119°01'51"E.
- b. 4°52'00"S, 119°01'51"E.
- c. 4°52'00"S, 119°21'12"E.
- d. 4°52'15"S, 119°21'59"E.
- e. 4°52'48"S, 119°22'10"E.
- f. 4°59'25"S, 119°20'09"E.
- g. 5°00'30"S, 119°19'45"E.
- h. 5°00'30"S, 119°19'49"E.
- i. 5°03'51"S, 119°19'49"E.
- j. 5°06'59"S, 119°21'20"E.
- k. 5°06'59"S, 119°15'44"E.
- l. 5°11'00"S, 119°11'40"E.

2. Danger Area No. 2 is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 5°06'03"S, 119°26'01"E.
- b. 5°05'36"S, 119°26'27"E.
- c. 5°03'49"S, 119°24'35"E.
- d. 5°03'49"S, 119°24'16"E.
- e. 5°04'52"S, 119°24'07"E.
- f. 5°04'52"S, 119°23'31"E.
- g. 5°05'58"S, 119°23'19"E.
- h. 5°06'50"S, 119°22'26"E.
- i. 5°03'42"S, 119°20'49"E.
- j. 4°57'52"S, 119°21'11"E.
- k. 4°52'46"S, 119°23'38"E.
- l. 4°52'00"S, 119°25'02"E.
- m. 4°52'00"S, 119°26'51"E.
- n. then S to the coast.

3. A swept channel leads S between Danger Area No. 1 and Danger Area No. 2.

#### Sulawesi—West channel to Makassar

1. The danger area is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 5°08'04"S, 119°24'08"E.
- b. 5°08'07"S, 119°23'25"E.
- c. 5°07'19"S, 119°23'13"E.
- d. 5°08'04"S, 119°23'01"E.
- e. 5°08'29"S, 119°22'55"E.
- f. 5°08'30"S, 119°21'34"E.
- g. 5°07'32"S, 119°21'34"E.
- h. 5°07'28"S, 119°19'30"E.
- i. 5°10'50"S, 119°16'26"E.
- j. 5°11'00"S, 119°15'40"E.
- k. 5°11'42"S, 119°11'48"E.
- l. 5°11'00"S, 119°12'55"E.
- m. 5°10'30"S, 119°13'40"E.
- n. 5°10'00"S, 119°15'42"E.
- o. 5°07'30"S, 119°18'09"E.
- p. 5°07'27"S, 119°15'55"E.
- q. 5°11'00"S, 119°12'21"E.
- r. 5°11'46"S, 119°11'40"E.
- s. 5°12'02"S, 119°09'51"E.
- t. 5°31'00"S, 119°09'51"E.
- u. 5°42'12"S, 119°14'51"E.
- v. 5°42'12"S, 119°40'41"E.

2. A 300m-wide swept channel leads E to the coast at position 5°24'00"S, 120°21'00"E. The centerline is joined by the following positions:

- a. 5°19'31"S, 119°10'00"E.
- b. 5°22'54"S, 119°19'00"E.
- c. 5°23'03"S, 119°19'29"E.
- d. 5°23'07"S, 119°19'52"E.
- e. 5°23'39"S, 119°21'32"E.
- f. 5°23'44"S, 119°19'30"E.
- g. 5°20'58"S, 119°10'00"E.

3. A 90m-wide swept channel leads E to the coast at position 5°14'00"S, 119°23'00"E.

The N boundary of the swept channel is joined by the following positions:

- a. 5°14'25"S, 119°09'46"E.
- b. 5°13'36"S, 119°10'50"E.
- c. 5°13'07"S, 119°11'57"E.
- d. 5°12'56"S, 119°12'56"E.
- e. 5°12'58"S, 119°13'42"E.
- f. 5°12'59"S, 119°14'50"E.
- g. 5°13'49"S, 119°19'44"E.
- h. 5°13'51"S, 119°19'59"E.
- i. 5°13'52"S, 119°20'01"E.
- j. 5°13'52"S, 119°20'02"E.
- k. 5°13'52"S, 119°20'06"E.
- l. 5°13'57"S, 119°21'48"E.
- m. 5°13'59"S, 119°22'31"E.
- n. 5°14'00"S, 119°22'42"E.
- o. 5°14'00"S, 119°22'52"E.
- p. 5°14'00"S, 119°22'58"E.

The S boundary of the swept channel is joined by the following positions:

- a. 5°14'27"S, 119°09'46"E.
- b. 5°13'38"S, 119°10'52"E.
- c. 5°13'10"S, 119°11'58"E.

- d. 5°13'00"S, 119°12'56"E.
- e. 5°13'01"S, 119°13'42"E.
- f. 5°13'02"S, 119°14'49"E.
- g. 5°13'52"S, 119°19'43"E.
- h. 5°13'55"S, 119°19'59"E.
- i. 5°13'55"S, 119°20'00"E.
- j. 5°13'55"S, 119°20'02"E.
- k. 5°13'56"S, 119°20'06"E.
- l. 5°14'00"S, 119°21'48"E.
- m. 5°14'02"S, 119°22'31"E.
- n. 5°14'03"S, 119°22'42"E.
- o. 5°14'03"S, 119°22'52"E.
- p. 5°14'04"S, 119°22'58"E.

#### Sulawesi—Jeneponto

The danger area is bounded, as follows:

1. The parallel of 5°49'00"S.
2. The S coast of Sulawesi.
3. The meridian of 119°41'51"E.
4. The meridian of 119°45'51"E.

#### Sulawesi—Selat Tioro

A danger area is bounded, as follows:

1. The parallel of 4°42'00"S.
2. The S coast of Sulawesi.
3. The meridian of 122°10'51"E.
4. The meridian of 122°22'51"E.

Another danger area is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 4°29'00"S, 122°36'51"E.
- b. 4°29'00"S, 122°47'51"E.
- c. 4°39'00"S, 122°47'51"E.
- d. 4°39'00"S, 122°36'51"E.

#### Sulawesi—Alur Pelayaran Buton

A danger area is bounded, as follows:

1. The parallel of 5°21'51"S.
2. The parallel of 5°26'35"S.
3. The meridian of 122°33'51"E.
4. The coast of Pulau Muna to the W.
5. The coast of Pulau Butong to the E.

A 0.5-mile wide swept channel has its centerline joining the following positions:

- a. 5°26'35"S, 122°36'13"E.
- b. 5°23'51"S, 122°37'07"E.
- c. 5°21'52"S, 122°38'23"E.

#### Sulawesi—Selat Wowoni

The danger area is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 4°03'S, 122°51'E.
- b. 4°03'S, 122°58'E.
- c. 4°13'S, 122°58'E.
- d. 4°13'S, 122°51'E.

#### Sulawesi—Teluk Kendari

1. The N danger area is bounded by the coast and by lines joining the following positions:

- a. The E coast of Sulawesi at 3°54'56"S.
- b. 3°54'56"S, 122°40'59"E.
- c. 3°57'47"S, 122°40'58"E.

- d. 3°58'06"S, 122°37'41"E.

- e. 3°58'18"S, 122°37'40"E.

- f. The E coast of Sulawesi at 3°58'05"S.

2. The S danger area is bounded by the coast and by lines joining the following positions:

- a. The N coast of Pulau Bungkutoko at 3°58'34"S.

- b. 3°58'33"S, 122°36'55"E.

- c. 3°59'17"S, 122°37'24"E.

- d. 3°59'38"S, 122°37'04"E.

- e. 3°59'58"S, 122°38'30"E.

- f. 3°59'07"S, 122°38'53"E.

- g. 3°58'50"S, 122°39'39"E.

- h. 3°58'28"S, 122°40'08"E.

- i. 3°58'20"S, 122°41'10"E.

- j. 3°58'20"S, 122°43'52"E.

- k. 4°02'58"S, 122°43'53"E.

- l. The E coast of Sulawesi at 4°02'57"S.

#### Sulawesi—Kotabuna

The danger area lies within an area lying between a line leading 130° from the flagstaff (0°48.2'N., 124°39.6'E.) for a distance of 2 miles, then SE to the SE extremity of Pulau Bambangon (0°46.0'N., 124°39.0'E.), and then NW to the coast. The roadstead NNW and N of Pulau Kumeke is free of mines.

#### Sulawesi—Selat Bangka

The danger area is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 1°53'00"N, 124°59'51"E.

- b. 1°53'00"N, 125°10'51"E.

- c. 1°40'00"N, 125°10'51"E.

- d. 1°40'00"N, 124°59'51"E.

An area declared free of mines is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 1°40'35"N, 125°05'22"E.

- b. 1°41'55"N, 125°06'41"E.

- c. 1°43'16"N, 125°11'08"E.

- d. 1°42'42"N, 125°11'08"E.

- e. 1°41'31"N, 125°07'20"E.

- f. 1°41'19"N, 125°07'39"E.

- g. 1°39'55"N, 125°06'13"E.

#### Sulawesi—Tanjung Dulang

The danger area is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 1°00'30"N, 123°15'51"E.

- b. 0°59'20"N, 123°17'24"E.

- c. 0°56'57"N, 123°15'41"E.

- d. 0°58'04"N, 123°14'06"E.

#### Sulawesi—Pulau Paleh

The danger area is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 1°06'05"N, 122°01'56"E.

- b. 1°04'15"N, 122°01'16"E.

- c. 1°05'30"N, 121°58'01"E.

- d. 1°07'20"N, 121°58'41"E.

#### Halmahera—Teluk Kau

The area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 1°07.0'N, 127°54'E.

- b. 1°20.6'N, 127°54'E.
- c. 1°20.6'N, 128°10'E.
- d. 1°07.0'N, 128°10'E.

Approach channels through this area have been established, as follows:

1. Kau Approach Channel is 0.5 mile wide, with its centerline joining the following positions:
  - a. 1°20.6'N, 128°02.7'E.
  - b. 1°14.5'N, 128°01.6'E.
2. Lolobata Approach Channel has its centerline joining the following positions:
  - a. 1°20.6'N, 128°04.1'E.
  - b. 1°14.0'N, 128°04.1'E.
  - c. 1°13.6'N, 128°05.9'E.
  - d. 1°14.4'N, 128°07.7'E.

The channel is 0.325 mile wide between point a and point b, and then 0.5 mile wide between point b and point d.

3. Wasile Approach Channel consists of a swept area bounded by lines joining the following positions:
  - a. 1°06.8'N, 128°04.0'E.
  - b. 1°07.2'N, 128°07.0'E.
  - c. 1°09.4'N, 128°06.8'E.
  - d. 1°09.1'N, 128°03.7'E.
  - e. 1°09.3'N, 128°05.1'E.
  - f. 1°09.3'N, 128°05.3'E.
  - g. 1°13.6'N, 128°04.0'E.
  - h. 1°13.6'N, 128°03.8'E.

4. A 0.5-mile wide channel also connects point 1b above with point 2b above.

#### Molucca Sea—Mangoli

1. The area on the N coast bounded by lines joining the following positions:
  - a. 1°45.7'N, 125°34.7'E.
  - b. 1°45.3'N, 125°34.7'E.
  - c. 1°44.7'N, 125°30.3'E.
  - d. 1°47.7'N, 125°30.2'E.
2. Teluk Vesuvius, on the S coast—the area N of 1°54'S and E of 125°21'E.

#### Seram—Selat Seram

The area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 3°29'N, 128°18'E.
- b. 3°20'N, 128°20'E.
- c. 3°27'N, 128°28'E.
- d. 3°31'N, 128°30'E.

#### Seram—Selat Kilwaru

The area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 3°51.0'N, 130°54.5'E.
- b. 3°51.0'N, 130°54.0'E.
- c. 3°53.1'N, 130°53.0'E.
- d. 3°55.5'N, 130°53.0'E.
- e. 3°55.5'N, 130°54.5'E.

#### Irian Jaya

Within Teluk Kamrau, the area bounded by the parallels of 3°38'S and 3°40'S, between the meridian of 133°38'E, and the coast N of Tanjung Simora (3°40'S., 133°41'E.) is dangerous.

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volumes

Pub. 163, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Borneo, Jawa, Sulawesi, and Nusa Tenggara.

Pub. 164, Sailing Directions (Enroute) New Guinea.

Pub. 174, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Strait of Malacca and Sumatera.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Indonesia are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf **	200 miles or the Continental Margin.
* Claims archipelagic status. Submarines must navigate above water level and show the national flag. Nuclear vessels and vessels carrying nuclear material must carry documents and adhere to international special preventative measures.	
** Claims to restrict "stopping, dropping anchor, and/or cruising without legitimate reason" in high seas "adjoining Indonesian territorial water;" adjoining is officially interpreted to extend up to 100 miles seaward of Indonesian territorial waters.	

### Maritime Boundary Disputes

Indonesian groups have challenged Australia's claim to Ashmore Reef (12°15'S., 123°03'E.) and Cartier Island (12°32'S., 123°32'E.).

Indonesia and East Timor are conducting ongoing negotiations to establish maritime borders from Batugade to Atauro and from Atauro to Jaco.

Indonesia and Singapore have agreed (2005) to finalize their 1973 maritime boundary agreement by defining unresolved areas N of Pulau Batam.

Conducting negotiations with Palau to delineate maritime boundaries.

Conducting negotiations with Vietnam to determine the Exclusive Economic Zone boundaries between the two nations.

## Offshore Drilling

### General

Movable oil drilling rigs and production platforms may be encountered off the coasts of Indonesia and in open waters.

Oil exploration infrastructure may be encountered in the N bays of Selat Sunda, on the W side of the Java Sea, and off the N coast of Java.

Buoys associated with the drilling operations are frequently moored in the vicinity of these structures. The positions of these rigs and buoys are frequently changed and are generally promulgated by radio navigational warnings.

Restricted areas have been established around all oil fields. Vessels entering a restricted area may be challenged by Indone-

sian air and sea patrols.

### Java Sea

Drill rigs operate year round in the Java Sea, particularly in its S part, as well as on the N side of Selat Madura.

Major oil fields are located in the W part of the Java Sea in a general area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 4°48'S, 106°04'E.
- b. 4°48'S, 106°40'E.
- c. 5°37'S, 106°40'E.
- d. 5°37'S, 106°04'E.

A smaller group of oil fields lies centered on position 4°37'S, 106°40'E about 20 miles NNE of this area.

Major oil fields are located off the N coast of Jawa between Tanjung Karawangi (5°56'S., 106°59'E.) and Tanjung Tanah (6°29'S., 108°36'E.), about 100 miles further ESE. Ardjuna Oil Field, the largest, is centered in approximate position 5°55'S, 107°44'E.

Major oil fields are located in the approach to Selat Surabaya between 6°13'S and 6°53'S on either side of 113°00'E. An oil field consisting of three lit platforms lies about 45 miles WSW of Pulau Bawean (5°48'S., 112°40'E.).

A small oil field lies at the E end of Pulau-pulau Kangean close E of Pulau Pagurungan Besar (6°57'S., 115°55'E.).

### Kalimantan

Drilling operations are taking place off the S coast of Kalimantan and in the approaches to Selat Laut.

Major oil fields off the E coast of Kalimantan are located, as follows:

1. Three fields lying S of the Sungai Kutei delta between latitudes 0°57'S and 1°30'S and longitudes 116°45'E and 117°33'E.
2. Four fields lying N of the Sungai Kutei delta between latitudes 0°15'S and 0°10'N and longitudes 117°30'E and 117°42'E.

### Borneo—Makassar Strait

Isolated platforms lie within 22 miles SE of Pulau Larilarian (3°30.5'S., 117°27.5'E.).

Exploration and drilling operations are taking place in the delta of the Sungai Berau (2°11'N., 117°42'E.).

### Ceram Sea

An area off the SE extremity of Pulau Seram centered on position 3°55'S, 130°57'E covering an area of 126 square miles has been designated an oil exploration area.

An area NE of Tanjung Lama (2°58'S, 130°21'E) on the N coast of Pulau Seram has been designated an oil exploration area.

### Arafura Sea

Active seismic surveys are conducted S of Pulau Babar in an area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 8°28'S, 129°43'E.
- b. 8°28'S, 130°04'E.
- c. 9°02'S, 130°04'E.
- d. 9°02'S, 129°43'E.

### Irian Jaya—West Coast

Drill rigs operate within Teluk Berau (2°30'S., 133°00'E.)

and Teluk Bintuni, particularly at the E end of the latter bay.

Oil-drilling operations may be encountered anywhere in the waters off the S entrance to Selat Sele (1°20'S., 130°50'E.).

### Irian Jaya—North Coast

Mobile drill rigs may be encountered within Teluk Centarawasih (Teluk Irian) (2°00'S., 135°00'E.), especially towards its E entrance.

Mobile drilling rigs and their associated attending vessels tending to them may be encountered in the waters W of the mouth of Sungai Mamberamo (1°28'S., 137°54'E.) on the N coast of Papua.

Offshore drilling and exploration are carried out in Selat Sagewin (0°57'S., 130°39'E.).

### Halmahera Sea

Seismic surveys are conducted in the S part of the Halmahera Sea N of Alur Pelayaran Jailolo, a deep channel leading between Pulau Moor (0°11'N., 128°58'E.) and Pulau Gebe.

## Regulations

### National Flag

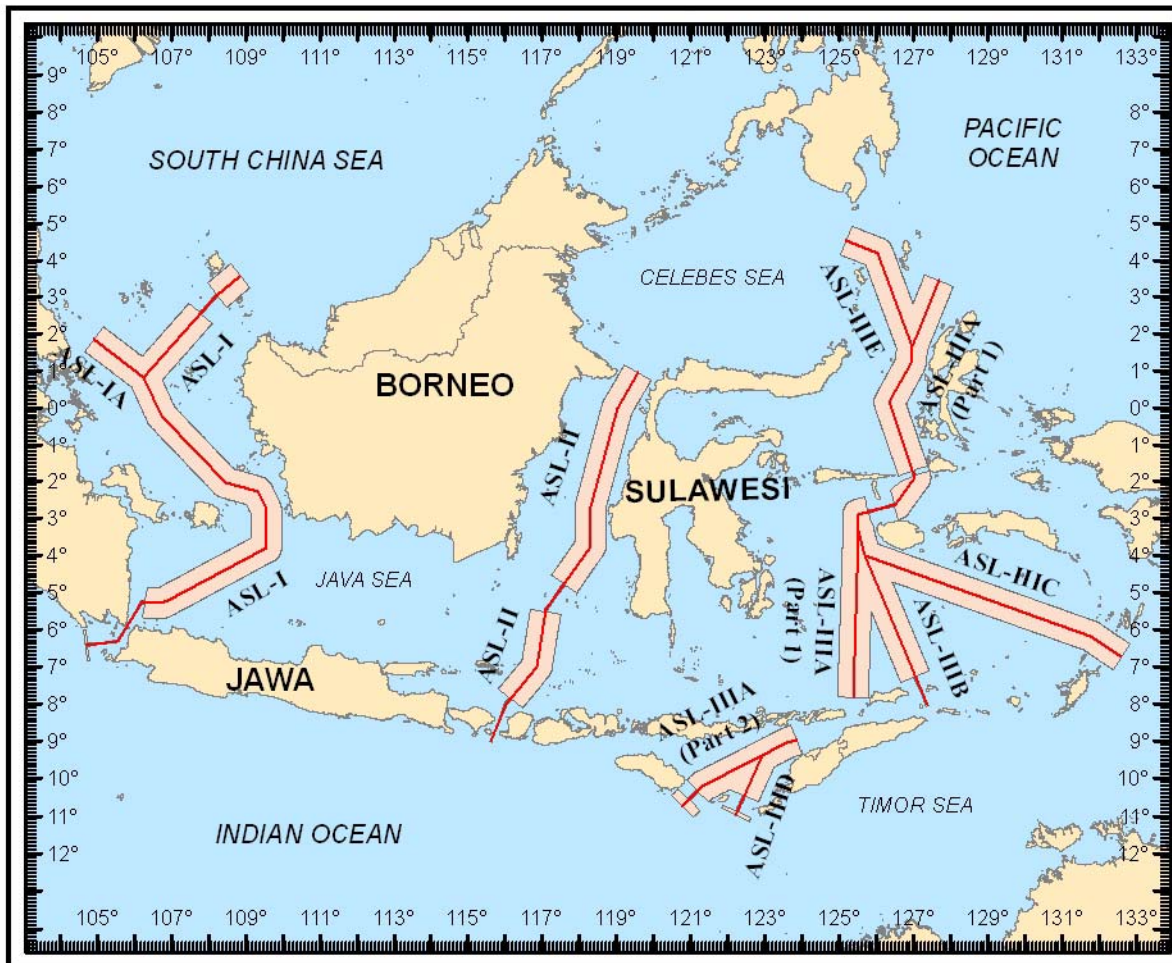
The Indonesian national flag should be flown at sea when in Indonesian waters, including offshore oil terminals and anchorages. It should be flown not lower than any other flag, and it should not be smaller than the ship's national ensign or any other flag displayed.

### Archipelagic Sea Lanes

Archipelagic Sea Lanes (ASL), as defined by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), have been designated through the Indonesian archipelago. The axis lines of the nine ASLs, which may be seen on the accompanying graphic, are, as follows:

1. **ASL-I** (South China Sea-Selat Karimata-Western Java Sea-Selat Sunda-Indian Ocean)
  - a. 3°35'00"N, 108°51'00"E.
  - b. 3°00'00"N, 108°10'00"E.
  - c. 0°50'00"N, 106°16'18"E.
  - d. 0°12'18"S, 106°44'00"E.
  - e. 2°01'00"S, 108°27'00"E.
  - f. 2°16'00"S, 109°19'30"E.
  - g. 2°45'00"S, 109°33'00"E.
  - h. 3°46'48"S, 109°33'00"E.
  - i. 5°12'30"S, 106°54'30"E.
  - j. 5°17'18"S, 106°44'30"E.
  - k. 5°17'18"S, 106°27'30"E.
  - l. 5°15'00"S, 106°12'30"E.
  - m. 5°57'18"S, 105°46'18"E.
  - n. 6°18'30"S, 105°33'18"E.
  - o. 6°24'48"S, 104°41'24"E.
2. **ASL-IA** (Northeast of Pulau Bintan)
  - a. 1°52'00"N, 104°55'00"E.
  - b. 0°50'00"N, 106°16'18"E.
3. **ASL-II** (Celebes Sea-Selat Makassar-Bali Sea-Selat Lombok-Indian Ocean)
  - a. 0°57'00"N, 119°33'00"E.
  - b. 0°00'00", 119°00'00"E.
  - c. 2°40'00"S, 118°17'00"E.
  - d. 3°45'00"S, 118°17'00"E.





### Indonesia—Archipelagic Sea Lanes

- e. 5°28'00"S, 117°05'00"E.  
 f. 7°00'00"S, 116°50'00"E.  
 g. 8°00'00"S, 116°00'00"E.  
 h. 9°01'00"S, 115°36'00"E.
4. **ASL-III A (Part 1)** (Pacific Ocean-Molucca Sea-Ceram Sea-Banda Sea-Selat Ombai)
- a. 3°27'00"N, 127°40'30"E.  
 b. 1°40'00"N, 126°57'30"E.  
 c. 1°12'00"N, 126°54'00"E.  
 d. 0°09'00"N, 126°20'00"E.  
 e. 1°53'00"S, 127°02'00"E.  
 f. 2°37'00"S, 126°30'00"E.  
 g. 2°53'00"S, 125°30'00"E.  
 h. 3°20'00"S, 125°30'00"E.  
 i. 7°50'00"S, 125°21'12"E.  
 j. 8°25'00"S, 125°00'00"E.
5. **ASL-III A (Part 2)** (Selat Ombai-Savu Sea-Pacific Ocean)
- a. 8°52'00"S, 124°05'00"E.  
 b. 9°03'00"S, 123°34'00"E.  
 c. 9°23'00"S, 122°55'00"E.  
 d. 10°12'00"S, 121°18'00"E.
- e. 10°44'30"S, 120°45'48"E.
6. **ASL-III B** (Banda Sea-Selat Leti-Timor Sea)
- f. 3°20'00"S, 125°30'00"E.  
 g. 4°00'00"S, 125°40'00"E.  
 h. 8°31'00"S, 127°33'00"E.
7. **ASL-III C** (Banda Sea-Arufura Sea)
- a. 3°20'00"S, 125°30'00"E.  
 b. 4°00'00"S, 125°40'00"E.  
 c. 6°10'00"S, 131°45'00"E.  
 d. 6°44'00"S, 132°35'00"E.
8. **ASL-III D** (Savu Sea-between Sawu and Roti-Indian Ocean)
- a. 9°23'00"S, 122°55'00"E.  
 b. 10°58'00"S, 122°11'00"E.
9. **ASL-III E** (Celebes Sea-Molucca Sea)
- a. 4°32'12"N, 125°10'24"E.  
 b. 4°12'06"N, 126°01'00"E.  
 c. 1°40'00"N, 126°57'30"E.

The use of an ASL is not mandatory. However, vessels electing to make an ASL passage shall not deviate more than 25 miles from the axis line. Where an island borders the ASL, vessels in an ASL passage may not navigate closer to the coast

than 10 per cent of the distance between the nearest point of land and the axis line of the ASL. Vessels may still transit this area in innocent passage. Outside sea lanes or normal routes, vessels must transit archipelagic waters in innocent passage.

Vessel traffic in an ASL is not separated, except within a traffic separation scheme. Where a traffic separation scheme exists, the rules for the use of the traffic separation scheme apply.

It should be noted that the axis lines of the ASL do not mark the deepest water, any route, or any recommended track.

### Port Authority

All Indonesia ports are administered by the Port Authority, which coordinates and supervises the activities of the port. This includes the Harbormaster Service, the Harbor Board, the Customs Service, the Quarantine Service, the Immigration Service, Port Security, and all other port activities.

### Indonesia National Port Authority

The Indonesia National Port Authority is divided into four Regional Port Authorities, as follows:

1. PT Pelabuhan Indonesia 1:
  - a. Aceh.
  - b. North Sumatera.
  - c. Riau.
  - d. Riau Islands.
2. PT Pelabuhan Indonesia 2:
  - a. Banten.
  - b. Bangka Belitung.
  - c. Bengkulu.
  - d. Jambi.
  - e. Jakarta.
  - f. South Sumatera.
  - g. West Java.
  - h. West Kalimantan.
3. PT Pelabuhan Indonesia 3:
  - a. Bali.
  - b. Central Kalimantan.
  - c. East Java.
  - d. East Nusa Tenggara.
  - e. South Kalimantan.
  - f. Timor.
  - g. West Nusa Tenggara.
4. PT Pelabuhan Indonesia 4:
  - a. East Kalimantan.
  - b. Maluku.
  - c. Papu.
  - d. Sulawesi.

. Location and contact information can be found in the table titled **Indonesia—Regional Port Authorities**.

### Harbormaster Service

The harbormaster supervises the safety inspections and the compliance of all shipping regulations, all ships movements within the harbor limits, pilotage, notes of protest, and ship's certificates and documents.

### Photography

Photography of Indonesian ports and harbor facilities is prohibited.

### Quarantine Regulations/Ship Arrival Procedures

The following procedures apply to vessels calling in Indonesia:

1. All vessels arriving from a foreign country are required to enter quarantine.
2. All vessels arriving from an Indonesian port and/or area designated as suffering from certain diseases are required to enter quarantine.
3. All vessels boarding passengers and/or loading cargo from a vessel falling into the categories listed in paragraph 1 or paragraph 2 are required to enter quarantine.
4. Vessels falling into the above three categories will be released from quarantine once they have been issued a certificate of free pratique.

Vessels arriving at an Indonesian port without prior advice must first call at one of the following ports of entry to obtain free pratique:

1. Tanjungpriok, Jawa (6°06'S., 106°53'E.).
2. Belawan, Medan (3°47'N., 98°42'E.).
3. Tanjungperak, Surabaya (7°12'S., 112°44'E.).
4. Ujungpandang (Makassar), Sulawesi (5°07'S., 119°24'E.).

### Restricted Areas

Without the permission of the Chief of Staff of the Indonesian Navy, or an official appointed by him for that purpose, navigation or fishing is prohibited in the following territorial waters of Indonesia:

1. The coast of Sumatera from Tanjung Radja (3°45'N., 96°30'E.) to Ujung Masam (5°34.8'N., 95°13.5'E.) and then along the E and S coasts of Sumatera to Vlakke Hoek (5°56'S., 104°35'E.), including the islands nearby these coasts.

Islands excepted are those situated NE of a line drawn from the N part of Lesser Iju Island (1°11.5'N., 103°21'E.) to the N coast of Little Karimun Islands toward the W part of Middelburg Rif (0°51.4'N., 103°34.1'E.), then to the W part of Pelangkat Island (0°45'N., 103°35'E.), then to the E part of Ngal Island (0°41.5'N., 103°35.4'E.), to the N part of Durian Valsch (0°37.5'N., 103°42'E.), then to the S part of Zuid Broeder (0°32'N., 103°46'E.), to the S part of Mutji Island (0°32.5'S., 104°01.5'E.), then to the S part of Berhala Island (0°52'S., 104°24'E.), and then to Tanjung Djabung (1°01'S., 104°22'E.).

2. The coast of Borneo from Tanjung Datu (2°05'N., 109°39'E.) to the mouth of the River Djelai (2°59'S., 110°43.5'E.).

3. The coast of West Java from Tanjung Lajar (6°45'S., 105°13'E.) to the E part of Teluk Pemandjung (7°43'30"S., 108°40'30"E.) including the waters around Deli and Tindjul islands.

4. The E coast of Java within the following positions:
  - a. 7°12'00"S, 112°44'00"E.
  - b. 7°15'00"S, 112°53'00"E.
  - c. 7°05'00"S, 112°53'00"E.
  - d. 7°05'00"S, 112°41'00"E.
  - e. 7°10'30"S, 112°44'00"E.

5. The W, N, E, and S coasts of North Sulawesi, from Sapuringgi (0°10'S., 110°48'E.) to Kasimbar (0°10'S., 120°04'E.), including the waters of the islands located in the

bay of Dondo, Kwandang, Manterawu, Bangka and Lembeh.

Indonesia—Regional Port Authorities				
Regional Port Authority	Telephone	Facsimile	E-mail	Web Site
PT Belabuhan Indonesia 1	62-61-6610220	62-61-6610906	<a href="mailto:pelabuhan1@pelindo1.co.id">pelabuhan1@pelindo1.co.id</a>	<a href="https://www.pelindo.co.id">https://www.pelindo.co.id</a>
PT Belabuhan Indonesia 2	62-21-4367505 62-21-4301080	62-21-43911704	<a href="mailto:corp_sec@indonesiaport.co.id">corp_sec@indonesiaport.co.id</a>	<a href="https://www.indonesiaport.co.id">https://www.indonesiaport.co.id</a>
PT Belabuhan Indonesia 3	62-31-3298631 62-31-3298632 62-31-3298633 62-31-3298634 62-31-3298635 62-31-3298636 62-31-3298637	62-31-3295204	<a href="mailto:marketing@pelindo.co.id">marketing@pelindo.co.id</a> <a href="mailto:info@pelindo.co.id">info@pelindo.co.id</a>	<a href="https://www.pelindo.co.id">https://www.pelindo.co.id</a>
PT Belabuhan Indonesia 4	62-411-3616549 (extension 6204)	—	<a href="mailto:humas@inaport4.co.id">humas@inaport4.co.id</a>	<a href="https://www.pelindo.co.id">https://www.pelindo.co.id</a>

6. Ports in these areas may only be visited with a “sailing permit” issued by the Indonesian Navy and in some cases, by the Indonesian Army. Permits are obtained in Jakarta, but may also be issued from Indonesian consulates.

Ships navigating between these restricted areas and foreign countries, or vice versa, must pass inspection points if prior permission to enter has not been obtained.

The following places are listed as inspection points:

1. Sumatera—Teluk Bajur Sibolga, Gunung Sitoli, Meulaboh, and Bengkulu Pandjang.
2. Java—Jakarta and Cilacap.
3. Sulawesi—Tarakan and Makassar.

## Search and Rescue

Baden SAR National (BASARNAS) coordinates search and rescue operations.

Indonesian coast guard stations are located, as follows:

1. Jakarta, Jawa (6°06'S., 106°54'E.).
2. Tanjungban, Bintan (1°04'N., 104°13'E.).
3. Tanjungperak, Surabaya (7°12'S., 112°44'E.).
4. Bitung, North Sulawesi (1°26'N., 125°11'E.).
5. Ambon (3°42'S., 128°10'E.).

BASARNAS—Contact Information	
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	<a href="mailto:kagahar@basarnas.go.id">kagahar@basarnas.go.id</a>
	<a href="mailto:kagahar@yahoo.com">kagahar@yahoo.com</a> <a href="mailto:kagahar@gmail.com">kagahar@gmail.com</a>
Web site	<a href="https://www.basarnas.go.id">https://www.basarnas.go.id</a>

## Ship Reporting System

### Sulu Archipelago Transit Corridor—Indonesia, Malaysia, and Philippines Area of Concern Ship Reporting System

The prevailing security situation (2017) in the vicinity of Sabah (Malaysia), the Pangutaran Group (Philippines), and the Sulu Archipelago (Philippines) has required the establishment of a Ship Reporting System in conjunction with the Sulu Archipelago Transit Corridor. For further information, see **Philippines—Ship Reporting System**.

### Information Fusion Center Voluntary Reporting Area

Indonesia is located within the area covered by the Information Fusion Center Voluntary Reporting Area. For further information, see **Pacific Ocean—Ship Reporting System**.

### Other Indonesian Ship Reporting Systems

The following ship reporting systems are in operation in Indonesian waters:

1. Lombok Strait Ship Reporting System (LOMBOKREP).
2. Sunda Strait Ship Reporting System (SUNDAREP).

For further information, see Pub. 163, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Borneo, Jawa, Sulawesi and Nusa Tenggara.

## Signals

Various signals are made in Indonesian ports and waters for the control and assistance of shipping.

**Tidal Current Signals.**—Tidal current signals are displayed from shore stations, as follows:

Meaning	Day	Night
Flood tide	Red flag	White light over red light
Ebb tide	Blue flag	Red light over white light
Slack water	White flag	White light

**Port Closure Signals.**—During maneuvers and exercises, and also for other reasons, it may be necessary to prohibit entrance into channels and harbors of Indonesia or to permit it subject to reservations.

The following signals may be shown from Indonesian signal stations:

1. Emergency—Entry strictly prohibited:
  - a. Day signal.—Three red balls disposed vertically.
  - b. Night signal.—Three red lights disposed vertically.
2. Entry prohibited:
  - a. Day signal.—A black cone, point up, between two black balls, disposed vertically.
  - b. Night signal.—A white light between two red lights, disposed vertically.
3. Entry and departure prohibited:
  - a. Day signal.—Two black cones, points down, over a black ball, disposed vertically.
  - b. Night signal.—Green light over a white light over a red light, disposed vertically.
4. Departure prohibited:
  - a. Day signal.—Three black cones, with the top and bottom cones points down and the middle cone point up, disposed vertically.
  - b. Night signal.—A white light between two green lights, disposed vertically.

Permission or refusal to enter the channel or harbor will be given after examination. A vessel is then only allowed to enter the channel or harbor provided it is in the charge of a pilot, or is preceded by a warship or pilot vessel.

Should entry be prohibited, a vessel must proceed, wind and weather permitting, to the examination vessel displaying the same signal, stationed at the port entrance.

From the time the signals are shown all exemptions from taking a pilot cease. Masters of vessels are obliged to carry out the instructions of the officer from the examination vessel and are to obey all signals.

If a warning shot is fired from an examining vessel, work on all vessels near the inspection vessel will be stopped immediately until it is safe, and permission has been given to proceed. Failure to comply with these regulations may result in danger to the vessel and crew. As a general rule, permission to enter at night will not be granted.

If a signal is made from the shore to indicate that vessels are subject to examination, and if there is no examination vessel in the entrance to the fairway, vessels must anchor or lie off.

The enforcement of these regulations at any particular fairway or harbor will not be announced beforehand.

**Berthing Signals.**—The following flag signals that are displayed on shore may be used in the harbors of the Republic of Indonesia in addition to the international signals:

Signal	Meaning
3rd substitute over A	Your berth is No. 1.
3rd substitute over B	Your berth is No. 2.
3rd substitute over C	Your berth is No. 3.
3rd substitute over D	Your berth is No. 4.
3rd substitute over E	Your berth is No. 5.

Signal	Meaning
3rd substitute over F	Your berth is No. 6.
3rd substitute over G	Your berth is No. 7.
3rd substitute over I	Signal ball not hauled down at correct time.
3rd substitute over K	Signaling device temporarily malfunctioning.
3rd substitute over R	Anchor in the anchorage area.
Blue flag	No communication, bad weather.

When two or more vessels are entering the harbor at the same time, the berthing signal for each vessel can be indicated by hoisting the company or national flag of the vessel below the berthing signal.

The following flag signals may be shown from vessels in Indonesian harbors:

Signal	Meaning
1st substitute over R	Ship wishes to enter harbor.
2nd substitute over M	Please send motor boat.
3rd substitute over J	Request for fresh water.
1st substitute over N	Have passengers who have come directly or indirectly from outside Indonesia and wish to disembark.
2nd substitute over V	Request refuse barge.
3rd substitute over Q	Onboard, or during the voyage, one or more cases of contagious disease, or disease thought to be contagious (other than plague, cholera, or yellow fever).
Company flag over W	Request for medical assistance.

**Pilot Signals.**—Vessels requiring a pilot may make any of the below listed signals to obtain assistance.

The following day signals may be used:

1. The national flag, surrounded by a white border one-fifth the breadth of the flag displayed at the foremast head.
2. The pilot signal "UC" of the International Code of Signals.
3. Flag G of the International Code of Signals.
4. The distant signal consisting of a cone point up, having above it two balls or shapes resembling balls.

The following night signals may be used:

1. A blue light every 15 minutes.
2. A bright white light flashed or exhibited just above the bulwarks at frequent intervals for 1 minute.
3. The letter G in the Morse code made by flashing lamp.

The above signals must be shown until the pilot is on board or until an answering signal has been made.

Vessels arriving at night and not immediately requiring the services of a pilot should show the pilot signal at daybreak.

The pilot flag is blue, with a seven-point white star in its center.

The following signals are made from the pilot vessel in an-

swer to ships making the pilot signal:

	Signal	Meaning
By day	No signal.	The pilot will proceed to vessel at once.
By night	White flare or swinging a white light.	
By day	Flag D of International Code of Signals.	No pilot is available; vessel may enter without a pilot until one is met with.
	Cone point up, surmounted by a ball.	
By night	A red light above a white light.	
By day	Cone point up with a ball below it.	No pilot is available; vessel must wait outside until further notice.
By day	Two cones vertically disposed, points down.	No pilot is available for vessels of less than 350 gross tons capacity; these vessels may enter without a pilot.

**Dumping Explosives at Sea.**—Vessels dumping ammunition or other explosives at sea will display a red flag by day and a red light at night.

### Submarine Operating Areas

Submarines exercise in the E part of the Java Sea, especially in the area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 7°14'S, 114°20'E.
- 7°14'S, 114°40'E.
- 7°24'S, 114°40'E.
- 7°24'S, 114°20'E.

Submarines may also be encountered in the approaches to Selat Surabaya, at Tanjungperak, and S of Pulau-pulau Sapudi (7°07'S, 114°20'E.).

Surface ships operating with submarines display a red flag from the masthead.

### Time Zone

Indonesia is covered by multiple Time Zones, as follows:

- Western Zone (Bangka, Belitung, Jawa, Kalimantan Barat, Kalimantan Tengah, and Sumatera)—The Time Zone description is GOLF (-7). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.
- Central Zone (Kalimantan Selatan, Kalimantan Timur, Nusa Tenggara, Sulawesi, and West Timor)—The Time Zone description is HOTEL (-8). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.
- Eastern Zone (Aru Island, Kai Island, Maluku, Papua, and Tanimbar Island)—The Time Zone description is INDIA (-9). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

### Traffic Separation Schemes

Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) are located, as follows:

- In the Lombok Strait. (IMO approved)
- In the Sunda Strait. (IMO approved)

### U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is situated at Jalan Medan Merdeka Selatan 3-5, Jakarta.

#### U. S. Embassy Indonesia—Contact Information

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	Washington DC (20521-8200)
Telephone	62-5083-1000
Facsimile	62-385-7189
E-mail	<a href="mailto:jakartaacs@state.gov">jakartaacs@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://id.usembassy.gov">https://id.usembassy.gov</a>

### Vessel Traffic Service

Vessel Traffic Services are in operation, as follows:

- Balikpapan, Kalimantan (1°16'S., 116°49'E.).<sup>2</sup>
- Banjarmasin, Kalimantan (3°20'S., 114°35'E.).<sup>2</sup>
- Batuampar, Sumatera (1°10'N., 104°00'E.).<sup>1</sup>
- Batulicin, Kalimantan (3°27'S., 116°00'E.).<sup>2</sup>
- Belawan, Sumatera (3°47'N., 98°42'E.).<sup>1</sup>
- Benoa, Bali (8°45'S., 115°13'E.).<sup>2</sup>
- Bitung, Sulawesi (1°26'N., 125°12'E.).<sup>2</sup>
- Cigading, Jawa (6°01'S., 105°57'E.).<sup>2</sup>
- Cirebon, Jawa (6°42'S., 108°33'E.).
- Dumai (1°41'N., 101°27'E.).<sup>1</sup>
- Lembar, Lombok (1°26'N., 125°12'E.).<sup>2</sup>
- Linkas—Tarakan Terminal, Kalimantan (3°17'N., 117°35'E.).<sup>2</sup>
- Makassar, Sulawesi (5°07'S., 119°24'E.).<sup>2</sup>
- Merak, Jawa, (5°55'S., 106°00'E.).<sup>2</sup>
- Palembang, Sumatera (2°59'S., 104°46'E.).<sup>1</sup>
- Panjang, Sumatera (5°28'S., 105°19'E.).<sup>1</sup>
- Pontianak, Kalimantan (0°01'S., 109°20'E.).<sup>2</sup>
- Samarinda, Kalimantan (0°31'S., 117°09'E.).<sup>2</sup>
- Semarang, Jawa (6°55'S., 110°25'E.).<sup>2</sup>
- Sorong, Papua (0°53'S., 131°15'E.).<sup>3</sup>
- Tanjungperak, Jawa (7°12'S., 112°43'E.).<sup>2</sup>
- Tanjungpriok, Jawa (6°05'S., 106°53'E.).<sup>2</sup>
- Teluk Bayur, Sumatera (1°00'S., 100°22'E.).<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See Pub. 174, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Strait of Malacca and Sumatera for further information.

<sup>2</sup> See Pub. 163, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Bornea, Jawa, Sulawesi, and Nusa Tenggara for further information.

<sup>3</sup> See Pub. 164, Sailing Directions (Enroute) New Guinea for further information.



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of the Mariana Islands.

Japan is largely mountainous and the limited land suitable for industrial and agricultural use is used intensely.

Terracing of mountain slopes for cultivation is common practice.

The climate is temperate, with warm, humid summers and relatively mild winters except on the island of Hokkaido and the N parts of Honshu facing the Sea of Japan.

The terrain is mostly rugged and mountainous. The mountains are geologically young and the entire country is subject to frequent and sometimes severe earthquakes.

Because of the country's mountainous and insular nature, the coast is very irregular and bays, coves, and inlets are numerous.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region B) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

Special land beacons, usually unlit, perform special functions, as follows:

1. Marking landing sites of cables and pipelines.
2. Marking fishing areas, fishing equipment, and marine farms.
3. Marking measured distances.
4. Range beacons leading into ports.

## Cautions

### General

The complex nature of vessel traffic in Japanese waters greatly increases the risk of collision, especially in poor visibility.

The position of the main islands means ocean-going vessels pass close off some parts of the coast. In these areas, generally around large headlands, coastal traffic also uses the same routes, sometimes joining and leaving the routes abruptly. In addition, ferry traffic frequently crosses the shipping lanes and the channels leading to major ports.

### Seiches

Seiches are short-period oscillations which may be caused by abrupt changes in meteorological conditions, such as intense depressions. Seiches are not uncommon around the coasts of Japan.

### Naikai Seto (Inland Sea)

Extreme caution should be used when navigating ships in Naikai Seto. Disasters within Naikai Seto are particularly characterized by a high incidence of groundings and collisions. Many vessels run afoul of each other at places where the main fairways intersect with the fairways used by coasters.

Some of the channels are narrow with strong currents and complicated land formations. Disasters occur in those areas in which vessels pass with great frequency. By type, disasters involving small craft, motor sailers in particular, are in the majority. Disasters are high within such congested ports as Kanmon, Kobe, Komatsushima, Osaka, Tokuyama-Kudamat-su, and Wakayama. Care is needed in certain areas where the channels are narrow, tidal currents strong, and the traffic is congested.

These areas include the W approaches to and in Kanmon

Kaikyo, Tsurushima Suido, Kurushima Kaikyo, Bisan Seto, Akashi Kaikyo, and Tomogashima Suido.

Long tows, which may consist of up to ten vessels and be up to 400m long, may be encountered.

A highly-developed network of vehicle and passenger ferries can be found in Nakai Seto. These routes extend both E and W through the entire length of Nakai Seto, as well as N and S routes crossing the waterway to link Honshu and Shikoku.

Northbound and southbound traffic converge in Hayasui Seta (33°19'N., 132°00'E.), the W entrance to Nakai Seto, with vessels meeting in complicated head-to-head situations. Numerous car ferries operate across the strait. The high amount of traffic presents complex collision avoidance situations.

**Note.**—It has been reported (2007) that the ports of Kobe Ko, Amagasaki Ko, and Osaka Ko have been consolidated under the single name of Hanshin Ko.

### Kyushu

According to statistics compiled by Japanese authorities, groundings are the major cause of marine disasters in the coastal waters of Kyushu. Several areas report frequent marine disasters due to various circumstances.

Within Toi Misaki, capsizing of small vessels are reported; these casualties are associated with heavy tide rips.

In Sata Misaki and Bono Misaki, groundings of small vessels and small craft are reported; associated with strong ocean and tidal currents.

Within Yatsushiro Wan and Shimabara Kaiwan, groundings and collisions are reported.

The approaches to Ushibuka report collisions between and strandings of small vessels.

Hondono Seto and the approaches to Yatsushiro Ko, Misumi Ko, and Shimabara Ko require caution to navigate. Collisions between small vessels are frequent.

Within Goto Retto, groundings are reported, with frequent disasters occurring at the N end of the Goto Retto.

The approaches to Nagasaki Ko report collisions between medium and small vessels.

The Sasebo-Nagasaki coast reports collisions between and strandings of medium and small vessels.

In Hirado Seto, groundings and collisions are reported, because it has a route with many course changes and strong tidal currents.

Tsushima reports groundings with frequent disasters occurring because of off-lying islets.

Yobuko Ko reports collisions and offshore groundings. The route has many off-lying islets, dangers, and course changes.

Genkai Nada reports collisions between small and large vessels.

Fukuoka Wan reports offshore groundings, collisions, and capsizing of small boats occurring because of several off-lying islets and dangers.

Within Kurara Seto, groundings and collisions are reported with numerous small vessels operating in the area.

In some channels, as many as 2,000 vessels may pass through daily. Traffic is particularly heavy in Iki Suido, the approaches to Sasebo Ko, the entrance to Shimabara Wan, in Nagashima Kaikyo, and in Osumi Kaikyo.

### Nansei Shoto

Because of the prevalence of coral reefs and shoal areas,

small vessels frequently ground off the S coast of Okinawa Shima, off the N coast of Miyako Shima, and off the S coast of Ishigaki Shima.

### Northwest Coast of Honshu

The NW coast of Honshu has fewer marine accidents than any other area because ship traffic is lighter. Those occurring near this coast during the monsoon season in winter are most serious. It is dangerous to enter the harbors and estuaries facing the coastal sea during the NW monsoon season.

In Tsugaru Kaikyo, strong winds in winter have capsized or sank a number of vessels. Groundings frequently occur in the area between Oma Saki and Shiriya Saki.

Special caution is required in the vicinity of Tuno Shima, Kyoga Misaki, Noto Hanto, Sado Shima, Oga Hanto, Tsugaru Kaikyo, and large harbors.

### South Coast of Honshu

The S coast of Honshu has a very high incidence of marine disaster because ship traffic is increasing. Recently traffic congestion in Uruga Suido, the entrance channel into Tokyo Wan, reached an average of about 700 vessels daily and both strandings and collisions are increasing.

En route to Tokyo Wan, many shipwrecks occur due to obscured vision when rounding the capes of Nojima Saki, Iro Saki, and Omae Saki. Ise Wan and Nagoyo Ko have a high incidence of shipwrecks.

Between Kazehaya and Iro Saki, heavy traffic results in frequent collisions and groundings. In winter off Iro Saki, strong W winds give rise to dangerous waves.

The area off Omae Saki is the scene of frequent accidents. Strong W winds occur from November through March.

In the approaches to Ise Wan, groundings are frequent in Morosaki Suido and Fuseda Suido.

Traffic is very heavy off Shiono Misaki and in the outer part of Kii Suido, resulting in a high incidence of accidents. Serious accidents, including total losses, have been experienced in the dense fog in this area, in winter, as well as from April to July.

Off the stretch of coast between Shiono Misaki and Hino Misaki, frequent collisions and groundings occur due to the heavy traffic in this area.

In the approaches to Kii Suido, routes to and from Ise Wan and Tokyo Wan converge and diverge S of O Shima (33°28.2'N., 135°49.9'E.). Complex traffic patterns can develop in this area.

Ocean routes to and from Tokyo Wan pass S of Enshu Nada (34°30'N., 137°40'E.). Vessels proceeding between the ocean routes and Ise Wan concentrate S of Irako Suido (34°31'N., 137°02'E.), the entrance channel to Tokyo Wan. Complex traffic patterns can develop in this area.

High concentrations of traffic occur off the headlands along the S coast of Honshu.

### East Coast of Honshu

The E coast of Honshu has a high incidence of accidents in winter during snow storms with NW seasonal winds and in summer with dense fog.

Many vessels have stranded at the E entrance of Tsugaru Kaikyo. About half were because of snow storms or dense fog and the rest due to careless navigation in clear weather. Great caution is necessary. Many strandings have also occurred about

20 miles S of Shiriya Saki due to vessels navigating too close inshore during fog without regard for the strong set of the current toward the coast.

Between Shiriya Saki and Kinkasan, collisions are frequent, particularly during dense fog occurring from May to August. Capsizing in rough seas is common here. Small fishing boats operated by one person are also common in this area.

The waters around Inubo Saki and Kashima Nada have a year-round presence of fishing vessels. As many as 1,500 fishing vessels may be in these areas.

Many collisions and strandings occur near Hachinohe Ko in summer, during dense fog, when it is crowded with fishing vessels. Large ships should avoid this area at night during the squid fishing season.

The offshore area of Inubo Saki have an increase in maritime accidents during the foggy months from May to August.

The waters near Nojima Saki are heavily congested. Collisions are frequent, especially during rough weather in winter.

High concentrations of traffic occur in the following areas:

1. Irako Suido (34°33'N., 137°00'E.), in the entrance to Ise Wan.
2. Urako Suido (35°05'N., 139°43'E.), in the entrance to Tokyo Wan.
3. Off iro Saki (34°36'N., 138°51'E.), in the entrance to Suruga Wan.

### Hokkaido

In the N part of Tsugaru Kaikyo (41°30'N., 140°40'E.), groundings and capsizings occur. The traffic volume is high and the currents are strong. Dense fog in spring and summer, as well as snowstorms in winter, causes poor visibility.

The E part of the S coast of Hokkaido has the highest amount of marine casualties among the coasts of Hokkaido. Dense fog is common in spring and summer. Fishing vessels are numerous in this area. Drift ice is also common in the winter.

Collisions and groundings occur in Nemuro Kaiyko (44°10'N., 143°40'E.). Dense fog, which restricts visibility, is common in spring and summer. Channels are narrow, shallow areas are common, and navigational aids are scarce. Drift ice is common in winter.

Soya Kaiyko (45°40'N., 142°00'E.) and the vicinity of Rebun To and Rishiri To experience groundings and collisions. Snowstorms cause low visibility conditions, NW winds cause violent waves, and currents in this area are very complex.

The W coast of Hokkaido reports collisions and capsizings. In winter, NW winds cause many snowstorms. When strong W winds are expected, vessels should seek shelter early, especially since there are few safe areas to find shelter.

### Shikoku

Vessels transiting SW from Tokyo Wan try to reduce the effect of the Japan Current by passing close to the S coast of Shikoku. The mix of coastal and through traffic may present a complex traffic situation.

Ocean-going traffic passing S of Tosa Wan (33°17'N., 133°40'E.) merges with and separates from coastal traffic in the vicinity of Ashizuri Misaki (32°44'N., 133°01'E) and Muroto Saki (33°15'N., 134°11'E).

High concentrations of traffic occur off the headlands along the S coast of Shikoku.



**Reclaimed Areas**

Because of extensive reclamation in many areas of Japan, certain cartographic features have been created, changed, or, for practical purposes, eliminated. Mariners should remain aware of the likelihood that the character of an observed feature may differ from that which is presented on a chart or described in the sailing directions.

**Abnormal Waves**

**Waves caused by low atmospheric pressures.**—According to weather observations at specific points E of Honshu, low atmospheric pressures which generate waves more than 5m high occur, on average, every 5 days during the winter months from December to February. These wave heights have been reported to reach a maximum height of 13m.

At some locations S of Honshu, low atmospheric pressure generated waves equivalent to those occurring E of Honshu have been observed an average of four times per year. The maximum wave height of 8m usually occurs in March.

**Waves generated by typhoons.**—Waves in the area of a typhoon are distributed with the highest intensity in the right-rear section of the quadrant and the lowest intensity in the left-fore quadrant, according to the direction of the typhoon. This phenomenon can be interpreted, as follows:

1. The wind velocity in the right semicircle (dangerous semicircle) is higher than that in the left semicircle (navigable semicircle).
2. In the right semicircle, the waves and the typhoon generally advance in the same direction; both the time and distance in which the waves are exposed to the wind in the same direction are longer than those measured in the left semicircle.
3. The waves in the rear semicircle and the rolling swell in the fore semicircle overlap in the rear semicircle, so that they are intensified. The height and distribution of waves in the area of a typhoon largely depend on the velocity of the typhoon. When the typhoon's velocity is high, the waves in the rear semicircle are much higher than those in the fore semicircle. When the typhoon's velocity is nearly equal to that of the waves, the waves gain in force, reaching the rear semicircle at the same time as the typhoon, so that the waves become higher, especially in the dangerous semicircle.

**Abnormal waves E of Japan in winter.**—Most marine casualties in the area off Nojima Saki involved vessels on passage from ports in North America or South America to ports in Japan. To avoid the danger of taking the great circle route in winter, they travel W at approximately 30°N. When they enter Japanese waters, they are exposed to strong W winds. The rectangular water area off Nojima Saki, is commonly known as a "haunted sea area" and is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 28°00'N, 135°00'E.

- b. 28°00'N, 160°00'E.
- c. 40°00'N, 160°00'E.
- d. 40°00'N, 135°00'E.

In this area marine accidents frequently occur; many of the details of these accidents remain unknown. According to investigations, it is considered that natural phenomenon (atmospheric conditions, oceanic weather conditions) and unnatural phenomenon (navigational conditions) are compounded to cause such casualties.

Such abnormal waves are large highly impulsive waves, including the chopping waves caused by seasonal winds. The real condition of these waves remains unknown. Regardless, the waves gain in force and spread in more than one direction, causing interference patterns. Consequently, these waves become higher than ordinary waves, sometimes reaching heights of 20m.

**Waves in the Sea of Japan.**—In the Sea of Japan and along the NW coast of Honshu, large waves frequently occur in winter due to the effects of low atmospheric pressure and NW seasonal winds. The wave heights are over 8m and in some extraordinary cases may exceed 10m. On average, low atmospheric pressure passes through this area once per week.

**Cautions Concerning Effects of the 2011 Earthquake and Tsunami**

Mariners are advised to monitor and comply with NAVTEX and NAVAREA XI warnings issued for Japanese waters.

Operators and mariners are also advised to review and follow the radiological information on ports and maritime transportation provided on the Government of Japan's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport, and Tourism web site ([http://www.mlit.go.jp/en/maritime/maritime\\_fr1\\_00007.html](http://www.mlit.go.jp/en/maritime/maritime_fr1_00007.html)).

Mariners should keep abreast of information being provided by the Government of Japan relating to any further potential impacts.

The U.S. Coast Guard recommends, as a precaution, that vessels avoid transiting within 10.8 miles of the **Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant** (37°25.5'N., 141°02.2'E.) S of latitude 37°30'49.6"N. Mariners are advised that this recommendation should be regarded as a minimum distance. Prudent route planning should incorporate prevailing and changing wind and weather conditions, in addition to other precautionary measures.

Vessels that enter into the Japanese-defined restricted area may be subject to additional screening by the U.S. Coast Guard if the United States is their first port of call after departing the restricted area. The U. S. Coast Guard requires the vessel's master to submit transit information, including the date and total time within the precautionary area, to the cognizant U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port using the comment block on the 96-hour Advanced Notice of Arrival.

Japan—Typhoon Havens				
Kyushu	Nansei Shoto	Honshu—West Coast	Honshu—North, East and South Coast	Hokkaido
Aso Wan *	Agonoura Ko *	Fukaura Ko	Hisanohama Ko	Erimo Ko
* Small vessels only				

Japan—Typhoon Havens				
Kyushu	Nansei Shoto	Honshu—West Coast	Honshu—North, East and South Coast	Hokkaido
Ebukura Wan *	Funauki Ko *	Futami Ko	Naarai Ko	Matsumae Ko
Imari Wan	Kagoshima Ko	Nezugaseki Ko	Ogachi Ko	Soya Ko
Kariya Ko *	Katena Ko *	Shibayama Ko	Shimoda Ko *	Teuri Ko
Kashi-no-Ura *	Koniya Ko	Shichirui Ko	Shimizu Ko *	Todohokke Ko
Kyushu—N part of the E coast	Oshima Kaikyo	Susa Ko	Shiriyamisaki Ko	
Miura Wan *	Unten Ko *	Tajiri Ko	Yokohama Ko	
Nagasaki Ko	Yatsushiro Kai	Toga Ko		
Naga Shima—close N		Wajima Ko		
Nomo Ko *		Yuya Ko		
Odomari Wan *				
Oshima Ko *				
Sakitsu Naiwan *				
Sasebo Ko				
Shimabara Wan				
Tama-no-Ura *				
Wakimisakiv Ko *				
Yamagawa Ko *				
Yobuko Ko *				
* Small vessels only				

### Typhoon Havens

A typhoon haven is a port, harbor, or anchorage where a vessel may seek shelter from a tropical cyclone. Although they may provide excellent shelter from typhoons, it should not be assumed they offer shelter from all directions or are suitable for all types of vessels. There is usually ample warning of the approach of a typhoon and its probable path. A haven should be chosen which gives the best protection from the winds which will prevail during the storm.

Sheltered anchorages which may be suitable for shelter during a typhoon are located in the table titled **Japan—Typhoon Havens**.

### Rocket Range

Observation rockets are launched from Tokyo University Institute of Space and Aeronautical Science's Space Observatory, located about 3.3 miles SW of Hi Saki (31°17'N.,

When Tsunami Warnings or Advisories are issued, Tsunami Information Bulletins will be issued, giving updated information on the following:

1. Estimated time of arrival and heights of the tsunami.
2. Time of high tide and ETA of the tsunami at selected points.
3. Arrival times and tsunami heights observed at tide gauges or tsunami meters.
4. Arrival times and tsunami heights observed at offshore gauges.

131°08'E.). Information about firings and expected splashdown areas are promulgated in Japanese Notices to Mariners and Navigational Warnings.

### Seiches

Seiches are short-period oscillations in sea level which may be caused by abrupt changes in meteorological conditions such as a strong depression. Seiches are not uncommon around the coasts of Japan.

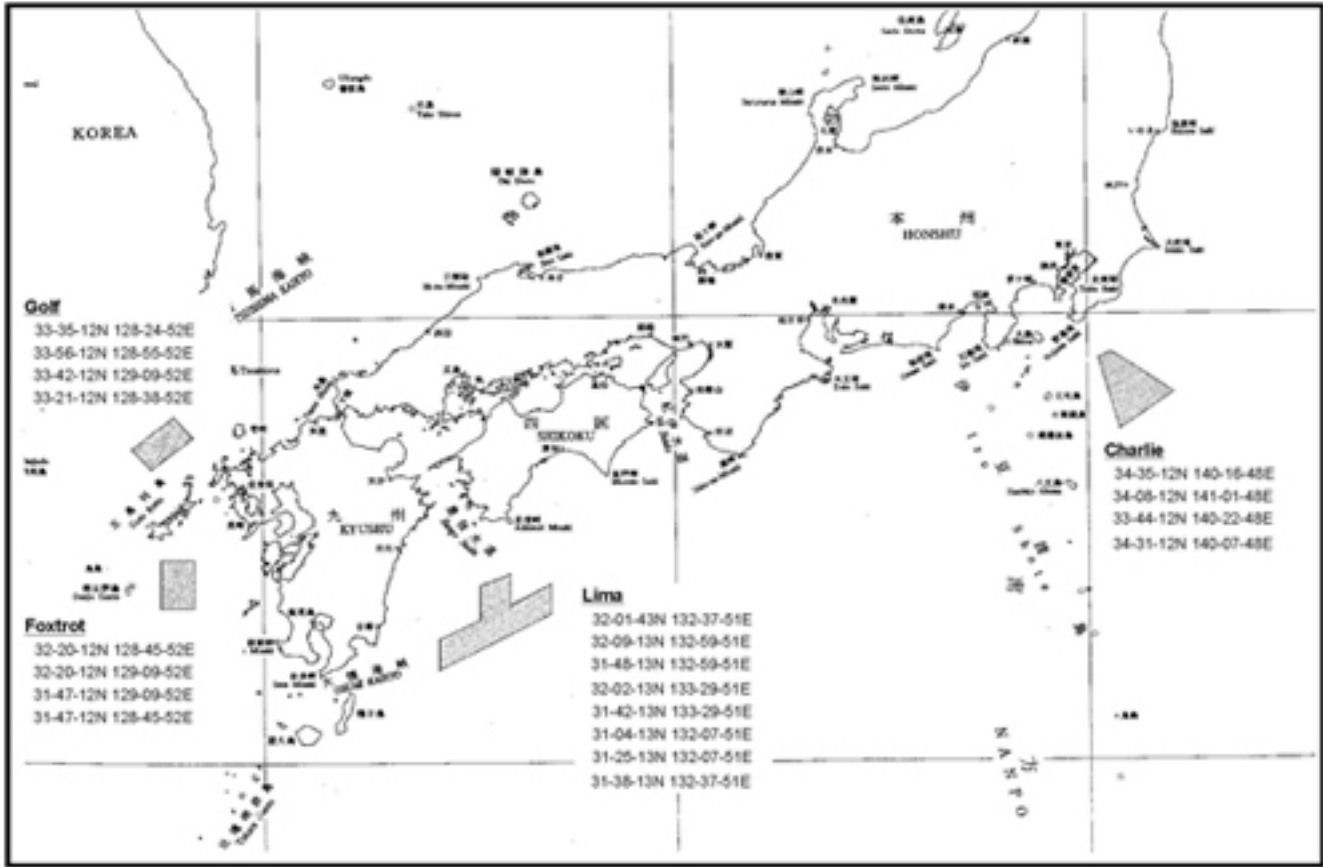
### Tsunami Warnings

Tsunamis often occur off the E coasts of Honshu, Shikoku, and Hokkaido. When an earthquake occurs with the possibility of causing a disastrous tsunami, warnings are issued by the Japanese Maritime Authority beginning about 3 minutes after the earthquake, as described in the table titled **Japan—Tsunami Warnings**.

When an earthquake occurs and no damage is expected, a Tsunami Forecast, which gives the predicted sea level change, will be issued, as follows:

1. No tsunami is expected.
2. Tsunami height of less than 0.2m is expected. No special action is needed.
3. Slight sea level changes are expected. Fishing, swimming, and other marine-related activities may be affected.

See **Appendix IV--Typhoon and Tsunami Warnings** for information on typhoon and tsunami warnings.



*Japan Coast Guard*

**Japan—United States Naval Forces Exercise Areas (always dangerous)**

Japan—Tsunami Warnings			
Category	Indication	Estimated Maximum Tsunami Height	
		By Measured Height	By General Description
Major Tsunami Warning	Tsunami height predicted to be greater than 3m	Over 10m	Huge
		10m	
		5m	
Tsunami Warning	Tsunami height predicted to be up to 3m	3m	High
Tsunami Advisory	Tsunami height predicted to be up to 1m	1m	N/A

**Magnetic Anomalies**

Magnetic anomalies off the E coast of Honshu are located, as follows:

1. Among the islands of Nanpo Shoto, extending SSE of Tokyo Wan, especially in the vicinity of O Shima, Miyake Shima, and Hachijo Shima.
2. In the offshore area extending from Shiriya Saki and Sanriku.

Magnetic anomalies off the W coast of Honshu are located in the vicinity of Oki Shoto, Noto Hanto, and Sado Shima.

Magnetic anomalies off coasts of Hokkaido are located, as follows:

1. In the vicinity of Esan Misaki.
2. In the vicinity of Erimo Misaki.
3. In the sea areas SE of Habomai Gunto.
4. An anomaly of between 6° and 10° within 1 mile of the coast in the vicinity of Nokkamappu Saki (Nermuro Kaikyo) (43°23.4'N., 145°39.3'E.).
5. In the vicinity of Atosanobori (Etorofu To).
6. In the vicinity of a submarine power cable in Tsugaru

Kaikyo between position 41°45'N, 140°52'E and position 41°28'N, 140°43'E.

In Amani Gunto, a local magnetic anomaly has been reported about 15 miles WNW of Yonama Saki (27°53'N., 128°54'E.).

### Volcanic Activity

Japan lies on the boundary of three tectonic plates. The islands are subject to frequent earthquakes and volcanic activity.

**Nansei Shito.**—Volcanic activity (a large quantity of rising bubbles) has been reported in the vicinity of Shirahama Sone (29°16'N., 129°09'E.). A sea bed volcano is located about 5 miles E of Suwano Shima in the vicinity of position 29°39'N, 129°56'E. Brownish smoke (reported 1955) and dense black smoke (reported 1974) have been observed from a distance in this area.

### Currency

The official unit of currency is the yen.

### Firing Areas

Information about gunnery or bombing exercises and naval operations by the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Air Force, and the Japan Self Defense Force is promulgated in U.S. Notices to Mariners, Japanese Navigational Warnings, NAVAREA XI Navigational Warnings, Regional Maritime Safety (RMS) Headquarters Notices to Mariners, and RMS Headquarters Navigational Warnings.

Unless otherwise noted, these areas are not in permanent use. An advance notice will be given before an area is in use. Unless otherwise noted, entering and fishing are prohibited when a training area is in use.

### U. S. Navy Training Areas

1. Area Charlie (SE of Nozima Saki, E coast of Honshu).—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 34°35'12"N, 140°16'48"E.
- b. 34°08'12"N, 141°01'48"E.
- c. 33°44'12"N, 140°22'48"E.
- d. 34°31'12"N, 140°07'48"E.

This area is a permanent danger area. Vessels entering the area do so at their own risk. Fishing is prohibited but may be permitted at night when no firing training is scheduled.

This area is used for surface firing training, antiaircraft firing training, and the firing of various naval training weapons.

Firing training is normally conducted from 0800 to 1700; an advance notice will be given before night firing training (1700 to 0800) is conducted.

2. Area Foxtrot (S of Goto Retto, W coast of Kyushu).—Area bounded by the following parallels and meridians:

- a. 31°47'12"N.
- b. 32°20'12"N.
- c. 128°45'52"E.
- d. 129°09'52"E.

This area is a permanent danger area and is in use daily from 0800 until 1700. Vessels entering the area do so at their own risk. Fishing is prohibited when the area is in use.

This area is used for surface firing training, antiaircraft fir-

ing training, air-to-air gunnery training, and air-to-surface gunnery training using various naval and aerial training weapons.

3. Area Golf (N of Goto Retto, W coast of Kyushu).—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 33°35'12"N, 128°24'52"E.
- b. 33°56'12"N, 128°55'52"E.
- c. 33°42'12"N, 129°09'52"E.
- d. 33°21'12"N, 128°38'52"E.

This area is a permanent danger area. Vessels entering the area do so at their own risk. Fishing is prohibited but may be permitted at night when no firing training is scheduled.

This area is used for surface firing training and anti-aircraft firing training.

Firing training is normally conducted from 0800 to 1700; an advance notice will be given before night firing training (1700 to 0800) is conducted.

4. Area Lima (E of Hyuga Nada, E coast of Kyushu).—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 32°01'43"N, 132°37'51"E.
- b. 32°09'13"N, 132°59'51"E.
- c. 31°48'13"N, 132°59'51"E.
- d. 32°02'13"N, 133°29'51"E.
- e. 31°42'13"N, 133°29'51"E.
- f. 31°04'13"N, 132°07'51"E.
- g. 31°25'13"N, 132°07'51"E.
- h. 31°38'13"N, 132°37'51"E.

This area is a permanent danger area. Vessels entering the area do so at their own risk. Fishing is prohibited but may be permitted on Saturday when no firing training is scheduled.

This area is used for surface firing training, antiaircraft firing training, air-to-air gunnery training, and air-to-surface gunnery training using various naval and aerial training weapons.

Firing training may be conducted Monday through Friday from 0600 to 1800; an advance notice will be given before Saturday training, from 0600 to 1800, is conducted.

5. Numazu Wet Net Training and Administrative Loading Area (Suruga Wan, S coast of Honshu).—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 35°06'50.8"N, 138°48'45.7"E.
- b. 35°03'57.8"N, 138°49'03.7"E.
- c. 35°05'15.8"N, 138°45'41.7"E.
- d. 35°06'54.8"N, 138°48'35.7"E.
- e. 35°06'57.8"N, 138°48'36.7"E.
- f. 35°06'53.8"N, 138°48'46.7"E.

Fishing and entering the area are prohibited when the area is in use. Advance notice will be given when this area is in use.

This area is used for administrative and logistic loading training, wet net training, and rescue exercises.

Sagami Wan Submarine Haven (Sagami Wan, S coast of Honshu).—Area N of a line joining position 34°57'12"N, 139°08'49"E and Joga Shima Light (35°08.1'N., 139°36.7'E.).

This area is used for conducting submarine training of all types, including launching dummy torpedoes, but not including gunnery training.

6. White Beach Area (E of Katsuren Saki, Okinawa Shima, Nansei Shoto):

- a. Area contiguous to the land in an arc with a radius

of 2 miles centered at position 26°17'49.1"N, 127°55'16.2"E, between lines extending 025° and 155° from the center position.

b. Area within a radius of 5 miles centered at position 26°20'59.3"N, 128°08'37.9"E.

Fishing and entering the area are prohibited when the area is in use. Advance notice will be given when this area is in use.

This area is used for target launching and recovery.

7. Kume Shima Range (Nansei Shoto):

Water area.—Area within a radius of 1 mile centered at position 26°20'56.9"N, 126°52'22.4"E.

Air space.—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 26°27'13.9"N, 126°47'53.5"E.
- b. 26°27'14.1"N, 126°55'53.3"E.
- c. 26°12'14.4"N, 126°55'53.2"E.
- d. 26°12'14.0"N, 126°47'53.5"E.

This area is in use Monday to Saturday from 0600 to 2300.

This area is used for air-to-ground gunnery and bombing training.

Fishing is prohibited when the water area is in use.

8. Kobi Sho Range (Senkaku Shoto, Nansei Shoto).—Water area contiguous to Kuba Shima (25°56'N., 123°41'E.) extending out to a distance of 100m.

This area is used for air-to-ground gunnery and bombing training. Training normally occurs from 0700 to 1700.

Fishing and entering the area are prohibited when the area is in use. Advance notice will be given when this area is in use.

9. Sekibi Sho Range (Senkaku Shoto, Nansei Shoto).—Area within a radius of 5 miles centered at position 25°54'14.4"N, 124°33'53.9"E.

This area is used for ship-to-shore and air-to-ground gunnery and bombing training.

Fishing and entering the area are prohibited when the area is in use. Advance notice will be given when this area is in use.

10. Oki-Daito Shima Range (Nansei Shoto)—Area within a radius of 5 miles centered at position 24°28'15.3"N, 131°10'52.0"E.

This area is used for ship-to-shore and air-to-ground gunnery and bombing training.

Fishing and entering the area are prohibited when the area is in use. Advance notice will be given when this area is in use.

11. Area Hotel Hotel (E of Okinawa Shima, Nansei Shoto).—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 26°23'14"N, 128°19'53"E.
- b. 27°06'14"N, 129°09'52"E.
- c. 27°06'14"N, 130°59'52"E.
- d. 26°10'15"N, 130°59'52"E.

This area is in use daily from 0600 to 2000 and at other times as announced.

This area is used for surface-to-air, surface-to-surface, air-to-air, and air-to-surface gunnery and bombing training.

Fishing and entering the area are prohibited when the area is in use. Advance notice will be given when this area is in use.

12. Area India India (ESE of Okinawa Shima, Nansei

Shoto).—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 24°23'15"N, 130°47'52"E.
- b. 25°26'15"N, 131°41'52"E.
- c. 25°13'15"N, 132°30'52"E.
- d. 24°00'16"N, 132°59'52"E.
- e. 24°00'15"N, 131°22'38"E.
- f. 24°07'33"N, 131°10'25"E.

This area is in use daily from 0600 to 1800.

This area is used for surface-to-air, surface-to-surface, and air-to-air gunnery training.

Fishing and entering the area are prohibited when the area is in use. Advance notice will be given when this area is in use.

13. Area Mike Mike (ESE of Okinawa Shima, Nansei Shoto).—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 25°41'15"N, 128°51'53"E.
- b. 25°48'37"N, 129°02'19"E.
- c. 25°44'15"N, 129°25'52"E.
- d. 25°44'15"N, 130°10'52"E.
- e. 25°43'24"N, 130°35'52"E.
- f. 25°41'15"N, 130°44'52"E.
- g. 24°53'15"N, 130°03'52"E.

This area is in use daily from 0600 to 1800.

This area is used for surface-to-air, surface-to-surface, air-to-air, and air-to-surface gunnery and bombing training.

Fishing and entering the area are prohibited when the area is in use. Advance notice will be given when this area is in use.

14. Area Golf Golf (air space) (ESE of Okinawa Shima, Nansei Shoto).—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 25°41'15"N, 130°44'52"E.
- b. 25°26'15"N, 131°41'52"E.
- c. 24°23'15"N, 130°47'52"E.
- d. 24°53'15"N, 130°03'52"E.

This area is used for air-to-air gunnery training.

Advance notice will be given by NOTAM when this area is in use.

#### U. S. Air Force Training Areas

1. Central Honshu Air-to-Air Range (Kashima Nada, E coast of Honshu).—Area bounded by the following parallels and meridians:

- a. 36°00'12"N.
- b. 36°40'11"N.
- c. 141°04'48"E.
- d. 141°20'48"E.

This area is in use daily from 0700 to 2000.

This area is used for air-to-air gunnery training.

2. Kyushu Air-to-Air Range (W of Tsuno Shima, NW coast of Honshu).—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 34°51'11"N, 130°35'06"E.
- b. 34°43'31"N, 130°52'01"E.
- c. 34°08'52"N, 130°29'01"E.
- d. 34°16'57"N, 130°12'37"E.

This area is in use Monday through Friday from 0700 to 1700.

This area is used for air-to-air gunnery training.

3. Misawa Air-to-Ground Range (N of Hachinohe Ko, E coast of Honshu).—Area contiguous to the land within a radius of 8,045m centered at position 40°52'08.6"N, 141°23'02.1"E, between lines extending 058° and 108° from position 40°51'52.7"N, 141°20'37.0"E.

This area is in use daily from 0700 to 2000 and at other times as announced.

This area is used for air-to-ground gunnery and bombing training.

Fishing and entering the area are prohibited when the area is in use. Advance notice will be given when this area is in use.

4. Northern Honshu Air-to-Air Range (E of Hachinohe Ko, E coast of Honshu).—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 40°50'10"N, 142°10'47"E.
- b. 40°50'10"N, 142°59'46"E.
- c. 40°44'10"N, 142°59'46"E.
- d. 40°24'10"N, 142°32'47"E.
- e. 40°24'10"N, 142°13'47"E.

This area is in use daily from 0700 to 2000.

This area is used for air-to-air gunnery training.

5. Ie Shima Auxiliary Airfield (Nansei Shoto)

Water area.—Area contiguous to the land within a radius of 2 miles centered at position 26°43'54.9"N, 127°45'34.2"E, N of a line extending 222° from position 26°42'48.4"N, 127°45'07.7"E.

Air spaces:

(A) Area within a radius of 5 miles centered at position 26°44'13.9"N, 127°45'53.2"E.

(B) Area bounded by a line joining the following positions, with the line between point d, point e, point f, and point a being the arc, with a radius of 15 miles, centered at position 26°44'13.9"N, 127°45'53.2"E.

- a. 26°52'09.9"N, 128°00'08.1"E.
- b. 26°48'48.9"N, 127°57'15.1"E.
- c. 26°40'14.3"N, 127°35'53.0"E.
- d. 26°51'14.2"N, 127°30'53.0"E.
- e. 26°53'36.2"N, 127°32'45.0"E.
- f. 26°59'12.0"N, 127°47'07.0"E.

This area is in use Monday to Friday from 0600 to 2300 and on Saturday from 0600 to 1200 and from 1700 to 2300.

This area is used for air-to-ground gunnery and bombing training, parachute training, and heavy equipment drop training.

Fishing and entering the area are prohibited when the water area is in use. Advance notice will be given when the water area is not in use.

6. Tori Shima Range (Nansei Shoto):

Water area.—Area within a radius of 3 miles centered at position 26°35'44.3"N, 126°49'59.2"E.

Air space.—Area within a radius of 5 miles centered at position 26°36'14.3"N, 126°49'53.2"E.

This area is in use daily from 0600 to 2400.

This area is used for air-to-ground gunnery and bombing training.

Fishing and entering the area are prohibited when the water area is in use. Advance notice will be given when the water area is not in use.

7. Idesuna Shima Range (Nansei Shoto):

Water area.—Area contiguous to the land within a radius

of 2 miles centered at position 26°23'16.0"N, 127°06'13.4"E.

Air space.—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 26°27'14.1"N, 126°55'53.3"E.
- b. 26°27'14.0"N, 127°06'53.4"E.
- c. 26°12'14.0"N, 127°06'53.4"E.
- d. 26°12'14.4"N, 126°55'53.2"E.

This area is in use Monday through Saturday from 0600 to 2300.

This area is used for air-to-ground gunnery and bombing training.

Fishing and entering the area are prohibited when the water area is in use. Advance notice will be given when the water area is not in use.

8. Northern Okinwa Range (air space) (NW of Okinawa Shima, Nansei Shoto).—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions, with the line between point c and point d being the arc, with a radius of 120 miles, centered at position 26°22'14"N, 127°47'53"E, and the line between point e and point a being the arc, with a radius of 72 miles, centered at the same position:

- a. 27°05'26"N, 126°42'59"E.
- b. 27°04'45"N, 126°39'05"E.
- c. 27°30'14"N, 125°56'53"E.
- d. 28°17'14"N, 127°07'53"E.
- e. 27°32'02"N, 127°25'35"E.

This area is in continuous use.

This area is used for air-to-air gunnery training.

9. Southern Okinwa Range (air space) (S of Okinawa Shima, Nansei Shoto).—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 25°14'15"N, 127°34'53"E.
- b. 24°16'45"N, 127°34'53"E.
- c. 24°16'45"N, 128°39'53"E.
- d. 25°04'45"N, 128°39'53"E.
- e. 25°14'15"N, 128°29'53"E.

This area is in continuous use.

This area is used for air-to-air gunnery training.

10. Area Alpha (air space) (E of Okinawa Shima, Nansei Shoto).—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 26°53'14"N, 128°54'53"E.
- b. 27°24'14"N, 129°14'52"E.
- c. 27°29'14"N, 129°34'52"E.
- d. 27°33'14"N, 129°59'52"E.
- e. 27°06'14"N, 130°14'52"E.
- f. 27°06'14"N, 129°09'52"E.

This area is in daily from 0600 to 2000.

This area is used for air-to-air training.

#### U. S. Army and U. S. Marine Corps Training Areas

1. Northern Training Area (vicinity of the mouth of the Ukagawa River, Okinawa Shima, Nansei Shoto).—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 26°41'50.0"N, 128°17'17.0"E.
- b. 26°41'50.0"N, 128°17'53.0"E.
- c. 26°41'26.0"N, 128°17'53.0"E.
- d. 26°41'26.0"N, 128°16'46.0"E.

Fishing and navigating are allowed in this area when it is in use provided these activities cause no interference with

the activities in this area. Advance notice will be given before using this area.

This area is used for landing training.

2. Camp Schwab (Vicinity of Oura Wan, Okinawa Shima, Nansei Shoto):

(A) Area contiguous to the land out to a distance of 500m between lines extending 090° from position 26°31'54.0"N, 128°02'44.1"E and extending 132°45' from position 26°31'11.0"N, 128°02'09.1"E.

Small-scale fishing, except for the use of fishing nets, is allowed in this area when it is in use provided it causes no interference with the activities in this area.

This area is used for amphibious training.

(B) Area bounded by a line joining the positions a through e, positions f through h, and the shore:

- a. 26°32'14.0"N, 128°05'17.1"E.
- b. 26°29'48.0"N, 128°08'06.1"E.
- c. 26°25'29.0"N, 128°03'42.1"E.
- d. 26°25'29.0"N, 128°01'28.1"E.
- e. 26°28'56.0"N, 127°59'50.1"E.
- f. 26°33'02.0"N, 128°02'03.1"E.
- g. 26°33'05.0"N, 128°02'21.1"E.
- h. 26°33'14.0"N, 128°02'30.1"E.

Mooring, remaining, anchoring, diving, and all other continuous actions are prohibited. Fishing, except for the use of fishing nets, and navigating are allowed in this area when it is in use provided these activities cause no interference with the activities in this area. Advance notice will be given when this area is in use.

This area is used for amphibious training.

(C) Area within 200m on each side of a line joining the following positions and the shore:

- a. 26°31'38.5"N, 128°02'55.1"E.
- b. 080° 1,000m from point a.
- c. 145° 2,150m from point b.

Diving and all other continuous actions are prohibited. Fishing, except for the use of fishing nets, and navigating are allowed in this area when it is in use provided these activities cause no interference with the activities in this area.

This area is used for amphibious training.

(D) Area bounded a line joining the following positions and the shore:

- a. 26°30'52.5"N, 128°01'58.1"E.
- b. 132°45' 800m from point a.
- c. 132°45' 800m from point d below.
- d. 26°31'11.0"N, 128°02'09.1"E.

Fishing, except for the use of fishing nets, and navigating are allowed in this area when it is in use provided these activities cause no interference with the activities in this area. Advance notice will be given when this area is in use.

This area is used for amphibious training.

3. Camp Hansen (Kushi Wan, Okinawa Shima, Nansei Shoto).—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions and the shore:

- a. 26°30'13.0"N, 127°59'32.1"E.
- b. 090° 471m from point a.
- c. 090° 500m from point d below.
- d. 26°29'58.0"N, 127°59'36.1"E.

Fishing and navigating are allowed in this area when it is in use provided these activities cause no interference with

the activities in this area. Advance notice will be given when this area is in use.

This area is used for amphibious training.

4. Kin Red Beach Training Area (Kin-Nakagusuku Ko, Okinawa Shima, Nansei Shoto):

(A) Contiguous to the land out to a distance of 500m between lines extending 180° from the following positions:

- a. 26°27'01.0"N, 127°53'50.2"E.
- b. 26°26'51.0"N, 127°54'51.5"E.

Mooring, remaining, anchoring, diving, and all other continuous actions are prohibited. Fishing and navigating are allowed in this area when it is not in use. Advance notice will be given before using this area.

This area is used for amphibious training.

(B) Within 150m on each side of a line extending 3,000m, 194°30' from position 26°26'49.0"N, 127°54'39.5"E.

Fishing and navigating are allowed in this area when it is not in use. Advance notice will be given before using this area.

This area is used for training on entering or leaving vessels.

5. Kin Blue Beach Training Area (Kin-Nakagusuku Ko, Okinawa Shima, Nansei Shoto):

(A) Contiguous to the land out to a distance of 500m between lines extending 090°41' from position 26°26'38.0"N, 127°56'37.1"E, and extending 180°41' from position 26°26'26.0"N, 127°56'05.1"E.

(B) Area bounded by a line joining the following positions and the shore:

- a. 26°26'26.0"N, 127°56'08.1"E.
- b. 26°25'26.0"N, 127°56'08.2"E.
- c. 26°25'27.0"N, 127°56'36.1"E.
- d. 26°26'27.0"N, 127°56'36.1"E.

Fishing, except set net fishing, and navigating are allowed in these areas when they are in use provided these activities cause no interference with the activities in these areas. Advance notice will be given when these areas are in use.

These areas are used for amphibious training.

6. Camp Courtney (Kin-Nakagusuku Ko, Okinawa Shima, Nansei Shoto).—Area contiguous to the land out to a distance of 500m between lines extending 037°11' from the following positions:

- a. 26°24'14.0"N, 127°50'46.2"E.
- b. 26°23'24.0"N, 127°51'57.2"E.

When this area is in use, mooring, remaining, anchoring, diving, net fishing, and all other continuous actions are prohibited. Pole fishing is allowed in this area when it is in use provided it causes no interference with the activities in this area. Advance notice will be given when this area is in use.

This area is used for amphibious training.

7. Ukibaru Shima Training Area (Kin-Nakagusuku Ko and Approach, Okinawa Shima, Nansei Shoto).—Area within a radius of 850m centered at position 26°18'05.1"N, 127°59'31.7"E.

Fishing and navigating are allowed in this area when it is in use provided these activities cause no interference with the activities in this area. Advance notice will be given when this area is in use.

This area is used for amphibious training.

8. Tsuken Shima Training Area (Kin-Nakagusuku Ko, Okinawa Shima, Nansei Shoto).—Area bounded by a line joining the following positions and the shore:

- a. 26°15'45.1"N, 127°56'13.7"E.
- b. 273°30' (magnetic) 5,487m from point a.
- c. 273°30' (magnetic) 5,487m from point d below.
- d. 26°14'51.1"N, 127°55'59.7"E.

Fishing and navigating are allowed in this area when it is in use provided these activities cause no interference with the activities in this area. Advance notice will be given when this area is in use.

This area is used for amphibious training.

9. Io To Communication Site (vicinity of Tobiishi Hana, Io To, Nansei Shoto):

(A) Area bounded by a line joining the following positions and the shore:

- a. 24°45'29.8"N, 141°18'14.1"E.
- b. 24°45'49.8"N, 141°19'53.1"E.
- c. 24°43'49.8"N, 141°21'53.1"E.
- d. 24°41'49.8"N, 141°17'53.1"E.
- e. 24°43'49.8"N, 141°15'53.1"E.
- f. 24°44'51.8"N, 141°17'55.1"E.
- g. 24°45'14.8"N, 141°17'44.1"E.

Fishing is prohibited when this area is in use. Advance notice will be given when this area is in use.

This area is used for amphibious training.

(B) Area bounded by a line joining the following positions and the shore:

- a. 24°46'17.8"N, 141°17'39.1"E.
- b. 24°44'29.8"N, 141°16'23.1"E.
- c. 24°44'57.8"N, 141°13'22.1"E.
- d. 24°48'56.8"N, 141°15'19.1"E.
- e. 24°48'22.8"N, 141°16'29.1"E.
- f. 24°47'04.8"N, 141°16'59.1"E.
- g. 24°47'12.8"N, 141°17'27.1"E.

Fishing is prohibited when this area is in use. Advance notice will be given when this area is in use.

This area is used for amphibious training.

### East Coast of Kyushu

Firing practice is conducted annually of the SE extremity of Kyushu within 6.5 miles of the coast between Haya Saki (31°01'N., 130°43'E.) and Kannon Saki, 16 miles NE.

### Nansei Shoto--Senkaku Shoto

Naval ship-to-shore and air-to-surface gunnery and bombing ranges are located, as follows:

1. Southwest of Kobi Sho (25°55.4'N., 123°40.9'E.).
2. A circle with a radius of 6 miles centered on Taisho To (25°55.4'N., 124°33.5'E.).

Fishing and entry are prohibited during declared exercise periods.

### West of Okinawa Shima

Naval ship-to-shore and air-to-surface gunnery and bombing ranges are located, as follows:

1. A circle in Ogame Se, with a radius of 1 mile, centered on position 26°20.7'N, 126°52.5'E.
2. A circle NE of Tori Shima, with a radius of 3 miles, centered on position 26°35.5'N, 126°50.1'E.

Fishing and entry are prohibited during declared exercise pe-

riods.

An air force gunnery and bombing range, bounded by the coast and an arc with a radius of 2 miles and centered on position 26°23.3'N, 127°06.2'E, is located in the vicinity of Idesuna Shima. Fishing and entry are prohibited during declared exercise periods.

## Fishing Areas

### General

Fishing operations of all kinds, including drift netting, long lining, trawling, seine netting, and gill netting, are carried out virtually throughout the year in all the sea areas around the coasts of Japan. Fishing by fixed nets also takes place.

In addition fish havens, marine farms, seaweed cultivation, and oyster culture are very numerous in Japanese waters and their numbers are increasing.

The MDA Situational Linkages (MSIL) web site (<https://www.msil.go.jp>) provides information on fishing positions and operating periods. However, caution is necessary when using this web site as some nets and facilities within the 30m depth curve (15m in Okinawa) may not be displayed on the MSIL web site or published in national or regional Japanese Notice to Mariners.

**Fixed fishing nets.**—Fixed fishing nets are set within 2 miles offshore in many places off the coasts of Japan, and in some cases they may extend up to 6 miles offshore.

These nets are shown on a special chart issued by the Japanese Maritime Safety Agency. Newly-set fixed nets, which are considered hazardous to navigation, are published in Japanese Notices to Mariners or promulgated by Radio Navigational Warnings.

**Fish havens.**—Fish havens may be encountered on the sea bed or on the surface, generally within 5 miles of the coast, but may also be located up to 6.5 miles off the coast. Those on the sea bed may consist of concrete blocks, scrap metal (including vehicles), or sunken hulks. Those on the surface consist of floating rafts under which fish are encouraged to feed out of the sunlight. Fish havens may occasionally be marked by lights or lighted buoys; concentrations of fishing vessels can be expected in the vicinity of fish havens.

Marine farms may be encountered on the surface, but they may be in intermediate mid-layer depths in as much as 2,500m and 20 miles offshore. They consist of rectangular cages, measuring 20m by 50m, made of two layers of this wire mesh. Fish are bred, fed, and harvested in these cages. Marine farms may be marked by lights or lighted buoys.

Large structures of bundled bamboo, used for trapping dorado, lie off the coast S of Nyudo Saki (40°00'N., 139°42'E.). These traps may lie as far as 60 miles off the coast and may be marked by a small piece of bamboo. The traps are used from spring to winter, but are most commonly used from June to September.

**Drift netting.**—Drift netting and long lining for salmon and trout are carried out off the NE coast of Honshu and the W coast of Hokkaido, between the latitudes of 37°N and 46°N. Fishing is conducted from March to June from boats of 30 to 50 dwt, using drift nets up to 7 miles in length, marked by flags and lights at each end and in the middle.

In Tsugaru Kaikyo, fishing takes place from March to May from boats of up to 10 dwt, using drift nets up to 1,200m in



length, marked by flags and lights at each end and in the middle. The operating areas for these fisheries and the periods during which they are to take place are promulgated each year by local Notices to Mariners and Radio Navigational Warnings.

In the North Pacific Ocean, fishing takes place from May to June, using nets up to 6.1 miles long, in an area SE of Hokkaido, as follows:

1. Vessels of 20 dwt or less—East of longitude 147°E.
2. Vessels of less than 10 dwt—West of longitude 147°E.

**Squid fishing.**—Fishing for squid is carried out virtually throughout the Sea of Japan and the Pacific Ocean N of 38°N. The main fishing areas are, as follows:

1. North of Yamato Tai and its vicinity.
2. North of Oki Shoto (Oki Gunto).
3. North of Wakasa Wan.
4. North of Sado Shima.
5. In Tsugaru Kaikyo and its W approaches.
6. East of Erimo Misaki.
7. Northwest of Kamui Misaki.

Fishing is carried out from boats of up to 100 dwt from May to December, but principally between July and October, when up to 1,300 boats may go out each day. Lights are exhibited at night to attract the fish.

**Dip netting.**—Dip netting occurs off the E and N shores of Hokkaido from August until November. The major fishing grounds are located E of Erimo Misaka, near the N entrance to Nemuro Kaikyo, and seaward of Abashiri Wan. Numerous vessels, normally less than 100 dwt, operate here. Lights are exhibited at night to attract the fish.

### Naikai Seto (Inland Sea)

Large groups of fishing boats congregate in various places, small sailing craft are very numerous, and vessels with long tows, some as long as 0.6 mile, are frequently encountered. The majority of vessels encountered will be less than 5 tons.

Some of these vessels and craft have weak running lights which cannot be seen at all or only with difficulty. Others show lights only when vessels approach so closely that there is little margin for clearance. For these reasons extraordinary caution is required when navigating at night.

The fishing season is at its height from April to August, coinciding with the period of heavy fogs, and adds greatly to the difficulties of vessels underway. The boats congregate thickly in the channels and other narrow places both by day and by night, being especially numerous about the time of slack water. They will not be encountered when the current is at its greatest strength.

In the Bisan Seto and Mizushima fairways and the channels surrounding them, nets are laid at slack water and not recovered until the following slack water. Although these nets are buoyed the buoys may not be visible when the streams are strong. Caution is advised.

Fish havens are usually situated on the sea bed and are composed of concrete blocks, scrap metal (including vehicles), or sunken hulks. Surface fish farms consist of floating rafts under which fish are encouraged to feed out of the sunlight.

Concentrations of fishing vessels may be expected in the vicinity of fish havens where fish are caught by traditional fishing methods.

Marine farms are usually on the surface, but they may be in

the middle layers in deep water. They consist of a rectangular structure, typically measuring 50m by 20m, made up of two layers of thick wire mesh. Fish are bred, fed, and harvested in these cages. These structures may or may not be marked by lights or lighted buoys. Marine farms are frequently moved to safe waters before the onset of winter. Both fish havens and marine farms are very numerous in the waters of Naikai Seto.

Drift net fishing for mackerel is undertaken along the traffic routes; in Osaka Wan, Harima Nada, and Bisan Sido; from W of Hiuchi Nada to E of Aki Nada; and off Yamatahawa. Fishing occurs from spring through autumn, with the main activity occurring from May to July. Vessels exhibit a flashing yellow light when setting their nets. The set nets are marked by lighted buoys, as follows:

1. North or W extremity of the net—Flashing red light.
2. South or E extremity of the net—Flashing green light.
3. Intermediate locations on the net may be marked by buoys showing a flashing yellow light.

Seine net fishing for sardines occurs almost year round in Osaka Wan, Tomogashima Suida, Akashi Kaikyo, and Kii Suido. A team of two boats sets the net; the right boat shows a green and white horizontally-striped flag, while the left boat shows a red and white horizontally-striped flag.

Net fishing for sea bream takes place from the beginning or middle of April until July; boats engaged in this work begin operations in the waters E of Akashi Kaikyo and gradually proceed W to Bingo Nada. This type of fishing is not conducted W of Kurushima Kaikyo.

Motorboats are used extensively in Naikai Seto. The smaller ones display side lights, but no masthead lights, and at night they are easily mistaken for sailing vessels. Some of these boats do not display stern lights and when overtaken are occasionally not discovered until the sound of the motors are heard.

Small boats, under oars and engaged in setting or weighing octopus traps, are a hindrance to navigation in Naikai Seto.

They may be encountered on all routes at any time of the year and while they do not often congregate, they are in constant movement and may be mistaken for craft of reasonable speed. Numerous fishing reefs, shown on the charts, are located in the waters of Naikai Seto. Some of these at depths of 20.1m or less are a hazard to surface navigation.

In Bungo Suido, the W entrance to Naikai Seto, offshore fishing takes place, as follows:

1. Southwest of Komo Saki (32°54'N., 132°28'E.).
2. In the vicinity of Mizunoko Shima (33°03'N., 132°11'E.).
3. In the vicinity of Hayasui Shima (33°19'N., 132°00'E.).
4. In the winter, trawlers towing two vessels may be encountered off Mizunoko Shima.

### Kyushu and Nansei Seto

Fishing operations are carried out year round off the coasts of Kyushu and Nansei Seto. Fishing activity is very common in Shimbara Wan, as well as Yatsushiro Ko. Mariners should be aware that large concentrations of fishing vessels may be encountered.

Large numbers of small fishing vessels may be encountered in the vicinity of the main channel through Hayasaki Seto (32°34'N., 130°11'E.), especially during slack water, in the approaches to Shimabara Wan.

Many fishing vessels operate in Yatsushiro Kai. Numerous fish havens and fishing stakes are located in the bay. The stakes can normally be picked up on radar but may be submerged at HW.

Fishing for dorado, using bundled bamboo canes as lures, is carried out from June to September off the W coast of Kyushu, as well as E of Goto Retto, between the islands and Nagasaki Hanto and Amakusa-Shimo Shima, and W of Goto Retto in an area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 33°44'N, 127°42'E.
- b. 33°22'N, 128°48'E.
- c. 32°27'N, 128°08'E.
- d. 32°27'N, 126°57'E.

Numerous fish havens are located around the islands of Goto Retto.

Dorado fishing takes place W and SW of Danjo Gunto between May and September.

Dorado fishing takes place off the coasts of Koshikijima Retto from July to November, as follows:

1. Between 6 and 45 miles NW of Koshikijima Retto.
2. Within 4 miles of the central part of the W coast of Shimo-Koshiki Shima.

A large number of gill net fisheries and aquaculture facilities are located off the coast of Kyushu and in Nansei Seto, in depths of 27m and under, and off the coasts of Okinawa, in depths of 15m and under. Fixed fishing nets extend up to 2 miles off the coast. Aquaculture operations (fish, seaweed, and shellfish) may be located up to 6.5 miles off the coast.

Pair trawling for flying fish occurs year round about 1 to 5 miles off Osumi Gunto by boats based in Anbo Ko (30°19'N., 130°40'E.). These vessels may have up to 500m of fishing gear between them.

Gill nets are set off the coasts of the inhabited islands of Amami Gunto and Tokara Gunto from May to July. Bonito fishing is also conducted up to 10 miles offshore of the islands.

Tuuny fishing is prevalent in Hyuga Nada, on the SE coast of Kyushu, along the Japan Current during the winter.

Numerous fishing vessels operate in the W approaches to Sasebo Ko (33°08'N., 129°43'E.) in the area between Hoage-no-Se and Hirado Shima.

Large numbers of fishing vessels gather around Wakamiya Shima, an islet off the NW coast of Iki Shima (33°47'N., 129°43'E.), extending 4 miles out to sea. At night, large concentrations of their lights can be seen.

Gill nets for flying fish are laid annually from May to July off the coast of the inhabited islands of Tokara Gunto (29°26'N., 129°31'E.). Bonito and cero fishing is conducted up to 10 miles offshore from the islands.

Numerous marine farms lie off the E coast of Kyushu between Toi Misaki (31°22'N., 131°21'E.) and Miyazaki Ko (31°55'N., 131°28'E.).

Numerous fish havens are moored off the coast between Miyazaki Ko and Tsurumi Saki (32°56'N., 132°05'E.).

Numerous fish farms are located in Kogoshima Wan (31°25'N., 130°40'E.).

Numerous non-commercial fishing boats, using long-lines and floats, operate in Kagoshima Wan between Oko-ga-Shima (31°33'N., 130°37'E.) and Honko Ko (31°56'N., 130°24'E.).

#### Northwest Coast of Honshu

Six large banks, with least depths of between 90m and 164m,

where large fleets of fishing vessels may be encountered, extend S to N from Sado Shima (38°02'N., 138°24'E.), as follows:

1. Hyotan Gun (38°35'N., 138°20'E.).
2. Muko Gun (38°49'N., 138°41'E.).
3. Torimi Gun (38°53'N., 139°03'E.).
4. Kama Gun (39°03'N., 138°43'E.).
5. Yahiko Gun (39°07'N., 138°33'E.).
6. Mogami Gun (39°11'N., 138°53'E.).

Large concentrations of small fishing vessels may be encountered along the coast from Akita Funakawa Ko to Tappi Saki (41°16'N., 140°21'E.). Fishing nets may also extend up to 2 miles offshore along this stretch of coast.

Small fishing boats may also be encountered year round in the vicinity of Teri Ba (40°22'N., 139°40'E.), a bank with a depth of 42m.

**Okii Shoto.**—Fishing nets extend offshore from various places off Okii Shoto (36°10'N., 133°10'E.). From spring through autumn dorado traps, composed of logs and bamboo, may be encountered from 2 to 40 miles offshore.

**Hi-no-Misaki (35°26'N., 132°38'E.) to Mikuriya Saki.**—From spring to autumn, large fishing rafts made from bamboo or logs may be encountered from 6 to 50 miles off the coast. Care must be taken to avoid them, especially at night.

**Mikuriya Saki (35°31'N., 133°30'E.) to Amarbube Saki.**—Fishing nets up to 1 mile long are moored within 5 miles of the coast. Trawling may also take place along this coast. Dorado traps, marked by bundles of bamboo with one pole extending up from the middle, may be encountered up to 10 miles offshore.

**Amarbube Sake (36°40'N., 134°42'E.) to Kyo-ga-Misaki.**—Fixed fishing nets may extend up to 1 mile offshore.

**Kyo-ga-Misaki (35°46'N., 135°13'E.) to Rokko Saki.**—Fixed fishing nets may extend up to 2.5 miles offshore. From July to October dorado traps made of bamboo may be encountered about 20 miles NE of Kyo-ga-Misaki.

**Rokko Saki (38°30'N., 137°25'E.) to Tappa Saki.**—Fixed fishing nets may extend up to 2 to 3 miles offshore in Toyama Wan. The outer ends of the nets may be marked by timber floats but caution is necessary as many of the floats are unlit. Boats may anchor at the seaward end of the nets but do not display lights at night. Vessels should not navigate within 4 miles of the coast.

**Kannon Sail (37°07'N., 137°03'E.) to Iwasaki-no-Hana.**—Fishing nets may extend up to 2 miles offshore. Caution is necessary in spring as yellow silt in the water may make the floats marking the nets difficult to see.

**Off Sado Shima (38°02'N., 138°24'E.).**—Fixed fishing nets may extend up to 2 to 3 miles offshore. The outer ends of the nets may be marked by timber floats but caution is necessary as many of the floats are unlit and give a poor radar return.

#### Tsugaru Kaikyo

Drift net fishing for salmon from small vessels occurs from March through June about 1 to 12 miles offshore between Tappi Saki (41°16'N., 140°21'E.) and Myojin Saki (41°11'N., 140°38'E.). The nets used may be as long as almost 0.75 mile.

Night fishing for squid occurs off Hakodate Ko (41°47'N., 140°44'E.) and Esan Misaki (41°49'N., 141°11'E.).

Fishing vessels operate year round during daylight hours in the vicinity of Hura Misaki (41°44'N., 141°03'E.).

On the N side of the strait, large numbers of fishing vessels may be encountered at any time, but especially from March through May and from October through December.

#### West Coast of Hokkaido

Drift net fishing for salmon and trout occur along this stretch of coast from March through June. Pole and line fishing for squid occurs along this stretch of coast from June through December.

Large concentrations of fishing vessels may be encountered off the coast year round between Motta Misaki (42°37'N., 139°50'E.) and Shakotan Misaki (43°22'N., 140°28'E.).

Marine farms may lie up to 7 miles offshore off the W coast of Hokkaido.

Fixed fishing nets may extend up to 1.5 miles off this coast.

#### South Coast of Hokkaido

Fixed fishing nets may extend up to 5 miles off the S coast of Hokkaido.

Marine farms extend up to 3 miles off the shores of Uchiura Wan (42°21'N., 140°31'E.). Drift net fishing occurs from April through December in the NW part of the bay.

Large numbers of drift net fishing vessels operate from April to June off the coast between Erimo Misaki (41°55'N., 143°15'E.) and Kushiro Ko (43°00'N., 144°20'E.).

#### Northeast Coast of Hokkaido

Fixed fishing nets may extend up to 5 miles off the NE coast of Hokkaido.

Fixed fishing nets and marine farms may extend up to 6 miles off the W side of Nemuro Strait (44°12'N., 145°34'E.).

#### East Coast of Honshu

Numerous fishing vessels operate day and night off the E coast of Honshu year round. Large concentrations of fishing vessels may be encountered from July through October between Taito Saki (35°18'N., 140°25'E.) and Inubo Saki (35°42'N., 140°52'E.). Large fleets of fishing vessels may also be encountered in summer and autumn between Onahama Ko (36°56'N., 140°53'E.) and Ryori Saki (39°02'N., 141°51'E.).

Fixed fishing nets extend up to 2.5 miles offshore between Riyori Saki and Shiriya Saki, 152 miles NNE. Large fleets of fishing vessels may also be encountered along this stretch of coast in summer and fall.

Fishing occurs year round in the approaches to Ise Wan (34°40'N., 137°45'E.) and in Irago Suido (34°31'N., 137°02'E.).

High concentrations of fishing vessels may be found between Tsumeki Saki (34°40'N., 138°59'E.) and Inatori Ko (34°46'N., 139°03'E.) in spring and fall.

High concentrations of fishing vessels may be found along the W coast of Hatsu Shima (35°02'N., 139°10'E.).

#### South Coast of Honshu

Fixed fishing nets are laid off the coast between Daio Saki and Yoroi Saki (34°25'N., 136°56'E.) from September to June.

Large numbers of fishing vessels may be encountered in Owase Wan (34°05'N., 136°16'E.) and its approaches, particularly between April and August, when hundreds of vessels operate at night with working lights.

Fixed fishing nets are located off the coast from Shio-No-

Misaki (33°26'N., 135°45'E.) to Daio Saki, as follows:

1. During winter and spring, up to 1 mile offshore, especially around the headlands between Meto Hana (34°12'N., 136°24'E.) and Akaishi Hana (34°17'N., 136°38'E.).

2. Between Kashino Saki (33°28'N., 135°52'E.) and Katsuo Shima (33°36'N., 135°58'E.).

3. Extending 0.75 mile ENE of Tomyo Saki (Taiji Saki) (33°36'N., 135°57'E.) from October to June of the following year. The outer ends are marked by flags and lights.

4. Extending 1.25 miles SE from the central part of Ugui Hana (33°39'N., 135°58'E.) from October to June of the following year.

5. Extending 2 miles and 1.5 miles offshore from, respectively, 3 miles NNE and 7 miles NNE of the mouth of Kumano Kawa (33°44'N., 136°01'E.) from October to June of the following year.

Numerous fishing boats may be encountered in the approach to Tanabe Ko (33°43'N., 135°23'E.).

Marine farms and fishing nets extend up to 3 miles seaward of the coast between Hi-No-Misaki (33°53'N., 135°03'E.) and Shio-No-Misaki.

#### South Coast of Shikoku

In Tokyo Wan, marine farms are located, from August to May of the following year, about 2 miles offshore between the N side of Futtsu Misaki, the E part of Kisarazu Ko, and the W part of Chiba Ku in Chiba Ko.

In Tokyo Wan fixed fishing nets extend up to 1 mile off the S coast of Tateyama Wan (35°01'N., 139°48'E.) about 1.5 miles E of Su-No-Saki. Drift net fishing is conducted about 1 mile N of Oki-no-Shima.

Fixed fishing nets, some extending as much as 2 miles offshore, are laid in Sagami Wan (35°10'N., 139°21'E.) during the winter and spring.

High concentrations of fishing vessels will be encountered along the coast W of Hatsu Shima (35°02'N., 139°10'E.).

High concentrations of fishing vessels will be encountered in spring and fall between Tsumeki Saki (34°39'N., 138°59'E.) and Inatori Ko (34°47'N., 139°03'E.). Fixed fishing nets extend up to 1 mile offshore between Tsumeki Saki and Kadowaki Saki (34°54'N., 139°08'E.).

Fixed fishing nets may be encountered year round within 2 miles of the coasts of Suruga Wan (34°50'N., 138°37'E.).

Fixed fishing nets are laid in the inshore waters of Atsumi Wan (34°43'N., 137°10'E.). Seaweed cultivation areas and seaweed beds lie inshore of the 10m curve throughout the bay.

Large fleets of fishing vessels move in and out of Morozaki Suido (34°47'N., 136°08'E.), especially before sunrise and sunset. Numerous fish havens, best seen on the chart, are located in Morozaki Suido and along the shores of Chita Wan. Seaweed cultivation areas are located on both sides of Morozaki Wan, as well as along the shores of Chita Wan.

Fixed fishing nets are set from October to April of the following year on a bank located SE of Hazu Misaki (34°42'N., 136°58'E.). The seaward ends of the nets may be marked by lighted buoys.

Numerous fish havens lie in the approaches to Kochi Ko (33°30'N., 133°35'E.).

Large numbers of fishing vessels will be encountered off Ishi Bae (33°20'N., 133°19'E.) and in the vicinity of the entrance to Susaki Ko (33°23'N., 133°77'E.).

Fish havens may extend up to 5 miles seaward of the coast of Tosa Wan between Ashizuri Misaki (32°44'N., 133°01'E.) and Murotu Saki (33°15'N., 134°11'E.).

A large sardine fishing fleet operates year round in the approached to Sukumo Wan (32°51'N., 132°33'E.).

## Government



Flag of Japan

The government is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary government. The country is divided into 47 prefectures.

The head of state is the Emperor and the head of government is the Prime Minister and his cabinet. The Prime Minister is selected by the Diet (parliament). The Cabinet is appointed by the Prime Minister. The bicameral Diet consists of a 248-member House of Councillors, with 148 directly-elected members and 100 members elected through proportional representation, serving 6-year terms, and a 465-member House of Representatives, with 289 directly-elected members and 176 members elected through proportional representation, serving 4-year terms.

The legal system is based on European civil law with English-American influence.

The capital is Tokyo.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Days	January 1-3
Adult Day	Second Monday in January
Foundation Day	February 11
Festival of the Vernal Equinox	Variable
Nature Day	April 29
Constitution Day	May 3
Citizen's Day	May 4
Children's Day	May 5
Navy Day	Third Monday in July
Respect for the Aged Day	Third Monday in September

Holiday	Date(s)
Festival of the Autumnal Equinox	Variable
Physical Fitness Day	Second Monday in October
National Culture Day	November 3
Labor Thanksgiving Day	November 23
Emperor's Birthday	December 23
New Year's Eve Bank Holiday	December 31

## Ice

Fast ice occurs along the E and N coasts of Hokkaido, as well as along the S coast of Hokkaido E of Erimo Misaki (41°56'N., 143°15'E.).

Light coastal ice occurs in the bays and shallows off the S coast of Hokkaido W of Erimo Misaki.

Drift ice off the coast of Hokkaido occurs mainly in the same areas as fast ice, although it does not usually affect navigation except around the coast between Wakkanai Ko (45°24'N., 141°41'E.) and Kushiro Ko (43°00'N., 144°20'E.).

## Industries

The main industries are motor vehicles, electronic equipment, machine tools, steel and non-ferrous metals, ships, chemicals, textiles, and food processing.

The main exports are motor vehicles and parts, integrated circuits, general machinery, photo lab equipment, construction vehicles, and semi-conductors. The main export-trading partners are China, the United States, South Korea, and Taiwan.

The main imports are crude and refined petroleum, liquefied natural gas, coal, integrated circuits, and iron. The main import-trading partners are China, the United States, and Australia.

## Languages

Japanese is the official language.

## Meteorology

Marine forecasts are available, in English and Japanese, from the Japan Meteorological Agency (<https://www.jma.go.jp>).

Wind speed/direction observations are available, in English and Japanese, from the Japanese Coast Guard ([https://www6.kaiho.mlit.go.jp/index\\_en.html](https://www6.kaiho.mlit.go.jp/index_en.html)).

### Marine Weather Information Service

**Ship Weather Reports.**—Ship meteorological information reports provide weather and sea conditions in the vicinity of aids to navigation. These reports are submitted by telephone, Internet (<http://www7.kaiho.mlit.go.jp/micsmail/reg/touroku.htm>), and e-mail.

Alternatively, the Japan Coast Guard, the Regional Coast Guard Headquarters, or the Japan Coast Guard (Supervisory)

Department will notify the vessel or persons involved in the operation of the vessel by telephone or through the Internet website, thereby ensuring the safety of the navigation of the vessel and the operation of the vessel.

Reports should include the following:

1. Observation time using the 24-hour clock (Japan standard time).
2. Wind direction (16-point directions).
3. Wind speed meters per second (m/s).
4. Weather according to the weather type table of the Japan Meteorological Agency.
5. Atmospheric pressure in hectopascals (hPa).
6. Visibility in meters (m) or kilometers (km).
7. Wind and wave conditions according to the wind and wave class table of the Japan Meteorological Agency.
8. Swell according to the swell class table of the Japan Meteorological Agency.
9. Wave height in meters (m).

### Mined Areas

Many mine fields were laid in Japanese waters laid during World War II. Due to the passage of time, the risk in these areas to surface navigation is now considered no more dangerous than the ordinary risk of navigation. A small risk may still exist in some areas, close to the coast, inside the 10m line, regarding anchoring, fishing, or any other form of underwater activity close to the sea bed.

### Nansei Shoto

**Yaeyama Retto.**—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 24°14'N, 124°06'E.
- b. 24°14'N, 124°20'E.
- c. 24°25'N, 124°20'E.
- d. 24°25'N, 124°06'E.

**Miyako Retto.**—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 24°46.0'N, 125°17.1'E.
- b. 24°46.0'N, 125°04.0'E.
- c. 24°35.0'N, 125°04.0'E.
- d. 24°35.0'N, 125°29.0'E.
- e. 24°55.0'N, 125°50.7'E.
- f. 25°03.0'N, 125°43.0'E.
- g. 24°47.4'N, 125°23.7'E.

**Kikai Shima.**—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 28°11'N, 129°52'E.
- b. 28°11'N, 130°04'E.
- c. 28°17'N, 130°04'E.
- d. 28°17'N, 129°52'E.

### Nanpo Shoto

**Ogasawara Gunto.**—The waters within the 75m curve surrounding the islands of Chichi Shima and Haha Shima. Fatumi Ko has been swept to within 46m of the 18.3m curve and is considered safe for surface navigation only.

**Hachijo Shima.**—The waters within 6 miles of the coast of the island.

### Kanmon Kaikyo

**Western Approaches.**—The coastal area between Kusaki Hana (33°51'N., 130°29'E.) NW to Kamisaki Hana (33°54'N., 130°25'E.) then NE to Tsuno Shima (34°21'N., 130°51'E.).

### Navigational Information

#### Enroute Volumes

- Pub. 158, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Japan, Volume I.  
Pub. 159, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Japan, Volume II.

#### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Japan are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	200 miles or the Continental Margin.
* Claims strait baselines. A high seas corridor remains in five "international straits," as follows:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tsugaru Strait (Tsugaru-kaikyo).</li> <li>2. Le Perouse Strait.</li> <li>3. Osumi Strait (Osumi-kaikyo).</li> <li>4. Tsushima West Channel.</li> <li>5. Tsushima East Channel.</li> </ol>	

#### Maritime Boundary Disputes

Dispute with Russia over the islands of Etorofu, Kunashiri, Shikotan, and the Habomai Group, known in Japan as the "Northern Territories" and in Russia as the "Southern Kurils." These islands were occupied by the Soviet Union in 1945, are now administered by Russia, and are claimed by Japan.

China and Taiwan claim the Japanese-administered Senkaku Islands (Diaoyu Tai) (25°50'N., 124°05'E.).

Dispute with South Korea over the South Korean-administered Liancourt Rocks (Dokdo) (Take-shima) (37°14'N., 131°53'E.).

#### Internet Maritime Safety Information

NAVAREA XI warnings, local navigational warnings, tidal information, and Notice to Mariners are available, in English and Japanese, from the Japanese Coast Guard ([https://www1.kaiho.mlit.go.jp/TUHO/keiho/navarea11\\_en.html](https://www1.kaiho.mlit.go.jp/TUHO/keiho/navarea11_en.html)).

#### Automatic Identification System (AIS)

An AIS is a tracking system using the VHF band in order to automatically exchange data between a ship and another ship, shore station, or aid to navigation. This data includes static information (vessel name, type, unique identification, length, width, etc.), dynamic information (position, course, speed, heading, etc.), and navigation information (destination port, ETA, etc.).

Information on Destination Indicating Symbols to be used in an AIS for Japanese ports is given in **Appendix III—Auto-**

## matic Identification System (AIS) Destination Indicating Symbols (DIS) for Japanese Ports.

### Offshore Drilling

Offshore oil fields, gas fields, wells, and well heads may be encountered in the East China Sea.

An oil production platform is located off the NW coast of Honshu in approximate position 38°08.0'N, 139°20.3'E.

### Pilotage

Details of pilotage services for each district are described in the applicable Sailing Directions (Enroute) for Japan.

Vessels should make arrangements for pilots through their agents in Japan. However if this is not possible pilots may be requested by radio, well in advance, addressed to the appropriate Pilots Association or harbormaster.

**Category 1.**—Pilotage is compulsory in the following port areas:

1. Yokosuka (Honshu), Sasebo (Kyushu), and Naha (Okinawa Shima), as follows:
  - a. Foreign vessels 300 gt and over.
  - b. Japanese vessels over 300 gt engaged in domestic trade.
  - c. Japanese vessels over 1,000 gt engaged in domestic trade.
2. Kawasaki (Honshu), as follows:
  - a. All vessels 3,000 gt and over.
  - b. Vessels as described in paragraph 1 carrying dangerous cargo.
3. Kanmon Kaikyo, when berthing and unberthing, as follows:
  - a. Vessels of 3,000 gt and over.
  - b. Vessels carrying dangerous cargo as described in paragraph 1.
  - c. Vessels entering/departing Sections 1-4 of Wakamatsu as described in paragraph 1.

**Category 2.**—Pilotage is compulsory for vessels 10,000 gt and over for the following channels, straits, and adjacent ports:

1. Tokyo Wan (Honshu) including Chiba, Kisarazu (Kimitsu), Tokyo, and Yokohama.
2. Ise Wan and Mikawa Wan, including Kinuura Ko, Nagoya, Mikawa, and Yokkaichi.
3. Osaka Wan, including Hannan, Kobe, Osaka, and Akashi Kaikyo.
4. Bisan Seto, including Mizushima.
5. Kurushima Kaikyo.
6. Kanmon Kaikyo (for passing vessels).

Huge vessels, oil tankers, liquefied gas tankers, and vessels carrying dangerous cargo should arrange for watching boats to guard their course until their safe navigation is confirmed even after they leave the traffic route.

The Japanese Coast Guard has requested that all foreign flag vessels and vessels carrying dangerous cargo employ pilots in order to maintain the safety of shipping traffic in the waters surrounding Japan. The agency has also requested that vessels take pilots on board when they navigate the Irago Suido and Yura Seto (Tomogashima Suido).

Due to the high traffic density and the large amount of development taking place, vessels are recommended to use a pilot

when transiting Seto Naikai.

Usually Japanese pilot boats have a black or green hull with the word pilot in white on both sides and a white superstructure. The signals for a pilot are those established in the International Code of Signals.

Each licensed pilot is provided with a copy of the Japanese pilot regulations and is instructed to produce it when required by those employing him.

Members of the Japanese Pilots Association have been instructed to obtain the signature of the Master and/or Agent to a form of indemnity with regard to liability in the event of loss or damage to the vessel.

### Pollution

Vessels navigating in the coastal waters of Japan are requested to notify the Japanese Coast Guard (JCG), via the nearest JCG radio station, in cases of the discharge of oil, noxious liquids, or other harmful substances in packaged or container form. Reports should include the following information:

1. Time, date, and place of discharge.
2. Type, quantity, and condition of dispersal.
3. Type, quantity, and condition of the packaging/containers.
4. Wind and sea conditions.
5. Measures already taken to prevent maritime pollution.
6. Vessel name, type, gt, and port of registry.
7. Name/title and address of vessel's owner.
8. Type and quantity of oil, etc., loaded on the vessel.
9. Type and quantity of containers/packages loaded on the vessel.
10. Type and quantity of materials carried on board for the prevention of maritime pollution.
11. Location and extent of damage to the vessel if this was the cause of the discharge.

When a collision, grounding, engine failure, or other maritime accident occurs and results in the possibility of the discharge of oil, noxious liquid substances, or harmful substances, the master must send the following information to the JCG:

1. Vessel name, type, gt, and port of registry.
2. Name/title and address of vessel's owner.
3. Type and quantity of oil, etc., loaded on vessel.
4. Type and quantity of materials carried on board for the prevention of maritime pollution.
5. Time, date, and place of the accident.
6. Area likely to be affected by discharge, spillage, etc.
7. Wind and sea conditions.
8. Action to be taken to prevent maritime pollution.
9. Type and quantity of containers/packages loaded on the vessel (in the case of imminent discharge of harmful substances).

Vessels discovering dispersed oil slicks should report this information immediately to the JCG.

### Insurance Requirements

All vessels 100 gross tons and greater calling at any Japanese port must fulfill the following entry requirements:

1. The vessel must have appropriate P & I insurance (Protection and Indemnity insurance).
2. The vessel must carry the relevant Certificate(s) of Insurance on board.

3. Vessels must report the status of insurance to a District Transport Bureau before entering the port.

Vessels that do not meet these requirements will be denied entry. Further information can be found on the following web site:

**Japan—Maritime Insurance Requirements**

[http://www.mlit.go.jp/kaiji/insurance/insurance\\_portal.htm](http://www.mlit.go.jp/kaiji/insurance/insurance_portal.htm)

**Vessels Carrying Hazardous and Noxious Substances**

Vessels over 150 gross tons carrying Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS) as defined in MARPOL 73/78/Annex II in liquid form and called at ports and terminals within Tokyo Ko (35°40'N., 139°45'E.), Ise Wan (34°45'N., 136°45'E.), and the Inland Sea are required to enter an “HNS Response Resource Deployment and Emergency Response” contract with the Japanese Maritime Disaster Prevention Center (MDPC). This will allow the MDRC to certify to the Japanese Coast Guard that HNS vessels can secure materials, equipment, and expertise necessary for the prevention and clean-up of HNS spills at locations near the ship’s route where help can respond quickly in the event of an HNS incident.

This requirement is applicable to most non-persistent oils (kerosene, jet oil, naphtha, gas oil, etc.) and noxious substances, except for gaseous substances like LNG, LPG, and anhydrous ammonia.

All fees required by this contract must be paid to the MDPC at least 3 bank business days prior to the vessel’s arrival.

Further information can be found at the MDPC’s web site, as follows:

**Japanese Maritime Disaster Prevention Center**

[http://www.mdpc.or.jp/PDF/HMS\\_PAM\\_Eng.pdf](http://www.mdpc.or.jp/PDF/HMS_PAM_Eng.pdf)

**Regulations**

Japan, in general, follows the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (International Rules of the Road).

There are a few exceptions where Japanese Law provides

that in certain ports, canals, and other specified areas in the Inland waters of Japan, rules other than the International Rules may be used. These rules, which are exceptions, are contained in the Japan Port Regulations Law, the Japan Ministry of Transportation Regulations for the Enforcement of the Port Regulations Law, and the Maritime Traffic Safety Law.

Information on laws concerning ship security, port security, and the navigation of foreign vessels in Japanese waters can be found in the table titled **Japan—Regulatory Web Links**.

**General Port Regulations**

The following regulations in force in Japanese ports are given as guidance for entering vessels. Local regulations must be ascertained upon arrival in the port.

When entering a port vessels must hoist their national ensign and their International Call Signals. These signals shall remain hoisted until the vessel’s arrival has been reported to the Captain of the Port or the harbormaster.

Arrival of a vessel must be reported to the Captain of the Port within 24 hours in the prescribed form. A vessel shall not be entitled, before the presentation of such report, to enjoy the facilities of customs examination.

Masters of vessels which depart a port and return within 12 hours of their departure because of bad weather, for repairs, or any other reason, must present their reason in writing to the Captain of the Port in lieu of the usual Arrival Report.

Communication with the shore or with other vessels is prohibited until official permission is granted.

With regard to waters other than those ports listed as Specified or Open Ports, foreign vessels have the right of passage but are not permitted to anchor except under stress of weather or Force Majeure (Act of God or inevitable accident). If a vessel is forced to enter or anchor in such waters the Master should communicate with local authorities without delay and request instructions.

**Maritime Traffic Safety Law**

The laws and regulations applying to vessels in coastal waters and ports of Japan may be found in the English translation of the Japanese publication Japan Maritime Safety Laws and Regulations. Mariners should endeavor to obtain a copy of this publication from the Japanese Coast Guard upon arrival in Japanese waters.

**Japan—Regulatory Web Links**

General Description	Web Address
<b>Law of the Security of Ships and of Port Facilities</b>	
All ships which come from foreign ports and entering into ports of Japan are required to report their security information to the designated Japanese Coast Guard office.	<a href="http://www.kaiho.mlit.go.jp/ope/apply/hoan00.html">http://www.kaiho.mlit.go.jp/ope/apply/hoan00.html</a>
<b>Law on Navigation of Foreign Ships through the Territorial Sea and Internal Waters</b>	
This law is intended to maintain the sailing order of foreign ships, the controlling of any suspicious activities, and securing safety in the territorial seas or internal waters of Japan. Methods of navigation, advance notification requirements, inspection and deportation orders for foreign vessels, etc are provided for in this law.	<a href="http://www.kaiho.mlit.go.jp/syukai/soshiki/keikyu/ryoukaikeibi/leaflete.pdf">http://www.kaiho.mlit.go.jp/syukai/soshiki/keikyu/ryoukaikeibi/leaflete.pdf</a>

Japan—Regulatory Web Links	
General Description	Web Address
<b>Port Regulations and Maritime Traffic Safety Act</b>	
Requirements for Specified Vessels to listen to information provided by Traffic Advisory Service Centers and advance notification requirements for certain Traffic Routes	<a href="http://www.kaiho.mlit.go.jp/syukai/soshiki/toudai/navigation-safety/index.htm">http://www.kaiho.mlit.go.jp/syukai/soshiki/toudai/navigation-safety/index.htm</a>

The purpose of the Maritime Traffic Safety Law is to ensure the safety of ships in congested areas by prescribing regulations and enforcing special modes of navigation within traffic routes.

As promulgated by Japanese Authorities the Maritime Traffic Safety Law applies to the sea areas of Tokyo Wan, Ise Wan (including the sea areas adjacent to the mouth of Ise Wan, and those portions of Mikawa Wan which are adjacent to Ise Wan), and Seto Naikai. The Maritime Traffic Safety law does not apply within certain inshore areas normally used only by fishing vessels nor within port and harbor limits which are covered by the Port Regulations Laws. Mariners are advised that Japanese authorities will exact fines for violations of the law.

#### International Ship and Port Facility (ISPS) Code

The ISPS Code applies to ships on international voyages and port facilities directly interfacing with these ships. The following information must be sent by all vessels entering Japanese ports or entering specified sea areas (Tokyo Wan, Ise Wan, and Seto Naikai):

1. Vessel name.
2. Flag.
3. Vessel type.
4. Call sign.
5. IMO number (Registration number for fishing vessels).
6. Gross tonnage and length overall.
7. Name and address of owner.
8. Name and address of operator.
9. Name and address of agent
10. Number of crew.
11. Name of port, name of mooring facility, and ETA of port entry.
12. Position of entry and ETA into specified sea area.
13. Names of subsequent Japanese ports, names of mooring facilities and ETAs of port entry.
14. Position of entry and ETA into specified sea area after leaving a Japanese port.
15. Whether vessel has a Ship Security Alert System on board. \*
16. Security level of the vessel.\*
17. Name of Ship Security Officer. \*
18. Name and title of Company Security Officer \*
19. Whether vessel has records on ship security. \*
20. The number and issuer of the vessel's International Ship Security Certificate or Interim International Ship Security Certificate. \*
21. Items below concerning the last ten ports visited prior to a call at a Japanese port:
  - a. The names of the countries where the ports are located, the names of the ports, and the dates of entry to and

departure from the ports. \*

- b. Security Level set by the ship. \*
- c. Security Level set to the port. \*
- d. Security Level implemented at the port. \*
- e. Security measures implemented at the port, if any.
- f. Whether or not cargo or passengers are to be unloaded in Japan which were loaded at the ports in question.
- g. Whether or not ship has ever entered a Japanese port.
- h. Any issues concerning maintaining the security of the ship during its voyage or port calls.

\*Not required for cargo ships and fishing vessels of less than 500 gross tons.

Reports should be made 24 hours prior to entry into a port to the Japanese Coast Guard office which holds jurisdiction for that port; if entering regulated waters, a notice of more than 24 hours to the Japanese Coast Guard office responsible for those waters should be made.

The report should be made by the master, owner, or agent. Any amendments should be reported immediately. In the event of an entry to a port involving an emergency or imminent danger, the report should be made immediately after entry.

#### General Regulations (Extracts)

The term Huge Vessel shall mean any vessel of 200m or more in length.

A vessel, other than a vessel engaged in fishing or other operations (cable-laying, surveying, mine sweeping, or construction work), intending to enter, leave, or cross a traffic route, shall keep out of the way of a vessel navigating along the traffic route.

Within the following Traffic Routes (TR) vessels shall not navigate at a speed exceeding 12 knots:

1. Uruga Suido—Entire TR.
2. Nakano-Se—Entire TR.
3. Irago Suido—Entire TR.
4. Mizusima—Entire TR.
5. Bisan Seto East—The section of the TR between a line drawn at 353° from Ogi Sima Light House (34°25'50"N., 134°03' 48"E.) and the boundary line of the W entrance of the TR.
6. Bisan Seto North—The section of the TR between a line drawn at 160° from Zatome Hana on Hon Sima to the NE extremity of Usi Sima.
7. Bisan Seto South—The section of the TR between a line drawn at 160° from Zatome Hana on Usi Sima and the boundary line of the E entrance of the TR.

A vessel, engaged in fishing or other operations intending to enter, leave, or cross a traffic route or when stopped within a traffic route shall keep out of the way of a Huge Vessel which is navigating along the traffic route.

Vessels of 50m or more in length are required to use the traf-



fic routes.

Vessels joining, leaving, or crossing certain traffic routes to indicate intentions, are required, by day, to display a code of flag signals, by night, to make certain sound signals. See appropriate Sailing Directions (Enroute) for Japan for details.

Vessels intending to cross a traffic route shall do so as nearly as possible at right angles.

Within traffic routes no vessel is permitted to anchor except in an emergency.

**Lights and Shapes**

Lights and shapes are required to be shown by certain vessels when navigating within areas where the Maritime Traffic Safety Law applies. Lights are exhibited by night and shapes are shown by day.

Huge Vessels shall display a green all-round light to be visible at least 2 miles and flashing at regular intervals between 180 and 200 times per minute. By day, two black cylinders shall be displayed with a diameter of 0.6m or greater and a height twice as long as the diameter; placed in a vertical line not less than 1.5m apart (with regard to a huge vessel which exhibits a cylinder in accordance with Article 28 of the Law for Preventing Collisions at Sea, these shapes shall not be placed with the cylinder in a vertical line).

Vessels carrying dangerous cargoes, shall exhibit a red all-round light to be visible at least 2 miles and flashing at regular intervals between 120 and 140 times per minute. By day, the International Code Flag B under the First Substitute will be displayed.

Vessels engaged in construction and fishing, will exhibit two all-round green lights vertically disposed in a lower position than the steaming light. By day, a white diamond over two red balls, vertically disposed, will be displayed.

Vessels engaged in emergency operations, shall exhibit an all-round red light flashing between 180 and 200 times per

minute. By day, a red cone, point up will be displayed.

Special patrol vessels in routes, will exhibit an all-round green light flashing between 120 and 130 times per minute. By day, a streamer 2m long, with red and white stripes, will be displayed.

**Traffic Route Regulations**

**Categories of Vessels.**—Several vessel types shall report to shore authorities prior to navigation in any of the Traffic Routes in Seto Naikai, Ise Wan, or Tokyo Wan. Upon receipt of the report, if necessary, instructions for safe navigation will be relayed to the respective vessel:

1. Huge Vessels—Vessels 200m or more in length.
2. Vessels of 25,000 gross tons and over carrying liquefied gas.
3. Vessels towing when the total length of tow, including the length of the towing vessel, is 200m or more.

**Reports.**—Vessels described above shall make initial reports by noon of the day before entering the Traffic Route. Other vessels should make this report 3 hours prior to entering the Traffic Route.

Subsequent amending reports should be made at least 3 hours in advance of entering the traffic route. If the amendments occur less than 3 hours before entering the traffic zone, the report should be sent immediately.

Reports should be sent to the appropriate Japanese Coast Guard (JCG) station, as given in the accompanying table titled **Traffic Route Reports Call-in Stations**. If contact with the appropriate station is unable to be established, the report can be sent to any of the stations listed in the table or to Naha, Moji, Kagoshima, Shiogama, or Kushiro.

The Initial Report should commence with the word Notification, followed by, in consecutive order, the following listed numbers, contents, and vessel category:

Traffic Route Reports Call-in Stations		
Traffic Route (TR)	Designated JCG Station	Call
Akashi Kaikyo TR	Kobe or Hiroshima	Kobe Coast Guard Radio MMSI: 004310501  Hiroshima Coast Guard Radio MMSI: 004310601
Bisan Seto East TR		
Uko East TR		
Uko West TR		
Bisan Seto North TR		
Bisan Seto South TR		
Mizushima TR		
Kurushima Kaikyo TR	Yokohama	Yokohama Coast Guard Radio MMSI: 004310301
Uraga Suido TR		
Naka-no-se TR	Nagoya	Nagoya Coast Guard Radio MMSI: 004310401
Irago Suido TR		

Traffic Route Reports		
No.	Contents	Category
1.	Addressee (abbreviated form).	1, 2, 3
2.	Name and gross tonnage of vessel.	1, 2, 3
3.	Length of vessel (in meters).	1
4.	Maximum draft (in meters).	1
5.	Type of dangerous cargo and amount of each.	2
6.	Length of tow.	3
7.	Description of object being towed.	3
8.	Destination (port).	1, 2, 3
9.	Traffic route or part there of to be navigated (abbreviated form).	1, 2, 3
10.	Estimated date and time of entry into traffic route.	1, 2, 3
11.	Estimated date and time of departure from traffic route.	1, 2, 3
12.	Vessels call sign.	1, 2, 3
13.	Method of communication with the JCG.	1, 2, 3
14.	Name and address of agent through whom instructions may be forwarded (applicable only if report is made by letter or telegram).	1, 2, 3

If any item is not applicable then insert NA. If more than one Traffic Route is to be navigated, items 1, 9, 10, and 11 should be reported in sequence of Traffic Routes.

Vessels described in 2c should indicate the amount of dangerous cargo as 0.

If two or more adjacent Traffic Routes are to be navigated, it is sufficient only to report the estimated date and time of departure from the final Traffic Route.

**Amendments.**—An Amending Report should start with the word Amendment, which should be followed by the numbered items listed below:

1. Addressee and Traffic Route.
2. Name and gross tonnage of the vessel.
3. Number of item listed above, under Initial Report, that is to be changed.

Radiotelephone should be used if possible; ask for the Traffic Route Control Officer.

### Port Regulations Law

The following represents excerpts of the Port Regulations Law, which are regulations for vessels in Japanese ports, including Specified Ports.

**Entering, Departing, and Berthing.**—At least 3 hours prior to entering a port, the following information should be sent

to the appropriate Captain of the Port:

1. Vessel name.
2. Gross tonnage and maximum draft on entering.
3. Port and date of departure.
4. ETA at port limits.
5. Reason for entering.

A vessel having entered a port shall submit without delay to the Captain of the Port an entrance report that includes the following:

1. Name, type, nationality, and registry of the vessel.
2. Gross tonnage, length, draft, and speed of vessel.
3. Name and address of owner (operator, if chartered).
4. Port of departure and last port of call.
5. Time and purpose of entrance and name of berth.
6. Description and quantity of cargo.
7. Any information affecting the safety of other vessels.
8. ETA, destination, and next port-of-call, if known.

Departing vessels should report the following details if the ETD, next port of call, and destination were not included on the entering report:

1. Name, type, nationality, and registry of the vessel.
2. Gross tonnage, length, draft, and speed of vessel.
3. Name and address of owner (operator, if chartered).
4. Description and quantity of cargo.
5. ETD, next port of call, and final destination.

In addition, vessels should contact the appropriate Captain of the Port, as follows:

1. When entering or leaving a port in an emergency.
2. For designation of anchorage.
3. When shifting in an emergency.
4. If required to comply with traffic control.
5. To report on measures to prevent danger caused by an accident in the port or near the port limit.
6. Sightings of hazards to navigation or anything unusual in the aids to navigation.

The term Specified Port indicates a port suitable for accommodation of deep-draft vessels or a port generally used by non-Japanese vessels.

Except in an emergency, vessels shall not enter a Specified Port between sunset and sunrise unless permission to do so has been obtained from the Captain of the Port.

The Captain of the Port, unless prior arrangements for berthing have been obtained, may designate an anchorage for an incoming vessel.

Except in an emergency vessels shall not shift berths without permission from the Captain of the Port.

A vessel wishing to shut down its main engines shall inform the Captain of the Port, who may allocate a special berth for the vessel.

A vessel shall not anchor in a fairway; near a wharf, pier, mooring buoy, or dock; or near the entrance to a river, canal, waterway, or basin.

Vessels should obtain permission from the Captain of the Port prior to entering the port at night.

**Steering and Sailing.**—A vessel entering, leaving, or passing through a Specified Port shall use the prescribed fairways.

Vessels entering or leaving the fairway shall keep out of the way of vessels in the fairway.

Vessels shall not overtake within the fairways.

Vessels approaching the entrance to a Specified Port shall stay outside until departing vessels have cleared the entrance.

A vessel within or near the boundary of a Specified Port shall proceed at such a speed that will not endanger other vessels.

**Dangerous Cargo.**—Vessels carrying explosives or dangerous cargo shall inform the Captain of the Port and remain outside the limits of the Specified Port until instructions have been received.

Within a Specified Port vessels shall not load, discharge, or transship dangerous cargo without permission of the Captain of the Port.

**Channel Maintenance.**—The discharge of ballast, waste oil, garbage, or any other similar waste material is prohibited within a port or within 10,000m (5.3 miles) from the boundary of a port.

### General Port Regulations

Masters who infringe these Japanese regulations run the risk of a heavy fine, imprisonment, or confiscation of the vessel or cargo.

Vessels shall not enter a designated Specified Port, except in an emergency, between the hours of sunset and sunrise unless permission to do so has previously been obtained from the Captain of the Port. Vessels may enter at night without prior notice in order to avert a sea disaster or for some other unavoidable circumstance.

Masters planning to anchor their vessels in a designated Specified Port must first obtain an anchorage assignment from the Captain of the Port, unless advance arrangements have been made to moor to a buoy, quay, pier, or other mooring facility.

The Captain of the Port will designate an anchorage unless special circumstances exist; he may also assign anchorage in ports which are not designated Specified Port under the Port Regulations Law. Berths will be assigned by the Captain of the Port or harbormaster and such berth assignments may be changed by the authorities when deemed necessary. A vessel may not leave her berth without permission except in an emergency and in such case the reason for so doing must be reported without delay.

When a vessel having explosives or other dangerous cargo on board, except that provided for use of the vessel, is scheduled to enter a Specified Port she shall remain outside the harbor limits until the Captain of the Port is so informed and special instructions concerning entry are received from him. Such vessels, while awaiting instructions, must display flag B of the International Code of Signals between sunrise and sunset and must show a red light by night. These provisions also apply to a nuclear-powered vessel entering a Specified Port.

A vessel carrying dangerous cargo will anchor or berth only at the place specifically designated by the Captain of the Port.

If the cargo is other than explosives the Captain of the Port may remove this restriction if, in view of the duration of the vessel's stay in port, type of cargo, and method of safeguarding cargo, he considers it in the best interest. Permission to handle dangerous cargo must be obtained prior to handling same.

When the Captain of the Port considers that the handling of dangerous cargo is unsafe in the vessel's designated berth he may designate a safe place for transfer outside the harbor and grant permission for the operation to be accomplished.

When such permission is granted the vessel is still considered to be within the limits of the Specified Port insofar as the

authority and responsibility of the Captain of the Port are concerned.

Under provisions of the Port Regulations Law concerning the regulation of nuclear raw materials, nuclear fuel substances, and nuclear reactors, or when deemed necessary for preventing disasters from nuclear fuel substances, including used fuel, or from any substances, including nuclear fission products, or from nuclear reactors, the Captain of the Port may designate for a nuclear-powered vessel in a Specified Port or in the vicinity of the boundaries of a Specified Port the channel to be followed or the place to anchor or stay, give instructions relating to the rules of the road, restrict the movements of the vessel, or may order the vessel to leave the Specified Port or the vicinity thereof.

The permission of the Captain of the Port must first be obtained before a vessel can transport a dangerous object within a Specified Port or near the limits of a Specified Port.

No vessel other than miscellaneous vessels shall enter, depart, or pass through a Specified Port except by following the channel prescribed by the Enforcement Regulations of the Port Regulations Law; exceptions to this rule are made for the purpose of averting a marine disaster or because of other unusual circumstances. Miscellaneous vessels refer to launches, lighters, small boats, and all craft propelled by oars.

No vessel shall anchor or release a towed vessel in a prescribed channel except when it is necessary to avert a marine disaster, the vessel is not under command, the vessel is engaged in lifesaving or is assisting a vessel in immediate danger, or the vessel is engaged in construction work or operations with permission of the Captain of the Port.

Vessels entering or leaving the prescribed channel shall keep clear of vessels proceeding in the channel.

Vessels shall not proceed abreast on a parallel heading in a prescribed channel.

Vessels passing in a meeting situation shall each keep to the starboard side of the channel; overtaking and passing a vessel in the channel is not permitted.

Where there is a possible meeting situation at a harbor entrance of a Specified Port, the entering vessel shall remain outside and clear of the harbor entrance until the departing vessel is clear of the entrance.

Vessels in or near Specified Ports shall proceed at such a speed as not to endanger other vessels.

Within a port any vessel having a breakwater, quay, or other construction works to starboard or a vessel at anchor on its starboard hand, will pass the objects or anchored vessel as close as possible; when the objects or anchored vessel are on the vessel's port hand, such vessel will maneuver as necessary to pass them at as great a distance as practicable for safe navigation.

Miscellaneous vessels must give way to vessels other than miscellaneous vessels. Vessels other than miscellaneous vessels whose tonnage is less than that specified for a particular port by the Enforcement Regulations of the Port Regulations Law or vessels of less than 500 gt referred to as small craft shall, in a Specified Port where traffic is extremely congested, keep out of the way of vessels other than small craft and miscellaneous vessels.

Vessels other than small craft and miscellaneous vessels shall, when underway in a Specified Port display at a conspicuous place on the mast such signals as required by the Enforce-

ment Regulations.

When an accident occurs in or near a harbor which is a hazard to marine traffic, the master of the vessel concerned shall take proper steps to assure that the accident does not cause damage to other vessels by establishing markers, etc. in the danger area and shall notify the Captain of the Port immediately if in a Specified Port or the Chief of a nearby Japanese Coast Guard or Base if not in a Specified Port.

The Captain of the Port or Chief of Maritime Safety may, when there is danger to ship traffic and confusion of vessels in a Specified Port or other ports because of a marine accident or some other reason and when he deems it necessary to prevent such danger and alleviate such confusion, restrict or prohibit the navigation of vessels proceeding toward the Specified Port to such an extent as deemed appropriate.

Powerful lights, such as searchlights, that threaten the safe navigation of vessels will not be used within or near the limits of a port.

#### Navigation in Sea Areas off Designated Traffic Routes

In addition to the designated Traffic Routes, the Japan Coast Guard has determined that vessels should take additional cautions when navigating in the areas listed in the table titled **Navigation in Sea Areas off Designated Traffic Routes**.

Navigation in Sea Areas off Designated Traffic Routes	
Location	Sea Area
Tokyo Wan	Sea area near Tokyo Offing Lighted Buoy
	Sea area near Tokyo Wan Aqua Line East Fairway
	Sea area near Kisarazu Ko Offing Lighted Buoy
	Naka-no-Se West sea area
Ise Wan	Sea area near the entrance to Irago Suido Traffic Route
Seto-Naikai	Sea area on the N part of Osaka Wan
	Sea area near Sumoto Offing Lighted Buoy and Yuraseto
	Sea area near the W entrance to Akashi Kaikyo Traffic Route
	Sea area near the E entrance to Akashi Kaikyo Traffic Route
	Sea area near Tsurushima Suido
	Sea area near Ondo-no-Seto

#### Specified Vessels—Requirements to Listen to Information Provided by Japanese Traffic Advisory Service Centers (TASC)

The Japan Coast Guard (JCG) provides information to assist in the safe navigation of Specified Vessels. Specified Vessels are defined, as follows:

1. Vessels with a length of 50m and over navigating in traffic routes designated by the Maritime Traffic Safety Act and in the vicinity of these designated Traffic Routes.
2. Vessels over 300 gross tons navigating in Kanmon Kaikyo Passage, Kanmon Kaikyo, or in the vicinity of either of these passages.

The following information is provided by the TASC:

1. Information about traffic rules.
2. Information about traffic obstacles.
3. Information about dangerous sea areas.
4. Information about vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver.
5. Information about other Specified Vessels in a close quarters situation.
6. Other information as necessary for safe navigation.

Advice may be issued by a TASC whenever necessary to prevent danger. Vessels may be requested to report any actions taken in accordance with the advice.

Vessels navigating on the designated Traffic Routes or in the vicinity of these routes may be instructed to wait off the Traffic Routes under certain conditions, such as limited visibility. These instructions will be issued by the TASC of the JCG, usually on VHF channels, but telephone contact and visual signals may be used as necessary.

Further information can be found at the web site for the Port Regulations and the Maritime Traffic Safety Act listed in the table titled **Japan—Regulatory Web Links**.

#### Advance Notification Requirements in Designated Traffic Routes

Congestion in designated Traffic Routes has increased due to the increase in vessel size of vessels navigating in these Traffic Routes. It has become necessary to require certain vessels in these Traffic Routes to issue advance notification prior to navigating in these routes in order to increase navigation safety. Further information on vessels required to provide this advance notification may be found in the table titled **Japan—Advance Notification Requirements in Designated Traffic Routes**.

#### Pre-arrival Quarantine Reporting

Messages should be prefixed “RPM” (Radio Pratique Message) and sent to the quarantine office through the vessel’s local agent.

A request for radio pratique should be submitted to the port, via the agent, not less than 12 hours and not more than 36 hours prior to arrival.

Japan—Advance Notification Requirements in Designated Traffic Routes		
Advance Notification Required by	Traffic Route	Affected Vessels
1200 of the previous day prior to entering into the Traffic Route	Irago Suido	Vessels with a length of 130m and over but less than 200m
3 hours prior to entering into the Traffic Route	Mizushima	Vessels with a length of 70m and over but less than 130m

Japan—Advance Notification Requirements in Designated Traffic Routes		
Advance Notification Required by	Traffic Route	Affected Vessels
1200 of the previous day prior to entering into the Traffic Route	Uraga Suido	Vessels with a length of 160m and over but less than 200m
	Naka-no-se	
	Bisan Seto East	
	Uko East	
	Uko West	
	Bisan Seto North	
	Bisan Seto South	
	Mizushima	
	Akashi Kaikyo	Towing and pushing vessels with a length of 160m and over but less than 200m
Kurushima Kaikyo	Towing and pushing vessels with a length of 160m and over but less than 200m	

Radio pratique will not be granted if a vessel comes from a noted epidemic area or when any crew member is suffering from a suspected or undiagnosed illness.

Radio Pratique Messages should conform to the following format:

1. RPM (Radio Pratique Message).
2. Vessel's name, nationality, and registration or IMO number. This information is not required.
3. Master's name.
4. Name of Japanese quarantine port of entry and ETA (local time).
5. Name of first port of the voyage and date of departure (year can be omitted).
6. Authority and date of issue of the Ship Sanitary Control Certificate or Ship Sanitary Control Exemption Certificate and requirement on re-inspection.
7. Has the vessel visited an affected area identified by the World Health Organization (Yes or None)?
8. List all ports-of-call and dates of departure from commencement of the voyage within 30 days before arrival.
9. Number of crew and passengers.
10. Have there been any deaths (except by accident) during the voyage (Yes or None)? If Yes, the following details are to be given in plain language:
  - a. Name and age of the deceased.
  - b. Date of death.
  - c. Cause of death (name of sickness or symptoms).
11. Is there on board or has there been any case of disease suspected to be of an infectious nature (Yes or None)? State None if there we no sick persons on board. State Yes if the sick person (list the name of person and symptoms in plain language) has any of the following symptoms:
  - a. Fever persisting for several days or accompanied by:
    - Prostration.
    - Decreased consciousness.
    - Glandular swelling.
    - Jaundice.
    - Cough or shortness of breath.
    - Unusual bleeding.

- Paralysis.
- b. With or without fever:
    - Any acute skin rash or eruption.
    - Severe vomiting other than sea sickness.
    - Severe diarrhea.
    - Recurrent convulsions.
12. Has the total number of ill passengers during the voyage been greater than normal? In the case of passenger vessels, has any outbreak occurred on board (Yes or None)? Not required for cargo vessels.
  13. Is there any ill person on board now (Yes or None)? If Yes, give the following information in plain language:
    - a. Name and age of sick person.
    - b. Date of when illness started.
    - c. Symptoms.
  14. Was a medical practitioner consulted (Yes or None)? If Yes, give the following information in plain language:
    - a. Diagnosis.
    - b. Particulars of medical treatment or advice.
  15. Are there any conditions which may lead to infection or spread of disease within 30 days prior to arrival (Yes or None)? State Yes if any inactive rat or dead rat has been found on board, despite the use of rat poisons, and any mosquitoes or any breeding site of vectors such as mosquitoes. State None when no case has been found on board.
  16. Have any sanitary measures been introduced on board (Yes or None)? If Yes, indicate, in plain language, isolation, disinfection, or decontamination.
  17. Are there any stowaways on board (Yes or None)? If Yes, give the following information in plain language:
    - a. Place where they joined the vessel.
    - b. Number of stowaways.
  18. Are there any sick animals on board (Yes or None)?
  19. Has any person and/or cargo been transferred from another vessel within 30 days before arrival (Yes or None)? If Yes, give the following information in plain language:
    - a. Name, last port, and the date of departure of the vessel concerned.
    - b. Date of transfer, number of persons transferred, and/or cargo details.

20. Is there a doctor on board (AL, if doctor is on board, or None)?

**Note.**—If the answer to Questions 10-19 or Questions 10-20 is NONE, the RPM should state “10 to 19 None AL” or “10 to 20 None” respectively.

### Quarantine Regulations

The following are extracts from the Japanese Quarantine Law. Additional remaining parts of the law should be ascertained on the arrival of a vessel in a harbor.

The master of a vessel entering Japan from a foreign port of departure cannot land personnel or cargo in Japan until granted pratique or provisional pratique. The master of a vessel shall bring his vessel into only an authorized quarantine anchorage of an authorized quarantine port. This requirement can be waived only with the specific authority of the Quarantine Officer at the port concerned. This rule also applies to vessels which have received persons or material on board from a vessel whose last port of call was foreign and which has not been granted pratique prior to the transfer.

The master of a vessel shall not permit personnel to leave the quarantine area or move cargo to or from it until the vessel has been granted pratique, provisional pratique, or special permission waiving this rule has been granted by the responsible Quarantine Officer.

The master of a vessel desiring and requesting pratique must inform the Quarantine Officer of any communicable diseases known to exist on board. The epidemic diseases against which quarantine inspections are conducted in accordance with the Quarantine Law are cholera, bubonic plague, typhus, smallpox, yellow fever, and malaria.

The master of a vessel desiring pratique must bring his vessel into the designated quarantine area immediately. If, because of inclement weather or for other reasons, the Quarantine Officer directs that the vessel be brought to some location other than the designated quarantine area, the Master must comply.

The International Code Signal Quarantine Flag must be hoisted as soon as the vessel enters the quarantine area or place designated for quarantine inspection by the Quarantine Officer. The quarantine flag shall remain hoisted until pratique or provisional pratique is granted.

If, during the subsequent stay in port, it develops that a communicable disease is found on board and pratique or provisional pratique is withdrawn, the quarantine flag will be hoisted again until pratique or provisional pratique is granted again.

As soon as a vessel enters the quarantine area the Quarantine Officer will begin inspection immediately except for reasons of inclement weather or other unavoidable circumstances. However, if a vessel enters the quarantine area after sunset, the inspection may be postponed until dawn of the following morning.

Prior to receiving quarantine inspection the master of the vessel must supply the Quarantine Officer the name of the vessel, register number, home port, and last port of call. In addition the Quarantine Officer may request the following information: list of crew, list of passengers, cargo manifest, voyage log, and such other papers as may be required for the quarantine inspection.

In the event that a vessel, not yet granted pratique or provisional pratique, enters a Japanese port to avoid a marine disaster or other peril, the master of the vessel will, as soon as

practicable, move the vessel to the quarantine area of the port or outside the limits of the port. In the event that under these circumstances it is not possible to move the vessel into the quarantine area or outside the port limits, the master of the vessel shall report the existence of any epidemic diseases on board, port of departure, port of destination, and any other matters relative to quarantine and health measures to the nearest easily accessible Quarantine Station, or when none is easily accessible, to the nearest Public Health Facility. The cognizant Japanese official receiving the required report shall take action with regard to inspection, sanitizing, and other procedures required by ordinances for the prevention of epidemic diseases.

The aforementioned extracts from the Quarantine Law do not apply to a Japanese or foreign naval vessel entering a port if there have been no quarantinable cases or circumstances on board. The commanding officer and the medical officer of such vessels shall report in writing to that effect to the quarantine officials. If conditions of contamination do apply to Japanese and foreign naval vessels, the commanding officer and the medical officer of such vessel must report to that effect to the quarantine officials; the aforementioned extracts will then apply to the naval vessel. The quarantine of a naval vessel will be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Quarantine Law after consultation between the quarantine officials and the commanding officer of the vessel.

The Quarantine Officer may, if considered necessary, direct the master of a vessel to exterminate vermin if in his opinion vermin extermination is not being satisfactorily accomplished on board. However, this shall not apply if the Master can produce a deratting certificate, issued within the past six months and there is no positive evidence of vermin on board.

The Quarantine Officer may, when it does not interfere with normal quarantine inspections, accede to the requests of ship owners or masters to make inspections on board for infectious agents of epidemic diseases, fumigate and de-rat a vessel, conduct a medical examination, give preventive inoculation to vessel's personnel, and issue various required government certifications relative thereto, collecting payment for service in accordance with the applicable government ordinance.

### Quarantine Examination Ports

Quarantine examinations can be carried out in the ports listed in the tables in **Appendix II—Quarantine Examination Ports**.

### Classification of Japanese Ports

The following port classifications have all been established by government law:

1. Specified Port—Suitable for deep-draft vessels and customarily used by foreign vessels. The port is subject to Port Regulations Law and Customs Law.
2. Open Port—A port where foreign trade may be conducted. The port is subject to Customs Law.
3. Quarantine Port—A port where Quarantine Law applies.
4. Immigration Port—A port where foreigners are allowed to enter and depart. The port is subject to Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act.
5. Domestic Animal Quarantine Port—A port which handles specified quarantine commodities. The port is subject to Domestic Animal Infectious Diseases Control Law.

6. Plant Protection Port—A port which handles plants and commodities which are prohibited to import without ministerial approval. The port is subject to Plant Protection Law.

7. Important Port—A port which is an important part of the international or domestic maritime transportation network and consequently has an important bearing on national interests. The port is subject to Ports and Harbours Law.

8. Specific Important Port—A port, other than an Important Port, which is particularly important in promoting foreign trade. The port is subject to Ports and Harbours Law.

9. Regional Port—A port other than an Important Port. The port is subject to Ports and Harbours Law.

10. Shelter Port—A port designated as a place with the main purpose of sheltering small ships in bad weather and not utilized for the loading or discharge of ordinary cargo or for the landing or embarkation of passengers. The port is subject to Ports and Harbours Law.

Harbors used principally by fishing vessels are designated, as follows:

1. Type 1—Used by local fishermen.
2. Type 2—Used more widely than Type 1 but which do not belong to Type 1.
3. Type 3—Used on a nationwide basis.
4. Type 4—In a remote location that is useful in the development of a fishing ground or for providing shelter to fishing vessels.

## Routes

An IMO-adopted Recommended Route, for use by all ships transiting the area located off the W coast of Izu O Shima, has been established between the following positions:

- a. 34°48.0'N, 139°17.0'E.
- b. 34°42.2'N, 139°10.0'E.

When using the recommended route, vessels are requested to use the starboard side of the line described above.

An IMO-adopted Recommended Route has been established between Shio-no-Misaki (33°25'N., 135°45'E.) and Kashino Saki (33°28'N., 135°52'E.). The route is marked by V-AIS. The use of the Recommended Route is not mandatory but vessels navigating within 3.5 miles of Shio-no-Misaki Light are advised to follow the Recommended Route. Vessels not intending to use this route should navigate further S.

## Search and Rescue

The Operations Center of the Japan Coast Guard (JCG)

Headquarters will receive search and rescue information and disseminate it to the relevant domestic and foreign Rescue Coordination Centers.

Coast radio stations of the JCG maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF channel 16 and DSC 2187.5 kHz for distress traffic. Tokyo Coast Guard Radio maintains a watch on HF DSC frequencies 4 MHz, 6 MHz, 8 MHz, 12 MHz, and 16 MHz.

Coast Guard Radio Stations are assigned to the 11 Regional Coast Guard Headquarters. For contact information, see the table titled **Japan—Search and Rescue Contact Information**.

The Japan Marine Rescue Association is a private rescue organization providing assistance to people and vessels involved in marine casualties, as well as emergency medical treatment for people on board vessels. The association works in cooperation with the Japan Coast Guard.

## Ship Reporting System

### Japan Ship Reporting System (JASREP)

The Japanese Ship Reporting System (JASREP) has been established to assist in the coordination of Search and Rescue (SAR) operations in the sea area bounded by the mainland of Asia, the parallel of latitude 17°N, and the meridian of longitude 165°E. It is a voluntary system, in which all suitably equipped vessels are invited to participate. Further information on JASREP can be found in Appendix I.

### Korea Strait Reporting Zone

A Ship Safety Call Center, to prevent collisions between large floating objects, including whales, and high speed ferries operating between Japan and South Korea, operates from Pusan, South Korea. For further information, see **South Korea—Regulations—Korea Strait Reporting Zone**.

## Signals

### Anchoring/Berthing Signals

Visual signal stations which assign anchorage and berthing assignments to entering vessels and otherwise control ship traffic in specifically designated ports are given with the port description in the appropriate Sailing Directions (Enroute) for Japan.

### Storm Signals

The use of visual storm signals in Japan has been discontinued. All warning are broadcast by radio.

Japan—Search and Rescue Contact Information			
	Telephone	Facsimile	E-mail
Operations Center of the Japan Coast Guard (JCG) Headquarters	81-3-35919812	81-3-35812853	<a href="mailto:jcg-op@mlit.go.jp">jcg-op@mlit.go.jp</a>
			<a href="mailto:jcg-jamcc@mlit.go.jp">jcg-jamcc@mlit.go.jp</a>
First Regional Headquarters—Otaru	81-134-276172	81-134-212835	<a href="mailto:jcg01op@mlit.go.jp">jcg01op@mlit.go.jp</a>
Second Regional Headquarters—Shiogama	81-22-3654999	81-22-3679098	<a href="mailto:jcg02op@mlit.go.jp">jcg02op@mlit.go.jp</a>
Third Regional Headquarters—Yokohama	81-45-6634999	81-45-2122010	<a href="mailto:jcg03op@mlit.go.jp">jcg03op@mlit.go.jp</a>
Fourth Regional Headquarters—Nagoya	81-52-6514999	81-52-6611640	<a href="mailto:jcg04op@mlit.go.jp">jcg04op@mlit.go.jp</a>

Japan—Search and Rescue Contact Information			
	Telephone	Facsimile	E-mail
Fifth Regional Headquarters—Kobe	81-78-3914999	81-78-3916609	<a href="mailto:jcg05op@mlit.go.jp">jcg05op@mlit.go.jp</a>
Sixth Regional Headquarters—Hiroshima	81-82-2515115	81-82-2515185	<a href="mailto:jcg06op@mlit.go.jp">jcg06op@mlit.go.jp</a>
Seventh Regional Headquarters—Kitakyushu	81-93-3210556	81-93-3218611	<a href="mailto:jcg07op@mlit.go.jp">jcg07op@mlit.go.jp</a>
Eighth Regional Headquarters—Maizuru	81-773-754999	81-773-782375	<a href="mailto:jcg08op@mlit.go.jp">jcg08op@mlit.go.jp</a>
Ninth Regional Headquarters—Niigata	81-25-2850122	81-25-2882613	<a href="mailto:jcg09op@mlit.go.jp">jcg09op@mlit.go.jp</a>
Tenth Regional Headquarters—Kagoshima	81-99-2554999	81-99-2526878	<a href="mailto:jcg10op@mlit.go.jp">jcg10op@mlit.go.jp</a>
Eleven Regional Headquarters—Naha	81-98-9664999	81-98-8691167	<a href="mailto:jcg11op@mlit.go.jp">jcg11op@mlit.go.jp</a>

### Tsunami Warning Signals

Tsunami warning signals are, as follows:

1. Warning of tsunami threat—Single strokes on a bell.
2. Warning of weak tsunami—Double strokes on a bell.
3. Warning of large tsunami—Strokes on a bell in groups of three or blasts on a siren of about 5 seconds duration.
4. Dispersal of a tsunami—Single strokes on a bell alternating with double strokes on a bell.

### Special Flags

The following special flags are flown in Japanese waters:

1. Japanese Coast Guard (JCG) flag.—Blue square, with the white JCG emblem (compass star) in the center.
2. Department of Railways flag.—White, with two red horizontal bands connected by a vertical red stripe. The upper band is shorter than the lower band and neither red band extends the whole length of the flag
3. Customs flag.—Square, white and blue diagonal, with a red circle in the center.
4. Designation flag.—Red square, with one white square in the middle of the upper edge and one white square in the middle of the lower edge. When displayed above an International Code flag and/or numeral pennant at a Port Signal Station, it indicates an anchor berth or mooring.
5. Berthing flag.—Yellow and red swallowtail. When displayed above an International Code flag and/or numeral pennant at a Port Signal Station, it indicates an alongside berth.
6. Departing flag.—Red and yellow triangle.

### Submarines Operating on the Surface

Japanese submarines operating on the surface in congested areas display an all round rotating orange quick flashing light showing 90 flashes per minute.

### Submarine Operating Areas

The Sagami Wan Submarine Haven is a dedicated submarine exercise area used for all types of submarine training except gunnery. Submarines conduct their exercises in Sagami Wan (35°10'N., 139°25'E.) N of a line joining Kawana Saki and Jo-ga Shima.

### Time Zone

The Time Zone description is INDIA (-9). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

### Traffic Separation Schemes

Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) in Japan are, as follows:

1. Kurushima Kaikyo. (Government of Japan)
2. Bisan Seto (North, South, and East) and Approaches to Mizushima and Uko (West and East). (Government of Japan)
3. Akashi Kaikyo. (Government of Japan)
4. Irago Suido. (Government of Japan)
5. Uraga Suido and Naka-no-Se. (Government of Japan)
6. Tsurushima Suido. (Government of Japan)

### Voluntary Traffic Separation Schemes

Voluntary traffic separation schemes have been established since 1985 in various locations in Japan by the Japanese Captains' Association (JCA). These schemes have been widely recognized by both Japanese and foreign shipping concerns and have contributed to the safe navigation of ships in the coastal waters of Japan.

Since these traffic separation schemes are a voluntary project of the JCA, they have no legal binding power. However, the JCA hopes that all ships will, as far as practicable, proceed into traffic separation schemes and follow all the rules and requirements by the traffic separation scheme, in line with the purpose for which these schemes have been established.

These schemes are located, as follows:

1. Off Turugi Saki (35°08'N., 139°41'E.).<sup>1</sup>
2. Off Suno Saki (34°58'N., 139°46'E.).<sup>1</sup>
3. Off O Shima (34°44'N., 139°24'E.).<sup>1</sup>
4. Off Mikomoto Shima (34°34'N., 138°57'E.).<sup>1</sup>
5. Off Daio Saki (34°16'N., 136°54'E.).<sup>1</sup>
6. Off Shiono Misaki (33°26'N., 135°45'E.).<sup>1</sup>
7. Off Hino Misaki (33°53'N., 135°04'E.).<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For further information see Pub. 158, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Japan Volume I.

<sup>2</sup> For further information see Pub. 159, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Japan Volume II.

Information can also be found on the internet, as follows:

#### Japan Captains' Association Home Page

[http://www.captain.or.jp/?page\\_id=27](http://www.captain.or.jp/?page_id=27)

### U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is situated at 1-10-5 Akasaka, Minato-Ku,



Tokyo.

U. S. Embassy Japan—Contact Information	
Mailing address	9800 Tokyo Place
	Washington DC (20521-9800)
Telephone	81-03-3224-5000
Facsimile	81-03-3224-5856

U. S. Embassy Japan—Contact Information	
E-mail	<a href="mailto:TokyoACS@state.gov">TokyoACS@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://jp.usembassy.gov">https://jp.usembassy.gov</a>

**Vessel Traffic Service**

The locations of Vessel Traffic Services and the ports covered by them are listed in the table titled **Japan—Vessel Traffic Services**.

Japan—Vessel Traffic Services					
Ise Wan <sup>1</sup>	Tokyo Wan <sup>1</sup>	Bisan Seto (Seto Naikai/Inland Sea) <sup>2</sup>	Kurushima Kaikyo (Seto Naikai/Inland Sea) <sup>2</sup>	Osaka Wan (Seto Naikai/Inland Sea) <sup>2</sup>	Kanmon Kaikyo (Seto Naikai/Inland Sea) <sup>2</sup>
Atsumi	Chiba	Hibi	Imabari	Amagasaki	Kita-Kyushu
Gamagori	Funabashi	Marugame	Namikata	Hannan	Moji
Handa	Kawasaki	Mizushima		Kakogawa	Shimonoseki
Hekinan	Kisarazu (Kimitsu)	Naoshima		Kobe	
Igurazu Ko	Tokyo	Sakaide		Osaka	
Kinuura Ko	Yokohama	Takamatsu		Sakai-Senboku	
Matsusaka	Yokosuka	Takuma			
Mikawa Wan		Uno			
Nagoya					
Takahama					
Taketoyo					
Toba					
Toyohashi					
Tsu Ko					
Yokkaichi					

<sup>1</sup> For further information, See Pub. 158, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Japan Volume 1.

<sup>2</sup> For further information, See Pub. 159, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Japan Volume 2.

## Appendix I—JASREP

### Japanese Ship Reporting System (JASREP)

The Japanese Ship Reporting System (JASREP) has been established to assist in the coordination of Search and Rescue (SAR) operations in the sea area bounded by the mainland of Asia, the parallel of latitude 17°N, and the meridian of longitude 165°E. It is a voluntary system, in which all suitably equipped vessels are invited to participate.

Vessels send regular reports, through selected Coast Radio Stations (CRS), to a central agency in which a computer keeps a continuous record of the predicted position of each vessel.

Should an expected report not be received, SAR action may be initiated.

**Type of Messages.**—There are four types of message; the required information in each message is given in the accompanying table titled **JASREP Message Reporting Formats**. Each comprises essential lines and such optional lines as necessary:

1. **Sailing Plan (SP)**—The SP should be sent when the vessel enters the area or leaves a port within the area.
2. **Position Report (PR)**—A PR should be sent within 24 hours after departure from a port within the service area or within 24 hours of the previous PR. Vessels suffering from heavy weather or other stress should report more frequently; however, actual weather reports should not be sent through JASREP.
3. **Deviation Report (DR)**—A DR should be sent when a vessel's destination or intended route has been changed, or when the vessel is 25 miles or more from its expected position.
4. **Final Report (FR)**—The FR is sent on leaving the service area or on arrival at a port within the service area.

**Form of Messages.**—The first line of a message is always:

JASREP/message type (SP, PR, DR, or FR)//

In subsequent lines, strokes (/) are used to separate sub-items, with two strokes (//) to mark the end of the line.

**Transmission of Messages.**—Reports may be sent by one of the methods in the table titled **JASREP—Transmission Methods**.

JASREP—Transmission Methods	
E-mail	<a href="mailto:jasrep@jcgcomm.jp">jasrep@jcgcomm.jp</a>
The subject line should contain the word JASREP. The e-mail should not contain any attachments, as these will be rejected by the computer. This e-mail address is dedicated to JASREP messages and should not be used for any other purposes.	
Telex	72-2225193 JMSAHQ
Radio	Via VHF through any Japan Coast Guard radio station

**Operating Authority.**—Enquiries about JASREP can be addressed to the following:

JASREP—Contact Information	
Mail	Search and Rescue Division Guard and Rescue Department Japan Coast Guard 1-3 Kasumigaseki 2-chome Chiyoda-ku Tokyo 100-8989 Japan
Telephone	81-3-3591-6361 Extension 5920 (Administration) or 5323 (Technical Enquiries)
E-mail	<a href="mailto:op@kaiho.mlit.go.jp">op@kaiho.mlit.go.jp</a>

### JASREP Message Reporting Formats

Format	Sailing Plan	Position Report	Deviation Report	Final Report	Remarks
A/Vessel name/call sign//	R	R	R	R	
B/Date and time of departure or report//	R	R	O		See Note 1.
C/Latitude/longitude//		R	O		See Note 2.
E/Current course, in degrees//	R	R	O		
F/Estimated average speed//	R	R	O		See Note 3.
G/Port of departure/latitude/longitude//	R		O		See Note 2.
I/Port of destination/latitude/longitude/ETA//	R		O		See Notes 1 and 2.
K/Port of arrival/latitude/longitude/time of arrival//			O	R	See Notes 1 and 2.
L/Navigation method: rhumb line (RL) or great circle (GC)/average speed/latitude/longitude/ETA/name of place, if appropriate//	R		O		See Notes 1, 2, 3, and 4.
M/Current coastal radio station/next coastal radio station, if any//			O		

JASREP Message Reporting Formats					
Format	Sailing Plan	Position Report	Deviation Report	Final Report	Remarks
V/Onboard medical resources//	R		O		See Note 5.
X/Up to 65 characters of amplifying comments//	R	R	O		
Y/AMVER//	R	R	R	R	See Note 6.
<p><b>KEY</b>  R Required  O Optional (whatever information has changed from the SP or the PR)</p> <p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Time is expressed as a six-digit group, DDHHMM, using UTC, where DD is the date (from 01 to 31), HH is the hour (from 00 to 23), and MM is minutes (from 00 to 59), followed by Z.</li> <li>2. Latitude is expressed as a four-digit group, DDMM, where DD is degrees (from 00 to 90) and MM is minutes (from 00 to 59), followed by N or S. Longitude is expressed as a five-digit group, DDDMM, where DDD is degrees (from 000 to 180) and MM is minutes (from 00 to 59), followed by E or W.</li> <li>3. Estimated average speed is a three-digit group expressed in terms of knots and tenths of knots.</li> <li>4. Any number of "L" lines may be included, so as to define the route.</li> <li>5. Choose from "MD" for physician, "PA" for physician's assistant or health supervisor, "NURSE," or "NONE."</li> <li>6. Used when a dual participation in AMVER is desired.</li> </ol>					

## Appendix II—Quarantine Examination Ports

Quarantine Examination Ports			
Kyushu and Nansei Shoto	Seto Naikai (Inland Sea)	Shikoku	Hokkaido
Fukue Ko	Amagasaki-Nishinomiya-Ashiya Ko	Kochi Ko	Abashiri Ko
Hakata Ko	Fukuyama Ko		Hakodate Ko
Hirara Ko	Hannan Ko		Hanasaki Ko
Hitakotsu Ko	Hiroshima Ko		Ishikariwan Ko
Hososhima Ko	Iwakuri Ko		Monbetsu Ko
Imari Ko	Kanmon Ko		Otaru Ko
Ishigaki Ko	Kobe Ko		Rumoi Ko
Izuhara Ko	Kure Ko		Tomakomai Ko
Kagoshima Ko	Matsuyama Ko		Wakkanai Ko
Karatsu Ko	Mishima-Kawanoe		
Kiire Ko	Mizushima Ko		
Kin-Nagagusuku Ko	Niihama Ko		
Kushikino Ko	Oita Ko		
Miike Ko	Osaka Ko		
Minamata Ko	Saganoseki Ko		
Misumi Ko	Saiki Ko		
Nagasaki Ko	Tokuyama-Kudamatsu Ko		
Naha Ko	Ube Ko		
Sasebo Ko	Wakayama-Shimotsu Ko		
Shibushi Ko			
Yatsushiro Ko			

Honshu—Quarantine Examination Ports		
West Coast	North and East Coasts	South Coast
Akita-Funagawa Ko	Aomori Ko	Chiba Ko
Fushiki-Toyama Ko	Hachinohe Ko	Futami Ko
Hamada Ko	Hitachi Ko	Gamagori
Kanazawa Ko	Ishinomaki Ko	Katsuura Ko
Maizuru Ko	Kamaishi Ko	Kawasaki Ku
Nanao Ko	Kashima Ko	Kinuura Ko
Naoetsu Ko	Kesenuma Ko	Kisarazu Ko
Niigata Ko	Miyako Ko	Kochi Ko
Sakai Ko	Muroran Ko	Misaki Ko
Sakata Ko	Ofunato Ko	Nagoya Ko
Tsuruga Ko	Onahama Ko	Owase Ko
Uchiura Ko	Shiogama Ko	Shimizu Ko

Honsu—Quarantine Examination Ports		
West Coast	North and East Coasts	South Coast
		Shingu Ko
		Tokyo Ko
		Yaizu Ko
		Yokkaichi Ko
		Yokohama Ko
		Yokosuka Ko

## Appendix III—Automatic Identification System (AIS) Destination Indicating Symbols (DIS)

Coast of Hokkaido					
Port Name	DIS Code	Port Name	DIS Code	Port Name	DIS Code
Abashiri	ABA	Kiritappu	KRT	Rumoi	RMI
Akkeshi	AKE	Kushiro	KUH	Samani	SAM
Aonae	AON	Kutsugata	KTG	Setana	STN
Date	DAT	Mashike	MSK	Suttsu	STU
Erimo	EMM	Matsumae	MTM	Teshio	TSO
Esashi (S Hokkaido)	ESI	Monbetsu	MBE	Teuri	TER
Esashi (N Hokkaido)	ESS	Mori	MOR	Tokachi	TOK
Fukushima (Hokkaido)	FKU	Muroran	MUR	Tomakomai	TMK
Funadomari	FND	Nemuro	NEM	Tomamae	TJJ
Haboro	HBO	Oniwaki	ONW	Urakawa	URK
Hakodate	HKP	Oshidomari	OSD	Usujiri	USJ
Hanasaki	HNK	Otaru	OTR	Wakkanai	WKJ
Ishikariwan	ISW	Oumu	OUM	Yagishiri	YGR
Iwanai	IWN	Rausu	RAU	Yoichi	YIC
Kafuka	KBK				

Northwest Coast of Honshu					
Port Name	DIS Code	Port Name	DIS Code	Port Name	DIS Code
Ajigasawa	AJK	Kashiwazaki	KWZ	Ryotsu	RYO
Ajiro (Tottori)	AZJ	Kasumi	KXS	Sai	SJA
Akasaki	ASK	Kawauchi (Aohori)	KAW	Saigo	SAI
Akitafunagawa	AFG	Kisakata	KST	Sakai	SMN
Anamizu	ANM	Kitaura	KJT	Sakata	SKT
Aomori	AOM	Kodomari	KOD	Senzaki	SZK
Awano	YYA	Kogushi	KGS	Shibayama	SBY
Esaki	ESK	Konoura	KNO	Susa	SUS
Etomo	ETM	Kottoi	KTO	Tai	TAZ
Fukaura (Aomori)	FKK	Kumihama	KMH	Taisya	TIA
Fukui	FKJ	Kute	KUT	Taiza	TZA
Fukuura	FRJ	Maizuru	MAI	Tajiri	TJR
Fushikitoyama	FTX	Masuda	MSD	Taki	TKI
Gotsu	GOT	Matsue	MTE	Teradomari	TRD
Hagi	HAG	Mihonoseki	MIH	Toga	TOJ
Hamada	HMD	Misumi	MMI	Tottori	TTJ
Hamasaka	HKJ	Miyazu	MIY	Tsuyama	TYN
Hamochi	HMC	Nakahama	NKJ	Tsunoshima	INS
Himekawa	HMK	Nanao	NNO	Tsuruga	TRO
Himi	HMJ	Naoetsu	NAO	Uchiura	UCU

Northwest Coast of Honshu					
Port Name	DIS Code	Port Name	DIS Code	Port Name	DIS Code
Hirasawa	HSW	Nezugaseki	NEZ	Uozu	UOZ
Honjo	HON	Niigata	KIJ	Urago	UAO
Honjyo	HNJ	Nima	NIM	Ushitsu	UST
Iida	IDA	Nohara	NOH	Wada	WDA
Ine	INE	Noshiro	NSR	Wajima	WJM
Iwafune	IWH	Nou	NOU	Wakinosawa	WKW
Kaga	KJG	Obama (Fukui)	OBM	Yasugi	YSG
Kamo	KMO	Ogi (Ishikawa)	OII	Yonago	YNG
Kanazawa	KNZ	Ogi (Niigata)	OGI	Yura (Yamagata)	YUJ

East Coast of Honshu					
Port Name	DIS Code	Port Name	DIS Code	Port Name	DIS Code
Ajiro	AJR	Kominato	KMN	Nakiri	NKR
Asakawa	ASW	Kozanishimukai	KOB	Niijima	NIJ
Atami	AMI	Kuji	KJI	Numazu	NUM
Ayukawa	AYU	Kushimoto	KUJ	Oarai	OAR
Chiba 4KU	ANE	Kaminato	KMM	Sagara	SGR
Chiba	CHB	Kashima	KSM	Shimizu (Shizuoka)	SMZ
Chiba Katsunaku	FNB	Katsuura (Chiba)	KUR	Shimoda (Shizuoka)	SMD
Chiyozaki	CYZ	Keihin Kawasakiku	KWS	Shingu	SHN
Chosi	CHO	Keihin Tokyoku	TYO	Shinonuma	SNJ
Ena	ENA	Keihin Yokohamaku	YOK	Shirahama	SRX
Fukaura	FKR	Kesenuma	KSN	Shishikui	SIS
Fukue	FKE	Kuwana	KNA	Shizugawa	SZG
Gokasyo	GKS	Manazuru	MNA	Shizuura	SZU
Habu	HAU	Matsuzaka	MSA	Soma	SMA
Hachinohe	HHE	Matsuzaki	MTZ	Tagonoura	TGO
Haibara	HBA	Mikawa	MKW	Tanabe	TAE
Hamajima	HJM	Misaki	MIK	Tateyama	TTY
Hamana	HMN	Miyako	MYK	Teishi	TIS
Heda	HAD	Morozaki	MRZ	Toba	TOB
Hidaka	HDK	Motomachi	MOT	Toi	TOI
Higashiazu	HGH	Mugi	MUG	Tokoname	TXN
Hiki	HIK	Mutsuogawara	MUT	Toyohama	TYJ
Hikimoto	HMT	Nagashima	NSA	Tsu	TSU
Hirakata	HRK	Nagoya	NGO	Ugusu	UGU
Hirota	HTA	Ofunato	OFT	Ujiyamada	UJY
Hitachi	HTC	Oginohama	OGH	Ukui	UKI
Hitachinaka	HIC	Oigawa	OIG	Uragami	URM
Hiwasa	HWS	Okada	OAA	Utsumi	UTM

East Coast of Honshu					
Port Name	DIS Code	Port Name	DIS Code	Port Name	DIS Code
Inatori	INR	Okubo	OKB	Watanoha	WAT
Irago	IRK	Omaezaki	OMZ	Yaene	YNE
Ishinomaki	ISM	Onagawa	ONG	Yagi	YGI
Issiki	IKJ	Onahama	ONA	Yaizu	YZU
Itoh	ITJ	Otsu	OSJ	Yamada	YAD
Izumi	IZM	Otsuchi	OTJ	Yokkaichi	YKK
Kamaishi	KIS	Ouse	OUS	Yokosuka	YOS
Katsuura	KAT	Owase	OWA	Yoshida	YDA
Kinomoto	KNT	Sendaishiogama	SGM	Yotsukura	YOT
Kinuura	KNU	Nahari	NHI	Yuki	YUK
Kisrazu	KZU	Nakaminato	NMT		
Kochi	KCZ	Nakanosatu	NKX		

Seto Naikai					
Port Name	DIS Code	Port Name	DIS Code	Port Name	DIS Code
Agenosyo	AGN	Kunisaki	KNS	Sumoto	SUH
Aio	AII	Kotoura	JKT	Tachibana	TBN
Aioi	AIO	Kozai	KZJ	Tadanoumi	TDN
Ajino (Okayama)	AJN	Kuka	KGB	Tadotsu	TAD
Akashi	AKA	Marugame	MAR	Takada	TKD
Akitsu	AKT	Maruo	MRU	Takamatsu	TAP
Ako	AKO	Matsuyama	MYJ	Takedatsu	TDJ
Asa	ASA	Mebaruzaki	MBR	Takehara	THR
Beppu	BPU	Mikame	MKM	Takuma	TKM
Fuke	FUE	Misaki (Ehime)	MSX	Tokushima-komatsu-jima	TKX
Fukuyama (Hiroshima)	FKY	Mishimakawanoe	MKX	Tokuyamakudamatsu	TXD
Gunge	GNG	Mitajiri-nakanoseki	MNX	Tomioka (Tokushima)	TOM
Gunchu	IYO	Mitarai	MTI	Tonosyo	TNO
Habu (Horoshima)	HAB	Mitsukue	MTK	Toshima	TJO
Hakata (Ehime)	HKS	Miyaura	MYU	Toyohama	TYH
Hannan	HAN	Mizushima	MIZ	Tsuda	TUD
Hanshin Amagasaka-kinishinomiya Ashiyaku	AMX	Minato	MNT	Tsukumi	TMI
Hanshin Kobeku	UKB	Morie	MOO	Tsuna	TNA
Hanshin Osakaku	OSA	Murotsu (Yamaguchi)	MRT	Tsurumi	TRU
Hanshin Sakaisen-bokuku	SBK	Murozumi	MZM	Tsushi	TSH
Hibi	HIB	Muya	MYA	Ube	UBJ



Seto Naikai					
Port Name	DIS Code	Port Name	DIS Code	Port Name	DIS Code
Higashiharima	HHR	Nagahama	NGH	Uchinomi	UCN
Hiketa	HEA	Nagasu	NSU	Uno	UNO
Himeji	HIM	Nakatsu	NAT	Unoshima	UNS
Hinase	HIN	Naoshima	NAS	Ushimado	USH
Hirao	HRA	Niihama	IHA	Uwajima	UWA
Hiroshima	HIJ	Nio	NIO	Wakayamashimotsu	WAK
Hiwasa	HWS	Nyugawa	NWA	Yagi (Hyogo)	YAG
Hojo	HJO	Oita	OIP	Yamaguchi	YMG
Ikeda	IKA	Okamura	OMR	Yanai	YAN
Imabari	IMB	Okayama	OKP	Yawatahama	YWH
Itsukushima	ITS	Onishi	ONS	Yoshida (Ehime)	YSD
Iwakuni	IWK	Onoda	OND	Yoshiumi	YHI
Iwaya	IWY	Onomichitosaki	ONX	Yuasahiro	YSH
Kamagari	KGR	Otake	OTK	Yuki	YUK
Kaminoseki	KOX	Saeki	SAE	Yura (Hyogo)	YRA
Kanmon Hibikisinkou Ku	HBK	Saganoseki	SAG	Yura (Wakayama)	YUR
Kanmon Shinmoji Ku	SMJ	Sagi	SGJ		
Kanmon	KNM	Saidaiji	SDZ		
Kanonji	KJN	Saijo	SAJ		
Kanda	KND	Sakaide	SKD		
Kasaoka	KSA	Sakate	SAT		
Katakami	KKM	Sanbonmatsu	SAN		
Kawanoishi	KWI	Sangawa	SAW		
Kikuma	KIK	Sensyu	SSU		
Kure (Hiroshima)	KRE	Setoda	STD		
Kogushi	KOG	Shido	SID		
Komatsu	KMX	Shigei	SIG		
Kinoe	KNE	Shimotsui	STI		

South Coast of Shikoku					
Port Name	DIS Code	Port Name	DIS Code	Port Name	DIS Code
Kamikawaguchi	KMW	Murotomisaki	MRJ	Shimoda	SMO
Kaminokae	KMK	Murotsu	MUX	Sukomowan	SUK
Kannoura	KRA	Saga	SGA	Susaki	SUZ
Kure	KUE	Shimizu (Kochi)	TSZ	Usa	USA

Coast of Kyushu					
Port Name	DIS Code	Port Name	DIS Code	Port Name	DIS Code
Aburatsu	NIC	Koniya	KNY	O Shima (Nagasaki)	OSM

Coast of Kyushu					
Port Name	DIS Code	Port Name	DIS Code	Port Name	DIS Code
Ainoura	AIN	Komenotsu	KKO	O Shima (Fukuoka)	OSS
Aitsu	AIZ	Kanoya	KYA	Saganoseki	SAG
Akune	AKN	Kuchinotsu	KUC	Saiki	SAE
Aokata	AOK	Kumamoto	KMP	Sakito	STO
Arikawa	ARK	Kunisaki	KNS	Sasebo	SSB
Ashibe	ASB	Kushikino	KSO	Sashiki	SSI
Ashiya	ASZ	Makurazaki	MKK	Sasuna	SSN
Beppu	BPU	Matsushima	MAT	Sendai	SEN
Emukae	EMU	Matsuura	MTS	Seto	SET
Fukue (Nagasaki)	FKN	Mieshikimi	MSI	Shibushi	SBS
Fukushima (Miyazaki)	FMS	Miike	MII	Shimabara	SMB
Fukuyama (Kagoshima)	FYM	Minamata	MIN	Shimama	SIM
Gono Ura	GON	Misumi (Kumamoto)	MIS	Suminoe	SUM
Hakata (Fukuoka)	HKT	Miyanoura	MNO	Tabira	TBR
Himedo	HDO	Miyazaki	KMI	Takedatsu	TDJ
Hirado	HRD	Mogi	MOG	Tamanoura	TMN
Hirara (Okinawa)	HRR	Morie	MOO	Tarumizu	TMZ
Hitakatsu	HTK	Morodomi	MOM	Teuchi	TEU
Hondo	HOD	Nagasaki	NMX	Toguchi	TCC
Hososhima	HSM	Nagasu (Kumamota)	NGU	Tomie	TME
Hyakkan	HKK	Nagasu (Oita)	NSU	Tomioka (Kumamoto)	TMO
Ikitsuki	IKK	Naha	NAH	Tonoura	TON
Imafuku	IMA	Nakakoshiki	NKK	Totoro	TOT
Imari	IMI	Nakatsu	NAT	Tsukumi	TMI
Ishigaki	ISG	Narao	NRO	Tsutsu	TST
Isso	KYR	Narushima	NRS	Tsuyoshi	TYP
Izuhara	IZH	Naze	NAZ	Uchinoura	UUR
Kafuri	KAF	Nishinoomote	IIN	Uchiumi	UCH
Kagoshima	KOJ	Nobeoka	NOB	Unoshima	UNS
Kajiki	KJK	Nomaike	NMK	Unten	UNT
Kamae	KME	Obama (Nagasaki)	OBB	Ushibuka	UBK
Kanda	KND	Odomari	ODM	Usuki	USK
Karatsu	KAR	Oita	OIP	Usunoura	USU
Katsumoto	KSU	Ojika	OJI	Wakatsu	WKT
Kiire	KII	Omura	OMJ	Wakimisaki	WKI
Kinnakagusuku	KNX	Omuta	OMU	Yamagawa	YAM
Kishiku	KSH	Onejime	ONE	Yatsushiro	YAT

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Coast of Kyushu					
Port Name	DIS Code	Port Name	DIS Code	Port Name	DIS Code
Kitaura	KIT	Oniike	ONJ	Yobuko	YBK

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Location	Warning Issued By	Remarks—For More Information Contact
<b>Tsushima</b>		
Tsushima	Izuhara Ko Typhoon Coordination Committee	Tsushima Coast Guard Office
	Hitakatsu Ko Harbormaster	Hitakatsu Coast Guard Office
<b>Kyushu—West Coast</b>		
Northwest Coast	Karatsu Ko Typhoon Countermeasures Committee	Typhoon guidance provided to vessels in the harbor: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General guidance.</li> <li>2. Warning system.</li> <li>3. Evacuation instructions.</li> <li>4. Entry restrictions.</li> <li>5. Restriction cancellation.</li> </ol>
	Imari Ko Port Captain—Issues information to the port area, including advice on precautions to be taken.	Imari Coast Guard Station
West Coast	Sasebo Ko Committee—Issues information to the port area, including advice on precautions to be taken.	Sasebo Coast Guard Station
	Nagasaki Ko Typhoon Coordination Committee—Determines measures to be taken for all vessels in the harbor during extreme weather conditions. During these times the harbormaster issues information to the port area, including advice on precautions to be taken.	Nagasaki Coast Guard Office
Shimabara Wan	Miike and Omuta Typhoon Coordination Committee	Typhoon guidance provided to vessels in the harbor: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General guidance.</li> <li>2. Warning system.</li> <li>3. Evacuation instructions.</li> <li>4. Entry restrictions.</li> <li>5. Restriction cancellation.</li> </ol>
	Kumamoto Ko Committee—Issues information to the port area, including advice on precautions to be taken.	Kumamoto Ko Coast Guard Station
	Misumi Ko Committee—Issues information to the port area, including advice on precautions to be taken.	Kumamoto Ko Coast Guard Station
Yatsushiro Ko	Yatsushiro Ko Committee—Issues information to the port area, including advice on precautions to be taken.	Yatsushiro Ko Coast Guard Station
<b>Kyushu—East Coast</b>		
East coast	Aburatsu Ko Typhoon Coordination Center	Miyazaki Coast Guard Station
	Shibushi Ko Typhoon Coordination Center	Shibushi Coast Guard Station

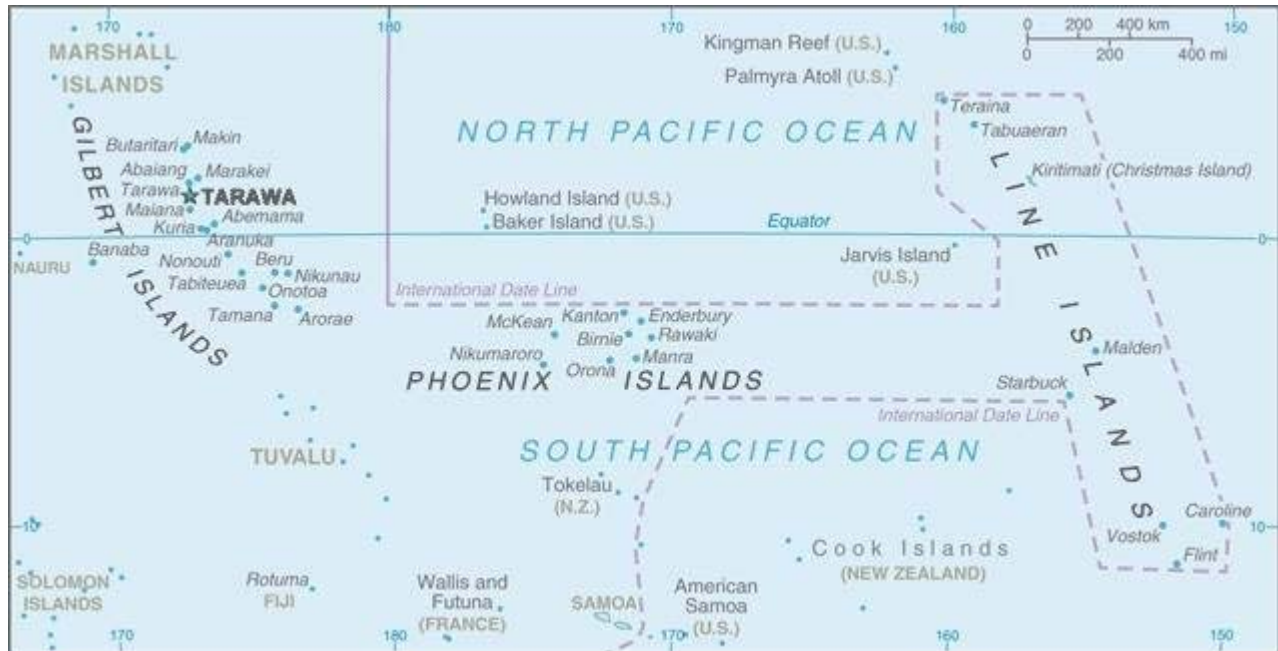
Location	Warning Issued By	Remarks—For More Information Contact
<b>Nansei Shoto</b>		
Amami Gunto	Naze Ko Typhoon Coordination Center	Amami Coast Guard Station
Okinawa Gunto	Kin-Nakagusuku Typhoon Coordination Center	Nakagusuku Coast Guard Station
	Naha Ko Typhoon Coordination Center	Naha Ko Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Sakishima Gunto and Senkaku Shoto	Miyako Shima Typhoon Coordination Center	Miyak Shima Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
	Ishigaki Ko Typhoon Coordination Center	Ishigaki Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
<b>Shiikoku—South Coast</b>		
Shiikoku—South Coast	Kochi Ko Countermeasures Committee	Typhoon guidance provided to vessels in the harbor: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General guidance.</li> <li>2. Warning system.</li> <li>3. Evacuation instructions.</li> <li>4. Entry restrictions.</li> <li>5. Restriction cancellation.</li> </ol>
<b>Seito Naki</b>		
Kanmon Ko	Kanmon Ko Committee	Moji Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Suo Nada	Onada Ko Committee	Ube Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
	Ube Ko Committee	Ube Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
	Mitajiri and Nakanoseki Committee	Tokuyama Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
	Tokuyama-Kudamatsu Committee	Tokuyama Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
	Kana Ko Committee	Kanda Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
	Nakatsu Ko Committee	Oita Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Iyo Nada	Matsuyama Committee	Matsuyama Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
	Yanai Ko Committee	Yanai Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Hiroshima Wan	Iwakuni Ko Committee	Iwakuni Coast Guard Office—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
	Hiroshima Ko Committee	Hiroshima Coast Guard Office—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
	Kure Ko Committee	Kure Coast Guard Office

Location	Warning Issued By	Remarks—For More Information Contact
Kurushima Kaikyo	Imabari Ko Committee	Imabari Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
	Onomichi Chiku Committee	Onomichi Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Hiuchi Nada/Bingo Nada	Nihaama Ko Committee	Nihaama Coast Guard Office—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
	Fukuyama Ko Committee	Fukuyama Coast Guard Office—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Bisan Seto	Mizushima Ko Committee	Mizushima Coast Guard Office—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
	Takamatsu Ko Committee	Takamatsu Coast Guard Office—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
	Uno Ko Committee	Tamano Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Harima Nada	Himeja Ko Committee	Kimeji Coast Guard Office—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Kii Suida	Tokushima-Kotmatsushima Ko Committee	Takushima Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
	Yura Ko Committee	Wakayama Coast Guard Office—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
	Wakayama Chiku Ko Committee	Wakayama Coast Guard Office—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Osaka Wan	Hanshin Ko Committee	Osaka Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
<b>Honshu—South Coast</b>		
Honshu—South Coast	Tanabe Ko Countermeasures Committee	Typhoon guidance provided to vessels in the harbor: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General guidance.</li> <li>2. Warning system.</li> <li>3. Evacuation instructions.</li> <li>4. Entry restrictions.</li> <li>5. Restriction cancellation.</li> </ol>
	Owasa Ko Countermeasures Committee	Typhoon guidance provided to vessels in the harbor: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General guidance.</li> <li>2. Warning system.</li> <li>3. Evacuation instructions.</li> <li>4. Entry restrictions.</li> <li>5. Restriction cancellation.</li> </ol>
	Nagato City Committee	Sensaki Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.

Location	Warning Issued By	Remarks—For More Information Contact
Ise Wan	Yokkaichi Ko Committee	Yokkaichi Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
	Nagoya Ko Typhoon Countermeasures Committee and Nagoya Ko Earthquake and Tsunami Countermeasures Committee	Nagoya Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
	Mikawa Ko Typhoon Countermeasures Committee and Mikawa Ko Earthquake and Tsunami Countermeasures Committee	Gamagori Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Suruga Wan	Omaezaki Ko Typhoon Countermeasures Committee	Omaezaki Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
	Shimizu Ko Typhoon Countermeasures Committee	Shimizu Ko Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
	Taganoura Ko Typhoon Countermeasures Committee	Shimizu Ko Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Shimoda Ko	Shimoda Ko Typhoon Countermeasures Committee	Shimoda Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Tokyo Wan	Keihin Ko Typhoon Safety Measures Council and Keihen Ko Tsunami Vessels Safety Measures Council	Yokohama Coast Guard Station or Kawasaki Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
	Tokyo Ku Typhoon and Tsunami Safety Measures Committee	Tokyo Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Chiba Ko	Chiba Ko Typhoon and Tsunami Safety Measures Committee	Chiba Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
<b>Honshu—East and North Coasts</b>		
Kashima Ko	Kashima Ko Committee	Kashima Ko Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Hitachi Ko	Hitachi Ko Typhoon and Tsunami Countermeasures Committee	Ibaraki Ko Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Sendai-Shiogama Ko	Sendai-Shiogama Ko Typhoon and Tsunami Countermeasures Committee	Miyaga Coast Guard Office—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Kamaishi Ko	Kamaishi Ko Typhoon and Tsunami Countermeasures Committee	Kamaishi Ko Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Hachinohe Ko	Hachinohe Ko Committee	Hachinohe Ko Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Aomori Ko	Aomori Ko Committee	Aomori Ko Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.

Location	Warning Issued By	Remarks—For More Information Contact
<b>Hokkaido</b>		
Otaru Ko	Ishikari and Shinbeshi Regions Typhoon and Tsunami Safety Measures Council	Otaru Ko Coast Guard Office—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Muroran Ko	Muroran Ko Committee	Muroran Ko Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Kushiro Ko	Kushiro Ko Committee	Kushiro Ko Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
<b>Honshu—West Coast</b>		
Akita Funagawa Ko	Akita Funagawa Ko Typhoon and Tsunami Countermeasures Committee	Akita Coast Guard—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Sakata Ko	Sakata Ko Typhoon and Tsunami Countermeasures Committee	Sakata Ko Coast Guard—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Ryotsu Ko	Ryotsu Ko Typhoon and Tsunami Countermeasures Committee	Sado Coast Guard—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Neoetsu Ko	Neoetsu Ko Typhoon and Tsunami Countermeasures Committee	Neoetsu Coast Guard Office—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Fushiki-Toyama Ko	Fushiki-Toyama Ko Typhoon and Tsunami Countermeasures Committee	Fushiki-Toyama Coast Guard Office—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Kanazawa Ko	Kanazawa Ko Committee	Kanazawa Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.
Tsuruga Ko	Tsuruga Ko Committee	Tsuruga Ko Coast Guard Station—Information to vessels in the harbor, including advice on precautions to take.





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## General

Kiribati, an independent republic within the British Commonwealth is located in the Pacific Ocean, straddling the Equator and the International Date Line.

It consists of 33 coral atolls scattered across about 2 million square miles of the central and South Pacific Ocean. The three islands groups within the republic are the Gilbert Islands, the Phoenix Islands, and the Line Islands.

The Gilbert Islands consist of 16 atolls, lying approximately between 4°N and 3°S, and 172°E and 177°E. The islands in these groups are Little Makin, Butaritari, Marakei, in the Northern Gilbert Islands; Abaiang, Tarawa, Maiana, Abemama, Kuria, and Aranuka, in the Central Gilbert Islands; and Nonouti, Tabiteuea, Beru, Nikunau, Onotoa, Tamana, and Arorae, in the Southern Gilbert Islands.

The Phoenix Islands comprise a group of eight scattered atolls lying approximately between 2°S and 5°S, and 170°W and 175°W. These islands include Canton, Enderbury, Phoenix, Sydney, Birnie, McKean, Gardner, and Hull, with Canton jointly administered by Britain and the United States.

The Line Islands include the Line Group, which is a part of the Republic of Kiribati, together with the United States possessions of Palmyra Island and Jarvis Island. The islands extend as a scattered chain for about 1,200 miles in a SSE direction from Palmyra Island (5°52'N., 162°06'W.) to Flint Island. The group is divided into the Northern Line Group, consisting of Washington Island, Fanning Island, and Christmas Island (Kiritimati Atoll); the Central Line Group, consisting of Malden Island and Starbuk Island; and the Southern Line Group, consisting of Vostok Island, Caroline Island, and Flint Island.

The climate is tropical marine. It is hot and humid, with moderate trade winds.

The terrain is mostly low-lying coral atolls surrounded by extensive reefs.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

## Cautions

The E sides of the islands are steep-to and can be cleared by passing not less than 0.5 mile offshore. The W sides of the islands have submerged reefs and spits extending, in some cases, far offshore. At night, vessels should keep E of the islands.

Vessels should contact the Marine Superintendent at Tawara for the latest information on navigational aids prior to entering the channels or approaches to any anchorage in Kiribati.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the Australian dollar, consisting of 100 cents.

## Fishing Areas

Fish aggregating devices have been reported to exist among the islands in Kiribati, especially around Maiana, Tarawa, and Butaritari Atoll, as well as in the Line Islands.

Fish aggregating devices, consisting of an unlit orange raft, may also be encountered in the waters of the Gilbert Islands.

## Government



Flag of Kiribati

Kiribati is a presidential republic. The country is divided into six districts and 21 island councils.

Kiribati is governed by a directly-elected President serving a 4-year term. The Cabinet is appointed by the President. The unicameral Parliament consists of 44 directly-elected members and two appointed members, all serving 4-year terms.

The legal system is based on English common law supplemented by local customary law.

The capital is Tarawa.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Good Friday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
National Health Day	April 18
Independence Days	July 11-13
National Youth Day	August 7
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26

## Industries

The main industries are fishing and handicrafts. The main exports are fish, fish products, ships, and coconut

products. The main export-trading partners are Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Japan.

The main imports are refined petroleum, netting, raw sugar, beef, rice, and poultry. The main import-trading partners are China, Taiwan, Fiji, Australia, and New Zealand.

## Languages

English is the official language. I-Kiribati (Gilbertese) is the indigenous language.

## Meteorology

Marine forecasts issued by the Fiji Meteorological Service and tidal information are available, in English, from the Kiribati Meteorological Service (<http://www.met.gov.ki>).

## Mined Areas

**Butaritari Atoll.**—North Channel (3°10'N., 172°43'E.) and Central Channel (3°07'N., 172°44'E.) have been mined and may still be dangerous. Vessels must use South Channel (3°06'N., 172°45'E.).

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

Pub. 126, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Pacific Islands.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Kiribati are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles. **
Contiguous Zone	24 miles. **
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles. **
Continental Shelf	**
* Claims archipelagic status.	
** To defined coordinates.	

For further information, see the graphic titled **Kiribati—Maritime Claims**.

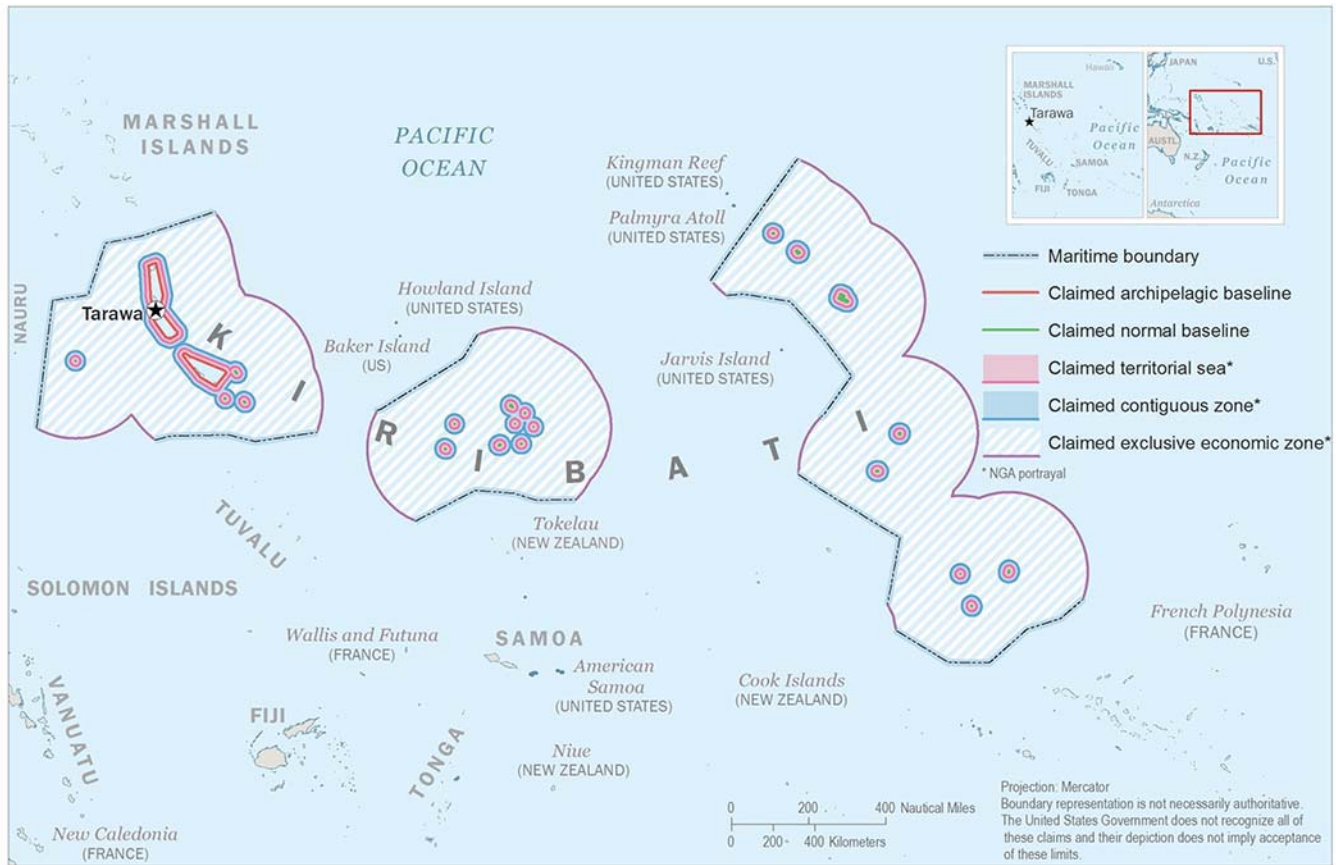
## Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory at Betio on Tarawa.

## Pollution

Vessels should report to the Kiribati Marine Guard on VHF channel 16 and 6215 kHz by calling Tawara Radio. The vessel's name, reporting position, etc must be included in the POLREP (Pollution Report).

When a vessel observes a marine pollution incident or receives a report of such an incident, a POLREP should be completed with as much detail as possible and sent, as follows:



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1. By e-mail to the Director of Marine.
  2. By e-mail to the Marine Pollution and Prevention Officer.
  3. By facsimile to SPREP (685-20231).
- The POLREP should contain the following information:
1. Name/contact of person completing this report.
  2. Date/time of report.
  3. Date/time of incident.
  4. Location of incident (latitude/longitude).
  5. Description of location (e.g. name, distance, and bearing to nearest landmark).
  6. Nature and source of incident (indicate which of the following):
    - a. Identify vessels/specific source (where possible).
    - b. Vessel aground/collision and leaking oil.
    - c. Vessel underway and discharging/leaking oil.
    - d. Vessel at anchor/moored/berthed and discharging/leaking oil.
    - e. Land-based source.
    - f. Oil slick with no definite source.
    - g. Other (please describe).
  7. Visual appearance and extent of pollution (estimate area and quantity if possible).
  8. Direction and rate of drift of pollution.
  9. Wind speed and direction.
  10. Sea state.

11. Time of HW and height (in meters).
12. Time of LW and height (in meters).
13. Identity and position of vessels in the vicinity.
14. Were photographs taken? Were samples obtained?
15. Other action taken.

Kiribati—Pollution Contact Information	
Telephone	686-75126512 (Betio Port)
	686-74026003 (0900-1715) (Marine Division Office)
E-mail	<a href="mailto:tarawaradio@mict.gov.ki">tarawaradio@mict.gov.ki</a> (Betio Port)
	<a href="mailto:dom@mict.gov.ki">dom@mict.gov.ki</a> (Director of Marine)
	<a href="mailto:marine.officer.kab@mict.gov.ki">marine.officer.kab@mict.gov.ki</a> (Marine Pollution and Prevention Officer)
Web site	<a href="https://www.kiribatimaritime.gov.ki/ipvpn-network">https://www.kiribatimaritime.gov.ki/ipvpn-network</a>

**Regulations**

**Ports of Entry**

- Ports of entry for Kiribati are, as follows:
1. Port London (Kiribati Atoll).
  2. English Harbour (Tabuaeran).

**Pre-arrival Quarantine Reporting**

**Betio Port (Tarawa Island).**—For more information contact Betio Port Control on VHF channel 6 or Tarawa Radio on VHF channel 16. Contact Port Control on VHF channel 16 six (6) hours and 1 hour prior to arrival at the pilot station and 30 minutes prior to berthing or going to the anchorage.

**Kiritimati Port (Christmas Island).**—For more information contact Kiritimati Port Control on VHF channel 6 or Tarawa Radio on VHF channel 16. Contact Port Control on VHF channel 16 six (6) hours and 1 hour prior to arrival at the pilot station and 30 minutes prior to berthing or going to the anchorage.

The ports can also be contacted by telephone (686-75126972) or by e-mail ([enquiry@kpa.com.ki](mailto:enquiry@kpa.com.ki)).

**Search and Rescue**

The Marine Division of the Ministry of Communications is responsible for coordinating search and rescue operations.

**Time Zone**

Kiribati is covered by multiple time zones, as follows:

1. Gilbert Islands—The Time Zone description is MIKE (-12). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.
2. Phoenix Islands—The Time Zone description is 13 hours fast of UTC. Daylight Savings Time is not observed.
3. Line Islands—The Time Zone description is 14 hours fast of UTC. Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

**U.S. Embassy**

The U.S. ambassador to Fiji is accredited to Kiribati. The U.S. Embassy in Fiji is situated at 158 Princes Road, Tamavua.

U. S. Embassy Fiji—Contact Information	
Mailing address	4290 Suva Place
	Washington DC (20521-4290)
Telephone	679-331-4466
Facsimile	679-330-2267
E-mail	<a href="mailto:SuvaACS@state.gov">SuvaACS@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://fj.usembassy.gov">https://fj.usembassy.gov</a>



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## Cautions

### High Speed Craft

High speed craft operate in Zhujiang Kou between Hong Kong, Macau, and Shekou (22°28'N., 113°54'E.), and ports on the Zhujiang. Vessels are advised to maintain a good lookout.

## Currency

The unit of currency is the pataca, consisting of 100 avos.

## Government

## General

Macau, a part of China, is located in Eastern Asia, bordering the South China Sea and China.

The climate is subtropical marine with cool winters and warm summers.

The terrain is generally flat.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.



**Flag of Macau**

Macau is a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. China has promised to respect the existing social and economic systems of Macau.

Macau is governed by a Chief Executive elected to a 5-year term by a special Election Committee. The Executive Council (Cabinet) is appointed by the Chief Executive. The unicameral

Legislative Council consists of 12 members indirectly elected by functional constituencies, 14 directly-elected members, and seven members appointed by the Chief Executive; all members serve 4-year terms.

The legal system is based on Portuguese civil law.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Chinese New Years (3 days)	Variable
Ching Ming (Tomb Sweeping Day)	Variable
Good Friday	Variable
Holy Saturday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
Labor Day	May 1
Buddha's Birthday	Variable
Dragonboat Festival	Variable
Autumn Festival	Variable
National Days	October 1-2
Chung Yeung Festival	Variable
All Souls' Day	November 2
Dongzhi	Variable
Immaculate Conception	December 8
Macau Special Administrative Region Day	December 20
Christmas Eve	December 24
Christmas Day	December 25

## Industries

The main industries are tourism, gambling, clothing, textiles, electronics, footwear, and toys.

The main exports are broadcast equipment, jewelry, watches, clothing and apparel, and telephones. The main export-trading partners are Hong Kong and China.

The main imports are jewelry, watches, electricity, aircraft, and vehicles. The main import-trading partners are China, Hong Kong, and France.

## Languages

Chinese and Portuguese are the official languages.

## Meteorology

Marine weather forecasts and warnings are available, in En-

glish and Chinese, from the Hong Kong Observatory (<https://www.hko.gov.hk>).

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

Pub. 161, Sailing Directions (Enroute) South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Macau, which are the same as for China, are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	200 miles or the Continental Shelf.
* Also considered a Security Zone.	
** Claims right to create a Safety Zone around any structure in the Economic Zone, the right to require authorization to lay submarine cables and pipelines, and the right to broad powers to enforce laws in the Economic Zone.	

## Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory. Special Regulations are in force for boarding pilots in Chinese waters. Additional information is found in Pub. 161, Sailing Directions (Enroute) South China Sea and the Gulf of Thailand.

## Regulations

The following regulations are in force within the waters of Macau:

1. No vessel may anchor in any fairway or channel without the permission of the harbormaster.
2. Ships arriving in the province must be reported to the proper authorities within 24 hours of arrival.
3. Masters of all vessels shall notify the harbormaster of date and time for their proposed departure, and except in special circumstances such notification shall be made not less than 6 hours prior to sailing.
4. No rubbish, trash, or ashes shall be thrown overboard within the waters of the province.
5. No ballast, solid or liquid, shall be thrown or pumped overboard within the waters of the province.

## Ship Reporting System

### Information Fusion Center Voluntary Reporting Area

Macau is located within the area covered by the Information Fusion Center Voluntary Reporting Area. For further information, see **Pacific Ocean—Ship Reporting System**.

## Signals

Storm signals are displayed at Fortaleza de Guia (22°12'N., 113°33'E.) and from a station on the W side of Taipa; these signals conform to the storm signals displayed at Hong Kong. For further information on these signals, see Hong Kong—Signals.

## Time Zone

The Time Zone description is HOTEL (-8). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

## Traffic Separation Schemes

The Qing Zhou Traffic Separation Scheme for High Speed Craft (Government of China) is in effect in the approaches to Macau.

## U.S. Embassy

There are no U.S. diplomatic offices in Macau. The nearest U.S. Consul is situated in Hong Kong.

The Chief of Mission, Consul-General is situated at 26 Gar-

den Road, Central, Hong Kong.

<b>U. S. Consulate General Hong Kong and Macau—Contact Information</b>	
Mailing address	8000 Hong Kong Place
	Washington DC (20521-8000)
Telephone	852-2523-9011
Facsimile	852-2845-1598
E-mail	<a href="mailto:acshk@state.gov">acshk@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://hk.usconsulate.gov">https://hk.usconsulate.gov</a>

## Vessel Traffic Service

A Vessel Traffic Service, located in the Outer Harbor Ferry Terminal, is responsible for monitoring vessels in the waters of Macau, especially high-speed passenger vessels navigating to or from the Outer Harbor Ferry Terminal.

For further information, see Pub. 161, Sailing Directions (Enroute) South China Sea and the Gulf of Thailand.



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## General

Malaysia consists of 11 states and one federal territory, located on the mainland (Malay Peninsula), and the states of Sabah and Sarawak, located on the island of Borneo. The two sections of the country are separated by the South China Sea and lie about 400 miles apart.

The mainland section of Malaysia is bounded on the N by Thailand and on the S by Singapore.

The island section is bounded on the S side by Indonesia (S part of Borneo) and Brunei lies about midway along its N coast.

The terrain consists of coastal plains rising to hills and mountains. Most of the central part of the Malay Peninsula is covered by dense tropical jungle.

The climate is tropical, with a Southwest Monsoon from April to October and a Northeast Monsoon from October to February.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.



## Cautions

### Fishing Devices

On most of the sand banks fronting the coast of the Strait of Malacca, as well as off many parts of the coast of Sumatera,, particularly off river mouths, fishing stakes and enclosures will be found in depths of 5-10m but occasionally in greater depths.

These enclosures, known as seros and jermals on the Indonesian coast, are constructed of wooden poles firmly driven into the bank and interlaced with branches or similar material. These form a considerable danger to vessels navigating at night.

The enclosures are good landmarks for making towards river mouths for vessels with local knowledge, especially off the E coast of Sumatera, where there are few prominent landmarks.

Fish aggregating devices are moored at a number of places off the E and W coasts of the Malay Peninsula. These devices lie in depths of up to 30m or up to 10 miles offshore and are usually marked by buoys with an "X" topmark. Vessels should give then a wide berth.

Fish aggregating devices may also be encountered within a large area between 50 and 200 miles off the W coast of Sabah. They are marked by red flags; some are fitted with radar reflectors

Fishing stakes are extensively employed off the coast within the 20m depth contour. During the Northeast Monsoon they are frequently destroyed; broken wooden stakes, often below water and dangerous to small craft, may be encountered anywhere along the coast.

Fish-trapping enclosures, 9 to 12 meters square, are common off the coast of Malaysia. They have a solid platform well above HW and consist of poles strengthened by crossbeams on which there may be a hut. The platform is usually at the apex of a V formed by poles embedded in the mud. The arms of the V may extend up to 0.5 mile from the apex, which usually points in the direction of the flood current. The platforms are rarely found in depths greater than 10m and may be useful in pointing out shallow water.

Single spars anchored to the bottom and showing a slender above-water extension, sometimes carrying a palm frond, may be encountered further offshore in depths up to 30m. Small craft lie to these during the strength of the current and catch fish attracted to the eddies caused by the spar.

### Piracy

It was reported (1995) that vessels have been attacked by armed thieves in the vicinity of the Strait of Malacca and Singapore Strait, mainly near Phillip Channel. These attacks were usually made from fast motor boats approaching from astern. Loaded vessels with low freeboard seem to be particularly vulnerable. Vessels with low freeboard transiting the Strait of Malacca often use security lights to guard against piracy. These lights by their brilliance may obscure the vessel's navigation lights. The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) of the International Chamber of Commerce has established a Piracy Countermeasures Center at Kuala Lumpur.

Acts of piracy have been reported (2014) in the approaches to Bintulu (3°15'N., 113°03'E.) and (2021) in Kota Kinabalu (°00'N., 116°05'E.).

The center operates for the Southeast Asian Region and is able to receive reports from vessels concerning attacks and advise of

danger areas. Piracy warnings originated by the Center will be broadcast daily to NAVAREA XI, VIII, and X through Enhanced Group Calling using the SafetyNET System.

IMB Center—Contact Information	
Mailing address	IMB Piracy Reporting Center
	ICC IMB (Asia Regional Office)
	P.O. Box 12559
	50782 Kuala Lumpur Malaysia
Telephone	60-3-2031-0014 (24 hours)
	60-3-2078-5763 (helpline)
Facsimile	60-3-2078-5769
E-mail	<a href="mailto:imbkl@icc-ccs.org">imbkl@icc-ccs.org</a>
	<a href="mailto:piracy@icc-ccs.org">piracy@icc-ccs.org</a>
	<a href="mailto:imbsecurity@icc-ccs.org">imbsecurity@icc-ccs.org</a>
Web site	<a href="https://www.icc-ccs.org">https://www.icc-ccs.org</a> (click on IMB Piracy Reporting Center)

It should be noted that mariners can use the above web site to access the following information promulgated by the IMB Piracy Reporting Center:

1. IMB Piracy Alert.
2. IMB Weekly Piracy Report.
3. IMB Live Piracy Map.

A 24-hour Anti-Piracy Helpline has been established at the IMB Piracy Reporting Center to report information concerning maritime crime and security, including terrorism, piracy, and other illegal activities. All information will be treated in strict confidence and will be passed on to relevant authorities for further action. The Anti-Piracy Helpline can be contacted 24 hours by telephone (603-3078-5763) or e-mail ([imbsecurity@icc-ccs.org](mailto:imbsecurity@icc-ccs.org)).

Vessels operating in the Voluntary Community Reporting Area (VCR) are strongly encouraged to report all cyber attack incidents and any interference on radio frequencies, radars, GPS, and AIS. For further information on the VCR, see **Pacific Ocean—Ship Reporting System**.

### Floating Hazards

Numerous floating logs, driftwood, roots of palm trees, and other flotsam which could be hazardous to navigation may be encountered off the coast of Sarawak and Sabah between Kepulauan Natuna (4°00'N., 108°00'E.) and Balabac Strait (7°30'N., 117°00'E.).

Floating islands composed of grass, small trees, and other debris may be encountered in the vicinity of Pulau-pulau Anambas (3°00'N., 106°00'E.).

### Hovercraft

Hovercraft may be encountered off the coast of Sabah.

### Maritime Areas of Common Concern

A cooperative agreement between Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines has established Maritime Areas of Common

Concern and associated ship reporting systems in the vicinity of the southern Sulu Sea, the Sulu Archipelago, and the northwestern Celebes Sea. Within this area multiple transit Corridors, established to mitigate the threat to shipping, have been established in these areas, including Basilan Strait, Moro Gulf, Alice Strait, and Sibutu Passage. For further information, see **Philippines—Routes** and **Philippines—Ship Reporting System**.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the Malaysian ringgit, consisting of 100 sen.

## Firing Areas

Most Malaysian firing and bombing practice areas are located off the W coast of Malaysia and are listed in Pub. 160, Sailing Directions (Planning Guide) South Atlantic Ocean and Indian Ocean.

The following areas are used for firing or various training purposes off the E coast of Peninsular Malaysia and off the N coast of East Malaysia.

1. **Penor**.—Air to surface firing area bound by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 3°42'N, 103°23'E.
- b. 3°39'N, 103°26'E.
- c. 3°36'N, 103°22'E.
- d. 3°39'N, 103°19'E.

2. **Pulau Aur**.—A gunnery practice target, consisting of a group of four mooring buoys, lies about 2.25 miles S of Pulau Aur (2°27'N., 104°31'E.).

3. **Sarawak**.—Helicopter Training Area between the parallels 1°45'N and 1°35'N, and the meridians 110°01'E and 110°11'E.

4. **Labuan**.—Helicopter Training Area between the parallels 5°15'N and 5°48'N, and the meridians 115°19'E and 115°41'E.

## Fishing Areas

All coastal areas off the E coast of Peninsular Malaysia as well as the open waters between Peninsular Malaysia and Borneo may be considered as potential fishing grounds. In coastal waters, fishing fleets may consist of three to 50 vessels, with net and line fishing conducted out to the 10m curve, with trawling conducted in deeper waters. Fishing vessels range from rowing/sailing vessels of 3m in length to power vessels up to 15m long and greater.

The Northeast Monsoon greatly reduces fishing activity from November until March.

For further information, see **Cautions—Fishing Devices**.

## Government

Malaysia is a federal parliamentary constitutional monarchy. The country is divided into 13 states and one federal territory with three components.

Malaysia is governed by a paramount ruler (King) elected by and from the hereditary rulers of the states for a 5-year term.



Flag of Malaysia

The Prime Minister is the leader of the party who wins a plurality in legislative elections for the House of Representatives. The Cabinet is appointed by the Prime Minister from among the members of the National Assembly, with the approval of the King. The bicameral Parliament consists of a 70-member Senate (44 appointed by the King and 26 appointed by the state legislatures), serving 3-year terms, and a 222-member directly-elected House of Representatives, serving 5-year terms.

The legal system is based on English common law, Islamic law, and customary law.

The capital is Kuala Lumpur.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day (not observed in Johore, Kedah, Kelantan, Perlis, and Trengganu)	January 1
Chinese New Year	Variable
Labor Day	May 1
Wesak Day	Variable
King's Birthday	First Saturday in June
Independence Day	August 31
Christmas Day	December 25

Islamic holidays, which are subject to the appearance of the moon, include Eid Al-Fitr (End of Ramadan), Eid Al-Adha (End of Pilgrimage), Hijrah (Islamic New Year), Ashoora, and the Prophet's Birthday.

In addition, numerous local holidays, which vary from port to port, are also observed.

## Industries

The main industries are, as follows:

1. Peninsular Malaysia—Rubber and oil-palm processing and manufacturing, petroleum and natural gas, light manufacturing industries, pharmaceuticals, medical technology, electronics and semi-conductors, and timber processing.
2. Sabah—Logging, petroleum production, and natural gas production.
3. Sarawak—Agricultural processing, petroleum produc-

tion, natural gas production, and logging.

The main exports are semi-conductors, integrated circuits, refined petroleum, liquefied natural gas, palm oil, and rubber apparel. The main export-trading partners are Singapore, China, the United States, Hong Kong, and Japan.

The main imports are integrated circuits, crude and refined petroleum, coal, and gold. The main import-trading partners are China, Singapore, the United States, Japan, Thailand, and Taiwan.

## Languages

Bahasa Malaysia is the official language. Tamil, Chinese, and tribal dialects are also widely used. English is used in commerce, government, and secondary education.

## Meteorology

Marine weather forecasts are available, in English and Malay, from the Malaysian Meteorological Department (<https://www.met.gov.my/en>).

## Mined Areas

For information on former mined areas in Balabac Strait, between the N coast of Sabah and the S extremity of Palawan, see **Philippines—Mined Areas**.

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volumes

Pub. 161, Sailing Directions (Enroute) South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand.

Pub. 174, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Strait of Malacca and Sumatera.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Malaysia are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	Depth of 200m or the Limit of Exploitation.
* Claims straight baselines. Prior authorization required for nuclear-powered vessels or vessels carrying nuclear material to enter the territorial sea.	

### Maritime Boundary Disputes

Involved in a complex dispute with China, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Vietnam over the Spratly Islands (8°38'N., 111°55'E.). The 2002-issued *Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea* has eased tensions but falls short of a legally-binding code of conduct desired by several of the disputants..

The International Court of Justice awarded sovereignty of Pedra Blanca (Pulau Batu Putih) (1°20'N., 104°24'E.) to

Singapore and Middle Rocks to Malaysia but did not rule on maritime regimes, boundaries, or the disposition of South Ledge.

### Internet Maritime Safety Information

Notice to Mariners are available from the Marine Departments of Malaysia (<https://www.marine.gov.my>).

## Offshore Drilling

Movable oil drilling rigs and production platforms may be encountered off the coasts of Malaysia and in open waters. Buoys associated with the drilling operations are frequently moored in the vicinity of these structures. The positions of these rigs and buoys are frequently changed and are generally promulgated by radio navigational warnings.

Major oil and gas fields lie off the NW coast of Sarawak between Tanjung Datu (2°05'N., 109°39'E.) and Tanjung Baram (4°36'N., 113°59'E.). West Lutong Oil Field, centered on position 4°30'N., 113°54'E, is the largest.

Major oil and gas fields lie off the NW coast of Sabah between Tanjong Toulak (5°25'N., 115°23'E.) and Pulau Kalamunian (7°03'N., 116°45'E.), about 128 miles NE.

Major oil fields, gas fields, and terminals are located off the E coast of peninsular Malaysia, as follows:

1. Belida Oil and Gas Field (4°09'N., 105°07'E.).
2. Tembang Gas Field (4°08'N., 105°23'E.).
3. Belanak Oil and Gas Field (4°09'N., 106°12'E.).
4. Udang Oil Field (4°02'N., 106°27'E.).
5. Kakap Natuna Oil Terminal (4°58'N., 106°02'E.).
6. Masa Field (4°37'N., 104°49'E.).
7. Sotong Field (4°52'N., 104°48'E.).
8. Duyong Gas Field (5°01'N., 105°15'E.).
9. Angsi Oil and Gas Field (5°13'N., 104°44'E.).
10. Anoa Marine Terminal (5°13'N., 105°35'E.).
11. Tapis Field (5°32'N., 105°02'E.) and the associated Seligi Field, Bekok Field, Guntong Field, and Irong Bara.
12. Cendor Oil Field (5°36'N., 104°35'E.).
13. Dulang Marine Terminal (5°50'N., 104°09'E.).
14. Penara and North Lukut Fields (6°13'N., 105°02'E.).
15. Bunga Oil and Gas Field (6°58'N., 104°11'E.).

## Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory for all major ports and offshore terminals in Peninsular Malaysia, Sarawak, and Sabah.

Pilots for minor ports can be arranged through Kuching, provided sufficient notice is given.

When a pilot is available and a vessel requires the services of a pilot, the standard flag and flashing light signals for requesting a pilot should be made.

A vessel arriving at night and not immediately requiring the services of a pilot, should display Flag G at daybreak. At night, vessels can signal the letter G in Morse code by flashing light.

Where the harbormaster acts as a pilot, prior notice should be given by the ship's agent.

## Pollution

Reports of pollution can be made to the Department of the Environment by telephone using the Hot Line (60-1-

800882727) or the Complaints Line (60-3-88891972).

**Department of the Environment Home Page**

<https://www.doe.gov.my/en/utama-english>

## Regulations

### General

It is reported (2008) that communications can be established between the offshore oil structures/rigs/platforms off Sabah and Sarawak and passing vessels on VHF channel 6 and 4400 KHZ.

Vessels transiting Sabah waters are required to fly their national flag or flag of registry during daylight hours.

### Marine Parks

Marine parks, established to protect and preserve the marine environment, surround a number of Malaysian islands. The park areas extend up to 2 miles from shore. Within these area, fishing, extractive operations, anchoring on coral reefs, and the disposal of any waste or pollutant is prohibited. Further information can be obtained from the Malaysian Department of Fisheries.

The marine parks are located, as follows:

1. Surrounding Pulau Satang Besar (1°47'N., 110°09'E.); Talang Talang Besar, 24 miles WNW of Pulau Satang Besar; and Talang Talang Kechil, 1 mile SSW of Talang Talang Besar.

2. In the NW part of Brunei Bay, surrounding Pulau Keraman (5°14'N., 115°08'E.), Pulau Rusukan Kechil, and Pulau Rusukan Besar.

3. Off the E coast of Johor, from Pulau Sibul (2°13'N, 104°05'E.) extending about 35 miles N to Pulau Tioman (2°47'N., 104°10'E.) and including Pulau Sibul Tengah, Pulau Sibul Hujung, Pulau Tinggi, Pulau Mentigi, Pulau Aur, Pulau Babi Besar, Pulau Babi Hujung, Pulau Rawa, Pulau Mensirip, Pulau Gual, Pulau Harimau, Pulau Pemanggil, Pulau Jahat, Pulau Tokong Bahara, Pulau Seri Buat, Pulau Sembilang, Pulau Tioman, Pulau Labas, Pulau Sepoi, and Pulau Tulai.

4. Off the E coast of Johor between latitude 4°45'N and latitude 6°00'N and including Pulau Tenggul, Pulau Nyirih, Pulau Kapas, Pulau Pinang, Pulau Ekor Tibu, Pulau Yu Kecil, Pulau Yu Besar, Pulau Redang, Pulau Limau, Pulau Perhentian Besar, Pulau Perhentian Kecil, and Pulau Susu Dara.

5. Northwest of Sabah—Tabul Abdul Rahman (consisting of Pulau Sulug, Pulau Mamutik, Pulau Manukan; Pulau Sinjataan, and Pulau Gaya) and Pulau Tiga (consisting of Pulau Tiga and Delvar Shoals).

### National Heritage Zones

Areas designated as National Heritage Zones are protected from unauthorized interference. Local authorities should be contacted for further information.

A National Heritage Zone of the NW coast of Brunei surrounds the offshore islands of Pulau Keraman (5°13'N., 115°08'E), Pulau Rusukan Kecil, and Pulau Rusukan Besar, as well as the E and S coasts of Pulau Labuan.

### Search and Rescue

The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (Malaysia Coast Guard) is responsible for coordinating search and rescue operations.

A network of Maritime Rescue Coordination Centers (MRCC) and Maritime Rescue Subcenters (MRSC) monitors VHF, MF DSC, 2182 kHz, and VHF channel 16 for distress traffic. Contact information can be found in the table titled **Malaysia—MRCC/MRSC Contact Information**.

### Ship Reporting System

#### Sulu Archipelago Transit Corridor—Indonesia, Malaysia, and Philippines Area of Concern Ship Reporting System

The prevailing security situation (2017) in the vicinity of Sabah (Malaysia), the Pangutaran Group (Philippines), and the Sulu Archipelago (Philippines) has required the establishment of a Ship Reporting System in conjunction with the Sulu Archipelago Transit Corridor. For further information, see **Philippines—Ship Reporting System**.

#### Malaysia—MRCC/MRSC Contact Information

Station	Telephone	Facsimile	E-mail
Malaysian Maritime Communication Center (MMCC)	60-3-31670530	60-3-31664332	<a href="mailto:mmcc@marine.gov.my">mmcc@marine.gov.my</a>
MRCC Putrajaya	60-3-89413140	60-3-89413129	<a href="mailto:mrccputrajaya@mmea.gov.my">mrccputrajaya@mmea.gov.my</a>
<b>Peninsular Malaysia</b>			
MRSC Langkawi	60-4-9665307	60-4-9662768	<a href="mailto:mrsclangkawi@mmea.gov.my">mrsclangkawi@mmea.gov.my</a>
MRSC Kuantan	60-9-5717345	60-9-5738476	<a href="mailto:mrsckuantan@mmea.gov.my">mrsckuantan@mmea.gov.my</a>
MRSC Johor Bahru	60-7-2219231	60-7-2279285	<a href="mailto:mrscejohorbahru@mmea.gov.my">mrscejohorbahru@mmea.gov.my</a>
<b>Sabah and Sarawak</b>			
MRSC Kota Kinabalu (Sabah)	60-88-387774	60-88-387444	<a href="mailto:mrsckotakinabalu@mmea.gov.my">mrsckotakinabalu@mmea.gov.my</a>
MRSC Kuching (Sarawak)	60-82-432544	60-82-432554	<a href="mailto:mrsckuching@mmea.gov.my">mrsckuching@mmea.gov.my</a>

Malaysia—Port Signals		
Day signals	Night signals	Meaning
A red flag	—	When displayed by a port service craft or buoy tender—Indicates buoying, sweeping, or a diver down. Other vessels must keep well clear and reduce speed to dead slow when passing.
A red flag at both main yardarms	A red light at both main yardarms	When shown on a dredge—Indicates to keep well clear on either side.
A black ball on one main yardarm and a red flag on the opposite main yardarm	A white light on one main yardarm and a red light on the opposite main yardarm	When shown on a dredge—Indicates to not pass on the side of the red flag or red light.
<p><b>Note.</b>—All lights, shapes, and signals required by the Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea, and all the flags and meanings of the International Code of Signals will be recognized within the port limits with the above modifications and additions.</p>		

### Information Fusion Center Voluntary Reporting Area

Malaysia is located within the area covered by the Information Fusion Center Voluntary Reporting Area. For further information, see **Pacific Ocean—Ship Reporting System**.

## Signals

### General

Signals used within the limits of ports in Malaysia are given in the accompanying table titled **Malaysia—Port Signals**.

### Diving Operations

A vessel attending underwater swimmers or divers will display the following signals as a warning to proceed at reduced speed in the vicinity:

1. By day—A red flag with a white diagonal cross.
2. At night—A red light waved slowly from side to side.

### Ammunition and Explosives

Vessels employed in dumping ammunition and other explosives at sea display the following signals:

1. By day—A red flag at a height of not less than 3.6m above the upper deck.
2. At night—A red flag at a height of not less than 3.6m above the upper deck.

These vessels should be given a wide berth.

Tide signals are shown in some ports of Sabah, as follows:

1. A black cone, point down, indicates a flood stream.
2. A black cone, point up, indicates an ebb stream.

3. A black ball indicates slack water.

### Tide and Berthing Signals

Berthing signals, shown at some ports in Sabah, indicate assigned berths by flags and pennants.

Mariners should consult Pub. 163, Sailing Directions (En-route) Borneo, Java, Sulawesi and Nusa Tenggara for further signal details.

## Submarine Operating Areas

Three designated submarine exercise areas have been established off the E coast of Malaysia and off the NW coast of Sabah and Sarawak. The boundaries of these areas are shown in the chartlets titled **Malaysia Submarine Exercise Areas—East** and **Malaysia Submarine Exercise Area—West**.

To ensure the safety of submarine operations, vessels are required to notify the Malaysian National Security Council and the Submarine Control Center at least 7 days prior to conducting any of the following activities in the Malaysia Submarine Exercise Areas:

1. Weapons firings, including from aircraft.
2. Towed appliances, such as Variable Depth Sonars, etc.
3. Any activity involving mines.
4. Submersible operations, including remotely-operated vehicles and divers.
5. Deep sea drilling and oil/gas operations.
6. Any type of survey.
7. Any other activity that may jeopardize the safety of submarines.

Malaysia Submarine Exercise Areas—Contact Information		
	Malaysian National Security Council	Submarine Control Center
Address	Level 2, West Block Perdana Putra Building Federal Government Administrative Center 62502 Putrajaya Malaysia	Kota Kinabalu Naval Base Sepangar Bay 88846 Kota Kinabalu Sabah Malaysia
Telephone	603-88726846 603-88882010	6088-473390 6088-478002 6088-478010

Malaysia Submarine Exercise Areas—Contact Information		
	Malaysian National Security Council	Submarine Control Center
Facsimile	603-88883091 603-88883022	6088-473514
E-mail	<a href="mailto:bkkm@mkn.gov.my">bkkm@mkn.gov.my</a> <a href="mailto:bppon@mkn.gov.my">bppon@mkn.gov.my</a>	<a href="mailto:pkkstldm@navy.mil.my">pkkstldm@navy.mil.my</a>

Malaysia has stated it will not be responsible for damage to or loss of vessels, equipment, and life caused by the failure to notify the appropriate Malaysian authorities prior to conducting the indicated operations. See the table titled **Malaysia Submarine Exercise Areas—Contact Information** for further information.

### Time Zone

The Time Zone description is HOTEL (-8). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

### Traffic Separation Schemes

Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) in Malaysia are, as follows:

1. **Sarawak**—Approaches to Bintulu Port. (Government of Malaysia)
2. **Strait of Malacca**
  - a. At One Fathom Bank (Permatang Sedepa). (IMO adopted)
  - b. Port Klang (Pelabuhan Klang) to Port Dickson. (IMO adopted)
  - c. Port Dickson to Tanjung Keling. (IMO adopted)
  - d. Melaka to Iyu Kecil. (IMO adopted)

Information on Traffic Separation Schemes off Malaysia which affect traffic using the Strait of Malacca can be found in

Singapore—Traffic Separation Schemes in Pub. 160, Sailing Directions (Planing Guide) South Atlantic Ocean and Indian Ocean.

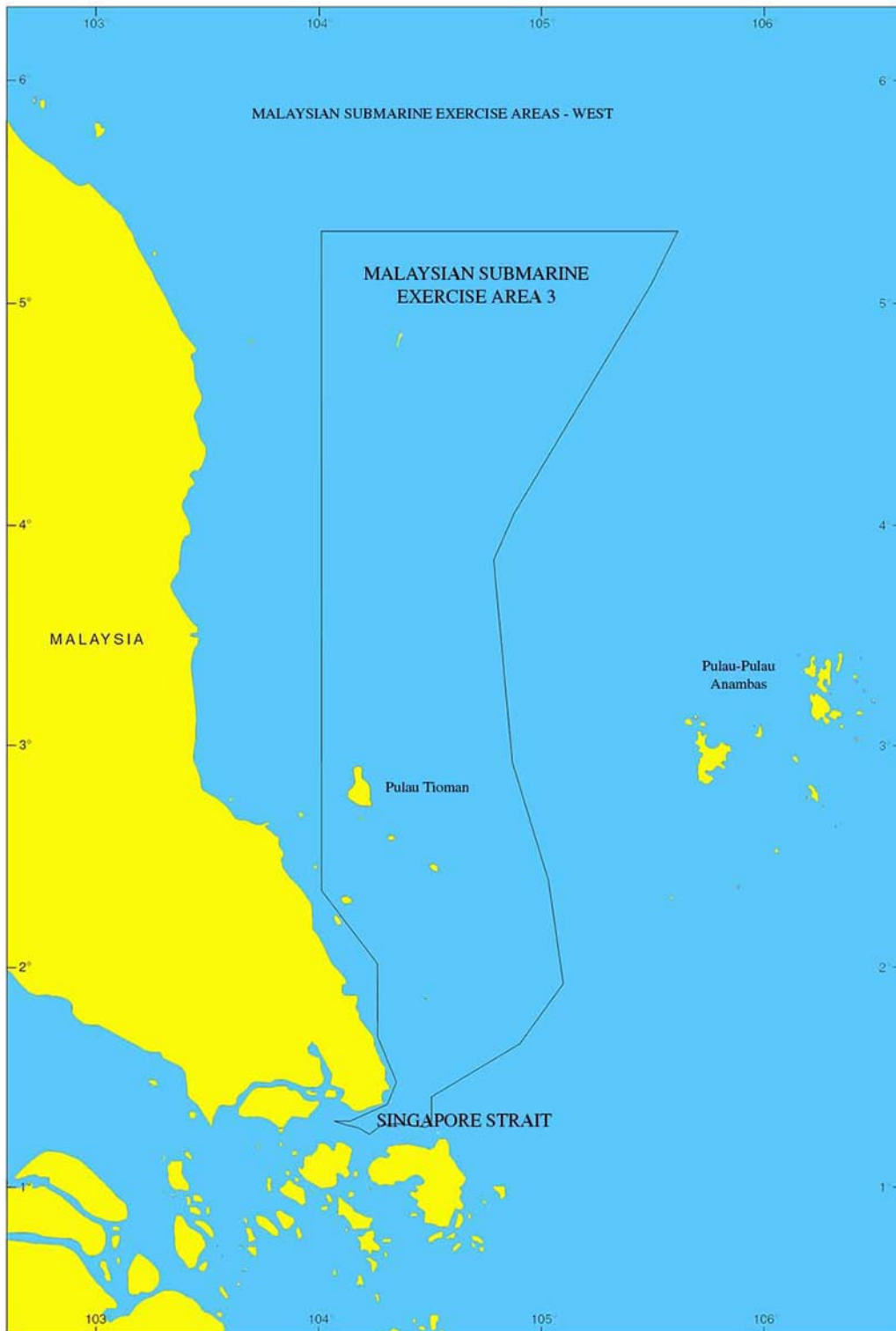
### U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is situated at 376 Jalan Tun Razak, 50400 Kuala Lumpur.

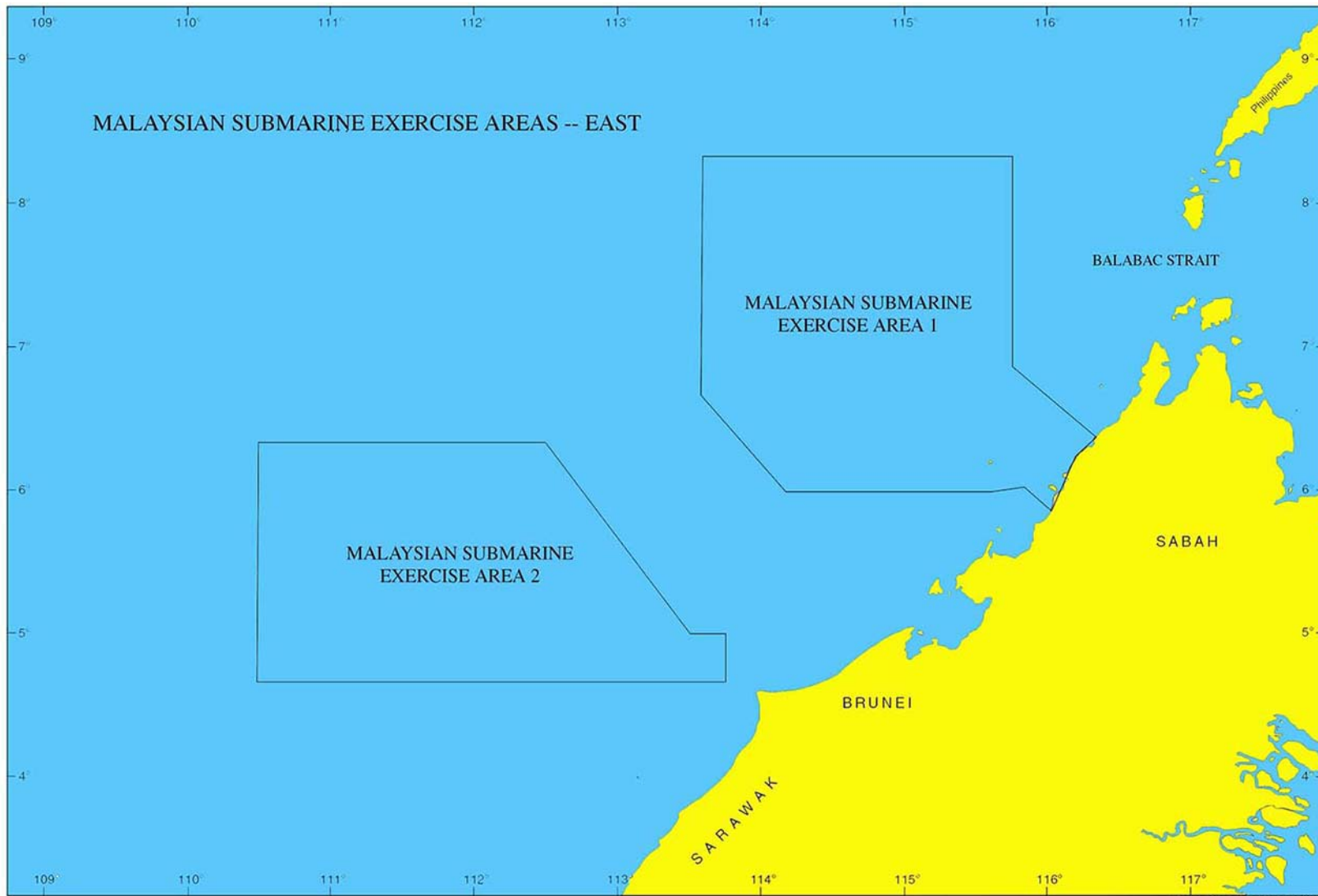
U. S. Embassy Malaysia—Contact Information	
Mailing address	4210 Kuala Lumpur Place
	Washington DC (20521-4210)
Telephone	60-2168-5000
Facsimile	60-2142-2207
E-mail	<a href="mailto:KLACS@state.gov">KLACS@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://my.usembassy.gov">https://my.usembassy.gov</a>

### Vessel Traffic Service

A Vessel Traffic Service is in operation in Bintulu Port (3°16'N., 113°03'E.), on Sarawak. See Pub. 163, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Borneo, Jawa, Sulawesi, and Nusa Tenggara for further information.



Malaysia Submarine Exercise Area—West



Malaysia Submarine Exercise Areas—East





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## General

The Marshall Islands, formerly part of the United States Trust Territory of the Pacific, consist of two parallel chains of coral atolls and reefs which lie in the North Pacific Ocean be-

tween 5°N and 15°N, and 162°E and 173°E. The chains are about 130 miles apart running generally NW to SE for some 800 miles.

The E chain is named the Ratak Chain (Sunrise Chain); the W chain is named the Ralik Chain (Sunset Chain).

The Marshall Islands archipelago consist of 31 coral atolls, 5 single islands, and numerous reefs of low coral formations with a combined land area of only about 68 square miles.

There are no high islands in the entire group. Most of the 28 island units are atolls with large lagoons and a varying number of encircling islets. The chief island is Jaluit.

The climate is hot and humid with the wet season from May to November. The islands border the typhoon belt.

The terrain is composed of low coral limestone and sand islands.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

## Cautions

Due to the effects of numerous nuclear experiments, radioactivity levels were higher than safe levels at the following atolls:

1. Utirik (11°16'N., 169°48'E.).
2. Rongerik (11°20'N., 167°27'E.).
3. Rongelap (11°19'N., 166°50'E.).
4. Ailinginae (11°09'N., 166°25'E.).
5. Bikini (11°36'N., 165°23'E.).
6. Enewetak (11°30'N., 162°15'E.).

Recent information (2006) indicated that this hazard now applies only to Rongerik.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the United States dollar, consisting of 100 cents.

## Firing Areas

Missile testing occurs in the waters within a circular area with a radius of 200 miles, centered on position 8°43'N, 167°43'E. Intermittent hazardous missile operations will be conducted within the area on a permanent basis. Voice warnings are issued by Range Command Center 24 hours prior to operations on 2716 kHz. The Range Safety Office can be contacted by telephone (1-256-955-2986 or 1-256-955-2987) for further information.

## Government



Flag of the Marshall Islands

The Republic of the Marshall Islands is a mixed presidential parliamentary system in free association with the United States. The country is divided into 24 municipalities.

The Marshall Islands is governed by a President elected by the Parliament to a 4-year term. The President selects the Cabinet from members of the Parliament. The unicameral Parliament consists of the Nitijela, 33 directly-elected members serving 4-year terms. The 12-member appointed Council of Iroij (Council of Chiefs), who serve 1-year terms, consults and advises the government on matters affecting customary law and practice.

The legal system is based on U.S./English common law, customary law, and local statutes.

The capital is Majuro.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Day after New Year's	January 2
Memorial Day	March 1
Good Friday	Variable
Constitution Day	May 1
Fisherman's Day	July 6
Dri-Jerbal Day	September 7
Manit Day	September 29
President's Day	November 16
Gospel Day (Komolol Day)	December 7
Christmas Day	December 25

## Industries

The main industries are copra; tuna processing; tourism; and craft items from shell, wood, and pearls.

The main exports are ships, recreational boats, broadcast equipment, refined petroleum, and fish. The main export-trading partners are Poland, Denmark, South Korea, Indonesia, and Cyprus.

The main imports are ships, refined petroleum, centrifuges, recreational boats, and boat propellers. The main import-trading partners are South Korea, China, and Japan.

## Languages

Marshallese is the official language.

## Mined Areas

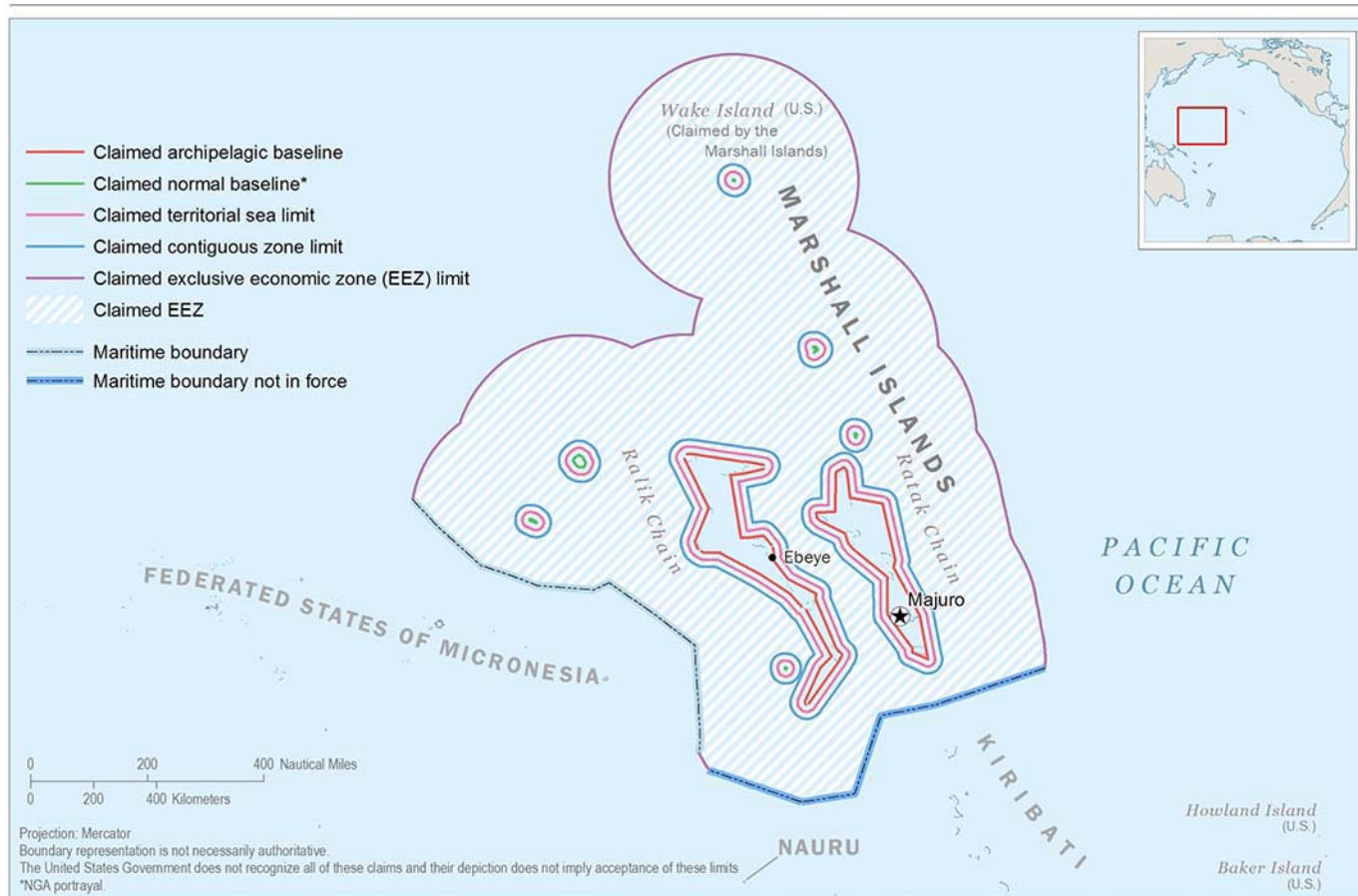
Within Mili Atoll, the following passages on the N side of the atoll have been swept magnetically:

1. Tokowa Channel (6°14'N., 171°48'E.).
2. Reiher Pass (6°15'N., 171°54'E.).
3. Acharan Passage (6°14'N., 171°57'E.).
4. Bue Passage (6°13'N., 171°58'E.).
5. Ennanlik Passage (6°12'N., 172°00'E.).
6. North East Passage (6°11'N., 172°05'E.).

Swept channels 0.3 mile wide extend from Tokowa Channel and from Acharan Passage to the Mili Island Anchorage.

Proceeding into Wotje Atoll, swept channels have been established, as follows:

1. Meichen Channel.—Bounded by lines joining the following positions:
  - a. 9°22'52.2"N, 170°04'04.8"E.
  - b. 9°23'01.8"N, 170°03'16.8"E.
  - c. 9°24'52.2"N, 170°02'46.2"E.



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- d. 9°25'27.8"N, 170°07'43.8"E.
  - e. 9°23'19.8"N, 170°04'25.8"E.
  - f. 9°23'45.0"N, 170°04'07.2"E.
  - g. 9°24'42.0"N, 170°04'16.8"E.
  - h. 9°25'00.0"N, 170°07'13.2"E.
2. Shishmarev Channel.—Bounded by lines joining the following positions:
- a. 9°23'45.0"N, 170°06'12.0"E.
  - b. 9°24'27.0"N, 170°06'34.8"E.
  - c. 9°28'22.2"N, 170°10'40.2"E.
  - d. 9°28'43.2"N, 170°13'34.8"E, then along the 5m curve to
  - e. 9°26'30.0"N, 170°14'07.2"E.
  - f. 9°26'28.8"N, 170°11'19.2"E.
  - g. 9°27'42.0"N, 170°10'43.8"E.
  - h. 9°23'55.2"N, 170°06'43.8"E.
3. Rurick Strait to Kaben Island and Goat Island.—Bounded by lines joining the following positions:
- a. 9°27'52.2"N, 169°49'30.0"E, then along the 5m curve to
  - b. 9°29'27.0"N, 169°48'52.2"E.
  - c. 9°29'58.8"N, 169°50'12.0"E.
  - d. 9°31'46.8"N, 169°50'31.2"E then along the 5m curve to
  - e. 9°31'28.2"N, 169°52'45.0"E.
  - f. 9°28'31.8"N, 169°51'22.2"E.
  - g. 9°27'21.0"N, 169°52'16.8"E.
  - h. 9°26'10.2"N, 169°50'58.2"E, then along the 5m curve to
  - i. 9°27'43.8"N, 169°49'48.0"E.
- Within the above areas ships should not anchor and submarines should not bottom due to the possible danger of detonating inactive mines.

**Navigational Information**

**Enroute Volume**

Pub. 126, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Pacific Islands.

**Maritime Claims**

The maritime territorial claims of the Marshall Islands are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles. **
Contiguous Zone	24 miles. **

Maritime Limit	Extent
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles. **
* Claims archipelagic status.	
** Defined by coordinates.	

For further information, see the graphic titled **Marshall Islands—Maritime Claims**.

**Maritime Boundary Disputes**

Claims U.S. territory of Wake Island (19°17'N., 166°36'E.).

**Pilotage**

Pilotage is compulsory at Majuro (7°05'N., 171°23'E.).

**Regulations**

**Special Provisions**

Authorization is required for entry into islands in Kwajalein Atoll under military jurisdiction. Kwajalein Atoll is subject to local control by the Department of the Army. Information on entry requirements for Kwajalein Atoll can be found in Pub. 126, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Pacific Islands.

**Advisory Instructions**

Kwajalein Test Site will coordinate safe passage for surface shipping through the area. All ships are should contact Kwajalein Control before entering an area with a radius of 200 miles from Kwajalein Atoll. Warnings of unauthorized entry into this

area are broadcast on 2716 kHz.

**Search and Rescue**

Search and rescue operations are coordinated at Majuro and by the Maritime Rescue Coordination Center (MRCC) Honolulu.

Majuro Coast Radio Station (KUP65) maintains a continuous listening watch on 2182 kHz for distress traffic.

**Time Zone**

The Time Zone description is MIKE (-12), including Ebon Atoll. Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

**U.S. Embassy**

The U.S. Embassy for the Marshall Islands is situated at Oceanside, Mejen Weto, Long Island, Majuro.

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Web site	<a href="https://mh.usembassy.gov">https://mh.usembassy.gov</a>



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## General

Mexico is located in Central America and borders the United States to the N and Belize and Guatemala to the S. The Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico are the bodies of water to its E

and the North Pacific Ocean lies to its W.

Mexico, with an area of 758,062 square miles, including the peninsula of Baja California, comprises one of the richest and most varied zones in the world. Its lengthy coastline measures 4,500 miles on the Pacific Coast.

The climate in the N is arid to semiarid and this section of the country tends to experience extremes in temperature. The S portion of Mexico and the Yucatan Peninsula are tropical climates and are generally humid.

The terrain is high, rugged mountains, low coastal plains, with high plateaus, and desert.

## Areas to be Avoided

Three IMO-adopted Areas to be Avoided have been established in the approaches to Salina Cruz. Each area is a circle with a radius of 400m centered on the following positions:

- a. 16°08'37.8"N, 95°12'56.4"W.
- b. 16°08'24.6"N, 95°13'45.0"W.
- c. 16°07'06.6"N, 95°13'16.8"W.

Vessels not carrying out operations at the SPMs or the oil terminal are prohibited from entering these areas.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region B) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

Many lights have been reported as extinguished, damaged, destroyed, irregular, or unreliable.

## Cautions

### Discolored Water

Extensive patches of red-colored water exist in the Gulf of California. The vermilion patches at the mouth of the gulf are caused by the presence of countless numbers of organisms suspended some distance below the surface of the water. The brick-colored and corrosive waters of some portions of the upper gulf are thought to be caused by the presence of large numbers of organisms floating on the surface of the water, giving it a milky red color.

### Kelp

Kelp grows on nearly every danger with a rocky bottom off the N part of the W coast of Baja California. It can be seen on the surface of the water during summer and autumn months. During winter and spring months it cannot always be seen, especially when exposed to a heavy sea.

### Magnetic Anomalies

A local magnetic anomaly, which increases the normal magnetic variation by  $24^\circ$ , lies close to the E coast of Isla Cedros, about 2.75 miles N of Puerto Morro Redondo ( $28^\circ 03'N$ ,  $115^\circ 11'W$ ).

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the Mexican peso, consisting of 100 centavos.

## Firing Areas

**South of Isla de Guadalupe**—Bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a.  $28^\circ 46'N$ ,  $118^\circ 22'W$ .
- b.  $28^\circ 46'N$ ,  $118^\circ 12'W$ .
- c.  $28^\circ 40'N$ ,  $118^\circ 12'W$ .
- d.  $28^\circ 40'N$ ,  $118^\circ 22'W$ .

**Northeast of Guaymas**—Bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a.  $28^\circ 10.0'N$ ,  $111^\circ 48.5'W$ .
- b.  $28^\circ 16.0'N$ ,  $111^\circ 39.0'W$ .
- c.  $28^\circ 08.0'N$ ,  $111^\circ 32.0'W$ .
- d.  $28^\circ 02.0'N$ ,  $111^\circ 42.0'W$ .

**South of Isla Maria Cleofas**—Bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a.  $21^\circ 04'N$ ,  $106^\circ 09'W$ .
- b.  $21^\circ 14'N$ ,  $106^\circ 09'W$ .
- c.  $21^\circ 14'N$ ,  $106^\circ 23'W$ .
- d.  $21^\circ 04'N$ ,  $106^\circ 23'W$ .

The following areas may occasionally be activated for firing exercises:

1. **South of Punta San Jose**.—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:
  - a.  $31^\circ 10.0'N$ ,  $116^\circ 40.0'W$ .

- b.  $31^\circ 10.0'N$ ,  $116^\circ 30.0'W$ .
- c.  $31^\circ 00.0'N$ ,  $116^\circ 30.0'W$ .
- d.  $31^\circ 00.0'N$ ,  $116^\circ 40.0'W$ .

2. **Gulf of California S of Puerto Penasco**.—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a.  $30^\circ 10.0'N$ ,  $113^\circ 42.0'W$ .
- b.  $31^\circ 10.0'N$ ,  $113^\circ 42.0'W$ .
- c.  $31^\circ 00.0'N$ ,  $113^\circ 31.0'W$ .
- d.  $30^\circ 00.0'N$ ,  $113^\circ 31.0'W$ .

3. **Gulf of California E of Bahia Santa Inez**.—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a.  $26^\circ 50.0'N$ ,  $111^\circ 11.0'W$ .
- b.  $27^\circ 00.0'N$ ,  $111^\circ 11.0'W$ .
- c.  $27^\circ 00.0'N$ ,  $111^\circ 00.0'W$ .
- d.  $26^\circ 50.0'N$ ,  $111^\circ 00.0'W$ .

4. **Gulf of California SE of Isla Santa Catalina**.—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a.  $25^\circ 34.0'N$ ,  $110^\circ 41.5'W$ .
- b.  $25^\circ 34.0'N$ ,  $110^\circ 30.0'W$ .
- c.  $25^\circ 25.5'N$ ,  $110^\circ 30.0'W$ .
- d.  $25^\circ 25.5'N$ ,  $110^\circ 41.5'W$ .

5. **Northwest of Islas Tres Marias**.—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a.  $22^\circ 12.0'N$ ,  $107^\circ 12.0'W$ .
- b.  $22^\circ 02.0'N$ ,  $107^\circ 12.0'W$ .
- c.  $22^\circ 02.0'N$ ,  $107^\circ 00.0'W$ .
- d.  $22^\circ 12.0'N$ ,  $107^\circ 00.0'W$ .

6. **Southwest of Manzanillo**.—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a.  $18^\circ 25.0'N$ ,  $104^\circ 50.0'W$ .
- b.  $18^\circ 25.0'N$ ,  $104^\circ 50.0'W$ .
- c.  $18^\circ 15.0'N$ ,  $104^\circ 30.0'W$ .
- d.  $18^\circ 15.0'N$ ,  $104^\circ 30.0'W$ .

7. **Southwest of Lazaro Cardenas**.—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a.  $17^\circ 00.0'N$ ,  $102^\circ 45.0'W$ .
- b.  $17^\circ 08.0'N$ ,  $102^\circ 45.0'W$ .
- c.  $17^\circ 08.0'N$ ,  $102^\circ 30.0'W$ .
- d.  $17^\circ 00.0'N$ ,  $102^\circ 30.0'W$ .

8. **Southeast of Acapulco**.—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a.  $16^\circ 28.7'N$ ,  $100^\circ 11.0'W$ .
- b.  $16^\circ 20.7'N$ ,  $99^\circ 51.7'W$ .
- c.  $16^\circ 06.9'N$ ,  $99^\circ 57.7'W$ .
- d.  $16^\circ 15.9'N$ ,  $100^\circ 16.5'W$ .

9. **South of Santa Cruz Huatuca**.—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a.  $15^\circ 25.0'N$ ,  $96^\circ 10.0'W$ .
- b.  $15^\circ 25.0'N$ ,  $95^\circ 55.0'W$ .
- c.  $15^\circ 15.0'N$ ,  $95^\circ 55.0'W$ .
- d.  $15^\circ 15.0'N$ ,  $96^\circ 10.0'W$ .

10. **East of Santa Cruz Huatuca**.—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a.  $15^\circ 42.0'N$ ,  $95^\circ 33.0'W$ .
- b.  $15^\circ 37.0'N$ ,  $95^\circ 48.0'W$ .
- c.  $15^\circ 27.0'N$ ,  $95^\circ 44.5'W$ .
- d.  $15^\circ 32.0'N$ ,  $95^\circ 30.5'W$ .

11. **East of Puerto Chiapas**.—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a.  $14^\circ 40.0'N$ ,  $93^\circ 07.0'W$ .
- b.  $14^\circ 45.0'N$ ,  $93^\circ 00.0'W$ .

c. 14°38.0'N, 92°50.0'W.

d. 14°33.0'N, 92°57.0'W.

Vessels are advised to navigate with caution in these areas and to contact local port authorities for details of when the exercises are to take place.

## Government



**Flag of Mexico**

Mexico is a federal presidential republic. The country is divided into 32 states.

Mexico is governed by a directly-elected President serving a non-renewable 6-year term. The Cabinet is appointed by the President. The bicameral National Congress consists of a 128-member Senate, 96 of which are directly elected and 32 elected under a system of proportional representation, serving 6-year terms, and a 500-member Chamber of Deputies, 300 of which are directly elected from single-member districts and 200 elected under a system of proportional representation, serving 3-year terms.

The legal system is based on a mixture of U.S. constitutional theory and civil law.

The capital is Mexico City.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Constitution Day	February 5 *
Benito Juarez's Birthday	March 21 *
Holy Thursday	Variable
Good Friday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
Labor Day	May 1
Battle of Pueblo (Cinco de Mayo)	May 5
Mother's Day	May 10
State of the Nation Address	September 1
Independence Day	September 16

Holiday	Date(s)
Columbus Day (Dia de la Raza)	October 12
All Souls' Day	November 2
Revolution Day	November 20 *
Virgin of Guadalupe Day	December 12
Christmas Day	December 25
* In accordance with Mexican law, these holidays always observed on Monday.	

## Industries

The main industries are tourism, tobacco, food and beverage production, iron and steel, petroleum, textiles, clothing, chemicals, mining, consumer durables, and motor vehicles.

The main exports are vehicles, auto parts, computers, crude petroleum, video displays, and insulated wiring. The main export-trading partner is the United States.

The main imports are integrated circuits, refined petroleum, vehicles and vehicle parts, office machinery and parts, and telephones. The main import-trading partners are the United States and China.

## Languages

Spanish is the official language, but many dialects of Mayan are spoken.

## Meteorology

Marine weather warnings for the Pacific and Atlantic coasts are available, in Spanish, from the Mexican National Meteorological Service (<https://smn.conagua.gob.mx/es>).

General maritime synopsis and the outlook for the Pacific and Caribbean coasts, along with marine forecasts for the next 24 hours, 48 hours, and 72 hours are available, in Spanish, from the Directorate of Meteorology (<https://meteorologia.semar.gob.mx>).

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volumes

Pub. 148, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Caribbean Sea Volume 2.

Pub. 153, Sailing Directions (Enroute) West Coasts of Mexico and Central America.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Mexico are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles. **
Contiguous Zone	24 miles. **
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles. **

Maritime Limit	Extent
Continental Shelf	200 miles or the Continental Margin.
* Claims straight baselines. No more than three foreign warships will be authorized in Mexican ports on each coast at the same time; no more than one will be in any given port. Port calls by more than one training vessel can be authorized only if permission is requested 3 months in advance. Nuclear-powered and nuclear-armed ships are not allowed to enter Mexican territorial waters or dock in Mexican ports.	
** To median lines or boundaries.	

### Internet Maritime Safety Information

Notice to Mariners are available, in Spanish, from the Mexican Hydrographic Office (<http://digaohm.semar.gob.mx/hidrografia/avisosalosmarinos.html>).

Local Navigation Warnings, principal port meteorological conditions, and operational status are available, in Spanish, from the Department of Ports and Maritime Affairs (<https://www.gob.mx/semar/unicapam/acciones-y-programas/seguridad-maritima-140390>).

### Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory for all vessels of 500 tons or more entering or departing a port in Mexico.

### Regulations

#### General

The vessel's ETA should be given with as much notice as possible. The ETD should be given at least 6 hours before sailing.

All vessels will be boarded on arrival by a Health Officer, the Port Captain, and a Customs Officer.

The maritime authorities require the following information upon arrival:

1. Last port clearance.
2. Passenger list (stamped with a visa by a Mexican Consulate or Embassy).
3. Crew list (stamped with a visa by a Mexican Consulate or Embassy).
4. Cargo manifest (stamped with a visa by a Mexican Consulate or Embassy).
5. Deck log book.
6. Customs manifest.

On departure, vessels must submit:

1. Request for clearance.
2. List of passengers embarked.
3. Crew list and Articles of Agreement.
4. Stores list.

#### Marine Protected Areas

Extensive coastal areas, including many offshore islands and sea areas, lie within protected areas. These areas include national parts, marine reserves, nature reserves, ecological reserves, and Environmentally Sensitive Sea Areas (ESSA). Many islands and coastal areas within the Golfo de California

are included in the UNESCO Islands and Protected Areas of the Gulf of California World Heritage Site. These areas are located, as follows:

1. Islas Revillagigedo.
2. Rocas Alijos.
3. Isla de Guadalupe.
4. Cabo Pulmo National Park.
5. Bahia San Lucas.
6. Bahia Frailes
7. Isla Jacques Cousteau (Isla Cerralvo).
8. Isla de Espiritu Santo and Isla Partida.
9. The coastal waters from Punta Candeleros to Isla Coronados.
10. Isla San Pedro Martir.
11. Isla Angel de la Guarda and Puerto Refugia.
12. Canal Salsipuedes and Canal de Ballenas.
13. Extensive areas of the W coast of Baja California.

The following activities may be restricted or prohibited in these areas:

1. Navigation or entry.
2. Anchoring.
3. Fishing or trawling.
4. Diving.
5. Collecting or disturbing the flora and fauna, both on land and in the water.
6. Discharge of dumping of hydrocarbons, oil derivatives, or refuse.
7. Construction and industrial or mineral exploration or development.

### Search and Rescue

The Mexican Navy is responsible for coordinating search and rescue operations within the Exclusive Economic Zone of Mexico in the Pacific Ocean. The Maritime Rescue Coordination Center (MRCC) Mazatlan, which is the Regional Control Center covering this area.

Four Maritime Rescue Coordination Centers (MRCC) are located in the Regional Control Center coverage area.

The following coast radio stations maintain a continuous listening watch on international distress frequencies:

1. Ensenada (XFE).
2. La Paz (XFK).
3. Guaymas (XFY).
4. Mazatlan (XFL).
5. Manzanillo (XFM).
6. Acapulco (XFA).
7. Salina Cruz (XFQ).

### Ship Reporting System

Clipperton Island, a French possession off the W coast of Mexico, is covered by the **SURNAV (French Polynesia and Clipperton Island) Ship Reporting System**. For further information, see **French Polynesia—Ship Reporting System**.

Mexico—Search and Rescue Contact Information	
MRCC Mazatlan	
Telephone	52-669-9852411



Mexico—Search and Rescue Contact Information	
Facsimile	52-669-9852428
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MRCC Ensenada	
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	52-646-1734748
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Facsimile	52-646-1773835
	52-646-1773935
E-mail	<a href="mailto:ensarenada@semar.gob.mx">ensarenada@semar.gob.mx</a>
MRCC Guaymas	
Telephone	52-622-2243830
	52-622-2222178
	52-622-2229588
	52-622-2226228
Facsimile	52-622-2243830
E-mail	<a href="mailto:m4@csi.sedemar.mil.mx">m4@csi.sedemar.mil.mx</a>
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	52-314-3320634
	52-314-3320367
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MRCC Acapulco	
Telephone	52-744-4847554
	52-744-4842766
	52-744-4844375
E-mail	<a href="mailto:m8@csi.sedemar.mil.mx">m8@csi.sedemar.mil.mx</a>

**Signals**

When bad weather is imminent and may affect port opera-

tions, the following signals are displayed from a flagstaff, painted in red and white bands, in the port:

1. Red square flag—Port closed due to bad weather.
2. Blue square flag—Port will be open only for the following 24 hours.
3. Yellow square flag—Port will be open only for the following 48 hours.

**Time Zone**

Mexico is covered by several time zones. Information is given in the table titled **Mexico—Time Zones**.

**Traffic Separation Schemes**

Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) on the W coast of Mexico are, as follows:

1. Approaches to Salina Cruz (IMO adopted).
2. Approaches to Manzanillo (Government of Mexico).
3. Approaches to Lazaro Cardenas (Government of Mexico).

**U.S. Embassy**

The U.S. Embassy is situated at Paseo de la Reforma 305, Colonia Cuauhtemoc, Mexico City.

U. S. Embassy Mexico—Contact Information	
Mailing address	8700 Mexico City Place
	Washington DC (20521-8700)
Telephone	11-52-55-5080-2000
Facsimile	11-52-55-5080-2005
E-mail	<a href="mailto:ACSMexicoCity@state.gov">ACSMexicoCity@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://mx.usembassy.gov">https://mx.usembassy.gov</a>

**Vessel Traffic Service**

A Maritime Traffic Control System is in operation in the Bay of Campeche (19°23'N., 92°27'W.). For further information, see Pub. 148, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Caribbean Sea, Volume 2.

Mexico—Time Zones			
Zone	Location	Standard Time	Daylight Savings Time
1	All states except Zones 1a, 1b, 2, and 3	SIERRA (+6)	Not observed.
1a	Ciudad Acuna, Matamoros, Nuevo Laredo, Piedras Negras, and Reynosa	SIERRA (+6)	ROMEO (+5) Maintained from the second Sunday in March until the first Sunday in November.
1b	Quintana Roo	ROMEO (+5)	Not observed.
2	Baja California Sur, Nayarit, Sinaloa, and Sonora	TANGO (+7)	Not observed.

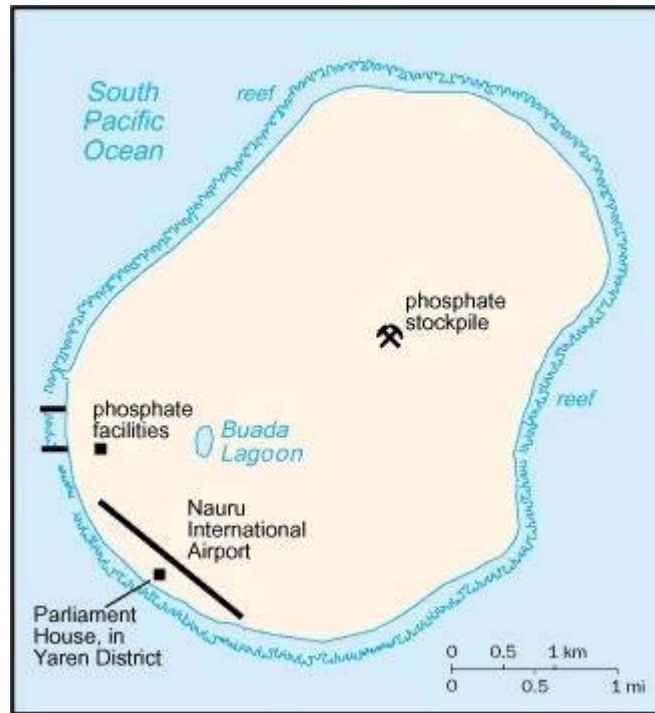
Mexico—Time Zones			
Zone	Location	Standard Time	Daylight Savings Time
3	Baja California Norte	UNIFORM (+8)	TANGO (+7) Maintained from the second Sunday in March until the first Sunday in November.

Vessel Traffic Services operate, as follows:

1. Ensenada (31°51'N., 116°37'W.). <sup>1</sup>
2. Manzanillo de Colima (19°04'N., 104°19'W.). <sup>1</sup>
3. Salina Cruz (16°10'N., 95°12'W.). <sup>1</sup>
4. Altamira (22°29'N., 97°52'W.). <sup>2</sup>
5. Lazaro Cardenas (17°56'N., 102°11'W.). <sup>2</sup>
6. Vera Cruz (19°12'N., 96°07'W.). <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For further information, see Pub. 153, Sailing Directions (Enroute) West Coasts of Mexico and Central America.

<sup>2</sup> For further information, see Pub. 148, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Caribbean Sea, Volume 2.



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## Cautions

Fish rafts and fish aggregating devices are moored in the waters surrounding Nauru, particularly within 4 miles of the S and E coasts of the island.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the Australian dollar, consisting of 100 cents.

## Government

## General

Nauru is located in the South Pacific Ocean at 0°32'S, 166°56'E, S of the Marshall Island. It is the smallest republic in the world, with a land area of 21 square kilometers.

Nauru is one of the three great phosphate islands in the Pacific. The other two are Banaba, in the Gilbert group, and Makatea, in French Polynesia.

The climate is tropical with monsoons. The rainy season is from November to February.

The terrain consists of a sandy beach rising to a fertile ring around a coral reef with a phosphate plateau in the center.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.



**Flag of Nauru**

Nauru is a parliamentary republic within the British Commonwealth. The country is divided into 14 districts.

Nauru is governed by a President elected by the Parliament from among its own members for a 3-year term corresponding to that of Parliament. The Cabinet is appointed by the President. The unicameral Parliament consists of 19 directly-elected members serving 3-year terms.

The legal system is based on British common law and acts of

the Parliament of Nauru.

Nauru has no capital city as such. Parliament House and other government offices are in Yaren District, on the ocean and opposite the airport.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Independence Day	January 31
Good Friday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
Easter Monday	Variable
Constitution Day	May 17
Angam Day	October 26
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26

## Industries

The main industries are phosphate mining, offshore banking, and coconut products.

The main exports are fish, phosphates, low-voltage protection equipment, and vehicles. The main export-trading partners are Thailand, Saudi Arabia, the Philippines, South Korea, and India.

The main imports are refined petroleum, construction vehicles, tug boats, and cigarettes. The main import-trading partners are Australia, Taiwan, China, Japan, and Nigeria.

## Languages

Nauruan is the official language. English is widely spoken and used for most government and commercial purposes.

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

Pub. 126, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Pacific Islands.

## Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Nauru are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone *	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone *	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	Claims 200-mile archipelagic status.
* To defined limits.	

## Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory for all vessels.

## Regulations

### Pre-arrival Quarantine Reporting

Radio pratique should be requested 72 hours prior to ETA. The message should be sent to the Port Health Authority, stating the following information:

1. Number and health of the crew.
2. Ports of call within the last 50 days, including the dates of departure.
3. Request for pratique.

## Time Zone

The Time Zone description is MIKE (-12). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

## U.S. Embassy

The U.S. ambassador to Fiji is accredited to Nauru. The U.S. Embassy in Fiji is situated at 158 Princes Road, Tamavua.

U. S. Embassy Fiji—Contact Information	
Mailing address	4290 Suva Place
	Washington DC (20521-4290)
Telephone	679-331-4466
Facsimile	679-330-2267
E-mail	<a href="mailto:SuvaACS@state.gov">SuvaACS@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://fj.usembassy.gov">https://fj.usembassy.gov</a>



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## General

New Caledonia, an overseas territory of France, consists of the main island of New Caledonia, the archipelago Îles Loyauté, and numerous small sparsely-populated islets and atolls. It lies in the South Pacific Ocean, E of Australia between 19°S and 23°S, and 163°E and 168°E.

New Caledonia is almost completely surrounded by a barrier reef. The reef is usually very low or awash, but is below water in places. The distance the reef lies from land varies; it is normally 5 to 15 miles off the coast but can practically join the

coast in places, especially for about 85 miles in the middle of the SW side of New Caledonia. Depths between the reef and the coast vary from 30 to 90m, with a bottom of hard rock or broken coral.

The climate is tropical and modified by SE trade winds. It is hot and humid.

The terrain is coastal plains with interior mountains. There are extensive coastal plains on the W coast but most of the E coast is barren and bordered by bare-sided cliffs.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

In the inner channels between the barrier reef and the coast, the general direction of the buoyage on either side of the island is oriented to the NW from Goro, at the SE end of the island. Care should be taken not to confuse the inner channel buoyage with the buoyage running from sea through the approach passages to the coast.

## Cautions

### Hurricanes

If hurricanes or tropical storms are observed in the vicinity of the coast or within the barrier reef, vessels should ride out the storm in open water well clear of the islands and reefs. If this is not possible, protected anchorages are available, as follows:

1. Baie du Prony (22°22'S., 165°52'E.).
2. Baie Ire (22°24'S., 166°48'E.).
3. Baie de Tanle (20°19'S., 164°04'E.).
4. Baie du Port-Bouquet (21°41'S., 166°23'E.).

5. Baie du Canala (21°26'S., 165°57'E.).
6. Baie de Kouaoua (21°23'S., 165°50'E.).
7. Baie de Pam (20°14'S., 164°18'E.).

### Local Magnetic Anomaly

A local magnetic anomaly exists in Canal de la Havannah, in the vicinity of Port de Goro (22°19'S., 167°01'E.).

### Fiber-optic Submarine Cables

Anchoring and dredging are prohibited within 200m of the following cables:

1. Between Passe du Sud (22°32'S., 167°27'E.) and Presquile de Oueme, 16 miles NNE.
2. Between Passe du Cap Bayes (20°57'S., 165°32'E.) and Poindimie, 14 miles W.
3. Across Baie de Santal (20°50'S., 167°06'E.) on the W side of Ile Lifou.
4. In the approach to Passe de Coetlogon (20°43'S., 166°23'E.) on the S side of Atoll d'Ouvea.

### Currency

The official unit of currency is the Pacific franc, consisting of 100 centimes.

### Firing Areas

Anti-aircraft firing exercises from naval vessels may be carried out in the following areas:

1. Area NWD2 (Northeast of Ile Balabia).—A circular area, with a radius of 20 miles, centered on position 19°45'S, 164°35'E.
2. Area NWD3 (Southwest of Noumea).—A circular area, with a radius of 20 miles, centered on position 23°00'S, 165°58'E.
3. Area NDW4 (Southwest of Noumea).—A circular area, with a radius of 10 miles, centered on position 22°42'S, 166°00'E.
4. Area NDW5 (Southeast of Noumea).—A circular area, with a radius of 10 miles, centered on position 23°00'S, 167°20'E.
5. Area NDW6 (North of Ile des Pins).—A circular area, with a radius of 10 miles, centered on position 22°07'S, 167°27'E.
6. Autre Zone (Southwest of Noumea).—A circular area, with a radius of 1 mile, centered on position 22°22'S, 166°12'E.

The management of Line Firing Areas is carried out by the Civil Aviation Directorate of New Caledonia. Anti-aircraft firing may be carried out by warships NE and SW of Ile Balabia (Areas NWD2 and NWD3). Information about upcoming Live Firing Exercises is disseminated by Coastal Navigation Warnings (AVURNAV) and by VHF broadcasts on the day of the exercise. Further information can be obtained from MRCC Noumea.

### Fishing Areas

Numerous temporary fish aggregating devices (FAD) are frequently established in and around the waters of New Caledo-

nia. They are marked by unlit red, orange, or yellow buoys and have a swinging radius of up to 1 mile. Approaching within 150m, mooring, and fishing in the vicinity of FADs is prohibited. Vessels are advised to keep a good lookout for them.

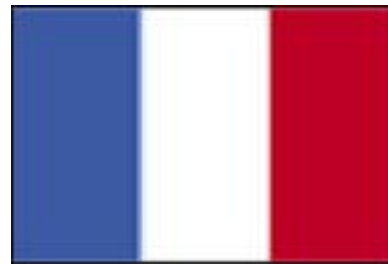
### Government

New Caledonia is an overseas territory of France. The territory is divided into three provinces.

New Caledonia is governed by a French-appointed Governor assisted by the President of the Government, who is elected by the Territorial Congress to a 5-year term. The 54-member Territorial Congress consists of the membership of the three Provincial Assemblies, whose members are directly elected to 5-year terms.

The legal system is based on French civil law.

The capital is Noumea.



Flag of New Caledonia

### Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Good Friday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
Easter Monday	Variable
Labor Day	May 1
1945 Victory Day	May 8
Ascension Day	Variable
Whitsunday	Variable
Whitmonday	Variable
Bastille Day	July 14
Assumption Day	August 15
New Caledonia Day	September 24
All Saint's Day	November 1
Armistice Day	November 11
Christmas Day	December 25

## Industries

The main industries are nickel mining and smelting.

The main exports are iron alloys, nickel, recreational boats, shrimo, and essential oils. The main export-trading partners are China, South Korea, and Japan.

The main imports are refined petroleum, coal, vehicles, and packaged medicines. The main import-trading partners are France, Australia, Singapore, New Zealand, and China.

## Languages

French is the official language. Many other languages are spoken, reflecting different origins, such as various Melanesian and Polynesian dialects.

## Meteorology

Marine bulletins, charts, satellite images, and cyclone warnings are available, in French, from Meteo Nouvelle-Caledonie (<https://www.meteo.nc>).

## Mined Areas

**West coast of New Caledonia.**—Mines have been swept from Passe de Yande (20°05'S., 163°46'E.), Passe de Poum (20°15'S., 163°52'E.), Passe St. Vincent (22°02'S., 165°57'E.), and Passe de Uitoe (22°10'S., 166°07'E.). These areas are considered safe for navigation by surface vessels, but ships must not anchor nor submarines bottom, therein.

**East approach to Noumea.**—A line of mines extending from a point bearing 251°, 0.42 mile distant from Bonne Anse Light (22°24'S., 166°53'E.), in Canal Woodin, in a 251° direction for 0.92 mile, has been swept and is considered safe for surface navigation. Vessels should not anchor nor should submarines bottom in this area.

**Approaches to Noumea.**—Passe de Dumbea and the following areas inside the reefs in the approaches to Noumea have been swept and are considered free from mines. Vessels must not anchor nor submarines bottom in these areas, as follows:

1. Within Passe de Dumbea, lines joining the following positions with bearings and distances from the center of Ilot Nge (22°20'S., 166°19'E.):

- 245°, 4.6 miles.
- 279°, 2.5 miles.
- 214°, 1.8 miles.
- 222°, 3.3 miles, then along the inner edge of Grand Recif Abore to
- 235°, 4.1 miles.

2. An area enclosed by a line joining the following positions with bearings and distances from Recif Tabu Light (22°29'S., 166°27'E.):

- 229.0°, 0.8 mile.
- 158.5°, 1.1 miles.
- 029.0°, 1.0 mile.
- 304.0°, 1.5 miles.

3. An area enclosed by a line joining the following positions with bearings and distances from Ile Amedee Light (22°29'S., 166°28'E.):

- 032°, 2.1 miles.
- 050°, 3.1 miles.

- 050°, 6.2 miles.
- 038°, 6.2 miles.
- 013°, 4.5 miles.
- 032°, 2.7 miles.

4. An area enclosed by a line joining the following positions with bearings and distances from the summit of Ile Charbon (22°18'S., 166°36'E.):

- 221.0°, 5.6 miles.
- 204.0°, 6.6 miles.
- 204.0°, 2.0 miles.
- 249.5°, 2.7 miles.

5. An area around Recif du Prony is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 22°17'24.0"S, 166°16'30.6"E.
- 22°12'56.4"S, 166°17'46.2"E.
- 22°13'09.6"S, 166°19'15.6"E.
- 22°14'18.0"S, 166°20'40.8"E.
- 22°15'23.6"S, 166°20'13.8"E.
- 22°15'19.8"S, 166°19'33.6"E.
- 22°14'24.6"S, 166°18'14.4"E.
- 22°14'25.2"S, 166°18'07.8"E.
- 22°15'45.0"S, 166°18'40.4"E.
- 22°16'10.8"S, 166°20'14.4"E.
- 22°17'39.6"S, 166°20'18.0"E.
- 22°17'18.0"S, 166°17'22.2"E.
- 22°17'25.2"S, 166°16'57.6"E.

6. In the vicinity of Senez Reef, a circle with a radius of 100m, centered on Lighted Beacon No. 5 (22°17.5'S, 166°19.7'E.).

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

Pub. 126, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Pacific Islands.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of New Caledonia are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	Depth of 200m or the Limit of Exploitation.

### Maritime Boundary Disputes

Matthew Island (22°21'S., 171°21'E.) and Hunter Island (22°24'S., 172°05'E.) are claimed by Vanuatu and France.

### Internet Maritime Safety Information

Navigational warnings are available, in French, from MRCC Noumea (<https://www.mrcc.nc/information-nautique>).

### Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory for the following vessels within the

waters of New Caledonia:

1. All foreign vessels regardless of their length.
2. All French vessels more than 60m in length.

French warships are exempt, as well as pleasure craft less than 60m in length.

Masters of pleasure craft less than 60m in length are advised to consider engaging the services of a pilot if unfamiliar with the area.

Vessels are required to remain at least 7 miles off the reefs while awaiting the pilot vessel, or in the absence of reefs, 5 miles from the territorial waters of New Caledonia.

All pilotage is centralized at Noumea. Pilot boats have a black hull and orange superstructure.

Pilot Authority—Contact Information	
VHF	VHF channels 12 and 16
Telephone	687-273274
Facsimile	687-277178
E-mail	<a href="mailto:mouvement@pilotage-maritime.nc">mouvement@pilotage-maritime.nc</a>
Web site	<a href="https://www.pilotage-maritime.nc">https://www.pilotage-maritime.nc</a>
Hours	24 hours

## Pollution

Operations Center for Surveillance and Rescue New Caledonia (COSS NC) (MRCC Noumea) is the point of contact for maritime pollution. It collects information and works with different partners to confirm or deny the information. MRCC Noumea can be contacted by telephone (687-292121) or e-mail ([operations@mrcc.nc](mailto:operations@mrcc.nc)).

## Regulations

### Tanker Regulations

Special regulations are in force for tankers transporting hydrocarbons, liquefied gas, or harmful liquid substances within the territorial and internal waters of New Caledonia.

Internal waters are those waters located between the coast and the defined baselines of New Caledonia. Territorial waters are defined as those waters extending 12 miles offshore from these baselines.

When the vessels described above are transiting the territorial waters of New Caledonia with no intention of calling at a pilot boarding position, they should remain at least 7 miles seaward of the baselines marking the boundary between the internal waters and New Caledonia and the isolated islands or reefs.

However, if the vessel must cross defined internal waters if enroute to the Iles Loyaute, the vessel is authorized to pass between Ile Ouvea and Ile Lifou only, as long as the vessels remains 7 miles from the coasts and reefs at all times.

Vessels transiting through the internal or territorial waters of New Caledonia must maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF channel 16 and 70 for the entire duration of the passage. They should also be prepared to respond to any call issued by New Caledonia, Noumea Radio, or Noumea MRCC. Vessels should respond directly to Noumea MRCC by facsimile (687-

292303), through Noumea Radio, or through their agent.

### Restricted Area

Trawling and dredging are prohibited in the area bound by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 23°15'S, 167°00'E.
- b. 23°15'S, 169°00'E.
- c. 25°30'S, 169°00'E.
- d. 25°30'S, 167°00'E.

### Rhinoceros Beetle Regulations

Every vessel arriving in New Caledonia or its dependencies from an area infested with rhinoceros beetles, which feeds on and destroys the heart of new growth shoots of the coconut palm, is required to anchor at least 400m offshore between sunset and sunrise with its holds closed until a sanitary inspection has been completed. If necessary, disinfestation will be carried out before a vessel is permitted to berth alongside.

The areas regarded by French authorities as infested are, as follows:

1. Bismarck Archipelago.
2. Cuba.
3. Dominican Republic.
4. Fiji.
5. Haiti.
6. Indonesia.
7. Irian Jaya (Manokwari, Sarmi, and Sorenarwa).
8. Japan.
9. Palau.
10. Philippines.
11. Puerto Rico.
12. Samoa.
13. Taiwan.
14. Tonga.
15. Wallis and Futuna.

### Arrival Report

Vessels arriving in New Caledonia must complete an arrivals form, as follows:

1. Pleasure craft—Upon arrival via a marina or local agent.
2. Military, scientific, and commercial—48 hours in advance via their agent.

### Search and Rescue

Noumea Coast Radio (FJP) maintains a continuous listening watch on VHF channel 16.

MRCC Noumea—Contact Information	
Call sign	MRCC Noumea
	Noumea Traffic
Telephone	687-16 (emergency)
	687-292121
	582-422799194 (Inmarsat-C)
E-mail	<a href="mailto:operations@mrcc.nc">operations@mrcc.nc</a>
	<a href="mailto:noumea.traffic@mrcc.nc">noumea.traffic@mrcc.nc</a>



MRCC Noumea—Contact Information	
Web site	<a href="https://www.mrcc.nc">https://www.mrcc.nc</a>

## Ship Reporting System

### New Caledonia Ship Reporting System

Participation in this system, established to prevent accidental pollution, is mandatory for vessels transporting hydrocarbons (Appendix 1 to Annex 1 of MARPOL 73/78), liquefied gas, or toxic liquid substances (Appendix 2 to Annex 2 of MARPOL 73/78) in the territorial (12-mile limit) and internal waters of New Caledonia and its dependencies.

New Caledonia Ship Reporting System messages are sent, as follows:

1. **Inbound and outbound vessels.**—A report must be sent to the Navigation Monitoring Unit of MRCC Noumea by participating vessels prior to berthing or transiting the territorial and internal waters of New Caledonia, as follows:

a. 24 hours prior to entering the territorial waters of New Caledonia.

b. 6 hours before departure from a New Caledonian port or anchorage.

A correction message must be sent immediately if there is a change to any planned movement or to a vessel's maneuvering or navigational capabilities.

Messages should be sent directly, via facsimile or e-mail, and should include the information contained in the table titled **Inbound and Outbound Vessels** (if no information is available, insert NONE).

Inbound and Outbound Vessels	
Designator	Information required
ALFA	Vessel's name and nationality.
BRAVO	Last port and destination.
CHARLIE	Draft.
DELTA	Cargo type and quantity (in metric tons) by category of hydrocarbons or chemical products in accordance with the definitions in Annex 1, Appendix 1 and Annex 2, Appendix 2 of MARPOL 73/78.
ECHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• * Date/time (UTC) and point of entry into the territorial waters of New Caledonia.</li> <li>• * Date/time (UTC) and place of departure from last New Caledonia port.</li> <li>* Whichever is appropriate.</li> </ul>
FOXTROT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• * Date/time (UTC) of arrival at port/anchorage in New Caledonia.</li> <li>• * Date/time (UTC) and point of exit from the territorial waters of New Caledonia.</li> <li>* Whichever is appropriate.</li> </ul>

Inbound and Outbound Vessels	
Designator	Information required
GOLF	Whether maneuvering capabilities are normal or reduced by damage to the following systems: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Propulsion machinery.</li> <li>• Control equipment.</li> <li>• Anchoring or mooring equipment.</li> <li>• Radar.</li> <li>• Radio equipment needed to send reports and changes, as well as to maintain a watch on VHF channels 16 and 70.</li> </ul>
HOTEL	Name, telephone number, and e-mail address of the owner.

Throughout the entire transit within the territorial and internal waters of New Caledonia, vessels participating in this system must maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF channels 16 and 70 and respond to any calls made by government vessels, MRCC Noumea, or Noumea Coast Radio Station.

For contact information for MRCC Noumea, see Search and Rescue.

2. **Accidents.**—The master of any tanker carrying hydrocarbons, liquefied gas, or toxic liquid substances, which, when in internal waters, in territorial waters, or when less than 50 miles from the outer limits of these waters, suffers a failure or a fault due to an incident on board or outside the vessel which affects its maneuverability, safety, or the integrity of the environment, is required to immediately inform the Navigation Monitoring Unit of MRCC Noumea of this event by means of a message containing information listed in the table titled **Accidents**.

Accidents	
Designator	Information required
ALFA	Name and nationality of vessel in difficulty.
BRAVO	Date/time (UTC) and position.
CHARLIE	Course and speed.
DELTA	Cargo type and quantity (in metric tons) by category of hydrocarbons or chemical products in accordance with the definitions in Annex 1, Appendix 1 and Annex 2, Appendix 2 of MARPOL 73/78.
ECHO	Nature of failure and, if necessary, the nature and extent of pollution or progress of the situation.
FOXTROT	Time (UTC) of call for assistance or towage.

Accidents	
Designator	Information required
GOLF	Whether assisting vessel is present or time (UTC) of arrival of any vessel intending to render assistance.
HOTEL	Name, telephone number, and e-mail address of owner, charterer, and of any consignee at Noumea.
INDIA	Any other information.

This message does not constitute a request for rescue or assistance. If rescue or assistance is required, the vessel should send a request to MRCC Noumea, following international regulations.

3. **Vessels assisting another vessel.**—Any vessel called upon to render assistance or to tow a vessel affected by paragraph 2 above must immediately notify the Navigation Monitoring Unit of MRCC Noumea by means of a message containing information listed in the table titled **Assisting Vessels**.

Assisting Vessels	
Designator	Information required
ALFA	Name and nationality of vessel rendering assistance.
BRAVO	Date/time (UTC) and position of vessel rendering assistance.
CHARLIE	Course and speed of vessel rendering assistance.
DELTA	Name, telephone number, and e-mail address of owner, charterer, and of any consignee at Noumea of vessel rendering assistance.
ECHO	Name and nationality of vessel in difficulty.
FOXTROT	Date/time (UTC) and position of vessel in difficulty.

Assisting Vessels	
Designator	Information required
GOLF	Course and speed of vessel in difficulty.
HOTEL	Failure suffered by vessel in difficulty, if known, and, if necessary, the nature and extent of pollution or progress of the situation.
INDIA	Any other information.

The vessel in difficulty and the vessel rendering assistance must:

- a. Inform the Navigation Monitoring Unit of MRCC Noumea of the progress of the situation by means of the message types listed in paragraphs 1 or 3 above.
- b. Respond to any calls made by French government vessels, MRCC Noumea, or Noumea Coast Radio Station.
- c. Take all measures prescribed by the maritime authority in New Caledonia in order to avoid or prevent any dangers to navigation and any threat of pollution.

## Signals

The following storm signals may be displayed:

1. One black ball—Port threatened by a storm with a mean wind speed possibly reaching 33 knots or over, with an E component.
2. Two black balls—Port area threatened by a storm with a mean wind speed reaching 33 knots or over, with a W component.

## Time Zone

The Time Zone description is LIMA (-11). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

## U.S. Embassy

There is no U.S. diplomatic representation. New Caledonia is an overseas territory of France.



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## General

New Zealand is located in the Southwest Pacific Ocean about 1,200 miles SE of Australia. There are three principal islands, North Island, South Island, and Stewart Island, located between 34°30'S and 47°30'S, and 166°30'E and 178°45'E.

The Chatham Islands, which lie between 43°30'S and 44°30'S, and 175°45'W and 177°W, are also considered part of New Zealand proper.

The minor islands included within the geographical boundaries of New Zealand are the Kermadec Islands, lying between 29°10'S and 31°30'S, and 177°45'W and 179°W; the Bounty Islands (47°42'S., 179°03'E.); the Antipodes Islands (49°41'S., 178°50'E.); the Auckland Islands (50°45'S., 166°00'E.); and Campbell Island (52°32'S., 169°10'E.).

The climate is temperate with sharp regional contrasts. The terrain is predominately mountainous with some large coastal plains.

## Areas to be Avoided

**Chatham Islands.**—An Area to be Avoided has been established to avoid the risk of pollution and damage to the environment in the sensitive area in the vicinity of the Chatham Islands. Vessels greater than 500 gross tons or greater than 40m long, except for vessels of the Royal New Zealand Navy, should avoid the following areas:

1. An area extending 3 miles off all the islands of the Chatham Islands and outlying dangers from The Sisters (Rangitahi) (43°33.6'S., 176°48.1'E.) to The Pyramid (Tarakoikoia) (44°25.9'S., 176°14.4'E.). It includes all the areas between the exclusion zones of all the islands, Pitt Strait, the area between The Sisters (Rangitahi) and Chatham Island, Petre Bay, the area up to 3 miles outside Petre Bay, and 6 miles off Hanson Bay.

2. An area extending 3 miles around Motuhara (Bertier) (The Forty Fours) (43°57.8'S., 175°50.4'E.), about 22 miles E of Cape Fournier.

Any vessel wishing to enter the Area to be Avoided must obtain permission from the Chatham Islands Council Harbormaster.

**Poor Knights Islands.**—An Area to be Avoided has been established to avoid the risk of pollution and damage to the environment in the sensitive area in the vicinity of the Poor Knight Islands. Vessels greater than 45m long, except for those specified below, should avoid the area bounded by the coast

and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 35°10'12.0"S, 174°20'06.0"E.
- b. 35°24'42.0"S, 174°50'12.0"E.
- c. 35°29'36.0"S, 174°50'48.0"E.
- d. 35°34'33.0"S, 174°49'12.0"E.
- e. 35°51'18.0"S, 174°35'30.0"E.

The following vessels are granted exceptions:

1. All vessels of the Royal New Zealand Navy.
2. All fishing vessels engaged in fishing operations.
3. Barges under tow, provided that the cargo is not oil or other harmful liquid substances as defined in Annex I and Annex II of MARPOL 73/78.

**Three Kings Islands (Managwatawhi).**—An Area to be Avoided has been established to avoid the risk of pollution and damage to the environment in the sensitive area in the vicinity of the Three Kings Islands (Managwatawhi). Vessels of 500 gross tons and over should avoid the area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 34°06.0'S, 172°00.0'E.
- b. 34°06.0'S, 172°12.5'E.
- c. 34°13.5'S, 172°12.5'E.
- d. 34°13.5'S, 172°00.0'E.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

The general direction of buoyage in New Zealand is clockwise around both North Island and South Island, except on the N side of South Island, where through Cook Strait, between Cape Campbell (41°44'S., 174°17'E.) and Cape Farewell (40°30'S., 172°41'E.), the direction is from SE to NW.

The limits of navigable channels under bridges are sometimes indicated by marks on the bridges, when entering from seaward, as given in the accompanying table titled **New Zealand—Bridge Markings for Navigable Channels**. If more than one navigable channel exists, the same system is used for each channel.

## Cautions

### High Speed Ferries

High speed ferries operate in New Zealand, especially in Cook Strait. Vessels are advised to maintain a good lookout.

### Kelp

In many places around New Zealand, as well as around some of the out-lying islands, kelp grows thickly on rocky dangers. However, many dangers are not marked by kelp as heavy seas can tear the kelp from the rocks or a moderate current can pull the kelp underwater so it is not visible.

New Zealand—Bridge Markings for Navigable Channels		
	Day signal	Night signal
Starboard side of the channel	Green triangle, point up, on a white background.	Green fixed or flashing light, or the daymark is floodlit.
Port side of the channel	Red square on a white background.	Red fixed or flashing light, or the daymark is floodlit.

New Zealand—Bridge Markings for Navigable Channels		
	Day signal	Night signal
Best point of passage under the bridge	—	White isophase or quick flashing white light.

### Magnetic Anomalies

Local magnetic anomalies are located off the coast of New Zealand, as follows:

#### 1. North Island—West coast:

a. In the coastal waters between Hokianga Harbor (35°31.7'S., 173°22.0'E.) and Manukau Harbor (37°03.0'S., 174°31.0'E.).

b. In Port Taranaki, in the shallow waters in the vicinity of New Plymouth (41°15.8'S., 173°15.5'E.).

c. In the shallow waters in the vicinity of Cape Egmont (39°26.5'S., 173°45.2'E.).

#### 2. Cook Strait and approaches:

a. Inside the vicinity of the Waitotara River (39°51.0'S., 174°41.0'E.).

b. In Port Nelson (41°15.8'S., 173°15.5'E.).

c. In Cook Strait, including the shallow waters in the vicinity of the submarine power cables crossing the strait (37°41.4'S., 178°382.9'E.).

#### 3. South Island—West coast:

a. In the coastal waters between the entrances to Doubtful Sound (46°15.5'S., 166°51.3'E.) and Breaksea Sound (45°35.2'S., 166°44.4'E.).

b. Foveaux Strait.—Magnetic variation may decrease by as much as 3° in the approaches to and in the open waters of the W part of the strait. In the open waters in the E part of the strait, magnetic variation may increase or decrease by as much as 1°. In an area about 7 miles S of Rukupuke Island (46°46.0'S., 169°31'E.) magnetic variation may increase by as much as 2°.

c. In the approaches to Bluff, magnetic variation may decrease by 2° ESE of Dag Island (46°39.1'S., 168°24.6'E.), may decrease by 4° in a position about 3 miles NE of Saddle Point (46°46.3'S., 167°58.6'E.), may increase or decrease by up to 7° NW of Centre Island (46°27.3'S., 167°50.5'E.), and may increase by up to 4° in the vicinity of position 46°35.0'S, 168°14.0'E.

d. In the coastal waters off Stewart Island (Rakiura) (46°46.0'S., 167°53.0'E.) and Breaksea Sound (45°35.2'S., 166°44.4'E.).

e. In the coastal waters between Seal Point (47°11.5'S., 167°49.1'E.) and East Cape (40°00.9'S., 168°13.7'E.).

f. In the approaches to Half Moon Bay (46°53.5'S., 168°09.0'E.) and Paterson Inlet, close S, magnetic variation may decrease by up to 6° ESE of Dag Island.

#### 4. South Island—East coast:

a. In the vicinity of Oamaru Harbor (45°005.5'S., 170°58.2'E.) and position 44°44.0'S, 171°47'E.

b. Deflections of the magnetic compass have been reported between Nugget Point (46°27'S., 169°49'E.) and Waipapa Point, 42 miles WSW.

#### 5. North Island—East coast:

a. Inside the 30m depth contour in the approaches to the Mount Maunganui entrance to Tauranga Harbor (37°39.0'S., 176°10.8'E.).

b. In the vicinity of East Cape (37°41.4'S., 178°32.9'E.).

#### 6. Outlying islands:

a. In the Kermadec Islands in the vicinity of Curtis Island (30°32.4'S., 178°33.4'E.) and Macauley Island (30°14'S., 178°26'W.).

b. In the Chatham Islands in the vicinity of Cape L'Eveque (44°07.4'S., 176°38.2'E.).

### Swells

Mariners are cautioned that certain meteorological conditions may generate swells which can significantly reduce a vessel's underkeel clearance in the approaches to some New Zealand ports. These swells may be generated from any or all of the following:

1. Long period swells, with amplitudes up to 0.5m and a period up to 20 minutes.

2. Infragravity waves (generated by the interaction between swells) with amplitudes up to 1.5m and a period of several minutes.

3. Rissaga (meteorological tsunamis) generated by fast-moving atmospheric pressure systems.

The generation of such swells is particularly likely when a deep depression situated E of New Zealand moves quickly to the SE. Ports on the E coast of New Zealand which are exposed to swells from S through E are particularly susceptible to swell effects. These areas are, as follows:

- Approaches to Port Taranaki.
- Approaches to Whangarei Harbor.
- Approaches to Gisborne.
- Approaches to Napier.
- Approaches to Wellington.
- Approaches to Lyttelton.
- Approaches to Timaru.
- Approaches to Otago Harbor.
- Foveaux Strait.

### Dynamic Underkeel Clearance Systems

Dynamic Underkeel Clearance (DUKC) systems generate predictive information regarding a particular vessel's underkeel clearance in the expected weather, tidal, and sea conditions. The pilot provides this information from the DUKC system to the master. DUKC systems are in operation in the following New Zealand ports:

- Port Taranaki.
- Marsden Point/Whangarei Harbor.
- Napier.
- Lyttelton.

### Rocket Launches

**North Island.**—Satellite launches and rocket testing are conducted at the Rocket Lab Launch Complex (39°16'S., 177°52'E.) on the Mahia Peninsula of North Island.

A rectangular Precautionary Rocket Launch Area is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 39°10'10.0"S, 178°37'00.0"E.
- b. 39°56'30.0"S, 178°37'00.0"E.
- c. 39°56'30.0"S, 177°25'00.0"E.
- d. 39°10'10.0"S, 177°25'00.0"E.

Warnings will be disseminated by the following methods:

- 1. NAVAREA XIV warnings.
- 2. New Zealand Coastal Navigation Warnings.
- 3. Automated broadcasts on VHF channel 79 in the vicinity of the Mahia Peninsula.
- 4. On VHF channel 12 as part of Napier Harbor Radio's scheduled hourly navigational warnings broadcasts.

Temporary Launch Hazard Areas, marked by virtual AIS, will be formed within the Precautionary Rocket Launch Area during launch operations. Entry into the Temporary Launch Hazard Areas is prohibited.

Temporary Launch Hazard Areas will be disseminated, as follows:

- 1. Broadcast New Zealand Coastal Navigation Warnings.
- 2. On the Rocket Lab Launch Complex web site.
- 3. Advertisements in local newspapers, as well as notice boards local boat ramps and within nearby ports and marinas not less than 48 hours before the launch attempt begins.

Range Control can be contacted on VHF channel 7 or 16 during launch operations. Further information can be obtained from the Rocket Lab Launch Complex web site (<https://www.rocketlabusa.com>).

**South Island.—UC Aerospace** operates a rocket launch complex on Kaitorete Spit (43°49.0'S., 172°38.9'E.) on South Island and conducts occasional rocket launch tests. Details of launch times and danger areas are promulgated in English by Notices to Mariners and broadcast by NAVAREA XIV and NZ Coastal Warnings, as appropriate. Further information may also be found on their web site (<https://www.ucaerospace.com>).

A clear range policy is operated at the launch site. Mariners are requested not to enter the launch and debris hazard areas during the launch periods and to exercise caution when navigating in and around these areas. UC Aerospace Range Control can be contacted by telephone (0273151653) during launch operations.

**Argo Navis Aerospace** conducts occasional rocket launching operations W of South Head (36°30.0'S., 173°15.0'E.). Details of launch times and danger areas are promulgated in English by Notices to Mariners and broadcast by NAVAREA XIV and NZ Coastal Warnings, as appropriate.

A clear range policy is operated at the launch site. Mariners are requested not to enter the launch hazard area during the launch periods and to exercise caution when navigating in and

around these areas. Argo Navis Range Control can be contacted on VHF channel 7 or by telephone (0224824126) during launch operations.

**Environmentally Sensitive Sea Area (ESSA)**

An ESSA extends in a clockwise direction about 300 miles E to about 400 miles S from Macquarie Island (54°40'S., 158°40'E.).

**Currency**

The official unit of currency is the New Zealand dollar, consisting of 100 cents.

**Firing Areas**

Warships operating within firing practice and exercise areas may stream towed bodies outside of notified firing and exercise periods. The length and depth of towed arrays may impact the maneuverability of a warship and its ability to maneuver in accordance with the requirements of the International Maritime Organization's International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea 1972 (IRPCS) as adopted by Maritime New Zealand's Maritime Rules Part 22. All warships towing submerged arrays will monitor safety relative to other vessels and, if necessary, display the prescribed lights and/or shapes indicating any special condition that may affect maneuverability, as prescribed in the IRPCS. Vessels operating in the vicinity of warships within the promulgated firing practice and exercise areas are to:

- 1. Operate with particular caution, noting the possibility that towed submerged arrays may be deployed.
- 2. Vessels engaged in fishing are to do so with particular caution and are to keep the vessel and any deployed gear at a safe distance.

Firing and bombing practices and defense exercises take place intermittently in a number of areas off the coast of New Zealand.

In view of the responsibilities of range authorities to avoid accidents, limits of practice areas are not shown on the chart and descriptions of these areas do not appear in the Sailing Directions. Such range beacons, lights, and marking buoys as may be of assistance to the mariner, or targets which might be a danger to navigation, will however be shown on charts and, when appropriate, mentioned in the Sailing Directions.

The principal types of practices carried out are listed in the accompanying table titled **New Zealand—Information on Firing Areas**.

New Zealand—Information on Firing Areas		
Type	Description	Remarks
a.	Air-to-ground or air-to-sea.	Bombing practice from aircraft at ground targets or aircraft firing at towed or stationary targets on sea or land.  Warning signals are usually shown. Firing takes place to seaward of land targets. All marine craft operating as range safety craft or targets will display, for identification purposes, while in the vicinity of the danger area by day, a large red flag at the masthead.

New Zealand—Information on Firing Areas			
Type		Description	Remarks
b.	Sea-to-air or ground-to-air.	Anti-aircraft firing from shore batteries or ships from AA guns or machine guns at a target towed by aircraft as in a above, or at balloons.	Ships show a red flag by day; a night signal is not shown.
c.	Air-to-air.	Aircraft fire at a large white or red sleeve or flag (which may be illuminated by a bright white light) towed by another aircraft moving on a steady course.	—
d.	Ground-to-sea, sea-to-sea, or sea-to-ground.	Firing from shore batteries or ships at fixed or floating targets.	—
e.	Rocket or guided weapons firing.	May be a, b, c, or d above.	All such firings under Clear (Air and Sea) Range procedures. Devices are generally incorporated whereby the missiles may be destroyed should their flight be erratic. Ships show a red flag by day; a night signal is not shown.

New Zealand Danger Areas			
No.	Area	Activity	Chartlet No.
M102	<b>Bay of Islands (Northland).</b> —An area bound by great circle lines joining the following positions: a. 34°30.0'S, 174°50.0'E. b. 35°00.0'S, 174°50.0'E. c. 35°00.0'S, 174°15.0'E. d. 34°30.0'S, 174°15.0'E.	Naval firing and air bombing.	1
M103	<b>South Head (Northland).</b> —An area bound by a circle 3 miles in radius from position 36°28'39.1"S, 174°09'38.4"E.	Air firing and bombing.	2
M106	<b>Kaipara (Northland).</b> —An area bound by great circle lines joining the following positions: a. 36°21'02.8"S, 174°18'07.8"E. b. 36°32'37.4"S, 174°20'50.2"E. c. then the arc of a circle with a radius of 20 miles centered on position 36°47'12.5"S, 174°37'52.4"E. in a counterclockwise direction from position b to position d d. 36°36'53.0"S, 174°16'33.8"E. e. 36°38'00.0"S, 174°09'00.0"E. f. 36°33'00.0"S, 173°58'00.0"E. g. 36°20'05.9"S, 174°01'00.4"E. h. 36°18'38.9"S, 174°09'46.2"E.	Military aircraft maneuvers, naval and air firing, and bombing.	2
M204	<b>Bay of Plenty—Cuvier Island (Repanga Island).</b> —An area bound by great circle lines joining the following positions: a. 35°50.0'S, 176°25.0'E. b. 36°20.0'S, 176°25.0'E. c. 36°20.0'S, 175°50.0'E. d. 35°50.0'S, 175°50.0'E.	Naval firing and air bombing.	1

New Zealand Danger Areas			
No.	Area	Activity	Chartlet No.
M205	<b>Bay of Plenty A.</b> —An area bound by great circle lines joining the following positions: a. 35°20.0'S, 177°17.5'E. b. 36°20.0'S, 177°17.5'E. c. 36°20.0'S, 176°25.0'E. d. 35°50.0'S, 176°25.0'E. e. 35°50.0'S, 175°50.0'E. f. 35°20.0'S, 176°25.0'E.	Naval firing and air bombing.	1
M206	<b>Bay of Plenty B.</b> —An area bound by great circle lines joining the following positions: a. 35°20.0'S, 178°10.0'E. b. 36°20.0'S, 178°10.0'E. c. 36°20.0'S, 177°17.5'E. d. 35°20.0'S, 177°17.5'E.	Naval firing and air bombing.	1
M207	<b>Bay of Plenty C.</b> —An area bound by great circle lines joining the following positions: a. 36°20.0'S, 177°17.5'E. b. 37°20.0'S, 177°17.5'E. c. 37°20.3'S, 176°25.0'E. d. 36°20.0'S, 176°25.0'E.	Naval firing and air bombing.	1
M208	<b>Bay of Plenty D.</b> —An area bound by great circle lines joining the following positions: a. 36°20.0'S, 178°10.0'E. b. 37°20.0'S, 178°10.0'E. c. 37°20.0'S, 177°17.5'E. d. 36°20.0'S, 177°17.5'E.	Naval firing and air bombing.	1
M302	<b>Taranaki Bight.</b> —An area bound by lines joining the following positions: a. 40°05'47.7"S, 175°01'46.2"E. b. then the arc of a circle with a radius of 18 miles centered on position 40°12'34.6"S, 175°23'31.1"E in a counterclockwise direction from position a to position c c. 40°19'34.8"S, 175°01'51.2"E. d. 40°35'39.6"S, 174°11'00.9"E. e. then the arc of a circle with a radius of 60 miles centered on position 40°12'34.6"S, 175°23'31.1"E in a clockwise direction from position d to position f f. 39°49'42.4"S, 174°11'18.3"E.	Various. Permanently activated during daylight hours.	1
M306	<b>Ruamai (Manawatu).</b> —An area bound by a circle 4 miles in radius from position 40°12'16.0"S, 175°13'29.4"E.	Air bombing and air-to-surface firing. Permanently activated.	3
M504	<b>Wairarapa Coast (North Island).</b> —An area bound by great circle lines joining the following positions: a. 40°25'46.9"S, 178°02'11.0"E. b. 41°02'03.9"S, 177°18'50.1"E. c. 40°42'44.5"S, 176°50'27.5"E. d. 40°06'17.7"S, 177°33'51.5"E.	Air gunnery, surface-to-air and surface-to-surface firings, ship and submarine exercises.	1



New Zealand Danger Areas			
No.	Area	Activity	Chartlet No.
D125	<b>Tiritiri Matangi (Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana).</b> —An area bound by great circle lines joining the following positions: a. 36°31'31.8"S, 174°54'56.9"E. b. 36°35'30.0"S, 174°54'56.9"E. c. 36°35'30.0"S, 174°52'40.4"E. d. 36°36'36.3"S, 174°52'40.4"E. e. 36°36'17.5"S, 174°50'20.0"E. f. 36°35'42.0"S, 174°49'00.0"E. g. 36°31'31.8"S, 174°49'00.0"E.	Surface-to-air and surface to-surface firings.	2
D130	<b>Whangapararaoa (Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana).</b> —An area bound by great circle lines joining the following positions: a. 36°33'50.2"S, 174°52'40.4"E. b. 36°36'36.3"S, 174°52'40.4"E. c. 36°36'17.5"S, 174°50'20.0"E. d. 36°35'42.0"S, 174°49'00.0"E. e. 36°33'50.2"S, 174°49'00.0"E.	Small arms firing and explosives. Permanently activated.	2

For the information of ships at sea, warnings of practices will be notified by:

1. The broadcast of VHF and R/T messages which will be promulgated during evening and morning transmission times before any practice takes place.

2. New Zealand Notices to Mariners, if practices are to be of long duration, i.e., 7 days or more.

3. Additional warnings of Army live-shell practices only will be notified by advertisement in a newspaper or newspapers within the port concerned not less than 24 hours before a practice begins and by the New Zealand Maritime Radio regional station for the port concerned not less than 12 hours before any practice.

4. In addition the paragraphs above, for all firings in the New Zealand area, whether in prescribed areas or not, firing warnings are to be passed on R/T (2182 kHz and VHF channel 16), 5 minutes prior to the commencement of live firing, every 30 minutes thereafter, and immediately on completion of firings. The nature of the broadcast will be "... I am about to commence gunnery practice ..." or "... I have completed gunnery practice ..."

**Prefixes.**—The meanings of the prefixes to the designated firing areas are, as follows:

D Danger Area—area where dangers may be present, e.g. firings.

M Military Operational Area—area where military operations, including firings, may take place.

**Notification.**—In order to promulgate the danger areas, warnings are transmitted, as follows:

1. Via SafetyNet on INMARSAT-C ECG (Coastal Area Z).

2. As an R/T transmission to the relevant Coastal Area(s) affected by such warnings.

3. Coastal Navigation Warning.

Warnings may also be promulgated in Notice to Mariners.

**Visual Warning Signals.**—These consist of a large red flag by day and a red fixed light at night. The absence of any such signal cannot, however, be accepted as evidence that a practice area does not exist.

Warning signals are shown from 30 minutes before practice

commences until it closes.

Ships and aircraft carrying out night exercises may illuminate with white, green, or red flares.

The range authorities are responsible for ensuring that there should be no risk of damage from falling shell splinters or bullets to any vessel which may be in a practice area.

If a vessel is in an area where practice is in progress, it should maintain course and speed, but, if it is prevented from doing this for navigational reasons, it should endeavor to clear the area at the earliest possible moment.

Practices will not normally take place while a vessel is in a danger area, but the area must be cleared as soon as possible after the warning signal has been shown.

**Clear Range Procedures.**—The following limits are used by RNZAF crews engaged in dropping live weapons:

1. The dropping area is reported to be at least 30 miles (15-mile limit used for practice weapons) from the nearest land, outside the 100m line, and at least 20 miles (10-mile limit used for practice weapons) from all shipping.

2. The visibility is to be over 5 miles and all attacks are to be made from below cloud base. The target is to be visible at the time of the drop.

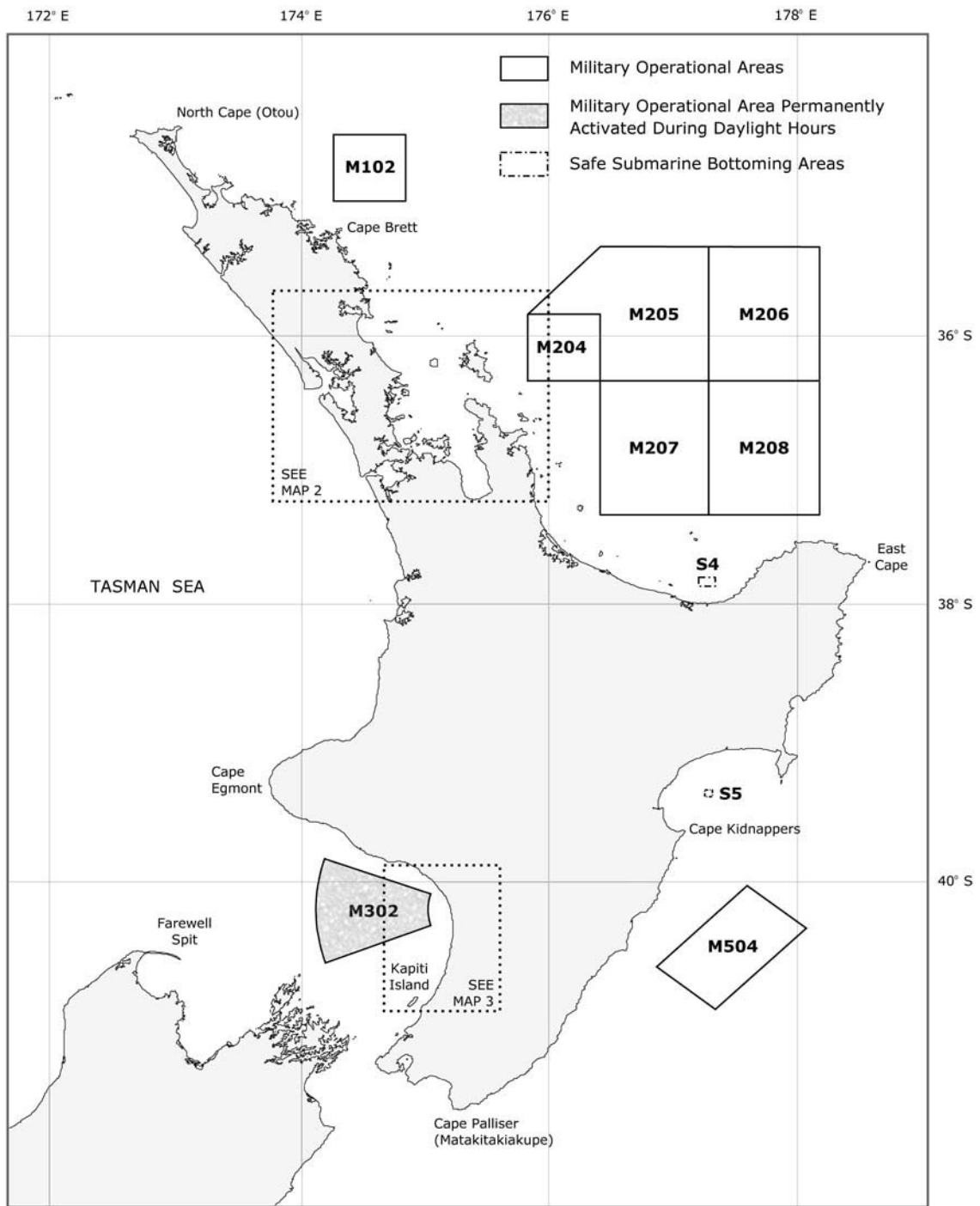
3. The area through which and into which any weapon will pass or fall is to be clear of all air and sea traffic.

**Ordnance brought to surface.**—Fisherman operating in the vicinity of firing practice and exercise areas may occasionally bring unexploded missiles or portions of them to the surface in their nets or trawls.

These objects may be dangerous and should be treated with great circumspection and jettisoned immediately (fixing the position, if possible), with no attempt being made to tamper with them or bring them back for inspection by naval authorities.

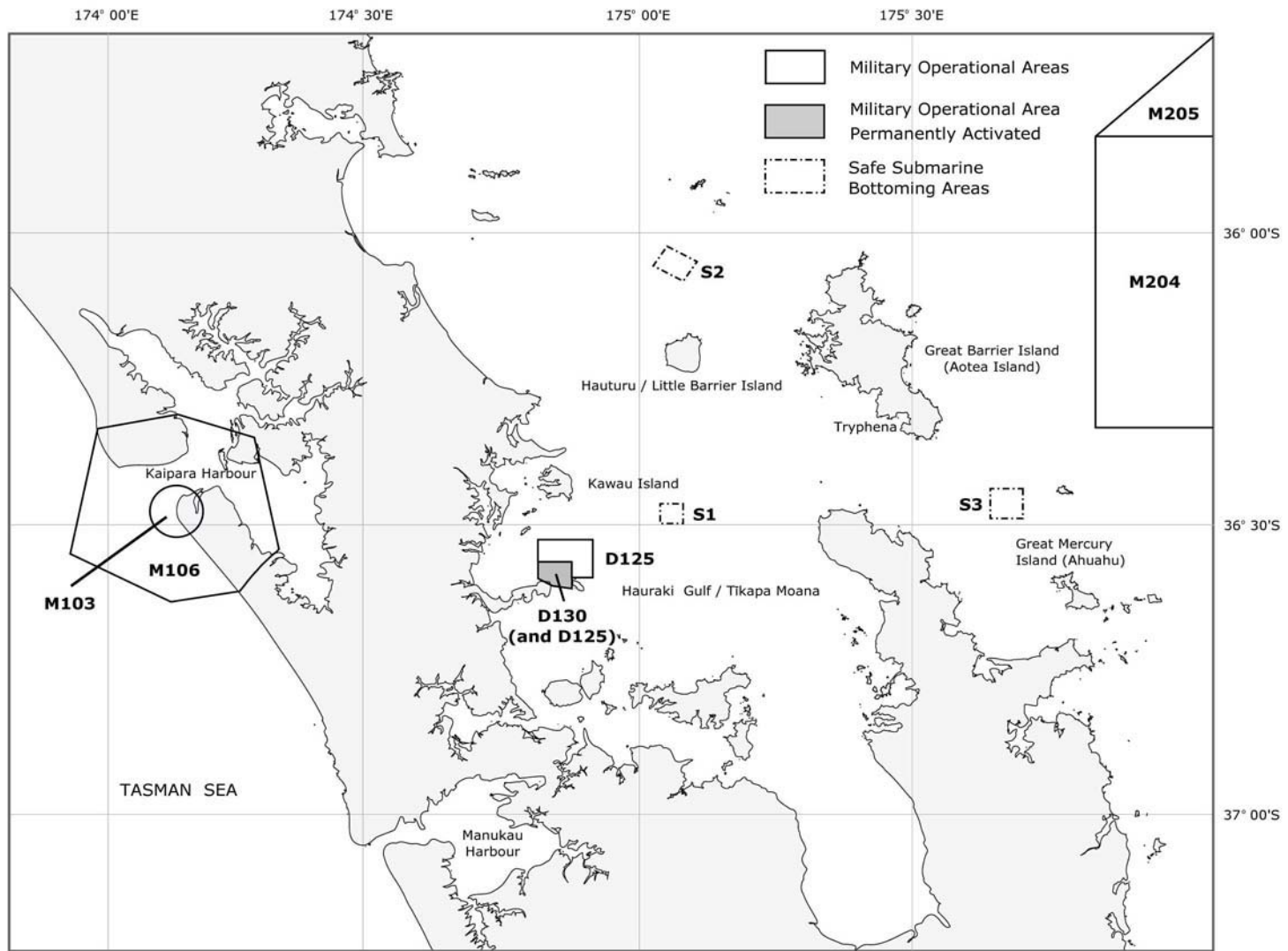
## Fishing Areas

Except for an area on the E side of South Island extending about 35 miles SSW from the Kaikoura Peninsula (42°26'S., 173°43'E.), fishing is conducted in all waters around New Zealand, including the offshore islands, as well as around the Chatham Islands (43°55'S., 176°30'E.), the Auckland Islands

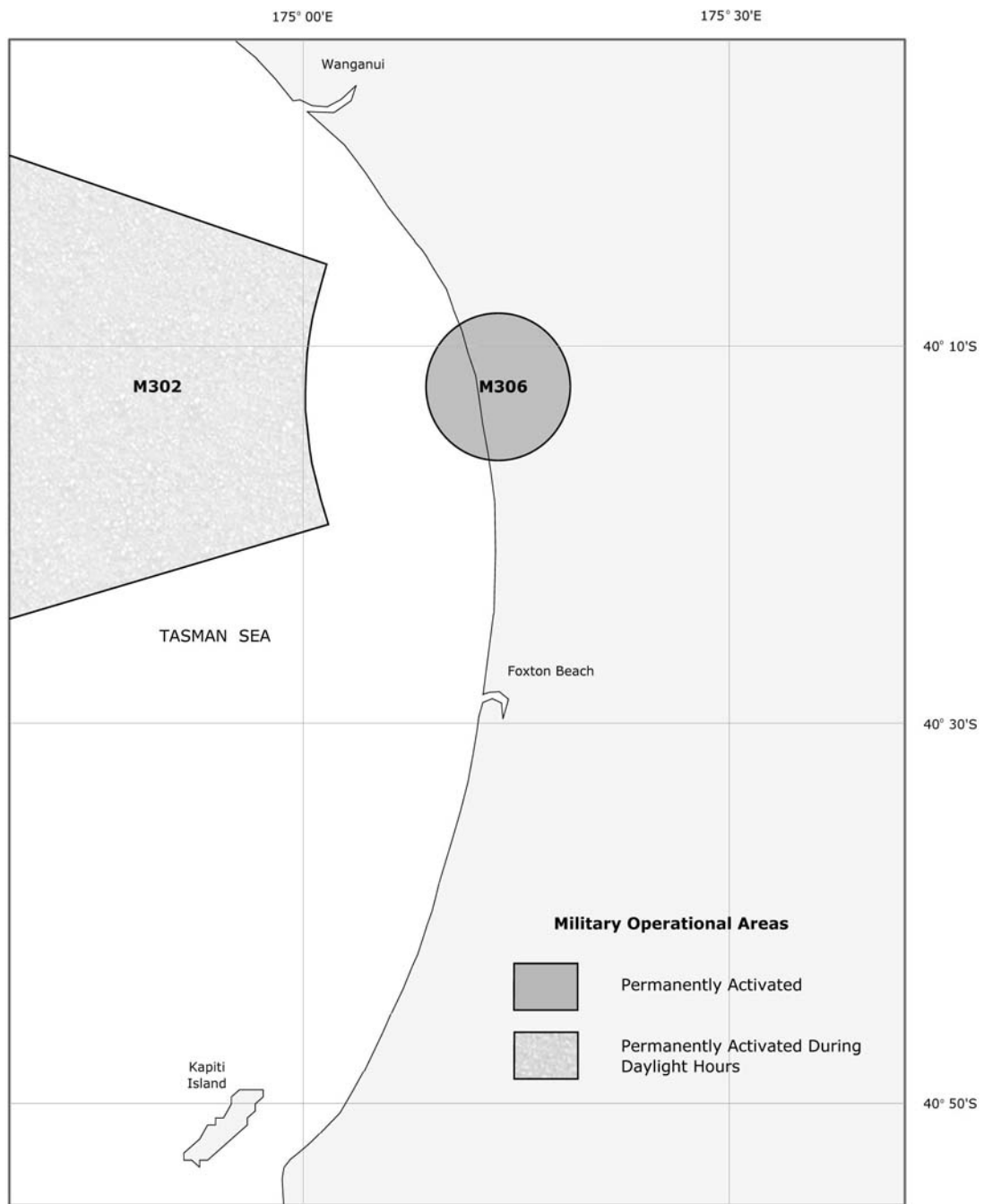


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### Chartlet 1



New Zealand



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**Chartlet 3**

(50°45'S., 166°05'E.) and the Campbell Islands (52°32'S., 169°11'E.). In places, these activities may extend a considerable distance from the coast.

Fishing is not permitted within 12 miles of the Kermadec Islands and within 800m of the main islands of the Poor Knight Islands (35°30'S., 174°44'E.). Both island groups are marine reserves.

The principal fishing methods used around New Zealand are, as follows:

1. Trawling—This is the most widespread method and is more intensive on the E coast of New Zealand.
2. Purse seining.
3. Lobster potting.
4. Squid jigging, especially around the Campbell Islands and the Auckland Islands.
5. Trolling.
6. Netting—Bottom nets are anchored to the sea bed. The nets are suspended from floats and are marked at both ends by buoys displaying flags.
7. Lining, using towed lines—The lines of Japanese deep-sea fishing vessels may be streamed as long as 15 miles. The lines are usually set a depths of between 15 and 25m suspended from buoys between 0.1 and 0.2 mile apart. Vessels may pass between the buoys, dependent on their draft.
8. Dredging for shellfish.

## Government



Flag of New Zealand

New Zealand is a parliamentary democracy closely patterned on that of the United Kingdom and is a fully-independent member of the British Commonwealth of Nations. The country is divided into 16 regions and one territory.

King Charles III is the sovereign and Chief of State, represented in New Zealand by a Governor-General. The Prime Minister is appointed by the Governor-General. The Executive Council (Cabinet) is appointed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Prime Minister. The unicameral 121-member House of Representatives consists of 72 directly-elected members and 49 members chosen by proportional representation, all serving 3-year terms.

The legal system is based on English common law.

The capital is Wellington.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Days	January 1-2

Holiday	Date(s)
Southland Day	Third Monday in January
Wellington Day	Fourth Monday in January
Auckland and Northland Day	Last Monday in January
Nelson Day	Last Monday in January or First Monday in February
Waitangi Day (New Zealand Day)	February 6
Taranaki Day	Second Monday in March
Otago Day	Third Monday in March
Good Friday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
Easter Monday	Variable
ANZAC Day	April 25
King's Birthday	Second Saturday in June
Canterbury Day (South)	Last Monday in September
Hawkes' Bay Day	Third Friday in October
Labor Day	Fourth Monday in October
Marlborough Day	Last Monday in October
Canterbury Day (North and Central)	Second or Third Friday in November
Chatham Islands Day	Last Monday in November
Westland Day	First Monday in December
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26
<b>Note.</b> —New Zealand holidays falling on a Saturday or Sunday may be observed the following Monday.	

## Ice

Icebergs may be encountered as far N as 43°56'S but their occurrence is infrequent.

Icebergs may be encountered N of 60°S; the extreme N limit is not accurately known but icebergs and loose ice has been reported as far N as the Chatham Islands (43°55'S., 176°30'E.). The movement of icebergs to the N across the east-going Southern Ocean Current is probably caused by persistent abnormal winds which may occur any time of the year. The current is most likely to take icebergs farther N to the E of New Zealand rather than to the W.

## Industries

The main industries are agriculture, forestry, fishing, logs and wood articles, manufacturing, mining, construction, financial services, real estate services, and tourism.

The main exports are dairy products, meat and edible offal, logs, and wood products. The main export-trading partners are China, Australia, the United States, and Japan.

The main imports are petroleum and petroleum products, vehicles and parts, broadcast equipment, and gas turbines. The main import-trading partners are China, Australia, the United States, Japan, and Thailand.

## Languages

English is the official language. Maori is also spoken.

## Meteorology

High seas forecasts, coastal forecasts (within 60 miles of the New Zealand coast), and tidal information are available, in English, from New Zealand MetService (<https://www.metservice.com>).

## Mined Areas

### Danger Areas

Before the present regulations establishing five ammunition dumping areas in depths over 600m were brought into force, it was the practice to dump ammunition in any suitable area off the New Zealand coast adjacent to the loading point providing the depth was greater than 200m. These areas, which are best seen on the chart, are defined as being within a radius of 5 miles centered on the following positions:

- 34°40'S, 174°50'E.
- 36°28'S, 176°20'E.
- 41°44'S, 175°01'E.
- 43°15'S, 174°00'E.
- 46°00'S, 171°13'E.

Ammunition has been found inside the 200m curve, especially in the Hauraki Gulf (Tikapa Moana) area, and in the waters around the Hen and Chicken Islands (35°55'S., 174°45'E.).

The area within 0.5 mile of the shores of the Hen and Chicken Islands is potentially dangerous.

A disused explosives dumping ground centered on position 36°38'S, 174°57'E exists in Hauraki Gulf (Tikapa Moana) between Tiritiri Matangi Island and The Noises.

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

Pub. 127, Sailing Directions (Enroute) East Coast of Australia and New Zealand.

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	200 miles or the Continental Margin.
* Prohibits entry of nuclear-powered ships or ships carrying nuclear material.	

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of New Zealand are, as fol-

lows:

### Internet Maritime Safety Information

Navigational warnings for the coast of New Zealand and NAVAREA XIV warnings are available, in English, from Maritime New Zealand (<https://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/navarea>).

Notice to Mariners and associated information are available, in English, from Land Information New Zealand (<https://www.lin.govt.nz/sea/maritime-safety>).

## Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory for merchant vessels, other than those exempted, at the ports of Auckland, Bluff, Gisborne, Lyttelton, Napier, Nelson, Otago, Opuha, Tauranga, Picton, Port Taranaki, Timaru, Wanganui, Wellington, Westport, and Whangarei.

Pilotage is also compulsory at Taharoa and Waverley off-shore terminals. At other ports pilotage is not compulsory and pilots only board vessels when signaled.

Vessels less than 100 gross tons are exempt from pilotage when pilotage is normally compulsory. The limit may be increased to 500 gross tons at the discretion of certain Harbor Boards.

## Pollution

### Pollution Reporting

All marine pollution incidents should be reported to Maritime New Zealand either directly to RCC New Zealand or, when urgent, through Taupo Maritime Radio (ZLM). Contact information for RCC New Zealand and Taupo Maritime Radio can be found in Search and Rescue.

### Ballast Water

Ballast water must not be discharged within 12 miles of the coast of New Zealand without the permission of the New Zealand Quarantine Officer.

### Voluntary Code

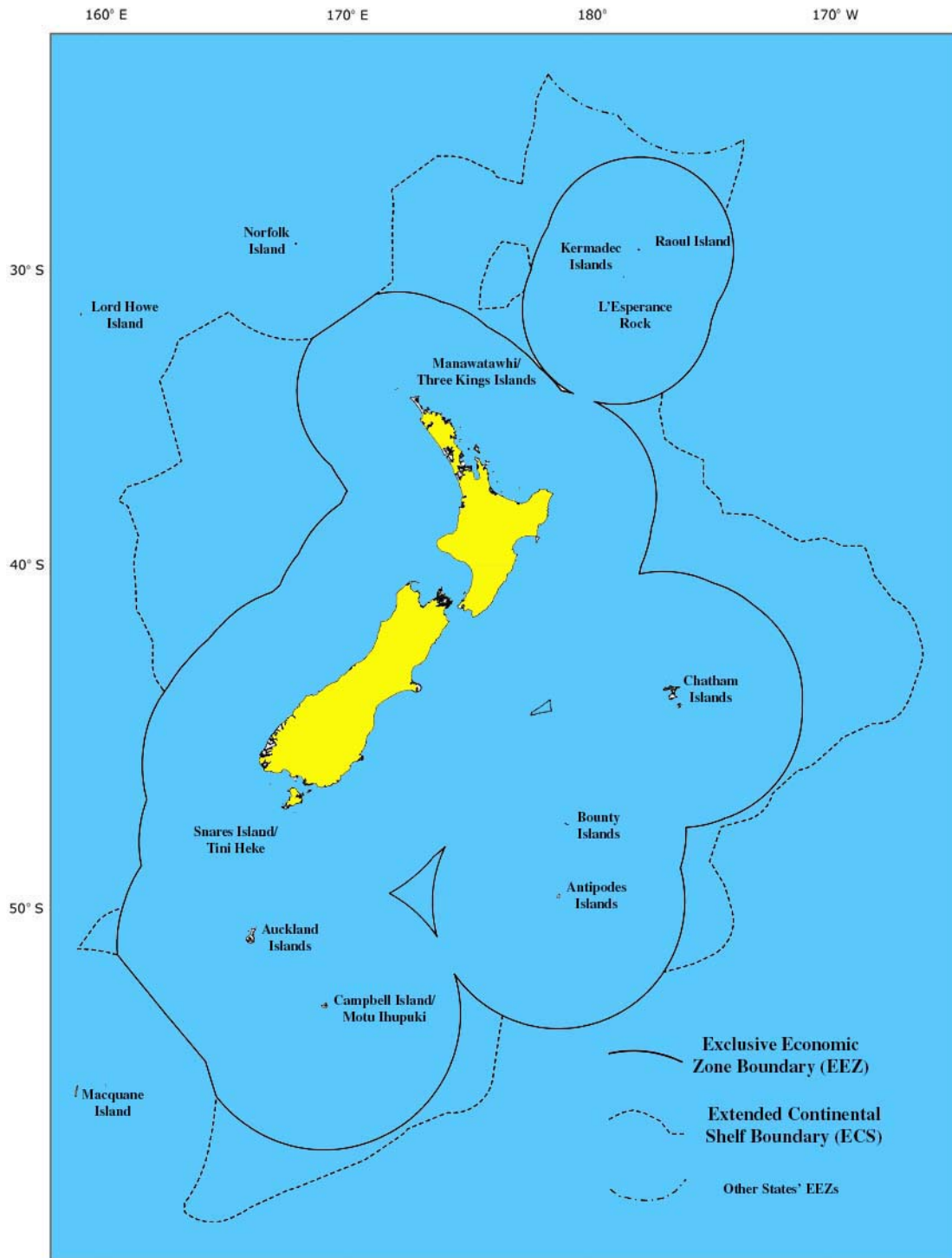
A Voluntary Code has been introduced to reduce the potential for the pollution of the marine environment around New Zealand's coast. For further information, see **Regulations—Shipping Routes**.

## Prohibited Areas

### Precautionary Area

**West Coast of North Island—Taranaki Offshore Area.**—A Precautionary Area has been established in order to reduce the risk of a maritime casualty and resulting marine pollution. This area contains a high level of offshore petroleum operations, including manned and unmanned production platforms and two Floating Production, Storage, and Offloading (FPSO) facilities serviced by offtake tankers. All ships should navigate with particular caution in the area bounded by the coast on its E side and by lines joining the following positions:

- 38°31.0'S, 174°37.8'E. (coast)
- 39°18.5'S, 173°05.0'E.
- 39°26.0'S, 173°01.0'E.
- 40°03.0'S, 173°04.0'E.
- 40°10.0'S, 173°16.0'E.
- 39°53.5'S, 174°54.5'E. (coast)



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**New Zealand—Exclusive Economic Zone and Extended Continental Shelf Boundaries**

It should be noted that offtake tankers servicing an FPSO may be up to 75,000 dwt and the combined length of an FPSO and an offtake tanker may be as much as 850m.

## Regulations

A vessel on arrival for the first time at a New Zealand port should purchase a copy of the General Harbor Regulations, and the bylaws of the port from the government shipping offices at Auckland, Bluff, Dunedin, Lyttelton, Napier, Nelson, Picton, Port Taranaki, Wellington, Westport, or Whangarei.

### Advance Notice of ETA

The vessel shall send its ETA to the harbormaster 24 hours and 4 hours prior to arrival, except where local requirements are different. If the ETA falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or public holiday which falls on a Monday, the ETA notification must be received by the harbormaster before 1400 on the previous Friday.

### Shipping Routes

1. A Voluntary Code has been introduced to reduce the potential for the pollution of the marine environment around New Zealand's coast. The Code, for shipowners and ship masters, recommends measures to reduce the likelihood of stranding of ships carrying oil or harmful liquid substances in bulk.

It stresses the importance of the shipmaster's duty to exercise discretion in particular circumstances, safe navigation, prompt reporting to Maritime New Zealand when experiencing any difficulties which could lead to pollution or other damage to the marine environment, the summoning of salvage assistance without delay, and observing regional routing schemes.

2. This Code applies to ships carrying oil or other harmful substances in bulk, as defined in Annexes I and II of MARPOL 73/78.

3. **Routes around the New Zealand coast.**—Ships are to keep at least 5 miles off the land, any charted danger(s), or any off-lying island(s), until reaching a position where alteration is required to make port.

Vessels traveling counterclockwise around New Zealand (with North Island or South Island off their port side) should consider keeping a further distance offshore (for example, keeping a distance of 7.5 miles off the coast in the vicinity of North Cape or East Cape) to better manage potential shipping encounters.

A greater distance off may be necessary in adverse onshore weather, or if it's known that the ship has any mechanical deficiency that might impair the power or maneuverability.

4. **Approaches to New Zealand ports.**—Listed, as follows:

a. **Whangarei.**—From the N, pass E of the Poor Knights Islands Area to be Avoided, then midway through Parry Channel, and then to the pilot station.

From the S, proceed through Colville Channel and Jellicoe Channel, keeping at least 3 miles off the land, and then to the pilot station.

b. **Auckland.**—From the N, enter Hauraki Gulf (Tikapa Moana) through Jellicoe Channel, keeping at least 3 miles off the land, then at least 3 miles off Flat Rock, then pass through a point midway between Shearer Rock and The Noises (at least 3 miles off Shearer Rock), before proceeding W to intercept the St. Leonard's Beach Sector Light and then to the pilot station.

From the E, enter Hauraki Gulf (Tikapa Moana) through Colville Channel, keeping to the N of the Channel Islands, and then to the pilot station.

c. **Transiting between Auckland and Whangarei.**—Vessels in transit between the pilot stations at Auckland and Whangarei, either northbound or southbound, should maintain a minimum distance of 3 miles from Shearer Rock, Flat Rock, and Cape Rodney and pass midway between Bream Tail (Paepae-o-Tu) and Tauranga Island.

d. **Tauranga.**—From the N, keep at least 4 miles off Mayor Island (Tuhua) and then to the pilot station.

From the E, keep at least 5 miles to the N of Volkner Rocks, then 3 miles to the N of Astrolabe Reef (which breaks in all swell conditions and in fair weather resembles a boat), and then to the pilot station.

When eastbound from the pilot station, set course to pass 3 miles to the N of Astrolabe Reef, passing abeam of Brewis Shoal at a distance of 3.38 miles, and then keep at least 5 miles N of Volkner Rocks.

e. **Gisborne.**—From the N, proceed to the E of Ariel Bank, keeping 5 miles off the charted dangers to the SE of the bank, then to a position 3.4 miles due E of Young Nicks Head (Te Kuri), and then to the pilot station.

Alternatively, pass midway between Ariel Bank and Monowai Rocks, then at least 4 miles off Tuaheni Point, and then to the pilot station.

From the S, keep at least 5 miles off Kahutara Point (Table Cape) and then to the pilot station.

f. **Napier.**—From the N and S, keep at least 5 miles off any charted danger and then to the pilot station.

g. **Wellington.**—From the E, keep at least 5 miles off Cape Palliser (Matakitakiakupe) and 4 miles off Tuakirae Head before proceeding to the designated pilot boarding position. Vessels are to keep well clear of the wave rider buoy, 1 mile W of Baring Head (Orua-pouanu), and Arabella Rock, 0.6 mile NE of Baring Head (Orua-pouanu).

From the W, pass midway between The Brothers and Fisherman's Rock, then at least 4 miles off Cape Terawhiti, then at least 4 miles off Karori Rock. When abeam of Sinclair Head (Te Rimurapa), vessels requiring a pilot should proceed directly to the designated pilot boarding area. Vessels not requiring a pilot may adjust course to join the ranges no closer than 2 miles off the entrance (or greater in S weather). Such vessels should be aware of departing vessels.

All departing vessels should note the following:

i. Vessels inbound for pilotage are likely to be under instruction from a local pilot and will be approaching the designated boarding areas (ALPHA, BRAVO, or CHARLIE) or the supplementary bad weather boarding area (DELTA).

ii. Numerous ferries and other vessels exempt from pilotage are likely to be approaching from the W to a position on the ranges not less than 2 miles S of the entrance.

iii. Vessels heading E are initially to head S on the approximate line of the ranges but avoiding conflict with vessels maneuvering to pick up their pilot. Such vessels should maintain this course until clear of the harbor limits and in a position to intersect the coastal course line between Baring Head (Orua-pouanu) and Cape Palliser (Matakitakiakupe).



h. **Picton.**—Pass midway between Cook Rock and Walker Rock, at the entrance to Queen Charlotte Sound (Tōtawāuni), and then to the pilot station.

i. **Nelson.**—Keep at least 5 miles off Pitt Head and at least 5 miles off Pepin Island and then to the pilot station.

j. **Lyttelton.**—From the N, keep at least 5 miles off the land until approaching the pilot station.

From the S, keep at least 5 miles off Steep Head, then at least 3 miles off Long Lookout Point, and then to the pilot station.

k. **Timaru.**—From the N, keep at least 5 miles off the land until reaching the pilot station.

From the S, keep at least 5 miles off the land, then at least 3 miles off Tuhawaiki Point, and then to the pilot station.

l. **Otago.**—From the N, keep at least 5 miles off the land until approaching the pilot station.

From the S, keep at least 4 miles off Cape Saunders, then at least 3 miles E of Tairōa Head, and then to the pilot station.

m. **Bluff.**—From the E, keep at least 3 miles off Slope Point, then at least 3 miles off Waipapa Point, then at least 1.5 miles S of Dog Island, and then to the pilot station.

From the W, keep at least 5 miles S of Raratōka Island (Centre Island) and then to the pilot station.

n. **West coast of Stewart Island/Rakiura.**—From the S, keep at least 3 miles off The Knobbies, at least 3 miles off the Rugged Islands, 3 miles off Bishop and Clerk Island, and then to the pilot station at Bluff.

o. **East coast of Stewart Island/Rakiura.**—From the S, keep at least 3 miles off the Breaksea Islands, then at least 3 miles off Wreck Reef, then to a position at least 2 miles off Kanetōe Island, then to a position at least 2 miles off Zero Rock, and then to the pilot station at Bluff.

p. **New Plymouth.**—From the W, keep at least 5 miles off Cape Egmont, then at least 5 miles off the land, then at least 3 miles off Saddleback Island (Motumahanga), and then to the pilot station.

From the N, keep at least 5 miles off the land until approaching the pilot station.

q. **Manukau.**—From any direction from seaward, proceed to the Outer Manukau Pilotage Limit. Depths on the bar and entrance to Manukau Harbor are subject to frequent changes and it is dangerous to cross the bar and enter the harbor without recent local knowledge. It is not recommended that vessels enter or leave the harbor during the hours of darkness. No large vessels (those 500 gt or greater or any vessel with an loa of 40m or greater) may cross the bar during the hours of darkness.

r. **Chatham Islands.**—An Area of Restricted Access has been established around the Chatham Islands. All vessels of 500 gt and greater or with an loa of 40m and greater must obtain permission from the Chatham Islands Council Harbormaster prior to entering into or remaining within the Chatham Islands Area of Restricted Access (a fee may be charged to obtain this approval). This restriction includes passage between Chatham Island and Pitt Island by large vessels.

It is recommended that large vessels transiting this area remain 5 miles N of Chatham Island or 5 miles S of Pitt Island. For further information, see **Areas to be Avoided—Chatham Islands**.

## Customs

Customs officers are stationed at Auckland (for Whangarei and Opaa), Christchurch (for Greymouth, Lyttelton, and Westport), Dunedin (for Port Chalmers), Invercargill (for Bluff), Napier, Nelson, New Plymouth (for Taranaki), Tauranga, Timaru, and Wellington.

A vessel from overseas must not make its first port of call a subport without permission from the Collector of Customs.

## Vessel Identification

Every vessel entering any harbor, as soon as it arrives within signaling distance of the signal station, shall by the most convenient means available establish its identity to the harbor signal station. Such identification shall be acknowledged by the signal station.

The Ministry of Defense has stated that should it become necessary to control the entrance of ships into and the movement of ships within certain ports under its control in New Zealand, the signals described in the table titled **New Zealand—Port Control Signals** will be displayed.

These signals will be shown from some conspicuous position in or near the approaches to the ports concerned and may be displayed also by any of the Examination Service Vessels or Traffic Control Vessels operating in the approaches.

Masters of vessels are warned that should they approach the entrance to a port which is being controlled by the Ministry of Defense they should not enter a declared “Dangerous Area” or close boom defenses without permission, nor should they anchor or stop in a dangerous area or prohibited anchorage unless instructed to do so.

New Zealand—Port Control Signals		
Meaning	Day	Night
Entrance to the port is prohibited	Three red balls, vertically disposed	Three red flashing lights, vertically disposed
Entrance to the port is permitted	Three green lights, vertically disposed and visible all around the horizon	Three green lights vertically disposed and visible all around the horizon
Movement of shipping within the port or anchorage is prohibited	A blue flag	One green light between two red lights, vertically disposed and visible all around the horizon

Masters are advised to communicate with any Government or Port Authority vessel found patrolling in the offing to ascertain the recommended approach to the port.

## Examination Service

In certain circumstances it may be necessary to take special measures to examine, or to establish the identity of, individual vessels desiring to enter ports and to control their entry.

This is the function of the Examination Service, whose officers will be afloat in Examination Vessels or Traffic Control Vessels.

These vessels will display the distinguishing flags of the Ex-

amination Service, which are the following:

1. The Examination Service special flag with a white and red center, and blue border.
2. The New Zealand Blue Ensign or, exceptionally, the New Zealand White Ensign.

If ordered to anchor in an Examination Anchorage, Masters are warned that it is forbidden, except for the purpose of avoiding an accident, to do any of the following without prior permission being obtained from the Examining Officer:

1. To lower any boat.
2. To communicate with the shore or with any other ship.
3. To move the ship.
4. To work cables.
5. To allow any person or object to leave the ship.

The permission of the Immigration Officer must be obtained before any passenger or member of the crew who has embarked outside New Zealand is allowed to land.

**Pratique**

All commercial vessels must apply in writing 48 hours in advance of arrival to a number of New Zealand government agencies. The Advance Notice of Arrival form (New Zealand Customs Service (NZCS) Form 344) has combined the appropriate government departments' information requirements for commercial vessels arriving in New Zealand from an overseas port.

The Advance Notice of Arrival form replaces all other methods of requesting radio pratique. The form must be completed by all arriving vessels. If necessary, the ship's agent should forward the completed form to the appropriate location.

The Advance Notice of Arrival form can be accessed on the web at the New Zealand Customs Service web site (<https://www.customs.govt.nz/business/import/commercial-ships-and-cruise-liners>).

Upon arrival in New Zealand, vessels must proceed to a New Zealand First Ports of Entry unless compelled by navigation-related requirements, accident, stress of weather, or other necessity, to arrive elsewhere. New Zealand First Ports of Entry are, as follows:

1. Auckland.
2. Waikato (Taharoa).
3. Invercargill (Bluff and Tiwai Point).
4. Dunedin (and Port Chalmers).
5. Gisborne.
6. Lyttleton (Christchurch).
7. Napier.
8. Nelson.
9. New Plymouth.
10. Northland.
11. Picton.
12. Tauranga.
13. Timaru.
14. Wellington.

Further information can be found at the New Zealand Ministry of Primary Industries web site (<https://www.mpi.govt.nz>).

As the Advance Notice of Arrival is required by other New Zealand agencies 48 hours prior to arrival, a "no change of status report" relating to health information that may have already been provided on NZCS Form 344, is required at least 12 hours and not earlier than 24 hours prior to the ETA, to confirm that the health

status of the crew has not changed. The "no change of status report" can be made by radio, telephone, facsimile, or e-mail.

**Search and Rescue**

The Rescue Coordination Center New Zealand (RCCNZ) is responsible for the coordination of all search and rescue operations in the New Zealand Search and Rescue Region (NZSRR).

New Zealand—SAR Contact Information	
Rescue Coordination Center New Zealand (RCCNZ)	
Telephone	64-4-577-8030 (24 hours)
Facsimile	64-4-577-8038 (24 hours)
	64-4-577-8041 (Administration)
E-mail	<a href="mailto:rccnz@maritimenz.govt.nz">rccnz@maritimenz.govt.nz</a>
INMARSAT-C	451-200-067
Taupo Maritime Radio (ZLM)	
Telephone	64-4-550-5280 (24 hours)
Facsimile	64-4-550-4001 (24 hours)
E-mail	<a href="mailto:rccnz@maritimenz.govt.nz">rccnz@maritimenz.govt.nz</a>
INMARSAT-C	451-200-067

Taupo Maritime Radio (ZLM) maintains a continuous listening watch on all international distress frequencies.

The Royal New Zealand Coastguard is the primary search and rescue organization in New Zealand. This volunteer organization operates 75 dedicated inshore rescue boats and two fixed-wing aircraft.

Royal New Zealand Coastguard Home Page
<a href="https://www.coastguard.nz">https://www.coastguard.nz</a>

**Specifications for Helicopters Involved in SAR in New Zealand**

**NH90.**—The main type of military helicopter used for SAR duties in New Zealand is the RNZAF NH90. Expect the NH90 to be deployed from Ohakea within 2 hours' Notice to Move (NTM). This helicopter is routinely configured to transport/rescue up to 12 persons at a time at a short range (100 miles). The aircraft transits at 120 knots in fair weather conditions. This equates to approximate transit times into an area of operations (AO), as follows:

1. One hour if the search area is within the radius bound by Hamilton-Nelson.
2. Two hours within the radius bound by Auckland-Greymouth-Christchurch
3. Up to 4 hours for Northland and Southland.

NH90 over-water SAR operations are dependent on a number of factors, including time of day, weather conditions, the number of persons, the nature of the rescue, and the nature of the vessel. It is recommended that contact begins as soon as possible once it is believed that NH90 support will be required for over-water SAR.

NH90 helicopters are fitted with marine VHF, UHF, and HF equipment. The HF equipment affords messages to be passed via shore.

Preparations may take longer than the stated two hours' NTM due to the potential to have to fit auxiliary fuel tanks.

**Seasprite.**—The Seasprite is also sometimes used, and can rescue up to four persons. The Seasprite does not have a standard callout requirement and therefore would be utilized on an as required and as available basis.

The Seasprite is a maritime helicopter and is fitted with equipment that allows over-water SAR operations at night. Additionally, the Seasprite is equipped with maritime search equipment including radar and forward-looking infrared camera. The Seasprite typically has an 80-100 miles Radius of Action (ROA), transits speed of 90 knots over the ground, and an endurance of about 2.5 hours (three passengers on board).

Seasprite helicopters are fitted with marine VHF, UHF, and HF equipment. The HF equipment affords messages to be passed via shore.

**Civilian helicopters.**—Civilian helicopters used by RCCNZ vary in their capacity for survivors and the distance from the shore at which they operate. Most civilian rescue helicopters are fitted with marine VHF.

## Signals

### Tsunami Warning System

Tsunamis resulting from earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, or landslides in any part of the Pacific Ocean may have serious effects upon shipping in New Zealand harbors.

In the event of the possibility of a tsunami approaching New Zealand, the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), through both the Regional Civil Defense Emergency Management Group (CDEMG)/Regional Councils and the Rescue Coordination Center New Zealand (RCCNZ), will at once advise harbormasters, who will in turn inform all merchant vessels in their harbors as quickly as possible either verbally or by a sound signal.

Upon arrival in the port, vessel masters will be advised by the harbormasters as to which frequency is to be guarded in the event of an alert. On hearing these warnings, masters are to set the radio watches. The watches are to be maintained until the threat is declared over by the same authority that issued the

original advice. All further instructions will be passed by radio (see **Table 2—Tsunami Warning System—Emergency Frequencies Available**).

The signal to be given to warn vessels in the harbor to take action is a series of five prolonged blasts. In some ports, this signal will be made by sirens, on instructions from the CDEMG, which will be situated in positions from which the signal may be heard at all points in the harbors. In other ports, vessels will be advised verbally by the harbormaster (see **Table 1—Tsunami Warning System—Alert Signal**).

On hearing this signal, masters are to set radio watches; wherever possible, both RT and VHF are to be guarded. These watches are to be maintained until the emergency is declared over. All further instructions will be passed by radio (see **Table 2—Tsunami Warning System—Emergency Frequencies Available**).

Following this signal, harbormasters will take full control of all shipping operations in their area. Masters are asked to give their full cooperation.

In certain cases, it may be necessary for the harbormasters to order vessels to sea to avoid serious damage being caused to ships and harbor structures by large tidal fluctuations in their harbors. Mariners are to advise the harbormasters whenever they intend to perform engine maintenance which will immobilize their vessels. It should be noted that the time available for action after receiving the alert signal may be as long as 14 hours or as brief as minutes, depending on the epicenter from where the sea wave is spreading.

In the case of vessels at sea when a warning of an approaching tsunami is received, advice will be given by the existing navigational warning system. These warnings may include instructions for the immediate movement of ships.

Should a disaster occur ashore, all ships in port and at sea in New Zealand waters may be called upon to provide some assistance at the request of civil defense authorities, as follows:

1. Providing temporary shelter and food for homeless civilians.
2. Providing rations, water, fuel, and power to local authorities.
3. Evacuating civilians to another port.
4. Providing radio communications.
5. Providing fire fighting parties to assist ashore.

**Table 1—Tsunami Warning System—Alert Signal**

Harbor in which warning signal will be given by sound signal	Harbors in which warning signal will be given verbally	
Kaingaroa	Auckland	Onehunga
Owenga	Akaroa	Opuia (Bay of Islands)
Waitange (Chatham Island)	Bluff	Picton
	Chatham Islands	Port Chalmers
	Dunedin	Port Taranaki
	Gisborne	Tarakohe Harbor (Port Golden Bay)
	Greymouth	Tauranga
	Kaikoura	Timaru

Table 1—Tsunami Warning System—Alert Signal		
Harbor in which warning signal will be given by sound signal	Harbors in which warning signal will be given verbally	
	Lyttelton	Wellington
	Marsden Point	Westport
	Napier	Whakatane
	Nelson	Whanganui

Table 2—Tsunami Warning System—Emergency Frequencies Available		
Port	Call sign	VHF channel— First call VHF channel 16, then call VHF channel:
Akaroa	Akaroa Harbor Control	3 and 12 (not 24 hours)
Auckland	Auckland Harbor Control	12
Bay of Islands	Russell Radio	63
Bluff	Bluff Harbor Radio	12, 14
Dunedin	Otago Harbor Control	12, 14, 62
Gisborne	Gisborne Harbor Radio	12 (not 24 hours)
Greymouth	Greymouth Harbor Radio	14, 63 (not 24 hours)
Kaikoura	Kaikoura Harbor Control	16 and as directed (not 24 hours)
Lyttelton	Lyttelton Harbor Radio	12
Marsden Point	Whangarei Harbor Radio	11
Napier	Napier Harbor Radio	12
Nelson	Nelson Harbor Radio	12
Onehunga	Auckland Harbor Control	12
Picton	Picton Harbor Radio	18
Port Chalmers	Otago Harbor Control	12, 14, 62
Port Taranaki	New Plymouth Harbor Radio	12, 61
Tauranga	Tauranga Port Radio	12
Timaru	Timaru Harbor Radio	9
Wellington	Wellington Harbor Radio	14
Westport	Westport Harbor Radio ZMH92	14
Whanganui	Whanganui Harbor Radio ZMH211	16 only
<b>Note.</b> —Upon arriving in port, masters will be advised by the harbormaster which frequency is to be guarded in the event of an alert.		

Harbormasters will arrange with masters what assistance each ship is able to provide. Ships at sea will be contacted by the normal radio communications system.

These procedures have been agreed upon by Maritime New Zealand, the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), police, shipowners, port authorities, Regional Councils, and harbormasters.

Further information can be found at the following web site of the New Zealand Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management (<http://www.civildefence.govt.nz>).

### Submarine Operating Areas

Submarines may exercise in the following areas:

1. Hauraki Gulf.
2. East of Great Barrier Island (36°10'S., 175°25'E.) and the Mercury Islands (36°37'S., 175°56'E.).
3. Off the Bay of Plenty (37°45'S., 177°00'E.).
4. Southeast of Blackhead Point (40°13'S., 176°47'E.).
5. Off the S entrance to Cook Strait in an area extending S and E from position 41°45'S, 175°00'E.

For information on submarine warning signals and sunken submarines, see **Australia—Submarine Operating Areas**.

The sighting of any submarine distress beacon should be immediately reported by the quickest means possible to RCC New Zealand, the Royal New Zealand Navy, or the New Zealand Police.

A submarine-launched Expendable Communications Buoy (ECB) is used for tactical communications between submarines and aircraft/warships. However, when set to its emergency default mode, it will transmit a SABRE tone on 243 MHz Military Air Guard.

The ECB provides a one-way line-of-sight communication between the disabled submarines and surface units. The ECB is a programmable tactical buoy which acts as an alert beacon for submarines in distress.

The ECB is pre-programmed for distress and does not require programming prior to launch. When the ECB arrives at the surface, it deploys a flotation collar and an aerial and begins to transmit.

It has a battery life of 4 hours and a transmitting cycle of 3 minutes (transmit) and 1 minute (silence). The ranges are 70 miles (aircraft), 18 miles (shore), and 15 miles (ship).

Designated Safe Submarine Bottoming Areas are located, as follows:

1. **Area No. S1 (Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana).**—An area bound by great circle lines joining the following positions:

- a. 36°27'54"S, 175°02'30"E.
- b. 36°29'54"S, 175°02'30"E.
- c. 36°29'54"S, 175°05'00"E.
- d. 36°27'54"S, 175°05'00"E.

2. **Area No. S2 (Little Barrier Island/Te Hauturu-o-Toi).**—An area bound by great circle lines joining the following positions:

- a. 36°01'18"S, 175°03'15"E.
- b. 36°02'51"S, 175°06'30"E.
- c. 36°04'54"S, 175°05'00"E.
- d. 36°03'18"S, 175°01'42"E.

3. **Area No. S3 (Great Barrier Island/Aotea).**—An area bound by great circle lines joining the following positions:

- a. 36°26'18"S, 175°38'30"E.
- b. 36°29'24"S, 175°38'30"E.
- c. 36°29'24"S, 175°42'06"E.
- d. 36°26'18"S, 175°42'06"E.

4. **Area No. S4 (Bay of Plenty).**—An area bound by great circle lines joining the following positions:

- a. 37°47'54"S, 177°12'00"E.
- b. 37°51'54"S, 177°12'00"E.
- c. 37°51'54"S, 177°20'00"E.
- d. 37°47'54"S, 177°20'00"E.

5. **Area No. S5 (Hawke Bay).**—An area bound by great circle lines joining the following positions:

- a. 39°18'54"S, 177°15'00"E.
- b. 39°21'54"S, 177°15'00"E.
- c. 39°21'54"S, 177°18'36"E.
- d. 39°18'54"S, 177°18'36"E.

## Time Zone

The Time Zone description is MIKE (-12). Daylight Savings Time (Zone Description -13) is maintained from the last Sunday in September until the first Sunday in April of the following year.

The Time Zone description for the Kermadec Islands is MIKE (-12). Daylight Savings Time (Zone Description -13) is maintained from the last Sunday in September until the first Sunday in April of the following year.

The observed Standard Time for Chatham Island is 12 hours 45 minutes fast of UTC. Daylight Savings Time (13 hours 45 minutes fast of UTC) is maintained from the last Sunday in September until the first Sunday in April of the following year.

## U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is situated at 29 Fitzherbert Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington.

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## Currency

The official unit of currency is the cordoba, consisting of 100 centavos.

## Government

## General

Nicaragua, which borders Costa Rica and Honduras, is located in Central America. The Caribbean Sea lies to its N and the Pacific to its S.

Both coasts lie within the hot, tropical zone while the temperatures become cooler in the interior highlands.

The Atlantic coast has expansive coastal plains rising to central interior mountains. Inland, the country is spanned diagonally by two high mountain chains.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region B) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

Many lights have been reported as extinguished, irregular, or unreliable.



**Flag of Nicaragua**

Nicaragua is a presidential republic. The country is divided into 15 departments and two autonomous regions.

Nicaragua is governed by a directly-elected President serving a 5-year term. The Council of Ministers is appointed by the President. The unicameral National Assembly is composed of 92 members; 90 members are directly elected using a system of proportional representation, with one seat designated for the previous President and one seat designated for the runner-up in the previous presidential election. All members serve a 5-year term.

The legal system is based on a civil law system. The capital is Managua.

**Holidays**

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Holy Thursday	Variable
Good Friday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
Labor Day	May 1
Mother's Day	May 30
National Liberation Day	July 19
Fiesta Day	August 1
San Jacinto Battle Day	September 14
Independence Day	September 15
All Souls' Day	November 2
Immaculate Conception	December 8
Christmas Day	December 25

**Industries**

The main industries are agriculture and food processing, chemicals, machinery and metal products, textiles and clothing, petroleum refining and distribution, beverages, footwear, wood, manufacturing, electric wire harnesses, and mining.

The main exports are clothing and apparel, gold, insulated wiring, coffee, cigars, and beef. The main export partners are the United States, El Salvador, and Mexico.

The main imports are crude and refined petroleum, clothing and apparel, packaged medicines, and insulated wiring. The main import-trading partner are the United States, Mexico, China, Guatemala, Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Honduras.

**Languages**

Spanish is the official language. English and indigenous languages are widely spoken on the Atlantic coast.

**Meteorology**

Maritime weather forecasts for the Caribbean and Pacific coasts are available, in Spanish, from the Nicaraguan Institute of Earth Studies (<https://www.ineter.gob.ni>).

**Navigational Information**

**Enroute Volumes**

Pub. 148, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Caribbean Sea Volume 2.

Pub. 153, Sailing Directions (Enroute) West Coasts of Mexico and Central America.

**Maritime Claims**

The maritime territorial claims of Nicaragua are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	Depth of 200m or the Continental Margin.
* Claims straight baselines. Requires advance notification or permission for innocent passage of warships in the territorial sea.	

**Maritime Boundary Disputes**

Dispute with Colombia over using the 82°W meridian as the maritime boundary.

Colombia, Honduras, Nicaragua, Jamaica, and the United States assert various claims to Bajo Nuevo and Seranilla Bank.

Legal dispute with Costa Rica over navigational rights on the San Juan River.

Advised by the ICJ to adopt a tripartite resolution with El Salvador and Honduras to establish a maritime boundary in Golfo de Fonseca which considers Honduran access to the Pacific Ocean.

**Search and Rescue**

The Nicaraguan Air Force coordinates search and rescue operations. The Rescue Coordination Center (RCC) is situated at the international airport in Managua.

Nicaragua is part of the Corporacion Centroamericana de Servicios de Navegacion Aerea (COCESNA), the Central American aeronautical search and rescue network. Rescue Sub-Center (RSC) Nicaragua works with RCC Centro America.

Further information on COCESNA can be found in **Honduras—Search and Rescue**.

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**Time Zone**

The Time Zone description is SIERRA (+6). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

**U.S. Embassy**

The U.S. Embassy is situated at Kilometer 5.5 Carretera Sur, Managua.

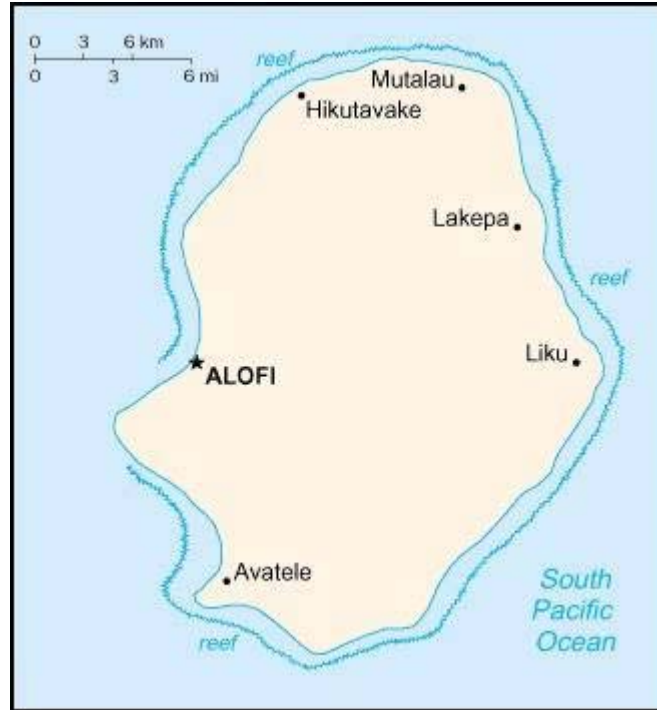
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**Buoyage System**

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

**Cautions**

Fish aggregating devices (FAD) are moored in the waters surrounding Niue. The FADs are unlit and painted orange. Concentrations of fishing vessels may be found in the vicinity of FADs.

**Currency**

The official unit of currency is the New Zealand dollar, consisting of 100 cents.

**Government**

Niue is a self-governing territory in free association with New Zealand and is fully responsible for internal affairs. New Zealand retains responsibility for any of its external affairs.

**General**

Niue, a self-governing territory in free association with New Zealand, is located in the South Pacific Ocean about 580 miles W of Rarotonga in position 19°02'S, 169°55'W.

Niue is a raised coral outcrop with a fringing coral reef around a precipitous and broken coastline. The island takes the shape of two terraces, the lower being 27m above sea level and the upper saucer-shaped plateau rising to 65m.

The climate is tropical modified by the Southeast Trade Winds. Niue is on the edge of the hurricane belt, but severe hurricanes are rare. Strong winds are sometimes experienced from December to late March, which is also the rainy season and the hottest period of the year. From April to November the days are warm and sunny while the nights are cool.

The terrain is steep limestone cliffs along its coast and central plateau.



**Flag of Niue**

King Charles III is recognized as the Chief of State and is represented by the Governor General of New Zealand and the New Zealand High Commissioner. Niue is governed by a Premier elected by the Legislative Assembly for a 3-year term. The Cabinet is appointed by the Premier. The unicameral Legislative Assembly consists of 20 directly-elected members serving 3-year terms.

The legal system is based on English common law. The capital is Alofi.

**Holidays**

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Days	January 1-2
Takai Day	January 4
Waitangi Day (New Zealand Day)	February 6
Good Friday	Variable
Easter Monday	Variable
Anzac Day	April 25
King's Birthday	Second Saturday in June
Constitution Day	October 16
Peniamina Day	October 20
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26

**Industries**

The main industries are handicrafts and food processing. The main exports are floating platforms, tugboats, refined petroleum, cargo ships, vehicles, and plasticware. The main export-trading partners are Indonesia, Thailand, and South Korea. The main imports are tank vessels, collector's items, commemorative coins, fruits, nuts, juices, and electrical resistors.. The main import-trading partners are New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and Japan.

**Languages**

English and Niuean, a Polynesian dialect peculiar to the island but closely related to that of Tonga and Samoa, are the official languages.

**Navigational Information**

**Enroute Volume**

Pub. 126, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Pacific Islands.

**Maritime Claims**

The maritime territorial claims of Niue are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone *	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone *	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	200 miles.
* To defined limits	

**Regulations**

**Rhinoceros Beetle Regulations**

Every vessel arriving in Niue from an area infested with rhinoceros beetles, which feeds on and destroys the heart of new growth shoots of the coconut palm, is required to keep at least 1 mile off the shore or encircling reef of an island from at least 15 minutes before sunset until at least 15 minutes after sunrise.

The areas regarded as infested are, as follows:

1. Bismarck Archipelago.
2. Cuba.
3. Dominican Republic.
4. Fiji.
5. Haiti.
6. Indonesia.
7. Irian Jaya (Sarmi, Monakwari, and Sorenarwa).
8. Palau.
9. Philippines.
10. Puerto Rico.
11. Samoa.
12. Taiwan.
13. Tonga.
14. Wallis and Futuna.

Before these regulations can be eased, the following quarantine periods must be observed:

1. Cargo vessels which have been operating in an infested area—3 months.
2. Naval vessels and yachts which have been in an infested port—3 weeks.

**Marine Protected Areas**

Niue Moana Mahu, an extensive Marine Protected Area in which anchoring, fishing, and other activities are prohibited, extends S and E from Niue for about 200 miles as far as the Exclusive Economic Zone.

**Beveridge Reef Nukutulueatama** (20°00.2'N., 167°45.5'E.) lies within a Special Management Area. Fishing restrictions apply within this area.

**Time Zone**

The Time Zone description is XRAY (+11). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

**U.S. Embassy**

| There are no U.S. diplomatic offices in Niue However, the

United States officially established diplomatic relations in 2023.



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## General

North Korea, officially known as the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, is located in Northeast Asia. It shares common borders with China and the Soviet Union.

The leading ports are Chongjin and Heungnam. Nampo, the port of Pyongyang, has been dredged and expanded.

Pyongyang is connected to Nampo by railway and river.

The climate is temperate with rainfall concentrated in summer.

The terrain is mostly hills and mountains separated by deep, narrow valleys. There are wide coastal plains wide in the W, discontinuous in the E.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region B) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

## Cautions

### General

The following information is published solely for information relative to the navigational safety of shipping and in no way constitutes a legal recognition by the United States of the international validity of any rule, regulation, or proclamation so published.

All vessels transiting the water contiguous to the coast of North Korea are advised of the following:

1. Since 1975 there have been sporadic and hostile acts such as harassments of, shootings on, and capturing of fishing vessels by North Korean military vessels.
2. North Korea claims a 12-mile territorial sea.
3. By decree, effective August 1, 1977, North Korea has unilaterally proclaimed a 200-mile economic zone.

According to the decree, the economic zone will extend 200 miles from the baseline from which the territorial waters are measured, or to the "median line of the sea" in waters where the economic zone of 200 miles cannot be fully extended.

The boundaries for the economic zone in the Sea of Japan have been further defined by the following base points:

- a. 38°36'48"N, 129°30'30"E.
- b. 41°46'13"N, 131°31'15"E.
- c. 40°06'27"N, 133°34'38"E.
- d. 38°36'48"N, 132°36'52"E.

The decree stipulates that the North Koreans will exercise sovereignty over all living and nonliving resources within these waters, in the water, and on and beneath the sea bed.

Without approval from an organ of North Korea, all foreigners, foreign vessels, and foreign aircraft are prohibited from activities such as fishing, establishing facilities, and exploring or developing, within the economic zone. Also, any activities which obstruct the economic activities of North Korea and all other activities detrimental to the people and marine resources, including sea and air pollution.

On August 1, 1977, North Korea announced the establishment of a military boundary, set at 50 nautical miles, in the Sea of Japan, measured from a hypothetical line drawn from Mu Su Dan to the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). The seaward limit of the military boundary is defined by a line connecting the following points:

- a. 38°36'48"N, 129°30'30"E.
- b. 41°46'13"N, 131°31'15"E.

In the Yellow Sea, the military boundary extends to the limits of the economic zone, which have not been defined.

Within the military boundary, all foreign military ships and planes are prohibited, and foreign nonmilitary ships (except fishing boats) and planes are prohibited unless prior permission is obtained.

### Magnetic Anomalies

A local magnetic anomaly which increases the normal magnetic variation by 2° has been experienced in the vicinity of Musu Dan (40°50'N., 129°43'E.).

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the North Korean won, consisting of 100 chon.

## Fishing Areas

Fishing for squid is carried out virtually throughout the Sea of Japan. Fishing is carried out from boats of up to 100 tons from June to December, but principally between July and October, when up to 1,300 boats may go out each day. Lights are exhibited at night to attract the fish.

## Government



Flag of North Korea

North Korea is a communist state. The country is divided into nine provinces and four municipalities.

North Korea is ruled by the Korean Workers Party (Communist Party), which elects a Central Committee. The Cabinet is appointed by the Supreme People's Assembly. The unicameral Supreme People's Assembly consists of 687 directly-elected members, who are previously approved by the Korean Workers Party, serving 5-year terms.

The legal system is based on German civil law, with Japanese influences and Communist legal theory.

The capital is Pyongyang.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Kim Jong Il's Birthday	February 16
Kim Il Sung's Birthday	April 15
People's Army Foundation Day	April 25
Labor Day	May 1
Victory Day	July 27
Anniversary of Freedom	August 15
Communist Party Foundation Day	September 9
Chusok (Harvest Moon Festival)	Variable
Worker's Party Foundation Day	October 10
Constitution Day	December 27

## Ice

Along the E coast of North Korea during the winter, ice is always present in very low or low concentrations except in the area of Kyongsong Man (41°25'N., 129°45'E.), a large bay open to the E near the town of Chongjin, where ice concentrations of 40 to 50 per cent have been observed.

## Industries

The main industries are military products, machine building, electric power, chemicals, mining (coal, iron ore, magnesite, limestone, graphite, copper, zinc, lead, and precious metals), metallurgy, textiles, food processing, and tourism.

The main exports are refined petroleum, iron alloys, electricity, vehicles, and vaccines and cultures. The main export-trading partners are China and Suriname.

The main imports are clothing and apparel, soybean oil, rice, wheat products, and clocks and watches. The main import-trading partner is China.

## Languages

Korean is the official language.

## Mined Areas

Extensive mine laying took place in Korean waters during the Korean War, 1950 to 1953. The areas, some formerly published in CHINPACS, are dangerous due to mines.

Due to the elapse of time the risk in these areas to surface navigation is now considered no more dangerous than the ordinary risks of navigation. A real risk still exists with regard to anchoring, fishing, or any form of submarine or sea bed activity. Mariners should not enter unswept areas without obtaining routing instructions from Korean Naval authorities.

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

Pub. 157, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Coasts of Korea and China.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of North Korea are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone **	50 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone **	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	200 miles.
* Claims straight baselines. Requires advance permission or notification for innocent passage of warships in the territorial sea.	

Maritime Limit	Extent
** Claims a Security Zone from 50 to 200 miles off the coast. For further information, see the Cautions section.	

### Maritime Boundary Disputes

Periodic maritime disputes with South Korea.

### United Nations Command-controlled Islands

For further information on these islands, which are located on the W coast of Korea, see **South Korea—Navigational Information**.

## Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory.

## Regulations

Vessels are advised of the following radio procedures for calling at ports in North Korea. All communications are to be made through the coast radio station nearest the port of call.

Vessels should send their ETA at pilot stations 10 days, 72 hours, 24 hours, and 4 hours in advance to the Korea Ocean Shipping Agency (KOSA) at their port of call.

The initial message must contain the following information:

1. Vessel's name.
2. Flag.
3. Call sign.
4. Gross tonnage, dwt, and nt.
5. Length overall, beam, and draft.
6. Name of cargo.
7. Type and quantity of cargo.
8. Number and capacity of derricks.
9. Number and size of hatches/holds.
10. Crew list.
11. Passenger list.
12. Destination.
13. ETA.

Vessels shall advise KOSA of position and time when crossing the lines joining the following positions:

1. East coast:
  - a. 42°24'N, 131°10'E.
  - b. 41°43'N, 132°20'E.
  - c. 38°00'N, 130°00'E.
  - d. 38°00'N, 128°45'E.
2. West coast:
  - a. 39°50'N, 123°29'E.
  - b. 37°00'N, 123°29'E.
  - c. 37°00'N, 126°39'E.

Vessels must advise KOSA of their position on a daily basis after crossing the above lines.

Vessels should contact the KOSA office at their port of call on VHF channel 16 when they have arrived at the pilot station.

Vessels should remain 20 miles off the coast and maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF channel 16 until the pilot boards.

The following are extracts from the regulations for foreign vessels entering or leaving the port in North Korea:

1. Foreign vessels may enter or leave the port in the daytime only under safe sea conditions as acknowledged by na-

val authorities.

2. The master of a vessel entering a port must request a pilot from harbor control by radio or other means of communication through the vessel's agent 24 hours in advance of the scheduled time of arrival.

3. A vessel entering or leaving a port must move according to the signals displayed by the port signal station.

4. A vessel with a pilot on board must fly the International Code flag H on the foremast or any place where best seen.

5. During the day, a vessel entering or leaving a port shall fly its national flag in accordance with usual practice and the North Korean flag where it can best be seen on the signal mast.

6. A vessel approaching the harbor limits must hoist the quarantine flag and the vessel's call sign letters.

7. A naval vessel shall escort a merchant vessel to a designated anchorage where quarantine officers from the Inspection Office of Border Passage Authority will complete entrance formalities.

## Search and Rescue

The Maritime Rescue Coordination Center of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (MRCC DPR Korea) is responsible for coordinating search and rescue operations.

A network of MRSCs and Coast Radio Stations maintain continuous listening watches on VHF channels 16 and 70.

## Signals

The following whistle signals are used in Korean ports.

## Tides

Off the S coast of South Korea, the spring range is about 3m at its w end, decreasing to about 1m at its E end. Rounding the SE extremity of South Korea, the ranges decrease to less than 0.5m off the E coast of South Korea.

## Time Zone

The Time Zone description is INDIA (-9). Daylight Savings

Time is not observed.

Whistle Signals in Korean Ports	
Request	Signal
Entering harbor.	Two long blasts.
Leaving harbor.	One long blast.
Calling pilot.	One long blast, one short blast, one long blast.
Calling lighter for ship.	One long blast, two short blasts, one long blast.
Calling cargo lighter.	One long blast, one short blast.
Calling launch.	One short blast, one long blast.
Recalling all crew members.	Two short blasts, one long blast.
Requiring medical assistance.	One short blast, one long blast, one short blast.
Emergency (SOS).	Three short blasts, three long blasts, three short blasts.
Getting underway.	Two short blasts, two long blasts, two short blasts.
Finished unloading.	One long blast, three short blasts.

## Traffic Separation Schemes

Traffic Separation Schemes in North Korea are, as follows:

- Approaches to Haeju Hang (37°59'N., 125°42'E.). (Government of North Korea).
- Approaches to Wonsan Hang (39°10'N., 127°26'E.). (Government of North Korea).
- Approaches to Huengnam Hang (39°50'N., 127°39'E.). (Government of North Korea).
- Approaches to Chongjin Hang (41°46'N., 129°49'E.). (Government of North Korea).
- Approaches to Najin Hang (42°13'N., 130°17'E.). (Government of North Korea).

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	444540010 INMARSAT-C)		
MRSC North Hamgyong Province	850-2-18111 (extension 381-8614)	—	—
MRSC South Hamgyong Province	850-2-18111 (extension 381-8424)	—	—
MRSC Kangwon Province	850-2-18111 (extension 381-8074)	—	—
MRSC North Phyongan Province	850-2-18111 (extension 381-8401)	—	—
MRSC South Phyongan Province	850-2-18111 (extension 381-8104)	—	—
MRSC South Hwanghae Province	850-2-18111 (extension 381-8405)	—	—

North Korea—MRCC/MRSC Contact Information			
MRCC/MRSC	Telephone	Facsimile	E-mail
MRSC Nampho	850-2-18111 (extension 381-8144)	—	—
MRSC Rason	850-2-18111 (extension 381-8704)	—	—

**Caution.**—In force regulations for these schemes are not known. Vessels are advised to follow the principals for using routing systems as defined in Rule 10 of COLREGS 1972.

### U.S. Embassy

There is no U.S. diplomatic representation in North Korea; the Swedish Embassy in Pyongyang represents the US as a consular protecting power.





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## General

The Pacific Ocean, the world's largest ocean, is divided by the Equator into the North Pacific Ocean and the South Pacific Ocean.

The North Pacific Ocean is bordered by North America, Russia, and China. The South Pacific Ocean is bordered by South America, Antarctica, Australia, and New Zealand.

Oceanic depths are mainly known from lines of soundings run by ships on passage or in connection with the laying of submarine cables and, recently, from oceanographic research.

The Pacific coast of Central America is typical of much of

the known topography of the ocean floor of the North Pacific Ocean. The Middle America Trench, extending from the S end of the Golfo de California almost to Panama, has been explored most thoroughly. It was found, after producing a contour map of the area, that the floor was flat, in part, for several miles across and was V-shaped elsewhere. A thick layer of sediment was found underneath the flat floor, while the V-shaped floor was free of sediment.

Several submarine canyons cut the landward wall of the trench, and a group of basins with varied depths up to about 6,768m and some abyssal hills, presumably submarine volcanoes, are spread out on the floor. Off Baja California, about 1,000 seamounts are located in an area covering 410,000 square miles.

Soundings in the South Pacific Ocean show mainly even depths, but average some 549m or 731m less than in the North Pacific Ocean. Between the Hawaiian Islands and Tahiti, and S of the latter as far as 40°S, the bottom consists mostly of red clay; except around volcanic islands, where volcanic debris and ordinary mud prevails. In nearly all of the soundings, manganese is found.

In other parts of the ocean, where the depth is over 3,658m, the bottom is generally of red clay, but in some cases of soft, gray mud.

The area of the Pacific Ocean, excluding adjacent seas, is about 64,000,000 square miles. The central Pacific trough, extending from the Aleutian Islands to 60°S, and from Japan to the W coast of the United States, has free flow at depths exceeding 3,962m, although numerous elevations and ridges are present.

The W margins of the main Pacific basin are characterized by an almost continuous belt of deep trenches, which generally lie close to the ocean side of long arcs of islands. These regular island chains are separated from the continental shelves of Asia and Australia-New Guinea by marginal seas.

The islands frequently occur in a double belt, the inner belt on the continental side being actively volcanic. Intense seismic activity is also associated with the islands and trenches.

Depths in the great basins appear to be between 3,658m and 5,486m; there are however, some deep trenches near the Mariana Islands, Tonga, the Kermadec Islands, Japan, and the Philippines, which are from 7,315 to 10,973m deep.

There is also evidence that large numbers of seamounts exist throughout the Pacific, rising in many cases over 3,658m from the ocean floor.

## Cautions

The Strait of Magellan separates Archipelago de Tierra del Fuego from the Patagonian mainland and Archipelago Reina Adelaide. The strait was named by its discoverer, Ferdinand Magellan, in 1520. The strait is entered at the W end between Cabo Victoria (52°17'S., 74°54'W.) and Cabo Pilar, about 28 miles SSE.

The E entrance lies between Punta Dungeness (52°24'S., 68°25'W.) and Cabo Espiritu Santo, about 16 miles SW. The distance between the W and E entrances to the strait, through the various channels, is 310 miles.

Vessels must exercise caution when navigating the strait in either direction. In bad weather, which is likely to be the case for more or less protracted periods, the navigation of Estrecho de Magallanes is particularly difficult and dangerous. Generally, the anchorages are foul and rocky throughout the strait.

The Coral Sea is bounded on the S by the parallel of 30°S; on the W by the E coast of Australia; on the N by the S coast of New Guinea and the E end of the Solomon Islands; and on the E by the islands of Vanuatu and the SE extremity of New Caledonia.

The three largest reefs in the world, the Great Barrier Reef, off Queensland, the Tagula Reef of Louisiade Archipelago, and the New Caledonia Reefs, lie in the area.

The Pacific Ocean has many dangerous reefs, shoals, and banks rising abruptly from great depths.

## Piracy

The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) of the International Chamber of Commerce has established a Piracy Countermeasures Center at Kuala Lumpur. This center operates for the Southeast Asian Region and is able to receive reports from vessels concerning attacks and advise of danger areas. Piracy warnings are broadcast by the center. For further information, see **Malaysia—Cautions—Piracy**.

Vessels are further cautioned to be especially alert for pirates in the Malacca Straits and the Singapore Straits, in the South China Sea, in the waters off Indonesia, off Vietnam, off Peru, and in the waters off Ecuador.

## Seismic Activity

**General.**—The Pacific Ocean is almost completely encircled by regions of earthquake and volcanic activity.

**North Pacific Ocean.**—The most active regions in the North Pacific Ocean extend from the Bonin Islands N along Japan, the Kuril Islands, eastern Kamchatka, the Aleutians, the NW corner of the Gulf of Alaska, and along the coast of Mexico and Central America from about 18°N, 100°W to the Gulf of Panama.

There are regions of moderately-frequent activity in the northwest Pacific extending from Taiwan; along the Ryukyu Islands, to southwestern Japan; and in the Marianas. Moderately-frequent activity along the North American coast occurs W of Vancouver Island and in the region which extends from the Oregon-California border S along the coast of California, through the Golfo de California, to about 18°N, 105°W.

Smaller concentrations of activity occur in the Hawaiian Islands, western Washington and Oregon, and SW of Central America.

The coastal regions of the Asian mainland, western Kamchatka, northern and western Alaska, western Canada, southern Oregon, northern California, southern Baja California, and central Mexico are essentially free of destructive seismic activity.

**South Pacific Ocean.**—The seismicity of the South Pacific Ocean comprises earthquake activity, volcanism as it relates to island formation, and tsunamis. The earthquake activity is primarily associated with the tectonically-active trench regions, such as the New Hebrides Trench, the Tonga Trench, the Kermadec Trench, and the Peru-Chile Trench. These areas have been the most prolific producers of earthquakes of magnitude greater than 7 on the Richter scale; some 40 earthquakes were recorded in these regions from May 1968 to November 1977.

Four new islands were formed by volcanism from 1967 through 1976. One of these appeared near the Tonga Trench; the others appeared along the N side of the New Hebrides Trench.

Under certain circumstances, a seismic disturbance may generate a tsunami. During the period 1971 through 1977, nine tsunamis were reported in the active trench regions (exclusive of the Peru-Chile Trench); one of these was associated with the formation of a new island. Maximum wave heights occur with earthquakes of magnitude 6.5 or greater.

## Floating Pumice

There have been reports (1928 and 1984) of extensive fields of floating pumice being found between Tonga and Fiji and in the Koro Sea (18°00'S., 180°00') W of the Lau Group. A similar report (1973) described extensive fields of floating pumice between position 13°00'S, 160°30'E and position 14°00'S, 167°30'E.

Floating pumice has also been reported (2012) N of Raoul Island in an area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 24°00'S, 177°00'W.
- b. 29°00'S, 177°00'W.
- c. 29°00'S, 179°00'E.
- d. 24°00'S, 179°00'E.

This hazard can continue for some time, depending on how long the volcanic activity which causes it lasts, as well as the extent to which the pumice is washed up on beaches and is then refloated by higher tides.

Caution is needed to avoid the thicker patches. Serious fouling of sea water intakes can occur, requiring extensive work to clear blockages in the vessel's cooling systems.

## Vigias

A vigia is a reported danger, usually in deep water, whose position is uncertain or its existence is doubtful. Many vigias exist throughout the Pacific Ocean and should be considered

potentially dangerous until disproved.

Many reports have been made by mariners whose position may not have been accurate. The semblance of below-water dangers may be caused by reflections from clouds; volcanic disturbances; shoals of fish splashing and spouting, particularly where currents of different temperatures meet; discoloration caused by marine organisms on the surface of smooth water; or overfalls.

Of all these potential sources of vigias, shoals of fish and discoloration of water are considered to be the most likely causes. Before making reports, mariners who suspect the existence of a danger are urged to obtain soundings over it, from a boat if possible.

### Tsunamis

Tsunamis, named from the Japanese term meaning "harbor wave" are also known as seismic sea waves and are often erroneously referred to as "tidal waves" because they are caused by submarine earthquakes.

Tsunamis are long-period waves generated by earthquakes or underwater volcanic explosions. In the deep water of the ocean, the wave crests may be 100 or more miles apart, and their height from crest to trough may be only 0.5m. They cannot be felt aboard ships in deep water, and they cannot be seen from the air. But a tsunami has an impressive amount of energy.

Even in the deepest water, a tsunami is a shallow water wave, which means that the progress of the series of waves involves the movement of the entire vertical section of the ocean, through which the tsunami passes. In the deep ocean, a tsunami may reach speeds of 600 knots. When a tsunami reaches the shoaling water of the coast, the velocity of the wave decreases and the energy contained in the wave causes the waves to build up in height, sometimes to more than 30.5m.

On entering shallow water the waves become shorter and higher and on coasts where there is a long fetch of shallow water with oceanic depths immediately to seaward, and in V-shaped harbor mouths, the waves can reach disastrous proportions. Waves having a height of 20m from crest to trough have been reported.

The first wave is seldom the highest and there is normally a succession of waves reaching a peak and then gradually disappearing. The time between crests is usually from 10 to 40 minutes. Sometimes the first noticeable part of the wave is the trough, causing an abnormal lowering of the water level.

Mariners should regard such a sign as a warning that a tsunami may arrive within minutes and should take all possible precautions, proceeding to sea if at all feasible.

Tsunamis travel for enormous distances, up to one-third of the circumference of the earth in the open waters of the Pacific. In 1960, a seismic disturbance of exceptional severity off the coast of Chile generated a tsunami which caused much damage and loss of life as far afield as Japan.

A ship in a harbor, either becoming aware of a large earthquake in the vicinity, or observing sudden marked variations in sea level, or receiving warnings of an approaching tsunami, should seek safety at sea, in deep water.

Although large tsunamis cause great havoc, small waves in shallow water can cause considerable damage by bumping a ship violently on a hard bottom.

Large tsunamis, waves resulting from submarine earthquakes, possibly as high as 24.4m, have occurred along the

coast of Peru.

Tsunamis have been reported on many occasions along the Pacific coast of Mexico. Most significant was a 9.1m high tsunami which occurred at Acapulco in 1909. More recently, maximum observed fluctuations in water level along the Mexican coast during the tsunami of 4 November 1952 were a rise of 0.5m at La Paz, a fall of 1.1m at Acapulco, and a rise of 1.2m at Salina Cruz.

Destructive tsunamis have been reported from most of the coastal regions of the North Pacific Ocean but occur most frequently along the E coasts of Japan and Kamchatka, and in the Aleutians, the Gulf of Alaska, Mexico, and Hawaii. Most tsunamis in the area have been generated by earthquakes whose epicenters are located near the edge of the shelf E of Japan and Kamchatka, along the S flank of the Aleutian Islands, in the NW part of the Gulf of Alaska, and along the Peru-Chile Trench.

Tsunamis have plagued Southeast Asia since their earliest reports in the year 416. More than 200 tsunamis of varying intensities have been recorded to date. All tsunamis reported have originated within the area; some have traveled far beyond these waters. For example, waves caused by the explosive eruption of Krakatoa in Selat Sunda in 1883 were reported from tide stations as far away as England. Waves were over 30m high in Selat Sunda, 3.3m high 23 miles W of Jakarta, and 0.2m high in Surabaya Strait. Waves caused by this explosion affected most of the S coastal regions of Indonesia and northern Australia.

Tsunami effect data indicate frequent heavy damage to vessels, breakwaters, and wharves; flooding; and property displacement. More severe tsunamis, such as that in the Moro Gulf, Philippines (1976) have resulted in 5,000 to 8,000 deaths. In 1979, there were more than 600 deaths due to tsunamis and four villages destroyed in Indonesia.

### Tsunami Warning System

**General.**—Although scientists can compute the time required for a tsunami to travel from one point to another, and thus accurately predict the arrival time of a tsunami generated by a given earthquake, there is much about tsunamis that scientists do not know. For example, there is no way to tell whether an earthquake has generated a tsunami except by actually observing the disturbance. And there is no way to forecast the height of the waves in a tsunami at a given coast. The mechanisms which can cause a tsunami to have a height of 15.2m or more at one place and less than 1.5m only a few miles away are only imperfectly understood.

Since 1948, a system has existed to protect the population of the Pacific Ocean from tsunamis generated in distant areas. With advance warning, ships can put out into deep water where the passing waves of the tsunami are not detectable. People ashore can evacuate coastal areas which may be flooded. The system is called the Tsunami Warning System and is operated by the National Weather Service, from the Weather Service's Honolulu Observatory.

The Tsunami Warning System is an amalgam of organizations, governmental and private, foreign and domestic, all operating at a high degree of readiness to detect the infrequent tsunamis which cause death and destruction across the Pacific Ocean. The operation of the system begins with the detection of major earthquakes by the cooperating seismograph stations,

scattered from La Plata, Argentina, to Hong Kong and from Wellington, New Zealand, to Indian Mountain, Alaska. Data is transmitted over the fastest available circuits to Honolulu.

**Tsunami Watch.**—When an earthquake of sufficient magnitude to generate a tsunami occurs in the Pacific Ocean area, Tsunami Warning System personnel determine the location of the earthquake epicenter, the point on the earth's surface above the subterranean source, or focus, of the earthquake. If the epicenter is under or near the ocean, tsunami generation is possible. On the basis of seismic evidence, the Warning System issues a Tsunami Watch, which tells participants that an earthquake has occurred, where it has occurred, and that the possibility of a tsunami exists. Because tsunamis move through the water in accordance with known physical laws, accurate estimated times of arrival can be given for each participant's location.

A Tsunami Watch is not a Tsunami Warning, but constitutes the system's first alerting action. The term "watch" corresponds to similar alerts issued by NOAA for tornadoes, hurricanes, and other natural hazards. From the time a Tsunami Watch is issued, emergency forces and the general public are aware that the possibility of tsunami exists.

**Tsunami Warning.**—The first positive indication of the existence of a tsunami usually comes from tide stations nearest the disturbance. When confirmation is received, the Honolulu Observatory issues a Tsunami Warning, alerting warning system participants to the approach of potentially destructive waves and repeating tsunami ETAs for all locations. Local warning, evacuation, and other emergency procedures are then undertaken by the designated agents of warning recipients as they attempt to prevent loss of life and reduce loss of property during a tsunami emergency.

Because of the extremely short fuse on local warning operations, Regional Tsunami Warning Systems in Alaska and Hawaii issue Tsunami Warnings for areas near any potentially tsunami-generating earthquake. If tidal data confirm the existence of a tsunami, the warning is extended to the entire region. If not, the warning is quickly canceled. Ships in harbors should immediately proceed to deep water when a tsunami warning is received. The time element is critical because of the speed of the waves.

### Wave Heights

**South Pacific Ocean.**—Wave heights are generally low N of 10°S and increase with increasing latitude to about 55°S. The lowest waves occur S of Panama, where average monthly wave heights are less than 1.5m throughout the year. Wave heights are also low along the South American coast N of 30°S. The highest waves occur S of 50°S during the southern winter (July, August, September), when average monthly wave heights exceed 3.5m in most places. The occurrence of waves greater than 6ms ranges from less than 5 per cent most places N of 30°S to about 20 per cent from 55°S to 60°S in mid-ocean from May through October. In most areas, waves are lowest during the summer (January, February, March) and highest in the winter (July, August, September).

**Northern South Pacific Ocean.**—Wave heights are highest in mid-ocean at 10°N and lowest in the Gulf of Panama. Waves of less than 1.5m occur more than 60 per cent of the time in the Gulf of Panama most of the year. Wave heights of 3.5m and greater occur more than 10 per cent of the time in mid-ocean

near 10°N from December through April. The average wave height most places is between 1 and 2m.

**Eastern South Pacific Ocean.**—Wave heights are generally low at 10°S and increase with increasing latitude to about 55°S. They are lower along the South American coast than in mid-ocean at the same latitude. Average wave heights range from 1.5m off the coast of Peru from October through April to 3.5m W of 19°W, S of 55°S from June through September.

Wave heights are lower during the winter (July, August, September) than in the summer (January, February, March). The incidence of wave heights greater than 6m varies from less than 5 per cent most places N of 30°S to about 20 per cent in mid-ocean at 55°S to 60°S from June through October.

**Western South Pacific Ocean.**—Average wave heights range from 1.5m at 10°S during the summer (January, February, March) to 3.5m in mid-ocean S of 5°S during the winter (July, August, September). Waves are lower during the summer than in the winter and lower around New Zealand due to the sheltering effects of the land mass. The occurrence of wave heights of 6m and greater varies from less than 5 per cent around New Zealand and N of 30°S to about 20 per cent in mid-ocean S of 55°S from June through October.

**North Pacific Ocean.**—Waves greater than 6.1m can occur anywhere in the North Pacific. Such extreme waves are often obscured in the statistical treatment and graphic representation of the data. Seas exceed 6.1m as much as 10 per cent of the time in the southern Gulf of Alaska and 5 per cent in the E central North Pacific Ocean. Similarly, swell greater than 3.7m occurs as much as 35 per cent of the time in the southern Gulf of Alaska and 30 per cent in the E central North Pacific Ocean. On the other hand, high waves are least frequent in the S part of the North Pacific Ocean. Extreme seas, however, usually accompany tropical storms at their various stages.

Similarly, the coastal waters around the periphery of the North Pacific Ocean may experience hazardous wave conditions. For example, the island arcs of eastern Asia and southern Alaska, which generally parallel or lie athwart primary storm tracks throughout the year, are frequently subjected to high waves. The rocky precipitous coasts of North America are sometimes pounded by heavy swell from storms in the Gulf of Alaska and westward. Even the Golfo de Tehuantepec, in southern Mexico, is affected by the "tehuantepecer" and "papa-gayos," violent squally winds that spill over from the Gulf of Mexico from November through February and quickly raise short steep seas. The resulting swell may reach as far as the Galapagos Islands.

Mountainous waves (greater than or equal to 12.2m) may occur in any of the deep-ocean regions of the North Pacific Ocean, with the possible exception of the S central portion. Such extreme wave heights result from prolonged exposure to the gale winds of intense mid-latitude extratropical storms and low latitude tropical storms. These storms usually occur during the colder months and the warmer months, respectively.

**Northeastern North Pacific Ocean.**—Sea and swell motion generally parallels that of the winds, predominating from the W quadrant over most of this region. Seas in excess of 6.1m generally occur with a frequency of 1 to 4 per cent during winter. In contrast, during summer the likelihood of seas greater than 6.1m and swells greater than 3.7m is generally 1 per cent or less throughout this region. However, recorded frequencies of high seas and swell may not be as great as expected in

stormy regions because of the paucity of ship traffic offshore; most ships follow the Inner Passage when storms are reported.

**Southeastern North Pacific Ocean.**—Seas generally exceed 6.1m less than 1 per cent of the time except off Mexico. Seas exceed 3.7m at least 5 per cent of the time W of Mexico in summer and autumn. Elsewhere, seas greater than or equal to 3.7m occur with a frequency of 1 per cent or less. Swell in excess of 3.7m generally occurs 1 per cent or less of the time, except off central Mexico in summer (about 5 per cent), off southern Mexico in autumn (about 10 per cent), and off southern Mexico in winter (about 5 per cent). Waves are generally lowest in spring and highest in autumn and winter.

**Northwestern North Pacific Ocean.**—The northern Sea of Japan and Tatar Strait are subjected to their roughest waves in autumn, at the start of the monsoon but before coastal waters freeze over. During this season, seas are greater than or equal to 3.7m 5 to 10 per cent of the time and greater than or equal to 6.1m 1 to 5 per cent of the time; swell is greater than 3.7m 5 to 10 per cent of the time. The likelihood of these height thresholds increases going N. In summer, the calmest season, seas greater than or equal to 3.7m and greater than or equal to 6.1m and swell greater than 3.7m occur about 1 per cent or less of the time. Wave heights in spring are intermediate between those of the two monsoons. About once every 2 years, a typhoon in or near the S part of the area causes severe wave conditions.

Throughout the Sea of Okhotsk and along the Kuril Islands, waves are roughest in autumn and winter. Despite the growing ice pack, the prevailing N winds build up high waves along the Pacific Ocean side of the Kuril Islands. Seas are greater than or equal to 3.7m at least 20 per cent of the time and greater than or equal to 6.1m at least 10 per cent of the time; swell exceeds 3.7m about 20 per cent of the time. Waves are least developed during summer, when sea and swell attain heights greater than or equal to 3.7m less than 5 per cent of the time; however, these heights are exceeded nearly 20 per cent of the time for sea and 10 per cent of the time for swell in the northeastern Sea of Okhotsk because of strong S winds.

Wave conditions in the western Bering Sea remain rough from autumn through spring because of frequent North Pacific storms. Seas exceed 3.7m and 6.1m 10 per cent and 1 per cent of the time, respectively; swell exceeds 3.7m about 20 per cent of the time in this region. The summer frequencies of high seas and swell are 1 per cent or less. North toward the ice pack, the frequency of high waves decreases rapidly.

**Southwestern North Pacific Ocean.**—High waves are most common in the region NE of Japan during the winter monsoon because of frequent storms. Waves are almost as rough in the southern Ryukyu Islands. East of Japan, seas and swell exceed 3.7m as much as 10 per cent of the time; seas exceed 6.1m about 5 per cent of the time.

The frequency of seas greater than or equal to 3.7m and greater than or equal to 6.1m and of swell greater than 3.7m is about 3 per cent, less than 1 per cent, and about 4 per cent, respectively, in the Sea of Japan and the Yellow Sea during the winter monsoon; near Taiwan, these frequencies are 10 per cent, 1 per cent, and 5 per cent, respectively. During the summer monsoon, seas exceed 3.7m less than 5 per cent of the time and 6.1m less than 1 per cent of the time. Swell in excess of 3.7m occurs with a frequency of 5 per cent or less. During the spring and autumn transitions, wave conditions are generally

intermediate between those of the monsoons, although somewhat rougher in autumn than in spring.

Three or four typhoons enter the S part of this region each year; one typhoon every 3 years enters the N sector.

**Western Southeast Asia.**—High waves occur frequently in the Indian Ocean and the South China Sea because of the extensive open water fetches for wave generation by the trade and monsoon winds. High seas 1.5m or higher reach frequencies of 50 per cent to 60 per cent in both regions, but at different times of the year. In the entire area the greatest frequency of high seas (70 per cent) occurs in Taiwan Strait in November.

In Indonesian waters, where fetches are shortened by numerous reefs and islands, the frequency of high waves is low during most of the year.

**Eastern Southeast Asia.**—Sea and swell are generated chiefly by the monsoons in the W, the North Pacific mid-latitude storms in the N, trade winds over the central and S regions, and tropical cyclones N of 5°N.

Except in the NE, where there is a high frequency of rough waves generated by the passage of winter storms, seas and swell are most frequent in autumn, with seas 1m or higher occurring as much as 60 per cent of the time in the NW and swells higher than 4m occurring slightly more than 10 per cent of the time in much of the N part of the area. Sea and swell heights are lower in spring than at any other time of the year.

#### **Autonomous Temperature Line Acquisition System (ATLAS) Buoys**

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) maintains an array of ATLAS buoys in the equatorial Pacific Ocean. ATLAS buoys are white and orange toroid buoys, 2.3m in diameter and surmounted by a 4m high instrument tower, with radar reflectors, and visible on radar at ranges of 4 to 8 miles, depending on conditions; the buoys, which should be given a berth of 5 miles, are located in the following positions:

- a. 8°01.7'N, 94°58.3'W.
- b. 4°58.4'N, 95°00.8'W.
- c. 1°56.1'N, 95°19.3'W.
- d. 0°10.6'N, 95°36.3'W.
- e. 1°58.8'S, 95°11.9'W.
- f. 4°57.8'S, 94°59.3'W.
- g. 8°00.0'S, 95°15.1'W.
- h. 8°05.2'N, 110°05.1'W.
- i. 5°00.1'N, 110°03.5'W.
- j. 2°00.9'N, 110°02.9'W.
- k. 0°01.9'N, 109°55.1'W.
- l. 2°00.3'S, 110°03.8'W.
- m. 4°58.4'S, 109°58.8'W.
- n. 7°57.5'S, 110°04.8'W.
- o. 8°01.4'N, 125°00.7'W.
- p. 5°04.2'N, 124°57.2'W.
- q. 1°57.6'N, 125°04.4'W.
- r. 0°11.6'S, 124°23.6'W.
- s. 2°05.8'S, 124°57.1'W.
- t. 4°59.4'S, 124°57.4'W.
- u. 7°58.8'S, 124°59.0'W.
- v. 9°00.4'N, 140°14.7'W.
- w. 5°01.3'S, 139°59.8'W.
- x. 1°58.2'N, 140°02.0'W.
- y. 0°02.0'N, 139°56.3'W.

z. 2°02.6'S, 140°01.6'W.  
 aa. 5°00.2'S, 139°55.1'W.  
 ab. 7°57.8'N, 155°00.2'W.  
 ac. 5°00.5'N, 154°57.9'W.  
 ad. 1°59.2'N, 154°58.4'W.  
 ae. 0°00.4'N, 154°56.4'W.  
 af. 1°58.4'S, 155°01.4'W.  
 ag. 4°59.3'S, 154°58.7'W.  
 ah. 8°15.7'S, 155°03.4'W.  
 ai. 7°59.7'N, 170°05.6'W.  
 aj. 5°00.1'N, 170°00.7'W.  
 ak. 2°01.7'N, 170°00.6'W.  
 al. 0°02.1'S, 170°01.4'W.  
 am. 2°09.6'S, 170°01.9'W.  
 an. 5°00.6'S, 170°00.7'W.  
 ao. 7°23.9'S, 168°24.3'W.  
 ap. 7°59.9'N, 179°53.3'W.  
 aq. 5°00.6'N, 179°53.9'W.  
 ar. 2°01.6'N, 179°50.2'W.  
 as. 0°02.4'N, 179°57.1'W.  
 at. 1°59.5'S, 179°52.6'W.  
 au. 5°01.1'S, 179°44.0'W.  
 av. 8°00.6'S, 179°56.5'E.  
 aw. 8°03.5'N, 165°08.2'E.  
 ax. 5°03.0'N, 164°52.0'E.  
 ay. 0°02.1'N, 165°03.9'E.  
 az. 1°59.9'S, 163°50.8'E.  
 ba. 5°01.0'S, 165°10.0'E.  
 bb. 2°15.1'N, 164°45.3'E.

### High Latitude Climate Station Moorings

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) maintains several High Latitude Climate Station Buoys in the North Pacific Ocean. The High Latitude Climate Station Buoy is a yellow 2m round solid hull buoy with radar reflectors; the buoys, which should be given a berth of 5 miles, are located in the following positions:

1. KE018 (32°20.1'N, 144°31.2'E.).
2. PA017 (50°08.2'N, 144°50.2'E.).

Further information and up-to-date positions are available from the National Data Buoy web site (<https://www.ndbc.noaa.gov>).

### Triangle Trans-Ocean Buoy Network (TRITON)

The TRITON network consists of a series of about 70 buoys which monitor oceanographic and meteorological data. The buoys are located within 10° of either side of the Equator between New Guinea and the Galapagos Islands.

### Magnetic Anomalies

**East central Pacific Ocean.**—A local magnetic anomaly which increased the magnetic variation by 3° was reported (1962) in position 18°28'S, 117°05'W.

**Northeast Pacific Ocean.**—A local magnetic anomaly which increased the magnetic variation by up to 4° was reported (1955) in position 36°30'N, 143°23'W.

**Northwest Pacific Ocean.**—Local compass deflections have been reported (1954) in the following positions:

- a. 23°33'N, 160°46'E.
- b. 27°25'N, 165°16'E.
- c. 34°54'N, 157°01'E.

d. 35°06'N, 162°24'E.

e. 35°12'N, 167°30'E.

A large deflection of short duration has been reported (1968) in position 34°07'N, 162°12'E.

## Climatology

### General

The Naval Research Laboratory Monterey, a corporate research laboratory for the United States Navy and Marine Corps, publishes port studies and forecaster handbooks that may be of use to the mariner. These publications can be accessed at the Naval Research Laboratory web site.

### Naval Research Laboratory Monterey Home Page

<https://www.nrlmry.navy.mil/pubs.htm>

The Typhoons Haven Handbook Pacific contains information on the following ports:

1. Australia—Brisbane, Cairns, Mackay, and Townsville.
2. Fiji—Lautoka and Suva.
3. Hong Kong.
4. Indonesia—Jakarta and Surabaya.
5. Japan—Buckner Bay (Okinawa), Hachinohe, Hakodate, Iwakuni, Kagoshima, Kura, Maizuru, Muroran, Naha, Numazu, Ominato Otaru, Sasebo, Yokohama, and Yokosuka.
6. Mexico—Acapulco, Cabo San Lucas, La Paz, Mazatlan, Pichilingue, and Puerto Vallarta.
7. New Caledonia—Noumea.
8. New Zealand—Auckland.
9. Palau—Palau.
10. Philippines—Cebu, Manila, and Subic Bay.
11. Saipan—Tinian.
12. South Korea—Chinhae, Donghae, Inchon, Pohang, Pusan, and Pyeongtaek.
13. Taiwan—Chilung (Keelung) and Kao-hsiung.
14. Thailand—Pattaya and Sattahip.

### Monsoons

For information on locations, wind strength, and time frame of monsoon winds in the Pacific Ocean, see **Appendix IV—Monsoon Winds of the Pacific Ocean**.

## SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN

As the climate of land depends upon its proximity to the ocean, so is the ocean's climate regulated by land distribution. Since the Southern Hemisphere lacks the large masses of the Northern Hemisphere, there are many differences in the climate of their oceans.

In the South Pacific, the result of fewer large land masses is less variability in climate, both seasonally and latitudinally, than its North Pacific counterpart. Although the South Pacific has no land protection from colder high-latitude seas, this is more than offset by the ocean's moderating effect and the lack of more than one source of cold air.

The South Pacific Ocean is generally warmer and less subject to wide variability in temperature. The lack of land also allows low pressure systems to travel a nearly circumpolar route S of 40°S. Lows forming to the N also move SE toward this belt. This is an area of year round clouds, precipitation, and

strong winds. In the Southern Hemisphere, lows have a clockwise circulation, while high pressure systems have a counterclockwise circulation. To the N of the "roaring 40's" lies a large semi-permanent high which varies only slightly from winter to summer. It is centered closest to the Equator (30°S) in summer.

This high pressure belt influences weather from the Equator to about 40°S, from South America to Australia. Strong subsidence over the eastern South Pacific results in frequent good weather, except along the South American coast, where its flow over the Peru or Humboldt Current creates low stratus and fog. In the W, weather is more unstable due to convection. Convective showers are also frequent in the tropics, particularly where the two trade wind systems converge to form the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ). The ITCZ follows the sun but does not cross the Equator in the E. This is one explanation for the lack of tropical cyclone activity in the eastern South Pacific Ocean. The Australia/western South Pacific region is responsible for about 16 tropical cyclones (tropical storms and hurricanes) in an average season; these too generate a clockwise circulation.

The seasons in the Southern Hemisphere are the reverse of those to the N. Since most of the South Pacific Ocean lies S of the Equator, seasonal terms will always apply to the Southern Hemisphere seasons.

#### **Northeastern Australia (N of 22°N)**

**General.**—Weather in the Australian tropics is influenced by a belt of low pressure and a semi-permanent subtropical anticyclone; the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) also plays a seasonal role. Sometime in March or April, the subtropical high begins to push N, spreading the steady dry Southeast Trade Winds across the region. By midwinter (July) this anticyclone, which represents a series of eastward-moving high pressure systems, is dominant, with its axis near 25°S. The tropical belt of low pressure lies to the N. Good weather prevails into October. Sometime during the spring transitional period, the high is shoved S as the low pressure belt advances. The Northwest Monsoon sets in, accompanied by intermittent, at first, then more frequent squalls. The rainy season, which can vary from year to year, usually stretches from December to April. In mid-summer (January), the high is S of 35°S, while the belt of low pressure lies along the 20°S parallel and the ITCZ moves S to near 10°S. The ITCZ is a discontinuous band of showers and thunderstorms. It is also the birthplace of many tropical cyclones.

**Tropical Cyclones.**—These clockwise-revolving storms are infrequent, but loom as the greatest navigational weather hazard in tropical Australia. About 16 tropical cyclones (tropical storms and hurricanes) form each year across the Australia-South Pacific region (100°E to 140°W). On average, six or seven of these tropical cyclones reach hurricane intensity.

Australians use the term cyclone to denote tropical storm strength or greater (winds equal to or greater than 34 knots). In the N and NW they are known as "willy-willies." There are tropical cyclone centers at Darwin, Brisbane, and Perth. Each has its own area of forecast responsibility and its own list of tropical cyclone names.

The dangers from tropical cyclones include strong winds, torrential rains, and tumultuous seas. On the coast, flooding from rains and high tides is often the major cause of damage.

Winds can climb to 130 knots or more. Along the E coast a 109-knot gust was recorded at Willis Island, while one of 101 knots blew at Bowen. Hurricanes can also generate seas of 9.1m or more and tides of 3.1m or more above normal.

In the Gulf of Carpentaria there is a 50 to 60 per cent chance of at least one storm at most locations. This percentage is slightly lower along the E Queensland coast (45 to 55 per cent) and off the coast of the Northern Territory (30 to 40 per cent). While tropical cyclones can develop in any month, they are most likely from November through April.

The heart of the season is January, February, and March. November activity is unusual but most likely off the NE Queensland coast. During December there is a chance of a storm in the Gulf of Carpentaria and along the E coast. Activity increases in January, when storms develop from the Timor Sea through the Arafura Sea, sometimes as far N as 5°S.

Many of these tropical cyclones move SW, on a track parallel to Western Australia, to North West Cape. The cyclones that form in the Arafura Sea or the Gulf of Carpentaria tend to move SE across the Cape York Peninsula and along the E coast. February development is concentrated in the Timor Sea. These systems often move SW to about 20°S and recurve overland near the North West Cape/Shark Bay area or turn WSW out to sea. In the N activity is slight.

Most storms tend to form E of Cape Melville and, moving well off the coast, head ESE; late in the month they may recurve toward Australia, near New South Wales. March brings an abundance of coastal storms forming from the Gulf of Carpentaria W. Early in the month, Coral Sea activity is similar to that of late February. Later, storms are more confined to the Coral Sea. April tropical cyclones are infrequent, with a slight chance of one in the Gulf of Carpentaria or the eastern Coral Sea.

Tropical activity and cyclone tracks are based on climatological patterns and trends. Actual storms can be very unpredictable.

**Winds.**—The winds over open water are predominantly SE from the end of April to the beginning of November and NW for nearly the remainder of the year. These general directions as well as wind speeds are greatly influenced by local topography and the land-sea breeze effect.

While gales (winds greater than 34 knots) are uncommon in these tropical waters, wind speeds of 20 to 30 knots are not. These speeds can be attained by the strengthening Southeast Trade Winds of winter, as well as the West Monsoon in summer. Along the E coast from Rockhampton, N gales are most likely from January through March, particularly S of Cairns; they are most likely off Rockhampton, where they blow up to 2 per cent of the time in March. The highest average wind speeds occur in the afternoon and run about 8 to 12 knots from April through October; on Thursday Island these speeds climb to 15 to 17 knots. Gales generated by tropical cyclones are most likely from January through March. The cause of strong winds in the Torres Strait is usually either a tropical cyclone or local squalls associated with the West Monsoon.

Along the coast from Rockhampton to Thursday Island, winds are usually out of the E through S from March or April through September or October. From about November through March, there is usually a noticeable diurnal variation in both direction and speed. It is most evident at Rockhampton, Townsville, and Thursday Island, where calms occur up to 60

per cent of the time in the morning. Light W, SE, and S winds are also common along the coast during the morning hours. Afternoon winds, frequently sea breezes, often blow out of the NE through SE; at Thursday Island, W and NW winds blow from the sea, as well as being part of the West Monsoon that affects the N coast.

**Precipitation.**—The climate of Australia's tropical coasts is monsoonal; along the E coast the Southeast Trade Winds prevail. Most of the bad weather comes in the summer (December through April) as a result of the West Monsoon tropical belt of low pressure.

Along the E coast, January through March are the worst weather months. Under skies that are cloudy on about 15 to 25 days per month, rain falls on about 8 to 12 of these days. At exposed locations like Thursday Island and Cairns, rain may occur on up to 20 days per month and total 254 to 432mm; between Cairns and Innisfail heavy rainfall is a result of the moist Southeast Trade Winds being forced over the mountains. Tropical cyclones are mainly responsible for 24-hour amounts of 203 to 381mm. Thunderstorms occur on about 2 to 7 days per month in summer.

The N movement of the ITCZ and tropical low pressure area and the establishment of the semi-permanent high brings good weather in the winter season (May through November). Skies are clear on 10 to 20 days per month and cloudy on just one-half of that amount. August and September are the driest months. Rain falls on 3 to 10 days per month; average amounts fall to less than 75mm throughout the season, except at Cairns. Thunderstorms are infrequent.

**Temperatures.**—Temperatures are consistent, with maximums in the low 30s (°C); they climb above 32.2°C on 5 to 15 days per month, and even less on the islands. Nighttime temperatures range from the mid to upper 20s (°C). These minimums result in early morning relative humidities near 90 per cent. During the day they fall into the 60 per cent range.

Extreme high temperatures for the year usually occur during this period and have reached 40.6°C to 43.3°C, except on the islands where they remain in the mid 30s (°C). These extremes often occur in December, which is usually less cloudy than the January through March period; however, temperatures will climb above 37.8°C when breaks occur.

Temperatures cool off but are mostly dependent upon exposure to the sea. At the more protected locations, they range from the low 20s (°C) during the day to around 10°C at night, while on the islands and at the exposed coastal locations, a range from the mid to upper 20s (°C) down to the low to upper 20s (°C) is more common. June and July are the coolest months. Again, there is a wide range of extreme low temperatures, from near freezing at Rockhampton to 17.8°C at the Willets Islets and Thursday Island. Temperatures do not reach the low 30s (°C) from May through August. Where there are wide temperature fluctuations, relative humidities also vary. Morning readings from the 80 to 90 per cent range fall to the 50 per cent range by afternoon. On the islands, this minimum remains in the 70 per cent range.

**Visibilities.**—For the most part visibilities are good. There is some early morning radiation fog in sheltered locations. For example, visibilities at Rockingham fall to less than 2 miles on about five to ten mornings per month from April through September and below 0.5 mile on up to eight mornings. Conditions improve considerably by noon.

Heavy showers and thunderstorms can reduce visibilities briefly, but overall visibilities fall below 2 miles on only one to five mornings per month.

### Southeastern Australia

**General.**—The weather along this coast is largely controlled by an E progression of anticyclones, which makes up a semi-permanent belt of high pressure. In between these migratory highs are troughs and low pressure areas that bring the weather. The axis of the climatological anticyclone lies across southern Australia in winter, drifts S over the Great Australian Bight during spring, and lies S of 35°S in summer. Gales are most likely in winter, when storms from the "roaring 40's" or the "whistling 50's" are able to penetrate N. Troughs can penetrate N to about 25°S. Winds along these coasts are variable and usually moderate. Winters are often mild with little frost. Summer temperatures are hot and can climb to 37.8°C or more on occasion, but low humidities reduce the discomfort. Rainfall is plentiful along the SW and SE coasts. Tropical cyclones are an infrequent but dangerous problem.

**Tropical Cyclones.**—Usually developing between 5° and 18°S, tropical cyclones often follow a parabolic track paralleling the coastline and eventually moving inland or off to the SE. South of 40°S, these systems often turn extratropical. Sometimes they combine with an already existing extratropical system and find new life as a vigorous low pressure system. East coast storms rarely reach the Great Australian Bight but have been sighted off Cape Howe. Early in the season they tend to move SE across Queensland from the Gulf of Carpentaria.

By late January, there is some coastal activity S to Clarence; in January there is about a 25 per cent chance of at least one tropical cyclone off Brisbane. In February, there is a 20 per cent chance near Sydney as some tropical cyclones recurve SW, across New South Wales. Late in the month and through March much of the activity is confined to the eastern Coral Sea and even coastal storms tend to move toward the SE or S.

Tropical cyclones of hurricane strength (wind speeds of 64 knots or greater) are more likely to be encountered along the E coast, particularly S of 25°S. They are most likely in February and March. Along the W coast, chances are greatest in January and March W of the Exmouth Gulf.

**Southerly Buster (or Burster).**—This is the name given to the sudden burst of cold air that may accompany a summertime cold front passage along the E coast. Prior to its arrival, N winds and high temperatures prevail for several days. Just before the onset of the "buster," ball-shaped cumulus clouds, and then heavy cumulonimbus clouds gather in the SW.

Many times during the hour or so before the onset, a heavy cumulus roll, which may be 30 miles or more in length, appears low on the S horizon. As it approaches, the wind dies, then begins to whip up from a S direction, often reaching gale force in minutes. Temperatures may fall 8°C or more.

Often the buster is accompanied by rain and sometimes by thunder and lightning. If it has been very dry, the sky may be cloudless during this change. Initial gusts generally range from 17 to 35 knots but higher speeds have been recorded at Outer North Head.

These "Southerly Busters" are most likely S of Port Macquarie, where they occur about 30 times annually; on average, 27 of these blow in between October and March.

**Winds.**—Because of a progression of weather systems



winds are continually changing, particularly in winter. From November to April, these changes are fairly regular, corresponding to the procession of anticyclones. North of its track, winds are S to SE as the high approaches, backing to E or NE as the center passes; sometimes there is a sudden shift back to S as a new system approaches. South of the track, S to SW winds in advance of the center veer to the Wand finally NW or N as the center passes. The area which lies S of the track spreads N between January and July.

By July, most of the area S of Brisbane is under the influence of a SW through NW flow. Later in the year, the area of prevailing W winds recedes S and winds from the NE through S become dominant by January.

Gales are most likely during June and July, when they are encountered 5 to 12 per cent of the time in the waters off these coasts; off Carnarvon they blow less than 2 per cent of the time year round.

Gales are most likely off the Indian Ocean coasts of Tasmania; they blow 8 to 12 per cent of the time in June and July. Gales are least frequent in summer (January and February). They are encountered less than 5 per cent of the time and in many areas less than 1 per cent. Spring is a quiet time off Brisbane.

Coastal winds are complicated by local topography and the land-sea breeze effect. In general, there is a tendency toward S and E winds in summer, with N and NW winds becoming frequent in winter. Early morning summer winds are often light and variable; sometimes they blow off the land. Wind speeds average 4 to 8 knots, and are about 6 knots higher on the exposed capes.

Along the E coast, NE through SE winds at 10 to 12 knots are common. Gales at coastal locations are infrequent in summer and would most likely result from a rare tropical cyclone, or a Southerly Buster S of Port Macquarie along the E coast.

As winter approaches, winds get stronger and their diurnal change becomes less noticeable. They are influenced by S extratropical storms as well as passing anticyclones. Along the E and S coasts, winds blow mostly out of the S through NW, with occasional NE winds. Wind speeds average 8 to 10 knots along the E coast and 8 to 16 knots in the S.

**Precipitation.**—Along the E coast, average annual amounts range from 890 to 1,143mm, with a summer peak N of Coffs Harbor and a slight autumn peak to the S. Nearly 1,270mm falls on the W coast of Tasmania. The more uniform distribution along this coast results from the intensification of the Southeast Trade Winds. Rain falls on 8 to 15 days per month.

While not frequent, snow falls as far N as 31°S in winter. It usually melts on contact, except in the mountains.

Thunderstorms are likely along the E coast. At Sydney and Brisbane they occur on 30 to 40 days annually with a peak in late spring and summer. Elsewhere they pop up on about 5 to 16 days annually.

**Cloud Cover.**—Cloud cover varies like rainfall. Along the E coast cloudy skies occur on the average of 18 to 20 days per month from December through March, while clear days are observed on 15 to 20 days per month in winter. Along the S coast summer skies are clear on 15 to 20 days at most locations; Melbourne and Tasmania have about 5 fewer clear days each month. From fall through spring skies are cloudy along the S coast on 10 to 20 days per month; Tasmania records these frequencies throughout the year with slight peaks in spring and

fall.

**Temperature.**—Temperatures vary with latitude, season, and exposure. During the summer from Brisbane N, on the E coast, and at sheltered locations along the S coast, daytime highs climb into the upper 20s to low 30 (°C), with nighttime lows ranging from the mid teens to low 20s (°C). Along the E and S coasts, temperatures reach or exceed 34°C on about 20 to 30 days each season at sheltered locations. At spots exposed to cooling sea breezes, 34°C temperatures occur on less than 15 days each season; on Tasmania, this figure drops to 1 to 2 days. However, in most places, extremes have topped the 37.8°C mark. The winter season brings daytime highs in the mid to upper teens (°C), except for the low teens (°C) on Tasmania. At night, temperatures drop into the low single digits to low teens (°C); the coolest temperatures are recorded in the SE. Temperatures drop to freezing or below on 5 to 15 days each season along the Victoria coast and the E coast of Tasmania; elsewhere they are infrequent. Extremes range from just below freezing along the S coast to the low single digits (°C) in the more N latitudes.

**Visibility.**—Visibilities are generally good to excellent. Sometimes rain drops visibilities below 2 miles, but rarely below 0.5 mile. Radiation fog may develop towards dawn in a few coastal locations, but this clears before noon.

From Sydney to Cape Northumberland, fog occurs from March through October. By far, the worst area is near Sale, where visibilities in the early morning drop below 0.5 mile on 55 days annually; this includes about ten to 16 mornings per month in winter.

In the S, summer winds from the N bring a reddish dust haze to coastal regions. With sufficiently strong offshore winds, particularly following a prolonged drought, a thick dust storm can affect visibility for a considerable distance out to sea.

### New Zealand

**General.**—The climate of New Zealand is determined mainly by its location. With Australia some 900 mi to the N and Antarctica even farther to the S, the expanse of surrounding sea ensures a mild winter and cool summer. Large deep extratropical storms travel relentlessly eastward on a track just S of about 50°S with frequent troughs extending northward across New Zealand. Secondary centers often develop along associated fronts and generate strong winds, rough seas, and heavy rain. Occasionally, tropical cyclones move into the New Zealand area. An extensive mountain barrier along almost the whole length of the interior produces differences in wind and weather between the W and E coasts. While rainfall is plentiful the topography produces an uneven distribution.

**Cyclones and Cold Fronts.**—Day-to-day weather is controlled by the migratory anticyclones and the low pressure troughs which lie between them. These troughs nearly always contain a cold front, separating warm moist subtropical air to the E and cold maritime air to the W. Weather associated with the front is heavy rain showers, possibly thunderstorms, strong surface winds, and rapid temperature changes. These fronts are usually oriented NW-SE and move NE. The southernmost portion of the front is often connected to a circumpolar low.

The storms, often secondary centers, that pass over or close to New Zealand, form along these fronts. The more intense storms, called cyclones in New Zealand, generate gale-force winds, rough seas, and heavy rains. The tracks of these cy-

clones are usually E or SE. Cyclones traveling E often pass S of Stewart Island and are most severe from Foveaux Strait to Cook Strait, but their effects can be felt throughout New Zealand. Cyclones moving SE often cross the N portion of South Island, or, less frequently, pass E of North Cape and along the coast of North Island to East Cape. Occasionally, these storms pass directly over North Island.

**Tropical Cyclones.**—Occasionally a tropical cyclone may affect New Zealand. They are most likely to cross North Island; however, South Island is not invulnerable. Sometime these systems have acquired extratropical characteristics by the time they reach these latitudes, but they can still generate strong winds, rough seas, and torrential rains. Most tropical cyclones are headed S, SE, or E. Probabilities range from 15 to 30 per cent of at least one tropical cyclone affecting some part of New Zealand in a given year, an average of about one every 3 to 6 years. They can occur in any month, but are most likely in New Zealand waters from mid-January through mid-February and again in March.

**Winds.**—Weather is greatly influenced by prevailing winds. Frequently the weather is referred to as “northwesterly day” or “southeasterly weather.” During the winter in advance of a cold front moist NW winds bring overcast skies along the W coast of South Island but few clouds to the sheltered E coast. Over the less mountainous North Island, clouds penetrate most regions except the coast from Hawke Bay to the S part of the Bay of Plenty. When W winds follow a cold front, pre-frontal showers are generated along the W coast of South Island and on the E coast as far N as Dunedin. Steady rains fall along North Island’s W coast N of Levin, while on the E coast between Dunedin and East Cape, the frontal passage is often marked only by a local wind shift and pressure change. Northwest winds behind the primary cold front can spread considerable precipitation from Stewart Island across Foveaux Strait and N along the W coast of South Island. The E coast is usually unaffected N of Dunedin. North Island weather consists of scattered heavy showers as far N as New Plymouth, with decreasing activity to the N. Fair skies usually prevail to the E.

Southerlies usually refer to SE, S, and SW winds. Any of these winds may bring cold rainy weather, replacing warm fair weather. This change is usually marked by a dark line of clouds and sharply increasing winds. Temperatures fall rapidly and heavy rain or sometimes thunderstorms with hail are present. Although less apparent in some sections, the change generally engulfs all of New Zealand.

Gales blow up to 13 per cent of the time in coastal waters and 20 to 30 days annually at the more exposed coastal locations. March through October is usually the worst time. In the waters around Stewart Island, including the Foveaux Strait, winds reach gale force 10 to 13 per cent of the time. At Invercargill, winds climb to 28 knots or more on 2 to 3 days per month year round, except 4 days in October on the average. In other coastal waters gale frequencies average 5 to 10 per cent from autumn through spring with a peak usually during winter. However, through the Cook Strait this peak usually occurs in spring. Gales in the open waters of Cook Strait are encountered about 10 per cent of the time from September through December. At Wellington, winds of 28 knots or more are reported on up to 3 days in October on the average. At coastal locations that are sheltered, such as Nelson in Tasman Bay and Napier in Hawke Bay, gales blow on less than 10 days each year. This

compares to exposed Campbell Island to the S, where winds reach 28 knots or more on an average of 68 days annually.

While New Zealand lies in a belt of prevailing westerlies, this is often marked at coastal locations by local influences. Most noticeable is topography. Sheltered by mountains some areas experience weak winds with frequent calms. Through the Cook and Foveaux Straits there is a funneling effect resulting in strong winds and a preponderance of NW and SE winds. From Jacksons Bay S, there is a tendency for winds to be deflected around Puysegur Point, where they join with frequent W and SW winds common to S sections of South Island. Farther N, they may appear as S or even SE winds, conforming to the land. Land and sea breezes are fairly extensive, especially when pressure gradients are slack. The sea breeze sets in about mid-morning and is relatively strong until sunset. At night, the land breeze is usually weaker, but can be a problem along steep coasts where a drainage effect is produced. During periods of strong W winds aloft, foehn winds often develop along the lee slopes of the Southern Alps during the afternoon; less frequently this occurs on the North Island also. These winds frequently exceed gale force and continue well into the night.

Strong winds, in fact most winds, in Cook Strait blow out of the NW or SE. Gales are frequent and violent, often accompanied by dark clouds and lightning. Mean speeds of 15 to 16 knots are common, with speeds exceeding 22 knots 20 to 30 per cent of the time. Gales blow up to 10 per cent of the time and are most likely during winter and spring. These winds are local and the harbors that indent the shores are usually well protected. The head of Tasman Bay is remarkably free of strong winds and frequently enjoys fine, calm weather, while a gale is blowing in Cook Strait.

Foveaux Strait is also vulnerable to strong winds. Gales blow 5 to 15 per cent of the time, while winds exceed 22 knots 25 to 35 per cent of the time. Summer is usually the best season. Southwest through NW winds are most frequent.

Although tornadoes are rare, they do occur. As defined by New Zealanders, tornadoes include waterspouts, funnel clouds, and localized storms with damaging winds; this is a definition much broader than that used in the United States. Tornadoes are most likely in regions of severe thunderstorm activity and during the afternoon. Most are associated with cold fronts, particularly those with a strong SW flow. The most severe occur from May through October with the greatest frequencies near the W coasts.

**Precipitation.**—Rainfall amounts are plentiful, but uneven, due to the mountains. The W coast of South Island records 2,540 to 5,080mm annually, while the E coast from Christchurch to Dunedin is usually the driest, with 508 to 1,016mm. While precipitation varies little with season, there is a slight winter and spring maximum at some locations. Along the W coast of South Island precipitation falls on 100 to 200 days annually with a range of about 10 to 20 days per month. North of Dunedin, about 100 to 175 rainy days are recorded each year. The North Island has a more uniform distribution with a winter maximum and summer minimum; seasonal variations over South Island are more erratic. Precipitation amounts along the North Island coasts range from 889 to 1,651mm, with the highest amounts in the N. Days with precipitation range from about 140 to 200 days annually.

Snow is infrequent at low elevations throughout New Zealand and generally melts soon after it falls, except on the E side

of South Island, where a snow cover sometimes persists for a few days.

Thunderstorms are infrequent. They are increasingly less common from N to S and from E to W. An average of about 20 thunderstorms in the extreme N decreases to about two to five each year along the E coast of South Island. Winter and spring are the more favored times of year in the N; elsewhere there is little seasonal preference.

**Temperature.**—Temperatures are also influenced by topography. Seasonal and diurnal variations are small along the coasts. Mean daily maximums are generally highest on North Island, ranging from the low 20s (°C) during the summer to the low teens (°C) in winter. Minimums remain above freezing in winter. Mean daily maximums along the South Island coasts range from the upper teens to low 20s (°C) in summer to the upper single digits to around the freezing mark (°C) in winter. Minimums range from the just below freezing to the freezing mark (°C), with up to 70 days annually of below-freezing temperatures at some locations.

**Cloud Cover.**—Cloudiness is related to the topography, with the windward slopes experiencing the greatest amount of cloudiness. With the air flow mainly from the W, it is usually cloudiest along the W coasts, with a minimum along the E coasts.

Convective-type clouds are predominant so maximum cloudiness generally occurs in the afternoon with a nighttime minimum. Good clear periods along the coasts and adjacent waters occur with the anticyclones, while widespread thick clouds will prevail during frontal passages. There is often a marked difference, however, between the W and E coasts, as descending air on the lee side tends to disperse clouds.

Average cloud amounts increase S of about 45°S, where the moist W winds become more persistent.

**Visibility.**—Visibilities are usually good. Low clouds may obscure the coastline at times and visibility is often reduced below fog limits in heavy rain for short periods.

Radiation fog occasionally forms over estuaries around dawn, on calm clear nights, and may drift a mile or so out to sea. This usually clears soon after sunrise.

Sea fog is unusual since the sea is usually warmer than the air above.

### TROPICAL PACIFIC ISLANDS

**General.**—Because of the vast ocean area and the small land surface, the most noteworthy characteristic of this region is the monotonous uniformity of the weather throughout the year and throughout much of the area as well. The influence of strong insolation and isolation from any cold source is reflected by sea surface temperatures that exceed 21°C year round. This moderating effect is evident in the air temperatures as well. Only S of 15°S and N of 10°N are there noticeable seasonal changes.

The climate is dominated by two great air streams, which originate in the semipermanent high pressure belts of the North Pacific Ocean and the South Pacific Ocean and converge toward the equatorial low pressure trough. They meet along the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ), which migrates N and S with the sun. Long trajectories of this air over water results in climates of high temperatures and humidities, abundant cumulus clouds and frequent, sometimes heavy rain showers. An important feature of the climate are the tropical cyclones that

roam the waters S of the Equator E to about 140°W and N of the equator everywhere.

**Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ).**—This discontinuous band of clouds, showers and thunderstorms is formed by the convergence of Northern Hemisphere NE winds with Southern Hemisphere SE winds. Lying roughly E-W, the ITCZ can vary from 50 to 200 miles in width. Its intensity can vary from scattered clouds to torrential downpours. Its position can fluctuate daily, but in general it follows the movement of the sun. West of 150°W, the ITCZ moves back and forth across the Equator while, to the E it ranges between 12°N during the S winter and the Equator in summer. Many tropical cyclones, both N and S of the Equator, are spawned in the ITCZ.

During the Southern Hemisphere winter (June through October), the ITCZ is N of the Equator everywhere. It reaches its northernmost position during July through September and the entire region N of the Equator is active. Towering cumulus and cumulonimbus clouds, moderate to heavy showers and thunderstorms, and maximum tropical cyclone development are the characteristics. The ITCZ retreats S from October on. During the most active period, generally from July through October, periodic wave-like deformations, known as easterly waves, are generated in the Northeast Trade Winds of the E central Pacific. As they move W and slowly intensify, they bring clouds and rain to the entire area. Sometimes they form cyclonic vortices and develop into tropical cyclones.

During summer (December through March), the ITCZ moves into the Southern Hemisphere E to about 150°W, where it crosses the Equator and remains to the N. The ITCZ usually makes its deepest penetration by February in the W and by March in the E. Intermittent but often heavy showers occur throughout the zone. Thunderstorms are more frequent than they were in winter, except near the Equator, and precipitation is greater except where topography exerts a strong influence. The ITCZ also serves as a spawning ground for tropical cyclones in the Southern Hemisphere.

**Tropical Cyclones.**—North of the Equator, tropical cyclones (winds equal to or greater than 34 knots) have been encountered from the Philippine Sea to the E limits of the area. To the S, tropical cyclones are rare E of about 150°W.

The western North Pacific has spawned tropical cyclones in every month. They are most likely from July through October and least likely from December through April. About 27 tropical cyclones develop each year, on the average, and some 17 of these attain typhoon strength (winds equal to or greater than 64 knots). Several of these reach the super-typhoon state (winds equal to or greater than 130 knots). A mature typhoon may grow to 600 miles in diameter, generate winds of 150 knots or more, seas of 12.2m, and torrential rains. They can wreak havoc from Wake Island to the western Caroline Islands. Tropical cyclones can also generate a storm surge that may result in tides 3.1 to 4.6m above normal.

From January through April, tropical cyclone activity is mostly confined E of the Philippines between 5° and 20°N. From May onward, this activity spreads N and W by August its center stretches from Luzon to Honshu. In the fall (Southern Hemisphere spring), the area of activity begins to shrink, until by November its concentrated just E of the Philippines. Super-typhoons are usually limited to the NW edge of the area; the Mariana Islands are occasionally raked by these storms. In general the Mariana Islands and the western Caroline Islands

are more vulnerable to tropical cyclones than the eastern Caroline Islands and Marshall Islands. On the average, between July and October, at least one typhoon will pass through or near the Mariana Islands and two through the western Caroline Islands. The Marshall Islands and northern Kiribati (Gilbert Islands) lie on the fringe of the tropical cyclone activity. Storms are often in their formative stages in these areas. Kiribati (Gilbert Islands) is too far S and the Marshall Islands are most likely to be affected from September through December; a tropical cyclone will affect these islands about once every 3 years on the average.

Eastern North Pacific tropical cyclones, referred to as Central North Pacific storms when they form between 160°W and 160°E, are unlikely S of 10°N; E of 160°W they are unusual S of 15°N. However, there is always the possibility of an errant storm affecting the N part of this area. This would be most likely in August or September when they make their farthest W penetration.

South of the Equator, tropical cyclones roam from Papua New Guinea past the Society Islands; however they are rare E of 150°W. In March 1975, Cyclone Alison blew over New Caledonia, where sustained winds of 103 knots with gusts to 119 knots were reported at Baie Ugue. Farther E, Cyclone Bebe, an out-of-season October hurricane, devastated Kiribati (Gilbert Islands), Tuvalu (Ellice Islands), and Fiji. Winds exceeding 150 knots were reported.

The South Pacific tropical cyclone season generally runs from December through April, although they can form in any month. January, February, and March are the most active months. From E of about 100°E, an average of 16 tropical cyclones occur each year; six of these become hurricanes. They usually form between 5°S and 15°S between New Guinea and 180°. Initially, they tend to move toward the S or SW, then recurve toward the SE or E.

Early season activity is concentrated between the Solomon Islands and Fiji. During January and February, these storms usually originate in the northern Coral Sea, near Fiji or Vanuatu (New Hebrides). Moving ESE or SE, they are most likely to be encountered between Vanuatu (New Hebrides) and New Caledonia. Except for some activity around Samoa, March storms tend to remain in the Coral Sea. April tropical cyclones often move from the Coral Sea to between New Caledonia and Vanuatu (New Hebrides) southward through the western South Pacific.

Tropical cyclones are most likely in the Vanuatu (New Hebrides)/New Caledonia region, which is affected by two to three storms each year on the average. Fiji and the southern Solomon Islands can expect one to two storms in an average season. About 1 storm each year affects Samoa, while the Cook Islands are hit about once every 2 years or so. To the E frequencies fall progressively lower although they have on occasion affected the Society Islands, Iles Tubuai, and the Tuamotu Archipelago.

**Winds.**—The general air flow throughout this region can be traced to the trade wind regime. During the Southern Hemisphere winter (June through October), the Southeast Trade Winds emanating from the South Pacific high gradually veer to a more S flow upon crossing the Equator and invade the Caroline Islands, the Marshall Islands, and Kiribati (Gilbert Islands). By the time it reaches these islands, the winds are often out of the SW to W. To the S of the Equator, the Southeast Trade Winds remain remarkably steady. The islands poleward

of about 20°S are occasionally invaded by the W winds that prevail to the S. In summer (December-March), NE winds originate in the North Pacific high and in the W regions in the Siberian high, and encroach S of the Equator. Northeast winds prevail over most of the area, except over and W of New Ireland where they are N or NW and E of about 150°W where they remain E and SE. This trade wind system is steady, with average speeds of 8 to 12 knots. In some areas, the trades will strengthen at times to near gale force.

Gales throughout this tropical region are rare. They are usually generated by tropical cyclones or occasionally by thunderstorms. The periodic strengthening of the trades increase speeds to near gale force but rarely above it.

Local winds are created by an interruption of the general flow. North of the Equator, because of the small size and height of many of the islands, land and sea breezes are almost completely absent. Only a few islands are mountainous enough to disrupt the prevailing trades. North of the equator the NE trades are by far the steadiest and strongest with wind constancies from 70 to 90 per cent and average speeds of 5 to 15 knots. The SE winds and their components are less steady and weaker. Calms or light and variable winds are prominent at most locations when the ITCZ passes through, once known as the doldrums.

The islands S of the Equator have a more complex topography and, coupled with a light to moderate wind flow, produces an endless variety of directions and speeds. While over water winds are relatively constant and average 8 to 12 knots, land and sea breezes effect changes on many islands. Strong katabatic (downslope) winds are also reported where mountains border the coast. Sea breezes are most prevalent in the lee of larger islands such as at Nandi in the Fiji Islands. Many of the islands to the E are low and flat and exert little local influence.

Over New Guinea and the Solomon Islands winds blow out of the W through N 40 to 60 per cent of the time from December through February, while E and SE winds prevail from May through October. Winds are variable, with frequent calms, during the transitional periods when the ITCZ passes through. Sheltered coastal locations are susceptible to land and sea breezes; in a few places where mountain valleys reach the coast, strong local winds are often observed. The best known is the "guba" at Port Moresby, which may occur up to five or six times each year, during any season. It is an early morning wind, usually lasting 20 to 30 minutes and reaching speeds of 50 to 60 knots (Port Moresby is just outside the region).

East and SE winds prevail year round over Vanuatu (New Hebrides), the Santa Cruz Islands, New Caledonia, and the Loyalty Islands. Speeds average 10 to 12 knots from May through November and 5 to 10 knots at other times. In February and March the ITCZ reaches the Vanuatu (New Hebrides)/Santa Cruz Island area. Light winds and calms are occasionally interrupted by 15 to 20 knots squalls. Gales are infrequent but most likely with tropical cyclones.

In the islands E of about 170°E, the Southeast Trade Winds are dominant through most of the year. Between 170°E and about 150°W, the ITCZ moves S of the Equator; behind it NE winds blow on the islands closest to the Equator in summer. East winds remain the prevailing winds throughout the islands. Northeast winds penetrate to about 125°S to 15°S during this season. To the W of 180°, a belt of variable W winds has been reported at times between the two converging trade wind sys-

tems.

On the larger and more mountainous islands, local effects are well pronounced. For example at Nandi, on the W coast of Vitu Levu, Fiji, winds are mainly calm or SE in the early morning but afternoon W sea breezes predominate throughout the year. However, at Suva, on the SE side, E and SE winds prevail with little diurnal variation. At Christmas Atoll, E winds blow 70 per cent of the time year round. Similar frequencies can be found for Fanning Island, Baker Island, the Phoenix Islands, and Tokelau. On the larger Samoan islands of Upolu and Savaii, diurnal changes are evident leeward of the track winds, usually on the W coasts. The rugged terrain of the Marguesas Islands also obstruct the trades; land and sea breezes are prevalent on the sheltered sides of the islands. The Society Islands lie in the path of the Southeast Trade Winds, but because of terrain effects, winds are quite variable on the N and W coasts. At Bora-Bora and Papeete, winds average about 5 knots with a high percentage of calms; 20 to 30 per cent with summer frequencies highest. Southeast Trade Winds do not usually extend to Rapa and Pitcairn Island. Winds are more variable at the S locations, with NW to N winds common from fall through spring and NE winds predominant in summer. Calms are less frequent than farther N. Gales occur up to 5 per cent of the time at Palmerston Island, Rurutu, Rikitea and Pitcairn Island; gales are most likely from June through August.

**Climate.**—Information on individual islands and island groups is given, as follows:

1. **Mariana Islands.**—Within these islands, which lie just N of the maximum rainfall belt, annual rainfall amounts decrease erratically from S to N. In the S amounts range from 2,160 to 3,050mm annually compared to near 1,780mm in the N. The principal rain and cloud producers are the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ), E waves, and tropical cyclones. Maximum 24-hour amounts of near 229mm have been recorded. July through October is the rainiest and cloudiest period. Showers and cloudy skies are reported on 20 to 27 days per month. December through June is the driest period, but clear skies are still infrequent, except at night.

Temperatures are usually highest in June before the onset of the cloudy season. With an annual range of only 1.5° to 3.9°C, daytime highs reach the upper 20s to low 30s (°C), with nighttime lows in the low to mid 20s (°C). Coolest temperatures occur in January and February during the height of the Northeast Monsoon. Extremes range from near 38°C to just below 16°C.

Relative humidities are high year round, averaging 85 to 90 per cent in the early morning and 60 to 70 per cent by afternoon; the lowest values occur from March through May.

Visibilities are usually good; they drop below 6 miles less than 10 per cent of the time. They are poorest in showers or thunderstorms.

Thunderstorms only occur on about 5 to 20 days annually and are most likely from July through October.

2. **Caroline Islands.**—Most locations, except for outlying Tobi Island, record annual rainfall amounts in excess of 2,540mm, and many in excess of 3,550mm. Wet and dry periods are apparent in and W of the Truk Islands, where January through April reflect the intrusion of dry NE winds. Precipitation is generally heaviest during the evening hours. Maximum 24-hour amounts range from 152 to 560mm and can occur in any month, although the heaviest amounts are

more likely during the typhoon season. The eastern Caroline Islands receive the heaviest and most evenly distributed rainfall because of their position outside the monsoonal flow and the small latitudinal sweep of the ITCZ in this region. Mean annual totals can range up to 250 inches in this area. Rain falls on 150 to more than 300 days each year. Throughout the island group extreme fluctuations in rainfall occur from year to year.

The Caroline Islands experience the most uniform temperatures of all the island groups because of their E-W orientation, their nearness to the Equator, and the high frequency of cloud cover year round. Cloud cover in excess of 70 per cent is common most of the year. Mean daily maximum temperatures climb into the low 30s (°C) with mean daily minimums in the mid 20s (°C); both vary no more than 1.5°C between warmer and cooler months. Throughout the Caroline Islands, extremes in the low to mid 30s (°C) and high teens to low 20s (°C) have been observed.

Relative humidities are high year round with readings in the 80 to 90 per cent range in the early morning and 70 to 80 per cent range during the early afternoon.

Visibilities are good to excellent at most locations. They drop below 2 miles 1 per cent or less of the time. This is most likely in torrential downpours. However, at Falalop, visibilities fall below 6 miles 20 to 50 per cent of the time during the night, remaining below that level 5 to 15 per cent of the time during the day.

Thunderstorms are more likely in the W islands than in the E part. They occur on up to 22 days annually at Koror and on about 10 days annually at Ponape; they are most likely from May or June through December.

3. **Marshall Islands.**—Precipitation is abundant and is fairly evenly distributed throughout the year. Since the islands and atolls are less mountainous than the eastern Caroline Islands, there are fewer local differences. Mean annual amounts range from 1,400 to 4,060mm increasing from N to S. The southern Marshall Islands are influenced more by the ITCZ in summer while the N sections are influenced more by the drier Northeast Monsoon in winter; the northern Marshall Islands receive 60 to 85 per cent of their rainfall from about July through November. Rain falls on about 200 to 300 days annually.

Even though the Marshall Island chains are N-S oriented, there are little regional temperature differences. Very cloudy conditions in the S restrict the annual range of mean maximums and minimums to less than about a couple of degrees. In the N where partly cloudy skies prevail, an annual range of about 2.5°C is common. However, most locations record mean daily maximums in the low 30s (°C) and mean daily minimums in the mid 20s (°C). Extreme highs have exceeded 38°C only at Jaluit Atoll and lows have dipped to 19°C on Kwajalein Atoll.

Cloudy conditions occur on about 20 to 25 days per month in the southern Marshall Islands and 10 to 20 days per month in the northern Marshall Islands. However, completely overcast skies are uncommon and usually short lived.

Relative humidities, while high, are lower than they are elsewhere. Early morning readings in the upper 70 to mid 80 per cent range are common, while afternoon readings usually fall into the low to mid 70's.

The visibility is generally excellent, falling below 6 miles

less than 10 per cent of the time.

Thunderstorms, which can lower visibilities to a few hundred meters for a short period of time, are likely on about 16 days or less annually, with a peak from about July through October.

4. **Wake Island and Johnston Island.**—On these isolated islands, rainfall is drastically reduced; 915mm on Wake Island and 685mm on Johnston Island fall in an average year. Both, situated in the heart of the Northeast Trade Winds, undergo a wet and dry season. When the trades are best developed, generally January through March, is Wake Island's dry season; the wet season runs from July through October. However, on Johnston Island, occasional weak polar fronts make their way S to bring some January rainfall; June and July receive the lowest amounts.

Skies are cloudiest from July through October at Wake Island and in April and May at Johnston Island.

Temperatures at Wake Island and Johnston Island are similar to those in the Marianas; they are also subjected to infrequent invasions by weak polar fronts, when temperatures fall about 2.5°C from normal. Mean daily maximums range in the low to upper 20 to low 30s (°C), with the warmest period from July through October, while minimums fall into the mid 20s (°C).

Relative humidities are low compared to the other islands. Early morning readings are from the mid to upper 70 per cent range, while afternoon readings are in the mid 60 to low 70 per cent range.

Visibilities below 6 miles occur less than 5 per cent of the time.

Thunderstorms are infrequent; at Wake Island, where they are more likely, they occur on about 5 days annually.

5. **New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, including the Santa Cruz Islands.**—Rainfall is heavy and frequent, with annual amounts ranging from 1,900mm to more than 6,350mm annually. Maximum 24-hour amounts have exceeded 500mm in several locations.

Topography is important in determining rainfall amounts and rainy seasons. For example, Talasea, on the N side of New Britain, is exposed to the NW summer flow while Lindenefen Plantation, on the S side, is exposed to the SE flow of winter. Talasea averages 500 to 800mm per month from December through April, while Lindenefen Plantation records 150 to 280mm. In contrast, Lindenefen Plantation averages 500 to 1,000mm per month from May through October, while Talasea records 100 to 200mm.

Tropical cyclones and thunderstorms add to the torrential nature of the rains. Thunderstorms occur on about 50 to 90 days annually. They are most likely during winter and spring, except where exposure is to NE winds. Rain can be expected on 130 to near 300 days annually.

Skies are usually cloudiest during the passages of the ITCZ and, on the larger islands, during the season of the on-shore monsoon. This is primarily convective cloudiness and is most likely during the late morning and early afternoon.

Temperatures and relative humidities are consistently high throughout the year. Mean daily maximum temperatures range from the upper 20s to low 30s (°C), with a slight peak in spring (October-December), while mean daily minimums run in the low to mid 20s (°C). Extremes of 38°C and the upper teens (°C) are common.

Relative humidities range from the low 70 to low 80 per cent range during the morning to the upper 60 to low 80 per cent range during the afternoon. The diurnal variation is usually less than 10 per cent.

Visibilities are good except in showers, when heavy rain may reduce them to a few hundred meters. In dry weather, haze occasionally reduces visibility to between 3 and 6 miles.

6. **Vanuatu (New Hebrides), New Caledonia, and the Loyalty Islands.**—While rainfall amounts vary widely the rainy season generally runs from December or January through April, when up to 500mm per month is common at some locations. July through November is usually the dry season. Rain can be expected on 70 to more than 200 days annually. The rainy season is also the cloudiest time of year and, as in many tropical Pacific Island groups, clear conditions are uncommon throughout the year. However, clouds are least likely late at night.

Thunderstorms are not frequent, particularly over the low lying islands.

Temperatures and relative humidities are constantly high but show more of a seasonal variation than those islands closer to the Equator. December through March is the warmest season, when mean daily maximums climb to the upper 20s (°C) during the day and mean daily minimums fall to the low 20s (°C); extremes reach the low to mid 30s (°C). During the winter (June through September), mean daily maximums range from the mid to upper 20s (°C), with a definite increase to the N. Nighttime lows average in the low 20s (°C) in the S to the low 20s (°C) in the N. Noumea once recorded an 11°C reading in July.

Relative humidities also show both diurnal and seasonal variations. During the summer they reach to 80 to 90 per cent range at night and fall to the 70 per cent range during the day. In winter readings fall off by about 10 per cent at night and about 5 per cent during the day.

Visibilities are usually good, although haze may reduce it to 4 to 6 miles during a dry spell. Heavy showers cause short periods of low visibilities.

7. **Fiji and Tonga.**—Rainfall amounts vary from about 1,500 to 3,800mm annually along the coasts of these islands. This falls on an average of 125 to 250 days each year. The wide range is due mainly to topography and exposure. In general, the rainy season runs from June through September. Heaviest rains occur in tropical cyclones. In winter, a local convergence zone generally about 600 miles NE of the Fiji Islands may occasionally move down over the area, bringing clouds and rain. Thunderstorms are most likely from November through April.

Cloud cover corresponds with the rainy and dry seasons and is also dependent upon exposure. Cloudiness is more likely during the afternoon.

Temperatures are pleasant year round. In general, mean daily maximums are in the upper 20s to low 30s (°C) in summer and the upper 20s (°C) in winter. Mean daily minimums range from the low to mid 20s (°C) in summer to the upper teens (°C) in winter. Extreme maximums stay below 38°C, while extreme minimums remain above 10°C.

Relative humidities are also higher in the summer. Night-time readings in the 85 to 90 per cent range are common compared to 80 to 85 per cent in winter. During the day,

readings fall into the 70 per cent range in summer and the 60 to low 70 per cent range in winter.

Visibilities are 12 miles or more about 80 per cent of the time. The most serious reductions are caused by showers, thunderstorms, and tropical cyclones. Haze is common from July through September, but rarely reduces visibilities to below 3 miles.

8. **Kiribati (Gilbert Islands) and Tuvalu (Ellice Islands), including nearby islands.**—December through March is the most likely time for frequent and heavy rains; these are associated with the ITCZ. Annual rainfall amounts vary from 1,270 to 1,99mm on 125 to 160 days in Kiribatu (Gilbert Islands) and about 2,030 to 4,060mm on 200 to 250 days in Tuvalu (Ellice Islands).

Thunderstorms are recorded on up to 20 days annually. While they are most likely during the rainy season, they also occur in winter.

Clouds are most abundant during the rainy season, with a minimum from about August through November. During the rainy season, cloudy skies are observed on about 15 to 20 days each month; they are less frequent at night.

Temperatures vary only a few degrees throughout the year. Average daytime highs are in the low 30s (°C), while nighttime lows dip into the low to mid 20s (°C). Extremes range from near 38°C to 15.6°C.

Relative humidities remain fairly high year round, although it is somewhat drier in from August through November. Nighttime readings climb into the mid to upper 80 per cent range and the low 80 per cent range in spring. During the day relative humidities fall into the 70 per cent range, dropping to the mid to upper 60 per cent range, particularly in Kiribatu (Gilbert Islands), in spring.

Fog is uncommon and visibilities are usually good. Heavy rains occasionally reduce visibilities to less than 1 mile for a brief period.

9. **Howland Island, Baker Island, and the Phoenix Islands.**—These islands lie in what is known as the dry zone. Canton, for example, records 584mm of rainfall in an average year and it is reported that Howland Island and Baker Island are dry. This dry zone extends across the entire region of the eastern Pacific Ocean from about 3°N to 5°S and most stations record less than 625mm annually. The boundary of this zone can fluctuate from year to year so that Canton has recorded as much as 1,600mm in a single year and as little as 200mm. Rain falls on about 100 days annually with April through August being the rainiest period.

Thunderstorms are infrequent, but are most likely during the rainy season; Canton records about five annually.

December through February is slightly more cloudy than the rest of the year, although cloudy skies are infrequent, occurring less than 15 per cent of the time. Clear skies are observed from 20 to 50 per cent of the time, with a peak in September and October.

Temperatures are fairly constant throughout the year. Mean daily maximum temperatures range from the upper 20s to low 30s (°C), with nighttime lows dipping into the mid to upper 20s (°C). Extremes range from about 38°C down to 21°C.

Relative humidities are in the 80 per cent range at night, except in spring, when they frequently dip into the upper 70 per cent range and fall into the 60 to 70 per cent range during

the afternoon; in spring these readings are at their lowest also.

Visibilities are good. They fall below 2 miles less than 1 per cent of the time at sea; fog is also rare over the islands. Visibilities are restricted mainly in heavy showers.

10. **Tokelau, Samoa, and Niue.**—Rainfall is variable throughout the islands depending upon exposure and topography. Annual amounts range from 2,030mm to more than 4,800mm October through April is usually considered the rainy season although even in other months rainfall is substantial. Rain can be expected on 15 to 20 days per month during the wet season. Record amounts in 24 hours have totaled up to 500mm. These are most likely in rare tropical cyclones or in the ITCZ.

Thunderstorms are observed on about 20 to 40 days annually and are more frequent here than in most of the other island chains. They are well distributed throughout the year, with a slight peak during the spring and summer.

Skies are cloudiest from November through February. Cloudy conditions at sea are encountered 20 to 30 per cent of the time. From June through August, when cloudiness is at a minimum, skies are clear from 20 to 30 per cent of the time.

Temperatures show little seasonal variation but a 4° to 8°F diurnal variation. Daytime highs range from the low to upper 20s (°C), on the average, while nighttime lows dip into the upper teens to low 20s (°C). Extremes range from just below 38°C down to the low 20s (°C), except on Niue Island, where extreme lows have reached the low teens (°C).

Relative humidities also show little seasonal variation and much more variability from day to night. During the night they climb to the 80 to low 90 per cent range, falling during the morning, until they reach the 70 per cent range by early afternoon. Spring is slightly drier than the rest of the year.

Visibilities are good and fog is seldom observed. Poor visibility is mainly associated with showers. At sea, visibilities fall below 2 miles less than 1 per cent of the time.

11. **Cook Islands and Iles Tubuai.**—Precipitation over these islands is plentiful with October through March the wettest period. Annual amounts range from about 1,900 to 3,050mm on about 150 to 200 days.

Thunderstorms usually occur on about 15 to 30 days annually and are most likely in summer.

Skies are, on the average, cloudier S of about 15°S. Cloudy skies coincide with the rainy season and are present about 20 to 30 per cent of the time, while clear skies are observed at the same frequency from about April through November.

Temperatures in the northern Cook Islands show little seasonal variation while those in the S and in the Iles Tubuai show a variation of about 3° to 5°C. In the N mean daily maximums range from the upper 20s to low 30s (°C), with minimums in the low to mid 20s (°C). In the S, daytime highs range from the upper 20s (°C) in summer to the low to mid 20s (°C) in winter, while nighttime lows dip into the low 20s (°C) in summer and the upper teens (°C) in winter. Extreme high temperatures remain below 38°C everywhere, while extreme minimums drop to around 21°C in the N down to the upper single digits to low teens (°C) S of 15°S.

Relative humidities are less prone to seasonal and latitudinal variations and more susceptible to diurnal changes. Nighttime readings are in the mid to upper 80 per cent range.

They fall during the morning hours, reaching a low in the early afternoon in the low to mid 70 per cent range.

Visibilities are usually good at sea, dropping below 2 miles 1 per cent or less of the time. On Iles Tubuai, haze is observed occasionally, but is unlikely in winter. Sometimes local fog exists when the weather is clear a few miles to sea.

**12. Line Islands and the Marquesas Islands.**—Annual precipitation amounts range from 500 to 3,800mm on the average. The larger values are found N of Christmas Island and S of Malden. The relatively dry zone usually ranges from just N of the Equator to about 5°S. There seems to be no definite rainy period although Fanning Island, Christmas Island, and Malden Island usually have an April peak.

Rain falls on about 90 to more than 250 days annually. Thunderstorms are infrequent.

There is little difference in cloud amounts N and S of the Equator. At sea, cloudy conditions are observed 10 per cent or less of the time, while clear skies occur 30 to 60 per cent of the time, with a slight winter and spring peak in the N.

Temperatures vary only a few degrees seasonally or latitudinally. Daytime highs average in the upper 20s to low 30s (°C), while lows drop into the low 20s (°C). Extremes range from about 38°C to 15.6°C.

Relative humidities vary from the 80 per cent range at night to the 60 per cent range during the day. September through November is often the driest period.

Visibility is good throughout the area, with showers accounting for most of the restrictions.

**13. Society Islands, Tuamotu Archipelago, Iles Gambier, Pitcairn Island, Ducie Island, and Henderson Island.**—In an average year rainfall amounts range 1,500mm to more than 2,500mm in this region. At sea, precipitation is observed 7 to 12 per cent of the time near Pitcairn Island and 2 to 7 per cent of the time elsewhere. The rainy season runs from about November through May N of 20°S and spreads out through most of the year to the S.

Thunderstorms are infrequent, being recorded on 8 to 20 days annually; they are most likely from January through July.

Except in the SE portion, where there is little seasonal variation clouds, are more likely during the rainy season (November-May). At sea, cloudy conditions are observed about 10 to 18 per cent of the time during this season. Near Pitcairn a peak of 20 to 23 per cent of the time occurs in spring. Clear skies are encountered 20 to 35 per cent of the time in the N and 15 to 30 per cent of the time near Pitcairn.

Temperatures vary little N of Iles Gambier. Mean daily maximums range from the upper 20s to low 30s (°C) with minimums in the low 20s (°C). To the S, the warmest readings occur from December through March, when daytime highs usually reach the upper 20s to low 30s (°C) and nighttime lows dip into the low to mid 20s (°C). During July and August, mean daily maximums reach the low to mid 20s (°C), with minimums in the upper teens (°C). Extremes range from the mid 30s to the low teens (°C) in the S and around 15°C N of 20°S.

Relative humidities are fairly constant throughout the year with more of a diurnal variation. During the night readings climb into the 80 per cent range. During the morning hours they begin to fall reaching a minimum in the upper 60 to mid 70 per cent range by early afternoon.

The main restrictions to visibilities are showers. At sea, visibilities drop below 2 miles about 2 to 3 per cent of the time in summer around the Tuamotu Archipelago, but less than 1 per cent elsewhere year round.

#### WEST COAST OF SOUTH AMERICA

**General.**—Climates along the W coast of South America range from the hot humid tropical rain forest of the Panama Gulf region through the cool tropical desert region of Peru and northern Chile and the transitional moderate climate of central Chile to the damp cool climate of the S. The boundaries are not sharp, but are ones where one climatic zone gradually merges into that of another.

The controlling climatic features are the South Pacific subtropical high flanked on the N by the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) and on S by migratory circumpolar low pressure systems. The coastal climate is also influenced by the markedly different warm Equatorial Current and the cold Peru or Humboldt Current.

The equatorial low and ITCZ range between 12° to 14°N in winter (August) and 0 to 2°N in summer (February). Rainfall along the Panama-Colombia coast reflects this movement as peaks occur when the ITCZ is near. Rainfall rather than temperatures, which are high year round, determine the seasons.

From Ecuador to northern Chile, the coast is blanketed by a subsiding S flow of cool dry air emanating from the South Pacific high. Originally warm and dry, the air is exposed to the cool Peru or Humboldt current and becomes even more stable, with an almost total lack of precipitation. This results in the barren wastes that make up the Atacama Desert, which is similar to Baja California and northwest Mexico.

Along the N coast of Ecuador, the Equatorial Current brings some relief from the dryness during the summer (December-April). Trade winds blowing across this current bring warm humid air, rainfall, and clouds. The S invasion of this warm water is known locally as El Nino (The Child) because of its advent near Christmas. In some years, the current spreads a thin layer of warm surface water farther S along the coast of Peru. This usually dissipates quickly, but in abnormal years the cold water of the Peru Current is replaced by a rather deep layer of warm water, with surface temperatures near 27°C. The air above becomes warm and moist, giving rise to banks of towering cumulus and torrential rains along the coast as far S as 14°S. Sometimes more than ten times as much rain will fall in a few days as would normally fall all year or in several years. An exceptionally strong El Nino has an average return period of 20 to 25 years near Lima, compared to 6 or 7 years on the N coast of Peru. The duration of El Nino ranges from 1 week or more in the S to 2 months or more in the N.

To the S of the South Pacific high, air moves E over a large expanse of ocean, becoming cool and moist. This becomes the mainstream of the mid-latitude westerlies which, along with the migratory low pressure systems, completely dominate the S one-third of Chile. This coast has a climate characteristic of the northwest United States and British Columbia. The central coast of Chile is a battleground between the dry weather to the N and the wet weather of the S. During winter, when the subtropical high is farthest N (about 25°S), W winds prevail while summer (January) brings the dry subsiding S flow. The weather conditions are "Mediterranean" and similar to California, with warm dry summers and wet mild winters.



**Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ).**—This area of frequently disturbed weather moves N and S with the sun. It reaches its northernmost position, about 12° to 14°N, in February and lies between the Equator and 2°N in August. It oscillates from day to day from its mean position and can vary a couple of hundred miles in a few days. The ITCZ, an important source of rainfall, is discontinuous as well as variable. Disturbed weather areas may vary in width from less than 50 miles to several hundred miles. Rain is usually showery in nature and thunderstorms can occur. During less vigorous periods, the ITCZ may degenerate into an area of broken cumulus clouds and scattered showers; sometimes it becomes so weak that little or no cloudiness can be found.

**Camanchaca.**—The air flowing over the upwelled waters of the Peru Current is humidified and cooled until it reaches its dew point. Fog and low stratus clouds form. Known as “camanchaca,” this fog and low stratus is often hundreds of meters thick and frequently persists over water during all hours of the day. Onshore winds, generally the sea breeze, carries this fog to the coast over northern and central Chile. The camanchaca may occur in all seasons, but it is most frequent from May through October. It may last for weeks at a time during the latter half of this period. Dense fog or drizzle from the low stratus supply most of the meager amounts of moisture to the northern coast.

**Roaring Forties.**—Temperature differences between the subtropical oceans and the Antarctic continent cause a strong pressure gradient between about 35°S and 60°S, which induces a belt of strong prevailing westerlies known to mariners as the “roaring forties” and the “whistling fifties.” Southern South America juts into this stream, creating the only major interruption to its flow around the Southern Hemisphere. Mean wind speeds are near 20 knots year round. Gales are frequent and 80-knot winds have been recorded at a few island locations. Large migratory low pressure systems often ride these westerlies and their associated fronts trail N, often bringing poor weather to the central and S coasts of Chile. Some rain may even extend to the S fringes of the Atacama Desert.

**Winds.**—Offshore, S of 40°S in summer and 35°S in winter, lie the variable westerlies of the mid-latitudes. Moderate and frequently strong SW through NW winds prevail. Gales (wind of 34 knots or more) are encountered 15 to 25 per cent of the time S of 50°S, with a peak from fall through spring. Some of the island locations report winds of 28 knots or more on more than 100 days annually. Mean speeds 15 to 20 knots are common S of 40°S.

North of this region to just S of the Equator, winds tend to follow the coastline, which results in a preponderance of SE, S and SW winds. Gales become increasing less likely; N of 20°S they blow less than 1 per cent of the time year round. Wind speeds average 5 to 10 knots. In the Gulf of Panama, winds vary with the season and the shifting of the ITCZ.

There is a seasonal battle between the trade winds from the two hemispheres. From about December through April, N and NE winds are in control. Wind speeds average 8 to 12 knots and gales are rare. After a short transition period, SW and W gain control in June and persist until November. Wind speeds average 7 to 10 knots and, again, gales are rare.

Coastal winds are subject to the land-sea breeze effect, topography, and other local influences. This is particularly true in the tropics, where pressure gradients are often weak. From

May through September N of the Equator and from January through April to the S, early morning winds are often light or calm.

By late morning, a sea breeze picks up, increasing in intensity until reaching full strength by early afternoon. These breezes commonly reach 10 to 20 knots and occasionally, when they reinforce the prevailing flow, speeds may approach gale force. The sea breezes are frequently out of the S through NW depending upon location. Shortly after sunset, the wind abates.

During the night, winds are often calm or a light land breeze may develop. This effect extends along the entire coast when pressure gradients are weak. It is most noticeable from central Chile N to S in summer. These sea breezes and the prevailing flow combine to bring a preponderance of S through NW winds year round to the coasts of Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. The Panama coast has sea winds from May through November. For the rest of the year, NW through N winds are common. Strong winds along these equatorial coasts are most often associated with thunderstorm gusts. Occasionally they approach hurricane force (64 knots or more); Buenaventura, Colombia has recorded a 45-knot sustained wind.

Land and sea breezes affect the N and central coast of Chile. Sea breezes are a factor year round, while land breezes are prominent in winter, usually between midnight and sunrise; they seldom reach more than a moderate speed. To the S the coast is exposed to strong W winds, which are interrupted by migratory cyclones with their associated fronts. Winds become variable, with frequent frontal approaches and passages. Winds shift from a N component to a S component, then to a W component. Wind speeds increase. Winds greater than 20 knots are common, while gales occasionally blow, particularly at the more exposed locations. In the southernmost sections there is little seasonal difference in the frequency of high winds, while a winter maximum can be expected near central Chile. Along this coast winds out of the SW through N are common.

**Precipitation.**—Rainfall near the Panama Canal averages about 1,770mm annually on about 150 to 170 days. May through November is generally the rainy period. Thunderstorms occur on 40 to 80 days annually, mostly during the rainy period, particularly June through October. The driest period is February and March, when monthly amounts usually average less than 25mm. Along the coast of Colombia and northern Ecuador, annual rainfall amounts range from about 2,540mm to nearly 7,600mm inches falling on 200 to 300 days. Precipitation shows some seasonal variation, with a slight lull during February and March in the N and from August through November in the S.

Thunderstorms become increasingly less frequent towards the S; Buenaventura records 27 thunderstorm days annually, while Esmeraldas records 1 day. Maximum 24-hour amounts along the section of the coast from the Panama Canal to northern Ecuador range from 125 to 250mm. Rainfall on this coast is mainly dependent upon the ITCZ.

Near the Gulf of Guayaquil, annual amounts fall to 250mm or less, dropping to less than 125mm along the coast of Peru and northern Chile. Many locations record less than 50mm annually, some receiving less than 25mm. There are some places on the Atacama Desert that have received a total of less than 25mm in 50 years. This sparse rain falls on 10 to 20 days each year. This is due to in part the stabilizing effect of the Peru Current.

From Lima S, the summer half of the year receives the least precipitation. During the winter, persistent low stratus is sometimes accompanied by a very light drizzle known locally as "garua." This is the principal form of precipitation along the coast. In areas where 250 to 500mm is normal, an abnormal year can produce 1,000 to 1,500mm, like when the El Nino becomes established. Heavy amounts are most likely during February, March, and April. This variation is usually confined to Ecuador and northern Peru. Thunderstorms are unusual.

Along the central coast of Chile rainfall amounts begin to increase uniformly from about 250mm to 2,500mm. Along the S coast of Chile, precipitation amounts vary with exposure between 2,500mm and 7,500mm and rain falls on over 300 days in some sections.

There is in general a lack of seasonality in the S while in the central region, from Valparaiso to Puerto Montt, summer is the driest period, when monthly amounts are often less than 50mm, which falls on less than 5 days; May through August are the wettest months. Averages vary from less than 125mm to more than 375mm on 8 to 20 days per month.

In the southernmost part of Chile snow falls on about 2 to 10 days per month from May through October, but is temporary at lower elevations. Maximum 24-hour precipitation amounts range from less than 15mm along the northern coast of Chile to near 325mm in the S.

Thunderstorms occur on less than 10 days annually, with a slight winter maximum.

**Cloud Cover.**—In general, cloudiness has seasonal patterns similar to rainfall. In the tropics, a diurnal variation is often noticeable as well. Clouds increase during the afternoon and early evening, due to convective activity, and decrease late at night.

Near the Panama Canal, skies are cloudy on 20 to 30 days per month from May through November, while clear skies are observed on 8 to 16 days per month during January, February, and March.

Colombia and northern Ecuador are a lot cloudier, with little seasonal fluctuation. Cloudy days occur, on average, 20 to 27 days per month year round, with only 20 to 30 clear days all year.

Around the Gulf of Guayaquil during the dry period, May through September, a dense cover of low stratus often drifts ashore and maintains an overcast day and night. This flow across the Peru Current results in a winter and spring maximum along the central and S coasts of Peru; the central coast experiences a minimum in autumn. Cloudy skies occur on 100 to 200 days annually.

Chile experiences a wide variety of sky conditions from the nearly cloudless skies of the N desert to the almost endless cloudiness of the S tip. Along the N coast, early morning clouds are observed mostly from July through October; cloudy skies occur on about 120 to 150 days annually. Clear skies are most likely in summer when they are likely on 10 to 15 days per month. Along the central coast, May through October are the cloudiest months accounting for much of the 120 to 190 days of cloudy skies each year, on the average. Clear skies are common from October through March. However, S of Valdivia (40°S), clear days are few. Skies are cloudy on about 200 to 300 days annually. Near 40°S, mid-summer is about the least cloudy time.

**Temperature.**—In the tropics temperatures change more between day and night than they do seasonally or even latitudi-

nally. Cloud cover is a moderating factor under the hot tropic sun. Lowest afternoon temperatures often occur during the rainy season while coolest nighttime lows are most likely during the clear dry season. From the Equator N, temperatures at coastal locations reach the upper 20s to low 30s (°C) during the day, with nighttime lows in the low to mid 20s (°C). March and April are usually the warmest months, when about 15 to 25 days per month see the temperature climb to 32°C or above. However, extremes never reach 38°C at exposed locations. Extreme lows are usually in the upper teens (°C) and are just as likely in the S summer season as at any other time.

**Galapagos Islands.**—This region, some 600 miles W of Ecuador, is subjected all year to the stabilizing influences of the South Pacific Trade Winds and the cold Peru Current. Skies are usually partly cloudy, with stratus more common than cumulus. Low ceilings and moderate rainfall occur only on the windward slopes. Rain is spotty on the flat sections and leeward slopes, causing semiarid conditions. The high relative humidity is alleviated by the steady winds and moderated temperatures. Thunderstorms are rare, but fog and haze are common.

## NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN

### General Climate

**Summer.**—Summer over the North Pacific is relatively calm but is interrupted occasionally by the violence of tropical cyclones. A large semi-permanent quasi-stationary high dominates almost the entire North Pacific on the mean pressure charts. Some 1,200 miles north of Hawaii, its average central pressure builds to more than 1025 mb.

Extratropical storms, so abundant in other seasons, decrease in number and intensity. They are confined to mainly N of 40°N. Their mean tracks are similar to those of other seasons. They run from the China mainland, and from waters around Japan, NE to the Aleutian Islands, where they either move into the Bering Sea or the Gulf of Alaska. Some start in the central North Pacific Ocean and extend NE into the Gulf of Alaska.

North of 40°N overcast conditions (sky cover greater than or equal to 8/10) prevail about 60 to 80 per cent of the time as warm moist air is cooled by the sea surface. Clear skies are uncommon. These same phenomena are responsible for the prevalent foggy conditions over the N great circle routes at this time of the year. Visibilities less than 1 mile are observed 10 to 40 per cent of the time in general, and up to 60 per cent of the time near the Kuril Islands.

Precipitation frequencies drop off slightly over these N latitudes. Precipitation is observed about 10 to 20 per cent of the time N of 30°N. South of this latitude frequencies fall below 10 per cent.

Summer winds are light and variable N of a line from the Philippines to Vancouver Island. They blow most often from the S semicircle; in the western North Pacific Ocean they are labeled the Southwest Monsoon. The Northeast Trade Winds prevail S of this line, where winds are generally NE through E. Summer gales are infrequent but can be experienced in the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) and within the circulation of a tropical cyclone.

The ITCZ is a broad discontinuous fluctuating band of clouds, showers, and thunderstorms. It is responsible for most of the weather in the tropics and is often the birthplace of tropical cyclones. Winds are generally NE on the N side of the ITCZ and SW on the W side. Its position fluctuates seasonally

to a large degree and daily to a lesser degree. Its seasonal path follows the sun.

The ITCZ reaches its northernmost position in early summer. It extends discontinuously from the Philippines to Panama, fluctuating between the Equator and 10°N, except over parts of the eastern North Pacific, where it bulges N to about 15°N. The ITCZ is responsible for overcast conditions that prevail 20 to 40 per cent of the time in the tropics. Clear days are observed from 10 to 20 per cent of the time, reflecting the discontinuity of the ITCZ.

Coincident with the N push of the ITCZ is the start of the tropical cyclone season in both the western and eastern North Pacific Ocean by May or June. The western North Pacific Ocean season runs through December while the eastern North Pacific Ocean season usually terminates in October. Although these tropical cyclones fall into similar categories, their characteristics are dissimilar.

The western North Pacific has an annual average of 30 tropical cyclones (tropical storms and typhoons), of which approximately 20 reach typhoon strength. North Pacific Ocean typhoons are the largest tropical cyclones in the world. Diameters of 500 miles are common. Maximum wind speeds often reach 130 knots or more; about 15 per cent of all tropical cyclones achieve this super-typhoon category.

The eastern North Pacific Ocean spawns an annual average of about 15 tropical cyclones (tropical storms and hurricanes), of which about five become hurricanes. These storms are small and tightly organized; diameters of less than 100 miles are common. Maximum sustained winds speeds rarely reach 130 knots. This may be due in part to lack of observations near the center of such small storms.

In both regions, tropical cyclones form between 5° and 20°N, move initially in a W direction, then either continue on this path or curve to the NW through NE. Eastern North Pacific Ocean tropical cyclones are in general much shorter lived than western North Pacific Ocean storms. Occasionally, a North Pacific Ocean tropical cyclone will cross the date line from either side, so the delineation between regions is not always clear cut. The rare tropical cyclones that affect the Hawaiian Islands form in the eastern North Pacific Ocean.

Tropical cyclones, upon reaching N latitudes, often become extratropical and continue across the ocean in this manner. These former tropical cyclones can be dangerous.

During the summer, western North Pacific Ocean tropical cyclones develop between the Marshall Islands and the Philippines. This area expands latitudinally until, by August, a substantial percentage of storms form N of 20°N and on rare occasions close to 30°N. The heart of this broad area of formation is just W of Saipan in the Mariana Islands. Tropical storms most often reach typhoon stage between the Mariana Islands and northern Philippines, but this can occur anywhere from Wake Island to the Vietnamese coast and from 5° to 35°N.

In the eastern North Pacific Ocean, the area of tropical cyclone formation spreads out longitudinally during the summer. In June, these storms are usually first detected between 90°W and 110°W, by August, the W boundary is the Hawaiian Islands. These tropical cyclones usually form between 10°N and 25°N during the summer. Hurricanes most often recurve E of 120°W in June. As the summer progresses, they gradually move farther W before recurring. By September, the W limit of recurvature is about 170°W.

**Autumn.**—The transitional nature of this season is apparent in the monthly sea level pressure charts. From September through November, the Aleutian Low gradually strengthens and expands while the North Pacific High weakens and shrinks. North of 30°N, extratropical storms become more frequent and more intense. In the tropics, eastern North Pacific Ocean typhoons are still frequent and can affect shipping as far N as 45°N. Eastern North Pacific Ocean hurricanes continue to plague the waters west of the Mexican coast but their frequency drops sharply by November.

Western North Pacific Ocean tropical cyclones form below 20°N in September and then below 15°N by November. The average latitude of recurvature, which was 28°N in August, drops to 20°N by November. Tropical storms often reach typhoon intensity between the Mariana Islands and the northern Philippines. In the eastern North Pacific Ocean, the area of formation shrinks from its August spread and seems to be restricted to E of 125°W and between 10°N and 20°N. By the end of September, these storms tend to hug the Mexican coastline and a large percentage move inland.

The ITCZ is around 10°N across the entire Pacific Ocean in October. By November, it has slipped a few more degrees S to the E of 180° and below the Equator W of 180°.

Clear skies, good visibilities, and light winds are the rule between 20°N and 35°N. South of 20°N, overcast conditions are observed 20 to 40 per cent of the time; precipitation remains light and visibility good.

Extratropical storms from over the Asian Continent and in the waters around Japan, often from the remnants of tropical cyclones. These storms move toward the Aleutian Islands and into the Bering Sea or the Gulf of Alaska. Storms also develop in the central North Pacific Ocean and move into the Gulf of Alaska. During most of the cool season (late fall, winter, and early spring), the Gulf of Alaska has the highest frequency of extratropical cyclones in the Northern Hemisphere.

The increase in number and intensity of extratropical storms is reflected in the gale frequencies over the N great circle routes; there is an increase from the summer lull to 10 to 20 per cent N of 40°N. Wind directions in this region are variable but show a slight preference for the W semicircle NW quadrant S of the Aleutian Islands and the SW quadrant in the Gulf of Alaska. Overcast conditions (sky cover greater than or equal to 8/10) prevail 60 to greater than 70 per cent of the time N of 40°N, while clear days (sky cover less than or equal to 2/10) are observed less than 20 per cent of the time.

Visibilities in these N latitudes improve dramatically from summer. Visibilities less than or equal to 1 mile occur 5 to 10 per cent of the time, while visibilities less than or equal to 5 miles occur 10 to greater than 20 per cent of the time.

South of 30°N, NE winds continue to prevail. These are known as the Northeast Trade Winds over most of the Pacific, Ocean and as the Northeast Monsoon W of about 150°E. These winds persist from 70 to 90 per cent of the time.

**Winter.**—In winter, the Aleutian Low looms over the North Pacific Ocean as a climatic warning to mariners navigating the N great circle routes. The extent, position, and central pressure of this semi-permanent climatic system reflects many features of the everyday weather patterns. This low, centered in Bristol Bay during the fall, progresses SW, centering itself near the Rat Islands by December. Its mean central pressure remains below 1000 mb from December through February, the season

of storms for the northern North Pacific Ocean. Its broad expanse covers the Pacific Basin from the Arctic Ocean to 30°N and from the North American coast to Japan. The southeastern North Pacific Ocean, between the Hawaiian Islands and Baja California, is covered by a remnant of the summer-dominant Pacific High while the Sea of Japan and the East China Sea are under the influence of a seaward bulge of the Siberian Anticyclone.

Winter storms from the China mainland and the waters around Japan move NE toward the center of the Aleutian Low, then into the Bering Sea or the Gulf of Alaska. Storms from the central North Pacific also tend to move into the Gulf of Alaska, making these waters the most active in the Northern Hemisphere. And with this activity comes the rain, sleet and snow, the howling gales, and the poor visibilities which characterize the weather along the N great circle routes during this season. Gales can be expected 20 to 30 per cent of the time N of a line from southern Japan to Vancouver Island. They frequently ride winds from the NW quadrant W of the date line and winds from the SE quadrant E of the date line. The more potent Pacific Ocean storms carry gales in both and sometimes all quadrants. Any ship sailing a route N of 40°N is likely to encounter gales in winter.

In addition to the wind along these N tracks, overcast conditions (sky cover greater than or equal to 8/10) prevail 50 to 70 per cent of the time, precipitation occurs 25 to 45 per cent of the time (50 to 95 per cent of this occurs in a frozen form), and visibilities less than or equal to 5 miles are encountered up to 20 per cent of the time. In isolated areas along the Kuril Islands, in the Sea of Okhotsk, and in the Bering Sea, these poor visibility frequencies are as high as 40 per cent. Visibilities less than 1 mile are found 5 to 15 per cent of the time along the North American coast between Vancouver Island and Southern California, and in the Gulf of Alaska, and 10 to 20 per cent of the time in the Bering Sea and the Sea of Okhotsk.

Over the western North Pacific Ocean, the Northwest Monsoon (winter) is the controlling feature. This monsoon originates in the intense Siberian High. It is a remarkably persistent flow W of 160°E; it strengthens and fades in a series of surges and lulls covering periods that last from 10 to 12 days. Over open waters, N to NW winds average 17 to 22 knots during the winter. January is the heart of the winter monsoon season; S of 50°N winds from the NW quadrant prevail 70 to 75 per cent of the time. South of 35°N over most of the Pacific Ocean and S of 30°N in the waters around Japan, the transition zone from the N latitudes of storms to the Northeast Trade Wind regime begins. This moderating zone extends S to about 25°N. It is characterized by light and variable winds, partly cloudy skies, good visibilities, mild temperatures, and little precipitation. These mild conditions are occasionally interrupted by an errant extratropical storm caught in a E flow or in the eastern North Pacific Ocean by the occasional N displacement of the ITCZ.

During the winter, the ITCZ lies between the Equator and 10°N to the E of the date line and moves into the Southern Hemisphere to the W of the date line. The ITCZ is responsible for showers and thunderstorms, and for the overcast conditions which occur up to 40 per cent of the time over the eastern North Pacific Ocean tropics in winter. Winds are generally NE on the N side of the ITCZ and SW on the S side. Gales that infrequently occur are the result of squalls within this band. They reach typhoon strength about 60 per cent of the time. On the

average, two tropical cyclones can be expected each winter in the western North Pacific Ocean.

**Spring.**—The monthly sea level pressure chart for spring looks like a battle for control of the Pacific Ocean Basin between the advancing Summer High and the retreating Aleutian Low. The Summer High covers the North Pacific Ocean S of about 42°N (latitude of northern Honshu) while the Aleutian Low covers the remainder.

Storms still move off the Asian mainland, and from the waters around Japan, toward the western Aleutian Islands, and then either into the Bering Sea or the Gulf of Alaska. Central North Pacific Ocean storms still tend to move NE into the Gulf of Alaska. However, there is a noticeable difference from the violent winter storms that plied these same waters. While the number of storms decreases only slightly, there is a significant reduction in the storms' intensities. This can be seen in the higher central pressure of the Aleutian Low (1002.5 mb) and also in the frequency of gales over the N great circle routes. In areas where winter gales were occurring up to 20 per cent of the time, they are not occurring about 10 per cent of the time. South of a line from Taiwan to Vancouver Island, gales are rare. Gales occur most often in the NW and SW quadrants of extratropical storms.

A general decline in wind speed and an increase in variability sets in over the Pacific Ocean in March as the winter monsoon and the winter pressure systems begin to weaken. This change accelerates during April and May. By May, over the Sea of Japan and Yellow Sea, S winds have replaced the prevailing winter flow. Elsewhere, N of 30°N, S winds have become more pronounced. South of 30°N and E of 160°E, the Northeast Trade Winds prevail. West of 160°E, these trade winds are more E.

Spring brings even more cloudiness than winter. In the northern North Pacific Ocean, the large number of lows and the warm springtime air blowing over still cold waters cause overcast conditions (sky cover greater than or equal to 8/10) 60 to 80 per cent of the time. Locally around the Aleutian Islands, these bleak conditions occur greater than 80 per cent of the time. Visibilities, on the average, are the same as they are in winter. Visibilities less than 5 miles occur up to 20 per cent of the time. Visibilities less than 1 mile occur up to 5 per cent of the time, over the N great circle routes; the latter increases to greater than 10 per cent on both sides of the Kuril Islands. Precipitation frequencies, in general, decrease during the spring over the N routes, with 25 to 40 per cent frequencies dropping to 20 per cent by spring end. By May, frozen precipitation occurs less than 5 per cent of the time in the waters N of 35°N.

Cloudiness in the tropics does not differ much from winter conditions. The ITCZ now fluctuates between the Equator and 12°N, from Colombia, South America to about the longitude of the Hawaiian Islands (160°W), and then between the Equator and 10°S over to the longitude of eastern New Guinea (145°E, where it recrosses the Equator and extends NW into the South China Sea. The influence of this discontinuous zone is reflected in the cloud cover of the tropics. Overcast conditions and clear skies are encountered 20 to 30 per cent of the time. Rainfall, which does not vary much over tropical ocean areas, is generally encountered less than 10 per cent of the time in the spring. Most of these rainfall encounters are with showers in the ITCZ, within the circulation of an occasional tropical cyclone in the western North Pacific, or a rare one in the eastern

North Pacific Ocean. Any rare gales in the tropics are also associated with tropical cyclones and the ITCZ.

Two to three tropical cyclones can be expected in any given spring in the western North Pacific Ocean; either one or two should reach typhoon strength. These storms would most likely be encountered between 10 and 20°N. They usually form somewhere E of the Philippines, move E either through the Philippines into the South China Sea or recurve toward the NE, and dissipate or become extratropical over the colder waters at higher latitudes. May is the most likely spring month for a typhoon, just as it is for an eastern North Pacific Ocean hurricane. Spring tropical cyclones have only been observed in E waters during May, but could form earlier. These rare May storms form close to the Mexican coast and usually exist for just 3 to 4 days. However, they can reach hurricane strength very rapidly.

#### **Northeastern North Pacific Ocean (including the Gulf of Alaska and British Columbia)**

**Extratropical Cyclones.**—In winter, all of the many extratropical cyclones that reach the Gulf of Alaska and the British Columbia coast generally originate in the western or central Pacific Ocean. These storms are the principal source of bad weather and a single storm may affect this area for days before dissipating or moving inland. Often they come in a series of interconnected families of four or five and may affect weather conditions for two weeks or longer. These storms generally move at a rate of 20 to 25 knots in an easterly or northeasterly direction.

In general, two groups of storms are easily recognized. Those in the S group develop rapidly into closed circulations and move NE towards British Columbia. Off the coast some slow down and fill, others alter course and follow the coast NW, while some continue E, passing over British Columbia. The N is comprised of those storms which form far to the W near Kamchatka or Japan. Some of these cyclones move NE through the Bering Sea into the Arctic, and some travel E through the Gulf of Alaska. On approaching the mainland, some become stationary and die out, while others swing SE along the British Columbia coast.

In the summer, cyclonic activity is very much reduced although some activity continues in the northern Gulf of Alaska. Cyclones approaching the British Columbia coast during these months are not able to penetrate the anticyclone and usually remain W of 170°W. Summer conditions usually last until the middle of September and change abruptly near the end of that month to the winter type.

**Winds.**—North of 40°N, late fall and winter winds are W to SW in the central Gulf of Alaska, changing to S near British Columbia and E off the Alaska coast. In spring, SW to W winds over the open ocean become SE to SW in the Gulf of Alaska. Over the Gulf of Alaska in summer, SW winds change to NW in the S. In early fall, areas N of 45°N experience W to SW winds that become SE near the coast. South of 45°N, winds are W to NW.

Average winds speeds are highest in late fall and early winter. North of 45°N, in the open Gulf of Alaska, average wind speeds range from 20 to 25 knots, while closer to the British Columbia coast averages drop to 15 to 20 knots, decreasing S. In the spring, mean winds speeds range from 13 to 17 knots near the coast to about 20 knots over open waters. Summer

winds are weakest, with averages of 10 to 15 knots over the entire area. In the fall, winds begin to increase again and over the open Gulf of Alaska, they range from 18 knots in the N to 22 knots in the S and 10 to 15 knots along the British Columbia coast.

**Gales.**—Gales (winds greater than or equal to 34 knots) may be encountered in the Gulf of Alaska year round, although they are rare during the summer months. Locations most frequently affected by strong winds are those along the exposed coast or islands but funneling effects may intensify winds at more protected stations. As a general rule, intense Gulf of Alaska lows tend to create strong S or SE winds over the southern Gulf and along the British Columbia coast; gust of 60 knots or greater occur almost monthly during the winter season.

From a minimum of about 1 per cent or less in summer, the frequency of gales increases rapidly in the fall. By October, gales are experienced about 8 to 10 per cent of the time in the northern Gulf of Alaska and up to 18 per cent of the time in the S. Closer to the British Columbia coast, these frequencies are just 3 to 5 per cent. Gale frequencies remain high through March. They reach a peak in December, when frequencies over open waters range from 17 to 26 per cent N to S. This range is 5 to 10 per cent off the British Columbia coast. By April, gale frequencies along the coast have dropped to below 5 per cent and to below 12 per cent over the open waters of the Gulf of Alaska.

**Local Winds.**—The inland waters of British Columbia are a labyrinth of deep inlets bordered by high cliffs and steep mountainous slopes. The direction and strength of the wind is influenced by this type of topography. Winds funneled through these inlets tend to blow along the axis of the strait. The two main local winds are, as follows:

1. **Squamishes.**—This wind is named after a settlement at the head of Howe Sound. It occurs during the winter months when the continental anticyclone is well established. Squamishes are strong, often violent, winds which bluster down the fjords, bringing cold polar air from the continent to the coast. They lose their strength when free of the confining fjords and are not noticeable 15 to 20 miles offshore.

Offshore winds tend to be frequent in winter on coasts in middle and high latitudes, especially if highlands back the coast. Squamishes are merely local topographical intensifications of these winds. Their strength makes them a source of damage on land and a danger to navigation at sea. Squamishes are well known in many of the fjords of British Columbia. They occur in those fjords oriented in a NE-SW or E-W direction, where the cold polar air can be funneled W. They are notable in Jervis Inlet, Toba Inlet, and Bute Inlet, and in Dean Channel and Portland Canal. One squamish blew at Green Island Light, 8 miles SW of Portland Canal entrance, from December 27 until January 3 and was less than a fresh gale on only one day.

2. **Williwaw.**—The williwaw, a violent squall with strong gusty winds, is encountered in the N inlets of British Columbia and in particular off the W coast of Queen Charlotte Islands. Williwaws, unlike the squamish, are usually of short duration. They are encountered during the winter and are caused by the drainage of cold air which sweeps down the mountain slopes with great force in these narrow inlets. When piloting close to the coast in stormy weather, williwaws may be encountered near the mouth of these inlets.

Vessels at anchor should be cautious. Williwaws come up suddenly and the successive strong gusts of wind from varying directions may cause the vessel to yaw badly, with the possibility of dragging anchor.

**Land and Sea Breezes.**—Land and sea breezes are prominent in the fine settled weather of the summer. The sea breeze sets in on the coast about 1000, strengthens until the afternoon, and dies away before sunset. At its strongest it usually reaches a gentle to moderate breeze. The land breeze is much lighter, from a light to gentle breeze. Under favorable situations, both can be much stronger. The sea breeze may occasionally rise to a strong breeze and persist far into the evening.

**Coastal Winds.**—Along the coast, winds from the SE, except for the warmer months, predominate. In winter, SE winds far exceed all other directions in frequency. However, in summer, winds between N and E increase and in some locations are encountered more frequently than SE winds. Some of the coastal stations at protected locations report a high frequency of calms.

At Prince Rupert, between October and April, SE winds are encountered about 40 per cent of the time. In the warmer months, this frequency drops to about 25 per cent. This change in frequency is reflected by an increase of calms to about 30 per cent in the early morning hours and an increase of the NW winds to about 25 per cent in the afternoon. Between October and March, the average number of days with gales is 2 or 3. Gales are rarely encountered during the warmer months.

At Masset, SE winds also predominate from October to April, but they are not as persistent as those at Prince Rupert, occurring on only about 30 per cent of the observations. North and NE winds are fairly common during this period. From May to September, winds from the W and NW are reported about 50 per cent of the time, with SE winds now averaging about 25 per cent. The mean number of days per month with gales averages about one, from October to March. Gales are rarely encountered in the summer months. Calms are very infrequent at Masset compared to their high frequency at Prince Rupert.

In the Strait of Juan de Fuca, the winds often blow in or out, following coastal contours, blowing in with the prevailing SW to NW winds but blowing seaward during the SE gales of winter. When the seas raised by these outflowing winds from the strait meet the SW swell at the entrance, heavy cross seas are the result.

The prevailing wind in the Strait of Georgia is from the NW in the summer. From May to September, it blows with considerable strength and steadiness as far as Point Roberts, commencing about 0900 and dying down toward sunset. During the cooler months, strong NW winds often follow the passage of an intense cold front. These winds may obtain gale force, particularly in the S part of the Strait of Georgia where they are funneled between mountain ranges rising steeply to several thousand feet on both sides. Often they are intensified by offshore winds blowing down the inlets of the mainland. These strong winds have caused considerable damage ashore and to small craft.

In the San Juan Archipelago, the winds become variable. The W winds in the Strait of Juan de Fuca are deflected to the SW in the main channels of Rosario Strait and Haro Strait. Upon entering the Strait of Georgia, they often shift to the NW.

**Precipitation.**—Over open seas, precipitation occurs most frequently during the winter months. Off the British Columbia

coast, precipitation frequency reaches a maximum of about 35 per cent in January. During this month snow occurs on about 5 per cent of the observations. During the summer months, the percentage frequency of observations reporting precipitation is at a minimum and varies between 15 and 20 per cent.

Along the coast, precipitation varies considerably due to the topography. On the windward or W side of Vancouver Island and the Queen Charlotte Islands, the average annual falls exceed 2,540mm. On the lee coasts, rainfall amounts are much smaller, averaging less than 1,275mm. On the mainland, precipitation again increases, reaching over 2,540mm at some of the higher locations.

At most of the stations, the rainy season extends from October to April, with November and December being the wettest months. Although the summer months are relatively dry, exposed locations receive over 100mm during July, one of the driest months.

Estevan Point, representing the more exposed stations on the W side of Vancouver Island, has an average annual rainfall of about 2,800mm. It ranges from a low monthly average of about 3 inches in August to about 420mm in December. The mean number of days reporting precipitation is 205 for the year. The monthly average is over 20 days between October and April. Langara, on the NW side of Graham Island, has an average annual rainfall of about 1,650mm. It ranges from a low monthly average of about 75mm in July to more than 225mm in October. The mean number of days reporting precipitation is 254 for the year, with a maximum of 26 days in October.

The SE shore of Vancouver Island, on the lee side of the mountains, is the driest region of this coast. Victoria, on the SE tip of Vancouver Island, has an average annual rainfall of only 685mm, ranging from a low monthly average of about 10mm in July to a high of 118mm in December. Although the totals are not too great, the mean number of days reporting precipitation is still high, averaging 147 days per year. During the winter months, an average of about 19 days per month report precipitation.

Those stations exposed to the full effect of the sea, record the fewest number of snowy days. Estevan Point has an annual average of about 5 days with snow. At Victoria, it increases to 9 days; at Vancouver it increases to 13 days, 5 days of which occur in January. Masset has an annual average of about 9 days with snow. At Prince Rupert, it increases to 22 days, 17 days of which occur from December through March. On the mainland, snow occasionally falls until May and may start as early as October. At the more exposed locations, it hardly ever falls outside the months of December through March.

Thunderstorms are very rare, occurring on the average, only once or twice a year.

**Cloud Cover.**—Cloudiness is high throughout the area with relatively little seasonal or diurnal variation. The amount of cloudiness varies very little throughout the year and the monthly averages usually range between 7/10 and 9/10. The minimum monthly average amount reported is 6/10.

Masset has an annual average coverage of 8/10 with none of the individual months falling below 7/10. In June and July, 81 per cent of the time the sky is overcast and about 10 per cent of the time, clear. March has the highest percentage of clear days, 22 per cent, however, 63 per cent of the observations during this month still report overcast skies. The sky is almost always overcast or practically clear.

During the winter, overcast weather clears rapidly after the passage of a cold front and there may be several days of cloudless skies associated with the high pressure system that follows the front.

**Visibility.**—Visibilities are poor in both winter and summer in the Gulf of Alaska. The winter maximum is a result of the heavy precipitation (including snows) which is experienced in the colder months. Surface visibility in the summer months is hindered mainly by fog.

Over the southern Gulf of Alaska and along the coast of British Columbia in winter months, visibilities less than 2 miles occur between 6 and 8 per cent of the time. In the spring, the frequency falls to 3 to 5 per cent. Peak summer months show visibility less than 2 miles occurring between 6 and 12 per cent of the time, and in fall the frequency drops to 2 to 6 per cent. In the Gulf of Alaska, visibilities less than 0.5 mile reach a peak of 5.3 per cent in July, decreasing to less than 1 per cent in April. Winter frequencies are about 2 per cent.

Conditions are most favorable for the formation of advection fog during the summer months. The relatively cool water temperatures off the British Columbia coast and the generally light anticyclonic winds associated with the stable North Pacific High are conducive to both the formation and maintenance of fog.

The seaward extent of fog varies greatly. The area of dense and most frequent fog occurs over the narrow stream of cold water just off the coast and is frequently limited to a band of 50 miles or less. At other times fog covers large areas and may extend hundreds of miles to sea. Fog may be spotty, reflecting the differences in sea temperature. When warm S winds bring in moist air, fog banks will appear where this air moves over stretches of cold water. This also occurs when prolonged strong NW winds produce upwelling off the coast. A change to S winds will then form extensive fog banks to seaward.

Fog banks are sometimes seen at the entrances to sounds or inlets in the early morning, but burn off rapidly as the temperature rises on clear days. At those stations fully exposed to the sea, advection or sea fog is most common between July and September. It reaches a maximum in August. At Langara, fog banks may frequently be seen offshore when there is no fog in the vicinity of the station.

Offshore near the Strait of Juan de Fuca, thick fog banks sometimes rear themselves almost perpendicularly, facing clear weather inshore, thus allowing vessels to arrive at their destination without difficulty. At other times, the bank will move slowly into the strait, enveloping both shores for some distance, then perhaps leave the Vancouver shore to the N and cling to the Washington shore. As a rule, the fog is more likely to follow into the strait along the S shore, reaching as far as Port Townsend. These fogs may remain over the entrance of the strait for days. Usually they are accompanied by calms or very light winds from the NW. During spring, fogs are also frequent in the strait; with a W wind, they often extend as far as the headland between Crescent and Freshwater Bay while farther E the weather is clear.

In the N part of Queen Charlotte Strait, fog sweeping in from seaward usually breaks up after passing the islands at the mouth of the strait. This forms a line of fog between the Gordon group and the Millar group, leaving the area to the SE comparatively clear.

In the interior straits and sounds, fog is generally encoun-

tered in the fall, with October having the highest number of occurrences. The type of fog encountered during these months is generally radiation fog. During the late summer and fall, there are a great number of nights with clear skies and very little movement of air. During the night, as heat is lost from the earth by radiation, the air cools to its dew point, and fog results. In late summer, the nights are shorter and the opportunity for radiation cooling is not quite so great, therefore the fog is not so thick and dissipates rather early in the morning. As the nights lengthen during autumn, the fog will form earlier and to a greater depth and will not dissipate so early in the morning. In fact, under very stagnant conditions in October, it is not uncommon to have fog for several days. This condition may persist until a storm approaches the coast with sufficient wind to blowout the fog.

Smoke from forest fires may considerably reduce the visibility. The great expanse over which the smoke may spread and its persistence make it a real factor to be considered when navigating. These fires generally occur during the hot dry summers and reach a maximum in August and September.

In the vicinity of Vancouver, industrial smoke may seriously restrict visibility. After any night with calm or light winds, a dense pall of smoke can be seen over the city. It often moves away in the light land breeze down Durrard Inlet to the Strait of Georgia and at times across the strait to Vancouver Island. With an increase of the wind, the setting in of the sea breeze, or the approach of a storm with less stable air, the atmosphere clears, but haze frequently persists even in the afternoon. This condition is found most frequently in the summer with calm clear nights and in the winter with high humidity.

**Temperature.**—The winter temperatures are caused by a combination of the prevailing oceanic W winds and warm Pacific Current that fronts the coastline. The summers are hardly ever uncomfortable, because of the prevailing NW winds and the cool sea breezes. The coastal region is sheltered from the very cold polar outbreaks which originate in the interior by the coastal range which backs the coast. The few that do reach the coast have been considerably modified and their temperatures are much higher than those experienced E of the coastal range.

Triangle Island represents those localities fully exposed to the maritime climate. The small range in annual temperatures at such locations is readily seen. Triangle Island has an annual average temperature of 7.2°C, ranging from 2.2°C in January to 12.2°C in August. In those months, the average daily maximum ranges from 3.9°C to 14.4°C while the average daily minimum ranges from 1.1°C to 10.61°C. The extreme temperatures recorded at Triangle Island were 25.6°C in May and -17.8°C in January.

Temperatures are more variable at those ports not fully exposed to the sea. Vancouver, located in the lee of Vancouver Island, has a wider range of temperatures. The mean annual temperature at Vancouver is 9.4°C, ranging from 17.8°C in July to 2.2°C in January. For those months, the average daily maximum ranges from 23.3°C to 5.0°C, while the average daily minimum ranges from 12.2° to 0.0°C. The extreme temperatures recorded at Vancouver were -17.8°C in January and 33.3°C in August. Extreme temperatures have a wider range at the mainland ports, with Ocean Falls recording a maximum of 103°C and a minimum of -21.1°C. An extreme maximum temperature recorded was 37.8°C at Bull Harbor in June; an extreme minimum temperature recorded was -18.9°C in January

at Victoria and Masset.

Over the ocean area fronting the British Columbia coast, air temperature maxima are experienced in August and September while minima are experienced in January and February. In August, the median air temperature at sea is about 13.8°C; in February, the median air temperature at sea is about 5.6°C.

Average air temperatures over the open waters of the north-eastern Pacific Ocean and the Gulf of Alaska range from about 5.6°C in the S to 12.2°C along the Alaska coast in winter.

In the summer, coldest air temperatures, on the average, are found W toward the Aleutian Islands, where the average is 8.9°C and less; the warmest temperatures are around 13.3°C off of Vancouver Island.

### **Southeastern North Pacific Ocean (including the W coast of Mexico and Central America)**

**General.**—The North Pacific Ocean subtropical high is a primary climatic feature of the entire area. Its center roams an area bounded by 30°N and 38°N and 132°W and 160°W. The high expands and intensifies as it moves poleward and W from winter to summer. Its counterpart in the South Pacific Ocean, off the coast of South America, also affects the climate of this area. Between these Pacific Ocean subtropical highs lies the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ), the area's most important climate feature. Like the subtropical high, the ITCZ moves N and S with the sun. To understand the ITCZ is to know the wind, cloud, and rainfall regimes in this area.

During the winter season (December to April), most of the ITCZ lies just S of the area; consequently the area is under the influence of the northeast trades. During April and May, the ITCZ begins its N progression. Most of the area remains under the influence of the Northeast Trade Winds; the Southeast Trade Winds are just beginning to reach the S portions of the area. By August, the ITCZ is spread out between 5°N and 18°N. The Southeast Trade Winds achieve their maximum N penetration, which can be close to 8°N, in some areas. During the transition months of October and November, the ITCZ retreats S. Once again the Northeast Trade Winds dominate the area.

There are few weather problems when navigating these waters; local winds, tropical cyclones, and the ITCZ are the main ones. Winter and spring are usually the best seasons, as the ITCZ is far S and tropical cyclones are rare.

**Tropical Cyclones.**—Tropical cyclones are encountered in the waters between 10°N and 30°N from the Central American-Mexican coast W. Although tropical cyclones can form in any month, they are most prevalent from late May through early November. August is the most active month; however, early and late season storms are often more intense. In recent years, an average of 16 storms have formed in these waters each year. About seven of these storms have been classified as hurricanes; this figure may be low, since a lack of observations close to the center makes it difficult to tell if the storm has reached hurricane intensity.

August is the heart of the eastern North Pacific Ocean tropical cyclone season. During this month an average of 4.3 tropical cyclones (tropical storms and hurricanes) develop, with 2.2 reaching hurricane strength. In June, an average of 1.5 tropical cyclones are observed and by October, the average falls to 2.2. The frequencies for the year can be found in the first section.

Early and late season tropical cyclones usually form close to the coast, parallel to the coastline, and recurve onto the main-

land anywhere from the Golfo de Tehuantepec to northern Baja California. About three each season cross a coastline. Once inland, they dissipate rapidly. Midseason storms, which form in a wide band from the Mexican coast to the Hawaiian Islands, either parallel the coast or move in a more W direction.

Forward speeds of tropical cyclones are variable in all areas of the world; in this area, since most storms remain below 30°N, the variation of speed is less. Average speeds range from 7 to 12 knots, while extremes range from stationary to 25 knots. Average forward speeds are highest in August (10 to 12 knots) and lowest during June (7 to 8 knots). Tropical cyclones rarely move faster than 15 knots below 15°N; the slowest speeds are observed when the storm is recurving or making a tight turn.

The main features of hurricanes in this region are their size, ability to intensify quickly, and seasonal preferences. The radius of hurricane-force winds seldom exceeds 50 miles and often extends no farther than 30 miles; winds may increase from 40 knots, 50 miles from the center, to 140 knots within 10 miles of the center. These storms often intensify rapidly; it is not unusual for winds near the center to increase from 40 to 100 knots in less than 12 hours. This is particularly true in October storms.

**Winds.**—The Northeast Trade Winds that blow over this area are steady winds that have their origins in the clockwise flow around the North Pacific Ocean high. Near the Mexican coast, they are diverted to the N through WNW by the coastline and other local effects. For most of the year, these trades extend S to about 10°N, but in the winter season they dominate almost the entire area. These steady winds blow at a mean speed of nearly 15 knots.

The Southeast Trade Winds migrate N, with the ITCZ, during the spring. They make their greatest penetration during August. Their name is misleading, in this region, since these trades, moving on clockwise-curving paths, actually reach the area as weak S or SW winds.

Within the ITCZ the Northeast Trade Winds and the Southeast Trade Winds converge to form a zone of light and variable winds. Winds of less than 10 knots are characteristic in this zone; during November, winds are less than 10 knots 80 per cent of the time. During August, when the ITCZ expands to its greatest coverage, winds are less than 10 knots about 50 to 80 per cent of the time.

**Local and Coastal Winds.**—Except for tropical cyclones, most gales are the result of local effects. The Tehuantepecer, a local wind in the Golfo de Tehuantepec, is caused by intense continental highs that move S from the U.S. over the Gulf of Mexico. The air flows into the narrow Tehuantepec Pass and then rushes violently down to the gulf, frequently spreading over the entire area and is felt out to 100 miles at sea. Although there may be a preliminary squall, skies are most often cloudless. Wind direction is NE through NW, and the duration of the gale depends on extent, strength and permanence of the controlling high; gales may last for a few hours or continue for several days. Salina Cruz, at the head of the gulf, has 140 days of gale force winds each year. These winds are most frequent in the winter; they are recorded more than 1 per cent of the time in the gulf, and Salina Cruz averages about 20 days per month with gale force winds from November through January.

When this same phenomena occurs farther S, along the W coast of Central America, the wind is called papagayos; this name was taken from the Golfo de Papagayo on the upper Cos-



ta Rican coast. These N through NE gales are observed from just E of the Gulf of Tehuantepec to lower Costa Rica and are encountered mainly in harbors and inlets such as the Golfo de Fonseca, the harbor of Corinto, and other Central American ports. Usually the papagayos is weaker than the tehuantepecer, although it can reach gale force. These winds are most frequent in January and February. They often last 3 or 4 days without interruption, except for a weakening between 0700 and 1000.

During the rainy season, local gale force winds, associated with violent thunderstorms, are common along the entire coast. These squalls are known as Chubascos. They are prevalent in May and October, sometimes occurring day after day. They occur in the late afternoon. As the storm breaks, SW winds suddenly veer to the ENE and often reach gale force.

Sometimes in the summer, a SW or W flow will briefly intensify to gale force and cause heavy seas. These winds are called temporales and are occasionally observed along the Central American coast during July and August.

Land and sea breezes attain their greatest development along the coasts in summer, when the strength of the general circulation is at the minimum. These breezes, blowing onshore during the day and offshore at night, may extend out to 10 miles at sea in the vicinity of bays and inlets. In the Gulf of California, the land-sea breeze regime prevails through the year. It is weakest along the coast of lower Baja California.

**Precipitation.**—The ITCZ is one of the principal precipitation areas in the world. Pronounced convergence, high temperatures, and strong convective activity combine to produce heavy year round rainfall in this zone. The wet and dry seasons along the Central American and Mexican coasts can be traced to the movement of the ITCZ; the dryness of Baja California reflects the limits of its N movement. Other than the ITCZ, rainfall in this area comes from tropical cyclones and local showers.

Tropical cyclone activity is rare S of 10°N, so this region is dependent on the ITCZ and local air mass showers for its rainfall. Annual totals along the Panama and the lower Costa Rica coasts average between 1,250mm to 3,750mm. These amounts depend on exposure; for example Palmar Sur, Costa Rica and Balboa Heights, Panama are at exactly the same latitude, but Balboa Heights records 1,775mm annually, while the more exposed Palmar Sur is doused by 3,700mm. Characteristic of rainfall in this area is a relatively dry winter, followed by a secondary maximum in spring, a lull in summer, and a peak in fall (usually October). At Palmar Sur, a 50mm average in February gives way to a 430mm average in May, which drops to 380mm in August, and peaks near 835mm in October.

Along the coast from upper Costa Rica to Guatemala, annual averages range from 1,270mm to 2,030mm. While few tropical cyclones cross this stretch of coast, many form in offshore waters and spread rain along the coast. Maximum totals are recorded in October or September; a secondary is observed in June, and a minimum occurs in February. Tropical cyclone activity is reflected in the high June average rainfall and the maximum 24-hour amounts, which are highest in June; San Salvador, El Salvador recorded 193mm one day in June.

Along the Mexican coast from the Golfo de Tehuantepec to Mazatlan, annual average rainfall ranges from 760mm to 1,500mm. This reflects the N influence of the ITCZ plus vigorous tropical cyclone seasons. In years with exceptional tropical cyclone activity, yearly rainfall totals can reach 1,500mm to

2,250mm. Heaviest rainfall occurs in either June, August, or September, while smallest amounts are usually observed in March. The variation in rainfall between May and June is often dramatic; Acapulco records an average of 36mm in May; this jumps to 325mm during June. A potent tropical cyclone can cause enough rain in 24 hours to nearly match the monthly average at many ports. In the dry season, an average of less than 25mm falls from about November through April.

Along Baja California and the northern Mexican coast, rainfall is scanty, averaging about 150mm to 300mm annually. This area depends on tropical cyclones for significant rainfall, and maximum amounts occur in September and October; extreme northern Baja California, under the influence of extratropical weather, has a winter maximum. An active tropical cyclone season in this region can increase amounts significantly; La Paz, which has an annual average rainfall of 180mm, once recorded more than 600mm in one year. Abnormal extratropical activity, usually associated with a breakdown of the North Pacific Ocean high, can cause monthly totals up to 200mm as far S as the southern tip of Baja California. On the other hand, there have been below normal years when annual totals of 50mm to 75mm were common. In areas of light rainfall, totals are often more variable than in the wetter regions.

Over N sections, subsidence and divergence from the subtropical high produces a widespread inversion, resulting in a stable atmosphere and thunderstorms on 10 days or less each year. Conversely, convergence and convection near and within the ITCZ causes unstable conditions over S sections, resulting in a high frequency of thunderstorms. Average days with thunderstorms range from less than 20 days over open water to more than 100 days along the coast each year. Thunderstorms occur throughout the year in the ITCZ, but concentrations over open water are most evident from June through October, and are often associated with tropical cyclones traveling W along the ITCZ.

Along the southern Mexican and Central American coasts, the ITCZ is only partially responsible for the high frequency of thunderstorms. Daily heating, nocturnal cooling aloft, and local squall lines contribute to frequent and often violent thunderstorms. Activity is most frequent along the southern Mexican coast from July through September and along the Central American coast from May through October. The arid coastal regions of northern Mexico, including Baja California, experience isolated thunderstorms, mostly in July and August; these are caused by intense coastal heating.

**Cloud Cover.**—Cool Northeast Trade Winds blowing over warm water, warm air moving over the cool California current, and convergence in the ITCZ are responsible for the cloudiness in this area. The range of mean cloud cover varies from 20 to 80 percent, while more common averages are in the 40 to 70 per cent range. Divergent winds from the North Pacific Ocean High and a N overland flow are responsible for minimum cloudiness along the southern Mexican and Central American coasts. The cloudiest region lies in the area of minimum precipitation; over the seas in the NW section, average sky cover is around 7/10. This is the area of fair weather cumulus that form as the Northeast Trade Winds pass over warm water.

From November through April, there is an area of minimum cloudiness along the Mexican coast. This results from a flow of cool dry air, including the northers that originate in the Gulf of Mexico. At Salina Cruz, in the Golfo de Tehuantepec, clear

conditions are found on 20 days or more each month from November through April; in December and January, an average of 25 days each month are clear (less than or equal to 2/10 sky cover). Clear skies are also common along the Central American coast from December through March.

Summer is the cloudy season; the ITCZ is farthest N and the trade winds are more active. Cloud cover in the ITCZ ranges from 5/10 to 7/10 and is greatest during the summer and fall season. From May through September, cloud cover averages about 7/10 along the Central American coast.

**Visibility.**—Visibility in this region is usually excellent. The main restriction is heavy rain in the ITCZ, which often reduces visibility below 5 miles but seldom below 1 mile. Fog is rare and is only found, with any degree of consistency, N of 26° N.

South of about 15°N, during the summer and fall, visibilities are reduced below 5 miles 5 to 10 percent of the time offshore, and reduced below 0.5 mile more than 1 per cent of the time off the W coast of Panama in the fall. At other times, visibility rarely drops below 5 miles; S of 20° N, fog is almost unknown at sea. At night, fog may occasionally develop in narrow gulfs or estuaries, if there is little or no wind; it disperses shortly after sunrise. There is no season for such fog.

Another restriction to visibility is a light dust haze that forms during the dry season and reduces visibility below 5 miles for as much as several days a month.

In the Golfo de Tehuantepec, visibilities are less than 5 miles less than 5 per cent of the time; the peak month is September, which is the heart of the rainy season. In the winter season, visibility may be reduced to below 5 miles up to 3 per cent of the time by dust haze from the offshore northers.

Salina Cruz records genuine fog on about 1 day in June and 5 days annually. Fog frequency increases N along the coast; at Mazatlan, fog is most frequent from March through May, when it occurs on 1 to 3 days a month. A NW flow over the relatively cool California Current is responsible for this increase.

At La Paz, fog forms when cool air moves over warmer waters. From December through May, fog at this port occurs, on the average, 2 to 4 days a month and 18 days annually.

Along the W coast of Baja California, fog is most frequent from June through November, when warm air is cooled by upwelling of the California Current. Visibility less than 1 mile is observed less in August and September than in other months during this period because of the high surface temperatures.

During this same period, visibility restrictions less than 5 miles occur from time to time over the northern Gulf of California. Just S of the Baja Peninsula, there are 23 days annually, with visibility less than 5 miles; eight of these days occur during May and June.

**Temperature.**—There are two temperature cycles in these waters. South of about 15°N, temperatures are greatly influenced by the position of the ITCZ. The warmest season is February through April when the ITCZ is farthest south, resulting in clear skies and efficient radiational heating. From Balboa Heights, Panama to Acajutla, El Salvador, daytime readings are in the low 30s (°C), while nighttime lows drop into the low 20s (°C). As the ITCZ moves N, temperatures begin to fall and the rainy season becomes the cool season. Rainfall and cloud cover cut down on the radiation and the cool Southeast Trade Winds also help to drop temperatures. October is usually the coolest month. Maximum temperatures range from the mid to low 30s (°C) while minimums are in the low 20s (°C).

North of 15°N, temperatures are more variable. Cooling is underway in November as air temperatures closely resemble the underlying sea surface temperatures. Temperatures increase S; average daytime maximums increase from 21.7°C at Ensenada to 31.1°C at Acapulco. The greatest temperature increase is along the Baja California coast; the difference in the average November temperature is 6.7°C between Ensenada and La Paz and only 5.0°C between La Paz and Acapulco, a much greater distance.

The cooling trend continues and by January, the advection of cool air is felt to 10°N. Average daily minimums range from 18.3°C in northern Baja California to the upper 20s (°C) along the southern Mexican coast. Nighttime lows range from the upper single digits (°C) to the low 20s (°C). By May, the warming trend is in progress. Average daily maximum temperatures range from the upper teens and low 20s (°C) in the N to near 32.2°C along the southern Mexican coast. Nighttime lows range from the low teens (°C) to the low 20s (°C).

The warming trend in the N reaches a peak about August. The thermal equator reaches its maximum N position and daytime highs range from the mid 20s (°C) in the N to near 32.2°C along the southern Mexican coast; temperatures over the S position are held down to near May levels by cloud cover and rain from the ITCZ. The temperature cycle is completed during September and October, with the onset of cooling in the N.

Temperatures over the area rarely go above 43.3°C or below 4.4°C; one February night, La Paz recorded a temperature of slightly below 0°C, while one hot August day, the temperature at Guaymas reached 47.2°C. Temperatures are most variable along the Mexican coastline; La Paz, for example, has recorded a 42.2°C reading, while Guaymas has recorded a 5.0°C. The section between Manzanillo and the Guatemalan border is often the hottest. Temperatures along the Central American coast reach 37.8°C or more, but cloud cover and rain keep this from being a common occurrence.

#### Northwestern North Pacific Ocean (including the Sea of Okhotsk and the Bering Sea)

**General.**—Day to day weather is largely determined by the almost constant progression of extratropical cyclones with their frequent gales and abundant precipitation. The result is cold snowy winters with frequent blizzards and cool rainy summers with persistent fog.

**Extratropical Cyclones.**—An almost continuous stream of extratropical cyclones move into and across the area. Many form in the waters around Japan and move NE into the Bering Sea or ENE into the Gulf of Alaska. Occasionally storms will move off the Siberian continent across the Sea of Okhotsk and either Sakhalin or the Kuril Islands. Storms may also move N along the E or W shores of the Bering Sea and into the Bering Strait, where they are usually blocked by an arctic high pressure cell. Bering Sea storms are often in a mature stage and tend to stall and fill along the W or S coasts of Alaska. Extratropical lows are most intense in fall and early winter, but most numerous in spring. Activity reaches a minimum during July and August; September is a short transition season and by October storms are numerous and intense.

**Tropical Cyclones.**—Hokkaido is on the N border of the usual tropical cyclone paths. Most of these warm season storms start recurving farther S, and hence are well E of Hokkaido by the time they reach 40°N. Tropical cyclones that enter the Sea

of Japan have the best chance of affecting the area, either in a tropical or extratropical state.

Some typhoons turn extratropical as cold air intrudes into their circulation at temperate latitudes. These extra tropical storms can grow to almost double the size of the typhoon while remaining almost as potent. The chances for a tropical cyclone, or tropical cyclone turned extratropical, to affect this area are best from July through September. The highest frequency is in September.

**Winds.**—Over the Sea of Okhotsk and the Bering Sea, winds may be characterized as variable. This variability is induced by the steady procession of extratropical cyclones with their attendant frontal systems. Any monsoonal influence in this area weakens N. In October, there is a radical increase in wind speeds and gale frequencies. By November, average wind speeds have reached a 20-knot annual maximum in the Bering Sea and are approaching the 22-knot winter maximum in the open Pacific Ocean waters. During the winter months, gale frequencies over 20 per cent occur in the waters SE of Kamchatka. Autumn and early winter winds are also very strong in the Sea of Okhotsk. South of 50°N, winter winds show some evidence of the N monsoonal flow and can be expected up to 30 per cent of the time in this area (42°N to 50°N.) North of 50°N, prevailing wind directions shift counterclockwise around the Aleutian Low and clockwise around the Siberian High. Late winter average wind speeds drop to 17 to 19 knots in the Bering Sea as storms are in their decaying stages when they reach this area. Spring starts an overall decline in wind speeds as extratropical cyclonic intensity wanes. Average speeds drop to less than 15 knots by May. Low wind speeds are the outstanding summer weather characteristic. The averages are near 12 knots; gales are encountered less than 5 per cent of the time throughout the area. Summer winds take on a S component.

**Local Winds.**—Modifications of the prevailing winds are almost always present in the vicinity of coastlines. The generally complex configuration and rugged terrain of this area's coasts and islands can greatly alter wind speed and direction. Local topography may cause increases in wind speeds through straits and passes and around capes or points. This can result in gusts or persistent winds of gale force. At the same time, sheltered leeward bays may experience only light and variable winds.

Coastal winds tend to parallel the coastline. Along mountainous coasts, air from the higher altitudes may strengthen coastal flow enough to cause gale force winds. This is most likely in autumn or early winter after temperatures have been abnormally low inland for several days.

In the S part of the area, the weak S monsoon permits development of land and sea breezes in summer. These winds may be felt out to 15 miles at sea.

Along the W shores of the Bering Sea, the ravine or valley wind blows down to the coast, sometimes reaching 100 knots or more. Valley winds are most common in winter, spring, and fall. In summer, very strong winds occasionally blow into estuaries and may continue upriver for 100 miles or more.

**Coastal Winds—Hokkaido and the Kuril Islands.**—Along most of the W coast of Hokkaido, W to NW winds are common in winter; SE through SW winds are common in summer. Along the other coasts, winter winds are more variable while summer winds are commonly from the E through S.

At Otaru, SW to S winds are most common; NW to W winds are often strong enough to impede cargo handling. Extreme

wind speeds have reached 54 knots in September.

At Wakkanai, W to NW winds prevail from November through January. In February and March, winds are variable; from April through October, SW winds are common. Average wind speeds are highest in December (11 knots) and lowest in July and August (8 knots). Wind speeds less than or equal to 19 knots occur on an average of 13 days in January and 4 days in August.

At Hakodate, W through NW winds prevail from November through March, while SE through E winds are common in summer. Winds greater than or equal to 19 knots occur on about 12 days per month in winter and 3 days per month in summer.

At Muroran, NW winds which raise a sea occur from mid-September until the end of March.

In Nemuro Kaikyo, gales accompanied by rain or snow are common from November through March, while SE winds may be accompanied by squalls in May and June.

At the port of Nemuro, winds greater than or equal to 19 knots occur on about 12 days per month in winter, but only 2 days per month in summer.

Wind speeds in La Perouse Strait average 16 knots during winter. Gales are most frequent in December and January with squalls common in November and December. Summer winds are usually light, averaging 6 to 8 knots from May through August. Strong local SW winds are often encountered off the NW tip of Hokkaido in summer, and frequent NE blizzards occur along southern Sakhalin during January and February.

Due to the close passage of extratropical lows, winds are variable in the Kuril Islands. The coasts of Ostrov Kunashir are the scenes of many NW blizzards in winter. At Reyd Tyatinskij, NW winds often bring good weather in winter. In the spring E and SE winds are frequent and bring fog. Near Ostrov Iturup, strong NW winds raise heavy seas from November through April. At Zaliv Kasatka, occasional SE gales raise heavy seas during February and March. In Zaliv Shelikhova, E gales often blow off the mountains.

**Coastal Winds—Southeast Coast of Russia, Sakhalin, and Tatar Strait.**—In this area, winter winds are N in the S and change to NW farther N. Summer winds are more variable and lighter, with prevailing directions opposite those of winter.

At Vladivostok, winter wind speeds usually increase from 8 knots in the morning to 10 knots by afternoon. Summer winds also have a diurnal range of 2 knots as average speeds increase from 5 knots to 7 knots. Winds of 28 knots or more occur on 3 to 5 days per month from September through May and on only 1 day per month in July.

At Nikolaevsk, gales are common on about 2 days per month in November and December.

Along the W and E coasts of Sakhalin, winter winds are usually from the NW; in summer SE winds at night usually veer to S or SW in the middle part of the day.

At Kholmsk, average wind speeds vary seasonally but not diurnally. They range from 5 to 7 knots in June and July to 10-13 knots from October to February. Gales are rare and, even in the winter months, are observed on just 1 day per month.

At Aleksandrovsk, winter winds are frequently out of the E and SE, but the NW winds are stronger. Here the average number of days with gales ranges from 7 in October to 2 in June and July.

**Coastal Winds—The Sea of Okhotsk, Kamchatka, and**

**the Bering Sea.**—Along these coasts, summer and winter prevailing winds are often directly opposite. In general, winds are offshore in winter and onshore in summer. Much of this coastal region is mountainous; this results in very local winds flow.

On the S shores of the Shantarskoye More, the winter monsoon is predominantly W and changes with the lie of the coastline; it becomes NW and then N between Udskaya Guba and Okhotsk.

Between Okhotsk and Penzhinskaya Guba, the prevailing winter direction is NE, while summer winds are much more variable. Gales are frequent on some parts of this coast. For example, at Pestraya Dresva, winds of 28 knots or greater occur on an average of 2 days out of every 3 from November through February. At more protected locations like Okhotsk, this frequency drops to about 1 to 2 days per month.

Along the west coast of Kamchatka, winds of 28 knots or more occur on 10 to 11 days per month during March and April and 1 day or less per month from July to September.

At Ozernaya these wind speeds occur on 4 to 8 days per month from November through April and are rare from July to September.

Along the SE coast of Kamchatka, mean wind speeds show a large seasonal variation. At Petropavlovsk, summer wind speeds average 7 to 8 knots while winter speeds average 15 to 18 knots. The average frequency of winds with speeds of 28 knots or more ranges from 5 to 7 days per month from October through April to 1 day per month in June and July.

Coastal winds N of Petropavlovsk show a marked reversal of direction in June and a remarkably high percentage of calms. For example, calms are more prevalent than any wind direction at Ostrov Beringa from September through November.

At Anadyr, calms are frequent in April and May, while at Uelen they are frequent in winter and summer. Wind directions are influenced by the shape of the coastline; this results in prevailing winds from the N through NE from about October through May. Summer winds are mainly from the S or SE. For example, at Ust Kamchatsk, winds are out of the S more than 45 per cent of the time during July. Mean wind speeds show little diurnal variation, but a definite seasonal change. Average winter winds range from 12 to 20 knots from the Kamchatka Peninsula to the Bering Strait. During the summer, these speeds drop off to 6 to 8 knots S of St. Lawrence Island and to 6 to 12 knots in the Bering Strait. Gales occur on 5 to 8 days per month in winter and on less than 1 to 2 days per month in summer. At Uelen, however, the change from a due N wind to a July S wind, brings an increase of from 1 day with gales to 6 days with gales.

**Climate—Hokkaido, Sakhalin, and the Sea of Okhotsk.**—This is an area where many factors influence navigation. In winter, ice, winds and seas severely restrict navigation in these waters. During spring and summer, fog is an important navigational hazard and by autumn, seas and winds are again a factor. However, take all these parameters into consideration and fall becomes the best time of the year and winter the worst, for navigating these seas. In autumn ice is uncommon, winds and seas are still well below their winter peaks, and fog frequency has slackened from its summer maximum.

Coastal precipitation decreases N in general. Average annual amounts range from about 1,200mm on the Hokkaido coast to 380 to 430mm along the shores of the Sea of Okhotsk. About one-half to one-third of these annual amounts accumulate from

July through September; however, some locations record a maximum monthly amount in October or November. Winter rains are sparse and light, with most monthly averages less than 25mm.

Snow can be expected in September over the northern Sea of Okhotsk and by October along the entire coast. The snow season extends till May in the south and June in the north. There is a wide variation in the number of days that it snows. Along the leeward Russian coast, on the Sea of Japan, snow occurs about 15 to 20 days annually, and 2 to 3 days in December and January. A short distance across the sea, Otaru, Japan, on a windward coast, has snow about 124 days annually and on about 30 days every January. The Sakhalin shores receive snow on about 70 to 90 days annually while 40 to 60 days of snow are observed around the shores of the Sea of Okhotsk. Aside from Hokkaido, snow days range from 3 to 19 per month during winter. Blizzards occur frequently in winter, especially on coasts exposed to N and W winds.

Thunderstorms are least frequent in late winter and early spring and most frequent in summer and fall. For example, at Hakodate, thunderstorms are rare from January to March but occur on 1 to 3 days per month from June to November. In the Kuril Islands, thunderstorms are infrequent but occasionally occur on as many as 3 days in one summer or fall month. Along the Sea of Okhotsk, a rare thunderstorm is observed during the summer.

Monthly and annual rainfall averages can be misleading in this part of the world. For example, Okhotsk, which has an average annual fall of about 380mm has recorded more than 660mm in a single year and less than 125mm in another year. Their July average is 65mm, but this includes a 282mm total and a 9.9mm total.

**Climate—The Sea of Okhotsk and Tatar Strait.**—The Northwest Pacific Ocean area is one of the cloudiest regions in the Pacific Ocean. Extratropical cyclones are responsible for this cloudiness; they are aided in summer by the fog and low stratus clouds, that form as warm moist air from the S flows N over the progressively colder seas. The cloudiest region is over the waters E of the Kuril Islands.

Early summer brings almost endless cloudiness to this region. The average cloud cover over the Sea of Okhotsk is about 8/10 while along its shores, the cloud cover ranges from 6/10 to 9/10. In July, overcast conditions can be expected on 25 to 27 days on this coast. East of the Kuril Islands, the average cloud cover in July is 9/10. On the SE coast of Kamchatka and in the Kuril Islands, summer cloud cover is around 6/10. Cloud cover decreases in August, particularly over the Sea of Okhotsk, as prevailing S winds start to change to N winds. Cloud cover averages drop off to around 6/10 in the NW section of the Sea of Okhotsk but remain around 8/10 SW of Kamchatka. September and October are usually the clearest months of the year since cyclonic activity is still weak in this area; fog disappears with the more N flow. Cloud cover drops to 5/10 in the NW part of the Sea of Okhotsk and is generally less than 70 per cent elsewhere, except near the W coast of Kamchatka.

Along the Hokkaido coast, average cloud cover is least in October, when it ranges between 5/10 and 6/10. There are 12 to 15 days with clear skies during this month. By November, water in the northern Sea of Okhotsk has started to freeze near the coast, so it loses potential as a moisture source. The result is an average cloud cover of 5/10 in these waters and 7/10 over the E

seas.

Winter brings increased cloudiness to areas lying near storm paths and areas exposed to a N flow. For example, at Kuri'sk and Otaru, January is the cloudiest month of the year. However, where N winds blow off the frozen sea surface or the continent, cloud cover is likely to reach a minimum in winter. For example, along the Russian coast at places like Vladivostok, Grossevichi, Aleksandrovsk, and Okhotsk, the average cloud cover is less than 4/10 and there are 15 to 20 days per month with clear skies.

By April, cloudiness over the northwestern Sea of Okhotsk has increased to about 6/10 while an overcast area appears off the SE coast of Kamchatka. Coastal areas of Hokkaido are relatively clear during this period, but on many other shores cloudiness is increasing toward its early summer maximum. There are usually 15 to 20 cloudy days along these coasts in April. May cloudiness is rather uniform over the area and is continuing to increase in the Sea of Okhotsk and Tatar Strait.

The waters along the E coast of Kamchatka and around the Kuril Islands are the foggiest in the world during the summer. Visibilities less than 1 mile occur up to 60 to 70 per cent of the time in these waters. In general, fog frequently reduces visibilities below 1 mile in summer, while winter precipitation often reduces it below 5 miles.

Summer advection fog occurs as warm moist air creeps in over the cold muddy-green Oyashio Current and the Sea of Okhotsk. As a result, fog frequency increases from late May until it reaches a peak in late July. During this peak period, visibilities less than 1 mile attain a frequency of 60 per cent or more over the central Kuril Islands and along the E coast of Kamchatka. Visibilities less than 5 miles can be expected up to 80 per cent of the time. Fog can be expected on up to 26 days per month along the W side of Tatar Strait and from 4 to 18 days elsewhere. The most fog-free areas are around Hokkaido, along the W shores of the Sea of Okhotsk, and on the west coast of Sakhalin.

Visibilities continue to be poor in the Sea of Okhotsk until late August, when winds begin to blow off the Asian continent once again. During September, conditions improve slightly over most of the area. However, visibilities less than 1 mile still occur up to 35 per cent of the time over the central Kuril Islands. In October, visibilities less than 5 miles are becoming the main problem; they reach a maximum frequency of 40 per cent around the Kuril Islands. By November, winter has begun to settle in, and reduced visibility frequencies are patterned after the precipitation frequency distribution. Visibilities less than 5 miles occur less than 25 per cent of the time, except around northern Hokkaido and southern Sakhalin, where visibilities are often reduced by weak snow squalls. The occurrence of visibilities of less than 1 mile is less than 5 per cent in November.

Poor visibility frequencies increase from December through February, with the increase in intensity and number of extratropical cyclones. Visibilities less than 5 miles are encountered 35 per cent of the time in the waters E of the Kuril Islands and up to 40 per cent of the time to the E of Hokkaido. Visibilities of less than 1 mile are mainly encountered in the southeastern Sea of Okhotsk and E of the Kuril Islands, where they occur a little more than 5 per cent of the time.

During the winter, radiation fog is apt to occur on calm clear nights at some of the more protected ports. For example, at

Vladivostok, fog can be expected on 2 to 3 days per winter month. Even so, fog is at a minimum along nearly all coasts in this season. During March and April, visibility restrictions increase everywhere except along the Hokkaido coast, where they remain at a minimum. During this period the center of maximum restrictions begins to spread N from the southern Kuril Islands until, by May, visibilities less than 1 mile occur 35 per cent or more of the time along the central Kuril Islands.

The cold Oyashio Current, winter ice, and monsoonal flow combine to make this region continental in terms of temperature. This means a large diurnal and seasonal variation and a large difference in extremes. Temperatures over water are warmest in August, when average temperature range from 10.0°C in the northern Sea of Okhotsk to near 21°C W of Hokkaido. The effect of the Oyashio Current is evident in the seas E of Hokkaido, where air temperatures are about 3.3°C cooler than they are over the waters to the W. Also average temperatures reach a secondary minimum in the low teens, around the Kuril Islands, under the influence of this cold current. Summer daytime coastal temperatures range from the upper 20s (°C) around Hokkaido to the upper teens (°C) along the northern Sea of Okhotsk coast. Nighttime lows range from the upper teens (°C) in the S to the upper single digits (°C) in the N. Extreme maximum temperatures are observed during the summer and most ports have records of 32.2°C or greater. For example, Okhotsk, one of the N ports, has recorded a 36.1°C temperature.

An abrupt change in average temperature takes place in November. South of Sakhalin, October daytime temperatures in the low to upper teens (°C) drop into the low to upper single digits (°C) and even slightly below freezing, while nighttime lows fall into the low single digits above and upper single digits below freezing. For example, at Khabarovsk, a 10.0°C daily maximum in October drops to -4.4°C in November. Along the Sea of Okhotsk coast, daytime highs are in the low single digits below freezing (°C) and nighttime lows drop into the low to mid single digits below freezing (°C) and below. Over water, air temperatures decrease rapidly, both N and E. The average freezing line extends from about the middle of the Tatar Strait ENE to the S tip of the Kamchatka Peninsula.

During the winter, over water, the average air temperature freezing line extends from northern North Korea ENE to southern Hokkaido and then NE to the mid-Aleutians. The lowest coastal temperatures are most likely in January. Along the frozen coasts of the Sea of Okhotsk, temperatures climb to a little above zero during the day and fall into the minus teens at night. The warmest winter temperatures are found on Hokkaido, where daytime highs average near freezing (°C) and nighttime minimums are in the upper single digits below freezing (°C).

The influence of the continent and slight modifying effects of the water can be seen by comparing temperatures at Vladivostok with those at Otaru. The mean daily maximum is -1.7°C at Otaru and -10.6°C at Vladivostok, while the mean daily minimum is -7.2°C at Otaru and a cool -17.8°C at Vladivostok. Both ports are at approximately the same latitude. The continental influence is even more apparent when both these ports are compared with La Coruna, Spain, at about the same latitude, which has an average daily maximum of 12.8°C, an average daily minimum of 6.7°C, and an extreme low of 1.1°C. Extreme minimum temperatures in this region drop to -17.8°C at Otaru, -45.6°C at Okhotsk, and -30.0°C at Vladivostok.

There is a more gradual temperature change in spring than there was in fall, except along the N coast of the Sea of Okhotsk, where average temperatures jump 4 to 6°C from March to April. Daytime highs in the single digits below freezing (°C) in March climb into the low single digits (°C) in April. Farther S, temperatures gradually increase from February on. By May, daytime highs are in the low to mid teens (°C), while nighttime lows drop to the low to upper single digits (°C). Over open water, average air temperatures are also rising and the freezing isotherm has retreated into the far N reaches of the Sea of Okhotsk. Average air temperatures are around 10.0°C off southern Hokkaido.

**Climate—The Bering Sea and the E Coast of Kamchatka.**—Winds and ice in winter, fog in spring and summer, and winds and seas in autumn all influence navigation in the Bering Sea. Taking all parameters into consideration, winter is by far the worst season and spring is best. Spring is just a little better than summer, which is a little better than fall. In spring, winds have died down from their winter maxima, fog has not reached its peak, ice is beginning to thaw, and seas are as calm as they are during any season.

The frequency, intensity and amount of precipitation are related to the available water vapor in the air which, in the northern Bering Sea in winter, is restricted by cold temperatures and lack of moisture sources. The large number of extratropical cyclones account for the substantial precipitation over the southern Bering Sea. For example, Uelen, in the N, has an average annual total of about 300mm compared to an average of 1,650mm at Adak in the Aleutian Islands.

In autumn, precipitation, occurs 25 per cent or more of the time in a band from the Aleutian Islands N to about 58°N. At St. Paul Island, for example, precipitation occurs on 20 to 22 days per month from September through November. Over the northern Bering Sea, frequencies range from 15 to 25 per cent and by October most of the precipitation is snow. In the south, snow is rare before November.

Winter is the rainy season across the southern Bering Sea, where precipitation occurs from 15 per cent to greater than 30 per cent. In the N, these frequencies run 10 to 15 per cent, almost all of which is snow. In the S, snow and sleet occur 15 to 20 per cent of the time that there is precipitation. Along the east Siberian coast, average monthly winter amounts range from 25 to 75mm along the E coast of Kamchatka to a scanty 8mm at Anadyr. In spring, precipitation frequencies drop off to 10 to 15 per cent, with snow seen only 5 to 10 per cent of the time when precipitation occurs in May.

Many coastal locations have minimum monthly amounts from March through June. Summer precipitation reaches a maximum in the N and is on the increase in the S. Coastal monthly averages in summer range from 90mm at Ust Kamchatsk to 530mm at Uelen.

Thunderstorms are rare even in summer, when at most, an average of one occurs along the Alaskan coast and in the Aleutian Islands.

Cloudiness in the Bering Sea is produced by extratropical cyclones aided in the summer by warm air advection. In the fall average cloud amounts range from 7/10 along the Siberian and Alaskan coasts to more than 8/10 in the Bering Strait and over the southern Bering Sea. Along the E coast of Kamchatka and Siberia, skies are cloudy (sky cover greater than or equal to 8/10) about 10 to 18 days per month while near the Bering Strait,

at Gambell, cloudy skies are observed an average of 25 to 27 days per month. Cloudiness diminishes to less than 6/10 in the winter over the northern Bering Sea.

Along the Siberian coast offshore winter winds are often associated with clear skies. For example, at Anadyr in January an average of 10 days have clear skies (sky cover less than or equal to 2/10). At Uelen, there are about 10 cloudy days in January, compared to 22 cloudy days at St. Paul Island in the S. Average cloud cover is around 7/10 or more over the southern Bering Sea.

Spring and summer are the cloudiest seasons in general. A significant change occurs from April to May, when mean cloud amounts increase, particularly in the N where seas are thawing. Mean cloud amounts are about 8/10. Along the Kamchatka and Siberian coasts, cloudy skies are observed on 15 to 25 days per month; the highest frequency is in the S. Frontal activity and warm air advection bring a greater than 9/10 mean cloud cover to the Aleutian Island region in June and to almost the entire Bering Sea by August. Coastal areas observe overcast conditions on 25 days per month or more. Fog and stratus are a major factor, aided by a maximum in extratropical activity N of 60° N. Toward the end of August and in September, a decrease in cloudiness becomes apparent.

Visibility is affected by rain, snow, fog, arctic haze, inferior and superior mirages, and extended periods of twilight. Rain, arctic haze, mirages, and twilight cause frequent restrictions of less than 5 miles but, except for rain, rarely produce restrictions less than 0.5 mile.

As fall progresses, daylight hours decline; this lack of illumination noticeably reduces the distance at which objects may be identified. During the fall, snow and blowing snow gradually replace rain and fog as restrictions to visibility over the northern Bering Sea and rain replaces fog in the S. In autumn, visibilities less than 5 miles are more common than visibilities less than 1 mile and they occur 15 to 20 per cent of the time over most of the sea; they reach 25 per cent in the Gulf of Anadyr. Most coastal locations observe fog on 1 to 2 days per month.

In winter N of 60° N, snow and blowing snow reduce visibilities to less than 5 miles 15 to 20 per cent of the time; visibilities less than 0.5 mile are observed 5 to 10 per cent of the time. Farther S, snow and rain cause visibilities less than 5 miles 15 to 20 per cent of the time while visibilities less than 0.5 mile are rare.

Ice and steam fog occur locally in winter. Ice fog occurs when moisture is introduced into very cold air (usually with a temperature of -29°C or colder). This fog is shallow but may cover a ship when moisture is produced by engine exhausts and steam outlets. Steam fog occurs above frozen seas when strong tides or other phenomena crack or break the ice and expose lanes of water to the extremely cold air above. Steam fog, called arctic smoke, covers small areas and normally dissipates rapidly. It can often be used to identify open water in winter.

By spring, the frequency of poor visibilities is on the rise, with an increase of fog and rain. In and around Bristol Bay, visibilities less than or equal to 0.5 mile occur 5 to 15 per cent of the time and elsewhere 5 to 10 per cent of the time. By May, fog is observed up to 9 days per month along the Kamchatka Peninsula and Siberian coast.

June, July, and August bring the worst visibilities. Fog is particularly intense S of 60°N, over the northwestern Bering Sea and in the Anadyrskiy Zaliv. Visibilities equal to or less

than 0.5 mile occur greater than 40 per cent of the time off Mys Olyutorskiy and 15 per cent or more of the time W of 175 W. They occur between 5 and 15 per cent elsewhere.

Visibilities less than 5 miles occur up to 65 per cent of the time N of the Aleutian Islands. They occur from 30 to 50 per cent of the time over the northwestern Bering Sea and 10 to 25 per cent of the time from Norton Sound to St. Lawrence Island. Fog occurs on 10 to 20 days per month along the western Bering Sea coast. As summer comes to an end, a general improvement in visibility sets in over the entire area.

Air temperatures are colder than those at comparable latitudes in the Atlantic due to lack of a major warm ocean current, the proximity of permanent polar ice, and the strong continental influence. In general, the cold Oyashio Current brings coldest air temperatures to the western Bering Sea. The annual range of average monthly temperatures is up to 10°C in the N and around -6.7°C in the S. Average winter temperatures over the open sea range from around 2.2°C in the eastern Aleutian Islands to -17.8°C in the Bering Strait, and -20°C in the N part of Anadyrskiy Zaliv.

Along the E coast of Kamchatka, average daily maxima range from -9.4°C to -6.7°C, while minima range from -16.7°C to -12.2°C. Farther N, temperatures drop rapidly and at Anadyr in January, the average daily maximum is -22.8°C and the daily minimum is -7.8°C. Extremes range from a -46.1°C reading at Anadyr to -12.2°C to -11.1°C readings in the Aleutian Islands.

By May, incoming solar radiation approaches a maximum and pronounced warming is apparent. In the N, average temperatures have risen about 14° to 17°C since February. At Anadyr, the average daily maximum rises from -20.6°C in February to -1.1°C by May. Average air temperatures over open water in May range from the mid-single digits (°C) in the Aleutian Islands to about -3.9°C in the Bering Strait; the freezing isotherm is N of 60°N.

Along the E coast of Kamchatka, average daytime highs are near 4.4°C and lows are near freezing. Maximum temperatures usually occur in August. Average temperatures range from the low teens (°C) along the Aleutian Islands to about 7.2°C over the Bering Strait.

Even along the coast, the range of temperatures is small. At Petropavlovsk, the average daytime maximum is 15.0°C compared to an 11.1°C reading at Anadyr. These two ports have spread of about 17°C in January. Nighttime August lows are usually in the mid to upper-single digits (°C). Extreme maximums reflect the continental influence; they range from 28.9°C at Petropavlovsk to 23.9°C at Anadyr. This can also be seen when comparing the 23.9°C extreme at Ust-Kamchatsk with a 17.2°C reading at the nearby island location of Ostrov Beringa.

In September, temperatures gradually begin to fall and by October ice is forming along the northern Bering Sea coast. Average air temperatures in November range from the mid-single digits (°C) in the Aleutian Islands to around -13.3°C in the northern Gulf of Anadyr. The freezing isotherm is between 56°N and 57°N. Along the coast, temperatures take their biggest fall from October to November. This drop averages about 8 to 11°C. At Anadyr, the average daily maximum temperature drops from -3.9°C in October to -14.4°C in November. At Gambell, a more maritime location, the average daily maximum drops from 1.7°C in October to -2.8°C in November.

#### Southwestern North Pacific Ocean (including the East Chi-

#### na Sea, the Yellow Sea, and the Sea of Japan)

**Extratropical Cyclones.**—These storms often follow two paths. In the N, lows originating over mainland China or eastern Siberia move SE toward northern Japan and then swing ENE. A second tract begins either in the South China Sea or near the Ryukyu Islands and parallels the E coast of Japan. These storms begin as weak systems but intensify rapidly over water. In winter they are intense and bring cloudiness, strong winds, and snow or heavy rain. Korea is less affected than most coastal areas; however, occasionally an intense storm in the waters adjacent to Korea will cause strong winds and snow, particularly along the S coast.

Extratropical cyclonic activity frequency reaches a peak in May and June in the seas off the mainland, then declines rapidly to a minimum by July. After September, there is an increase in storm activity along the northern tracks, and by December, lows are common along both paths. Throughout the year the waters E and S of Japan are the breeding grounds and areas of intensification for extratropical cyclones, particularly during the winter and spring. Spring and summer storms are often weak systems bringing just cloudiness and rain.

**Tropical Cyclones.**—Most of this region's 30 annual tropical cyclones are observed from July through September. An average of 20 of these tropical cyclones reach typhoon strength (winds greater than or equal to 64 knots). The seas E of Taiwan are the hot bed of activity, with an average of four to five tropical cyclones (tropical storms and typhoons) each season. An average of three tropical cyclones pass just S of southeastern Honshu. Korea's S coast can expect one tropical cyclone each season while the Yellow Sea hosts one every 2 years.

The waters around Taiwan and the Ryukyu Islands are often the site for any pre-May tropical cyclones. By May, a storm will occasionally reach the SE coast of Honshu or the East China Sea. August and September are the most likely months for encountering a tropical cyclone. They are most likely in the waters off southeastern Honshu in August and off Taiwan in September. A full-fledged typhoon is always more likely in the southern portions of the region.

Tropical cyclones cross the China coast between Hong Kong and Tsingtao several times each year. The most active area lies between Hong Kong and Fuchou during September. Typhoons passing E of Honshu do not usually affect northern Honshu or Hokkaido. However, the storms that enter the Sea of Japan usually remain intense, either as tropical or extratropical storms, and move E across northern Honshu or Hokkaido.

Most of the tropical cyclones that strike Korea have been weakened by the cold water and mountainous terrain. Rainfall from these weak storms can be destructive, particularly on Cheju Do and along the S and W coasts of the Korean peninsula. Land areas of the southwest Pacific Ocean are susceptible to severe flooding and landslides. These conditions are caused by the torrential rains over mountainous terrain and are as likely with a tropical depression as with a typhoon.

The super-typhoon is the name given to the violent tropical cyclones of this region that generate maximum sustained winds greater than or equal to 130 knots. An average of six typhoons each year reach this super-typhoon category. Most occur from June through December, with September the most likely month. The Philippine Sea is the area where a typhoon is most likely to first achieve the super category; the most likely areas of encounter in the region under consideration are E of Taiwan

and E of the Ryukyu Islands.

**Winds.**—Two monsoonal systems are responsible for the general wind circulation in this region. Winds generally have a S component in summer and a NW component in winter. The winter monsoon is stronger. Topography and migratory lows exert a strong influence on these general wind patterns. Ports protected by mountains often experience light and variable winds, while those less protected have stronger less variable winds. Lows moving along the southeast coast of Japan cause variation in wind directions over those waters. Strongest winds in the region occur along the W coast of northern Honshu and in the cyclonically active region along the S coasts of the Japanese mainland and northern Ryukyu Islands.

During the fall, the Northwest (winter) Monsoon advances SE from the Asian continent. It gradually increases in strength and steadiness so by November's end, winter winds have pervaded the entire region. Average wind speeds range from 12 to 20 knots over open waters. The first signs of slackening usually come in March, with diminishing cyclone intensity and a weakening of the Siberian High and Aleutian Low. Gradually, a reversal of flow known as the South Monsoon takes charge as a low replaces the Winter High in eastern Asia and the North Pacific High moves into our ocean area. During the summer, wind strength continues to decline and reaches an annual minimum. Wind directions are most variable in the transition seasons (May and September) between monsoons.

Gales occur infrequently in the seas off the mainland. They are most likely during the winter monsoon and are often associated with extratropical or tropical cyclones. During the winter months gale frequencies of over 10 per cent occur in the waters E of Japan. Extreme winds in the area are associated with typhoons. Highest wind speeds have occurred along the south Taiwan mainland and in the Ryukyu Islands, where gusts in excess of 150 knots have been reported.

**Local Winds.**—Wind directions and speeds are affected by local topography and land-sea interaction. Land and sea breezes are well-marked along most of this region's coast. This regime is strongest in spring and summer. These breezes are caused by the unequal heating of land and water. When the land is well heated in the forenoon, the sea breeze begins flowing in. It dies down in the evening and during the night is replaced by an offshore breeze. The influence of these breezes is confined to within 20 miles of the coast. During the winter season, particularly along the Sea of Japan coast line, the regime is overcome by the strength of the monsoon. Some sections of Naikai coastal areas have the land and sea regime throughout the year, although it is most pronounced during the summer.

The foehn wind is a dry, warm, and gusty wind which occurs when an airstream is forced over a mountain range and descends the lee slopes. The air becomes relatively warmer and drier before reaching the shore. Foehn winds occur frequently along the E coast of Korea from Wonsan to Unggi, when a high moves over the peninsula behind a cold front that spawns a cyclonic disturbance over the Sea of Japan. Pressure gradients then cause strong W winds to move down mountain slopes. These winds also occur along the E coast of Japan.

The fall wind occurs when very cold air spills down the mountains and, even though warmed in its descent, remains colder than surrounding air after it has reached the coast.

A local wind, known as "hiroto kaze," occurs just E of Tsuyama, Honshu. It is a strong N wind, with speeds from 35

to more than 60 knots. This wind usually occurs between late evening and noon in late summer and fall. Generally, it occurs when a typhoon is S of Shikoku, but may also occur with the passage of a strong cold front.

In Tsugaru Kaikyo, SE winds are called "yamase." Such winds occur in advance of lows moving E or NE over the Sea of Japan. They are often moderate to strong in the strait and can be accompanied by rain or snow. They arise suddenly. In summer, yamase are usually light, but may persist for a week at a time.

**Coastal Winds—Taiwan.**—The topography of Taiwan, featuring a ridge of N/S running mountains extending the entire length of the island, causes deviations in the air flow. One of the outstanding winter characteristics is the high frequency of strong winds and gales. For example, at Hengchun there are, on the average, 22 days in December with winds equal to or greater than 19 knots; on 13 of these days winds exceeded 28 knots.

At Taipei, the mean number of days with winds of 19 knots or more range between 10 and 14 from October through April, and 5 to 8 from June through September. However, the most likely time for wind speeds greater than 56 knots is August, September, and October.

In general, gales (winds greater than or equal to 34 knots) occur 5 to 7 per cent of the time along the coasts from October through December and 2 to 3 per cent of the time from January through March. Gales are most prevalent along the NW coast of Taiwan, on Peng-hu Lieh-tao (Pescadores Islands) and on other islands in Taiwan Strait. Strong winds are most likely during the afternoon hours along the northwest coast, but over the islands, they are apt to occur at any hour. May is consistently the most gale-free month.

Coastal winds are mainly monsoonal with the Northeast Monsoon well established from October through March, when N through NE winds average about 12 knots. The monsoon reaches a peak in December and January, when over 85 per cent of the coastal winds are from the Nor NE, at an average speed of 16 knots. April and May are transitional months and by June, the Southwest Monsoon has set in. During June, July, and August, winds are S or SW about 50 per cent of the time, at an average speed of about 7 knots. The Southwest Monsoon is often subordinate to land and sea breezes.

**Coastal Winds—Japan (General).**—The land-sea breeze regime is well-marked and most noticeable in late spring and summer. In winter, under the influence of the North Monsoon, wind directions vary only slightly from day to night. In summer, during lulls in the South Monsoon, there may be no winds other than land and sea breezes.

**Coastal Winds—Japan (Naikai Inland Sea).**—Winds in these waters are greatly modified by the land, time of day, and season. For example, at Shimonoseki, winds channeled by the neighboring strait are E in the morning and W by late afternoon during the period from February to May. Average wind speeds run 2 to 5 knots in the morning and 6 to 10 knots during the afternoon.

Winds near prominent capes differ widely from those at sea. For example, when a strong northerly wind is blowing in Kii Suido, there may be a light E or W wind at Shiono Misaki. Osaka offers an excellent example of the harboring effect of topography. In its sheltered position at the E end of the Naikai, gales are unheard of, except in the rare case of a close typhoon passage. Prevalent winds are from the W, year round, illustrat-



ing the deflective force of topography. In winter, these W winds may blow strongly for a week or more, bringing in a sea which may make cargo handling difficult. Northwest winter winds crossing Osaka Wan often split into two streams as they reach the SE shore; one blows up the Yodo Gawa, while the other blows SW along the coast toward Kii Suido.

Gales are infrequent in the Naikai. From December through April, most gales are due to passing extratropical lows. Usually, the approach of a storm causes a weakening or reversal of the monsoonal gradient. With the passage of the cold front, the N flow returns and is often intensified. Summer gale frequencies are much less, but winds may reach extremes due to typhoons. Hiroshima, for example, has reported a 60-knot wind, with gusts to 95 knots in October, while Shimonoseki has recorded an E wind of 66 knots with gusts to 86 knots in August. In Murotsu Wan, at the SW approach to Kii Suido, winds are relatively strong throughout the year. In Bungo Suido and Kii Suido, strong N winds often reach gale force during the day in winter. Locally, these winds will follow the coastline rather than the direction of the mid-channel wind.

**Coastal Winds—Japan (South Coasts of Japan).**—Along the S coasts of Honshu and Shikoku, the land-sea breeze regime prevails, particularly in summer. Most of the Shikoku coast is relatively sheltered in winter and winds tend to be light. On Kyushu, the N and W coasts are exposed to the winter monsoon, but the east coast is sheltered. In Ise Bay, Suruga Bay, and Tokyo Bay, the winter monsoon is N rather than NW, owing to the general N/S trend of the coastline; gales occur mostly in the afternoon. Tokyo and Nagoya are well sheltered and gales are rare. Extreme wind speeds were 72 knots during a September typhoon at Nagoya and 60 knots during a September typhoon at Tokyo. Between the southern Honshu coast and Hachijo Shima, winter gales are frequent since a large number of storms pass through this area.

At well-protected Kochi, Shikoku, average wind speeds range from 4 knots in winter to 2 knots during the summer. Extreme winds have reached 50 knots, with gusts to 78 knots. At more exposed points on Shikoku, like Muroto Zaki, wind speeds are much higher.

On Kyushu, there is a strong diurnal variation in wind, which, while strongest in summer, is noticeable at many locations even in the winter months. For example at Nagasaki, diurnal variation is most noticeable in the winter, when average morning wind speeds of 6 to 7 knots increase to 10 to 11 knots by afternoon. The port of Sasebo is well sheltered from the onslaught of typhoons; its extreme wind is 42 knots. Nagasaki has an extreme wind of 86 knots, while Kagoshima's extreme is 96 knots.

Chichi Shima is representative of Ogasawara Gunto (Bonin Islands); winds from W and N prevail from December through February. March and April winds are variable, May and June winds are from the SW quadrant, and from July through October E winds prevail. Wind speeds show slight diurnal variation; they average 3 to 6 knots during the morning and 5 to 7 knots during the afternoon. Gales in these islands are infrequent since most storms pass well to the N. However, the region is vulnerable to typhoons.

In the Ryukyu Islands, the winter monsoon blows mainly from the N and NE. Winds are often strong, bringing rough seas and are accompanied by cloudy showery weather, particularly on the island's N coasts. Winter gales are most common

with cold front passages and almost always come from a N direction. At Naha, Okinawa, wind speeds of 28 knots or more occur about once a month from August to January. The area's worst weather occurs in Osumi Kaikyo. Lows often pass close to this strait, resulting in sudden large changes in wind direction and speed.

**Coastal Winds—Japan—(East Coast of Honshu and Tsugaru Kaikyo).**—From Tokyo N, prevailing winds blow offshore and are less strong than those over open waters. At Miyako, winter winds blow between W and SW throughout the day. The same winds prevail during the spring, summer, and fall mornings and evenings. However, in the middle part of the day, spring and fall winds are variable, while summer winds are mostly from the N. Average wind speeds range from 6 knots in April to 3 knots in July. While winds equal to or above 19 knots occur on about 9 days in March and just 1 day in July.

At Hachinohe, SW to W winds are most frequent throughout the day from November through April. From May through October, SW winds continue to be most frequent during the night and early morning while easterly winds prevail during the day. Winds 19 knots or greater occur on 10 to 11 days per month from December through April, but only on 1 day per month in July and August, on the average.

In Tsugaru Kaikyo, the previously mentioned wind known as the "yamase" is a hazard to navigation. It is a SE wind often reaching gale force. In the summer it is lighter but can persist for a week at a time bringing clouds, rain, and fog.

In Tairadate Kaikyo, at the entrance to Mutsu Wan, the worst winds are squalls from the E and NW winds, which raise heavy seas.

In Mutsu Bay, apart from occasional E winds, May through August are often calm. Periods of sustained high winds are most frequent in November, December and January.

At the port of Aomori, SW winds prevail from October through April. Morning winds are variable from May through August, with N winds prevailing during the afternoon. Winds of 19 knots and above occur on 11 days per month in January and just 1 day per month in August, on the average.

**Coastal Winds—Japan (Sea of Japan).**—At the port of Akita, average wind speeds range from about 12 knots in January to 7 knots in July. The average number of days with winds of 19 knots or greater, ranges from 11 in January to 1 in July.

Average wind speeds at Sakata, range from 17 knots in January to 7 knots in July, while the average number of days with winds greater than or equal to 19 knots ranges from 26 in January to 3 in August.

From Tappi Saki to Niigata, NW winds and rough seas are a feature from October to March, while summer brings light winds and slight seas. At Niigata, NW winds prevail from December through March, while in April, winds are from the W through the S. Summer brings the land-sea breeze regime. January wind speeds average 12 knots, while the July average drops to 6 knots. Winds greater than or equal to 19 knots occur on an average of 23 days in January and on 2 days in July. May, June and July are the calmest months.

In Fushiki-Toyama Harbor, SW winds prevail from November to March, with NE winds just as prevalent during April and May. The land-sea breeze regime prevails during the summer. Wind speeds average 5 to 6 knots in all seasons.

At Tsuruga, in Wakasa Wan, winds are usually either S or S. For most of the year, S winds prevail, but from about January

to March, the N wind takes over and sometimes reaches gale force. Wind speeds reach 19 knots or greater on the average of 6 to 8 days per month from December to March and on just 1 day per month from June to August.

In Miho Wan, NW winds are frequently strong in winter but diminish in April. During the summer, light S winds prevail while E winds are prevalent during the fall. The worst conditions when trying to reach Sakai in Miho Bay are generally encountered from October to April.

**Coastal Winds—China (South Coast).**—During the winter monsoon, from November through March, prevailing winds from the Gulf of Tonkin to Hong Kong blow from the NE through E.

From Hong Kong to Fuchou, winds are NE and from Fuchou to Shanghai, they are from the N through NW. Average wind speeds during the winter, range from 8 to 10 knots, except along the W side of Taiwan Strait, where the average is 15 to 20 knots. Gales along this exposed coast of Taiwan Strait occur up to 15 per cent of the time, while elsewhere along the coast they occur less than 2 per cent of the time, winter or summer.

During the summer monsoon, which generally runs from June through August, prevailing winds S of Hong Kong are S to SE. From Hong Kong to Fuchou, winds are generally S to SW, while N of Fuchou, S to SE winds prevail. These summer winds are often strengthened, weakened, or deflected by the land-sea breeze regime. Wind speeds average about 6-8 knots, except in the vicinity of Taiwan Strait, where 10 to 15 knot averages are common. Here gales occur up to 5 per cent of the time in summer. Gales along the south China coast are usually a result of a strengthening of the winter monsoon, the summer monsoon in Taiwan Strait, the passage of winter cold fronts, and summer tropical cyclones.

At Hong Kong, the prevailing wind in the harbor is ENE from October to December; it becomes more E from January to March. During the summer monsoon, winds are variable, but in the harbor, E winds still tend to be slightly more frequent than S or SW winds. On the S side of the island, however, S and SW winds prevail, but even as far out as Wenwei Chou (Gap Rock), E winds are common during the Southwest Monsoon. Wind speeds increase from dawn to midday, then slacken toward evening. At 0800, the average wind speed at the Royal Observatory is between 6 and 9 knots; by 1400, it is between 8 and 10 knots. Gales are very rare from December through February, and infrequent at other times. The chance of encountering gales is greatest in July.

At Shanghai, NW and N winds prevail during the winter monsoon from November through March. March and April are transitional months; then winds out of the SE prevail from May through August. September and October are the transitional months. Afternoon winds average 10 to 12 knots, while morning winds average 7 to 8 knots throughout the year. Gales are infrequent.

**Coastal Winds—China (North Coast).**—North through NW winds averaging about 8 knots prevail in winter, while S winds of 4 to 6 knots prevail in summer. Both directions occur frequently during the spring and autumn transitional periods; wind speeds average about 10 knots in spring and about 7 knots during the fall. Winds of 28 knots or more can occur during any month but are most frequent in winter, when they are observed on 10 days or more per month at exposed coastal locations and over open seas. For example, at Yen-Tai, gales

are expected on 10 to 13 days per month from November through April. Extreme wind speeds are most likely in winter and spring along the north China coast, since this area is somewhat sheltered from strong typhoons. Most of the coastal extremes have been about 35 to 45 knots, except at high elevations, where winter winds have been clocked at over 100 knots.

Land and sea breezes are noticeable in summer, particularly in enclosed gulfs like Po Hai (Gulf of Chihli) and along the coasts of Korea Bay. During the afternoon in Korea Bay, the general S flow is strengthened by the onshore sea breeze. At night, the air tends to stagnate, with light offshore breezes from the N and frequent calms. Similar conditions are present along the Liaotung Wan, although here the pressure gradient causes the night winds to blow from the SSE or parallel to the coast, and afternoon winds to blow directly onshore.

**Coastal Winds—Korea.**—In the Yellow Sea and along the W coast of North Korea and South Korea, the winter monsoon results in a steady NW flow from September through March. During December and January, winds are almost always from the N and NW; long-lasting gales from these directions can be expected.

Over the eastern Yellow Sea, gales are infrequent and occur mostly in fall and winter. The winter monsoon at Inchon is in full swing from October through March, when winds average 7 to 10 knots. Days with winds of 28 knots or more average 1 day in March and less than 1 day per month for the rest of the year. However, at a more exposed location like Paengnyongdo, winds greater than 28 knots can be expected on 5 to 8 days per month during the winter monsoon.

The extreme wind speed recorded at a protected port like Haeju is 47 knots in April and October. Paengnyongdo had extreme winds greater than 47 knots in 9 months, with a high of 63 knots one June. During the summer months, the Southwest Monsoon prevails, with winds from the S through W and wind speeds averaging 6 to 8 knots.

Along the S coast of South Korea and at Cheju Do, the winter monsoon brings a preponderance of N and NW winds from October through March. From April through September, winds are variable and mostly under the influence of the land-sea breeze regime. For example, at the well-sheltered port of Busan, April and May winds are variable, but then in June and July, S through SW winds are common; from August to October, winds are NE or N a great deal of the time.

At land stations, wind speeds vary little throughout the year, and average 6 to 9 knots in the afternoon. In coastal waters, average speeds range from 7 knots in the spring up to 13 knots in mid winter. Wind speeds equal to or greater than 28 knots are most often encountered in January and February, with about 7 days per month, and least frequent in September and October, when the average drops to 1 day or less per month. Gales in coastal waters are most frequent in winter when they occur about 1 per cent of the time.

Along the E coasts of North Korea and South Korea, the winter monsoon brings prevailing winds from the W through N from October through March, while local winds prevail the rest of the year. Wind speeds greater than or equal to 28 knots have been observed from October to April, but the average frequency is less than 1 per cent, even in these months. In N coastal waters, gales can be encountered up to 2 per cent of the time in January. This, however, does not include some local conditions

caused by topography. In January, for example, at Changgi-Ap, in Changgi Gap, winds are channeled by the mountains from the W across Yongil Man and reach 28 knots or greater on an average of 11 days that month. Farther N at Kangnung, S through SW winds prevail year round. At Wonsan, early morning winds are SW year round. Afternoon winds swing to the W from November through March and to the W or NE from April through September. Average wind speeds are 4 to 6 knots in the morning and 7 to 9 knots during the afternoon. Gales are infrequent but most likely to occur in either August or December.

From Wonsan to Unggi, foehn winds are common in spring and early summer, when air is warmed and dried as it spills down the mountains to the W. At Songjin, in addition to the foehn winds, strong S or SSE winds known as "songjin" are common during April and May. These winds spring up at about 1100 and last to around 1500. However, gales are infrequent and most likely in winter. At Unggi, winds are predominantly from the n in winter and from the s in summer. These N winds from Unggi Mountain are often strong, but it is the S winds that create a heavy sea in Unggi Harbor.

**Climate—Taiwan.**—The winter monsoon brings cool moist air from the NE over Taiwan from October through March. The Southwest Monsoon, prevailing during June, July, and August, is composed of warm humid air with a long trajectory over tropical seas. Transitional season weather is a mixture of these two systems.

Typhoons are a threat to Taiwan from May through October. However, May through July is the most favorable period for sailing Taiwan Strait. Seas are calmest, gales are at a minimum, fog is least frequent, and it's early in the typhoon season. The late summer and fall are handicapped by increased typhoon activity and the winter is least favorable because of high gale frequencies, dense fog along the coasts, and high sea and swell conditions.

However, the S coast of Taiwan is sheltered by mountains from the strong Northeast Monsoon and hence from high seas. Conditions on the S coast are least favorable from July through October, when frequent typhoons to the S generate high sea and swell conditions.

**Precipitation—Taiwan.**—The greatest amount of precipitation falls during the Southwest Monsoon, except along Taiwan's NE coast, which receives most of its rain during the winter monsoon. The Taiwan coastal regions observe more than 1,775mm annually while Peng-hu Lih-tao (Pescadores Islands) and offshore islands receive about 900 to 1,150mm.

Torrential downpour in tropical cyclones have totaled 500mm in 24 hours at some coastal locations, while 250mm in 24 hours has occurred on all coasts.

Snow is not seen along the coasts.

Thunderstorms are rare during the Northeast Monsoon. During the Southwest Monsoon, they occur on 3 to 5 days per month from May to September; maximum activity occurs from June through August.

**Cloud Cover—Taiwan.**—Mountains and monsoons control cloudiness over Taiwan. On the N and E coasts in winter, cloud cover averages more than 8/10, while the sheltered S coast has an average 5/10 to 6/10 cover and basks in the sun (sky cover less than or equal to 2/10 on 4 to 9 days each month).

When the Southwest Monsoon sets in, cloudiness on the E coast diminishes to an average 6/10 and July is the sunniest

month. At the same time, cloud cover on the S and W coasts have increased to an average 6/10 to 8/10, with only 2 clear days (sky over less than or equal to 2/10) a month.

The offshore islands have an average 7/10 to 8/10 cloud cover from January through May and 6/10 from July through October. There is usually less cloudiness on the lee sides of the islands. Peng-hu Lih-tao (Pescadores Islands) average more than 7/10 cloud cover during the Northeast Monsoon and about 6/10 during the Southwest Monsoon.

**Visibility—Taiwan.**—Rain, fog and haze are the main restrictions to visibility. Northern Taiwan experiences dense fog (visibility less than or equal to 5/8 mile) about 5 per cent of the time from January through April; it is even more frequent at daybreak. Otherwise, Taiwan and the Peng-hu Lih-tao (Pescadores Islands) are mostly fog free.

However, the offshore islands experience dense fog frequently during the Northeast Monsoon and spring seasons. From March to May, dense fog is observed on as many as 15 days per month, particularly at daybreak. Visibilities less than 2 miles occur about 2 per cent of the time during the Southwest Monsoon, increasing to 5 per cent around Taiwan and Peng-hu Lih-tao (Pescadores Islands) and to 8 per cent near the offshore islands.

**Temperature—Taiwan.**—Temperature averages range from about 18.3°C in February to 27.8°C in July on the Taiwan coasts. On Peng-hu Lih-tao (Pescadores Islands) and offshore islands, comparable figures are 10.6°C and 27.8°C. Freezing temperatures are an extreme as well as temperatures of 37.8°C.

**Climate—Japan.**—Since the winter monsoon brings cold air off the Asian continent and the summer monsoon brings warm tropical air from the S, the climate of Japan is more extreme or continental than its island position suggests. This means summers are warm, winters are cold, and snow is common.

Spring is the best season for sailing the waters around Japan. It is early in the typhoon season, rainfall hasn't reached its early summer or fall peak, gales are rare, and fog, which is uncommon at any time, has not reached its slight summer maximum; at insulated ports like Tokyo and Osaka, fog is more prevalent in late fall and early winter.

**Precipitation—Japan.**—Rainfall is plentiful and often excessive. There are two rainy seasons; the rainiest is in an early summer, with a secondary rainy season occurring about September. Annual averages range from 1,000mm at protected ports around the Naikai (Inland Sea) to over 4,000mm at some island locations, like Isso, or exposed spots along the SE coasts of Shikoku and Honshu, between Muroto Zaki and Irako. More typical, however, are rainfall averages between 1,000 and 2,300mm.

Seasonal variations depend largely on exposure to monsoon winds. Where there is shelter from the winter monsoon, like at Tokyo and on southern Honshu, a well-marked dry season exists. However, on the exposed W coast of Honshu, winter is as wet as any season. Some of the September rain which makes up the secondary rainy season is contributed by tropical cyclones in the form of torrential downpours. These downpours, which usually occur from July through October, are responsible for maximum 24-hour amounts of generally 300 to 635mm and, in exceptional cases, up to 1,060mm at some small island locations.

Thunderstorms occur on about 10 to 15 days per year with a,

late summer and fall maximum at most locations.

Snow is more common than might be expected. It usually begins in early November in northern Honshu, in mid-December along the westernmost part of the W coast of Honshu and exposed coasts of Kyushu, in late December at Tokyo, and in mid-January on southern Kyushu. Snow has been observed as far S as Isso from January through March. The last snow is generally around mid-March in the S and mid-April in the N.

**Cloud Cover—Japan.**—Cloud cover is influenced by exposure to monsoon winds. It is greatest in winter along the W coast of Honshu and the Ryukyu Islands, while summer is most cloudy along the E coast of Honshu, Shikoku, and Kyushu.

The Naikai (Inland Sea) area has an early summer maximum. From Niigata N, the W coast of Honshu has average winter cloud amounts exceeding 8/10; S of Niigata, including the Ryukyu Islands, the winter average is 7/10 to 8/10. During this same season skies are at their best along the E coast of Honshu and around the Naikai. Along these coasts, cloud cover is usually below 5/10.

During the summer the situation is largely reversed. The E coast of the Honshu-Naikai area has cloud cover of 7/10 or more on the average, while at the same time average cloud cover is 6/10 or less along the W coast of Honshu and the Ryukyu Islands.

**Visibility—Japan.**—Visibilities around Japan are usually good. From August to April, fog occurs less than 2 per cent of the time over open waters and at exposed locations.

At sheltered ports, particularly industrial locations, fog occurs in the winter. This is usually a radiation fog aided by pollutants and forms on calm clear winter nights. It usually dissipates in late morning; where pollution is great it may persist into the afternoon. At these ports, such as Tokyo, Osaka, and Kobe, fog can be expected on 2 to 5 days per month during the winter.

At the more exposed locations, fog is observed on 1 to 3 days per month from April to July. Visibilities may also be restricted by rain and snow.

**Temperature—Japan.**—The monsoons are responsible for a large seasonal temperature range along the coasts of Japan. August is the warmest month and daily maximum temperatures range from 29.4°C to 32.2°C, except N of 38°N, where averages dip to 26.7°C to 29.4°C.

Nighttime readings in August range from 21.1°C to 23.9°C, except over the Ryukyu Islands, where they are a few degrees warmer.

Extreme high temperatures are just over 37.8°C at the more sheltered ports and in the 30s (°C) at exposed coastal sites and on the S islands.

The coldest months are January and February. Average nighttime lows drop into the low single digits below freezing (°C) N of Sakata and Sendai, gradually rise to near freezing around Tokyo and Kanazawa, climb into the upper single digits above freezing (°C) in the northern Ryukyu Islands, and reach the upper teens (°C) in the S portion of the Ryukyu Islands and other islands S of 25°N. Extreme lows have dropped to -23°C to -24°C at N ports, to around -10°C in the central regions, and only into the mids to upper single digits (°C) in the S.

**Climate—China.**—May and June are the most desirable months for navigating waters along the S coast of China, while early autumn is to be favored N of Shanghai. Typhoons are a

hazard to the S coast of China in summer and fall, while winter gales and rough seas are a handicap during the Northeast Monsoon along the entire coast of China.

From January through April, periods of light rain or drizzle, low overcast skies, and poor visibilities are a hazard and may persist for several days along the S coast; these conditions are known as "crachin."

Late spring is unfavorable along the N coast because of strong winds and poor visibilities, while summer offers high temperatures and relative humidities, heavy rains, frequent dense fog, and low visibilities.

**Precipitation—China.**—Annual precipitation averages range from about 2,500mm in the S, to 1,150mm near Shanghai, to around 500mm in the extreme N. Summer is the wet season, when more than one-half of the annual totals are recorded.

Summer precipitation is generally in the form of showers and thunderstorms; continuous rain is observed only when a tropical cyclone is in the vicinity. Extreme 24-hour amounts exceeding 250mm have been observed along the S coast.

Winter is the dry season with monthly amounts of less than 25mm N of Shanghai and less than 50mm to the S. Snow is rare S of Fuchou but its frequency increases N.

In the NE most winter precipitation falls as snow; maximum accumulated depths range between about 125 and 375mm. The first snow usually falls beginning in late October or early November and ending around the end of March or early April.

Thunderstorms are common from April through September; the most activity occurs in July and August. At this time, the number of days with thunderstorms range from 1 to 2 days per month at some offshore islands, to 15 to 20 days at some locations along the S coast.

**Cloud Cover—China.**—South of Shantung Pan-tao, cloud cover is extensive all year round. The average ranges from 5/10 to 8/10, with a slight maximum from January through May and a slight minimum from October through December. North of the Shantung Peninsula, summer tends to be the cloudier season, when averages range from 5/10 to 8/10. In winter, these averages drop to 3/10 to 5/10 and clear days become commonplace.

**Visibility—China.**—Fog, dust, and rain restrict visibilities along the China coast. Fog is a summer phenomena in Liaotung Wan, Korea Bay, and along the shores of the Yellow Sea. In these regions, visibilities less than 1 mile occur from 5 to 12 per cent of the time in summer. Summer visibilities are excellent elsewhere, except for brief deterioration in showers.

South of Shanghai, dense fog is prevalent in late winter and spring. Dense fog (visibilities less than or equal to 5/8 mile) is observed overall less than 5 per cent of the time, but from 5 to 15 per cent of the time around sunrise. In some spots along the East China Sea coast, dense fog obscures the sunrise about 50 per cent of the time.

Along the Po Hai (Gulf of Chihli) coast, visibilities of less than 1 mile occur about 5 per cent of the time in late winter and spring, and less than 1 per cent of the time during the rest of the year. In the NE, visibilities drop below 1 mile up to 4 per cent of the time during spring and fall and up to 3 per cent of the time in winter. Winter visibilities elsewhere are usually good except for dust.

North of 35°N, NW winds carry dust from the deserts of Mongolia and North China. The resultant haze is often very thick over coastal waters.

**Temperature—China.**—January is the coldest month along the entire coast. Mean daily minimum temperatures range from  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $-12.2^{\circ}\text{C}$  in the NE, to a warm  $15.6^{\circ}\text{C}$  on the island of Hainan. Extreme minimums have ranged from about  $-31.7^{\circ}\text{C}$  in the NE to a chilly  $7.2^{\circ}\text{C}$  on Hainan. July and August are the warmest months and mean daily maximums show less of a spread. They range from the upper 20s ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) in the NE to the low 30s ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) in the S. Extreme maximum temperatures have come close to or exceeded  $37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$  along most of the coast.

**Climate—Korea.**—During the winter monsoon (November–March), cold dry air flows down from the Asian continent to the Pacific Ocean, resulting in cool temperatures and nearly cloudless skies over Korea. The summer monsoon (June–August) brings warm moist air from the sea, resulting in hot, humid, and rainy conditions. Variations in these conditions are caused by topography, exposure, and the effects of adjacent wind and cold ocean currents.

While weather hazards to navigation are present in all seasons, early spring is the least hazardous. Seas are becoming calmer as they near their summer lull, typhoons are rare, gales are infrequent, and fog and rain have not reached their summer peak. Most tropical cyclones that strike Korea are losing strength due to the cool waters and mountainous terrain of surrounding lands.

**Precipitation—Korea.**—Summer brings the plum rains to Korea as weak lows and fronts move through the area bringing widespread cloudiness, heavy rains, and thunderstorm activity. Tropical cyclones also contribute to this summer peak. Annual rainfall averages range from 760 to 1,520mm along the entire coast, and on Cheju Do. Variations are more dependent on exposure than latitude. More than one-half of the annual amount falls during July, August, and September. Since rain often falls as heavy showers, the number of rainy summer days is less than normally expected and averages 4 to 6 days per month.

The greatest 24-hour rainfall amounts occur in July, August, or September and are usually associated with a tropical cyclone. These amounts range from 175 to 350mm. Thunderstorms can be expected on 1 to 3 days per month from May through October, with July and August the most likely months.

Snow falls from mid December through early March on Cheju Do. In January, snow is observed on up to 9 days per month, even in the S, and maximum snow depths range from 75 to 300mm. Both of these criteria depend on exposure. In N coastal waters, snow is observed up to 15 per cent of the time in winter.

Precipitation frequencies over coastal waters are highest in winter, particularly in the S, where precipitation is observed up to 50 per cent of the time. In summer, frequencies drop to 15 per cent along the NE coast and 25 per cent in S waters.

**Cloud Cover—Korea.**—The summer monsoon brings cloudy skies to the entire coast, with an average July cloud cover of more than 7/10. This average is generally greater than 6/10 from about May to October.

Winter skies are clearest and cloud cover averages drop to around 3/10 to 4/10 during this season. Along the S and E coastal areas, this minimum may occur during late fall and early winter.

In general, overcast conditions (sky cover greater than or equal to 6/8) are observed on 100 to 150 days a year, with many in the summer, while clear days (sky cover less than or equal to 2/8) are seen on about 90 to 100 days annually, with a

winter maximum.

**Visibility—Korea.**—Visibilities along the Korean coasts are generally good. Poor visibilities are most likely in early summer, when rain and fog are prevalent. Sea fog forms over parts of the Sea of Japan and Yellow Sea from late March through August, and most often in June and July. If surface winds are onshore this fog may move inland.

Visibilities are lowest around sunrise and best in the afternoon. Early morning summer fog occurs 30 to 50 per cent of the time along the W coast of Korea and 10 to 20 per cent of the time along the S and E coasts. By mid-afternoon, the fog has usually dissipated along the coasts, except at an exposed location like Paengnyong-do.

Smoke and haze reduce winter visibilities when a cold stagnant air mass lies over a large industrial area. Snow and rain also help to reduce wintertime visibilities. However, visibilities are best in fall and early winter.

**Temperature—Korea.**—August is the hottest month; mean daily maximum temperatures range from  $26.7^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $29.4^{\circ}\text{C}$  while extremes of  $37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$  are common. Mid-summer minimums are usually in the mid low to mid-20s ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ). Spring and fall daytime temperatures average in the upper teens ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), with nighttime lows in the low to mid single digits ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ). January is the coldest month, with nighttime lows averaging near  $-3.8^{\circ}\text{C}$  over most of the coast; this dips to  $-6.7^{\circ}\text{C}$  in N and jumps to around  $1.7^{\circ}\text{C}$  on Cheju Do. Extreme minimums have dropped below  $0^{\circ}\text{F}$  at all but S locations. Average air temperatures over coastal waters range from  $24.4^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $25.6^{\circ}\text{C}$  in August to  $2.8^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $4.4^{\circ}\text{C}$  in January.

## SOUTHEAST ASIA

**General.**—Southeast Asia has a tropical monsoon climate featuring considerable cloudiness, rain, uniformity of temperature, and high relative humidity. Semi-permanent pressure systems over the Pacific Ocean and the Indian Oceans and over the Asian and Australian continents regulate persistent wind systems known as monsoons, which dominate the climate of the area. Changes in the weather result mainly from the convergence of these systems. The surrounding warm tropical waters modify invading air masses, and topographic features cause striking climatic differences between islands and even on the same island.

In this area there are no seasons similar to those of the mid-latitudes. Instead, seasonal weather changes are determined by the two great opposing monsoons which converge along the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ). The ITCZ migrates N and S, with the sun heralding the change from one monsoon to another. From December through March, when the ITCZ lies farthest S, air from the Northern Hemisphere flows steadily over the area most of the time. In various locations this flow bears different names according to its direction, but it is commonly known as the Northeast Monsoon.

During April of an average year, the ITCZ moves N across the area, with the Northeast Monsoon and Southwest Monsoon prevailing over various regions during this transitional period. During May through October, the ITCZ usually lies N of the area and air from the Southern Hemisphere predominates; this is known as the Southwest Monsoon. The other transitional period occurs in November, when the ITCZ moves S across the region. In some localities, this passage may occur as late as December or as early as October.

The transition from one monsoonal flow to another at any locality is not usually a quick definite process, but involves weak changeable winds interspersed with stretches of both the retreating and advancing monsoons. The seasons are based on average conditions, but in any given year variations in the strength of the monsoonal flows can hasten or retard the occurrence of any season. With the possible exception of orographic uplifting and the afternoon convective process, convergence zones are probably the most important source of widespread cloudiness and precipitation in the area.

The ITCZ is defined as the line of discontinuity in the wind field between the air flow from the two hemispheres. As these air streams converge in the equatorial low pressure area, an intensification of convective cloud masses occurs along a band which is usually discontinuous. This convergence is well marked when the two air streams directly oppose each other, and is ill defined when the two streams are more or less parallel.

The weather over most of the area changes with seasonal advances and retreats of the ITCZ across the area. In April, the ITCZ is characterized by sudden advances and retreats; weather along this zone is often violent. Occasional intensifying atmospheric wave phenomena, traveling W along the N edge of this zone, are accompanied by thunderstorms or line squalls that contribute to the violent weather.

From May through October, when the Southwest Monsoon prevails, the area enjoys a minimum amount of cloudiness and rainfall. The S retreat of the ITCZ in November usually takes place in a shorter time than the N advance. The sudden violent weather returns with this retreat. The increased frequency of thunderstorms, heavy rainfall, and widespread cloudiness continues during the subsequent months of the Northeast Monsoon, with the renewal of wave-like deformations moving W along the N edge of the ITCZ.

The most spectacular and troublesome weather in the area results from the intensification of a phenomenon known as the "easterly wave." These waves form along the ITCZ, from November through April in the Southern Hemisphere and from May through October in the Northern Hemisphere. In the N, these tropical systems sometimes intensify into typhoons (winds of 64 knots or greater). Typhoons can occur during any month, but are more likely during the months that the ITCZ is in the Northern Hemisphere.

**Tropical Cyclones.**—These revolving storms, with a counterclockwise circulation in the Northern Hemisphere and a clockwise circulation in the Southern Hemisphere, are the most dangerous navigational weather hazard in this region. Circulations vary from 60 to 600 miles in diameter. Winds around the eye or center can climb to 130 knots or more. Waves of 12m and higher have been generated by tropical cyclones. Torrential rains of up to 1,200mm fell in one day at Baguio in the Philippines.

Tropical cyclones are more frequent and more intense in the Western North Pacific Ocean, where they are called typhoons when winds reach 64 knots and super-typhoons when the winds climb to 130 knots. In the Philippines, they are sometimes called baguios. The Southwest Pacific and Australian area refer to these storms as cyclones; however, in the low latitudes of this area the systems usually remain at tropical depression strength (less than 34 knots) or tropical storm strength (34 to 63 knots). A severe tropical cyclone originating in the

Timor Sea area and moving S across the interior of northwestern Australia is called a willy-willy.

While no area is immune to the fury of tropical cyclones, they are rare in the latitudes from 5°S to 5°N.

In the Northern Hemisphere, tropical cyclones can form in any month, but they are most likely from May through December. They are most apt to reach typhoon strength from July through November. The area of maximum tropical cyclone frequency tends to move N during the summer and then retreat after August, so the frequency for any region varies with the month.

Tropical cyclones form from about 5°N to 20°N, but favor the Caroline Islands region and the N part of the Philippine Sea. Some tropical cyclones develop over the South China Sea. The waters around northern Luzon and southern Taiwan are among the most active tropical cyclone regions in the world. There is a 65 to 75 per cent chance of a tropical storm, tropical cyclone, or typhoon in these waters from July through September. In September, this activity extends all the way to the coast of Vietnam. The waters on either side of the central Philippines (10°N to 15°N) become most active in October, November, and December.

After formation, tropical cyclones often move on a W or WNW course. If they reach 15°N, they have a tendency to recurve toward the NE and bypass the Philippines and perhaps Japan. This is particularly true during the heart of the season. Many storms continue W across the Philippines and into the South China Sea. In these waters, the most common direction of movement is W through N, particularly WNW. South China Sea storms usually dissipate over Vietnam or the south China coast.

Early and late in the season and during the off season, tropical cyclones are more likely to remain in the lower latitudes. East waves also intensify to mature tropical cyclones in the Southern Hemisphere. The formative stages, known as tropical depressions and tropical storms (winds less than 64 knots), occasionally pass N of Halmahera on a W or NW track across the Celebes Sea and also S of Kepulauan Tanimbar and Timor on a W or SW track across the Arafura Sea and the Timor Sea. These tropical systems occur most frequently in November and December in the N and in March and April in the S.

Because almost all tropical cyclones that affect the Southern Hemisphere portion of the area are in their formative stages, destructive surface winds are seldom experienced, but thick clouds, heavy rainfall, and high seas usually accompany their passage.

**Thunderstorms.**—The S part of this area has one of the highest frequencies of thunderstorms in the world. However, the distribution of thunderstorms varies greatly within this region. Average frequencies range from as few as 12 a year at Sanaana to as many as 322 annually at some mountain locations in Jawa (Java). Although they can occur throughout the year, maximum activity usually occurs during the transition periods. Thunderstorms are spawned by convergence zones, orographic uplifting, afternoon heating over land, and nighttime cooling over water. Where the sea breeze opposes the monsoon, thunderstorms frequently drift out to sea with the prevailing wind after the sea breeze subsides.

Thunderstorms occur most frequently in the afternoon or early evening over land and at night over water, but at coastal locations a secondary maximum can occur during the latter

part of the night or early morning when the monsoon is onshore. In the tropics the thunderstorms tower to great heights, sometimes over 15 km. Surface wind gusts in severe thunderstorms may reach 50 knots. Rainfall is torrential at times.

**Waterspouts.**—Waterspouts are associated with large cumulus and cumulonimbus clouds and severe thunderstorm activity. They build downward from cloud to water. While most waterspouts are relatively mild, they can build to tornado proportions. The frequency of waterspouts gradually increases from 5 per 10,000 ship observations in the NW part of this area to 10 per 10,000 ship observations in the SW part of this area.

**Extratropical Cyclones.**—Extratropical storms and their associated frontal systems affect only the most N waters of the area, principally from November through May. Mountain barriers shelter the region from most of these storms. Some weak cyclones do manage to move off mainland China and intensify over water. They disrupt the monsoonal flow, causing cloudiness and rain.

### Philippines

**General.**—The Philippines have a tropical maritime climate characterized by high temperatures, high relative humidities, and a substantial amount of rainfall. Surface winds are usually light, and relief from the sultry conditions is found infrequently in the afternoon sea breeze along the coast. In addition to the monsoons and trade winds, the climate is influenced by tropical cyclones, rugged topography, the tropical latitude, and the surrounding warm ocean waters.

**Winds.**—While the monsoons blow steadily over the open sea, topographic influences result in variations of coastal winds. The onset of the Northeast Monsoon varies from year to year, but it usually begins over northern Luzon early in October; by November N through E winds prevail over the entire Philippines.

At its height, the Northeast Monsoon blows with remarkable steadiness and over the northern Philippines attains considerable strength. Over the open seas off Luzon it blows at an average of 20 knots, frequently freshens to 25 knots, and occasionally reaches gale force. In these N waters, NE winds blow 40 to 60 per cent of the time from October through March, with E and NE winds as secondary winds. In the central and southern Philippines, NE winds blow 25 to 50 per cent of the time from about November through April. Winds from the E and N are also frequent, with E winds becoming particularly prevalent late in the season. Wind speeds average 8 to 12 knots, with gales occurring less than 2 per cent of the time.

Gales are most likely from October through December, when the ITCZ and tropical cyclones are most active in this region. The transition to the Southwest Monsoon is less abrupt than the one to the Northeast Monsoon. It begins in April and May and is noticeable as winds become lighter and more variable. During these months winds blow mainly from the E semicircle. By June, S through SW winds prevail throughout the coastal waters of the Philippines. The frequency of these winds ranges from 40 to 50 per cent. Southeast winds and W winds are also frequent during the Southwest Monsoon, which is less steady than its NE counterpart. This weakness is also reflected in the wind speeds, which average 8 to 12 knots in the N and 6 to 9 knots in the S.

Gales are rare and winds of 22 knots or more occur less than 12 per cent of the time in the N and less than 5 per cent of the

time in the S. The Southwest Monsoon lasts through September. Land and sea breezes are most noticeable during the transitional seasons or at times when the monsoons are weak. They are most pronounced on coasts sheltered from the monsoon, like the N coast of Luzon during the Southwest Monsoon and the W coast of Luzon during the Northeast Monsoon. For example, in Manila, morning E winds in April blow about 25 per cent of the time, at an average of 7 knots. During the afternoon, SE winds prevail 34 per cent of the time, blowing at an average of 15 knots. During periods when the monsoon is weak, the land and sea breeze may be prominent, even on the more exposed coasts. At points where the mountains are near the coasts, as in southern Luzon, the land breezes are often squally.

Extreme wind speeds in the Philippines are rare and usually the result of typhoons. The N islands are more susceptible, but none are exempt. Winds near the center of mature typhoons can climb to 200 knots. Usually they diminish somewhat as the storms approach the islands. Actual recorded wind gusts in the 100-knot range are common for extremes. The average 100-year return value for an extreme wind at Manila is 128 knots. Winds of gale force can be generated by tropical cyclones directly, by distant typhoons strengthening the monsoonal circulation, or by local thunderstorms.

**Tropical Cyclones.**—Tropical cyclones can exert a tremendous effect on the weather in the Philippines in one year and have just a small influence the next year. However, N of Mindanao, there is a 90 to 100 per cent chance that at least one tropical storm or typhoon will affect the islands in any given year. This probability drops to 35 to 70 per cent to the S.

Typhoons or "baguios" can carry winds up to 200 knots. The term "baguio" was derived from the once world record 1.2m 24-hour rainfall that occurred in the city of Baguio on Luzon during the passage of a tropical cyclone in 1911. The world's lowest sea level pressure of 876mb was recorded in a typhoon E of the Philippines between Yap and Guam in 1975. A wind of 139 knots was recorded at Casiguran on November 17, 1959, during Typhoon Freda. July through November is the heart of the typhoon season in the Philippines, while August and September stand out as the months with the maximum frequencies.

Of the ports in the Philippines, Subic Bay and Manila have been studied as possible typhoon havens. While it is true that many ships have weathered the numerous typhoons that have affected Subic Bay, it is also true that this port has never really been affected by a severe typhoon. Those storms whose eyes have crossed directly over Subic Bay have been relatively weak storms. The highest sustained wind on record is 56 knots. It is felt that the potentially dangerous situation is not presented by a storm passing directly over Subic Bay, but rather by one passing 15 to 50 miles to the SSW.

The study concludes that while Subic Bay does provide some degree of shelter from typhoons, it should not be considered an "unqualified typhoon haven." However, the sheltering effect provided by the surrounding terrain qualifies Subic Bay as a much safer port in heavy weather than Hong Kong. Large ships would find the small confines of the bay restrictive. Evacuation routes are short and direct. If ample warning time is not given, or the means to evade do not exist, relatively safe typhoon anchorages are present in the inner basin of Port Olongapo for a limited number of small vessels. Also, anchorages close to the W shore of the bay provide some degree of shelter.

The study also concludes that Manila Harbor is not a safe harbor and Manila Bay is not a safe refuge during the passage of a typhoon.

The policy of the Port Captain of South Harbor, Manila, is to evacuate all vessels at least 24 hours prior to typhoon passage. The harbor is busy and congested. Merchant ships that moor in Manila Bay outside of the confines of South Harbor are often ill-equipped and are in danger of breaking anchor during a storm. It is recommended; therefore, to evacuate from the bay as well as from the harbor. The evasion route into the South China Sea is short and direct

**Temperature.**—Temperatures are the most homogeneous climatic element. The temperatures of any day are very much like those of the day before or even those of 6 months earlier. Temperatures show little variation latitudinally. The most variation is with altitude. Throughout the year, at most locations, mean daily maximums range from the high 20s to the mid-30s (°C). However, at a few localities on Luzon they climb into the upper thirties. Most of the mean maximums above 32°C occur from April through September.

In general, cloudiness and rain keep temperatures from soaring any higher. Extreme maximums exceeding 38°C are uncommon in the Philippines. Extremes of this nature are most likely on Luzon in April, May, and June. Mean daily minimums range between 18°C and 24°C throughout the year. Mean minimums below 21°C are observed only on the N islands and in December through March. Few places in the lowlands have recorded extreme minimum temperatures below 13°C and at most locations they range in the upper teens and low 20s (°C).

**Precipitation.**—For those living in the Philippines, conversations regarding the weather generally center on rainfall. It is by far the most variable climatic factor. Rainfall is largely controlled by the prevailing winds and the topography of the islands. In general, those with an e exposure normally receive maximum rainfall shortly before and during the northeast monsoon and trade wind seasons. These locations include the e coasts of Luzon, Catanduanes, Samar, Leyte, and Mindanao. A number of places on these coasts have an average rainfall in excess of 500mm in 1 or more months.

The western Philippines have their maximum rainfall during the Southwest Monsoon. However, the months of maximum rainfall vary considerably. Some locations record a maximum in May, June, or July and others in October or November. Most localities along the W coast of Luzon have a mean rainfall of more than 630mm in July or August.

South of 12°N, mean rainfall is usually much less than 630mm during these 2 months. Some places in the western Philippines have such an uneven distribution that they have a wet season and a dry season. At these locations, several of the driest months average less than 10mm of monthly rainfall, while each of the wettest months average over 500mm. Much of western Luzon, the Calamian Group, and other locations average at least 10 times as much rainfall in their wettest month as they do in their driest. Like other countries the Philippines experience extremes in annual, monthly, and daily precipitation amounts. Exceptionally large amounts of rainfall are usually the result of tropical cyclones, particularly short-period amounts. The number of rainy days each year is less variable than the rainfall amount.

North of about 13°N, the W coast rainfall amounts are great-

er during the Southwest Monsoon than E coast amounts are during the Northeast Monsoon and trade wind seasons. This is a result of the forcefulness of the moist SW flow and is particularly true at higher elevations.

Thunderstorms are frequent throughout the Philippines. They occur mostly from April through October with frequencies ranging from five to 20 thunderstorms per month. During the rest of the year, they are infrequent.

**Humidity.**—High relative humidity plagues the Philippines year round. Diurnal variations are much more pronounced than seasonal changes. In general, humidities range from 60 to 80 per cent in the afternoons and 85 to 95 per cent in the mornings. The combination of high temperatures and relative humidities is very enervating, especially to those unaccustomed to these conditions.

**Cloud Cover.**—Cloudiness is fairly extensive in the Philippines. Mean cloudiness usually ranges from 50 to 85 per cent during the Northeast Monsoon and trade wind seasons, to 60 to 95 per cent during the Southwest Monsoon. The primary exceptions are near the West coast of Luzon during the Northeast Monsoon, when mean cloudiness decreases to 25 to 50 per cent.

While mean cloudiness does not vary significantly from region to region, the mountainous terrain does cause significant seasonal variation, depending upon the exposure to the prevailing flow. Cloudy days are prevalent over most of the islands, with occurrences of more than 20 days per month at some locations. However, near the W coast of Luzon, these figures drop off to 5 days or less during some months of the Northeast Monsoon.

Clear skies are most infrequent during the Southwest Monsoon, when they occur on less than 5 days per month at most locations. Although many places have a few days of clear skies during the Northeast Monsoon, a few areas, mainly in western Luzon, experience clear conditions up to 15 days in some months.

**Visibility.**—Restrictions to visibilities are most often caused by rain. Although, visibilities drop below 2 miles in some months, they seldom drop below 0.5 mile, and if they do, it is only briefly in a heavy downpour.

In the near shore waters along the E coasts, visibilities fall below 2 miles up to 8 per cent of the time during the Northeast Monsoon. They drop to 0.5 mile around 1 per cent or less.

Poor visibilities in the W coincide more with the Southwest Monsoon but are even less frequent.

### China, Vietnam, and the Gulf of Thailand

**General.**—This region has a monsoon climate with distinct wet and dry seasons. In general, the Southwest Monsoon, from mid-May through September, brings hot, humid, and cloudy weather, with frequent heavy showers or thunderstorms and relatively good visibilities. The Northeast Monsoon, from November through March, is responsible for cooler, clearer, and less humid weather with poorer visibilities. In the northern South China Sea, tropical storms occasionally bring rain and wind from November through May.

**Winds.**—The Northeast Monsoon arrives over the N waters of the South China Sea abruptly in September. Its influence spreads slowly S and by November, the entire area has been invaded. It is most persistent and intense E of Hai-Nan Too, where NE and E winds or N winds blow 70 per cent to more



than 80 per cent of the time from October through March. Average wind speeds range from 12 to 20 knots; gales blow up to 9 per cent of the time in the southern entrance to Taiwan Strait.

In the Gulf of Tonkin and along the coast of Vieblam, the monsoon sets in during October. Winds blow from N through E 60 to 70 per cent of the time. The winds last until March except in the more sheltered Gulf of Tonkin, where they only last through February and blow at average speeds of 10 to 12 knots; gales occur less than 1 per cent of the time.

Farther S along the more exposed coast of Vietnam, mean speeds range from 12 to 17 knots, with gales blowing up to 4 per cent of the time. Another sheltered sea is the Gulf of Thailand, where the monsoon sets in during November. Here it lasts only through January. During this period, winds of 8 to 12 knots blow out of the N through E about 60 per cent of the time. By March, winds with a S component are on the rise. This is not true to the S along the Malaysian coast, where winds out of the N and NE or the NE and E blow 70 to 85 per cent of the time from November through March. Average wind speeds range from 6 to 12 knots.

Gales are rare both in the Gulf of Thailand and to the S. March and April are the transitional months and by May, the Southwest Monsoon is well established over much of the area. This monsoon is usually weaker and less persistent than its counterpart. Wind speed averages range from about 5 to 13 knots. In general, they increase with latitude and are strongest after June. Gales occur about 1 per cent of the time or less and are associated either with a thunderstorm or tropical cyclone.

The Southwest Monsoon is most persistent along the E coast of Malaysia, where SW through SW winds blow up to 80 per cent of the time from May through September.

In the Gulf of Thailand, W winds are more frequent than SE winds. Along the Vietnam coast, SW and W winds prevail in the S, while SW through SW winds are more likely in the N, including the Gulf of Tonkin, where they blow up to 70 per cent of the time. Along the China coast, the monsoon arrives in June and remains only through August, when S through SW winds blow 40 to 55 per cent of the time.

Local winds and a land-sea breeze effect play a part in the wind system. Land and sea breezes are well marked along most coastal sections. Although they occur throughout the year, these breezes are generally most pronounced during the Southwest Monsoon and weakest during the Northeast Monsoon. The sea breeze usually begins about mid-morning, blowing from sea to land, and subsides around sunset. The land breeze, which occurs during the night, is usually the weaker of the two.

Where mountains lie near the coast, two types of local winds are likely. One is the foehn wind, which is a dry, warm, and gusty wind that occurs periodically when an air stream is forced over a mountain range and rapidly descends the lee slopes. These winds are most pronounced along the E coast of Vietnam and in southwestern Cambodia during the Southwest Monsoon; along the E coast they are known as Winds of Laos. They originate in the highlands of Chaine Annamitique and blow down the W slopes to the coastal lowlands, usually between Ha Tinh and Nha Trang. These are hot, dry, and occasionally strong winds. The other wind effect comes from an increase in speed caused by a channeling of air through narrow mountain passes and canyons. Recorded extreme wind speeds can be misleading, as they do not usually represent the actual extreme that may have occurred a short distance from the re-

border.

In general, recorded extremes throughout the area range from 30 to 70 knots; most occur during the tropical cyclone season or, in some cases, at the peak of the Northeast Monsoon. Tropical cyclones in this area can generate wind speeds of up to 175 knots.

**Tropical Cyclones.**—While tropical cyclones can occur in any month in the South China Sea, they are most likely from June through December; an average of nine tropical storms or typhoons affect the South China Sea each year. Most of these, about 80 per cent, originate over the Pacific Ocean E of the Philippines and move W through the South China Sea. The remainder form over the sea itself. From January through May most tropical cyclones recurve N before reaching this area. Occasionally a weak storm will make its way through the South China Sea and bring 1 or 2 days of rain along one of the coasts.

From June through September, many tropical storms and typhoons tend to cross the N part of the South China Sea, with many recurring into southern China; some move W into Vietnam. Later in the year, the S half of the South China Sea is more active. October is the month when all coasts are most vulnerable, with some storms crossing into northern Vietnam or southern China and many more moving across southern Vietnam and sometimes reaching Thailand before dissipating. Occasionally, a tropical cyclone will form in the Gulf of Thailand and move NW across the Thailand peninsula.

During November and December, the less frequent tropical cyclone activity is mostly confined to the S part of the area. During these months, storms are generally weaker than in previous months and their courses are more erratic. While winds from typhoons are often severe, reaching 130 knots or more, they cause less damage than the flooding, abnormally high tides, and heavy seas. Typhoon moorings may be available.

It was concluded that Kao-hsiung harbor is not to be considered a haven during typhoon conditions. The key factor was not the weather conditions, but the threat posed by other ships in the confined harbor. Kao-hsiung is under a real typhoon threat from June through October, when an average of four tropical cyclones pass within 180 miles of the port each season. About one out of every three of these storms generate winds of 34 knots or more at Kao-hsiung. The confined nature of the harbor and the difficulty experienced in maneuvering in strong winds through the narrow entrances makes it plausible to be prepared to get underway when a storm center approaches within 400 miles.

The Hong Kong study also came to the conclusion that it was not a safe haven during a typhoon. Statistics indicate that five or six tropical cyclones threaten Hong Kong each year. On the average, one comes close enough to cause gale force winds and once every 10 years a fully-developed typhoon brings winds of 64 knots or more. Any tropical cyclone passing within 25 miles to the E and 50 miles to the W of Hong Kong will have a serious effect on all areas of the harbor. Storm surges of 0.5 to 2m have occurred in the past, running over sea walls and piers. Within the harbor, the sea becomes very confused with short steep waves.

The decision to evade must be taken early in order to gain maneuvering room in the open ocean. Within 24 hours of a tropical cyclone crossing the Philippines, swells can be generated that severely hamper a ship's speed of advance, even though the storm may still be a great distance from Hong

Kong.

**Temperature.**—Over peninsular Thailand and along the shores of the Gulf of Thailand, high temperatures occur throughout the year. Mean daily maximums are usually 29°C or above even during the Northeast Monsoon. March through May are the hottest months, when temperatures reach 32°C or above on 20 to 30 days each month. Extremes have reached 38°C or more at most locations. Mean daily minimums remain in the upper teens to low 20s (°C) all year round.

Along the coast of Vietnam and southern China, during the Northeast Monsoon, there is a decrease in temperatures with increasing latitude. During the Southwest Monsoon there is little variation. June, July, and August are the hottest months, when mean daily maximums range from the mid-20s (°C) to low 30s (°C), with nighttime lows mostly in the low 20s (°C).

Extreme maximums of 40°C or more are common throughout the region. During this warm season maximum temperatures reach 32°C or more on 10 to 20 days per month along the southern China coast and 18 to 28 days per month on the E coast of Vietnam.

December through February are the coolest months, with average daytime highs ranging from the mid to upper teens (°C) along the SE coast of China to the mid-20s (°C) around Nha Trang. Nighttime lows range from around 10°C to the low 20s (°C). Extreme low temperatures range from freezing at Hong Kong (high elevation) to around 15°C in the south.

**Precipitation.**—Annual rainfall amounts range from about 760mm around Hoa Da to nearly 3,800mm along the Cambodian coast. The rainy season generally runs from May through October except over peninsular Thailand and along the Vietnam coast between Vinh and Hoa Da, where it is heaviest from September through December. Along the Cambodian coast monthly amounts during the rainy season range from 500 to 760mm on 15 to more than 25 days.

Elsewhere along the shores of the Gulf of Thailand and along the peninsula, rainy season monthly amounts range from 100 to 600mm on 10 to 20 days. During the rainy period along the east coast of Vietnam, monthly amounts range from 100 to 600mm, depending upon topography and exposure to the Northeast Monsoon. From Hue N to Ky Anh is the wettest sec-

tion of coast; rain falls 15 to 20 days per month during the September through December. Along the S coast of China, 100 to 400mm of rain falls 10 to 20 days per month from May through September. December and January are usually the driest months except over peninsular Thailand and along the east coast of Vietnam, where a dry period occurs from January through April.

Torrential downpours are usually the result of tropical cyclone or thunderstorm activity. Maximum 24-hour amounts of 200 to 500mm have been recorded along the S coast of China and E coast of Vietnam. In the Gulf of Thailand and along the peninsula, these amounts are in the 100 to 300mm range.

Thunderstorms occur frequently over this area. They are most frequent along the shores of the Gulf of Thailand and least frequent along the E coast of Vietnam, between Qui Nhon and Nha Trang. Seasonally, thunderstorm activity is at a minimum from December through February, when they occur less than 2 days per month, except in the Gulf of Thailand where they occur on up to 8 days per month. During March thunderstorm activity increases, particularly along the Cambodian coast and in peninsular Thailand, where up to 18 thunderstorm days occur. In general, thunderstorm activity reaches a peak in May, with 10 to 25 thunderstorm days. This peak occurs in July and August in northern Vietnam and in April over the peninsula.

Along the S coast of China, thunderstorm activity increases in March and lasts through September. The greatest activity, up to 20 days per month, occurs in the mountains of Hai-nan Tao and in a small coastal section around Han-Chiang (Fort Bayard). Other than this, thunderstorms are less frequent along the coast.

**Humidity.**—In general, early morning relative humidities are quite high throughout the year. Mean values range from 75 to 95 per cent.

Seasonal variations are insignificant, except along the E coast of Vietnam, where they are lower during the Southwest Monsoon, and the S coast of China, during the Northeast Monsoon. Afternoon humidities are appreciably lower, with seasonal and regional variations noticeable.

Typhoons in Hong Kong Area (1968-1977)				
Month	5°N to 10°N	10°N to 15°N	15°N to 20°N	North of 20°N
January	0	1	0	0
February	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0
May	0	1	1	1
June	0	0	3	4
July	0	0	7	11
August	0	0	7	14
September	0	3	8	12
October	0	3	9	6
November	5	4	4	2

Typhoons in Hong Kong Area (1968-1977)				
Month	5°N to 10°N	10°N to 15°N	15°N to 20°N	North of 20°N
December	2	2	1	0
Total	7	14	40	50

The Northeast Monsoon brings low afternoon relative humidities to the shores of the Gulf of Thailand and the coast of southern China, but high afternoon relative humidities to the east coast of Vietnam. The Southwest Monsoon brings high afternoon relative humidities to the Gulf of Thailand and southern China and low readings to Vietnam's E coast.

Seasonal variations are not as well defined along the Gulf of Tonkin shores and over the Thailand peninsula. Along the E coast of peninsular Thailand and the shores of the Gulf of Thailand, the Northeast Monsoon brings the least cloudiness. Minimum amounts usually occur from December through March. Along the N shores of the gulf, on up to 15 days per month there are clear skies (cloud cover less than 2/8), but elsewhere monthly means are less than 5 days.

**Cloud Cover.**—Cloudy days (sky cover greater than 6/8) range from 4 to 8 days per month in the N and up to 20 days along the peninsula during this period of minimum cloudiness. The Southwest Monsoon brings a sharp increase in cloudiness, with August and September being the cloudiest. The number of days per month with cloudy skies averages 20 to 30 everywhere, while clear skies are seen on an average of 1 day at the most each month.

From southern China to the Mekong Delta, clouds are abundant throughout the year. In the S, minimum cloudiness occurs in March through May, when clear skies occur up to 10 days per month. In the N, minimum cloudiness occurs in October to December. At this time, clear skies are seen on 6 to 9 days per month, with cloudy skies occurring 8 to 15 days per month. Maximum cloudiness occurs during the Northeast Monsoon over the entire area.

South of Hue, November through January is the cloudiest period, while to the N, it occurs in February and March, except along the south China coast, where it occurs in May and June. During these peak periods, skies are cloudy on 20 to 25 days per month and clear on less than 3 days.

**Visibility.**—The worst visibilities generally occur in the early morning during the northeast monsoon and the spring transition. Smoke, haze, and fog occur throughout the year, although the heavy frequent rains of the Southwest Monsoon tend to clear the air of smoke and haze. Visibilities vary with local conditions.

The term "crachin" is used to describe prolonged periods of fog, low cloudiness, and drizzle or light rain which affect the E coast of Vietnam N of Nha Trang and southern China from October through May. These systems are most frequent in March and most pronounced N of Quang Tri and in the Red River Delta. Crachin weather generally occurs in recurring periods of 2 to 5 days each, but can last as long as 20 days or more. In most cases visibilities are quickly reduced by fog to less than 2 miles and frequently below 0.5 mile.

Visibilities below 2.5 miles occur about 5 to 15 per cent of the time on the W shores of the Gulf of Thailand during the Northeast Monsoon and less than 10% during the Southwest Monsoon. Percentages along the NE shore are usually always

less than 10 per cent, with the Southwest Monsoon bringing a slight increase in poor visibilities. An exception is Khlong Yai, where visibilities fall below 2.5 miles from 10 to 20 per cent of the time except in April, November, and December.

Along the east coast of Vietnam and the south coast of China, the frequencies of visibilities less than 2.5 miles are highest from September through April, when they occur 5 to 15 per cent of the time on the average. They are most frequent along the S coast of China in February and March.

### Indonesia and Northern Malaysia

**General.**—This region has a tropical monsoon climate with considerable cloudiness and precipitation, uniform temperatures, and high humidities. The climate is influenced primarily by the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) which migrates N and S across the area during the transitional periods.

**Winds.**—While the monsoon reversal begins during late September and October, it is not until December that the Northeast Monsoon is firmly entrenched across this region. As these trade winds approach the Equator, they are deflected and begin to back to the N and W. They are often known in this region as the Northwest Monsoon. The steep terrain of New Guinea acts as a barrier which accentuates the curvature of the trans-Equatorial flow. This wind system remains entrenched through March. Wind speeds are generally in the 6 to 10 knots range. Gales are rare and speeds of 22 knots or more blow less than 5 per cent of the time.

Along the SE coast of Malaysia, in the Strait of Malacca, and off the NW coast of Borneo, winds are out of the NW through NE about 65 to 90 per cent of the time from December through March. In this region, wind speeds are slightly higher than they are farther S, with averages ranging from 6 to 12 knots.

Through Selat Karimata and the Java Sea, SW through NW winds blow 60 to 80 per cent of the time.

In the Flores Sea, the Banda Sea, the northern Arafura Sea, and the Gulf of Papua, winds are most likely out of the W through NW.

North through NE winds prevail in the Celebes Sea and Makassar Strait, while NW through N winds blow in the Molucca Sea.

In the seas off the E coast of New Guinea, winds are mainly out of the W through N. Winds begin to change in April. The Southwest Monsoon and the Southeast Trade Winds are established from about May through September or October. These winds are lighter than the Northeast Trade Winds. They are variable and more subject to the land-sea breeze regime close to the coasts. In general, winds blow in the 5 to 10-knot range, with winds of 22 knots or more occurring less than 5 per cent of the time. Gales are rare.

Along the southeast Malaysian coast and the NW coast of Borneo, winds blow out of the SE through SW or W 40 to 90 per cent of the time between May and September. From April or May through October or November, E through SE winds prevail over Selat Karimata, the Java Sea, the Flores Sea, the

Banda Sea, and the northern Arafura Sea. Wind speeds range from 6 to 12 knots, with peaks occurring in July, August, and September.

Southeast through SW winds are common in the Makassar Strait, while winds out of the S through SW blow 40 to 70 per cent of the time in the Celebes Sea; the season in both these areas runs from about June through September and winds are light. Southeast through S winds are common in the Molucca Sea.

Winds in the Gulf of Papua and off the E coast of New Guinea blow primarily out of the E through S from March, April, or May through October, November, and December. The longest season is in the Gulf of Papua, while the shortest occurs over the Bismarck Archipelago.

**Local Winds.**—Land and sea breezes develop in the harbors and along the coasts of the islands. Sometimes the local interchanges between land and sea are not strong enough to reverse the prevailing monsoon, but do produce diurnal changes in wind speeds. In general, the monsoons become stronger in the daytime on coasts facing into the wind and weaken at night. On lee shores the opposite is true. If an island affords good protection against the monsoon, the land and sea breeze prevail. While the nighttime land breeze is usually weaker, it can be strong along coasts where the mountains are near the sea.

The major local winds are, as follows:

1. **Sumatra.**—A sumatra is a squall, usually associated with a band of thunderstorms and characterized by sudden gusts, between Pelabuhan Kelang (Port Swettenham) and Singapore along the W coast of Malaysia during the Southwest Monsoon. They approach from Sumatera, but form in the Strait of Malacca during the late night and early morning hours. Heavy rain and thunder are usually associated with a well-developed sumatra, which may bring winds of 40 to 50 knots and drop temperatures by 10°C. They are most likely during July and August.

2. **Barat.**—This squall is experienced along the E coast of Malaysia from December through February. It is a strong gusty W or NW wind and is associated with a tropical cyclone moving W from the Philippines. Considerable cloudiness and heavy rain generally accompany these squalls.

3. **Guba.**—A guba blows at Port Moresby about five or six times a year and may occur during any season. The guba is an early morning wind, usually lasting 20 to 30 minutes and reaching speeds of 50 to 60 knots. Squalls associated with convective activity have unroofed buildings and blown down houses in the islands off eastern New Guinea. Wind gusts have been estimated at 60 to 80 knots. A vessel has reported small circular storms encountered between Bougainville and New Ireland, with winds up to 25 knots.

**Temperature.**—Tropical latitudes, warm seas, and fairly steady monsoons all contribute to the high and uniform temperatures throughout the region year round. At almost all locations, the annual ranges of mean daily maximum and mean daily minimum temperatures are less than the mean diurnal range. Mean daily maximums are mostly in the upper 20s (°C) and occasionally in the mid-30s (°C), with mean daily minimums falling into the mid-20s (°C). Cloudiness is usually responsible for any seasonal variations in temperature

Along the E and E coasts of Malaysia, the highest temperatures often occur in April and May, with slightly lower readings in December and January. In the New Guinea area,

slightly lower temperatures are most likely in July, with the highest readings in October and November. Extreme temperatures throughout the area range from maximums of just less than 38°C to minimums in the mid-teens (°C).

**Precipitation.**—Of all the climatic elements, rainfall is the most variable. Marked variations occur regionally, locally, seasonally, diurnally, in duration and intensity, and from one year to the other. Much of the rainfall is heavy and is associated with the N and S movement of the ITCZ and the belt of E waves that lies just N of it. Most localities have individual precipitation regimes based on local topography and exposure. For example, coasts experiencing onshore monsoonal winds have less rainfall in the late afternoon and more during the night and early morning. Lee coasts show a minimum during the first half of the day, with a maximum in the afternoon and evening.

In general, annual amounts range from 1,800 to 3,800mm on an average of 100 to 200 days each year. Along the coasts of East and Peninsular Malaysia, 2,300 to 3,800mm fall on 150 to 200 days each year, with East Malaysia having the higher figures. October through January is the primary rainy period, with a secondary maximum during the spring transition.

The Northeast Monsoon is also responsible for a slightly wetter season throughout the coastal regions of Indonesia and New Guinea, where an annual average of 1,000 to 2,000mm falls on 80 to 200 days. The wettest months usually are October or November through March or April.

This is not true around Ambon, Kokanau, and along the S coasts of the Maluku (Moluccas), where maximums occur from May through August. The smaller rainfall amounts, less than 1,500mm, are for the most part restricted to the Lesser Sunda Islands.

Rainfall is most often in the form of showers or thunderstorms and can be intense. Torrential downpours of 100 to 300mm in 24 hours are common. Maximum 24-hour amounts are in the 100 to 400mm range. Ambon has experienced a 700mm rainfall in a 24-hour period.

**Humidity.**—The persistently high relative humidities in this region combined with high temperatures make conditions oppressive. There are some distinct variations in humidity. With few exceptions, highest humidity values occur during the Northeast Monsoon, particularly in the N; the lowest values occur during the Southwest Monsoon, particularly in the S.

In general, humidities are lowest from midday to early afternoon, falling into the 60 to 70 per cent range. They are highest during the night and early morning hours, when readings are 80 per cent and above. During the latter part of the Southwest Monsoon, humidity values drop considerably in the Lesser Sunda Islands, where they reach the 40 to 50 per cent range during the afternoon.

**Cloud Cover.**—Although it is often cloudy over this region, there are marked variations similar to those of rainfall. In general, cloudiness is greatest in the afternoon or early evening during the Northeast Monsoon and on the windward slopes of mountainous coasts. It is least in the morning during the Southwest Monsoon and on leeward slopes.

Regionally, mean annual cloudiness is greatest over West Malaysia (more than 80 per cent) and least over the Lesser Sunda Islands (about 40 per cent).

Diurnally, cloudiness follows a definite pattern and illustrates the basic weather pattern during the Northeast Monsoon. At dawn, scattered clouds remain from the previous night's

thunderstorm. By late morning, small cumulus clouds develop inland. These clouds develop during the day and become thunderstorms over land. At night the storm may cross the coast and move out to sea or another may form at sea and move ashore, depending upon the prevailing wind.

Cloudiness is greatest along the E coast of peninsular Malaysia, where cloudy skies (cloud cover > 6/8) occur on more than 20 days per month year-round; clear skies are seen on only a few days, mostly in January, February, and March. East Malaysia is not quite as cloudy, and from February through April, clear skies occur on up to 5 days per month.

Throughout Indonesia and New Guinea, cloudiness is widely variable and locally dependent upon exposure. From October through March is generally the cloudiest period; June through September is generally the most clear.

At some locations along the coast of Jawa and the Lesser Sunda Islands, 15 to 20 days per month may have clear skies during this period.

Elsewhere, the range is less than 15 days to about 2 days. During the cloudy period, cloudy days occur on about 10 days to more than 20 days per month.

**Visibility.**—Visibilities are generally good throughout the region. Rain showers can reduce visibilities to nearly zero, but these are usually brief and not widespread. During the Southwest Monsoon in excessively dry years, a widespread haze develops over the area. It is particularly noticeable in the south. When this haze is thick, it may greatly reduce visibility. The particles of salt composing part of the haze may pick up moisture when the humidity increases and form thick fog in some sections, particularly over the waters between Sumatra and Borneo and infrequently near the southern Moluccas. In general, the haze reduces visibilities to between 3 and 6 miles. At its worst, it can reduce them to below 1 mile.

## Currents

### SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN

**Non-tidal Currents.**—The major surface currents of the South Pacific Ocean are, as follows:

1. Pacific Equatorial Countercurrent—Flows E just N of the Equator between the Pacific North Equatorial Current and the Pacific South Equatorial Current.
2. Pacific South Equatorial Current—Flows W just S of the Equator.
3. Peru Current—Flows N along the coasts of Peru and Chile.
4. Mentor Current—Located about 500 miles W of the Peru Current.
5. Cape Horn Current—Sets SE off the S tip of South America.
6. South Pacific Current—Sets E across the South Pacific at about 50°S.
7. Tasman Current—Flows NE off the W coast of New Zealand.

The surface flow is counterclockwise around an elliptical center between 25°S to 40°S and 90°W to 160°W. It is generally westerward N of 25°S and eastward S of 35°S in winter and southeastward S of 40°S in summer, except along the coasts of South America and New Zealand. Speeds are frequently in excess of 1 knot in the N side of the Pacific South Equatorial Current along the Equator, but are usually less than 0.5 knots in the

central part of the ocean between 25°S to 40°S and 100°W to 160°W, and S of 55°S except for the Drake Passage.

**Tidal Currents.**—Tidal currents are usually weak except in inlets along the coast, where speeds are highest. In nearshore waters, the tidal currents are usually reversing, flooding toward and ebbing away from the coast, or flooding and ebbing in opposite directions parallel with the coast. In regions of mixed or semidiurnal tides, two flood and two ebbs occur daily. In the region of diurnal tides, one flood and one ebb occur daily.

Rotary tidal currents occur offshore where the direction of flow is not restricted; speed will vary as the direction changes continuously through all points of the compass during the tidal day. The change in direction is generally clockwise in the Northern Hemisphere and counterclockwise in the Southern Hemisphere.

### Northern South Pacific Ocean

**Non-tidal Currents.**—The Pacific South Equatorial Current sets W from South America to the western Pacific Ocean, occupying a belt between about 4°N and 10°S. Part of the current turns S at about 175°W and joins the counterclockwise gyre of the South Pacific. The speed of this current is usually about 1 knot, but it frequently reaches 2 knots between 100°W and 120°W during June, July and August. The Pacific Equatorial Countercurrent sets E between the west-setting Pacific North Equatorial Current and the Pacific South Equatorial Current, at a speed of 0.5 to 1.0 knot.

### Eastern South Pacific Ocean

**Non-tidal Currents.**—The Peru Current is a narrow, fairly stable, current that flows N close to the South American coast; it originates from about 40°S and flows past Peru and Ecuador to the SW extremity of Columbia. The most outstanding current in the Southern Hemisphere, the Peru Current is not very strong, with a mean speed of 0.9 knot in the N region, where the flow is most persistent. The Peru Current is frequently interrupted from December through March by the El Nino.

The El Nino is a warm current flowing S along the Peruvian coast from the Gulf of Panama. It is generally identified with large-scale disturbances which occur in the N part of the Peru Current about every 7 years, and has been observed from late December until March for many years.

In December, N winds blowing across Central America reach farther S and drive water from the Gulf of Panama S in a 1 to 2 mile wide tongue-shaped band along the Peruvian coast to between 3°S and 6°S. The intensity of this phenomenon increases considerably about every 7 years and influences a larger part of the N portion of the Peru Current. During such periods, the Peru Current retards and the temperature of the surface water rises sharply in a layer up to 20 miles wide and 22.9m deep. This condition can extend as far S as 20°S. It is halted by the reappearance of the Southeast Trade Winds in March.

The Mentor Current originates mainly from the easternmost extension of the South Pacific Current at about 42°S and 90°W. It sets N and NW as a slow moving drift that extends about 900 miles W from the Peru Current at its widest section. It is easily influenced by winds and joins the W setting Pacific South Equatorial Current, completing the counterclockwise movement in the E part of the South Pacific Ocean. The Mentor Current has an average speed of about 0.5 knot; the speed in the

central part of the current, at about position 26°S, 80°W is about 0.9 knot.

The Cape Horn Current flows E along the tip of South America into Drake Passage. The speed is normally about 1 knot, but at 70°W, speeds occasionally reach 2.4 knots.

The South Pacific Current is a slow E setting current between 90°W and 130°W, at about 50°S.

### Western South Pacific Ocean

**Non-tidal Currents.**—From 20°S to 30°S, currents exhibit a slow SW drift at about 0.5 knot. East of New Zealand, between 30°S and 4°S, the set gradually turns from SW to SE. The Tasman Current flows NE along the W coast of New Zealand at a speed of from 0.5 to 1.0 knot. The West Wind Drift flows ESE across the ocean S of New Zealand.

The flow around New Zealand is NE along the W coast in the Tasman Current, SE along the N coast, S along the E coast of the North Island, and NE along the E coast of the South Island. The E coast currents merge with the SE flow through Cook Strait at about 44°S. There is a S setting countercurrent along the immediate W coast of the North Island. The flow is generally less than 1 knot, except when NE setting currents are augmented by strong S winds.

Tidal currents of up to 5 knots occur in the Cook Strait; when superimposed on the average 0.5 knot current during periods of strong NW winds, a S current of 6 knots is possible.

### NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN

**Non-tidal Currents.**—The primary current system of the North Pacific Ocean is characterized by a general clockwise circulation dominated by prevailing winds. Although the several currents comprising this system are fairly constant throughout the year, their boundaries and speeds exhibit some deviations, especially between the different seasons. The North Equatorial Current flows W between 10°N and 20°N. Part of the North Equatorial Current branches N when reaching the Philippines and flows along the coast of Japan as the Kuroshio Current. In the western Pacific Ocean, the surface current speeds and directions are extremely variable during the transition period from the Northeast Monsoon to the Southwest Monsoon. Although the transition from the Southwest Monsoon to the Northeast Monsoon is abrupt, the establishment of the Northeast Monsoon drift in the East China Sea is relatively slow, and surface current speeds and directions again are variable. At about position 35°N, 140°E the current turns E and part flows NE. The E flow turns gradually S; the greater part joins the North Equatorial Current to the W and NW of the Hawaiian Islands and completes a clockwise circulation. Northeast of the Hawaiian Islands to about 400 miles from the W coast of the United States another clockwise whirl, which is in part linked with the one to the W.

The N part of the Kuroshio Current mixes with the south-setting Oyashio Current and continues E as the Kuroshio Extension and then the North Pacific Current. Upon reaching the W coast of North America, part of this current flows N into the Gulf of Alaska; the larger part flows S as the California Current, which extends to about 25°N. Close inshore is a seasonal countercurrent, generally known as the Davidson Current, which sets N close to the U.S. coast N of 32°N. This current occurs generally between November and April, but is best established in January; strong opposing winds may cause the cur-

rent to reverse. The California Current joins the west-flowing North Equatorial Current to complete the major circulation in the North Pacific Ocean.

In the Bering Sea, the Sea of Okhotsk, and the Sea of Japan, the currents generally set N along the E sides and counterclockwise around the basins. The major current in the Bering Sea is the Oyashio Current, which flows from the Anadyrskiy Zaliv S along the Siberian coast and continues along the Pacific side of the Kuril Islands. In the Sea of Okhotsk, the prevailing currents are generally weak throughout the year, but appear to be less complex in the winter.

The Tsushima Current sets N in the E part of the Sea of Japan and extends into Tatar Strait in summer, but seldom that far in winter. The Liman Current, formed by part of the Tsushima Current and river discharge in Tatar Strait, sets S in the W part of the sea and in winter may reach as far S as 35°N.

The surface currents in the East China Sea and the Yellow Sea are partly seasonal and affected by the monsoon winds and the Kuroshio Current. The monsoon wind forces a reversal of the surface currents seasonally while the Kuroshio Current, a deep stable current, opposes the south-setting monsoon currents and results in variable currents in the central parts of the East China Sea and the Yellow Sea.

In the South China Sea, the currents are seasonal; complete reversal occurs with the change of the monsoon. During the transition periods, considerable variations in current directions occur.

**Tidal Currents.**—Tidal currents are the horizontal components of water movement ascribed to the influence of astronomical tide producing forces. The duration of the tidal current in a particular direction normally depends upon the relative magnitude of the diurnal and semidiurnal components of the tide. This relation changes from place to place, as well as with change of phase and declination of the moon. When diurnal components predominate, the current may be expected to set in either direction (flood or ebb) for about 12 hours. The flood and ebb currents will each set for periods of about 6 hours when the tides are semidiurnal. When the tide is mixed, the tidal current is characterized by a conspicuous difference in duration and velocity between the two floods or two ebbs.

Although knowledge of the vertical movements of the tides is fairly well established in this area, lack of information prevents the prediction of tidal currents, except for the Bahia Magdalena entrance. As a general rule, the speeds of tidal currents in a particular region vary in proportion to the range of the tide in that region; furthermore, they tend to flood in the direction of the tidal progression, which can be determined from known mean high water intervals. In the near shore areas, tidal currents set toward land, entering bays, inlets, and rivers. In open waters, tidal currents are generally weak and merely accelerate or retard the prevailing currents.

Tidal currents are rotary along the open coast from Washington to Dall Island and in Queen Charlotte Sound. Mean maximum speeds average about 1 knot.

Along the coasts of Central America and Mexico, the tidal currents within bays and inlets normally have speeds of 0.5 to 2 knots; under the influence of prevailing currents or winds, speeds may increase to 3 knots.

Tidal currents near shore may be strong at some locations in the East China Sea, the Yellow Sea, and Bo Hai. The strength and duration of succeeding flood and ebb currents may vary

considerably near the times of maximum lunar declination.

Tidal currents on the coasts of Japan are semidiurnal and influenced by the Kuroshio Current on the S and E and the Tsushima Current on the W; tidal currents are generally weak in the Sea of Japan, but may attain considerable strength in the narrow passages and straits.

In the Kuril Islands, the Nanpo Shoto, and along the coasts of Hokkaido, the tidal currents are complex under the influence of the Oyashio Current.

In the passes between the Aleutian Islands, the flood sets ENE and the ebb sets SSW; in some passes tidal currents attain speeds of 12 knots.

In the Kuril Islands, the flood sets into the Sea of Okhotsk and the ebb sets opposite; speeds may reach 5 knots.

In the Sea of Okhotsk, the N part of the Sea of Japan, and Tartar Strait, the tidal currents are extremely mixed and in some locations they are diurnal. Speeds seldom exceed 1 knot except in straits and narrows.

Along the W coast of the Bering Sea, tidal currents exhibit large diurnal inequalities and are influenced by the coastal currents.

#### **Northeastern North Pacific Ocean (including British Columbia)**

**Non-tidal Currents.**—The general currents off the coast of British Columbia result from the east-setting Subarctic Current. In winter, the entire mass of the Subarctic Current turns N. In summer, the axis of the current is located at about 140°W between 49°N and 50°N, approximately 600 miles off shore, where the current begins to divide. The larger part turns S and forms the California Current; the smaller part turns N past the Queen Charlotte Islands and forms the Alaska Current.

A coastal countercurrent sets NW fairly close to the coast of Vancouver Island at speeds of 0.25 to 1.5 knots. The current is strengthened during winter by prevailing S winds and at times reaches 2.5 knots. At its strongest, usually in winter, this coastal current will continue NE past Vancouver and the Queen Charlotte Islands. When weakest in summer, the countercurrent is influenced by ebb tidal currents flowing from the Strait of Juan de Fuca and flood currents setting N along the coast of Washington and across the entrance to the strait. However, at a distance of about 30 miles off the NW coast of Vancouver Island, the coastal countercurrent usually dissipates in an area of confused eddies.

The Davidson Current, a weak NW seasonal countercurrent which flows N from November through January to about 48°N may, at times, be strong enough to join the coastal countercurrent setting NW along the coast of Vancouver Island.

Although the surface currents in the Inner Passage are mainly tidal, water movements also are caused by wind, runoff, and river discharge. These constitute the non-tidal or residual flow that usually results in a weak ill-defined circulation.

The resultant outflow from the Strait of Juan de Fuca probably is maintained by a hydraulic head established in the Strait of Georgia and Puget Sound. The weak current emerges from the strait and veers to the right, moving NW along the coast of Vancouver Island. This current is subject to annual variation caused by river discharge, runoff, and seasonal winds.

The currents in the narrow channels of the San Juan Archipelago become extremely turbulent because of mixing with the 9.1 to 12.2m of surface water discharging from the Fraser Riv-

er. The net flow is N through Rosario Strait and S through Haro Strait.

Water discharging into the Strait of Georgia from the Fraser River spreads out, and most of it moves counterclockwise around the strait at speeds under 0.25 knot in open areas to almost 0.5 knot in channels.

In Queen Charlotte Strait, there is a weak resultant flow seaward. The current turns NW in Queen Charlotte Sound and is joined by part of the coastal current. The weak combined current continues NW across Queen Charlotte Sound and into Hecate Strait. The E part of this flow is met by a weak S flow from Chatham Sound and produces confused and variable currents in the N part of Hecate Strait.

The W part of this current passes into Chatham Sound and becomes a part of the weak W set through Dixon Entrance.

**Tidal Currents.**—The tidal currents are rotary along the open coasts from the S end of Vancouver Island to Dall Island, and in Queen Charlotte Sound. Mean maximum speeds are about 1 knot. In the vicinity of Swiftsure Bank (48°33'N., 125°00'W.), the rotary current is influenced by the ebb current from the Strait of Juan de Fuca and sets between SW and W from about 2 hours after one high water to 4 hours before the next high water. It then gradually turns clockwise until at high water it sets almost due N. From high water to 2 hours after high water, the current is nearly slack and changes quickly clockwise to the W. The maximum speed of the east-flowing current is about 0.5 knot; the maximum speed of the west-flowing current about 1 knot.

The flood current sets around the N and S ends of Vancouver Island into the channels between Vancouver Island and the mainland and meet between Cape Lazo and Cape Mudge. Strong rips are encountered between Kuhushan Point and Cape Mudge on Vancouver Island; here, strong winds cause steep choppy seas to build up. Gales from the SE will cause steep confused seas, particularly during periods of the southeast-setting tidal current.

In the Strait of Juan de Fuca, the tidal currents are reversing; they flood into the strait and ebb out of the strait, but show some tendency toward being rotary, especially near mid-channel. There is no period of slack water; the currents change quickly and set across the channel at high speeds. Strengths of the flood and the ebb are nearly equal along the S shore of the strait, but the ebb is stronger and of longer duration from the center to the N side.

Throughout most of the San Juan Archipelago, the flow is very turbulent; violent tide rips are prevalent. The currents through Rosario Strait, in the E part of the archipelago, are stronger and of longer duration during flood than during ebb. The opposite is true in Haro Strait to the W.

In the Inner Strait and passages, the tidal currents follow the general directions of the channels, flooding into the many bays and inlets. The ebb usually sets in the opposite direction to that of the flood and generally is stronger. Mean speeds at springs are fairly strong and generally range from about 1 to 3 knots. Speeds often exceed 5 knots in some of the narrow channels and strong rips may form. In some narrows, such as Northumberland Channel, the current sets in the same direction throughout the tide cycle.

In semi-enclosed inlets, the speed of the tidal current decreases toward the inlet head and the current turns at or near the time of high and low water.

The greatest volume of water during flood enters the Strait of Georgia through the network of passages on the mainland side, particularly through Rosario Strait. The greatest volume during ebb comes from the W side of the Strait of Georgia, mainly through Haro Strait. In the middle of the Strait of Georgia, the flood tends to set NW and is influenced by strong N winds, which weaken the flood and may cause the slack after high water to occur earlier than predicted. Strong S winds have less effect, but tend to weaken the ebb and may cause the slack after low water to occur earlier than predicted. The turn of the tidal current from ebb to flood is usually prompt and generally occurs about 3.5 hours after low water. The time of turning from flood to ebb, however, is uncertain.

In Hecate Strait, the currents are of the reversing type; the flood sets N and the ebb sets S. They are influenced by strong N or S winds, which may cause them to set in one direction for extended periods.

The flood current that turns SE into Hecate Strait from Dixon Entrance greatly exceeds the ebb during mid-July to mid-September, especially in August in the N part of the strait, when speeds may reach 3 knots and there is little appreciable ebb or only slack water before flood. This flow will meet the north-setting flood from Queen Charlotte Sound about 30 miles farther south than usual, at approximately 53°15'N, and results in variable currents and rips.

In the S entrance to Hecate Strait, the currents are weak, except close to shore.

In Dixon Entrance, the currents are of the reversing type; the flood sets E and the ebb sets W. The mean maximum speed is about 1.5 knots along the S side and about 2 knots along the N side. Currents are strongest around headlands, where rips and overfalls often occur. In mid-channel, the speeds are less; the mean maximum speed is about 1 knot. The flood branches N into Clarence Strait and S into Hecate Strait.

In the deep water inlets of British Columbia, speeds decrease toward the heads and currents change direction at about the times of high and low water, or shortly afterward. The water discharging from rivers into the heads of the inlets continues to flow outward; the outgoing ebb increases the outflow while the incoming flood decreases it. The seaward flow through the inlets is confined to a shallow zone between the surface and depths of 3.1 to 12.2m. Within this zone the current is fairly uniform with depth, although its strength is affected by the tide and winds. Below this shallow zone, the speed decreases sharply and there is slight net flow up the inlet.

Since the wind direction is most frequently up the inlets in summer, the effect of the wind is to reduce the strength of the seaward flow.

The main surface currents in the inlets often are limited only to a portion of the width of the inlet and are usually stronger in the middle section than at either side. The lines of demarcation between these currents are sometimes remarkably sharp.

#### **Southeastern North Pacific Ocean (including the W coasts of Central America and Mexico)**

**Non-tidal Currents.**—The California Current sets S parallel to the coast at speeds of 0.5 to 1 knot and off the S coast of Baja California at speeds less than 0.25 knot. From late October through April, an extension of this current, known as the Mexico Current, sets SE along the coast to the vicinity of 95°W, where it usually turns W, but at times extends S as far as Hon-

duras, with speeds from 0.5 to 1 knot. During the remainder of the year, this current sets NW along the Mexican coast as far as Cabo Corrientes, where it turns W and becomes a part of the North Equatorial Current.

Prevailing NNW winds cause upwelling along the coast, which continues more or less uninterrupted during spring to July. During autumn, the upwelling gradually gives way to a number of irregular eddies and is eventually replaced by the Davidson Inshore Countercurrent, which sets N along the Pacific coast of Baja California from November through January.

In the deeper central part of the Golfo de California, a prevailing southeast-setting current generally flows throughout the year at mean speeds ranging from 0.25 to 0. knot. In the S part of the gulf during winter, the southeast-setting current is fairly constant. However, during summer there is a weak inflow along the E shore of the lower part of the gulf.

The currents in the Gulf of Tehuantepec are chiefly influenced by the winds. In winter, the "tehuantepecer" (violent squally winds from N or NNE) over the gulf causes the surface currents to flow directly outward through the center of the gulf. This outflow is replaced by strong N and west-setting currents along the E portion of the gulf, and NE and east-setting currents along the W portion of the gulf. Upwelling may occur at this time. When the "tehuantepecer" is moderate, the currents set in the opposite direction and have been observed to extend as far E as Champerico, Honduras, and as far W as Rio Verde.

Surface currents in Bahia de Sebastian Vizcaino set clockwise along the coast and form an eddy in the entire bay. Upwelling occurs along the S shore of Isla Cedros during the following strong NE winds. A region of convergence is believed to form in the N channel.

Currents along the W coast of Central America are irregular in speed and direction. They sometimes set ESE and WNW alternately for 3 to 4 days in each direction. Close to shore, these currents may attain speeds of 2 knots, with eddies and countercurrents which are associated with coastal indentations.

**Tidal Currents.**—Along most of the coast, the tidal currents flood N and ebb S for about 6 hours in each direction, except when the tide becomes diurnal and durations of flood and ebb are about 12 hours. Close inshore, currents flood into and ebb from bays and inlets at speeds of 0.5 to 2 knots. When tidal currents combine with prevailing currents or are influenced by winds, particularly in restricted channels, speeds may reach 3 knots.

In the Golfo de California, tidal currents predominate near the coast, with speeds of 1 to 2 knots. In the deeper central parts of the gulf, tidal currents are weak.

Offshore, tidal currents are usually weak and rotary.

#### **Northwestern North Pacific Ocean (including the Sea of Okhotsk, the northern Sea of Japan, and the western Bering Sea)**

**Non-tidal Currents.**—A weak counterclockwise flow in the Okhotsk Sea becomes negligible in the middle of the sea and along the coast, where tidal currents predominate.

A current originating from Amur River outflow sets N into the Sea of Okhotsk, follows the E shore of Sakhalinskiy Zaliv and combines with the counterclockwise current to round the N end of Sakhalin. Between the N extremity of Sakhalin and Mys Levenshterna, located about 25 miles S, the coastal current has a speed of 1 knot about 30 miles offshore; speeds of 3 to 4



knots may occur when this current combines with the tidal current flowing in the same direction. South of Mys Levenshterna, the speed decreases considerably and the current combines with the E flow through La Perouse Strait. This combined current divides with one part setting through the various straits in the S part of the Kuril Islands; the major part turns N into the main surface circulation flowing about 25 to 30 miles off the W coast of Kamchatka at about 0.5 knot. Closer to the coast, a countercurrent sets S.

At the entrance to Zaliv Shelikhova, a branch of the current follows the shore of the bay counterclockwise to about Mys Taygonos; the main branch follows the N shore of the Sea of Okhotsk at about 0.75 knot. A local current sets SW out of Zalif Shelikhova toward Ostrova Yamskiye and then along the N shore of the Sea of Okhotsk toward Mys Alveina.

After passing Tauyskaya Guba, the main current turns SW toward Ostrov Svyatoy Iony and then sets toward Shantarskiye Ostrova. In the vicinity of these islands, the current turns E. At Ostrov Reyneke, it divides; a branch sets E toward the N end of Sakhalin while the other branch sets SE along the coast of Sakhalinskiy Zaliv and joins the outflow from the Amur River.

The Anadyr Current sets SW parallel to the Siberian shore as far as Mys Olyutorskiy. The current along this stretch has a width of about 60 miles and a speed of 0.5 knot in summer and 0.75 to 1 knot in autumn. Off Mys Olyutorskiy, the Anadyr Current divides; the main branch turns W and forms the constant Oyashio Current while the other branch enters Olyutorskiy Zaliv. The current follows the shore of Olyutorskiy Zaliv; during summer the velocity is 1 knot in the E part of the bay and increases to 2 knots E of Mys Kreshcheny Ognem. West of this point, the flow decreases gradually to 0.5 knot. The speed is less in autumn.

Off Mys Olyutorskiy, the Oyashio Current is 120 to 150 miles wide; its speed is about 0.25 knot in summer and 0.5 knot in autumn. In the vicinity of 165°E, the main branch turns S and sets along the E coast of Kamchatka; a secondary branch sets through Proliv Litke and rejoins the main branch at the S end of the strait. Between Mys Ozernoy, at the S end of the strait, and Mys Africa, about 90 miles S, the current is from 30 to 40 miles wide, with speeds of 0.5 knot in summer and 0.75 knot in autumn. The current sets constantly between Mys Afrika and Mys Lopatka, the S tip of Kamchatka, and varies only slightly in speed seasonally. Between Mys Afrika and Mys Shipunskiy, about 200 miles SSW, the current is 40 to 50 miles wide and sets SSW at 0.5 knot. Off Kronotskiy Zaliv, the current widens and partly enters the bay, following the coast line at reduced speed.

East of the main current, between 56°N and 57°N and 165°E and 169°E, there is a general set S at less than 0.5 knot.

From the Bering Sea, the Oyashio Current flows S along the coast of Siberia. Off the E coast of Honshu, the Oyashio Current meets the northeast-setting Kuroshio Current. The currents merge to form the Kuroshio Extension; at about 180° longitude it widens and weakens to become the North Pacific Current.

**Tidal Currents.**—In the Sea of Okhotsk, the diurnal inequality of the tidal currents is generally large. In some localities, the inequality is so pronounced that there is only one current lasting about 12 hours in each direction each day for several days a month. In many bays of the Sea of Okhotsk, the speed of the tidal currents is 4 to 5 knots, and, in the narrows, as much as 8 knots.

Along the shore of Penzhinskaya Guba overfalls, eddies, and countercurrents occur during strong tidal currents. Along the E coast of Sakhalin, flood currents set N at speeds usually less than 1 knot.

Along the W shore of the Bering Sea, tidal current data are sparse, but available observations show that along the E coast of Kamchatka, the tidal currents attain speeds of 1 to 2 knots and are stronger off capes than in the gulfs and bays. The tidal currents are complicated by the large diurnal inequality in the mixed tide and also to some extent by the Oyashio Current. As the flood tidal current progresses onshore toward capes, it divides to flow on either side of the cape. The ebb currents set in the opposite directions and meet off these capes, causing rips that may extend as far as 15 miles seaward.

At Mys Shipunskiy, the flood current sets NW at about 1 knot. From this cape S to the Kuril Islands, the tidal currents become stronger. Along the Kuril Islands, the flood current generally sets into the Sea of Okhotsk while the ebb sets in the opposite direction. The flood current sets NW through Kuril Strait at 4 to 5 knots.

### **Southwestern North Pacific Ocean (including Taiwan Strait, the East China Sea, the Yellow Sea, the Sea of Japan, and the S coast of Japan)**

**Non-tidal Currents.**—Off the E coast of Taiwan, the Kuroshio Current sets N and NE throughout the year, with mean speeds usually ranging between 0.5 and 2.5 knots. Close inshore, a south-setting countercurrent frequently occurs.

A branch of the Kuroshio Current sets N off the W coast of Taiwan; however, this current may be masked by the southwest-setting current during October through March. During April through August, the northeast-setting current augments the north-setting branch of the Kuroshio Current; speeds are as high as 5 knots. During September, a transitional month, the wind-driven currents are variable.

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In Taiwan Strait during May through August, the prevailing surface non-tidal flow is NE and is generally strongest and most constant. September is a period of rapid transition; the current appears to reverse throughout most of the strait at about the same time. During October through February, the current sets SW, and speeds are usually weaker than in summer. During March and April the transition is gradual, and the current reversal occurs first in the N part of the strait; in the S part of the strait the surface current continues to set SW and does not begin to reverse until April.

The currents in the East China Sea are dominated by the Kuroshio Current, which sets N and NE throughout the year at mean speeds ranging from 0.5 to 2.25 knots. From the coast of China seaward to slightly more than 100 miles, a southwest-setting current occurs from September through April, with mean speeds of 0.5 to 1 knot. From May through August, the current sets N to NE at speeds ranging from 0.5 to 1.25 knots.

In the southern Yellow Sea, the monsoons have a greater effect on the current set, although tidal currents usually predominate. A resultant S or SE set is likely to occur during September through April, with mean speeds of up to 1.5 knots; a NE set is likely to occur from May through August, with mean speeds of 0.25 to 1 knot.

In the northern Yellow Sea, tidal currents dominate; howev-

er, from September through April, the surface currents generally set S at speeds ranging under 1 knot, especially in the S third of Bo Hai and the NE corner of Korea Bay, where the effect of the monsoons is very small. A resultant E to SE set is likely during May through August, with speeds usually ranging from 0.25 to 1 knot. The current along the N coast of the Shantung Pantao flows E and is moderately strong and steady. In the vicinity of Kuantung Pantao and in Liaotung Wan, however, the currents are weak and variable, being influenced mainly by wind and river runoff.

In winter, the flow is S over most of this region and is strongest in December and January. In summer, the flow is N and is strongest in July and August. During spring and autumn, currents are variable. Along the W coast of Korea, from the vicinity of Inchon to the S tip of Korea, there is a countercurrent that sets N.

Near the SW tip of Korea, the flow turns E into Cheju Hae-hyop. Throughout the year, the current in Cheju Hae-hyop sets eastward, probably reaching its greatest strength during winter. Near 128°E it merges with the Tsushima Current, which sets NE off the SE coast of Korea throughout the year. The Tsushima Current is strong most of the time, averaging about 1 knot; however, it may weaken somewhat during autumn.

In Western Channel, between Tsushima and southeastern Korea, tidal currents retard the general northeast-setting Tsushima Current during the southwest-setting flood and reinforce it during the northeast-setting ebb. Resultant current speeds range from 0.25 knot during flood to 3 knots during ebb. In the strait between Tsushima and Kyushu, the current sets NE throughout the year. Current speeds in Korea Strait also are affected by the seasonal variations of the monsoons; the strongest currents usually occur from July through November.

The Tsushima Current divides after setting through Korea Strait, a small branch flowing N along the E coast of Korea as far as Vladivostok in summer. During this season, the current is strongest and overcomes the weak south-setting coastal Liman Current, resulting in a constant N flow. When the current combines with the ebb current, the resultant speed may reach 2 knots.

During winter, this branch of the Tsushima Current is weakest and is influenced by the stronger south-setting Liman Current, which normally extends as far S as 39°N, with speeds from 0.25 to 0.75 knot. Small eddies occur where the two opposing currents meet. Beyond its S limit at the surface, the cold Liman Current continues to flow S as a weak subsurface flow.

The main body of the Tsushima Current flows NE off the NW coast of Honshu. In summer, after entering the Sea of Japan, its speed is about 0.5 to 1 knot. In winter, the current is relatively weak, though near the islands and headlands speeds may exceed 1 knot, especially after NW gales. Tidal currents are generally weak off the coast of Honshu and irregular sets may result from winds and offshoots of the northeast-flowing Tsushima Current. Though the Tsushima Current does not attain great strength, resultant sets of ocean and tidal currents may flow with considerable speed; the augmented tidal current runs nearly throughout the 12-hour tidal period.

The predominant current in Tsugaru Strait results from the E set of a branch of the Tsushima Current.

Tidal currents occur throughout the strait but are only occasionally strong enough to influence the direction of the prevailing current; their influence is reflected mostly in a decrease or

increase in the speed of the east-setting current.

The tidal currents are extremely mixed, with the weaker flood and ebb occurring daily being masked by the strong mid-channel current; consequently, the stronger daily flood and ebb currents result in a daily increase and decrease of the speed of the permanent current. Two increases and two decreases in speed occasionally occur on days when the moon is over the Equator and the tidal current is most nearly semidiurnal. A W flow of short duration may, at times, occur in mid-channel when the range of tide is greatest during periods of maximum lunar declination.

The greater portion of the N extension of the Tsushima Current flows E through La Perouse Strait throughout the year at speeds up to 2 knots.

The Tsushima Current flows as far N as Tatar Strait. There is no appreciable current in the gulf N of 50°N. The Liman Current originates S of 50°N and sets SW in the W part of the gulf to complete the counterclockwise circulation in the Sea of Japan.

South of Japan, the major current is the Kuroshio Current, which is formed when the North Equatorial Current divides W of the Philippines and turns N. The Kuroshio Current sets NE between the Ryukyu Islands (Nansei Shoto) and the shallow East China Sea.

The Kuroshio Current divides near Yaku Shima; the weaker branch flows N through Korea Strait, with the stronger branch setting through Tokara Kaikyo and then along the S coast of Shikoku. There are slight seasonal variations in speed; the Kuroshio Current is usually strongest in summer, weakens in autumn, strengthens in winter, and weakens in spring. Strong winds can accelerate or retard the current, but seldom change its direction.

South of the promontory on the E side of the approach to Kii Suido, the Kuroshio Current sets E. In winter the speed is 3 knots within about 25 miles of shore and 2 to 3.25 knots about 90 miles offshore. Maximum speed occurs about 10 miles offshore. At about approximate position 32°20'N., 137°20'E., the current turns N and extends as far as 40 miles S of Omai Saki. The Kuroshio Current then sets NE and flows between O Shima and Miyake Shima at a maximum speed of 4 knots.

In the Izu Shoto region and NE, the south-setting Oyashio Current meets the Kuroshio Current, causing large eddies and variability.

Ten miles and 15 to 25 miles SSE of Nojima Saki, the Kuroshio Current flows NE at about 1.5 and 3 knots, respectively. The set is ENE at 1.5 knots in an area that extends 30 miles S from a location about 60 miles SSE of Nojima Saki. The Kuroshio Current maintains its strength and direction as far as 148°E, where it merges with the Oyashio Current and continues E as the Kuroshio Extension.

**Tidal Currents.**—In regions where the tide is mixed, there is a marked diurnal inequality in the speeds and durations of the two flood and two ebb currents that occur each tidal day, particularly during times of maximum lunar declination. The strengths and durations of the tidal currents vary throughout this area and speeds as high as 8 knots may be attained in some places.

Off the E coast of Taiwan, the tidal currents set N and S and are noticeable only close inshore, or shoreward, of the W boundary of the Kuroshio Current.

Off the W coast of Taiwan and in the Pescadores, the tidal

currents alternate N and S. The speed of the prevailing surface current during the Southwest Monsoon is increased by the north-setting flood current and weakened by the south-setting ebb current. The tidal currents similarly affect the speed of the permanent north-setting coastal branch of the Kuroshio Current.

In Taiwan Strait, the flood current sets S in the N entrance and N through the S entrance. The flood currents meet along a line between about 24°30'N on the Taiwan shore and 25°20'N on the China coast; the ebb currents flow in the opposite directions. The principal effect of the alternating tidal currents is to decrease or increase the speed of the prevailing non-tidal current. When the non-tidal current is stronger than the opposing current, the resultant flow will be in one direction continuously. Strongest currents occur during July, particularly at springs, when the strong flood tidal current and the northeast-setting seasonal non-tidal current set in the same direction.

Between Lien-hua-feng Chiao (22°56'N., 116°29'E.) and Chou-shan Ch'un-tao (30°N., 122°E.), the alternating N and S tidal currents follow the trend of the coast; the north-setting currents cause strong onshore sets. Tidal currents are rotary N of the Chou-shan Ch'un-tao and off the Chang Chiang entrance, attaining a maximum speed of 2.5 knots. About 150 nautical miles N of the Chang Chiang, the tidal currents are rotary and weak.

Along the N side of Shan-tung Pan-tao during the Southwest Monsoon, tidal currents setting in and out of Bo Hai are affected by discharge from the rivers flowing into the gulf. The west-setting current is often negligible, whereas the east-setting current occasionally attains 3.5 knots and continues for long periods.

In Liaotung Wan, the mean tidal current speeds are 1 to 2 knots. The outgoing ebb is accelerated during the rainy summer and the incoming flood is retarded by river outflow.

In the head of Korea Bay, the tidal current floods N and ebbs S, at maximum speeds of about 3.5 and 4.5 knots, respectively. Off the W coast of Korea, the tidal currents flood N and ebb S, and usually overcome the weak surface current. Speeds range from about 1.5 knots offshore to over 8 knots in the narrow passages among the many islands. In the open Yellow Sea regions, the tidal currents are rotary.

When the prevailing NE current is weak in Korea Strait, the flood current may predominate as a SW flow of short duration. The nearshore tidal currents change near the time of local high and low water, except among the islands at the W end of the S coast of Korea, where the change may occur 2 to 3 hours later. Mean maximum speeds in the narrow passages off the S coast are 2 to 3 knots and may reach a maximum speed of 4.5 knots.

In Western Channel, the NE resultant of tidal and non-tidal flow fluctuates twice daily and reaches mean maximum speeds of 2.5 to 3 knots during ebb about 3 hours after high water; minimum speeds occur during flood about 3 hours after low water at Busan.

Tidal currents along the SE coast of Korea are complex because they occur in regions where tides are both mixed and diurnal. The direction and speed of tidal currents close to shore are difficult to predict, but they usually flood into and ebb out of bays and inlets, with maximum tidal current speeds occurring about mid-tide. Close to shore at about 35°30'N, the tidal currents reverse periodically and attain speeds of 1 to 2 knots. They then become progressively weaker and more irregular N

along the E coast. The offshore tidal currents flood S and ebb N, but are noticeable only as a strengthening or weakening of the permanent coastal current.

Along the coasts of Tsushima, tidal currents flood S and ebb N, turning at about the time of local high and low water. Tide rips occur off the W and N sides of Tsushima.

In the Sea of Japan, tidal currents are negligible, except in the approaches to Tsugaru Strait and La Perouse Strait.

In Tsugaru Strait, the prevailing non-tidal current sets strongly E at speeds occasionally exceeding 6 knots. Tidal currents are mixed and the weaker flood and ebb occurring daily are masked by the strong east-setting mid-channel current; consequently, the stronger daily flood and ebb currents cause this permanent flow to increase and decrease speed once a day. The tidal currents may only occasionally be strong enough to change the direction of the prevailing current.

In La Perouse Strait, the prevailing current sets E. Off the Soya Misaki, speeds range between 2.5 and 4 knots. Off Nishi Notoro Misaki, tidal currents flood E and ebb W, at speeds up to 3.5 knots. North of Nijo Gan, currents are variable.

In the narrows of the Tatar Strait, the north-setting flood current reverses from 1.5 to 2.5 hours after the moon's local transit. The tidal currents reach a maximum speed of about 5 knots at springs. In the N part of Tatar Strait, the tidal currents are semidiurnal, flooding N and ebbing S, at a mean maximum speed of about 0.75 knot.

After passing through the N end of Tatar Strait, the north-setting flood reaches a mean maximum of 2 to 3 knots about 17 miles NNW of the strait. It decreases gradually for another 10 miles in the same direction until it reaches a speed of about 1 knot, and then is further weakened by the outflow from the Amur River. This outflow branches N and S from the river mouth and strongly affects the tidal currents in the gulf, retarding both floods and accelerating both ebbs. The effect of the Amur River discharge is stronger in the W part of the gulf than in the E part and results in complicated tidal currents, which include variable eddies, overfalls, and strong irregular currents near the shore. In the N end of the gulf, the tidal current ebbs N for about 18 hours, with a maximum speed of 4 knots, and floods S for less than 6 hours, at a maximum speed of 1.5 knots.

Along the S coast of Honshu tidal currents are weak and follow the shoreline, flooding W and ebbing E. The tidal currents are influenced by the strong east-northeastward-setting Kuroshio Current.

Along the E coast of Honshu, tidal currents are weak, flooding W and ebbing W; reversals occur near times of high and low water. Tidal currents along the N part of the E coast are influenced by the Oyashio Current; tidal currents along the S part by of the E coast are influenced by the Kuroshio Current.

## SOUTHEAST ASIA

**Non-tidal Currents.**—The major current systems are the west-setting Indian South Equatorial Current and the reversing monsoon drift in the South China Sea. The Indian South Equatorial Current, induced by the Southeast Trade Winds, usually does not exceed 1.5 knots.

The monsoon drift during October through March extends from Taiwan Strait SW past Vietnam, through Selat Karimata, and E through the Java Sea. It is generally strongest in November, December, and January, but off Vietnam it is strongest in

October, when it may exceed 3 knots. The current reverses with the change of monsoons, flowing N from Karimata Strait during May through September.

Reversing tidal currents usually predominate in the coastal waters, but at times may be masked by non-tidal currents

**Tidal Currents.**—Tidal currents in the region are semi-diurnal, mixed, or diurnal. Rotary currents occur offshore where the direction of flow is not restricted; their speed varies, and sets change continuously through all points of the compass during a tidal day. Near shore tidal currents are usually reversing and flood toward or parallel to the coast; the ebb is in the opposite direction.

### Eastern Southeast Asia

**Non-tidal Currents.**—The major currents are, as follows:

1. **Kuroshio Current in the NW.**—Originates from a north-setting branch of the North Equatorial Current that begins off the E coast of the northern Philippine Islands and extends to Taiwan.

2. **North Equatorial Current at about 10°N.**—Sets W across the North Pacific Ocean to the Philippine Islands. The mean position of the S boundary of the North Equatorial Current is about 10°N; the current speed ranges from about 0.3 to 1.4 knots. At times, the current may attain speeds exceeding 2 knots.

3. **North Equatorial Countercurrent at about 4°N.**—Sets E across the North Pacific Ocean between the west-setting North Equatorial Current and South Equatorial Current. It varies in width from approximately 120 to 150 miles and is most pronounced in July, August, and September. The speed ranges from about 0.5 to 1.4 knots and is greatest in the W part, where it is as high as 3 knots at times.

4. **South Equatorial Current at about 7°S.**—Sets W across the Pacific Ocean between about 3°N and 10°S, narrowing as it approaches the East Caroline Basin located S of the Caroline Islands. Its N edge turns clockwise into the North Equatorial Countercurrent. The speed is about 0.5 to 1.4 knots. The current is strongest in the W part, where it may attain speeds exceeding 2 knots.

Reversing tidal currents usually predominate in the coastal waters, but at times may be masked by non-tidal currents. Descriptions of coastal non-tidal currents are given for the following geographical areas:

1. **Philippine Sea.**—Currents in the N part of the Philippine Sea are less stable than in the S part. A SW flow is present in the E part of the Philippine Sea and is sometimes known as the Kuroshio Countercurrent. Its mean speed is about 0.6 knot and when this relatively cold water meets the warmer central Pacific Ocean water at the N boundary of the North Equatorial Current, several eddies are formed along the line of the subtropical convergence. In the region adjacent to the Bonin Islands, a cyclonic eddy may occur from February through May.

In the S part of the Philippine Sea, the North Equatorial Current sets W toward the northern Philippine Islands, where it divides into two branches. One branch turns clockwise and flows N along the E coasts of Luzon and Taiwan at a speed ranging from 0.5 to 1.4 knots and becomes the Kuroshio Current. The other branch turns counterclockwise and flows S along the E coast of Mindanao to the entrance of the Celebes Sea where it subdivides, one part turning SW into the

Celebes Sea and the other flowing E into the North Equatorial Countercurrent. The S flow ranges from 0.8 to 1.4 knots and sometimes attains speeds exceeding 3 knots.

2. **Molucca Sea.**—The currents in the Molucca Sea reflect the monsoonal winds. In the N entrance, the currents generally set SW from February through April, NE from May through October, and E from November through January. The speed is about 0.5 to 1 knot.

3. **Halmahera Sea.**—In the N part of the Halmahera Sea, the current generally sets SW from December through May, NW from June through August, and ESE from September through November. In the S part of the Halmahera Sea, the currents generally set ESE from March through May, SW from June through November, and SE from December through February. Speeds vary from about 0.5 to 1.4 knots.

4. **Bismarck Sea.**—From late October through March the current in the Bismarck Sea generally sets SE along the coast of New Guinea. From April through September, the current generally sets NW. Speeds are about 0.5 to 1.4 knots; the highest speed usually occurs in the SW part from July through September.

5. **Solomon Sea.**—The Northeast Trade Winds influence the current in the Solomon Sea. In April and May, the currents generally set NW, except off the S coast of New Britain, where they set W. In June and July, the currents set W throughout the Solomon Sea. In August and September, the currents set SW in the E part of the sea, turn W in the center, and then set NW in the W part. In October the currents begin to set NW in the E part, SE in the W part, and continue through November. In December, the currents begin to turn N, then NE, in the W part and continue through March with a clockwise circulation in the E part. The speed, about 0.4 to 1.4 knots, is strongest off the S coast of New Britain from July through September.

**Tidal Currents.**—Tidal currents in the region are semi-diurnal, mixed, or diurnal. Rotary currents occur offshore where the direction of flow is not restricted; their speed varies, and their set changes continuously through all points of the compass during a tidal day. Nearshore tidal currents are usually reversing, flooding toward and ebbing away from the coast, or flooding and ebbing in opposite directions parallel to the coast.

Tidal currents are usually weak except in channels and inlets along the coasts, where speeds are highest. In nearshore waters, the tidal currents are usually reversing, flooding toward and ebbing away from the coast, or flooding and ebbing in opposite directions parallel with the coast.

In regions of mixed or semidiurnal tides, two flood and two ebbs occur daily. In the region of diurnal tides, one flood and one ebb occur daily. Rotary tidal currents occur offshore where the direction of flow is not restricted; speed will vary as direction changes continuously through all points of the compass during the tidal day. The change in direction is generally clockwise in the Northern Hemisphere and counterclockwise in the Southern Hemisphere.

The currents in San Bernardino Strait are mainly tidal but are influenced by monsoon winds. From November through April, the speed and duration of the flood is increased by NE winds, while the ebb will be decreased or even masked at times; from June through September, the opposite effect is caused by SW winds.

Tidal currents usually predominate, with two floods and two

ebbs each tidal day, except near times of maximum N and S lunar declination, when only one flood and one ebb occur each tidal day and the flood lasts up to 18 hours. In San Bernardino Strait, the flood sets SW and the ebb sets NE. In the narrow part of the strait, tidal currents attain speeds of about 8 knots at springs and 4 knots at neaps.

During the south-setting flood current in the W part of Capul Pass, a current sets N along the W shore of Dalupiri, causing a long line of rips and eddies that gradually moves across the pass during the tidal cycle. In the channels between San Andres Island, Aguada Island, and Escarpada Island, strong rips occur, particularly during the flood currents. In Biri Channel and nearby channels, the flood sets W and the ebb sets W; both are strong at times. Flood and ebb begin about 4 hours after low and high water.

The tidal currents in the New Guinea area do not usually exceed 2 knots. The tidal current along the SW coast floods E across the Arafura Sea toward Torres Strait. The ebb current is stronger and of longer duration than the flood. These tidal currents, predominantly mixed, have a speed of about 2 knots and are noticeable out of sight of land. In the mouth of the Merauke River, the ebb sets for 7 hours and reaches 2 knots, the flood sets for 5 hours and attains a speed of 1 knot; the tidal currents are noticeable 60 miles above its mouth. Abreast of the town, the current speed may reach 5 knots.

The tidal currents in Torres Strait are semidiurnal with an appreciable diurnal inequality which is greatest in the W approaches. Hydraulic currents, which result from a difference in water level between both ends of the strait, are caused by two independently oscillating tidal systems in this region. At times, usually during neap tides, the prevailing ocean current dominates and the resultant flow is in one direction for several days. The speed of a strong hydraulic current combined with a strong ocean current may reach 8 knots in the strait.

Throughout Prince of Wales Channel and in the approaches between Twin Island and Goods Island, the currents flow at the times predicted in the tide tables for Hammond Rock. The speeds diminish as the channel becomes wider and in the entrances, the speeds are only about 30 per cent of those predicted at Hammond Rock. Near Booby Island, current speeds are fairly weak. In the vicinity of Harvey Rock and Saddle Island, the currents begin, and reach maximum speed, about 30 minutes earlier than at Hammond Rock, but in these more open waters the speeds are comparatively weak.

In Endeavour Strait, the currents begin and reach maximum speeds about 40 minutes later than off Hammond Rock and, except in the more restricted parts of the strait, their speeds are not more than 30 per cent of those off Hammond Rock. Near the head of the Gulf of Papua, at springs, the flood current sets NW at 2 knots and the ebb sets SE at 2.5 knots.

At the E tip of New Guinea, the tidal currents in the narrow part of China Strait have a maximum speed of 6 knots, from 2 to 3 knots in the wider parts, and less in the open approaches. The tidal currents are semidiurnal with the NE flood beginning 3 hours before high water and flowing until 3 hours after high water. The ebb sets SW for 6 hours beginning immediately after high water. The durations of the tidal currents may vary an hour or more either way, depending on the force and direction of the wind.

### Western Southeast Asia

**Non-tidal Currents.**—The major current systems are influenced by the winds, and a reversal of current occurs seasonally with the change of the monsoon. Mean maximum current speed throughout the following text is defined as the mean of the highest 33 per cent of observed current speeds in the prevailing direction and will be generally higher than the mean speeds.

Descriptions of non-tidal currents are given for the following geographical areas:

1. **Indian Ocean (N of 20°S).**—The current sets NW and W into the Indian South Equatorial Current, with the remainder turning toward the coast of Australia; the speed of the main part seldom exceeds 1 knot. The west-setting Indian South Equatorial Current varies seasonally in strength and width. Its mean maximum speed from May through September is 1.4 knots, while from October through April it is 1.2 knots. The N boundary of the current extends north to the coast of Java during July through September, but is displaced S during the remainder of the year.

A current sets E along the S coast of Jawa (Java) from November through June, when the Indian South Equatorial Current has moved farther S. Its mean maximum speed during February and March, the months of strongest flow, is 1.8 knots. The S boundary of the current is usually between 60 and 90 miles offshore.

Along the SW coast of Sumatera, a current sets SE during all months. It is strongest during October through April, when its mean maximum speed is 1.5 knots.

2. **The Timor Sea and the Arafura Sea.**—From November through March, currents are variable in the Timor Sea, except near the SE coast of Timor, where a current flows SW during all months.

In the middle of the Arafura Sea, the current flows W throughout the year. This flow is strongest from April through October, when it continues through the Timor Sea and into the Indian South Equatorial Current; there is variability during other months.

Current speeds in this region are usually less than 1 knot.

3. **The Flores Sea, the Banda Sea, the Ceram Sea, and the Molucca Sea.**—From May through September, currents flow generally W through the Flores Sea, the Banda Sea, and the Ceram Sea and N through the Molucca Sea. The flow is opposite from November through March, except for a N flow in the Banda Sea during December from February. Currents are variable during April and October.

In the S part of the Flores Sea there is a permanent E flow along the N coasts of the Lesser Sunda Islands. This current is strongest and most stable during February and March, when the mean maximum speed is 2 knots; in July and August, the mean maximum speed is 0.9 knot.

4. **The Java Sea.**—Currents in the Java Sea, which are controlled by the monsoon winds, usually flow E from November through March and W from May through September. During April and October, the currents are changing direction.

The east-setting current has mean maximum speeds of 1.1 knots in the W part of the sea, 1.6 knots in the central part, and 2 knots in the E part S of Makassar Strait. The west-setting current has mean maximum speeds of 1 knot in the W part of the sea, 1.4 knots in the central part, and 1.7 knots in

the E part.

In Selat Sunda, resultant currents set SW during all months except November, when they set NE; speeds of 0.7 to 1.5 knots have been observed in the strait proper. In the remainder of the strait area, the currents are less stable, with mean speeds of 0.4 to 1.4 knots.

5. **Makassar Strait.**—Currents in Makassar Strait are little affected by monsoon winds, except in the S entrance. The currents flow into the strait from the Celebes Sea and set S and SW, with large clockwise gyres in the W part from May through September. A N flow occurs along the Sulawesi coast in December and January.

In the S entrance to the strait, the currents set SW from April through October and SE from November through March. The mean speeds vary from 0.4 to 2.2 knots, with the highest speeds in the narrow part of the strait in April.

South of Mindanao, a permanent current enters the Celebes Sea and sets constantly S and SW, with a mean maximum speed of 2.5 knots. As it flows W, it becomes less constant and slower; between 3°N and 4°N, and 123°E and 124°E, the mean maximum speed is 1.6 knots and the set varies from SW to NW.

The south-setting current in the W part of the sea is strongest from October through January, when its mean maximum speed is 1.9 knots. The E flow along the N coast of Sulawesi has a mean maximum speed of 1.4 knots.

6. **Sulu Sea.**—Currents in the Sulu Sea are influenced by the W flow through the straits of the Philippine Islands, by the N flow from the Celebes Sea, and by S and E flows from the South China Sea through Mindoro Strait and Balabac Strait.

The currents in Sibutu Passage set S from August through February and N from March through July. The S current is strongest in November and December, with a mean speed of 1.8 knots and a mean maximum speed of 2.5 knots. The N current has a mean speed of 1 knot and a mean maximum speed of 1.3 knots.

Overfalls, 150 miles long and between 0.75 to 1 mile wide, may be encountered in the Sulu Sea during spring tides. Breaking waves of up to 3m have been reported in the overfalls. The overfalls appear to be generated by tidal action in Sibutu Passage, where the tides at each end of the passage are about 4 hours out of phase, resulting in a series of waves being formed, 6 miles from crest to crest, moving NNW across the Sulu Sea toward Palawan.

7. **Selat Karimata.**—In Selat Karimata, the surface currents set S from mid-October through early April, then undergo an abrupt change in direction in late April. The currents set N from May through August and are variable in September and early October. The highest seasonal mean maximum speeds are 1 knot in December and 0.8 knot in August.

8. **Strait of Malacca.**—Currents in the Strait of Malacca are mainly tidal, setting alternately NW and SE.

Surface currents are greatly influenced by the monsoons, particularly off the W coast of Sumatra, where they often show rotary characteristics, and along the E coast of the Malay Peninsula. The prevailing wind-driven currents set NW from May through September and SE from November through March. During the transition months of April and October, the currents are weak and variable.

Non-tidal wind-driven currents usually prevail, except in near shore regions, Singapore Strait, and the Strait of Malacca.

9. **South China Sea (3°S to 15°N).**—The strongest and most stable currents are in the W part of the sea throughout the year; in the E part currents are usually weak and variable. From October through March, the currents in the W part flow S past Vietnam and the Malay Peninsula to Selat Karimata. Currents are generally weak in October and increase in strength during November and December, except along the coast of Vietnam, where the south-setting current between 11°N and 15°N has a mean maximum speed of 3 knots in October, 2.5 knots in December, and 2.2 knots in March. The current decreases in speed as it continues past the Malay Peninsula and into Selat Karimata, where the mean maximum speed is 1 knot in December. In April, currents are weak, except along the coast of Vietnam between 11°N and 15°N.

From May through September, the current flows N through Selat Karimata, along the Malay Peninsula, and NE past Vietnam. The flow is strongest in August, with mean maximum speeds of 0.8 knot in Selat Karimata and 2.1 knots off the SE coast of Vietnam. The NE flow in the open sea between 10°N and 15°N has a mean maximum speed of 2 knots in August.

10. **Gulf of Thailand.**—The speeds and directions of surface currents are influenced mainly by monsoon winds. Local winds and river discharge may cause local currents to set in any direction. Current speeds usually range between 0.2 and 0.8 knot offshore, but are stronger near shore. During periods of strong monsoon winds, the combination of wind-driven and tidal currents may attain speeds as high as 4 knots near the head of the gulf. Currents are variable during the transition periods between monsoons, but little data are available.

11. **South China Sea (N of 15°N).**—During October through March the general flow in the open sea is W. The current flows SW through Taiwan Strait, along the coast of China to Hai-Nan Too, and W to Vietnam. Along the W coast of Luzon and in Luzon Strait, the current flows N, with a mean maximum speed of 1.5 knots. During May through August, the current flows NE in all of the N part of the South China Sea, except near Luzon and in Luzon Strait, where the flow is N. The mean maximum speed along the W coast of Luzon is 1.1 knots and is 1.6 knots in Luzon Strait.

In April and September, the currents flow W in the open sea and NE through Taiwan Strait. The permanent NNE set along the E coast of Taiwan has a mean maximum speed of 2.3 knots and is part of the Kuroshio. Currents in Taiwan Strait are mainly tidal; seasonal non-tidal currents produce a net SW flow from October through March and a net NE flow from April through September. Within about 40 miles of the SW coast of Taiwan there is a N set throughout the year, which results mainly from a branching of the Kuroshio Current at the S tip of the island. Along the S coast of China, the current during the Northeast Monsoon sets constantly WSW nearly parallel to the shore. In the deeper offshore water, the currents are weaker than those near shore where the tidal currents may prevail at springs.

Between Macau Island (22°11'N., 113°34'E.) and Shang-Chuan Tao (21°36'N., 112°44'E.), the current setting W at 1

to 2 knots is influenced by discharge from the Chu Chiang. When the Southwest Monsoon is steadiest, this current may set weakly E.

In the Gulf of Tonkin, the currents are mainly dependent on the wind and generally flow parallel to the coast, with maximum speeds occasionally reaching 3 knots. Tidal currents predominate near shore.

### Tidal Currents

In Taiwan Strait, two flood currents and two ebb currents occur each tidal day. The flood current flows N in the S entrance and S in the N entrance. These currents meet along a line between about 24°30'N on the coast of Taiwan and 25°20'N on the Chinese mainland. The strongest tidal currents occur in the channel between Taiwan and Penghu Chun-Tao, where flood current speeds of 4 knots have been recorded at springs.

The tidal currents in Luzon Strait are predominately mixed, with a pronounced difference in the speeds of successive floods and ebbs. An exception to this pattern occurs off the NW coast of Luzon, where the tidal currents are diurnal (one flood and one ebb daily). The flood current sets W and the ebb current sets E in most parts of the Luzon Strait area, but variations occur in some regions.

A maximum speed of 5 knots occurs in the channels between Ami and Mabudis and between Sabtang and Batan; a minimum speed of 1.5 knots occurs in the channel between Diogo and Batan and off the NE and NW coasts of Luzon. Along the coast of China, the tidal currents will reach mean maximum speeds of about 2 knots, particularly in the channels formed by the various islands, and will be influenced by discharge from the Chu Chiang.

Tidal currents are diurnal in Hainan Strait; the flood current sets E for about 16 hours, and the ebb current sets W for about 8 hours; speeds at strength range from 3 to 5 knots. For 3 or 4 days after equatorial declination of the moon the current shows mixed characteristics in speed and duration; speeds at this time are usually less than 1 knot.

In the Gulf of Tonkin, the tidal currents are noticeable mainly near the shore and have been observed to set at a maximum speed of 2 knots near the entrance to the Song Ka S of Hai Phong (20°52'N., 106°40'E.). Reversing currents occur in the approaches to Cua Cam and Song Bach Dang.

In the offshore areas and larger passages of the South China Sea, the tidal currents are generally weak. They accelerate or retard the speeds of the monsoon currents, but seldom change their direction. The flood current sets S in the area. Near shore, on shoals, and in the smaller passages the tidal currents may prevail over the general currents. In Vinh Cam Ranh, the tidal current speed is always less than 0.5 knot, while in the narrow entrance to the bay the speed may exceed 0.5 knot at times. In the vicinity of Mui Vung Tau (Cap St. Jacques) (10°19'N., 107°05'E.), at the Song Sai Gon entrance, the flood sets NW and the ebb sets SSE, at a maximum speed of about 2.5 knots at springs.

The ebb usually sets longer than the flood; during the rainy season this difference may be more pronounced, with fresh water discharge resulting in current speeds reaching about 4 knots during ebb. Near the mouths of the Mekong River, changes in current directions are to be expected. Near the delta, the flood current sets NW into the rivers while the ebb current sets outward. The tidal current speed off the coast averages 1 knot.

Near the river mouths, the speed is about 1.5 knots, which is the approximate speed in the lower reaches of the Mekong River.

Off the mouths of the Mekong River and to a distance of about 20 miles seaward, the general direction of the flood tidal current associated with the rising tide is SW while the general direction of the ebb tidal current is NE.

The tidal currents farther offshore are rotary clockwise, with the greatest changes occurring shortly after times of local high and low waters. Surface winds can modify the tidal currents. From June through August, SW winds may increase or decrease the tidal current speeds by 0.5 knot. Short period changes in current speed and direction will be caused by land and sea breezes, tropical disturbances, and thunderstorms.

In the Gulf of Thailand, the tidal current usually predominates over the non-tidal current in the coastal waters; however, during the height of the monsoons, a strong wind-driven current will occur in some of the coastal areas. During these periods, the tidal currents will become more irregular in speed, duration, and direction. The tidal currents in the Gulf of Thailand are diurnal in character, setting in one direction for 8 to 10 hours, with an intervening slack period of 2 to 4 hours. Along the E coast of the Gulf of Thailand and along the W coast N of Hilly Cape, the flood current sets N; S of Hilly Cape, the flood current sets S. Except near the head of the gulf, speed of the currents does not usually exceed 3 knots.

In Singapore Strait and the Strait of Malacca, where the currents are mainly tidal, the regime is complex because of the combined effects of the diurnal and semi-diurnal components and wind-driven currents. Flood and ebb, respectively, set W and E in Singapore Strait and SE and NW in the Strait of Malacca. The wind-driven currents tend to increase the speed and duration of the tidal currents when setting in the same direction and to decrease or mask them when setting in the opposite direction, resulting in a net W or NW flow through the straits. In Singapore Strait and between islands in the S approaches to the Strait of Malacca, diurnal and mixed tidal currents occur. Speeds at strength are usually less than 3 knots, but may be as high as 6 knots in narrow channels.

Diurnal tidal currents predominate in Selat Karimata; the durations of flood and ebb can be expected to be about 12 hours each. Tidal currents are weak and variable in the open sea. Near shore areas, flood tidal currents set toward shore and into bays, inlets, and rivers; ebb tidal currents set in the opposite direction. During transitional periods when the wind-driven currents are weakest, tidal currents may reach 2 or 3 knots in narrow passages along the coast. In the Java Sea, the monsoon surface currents predominate and the tidal currents are hardly appreciable.

In the straits of the Indonesian Archipelago, from Jawa (Java) to Wetar, flood currents set N, and ebb currents set S. The resultant current is stronger and of longer duration at flood than at ebb from November through April; the opposite is true from May through October.

Tidal currents in Selat Sunda are diurnal; the flood is NE and the ebb is SW. For about 3 or 4 days after Equatorial declination, the current shows mixed characteristics in duration and speed. Durations can range from 8 to 16 hours. Maximum current speeds seldom exceed 2.5 knots, but may reach 3 knots during ebb when augmented by N winds from April to September; tide rips occur in the N entrance to the strait. The flood

current will be increased about 0.5 knot by prevailing moderate SW winds from October to March; the ebb will be increased about 0.8 knot with E winds and 1.3 knots with light N winds from April to September.

In the N entrance to the W channel of Selat Surabaya, the maximum speed is about the same as predicted for Sembilangan (3 knots). As the strait broadens, the speed diminishes and in offshore waters the influence of the monsoon drift is predominant. Off the mouth of Kali Miring, the currents begin and reach their maximum speeds about half an hour earlier than the predicted times for Sembilangan. In Surabaya Road and in the E channel of Surabaya Strait, the currents begin and reach maximum strength about half an hour earlier than the predicted times for Sembilangan. In the buoyed channel and in Jansens Channel, the maximum speeds are similar to those predicted. Near the pilot light vessel, they are somewhat weaker, and near the banks bordering the channels the speeds never exceed 1 knot. At Zwaantjes Reef, the W current begins and reaches strength about 4 hours earlier than those of the N current at Sembilangan. The E current begins and reaches strength about 4 hours earlier than those of the S current at Sembilangan.

The currents in Selat Lombok are predominantly tidal, but are influenced by the monsoon drifts from the Bali Sea to the N and from the Indian Ocean to the S.

When W winds predominate from December through March, there is a N resultant current in the strait; when E winds predominate from April through October, the resultant flow is S. Heavy rips occur frequently in the S entrance to Selat Lombok and at times they resemble surf breaking over a reef extending across the entrance. Speeds up to 6 knots have been observed in the narrow part of the strait between Nusa Penida and Lombok. In the wider N part of the strait, the maximum speed is reported to be about 4 knots, and rips are observed at times. Rips usually occur in the strait when tidal currents reverse direction.

In Selat Badung, the pattern of tidal currents is very complex. The strongest current (as much as 8 knots) sets SW and S with the ebb, when E winds predominate. With prevailing W winds, the current sets N and NE with the flood and attains speeds of 4 to 6 knots. Frequently, a current about 2.5 miles wide sets NE along the Bali coast at the same time that a current flows SW through the remainder of the strait; rips and eddies occur along the boundary between these two opposing currents.

Tidal currents in Wetar/Timor Strait are mixed. They usually have two floods and two ebbs each tidal day, with considerable inequality in the strengths and durations of successive flood and/or successive ebb currents.

Tidal currents are usually weak in the open areas and merely strengthen the non-tidal current when setting in the same direction, and weaken it when setting in the opposite direction. In the narrow channels, tidal currents are strong at times, with speeds as high as 11 knots in one locality. Tidal currents usually predominate in the coastal regions of Makassar Strait; offshore tidal currents are weak. The duration and speed of both flood and ebb are increased when setting in the same direction as the non-tidal current. In estuaries, the flood current sometimes is masked by high river discharge from heavy rains. Along the W coast of Sulawesi, tidal currents are usually less than 2 knots. Among the reefs, the currents are strong and variable. Rips, caused by opposing currents or by the wind moving

against the current, are most pronounced during the West Monsoon.

## Fishing Areas

Deep-sea fishing vessels, mostly Japanese, can be found working almost anywhere in the Pacific Ocean. When fishing, lines up to 15 miles long are set at depths of 12 to 25m. The lines are supported by buoys at intervals of 0.1 to 0.2 mile and can safely be crossed at right angles by all except vessels of the deepest draft, which should consider stopping their engines.

## Government

**Baker Island.**—Baker Island (0°12'N, 176°29'W.) is located in the North Pacific Ocean. It is uninhabited and covers an area of less than 1 square mile.

The island was claimed by the United States in 1857. An abandoned airfield is situated on the S end of the island.

The island is under the jurisdiction of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and is declared to be a National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge extends outward to the 3-mile limit. Entry into the refuge without a permit is prohibited except in an emergency.

The climate is very hot and extremely dry. The vegetation consists of scattered herbs, grass, and low shrubs.

The terrain is low. The nearly level coral island is surrounded by a narrow fringing reef.

The Time Zone description is WHISKEY (+10). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

**Guam.**—Guam (13°25'N., 144°44'E.), an unincorporated territory of the United States, is the largest island of the Marianas Archipelago. It is located in the North Pacific Ocean. The island is of great strategic value, with large naval and air bases. It is about 30 miles long.

The climate is tropical marine, being generally warm and humid and moderated by the Northwest Trade Winds. The dry season runs from January to June and the rainy season is from July to December. There is little seasonal temperature variation.

The terrain is of volcanic origin and is surrounded by coral reefs. There are relatively flat coral limestone plateaus with steep coastal cliffs and narrow coastal plains in the N, low rising hills in the center, and mountains in the S.

The highest point is Mount Lamlam, 407m high, in the SW.

The Time Zone description is KILO (-10). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

**Howland Island.**—Howland Island (0°48'N, 176°38'W) is located in the North Pacific Ocean, almost on the Equator, about 1,650 miles SW of Honolulu; it is uninhabited and covers an area of about 1 square mile.

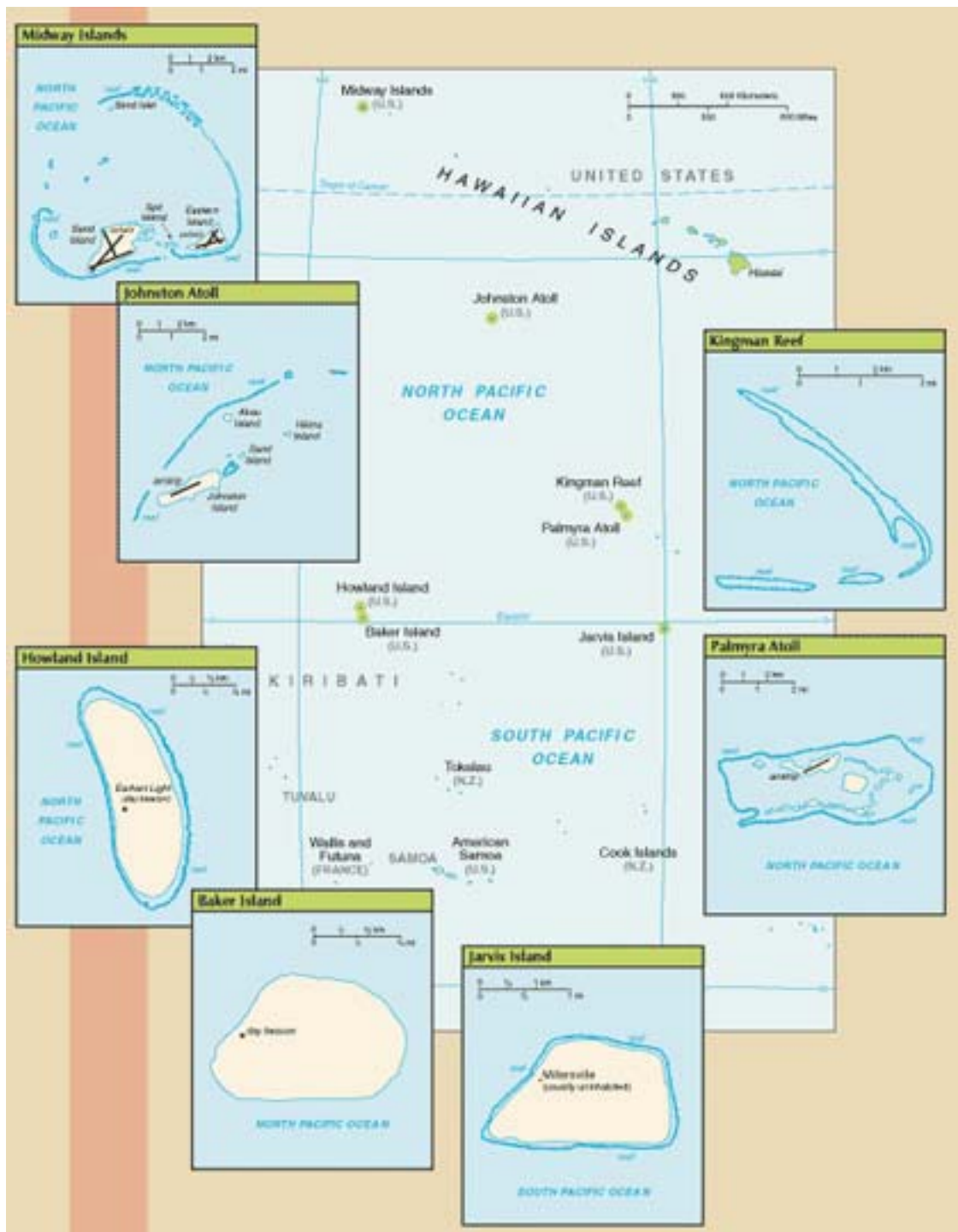
The island is under the jurisdiction of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and is declared to be a National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge extends outward to the 3-mile limit. Entry into the refuge without a permit is prohibited except in an emergency.

The climate is equatorial with little rainfall, a constant wind and a burning sun.

The terrain is low-lying, nearly level, sandy, coral-like, and surrounded by a fringing reef with a depressed central area.

The Time Zone description is WHISKEY (+10). Daylight





Savings Time is not observed.

**Jarvis Island.**—Jarvis Island ( $0^{\circ}23'S$ ,  $160^{\circ}01'W$ ), a United States possession and a United States National Wildlife Refuge, is a small bleak coral island, about 2 square miles in extent, located in the Pacific Ocean. It is about 6m high, with large guano deposits in the interior.

In 1936, Jarvis Island was placed, for administrative purposes, under the jurisdiction of the United States Fish and Wildlife

Service. The island is uninhabited.

Landing is prohibited except by permit issued by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Kailua, Hawaii.

The climate is tropical with little rainfall, constant winds, and a burning sun.

The sandy and coral-like terrain is surrounded by a narrow fringing reef.

The Time Zone description is WHISKEY (+10). Daylight

Savings Time is not observed.

**Johnston Atoll.**—Johnston Atoll (16°45'N, 169°31'W), an American possession, is located in the North Pacific Ocean, almost on the Equator about 1,650 miles SW of Honolulu.

The climate is tropical but generally dry, with consistent NE trade winds and little seasonal temperature changes.

The terrain is mostly flat, with maximum elevation of 4m.

Johnston Atoll is a Naval Defense Sea Area and Airspace Reservation. The island is closed to the general public and to unauthorized traffic and shall not be navigated within 3 miles of the atoll's perimeter. Johnston Atoll is administered by the Department of Defense under the management of Field Command, Defense Special Weapons Agency (FCDSWA), and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service as part of the National Wildlife Refuge system.

The Time Zone description is WHISKEY (+10). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

**Kingman Reef.**—Kingman Reef (6°25'N., 162°26'W.), a United States possession and a National Wildlife Refuge, is under the jurisdiction of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The reef, located in the North Pacific Ocean about 33 miles NW of Palmyra Island, is a Defensive Sea Area and Airspace Reservation and is closed to the public. The airspace entry control has been suspended, but is subject to immediate reinstatement without notice.

The uninhabited, triangular reef is about 9 miles long and 5 miles wide, sheltering a lagoon with considerable depths. It dries at LW on its NE, E, and SE sides. A small islet, 0.9m high, lies on its E side.

The climate is tropical but moderated by prevailing winds.

The terrain is low and nearly level with a maximum elevation of about 1m.

The waters within the 3-mile limit of Kingman Reef constitute a prohibited area. No vessel, except those authorized by the Secretary of the Navy, shall be navigated in the area.

The Time Zone description is WHISKEY (+10). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

**Palmyra Atoll.**—Palmyra Atoll (5°53'N., 162°05'W.), a United States possession and a National Wildlife Refuge, is under the jurisdiction of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; Cooper Island is owned and administered by the Nature Conservancy. The atoll is one of the northernmost of the Line Islands, located in the North Pacific Ocean about 1,000 miles S of Honolulu.

The atoll consists of many small islets lying on a barrier reef which encloses three distinct lagoons, known as West Lagoon, Center Lagoon, and East Lagoon.

The islands and islets are low, the highest being only about 1.8m high, but they are covered with coconut palms and other trees, some of which reach an elevation of as much as about 30m.

The barrier reef is reported to be about 8 miles long in an E-W direction.

The uninhabited island has an area of 4 square miles.

The airstrip, roads, and causeways built during WWII have become unserviceable and overgrown.

The climate is equatorial. It is hot and very rainy.

The terrain is low, with maximum elevations of about 2m.

The Time Zone description is WHISKEY (+10). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

**Wake Island.**—Wake Island (19°18'N, 166°33'E) is located

in the North Pacific Ocean. It consists of three low-lying islets, Wilkes Island, Peale Island, and Wake Island, which form a horseshoe shape on the reef. It is separated by narrow, shallow channels and encloses a lagoon, 4.5 miles long and 2 miles wide.

The climate is tropical.

The coral-like terrain is built up on an underwater volcano.

The restrictions imposed upon the entry into Wake Island Naval Defensive Sea Area have been suspended, except for the entry of foreign flag vessels and foreign nationals. The restrictions may be reimposed without notice at any time. Wake Island is an unincorporated territory of the United States, administered by the US Department of the Interior; activities on the island are managed by the US Army under a US Air Force permit.

Wake Island is claimed by the Marshall Islands.

The Time Zone description is MIKE (-12). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

## Ice

### South Pacific Ocean

**Drift Ice.**—The N limit of drift ice is generally between 45°S and 50°S, except during autumn, when it is seldom N of 50°S. In the E part of the ocean off the coast of Chile the drift ice limits are suppressed to around 55°S. The drift ice limit is also pushed S in the vicinity of New Zealand. The extreme N boundary of drift ice is about 40°S to 41°S, E of New Zealand between 165°W and 180°W.

**Sea Ice.**—The extreme N limit of pack ice (concentrations greater than 1/8) is about 57°S from 138°W to 151°W during some years from mid-August to mid-September. At other times and places, the pack ice boundary is usually S of 60°S.

**Icebergs.**—Tabular icebergs calved from the fringing Antarctic ice shelves may be encountered in this part of the Pacific Ocean. The mean limit of icebergs is the farthest N in November and December. From about position 57°00'S, 90°00'W the limit curves N to about position 52°00'S, 120°00'W and is then situated between latitude 50°00'S and latitude 52°00'S as far W as the 180° meridian. The mean limit in May and June is S of this area.

## Mined Areas

Mine fields were laid in many parts of the world during World War II. Many of these mine fields have been swept; others have had routes swept through them. These routes are mostly marked by buoys and have been used safely by shipping for many years.

Due to the lapse of time, navigation through these minefields whether they have been swept or not is now considered no more dangerous from mines than from any other of the usual hazards to navigation, but in the unswept areas a real danger still exists with regard to anchoring, fishing, or any form of submarine or seabed activity. Furthermore, uncharted wrecks and shoals may lie in these areas.

Even in swept waters and routes there is a remote risk that mines may still remain, having failed to respond to orthodox sweeping methods.

Mariners are therefore advised only to anchor in port approaches and established anchorages. In an emergency it is bet-

ter to anchor in a swept route rather than in unswept waters.

Drifting mines may occasionally be sighted. All drifting mines should be reported immediately to the naval authorities via the coast radio station. The time of sighting and position of the mine is important in the reporting information so that an appropriate warning to other ships can be broadcast. A drifting mine is best left for the naval experts to deal with.

Rifle fire could pierce the casing and sink the mine without causing it to explode. It will then, if it is near the coast, get washed up on a beach or end up in a trawl in a still lethal state.

Mines, torpedoes, depth charges, bombs, and other explosive missiles are sometimes picked up in trawls, often in waters comparatively distant from New Zealand. Explosive weapons are dangerous even if they have been in the water for many years, and the following guidance is given:

1. A suspected explosive weapon should not be landed on deck if it has been observed while the trawl is still outboard. The trawl should be lowered and where possible towed clear of regular fishing grounds before cutting away the net as necessary. The position and depth of water where the mine was cut away should be passed to the naval authorities via the coast radio station.

2. In the event of the weapon not being detected until the contents of the trawl have been discharged on deck, the master of the fishing vessel must decide whether to rid his ship of the weapon by passing it over the side or to make for the nearest port informing the naval authority via the coast radio station without delay. His decision will depend on the circumstances, but he should be guided by the following points:

- a. Care should be taken to avoid bumping the weapon.
- b. If retained onboard it should be stowed on deck, away from heat and vibration, firmly chocked, and lashed to prevent movement.
- c. It should be kept covered up and damped down. (This is important because any explosive which may have become exposed to the atmosphere is liable to become very sensitive to shock if allowed to dry out.)
- d. The weapon should be kept onboard for as short a time as possible.

- e. If within 2 or 3 hours steaming of the coastline, the safest measure will generally be to run towards the nearest port and lie a safe distance offshore to await the arrival of a bomb disposal unit. Under no circumstances should the vessel bring the mine or weapon into harbor.

Under no circumstances should attempts be made to clean the weapon for identification purposes, open it, or tamper with it in any way.

A ship with an explosive weapon onboard, or in its gear, should warn other ships in the vicinity giving its position and, if applicable, intended position of jettison.

Remoored mines which have drifted in from deeper water trailing a length of cable are likely to become dangerous should the cable foul some obstruction on the bottom. In this case the mine may not appear on the surface at all states of the tide. Such mines should be reported as drifting mines.

Under no circumstances should an attempt be made to recover a mine and bring it to port, and rewards formerly paid to mariners for such recovery have been discontinued.

## Navigational Information

### International Ship and Port Facility (ISPS) Code

The ISPS Code applies to ships on international voyages and port facilities directly interfacing with these ships. All vessels should fully comply with the provisions of Chapter XI-Part 2 of the SOLAS Convention and Part A of the ISPS Code. Vessels shall demonstrate that appropriate maritime security measures are in place according to ISPS Code regulations. The following information must be furnished by the vessel when requested:

1. Information on the vessel and making contact.
  - 1.1 IMO Number
  - 1.2 Vessel name.
  - 1.3 Home port.
  - 1.4 Flag.
  - 1.5 Vessel type.
  - 1.6 Call sign.
  - 1.7 INMARSAT call sign.
  - 1.8 Gross tonnage.
  - 1.9 Company name.
  - 1.10 Name of Company Security Officer, including 24-hour contact information.
2. Information about the harbor and harbor facilities.
  - 2.1 Arrival harbor and harbor facilities where the vessel will berth.
  - 2.2 Date and time of arrival.
  - 2.3 Primary reason for entering the harbor.
3. Information required by Rule 9 Paragraph 2.1 of Chapter XI-2 of the Enclosure to the SOLAS Agreement.
  - 3.1 Does the vessel possess an International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC) or an Interim ISSC? (Yes/No)
    - 3.1.1 If yes, list issuer of ISSC or Interim ISSC and expiration date.
    - 3.1.2 If no, give reason why not.
    - 3.1.3 Is there an approved Vessel Security Plan? (Yes/No).
  - 3.2 Current MARSEC Level of the vessel and position of vessel at the time of providing the report.
  - 3.3 The last ten port calls where there was interaction between the vessel and a harbor facility, in chronological order, with the most recent port call listed first. Include the MARSEC Level of the vessel, as well as the harbor name, country, harbor facility, and UN Location Code.
    - 3.3.1 During the previous ten port calls, were additional security measures taken on board the vessel in addition to the measures required by the vessel's MARSEC Level. (Yes/No).
    - 3.3.2 If yes, please detail the additional security measures taken. Include the harbor name, country, harbor facility, and UN Location Code.
  - 3.4 Within the period of the last ten calls at port facilities, list ship-to-ship activities, including position or latitude/longitude of the activities, with the most recent activity listed first.
    - 3.4.1 Were proper security measures taken by the vessel during the ship-to-ship activities? (Yes/No).
    - 3.4.2 If no, list the ship-to-ship activities where proper security measures were not taken and describe the security measures that were taken.
  - 3.5 General description of the cargo on board.

- 3.6 A copy of the crew list
- 3.7 A copy of the passenger list.
4. Other safety-related information.
  - 4.1 Are there any other safety-related matters to be reported (Yes/No).
  - 4.2 If yes, provide more detailed information.
5. Agents of the ship in future ports of arrival.
  - 5.1 Name(s) of ship's agent(s) in future ports of arrival including contact information (telephone number).
6. Identification of the person who prepared the information.
  - 6.1 Name.
  - 6.2 Title or function.
  - 6.3 Signature, including date and location of preparation.

### Electronic Navigation and Communication

**International Maritime Satellite Organization (INMARSAT).**—Around the world satellite communication systems have now become synonymous with the reliable and quality transfer of information. The International Maritime Satellite Organization (INMARSAT) is an international consortium comprising over 75 partners who provide maritime safety management and maritime communications services.

The INMARSAT system consists of a number of satellites, which maintain geosynchronous orbits, and provide quality communications coverage between about 77°N and about 77°S, including locations with less than a 5° angle of elevation. INMARSAT-A, the original system, provides telephone, telex, and facsimile services. However, this system is being replaced by INMARSAT-B, which, by the use of digital technology, is providing the services with improved quality and higher data transmission rates. INMARSAT-C provides a store and forward data messaging capability, but no voice communication.

**Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS).**—The Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) provides a great advancement in safety over the previous usage of short range and high seas radio transmissions. This system consists of satellite as well as advanced terrestrial communications operations.

The GMDSS has been adopted by the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) 1974. It applies to cargo vessels of 300 gt and over, and all vessels carrying more than twelve passengers on international voyages. Unlike previous regulations, the GMDSS requires vessels to carry specified equipment according to the area in which they are operating. Such vessels navigating in polar regions must carry VHF, MF, and HF equipment and a satellite Emergency Position Indicating Radiobeacon (EPIRB).

Information on the GMDSS, provided by the U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center, is accessible via the Internet, as follows:

#### U. S. Coast Guard Navigation Center

<https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=GMDSS>

**Global Positioning System (GPS).**—The NAVSTAR Global Positioning System (GPS) is a satellite-based system, operated by the United States Air Force, which provides very accurate positioning, time, and velocity information to multiple

users. It is an all-weather system with world wide and continuous usage which will replace OMEGA and other such hyperbolic radio navigation systems. The space component of GPS consists of 24 satellites, of which a minimum of six are observable from any place on earth. GPS receivers convert data from the satellites to produce three-dimensional positions (latitude, longitude, and altitude). They compute information for fixes in terms of the World Geodetic System reference ellipsoid. A datum shift correction may be required before a position can be plotted.

GPS provides two services for navigation positioning, as follows:

1. Standard Positioning Service (SPS)—The standard level of positioning and timing accuracy. It is available without restrictions to any user on a continuous worldwide basis. As of midnight (EDT) 1 March 2000, Selective Availability was set to zero; users should experience a GPS horizontal accuracy of 10 to 20m or better.

2. Precise Positioning Service (PPS)—An encoded level intended for use by the Department of Defense.

**SafetyNET.**—NAVTEX is an international automated direct printing service for providing coastal navigational information, distress warnings, and meteorological warnings, including ice reports.

It is an element of GMDSS and has replaced the broadcasts of safety information over MF morse frequencies.

The SafetyNET broadcast system provides the same information as NAVTEX to vessels on the high seas and is delivered by the INMARSAT-C system.

**Note.**—For further information concerning the International Maritime Satellite Organization (INMARSAT), the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS), the SafetyNET system, and the Global Positioning System (GPS), see Pub. No. 9, The American Practical Navigator (Bowditch, 1995 Edition); Pub. 117, Radio Navigational Aids; and Annual Notice to Mariners No. 1.

### Automatic Identification System (AIS) Aids to Navigation (ATON)

All types of buoys and fixed structures, such as offshore platforms and wind power construction, can be supplemented with AIS. Ships equipped with an AIS transponder can, as a minimum, receive the following information:

1. MMSI number of the AIS ATON.
2. Name of the ATON.
3. Position of the ATON.
4. Bearing and distance to the observer.

The three types of AIS ATON are, as follows:

1. Physical—The AIS device is located on the ATON.
2. Synthetic—The AIS information is transmitted from a location different from the ATON.
3. Virtual—The ATON does not physically exist.

Virtual AIS ATON are useful, as follows:

1. For time-critical situations and in marking or delineating dynamic areas where navigation conditions frequently change.
2. When physical ATON are removed temporarily until permanent ATON can be established.
3. To mark areas where navigation features change frequently and would require dynamic marking.

Virtual AIS ATON can be used in different situations, as fol-

lows:

1. Instant (wreck marking).
2. Temporary (marking works in progress).
3. Dynamic (channel formerly marked by buoys but now marked by virtual AIS ATON which are moved as required).
4. Seasonal (ice buoys).
5. Permanent (when environmental or ecological factors make it desirable not to place a physical aid).

### Enroute Volumes

Pub. 125, Sailing Directions (Enroute) West Coast of South America.

Pub. 126, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Pacific Islands.

Pub. 127, Sailing Directions (Enroute) East Coast of Australia and New Zealand.

Pub. 153, Sailing Directions (Enroute) West Coast of Central America.

Pub. 154, Sailing Directions (Enroute) British Columbia.

Pub. 155, Sailing Directions (Enroute) East Coast of Russia.

Pub. 157, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Coasts of China and Korea.

Pub. 158, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Japan, Volume 1.

Pub. 159, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Japan, Volume 2.

Pub. 161, Sailing Directions (Enroute) South China Sea and the Gulf of Thailand.

Pub. 162, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Philippine Islands.

Pub. 163, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Borneo, Jawa, Sulawesi, and Nusa Tenggara.

Pub. 164, Sailing Directions (Enroute) New Guinea.

## Pollution

### Ballast Water Management

International guidelines have been adopted by the IMO to prevent the introduction of unwanted aquatic organisms and pathogens from ships' ballast water and sediment discharge into marine ecosystems. The guidelines include the retention of ballast water onboard, ballast exchange at sea, ballast management aimed at preventing or minimizing the uptake of contaminated water or sediment, and the discharge of ballast ashore. Particular attention is drawn to the hazards associated with ballast exchange at sea.

Ship owners and agents are strongly advised to comply with these guidelines, which were introduced under IMO Resolution A.868(20), titled *1997 Guidelines for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water to Minimize the Transfer of Harmful Aquatic Organisms and Pathogens*.

In February 2004, a diplomatic conference adopted an *International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments*. This *Ballast Water Management (BWM) Convention* will come into force world wide after it has been signed by 30 states, representing 35 per cent of the world's merchant shipping tonnage.

Individual states are currently in the process of introducing national legislation in accordance with the *BMW Convention*. Upon implementation, this legislation will be applicable to commercial vessels that carry out ballast water discharge within a state's jurisdictional waters.

Typical legislation requires that all ships intending to discharge ballast water within a state's jurisdictional waters shall conduct any exchange at least 200 miles from the coast and in

waters at least 200m deep. If this is not possible, the exchange should be carried out as far as possible from the nearest land and, in all cases, at least 50 miles from the coast. In cases where the ship is unable to comply, ballast water must be maintained on board, and only a minimum amount may be authorized for discharge, with the prior authorization of the appropriate national maritime authority.

Ballast water management will be conducted in accordance with a *Ship's BMW Plan*. In addition, a *Ballast Water Reporting Form* may be required by the relevant authority as directed, prior to the ETA. The *Ship's BWM Plan* will be approved by the flag administration or relevant classification society.

Violations of the legislation will be sanctioned according to national law, which can include warnings, fines, detentions, or prohibition of the ship's entry into a port or terminal.

### Ballast Water Exchange Requirements off South America

To avoid spreading disease to endangered species, all vessels with ballast water originating in foreign countries must exchange ballast water at least once prior to arriving in South American territorial waters. The exchange must take place at least 12 miles from the coast.

Vessels originating from areas which are affected by cholera or other epidemics of a similar infectious nature must also follow the above ballast water exchange procedures.

### Sulphur Emission Control Areas

Sulphur Emission Control Areas (SECA) are areas where special controls are in effect to reduce sulphur oxide (SO<sub>x</sub>) emissions from ships.

The North American SECA is located, as follows:

1. East area—The Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean coasts of the United States and the Atlantic Ocean coast of Canada S of latitude 60°00'N.
2. West area—The Pacific Ocean coast of the United States, the Pacific Ocean coast of Canada, the coast of Alaska E of longitude 153°15'03"W, and the Hawaiian Islands.

Ships transiting a SECA are limited to using heavy fuel oil with a maximum sulphur content of 1.5 per cent. Ships berthed in a SECA are limited to using marine fuels with a maximum sulphur content of 0.1 per cent.

The North American Emission Control Area, which also includes restrictions on emissions of nitrous oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) and particulate matter, became effective on 1 August 2012.

## Regulations

### Paris Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (PMoU) New Inspection Regime (NIR)

The NIR of the PMoU has introduced a mandatory reporting system for vessels arriving at or departing from a port or anchorage within the Paris MoU region, as follows:

1. Vessels eligible for an Expanded Inspection (EI)—The master, operator, or agent of a vessel eligible for an EI shall provide the port an advance notice of arrival 72 hours in advance. The following vessels are subject to an EI:
  - a. All vessels with a high risk profile.
  - b. All passenger vessels, oil tankers, gas tankers, chemical tankers, and bulk carriers over 12 year old.

2. All other vessels—All other vessels bound for Paris MoU member port must send an advance notice 24 hours prior to arrival. If the voyage from the previous port is less than 24 hours, not known, or is changed during the voyage, the notification should be sent as soon as the information becomes known.

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Port State Control—2009/106/EC

These reports should be sent to the competent port authority unless otherwise directed. Failure to submit the report may subject the vessel to additional inspections.

Further information can be obtained at the European Maritime Safety Agency Home Page.

The participating Paris MoU countries are, as follows:

1. Belgium.
2. Bulgaria.
3. Canada.
4. Croatia.
5. Cyprus.
6. Denmark.
7. Estonia.
8. Finland.
9. France.
10. Germany.
11. Greece.
12. Greenland.
13. Ireland.
14. Italy.
15. Latvia.
16. Lithuania.
17. Malta.
18. Netherlands.
19. Norway.
20. Poland.
21. Portugal (including the Azores and Madeira).
22. Romania.
23. Russia.
24. Slovenia.
25. Spain (including Islas Baleares, Islas Canarias, and the enclaves of Cueta and Melilla in Morocco)
26. Sweden.
27. United Kingdom.

### Ship Sanitation Control Certificates

The World Health Organization International Health Regulations (2005), which came into force in 2007, created the Ship Sanitation Control Certificate (SSC) and the Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificate (SSCEC) program to enable competent authorities to identify and record all areas of ship-borne public health risks, along with any required control measures to be applied.

The SSC, which carries a 6-month period of validity, may be required from all ships, whether ocean-going or inland vessels, on an international voyage calling at a port of a State Party. It may be renewed at any port authorized by the State Party to is-

sue such renewals.

### Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSA)

A PSSA is an area that requires special protection because of its vulnerability to damage caused by marine activities. Vessels operating in or near such an area should exercise the utmost care to avoid damage to the maritime environment and the marine organisms in it. No waste should be discharged overboard.

The following areas have been declared by the IMO to be a PSSA:

1. The Great Barrier Reef (Australia).
2. Extension of the existing Great Barrier Reef PSSA to include Torres Strait (Australia and Papua New Guinea).
3. Extension of the existing Great Barrier Reef PSSA to include the SW part of the Coral Sea (Australia).
4. Galapagos Archipelago (Ecuador).
5. Paracas National Reserve (Peru).
6. Malpelo Island (Colombia).

### Routes

The route information in this section considers routes to and from selected ports in the Pacific Ocean basin, as well as routes to selected ports outside the Pacific Ocean basin.

In general, these routes are as direct as safe navigation permits. However, in some instances, a divergence is made to avoid dangers to navigation, to take advantage of favorable currents, or to minimize the effects of adverse currents. It should not be inferred that recommendations in this chapter necessarily represent adopted or established sea lanes. Routes between ports consist of a series of rhumb lines unless stated otherwise. When a route may be followed in either direction the reverse route is not described.

Detailed information on these routes can be found, as follows:

1. Appendix I—Routes Across the South Pacific Ocean.
2. Appendix II—Routes Across the North Pacific Ocean.
3. Appendix III—Routes Across Southeast Asia.

### Seas

#### Adjacent Seas in the North Pacific Ocean

The seas adjacent to the North Pacific Ocean include the Gulf of Alaska, the Bering Sea, the Sea of Okhotsk, the Sea of Japan, the Yellow Sea, the East China Sea, the South China Sea, and the Philippine Sea, and the Tasman Sea.

**The Gulf of Alaska.**—The broad indentation on the S coast of Alaska, between the Alaskan Peninsula on the W and the Alexander Archipelago on the E, is comprised of a seamount province and a number of guyots.

The Gulf of Alaska is reported to be frequently rough and to usually have some swell. It is a stormy region in February and November and mountainous seas may be expected.

**The Bering Sea.**—The coast along the Siberian side of the Bering Sea is steep-to, and the tidal currents are not strong, but navigation is not easy because of severe climatic conditions, frequent fog and overcast skies, strong winds, short navigational seasons, and the inaccuracy of some existing charts. Some of the surveys on this side date back to examinations by Admiral Litke of the Russian Navy in 1826. Reka Anadyr, flowing into Anadyrskiy Zaliv (Gulf of Anadyr), is the only large river on

the Siberian side of the Bering Sea.

The hydrography of the E side of the Bering Sea is fairly well known, but that of the Asiatic side is imperfectly known demanding special caution on the part of the navigator.

The NE part of the sea has one of the largest continental shelves in the world but along the Aleutian chain and the Siberian shore it is very narrow.

The W, S, and SE shores of the Bering Sea abound with volcanoes. Many are active, producing earthquakes and changes in the features of the land. The highest on the W shore is Sopka Klyuchevskaya (56°03'N., 160°35'E.) rising on the E coast of Poluostrov Kamchatskiy.

Komandorskiye Ostrova, lying NW of the Aleutian Islands, forming the S and SE shores of the sea, has no active volcanoes but earthquakes are frequent. These earthquakes are sometimes prolonged and accompanied by a sudden rise in the water level of as much as 3m and over; the level falls again just as suddenly; this fact should be borne in mind when selecting an anchorage.

**The Sea of Okhotsk.**—The Sea of Okhotsk, about 1,350 miles in length in a N to S direction and 660 miles in width, is bounded on the SW by Sakhalin, on the W and N by the Asiatic mainland, on the E by Poluostrov Kamchatskiy, and on the S by the Kuril Islands and Hokkaido.

Navigation in the Sea of Okhotsk is difficult during the navigation season because of frequent fog and lack of navigational aids. Vessels should bear in mind that a number of features on the shores may be incorrectly charted, a number of temporary settlements may spring up during the fishing season, and the channels and bars at the river mouths may change.

During the winter all ports are icebound and ice exists in most of the open sea area.

The greatest depths in the Sea of Okhotsk, from 3,000m to a maximum of 3,374m are found in the Kuril Basin along the NW side of the Kuril Islands. From this area the bottom rises rather abruptly toward Sakhalin and the W coast of Poluostrov Kamchatskiy, but more gradually toward the N part of the sea.

In places along the N and NW shores depths of 73 to 92m are found close inshore. The shallowest parts of the sea are along the W coast of Poluostrov Kamchatskiy and at the heads of bays.

The most intense volcanic and seismic activity is concentrated in the Kuril Islands area where about 30 surface and some active submarine volcanoes are found. The strongest earthquakes are concentrated in the Kuril Islands area; weaker earthquakes are observed on Sakhalin and on the N shore. The NW part of the sea has a minimum of seismic activity.

**The Sea of Japan.**—The Sea of Japan lies between the islands of Japan on the E, Korea on the W, and Soviet Union to the N, where Tatar Strait leads to the Sea of Okhotsk. The Sea of Japan is nearly elliptical in outline in a NE to SW direction. Several islands lie within its margins. A maximum depth of 4,049m found at position 43°00'N, 137°39'E.

The islands of Japan are mountainous. Three main ranges form an arc, with one range extending S from Sakhalin; one running NE from China, through Kyushu and Shikoku; and the third rising parallel with and N of the second. These three ranges join about the middle of Honshu, where they form a range known as the Japanese Alps and include a volcanic chain. The maximum elevation in Japan is attained at the summit of Fuji San (Fuji Yama), which is 3,775m high. It surmounts a weather

station.

The S coast of Japan is quite broken, affording a great number of sheltered anchorages; but much of the E and W coasts of Honshu and Hokkaido are slightly indented, with few good harbors. The great natural feature is the Naikai (Inland Sea), bounded by Honshu on the N and by Kyushu and Shikoku on the S, affording a safe sheltered waterway between Kobe and Shimonoseki.

The peninsula of Korea is mountainous, sloping towards the W coast which is indented with several harbors, sheltered by some islands, but somewhat hampered by the large tidal rise and strong tidal currents. The E coast has few harbors.

**The Yellow Sea.**—The Yellow Sea lies between Korea and N China. It is one of the marginal seas of the W Pacific lying N of, and adjacent to, the East China Sea. The gulf of Po Hai is at its head.

Large quantities of fine yellow mud are carried down to this sea by the great rivers of North China. They are the Huang Ho (Yellow River), Chang Chiang (Yangtze River), Liao Ho, and the Yalu River.

The N of China is characterized by a yellow earthy deposit of great fertility, called "loess," which fills the valleys to a depth of thousands of feet and covers both low and high ground. It is apt to erode to form terraced precipices. It is soft and easily washed away from the banks of the rivers, so that the rivers change their course frequently and their beds are encumbered by shoals.

**The East China Sea.**—The East China Sea lies between the Ryukyu Islands (Nansei Shoto) archipelago and the mainland of China. The mainland coast is low with large offshore mud shoals of silt brought down by the Chang Chiang (Yangtze River) annually in amounts comparable to the discharge of the Mississippi River. The Chang Chiang is over 3,000 miles long. The head of river steamer navigation, at high river level, is Chungking (29°34'N., 106°35'E.), about 1,300 miles above Wusung Bar.

The main axis of the Kuroshio (Japan Current) or Black Current, so-named by the Japanese because of the dark blue color of its water, passes through the East China Sea, close W of the Ryukyu Islands.

Like the Gulf Stream, it carries large quantities of warm tropical water to higher latitudes.

**The South China Sea.**—The South China Sea extends from Taiwan to Bangka. It provides a direct connection between the North Pacific Ocean and the Indian Ocean.

The sea is about 2,000 miles in length with the Gulf of Thailand as a marginal body of water. Dangerous Ground, a large encumbered area lying W of Palawan, should be avoided by all vessels and is described in Pub. 161, Sailing Directions (Enroute) for the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand.

In the S part depths do not exceed 183m. The N central part has a maximum depth of 5,030m.

In the deep waters off the Sunda Shelf the seabed is floored with soft mud or ooze, providing a smooth sedimentary surface layer. The depth of the layer is not known, but is probably similar to that of the Pacific Ocean, which is estimated to be about 300m. Patches of sand, coral, and rock surround the reefs and banks in this region.

On the shelf mud is still the dominant sediment, but is interspersed with large patches of sand and smaller patches of rocks, stone, and coral. A belt of sand, about 100 miles wide,

extends N from Kepulauan Natuna to the Vietnam coast.

There is a widening belt of sand and mud off the coast of Sarawak and the NW extremity of Borneo. This belt extends NW to the S group of Kepulauan Natuna. There is an extensive mud strip inshore of this belt along the W coast of Sarawak, formed by the discharge of rivers. Mud is extensive off the coast of West Kalimantan, but is replaced in the approaches to Selat Karimata by a predominantly sand bottom.

A mud flooring extends along the NW coast of Borneo and E through Balabac Strait, with offshore patches of rock and coral. The bottom is sand with frequent outcrops of rock and coral along the W coast of Palawan. The bottom is mud in the Palawan Passage.

At the entrance to Manila Bay and along the S shore of that bay, sand, stone, and rock are present but elsewhere, mud from deltaic deposition is found. Mud is also predominant N of Mindoro, but S of that island the bottom is sand, interspersed with patches of coral.

The steep coast W of Luzon and N of Manila Bay is fronted by rocky outcrops, islets, and occasional coral reefs.

The narrow coastal shelf is covered by sand or sand and mud, with mud becoming the predominant sediment between latitudes 16°N and 18°N. The climate of the South China Sea is governed by the NE and SW monsoons and results in a slow and regular climatic variation.

The occurrence of tropical cyclones also varies with the seasons.

The principal islands and island groups of the South China Sea are, as follows:

1. On the E—the Philippines and Borneo.
2. In the middle—the Paracel Islands (Xisha Qundao).
3. On the W—Hong Kong and Hai-nan Tao.
4. On the S—Kepulauan Natuna, Kepulauan Anambas, Singapore, Bangka, and Belitung.

**The Philippine Sea.**—The Philippine Sea is a vast area lying S of Japan and N of the Caroline Islands between the Philippines on the W, and the island chain of Palau and the Marianas on the E.

The Mindanao Trench, a narrow trough containing some of the greatest depths in the oceans, lies close to the E coasts of the Philippine archipelago.

Its limits are as yet not fully defined but it appears to be about 600 miles long with a width of from 60 to 100 miles, and extends from off the S end of Mindanao to beyond the N point of Samar. In 1952, H.M.S. Challenger obtained a depth of 10,863m in the trench.

The most striking feature of the E part of the Philippine Sea are chains of seamounts running in a N to S direction. The main island arcs lie in two groups. They are the Solomon Islands and Bismarck Archipelago, lying off New Guinea; and the Marianas.

The Marina Trench is over 1,000 miles long, with an average width of about 40 miles. Near its S end some of the deepest recorded soundings have been obtained. These include a depth of 11,035m found by the research vessel Vityaz in 1959.

#### Adjacent Seas in the South Pacific Ocean

The seas adjacent to the South Pacific Ocean include the Celebes Sea, the Arafura Sea, the Banda Sea, the Java Sea, the Coral Sea, the Solomon Sea, and the Bismarck Sea.

**The Celebes Sea.**—The Celebes Sea lies between Borneo

and the S part of the Philippines. It is bounded on the N by the Sulu Archipelago and the SW coast of Mindanao; on the E by the chain of volcanic islands connecting the Philippines with Sulawesi; and on the S by the partially volcanic N arm of Sulawesi.

An active submarine volcano rises from a depth of about 4,000m at about 4°N, 124°E. Otherwise, the basin is characterized by a rather flat bottom with steep sides.

The bottom in the vicinity of active volcanoes is covered with blue or green mud.

Islands and island groups of the Celebes Sea include; on the N, the Sulu Archipelago and Mindanao; on the E, Kepulauan Kawio and Kepulauan Sangihe; on the S, Sulawesi; and on the W, Borneo.

**The Arafura Sea.**—The Arafura Sea lies between the SW coast of New Guinea and the N coast of Australia. Weak to moderate earthquakes occur in the vicinity of Kepulauan Kai on the W limit of this sea.

**The Banda Sea.**—The Banda Sea lies between Sulawesi and the Tanimbar Islands. The Banda Sea consists of several comparatively flat basins. The volcano, Gunungapi, rises abruptly in the S basin from a depth of about 4,500m to a height of about 280m. The area has a high frequency of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.

Pulau Unauna erupted on 18 July 1983. Although all the inhabitants were evacuated prior to the eruption, all of the flora and fauna of the island was reported to have perished.

**The Java Sea.**—The Java Sea lies between Borneo and Java. In the E, the Java Sea is bounded by the Makassar Strait, the Flores Sea, and the Bali Sea. The W boundary of the Java Sea is formed by Sumatera, as far as Bangka.

The area is seismically active, with the greatest concentration of volcanic activity in the world. One of the most catastrophic eruptions ever witnessed occurred in Selat Sunda, at Krakatau.

Prior to 1883, Krakatau was an island lying athwart a crater about 4 miles across, technically known as a "caldera." Most of the caldera was underwater, but higher portions of the rim projected above water and successive eruptions had merged volcanic cones across the caldera to form the single island, Krakatau, 8 km by 5 km in extent. Prior to 1883, the only eruption had occurred in 1680. On May 20, 1883, Krakatau again became active. Ash-laden steam clouds reached a height of 6 miles, accompanied by earthquakes and explosions which were felt as far away as Jakarta. Moderate activity continued until the latter part of August.

On August 26, 1883, the character of the eruptions on Krakatau became catastrophic. At 1300, the first of a series of violent explosions occurred, and a black cloud of ash rose 17 miles above the island. The explosions became more and more violent during the night, reaching a climax at 1000 on August 27. The explosions of that eruption were heard as far as Australia, Sri Lanka, and Mauritius. A succession of seismic sea waves swept the shores of Selat Sunda, completely destroying five towns. The tsunami increased greatly in volume and was observed at Pulau Tampurung to rise to 22m; at Pulau Merak, to 36.5m; and from Tanjung Tua to Telukbetung the average height was 24.5m. Every object on the shores of Selat Sunda as far inland as the first range of hills was leveled to the ground, and where the land was low, the sea penetrated as far as 5 miles inland. According to the official report 36,417 persons per-



ished.

Large quantities of ash fell over an area of 300,000 square miles. Rising high into the upper atmosphere, the fine dust drifted several times around the earth.

When the eruption was over, about 75 per cent of Krakatau had disappeared leaving only the islet Pulau Rakata (Pulau Krakatau). Pulau Rakata has an active volcano, Gunung Rakata (6°09'S., 105°26'E.), 813m high.

In 1928, Pulau Anak Krakatau, an islet formed by submarine volcanic activity in the former caldera of Krakatau which is charted as a dangerous area, appeared about 2.5 miles N of Pulau Rakata. Subsequent eruptions increased the height of Pulau Anak Krakatau to 155m.

Volcanic activity was observed on Pulau Anak Krakatau in 1959, and on Pulau Rakata in 1973. In the event of threatened eruption of Gunung Rakata, the Jakarta radio station will broadcast the necessary warning in Indonesian and English.

In 1977, a massive earthquake on the Indian Ocean floor was reported. A tsunami wave about 30m high devastated Sumbawa, destroying the village of Ai Kaptapang.

Java Sea depths vary from about 40m or less in the W part, to as much as 60m in the E part. A gently sloping bottom, covered with a layer of unconsolidated sediment (soft mud or in some places mud and sand), has rocky outcrops (predominantly granite) rising abruptly to form groups of islands or shoals.

In some parts, chiefly along the coasts of Borneo, Sumatera, and Java, large rivers flow into the sea causing inshore silting and extension seaward of the coasts. The water is too muddy, or too fresh, for the growth of coral; but elsewhere the reefs and shores are generally encrusted with coral.

Some extensive coral areas occur near Kepulauan Seribu, NW of Jakarta, and in the vicinity of Bangka and Pulau Belitung. In some shallower parts, chiefly in the vicinity of island groups and on the sills which separate South China Sea from Java Sea, there are large stretches of sandy bottom. These are chiefly areas where the tidal currents are relatively strong. In some places off Tanjung Sambar, the SW extremity of Borneo, and in Selat Bangka, there are elongated sand banks aligned with the direction of the tidal currents, with muddy channels between them.

The largest stony area is in the narrows of Selat Sunda, while the largest area of rocky bottom appears to be the reef extending S from Benkulu, the SW extremity of Sumatera.

However, the central part of the Java Sea has not been closely examined. The area N of Kepulauan Kangean as far as 6°20'S has extensive foul areas due to coral growth and numerous isolated detached patches. It is prudent to adhere to the well-established routes. See the principal descriptions of these localities in the appropriate Sailing Directions (Enroute).

**The Coral Sea.**—The Coral Sea lies between the SE coast of New Guinea and the Queensland coast of Australia. It includes Torres Strait and extends as far E as the New Hebrides.

The area is characterized by large coral atolls and the world's largest barrier reefs including the Great Barrier Reef of Australia, the Tagula Barrier Reef of the Louisiade Archipelago, and the New Caledonia Barrier Reef.

Bathymetrically, the E margin of the Coral Sea is notable for its great trenches, including the San Cristobal Trench, the Torres Trench, and the New Hebrides Trench.

**The Solomon Sea.**—The Solomon Sea, N of the Coral Sea, lies E of New Guinea and S of New Britain and the Solomon

Islands. The area is seismically active. There are active volcanoes on some of the islands. Coral reefs abound.

Solomon Basin (Planet Deep), in the New Britain Trench, has a depth of 9,140m.

Tropical storms tend to be generated in the S part of the area and move S into the Coral Sea.

**The Bismarck Sea.**—The Bismarck Sea, part of the SW Pacific Ocean, lies between the N coast of New Guinea and the Bismarck Archipelago.

The area is characterized by numerous seismic disturbances, active volcanoes, and inactive cones. There are numerous sea mounts and submarine volcanoes.

## Ship Reporting System

### Information Fusion Center Voluntary Community Reporting (VCR) Area

The Information Fusion Center (IFC) is a voluntary multinational security information center based in Singapore. International liaison officers from naval and law enforcement agencies of OVER 20 countries work at the center. The goal of the center is to provide early warnings of maritime security threats through information sharing to facilitate timely operational responses.

The VCR Area is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 24°00'N, 68°10'E.
- b. 17°45'S, 68°10'E.
- c. 17°45'S, 162°30'E.
- d. 46°00'N, 162°30'E.
- e. 46°00'N, 116°00'E.
- f. 24°24'N, 116°00'E.

Merchant vessels are strongly encourage to submit the following reports by e-mail.

1. **Initial Report**—The IFC requests a vessel send an initial report when it enters the IFC's VCR Area. For efficient identification and classification of the report, it is requested that the e-mail subject header should be provided as "Initial Report/Company/Vessel Name/Date and Time," and that the report contains the following details:

- a. Vessel name.
- b. Flag.
- c. IMO Number.
- d. INMARSAT telephone number.
- e. Time and position.
- f. Course.
- g. Speed.
- h. Freeboard.
- i. Cargo.
- j. Destination and ETA.
- k. Name and contact details of company security officer.
- l. Nationalities of master and crew.
- m. Armed/unarmed security detail embarked.

2. **Daily Transit Position Report**—The IFC requests a vessel send daily position report when it transits the IFC's VCR Area. For efficient identification and classification of the report, it is requested that the e-mail subject header should be provided as "Daily Position Report/Company/Vessel Name/Date and Time," and that the report contains the

following details:

- a. Vessel name.
- b. Call sign and IMO Number.
- c. Time of report (UTC).
- d. Position.
- e. Course and speed.
- f. Any other important information. This can include items such as change of destination, change of ETA, number of UK crew on board, etc.

**Note.**—Vessels are encouraged by the IFC to increase the frequency of their reporting when transiting a high-risk area.

3. **Final Report**—It is requested a vessel send its Final Report when it exits the VCR Area. For efficient identification and classification of the report, it is requested that the e-mail subject header should be provided as “Final Report/Company/Ship Name/Date and Time,” and that the report contains the following details:

- a. Vessel name.
- b. Call sign and IMO Number.
- c. Time of report (UTC).
- d. Port or position when leaving the VCR Area.

4. **Suspicious Activity Report**—In addition to the regular reporting process, the IFC requests that the crew of any vessel that observes any anomalous behavior whilst participating in the VCR sends an additional suspicious activity report by e-mail to the IFC. Examples of the types of behaviors which can be considered as “anomalous” include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Unusual rendezvous (RVs) of ships at sea including transfers of cargo or people.
- b. Darkened ships/not illuminating navigation lights.
- c. Ships anchored in unusual locations.
- d. Ships not flying a flag/displaying a name.
- e. Ships navigating contrary to the ordinary practice of seamen.
- f. Ships outside of normal patterns/sea lanes.
- g. Fishing boats without appropriate equipment.
- h. Overcrowded/unseaworthy/overloaded ships.
- i. Non-ocean-going ships in the high seas.
- j. Abandoned ships.
- k. Unwarranted/unsolicited approaches by ships to your own ship or other ships in your vicinity.
- l. Non-military/government ships carrying arms.
- m. Ships carrying boarding equipment.
- n. Suspicious/unusual voice communications.

This can also include RF, GPS, radar, and cyber attack incidents.

Failure to report these items may delay any military assistance in the event of an incident as military and enforcement assets will not be expecting the ship, resulting in valuable information not being available.

For efficient identification and classification of the report, it is requested that the e-mail subject header should be provided as “Suspicious Activity Report/Company/Ship Name/Date and Time,” and that the report contains the following details:

- a. Vessel name.
- b. Call sign and IMO Number.
- c. Time of report (UTC).
- d. Position.
- e. Course and speed.

f. Sighting of suspicious activity, including time, position, and brief description of craft and activity witnesses. Where possible include any imagery to aid in identification.

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The following countries are located within the Voluntary Reporting Area:

1. Australia.
2. Bangladesh.
3. Brunei.
4. Burma.
5. Cambodia.
6. China.
7. Hong Kong.
8. India.
9. Indonesia.
10. Macau.
11. Malaysia.
12. Philippines.
13. Sri Lanka.
14. Thailand.
15. Vietnam.

## Signals

For information on international port traffic signals and visual storm warning signals, see **Appendix V—International Port Traffic Signals and Visual Storm Warning Signals**.

## Tides

### SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN

**General.**—The mean tide range varies from less than 0.6m in many of the Pacific Islands to over 4.2m between 42°S and 43°S along the coast of Chile.

### Northern South Pacific Ocean

North of 6°S, the tide is mainly mixed, consisting of two high waters and two low waters each tidal day, with a marked inequality between the heights of successive high and successive low waters. Maximum (spring) tides are 1.5 to 3.0m generally and in excess of 4.9m in some places in the Gulf of Panama.

### Eastern South Pacific Ocean

South of 6°S, the tide is mainly mixed, consisting of two high waters and two low waters each tidal day, with a marked inequality between the heights of successive high and successive low waters. Between 40°S and 46°S, the tide is semi-diurnal; two high and two low waters occur each tidal day, with little inequality between successive highs and lows. Maximum

(spring) tide ranges are 0.6 to 1.2m in Peru and 0.9 to 2.1m in Chile, except from 41°S to 43°S in the Gulf of Corcorado and the Gulf of Ancud, where spring ranges of 4.6 to 6.1m may be experienced.

### Western South Pacific Ocean

Semidiurnal tides occur throughout New Zealand, its neighboring islands, and Samoa. Tides at Pacific islands W of 130°W and N of 30°S are mixed, except in the Solomon Islands, where they are mainly diurnal (one high water and one low water daily).

In New Zealand, tide ranges are generally larger on the W coasts than along the E coasts. Spring ranges are generally 2.1 to 3.4m along the W coasts and 1.2 to 2.1 along the E coasts, although exceptions may be found in constricted passages or inlets. The smallest tide occurs at Wellington, where the spring range is slightly greater than 1m and the mean range is slightly less than 1m. The largest tide is found in Astrolabe Road, where the spring range is 4.7m and the mean range 3.7m.

### NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN

**General.**—Semidiurnal tides (two high and two low waters each tidal day), mixed tides (two markedly unequal high waters and/or two markedly unequal low waters each tidal day), and diurnal tides (one high water and one low water each tidal day) occur in this area. Prolonged onshore winds and/or low atmospheric pressure tend to raise the water level; offshore winds and/or high atmospheric pressure tend to lower it.

The tides are extremely mixed along the coast and in the channels among the many islands of British Columbia. The mean diurnal tide ranges generally vary from about 1.8 to 3.5m.

Mixed tides predominate over the greater part of the Central American coast; the large tide ranges of 1.8 to 4.9m usually occur 3 or 4 days after the time of new or full moon.

Mean tide ranges in the northwest Pacific Ocean vary from less than 0.3m in the Sea of Japan to more than 9.1m in the Sea of Okhotsk. Large fluctuations in water level due to winds may occur along the west coast of the Kamchatka Peninsula.

Along the coast of China, the tides are generally mixed with inequalities between heights of successive high and/or successive low waters. Mean spring range is almost 5.8m off the SE coast of China, about 3.1m on the SE coast of the Shantung Peninsula, about 1.2m in Bo Hai, and over 8.2m at some locations on the W coast of Korea. Tides along the Pacific coast of Japan vary from about 0.8 to 2.3m, but at some places in the Naikai they may exceed 3.1m.

### Northeastern North Pacific Ocean

The tides are extremely mixed along the coast and in the channels among the many islands of British Columbia. The greatest diurnal inequality (difference in height between two successive high and/or two successive low waters) occurs principally between successive low waters during maximum N and S declinations of the moon; the least inequality occurs when the moon is over the Equator. Different combinations of lunar declination and lunar phases affect the tides in varying degrees. For example, in some places highest tides can occur 5 or 6 days before or after new or full moon.

The daily higher high water occurs near the time of the moon's lower transit during N declination, and occurs near the

time of the moon's upper transit during S declination; the lower low water follows the higher high water. Extreme meteorological conditions may increase heights as much as 50 per cent.

The tidal progression is n. In many of the deep inlets the tide rises or falls nearly simultaneously along the entire length of the inlet; high tide (or low tide) occurs only slightly later at the head than at the entrance.

Water levels along the mainland may be increased by runoff and river discharge, which are maximum in May and June when the mountain snow melts. The discharge of the smaller rivers on coastal islands is greatest in winter, the period of maximum coastal precipitation. Thus, the influence of the large rivers is greatest in summer and that of the small rivers is greatest in winter.

The mean diurnal tide range gradually increases NW along the W coast of Vancouver Island from about 2.2m at Port San Juan, near the entrance to the NW end of the island.

In the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the Inner Passage where deep channels between the mainland and Vancouver Island extend from Cape Flattery to Queen Charlotte Sound, the tides are, as follows:

1. Strait of Juan de Fuca—The mean diurnal range is about 2.2m. High water occurs about 4 hours earlier at Cape Flattery than at Port Townsend. The average inequality between the two daily low waters is about 0.9m at Cape Flattery; this difference in low water heights increases E to about 1.5m at Port Townsend. An average inequality of about 0.5m between the two daily high waters, however, remains nearly uniform through the entire length of the strait.
2. Victoria—The mean diurnal range is about 1.8m. For periods of a few days during each month, the tide may be diurnal, with only one high and one low water daily.
3. San Juan Archipelago—The mean diurnal ranges differ from about 2.2 to 2.6m. An extreme range of tide, from, 1.4m below to 3.7m above chart datum (mean lower low water), may occur at times.
4. Strait of Georgia—The mean diurnal range is about 2.9m in the S part and about 3.2m in the N part. A maximum range of about 4.9m may occur. The difference in heights of the daily high waters is small, but the difference in heights of the successive daily low waters is considerable.
5. Queen Charlotte Strait—The mean diurnal ranges vary in height from about 3.5m at the W entrance to about 2.9m near its E limit.
6. Queen Charlotte Sound—The mean diurnal ranges are about 3.4 to 3.7m.
7. Hecate Strait—The mean diurnal ranges in vary from about 3.7m at the S entrance to approximately 18.12 feet in the N part of the strait. The tide range in the N part of the strait at times may exceed 6.1m and have considerable diurnal inequality between low waters.
8. Dixon Entrance—The mean diurnal range is about 3.4m.

Tidal progression continues N from Queen Charlotte Sound along the mainland coast and both coasts of the Queen Charlotte Islands. Part of the progression turns E through Dixon Entrance, near the N end of Hecate Strait, and meets the N progression through Hecate Strait.

In this area the range of the tide varies from 4.9m in Queen Charlotte Sound to 7.6m at Prince Rupert.

The reference level from which tide ranges are measured is

approximate lowest normal tide. This Canadian chart datum varies by 0.6 to 0.75m below mean lower low water, the chart datum used in U.S. territory.

#### **Southeastern North Pacific Ocean (including the W coasts of Central America and Mexico)**

Although mixed tides predominate over the greater part of the coast, semidiurnal tides predominate S of the vicinity of Salina Cruz.

The largest ranges of the semidiurnal tides will usually occur 3 or 4 days after new or full moon. Diurnal tide ranges are largest near maximum lunar declination. Tide ranges along the coast of Mexico vary from more than 2.1m on the N coast, to less than 0.6m on the central coast, and to more than 1.5m on the S coast.

In the Golfo de California, the tide becomes diurnal, with one high water and one low water occur daily during 10 to 15 days each month near the times of maximum lunar declination. During the remainder of the month, there will be two high waters and two low waters each tidal day, with diurnal inequality principally in the low waters. Tide ranges decrease from 1.2m at the entrance to less than 0.9m in the central part, and then increase to approximately 7.0m at the head of the gulf. There is a bore in the Colorado River above Punta San Felipe, which is reported to be 1.2 to 2.1m in height at spring tide.

Off the coast of Central America tide ranges vary from about 1.8m at Guatemala to over 4.9m in the Gulf of Panama.

#### **Northwestern North Pacific Ocean (including the Sea of Okhotsk, the northern Sea of Japan, and the western Bering Sea)**

Semidiurnal, mixed, and diurnal tides occur in the Sea of Okhotsk. The tides are predominantly diurnal, becoming mixed a few days when the moon is over the Equator. Tide ranges vary considerably. Tropic ranges are from 1.7 to 9.1m on the Kamchatka Peninsula and 0.5 to 1.1m on the Sakhalin coast; spring ranges are from 2.44 to 5.0m on the Siberian coast. Meteorological conditions may cause large fluctuations in water level along the W coast of the Kamchatka Peninsula. At the N end of Sakhalin, N winds may raise the water level 1.7m.

Along the E coast of the Kamchatka Peninsula from Mys Shipunskiy to the vicinity of the Komandorski Islands, the tides are mixed.

In Anadryskiy Zaliv, the tides are semidiurnal; the spring ranges are about 2.4m.

Spring ranges vary from 1.2m along the E coast of the Kamchatka Peninsula to about 0.6m in the Bering Strait.

#### **Southwest North Pacific Ocean (including Taiwan Strait, the East China Sea, the Yellow Sea, the Sea of Japan, and the S coast of Japan)**

The tide along the coasts of Taiwan is mixed; mean ranges vary from 0.5 to 1.1m along the E coast and 1.2 to 1.5m along the W coast.

The tide on the South China coast between 23°N and 34°N is mixed; two high waters and two low waters usually occur each tidal day, with large inequalities between the heights of successive high and/or successive low waters. Mean ranges vary from 0.9m at Shan-Tou (Swatow) to 8.4m in Hang-chou Wan (Hang-chow Bay), but on the central part of the coast the average is

about 1.2m.

About 11 miles E of Yen-kuan (near Raining), a tidal bore begins near the time of local low water (at or a little before high water at the entrance to the Chang Chiang), and advances up the river at 15 knots; at Yen-kuan its height may reach 3.4m at springs and 0.6m at neaps. The bore may progress as far as Hang-chou during spring tides. Onshore winds and low atmospheric pressure cause the water level to be higher than predicted, whereas offshore winds and high atmospheric pressure have the opposite effect. The predicted water level may be increased as much as 4.6m along the coasts of Taiwan and South China during severe storms.

The tide along the coasts of North and Northeast China is mixed, except between position 39°55'N, 119°35'E and position 40°10'N, 120°25'E where the tide is diurnal, with one high water and one low water daily; mean diurnal ranges vary from about 0.8 to 0.9m. The mean tide range along the coast varies, as follows:

1. Between 35°N and 37°N—From about 1.8m to 2.4m.
2. From 37°00'N to about 40°30'N in Bo Hai—Between 0.8 and 1.2m.
3. In Liaotung Wan—2.0 to 2.7m.
4. Along the W shores of Liaotung Peninsula—1.1 to 1.5m.
5. Lu-shun (Port Arthur)—about 1.8m.
6. The Korean coast—4.6m.

Strong gales may cause the water level to fluctuate about 0.6m near the entrance to Pu-lan-tien Chiang.

In the head of Korea Bay, the tides are mainly semidiurnal with an inequality that may reach a maximum of about 1.9m, when maximum lunar declinations occur during spring tides. The maximum rise due to tidal forces along this coast is 7.3m.

The tide is mixed along the W coast of Korea, except between 40°N and 39°N and between 38°N and 36°N, where it is semidiurnal. The tide progression is north and the mean range along shore and among offshore islands varies from 0.6 to 6.4m.

The spring range decreases gradually S along the W coast from about 6.1m at the mouth of the Songchon Gang (39°30'N., 125°12'E.) to a minimum of about 0.9m near Western Channel (Tyosan Kan), increases to a maximum of 8.2m at Asan Myoji (36°58'N., 126°47'E.), then decreases to about 3.1m at about position 34°20'N., 126°30'E.

The spring ranges on Tsushima are about 1.8m on the W coast and from 1.1 to 1.7m along the E coast.

On the S coast of Korea, the tidal range at springs ranges from 3m at the W end to 1m at its E end.

Along the E coast of Korea, the tide is mixed, except for a small area between 36°N and 37°N, where it is diurnal. The tide progression is S with high water occurring nearly simultaneously from 37°N to the Soviet Union border. The tide range along the E coast is small; mean ranges vary from 0.1 to 0.2m; the ranges normally do not exceed 0.5m.

Tidal ranges along the E coast of Russia as far N as the Gulf of Tartary are normally less than 0.5m, except at the head of the Gulf of Tartary, where the range may be as much as 2m.

On the coast of the S part of Poluostrov Kamchatka, the E coast of Ostrov Sakhalin, and in Sakhalinsky Zaliv, the range is about 1m. Along the NW shore of the Sea of Okhotsk, the range is normally 2 to 3m but can be as much as 5m throughout Shantarskiye Ostrova. The range at the head of Zaliv Shelikho-

va can be as much as 7m.

In the Sea of Japan, tidal ranges are usually less than 0.3m; daily variations in water level from meteorological causes are often greater than those from astronomical forces.

The tide along the coasts of Kyushu, Shikoku, and Honshu is mixed; two high waters and two low waters occur each tidal day with considerable inequality between the heights of successive low waters. Exceptions are in the channels between Shikoku and Kyushu and between Shikoku and Honshu, where the tide is extremely mixed and may become diurnal, with double high waters for several days near maximum lunar declination.

Diurnal inequalities occur in the Naikai; large inequalities occur in the W section, especially in the vicinity of Akashi Kaikyo, the inequalities are comparatively small W of Bisan Seto. A diurnal tide occurs in the vicinity of Akashi Kaikyo for the greater part of each month. The tide ranges are small in the E part of the Naikai and large in the W part. The spring range in the area between Kii Suido and Harima Nada is about 1.4m. In Bisan Seto, the spring range is between 1.5 and 2.4m, while in Bingo Nada and Hiuchi Nada, it is about 3.1 to 4.0m. West from Hiuchi Nada, there is a gradual decrease in the tidal rise; the spring range in Suo Nada is between 2.6 and 3.2m, while in Bungo Suido it is about 1.8m.

Except near Equatorial ( $0^\circ$ ) declination, when the tide is nearly semidiurnal, the tides on the S and E coasts of Honshu are characterized by a significant diurnal inequality. This inequality is most conspicuous in the low waters near maximum lunar declination when the tides are nearly diurnal. The mean spring range varies from 1.1 to 2.1m on the S coast and from 0.6 to 1.1m feet on the E coast.

#### SOUTHEAST ASIA

**General.**—Semidiurnal, mixed, and diurnal tides occur in these waters; the tide ranges vary considerably from place to place. On the NW coast of Australia, the mean spring range varies from about 1 to 9m. Along the S part of the E coast of Thailand, the spring range is less than 0.6m.

#### Eastern Southeast Asia

Semidiurnal, mixed, and diurnal tides occur in these waters. Tide ranges are small; the spring or diurnal range in most places is less than 1.5m.

The tide is generally diurnal, becoming mixed for several days near the time of equatorial ( $0^\circ$ ) lunar declination, along the coasts of the Bismarck Archipelago, the Solomon Islands, the NE coast of New Guinea S of about  $6^\circ$ S., around some of the Caroline Islands, and along a few relatively short stretches of coast in the Philippine Islands. Mixed tides occur along the remaining coasts but become diurnal for several days near the

times of maximum N and S lunar declination.

Wind and barometric pressure changes also cause fluctuations in water level. In general, strong onshore winds and low barometric pressure cause higher water levels than predicted, and strong offshore winds and high barometric pressure cause below-normal water levels.

When tropical storms move onshore large waves, with heights from 3 to 12m, may be formed; these waves are most likely to occur in exposed gulfs and bays when the storm coincides with the time of astronomical high tide.

#### Western Southeast Asia

Semidiurnal, mixed, and diurnal tides occur in these waters. Where the tide is semidiurnal, two high and two low waters occur each tidal day, with little inequality in heights and durations of successive high and successive low waters. In regions of mixed tides, two high waters and two low waters occur each tidal day, with considerable inequalities in heights and durations of successive high and/or successive low waters. Diurnal tides consist of one high water and one low water each tidal day. In regions of diurnal tide, the tide becomes mixed for several days near the time of equatorial ( $0^\circ$ ) declination of the moon. Where the tide is mainly mixed, diurnal tides may occur for a few days near maximum N and S lunar declinations.

Tide ranges differ considerably throughout the area. For example, at Hall Point, on the NW coast of Australia, the mean spring range is 9m, whereas, at Songkhla, on the E coast of Thailand, it is 0.5m.

Data on fluctuations in water level due to meteorological causes is sparse. In general, strong onshore winds and low barometric pressure may cause the water level to be higher than predicted; whereas, offshore winds and high barometric pressure may cause it to be lower than predicted. When a typhoon moves onshore, large storm waves, with heights from 3 to 12m may be formed. This is particularly true in gulfs, bays, and constricted areas and especially when the typhoon arrives near the time of spring tide. Such storm waves have flooded Hai Phong and places on Hai-nan Tao. The water level may rise as much as 4m above the predicted level on Hai-nan Tao during typhoons.

Storm waves have also occurred in the Philippines, in the Gulf of Thailand, and along the China coast. In some locations seasonal variations occur in the mean water level; for example, at the Paracel Islands (Xisha Qundao), Ling-shui Wan, Yu-Iin Chiang, Yai-hsien, Le Cone (not Cone), and along the coast of Vietnam from Vung Chon May to Phan Thiet, the water level is about 0.4m higher from November through January than during May through August. A seiche (stationary wave) with a period varying from 13 to 25 minutes occurs at Kao-hsiung Chiang.

## Appendix I—Routes Across the South Pacific Ocean

Routes in the South Pacific Ocean are divided into the following sub-categories:

1. South Pacific Ocean trans-ocean routes.
2. South Pacific Ocean—Eastbound trans-ocean routes.
3. South Pacific Ocean—Westbound trans-ocean routes.
4. Central Pacific Ocean trans-ocean routes.
5. Routes on the W side of the South Pacific Ocean.
6. Routes between Australia, New Zealand, and islands in the South Pacific Ocean.
7. Selected routes between Honolulu and various South

Pacific Ocean locations.

8. Selected routes between Papeete and various South Pacific Ocean locations.

9. Routes on the E side of the South Pacific Ocean between South America, Central America, and islands in the South Pacific Ocean.

10. Routes from Estrecho de Magallanes to ports in the Pacific Ocean.

11. Selected routes from areas within the South Pacific Ocean to destinations outside the South Pacific Ocean.

### 1. SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN TRANS-OCEAN ROUTES

**General—Southern Routes—Eastbound.**—The Southern Route, the most southerly route generally used by eastbound traffic, leads through the following approximate positions:

- a. 48°30'S, 165°00'W.
- b. 50°00'S, 140°00'W.
- c. 51°30'S, 120°00'W.
- d. 52°45'S, 100°00'W.
- e. 55°00'S, 80°00'W.

If the great circle track laid out between the terminal positions passes S of the Southern Route, vessels are advised to steer, by great circle if possible, to join it at the most convenient position. Correspondingly, vessels should leave the Southern Route at a position which enables them to make their destination, by great circle if possible, without passing S of it. The following represent the best joining and leaving positions:

1. Joining the Southern Route:
  - a. Hobart or the Snares Islands—position 48°30'S, 165°00'W.
  - b. Cook Strait—position 49°30'S, 150°00'W.
  - c. Auckland—position 50°00'S, 140°00'W.
2. Leaving the Southern Route:
  - a. Callao—position 48°30'S, 160°00'W.
  - b. Iquique—position 49°30'S, 150°00'W.
  - c. Valparaiso—position 50°00'S, 140°00'W.
  - d. Estrecho de Magallanes—position 52°45'S, 100°00'W.
  - e. 20 miles S of Islas Diego de Ramirez—position 55°00'S, 80°00'W.

The route from Cook Strait to Callao is direct after passing N of the Chatham Islands.

From Auckland to Iquique and Callao, the route is direct after clearing the New Zealand coast. Passages from Auckland to Iquique or Callao do not use the Southern Route. For Iquique, the route is by great circle direct; for Callao it is by great circle to position 41°40'S, 160°00'W and then by great circle.

Cook Strait is utilized by those vessels from Sydney or Brisbane heading for destinations S of and including Callao. However, vessels from Sydney heading for Valparaiso and ports S can use the route S of New Zealand; which is only slightly longer.

Vessels approaching Cabo de Hornos (Cape Horn) from W pass about 20 miles S of Islas Diego de Ramirez. However, there appears to be no difficulty in passing between Cabo de Hornos and Islas Diego de Ramirez; there being no radio aids to navigation but there is a light on Cabo de Hornos. The SW shore of Chile, which has no lighted navigational aids, is dangerous and should be passed well to seaward.

**Passage through Estrecho de Magallanes.**—Estrecho de Magallanes separates Archipelago de Tierra del Fuego from the Patagonian mainland. The distance between the E and W entrances to the strait, through the various channels, is about 310 miles. Navigation of the strait as opposed to rounding Cabo de Hornos can affect a savings of about 350 miles. Tidal currents are quite strong and there is a weather hazard. Caution is necessary when navigating the strait; however, the difficulties and dangers are much the same as those found in other narrow channels, accentuated by the prevalence of bad weather, especially toward its W end. See Pub. 124, Sailing Directions (Enroute) East Coast of South America for further detailed information concerning Estrecho de Magallanes.

Westbound routes across the South Pacific Ocean lie well N of the Southern Route following the parallel of 30°S for various distances between the meridians of 120°W and 150°W.

## 2. SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN—EASTBOUND TRANS-OCEAN ROUTES

**Hobart to Panama.**—Proceed by great circle to position 47°50'S, 167°50'E which lies ENE of the Snares Islands. Then head by great circle to Cabo Mala.

**Wellington to Panama.**—The most direct great circle track, between Cook Strait and the Gulf of Panama, crosses 150°00'W in about 38°30'S, but the region close N of this position has many dangers. Therefore, a better route is by great circle to position 41°40'S, 160°00'W, then by great circle crossing 150°W, in about 40°00'S, to a position on the Equator in 83°00'W. From this position steer, direct to Panama, passing E of Isla Malpelo.

**Auckland to Panama.**—Proceed by great circle to position 41°40'S, 160°00'W, then by great circle to a position on the Equator in 83°00'W, then direct to Panama, passing E of Isla Malpelo.

**Wilson Promontory to Callao (via Foveaux Strait).**—From a position about 3 miles S of Southeast Point, which is the junction point off Wilson Promontory, proceed between the Hogan Group and the Kent Group to position 39°35'S, 148°20'E, about 92 miles ESE of Wilson Promontory, having regard for the dangers and currents in Bass Strait. From the latter position, proceed by great circle to position 46°30'S, 167°00'E, about 6 miles N of Solander Island off the SW coast of New Zealand (South Island). Then proceed through Foveaux Strait as directly as safe navigation permits, passing between Ruapuke Island and South Island, to position 46°45'S, 168°52'E, about 9 miles SW of Slope Point.

If fog and strong SE winds are encountered in the region of Foveaux Strait, passage is recommended S of Stewart Island, passing about midway between The Traps and The Snares.

From either position proceed as direct as safe navigation permits to join the Southern Route at position 48°30'S, 165°00'W. From this position proceed as direct as safe navigation permits to destination.

**Sydney to Callao.**—Follow the reverse of **Callao to Sydney (via Cook Strait)** route through Cook Strait to position 41°42'S, 175°17'E off Cape Palliser. Then proceed by great circle to position 49°00'S, 146°00'W and then by another great circle to a position about 6 miles W of Callao harbor entrance.

**Wilson Promontory to Valparaiso.**—Follow the **Wilson Promontory to Callao (via Foveaux Strait)** route to join the Southern Route at position 48°30'S, 165°00'W, proceeding along it, leaving it at position 50°00'S, 140°00'W for destination, and then follow the Sydney to Valparaiso route to destination.

**Melbourne to Callao.**—Proceed by following the **Melbourne to Wellington** route through the Chatham Islands.

**Melbourne to Valparaiso.**—After clearing Port Phillip steer through Banks Strait, and then by great circle to position 48°00'S, 168°00'E, passing between The Traps and The Snares, S of New Zealand. Join the Southern Route in position 48°30'S, 165°00'W, leaving it at position 50°00'S, 140°00'W for destination.

**Melbourne to Estrecho de Magallanes.**—From Melbourne proceed through Banks Strait as directly as navigation permits, then by great circle to position 48°00'S, 165°00'E, passing between The Traps and The Snares S of New Zealand. Proceed to join the Southern Route in position 48°30'S, 165°00'W, leaving the Southern Route in position 52°45'S, 100°00'W, then proceeding as direct as safe navigation permits to destination.

**Brisbane to Panama.**—A direct great circle course may be taken from off Cape Moreton in position 26°53'S, 153°30'. to the entrance of the Gulf of Panama (7°15'N., 80°00'W.). This track passes N of both Norfolk Island and Raoul Island, and then it is subject to careful deviations in passing the Haymet Rocks, Vavitaio Island, Temantangi Island, and Mumroa Island through the Tuamotu Archipelago. The track leads N of the Galapagos Islands.

**Brisbane to Callao.**—Proceed from off Cape Moreton in position 26°53'S, 153°30'E, as direct as safe navigation permits to Cook Strait, or alternately, to a position 10 miles NE of Three Kings Rocks, lying 32 miles NW of North Island, New Zealand; then proceed on a great circle course, from either position, to Callao.

**Brisbane to Valparaiso.**—Proceed from a position off Cape Moreton (26°53'S., 153°30'E.) as direct as safe navigation permits to Cook Strait, or alternately, on a great circle course to position 30°00'S, 140°00'W and then along the 30th parallel to 120°00'W. A great circle course can then be resumed direct to destination.

**Note.**—There are many variations to this route. This track, by holding the 30th parallel for some distance, usually promises better weather than in traversing long great circle tracks which would take a vessel into high latitudes where the prevalence of gales increases.

**Brisbane to Estrecho de Magallanes.**—Depart from position 26°53'S, 153°30'E off Cape Moreton; then proceed on a great circle course to position 40°30'S, 174°03'E lying N of Stephen Island. Proceed by rhumb line courses about 100 miles through Cook Strait to position 41°46'S, 175°20'E passing Cape Palliser 8.5 miles distant; then steer a great circle course to position 48°30'S, 165°00'W. From the latter position proceed on a rhumb line to position 50°00'S, 140°00'W; from there by steer by rhumb line track to position 52°35'S, 75°07'W passing 12 miles S of Los Evangelistas Light; then steer on various courses to destination.

### 3. SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN—WESTBOUND TRANS-OCEAN ROUTES

**Panama to New Zealand.**—Proceed to position 2°10'S, 90°00'W, about 50 miles S of the Archipelago de Colon. Then steer by great circle to position 25°40'S, 130°00'W, which passes about 30 miles S of Pitcairn Island and passing 25 miles S of Henderson Island. Vessels then take another great circle to position 36°30'S, 160°00'W, exercising caution with respect to reports of breakers N of Ernest Legouve Reef (35°14'S., 150°35'W.). From position 36°30'S, 160°00'W, proceed to either Wellington or Auckland via great circle.

**Chile or Peru to the E coast of Australia and New Zealand.**—Many westbound routes across the South Pacific Ocean lie far N of the Southern Route (see above) and the parallel of 30°S comprises part of these routes. From Estrecho de Magallanes or Cabo de Hornos proceed by great circle to position 30°00'S, 140°00'W. From Valparaiso (passing on either side of Archipelago de Juan Fernandez), Iquique, and Callao proceed by great circle to position 30°00'S, 120°00'W. Vessels bound for New Zealand ports steer from position 30°00'S, 140°00'W by great circle to position 36°30'S, 160°00'W as described in the **Panama to New Zealand** route. Vessels heading to Australian ports remain on 30°S as far as 150°W; then steer to destination, passing N of New Zealand or via Cook Strait.

**Valparaiso to Melbourne.**—From a departure off Angeles Point take the great circle tangent to position 40°00'S, 111°02'W. Follow the 40th parallel to 169°30'W; then continue by great circle to Cook Strait and on to the **Wellington to Melbourne** route.

**Valparaiso to Sydney (via the 30th parallel).**—Proceed to a position about 8 miles W of the harbor and then by great circle to position 30°00'S, 110°00'W. Then follow the 30th parallel to 140°00'W and then by great circle to position 34°15'S, 173°00'E, about 5 miles N of Three Kings Islands. From the latter position continue by great circle to position 33°50'S, 151°15'E about 5 miles E of Sydney Harbor. The overall distance can be shortened by following a great circle from position 33°00'S, 71°45'W to position 30°00'S, 120°00'W and then proceeding as in the above route.

**Alternate route.**—During the summer months proceed by great circle to position 40°00'S, 110°00'W and then follow the 40th parallel to 169°30'W. From the latter position proceed by great circle to position 41°42'S, 175°17'E; from the latter position follow the **Callao to Sydney (via Cook Strait)** route.

**Valparaiso to Wilson Promontory.**—Follow the **Valparaiso to Sydney (via the 30th parallel)** route to position 30°00'S, 120°00'W. Then follow the **Estrecho de Magallanes to Wilson Promontory** route to destination.

**Alternate route.**—During the summer months when favorable weather conditions exist proceed as in the **Valparaiso to Sydney (via the 30th parallel)** route to position 40°00'S, 110°00'W and then follow the **Estrecho de Magallanes to Wilson Promontory** alternate route to destination.

**Estrecho de Magallanes to Melbourne.**—A course laid to make the westbound passage with a favorable current necessitates going so far N that the added distance is disproportionate to the gain in speed. It is, however, well worthwhile to avoid the continuous buffeting by strong head winds. The 40th parallel of S latitude is here given as a compromise between unfavorable weather conditions and undue lengthening of the voyage.

From Cape Pillar take a great circle track to position 40°00'S, 100°00'W. Follow the 40th parallel W to 169°30'W, then continue by great circle to Cook Strait, and then follow the **Wellington to Melbourne** route.

**Estrecho de Magallanes to Wilson Promontory.**—From position 52°30'S, 75°10'W proceed to position 30°00'S, 120°00'W. Then follow the 30th parallel to 140°00'W. From the latter position proceed by great circle to the entrance of Cook Strait at position 41°45'S, 175°20'E.

Proceed through Cook Strait as direct as safe navigation permits to position 40°30'S, 174°03'E, about 60 miles E of Cape Farewell. Then pass N of Cape Farewell to position 40°25'S, 172°41'E and then by great circle to position 39°35'S, 148°20'E, about 92 miles ESE of Wilson Promontory. Then proceed between the Kent Group and the Hogan Group to a position about 3 miles S of Southeast Point, the junction point off Wilson Promontory. This route has the advantage of better weather and avoids some of the strength of the adverse currents that would be encountered to the S.

**Alternate route.**—During the summer months proceed from a position about 7 miles SSW of Grupo Evangelistas by great circle to position 40°00'S, 107°30'W and then follow the 40th parallel to 169°30'W. From the latter position proceed to destination through Cook Strait as directed in the previous route. In bad weather on the 40th parallel, vessels should not hesitate to haul N.



#### 4. CENTRAL PACIFIC OCEAN TRANS-OCEAN ROUTES

**General—Currents—The Central Route.**—In the equatorial section of the Pacific Ocean is the constant westerly flow of water generally bound by the latitudes of Hawaii to the N and Fiji and the Society Islands to the S. This flow, coupled with the Northeast Trade Winds and the Southeast trade Winds which blow on either side of the equatorial trough, tends to lengthen voyages and to increase fuel and maintenance costs on vessels eastbound through these waters. Therefore, on voyages from ports between Hong Kong and Sydney to destinations on the coasts of Central America and equatorial South America, vessels may find themselves sufficiently affected by the above current and winds to warrant diverting a section of the passage into the E flow of the Equatorial Countercurrent.

The Equatorial Countercurrent flows across the South Pacific Ocean from W to E in a narrow belt a few degrees N of the Equator. The central and E section of the ocean is favored by the light weather of the equatorial trough. Following the declination of the sun, N or S, there is some seasonal shift of the Equatorial Countercurrent. In the vicinity W of 160°E, the limits of the Equatorial Countercurrent are about 3°N to 9°N, from May to November, and about 5°N to 7°N, from December to April. To the W of 140°E, the currents average speed is about 1 knot although speeds of over 2 knots has been reported. Farther E the average speed ranges from 0.5 to 0.75 knot. Between 16°E and 165°W, the current is at its narrowest in March, April, and May, when it flows between 4°N and 8°N. It extends to about 2°N, W of 150°E from June to December. From 180° to 110°W, the S edge of the current lies permanently in about 4°N, while the N edge, continuing on 8°N, shifts toward 10°N from June to November.

The Central Route, which is for eastbound traffic, represents an average countercurrent route between the Sulawesi Sea and the Gulf of Panama. This route has an overall length of about 9,250 miles between position 5°00'N, 125°30'E, S of Mindanao, and position 7°00'N, 80°00'W off the Gulf of Panama. Positions for joining or leaving the route depend on local and climatic factors.

**Sydney via the Central Route to Panama.**—Proceed by great circle to position 19°50'S, 180°00'. Then after passing 10 miles S of Ongea Ndriki (19°12'N., 178°24'W.) and W of Savari, head to join the Central Route in position 5°30'N, 150°00', then follow the Central Route to Panama.

**Brisbane via the Central Route to Panama.**—Proceed by great circle to position 22°05'S, 175°00'E, about 30 miles SE of Conway Reef. Then steer by rhumb line to position 19°50'S, 180°00', and after passing about 10 miles S of Ongea Ndriki and W of Savaii, head to join the Central Route in 5°30'N, 150°00'W.

**Torres Strait via the Central Route to Panama.**—Proceed from Torres Strait to pass about 5 miles off the reefs S of Tagula Island and then between Guadalcanal and the San Cristobal Islands and midway between Kiribati (Gilbert Islands) and Tuvalu (Ellice Islands), to cross the Equator in about 175°W. Then head by rhumb line to join the Central Route in position 5°30'N, 160°00'W.

An alternate route passes through Jomard Entrance and Bougainville Strait and then S of Ontong Java and N of Abaiang Atoll (1°58'N., 172°50'E.) to connect with the Central Route at about position 5°15'N, 180°00'. This particular passage will increase the total distance by about 135 miles but will allow fair weather and current to be carried for an additional 1,200 miles.

**Suva (18°11'S., 178°24'E.), Fiji and Apia (13°44'S., 171°45'W.), Samoa via the Central Route to Panama.**—From Suva, proceed through Nanuku Passage and close W of Savaii. From Apia, proceed direct. In either case, join the central route in position 5°30'N, 150°00'W.

**Honolulu via the Central Route to Panama.**—Proceed directly as safe navigation permits to join the Central Route in position 5°50'N, 134°00'W.

**Guam (13°27'N., 144°35'E.) via the Central Route to Panama.**—After rounding the S end of Guam proceed to join the Central Route at position 5°00'N, 168°00'E to pass between Namorik Atoll and Ebon Atoll.

**Yap (9°28'N., 138°09'E.) via the Central Route to Panama.**—Proceed directly as safe navigation permits to join the central route in position 5°00'N, 150°00'E.

**Ocean Island via the Central Route to Panama.**—Pass N of Abaiang Atoll (1°58'N., 172°50'E.) and join the Central Route in position 5°15'N, 180°00'.

**Basilan Strait (6°54'N., 122°04'E.) via the Central Route to Panama.**—Proceed from the E entrance to the Basilan Strait across the Sulawesi Sea to join the Central Route S of Mindanao in position 5°00'N, 125°30'E.

**San Bernardino Strait (13°00'N., 124° 30'E.) via the Central Route to Panama.**—Proceed from the E entrance of the San Bernardino Strait to pass S of the Palau Islands and then to join the central route in position 5°00'N, 150°00'E.

**Balintang Channel (19°45'N., 122°1'E.) via the Central Route to Panama.**—Proceed from about position 19°45'N, 122°10'E in Balintang Channel and pass close S of Guam, then join the central route in position 5°00'N, 168°00', to pass between Namorik Atoll and Ebon Atoll.

**Melbourne and Sydney to Panama.**—Proceed to cross the Tasman Sea from Bass Strait or Sydney by great circle to pass N of New Zealand, on either side of the Three Kings Islands, with due regard to the tidal currents. The tidal currents between these islands attain rates up to 3 knots. The races frequently give an appearance of shoal depths. An IMO-adopted traffic separation scheme has been established in Bass Strait.

When to the E of New Zealand, both routes follow a similar track; that is, by great circle to position 30°00'S, 150°00'W, and then by rhumb line to position 25°40'S, 130°00'W, lying S of Pitcairn Island. From this position proceed by great circle to position 2°10'S, 90°0'W lying S of Archipelago de Colon and to Cabo Mala and then to Panama.

From Sydney another route to Panama may be followed by way of Papeete or Suva and then, leaving the Fiji Islands by Nanuku Passage or Lakemba Passage, proceeding by great circle to position 6°30'S, 120°00'W.

**Panama to Sydney.**—From the vicinity of the Gulf of Panama proceed to position 2°10'S, 90°00'W lying S of Archipelago de Colon, then steer by great circle to position 25°40'S, 130°00'W lying S of Pitcairn Island. Then steer by rhumb line to position 30°00'S, 150°00'W and then by great circle to pass N of New Zealand, about 5 miles N of Three Kings Islands. From this position a great circle track may be taken to Sydney.

**Panama to Brisbane.**—Follow the **Panama to Sydney** route to position 30°00'S, 150°00'W, then proceed by rhumb line to pass N of the Kermadac Islands and then to destination.

**South America to Apia (13°44'S., 171°45'W.) (Samoa)—Eastbound and westbound routes.**—For Callao, in both directions, the route is by great circles, meeting in position 19°46'S, 140°26'W lying SE of Ahunui Atoll in Archipel des Tuamotu.

For Iquique, in both directions, the route is by great circle passing close to Pitcairn Island and Isla Sala y Gomez.

The eastbound route for Valparaiso is by great circle passing close to Rarotonga, the dangers SE of Iles Australes, and Ile Rapa and the Marotiri Islands. Vessels westbound from Valparaiso proceed by great circle to position 30°00'S, 120°00'W as directed above; then along 30°00'N to 139°00'W; and then by great circle as on the eastbound route to Valparaiso.

**South America to Fiji Islands (Suva 18°11'S., 178°24'E.)—Eastbound and westbound bound routes.**—From Suva to Callao proceed from Nanuku Passage as safe navigation permits by rhumb line to position 18°44'S, 159°47'W lying N of Aitutaki Island; then to position 19°46', 14°26'W lying SE of Ahunui Atoll, in Archipel des Tuamotu; and then by great circle. The above route may be used in both directions.

For Iquique, the route is the same in both directions, from Suva as for Callao to the position N of Aitutaki Island. Vessels then proceed by rhumb line to position 24°55'S, 130°10'W lying N of Pitcairn Island; then by great circle.

For Valparaiso, eastbound vessels head to position 17°30'S, 173°00'W and then by great circle. Those vessels westbound head by great circle to position 30°00'S, 120°0'W, then along 30°0'S, to 139°00'W; then by great circle to position 17°30'S, 173°00'W, a track which passes near Beveridge Reef and Niue Island; then to Suva.

**Suva and Apia to Panama.**—The routes between Apia or Suva and position 10°45'S, 136°35'W lying SE of Iles Marquises are by great circle, and again by great circle between that position and Panama.

## 5. ROUTES ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN

**General.**—There are many varied routes on the W side of the South Pacific Ocean. Mariners must weigh the comparative merits of each when planning a voyage and selecting the most direct route. Draft of the vessel, winds, currents and weather, object of the voyage, and type of vessel are all factors which must be considered in deciding whether to circumnavigate Australia or proceed through the Eastern Archipelago or Solomon Sen.

The primary routes between the E coast of Australia or New Zealand and Japan is via Torres Strait and a seasonal route through the Eastern Archipelago or via an ocean route which passes through the Solomon Sea. The only route through Torres Strait for deep-draft vessels is through Prince of Wales Channel, for which the controlling depth is 9.8m (1973) in Gannet Passage.

Where applicable, passage through the Solomon Sea is recommended using Jomard Entrance, or passing E of Adele Islet, at the E end of the Louisade Archipelago to Pioneer Channel, rather than Bougainville Strait, which is most likely not desirable to deep-draft vessels. The passages E and W of Guadalcanal Island and Malaita Island appear to be deep and clear.

**From the N and E coasts of Australia and New Zealand to China and the East Seas.**—There are two main routes, one through the Torres Strait and the Eastern Archipelago (the Torres Strait Route) and the other passing E of New Guinea and the Philippine Islands (the Ocean Route). The Torres Strait Route is approached from Australian or New Zealand ports by the Inner Route (see below). The northbound route as far as Manila varies according to the monsoon.

The route from Port Darwin passes through the Sermata Islands, between Sermata and Babar, and E of Damar, to join the Torres Strait Route in Manipa Strait. Northbound vessels, after leaving Torres Strait during the Southeast Monsoon from May to September, pass S of Le Cher Bank and the unexamined shoals W of it, giving the S end of Pulau-pulau Am a wide berth, and enter the Banda Sea between Tanimbar Islands and Pulau-pulau Ewab (Kai Islands). Pass through Manipa Strait and between Obi Major and the Sula Islands into the Molukka Sea. Then pass round the NE end of Sulawesi or through Bangka Strait, if desired, cross the Sulawesi Sea to Basilan Strait, and proceed through Mindoro Strait to Manila or onward to Hong Kong or Shanghai.

Northbound vessels, during the Northeast Monsoon from December to March, after leaving Torres Strait give False Cape (8°22'S., 137°35'W.) wide berth, pass between the New Guinea coast and Pulau-pulau Am and Ceram, and then into the Pacific Ocean by Selat Jailolo (Djailolo Passage). For Manila or Hong Kong, steer E of Mindanao, through Surigao Strait into the Sulu Sea, and through Tablas Strait and Verde Island Passage to Manila and into the China Sea. In this monsoon Hinatuan Passage, between the NE end of Mindanao and the off-lying islands, gives some protection against the weather but Surigao Strait is normally recommended. The route through Tablas Strait and Verde Island Passage is clear, although care must be taken near the Bacothe Islets, SE of Verde Island; it is a favorite northbound route during the Northeast Monsoon because of the lee given by Negros and Panay, and the sheltered water E of Lubang and under the W coast of Luzon, which gives the opportunity of avoiding the strong monsoon that is generally felt on clearing the Lubang Islands. If bound for Shanghai during the Northeast Monsoon, the route through Selat Jailolo should be considered as an alternative to a continuation N from Manila. Having made Selat Jailolo, as described above, steer to pass E of Taiwan through position 22°55'N, 122°40'E and then to destination. The reverse of this route is not recommended southbound against the Kuroshio Current.

For vessels southbound from the China Sea the route is the reverse of the above, namely through Mindoro Strait and Basilan Strait and to the passage between Obi Major and the Sula Islands. Then, the usual route passes through Manipa Strait, and between Tanimbar Islands and Pulau-pulau Ewab to Torres Strait. In July and August southbound vessels in particular may be affected by the high seas which are raised in the Arafura Sea by the Southeast Monsoon, and a diversion after passing Obi Major, N of Ceram, Pulau-pulau Ewab and Pulau-pulau Aru will give the advantage of smoother water although the route is a little longer and not so well known as the Banda Sea passage. Distances for the usual southbound route are the same as for the northbound route in the Southeast Monsoon.

The Ocean Route, E of New Guinea and the Philippines, passes through the Solomon Sea and continues NW through the Caroline Islands and the Marianas Archipelago to destinations in China, Japan, and the N Asiatic coast. To pass through the Solomon Sea from Brisbane and ports S, head to pass 20 miles E of Frederick Reef, or to make a landfall on it, and then midway between Adele Islet and Pocklington Reef for Bougainville Strait. From New Zealand ports steer to position 21°00'S, 157°30'E., avoiding Kelso Bank and the shoals S and W of Bellona Reefs and enter the Solomon Sea as above. From Torres Strait enter the Solomon Sea by Jomard Entrance and leave it by Bougainville Strait or Pioneer Channel.

## 6. ROUTES BETWEEN AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, AND ISLANDS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN

**General—Currents and Navigational Notes.**—The East Australian Coastal Current affects coastal passages off the S part of the coast of Queensland and the Pacific coast of New South Wales. This current sets S at all times off most of this part of coast. Between latitudes 32°S and 34°S, the strength and regularity of this current is decreased by the diversion of water in a SE direction towards the open sea. Between 34°S and Cape Howe (37°00'S), currents may be expected to set in any direction, sometimes onshore; close inshore there may be a mostly N current at all times.

Due to the above current, vessels navigating northbound off the mainland coast of Australia should keep well inshore and inside of Montagu Island. When southbound, they should maintain a distance off of about 15 miles. Cape Pillar and Tasman Island may be rounded at a distance of about 1 mile, but the rest of the E coast of Tasmania should be given a berth of at least 5 miles.

Between ports S of Brisbane and Torres Strait, vessels may take either the Outer Route or the Inner Route. The Outer Route is not normally utilized, especially at night, due to the many large reefs that have to be given a wide berth and the strong variable sets that can often be experienced. However, the best Outer Route track leads from off Sandy Cape to the passage between Saumarez Reef and Frederick Reef and to Great Northeast Channel.

The Inner Route, which lies between the Great Barrier Reef and the E coast of Australia, has sufficient navigational aids and its use provides a considerable savings in distance. When N of the Barnard Islands, the recommended tracks should generally be followed, deviating when necessary to conform to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. Particular consideration should be shown to vessels displaying the signal for vessels constrained by their draft. Upon sighting another vessel communications should be established on VHF channel 16.

**Cautions.**—When navigating the inner route if the mariner is unsure of his position due to thick weather or darkness, anchor until conditions get better. Mariners not familiar with the inner route should employ a pilot.

Moving discolored patches, which are evidently due to surface plankton, may be seen while navigating through the inner route.

From April to October, the Southeast Trade Winds prevail and the weather can be depended upon. From December to April, the Northwest Monsoon prevails and it is the hurricane season.

Torres Strait itself has not been completely surveyed. There are several channels through the strait, with Prince of Wales Channel being the best and the one usually used. Prince of Wales Channel is approached from E either from the Inner Route, through Adolphus Channel, or from the Coral Sea through Bligh Entrance (9°12'S., 144°00'E.) and Great Northeast Channel. The approach from W is made from the vicinity of Carpentaria Shoal, through Gannet Passage. Gannet Passage is characterized by an unstable bottom caused by moving sand waves, thus necessitating amending the recommended track through it to meet the changes in depths to those charted.

**Hobart to Bluff Harbor.\***—Proceed by great circle between Cape Pillar and Solander Island.

**Hobart to Wellington.\***—Proceed by great circle between Cape Pillar and Cape Farewell, in the W approach to Cook Strait; then through Cook Strait to Wellington.

**Hobart to Auckland.\***—Proceed by great circle between Cape Pillar and a position between the Three Kings Islands and Cape Reinga, then coastwise to destination.

**Melbourne to Auckland.\***—Proceed by great circle between Wilson Promontory and a position midway between the Three Kings Islands and Cape Maria van Diemen, then coastwise to destination.

**Melbourne to Bluff Harbor.\***—Pass through Banks Strait and then steer by great circle to the landfall at Solander Island.

**Melbourne to Wellington.\***—After clearing Bass Strait steer by great circle to pass N of Cape Farewell and then head for Cook Strait.

**Sydney to Bluff Harbor.\***—Proceed by great circle between Port Jackson and Solander Island, then through Foveaux Strait to Bluff Harbor.

**Sydney to Wellington.\***—Proceed by great circle between Port Jackson and the W entrance to Cook Strait, then through Cook Strait to destination.

**Sydney to Auckland.\***—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits, passing on either side of the Three Kings Islands.

**Sydney to Hobart.\***—After clearing Port Jackson, proceed S about 15 miles from the coast to get the benefit of the S current and, after passing Cape Howe, set the course to pass down the E coast of Tasmania at a distance of not less than 5 miles. Cape Pillar may be rounded at a distance of 1 mile, if the weather is clear. Northbound passages should follow the Australian coast at about 2 miles offshore, between Cape Howe and Port Jackson, passing inside of Barunguba (Montagu Island) in fine weather.

**Sydney to Papeete (Society Islands).\***—Proceed by great circle passing between Raol (Sunday Island) and Macaulay Island (in the Kermadec Islands), and on either side of Mangaia (21°55'S., 157°55'W.). Sparse soundings are found on the chart on this route E of about 175°W.

**Sydney to Noumea (New Caledonia).\***—Proceed by great circle passing about 40 miles NW of Middleton Reef.

**Sydney to Tongatapu (Tonga).\***—Proceed by great circle between Sydney and position 21°00'S, 175°24'W in the W approach to Ava Lahi. This route passes close S of Ball's Pyramid, close N of Norfolk Island, and about 30 miles NW of Minerva Reef.

**Sydney to Suva, Fiji.\***—Proceed via the great circle track between Sydney and Kandavu Passage. This route passes about 22 miles SE of Elizabeth Reef, 18 miles SE of Hunter Island and, 32 miles NW of Conway Reef. In the vicinity of Elizabeth Reef caution must be exercised due to the presence of variable currents.

**Sydney to Apia (Samoa).\***—Proceed by great circle between Sydney and position 19°50'S, 180°00'. From this position the track passes about 10 miles SE of Ongea Ndriki, 20 miles NW of Curacoa Reef and through Apolima Strait.

**Sydney to Ocean Island (West of the Gilbert Islands).\***—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits passing NW of Bampton Reefs. This route passes close to Selfridge Bank and the position of the 25m shoal reported (1960) about 68 miles ENE of Bird Islet on Wreck Reef.

**\* This route may be followed in either direction.**

**Brisbane to Bluff Harbor, New Zealand.\***—Proceed by great circle between the approach to Brisbane and Solander Island.

**Brisbane to Wellington.\***—Proceed by rhumb line, from off Cape Moreton, to the W entrance to Cook Strait as direct as safe navigation permits.

**Brisbane to Auckland.\***—Proceed by rhumb line from off Cape Moreton, to pass 13 miles N of the Three Kings Islands as direct as safe navigation permits.

**Brisbane to Papeete.\***—Proceed by great circle to position 21°00'S, 159°50'W, about 10 miles N of Rarotonga, and pass 10 miles S of Mauke. This track passes clear of all known dangers but there are only scattered soundings E of 177°00'W.

**Brisbane to Noumea.\***—Proceed by rhumb line, passing midway between Capel Bank and Kelso Bank.

**Brisbane to Tongatapu.\***—Proceed directly as safe navigation permits via great circle between Brisbane and the entrance to Ava Lahi.

**Brisbane to Suva.\***—Proceed from Brisbane to pass S of Capel Bank through position 25°40'S, 160°00'E and position 23°20'S, 170°00'E to clear the banks and dangers SE of New Caledonia, then head direct to Kandavu Passage, passing midway between Matthew Island and Hunter Island.

**Brisbane to Apia.\***—Proceed by great circle between Brisbane and position 20°00'S, 178°45'W, about 30 miles WSW of Vatoa. Keep nothing to the N of this route when in the vicinity of the reef reported (1943) to lie about 42 miles W of Vatoa. From this position head to pass 20 miles NW of Curacao Reef and then through Apolima Strait.

Alternately, proceed on a great circle course from a position off Cape Moreton (26°53'S., 153°30'E.) towards Vatoa Island, one of the S islands of the Fiji group. On reaching position 19°51'S, 178°34'W (20 miles W of Vatoa Island), a rhumb line track may be shaped for Apolima Strait and then various courses steered to Apia.

The great circle portion of the track passes 20 miles S of Hunter Island and about 15 miles S of Conway Reef. The track toward Apolima Strait passes about 13 miles NW of Curacao Reef.

**Brisbane to Ocean Island.\***—Proceed to pass between Cato Island and Wreck Reef to position 21°30'S, 156°05'E; then by great circle to Ocean Island.

**Torres Strait to Wellington.\***—Proceed via the inner route between the Great Barrier Reef and Capricorn Channel, then proceed by rhumb line to pass N of Middleton Reef and to Cook Strait.

**Torres Strait to Auckland.\***—Proceed via the inner route between the Great Barrier Reef and Capricorn Channel, then to round Cape Brett and coastwise to Auckland.

**Torres Strait to Papeete.\***—From Great Northeast Channel head to round the N point of Espiritu Santo Island (New Hebrides) and then continue N of Fiji to Tahiti, passing S of Niua Fo'ou and Niuatopotapu. Balmoral Reef, Zephyr Bank, and Durham Shoal lie on the S side of this track.

**Torres Strait to Suva.\***—From Great Northeast Channel proceed as safe navigation permits to pass W of Cape Cumberland and the N point of Maewo Island (New Hebrides) to Kandavu Passage.

**Torres Strait to Apia.\***—From Great Northeast Channel proceed to pass N or S of the Banks Islands. Then head to pass midway between Iles de Horne and the shoal reported (1944) to lie about 70 miles NW. From this position proceed direct to Apolima Strait.

**Torres Strait to Ocean Island (Banaba).\***—Proceed to cross the Solomon Sea between Jomard Entrance and Bougainville Strait or, alternately, by passing S of the Louisade Archipelago and between Guadalcanal and San Cristobal Islands to a position N of Ulawa Island. In the first route pass S of Ontong Java Group; in the second route pass 25 miles E of the Stewart Islands.

**Wellington to Papeete.\***—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits. However, the great circle track does pass through the charted position of Haymet Rocks (27°11'S., 116°13'W.) (existence doubtful), and about 30 miles SE of Iles Maria.

**New Zealand to Tongatapu.\***—Proceed from Wellington on a route to pass through position 31°20'S, 179°30'W; position 22°50'S, 177°W; and position 21°25'S, 176°00'W; then passing W of the Kermadec Islands, Pelorus Reef, and other dangers. Vessels from Auckland should join this route W of Pelorus Reef. Mariners should keep in mind that the bottom between the Kermadec Islands and Fiji and the Tonga Islands is uneven and the area projecting 250 miles S from the later group must be regarded with suspicion.

**New Zealand to Ocean Island.\***—Proceed as directly as safe navigation permits, keeping in mind that large sections of the N part of the track are unsurveyed and that several dangers have been reported near it.

**\* This route may be followed in either direction.**

**New Zealand to Apia.\***—The route from Wellington and South Island ports passes through position 31°20'S, 179°30'W then W of the Kermadec Islands and Pelorus Reef to position 22°30'S, 177°00'W. The route from Auckland is direct to this position. Then, the New Zealand route passes W of Tonga to position 15°17'S, 173°55'W then W of Curacoa Reef and through Apolima Channel. The area S of Tonga must be navigated with caution.

**New Zealand to Noumea or Suva Island.\***—The routes from Auckland are direct in both cases. From Wellington and ports in the South Island proceed W of North Island.

**New Zealand to Papeete.\***—Proceed by great circle.

**Suva to Ocean Island.\***—Proceed either E or W of the Fiji Islands. The route E, through Nanuku Passage, is preferred but it about 140 miles longer. Both routes are in unsurveyed waters N of about 12°00'S. The W route passes through the area between Charlotte Bank and Penguin Bank, where many shoals have been reported, and close to Balmoral Reef.

**Suva to Papeete.\***—The route is direct between Tahiti and either Nanuku Passage or Lakemba Passage. Although the distance by Lakemba Passage is some 30 miles shorter, the passage is not recommended except in good weather with excellent visibility.

**Suva to Apia.\***—The route is direct via Nanuku Passage and N of Zephyr Bank.

**Tongatapu to Papeete.\***—Proceed to pass about 20 miles S of Niue (19°00'S., 169°55'W.) and N of Aitutaki (18°52'S., 159°45'E.) in the Lower Cook Islands.

## 7. SELECTED ROUTES BETWEEN HONOLULU AND VARIOUS SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN LOCATIONS

**Honolulu to Sydney or Brisbane.\***—Proceed by great circle from Honolulu to position 0°00', 178°50'E. Then steer by rhumb line to pass midway between Nanumea Atoll and Arorae Island to position 10°00'S, 170°00'E; then midway between Torres Island and Vanikoro Island to a position about 30 miles NW of Bampton Reefs; then 30 miles E of Cato Island; then to position off Sugarloaf Point; and finally to Sydney.

The Brisbane Route passes between Cato Island and Wreck Reef though position 21°30'E, 156°05'E and then to a position 30 miles NW of Bampton Reefs, where it joins the Sydney to Honolulu Route.

**Honolulu to Torres Strait.\***—Proceed direct as safe navigation permits between the Gilbert Islands and the Marshall Islands and then through Bougainville Strait and Jomard Entrance to destination. Alternately, due to the fact that Bougainville Strait may not be suitable for deep-draft vessels, a track may be followed by vessels with local knowledge between the Gilbert Islands and the Marshall Islands through Pioneer Channel (5°00'S., 154°00'E.) and then through Jomard Entrance.

**Honolulu to New Zealand.\***—From Auckland proceed to pass 20 miles W of Curacoa Reef and then W of Savaii between the Tokelau Group and Swains Island (11°05'S., 171°03'W.).

From Wellington proceed through position 31°20'S, 179°30'W and position 22°3'S, 177°00'W, joining the Auckland Route W of Curacoa Reef.

**Honolulu to Panama.\***—Proceed via great circle between Kaiwi Channel and landfall off Isla Coiba, avoiding Guardian Bank (9°10'N., 87°15'W.). The eastbound passage may also be made via the Central Route.

**Honolulu to the Pacific coast of South America.\***—These routes are by great circle. Departure is taken from the NE side of the Hawaiian Islands for destinations N of about 35°S. The great circle track for a vessel intending to round Cabo de Hornos leads about 40 miles E of Iles Marquises and Henderson Island.

## 8. SELECTED ROUTES BETWEEN PAPEETE AND VARIOUS SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN LOCATIONS

**Papeete to Guam.\***—When eastbound proceed to head N of the Caroline Islands and cross the Equator at 171°30'E and pass S of Tamana and Arorae in the Gilbert Islands. Then pass S of Nukunonu Atoll and Fakaofu Atoll and N of Swains Island. Tahiti should be approached S of the Suvorov Islands (13°15'S., 163°05'W.) and the Society Islands.

**Papeete to Panama.\***—Proceed to pass W and N of Archipel des Tuamotu and then by great circle to the Gulf of Panama.

**Papeete to Callao.\***—There are two tracks. The longer track passes Wand N of Archipel des Tuamotu and uses the great circle track between a position N of Iles du Desappointement (14°10'S., 141°20'W) and Callao. The shorter and more S track passes through Archipel des Tuamotu S of Ahunui (19°40'S., 140°28'W.), using the great circle track between that position and Callao.

**\* This route may be followed in either direction.**

**Papeete to Valparaiso.\***—Proceed on a track to ensure a safe distance S of Hereheretue Atoll and Group d'Iles Duc de Gloucester (20°41'S., 143°03'W.) and then by great circle direct to Valparaiso. This route passes close S of Isla Alejandro Selkirk (Isla Mas a Fuera) and Isla Robinson Crusoe (Isla Juan Fernandez).

**Papeete to Estrecho de Magallanes.**—Proceed by great circle.

### 9. ROUTES ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN BETWEEN SOUTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA, AND ISLANDS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN

**Buenaventura to Panama.**—From Buenaventura proceed to position 3°52'N, 77°26'W, about 5 miles W of Isla Palmas, then to position 4°05'N, 77°36'W. From the latter position proceed by great circle to position 8°48'N, 79°28'W, about 2 miles E of Taboguilla Island and about 3 miles S of the canal entrance channel. Off Isla Palmas this track leads over or close to two 7.3m patches that lie 4 miles WSW and 18 miles NW, respectively, of that island.

**Buenaventura to Valparaiso.**—From a position about 5 miles SSW of Isla Palmas, proceed to position 1°00'N, 81°00'W, about 60 miles W of Cabo San Francisco. Then proceed to position 4°28'S, 81°28'W, about 15 miles NW of Punta Parinas, Peru, and then to position 6°00'S, 81°20'W, about 12 miles SW of Punta Aguja, Peru. Then proceed as direct as safe navigation permits to destination.

**Buenaventura to Estrecho de Magallanes**—Proceed by following the route from Buenaventura to Valparaiso to position 4°28'S, 81°28'W, about 15 miles NW of Punta Parinas, Peru. Then follow the Panama to Estrecho de Magallanes route from the latter position.

**Callao to Panama.**—Proceed to position 11°25'S, 77°47'W, about 10° miles SW of Punta Salinas; then to position 6°00'S, 81°16'W, about 8 miles SW of Punta Aguja; and then to position 4°28'N, 81°28'W, about 15 miles NW of Punta Parinas. Then follow the reverse of Panama to Estrecho de Magallanes route from the latter position.

**Callao to Valparaiso.**—Proceed as directly as safe navigation permits.

**Callao to Estrecho de Magallanes.**—From a position about 11 miles W of the harbor entrance proceed by great circle to position 51°00'S, 76°00'W, about 16 miles SW of Grupo Evangelistas, at the W entrance of Estrecho de Magallanes.

**Callao to Honolulu.**—Proceed to position 12°03'S, 77°10'W, then proceed by great circle to position 21°10'N, 156°30'W, about 65 miles E of Makapuu Point, Oahu, N of Maui. Then proceed as direct as safe navigation permits.

**Callao to Papeete.**—From the harbor entrance proceed by great circle to position 19°40'S, 144°00'W, passing about 20 miles S of Ahunui Island (Byam Martin), then proceed as direct as safe navigation permits to destination. Except at the beginning of the voyage, favorable currents will be found over the entire route.

**Alternate route.**—From the harbor entrance proceed by great circle to position 13°30'S, 145°00'W, passing about 30 miles N of Disappointment Island, and then proceed as direct as safe navigation permits, passing W of Matahiva Island. This route is about 128 miles longer but it reduces the difficulties by not passing through the Tuamotu Archipelago.

**Guayaquil to Panama.**—From position 3°06'S, 80°25'W, about 5 miles NNE of Isla Santa Clara, proceed to position 2°12'S, 81°07'W, about 6 miles W of Punta Santa Elena. Then proceed to position 1°15'S, 81°15'W, about 25 miles SW of Cabo San Lorenzo, Ecuador. From the latter position proceed as direct as safe navigation permits to position 8°48'N., 79°28'W., about 2 miles E of Taboguilla Island and about 3.5 miles S of the canal entrance channel.

**Guayaquil to Valparaiso.**—From position 3°07'S, 80°20'W, proceed to position 4°28'S, 81°28'W, about 15 miles NW of Punta Parinas, passing about 4 miles SE of Isla Santa Clara and 2 miles NW of Cabo Blanco. From position 4°28'S, 81°28'W follow the **Buenaventura to Valparaiso** route.

**Guayaquil to Estrecho de Magallanes.**—Follow the **Guayaquil to Valparaiso** route to position 4°28'S, 81°28'W and then proceed following the **Panama to Estrecho de Magallanes** route.

**Guayaquil to Honolulu.**—Proceed to a position about 5 miles NNE of Isla Santa Clara and then proceed by great circle to position 21°18'N, 156°48'W, about 48 miles E of Makapuu Point, Oahu. Vessels should take note of being set to W or SW in the vicinity of Archipelago de Colon. This route passes about 16 miles ENE of Isla Culpepper, the northernmost of the archipelago. From the above position E of Oahu, proceed to a position about 1.5 miles S of Diamond Head and then to destination.

\* This route may be followed in either direction.

**Panama to Estrecho de Magallanes.**—Proceed to position 8°30'N, 79°30'W, about 7 miles SE of Isla Bona, and then as direct as safe navigation permits to position 1°15'S, 81°12'W, about 6 miles W of Isla la Plata, Ecuador. Then proceed to position 4°28'S, 81°28'W, about 15 miles NW of Punta Parinas, Peru, and then as direct as safe navigation permits to position 52°00'S, 75°35'W, about 30 miles NW of Grupo Evangelistas. This track passes E of Isla San Ambrosio and Isla de Mas Atierra. Proceed from the latter position to position 52°30'S, 75°10'W, about 7 miles SSW of Grupo Evangelistas, off the W entrance of the Estrecho de Magallanes.

**Valparaiso to Estrecho de Magallanes.**—Proceed to position 33°00'S, 71°39'W, about 1 mile N of Punta Angeles; then to position 33°03'S, 71°52'W, about 6 miles NW of Punta Curaumilla; and then to position 37°10'S, 73°53'W, about 15 miles W of Punta Lavapie. From the latter position proceed to position 38°20'S, 74°10'W, about 10 miles W of Isla Mocha; then to position 46°50'S, 75°55'W, about 12 miles W of Cabo Raper. Then proceed to position 49°20'S, 76°00'W, and then follow the **Panama to Estrecho de Magallanes** route to destination at position 49°20'S, 76°00'W.

## 10. ROUTES FROM ESTRECHO DE MAGALLANES TO PORTS IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN

**Estrecho de Magallanes to Valparaiso.**—From the W entrance of the strait, proceed coastwise, as navigation permits, to the approaches to Valparaiso.

**Estrecho de Magallanes to Callao.**—From the W entrance to the strait, shape a rhumb line course through position 52°00'S, 75°35'W and position 49°30'S, 76°00'W. From there, proceed by great circle direct to Callao.

**Estrecho de Magallanes to Balboa.**—From the W entrance of the strait, proceed by rhumb line to position 52°00'S, 75°35'W and then by great circle to position 4°40'S, 81°30'W about 10 miles off Punta Parinas. From there, shape a course by rhumb line to position 1°15'S, 81°15'W and then by great circle to Balboa.

**Estrecho de Magallanes to ports on the W coast of the United States.**—From the W entrance of the strait, proceed by great circle to the most appropriate coastal point, and then coastwise, as navigation permits, to the desired port.

**Estrecho de Magallanes to Honolulu.**—From a position S of the Evanjelistas Group, proceed by great circle direct to Honolulu.

**Estrecho de Magallanes to ports of New Zealand and Australia.**—From a position S of the Evanjelistas Group, shape a rhumb line course direct to position 30°00'S, 110°W; then follow the 30th parallel to 140°W. From there, proceed by great circle direct to destination. The route has the advantage of better weather conditions and more favorable currents than would be found farther S.

**Alternate route.**—An alternate route, which is much shorter but subject to strong prevailing W winds, icebergs, adverse currents and stormy weather, is to proceed by rhumb line direct to position 49°00'S, 146°00'W. From there, follow a great circle track to I destination; vessels bound for Australian ports should pass through Cook Strait while those bound for Auckland and Torres Strait should depart the route in longitude 143°W. With the possible exception of high-powered vessels where economy in fuel and stormy weather passages are less of a consideration, this route is not recommended for westbound traffic.

Caution.--Icebergs have been observed in latitudes as low as 36°00'S, and it is not at all infrequent to encounter them as far N as 39°00'S during the summer.

## 11. SELECTED ROUTES FROM AREAS WITHIN THE SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN TO DESTINATIONS OUTSIDE THE SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN

**East and S coasts of Australia to Singapore and Hong Kong.\***—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits. The Peru Current flows mostly N off this coast, particularly near the land. Fog is most common off the coast of Peru, and less so in section N of 6°S and, except in April and May, between 15°S and 30°S.

Whether one takes a track passing N of Australia, through Torres Strait, or S of the continent, across the Great Australian Bight, the distances between Sydney and Singapore are relatively the same. Also, distances between Melbourne and Hong Kong are about the same by each route. Those vessels leaving from Sydney and intending to proceed S across the Great Australian Bight can expect the beneficial effects from the south-going East Australian Current, as well as the possibility of experiencing one of the frequent W and NW gales S of Australia.

\* This route may be followed in either direction.



**Torres Strait to Singapore.**—The northbound route from Torres Strait to Singapore, from April to October, passes S of Timor, in depths of more than 180m to avoid the shoal region located in the Arafura Sea, through Roti Strait and either Alas Strait or Lombok Strait to the Java Sea, and finally to Singapore via Karimata Strait. Alternately, vessels may pass N of Timor through Ombai Strait and then through Sumba Strait. This track avoids most of the dangerous regions in the Arafura Sea and utilizes the striking shoreline of the straits as an aid to navigation. From November to March, the route is through Wetar Strait and Wetar Passage into the Flores Sea and the Java Sea, then to Singapore as above. Additionally, the passage may be made S of all the islands and through Sunda Strait at any time of the year, the drawback being the distance is greater.

The southbound route from Singapore to Torres Strait, from April to October, passes through the Karimata Strait, the Java Sea, the Flores Sea, Wetar Passage, and Wetar Strait as described above. From November to March passage should be made through Lombok Strait or Alas Strait, Roti Strait, and S of Timor.

**Sydney to Balikpapan.\***—The passage may be made via Torres Strait or S around the continent via Cape Leeuwin.

For the passage via Torres Strait proceed from Sydney via the Inner Route and, after passing through Torres Strait and the Arafura Sea, enter the Flores Sea through Wetar Strait. There are two routes between Wetar Strait and Makassar Strait, either close N of Flores to position 8°00'S, 121°00'E and then E of Postiljon Kepulauan and De Brill Bank, or through Saleier Strait (Salayar Strait).

For passage via Cape Leeuwin proceed from Sydney to a position 20 miles WSW of Cape Leeuwin as directed above and approach Makassar Strait via Lombok Strait.

**Sydney to Tarakan (3°15'N., 117°53'E.)**—The routes described above for Balikpapan are good for all seasons for Tarakan, with departure being taken off Cape William (2°38'S., 118°50'E.).

In the Southeast Monsoon, after transiting Torres Strait, northbound vessels may steer to enter the Banda Sea between the Tanimbar Islands and Pulau-pulau Aru. Then steer a NW course for Manipa Strait and the passage between Obi Major and Sula Islands, continuing through the Molukka Sea to round the NE end of Sulawesi, either through Bangka Strait or to seaward of Bangka and Talisei; then proceed direct to Tarakan.

**Sydney or Brisbane to North America.**—The route from Sydney passes off Sugarloaf Point through positions 30 miles E of Cato Island and 30 miles NW of Bampton Reefs; then midway between Torres Island and Vanikoro through position 10°00'S, 170°00'E; then midway between Nanumea Atoll and Arorae Island to cross the Equator in 178°50'W. The Brisbane Route passes between Cato Island and Wreck Reef through position 21°30'S, 156°05'E and then to a position 30 miles NW of Bampton Reefs, where it joins the Sydney Route. From the position on the Equator in 178°50'W, the routes are generally by great circle as safe navigation permits to destination. This above track is only recommended northbound.

**Sydney to Singapore.**—Proceed from off Port Jackson via the Inner Route to Torres Strait. After passing Thursday Island, proceed across the Arafura Sea and through Wetar Passage, N of Timor. Pass S of Tiger Island, E and N of the Postillon Islands, and through position 6°15'S, 116°55'E and then through Karimata Strait and across the China Sea. From there proceed to Singapore through Rhio Strait or the Middle Channel of Singapore Strait.

**Melbourne to Port Louis, Mauritius.**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits from off Cape Otway to a position about 15 miles S of Point D'Entrecasteaux; then by rhumb line to clear the S end of Mauritius; and then as directly as navigation permits to Port Louis.

**Alternate route.**—If from off Point D'Entrecasteaux, the course is laid N toward Diego Garcia as far as the meridian of 100°E; from there a direct rhumb line to Mauritius; the advantage will be had from the NW and W sets of the South Indian Equatorial Current.

**Melbourne to Aden.**—Proceed by great circle sailing from Cape Otway to about 15 miles S of Point D'Entrecasteaux, and then to a position SW of the Chagos Archipelago in approximate position 8°00'S, 68°00'E. From this point steer on a rhumb line first to position 8°00' N, 52°40'E and then round Cape Guardafui to Aden.

Alternate route.—If preferred, a route E and N of Socotra Island may be taken from position 8°00'S., 68°00'E. Steer then by rhumb line to position 8°00'N, 60°00'E; then to position 13°10'N, 54°50'E; and then to Aden direct.

**Melbourne to Diego Garcia, Chagos Archipelago.**—Great circle tracks may be followed from off Cape Otway to about 15 miles S of Point D'Entrecasteaux and then to Diego Garcia.

**Melbourne to Karachi and Mumbai (Bombay).**—Steer along a great circle from off Cape Otway to about 15 miles S of Point D'Entrecasteaux, then by great circle track to off Cape Comorin, and then follow the Indian coast to destination.

**Melbourne to Colombo, Sri Lanka.**—Proceed by great circle from off Cape Otway to about 15 miles S of Point D'Entrecasteaux, then by great circle to a landfall off Point de Galle, and on to Colombo as directly as navigation permits.

**Melbourne to Calcutta (Kolkatta), India.**—Follow the great circle track from off Cape Otway to about 15 miles S of Point D'Entrecasteaux, then by rhumb line tracks passing W of Sumatra, the Nicobar Islands, and the Andaman Islands.

\* This route may be followed in either direction.

**Melbourne to Sunda Strait and Singapore.**—Proceed by great circle sailing from off Cape Otway to about 15 miles S of Point D'Entrecasteaux, then round Cape Leeuwin and steer by rhumb line direct to Sunda Strait. If bound for Singapore, continue N through Sunda Strait, Banka Strait, Berhala Strait, and Durian Strait.

**Melbourne to Yokohama, Japan.**—After following the Australian coast until abreast of Cape Byron, steer a direct course to pass 30 miles W of Wreck Reef and 20 miles E of Frederick Reef, to position 21°00'S, 154°50'E. From this point follow a rhumb line passing midway between Rossel Spit (the extreme E point of the Louisiade Archipelago, SE of New Guinea) and Pocklington Reef; then proceed through Pioneer Channel between New Ireland and the Solomon Islands. After clearing Lyra Reef steer, through the Caroline Islands, passing midway between the Pulap Islets (Los Martires Islets) and shoals on the W and the Olol Islands (Dlul Islands) (the westernmost of the Namonuito Group) on the E, distant about 20 miles from each. After passing the Olol Islands, take a track slightly curving to the E, so as to pass not less than 20 miles E of the Marianas Islands and the Ogasawaragunto Islands (Bonin Islands); then as directly as practicable to Yokohama.

**Melbourne to Fremantle, Western Australia.**—After rounding Cape Otway, proceed on the great circle track to a position about 15 miles S of Point D'Entrecasteaux. Then alter course to the N, rounding Cape Leeuwin at a distance of 15 to 20 miles offshore. Numerous dangers to navigation in this vicinity make it advisable to keep outside the 50m curve.

**Rounding Cape Leeuwin.**—The distance to which sunken dangers extend off a long stretch of coast about Cape Leeuwin and the frequent thick weather which prevails, with strong onshore winds and an inset in the same direction, make it highly desirable to give a good berth to this dangerous point. A clearance of 15 to 20 miles provides a good margin of safety. At night, the greatest caution should be used in running in to make Cape Leeuwin Light. With the weather at all thick, the light, powerful as it is, will often not be visible as far as Geographe Reef, 8 miles N. Since mist may hang about the land when it is clear at sea, the lead should never be neglected. Vessels should not at night stand in to depths less than 125m. Between Cape Naturaliste and Rottneest Island, by night or in thick weather, a vessel should not stand in to less than 55m until N of Naturaliste Reefs. From then N the 35m curve may be used as the minimum depth.

**Melbourne to Port Darwin, North Australia.**—The passage may be made either E or W of Australia. The E route is some 500 miles shorter. The section from Melbourne as far as Brisbane has already been described under the latter port. Then continue N by rhumb line courses about 50 miles to position 26°52'S, 153°20'E off the entrance of Moreton Bay. Stand to the N, rounding Sandy Cape and passing Breaksea Spit and Sandy Cape Shoal, entering the Inner Route at Capricorn Channel. Follow the Inner Route, inside the Great Barrier Reefs, to Thursday Island, Torres Strait. From there to Port Darwin, proceed N of Melville Island or S of that island via Clarence Strait. The Clarence Strait route is more difficult, but it shortens the run by 110 miles.

If making passage from Melbourne to Port Darwin via W of Australia, follow the **Melbourne to Fremantle, Western Australia** route until off that port. Then proceed N, passing through Geelvink Channel, 20 miles S of Scott Reef, and N of the Holothuria Banks.

**Brisbane to Yokohama.**—Proceed by rhumb line from off Cape Moreton, then E of Cato Island, then E of Mellish Reef and Pocklington Reef, and then through Bougainville Strait to position 4°30'S, 156°10'E. Then steer by rhumb lines to position 8°30'N, 149°30'E, which lies W of Ulul Island in the Carolines. From this position proceed direct as safe navigation permits into Tokyo Bay and then to Yokohama.

Mariners should keep in mind that there are various current influences on this route, particularly in proximity to islands and reefs; see the appropriate Sailing Directions.

An alternate route lies W of Pocklington Reef and then E of New Ireland; this saves about 50 miles but is more hazardous.

**Brisbane to San Francisco.**—Proceed on a great circle course from a position off Cape Moreton towards Vatua Island, one of the S islands of the Fiji Group. On reaching position 19°51'S, 178°34'W, about 20 miles W of Vatoa Island, a rhumb line track may be shaped for Apolima Strait. After passing through Apolima Strait, take a great circle track to destination, passing E of Fanning Island.

**Note.**—Nearly 110 miles can be saved by steering a direct rhumb line track to Walpole Island, passing SE of the island and then steering on a great circle track to San Francisco. This route leads through the Phoenix Group.

**Hobart to Albany, Western Australia.**—After rounding the Friar Rocks and South Cape on Tasmania at a distance of from 3 to 5 miles, steer to pass 6 miles SW of the Mewstone (off Maatsuyker Island Light); from then take the great circle track to King George Sound.

**Hobart to Fremantle, Western Australia.**—Proceed as for Albany, except lay the great circle track to a point about 15 miles S of Point D'Entrecasteaux. Round Cape Leeuwin and then to Fremantle, observing the directions given in the passage from Melbourne to that port.

**From New Zealand, Suva, and Apia to North American ports.**—Great circle tracks between New Zealand ports and North American ports pass through areas S of the Equator which are encumbered by dangers; sections thereof may lack sufficient soundings. Additionally, the great circle tracks between Suva or Apia and the North American coast are encumbered to some extent, and unless the route is clear, a track passing E of the Tokelau Islands, through about position 1°30'S, 171°00'W and keeping to the great circles, subject to navigational hazards, is recommended for each route.

**Torres Strait to Yap or Guam.**—The route passes through Djailolo Passage as directed above for the Northeast Monsoon. Between Torres Strait and Djailolo Passage, give False Cape a wide berth and pass between the coast of New Guinea to the NE and Pulau-pulau Aru and Ceram to the SW.

**Apia and Suva to Yap, Manila, and Hong Kong.\***—All of these routes pass close S of Yap. From Apia, proceed S of Ellice Islands through position 10°00'S, 180°00' and cross the Equator at 154°00'E, and then to Yap. From Suva proceed via Kandavu Passage to pass S of the Vanikoro Islands (11°40'S., 166°50'E.) and between Santa Cruz and the Solomon Islands, passing N of the Tasman Islands and then to Yap. From Yap, for Manila, pass through San Bernardino Strait and Verde Island Passage. For Hong Kong, pass through Balintang Channel.

**Apia to Yokohama.**—The great circle track between these two ports passes through the Marshall Islands and the Gilbert Islands (an area where there are uncertain currents and there is a lack of hydrographic data). Therefore, this part of it is not recommended. Instead, the great circle track should be followed between the approach to Yokohama and position 18°00'N., 160°00'E. Southeast of this position the recommended route passes between Eniwetok Atoll (11°30'N., 162°20'E.) and Vjelang Atoll, 120 miles SW. Continue W of the Marshall Islands and Gilbert Islands, and between the Gilbert Islands and the Ellice Islands to Apia, having crossed the Equator in 172°00'E.

**Callao or Iquique to San Francisco or San Diego.**—Proceed by rhumb line to position 26°40'N, 115°00'W, passing E of Archipelago de Colon, then direct as safe navigation permits to destination.

**Valparaiso to San Francisco or San Diego.**—Proceed by great circle to position 7°00'N, 90°00'W; then by rhumb line to position 26°40'N, 115°00'W; and then to destination.

**Estrecho de Magallanes to San Francisco.**—From Cabo Pilar proceed by great circle to position 0°00', 106°30'W; then take another great circle to pass W of Isla de Guadalupe (29°11'N., 118°18'W.); and then to destination by rhumb lines. This route passes about 45 miles W of Germaine Bank (5°09'N., 1°7'35'W.), 70 miles W of Clipperton Island and also passes through Islas Revilla Gigedo, between Roca Partida and Clarion Island.

**Pacific coast of South America to Panama.**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits. The Peru Current flows mostly N off this coast, particularly near the land. Fog is most common off the coast of Peru, and less so in the section N of 6°S and, except in April and May, between 15°S and 30°S.

\* This route may be followed in either direction.

## Appendix II—Routes Across the North Pacific Ocean

Routes across the North Pacific Ocean are divided into the following sub-categories:

1. Routes to and from Balboa, Panama.
2. North Pacific Ocean trans-ocean routes.
3. Seattle to/from North Pacific Ocean ports.
4. Seattle to Guam and other South Pacific Ocean ports.
5. Seattle to Panama and South American ports.
6. British Columbia, W coast of the United States, and Alaska.
7. Unimak Pass to Aleutian Islands ports.
8. Unimak Pass to Bering Sea ports.
9. Unimak Pass to Arctic Ocean ports.
10. Prince Rupert, Canada to North Pacific Ocean ports.
11. Prince Rupert, Canada to Hawaii, Guam, and South Pacific Ocean ports.
12. Prince Rupert, Canada to Panama and South Pacific Ocean ports
13. Trans-Pacific routes from Vancouver, Canada.
14. Vancouver, Canada to ports S of the Equator.
15. Nakhodka, Russia to Pacific Ocean ports
16. North and E coasts of Japan to Pacific Ocean ports
17. Ports on the Naikai (Inland Sea) of Japan to Pacific Ocean ports.
18. Shanghai, China to Pacific Ocean ports
19. Miscellaneous routes in the Far East.
20. North Pacific Ocean routes between United States ports.

### 1. ROUTES TO AND FROM BALBOA, PANAMA

**General.**—The route in each case is a great circle track from the entrance of Panama Bay. Successful navigation among coral reefs depends largely upon the eye. The best conditions are with the sun high and behind the observer, with the sea ruffled by a breeze. Height increases the visibility of coral reefs. It is extremely difficult to distinguish coral reefs when the sea is glassy calm. Banks with about 3 feet of water over them appear a light brown in color. Banks with 1.8m or more of water over them appear a clear green, deepening to a darker green as the water increases in depth, and changing to a deep blue when out of soundings. Under favorable circumstances a bank with 5.5 to 7.3m of water over it can be seen at a good distance. Where the depths increase beyond 5.5 to 7.3m, the bottom will not be seen unless the observer is nearly directly over the bank.

**Balboa to Tahiti.**—Great circle track passing about 40 miles N of the Tuamotu Archipelago, then either E or W of Mataiva, and then as direct as navigation permits to destination.

**Balboa to Sydney.**—Proceed from the entrance of Panama Bay to position 20°10'S, 90°00'W about 50 miles S of the Galapagos Islands; then by great circle to position 25°40'S, 130°00'W about 30 miles S of Pitcairn Island; then by rhumb line to position 30°00'S, 150°00'W; then by great circle to a position 5 miles N of the Three Kings Islands NW of Cape Maria Van Dieman; and then by rhumb line to destination.

**Sydney to Balboa.**—Great circle to Cook Strait, then follow the **Wellington to Balboa** route.

**Balboa to Auckland and Wellington.**—Proceed as for Sydney to position 25°40'S, 130°00'W; then by great circle to position 36°30'S, 160°00'W; and then by great circle to destination.

**Auckland and Wellington to Balboa.**—Great circle to position 41°40'S, 160°00'W; then by great circle to the Equator in longitude 83°00'W; and then as directly as navigation permits E of Malpelo Island to destination.

**Balboa to Callao and Valparaiso.**—Proceed as direct along the coast as navigation permits.

### 2. NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN TRANS-OCEAN ROUTES

**General.**—The obvious choice for a cross pacific voyage, a high latitude great circle based route, would appear at first glance to be appealing in terms of distance, however, there are distinct disadvantages in weather and currents.

The choice of a route for an eastbound vessel would be determined primarily by the currents to be met and navigational requirements. Westbound vessels may, due to winds and weather, choose a more southerly route based on about 35°S or lower.

**San Francisco to Yokohama (great circle route).**—During the summer months (June, July, and August) the route is by great circle; an opposing current will most likely be felt. During winter, (September to May) a more S route is recommended. From San Francisco proceed by rhumb line to position 37°00'N, 130°00'W; then to position 35°00'N, 140°00'W; then proceed by rhumb line to Yokohama. On this route, bad weather is unusual and the opposing current should not be felt until approaching Japan.

**San Francisco to Shanghai.**—Proceed to Yokohama, then as direct as possible to destination. The distance from Yokohama to Shanghai by Van Dieman Strait is 1,041 miles. An alternate route for the summer months is by Tsugaru Kaikyō. This route passes through the adverse winds and currents of the higher latitudes.

**San Francisco to Manila.**—From June to the end of September proceed by great circle to Luzon Strait. then take a composite great circle track leading through Nanpo Shoto (31°N., 140°E.) and continuing to Cape Engano and then through Babuyan Channel to destination. From October to May a rhumb line based cross-Pacific Ocean route is recommended.

**Manila to San Francisco.**—Proceed to Balintang Channel; then by great circle to San Francisco.

**San Francisco to Brisbane and Sydney via Honolulu.**—Proceed from Honolulu, as direct as safe navigation permits, by crossing the Equator at longitude 180°; passing between the Gilbert Islands and the Ellice Islands; then passing between the Santa Cruz Islands and Torres Island; then to position 20°00'S, longitude 156°30'E; then passing 30 miles E of Kenn Reef and Cato Island to destination.

**San Francisco to Brisbane via Suva.**—Proceed from Suva to Brisbane by Kandavu Passage and by rhumb lines N of Matthew Island and S of Walpole Island and the reefs S of New Caledonia.

**San Francisco to Sydney via Suva.**—Proceed from Suva to Sydney by Kandavu Passage and by great circle N of Conway Reef and S of Hunter Island and Elizabeth Reef.

**San Francisco to Auckland and Wellington.**—Great circle tracks, as nearly as navigation through scattered islands permits. By way of Tahiti, the tracks from Tahiti are great circles.

Alternately, proceed as direct as safe navigation permits as a rhumb line track between San Francisco and Auckland is less than 10 miles longer than a direct great circle track.

**San Francisco to Callao and Valparaiso.**—Proceed as in the route to Balboa as far as position 28°00'N, 116°00'W. For Callao take a rhumb line to position 26°40'N, 115°00'W; and then direct to destination. For Valparaiso take a rhumb line to position 26°40'N, 115°00'W; then a rhumb line to position 7°00'S, 90°00'W; and then proceed as direct as safe navigation permits to destination.

### 3. SEATTLE TO/FROM NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN PORTS

**Note.**—For the next group of routes, Seattle is the port named, while the actual terminal point is a position about 4.5 miles N of Cape Flattery, in the entrance of the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Seattle lies about 128 miles E and S of the entrance.

**Seattle to Seward.**—From the Strait of Juan de Fuca steer by rhumb lines to pass about 7 miles off Amphitrite Point Light and Cape Cook Light and 10 miles off Cape St. James Light. Then steer by great circle to a position S of Barwell Island off Cape Resurrection, in the approach to Seward.

**Seattle to Dutch Harbor.**—From the Strait of Juan de Fuca steer by great circle to a position about 9.5 miles S of Tigalda Island in the Aleutian Islands. Then steer by rhumb line to pass through Akutan Pass and 2.75 miles N of Priest Rock Light. Then round this light and proceed to Dutch Harbor.

**Seattle to Nakhodka.**—At first glance a high latitude great circle track crossing the North Pacific Ocean might appear attractive based on distance saved but it has severe disadvantages in weather and currents. Therefore, prudence dictates the adoption of a route in lower latitudes, particularly when westbound in winter.

From the Strait of Juan de Fuca proceed by great circle to position 52°00'N, 160°00'W; then by rhumb line to position 50°30'N, 180°00'. Then proceed by great circle to position 41°50'N, 143°20'E; and then by rhumb line through Tsugaru Kaikyo and the Sea of Japan to Nakhodka.

**Seattle to Hakodate (South of the Aleutian Islands).**—From the Strait of Juan de Fuca steer by great circle to position 52°00'N, 160°00'W; then by rhumb line to position 50°30'N, 180°00'; then by great circle to position 41°50'N, 143°20'E; then by rhumb line to Hakodate.

**Caution.**—There is much fog off the Kuril Islands and Hokkaido during the summer months. In July, the worst month, 50 to 60 per cent of the days may be expected to be foggy. In the spring, ice floes and field ice, the latter sometimes 4.6 to 9.1m thick, drift S from the Sea of Okhotsk and constitute a hazard.

**Seattle to Shanghai.**—From the Strait of Juan de Fuca proceed by great circle to position 52°00'N, 160°00'W; then by rhumb line to position 50°30'N, 180°00'; then by great circle to position 41°50'N., 143°20'E; then by rhumb lines through Tsugaru Kaikyo to position 41°22'N., 140°00'E; then by rhumb line through the Korea Strait to position 34°30'N, 128°47'E; and then by rhumb line to Shanghai.

**Seattle to Yokohama.**—From the Strait of Juan de Fuca proceed by great circle to position 52°00'N, 160°00'W; then by rhumb line to position 50°30'N, 180°00'; then by great circle position 34°49'N, 140°00'E; and then by rhumb line to Yokohama.

**Return.**—From Yokohama steer by rhumb line to position 34°49'N, 140°00'E.; then by great circle to position 50°00'N, 170°00'W; and then proceed as from Nakhodka to the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

**Seattle to Manila (North of Luzon).**—From the Strait of Juan de Fuca proceed as by the **Seattle to Yokohama** route to position 34°49'N, 140°00'E.; then by rhumb line to position 34°00'N, 139°10'E passing between Miyake Shima and Kozu Shima; then by great circle to position 19°30'N, 121°17' E passing E of Ryukyu Island and Batan Island; and then by rhumb line around Cape Bojeador and the W coast of Luzon to Manila.

Return.—Steer the reverse of the above route to position 34°49'N, 140°00'E; then proceed as for the reverse of the **Seattle to Yokohama** route.

A more advantageous route in respect to the favorable currents of the Japan Current leads along the E side of Taiwan and then through the Ryukyu Islands to the position above.

Vessels bound to or from Manila, or other ports in the Philippines and Borneo, may take the alternate route via San Bernardino Strait. From this strait, a great circle course should be shaped to join the routes to and from Yokohama at the junction points S of the Aleutians.

**Seattle to ports in China.**—To avoid the worst of the adverse current and the winter weather of a route in N latitudes, vessels bound for ports in China should, from the Strait of Juan de Fuca, proceed by great circle to position 30°00'N, 180°00". Vessels can then approach the coast of Asia on that parallel, passing through Nanpo Shoto between Tori Shima and Sofu Gan, and then as direct as safe navigation permits to destination. For ports in southern China, pass through Nansei Shoto between Tokara Gunto and Amami Gunto.

#### 4. SEATTLE TO GUAM AND OTHER SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN PORTS

**Note.**—For the next group of routes, Seattle is the port named, while the actual terminal point is a position about 4.5 miles N of Cape Flattery, in the entrance of the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Seattle lies about 128 miles E and S of the entrance.

**Seattle to Guam.**—From the Strait of Juan de Fuca steer by great circle to position 14°50'N, 145°56'E passing E of Marcus Island and Saipan; then by rhumb line to position 14°12'N, 145°01'E passing W of Rota Island; then by rhumb line to position 13°28'N, 144°36'E; and then by rhumb line to Guam.

**Seattle to Brisbane.**—From the Strait of Juan de Fuca proceed by great circle to position 13°00'S, 166°25'E; passing E of Necker Island in the Hawaiian Islands; W of Onotoa Island in the Gilbert Islands; and W of Torres Islands in Vanuatu. From a position W of Torres Island proceed to a position about 30 miles NW of Bampton Reefs, then through position 21°30'S, 156°05'E; then between Cato Island and Wreck Reef; and then to destination. Due consideration must be given to all dangers enroute.

Although the above route is the shortest to Brisbane, the following route to this and other ports of E and S coasts of Australia seems to be preferred by American shipmasters. From the Strait of Juan de Fuca steer by great circle to pass between Oahu and Kauai of the Hawaiian Islands; then by great circle to a position off Ile Walpole, E of the SE extremity of New Caledonia; passing W of Nuku Lailai and Rotuma, and, giving due consideration to all other islands and reefs enroute, then by great circle and/or rhumb line to destination.

**Seattle to Wellington.**—From the Strait of Juan de Fuca steer by great circle to position 1°40'N, 157°00'W passing close E of Christmas Island; then by great circle to position 41°28'S, 176°00'E passing E of Nassau Island and W of Beveridge Reef; and then by rhumb line to Wellington.

Vessels calling at Honolulu and Pago Pago should steer by great circle for Honolulu; then by great circle to pass E of Tu-tuila; and then by great circle to the desired landfall in New Zealand.

#### 5. SEATTLE TO PANAMA AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS

**Note.**—For the next group of routes, Seattle is the port named, while the actual terminal point is a position about 4.5 miles N of Cape Flattery, in the entrance of the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Seattle lies about 128 miles E and S of the entrance.

**Seattle to Panama.**—From the Strait of Juan de Fuca steer by rhumb line to position 34°00'N, 120°40'W passing about 15 miles W of the Farallon Islands; then by rhumb line to position 32°20'N, 119°20'W passing about 12.5 miles W of Bishop Rock Lighted Buoy; then by rhumb line to position 28°15'N, 115°48'W passing about 11 miles W of the San Benito Islands; then by rhumb line to position 24°40'N, 112°30'W passing about 13 miles off Cape San Lazaro; then by rhumb line to position 22°45'N, 110°00'W passing about 7 miles S of Cape Falso; then by rhumb line to position 18°10'N, 103°40'W passing about 13.5 miles off Point Telmo; then by great circle to position 7°05'N, 81°45'W passing about 8 miles S of Jicarita Island; and then by rhumb line around Cape Mala to Panama.

**Seattle to Callao.**—From the Strait of Juan de Fuca proceed as for the **Seattle to Panama** route to position 24°40'N, 112°30'W. then by great circle to position 11°25'S, 77°47'W; then by rhumb line to position 12°03'S, 77°10'W; and then by rhumb line to Callao.

**Seattle to Valparaiso.**—From the Strait of Juan de Fuca proceed as for the **Seattle to Panama** route to position 28°15'N, 115°48'W; then by great circle to position 33°00'S, 71°39'W.; and then by rhumb line to Valparaiso.

**Seattle to Estrecho de Magallanes.**—From the Strait of Juan de Fuca proceed as for the **Seattle to Panama** route to position 34°00'N, 112°40'W; then by great circle to position 25°00'N, 115°30' W close E of Alijos Rocks; then by great circle to position 52°30'S, 75°10'W; and then by rhumb line to the entrance to Estrecho de Magallanes.

## 6. BRITISH COLUMBIA, WEST COAST OF THE UNITED STATES, AND ALASKA ROUTES

**Victoria to Vancouver.**—The best route for medium and deep draft vessels is S of Trail and Discovery Islands, through the main channel of Haro Strait and N of Stuart and Skipjack Islands, then through Boundary Pass, W of Patos Island, into the Strait of Georgia. A Traffic Separation Scheme has been established in Haro Strait and through the Strait of Georgia to Vancouver.

The usual route for coastal or light-draft vessels is off the Trial Islands, then by the inshore channels, Mayor and Baynes, passing W of the Chain Islets and the Chatham Islands; then to the N, passing E of Zero Rock and between D'Arcy Shoals and D'Arcy Island; through Sidney Channel and Moresby Passage; then through Swanson Channel between North Pender and Prevost Islands; and through either Active Pass or Porlier Pass into the Strait of Georgia. By using this route, weaker tidal currents will be experienced than are found in the Haro Strait route. However, this route is not without its hazards as large numbers of pleasure craft, under sail or power, may be encountered during summer months. This is particularly true of Active Pass, which is also much used by the ferries connecting Vancouver Island and the mainland.

**Vancouver to Queen Charlotte Sound.**—Vessels usually pass N of the Ballenas Islands and then through either Stevens Passage or between Sisters Islets and Hornby Island, from where a course is shaped for Discovery Passage, the only navigable channel from the Strait of Georgia to the NW for large vessels. Vessels may have to wait for slack water in Seymour Narrows; Menzies Bay and Duncan Bay, S of Seymour Narrows, and Plumper Bay, N of Seymour Narrows, contain convenient anchorages.

From Seymour Narrows the route passes through the Traffic Separation Schemes around Helmcken Island in Johnstone Strait and about Haddington Island in Broughton Strait. After passing through Queen Charlotte Strait, Goletas Channel is usually followed as far as the Noble Islets, then Christie Passage and Gordon Channel are used to enter Queen Charlotte Sound. While several shoals and banks exist along this route, vessels, even those with very deep drafts, will have enough sea room to keep clear of them, although it may be necessary in some places to await slack water to avoid the worst effects of the strong currents. The only obstruction likely to limit the use of this route is the power line which spans Seymour Narrows with a vertical clearance of 48.8m.

A series of channels and passages are frequently used by low-powered or small vessels and towboats with rafts to avoid the strong tidal currents which funnel through Seymour Narrows. The route commences about Powell River (49°52'N., 124°43'W.) and runs NW through Yuculta Rapids, W through Cordero Channel, and then by various routes to Johnstone Strait.

**Caution.**—When navigating the inner waters of British Columbia, it should be constantly borne in mind that some of the minor passages have only been roughly examined; detached boulders from the broken shores, as well as pinnacles of rock, may exist in them. Whenever a broad and clear channel which has been surveyed is known to exist, it would be unwise to use, without real necessity, one of more doubtful character, even if it offers an apparent saving in distance.

**Queen Charlotte Sound to Alaska.**—The route usually taken between Cape Caution (51°10'N., 127°47'W.) and Alaska is through the Inner Passage. It leads to the inner channels of Alaska and, in general, affords sheltered water with only a few areas exposed to the ocean. The strong gales frequently encountered in Queen Charlotte Sound and Hecate Strait are avoided.

**Strait of Juan de Fuca to Prince William Sound ports (Cordova, Valdez, and Whittier).**—Rhumb lines through the following positions:

- a. 48°31'N, 125°00'W. (Swiftsure Bank, Washington)
- b. 48°50'N, 125°39'W. (off Amphitrite Point, Canada)
- c. 50°01'N, 128°03'W. (off Solander Island, Canada)
- d. 51°49'N, 131°12'W. (off Cape St. James, Canada)
- e. 60°13'N, 146°41'W. (off Cape Hinchinbrook, Alaska)

**Strait of Juan de Fuca to Seward.**—Follow the **Strait of Juan de Fuca to Prince William Sound ports** route to position 51°49'N, 131°12'W and then by great circle to position 59°51'N, 149°17'W located S of Barwell Island off Cape Resurrection.

**Strait of Juan de Fuca to Cook Inlet ports (Seldovia, Homer, Nikishka, Drift River, and Anchorage).**—Follow the **Strait of Juan de Fuca to Prince William Sound ports** route to position 50°01'N, 128°03'W and then by great circle to position 59°03'N, 151°26'W off East Chugach Island.

**Strait of Juan de Fuca to Kodiak.**—Follow the **Strait of Juan de Fuca to Prince William Sound ports** route to position 50°01'N, 128°03'W and by then great circle to position 57°42'N, 152°09'W located of Cape Chiniak.

**Strait of Juan de Fuca to Unimak Pass.**—Follow a great circle from position 48°31'N, 125°00'W to position 54°00'N, 163°00'W and then by rhumb line to position 54°20'N, 164°45'W off Scotch Cap.

**Cape Spencer to Prince William Sound ports.**—Rhumb lines through the following positions:

- a. 58°10'N, 136°38'W. (off Cape Spencer)
- b. 59°43'N, 144°38'W. (S of the buoy off Cape St. Elias)
- c. 60°13'N, 146°41'W. (off Cape Hinchinbrook)

**Cape Spencer to Seward.**—Rhumb lines through the following positions:

- a. 58°10'N, 136°38'W. (off Cape Spencer)
- b. 59°21'N, 146°19'W. (S of Middleton Island)
- c. 59°51'N, 149°17'W. (S of Barwell Island off Cape Resurrection)

**Cape Spencer to Cook Inlet ports.**—Rhumb line from position 58°10'N, 136°38'W to position 59°03'N, 151°26'W.

**Cape Spencer to Kodiak.**—Rhumb line from position 58°10'N, 136°38'W to position 57°42'N, 152°09'W.

**Prince William Sound ports to Seward.**—From Elrington Passage clear Cape Puget and Cape Junken by 1 mile, then to position 9°51'N, 149°17'W located S of Barwell Island off Cape Resurrection.

**Prince William Sound ports to Cook Inlet.**—From Elrington Passage, rhumb lines through the following positions:

- a. 59°33'N, 149°38'W. (N of Seal Rocks)
- b. 59°21'N, 150°14'W. (off Outer Island)
- c. 59°09'N, 150°57'W. (off Gore Point)
- d. 59°03'N, 151°26'W. (off East Chugach Island)

**Prince William Sound ports to Kodiak.**—From Elrington Passage, rhumb line to position 57°50'N, 152°17' W off Spruce Cape.

**Shelikof Strait—Cook Inlet to Unimak Pass.**—Rhumb lines through the following positions:

- a. 59°03.0'N, 151°26.0'W. (off East Chugach Island)
- b. 59°01.6'N, 152°19.0'W. (N of Ushagat Island)
- c. 57°38.5'N, 154°33.8'W. (off Cape Uyak)
- d. 56°27.0'N, 156°48.0'W. (off Foggy Cape)
- e. 55°46.0'N, 158°37.8'W. (SE of Mitrofanina Island)
- f. 55°21.6'N, 160°03.6'W. (N of Andronica Island)
- g. 55°22.8'N, 160°21.7'W. (N of Popof Island)
- h. 55°26.0'N, 160°43.5'W. (off Unga Spit)
- i. 55°17.5'N, 161°15.2'W. (off Seal Cape Light)
- j. 55°17.2'N, 161°39.5'W. (N of Ukolnoi Island)
- k. 55°10.9'N, 161°54.2'W. (off Arch Point)
- l. 55°07.5'N, 161°55.6'W. (off Moss Cape)
- m. 55°06.7'N, 161°56.2'W. (NW of Goloi Island)
- n. 55°02.6'N, 161°54.5'W. (E of Iliasik Islands Light)
- o. 55°02.0'N, 161°55.5'W. (SE of Iliasik Islands Light)
- p. 55°00.5'N, 162°20.1'W. (N of Deer Island)
- q. 54°57.4'N, 162°27.6'W. (W of Fox Island)
- r. 54°48.1'N, 162°44.6'W. (W of Umga Island)
- s. 54°37.8'N, 163°03.6'W. (off Cape Pankof)
- t. 54°20.0'N, 164°45.0'W. (off Scotch Cap)

**Prince William Sound ports to Unimak Pass.**—Follow the **Prince William Sound ports to Cook Inlet** route then follow the **Shelikof Strait—Cook Inlet to Unimak Pass** route.

**Seward to Cook Inlet.**—Rhumb lines through the following positions:

- a. 59°45'N, 149°26'W. (off Pilot Rock)
- b. 59°36'N, 149°32'W. (off Chiswell Island)
- c. 59°31'N, 149°40'W. (off Seal Rocks)
- d. 59°21'N, 150°14'W. (off Outer Island)
- e. 59°09'N, 150°57'W. (off Gore Point)
- f. 59°03'N, 151°26'W. (off East Chugach Island)



**Seward to Kodiak.**—Same as the **Seward to Cook Inlet** route to position 59°31'N, 149°40'W; then rhumb lines through the following positions:

- a. 58°21'N, 151°54'W. (off Tonki Cape)
- b. 58°13'N, 151°56'W. (Marmot Strait)
- c. 57°50'N, 152°17'W. (off Spruce Cape)

**Seward to Unimak Pass.**—Follow the **Seward to Cook Inlet** route then follow the **Shelikof Strait—Cook Inlet to Unimak Pass** route.

**Cook Inlet to Kodiak.**—Rhumb lines through the following positions:

- a. 59°03'N, 151°53'W. (S of Cape Elizabeth Island)
- b. 58°21'N, 151°54'W. (off Tonki Cape)
- c. 58°13'N, 151°56'W. (Marmot Strait)
- d. 57°50'N, 152°17'W. (off Spruce Cape)

## 7. UNIMAK PASS TO ALEUTIAN ISLANDS PORTS

**Unimak Pass to Dutch Harbor and Unalaska.**—Rhumb lines along the N coast of the Aleutian chain through the following positions:

- a. 54°20'N, 164°45'W. (off Scotch Cap.)
- b. 54°20'N, 165°38'W. (off Akun Head)
- c. 54°16'N, 166°00'W. (off North Head)
- d. 54°02'N, 166°24'W. (off Priest Rock Light)
- e. 53°55'N, 166°29'W. (off Ulakta Head)

**Unimak Pass to Kuluk Bay.**—Rhumb lines along the N coast of the Aleutian chain through the following positions:

- a. 54°20'N, 164°45'W. (off Scotch Cap)
- b. 54°20'N, 165°38'W. (off Akun Head)
- c. 54°08'N, 166°40'W. (off Cape Cheerful)
- d. 53°36'N, 168°14'W. (N of Umnak Island)
- e. 52°28'N, 172°26'W. (N of Seguam Island)
- f. 52°28'N, 174°09'W. (off North Cape Light on Atka Island)
- g. 52°10'N, 176°09'W. (off Swallow Head Light on Great Sitkin Island)
- h. 51°54'N, 176°30'W. (E of Kuluk Shoal)

**Unimak Pass to Kiska.**—Follow the **Unimak Pass to Kuluk Bay** route to position 52°10'N, 176°09'W then by rhumb lines through the following positions:

- a. 52°07'N, 179°46'E. (N of Semisopochnoi Island)
- b. 52°08'N, 178°05'E. (N of Segula Island)
- c. 52°05'N, 177°46'E. (E of Haycock Rock)
- d. 51°58'N, 177°35'E. (off North Head)

**Unimak Pass to Alcan Harbor.**—Follow the **Unimak Pass to Kiska Bay** route to position 52°08'N, 178°05'W then by rhumb lines through the following positions:

- a. 52°13'N, 177°38'E. (off Sirius Point on Kiska Island)
- b. 52°47'N, 174°05'E. (N of Shemya Island)

**Unimak Pass to Massacre Bay.**—Follow the **Unimak Pass to Alcan Harbor** route, then by rhumb lines through the following positions:

- a. 52°49'N, 173°53'E. (N of Alaid Island)
- b. 52°47'N, 173°19'E. (off Alexai Point)

Vessels may also proceed from Unimak Pass to Massacre Bay by great circle.

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**8. UNIMAK PASS TO BERING SEA PORTS**

**Unimak Pass to Port Moller.**—Rhumb lines through the following positions:

- a. 54°20'N, 164°45'W. (S of Scotch Cap Light)
- b. 54°24'N, 164°59'W. (W of Scotch Cap Light)
- c. 54°36'N, 165°04'W. (off Cape Sarichef Light)
- d. 55°00'N, 164°36'W. (off Cape Mordvinof)
- e. 55°31'N, 163°18'W. (off Sea Lion Rock)
- f. 55°53'N, 162°15'W. (off Black Hill)
- g. 56°06'N, 160°50'W. (then to the entrance buoy)

**Unimak Pass to Kvichak Bay.**—Follow the **Unimak Pass to Port Moller** route to position 55°00'N, 164°36'W and then by rhumb lines through the following positions:

- a. 57°44'N, 157°53'W. (off Cape Greig Light)
- b. 58°14'N, 157°53'W. (off Red Bluff Light)
- c. 58°27'N, 157°41'W. (off Middle Bluff Light)
- d. then to the anchorage off the entrance to the Naknek River.

**Unimak Pass to Nushagak Bay.**—Follow the **Unimak Pass to Port Moller** route to 55°00'N, 164°36'W; then by rhumb line to 57°44'N, 157°53'W (off Cape Greig Light); and then to the entrance buoy.

**Unimak Pass to St. Michael.**—Rhumb lines through the following positions:

- a. 54°20'N, 164°45'W. (S of Scotch Cap Light)
- b. 54°24'N, 164°59'W. (W of Scotch Cap Light)
- c. 54°36'N, 165°04'W. (off Cape Sarichef Light)
- d. 60°14'N, 168°04'W. (off Cape Mohican Light on Nunivak Island)
- e. 63°00'N, 167°40'W. (32 miles E of St. Lawrence Island)
- f. 63°41'N, 165°18'W. (Norton Sound)
- g. 63°41'N, 162°21'W. (N of Stuart Island)
- h. 63°32'N, 161°55'W. (off St. Michael)

**Unimak Pass to Golovnin Bay.**—Follow the **Unimak Pass to St. Michael** route to position 63°00'N, 167°40'W and then by rhumb line to position 64°20'N, 163°00'W.

**Unimak Pass to Nome.**—Follow the **Unimak Pass to St. Michael** route to position 63°00'N, 167°40'W and then by rhumb line to position 64°29'N, 166°26'W.

**Unimak Pass to Port Clarence.**—Follow the **Unimak Pass to St. Michael** route to position 63°00'N, 167°40'W and then by rhumb lines through the following positions:

- a. 64°58'N, 167°40'W. (E of King Island)
- b. 65°19'N, 167°40'W. (off Cape York)
- c. 65°19'N, 166°51'W. (off Point Spencer)
- d. 65°17'N, 166°25'W.

**9. UNIMAK PASS TO ARCTIC OCEAN PORTS**

**Unimak Pass to Point Hope.**—Follow the **Unimak Pass to St. Michael** route to position 63°00'N, 167°40'W then rhumb lines through the following positions:

- a. 64°58'N, 167°40'W. (E of King Island)
- b. 65°38'N, 168°31'W. (E of Fairway Rock)
- c. 68°21'N, 167°18'W.

**Unimak Pass to Point Barrow.**—Follow the **Unimak Pass to Point Hope** route to position 68°21'N., 167°18'W., then rhumb lines through the following positions:

- a. 68°58'N, 166°40'W. (off Cape Lisburne)
- b. 70°34'N, 162°25'W. (off Icy Cape)
- c. 71°20'N, 156°55'W.

## 10. PRINCE RUPERT, CANADA TO NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN PORTS

**Prince Rupert to Seward.**—Steer by rhumb lines to position 54°18'N, 130°53'W; then by a rhumb line through Dixon Entrance to position 54°30'N, 133°00'W; then by great circle to position 59°50'N.; 149°18'W.; then by rhumb lines to Seward.

**Prince Rupert to Dutch Harbor.**—Proceed as for the **Prince Rupert to Seward** route to position 54°30'N, 133°00'W; then by great circle to position 53°55'N, 165°00'W; then by rhumb line through Akutan Pass to position 54°03'N, 166°22'W; and then by rhumb lines to Dutch Harbor.

**Prince Rupert to Nome.**—Proceed to position 54°30'N, 133°00'W; then by great circle to position 54°10'N, 162°45'W; then through Unimak Pass to position 54°22'N, 165°00'W.; then by great circle to position 60°10'N, 168°10'W passing about 22 miles W of Nunivak Islands; then by rhumb line to Nome.

**Prince Rupert to Nakhodka (S of the Aleutian Islands).**—Proceed as for the **Prince Rupert to Seward** route to position 54°30'N, 133°00' W; then by great circle to 53°00'N, 165°00'W.; then by rhumb line to position 50°30'N, 180°00'; then by great circle to position 41°50'N, 143°20'E; then by rhumb lines through Tsugaru Kaikyo and the Japan Sea to Nakhodka.

**Prince Rupert to Hakodate (S of the Aleutian Islands).**—Proceed as for the **Prince Rupert to Seward** route to position 54°30'N, 133°00' W; then by great circle to position 53°00'N, 165°00'W; then by rhumb line to position 50°30'N, 180°00'; then by great circle to position 41°50'N, 143°20'E; and then by rhumb lines to Hakodate.

**Caution.**—There is much fog off Chishima Retto and Hokkaido during the summer months. In July, the worst month, 50 to 60 per cent of the days may be expected to be foggy. In the spring, ice floes and field ice, the latter sometimes 15 to 30 feet in thickness, drift south from the Sea of Okhotsk and constitute a hazard.

**Return.**—From Hakodate steer by rhumb lines to position 41°50'N, 143°20'E; then proceed as for the **Nakhodka to Prince Rupert** route.

**Prince Rupert to Hong Kong (S of the Aleutian Islands).**—Proceed as for the **Prince Rupert to Hakodate (S of the Aleutian Islands)** route to position 41°50'N, 143°20'E; then to Hong Kong.

**Return.**—Steer the reverse of the above route to position 41°50'N, 143°20'.; then proceed as for the **Nakhodka to Prince Rupert** route.

**Prince Rupert to Yokohama (S of the Aleutian Islands).**—Proceed as for the **Prince Rupert to Hakodate (S of the Aleutian Islands)** route to position 50°30'N, 180°00'; then by great circle to position 34°49'N, 140°00'E; then by rhumb lines to Yokohama.

**Return.**—From Yokohama steer by rhumb lines to position 34°49'N, 140°00'E; then by great circle to position 50°00'N, 170°00'W; then proceed as for the **Nakhodka to Prince Rupert** route.

**Prince Rupert to Manila (N of the Aleutian Islands and S of Luzon).**—Proceed as for the **Prince Rupert to Yokohama (S of the Aleutian Islands)** route to position 34°49'N, 140°00'E; then by rhumb line to position 34°00'N, 139°10'E passing between Miyake Shima and Kozu Shima; then by great circle to position 19°30'N, 121°17'E passing E of Nansei Shoto and Batan Island; then by rhumb lines around Cape Bojeador and the W coast of Luzon to Manila.

**Prince Rupert to Manila (S of the Aleutian Islands and N of Luzon).**—Proceed as for the **Yokohama Prince Rupert to Yokohama (S of the Aleutian Islands)** to position 34°49'N, 140°00'E; then continue as for the **Prince Rupert to Manila (N of the Aleutian Islands and S of Luzon)** route.

**Return.**—Steer the reverse of the above route to position 34°49'N, 140°00'E; then proceed as for the **Yokohama to Prince Rupert** route.

A more advantageous route in respect to the favorable currents of the Kuroshio leads along the eastern side of Taiwan and thence through the islands of Nansei Shoto (Ryukyu Islands) to the above position.

Vessels bound to or from Manila, or other ports in the Philippines and Borneo, may take the alternate route via San Bernardino Strait. From this strait a great circle course should be shaped to join the routes to and from Yokohama at the junction points S of the Aleutian Islands.

### 11. PRINCE RUPERT, CANADA TO HAWAII, GUAM, AND SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN PORTS

**Prince Rupert to Honolulu.**—Steer by rhumb lines to position 54°20'N, 133°00'W in Dixon Entrance; then by great circle to position 21°15'N, 157°40'W; and then by rhumb lines to Honolulu.

**Prince Rupert to Apra, Guam.**—Proceed as for the Prince Rupert to Seward route to position 54°30'N, 133°00'W; then by great circle to position 16°15'N, 146°00'E passing W of Marcus Island; and then by rhumb lines to Apra.

**Return.**—Steer the reverse of the above route.

**Caution.**—Low-powered vessels bound for Apra should keep well S of the great circle track.

**Prince Rupert to Auckland.**—Proceed by rhumb lines through Hecate Strait to position 51°45', 130°35'W; then by great circle to position 20°20'N, 156°00'W between the islands of Hawaii and Maui; then by great circle to position 13°25'S, 172°55'W passing W of the Samoa Islands; then by great circle to position 36°00'S, 175°17'E; and then by rhumb lines to Auckland.

**Prince Rupert to Pago Pago, American Samoa.**—Proceed as for the Prince Rupert to Auckland route to position 51°45'N, 130°35'W; then by great circle to position 19°30'N, 154°35' W passing E of the island of Hawaii; then by great circle to position 14°15'S, 170°32'W. passing between Palmyra Island and Washington Island; then by rhumb lines to Pago Pago.

**Note.**—When traversing these routes due consideration must be given to all dangers which may lie in proximity to the tracks.

### 12. PRINCE RUPERT, CANADA TO PANAMA AND SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN PORTS

**Prince Rupert to Panama.**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits. Northbound, within 10 miles of the coast, the north-going Davidson Current will be felt at certain times of the year.

**Prince Rupert to Callao.**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits.

**Prince Rupert to Valparaiso.**—Proceed as for the **Prince Rupert to Panama** route to position 28°15'N, 115°48'W; then by great circle to position 33°00'S, 71°39'W; and then by rhumb line to Valparaiso.

**Prince Rupert to Estrecho de Magallanes.**—Proceed as for the **Prince Rupert to Panama** route to position 34°00'N, 112°40'W; then by great circle to position 25°00'N., 115°30'W close E of Alijos Rocks; then by great circle to position 52°30'S., 75°10'W; and then by rhumb line to the entrance of Estrecho de Magallanes.

The above route leads through the Revillagigedo Islands and close to Clipperton Island.

### 13. TRANS-PACIFIC ROUTES FROM VANCOUVER, CANADA

**Vancouver to Hakodate.**—The high latitude great circle track from Vancouver may present difficulties due to winds and weather; a more S route may need to be adopted.

**Vancouver to Shanghai or Hong Kong.**—Shape a great circle course to latitude 30°00'N, on the 180th meridian, and position 28°40'N, 129°00'E passing through Nanpo Shoto, N of Tori Shima, and through Nansei Shoto between Tokara Gunto and Amami Gunto. From the above position proceed as directly as navigation permits to destination.

**Note.**—The distance from Vancouver to the position on the 180th meridian at 30°00'N is 2,757 miles.

**Vancouver to Hong Kong or Singapore (via Guam).**—Shape a great circle course to Guam after clearing Queen Charlotte Sound or the Strait of Juan de Fuca. To Hong Kong take a great circle route to position 21°20', 121°00'E, in Bashi Channel, and then proceed direct to destination. To Singapore, proceed as directly as navigation permits to pass through Verde Island Passage and then join the China Sea eastern route off North Danger Reef, (11°27'N., 114°21'E.).

**Note.**—The distance from Vancouver to Apra, Guam via Queen Charlotte Sound is 4,905 miles; via the Strait of Juan de Fuca the distance is 4,963 miles.

#### 14. VANCOUVER, CANADA TO PORTS SOUTH OF THE EQUATOR

**Vancouver to Tahiti.**—When clear of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, shape a great circle course for position 14°45'S, 148°55'W; then proceed direct to Tahiti.

**Vancouver to Brisbane.**—From the Strait of Juan de Fuca, shape a great circle course to a position on the Equator in 178°50'W, passing through the Hawaiian Islands E of Niihau and about 25 miles E of the reported position of Wilder Shoal. Then steer a rhumb line to cross the meridian of 170°E. in latitude 10°S. From here steer to pass midway between Torres Island, the northernmost of the Banks Islands, and Vanikaro Island, the southernmost of the Santa Cruz group. The distance between the two islands is about 80 miles and the water is deep. Then steer to pass about 30 miles off the NW point of Bampton Reef and then as direct as navigation permits to pass about 20 miles E of Bird Island or Wreck Reef, and the same distance W of Cato Island, to Moreton Bay.

**Vancouver to Wellington.**—From the Strait of Juan de Fuca steer a great circle to cross the Equator at 157°00'W; then a rhumb line track as directly as navigation permits to the coast of New Zealand.

#### 15. NAKHODKA, RUSSIA TO PACIFIC OCEAN PORTS

**Nakhodka to San Francisco.**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits through Tsugaru Kaikyo, then by great circle S of the Aleutian Islands to the traffic separation scheme off San Francisco. Alternately, proceed on a more S course by great circle or rhumb line from Tsugaru Kaikyo to position 47°00'N., 180°00' and then to destination.

**Nakhodka to Panama.**—Proceed by great circle from Tsugaru Kaikyo to position 28°40', 118°20'W lying S of Isla de Guadalupe and then as direct as safe navigation permits to destination.

An analysis of accumulated current data for the trans-Pacific section of this westbound route shows that the loss of distance because of current is practically negligible at all seasons. Westerly winds, however, prevail along this section in all seasons, but are less intense and less fixed in direction during the summer. The N section of this route is particularly stormy during the winter.

**Nakhodka to Valparaiso.**—The most direct route to Valparaiso leads via Soya Kaikyo, then through the Chishima Retto (Kuril Islands) at Shimushiru Kaikyo, and then to destination by great circle as direct as safe navigation permits.

**Nakhodka to Punta Arenas, Chile.**—Proceed through Tsugaru Kaikyo, then by great circles as close as safe navigation permits to position 51°30'S, 95°00'W; and then direct by rhumb line to the W entrance of Estrecho de Magallanes.

On the return route vessels will experience less adverse currents and weather by proceeding direct by rhumb line to position 30°00'S, 110°00'W; and then as direct as possible to destination by great circles and rhumb lines, passing through Tsugaru Kaikyo.

An alternative return route is the reverse of the eastbound route. This route is shorter than that by the 30°S parallel, but it is not recommended because of the strong prevailing W winds, adverse currents, and probably continuous stormy weather. This route may, however, be used by high-powered vessels where fuel economy and a stormy weather passage are not considerations.

**Nakhodka to Honolulu.**—Eastbound vessels proceed through Tsugaru Kaikyo and then by great circle to destination as direct as safe navigation permits.

**Nakhodka to Apra, Guam, Marinas.**—The most direct route leads s through the Japan Sea to Shimonoseki Kaikyo, then through that strait and Bungo Suido. From Bungo Suido proceed by great circle direct to destination.

**Nakhodka to Pago Pago, American Samoa.**—The most direct route leads via Tsugaru Kaikyo and to destination as direct as safe navigation permits.

**Nakhodka to Auckland.**—Proceed through Tsugaru Kaikyo, then to destination by great circles as direct as safe navigation permits, passing W of Ponape, between the Solomon Islands and Santa Cruz Islands, W of the New Hebrides, and E of the Loyalty Islands.

An alternative route leads through Shimonoseki Kaikyo and Bungo Suido, then as direct as possible to destination, passing W of Guam, between New Zealand and the Solomon Islands, and W of New Caledonia. The two routes are nearly equal in length and in each case the return routes are the reverse of the outbound routes.

**Nakhodka to Sydney.**—The most direct route leads via Shimonoseki Kaikyo and Bungo Suido, then proceed so as to pass either E or W of New Ireland and E of the Louisiade Archipelago, then to a position off the Australian coast in the vicinity of Cape Byron (latitude 28°38'S.), and then along that coast to destination.

**Nakhodka to Darwin.**—Vessels proceeding to Darwin have a choice of several routes with little difference in total distance. The shortest route leads via Korea Strait and Molukka Pass, then through Manipa Strait and to destination as direct as safe navigation permits, passing around the W side of Bathurst Island.

Another route leads via Shimonoseki Kaikyo and Bungo Suido, then as direct as possible to the NW end of New Guinea; then shortest routes lead either E or W of Waigeo and E of Misool. Then proceed as direct to destination as safe navigation permits, passing E of Ceram, Tanimbar, and Melville Islands. The route E of Waigeo and through Sele Strait is shorter than routes leading between the islands W of Waigeo if a vessel has proceeded via Bungo Suido.

In each case northbound vessels may follow the reverse of the southbound routes.

**Nakhodka to Manila.**—The most direct route to Manila leads through the Western Channel of Korea Strait, then S to the NW part of Luzon, passing E of Taiwan, and then along the coast of Luzon to destination as direct as safe navigation permits.

**Nakhodka to Singapore.**—Proceed through the Western Channel of Korea Strait, then S through Taiwan Strait and on to destination via the main route through the South China Sea as direct as safe navigation permits, passing W of Macclesfield Bank.

The return route is the reverse of the outbound route during the Southwest Monsoon season. During a strong Northeast Monsoon, a route E of Macclesfield Bank and through Pescadores Channel and along the coast of Taiwan may be used.

**Nakhodka to Shanghai.**—Vessels bound for Shanghai proceed through the Western Channel of Korea Strait, then N or S of Cheju Do and on to destination as direct as safe navigation permits.

## 16. NORTH AND EAST COASTS OF JAPAN TO PACIFIC OCEAN PORTS

**Caution.**—When transiting the coast of Honshu from N to S, it must be noted, however, that the current off the SE coast of Japan sets between ENE and ESE and attains a velocity of 2 to 5 knots. Proper allowance must, therefore, be made when navigating along this coast. Closer inshore, this current may be lost and the influence of the tidal currents may be felt. During the typhoon months great irregularities may also be experienced.

**Kataoka to Dutch Harbor or Seattle.**—The most direct route from Kataoka leads N of Attu and the Aleutian Islands to destination. Vessels continuing on to Seattle pass through Unimak Pass and on to destination as direct as safe navigation permits.

**Hakodate and Yokohama to Dutch Harbor.**—Vessels from Hakodate proceed direct along the S and SE coast of Hokkaido to position 43°40'N, 147°00'E lying SE of Shikotan Jima, then by great circle to position 52°25'N, 175°00'E; and then direct to destination.

From Yokohama proceed as direct as safe navigation permits to a position SE of Nojima Saki. Then, after rounding the 6.5 fathom rock 30 miles NE of that point, proceed by great circle to position 52°25'N, 175°00'E; and then direct to destination.

**Hakodate to Seattle.**—From Hakodate proceed as direct as safe navigation permits along the S side of Hokkaido; then by great circle to position 50°00'N, 170°0'W; then parallel sailing to longitude 140°00'W; then direct to destination as safe navigation permits.

**Return.**—On the return route proceed from the Strait of Juan de Fuca by great circle to position 52°00'N, 160°00'W; then by rhumb line to position 50°30'N, 180°00'; and then by great circle and rhumb lines to destination.

The eastbound route, which leads over 100 miles S of the Aleutians, has advantageous currents and winds for the greater part of the year. The westbound route, leading nearer the Aleutian chain, is shorter than the eastbound, and during a few months of the year it has the advantage of the W currents off the Aleutian Islands. Moreover, these routes lead well clear of each other and provide a safety factor for vessels engaged in trans-North Pacific commerce.

An alternate route from Hakodate leads as directed for the **Hakodate to Dutch Harbor** route to position 52°25'N, 175°00'E; then by great circle to Unimak Pass; then as direct as safe navigation permits.

**Hakodate to San Francisco.**—Eastbound vessels proceed to a position off Erimo Saki, then by great circle to position 50°00'N, 170°00'W; and then by great circle to a position off San Francisco Harbor.

**Return.**—The return route from San Francisco leads by great circle to position 50°30'N, 180°00'; then by great circle to a position off Erimo Saki; and then as direct as safe navigation permits to destination.

**Yokohama to San Francisco.**—From Yokohama proceed as direct as safe navigation permits to a position SE of Nojima Saki, and then by great circle to a position off the Farallon Islands.

**Kataoka to the Panama Canal.**—Vessels may take a route N of the Aleutian Islands and via Unimak Pass or a route S of the Aleutians. Then proceed as direct as safe navigation permits along the Mexican and Central American coasts to destination. Whether proceeding N or S of the Aleutian Islands the total distance to the Panama Canal is nearly the same.

**Hakodate to the Panama Canal.**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits to a position off Erimo Saki, then by great circle to position 24°40'N, 112°30'W. From the latter position the route leads along the Mexican and Central American coasts to destination.

**Yokohama to the Panama Canal.**—Proceed by rhumb lines to a position SE of Nojima Saki, then by great circle to position 22°45'N, 110°00'W (off Cabo Falso), then as direct as safe navigation permits along the Mexican and Central American coasts to destination.

**Kataoka, Hakodate, or Yokohama to Valparaiso.**—In each case vessels bound for Valparaiso should follow a great circle track as direct as safe navigation permits.

**Kataoka to Punta Arenas, Chile.**—From the approaches to Kataoka proceed by great circle to a position off the W coast of Oahu, in the Hawaiian Islands; then by great circle to position 52°30'S, 75°10'W; and then to destination as direct as safe navigation permits.

**Return.**—On the return route less adverse currents and weather will be experienced by proceeding direct by rhumb line to position 30°00'S, 110°00'W; then follow a great circle track to destination, passing E of the Hawaiian Islands.

**Hakodate or Yokohama to Punta Arenas, Chile, and Return.**—From the approaches to Hakodate proceed by great circles, as close as safe navigation permits, to position 51°30'S, 95°00'W; then direct by rhumb line to the W entrance of Estrecho de Magallanes.

From Yokohama proceed as direct as possible to cross the parallel of 51°00'S in about 105°00'W; and then direct by rhumb line to the W entrance of Estrecho de Magallanes.

On the return routes less adverse currents and weather will be experienced by proceeding direct by rhumb line to position 30°00'S, 110°00'W; and as direct as possible to destination by great circles and rhumb lines.

Alternate return routes to Hakodate or Yokohama are the reverse of the eastbound routes. These routes are shorter than those via the 30°S, but are not recommended because of the strong prevailing W winds, adverse currents, and probable continuous stormy weather. They may, however, be used by high-powered vessels where economy in fuel and a stormy weather passage are no consideration.

**Kataoka or Hakodate to Honolulu.**—From Kataoka or Hakodate vessels should proceed along a great circle track, as close as safe navigation permits, to the approaches to Honolulu.

**Yokohama to Honolulu.**—From Yokohama proceed by great circle to a position off the N coast of Kauai Island, then direct to destination by rhumb lines. Eastbound vessels on this route may expect an average daily gain of 3.5 miles due to current.

**Return.**—Vessels may return by following the reverse of the above, but more favorable currents, of possible advantage to low-powered vessels, will be found by proceeding through the following positions by rhumb lines:

- a. 21°15'N, 158°10'W.
- b. 21°32'N, 160°30'W.
- c. 30°00'N, 150°00'E and then as direct as safe navigation permits.

**Kataoka to Apra, Guam.**—In both directions follow a great circle track, passing E of Agrihan Island (Agurigan To) and W of Pagan Island, and then to destination.

**Hakodate to Apra, Guam.**—From Hakodate proceed to a position off the e coast of Honshu in position 39°33'N, 142°15'E; then a great circle direct to destination passing e of the Ogasawara Gunto.

**Yokohama to Apra, Guam.**—From the approaches to Yokohama follow a great circle track to destination, passing W of the Ogasawara Gunto and E of the Kazan Retto.

**Kataoka to Pago Pago, American Samoa.**—From Kataoka follow a great circle track to the E end of Tutuila, passing E of Howland Island and Baker Island; through the W part of the Phoenix Group and W of Atafu Island of the Union Group; and then shortest route to destination.

**Hakodate or Yokohama to Pago Pago, American Samoa.**—From the approaches of either Hakodate or Yokohama proceed by great circle tracks as direct to destination as safe navigation permits.

The direct route from Hakodate leads W of Wake Island and Taongi Atoll and E of the Marshall Islands. The direct route from Yokohama leads through the Marshall Islands.

**Kataoka to Auckland.**—From the approaches to Kataoka proceed as direct as safe navigation permits, passing through the Marshall Islands and between the New Hebrides Islands and Fiji.

**Hakodate to Auckland.**—The most direct route to Auckland leads through the W part of the Caroline Islands, W of Ponape, then between the Solomon Islands and the Santa Cruz Islands, then W of the New Hebrides Islands chain and E of the Loyalty Islands, and then to destination as direct as safe navigation permits.

**Yokohama to Auckland.**—The most direct route leads through the eastern part of the Caroline Islands, then E of the Solomon Islands, and then as direct as possible to destination, passing through the Loyalty Islands between Urea Island and Lifu Island.

**Kataoka, Hakodate, or Yokohama to Sydney.**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits, passing E or W of New Ireland and E of the Louisiade Archipelago, then to a position off the Australian coast in the vicinity of Cape Byron (latitude 28°38'S.) and along the coast to destination.

**Kataoka, Hakodate, or Yokohama to Darwin.**—Southbound vessels proceed by great circle, as direct as safe navigation permits, to the NW part of New Guinea; then the shortest routes lead E or W of Waigeo and E of Misool; and then as direct as possible to destination, passing E of Ceram, Tanimbar, and Melville Island. The route E of Waigeo and through Sele Strait is shorter than that leading between the islands W of Waigeo.

Alternate routes that are longer, but involve less dangerous navigation, lead through the middle of Djailolo Passage and westward of Misool, or through Molukka Passage.

**Kataoka to Manila.**—The shortest route to Manila leads through Soya Kaikyo, then between the NW side of Kyushu and the Goto Retto, and then through the W part of Sakishima Gunto, and on to destination as direct as safe navigation permits. A route leading E of Honshu and through Balintang Channel could also be used, with an increase of but about 13 miles in total distance covered.

The return routes are the reverse of the above, but vessels returning via E of Honshu could obtain more favorable currents by following the **Manila to Yokohama** route described below.

**Hakodate to Manila.**—From Hakodate vessels proceed through the Japan Sea and between Kyushu and Goto Retto, then as directed for Kataoka to Manila.

**Yokohama to Manila.**—From the approaches to Yokohama proceed direct as safe as navigation permits to the N end of Luzon, passing through the N part of Balintang Channel, then along the coast of Luzon to destination as direct as safe navigation permits.

Vessels returning may follow the reverse of the above route.

A longer route involves clearing Manila Bay, proceeding as directly as possible to a position E of the S end of Taiwan, then along the coast of Taiwan to position 26°00'N, 123°00'E.; then through Nansei Shoto in about 29°20'N; and then to destination as direct as safe navigation permits. This return route, although longer than the direct route, has the advantage of favorable currents over the greater part of the distance.

**Kataoka to Singapore.**—The most direct route to Singapore leads through Soya Kaikyo, Tsushima Kaikyo, Taiwan Strait, then via the main route through the South China Sea to destination.

The northbound route is the reverse of the above during the Southwest Monsoon. During a strong Northeast Monsoon a route E of Macclesfield Bank and through Pescadores Channel and along the coast of Taiwan may be used.

**Hakodate to Singapore.**—From Hakodate vessels proceed by Tsushima Kaikyo, Taiwan Strait, and then through the South China Sea to destination as direct as safe navigation permits.

Vessels returning to Hakodate may follow the suggested routes for **Singapore to Kataoka** route.

**Yokohama to Singapore.**—From the approaches to Yokohama proceed SE of Nansei Shoto, then through Balintang Channel, and through the South China Sea to destination as direct as safe navigation permits, W westward of Prince Consort Bank.

An alternate but longer return route is to proceed by Taiwan Strait. This route is about 150 miles longer than the direct route but it has the advantage of favorable currents.

**Kataoka to Shanghai.**—The most direct route to Shanghai leads through Soya Kaikyo, Tsushima Kaikyo, and then as direct to destination as safe navigation permits.

**Hakodate to Shanghai.**—From Hakodate vessels proceed through the Japan Sea and Tsushima Kaikyo, then to destination as direct as safe navigation permits.

**Yokohama to Shanghai.**—From Yokohama the most direct route leads via Osumi Kaikyo, then on to destination.

Vessels using the Naikai (Inland Sea) route can avoid the contrary currents off the Japan. Vessels enter the Naikai (Inland Sea) by Kii Suido and leave by Shimonoseki Kaikyo. The total distance via the Naikai (Inland Sea) is increased by over 100 miles.

**Kataoka to Nakhodka.**—The most direct route from Kataoka leads through Soya Kaikyo and then across the Japan Sea to destination as direct as safe navigation permits.

**Hakodate or Yokohama to Nakhodka.**—From Hakodate the route leads direct across the Japan Sea to destination. From Yokohama, the shortest route leads up the E coast of Honshu, then through Tsugaru Kaikyo, and direct to destination.



### 17. PORTS ON THE NAIKAI (INLAND SEA) OF JAPAN TO PACIFIC OCEAN PORTS

**Kobe to Dutch Harbor.**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits to a position SE of Nojima Saki. Then, after rounding the 12.1m shoal 30 miles NE of that point, proceed by great circle to position 52°25'N, 175°00' E; and then by great circle to a position off Dutch Harbor.

**Shimonoseki to Dutch Harbor.**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits, passing N of Honshu and through Tsugaru Kaikyo to a position in 43°40'N., 147°00'E and then by great circle to a position off Dutch Harbor.

**Kobe to Seattle.**—Proceed to a position SE of Nojima Saki, then by great circle to position 50°00'N., 170°00'W; then by parallel sailing to 140°00'W; and then as direct as safe navigation permits.

On the return route proceed from the Strait of Juan de Fuca by great circle to position 50°00'N, 160°00'W; then by rhumb line to position 50°0'N, 180-00'; then by great circle to a position off Nojima Saki; then as direct as safe navigation permits.

Alternate route.—An alternate route from Kobe leads as directed for **Kobe to Dutch Harbor** route to position 52°25'N, 175°00'E; then by great circle to Unimak Pass; and then as direct as safe navigation permits.

**Shimonoseki to Seattle.**—Vessels bound from or to Shimonoseki can proceed, in general, as directed for any of the routes under **Kobe to Seattle**, passing through Bungo Suido and S of Honshu, or N of Honshu and through Tsugaru Kaikyo. The latter route is the shorter.

Vessels selecting the alternate route should pass N of Honshu and through Tsugaru Kaikyo, and join that route in position 52°25'N, 175°00'E.

**Kobe to San Francisco.**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits to a position SE of Nojima Saki, then by great circle to a position off the Farallon Islands.

**Shimonoseki to San Francisco.**—To pass S of Honshu proceed so as to join the **Kobe to San Francisco** route at the position SE of Nojima Saki.

To pass N of Honshu and through Tsugaru Kaikyo, proceed to a position off Erimo Saki; then by great circle to position 50°00'N, 170°00'W; then by great circle to a position off the Farallon Islands.

The return route from San Francisco leads by great circle to position 50°30'N, 180°00'; then by great circle to the position off Erimo Saki; then as direct as safe navigation permits via Tsugaru Kaikyo.

**Kobe and Shimonoseki to the Panama Canal.**—Proceed by rhumb lines to a position SE of Nojima Saki, then by great circle to position 22°45'N, 110°00'W (off Cape San Lucas); then as direct as safe navigation permits along the Mexican and Central American coasts to destination.

Vessels from Shimonoseki can follow a shorter route which leads W of Honshu and through Tsugaru Kaikyo, then by great circle to position 24°40'N, 112°30'W. From the last position the route leads along the Mexican and Central American coasts to destination.

**Kobe and Shimonoseki to Punta Arenas, Chile.**—From the approaches of either Kobe or Shimonoseki proceed by great circle track, as close as safe navigation permits, to cross the parallel of 51°00'S in about 105°00'W; then direct by rhumb line to the W entrance of Estrecho de Magallanes.

On the return route less adverse currents and weather will be experienced by proceeding direct to position 30°0'S, 110°00'W; then follow a great circle track as close as safe navigation permits.

An alternate return route, the reverse of the eastbound route, is shorter, but it is not recommended on account of the strong prevailing W winds, adverse currents, and probable continuous stormy weather and icebergs. It may, however, be used by high-powered vessels where fuel economy and stormy weather passages are not considerations.

**Kobe and Shimonoseki to Honolulu.**—From the approaches of either Kobe or Shimonoseki proceed along a great circle track, as close as safe navigation permits, to position 28°45'N, 175°00'W; then by great circle to position 22°25'N, 159°25'W; and then rhumb lines to Honolulu.

Vessels may return by following the reverse of the above, but more favorable currents will be found by proceeding by rhumb lines through the following positions:

- a. 21°15'N, 158°10'W.
- b. 21°32'N, 160°30'W.
- c. 30°00'N, 150°00'E then as direct as safe navigation permits.

**Kobe and Shimonoseki to Pago Pago.**—In both directions follow a great circle track as direct as safe navigation permits, passing near the Marshall Islands and the Gilbert Islands and E of the Ellice Islands.

**Kobe and Shimonoseki to Auckland.**—The most direct route will lead E of Guam when coming from Kobe and W of Guam when coming from Shimonoseki. Then proceed so as to pass through the channel between New Ireland and Bougainville Islands, and W of New Caledonia, then by great circle to the approaches of Auckland.

**Kobe and Shimonoseki to Sydney.**—On this route vessels can proceed so as to pass either E or W of New Ireland and E of the Louisiade Archipelago, then to a position off the Australian coast in the vicinity of Cape Byron (latitude 28°38'). then along that coast to destination.

**Kobe and Shimonoseki to Darwin.**—From the approaches of either Kobe or Shimonoseki proceed by great circle to the NW part of New Guinea; then the shortest routes lead E or W of Waigeo and E of Misool, both of which lie off the W end of New Guinea. Then proceed as direct as safe navigation permits, passing E of Ceram, Tanimbar, and the Melville Islands. The route E of Waigeo and through the Sele Strait is shorter than that leading between the islands W of Waigeo.

Alternate routes that involve less dangerous navigation lead through the middle of Djailolo Passage and W of Misool or through Molukka Passage.

**Kobe and Shimonoseki to Manila.**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits to a position between Amami-O Shima and Kakogawa Shima, then SE of the Amami Gunto and Okinawa Gunto. From a position E of the S end of Okinawa Shima, proceed as direct as safe navigation permits to destination, passing through Balintang Channel between Batan and Balintang Islands, and W of Calayan Islands, and then along the NW coast of Luzon.

From Shimonoseki proceed as direct as safe navigation permits to a position off the NW end of Luzon, passing W of the Ryukyu Islands and through the S part of the Bashi Channel. Then proceed along the coast of Luzon to destination.

**Kobe and Shimonoseki to Singapore.**—Proceed by rhumb lines to a position about 11 miles SE of Tanega Shima; then proceed by rhumb lines through the Ryukyu Islands, as direct as safe navigation permits, to a position SE of Tarama Jima of the Sakishima Gunto. From the last position proceed by great circle to position 3°08'N, 105°27'E; then by rhumb lines to Singapore.

From Shimonoseki proceed as direct as safe navigation permits around the NW end of Kyushu and through the E part of Taiwan Strait. From a position off the S part of Taiwan proceed by great circle to position 3°08'N, 105°27'E; then by rhumb lines to Singapore.

## 18. SHANGHAI, CHINA TO PACIFIC OCEAN PORTS

**Shanghai to Nakhodka.**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits and pass either N or S of Saishu To, then through the W channel of Korea Strait, passing W of Tsushima, and to destination.

**Shanghai to Hakodate.**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits through Korea Strait to Tsugaru Kaikyo and direct to destination.

**Shanghai to Yokohama.**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits through Osumi Kaikyo and direct to destination.

**Shanghai to Dutch Harbor.**—There are two routes with about the same distance. For the N route, pass through Korea Strait W of Tsushima, then through La Perouse Strait, then through Onkotan Kaikyo, and then by great circle to a position off Dutch Harbor.

The S route, about 30 miles longer, leads from Korea Strait through Tsugaru Kaikyo to position 43°40'N, 147°00'E. Then shape a great circle course to position 52°25'N, 175°00'E and then another great circle course to a position off Dutch Harbor.

**Shanghai to Seattle.**—Proceed as for Shanghai to Hakodate and continue through Tsugaru Kaikyo to position 41°50'N, 143°20'E. Then proceed by great circle to position 50°00'N, 170°00'W; then by parallel sailing to 140°00'W; and then direct to destination as safe navigation permits.

Vessels may also follow the **Shanghai to Yokohama** route and continue to a position SE of Nojima Saki and proceed by great circle to join the above route in position 50°00'N, 170°00'W.

On the return route proceed from the Strait of Juan de Fuca by great circle to position 52°00'N, 160°00'W; then by rhumb line to 50°30'N, 180°00'; and then by great circle to Tsugaru Kaikyo or Nojima Saki, depending on which of the above routes is selected.

**Shanghai to San Francisco.**—Proceed as for the **Shanghai to Hakodate** route and continue through Tsugaru Kaikyo to position 41°50'N, 143°20'E; then by great circle to position 50°00'N, 170°00'W; and then by great circle to destination.

On the return route from San Francisco proceed by great circle to position 50°30'N, 180°00' and then by great circle to Tsugaru Kaikyo.

If it is desired to pass S of Honshu, in either direction, proceed through Osumi Kaikyo to a position off Nojima Saki, and then by great circle to San Francisco.

**Shanghai to Panama.**—Proceed as for the **Shanghai to Hakodate** route and continue through Tsugaru Kaikyo to position 41°50'N, 143°20'E; then by great circle to position 24°40'N, 112°30'W (off Cape San Lazaro); and then as direct as safe navigation permits along the coasts of Mexico and Central America to destination.

Vessels may also follow the **Shanghai to Yokohama** route and continue to a position off Nojima Saki; then by great circle to position 22°45'N, 110°00'W (off Cape San Lucas) and); then as direct as safe navigation permits along the coast of Mexico and Central America to destination.

**Shanghai to Honolulu.**—Proceed through Osumi Kaikyo and then by great circle to position 28°45'N, 175°00'W and then to position 22°25'N, 159°25'W. From the latter position proceed direct to destination as safe navigation permits by passing between the islands of Kauai and Oahu.

After passing through Osumi Kaikyo, vessels can also shape a route to pass S of the NW group of the Hawaiian Islands.

Vessels proceeding from Honolulu to Shanghai can proceed as direct as safe navigation permits to position 21°32'N, 160°30'W; then to position 30°00'., 140°15'E; then by great circle to Osumi Kaikyo; and then to destination. This route is longer than the great circle route, but has the advantage of more favorable currents and weather.

**Shanghai to Pago Pago.**—Proceed through Nansei Shoto in 28°00'., 129°00'E and proceed as near as possible by great circle to position 13°50'S, 171°20'W. Then pass E of Upola and W of Tutuila to destination as safe navigation permits.

**Shanghai to Apra, Guam.**—Proceed through Nansei Shoto in position 27°12'N, 128°30'E; then by great circle to destination.

**Shanghai to Valparaiso.**—Proceed through Nansei Shoto through Tokara Kaikyo and then as near as possible by great circle as safe navigation, permits passing NE of the Tuamotu Archipelago.

**Shanghai to Estrecho de Magallanes.**—Proceed through the Nansei Shoto in position 27°12'N, 128°30' E; then proceed as near as possible by great circle to position 50°00'S., 125°00'W passing NE of the Solomon Islands and between Efate Island and Eromanga Island of the New Hebrides Islands. From position 50°00'S, 125°00'W proceed direct to Estrecho de Magallanes.

On the return route less adverse currents and weather will be experienced by proceeding directly to 30000'S., 110000'W. Then continue as near as possible by great circle as safe navigation permits, passing through the Tuamotu Archipelago, and the Marshall Islands. This track will lead to the Nansei Shoto at a position in 29°20'N., 129°30'E. Then direct to Shanghai.

An alternate route, the reverse of the eastbound route, is shorter; but it is not recommended because of the strong prevailing winds, adverse currents, and probable continuous stormy weather and icebergs. It may, however, be used by high-powered vessels when fuel economy is a consideration.

The S limit of safe navigation is N of the 60S°, but icebergs may occasionally be encountered as far N as the 45°S.

**Shanghai to Auckland.**—Proceed through the Nansei Shoto between the Okinawa Gunto and the Sakishima Gunto, then by great circle as closely as safe navigation permits, passing between New Ireland and New Britain and W of New Caledonia. Vessels may also use a route passing through Vitiaz Strait, between New Guinea and New Britain, which is about the same distance as the above route.

**Shanghai to Sydney.**—Proceed as for the **Shanghai to Auckland** route, passing W of New Ireland and E of the Louisiade Archipelago. Then proceed to position 28°40'S, 153°50'E and along the coast of Australia to destination.

A route somewhat shorter than the above route leads through Vitiaz Strait, between New Guinea and New Britain, then E of the Louisiade Archipelago.

Vessels may return by a route through Torres Strait, between the islands westward of New Guinea, then through Basilan Strait and Mindoro Strait, and along the W coast of Luzon and E coast of Taiwan to destination. This route is used during the Southeast Monsoon (May to September) of northern Australian waters.

During the Northeast Monsoon (December to March) vessels may follow a route through Torres Strait and Djailolo Passage, and then to destination, passing E of Taiwan.

**Shanghai to Darwin.**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits to the E entrance of Djailolo Passage; the shortest route leads W of Waigeo and E of Misool, both of which lie off the W end of New Guinea. Then proceed as direct as safe navigation permits, passing E of Ceram, Tanimbar, and Melville Island.

Alternate routes that involve clearing fewer dangers lead through the middle of Djailolo Passage and W of Misool or through Molukka Passage.

**Shanghai to Manila.**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits along the E coast of Taiwan, then to destination.

An alternate southbound route leads westward of Taiwan through Taiwan Strait. The former route is preferred during the Southwest Monsoon.

**Return.**—The return route from Manila during the Southwest Monsoon is E of Taiwan; during the Northeast Monsoon the route through Taiwan Strait is preferable.

**Shanghai to Singapore.**—Proceed through Taiwan Strait, then through the South China Sea passing between Macclesfield Bank and the Paracel Islands, then to destination passing W of the Anambas Islands.

An alternate route, about 40 miles longer, during the Southwest Monsoon leads W of the Paracel Islands and along the coast of Vietnam.

During the Southwest Monsoon, the return route is the reverse of the first above-mentioned direct route. During the Northeast Monsoon it is recommended that vessels favor the coast of China as safe navigation permits, passing from 5 to 10 miles off the outer islands.

**Shanghai to Hong Kong.**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits. The usual route along the coast of China is from 5 to 10 miles outside the outer islands.

**Shanghai to Inchon.**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits through Taiwan Strait to position 32°45'N, 123°52'E; Then to destination via main channels.

**Note.**—During a voyage in February, allowances for current were not required.

**Shanghai to Pusan.**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits, via n of Cheju Do. Caution is advised when navigating in the Yangtze River approaches. There is a heavy set here during spring tides, but no other allowances for current were necessary during a February voyage.

### 19. MISCELLANEOUS ROUTES IN THE FAR EAST

**Chi-lung (Taiwan) to Pusan.**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits by rhumb lines to position 26°06'N, 122°34'E about 8 miles E of a charted submerged volcano. Continue by rhumb line courses to Pusan, clearing Cho Do by 0.3 mile.

**Note.**—A passage was made in May and an E set was noted in an area about halfway between the two ports.

**Sasebo to Pusan.**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits across Korea Strait.

**Note.**—Fishing boats from Japan and Korea are in abundance in the strait. They usually work in pairs and can be seen drifting at night, often without lights. As a rule, the route is direct and safe.

**Yokohama to Pusan.**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits through Osumi Kaikyo, then by various other rhumb line courses around Kyushu to destination.

**Note.**—Radar fixes are good here as the land is high on the S coast of Japan.

**Inchon to Kunsan.**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits by a series of rhumb lines to the anchorage about 4.5 miles NNE of Mal To (35°51' N., 126°19'E.).

**Note.**—Prudent observation is required at all times for considerable tidal sets.

### 20. NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN ROUTES BETWEEN UNITED STATES PORTS

**Southbound along the W coast of the United States.**—Vessels making passage along the coast keep within 15 miles of the coast, in order to avoid the heavy seas farther out. A south-going current will be experienced all along the coast to the entrance of Panama Bay; but after passing Cape Blanco (42°50' N., 124°34'W.) the north-going Davidson Current will be felt within 10 miles of the coast.

**Northbound along the W coast of the United States.**—Along the coast of California and to the N, vessels should follow the coast from point to point, as nearly as possible, always within 15 miles of land. By so doing the strong NW winds will be frequently avoided, as calms will often be found close into shore when there is a wind to seaward. The north-going Davidson Current will also be felt within 10 miles of the coast as far N as Cape Blanco.

**Approaches to San Francisco.—The Farallon Islands.**—Off San Francisco in clear weather, vessels may pass midway between South Farallon and Middle Farallon, in 33m, or midway between Middle Farallon and North Farallon, in 66m. The more prudent course is to keep S of South Farallon.

At night and in thick weather, vessels should always pass S of South Farallon.

**Fog.**—The Farallon Islands are frequently enveloped in fog and much care and vigilance must be observed in approaching them. This is especially important as the peculiarities of the currents in this vicinity have not been determined.

Cape Mendocino (40°26'N., 124°24'W.) has dense fog banks. Sometimes a vessel will carry clear weather from the Strait of Juan de Fuca and then encounter fogs that reach to San Francisco.

**Hawaiian Islands—Intra-island routing.**—Proceed on rhumb lines as direct as safe navigation permits.

**Honolulu to Balboa**—Rhumb line through position 21°14'N, 157°39'W and position 21°18'N, 157°00'W; then by great circle course to position 8°40'N, 88°00'W off the shoals reported S of Guardian Bank. From this position steer a rhumb line course through position 7°05'N, 81°45'W.

**San Diego to Honolulu.**—Rhumb line from position 32°37'N, 117°16'W to position 21°14'N, 157°39'W.

**Los Angeles to Honolulu.**—Proceed on rhumb lines through the following positions:

- a. 33°40'N, 118°18'W.
- b. 33°44'N, 120°07'W.
- c. 21°14'N, 157°39'W.

**Port Hueneme to Honolulu.**—Proceed on rhumb lines through the following positions:

- a. 34°00'N, 119°16'W.
- b. 33°44'N, 120°07'W.
- c. 21°14'N, 157°39'W.

This route leads S of Anacapa, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, and the San Miguel Islands, which are the N group of the Channel Islands.

**San Francisco to Honolulu.**—Follow the prescribed San Francisco Traffic Separation Scheme route to a position S of the Farallon Islands, then by rhumb line to position 21°14'N, 157°39'W.

**Portland to Honolulu.**—Great circle course from position 46°11'N, 124°11'W (outside the Columbia River entrance) to position 21°14'N, 157°39'W.

**Seattle to Honolulu.**—Great circle course from position 48°26'N, 124°47'W (Strait of Juan de Fuca) to position 21°14'N, 157°39'W.

**Honolulu to Ketchikan.**—Great circle from position 21°14'N, 157°39'W to position 54°20'N, 133°35'W leading into Dixon Entrance. Proceed as direct as prudent navigation dictates into Clarence Strait; then to Nichols Passage, which connects Clarence Strait with the SE end of Tongass Narrows. This is the shortest route for vessels from Dixon Entrance and the S part of Clarence Strait to Ketchikan, about 79 miles from the sea at Dixon Entrance.

Tongass Narrows is divided at its lower end by Pennock Island; the channel NE of the island is called East Channel locally, while the channel SW of the island is called West Channel. Both channels are good for vessels of any draft. Large vessels approaching Ketchikan from S usually traverse West Channel, giving them more turning room in making a port landing at the wharves.

**Honolulu to Juneau.**—Great circle from position 21°14'N, 157°39'W to position 56°07'N, 134°40'W. Then as direct as prudent navigation dictates via rhumb line through Chatham Strait and enter Frederick Sound between Point Gardner and Kingsmill Point. Proceed into Stephens Passage at its junction with Frederick Sound W of Cape Fanshaw. The approach to Juneau leads through Gastineau Channel, which is clear and deep.

**Caution.**—When navigating Gastineau Channel, do not approach the shores too closely, especially the SW shore. There are shoals off the mouths of the creeks which, for the most part, are marked.

**Honolulu to Sitka.**—Great circle from position 21°14'N, 157°39'W to position 57°00'N, 135°30'W. Then proceed as direct as prudent navigation dictates by rhumb line through Eastern Channel, the widest and main entrance channel.

**Caution.**—Proceed with caution as there are numerous charted dangers in the approaches to the harbor. Principal ones, adjacent to the channel, are marked.

**Valdez to Honolulu.**—Proceed as directly as navigation will allow on rhumb lines through Prince William Sound, about 2 miles E of Smith Island; then to position 60°26'N, 147°29'W, about 2 miles W of Seal Island Light; then pass about 2 miles E of Point Helen and through Montague Strait to position 59°30'N, 148°20'W. Then shape a rhumb line to Honolulu in position 21°14'N, 157°39'W.

**Honolulu to Anchorage.**—Rhumb lines through position 21°19'N, 157°36'W and position 59°00'N, 151°20'W.

**Kodiak to Honolulu.**—Proceed as directly as navigation will allow to position 57°43'N, 152°13'W; then on rhumb line courses to Honolulu in position 21°14'N, 157°39' W.

**Barrow, Nome and Dutch Harbor to Honolulu.**—Proceed as directly as navigation will allow on rhumb lines through Unimak Pass or Akutan Pass (from Dutch Harbor), then shape a great circle course for Honolulu in position 21°14'N, 157°39'W.

**Ice.**—Average ice breakup at Barrow is in late July and average freeze up is in early October. Navigation is difficult from mid-October to late July and usually suspended from early December to early July.

**Honolulu to Pearl Harbor.**—Pearl Harbor is 9 miles W of Honolulu; proceed as directly as navigation will allow.

**Honolulu to Midway Island.**—Proceed on rhumb line and great circle sailings through the following positions:

- a. 21°16'N, 158°08'W.
- b. 21°51'N, 159°37'W.
- c. 22°02'N, 160°00'W.
- d. 27°43'N, 175°58'W.
- e. 28°11'N, 177°23'W.

**Honolulu to Wake Island.**—Proceed as directly as navigation will allow to position 21°17'N, 157°53'W; then by great circle to Wake Island.

### Appendix III—Routes Across Southeast Asia

Routes across Southeast Asia are divided into the following sub-categories:

1. Singapore to ports in Southeast Asia.
2. Singapore to Southeast Asia.
3. Selat Sunda to ports in Southeast Asia.
4. Selat Sunda to ports outside Southeast Asia.
5. Selat Lombok to ports in Southeast Asia.
6. Manila to ports in Southeast Asia.
7. Manila to ports outside Southeast Asia.
8. Hong Kong to ports in Southeast Asia.
9. Routes between ports in the Philippine Islands.
10. Straits and passages in Southeast Asia.

#### 1. SINGAPORE TO PORTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

**Singapore to Jakarta.**—After clearing Singapore Roads to the W, proceed via Selat Durien (0°45'N., 103°37' E.), Selat Berhala (1000'S., 104°30'E.), and Selat Bangka (3°10' S., 106°24'E.) into the Java Sea. Then proceed directly for Etna Bank Light (5°18' S., 106°54'E.) and continue on to the Tanjung Priok roadstead and Jakarta.

An alternate route, with better depths, is to pass E of all the islands immediately S of Singapore and 01 then through Selat Gaspar. This route is not as well sheltered and is slightly longer.

**Singapore to Surabaya.**—After clearing Singapore Roads proceed via Selat Riau and Karamata Strait into the Java Sea. Pass SW of Fox Banks (3°36'S., 110°16' E.) and steer a rhumb line course for the N entrance to Surabaya.

**Singapore to Ujung Pandang (Makassar).**—Proceed via Selat Riau and Karimata Strait into the Java Sea. Pass SW of Fox Banks (3°36'S., 110°16'E.) and proceed by rhumb line course to a position 5 miles S of Tanjung Selatan Light (4°11'S., 114°39'E.). Then pass between Birah Birahan (4°13'S., 116°06'E.) and Kunyit Island (4°06'S., 116°02'E.) and N of the Laurel Reefs to the entrance to Ujung Pandang.

**Singapore to Balikpapan.**—Follow the **Singapore to Ujung Pandang (Makassar)** route to a position midway between Birah Birahan and Kunyit Island. Then proceed E of Kepulauan Sambergelap (3°40'S., 116°35'E.) and W of Karang Suling (2°22'S., 116°43'E.), taking care to avoid the shoals at Karang Grogot (2°41'S., 116°46'E.). Clear Karang Saron (2°17'S., 116°48'E.) and steer for the harbor entrance in approximate position 1°20'S, 116°57'E of the **Torres Strait to Singapore** route.

**Singapore to Manila.**—After clearing Singapore Strait proceed to a position about 10 miles W of Kepulauan Anambas (3°06'N., 105°36'E). Then follow a rhumb line course to a point about 30 miles W of Prince of Wales Bank (8°08'N., 110°31'E.). Then follow another rhumb line course to pass N of North Danger Reef (11°28'N., 114°23'E.) and Trident Shoal and then proceed directly to the entrance channel of Manila Bay.

**Alternate route.**—An alternate route, recommended for low-powered vessels during the Northeast Monsoon, is through Palawan Passage. After clearing Singapore Strait steer to pass S of Kaju Ara (1°32'N., 106°27'E) and then steer for Api Passage passing S of Pulau Murih (1°55'N., 108°39'E.). From Api Passage steer to pass between Parsons Shoal (3°54'N., 112°14'E.) and Isobel Shoals (3°54'N., 112°46'E.). Thence steer for Balabac Island keeping outside the 200m curve. Follow a course to pass 10 to 15 miles E of Royal Captain Shoal (9°03'N., 116°43'E), keeping about 35 miles off the coast of Palawan until about 27 miles E of Seahorse Shoal (10°48'N., 117°48'E.). From that point, steer a rhumb line course to a point about 10 miles W of the Lubang Islands (13°53' N., 120°02' E) and from there a direct course to Manila Bay.

**Singapore to Hong Kong.**—After clearing Singapore Strait proceed to a position about 10 miles W of Kepulauan Anambas, then pass E of Poulo Sepate (9°58'N., 109°05'E.) and then between Macclesfield Bank (15°50'N., 114°25'E.) and the Paracel Islands. Alter course to pass 14 miles W of Helen Shoal (19°12'N., 113°52'E.) and then proceed on a direct course to Hong Kong.

**Alternate route.**—An alternate route during the Northeast Monsoon is to follow the alternate route described under the Singapore to Manila route to a point off Lubang Island and then steer along the coast of Luzon to Cape Bolinao. Then steer to pass 25 miles S of Pratas Island (20°43'N., 116°43'E.) and then steer a direct course to Hong Kong.

**Singapore to Thanh Pho Ho Chi Minh (Saigon).**—After clearing Singapore Strait proceed to a position 5 to 8 miles W of Kepulauan Anambas and steer to a point E of Con Son (8°43'N., 106°37'E.). Then proceed on a direct course to Thanh Pho Ho Chi Minh.

**Singapore to Krung Thep (Bangkok).**—After clearing Singapore Strait proceed to a position E of Pulau Aur (2°26'N., 104°32'E.). Then proceed as directly as safe navigation permits to Krung Thep.

## 2. SINGAPORE TO SOUTHEAST ASIA

**Singapore to Panama.**—After clearing Singapore Strait pass W of Kepulauan Anambas, W of Prince of Wales Bank (8°09'N., 110°30'E.) and North Danger, and E of Macclesfield Bank to Balintang Channel. Then proceed by great circle across the Pacific Ocean to a point off Manzanillo in about position 19°00'N, 105°00'W. From this position follow the coastal route described in Pub. 152, Sailing Directions (Planning Guide) for the North Pacific Ocean.

**Singapore to Yokohama.**—After clearing Singapore Strait pass W of Kepulauan Anambas, W of Prince of Wales Bank (8°09'N., 110°30'E.) and North Danger, and E of Macclesfield Bank to Balintang Channel. Then proceed on as direct a course as safe navigation permits to Yokohama.

**Singapore to Shanghai.**—During the Southwest Monsoon pass W of Kepulauan Anambas and E of Iles Catwick (10°00'N., 109°00'E.) to a position NW of Macclesfield Bank. Then steer between Pratas Reefs (20°42'N., 116°00'E.) and Vereker Banks (21°05'N., 116°05'E.) through Taiwan Strait W of Formosa Banks. Then proceed as direct as safe navigation permits to Shanghai keeping outside the limit of Chinese territorial waters.

**Alternate route.**—An alternate route, used during the Northeast Monsoon, passes E of Macclesfield Bank and E of Peng-hu Chin-tao (Pescadores Islands) and N along the coast of Taiwan. This route also avoids the large fleets of fishing junks along the coast of China.

## 3. SELAT SUNDA TO PORTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

**Selat Sunda to Cirebon (Tjirebon).**—From a position 2.75 miles WNW of Tanjung Cikoneng (6°04'S., 105°53'E.) steer a NE course to a position 2.75 miles NW of Tanjung Pujut (5°53'S., 106°02'E.). Then steer E to pass in mid-channel between Pulau Pajung (5°49'S., 106°33'E.) and Kepulauan Tidung (5°51'S., 106°36'E.). Then steer ENE to a position 1 to 2 miles N of Nassau Reef (5°49'S., 106°49'E.). From this position follow a direct course E to a position 12 miles WNW of Pulau Rakit (5°56'S., 108°23'E.). Extreme caution should be taken when passing the Ardjuna Oil Field (5°55'S., 107°45'E.). From the point WNW of Pulau Rakit follow a SE course to a position with Gilung Kromong (6°43'S., 108°24'E.) bearing approximately 249°, distant 32 miles. Then proceed as direct as safe navigation permits.

**Selat Sunda to Semarang.**—Follow the **Selat Sunda to Cirebon (Tjirebon)** route to a point about 2.5 miles S of Pulau Rakit (Pulau Menjawak) (5°56'S., 108°23'E.). Then proceed by direct course to a position 8 miles N of Ujung Pemalang (6°48'S., 109°33'E.). Alter course at this point to pass approximately 2.5 miles N of Tanjung Korowelang (6°49'S., 110°10'E.) and then proceed as direct as safe navigation permits to Semarang.

**Selat Sunda to Surabaya.**—Follow the **Selat Sunda to Cirebon (Tjirebon)** route to a position about 2.5 miles S of Pulau Rakit (5°56'S., 108°23'E.). Then proceed by rhumb line course to a position about 7.5 miles N of Pulau Mondoliko (6°23'S., 110°55'E.). Then proceed on an ESE course to a position off Surabaya Outer Lighted Buoy (6°46'S., 112°43'E.).

**Selat Sunda to Cilacap (Tjilatjap).**—From a position about 5.5 miles WSW of Tanjung Layar (6°45'S., 105°13'E.), proceed to a point 5 miles SW of Tanjung Tjan Kuang (6°51'S., 105°16'E.). Then follow a direct course to a position about 8.5 miles SW of Ujung Genteng (7°23' S., 106°24' E.). Then proceed direct to a point about 5.5 miles S of Legokjawa (7°48'S., 108°26'E.). Then steer direct to a point 4 miles S of the SE and of Nusa Kambangan. From this position steer as direct as safe navigation permits to the entrance channel of Cilacap.

**Selat Sunda to Torres Strait.**—Follow the **Selat Sunda to Cirebon (Tjirebon)** route to a position WNW of Pulau Rakit (5°56'S., 108°23'E.). Then head SE to a point about 2 miles S of Pulau Rakit. Follow a direct course from this point to a position about 7.5 miles N of Pulau Mondoliko (6°23'S., 110°57'E.). Then follow a course as direct as safe navigation permits to the entrance of Selat Sapudi (6°56'S., 114°16'E.). After passing through Selat Sapudi proceed to a point about 14 miles S of Pulau Sadapur (7°46'S., 117°13'E.) and follow the 8°S parallel through the Flores Sea to a position about 11 miles W of Pulau Liran (8°00'S., 125°45'E.). Then proceed between Pulau Liran and Pulau Kambing (8°15'S., 125°35'E.) into Wetar Strait. Then proceed through the Arafura Sea as direct as safe navigation permits to Torres Strait.

**Selat Sunda to Banjarmasin.**—Follow the **Selat Sunda to Cirebon (Tjirebon)** route to a point N of Nassau Reef (5°49'S., 106°49'E.). Then proceed to a position approximately 40 miles WSW of Tanjung Selatan (4°11'S., 114°39'E.). Then proceed on as direct a course as safe navigation permits to pass close E of the outer lighted buoy (3°39'S., 114°26'E.).

**Selat Sunda to Balikpapan.**—Follow the **Selat Sunda to Cirebon (Tjirebon)** route to a position N of Nassau Reef (5°49'S., 106°49'E.). Then steer a course as direct as safe navigation permits to a position about 15 miles WSW of Pulau Sambargalang (4°24'S., 116°09'E.). Then pass NW of Pulau Sambargalang to a position about 10 miles E of Kepulauan Sambergelap (3°40'S., 116°36'E.) and W of Korang Suling (2°22'S., 116°43'E.). Pass E of Aru Bank (2°15'S., 116°40'E.) and steer for the entrance in approximate position 1°20'S, 116°57'E.

**Selat Sunda to Lingkas.**—Follow the **Selat Sunda to Balikpapan** route to a point E of Aru Bank (2°15'S., 116°40'E.) and then proceed to a position about 5 miles E to Tanjung Mangkalihat (1°00' N., 119°00' E.). Then proceed N to pass about 6 miles E of Pulau Bilangbllangan (1°34'N., 118°57'E.) and alter course to pass in mid-channel between Pulau Kakaban (2°09'N., 118°32'E.) and Sangalakki (2°05'N., 118°24'E.). Then alter course to reach a position about 6 miles SE of the outer sea buoy (3°15'N., 117°53'E.). Then proceed via the marked entrance channel to Lingkas.

**Selat Sunda to Ujung Pandang (Makassar).**—Follow the **Selat Sunda to Cirebon (Tjirebon)** route to a point S of Pulau Rakit (5°56'S., 108°23'E.). Then proceed E along the 6°S parallel to a position S of Bawean Island (5°48'S., 112°40'E.) and then alter course to pass about 10 miles S of Masalembo Besar (5°34'S., 114°27'E.). From this position, head E until the light on Sibbalds Bank (5°45'S., 117°05'E.) is sighted. Then proceed NE and pass W of Pulau Kafukalukuang (5°12'S., 117°40'E.) and Pulau Butongbutongan (5°03'S., 117°55'E.). After clearing Pulau Butongbutongan and the shoals N of it, proceed ESE between Pulau Marasende (5°07'S., 118°09' E.) and Taka Bakang (4°58'S., 118°32'E.) to the outer sea buoy (5°13'S., 119°03'E.) at the entrance to the Ujung Pandang swept channel.

**Selat Sunda to Singapore.**—The most direct route is via Selat Bangka (3°10'S., 106°24'E.), Selat Berhala (1°00'S., 104°30'E.), and Selat Durien (0°35'S., 103°48'E.) and then through Selat Sinki (1°14'N., 103°42'E.) to Keppel Harbor (1°16'N., 103°50'E.).

**Alternate route.**—An alternate route with better depths but slightly longer is via Selat Stolze (3°00'S., 107°17'E.) and Selat Gaspar (Gelesa Strait) (2°25'S., 107°08'E), then NW through Selat Riau to Singapore.

#### 4. SELAT SUNDA TO PORTS OUTSIDE SOUTHEAST ASIA

**Note.**—A shorter route for small vessels transiting Selat Sunda by day to or from ports to the N and NW is to pass close to the E side of Kepulauan Seqama, taking care to avoid Karang Basa (Lynn Bank) (5°12'S., 106°13'E.). The Sumatera side can be held by passing between Kepulauan Sumur and Terembu Kalihat (Stroom Klip). Vessels may then shape a course to pass between Pulau Sebesi and Pulau Sebuku, or alternatively pass S of Pulau Rakata (Krakatau) about 6 miles off. Approaching from the S, a vessel would follow the reverse of the above. Mariners planning to use this route through Selat Sunda, however, should consult the appropriate Sector of Pub. 163, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Borneo, Jawa, Sulawesi, and Nusa Tenggara for additional information.

**Selat Sunda to Darwin.**—Follow the directions for the **Selat Sunda to Torres Strait** route as far as Selat Sapudi (6°56'S., 114°16'E.) and then proceed through Selat Sapudi to Selat Lombok (8°33'S., 115°48'E.). From Selat Lombok proceed S of all the islands E of Lombok and then through the Timor Sea and direct to Darwin.

**Selat Sunda to Honolulu.**—From a position 2.75 miles WNW of Tanjung Cikoneng (6°04'S., 105°53'E.) steer a NE course to a position about 2.75 miles NW of Tanjung Pujut (5°53'S., 106°02'E.). Then shape a course E to pass in mid-channel between Pulau Pujung (5°49'S., 106°33'E.). Then steer ENE to a position 1 to 2 miles N of Nassau Reef (5°49'S., 106°49'E.). Then steer as direct a course as safe navigation permits to a position about 15 miles WSW of Pulau Sanbargalang (4°24'S., 116°09'E.). Then pass NW of Pulau Sanbargalang to a position about 10 miles E of Kepulauan Sambergelap (3°40'S., 116°36'E.) and W of Karang Suling (2°22'S., 116°43'E.). Pass E of Aru Bank (2°15' S., 116°40'E.) and then through Makassar Strait. Pass along the N coast of Sulawesi (Celebes) and shape course for Selat Tahulandang (2°31'N., 125°24'E.). Then proceed via great circle as safe navigation permits to Honolulu.

**Selat Sunda to Yokohama.**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits through Selat Gaspar (3°00'S., 107°20'E.) and through Api Passage (2°00' N., 109°12'E.). After clearing Api Passage steer to pass between Parsons Shoal (3°54' N., 112°14'E.) and Isobel Shoals (3°54'N., 112°46'E.). Then steer for Balabac Island, keeping outside the 200m curve. Shape a course to pass 10 to 15 miles E of Royal Captain Shoal (9°03'N., 116°43'E.), keeping approximately 35 miles off the coast of Palawan until about 27 miles E of Seahorse Shoal (10°48'N., 117°48'E.). Then steer to pass Cape Bolinao (16°20'N., 119°48' E.) and Cape Bojeador and through Balintang Channel direct to Yokohama.

#### 5. SELAT LOMBOK TO PORTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

**Selat Lombok to Surabaya.**—From approximate position 8°18'S, 115°46'E shape a NW course to a point about 5 miles S of Pulau Sapudi (7°07'S., 114°18'E.). Then pass through Selat Sapudi to a position about 12 miles N of Gili Iyang (6°59'S., 114°10'E.). Then steer a W course, keeping outside the danger area which extends 5 miles off the N coast of Madura, to the swept entrance channel in position 6°45'S, 112°45'E.

**Selat Lombok to Semarang.**—Follow the directions for the Selat Lombok to Surabaya route to a position about 12 miles N of Gili Iyang (6°59'S., 114°10' E). Then steer WNW to a position about 18 miles NNW of Tanjung Madung. Then proceed to a position N of Pulau Mondoliko (6°24'S., 110°55'E.) and then SW along the coast of Jawa, keeping 5 to 10 miles off the coast, to Semarang.



**Selat Lombok to Cirebon (Tjirebon).**—Follow the directions for the Selat Lombok to Semarang route to a position about 7 miles N of Pulau Mondoliko (6°24'S., 110°55'E.). Then steer as direct as safe navigation permits, passing S of Cirebon Reef, to the anchorage in position 6°41'S., 108°38' E.

**Selat Lombok to Cilacap (Tjilatjap).**—From the S entrance of Selat Lombok steer a W course to a position about 10 miles S of Tanjung Bantenan (8°46'S., 114°35'E.), then steer a WNW course to a position about 10 miles S of Pulau Sempu (8°28'S., 112°43'E.). Then follow the coastline, keeping 5 to 10 miles off, to Cilacap.

**Selat Lombok to Banjarmasin.**—Follow the directions for the **Selat Lombok to Surabaya** route to a position about 8 miles N of Gili Iyang (6°59'S., 114°10'E.). Then N courses can be steered so as to pass W of Pulau Masalemba Besar (5°33'S., 114°26'E) and Janssens Reef (4°36'S., 114°23'E) to a position about 12 miles W of Tanjung Selatan (4°11'S., 114°39'E.). Then proceed on as direct a course as safe navigation permits to pass close E of the outer lighted buoy (3°39'S., 114°26'E.).

**Selat Lombok to Balikpapan.**—From Selat Lombok, steer a NNE course to a position about 7.5 miles E of Pulau Sakala (6°56'S., 116°15'E.). Then steer a N course to pass about 10 miles E of Kepulauan Sambergelap (3°40'S., 116°36'E.) and then shape a course to pass W of Karang Suling (2°22'S., 116°43'E.) and E of Aru Bank (2°15'S., 116°40'E.). Then steer for the entrance in approximate position 1°20'S., 116°57'E.

**Selat Lombok to Lingkas.**—Follow the directions for the **Selat Lombok to Balikpapan** route to a position E of Aru Bank (2°15'S., 116°40'E.) and then proceed to a point about 5 miles E of Tanjung Mangkalihat (1°00'N., 119°00'E.). Then proceed N to pass about 6 miles E of Pulau Bilangbilangan (1°34'N., 118°57'E.) and alter course to pass in mid-channel between Pulau Kakaban (2°09'N., 118°32'E.) and Sangalakki (2°05'N., 118°24'E.). Then alter course to reach a position about 6 miles SE of the outer sea buoy (3°15'N., 117°53'E.). Then proceed via the marked entrance channel to Lingkas.

**Selat Lombok to Ujung Pandang (Makassar).**—From Selat Lombok proceed NNE to a position W of Sibbalds Bank (5°45'S., 117°05'E.) and then shape a course to pass W of Pulau Kalukalukuang (5°12'S., 117°40'E.) and Pulau Butongbutongan (5°03'S., 117°55'E.). After clearing Pulau Butongbutongan and the shoals N of it, proceed ESE between Pulau Marasede (5°07'S., 118°09'E.) and Taka Bakang (4°58'S., 118°32'E.) to the outer buoy (5°13'S., 119°03'E.) at the entrance to the Unjung Pandang swept channel.

## 6. MANILA TO PORTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

**Manila to Torres Strait.**—Proceed SW from Manila Bay to a position about 4 miles N of Cabra Island (13°53'N., 120°22'E.), round the island at a safe distance, and head SSE to a position W of Cape Calavite (13°27'N., 120°19'E.). From this point steer SSE through Apo East Pass to a position about 7 miles W of the SW extremity of Panay (10°27'N., 121°55'E.). From this position proceed S across the Sulu Sea, through Basilan Strait (6°49'N., 122°05'E.), and SSE across the Celebes Sea passing 12 miles NE of Pulau Talisei (1°51'N., 125°04'E.). Proceed SSE across the Molucca Sea and through Selat Obi (1°12'S., 128°00'E.) and pass between Ceram and New Guinea to a position about 15 miles N of Kepulauan Aru (6°00'N., 134°30'E.). Then proceed as direct as safe navigation permits to Torres Strait.

**Manila to Selat Lombok.**—Follow the **Manila to Torres Strait** route to a position in Cuyo East Pass about 7 miles E of Tagauayan Island (10°58'N., 121°14'E.). Then steer across the Sulu Sea to Sibutu Passage (4°50'N., 119°40'E.), passing midway between Laparan Island (5°56'N., 119°59'E.) and Pearl Bank (5°50'N., 119°42'E.). From Sibutu Passage proceed S across the Celebes Sea and through Makassar Strait, passing about 12 miles E of Tanjung Mangkalihat (1°00'N., 118°59'E.), to a position about 14 miles W of Tanjung Rangasa (3°22'N., 118°49'E.). From this position proceed as direct as safe navigation permits to Selat Lombok.

**Manila to Surabaya.**—Follow the **Manila to Selat Lombok** route to a position about 12 miles E of Tanjung Mangkalihat (1°00'N., 118°59'E.). Then steer SW and S off the E coast of Borneo, taking care to pass about midway between the shoals extending from the coast and the off-lying dangers in Makassar Strait. Continue S and SW to a position midway between Pulau Sambargalang (4°24'S., 116°10'E.) and Birah Birahan (4°14'S., 116°06'E.) and then continue as direct as safe navigation permits to Surabaya.

**Manila to Selat Sunda.**—Proceed SW from Manila Bay to a position about 10 miles W of the Lubang Islands (13°53'N., 120°02'E.); then steer by rhumb line to a point about 27 miles E of Seahorse Shoal (10°48'N., 117°48'E.); and then follow the coast of Palawan, keeping about 35 miles off the coast, to a position 10 to 15 miles E of Royal Captain Shoal (9°03'N., 116°43'E.). Then steer to pass between Parsons Shoal (3°54'N., 112°14'E.) and Isobel Shoals (3°54'N., 112°46'E.) and then to a position midway in Aoi Passage (2°00'N., 109°09'E.). Then continue SSW to Selat Gaspar and then as direct as safe navigation permits to Selat Sunda.

**Manila to Singapore.**—Follow the reverse of either route described under the **Singapore to Manila** route.

**Manila to Krung Thep (Bangkok).**—From the entrance of Manila Bay proceed via great circle to position 8°40'N, 106°50'E which lies about 8 miles E of Hon Bay Canh (8°40'N., 106°43'E.). From this position proceed WSW, round Hon Khoai (8°25'N., 104°50'E.) at a prudent distance, and then proceed as direct as safe navigation permits to Krung Thep.

**Manila to Thanh Pho Ho Chi Minh (Saigon).**—From the entrance of Manila Bay proceed via great circle to position 11°00'N, 109°00'E. Then continue as direct as safe navigation permits to Thanh Pho Ho Chi Minh (Saigon).

## 7. MANILA TO PORTS OUTSIDE SOUTHEAST ASIA

**Manila to Shanghai.**—From Manila Bay proceed N along the W coast of Luzon to a position about 9 miles W of Cape Bolinao (16°20'N., 119°48'E.) and then to a position about 9 miles E of O-luan Pi, the S extremity of Taiwan. Follow the E coast of Taiwan N to a position about 14 miles E of San-tiao Chiao (25°01'N., 122°00'E.), then shape a course to pass 15 to 20 miles E of Pleng-chia Hsu (25°38'N., 122°04'E.). Then continue as direct as safe navigation permits to Hsiao-pan Men (30°12'N., 122°36'E.) and then to Shanghai.

**Alternate route.**—An alternate route, during the Northeast Monsoon, is to proceed as above to the position about 9 miles W of Cape Bolinao and then set a N course to pass through the middle of Peng-hu Chun-tao (Pescadores Channel) (23°26'N., 119°52'E.). When clear of the dangers in the channel shape a course as direct as safe navigation permits to Hsiao-pan Men (30°12'N., 122°36'E.) and then to Shanghai.

**Manila to Yokohama.**—From Manila Bay proceed N along the W coast of Luzon to a position about 9 miles W of Cape Bolinao (16°20'N., 119°48'E.) and then to a position about 9 miles E of O-luan Pi, the S extremity of Taiwan. Follow the E coast of Taiwan N to position 26°00'N, 123°00'E and then shape a course to pass between Amami Gunto and Tokara Gunto through Suwanose Suido (29°32'N., 129°40'E.). Then proceed as direct as safe navigation permits to Yokohama, passing about 5 miles SE of Mikomoto Jima (34°34'N., 138°57'E.).

**Alternate route.**—An alternate route is to proceed from Manila Bay N along the W coast of Luzon to a position about 8 miles W of Cape Bojeador (18°30' N., 120° 34' E.) and thence NE through Balintang Channel. From the channel follow a great circle to a position about 5 miles SE of Mikomoto Jima (34°34' N., 138°57' E.) and thence as direct as safe navigation permits to Yokohama.

**Manila to Guam.**—From Manila Bay proceed to San Bernardino Strait, steer a great circle to position 13°27'N., 144°36'E and then continue as direct as safe navigation permits to Guam.

**Manila to Honolulu.**—From Manila Bay proceed to San Bernardino Strait, then steer a great circle to position 21°15'N, 158°10'E and then continue as direct as safe navigation permits to Honolulu.

**Alternate route.**—An alternate route is to proceed from Manila Bay and follow the W coast of Luzon N to Cape Bojeador (18°30'N., 120°34'E.), round the cape at a prudent distance, and pass through Babuyan Channel to position 18°40'N, 121°45'E. From this position steer via great circle to position 21°15'N, 158°10'E and then continue as direct as safe navigation permits to Honolulu.

**Manila to Seattle.**—From Manila Bay proceed N along the W coast of Luzon to Balintang Channel in position 19°30'N, 121°17'E. From this position steer via great circle to position 34°00'N, 139°10'E. Then pass between Kozu Shima (34°12'N., 139°09'E.) and Miyake Jima (34°05'N., 139°32'E.) to position 34°49'N, 140°00'E located SE of Nojima Saki (34°54'N., 139°54'E.). From this position steer via great circle to position 50°00'N, 170°00'W and then continue via another great circle to the entrance of the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

**Alternate route.**—An alternate route is to proceed from Manila Bay to San Bernardino Strait and then steer a great circle to position 50°00'N, 170°00'W. Continue via parallel sailing to 140°00'W and then via great circle to the entrance of the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

**Manila to San Francisco.**—Proceed along the W coast of Luzon to a position in Balintang Channel in 19°30'N, 121°17'E and then via great circle to a position off the entrance to San Francisco Bay.

**Alternate route.**—An alternate route is to proceed to San Bernardino Strait; then via great circle to position 26°13'N, 142°00'E between Ogasawara Gunto (Bonin Islands) and Kazan Retto (Volcano Islands); then via another great circle to a position off circle to a position off San Francisco Bay.

**Manila to Panama.**—From Manila Bay proceed N along the W coast of Luzon to a position close N of Balintang Island. From this position steer a great circle to position 22°45'N, 110°00'W off the coast of Baja California and proceed as direct as safe navigation permits to Panama.

**Alternate route.**—An alternate route is to proceed from Manila Bay to San Bernardino Strait and then by great circle to position 22°45'N, 110°00'W. Then proceed as direct as safe navigation permits to Panama.

### 8. HONG KONG TO PORTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

**Hong Kong to Manila.**—From Hong Kong, steer as directly as safe navigation permits to Luzon Point (4°28'N., 120°23'E.) and then to Manila Bay.

**Hong Kong to Taiwan Strait.**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits remaining outside the 12-mile limit of Chinese territorial waters until abreast of Tung-yin Tao (26°22'N., 120°30'E.).

**Hong Kong to Thanh Pho Ho Chi Minh (Saigon).**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits, passing between Macclesfield Bank and the Paracel Islands, to a point off Mui Dinh (11°21'N., 109°01'E.) and then along the coast to destination.

**Alternate route.**—An alternate route for moderate-powered vessels during the Southwest Monsoon would be to pass W of the Paracel Group to a point off Mui Dinh (11°21'N., 109°01'E) then along the coast to Thanh Pho Ho Chi Minh. When using this route, the mariner is advised to give the Paracel Group a wide berth during the Southwest Monsoon when the general set in the area is to the NE.

**Hong Kong to Selat Sunda.**—From Hong Kong proceed as direct as safe navigation permits to a position W of Macclesfield Bank (15°45' N., 114°16' E.) and then W of Vanguard Bank (7°24'N., 109°50'E.). Then pass between Kepulauan Natuna Besar (3°56'N., 108°12'E.) and Kepulauan Natuna Selatan (2°55'N., 108°51'E.) and then E of Pulau Pengiki (0°15'N., 108°02'E.). Then proceed through Selat Baur (Selat Stolze) (2°50'S, 107°18'E.) and direct as safe navigation permits to Selat Sunda.

**Hong Kong to Jakarta.**—Follow the **Hong Kong to Selat Sunda** route to a position S of Selat Baur (Selat Stolze) (2°55'S., 107°18'E.) and then as direct as safe navigation permits to Jakarta.

**Hong Kong to Krung Thep (Bangkok).**—Proceed as direct as safe navigation permits, passing between Macclesfield Bank and the Paracel Islands, to a position E of Iles Catwick (10°00'N., 109°00'E.). Then proceed S of Con Son (8°43'N., 106°37'E.) and Sol Hon Khoai (8°26' N., 104055' E.) keeping approximately 20 miles off the coast of Vietnam. Then proceed as direct as safe navigation permits through the Gulf of Thailand, keeping a prudent distance to the W of all islands along the coast of Cambodia, to Krung Thep.

### 9. ROUTES BETWEEN PORTS WITH THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

**Manila to Aparri.**—Steer SW from the breakwater to a position about midway between La Monja Island and Los Cochinos, then WNW and NW to a position about 2 miles W of the Capones Islands. From this position, steer NNW to a position about 3 miles W of Tambobo Point. Then steer N to a position about 2 miles W of Cape Bolinao Light and then NNE to a position about 5 miles WNW of Cape Bojeador Light. From the latter position, steer NE to a position about 4 miles N of Mayraira Point, then E and ESE to the anchorage off Aparri.

**Manila to San Fernando.**—Follow the **Manila to Aparri** route to a position about 2 miles W of Cape Bolinao Light. Then steer NNE and E to a position about 1 mile NNE of San Fernando Point; then proceed to the anchorage.

**Manila to San Bernardino Strait.**—Steer SW from the breakwater to a position about 1 mile N of San Nicolas Shoal Light and then to a position about 1.5 miles NW of El Fraile Island. From the latter position steer SSW and S to a position about 5 miles WNW of Cape Santiago Light and then SE to a position about 1.5 miles S of Verde Island. Then steer E to a position about 1.5 miles NE of Baco Chico Island, and then SE and ESE to a position about 2 miles S of Elefante Islet. Continue ESE to a position about 2 miles S of Aguja Point, then NE to a position about 2 miles N of San Miguel Island Light. From this position, steer SE and E to a position about 2.5 miles SE of Calantas Rock and then into San Bernardino Strait.

**San Bernardino Strait to Legaspi.**—From a position 2.5 miles SE of Calantas Rock steer NE and NNE to a position about 4.25 miles E of Bingay Point, then WNW to a position about 3.5 miles SSE of Port Sula Light, and then WSW to destination.

**San Bernardino Strait to Tabaco.**—Follow the San Bernardino Strait to Legaspi route to the position about 4.25 miles E of Bingay Point, then steer N to a position about 6 miles NNE of Ungay Point Light, and then WNW until the course is intersected by the Malinao Range Line. Follow the range until Tabaco Church bears about S and then steer SSE to the anchorage or docks at Tabaco.

**San Bernardino Strait to Port Jose Panganiban.**—Follow the **San Bernardino Strait to Legaspi** route and the **San Bernardino Strait to Tabaco** route to the position about 6 miles NE of Ungay Point, then steer NW to a position about 2.5 miles SW of the S tangent of Agoho Point, and then NNW to a position about 2 miles W of Sialat Point. Steer various courses to pass through the middle of Maqueda Channel, steering NW from a position about 2.3 miles E of Catanagan Island to a position about 4.5 miles NE of Molar Rock. From the latter position, steer WNW to a position about 4.75 miles SSE of the summit of Maculabo Island, then W and WNW through Ianao Pass to the anchorage.

**San Bernardino Strait to Tacloban (via E of Samar).**—From a position about 2.5 miles SE of Calantas Rock steer NE to a position about 1 mile S of San Bernardino Island, and then steer E to a position about 4 miles NE of Batag Island. From this position steer, SE to a position about 5 miles E of Bunga Point, then SSE to a position about 6 miles SE of Sungi Point, then WNW to a position about 2.5 miles SE of Capines Point, and then to the anchorage.

**San Bernardino Strait to Tacloban (via Janabatas Channel).**—From a position about 2.5 miles SE of Calantas Rock steer S to a position about 2 miles E of Destacado Island, then SE and SSE to the entrance of Janabatas Channel, passing about 2 miles E of Camandag Island. Then proceed through Janabatas Channel and San Juanico Strait to Tacloban.

**Caution.**—This route is restricted to vessels of less than 107m in length and a draft of less than 5.5m.

**San Bernardino Strait to Cebu.**—From a position about 2.5 miles SE of Calantas Rock, steer S to a position about 4 miles E of Canduruan Point. Continue on a S course to a position about 2.5 miles ENE of Malapascua Light and then to a position about 1.5 miles W of Capitancillo Island. Then follow the coast of Cebu S to a position about 1 mile SE of Bagacay Light; then follow the buoyed channel to destination.

**Manila to Iloilo (via Calavite Passage and Apo East Pass).**—From the breakwater, steer SW to a position about 1.5 miles NW of El Fraile Island. Then steer SSW to a position about 2.5 miles SE of Southeast Point, Golo Island. From this position, steer WSW, round Cape Calavite at a prudent distance, and steer SSE to a position about 1.5 miles SW of Nogas Islet. Then steer ESE until Jurao-jurao Islet bears N, then ENE to a position about 0.75 mile W of Pangasinan Point, and then enter Iloilo Strait and proceed to destination.

**Manila to Iloilo (via Verde Island Passage and Tablas Strait).**—Follow the Manila to Iloilo (via Calavite Passage and Apo East Pass) route until a position about 1.5 miles NW of El Fraile Island is reached. From this position steer SSW and S to a position about 5 miles WNW of Cape Santiago, and then to a position about 1.5 miles S of Verde Island. Then steer E to a position about 1.5 miles NE of Daco Chico Island, then to a position about 3 miles NE of Dumali Point, and then SSE to a position about 1.5 miles SW of Nogas Islet. From the latter position proceed as directed in the preceding route to destination.

**Manila to Iloilo (via Verde Island Passage and Romblon Pass).**—Follow the Manila to Iloilo (via Verde Island Passage and Tablas Strait) route to the position about 3 miles NE of Dumali Point, then steer SE to a position about 3.5 miles SW of Simara Island, thence ESE to the entrance of Romblon Pass, and then S through the pass to a position about 2 miles WSW of the SW point of Romblon Island. Then steer SE to a position about 2 miles SW of Jintotolo Island. From this position continue SE until Manigonigo Light bears about SW, distant 7.75 miles, thence steer S to a position about 1.5 miles E of the N end of Tulunanaun Island. From this position steer SSE to a position about 0.75 mile SE of Tumaguin Islet, then SW until the NE tangent of Calagnaan Island bears N, and then steer S to a position about 1 mile E of Malangaban Island. From this position steer SSW to a position about 1/25 miles SE of Payong Point on Tagubanhon Island, then SW to a position about 4.5 miles NW of Tomonton Point, then SSW to a position about 6 miles E of Dumangas Point, and then enter Iloilo Strait and proceed to destination by following the buoyed channel.

**Manila to Cebu.**—Follow the Manila to Iloilo (via Verde Island Passage and Romblon Pass) route to the position about 2 miles SW of Jintotolo Island. From this position steer E to a position about 9.5 miles NNE of North Gigantes Island Light, then steer ESE to a position about 2.5 miles ENE of Malepascua Light, and then steer S to a position about 1.5 miles W of Capitancillo Island. From this position proceed S along the coast of Cebu to a position about 1 mile SE of Bagacay Point.

**Manila to Cebu (via W of Panay).**—Follow either the Manila to Iloilo (via Calavite Passage and Apo East Pass) route or the Manila to Iloilo (via Verde Island Passage and Tablas Strait) route to the position about 1.5 miles SW of Nogas Islet and then steer SSE to a position about 5 miles W of Matatindoc Point. Then steer SE to a position about 1.5 miles S of Siaton Point, and thence ENE to a position about 1 mile S of Bonbonon Point. From this position, steer NE to a position about 1.5 miles NW of Apo Island, and then NNE to a position about 1 mile SW of Luis Ledge Light. From this position follow the buoyed channel to destination.

**Manila to Zamboanga.**—Follow the Manila to Iloilo (via Calavite Passage and Apo East Pass) route to the position about 1.5 miles SW of Nogas Islet. Then steer S to a position about 1.5 miles W of Batarampon Point and then steer SSE and ESE at a distance of about 1 mile off the coast of Mindanao to the anchorage.

**Iloilo to Cebu (via S of Negros).**—From the mouth of the Iloilo River follow various mid-channel courses and then steer SW and S to a position about 3 miles W of Lusaran Point. Then steer SSW to a position about 5 miles W of Matatindoc Point. Then follow the route between Manila and Cebu (via the W coasts of Panay and Negros).

**Iloilo to Cebu (via N of Negros).**—Follow various mid-channel courses through the buoyed channel to a position about 6 miles E of Dumangas Point, then steer NNE to a position about 4.5 miles NW of Tomonton Point, and then ENE to a position about 1.25 miles SE of Payong Point on Tagubanhan Island. Then steer NE until Baliguian Island bears 197°, then steer for Tanguingui Island. When the latter island is about 4.25 miles off, alter course and steer E, passing about 2 miles S of the island. Then steer for a position about 0.75 mile NE of Chocolate Island, round the island at a prudent distance, and steer SSW and S to a position about 1.25 miles W of Capitancillo Island. From this position proceed S along the coast of Cebu to a position about 1 mile SE of Bagacay Point, and then follow the buoyed channel to destination.

**Iloilo to Zamboanga.**—From the mouth of the Iloilo River follow various mid-channel courses and then steer SW and S to a position about 3 miles W of Lusaran Point. Steer SSW from this position, passing about 5 miles W of Matatindoc Point, to a position about 1.5 miles W of Batorampon Point. Then steer SSE and ESE at a distance of about 1 mile off the coast to the anchorage.

**Cebu to Cagayan.**—Follow the buoyed channel to a position about 1 mile SW of Lais Ledge Light and then steer SSW to a position about 2 miles SW of Balicasag Island. From this position, steer SE to a position about 1 mile NE of Macabalan Point, and then to the anchorage.

**Cebu to Tacloban.**—Follow the buoyed channel to a position about 1 mile N of Panguian Point, and then steer a generally E course to a position about 1.5 miles NNE of Canigao Island. Then steer S until clear of Abel Reef, then SW for about 1 mile and then S to a position about 5 miles E of Tanuibo Island. From this position steer ESE to a position about 1.5 miles S of Panaon Island. Steer E and round the S end of the island at a prudent distance, and then steer N to a position about 2.5 miles SE of Capines Point. From this position proceed to the anchorage.

**Cebu to Zamboanga.**—Follow the buoyed channel to a position about 1 mile SW of Lais Ledge Light, and then steer SSW to a position about 1.5 miles NW of Apo Island. Then steer SW to a position about 4 miles NW of Coronado Point and then SSW to a position about 1.5 miles W of Batorampon Point. From this position steer SSE and ESE at a distance of about 1 mile offshore to the anchorage

**Cebu to Davao (via S of Mindanao).**—Follow the **Cebu to Zamboanga** route to a position off Zamboanga and then steer SE to a position about 2 miles SW of Sibago Island. Then steer ESE to a position about 1.5 miles S of Tinaca Point and then E to a position about 2.5 miles S of Bukid Point. From this position steer NNE to a position about 1.5 miles E of Banos Point and thence N to a position about 2 miles E of Calian Point. From this position steer N and pass about 1.5 miles W of Talikud Island, then steer with Davao Light ahead and pass about 3.5 miles E of Dumalag Point, and then to the anchorage.

**Cebu to Davao (via N of Mindanao).**—Follow the **Cebu to Tacloban** route to a position about 1.5 miles S of Panaon Island and then steer ESE to a position about 2 miles WNW of Basol Island. Then steer SE until Bilaa Point bears W, then steer E until Rasa Reef Light bears SE, and then steer SE and round the reef marked by the light at a distance of about 0.75 mile. Then steer a mid-channel course NE until the middle of Banug Strait bears SE, then steer SE through the middle of the strait. Continue a SE course to a position about midway between Amaga Islet and Dahakit Point and then to a position about 1.5 miles E of Cautit Point. From this position steer SSE to a position about 3.5 miles E of Arangasa Island, then continue about the same course to a position about 4 miles E of Bangai Point, and then S to a position about 2.5 miles E of Pusan Point. From this position steer SSW for a position about 4 miles SE of Cape San Augustin, then W to a position about 3 miles S of the cape, and then NW to a position about 1.5 miles W of Talikud Island. Then steer N with Davao Light ahead, pass about 3.5 miles E of Dumalag Point, and then to the anchorage.

**Cotabato to Davao.**—Steer SW from a position about 1.25 miles N of Cotabato Light to a position about 2 miles NW of Tapian Point. Then steer SSW and S to a position about 3.5 miles W of Linao Point, and then steer SSE and SE to a position about 5 miles SW of Milbuk. Continue SE to a position about 1.5 miles S of Tinaca Point, then E to a position about 2.5 miles S of Bukid Point, and then NNE to a position about 1.5 miles E of Banos Point. From this position steer N, passing about 2 miles E of Calian Point, to a position about 1.5 miles W of Talikud Island. Then steer with Davao Light ahead, pass about 3.5 miles E of Dumalag Point, and then to the anchorage.

**Jolo to Cotabato.**—Steer for a position about 0.75 mile N of Daingapic Point and then steer E to a position about 1 mile S of Tetalan Island. Continue on an E course until Mount Bancaobancao, on Tapiantana Island, bears N and then steer ENE to a position about 1.25 miles N of Cotabato Light and the anchorage.

**Zamboanga to Cotabato.**—Steer SE to a position about 1.5 miles S of the W tangent of Tictauan Island, then E to a position about 1 mile S of Little Malanipa Island, and then ENE to a position about 1.25 miles N of Cotabato Light and the anchorage.

**Zamboanga to Jolo.**—Steer WNW from the anchorage to a position about 2 miles S of Caldera Point, then steer SW for a position about 1.5 miles E of the N end of Balukbaluk Island, and then steer S to a position about 2 miles E of Mataja Light. When the light bears about NNW, steer SSW with East Bolod Island ahead. When about 3 miles off the island steer WSW to pass about 2 miles N of the island and to a position about 0.75 mile N of Daingapic Point. Then proceed to the anchorage.

10. STRAITS AND PASSAGES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA		
Strait or Passage	Approximate Position	Description and Remarks
Alas Strait	8°40'S, 116°40'E	Indian Ocean to Makassar Strait and Sapudi Strait. No dangers. An alternative to Lombok Strait if anchorage is desired.
Alor Strait	9°20'S, 123°55'E	Sawu Sea to Flores Sea. Deep. Usually only used for local navigation. Strong tidal currents.
Babuyan Channel	18°44'N, 121°20'E	Wide and deep. Between Pata Point and Fuga Island. Used by vessels proceeding from the Philippine Sea to ports in Southeast Asia.
Balabac Channel	7°36'N, 117°36'E	Between Balabac Island on the N and Balambangan Island and Banquey Islands on the S. Leads from the South China Sea into the Sulu Sea. Flanked by numerous coral dangers.
Bali Strait	8°10'S, 114°25'E	Seldom used except by local traffic.
Balintang Channel	19°45'N, 122°00'E	Between Babuyan Island and Batan Island. Frequently used by vessels proceeding from the Philippine Sea to China and Manila.
Bangka Strait	1°45'N, 125°05'E	Molucca Sea to the Sulawesi Sea. Shortest route round the NE end of Sulawesi but not lighted.
Selat Bangka	2°30'S, 105°45'E	Between the coasts of Sumatra and Bangka. Shortest route between Sunda Strait and Singapore.
Basilan Strait	6°54'N, 122°04'E	Between the Sulu Sea and the Sulawesi Sea, the shortest route SW of Mindanao. Deep.
Berhala Strait	1°00'S, 104°20'E	Between the coasts of Sumatra and Singkep on the inner route between Singapore and Sunda Strait. Lighted. Controlling depth of 10m at its NW end.
Boling Strait and Lamakera Strait	8°25'S, 123°20'E	Sawu Sea to Flores Sea. Deep. Somewhat exposed. Strong tidal currents.
Buton Passage	5°20'S, 123°15'E	Deep, wide, and clear. Lighted.
Buton Strait	4°56'S, 122°47'E	Coastal route easy to navigate by day. Depth of 18m in South Narrows. No routing advantage over Buton Passage.
Dampier Strait	0°40'S, 130°40'E	Connects the Pacific Ocean with the Ceram Sea NW of New Guinea.
Djailolo Passage	0°00', 129°00'E	Between the Ceram Sea and the Pacific Ocean. Deep.
Durian Strait	1°00'N, 103°35'E	Entrance to Singapore Strait from inner route from Sunda Strait. Swept to a depth of 14m.
Flores Strait	8°25'S, 122°55'E	Connects the Sawu Sea to the Flores Sea. Deep and clear except for narrows at N end. Strong tidal currents in parts, calling for a good reserve of power.
Selat Gaspar	3°00' S, 107°15'E	Frequently in use between the Java Sea and the South China Sea as alternative to Selat Bangka. Depth of 18.3m.
Hainan Strait (Qiongzhou Haixia)	20°11'N 110°15'E	Between Hainan Dao and Leizhou Bandao, the shortest route from the Gulf of Tonkin to the South China Sea. About 10 miles wide at the narrowest point. Restricted to authorized vessels only.
Hinatuan Passage	9°40'N, 125°45'E	Connects the Pacific Ocean with the S end of Surigao Strait.
Karimata Strait	3°00'S, 109°00'E	Wide passage connecting the South China Sea with E part of the Java Sea.
Lombok Strait	8°30'S, 115° 50'E	Wide and deep. Connecting passage between the Indian Ocean and the Bali Sea to Makassar Strait. Used as an alternate route instead of the Strait of Malacca for the largest tankers between the Persian Gulf and Japan.








10. STRAITS AND PASSAGES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA		
Strait or Passage	Approximate Position	Description and Remarks
Selat Madura	7°30'S, 113°40'E	Between Madura and the NE coast of Jawa. Wide channel leading from the Flores Sea to Selat Surabaya. Used extensively for naval exercises.
Makassar Strait	2°00'S, 118°00'E	About 400 miles in length, connecting the Sulawesi Sea with the Java Sea and Flores.
Strait of Malacca	2°50'N, 100°50'E	Main passage from the Indian Ocean to the South China Sea, with a depth of 22m. Vessel draft is limited to 19.8m.
Manipa Strait	3°15'S, 127°20'E	Wide and deep passage connecting the Ceram Sea with the Banda Sea.
Mindoro Strait	12°25'N, 120°35'E	Wide and deep strait in frequent use between Manila and islands to the S.
Obi Strait	1°15'S, 128°00'E	Wide and deep. Connects the Molucca Sea with the Halmahera Sea and Djailolo Passage.
Ombai Strait	8°30'S, 125°00'E	Wide and deep between the Alor Islands and Timor.
Palawan Passage	9°30'N, 117°10'E	Between Palawan Island and "Dangerous Ground." An alternate route for low-powered vessels through the S part of the South China Sea.
Pantar Strait	8°20'S, 124°20'E	Connects between the Flores Sea and Ombai Strait. Used by local traffic.
Selat Riau	0°55'N, 104°20'E	Approach from S to Singapore Strait. Well lighted and buoyed. Main channel has a depth of 18m.
Roti Strait	10°25'S, 123°30'E	Connects the Sawu Sea and the Arafura Sea SW of Timor. Deep.
Sagewin Strait	0°55'S, 130°40'E	Connects the Pacific Ocean with the Ceram Sea NW of New Guinea.
Salayar Strait	5°40'S, 120°30'E	Deep. Usual route between the Java Sea and the Banda Sea.
San Bernardino Strait	12°35'N, 124°10'E	Wide and deep. Important passage on Pacific Ocean routes to and from the Southeast Asia basin.
Sape Strait	8°30'S, 119°20'E	Connects Sumba Strait and the Flores Sea.
Sapudi Strait	7°00'S, 114°15'E	Regularly used between the Java Sea and Lombok Strait or the Flores Sea. Lighted.
Sele Strait	1°10'S, 131°05'E	Connects the Pacific Ocean and the Ceram Sea NW of New Guinea. Difficult passage encumbered by numerous dangers to navigation.
Singapore Strait	1°15'N, 104°20'E	Connecting passage between the Strait of Malacca and the South China Sea, with a depth of 22m; draft is limited to 19.8m.
Sumba Strait	9°00'S, 120°00'E	Wide and deep passage between Sumba Island and Flores Island.
Selat Sunda	6°15'S, 105°00'E	Principal connection between Indian Ocean and Java Sea but limited for deep-draft vessels by lack of water NE.
Surabaya Strait	7°07'S, 112°40'E	Between the NE coast of Jawa and the W coast of Madura. Connecting passage from Selat Madura to the Java Sea.
Surigao Strait	10°30'N, 125°20'E	Connects between the Pacific Ocean and the Mindanao Sea to the Sula Sea. Deep.
Torres Strait	10°26'S, 142°30'E	Main passage from the Arafura Sea to the Coral Sea.
Verde Island Passage	13°36'N, 121°04'E	Between the SW coast of Luzon and the N coast of Mindoro. Divided into North Pass and South Pass by Verde Island. Vessels bound for southern Luzon ports and San Bernardino Strait use the North Pass.
Wetar Strait	8°15'S, 126°25'E	Connects between the Arafura Sea and the Flores Sea through Wetar Passage; used for main routes between Singapore and Australia.















## Appendix IV—Monsoon Winds of the Pacific Ocean

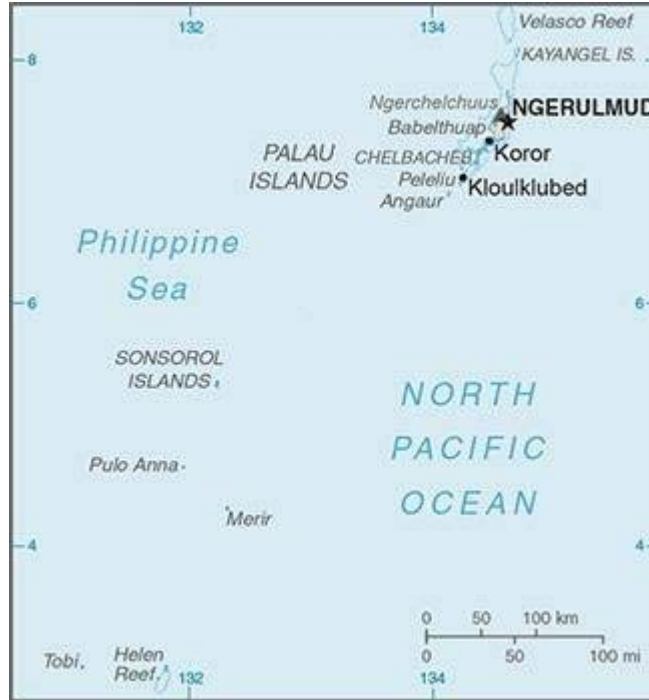
Principal Areas and Months of Normal Monsoon Winds (Beaufort Scale)													
Area	General Wind Direction	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Northern Hemisphere</b>													
South China Sea	NE	5-6	4-5	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5-6	5-6
East China Sea	NE-N	5	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4-5	5	5
Yellow Sea	N-NW	5	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4-5	5	5
Sea of Japan	N-NW	5	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4-5	5	5
North Indian Ocean	NE	4	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4
South China Sea	SW	—	—	—	—	3	4	4	4-5	—	—	—	—
East China Sea	SW-S	—	—	—	—	—	3-4	3-4	—	—	—	—	—
Yellow Sea	SW-SE	—	—	—	—	—	3-4	3-4	—	—	—	—	—
Sea of Japan	SW-S-E	—	—	—	—	—	3-4	3-4	—	—	—	—	—
North Indian Ocean	SW	—	—	—	—	—	5-6	6	6	5	—	—	—
<b>Southern Hemisphere</b>													
Indonesia waters	W-NW	3	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Arafura Sea	NW	5	5	3-4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3-4
North and NW Australian waters	W-NW	4-5	4-5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Indonesia waters	SE	—	—	—	—	—	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	—	—	—
Arafura Sea	SE	—	—	—	—	4	4	4	4	4	—	—	—
North and NW Australian waters	SE-E	—	—	—	3-4	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	3-4	—	—	—



## Appendix V—International Port Traffic Signals and Visual Storm Warning Signals

International Port Traffic Signals		
No.	Signal	Main Message
1		Serious emergency. All vessels to stop or divert according to instructions.
2		Vessels shall not proceed.
2a		Vessels shall not proceed, except that vessels which navigate outside the main channel need not comply with the main message.
3		Vessels may proceed. One-way traffic.
4		Vessels may proceed. Two-way traffic.
5		A vessel may proceed only when it has received specific orders to do so.
5a		A vessel may proceed only when it has received specific orders to do so, except that vessels which navigate outside the main channel need not comply with the main message

International System of Visual Storm Warnings		
Day Signal	Night Signal	Meaning
		Near gale expected.
		Gale or storm from the NW quadrant.
		Gale or storm from the SW quadrant.
		Gale or storm from the NE quadrant.
		Gale or storm from the SE quadrant.
	No signal	Wind expected to veer. (Flag may be of any suitable color.)
	No signal	Wind expected to back. (Flags may be of any suitable color.)
		Hurricane expected.



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**Government**

Palau is a presidential republic in free association with the United States. The country is divided into 16 states.

Palau is governed by a directly-elected President serving a 4-year term. The Cabinet is appointed by the President. The bicameral National Congress consists of the 13-member directly-elected Senate, who serve 4-year terms, and the 16-member directly-elected House of Delegates, who serve 4-year terms.

The legal system is based on a mixed system of civil, common, and customary law.

The capital is Ngerulmud (Melekenk).

**General**

Palau is a group of 26 islands and over 300 islets, only nine of which are inhabited, in the Pacific Ocean SE of the Philippines. Most inhabitants live on the small island of Koror.

The climate is pleasantly warm throughout the year. The heaviest rainfall is between July and October.

The terrain of the islands ranges from high and mountainous to low coral islands fringed by large barrier reefs.

**Buoyage System**

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

**Currency**

The official unit of currency is the U.S. dollar, consisting of 100 cents.



**Flag of Palau**

**Holidays**

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1

Holiday	Date(s)
Martin Luther King Day	Third Monday in January
President's Day	Third Monday in February
Youth Day	March 15
Good Friday	Variable
Elderly Day	May 5
Ascension Day	Variable
Whitmonday	Variable
Memorial Day	May 31
Independence Day	July 4
Constitution Day	July 9
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Columbus Day	Second Monday in October
Veteran's Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
Christmas Day	December 25

## Industries

The main industries are tourism, fishing, and subsistence agriculture.

The main exports are fish, computers, broadcast equipment, office machinery and parts, and scrap vessels. The main export-trading partners are Japan, South Korea, and the United States.

The main imports are refined petroleum, fish, vehicles, broadcast equipment, and modeling instruments. The main import-trading partners are South Korea, China, Taiwan, the United States, and Japan.

## Languages

Palauan and English are the official languages.

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

Pub. 126, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Pacific Islands.

## Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Palau are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	200 miles or the Continental Margin.

## Maritime Boundary Disputes

Conducting negotiations with the Philippines and Indonesia to delineate maritime boundaries.

## Search and Rescue

The National Emergency and Management Office (NEMO) is responsible for coordinating search and rescue operations.

NEMO—Contact Information	
Telephone	680-488-2249
	680-488-2422
	680-775-6898 (mobile)
Facsimile	680-488-3312

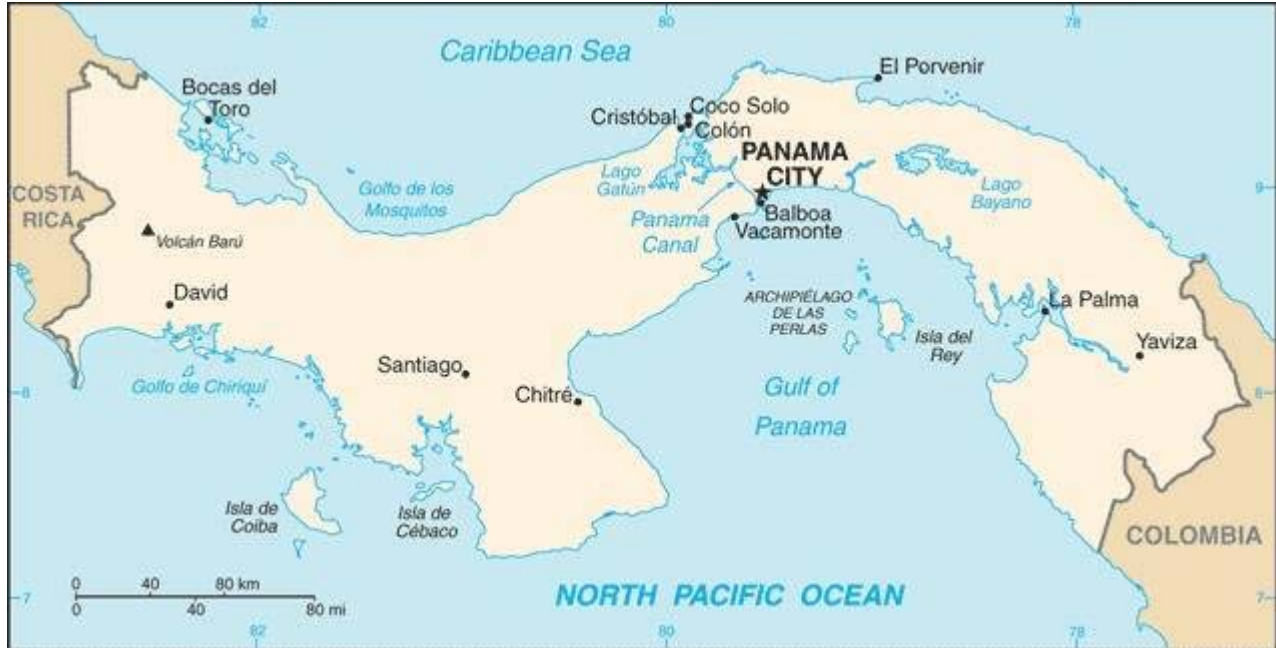
## Time Zone

The Time Zone description is INDIA (-9). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

## U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is situated at Omsangel/Beklelachieb, Aいらい, Palau.

U. S. Embassy Palau—Contact Information	
Mailing address	4260 Koror Place
	Washington DC (20521-4260)
Telephone	680-587-2920
Facsimile	680-587-2911
E-mail	<a href="mailto:ConsularKoror@state.gov">ConsularKoror@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://pw.usembassy.gov">https://pw.usembassy.gov</a>



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## General

Panama, located in Central America, is bordered on the E by Colombia and on the W by Costa Rica. The Caribbean Sea lies to its N and the North Pacific Ocean lies to its S.

Heavily-wooded hills and mountain ranges generally span the length of the country, with the exception of the low gap at its narrowest part, through which the Panama Canal crosses. The coastal areas are largely plains and rolling hills.

Elevations E of the canal rise to a height of about 1,615m near the Colombian border and to a height of 3,475m in the mountains to the W of the canal.

The climate is tropical. It is hot, humid, and cloudy with the rainy season from May to January and the dry season from January to May.

Most of the numerous rivers of the country flow into the Pacific Ocean and are of little or no importance to navigation.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region B) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

Many lights have been reported as extinguished, irregular, or unreliable.

## Cautions

Turtle nets and buoys may be encountered near the coast in the NE approach to the Panama Canal.

Piracy incidents have been reported in the offshore area on the E side of the Gulf of Panama.

## Magnetic Anomalies

A local magnetic anomaly is located off the S coast of Isla de Coiba, about 11 miles SSE of Punta Angeda (7°20'N., 81°36'W.).

A magnetic anomaly which increases the normal variation by 4-5° was reported to occur about 37 miles SSW of Punta Mala

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the balboa, consisting of 100 centesimos.

## Government

Panama is a presidential republic. The country is divided into ten provinces and four indigenous territories.

Panama is governed by a directly-elected President who serves a non-renewable 5-year term. The Cabinet is appointed by the President. The unicameral National Assembly consists of 71 directly-elected members serving 5-year terms.



**Flag of Panama**

The legal system is based on civil law.  
The capital is Panama City.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
National Mourning Day	January 9
Carnival	Variable
Ash Wednesday	Variable
Holy Thursday	Variable
Good Friday	Variable
Holy Saturday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
Labor Day	May 1
Dia del Padre	June 16
Independence Day from Colombia	November 3
Flag Day	November 4
Colon Day (Colon only)	November 5
Uprising of Los Santos	November 10
Independence Day from Spain	November 28
Mother's Day	December 8
Christmas Day	December 25
New Year's Eve	December 31

## Industries

The main industries are mining and refining of minerals, steel, metal fabrication, petroleum extraction and refining, natural gas production, fishing and fish processing, cement, glass, textiles, clothing, food processing, beer, soft drinks, rubber, machinery, electrical machinery, chemicals, and furniture.

The main exports are copper, gold, lead, zinc, iron ore, molybdenum, refined petroleum, tropical fruits, and fish meal.

The main export-trading partners are China, the United States, Canada, South Korea, and Switzerland.

The main imports are ships, crude and refined petroleum, and packaged medicines. The main import-trading partners are China, the United States, Japan, Colombia, and Ecuador.

## Languages

Spanish is the official language, although a segment of the population speaks English as a native tongue. Many Panamanians are bilingual.

## Meteorology

Marine weather bulletins and warnings as well as tide times, weather radar/satellite imagery, and astronomical information are available, in English, from the Panamanian Hydrometeorological Department (<https://imhpa.gob.pa/es>).

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volumes

Pub. 148, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Caribbean Sea Volume 2.

Pub. 153, Sailing Directions (Enroute) West Coasts of Mexico and Central America.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Panama are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	200 miles or the Continental Margin.
* Claims the Gulf of Panama as a historic bay.	

## Pollution

### Oil Pollution Emergency Plan

All toll-paying vessels using the Panama Canal having a carrying capacity of 400 metric tons (MT) or more of oil as cargo or fuel must have a Panama Canal Ship Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (PCSOPEP) in place. Vessels without a PCSOPEP could face transit delays and financial penalties.

Each PCSOPEP must be submitted, via e-mail ([pcsopep@pancanal.com](mailto:pcsopep@pancanal.com)) as a pdf or Word document, with the ship name and its IMO or Panama Canal Authority Ship Identification Number (SIN) in the subject line, at least 96 hours prior to arrival in canal waters and should include the following information at a minimum:

1. Vessel particulars.
2. Oil pollution prevention measures for Panama Canal waters.
3. Spill notification procedures in a prioritized sequence.
4. Spill response procedures.

5. Crew training program for reaction to shipboard and shoreside spill incidents.
6. Record of PCSOPEP notification exercises.
7. Identification of the Authorized Person, as well as the telephone number and facsimile number where they can be reached on a 24-hour basis.
8. PCSOPEP Tier classification.

PCSOPEP Tier Classification	
Tier	Applicability
S	Vessels with an oil-carrying capacity of 400 to 1,000 metric tons
1	Vessels with an oil-carrying capacity of over 1,000 metric tons and up to 7,000 metric tons
2	Vessels with an oil-carrying capacity of over 7,000 metric tons and up to 15,000 metric tons
3	Vessels with an oil-carrying capacity of over 15,000 metric tons and up to 90,000 metric tons
4	Vessels with an oil-carrying capacity of over 90,000 metric tons and up to 140,000 metric tons
5	Vessels with an oil-carrying capacity of over 140,000 metric tons

If the Panama Canal Authority determines the PCSOPEP meets all requirements as stated in the Regulations on Navigation in Panama Canal Waters (Chapter IX, Section 4), the Panama Canal Authority will issue a Notification of Acknowledgment to the vessel; the notice will be valid for 4 years.

Questions regarding PCSOPEPs can be sent by telephone (507-276-4635) or e-mail ([pcsopep@pancanal.com](mailto:pcsopep@pancanal.com)):

Further details, including full instructions on PCSOPEPs (OP Notice to Shipping No. N-12-2023) are available from the Panama Canal Authority web site:

Panama Canal Ship Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (PCSOPEP)
<a href="https://www.pancanal.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/N12-2023.pdf">https://www.pancanal.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/N12-2023.pdf</a>

Vessels must perform PCSOPEP notification exercises for the Authorized Person at least twice a year and must document them for verification by the Panama Canal Authority. These tests may be conducted outside the waters of the Panama Canal.

The Panama Canal Authority may also require vessels to perform a PCSOPEP notification exercise and/or participate in response drills and exercises with the Panama Canal Authority. The vessel must properly document such drills and exercises. Joint exercises, with the participation of vessels and the Panama Canal Authority, will be previously coordinated and will not delay transits.

Vessel exercise records must be kept for at least 3 years.

## Pollution Reporting

In the event of an emergency in Panama Canal waters, the vessel should notify the Panama Canal Authority through the Panama Canal pilot on board. In the event no Panama Canal pilot is on board, the Panama Canal Authority shall be notified using VHF channel 12 or 16.

Upon activation of the vessel's PCSOPEP, the vessel's Authorized Person will establish contact with the Maritime Traffic Control Center (telephone: 507-272-4201 or 507-272-4202).

Notification begins as soon as an actual or probable oil leak is detected and shall not be delayed during the process of gathering information. The notification shall include the following information:

1. Vessel name.
2. Country of registry.
3. IMO Number and Panama Canal Ship Identification Number (SIN).
4. Location of incident.
5. Date and time of incident.
6. Planned route.
7. Nature of incident.
8. Identification of spilled product and any toxic or explosive hazard.
9. Estimated volume of the spilled product.
10. Size and appearance of the slick.
11. Weather conditions.
12. Actions taken or planned by on scene personnel and vessel conditions.
13. Injuries or deaths.
14. Any other information as deemed appropriate.

Panama Canal waters have been divided into three response areas:

1. Pacific Anchorage and Channel Area (saltwater body).
2. Lake Area (freshwater body).
3. Atlantic Anchorage and Channel Area (saltwater body).

Specifications required for equipment and response differ for saltwater areas versus freshwater areas.

## Regulations

### International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code

The Panama Canal Authority has adopted regulations similar to those established by the ISPS Code, even though the Panama Canal does not fall within the ISPS Code definition of a port facility.

All vessels to which SOLAS 74 regulations apply and which plan to arrive in Panama canal waters are expected to comply with the ISPS Code and related Panama Canal Regulations. Additionally, those vessels not required to comply with the ISPS Code will be expected to provide evidence they have implemented onboard security measures comparable to those contained in the ISPS Code.

Vessels not fully able to comply with these requirements may be subject to control and compliance measures, which may include a more detailed inspection and assignment of additional resources at their own cost. These measures could also result in transit delays or the denial of transit.

### Electronic Data Collection System (EDCS) Code

The following documents are required to be submitted

through ECDS at least 96 hours prior to arriving in Panama Canal waters:

1. ETA/Ship Due (Form 4376).
2. Cargo Declaration (Form 4363).
3. Passenger List (Form 20).
4. Crew List (Form 1509).

Updates to this information may be submitted up to 12 hours prior to arrival but these changes will be subjected to security verification.

Vessels with a voyage time of less than 96 hours from their last port of call prior to entering the canal must still provide preliminary information 96 hours in advance. Vessels will be required to provide their final information to the Panama Canal Authority immediately upon departure from their last port of call.

With the implementation of EDSCS, vessels no longer need to provide the canal Boarding Officer with hard copies of the Cargo Declaration, Passenger List, and Crew List. However, vessels are still required to provide Boarding Officers with a hard copy of the Ship's Information and Quarantine Declaration (SIQD) (Form 4398), which should be completely filled out, with the exception of information on any dangerous cargo, which is required to be forwarded in advance through EDSCS. The SIDQ form is available at the following web site:

#### Ship's Information and Quarantine Declaration (SIQD)

<http://www.pancanal.com/eng/maritime/forms.html>

#### Seasonal Measures to Protect Migrating Marine Life

From August 1 to November 30 annually, the Panama Canal promotes the implementation of the International Maritime Organization's speed and navigation regulations to protect whales dolphins, and other large aquatic animals as they start their seasonal migration. Ships traveling to and from the Panama Canal from the either the Pacific Ocean or the Atlantic Ocean during this period must stay within the designated traffic separation schemes in order to decrease the overlap between vessel traffic entering or exiting the canal and migrating marine life. Vessels traveling through the areas on the Pacific side of the canal should also proceed at a speed of no more than 10 knots.

#### Search and Rescue

The National Maritime Service (Servicio Maritimo Nation-

al) is the national search and rescue agency for Panama.

#### National Maritime Service—Contact Information

Telephone	507-211-6004
Facsimile	507-211-1943
E-mail	<a href="mailto:comandoarmada@smn.gob.pa">comandoarmada@smn.gob.pa</a>

#### Time Zone

The Time Zone description is ROMEO (+5). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

#### Traffic Separation Schemes

Traffic Separation Schemes off Panama are, as follows:

1. In the Gulf of Panama. (IMO adopted)
2. Off Punta Morro de Puercos. (IMO adopted)
3. Off Isla Jicarita. (IMO adopted)
4. At the Approaches to Puerto Cristobal. (IMO adopted)

#### U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is situated at Building 783, Demetrio Basilio Lakas Avenue, Clayton, Panama.

#### U. S. Embassy Panama—Contact Information

Mailing address	9100 Panama City Place
	Washington, DC (20521-9100)
Telephone	507-317-5000
Facsimile	507-317-5568
E-mail	<a href="mailto:Panama-ACS@state.gov">Panama-ACS@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://pa.usembassy.gov">https://pa.usembassy.gov</a>

#### Vessel Traffic Service

A Vessel Traffic Management Service operates in the Panama Canal and its approaches. For further information, see Pub. 153, Sailing Directions (Enroute) West Coast of Mexico and Central America.



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## General

The former territories of New Guinea and Papua achieved self-government on December 1, 1973 and were amalgamated to form the combined state of Papua New Guinea.

Papua New Guinea is located in Southeastern Asia, part of a group of islands including the E half of the island of New Guinea between the Coral Sea and the South Pacific Ocean, E of Indonesia.

The climate is tropical. The Northwest Monsoon occurs from December to March. The Southeast Monsoon occurs from May to October with slight seasonal temperature varia-

tions.

The terrain is mostly mountains with coastal lowlands and rolling foothills.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

The general direction of the buoyage off the S coast of Papua New Guinea is from E to W.

It has been reported (2006) that aids to navigation in Papua New Guinea may be unreliable due to vandalism and deterioration; a repair program of the aids to navigation is underway.

## Cautions

### General

Caution must be exercised when navigating off the NE coast of Papua New Guinea due to the incomplete nature of the surveys in this area.

In the Gulf of Papua, flats and shoals extend up to 30 miles off the coast. During the height of the Southeast Trade Winds a dangerous lee shore, with heavy surf breaking on it, exists. The sea breaks offshore in depths of 7m in places.

Large floating tree trunks and rafts of vegetation washed down from the rivers entering the Gulf of Papua (8°30'S., 145°00'E.) may be encountered within 100 miles of the coast and are hazardous to shipping. Some of these may temporarily mark the shoals on which they have become stranded. Discolored water may be found up to 30 miles offshore.

The volume of commercial shipping passing through Torres Strait is considerable. A large number of local craft also operate between the islands.



**Magnetic Anomalies**

A magnetic anomaly has been reported in Dawson Strait about 12 miles N of Sanaroa Island (9°37'S., 151°00'E.).

A local compass deflection has been reported to exist in an area S of Dampier Strait (6°00'S., 148°20'E.).

A local compass deflection has been reported to exist on the N coast of Papua New Guinea E of Manam Island (4°04'27"S., 145°01'57"E.).

**Currency**

The official unit of currency is the kina, consisting of 100 toea.

**Firing Areas**

**AY/R921** (Southwest of Port Moresby)—Gunnery area enclosed by lines joining the following positions:

- 9°38'00"S, 146°52'00"E.
- 9°41'30"S, 146°55'30"E.
- 9°55'00"S, 146°50'00"E.
- 9°44'00"S, 146°38'30"E.

**AY/R962** (North of the Admiralty Islands)—Gunnery and weapons area enclosed by lines joining the following positions:

- 0°47'S, 147°00'E.
- 0°47'S, 147°40'E.
- 1°47'S, 147°40'E.
- 1°47'S, 147°00'E.

**Fishing Areas**

A significant level of commercial fishing takes place in Torres Strait during the prawn season, which occurs from May through September. These vessels work exclusively at night and anchor in the lee of the islands by day.

**Government**

Papua New Guinea is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary democracy. The country is divided into 20 provinces, one autonomous region, and one district.



**Flag of Papua New Guinea**

King Charles III, recognized as the Chief of State, appoints a Governor-General. The Prime Minister and the cabinet are appointed by the Governor-General. The unicameral National Parliament is composed of 111 directly-elected members serving 5-year terms; the constitution allows up to 126 members.

The legal system is based on English common law and customary law.

The capital is Port Moresby.

**Holidays**

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Good Friday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
Easter Monday	Variable
King's Birthday	Second Saturday in June
Remembrance Day	July 23
Independence Day	September 16
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26

**Industries**

The main industries are copra crushing, palm oil processing, plywood production, wood chip production, mining (gold, nickel, and copper), crude oil production and refining, construction, tourism, fishing, livestock, and spice production.

The main exports are natural gas, oil, gold, copper ore, nickel, palm oil, fish, and coffee. The main export-trading partners are Japan, China, Australia, Taiwan, and South Korea.

The main imports are refined petroleum, excavation machinery, foodstuffs, and vehicles. The main import-trading partners are Australia, China, Singapore, Malaysia, and Indonesia.

**Languages**

English, Tok Pisin, and Hiri Motu are the official languages. There are over 800 different indigenous languages used by the various tribes.

**Mined Areas****Port Moresby**

Within Port Moresby and its approaches, the following areas are now considered to be safe for surface navigation but are not safe for anchoring, diving, dredging, trawling, cable laying, and submarine bottoming:

- The area bounded by lines joining the following positions:
  - 9°32'00.0"S, 147°03'00.0"E.
  - 9°32'00.0"S, 147°07'30.0"E.
  - 9°31'01.8"S, 147°07'22.8"E.
  - 9°30'19.2"S, 147°05'31.2"E.
  - 9°29'30.0"S, 147°05'30.0"E.
  - 9°29'31.2"S, 147°07'10.8"E.
  - 9°28'00.0"S, 147°07'00.0"E.
  - 9°28'00.0"S, 147°03'00.0"E.
- The area bounded by the coast, the parallel of 9°36'S,

and by the meridians of 147°11'E and 147°18'E.

### Bougainville Island—South End

Mines exist in the sea area N of a line joining the following positions:

1. Moila Point (6°52.5'S., 155°42.5'E.).
2. East Point (6°47.8'S., 155°54.7'E.).

### Bougainville Island—Buka Passage

The area bounded by the coast, the parallel of 5°20'S, and the meridians of 154°35'E and 154°48'E.

Anchoring, trawling, and submarine bottoming are dangerous due to sunken mines.

### New Ireland—Approaches to Kavieng

The area bounded by lines joining the following positions is dangerous to navigation due to magnetic mines:

- a. 2°25'S, 150°25'E.
- b. 2°25'S, 150°55'E.
- c. 2°45'S, 150°55'E.
- d. 2°45'S, 150°25'E.

### Tonolei Harbor

A swept channel, 0.5 mile wide and considered safe for surface navigation, begins with its centerline bearing 035° distant 1 mile from the center of Aiaisina Island (6°51.1'S., 155°50.4'E.) and continues in a 035° direction for 5.5 miles.

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

- Pub. 126, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Pacific Islands.
- Pub. 164, Sailing Directions (Enroute) New Guinea.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Papua New Guinea are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	Depth of 200m or the Limit of Exploitation.
* Claims archipelagic status. Territorial sea claim reduced to 3 miles in the Torres Strait area.	

### Internet Maritime Safety Information

Notice to Mariners, are available, in English, from the Papua New Guinea National Maritime Authority (<https://nm-sa.gov.pg/notice-to-mariners>).

## Pilotage

The Papua New Guinea National Maritime Safety Authority has declared the following ports to be considered as pilotage areas:

1. Aitape.
2. Alotau.

3. Daru.
4. Kavieng.
5. Kieta.
6. Kimbe.
7. Lae.
8. Lorengau.
9. Madang.
10. Oro Bay.
11. Port Moresby.
12. Rabaul.
13. Samarai.
14. Vanimo Harbor.
15. Wewak.

Pilotage in Papua New Guinea is provided by PNG Marine Services or Niugini Pilots Limited. Pilots are stationed at the following ports:

1. Port Moresby (pilotage is available 24 hours).
2. Lae (pilotage is available 24 hours).
3. Madang.
4. Alotau.
5. Rabaul.
6. Kimbe.

The master or agent of a vessel requiring pilotage must notify Port Control of the vessel's ETA at the pilot boarding ground not less than 72 hours prior to arrival. The vessel's ETA should be reconfirmed 24 hours prior to arrival, or immediately upon departure from the previous port if the voyage is less than 24 hours, and 4 hours prior to arrival.

Vessels requiring a pilot to shift within the port limits or depart from a port should submit a request for pilotage 4 hours prior to the pilot boarding time.

The following guidelines apply to all vessels with an loa of 30m and over and all vessels in a special condition (such as a tug and tow) proceeding within a compulsory pilotage area to board a pilot, unless the master has a pilotage exemption certificate:

1. A pilot request should be sent to the pilot via the pilot provider's office at least 24 hours prior to the vessel's arrival at the pilot boarding position.
2. For voyages less than 24 hours from the previous port, the request should be sent immediately upon departure from the prior port before arriving at the pilot boarding position. The pilot should be advised of this during working hours, if possible.
3. If the vessel will not arrive at the pilot boarding position within 3 hours after the vessel's ETA, an amended request should be sent to the pilot office.
4. The pilot request should include the following information:
  - a. Vessel name.
  - b. Date and time of ETA.
  - c. Vessel parameters.
  - d. Type(s) of cargo on board.
  - e. Call sign.
  - f. INMARSAT telephone number, if fitted.
  - g. Any deficiencies in propulsion, steering, of navigational equipment.
5. When at least 6 miles from the pilot boarding position, the vessel must contact Port Control on VHF channel 12 or 16 for pilot instructions.
6. Vessels arriving ahead of their ETA must remain out-

side the pilotage area until contact with the pilot station has been established.

7. Prior to entering the pilotage area, vessels should:
  - a. Test their propulsion astern.
  - b. Test their emergency steering arrangements.
  - c. Have two steering motors in operation.
  - d. Have their engines in immediate readiness for maneuvering.
8. Pilot requests for outbound vessels or for in-port movements should be requested not less than 4 hours in advance of departure or movement.

9. If an outbound vessel is boarded by the pilot and the vessel is not ready to proceed at the requested time, the pilot will disembark the vessel and a new pilot request must be submitted. Vessels should be aware the pilot may not be available until after 4 hours.

See the table titled **Papua New Guinea—Pilot Contact Information** for pilot office contact information.

### Pollution

All vessels navigating in Papua New Guinea waters must report the following:

1. Any quantity of oil regardless of its significance.
2. Any discharge from a ship involving the washing of chemicals or dry cargo.
3. Any untreated raw sewage from ships.
4. Any disposal of garbage into the territorial sea.

A POLREP (Pollution Report) should be sent via e-mail ([polrep@nmsa.gov.pg](mailto:polrep@nmsa.gov.pg)) to the attention of Manager Marine Environment Protection and to MRCC Papua New Guinea (See Search and Rescue for contact information).

The report should include the following:

1. Vessel name, call sign, and flag.
2. Date and time (UTC) of the event.
3. Vessel position (latitude and longitude).
4. Vessel position in true bearing and distance.
5. True course.
6. Speed in knots.
7. Route information.
8. Radio station details.

9. Time of next report.
10. Draft.
11. Type and quantity of cargo (including bunkers on-board).
12. Any miscellaneous information, including other relevant details as appropriate.

### Regulations

#### General

Anchoring or trawling is prohibited within 10 miles of a submarine pipeline.

The following regulations are extractions from the Shipping, Port, and Harbor Regulations.

1. Any person who deposits in a port or on the shore thereof, any garbage, rubbish, putrefying matter, dead animal, or refuse of any description, shall be guilty of an offense.
2. The master of a vessel shall not permit any oil or inflammable liquid to be pumped out of or otherwise discharged from the vessel into the waters of any port.
3. A master of a vessel who, while the vessel is lying alongside a wharf, or while within 183m of a wharf, permits ashes to be discharged into a port, shall be guilty of an offense.
4. The master of a vessel having explosives on board shall not permit the vessel to berth at any wharf without the permission of a Port Authority.
5. The master of a vessel shall permit explosives or inflammable liquids to be loaded onto or unloaded from the vessel during daytime only, and by such means, at such places, and under such conditions as a Port Authority directs.
6. The master of a vessel shall not anchor the vessel within 183m of any wharf used by overseas vessels or near or at the approach of any wharf in such a manner as to impede the egress or ingress of any vessel.
7. The presence of skin divers is denoted by a red square flag with a white St. Andrew's Cross. Vessels seeing this signal should exercise caution and avoid the area if possible.
8. It is prohibited to anchor or trawl within 10 miles of a submarine pipeline.

Papua New Guinea—Pilot Contact Information				
Pilotage Provider	Telephone	Facsimile	E-mail	Web Site
PNG Marine Services	675-3084200	—	<a href="mailto:info@pngmarine.com.pg">info@pngmarine.com.pg</a>	<a href="http://www.pngports.com.pg">http://www.pngports.com.pg</a>
			<a href="mailto:pilotservices.chiefpilot@pngports.com.pg">pilotservices.chiefpilot@pngports.com.pg</a>	
			<a href="mailto:pilotrequest.lae@pngports.com.pg">pilotrequest.lae@pngports.com.pg</a> (pilot ordering for Lae)	
			<a href="mailto:pilotrequest.pom@pngports.com.pg">pilotrequest.pom@pngports.com.pg</a> (pilot ordering for Port Moresby)	
Niugini Pilots Limited	675-3137979	675-3120055	<a href="mailto:stoessel@niuginipilots.com.pg">stoessel@niuginipilots.com.pg</a> <a href="mailto:salote@niuginipilots.com.pg">salote@niuginipilots.com.pg</a>	<a href="https://www.niuginipilots.com.pg">https://www.niuginipilots.com.pg</a>
	675-73887451 (mobile)			
	675-73550783 (mobile)			

**Pre-arrival Quarantine Reporting**

The following information should be reported 24 hours prior to arrival:

1. Name of vessel and expected date of arrival.
2. Number of passengers on the vessel.
3. Number of crew on the vessel.
4. Number of passengers landing at the port.
5. Name of overseas port of departure at which voyage commenced and date of departure.
6. Name of last overseas port called at and date of departure.
7. Number and nature of cases of quarantinable disease and number and nature of cases of other disease that have occurred during the voyage.
8. Number and nature of any such cases on the vessel when the message was sent and the number of such cases booked for the port the vessel is approaching.
9. The number and nature of any cases in hospital other than those referred to in 7 and 8 above.

Pratique will be granted by radio if the vessel is arriving from Australia, New Zealand, or another port in Papua New Guinea.

National Agriculture Quarantine and Inspection Authority—Contact Information	
Telephone	675-3112100
	675-3112114
	675-3112113
Facsimile	675-3251673
E-mail	<a href="mailto:naqia@dg.com.pg">naqia@dg.com.pg</a>

**Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSA)**

A PSSA is an area that requires special protection because of its vulnerability to damage caused by marine activities. Vessels operating in or near such an area should exercise the utmost care to avoid damage to the maritime environment and the marine organisms in it. No waste should be discharged overboard. The Jomard Entrance has been declared by the IMO to be a PSSA.

**Routes**

Four IMO-adopted recommended Two-Way Routes are located in the approaches to Jomard Entrance (11°15'S., 152°07'E.) and are best seen on the chart.

**Search and Rescue**

Papua New Guinea—SAR Contact Information	
RCC Port Moresby	
Telephone	675-3121532
	675-3121531
	675-71176400
Facsimile	675-3254094
	675-3259658
E-mail	<a href="mailto:sar@pngairservices.com.pg">sar@pngairservices.com.pg</a>
	<a href="mailto:cc@pngairservices.com.pg">cc@pngairservices.com.pg</a>
MRCC Papua New Guinea	
Telephone	675-3212969
	675-3213033
	675-73517017 (mobile)
Facsimile	675-3210484
E-mail	<a href="mailto:pngnmrcc@nmsa.gov.pg">pngnmrcc@nmsa.gov.pg</a>

**Ship Reporting System****Great Barrier Reef and Torres Strait Ship Reporting System (REEFREP)**

REEFREP is a mandatory system established as a means of enhancing navigational safety and environmental protection in Torres Strait and the Inner Route of the Great Barrier Reef. Further information can be found in Pub. 127, Sailing Directions (Enroute) East Coast of Australia and New Zealand (Sector 7).

**Time Zone**

The Time Zone description is KILO (-10). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

The Time Zone description for the Autonomous State of Bougainville is LIMA (-11). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

**U.S. Embassy**

The U.S. Embassy is situated in New Harbour City, Port Moresby.

U. S. Embassy Papua New Guinea—Contact Information	
Mailing address	Harbor City Road
	Port Moresby 121, NCD
Telephone	675-308-9100
E-mail	<a href="mailto:ConsularPortMoresby@state.gov">ConsularPortMoresby@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://pg.usembassy.gov">https://pg.usembassy.gov</a>



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**General**

Peru is located in western South America, bordering the South Pacific Ocean, between Chile and Ecuador.

The climate varies from tropical in the E to dry desert in the W. In coastal areas, temperatures vary little, both daily and annually, but humidity and cloudiness exhibit large variations; the highest humidity occurs from May through September, although there is little precipitation during this period. In the mountains there is little temperature variation over there year, but the daily range is considerable; the dry season is from April

through November.

The terrain is a coastal plain in the W, the high and rugged Andes Mountains in the center, and the lowland jungle of the Amazon River Basin in the E.

**Areas to be Avoided**

An IMO-adopted Area to be Avoided has been established around Paracas National Reserve. Vessels greater than 200 gross tons carrying hydrocarbons and hazardous bulk liquids should avoid the area enclosed by the shore and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 13°47'19.8"S, 76°17'40.2"W.
- b. 13°46'52.2"S, 76°17'40.2"W.
- c. 13°46'52.2"S, 76°30'00.0"W.
- d. 13°26'14.0"S, 76°30'42.0"W.
- e. 13°26'14.0"S, 76°00'42.0"W.

**Buoyage System**

The IALA Buoyage System (Region B) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

**Cautions**

**General**

Navigation, anchoring, or fishing are prohibited within 0.5 mile of offshore tanker moorings and buoys used for the loading or unloading of flammable liquids along the coast of Peru.

Incidents of armed robbery and piracy, including vessels underway, have been reported in the vicinity of Callao (12°03'S., 77°09'W.).

### Waves and Swell

Along the coast of Peru, swells with a long fetch may come ashore in calm weather and persist for several days at a time. These rollers are locally known as “bravezas” and occur with their greatest frequency from May to October.

### Magnetic Anomalies

Magnetic anomalies off the coast of Peru are located, as follows:

1. In Bahia San Juan (15°20.3'S., 75°10.2'W.).
2. Off Bahia San Nicholas (15°13.1'S., 75°15.1'W.).

### Currency

The official unit of currency is the nuevo sol, consisting of 100 centimos.

### Government



Flag of Peru

Peru is a presidential republic. The country is composed of 25 regions and one province.

Peru is governed by a directly-elected President serving a 5-year term. The Council of Ministers is appointed by the President. The unicameral Congress of the Republic consists of 130 directly-elected members serving 5-year terms.

The legal system is based on a civil law system.

The capital is Lima.

### Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Holy Thursday	Variable
Good Friday	Variable
Labor Day	May 1
St. Peter and St. Paul	June 29
Independence Days	July 28-29
Santa Rosa of Lima	August 30
Battle of Angamos	October 8

Holiday	Date(s)
All Saints' Day	November 1
Immaculate Conception	December 8
Christmas Day	December 25

### Industries

The main industries are mining and refining of minerals, steel, metal fabrication, petroleum extraction and refining, natural gas production, fishing and fish processing, cement, glass, textiles, clothing, food processing, beer, soft drinks, rubber, machinery, electrical machinery, chemicals, and furniture.

The main exports are copper, gold, lead, zinc, iron ore, molybdenum, refined petroleum, tropical fruits, and fish meal. The main export-trading partners are China, the United States, Canada, South Korea, and Switzerland.

The main imports are petroleum and petroleum products, vehicles, and broadcast equipment. The main import-trading partners are China, the United States, and Brazil.

### Languages

Spanish, Quechua, and Aymara are the official languages.

### Meteorology

Weather bulletins are available, in Spanish, from the Peruvian Hydrographic Office (<https://www.dhn.mil.pe/portal>).

### Navigational Information

#### Enroute Volume

Pub. 125, Sailing Directions (Enroute) West Coast of South America.

#### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Peru are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	200 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	200 miles.
* Claims straight baselines. The 200-mile claim is without prejudice to freedom of international communication “in conformity with the laws and treaties ratified by the state.”	

#### Maritime Boundary Disputes

Dispute with Chile and Ecuador over the economic zone delineated by the maritime boundary.

#### Internet Maritime Safety Information

Navigational warnings are available, in English and Spanish, from the Peruvian Hydrographic Office (<https://www.dhn.mil.pe/portal>).

## Offshore Drilling

Oil installations are located off the coast of Peru between latitude 3°30'S and latitude 5°40'S. Each production platform is surmounted by a metal tower showing a white light from a height of 16m.

Navigating, anchoring, and fishing are prohibited within 0.5 mile of offshore tanker moorings and buoys used for the loading or discharging of inflammable liquids.

## Regulations

### Notice of Arrival

All vessels approaching a Peruvian port are required to report to the relevant Port Control Center to request permission to enter the local Control Area. The Control Area for any port is the area within a circle with a radius of 20 miles centered from the furthest seaward of the following:

1. The anchorage area.
2. The relevant mooring buoys.
3. The outermost buoys marking the approach channel.

This permission should be initially requested on VHF channel 16; further communications will then be conducted on VHF channel 13. All communications between the vessel and the Port Control Center will be in Spanish.

Vessels shall not exceed a speed of 5 knots when reaching a distance of 4 miles from the center of the Control Area.

Vessels within the Coastal Area, in transit or at anchor in the inner roads, near any pier, or moored at a sea buoy may only implement ship movements or carry out an operation with the permission of the Port Control Center.

### Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSA)

A PSSA is an area that requires special protection because of its vulnerability to damage caused by marine activities. Vessels operating in or near such an area should exercise the utmost care to avoid damage to the maritime environment and the marine organisms in it. No waste should be discharged overboard. Paracas National Park has been declared by the IMO to be a PSSA.

## Search and Rescue

The Coast Guard Operations Command (COMOPERGUARD) is responsible for coordinating maritime search and rescue operations.

Contact information for COMOPERGUARD, the Maritime

Rescue Coordination Center (MRCC) Peru, and the Maritime Rescue Coordination Subcenters (MRSC) associated with MRCC Peru can be found in the table titled **Peru—Search and Rescue Contact Information**.

A network of coast radio stations maintains a continuous listening watch on international distress frequencies.

## Ship Reporting System

The Peruvian Maritime Information System on Position and Safety is mandatory for all Peruvian vessels over 350 gt and all foreign vessels regardless of type and tonnage. The limits of the reporting area are the N and S maritime borders of Peru and a line 200 miles off the coast of Peru. The system is operated by the Peruvian Director General of Harbormasters and Coast Guards. Vessels not complying with the system can be subject to heavy fines. Further information can be found in the Appendix.

## Time Zone

The Time Zone description is ROMEO (+5). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

## Traffic Separation Schemes

Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) in Peru are, as follows:

1. Landfall and Approaches to Talara Bay. (IMO adopted)
2. Landfall and Approaches to Bahia de Paita. (IMO adopted)
3. Landfall off Puerto Salaverry. (IMO adopted)
4. Landfall and Approaches to Ferrol Bay (Puerto Chimbote). (IMO adopted)
5. Approaches to Callao. (IMO adopted)
6. Landfall and Approaches to Puerto San Martin, including Puerto Pisco. (IMO adopted)
7. Landfall and Approaches to San Nicolas Bay. (IMO adopted)
8. Landfall and Approaches to Puerto Ilo. (IMO adopted)

## U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is situated at Avenida La Encalada, Cuadra 17 s/n, Surco, Lima, 33.

Peru—Search and Rescue Contact Information			
	Telephone	Facsimile	E-mail
MRCC Callao	51-1-4202020	51-1-4291547	<a href="mailto:pemcc@dicapi.mil.pe">pemcc@dicapi.mil.pe</a>
MRCC Peru	51-1-4121085	51-1-4299798	<a href="mailto:pemcc@dicapi.mil.pe">pemcc@dicapi.mil.pe</a>
	51-1-4202020	51-1-4291547	
MRSC Mollendo	51-1-54-534383	51-1-54-534383	<a href="mailto:coстера.mollendo@dicapi.mil.pe">coстера.mollendo@dicapi.mil.pe</a>
MRSC Paita	51-1-73-211670	51-1-73-211670	<a href="mailto:coстера.paita@dicapi.mil.pe">coстера.paita@dicapi.mil.pe</a>

**U. S. Embassy Peru—Contact Information**

Mailing address	3230 Lima Place
	Washington, DC (20521-3230)
Telephone	51-1-618-2000
Facsimile	51-1-618-2724
E-mail	<a href="mailto:LimaACS@state.gov">LimaACS@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://pe.usembassy.gov">https://pe.usembassy.gov</a>



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The destination of messages is subject to constant change by local authorities. Vessels are advised to seek updated information through their agents in Peru. Vessels sending messages through the wrong station will incur a heavy fine.

Messages should be sent using one of the methods in the table titled **Message Methods**.

There are no other means of sending messages. Failed messages should be recorded, as copies will be required by the local Port Captains upon arrival.

Vessels should send reports, as follows:

1. An Entering Peruvian Waters (EPW) report upon entering the reporting area.
2. A Deviation Report (DR) to correct a report or Sailing Plan.
3. A Position Report (PR) at 0800 and 2000.

4. A Sailing Plan (SP) should be prepared by masters prior to departure from a Peruvian port. The local agent will provide the form and present it to the Port Captain.

5. A Departing Peruvian Waters (DPW) report upon leaving the reporting area for vessels not calling at a Peruvian port that have not filed an SP.

Message Methods	
Facsimile	51-1-429-1547
	51-1-420-0177
Telex	36-26042
E-mail	<a href="mailto:dicapi.traficomaritimo@dicapi.mil.pe">dicapi.traficomaritimo@dicapi.mil.pe</a>
	<a href="mailto:costera.callao@dicapi.mil.pe">costera.callao@dicapi.mil.pe</a>

Message reporting requirements and formats are given in the accompanying table. The information in each Designator is separated by a stroke (/).

The first line of each report is always SHIPREP/(message type: EPW, DR, PR, SP, or DPW).

Peruvian Maritime Information System on Position and Safety—Message Formats and Message Requirements					
Designator	Information	EPW	DR	PR	DPW
A	Message type (EPW, DR, PR, or DPW).	X	X	X	X
B	Vessel name, flag, and call sign.	X	X	X	X
C	Date and time of report (6 digits).	X	X	X	X
D	Last port of call.	X			
E	Position (latitude in degrees and minutes S and longitude in degrees and minutes W).	X	X	X	X
F	True course in degrees (3 digits).	X	X	X	
G	Speed in knots (to nearest knot—2 digits).	X	X	X	
H	Destination.	X	X	X	X
I	ETA (6 digits as in C).	X	X	X	
J	Anticipated route, with a maximum of six waypoints (positions reported as in E).	X	X		
K	Vessel's local agent.	X	X		
X	Reason for deviation; changes in ETA or speed; date and time of deviation (6 digits as in C); position of deviation (reported as in E); course.		X		



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## General

The Philippines is located in Southeast Asia, between the Philippine Sea and the South China Sea, E of Vietnam.

The climate is tropical marine with the Northeast Monsoon from November to April and the Southwest Monsoon from May to October. The rainy season occurs from June through November. Mean temperatures are high all year, with very little variation.

The terrain is mostly mountains, with narrow to extensive coastal lowlands.

## Areas to be Avoided

An IMO-designated Area to be Avoided (ATBA) and a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) surround Tubbataha Reefs in the Sulu Sea. Vessels of 150 gt and over should avoid the co-located ATBA and PSSA, which are bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 9°17'45.0"N, 119°47'47.4"E.
- 9°04'43.8"N, 120°12'45.6"E.
- 8°49'37.8"N, 120°13'59.4"E.
- 8°29'37.8"N, 119°53'09.6"E.
- 8°36'09.0"N, 119°35'27.6"E.
- 9°11'03.6"N, 119°36'40.2"E.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region B) is in effect, although buoyage of the previous United States System may still be found.

Lighted beacons are frequently irregular or extinguished. Buoys are often missing, damaged, off station, unlit, or different than charted.

See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

## Cautions

### Floating Debris

During the rainy season, a sharp lookout must be maintained for flotsam. Rafts of vegetation and trees of immense size have been found floating in many areas, but especially off the S coast of Luzon.

Trees and logs may be encountered a considerable distance offshore in the Sulu Sea. Driftwood and other debris may be encountered in the vicinity of Balabac Strait (7°30'N., 117°00'E.).

## Tide Rips

Tide rips, 150 miles long and from 0.75 to 1 mile wide, may be encountered in the Sulu Sea during spring tides. Breaking waves up to 3.3m high have been reported in the tide rips. These tide rips appear to be generated by tidal action in Sibutu Passage (4°52'N., 119°39'E.) where the tides at each end of the passage are about 4 hours out of phase, resulting in a series of waves being formed, 6 miles from crest to crest, moving NNW across the Sulu Sea towards Palawan.

## Typhoon Havens

A typhoon haven is a port, harbor, or anchorage where a vessel may seek shelter from a tropical cyclone. Although they may provide excellent shelter from typhoons, it should not be assumed they offer shelter from all directions or are suitable for all types of vessels. There is usually ample warning of the approach of a typhoon and its probable path. A haven should be chosen which gives the best protection from the winds which will prevail during the storm.

Typhoon havens are located, as follows:

- Halsey Harbor (11°45'07.2"N., 119°56'32.4"E.).
- Port Uson (12°00'00.0"N., 120°09'10.2"E.).
- Araceli Bay (10°33'31.8"N., 119°59'03.0"E.)—small vessels.
- Langcan Bay (10°30'59.4"N., 119°54'39.0"E.)—small vessels.
- Pasco Channel (10°06'33.0"N., 119°13'33.0"E.)—small vessels.
- Puerto Princesa (9°44'36.0"N., 118°43'39.0"E.).
- Coral Bay (8°26'0.0"N., 117°24'00.0"E.).
- Dalrymple Harbor (6°01'00.0"N., 121°19'30.0"E.).
- Basilan City (Isabela) (6°42'21.0"N., 121°58'14.4"E.).
- Masinloc Anchorage (6°54'46.2"N., 122°10'10.2"E.).
- Port Banga (7°31'00.0"N., 122°26'00.0"E.).
- Port Sibulan (7°28'00.0"N., 122°55'00.0"E.).
- Soguicay Bay (12°20'00.0"N., 121°25'00.0"E.).
- Looc Bay (12°14'00.0"N., 122°00'00.0"E.).
- Bani Island (12°34'30.0"N., 124°22'00.0"E.)—small vessels.
- Port Aguirre (11°49'00.0"N., 124°42'00.0"E.).
- Port Busainga (13°06'33.6"N., 123°02'05.4"E.)—small vessels.
- Port Busin (13°07'27.6"N., 122°58'34.8"E.).
- Santo Nino Island (11°54'24.6"N., 124°26'06.0"E.).
- Sorsogon Bay (12°55'00.0"N., 123°55'00.0"E.).
- Valley Cove (17°50'07.8"N., 122°09'37.8"E.)—boats and small vessels.
- Casiguran Bay (16°13'00.0"N., 122°05'00.0"E.).
- Hook Bay (14°56'30.0"N., 121°50'10.8"E.).
- Lamit Bay (13°56'48.0"N., 123°31'18.0"E.).
- Pitogo Bay (13°47'37.8"N., 123°57'37.8"E.).
- Helm Harbor (12°18'00.0"N., 125°21'00.0"E.).
- Matarinao Bay (11°15'00.0"N., 125°35'00.0"E.).
- Port San Vicente (18°30'42.0"N., 122°08'36.0"E.).
- Subic Bay (14°48'00.0"N., 120°14'00.0"E.).
- Manila Bay (14°35'00.0"N., 120°45'00.0"E.).

For further information, see Pub. 162, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Philippine Islands.

## Magnetic Anomalies

**Surigao Strait.**—Local compass deflections have been re-

ported (2000) in the vicinity of position 10°29.0'N, 125°23.0'E.

**Balabac Strait.**—A local magnetic anomaly has been observed W of Balabac Strait between positions located 10 miles W to 33 miles NNW of Pulau Kalampunian (7°03'N., 116°45'E.).

**Northeast coast of Mindanao.**—Compass deflections are reported to occur between Claver Point (9°36'N., 125°44'E.) and Tugas Point, about 15 miles ESE. The deflections are caused by iron ore deposits.

#### Marine Nature Reserve

Batanes Protected Seascape and Landscape Nature Reserve has been established around the **Batan Islands** (20°40'N., 121°50'E.). It is reported commercial fishing is prohibited within the reserve. For further information, contact the local authorities.

#### Maritime Areas of Common Concern

A cooperative agreement between Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines has established Maritime Areas of Common Concern and associated ship reporting systems in the vicinity of the southern Sulu Sea, the Sulu Archipelago, and the northwestern Celebes Sea. Within this area multiple Transit Corridors, established to mitigate the threat to shipping, have been established in these areas, including Basilan Strait, Moro Gulf, Alice Strait, and Sibutu Passage. For further information, see **Philippines—Routes** and **Philippines—Ship Reporting System**.

#### Piracy

Incidents of armed robbery have been reported (2017) in Manila Bay.

Vessels operating in the Voluntary Community Reporting Area (VCR) are strongly encouraged to report all cyber attack incidents and any interference on radio frequencies, radars, GPS, and AIS. For further information on the VCR, see **Pacific Ocean—Ship Reporting System**.

#### Offshore Mining

Offshore mining operations may be encountered in Bubuyan Channel.

#### Currency

The official unit of currency is the peso, consisting of 100 centavos.

#### Firing Areas

An area in which missile firing exercises may take place lies within 150 miles of the W coast of Luzon between Scarborough Reef (15°09'N., 117°45'E.) and Stewart Bank (17°11'N., 118°39'E.).

Several uncharted naval exercise areas are located along the coasts of Subic Bay.

#### Fishing Areas

All the waters off the Philippines should be considered as potential fishing grounds. Mariners are advised to keep a good

lookout for fish traps, seine and drift nets, lines, lures, and bottom trawling.

Fishing craft can vary in size from traditional boats of as little as 3m long to modern trawlers 15m or more in length. Large concentrations of vessels may be encountered in coastal waters, with smaller groups found in more open waters.

Large cylindrical metal buoys about 6m long and 1m in diameter have been reported to be used as fishing floats in the Celebes Sea. They are unlit but may be detected by radar at a distance of about 4 miles.

Large numbers of fish aggregating devices (FADs), normally consisting of unlit steel pontoons with fishing topmarks, are moored along the W coast of Luzon about 30 miles N of San Fernando Harbor (16°38'N., 120°18'E.). The positions of the FADs are not announced in advance and are not patrolled. They are difficult to detect, either by eye or by radar, and are a significant navigational hazard.

#### Government



Flag of the Philippines

The Philippines is a presidential republic. The country is divided into 81 provinces and 38 chartered cities.

The Philippines is governed by a directly-elected President serving a 6-year term. The Cabinet is appointed by the President. The bicameral Congress consists of a 24-member directly-elected Senate, serving 6-years terms, and a 316-member directly-elected House of Representatives, serving 3-year terms.

The legal system is based on civil, common, Islamic, and customary law.

The capital is Manila.

#### Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
EDSA Revolution Day (People's Power Day)	February 22
Holy Thursday	Variable
Good Friday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
Bataan and Corregidor Heroes' Day	April 9

Holiday	Date(s)
Labor Day	May 1
Independence Day	June 12
Manila Day	June 24
Quezon City Day	August 19
Ninoy Aquino Day	August 21
National Heroes Day	August 31
All Saints' Day	November 1
Bonifacio Day	November 30
Christmas Day	December 25
Rizal Day	December 30
New Year's Eve	December 31

## Industries

The main industries are semiconductors and electronics assembly, business process outsourcing, food and beverage manufacturing, construction, electric/gas/water supply, chemicals products, radio/television/communications equipment, petroleum and fuel, textiles and clothing, non-metallic minerals, basic metal industries, and transport equipment.

The main exports are integrated circuits, office machinery and parts, insulated wiring, semiconductors, and transformers. The main export-trading partners are China, the United States, Japan, Hong Kong, and Singapore.

The main imports are integrated circuits, crude and refined petroleum, vehicles, and broadcast equipment. The main import-trading partners are China, Japan, South Korea, the United States, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, and Taiwan.

## Languages

Filipino (based on Tagalog) and English are the official languages. Eight other major dialects are also spoken.

## Meteorology

Shipping synopsis and forecasts are available, in English, from the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (<https://bagong.pagsa.dost.gov.ph/index.php>).

## Mined Areas

The following areas are declared dangerous due to mines laid during World War II. Due to the lapse of time the risk in these areas to surface navigation is now considered no more dangerous than the ordinary risks to navigation but a very real risk exists with regard to anchoring, fishing, submarine, or sea bed activity. The following areas off Banggi Island and in Balabac Strait are dangerous:

1. Main Channel E of longitude 117°09'E.
2. Mangsee Channel E of longitude 117°14'E.
3. Mangsee Danger Bank S of latitude 7°33'E.
4. The shallows around and waters E of Mangsee Great

Reef (7°27'N., 117°14'E.).

A prohibited anchorage area has been established in Guimaras Strait due to the presence of control-type mines. All control cables to the mines have been severed. The area is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 10°23'N, 122°40'E.
- b. 10°30'N, 122°40'E.
- c. 10°30'N, 122°50'E.
- d. 10°23'N, 122°50'E.

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

Pub. 162, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Philippine Islands.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of the Philippines are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	The Limit of Exploitation.
* Claims archipelagic status.	

### Maritime Boundary Disputes

Involved in a complex dispute with Vietnam, China, Taiwan, Malaysia, and Brunei over the Spratly Islands (8°38'N., 111°55'E.). The 2002-issued *Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea* has eased tensions but falls short of a legally-binding code of conduct desired by several of the disputants. For further information, see **China—Navigational Information—Maritime Boundary Disputes**.

Conducting negotiations with Palau to delineate maritime boundaries.

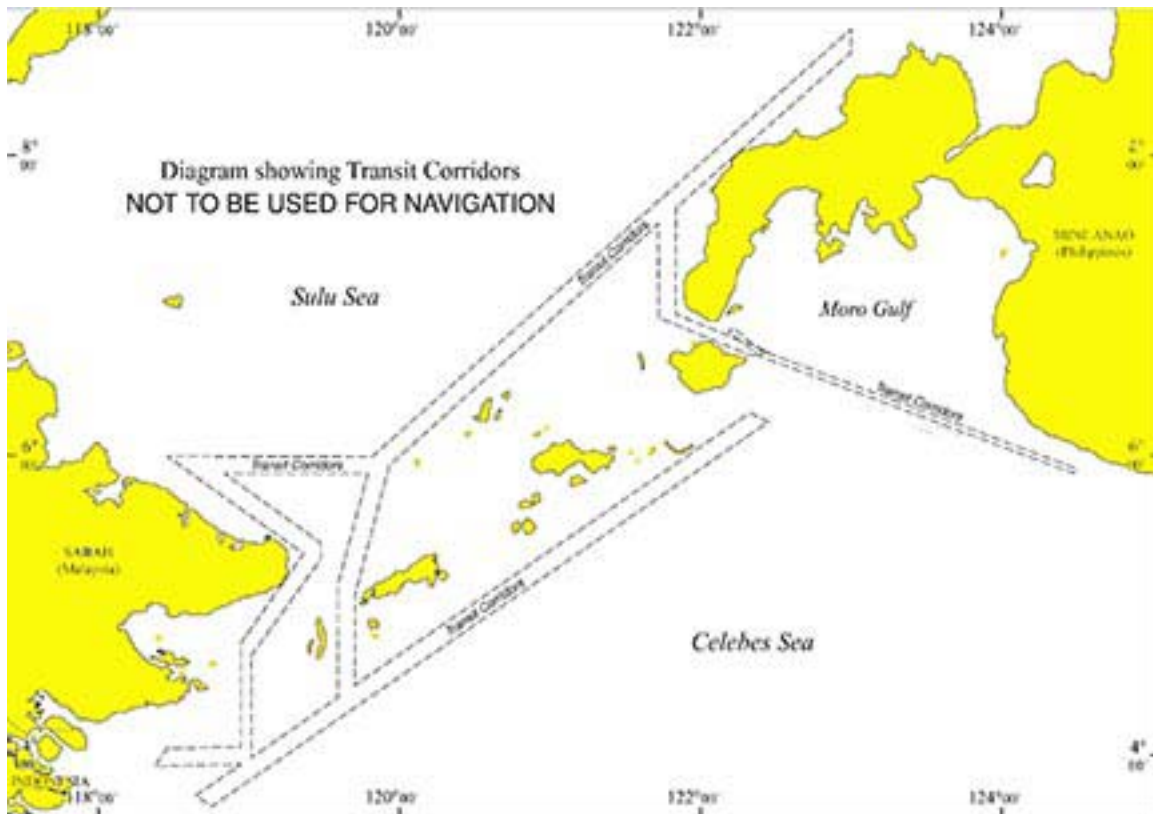
### Internet Maritime Safety Information

Notice to Mariners are available, in English, from the Philippine National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (<https://www.namria.gov.ph/download.php>).

## Offshore Drilling

Significant oil and gas exploration activities take place off the N extremity of Palawan. Oil and gas fields are located, as follows:

1. South Nido Oil Field (11°03'N., 118°50'E.) consists of two production platforms and a storage vessel.
2. Cadio Oil Field (11°28'N., 118°59'E.) consists of four production platforms, two SBMs, and a storage vessel. It has been reported this oil field is not longer in production.
3. Malampaya Gas Field (11°32'N., 119°07'E.) consists of a platform and an SBM.
4. West Linapacan Oil Terminal (11°49'N., 119°07'E.) is abandoned and awaiting redevelopment.
5. Galoc Oil Field, consisting of the FPSO Rubicon Intrepid (11°58.7'N., 119°18.3'E.).



**Sabah, Sulu Archipelago, and Mindanao Transit Corridors**

## Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory in all pilotage districts, although exemptions are usually granted to local coastal vessels. Pilotage districts are, as follows:

1. Bataan (11°35'N., 122°30'E.).
2. Batangas (13°44'N., 121°00'E.).
3. Cagayan de Oro (8°29'N., 124°39'E.).
4. Capiz (11°36'N., 122°42'E.).
5. Casiguran Bay (16°13'N., 122°06'E.).
6. Catbalogan (11°47'N., 124°53'E.).
7. Cebu (10°19'N., 123°54'E.).
8. Davao City (7°04'N., 125°37'E.).
9. Dagupan River (16°04'N., 120°20'E.).
10. Dumaguete (9°19'N., 123°19'E.).
11. Estancia (11°27'N., 123°09'E.).
12. General Santos (6°06'N., 125°10'E.).
13. Iligan City (8°14'N., 124°14'E.).
14. Iloilo (10°42'N., 122°34'E.).
15. Jolo (6°03'N., 121°00'E.).
16. Jose Panganiban (14°21'N., 122°40'E.).
17. La Union (16°44'N., 126°05'E.).
18. Legaspi City (13°09'N., 123°45'E.).
19. Maasin (10°08'N., 124°50'E.).
20. Manila Bay (14°35'N., 120°45'E.).
21. Masao (9°01'N., 125°30'E.).
22. Masbate (12°22'N., 123°37'E.).
23. Masinloc Anchorage (6°55'N., 122°10'E.).
24. Mercedes (14°07'N., 123°00'E.).
25. New Washington (11°39'N., 122°26'E.).
26. Polloc (7°21'N., 124°14'E.).
27. Port Masinloc (15°32'N., 119°36'E.).
28. Port Surigao (9°47'N., 125°30'E.).
29. Puerto Princesa (9°44'N., 118°43'E.).
30. Pulpandan (10°31'N., 122°48'E.).
31. San Fernando (10°10'N., 123°43'E.).
32. Santa Cruz (13°30'N., 122°03'E.).
33. Siain (13°57'N., 122°01'E.).
34. Subic Bay (14°48'N., 120°14'E.).
35. Tabaco (13°24'N., 123°45'E.).
36. Tacloban City (11°14'N., 125°00'E.).
37. Tagbilaran (9°39'N., 123°51'E.).
38. Zamboanga (6°54'N., 122°04'E.).

Vessels requiring the services of a pilot outside of a pilotage district or between pilotage districts should give at least 24 hours notice.

The following visual signals should be made when requesting a pilot:

1. By day.—International Code flag G.
2. At night.—A blue light shown every 15 minutes or a white light flashed at short intervals just above the bulwark for about 1 minute.

The United Harbor Pilots Association of the Philippines is

the umbrella organization for pilotage in the Philippines.

United Harbor Pilots Association—Contact Information	
Telephone	63-32-2602169
Facsimile	63-32-2563242
E-mail	<a href="mailto:uhpap@ymail.com">uhpap@ymail.com</a>

**Regulations**

**Quarantine**

All vessels arriving from a foreign port are subject to quarantine inspection upon entry to any port in the Philippines.

A request for quarantine inspection should be included in the Notice of Arrival form, completed by the vessel’s agent and forwarded to the appropriate port authority, 48 hours prior to the vessel’s ETA.

Vessels are required to display the yellow flag at its foremast and proceed to the quarantine anchorage.

Quarantine Central Office (manila)—Contact Information	
Telephone	63-2-3019100
Facsimile	63-2-5274648
E-mail	<a href="mailto:info@quarantine.doh.gov.ph">info@quarantine.doh.gov.ph</a>

**Single-Hull Tankers**

It has been reported (2008) that single-hull tankers are not allowed to operate in the Philippines.

**Port Entry Procedures**

All vessels entering or leaving any Philippine port or harbor shall display their national flag as well as their call sign until boarded by the proper officials. The national flag shall continue to be displayed while the vessel is in port.

**Power Vessels Engaged in Towing**

Power vessels engaged in towing shall have the right-of-way

over power vessels not engaged in towing; however, power vessels with a draft greater than 3m shall have the right-of-way in deep and narrow channels. Vessels should take into account that a vessel going against the tide or current is more maneuverable than one going with it.

**Routes**

**Moro Gulf Transit Corridor**

A Recommended Transit Corridor (RTC) has been established in Moro Gulf for vessels navigating to and from Basilan Strait (6°50’N., 122°00’E.). It has been established to allow Philippines law enforcement to monitor vessel traffic and deter acts of piracy. The RTC is not a Traffic Separation Scheme and is not marked by any aids to navigation.

For further information, see Pub. 162, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Philippine Islands.

**Sulu Archipelago Transit Corridors**

Recommended Transit Corridors (RTC) have been established between the E coast of Sabah, the Sulu Archipelago, and the W coast of Mindanao. The RTCs are not Traffic Separation Schemes and are not marked by any aids to navigation.

For further information, mariners are advised to consult the following documents for further information:

1. Marine Department of Malaysia Sabah Region Notice to Mariners 14/2017 (<https://www.marine.gov.my>).
2. Republic of the Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources NAMRIA-NAVPHIL 84/2017 (<https://www.namria.gov.ph>).

A reporting system is in effect in this area. For further information, see **Philippines—Ship Reporting Systems**.

**Search and Rescue**

The Manila Rescue Coordination Center at the headquarters of the Philippine Coast Guard is responsible for coordinating search and rescue operations. Contact information for MRCC Philippines and its associated Maritime Rescue Coordination Subcenters (MRSC) can be found in the table titled **Philippines—Search and Rescue Contact Information**.

Philippines—Search and Rescue Contact Information			
	Telephone	Facsimile	E-mail
MRCC Philippines	63-2-85278481	63-2-85273877	<a href="mailto:pcgcomcen@coastguard.gov.ph">pcgcomcen@coastguard.gov.ph</a>
	63-917-7243682		
	63-998-5855327		
MRSC Manila	63-2-5273882	—	<a href="mailto:ncrcl@coastguard.gov.ph">ncrcl@coastguard.gov.ph</a> <a href="mailto:ncrcl3@gmail.com">ncrcl3@gmail.com</a>
	63-917-8218124		
	63-998-5858198		
MRSC Cebu	63-32-2685274	—	<a href="mailto:cgdcv@coastguard.gov.ph">cgdcv@coastguard.gov.ph</a> <a href="mailto:viscom_opns@yahoo.com">viscom_opns@yahoo.com</a>
	63-917-8427102		
	63-998-5858301		

Philippines—Search and Rescue Contact Information			
	Telephone	Facsimile	E-mail
MRSC Zamboanga	63-62-9931004	—	cgdswm@coastguard.gov.ph hcgdswm@yahoo.com
	63-917-8428446		
	63-998-5857972		
MRSC Palawan	63-48-4332974	—	cgpal@coastguard.gov.ph
	63-917-8161072		
	63-998-5858465		
MRSC Batangas	63-43-7235462	—	cgdstl@coastguard.gov.ph
	63-917-8426633		cgdstl.actioncenter@coastguard.gov.ph
	63-909-8587956		hcgdstl_opn@yahoo.com
MRSC Iloilo	63-33-3354594	—	cgdvw@coastguard.gov.ph
	63-917-8428447		
	63-998-5858301		
MRSC La Union (San Fernando)	63-72-7004474	63-72-7004474	cgdnwln@coastguard.gov.ph
	63-917-8088412		
	63-998-5858578		
MRSC Davao	63-82-2350002	63-82-2350002	cgdsem@coastguard.gov.ph coastguardsem@yahoo.com
	63-917-8313197		
	63-998-5858479		
MRSC Bicol (Legaspi)	63-52-8206364	—	cgdbicol@coastguard.gov.ph
	63-917-8426820		
	63-998-5856438		
MRSC Cagayan de Oro	63-88-8805956	—	cgdnm@coastguard.gov.ph
	63-917-8428196		
	63-998-5856239		
MRSC Tacloban	63-53-5612890	—	cgdev@coastguard.gov.ph
	63-917-8427656		
	63-998-5858320		
MRSC Aparri	63-78-8880320	—	cgdnelzn.operation@coastguard.gov.ph cgdnortheasternluzon@gmail.com
	63-917-8012545		
	63-998-5856229		
MRSC Negros Occidental	63-998-5858103	—	cgdsv@coastguard.gov.ph

Maritime Area of Common Concerns—Contact Information		
Agency	E-mail	Telephone
National Coast Watch Center	nwatchcenter@gmail.com	63-2-2413104
Naval Operations Center, Philippine Navy	noc@nav.ph	63-917-8512708
	hpn.noc@navy.mil.ph	63-2-5244981
Coast Guard Action Center, Philippine Coast Guard	cgac@coastguard.gov.ph	63-917-7243682
		63-2-5273877



Maritime Area of Common Concerns—Contact Information		
Agency	E-mail	Telephone
Maritime Command Center Tawau Malaysia	mcctawau2@gmail.com	60-89-775600
		60-89-779777
		60-89-982623 (1700-0800)
Maritime Command Center Tarakan Indonesia	mcctarakan2@gmail.com	62-551-3806288
	mcc_tarakan@tnial.mid.id	62-551-3806289
Naval Forces Western Mindanao Operations Center	nfwm.nfoc@navy.mil.ph	63-917-6860681
	nfoc.wm@gmail.com	
Maritime Research Information Center (MRIC)	mric@nav.ph	63-917-7085248
		63-2-8431833
Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM) Malaysia	bilikgerakan_esscom@jpm.gov.my	60-89-863181
Maritime Department Malaysia, Sabah Region	aisjlsbh@marine.gov.my	60-88-401111

A network of coast radio stations maintains a continuous listening watch on international distress frequencies.

## Ship Reporting System

### Local Ship Reporting Systems

Local ship reporting systems operate in the following locations:

1. Balabac Strait (7°34'N., 116°41'E.).
2. Basilan Strait (6°50'N., 122°05'E.).
3. Capones Island (14°55'N., 119°50'E.).
4. Capul Island, San Bernardino Strait (12°25'N., 124°10'E.).
5. Sibutu Passage (4°50'N., 119°37'E.).

For further information, see Pub. 162, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Philippine Islands.

### Sulu Archipelago Transit Corridor—Indonesia, Malaysia, and Philippines Area of Concern Ship Reporting System

The prevailing security situation (2017) in the vicinity of Sabah (Malaysia), the Pangutaran Group (Philippines), and the Sulu Archipelago (Philippines) has required the establishment of a Ship Reporting System in conjunction with the Sulu Archipelago Transit Corridor. The area covered by the reporting system is the boundary of the Maritime Area of Common Concerns, which is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 7°11'00"N, 118°32'00"E.
- b. 5°48'00"N, 120°30'00"E.
- c. 4°48'00"N, 120°30'00"E.
- d. 3°11'33"N, 119°23'52"E.
- e. 3°56'00"N, 118°22'30"E.
- f. 5°21'00"N, 119°21'30"E.
- g. 6°21'00"N, 117°57'00"E.

Vessels are required to report to the authorities listed in the table titled **Maritime Area of Common Concerns—Contact Information** at least 24 hours prior to entering the Maritime Area, detailing the vessel's complete routing information.

Vessels should also report the following information to the

monitoring station upon establishing voice radio contact:

“SECURITY, SECURITY.....THIS IS (NAME OF VESSEL)

I AM ENTERING (NAME OF SEA LANE, EX: SIBUTU PASSAGE, BASELAN STRAIT, ETC.)

WITH A SPEED OF \_\_\_\_ AND COURSE \_\_\_\_

PRESENT POSITION: (LATITUDE/LONGITUDE) OR AT VICINITY (NEAREST POINT OF REFERENCE)

STATUS: (I.E. UNDERWAY, ALL IS WELL, UNDER ATTACK, OR IN DISTRESS)”

**NOTE.**—IF UNDER ATTACK, REQUEST IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE/RESCUE

Vessels are also required to submit Position Reports and Situation Reports as they enter the designated transit corridors and then every hour afterwards, as necessary.

### Information Fusion Center Voluntary Reporting Area

The Philippines is located within the area covered by the Information Fusion Center Voluntary Reporting Area. For further information, see **Pacific Ocean—Ship Reporting System**.

## Signals

### Storm Warning Signals

Storm warning signals, which are listed in the table titled **Philippines—Storm Warning Signals**, are managed by the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical Astronomic Services Administration (PAGASA) and displayed are displayed at the following Philippine ports:

1. Baler (15°50'N., 121°35'E.).
2. Port Borongan (11°37'N., 125°29'E.).
3. Cagayan de Oro (8°29'N., 124°39'E.).
4. Cagayan de Sulu (6°58'N., 118°31'E.).
5. Catarman (12°30'N., 124°39'E.).
6. Catbalogan (11°47'N., 124°53'E.).
7. Cebu (10°19'N., 123°54'E.).

8. Coron (12°00'N., 120°12'E.).
9. Cotabato City (7°14'N., 124°15'E.).
10. Davao City (7°04'N., 125°37'E.).
11. Dipolog (8°35'N., 123°20'E.).
12. Dumaguete (9°19'N., 123°19'E.).
13. General Santos (6°06'N., 125°10'E.).
14. Guiuan (11°02'N., 125°43'E.).
  
15. Hinatuan (8°22'N., 126°20'E.).
16. Iloilo (10°42'N., 122°34'E.).
17. Jolo (6°03'N., 121°00'E.).
18. Legaspi City (13°09'N., 123°45'E.).
19. Maasin (10°08'N., 124°50'E.).
20. Masbate (12°22'N., 123°37'E.).
21. Port Olongapo (14°49'N., 120°17'E.).
22. Port Surigao (9°47'N., 125°30'E.).
23. Puerto Princesa (9°44'N., 118°43'E.).
24. Romblon (12°35'N., 122°16'E.).
25. Roxas City (11°36'N., 122°42'E.).
26. San Jose, Mindoro (12°21'N., 121°04'E.).
27. Tacloban City (11°14'N., 125°00'E.).
28. Tagbilaran (9°39'N., 123°51'E.).
29. Virac (13°33'N., 124°16'E.).
30. Zamboanga (6°54'N., 122°04'E.).

The following storm warning signals are primarily intended for the general public with special emphasis on land areas:

1. **Signal No. 1.**—The siren signal is reported as one long blast, each lasting 45 seconds. There is an existing disturbance. A wind velocity of 30 to 54 miles per hour is expected in the locality within the next 24 hours.

If the storm signal coincides with any time signal in the locality, sounding the storm signal will be delayed 10 minutes.

If the intensity of the disturbance remains the same, the signal will be repeated at 6:10 A.M., 12:10 P.M., and 6:10 P.M. each day. If the disturbance intensifies, any of the two signals given below may be sounded for the place. If the disturbance dissipates and moves away no more signal will be given.

2. **Signal No. 2.**—The siren signal is reported as two long blasts, duration 45 seconds each. A disturbance is approaching the locality. A wind of 55 to 74 miles per hour is expected in the locality within the next 24 hours.

Children are advised to stay indoors. Strengthen houses of light material and take necessary precautions. This signal will be given any time that such force of the wind is expected within the next 24 hours.

If the intensity of the disturbance remains the same the sound signal will be repeated during the following times: 6:10 A.M., 12:10 P.M., 6:10 P.M., and 12:10 A.M.

If the disturbance intensifies, the third signal discussed below will be given in the above schedule. In case the disturbance diminishes the first signal will be given. If the disturbance dissipates no more signal will be given. The interval between blasts will be 30 seconds.

3. **Signal No. 3.**—The siren signal is reported as three long blasts, duration 45 seconds each. The disturbance is dangerous for the locality. A wind of 75 miles per hour or more is expected in the locality within the next 12 hours, usually accompanied by heavy rains.

All necessary precautions will be given, great danger to life and property will be expected.

This signal will be given any time that such force of the wind is expected within the next 12 hours. If the intensity remains the same the signal will be given at 6:10 A.M., 12:10 P.M., 6:10 P.M., 12:10 A.M., and/or a flag displayed accordingly.

If the disturbance weakens or moves away, any one of the two signals given above may be sounded and/or displayed accordingly.

#### Customs Signals

Customs signals which may be used in Philippine ports are, as follows:

1. Day—Flags E, H, and C, vertically disposed, of the International Code.
2. Night—Three or four short blasts and waving a light.

#### Pilot Signals

See Pilotage.

#### Maneuvering Signals

Maneuvering signals which may be used in Philippine ports are, as follows:

1. Day—Flag D of the International Code.
2. Night—A red light displayed 1m vertically below the white anchor light.

#### Time Zone

The Time Zone description is HOTEL (-8). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

Philippines—Storm Warning Signals		
Day	Night	Meaning
One black ball	One white light over one green light	Winds of unspecified direction, with velocities of 22 to 33 knots, are expected within 24 hours. The direction may be indicated by a cone or cones below the ball.
One black triangle, point up	Two red lights, vertically disposed	Winds from the NW quadrant, with velocities of 34 to 63 knots, are expected within 24 hours.
One black triangle, point down	Two white lights, vertically disposed	Winds from the SW quadrant, with velocities of 34 to 63 knots, are expected within 24 hours.
Two black triangles, points up, vertically disposed	One red light over one white light	Winds from the NE quadrant, with velocities of 34 to 63 knots, are expected within 24 hours.

Philippines—Storm Warning Signals		
Day	Night	Meaning
Two black triangles, points down, vertically disposed	One white light over one red light	Winds from the SE quadrant, with velocities of 34 to 63 knots, are expected within 24 hours.
One horizontal black cylinder	No signal	The wind will be blowing from the direction and at the speed indicated by the triangles, but will shift within 24 hours in a clockwise direction.
Two horizontal black cylinders, one above the other	No signal	The wind will be blowing from the direction and at the speed indicated by the triangles, but will shift within 24 hours in a counterclockwise direction.
One black cross	One green light between two red lights, vertically disposed	Typhoon winds of unspecified direction, with velocities of 64 knots and over, are expected within 24 hours. The direction may be indicated by an additional signal.

**Traffic Separation Schemes**

Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) in the Philippines are, as follows:

1. Verde Island Passage. (Government of Philippines)
2. Approaches to Manila Bay. (Government of Philippines)
3. Approaches to Manila Harbor. (Government of Philippines)
4. Mactan Channel, Cebu. (Government of Philippines)
5. Malapascua Island. (Government of Philippines)
6. Batangas Bay. (Government of Philippines)
7. Subic Bay. (Government of Philippines)
8. Puerto Princesa. (Government of Philippines)

**U.S. Embassy**

The U.S. Embassy is situated at 1201 Roxas Boulevard, Manila.

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Web site	<a href="https://ph.usembassy.gov">https://ph.usembassy.gov</a>

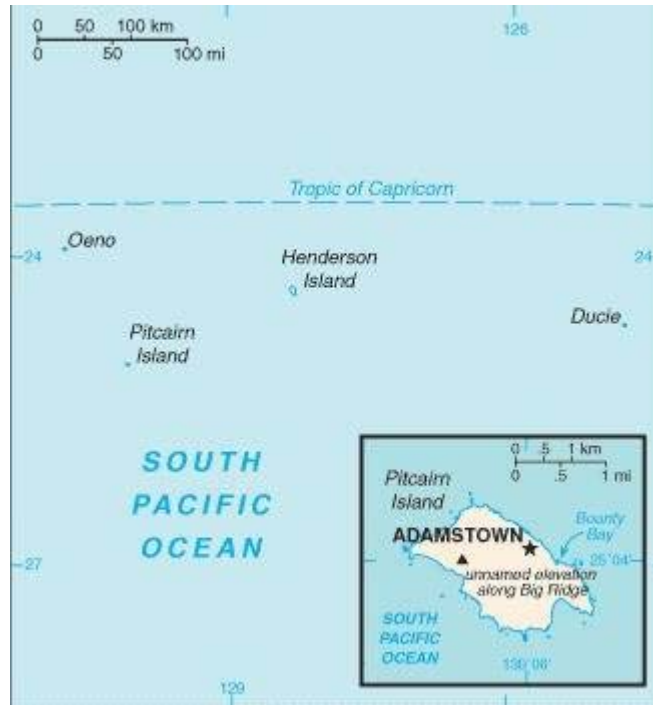
**Vessel Traffic Service**

Mandatory Vessel Traffic Management Systems are in operation, as follows:

1. In Manila Bay, the ports within Manila Bay, and within 20 miles of the coast of Corregidor Island.
2. In those areas of Batangas Bay and its approaches, Balayan Bay and its approaches, and Verde Island Passage within the range of the radar tracking station and visible to the radar monitor.

Further information can be obtained in Pub. 162, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Philippine Islands.

U. S. Embassy Philippines—Contact Information	
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## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the New Zealand dollar, consisting of 100 cents.

## Government

## General

The Pitcairn Islands, a dependent territory of the United Kingdom, consist of four islands. They are Pitcairn Island, Oeno Island, Ducie Island, and Henderson Island.

Pitcairn Island, the largest and only inhabited island of the group, is located in the South Pacific Ocean about 25°04'S, 130°06'W. It is a small irregularly-shaped island about 2 miles long by 1 mile wide; its highest point, near the W end of the island, rises to a peak of 305m.

The coast consists of high almost vertical cliffs, except at Bounty Bay and a small cove on the W side of the island. There are no rivers, but abundant rainfall ensures fresh water, and the island is most productive. The soil, of decomposed lava and rich black earth, is very fertile.

The climate is tropical being hot and humid. It is modified by the Southeast Trade Winds. The rainy season is from November to March.

The terrain is composed of rugged volcanic formations and the rocky coastline has cliffs.



**Flag of the Pitcairn Islands**

The Pitcairn Islands is a parliamentary democracy and an overseas territory of the United Kingdom.

King Charles III is recognized as the Chief of State and is represented by the High Commissioner of New Zealand and a non-resident Governor.

The Pitcairn Islands is governed by a directly-elected Mayor

-serving a 3-year term. The unicameral Island Council consists of seven directly-elected members serving 1-year terms and three ex-officio members.

The legal system is based on local island by-laws.

The capital is Adamstown.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Good Friday	Variable
Easter Monday	Variable
Bounty Day	April 28
Bank Holiday	First Monday in May
King's Birthday	Second Saturday in June
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26

## Industries

The main industries are postage stamps, handicrafts, bee-keeping, and honey.

The main exports are leather footwear, gas turbine parts, precious metal ores, clothing, and beef. The main export-trading partners are South Africa, Canada, Germany, Czech Republic, El Salvador, and Spain.

The main imports are crude and refined petroleum, food, plastics, and iron fasteners. The main import-trading partners are Ecuador and New Zealand

## Languages

English is the official language, but the dialect of Pitcairn, a mixture of English and Tahitian, is also spoken.

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

Pub. 126, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Pacific Islands.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of the Pitcairn Islands are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea	3 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.

## Regulations

**Marine Nature Reserves.**—The area comprising the Exclusive Economic Zone and the territorial seas of Pitcairn Island, Henderson Island, Ducie Island, and Oeno Island is established as the Pitcairn Islands Marine Protected Area. Numerous restrictions and prohibitions are in effect in this area. For further information, see the Pitcairn Islands web site (<http://www.government.ph>).

## Time Zone

The Time Zone description is UNIFORM (+8). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

## U.S. Embassy

There are no U.S. diplomatic offices.



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## General

Russia is located in Northern Asia, bordering the Arctic

Ocean, between Europe and the North Pacific Ocean.

The Pacific, or E coast of Russia is formed over about 7,100 miles of rugged coastline from Chukotskiy Poluostrov, at the Bering Strait, to the N border of Korea. The N most provinces, which are washed by the Bering Sea, are desolate and sparsely populated except near the S end of Kamchatka, a large peninsula situated off the W end of the Aleutian chain.

The climate is varied from subtropical with abundant rainfall, to extremely cold winters with short cool summers.

In general, Russia has a continental type of climate, which is characterized by cold winters and warm summers.

The terrain is characterized by a broad plain with low hills W of the Ural Mountains.

There is vast forest and tundra in Siberia with uplands and mountains along the S border regions.

### The Sea of Okhotsk

Formed within Kamchatka, the Kuril Islands, Sakhalin, and the Russian mainland, the Sea of Okhotsk is about 1,350 miles in length but of no great importance because of its rugged and sparsely settled condition.

Fishing is the major occupation but navigation is difficult during the season because of heavy fog and the lack of navigational aids.

Tidal ranges are great in the N and W extremities of the sea and phosphorescence in the water is a phenomenon of the region.

### The Sea of Japan

Formed within the Japanese Islands, Russia, and Korea, the Sea of Japan borders that part of the E coast of Russia known as the Maritime Provinces. The heaviest shipping and trade of the country's Pacific coast is carried on here with nearly every port available to foreign vessels situated in this area.

Although there is considerable fog in the spring and early

summer, a good part of the season is both fog and ice free with many ports open throughout the year.

Vessels normally approach from Korea Strait or Tsugaru Kaikyo. During summer or mild winters, La Perouse Strait is occasionally used.

### Sakhalin

The island of Sakhalin, situated N of Hokkaido and separated from the mainland of Russia by Tatar Strait, is about 520 miles long in a N to S direction and up to 100 miles wide.

There are several ports on its W side open to foreign vessels during the season but with the exception of its SW coast it is generally icebound in winter. The narrow part of Tatar Strait is considerably shoaler than the S part and effectively blocks most vessel traffic, the bulk of which must approach the Amur valley from the N.

### Areas to be Avoided

An IMO-adopted Area to be Avoided, designated as Russian Regulated Area No. 215A, has been established extending SE from Mys Terpeniya on Sakhalin. Vessels greater than 1,000 gross tons carrying oil or hazardous cargo should avoid transiting the area bounded by a line passing through Mys Davydov and joining the following positions:

- 21.8 miles bearing 100° from Terpeniya Light.
- 40.5 miles bearing 126° from Terpeniya Light.
- 41.6 miles bearing 146.7° from Terpeniya Light.
- 20.2 miles bearing 208.5° from Terpeniya Light.
- 12.0 miles bearing 307.5° from Terpeniya Light, then extending due E to the coast.

### Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

Temporary markings indicating areas prohibited for navigation, anchoring, and fishing, and naval exercise areas, will be broadcast by marine radio and published in the weekly notice.

### Cautions

#### General

Because of insufficient information, it is not possible to ensure that NGA charts and publications, covering the coasts of Russia and adjacent waters, are up to date concerning new dangers or changes to navigational aids or warnings and mariners are therefore cautioned to exercise additional care when navigating these waters.

#### Pipelines

Protection zones have been established extending 100m on each side of all pipelines in Russian waters. Anchoring, trailing an anchor, trawling, dredging, or any operation which could endanger a pipeline is prohibited within these zones. The same restrictions apply within 0.25 mile on each side of the seabed cables.

#### Magnetic Anomalies

Magnetic anomalies in the Kuril Islands are located, as follows:

- In the vicinity of Chetvertyy Kurilskiye Proliv (49°49'N., 155°07'E.).
- Off the N coasts and around the NE and SW extremities of Ostrov Iturup (45°00'N., 147°30'E.).
- Within 8 miles of Ostrov Broutona (46°43'N., 150°44'E.).
- In the vicinity of Ostrov Simushir (47°00'N., 152°00'E.).
- In the vicinity of Skala Nizkaya (48°32'N., 153°51'E.).
- In the vicinity of Proliv Ekarma (48°55'N., 154°03'E.).
- Around Ostrov Shiashkotan (48°49'N., 154°05'E.), especially off its NW coast.
- In the vicinity of Ostrov Onekotan (49°27'N., 154°45'E.).
- In the vicinity of Proliv Ekarma (48°55'N., 154°03'E.) and around Ostrov Ekarma.
- In the vicinity of Ostrov Makanrushi (49°47'N., 154°26'E.).
- In the vicinity of Vtoroy Kurilskiy Proliv (50°41'N., 156°08'E.) between the W side of Ostrov Shumshu and Ostrov Paramushir.
- In the vicinity of Ostrov Atlasova (50°52'N., 155°33'E.).

Magnetic anomalies off the E coast of Siberia and in the Sea of Okhotsk are located, as follows:

- Along the coast between Mys Krasnaya Skala (43°14'N., 134°37'E.) and Mys Nizmennyy (43°30'N., 135°08'E.).
- Along the coast between Bukhta Innokentiya (48°36'N., 140°11'E.) and Mys Mapatsa (48°49'N., 140°14'E.).
- In the vicinity of Sovetskaya Gavan (48°58'N., 140°16'E.), where compass variations were increased by 9° to 13°W.
- In the vicinity of Mys Datta (49°18'N., 140°25'E.), where compass variations were increased by 9° to 14°W.
- In the vicinity of Mys Bychiy (49°47'N., 140°31'E.), where compass variation increased by 7.8°W.
- In the vicinity of Mys Syurkum (50°06'N., 140°41'E.), where compass variation increased by 5.6°W.
- In the vicinity of Zaliv Chikhacheva (51°28'N., 140°54'E.), where compass variation increased by 6.4°W.
- Off Ostrov Moneron (46°15'N., 141°14'E.), where compass variation increased by 7.2°W.
- In the vicinity of Mys Kitousi (50°12'N., 142°11'E.), where compass variation increased by 6.6°W.
- In the vicinity of Mys Mosiya (50°18'N., 142°07'E.), where compass variation increased by 13.2°W.
- About 8 to 10 miles N of Mys Furugelma (50°31'N., 142°03'E.), where compass variation increased by 12.8°W.
- North and W of Aleksandrovs-Sakhalinskiy (50°54'N., 142°07'E.), where compass variation increased by 12°W.
- An area extending about 8 miles off the coast from a position about 8 miles NW of Ostrov Reyneke (54°21'N., 139°47'E.) to a position about 4 miles NW of Mys Litke (53°57'N., 140°20'E.).
- Within an area extending about 35 miles WSW from Poluoostrov Lisyanskogo (59°09'N., 146°03'E.).

15. A circular area, with a radius of 30 miles, centered on a position about 62 miles SSW of Poluostrov Lisyanskogo.

16. In the E entrance channel to Tauyskaya Guba, between Ostrov Zavyalova (59°03.5'N., 150°37.1'E.) and Poluostrov Koni.

17. In Tauyskaya Guba about 1 mile E of Mys Chirikova (59°29'N., 150°30'E.).

18. An area extending about 1 mile off the coast between Bukhta Gertnera (59°33'N., 150°56'E.) and Mys Nyuklya, about 7 miles ENE.

19. In the vicinity of Mys Kambalnyy (51°05'N., 156°42'E.), where compass variation increased by 7.6°W.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the ruble, consisting of 100 kopeks.

## Firing Areas

### Bombing Areas

#### East of Bukhta Innokentiya

**Area No. 53.**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 48°39.0'N, 140°28.0'E.
- b. 48°39.0'N, 140°50.0'E.
- c. 48°34.0'N, 140°50.0'E.
- d. 48°34.0'N, 140°28.0'E.

#### South of Zaliv Petra Velikogo

**Area No. 54.**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 42°10'N, 131°10'E.
- b. 42°26'N, 132°50'E.
- c. 41°50'N, 132°50'E.
- d. 41°50'N, 131°10'E.

**Sea of Okhotsk.**—Area bounded by a circle with a radius of 1 mile centered at position 57°59'N, 150°22'E.

### Firing Practice Areas

#### North Part of Proliv Tatarskiy

**Area No. 4D.**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 51°25.7'N, 142°03.9'E.
- b. 50°35.5'N, 141°47.0'E.
- c. 50°40.0'N, 140°44.0'E.
- d. 51°40.0'N, 141°22.5'E.

#### Kamchatka

**Firing Practice Area No. 2B.**—Area bounded by the shore-line and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 51°13.0'N, 157°14.0'E.
- b. 50°45.0'N, 158°10.0'E.
- c. 54°27.0'N, 163°00.0'E.
- d. 54°50.0'N, 162°06.0'E.

**Firing Practice Area No. 3C.**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 50°07.0'N, 163°02.0'E.
- b. 47°35.0'N, 167°35.0'E.
- c. 49°00.0'N, 169°15.0'E.
- d. 50°55.0'N, 164°00.0'E.

### Explosives Dumping Areas

#### Zaliv Petra Velikogo

**Area No. 138 (South of Mys Povorotnyy).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 42°29.5'N, 132°59.0'E.
- b. 42°29.5'N, 133°06.0'E.
- c. 42°18.0'N, 133°06.0'E.
- d. 42°18.0'N, 132°59.0'E.

#### Zaliv Petra Velikogo to Mys Belkina

**Area No. 137 (East of Mys Nizmenyy).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 43°30.0'N, 135°27.0'E.
- b. 43°30.0'N, 135°30.0'E.
- c. 43°28.0'N, 135°30.0'E.
- d. 43°28.0'N, 135°27.0'E.

**Area No. 136 (East of Mys Chetyrekh Skal).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 43°51.0'N, 135°46.0'E.
- b. 43°51.0'N, 135°54.0'E.
- c. 43°46.0'N, 135°54.0'E.
- d. 43°46.0'N, 135°46.0'E.

#### Gulf of Tartary

**Area No. 135 (East of Grossevicha).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 48°00.0'N, 140°49.0'E.
- b. 48°00.0'N, 141°04.0'E.
- c. 47°50.0'N, 141°04.0'E.
- d. 47°50.0'N, 140°49.0'E.

**Area No. 134 (Southwest of Mys Lamamon).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 48°35'03.0"N, 141°14'57.0"E.
- b. 48°35'03.0"N, 141°27'57.0"E.
- c. 48°20'07.2"N, 141°27'57.0"E.
- d. 48°20'07.2"N, 141°14'57.0"E.

**Area No. 133 (Northeast of Mys Syurkum).**—Area bounded by a circle with a radius of 1 mile centered on position 50°15.1'N, 141°21.0'E.

#### East Coast of Ostrov Sakhalin

**Area No. 132 (East of Mys Aniva).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 46°05.0'N, 144°08.0'E.
- b. 46°05.0'N, 144°15.0'E.
- c. 46°00.0'N, 144°15.0'E.
- d. 46°00.0'N, 144°08.0'E.

#### Avachinskiy Zaliv

**Area No. 131 (Mys Krutoy).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°34.5'N, 158°54.5'E.
- b. 52°34.5'N, 159°02.8'E.
- c. 52°29.5'N, 159°02.8'E.
- d. 52°29.5'N, 158°54.5'E.



## Fishing Areas

### Kuril Islands

In Vtoroy Kurilskiy Proliv (50°41'N., 156°08'E.) in the summer, fixed fishing nets extend up to 4 miles from shore off Ostrov Paramushir and Ostrov Shumshi. The outer ends of the nets are marked by buoys or flags; caution is necessary at night as many of the nets are unlit.

Farther offshore in the same area, vessels engaged in line fishing or using drift nets which may be as much as 3 miles long, may be encountered. Caution is necessary when transiting this area at night or in reduced visibility.

### Poluostrov Kamchatka—West Coast

During the fishing season, from May to August/September, large numbers of fishing vessels are anchored in depths of 11 to 15m from 1.0 to 1.5 miles off the coast. Caution is necessary as these vessels don't carry anchor lights and do not sound fog signals.

Fishing nets, whose outer ends are marked by small buoys with a red flag, extend up to 3 miles off the coast in the vicinity of the fishing areas. Vessels should not approach this coast at night or in fog.

## Government



Flag of Russia

Russia is a semi-presidential federation. The country is divided into 83 various administrative entities.

Russia is governed by a directly-elected President serving a maximum of two consecutive 6-year terms. The bicameral Federal Assembly is composed of the 170-member appointed Council of the Federation (upper chamber), serving 4-year terms, and the 450-member State Duma (lower chamber), with half the members directly elected by majority vote and half the members directly elected by proportional representation, serving 5-year terms.

The legal system is based on civil law.

The capital is Moscow.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1

Holiday	Date(s)
Second New Year's Day	January 2
Russian Orthodox Christmas	January 7
Defenders' Day	February 23
International Women's Day	March 8 *
Labor Day	May 1 *
Victory Day	May 9
Independence Day	June 12 *
Reconciliation Day	November 4
Constitution Day	December 12
<b>Note.</b> —Holidays falling on a Saturday or Sunday are usually celebrated the following Monday.	
* Additional days before and after this day may be declared holidays to create long weekends.	

## Ice

In the NW part of the Sea of Okhotsk, in Zaliv Shelikove, and in the Strait of Tartary, the ice season normally starts in November and lasts until June although, in exceptional cases, ice may remain in some places until July. The ice season, on average, lasts for about 240 days, but seasons of as long as 290 days have occurred in this region. In other areas of the Sea of Okhotsk and the Strait of Tartary, the duration of the ice season may be shorter.

In the SW part of the Sea of Okhotsk, at about the end of January, drift ice extends E from La Perouse Strait; in February it covers the entire SW portion of the Sea of Okhotsk N of Hokkaido and between La Perouse Strait and Ostrov Iturup (45°00'N., 148°00'E.). Most of this ice is navigable by heavily-built vessels, but heavier and larger ice fields can be found N of Hokkaido and E of La Perouse Strait. Conditions are the most difficult from late March through early April. The ice begins to clear in late April, but drift ice has been encountered as late as the end of May.

Icebreaker assistance is normally required within 50 miles of land during this period, and during severe winters ports in this area may be closed or ice-bound.

Russian icebreakers are maintained to assist vessels in the navigation of territorial waters during the ice season. The movements and positions of the icebreakers are reported daily by radio.

It is reported that a single icebreaker can lead a convoy of up to ten ships through the ice at an average speed of 5 knots.

These rules have been extracted from Russian Notices to Mariners:

1. The request for convoying vessels through the ice shall be made in port to the Captain of the Port, and at sea to the Master of the icebreaker.
2. A vessel to be convoyed should carry, within the

limits of the requirements of good seamanship, a supply of fuel and provisions, wooden fenders, quick-setting cement, patches, mats, and the like, sufficient for the passage. The vessel's pumps should be in good working condition and the vessel should be equipped with a properly functioning radio receiver.

If these conditions cannot be met, and, in addition, if the vessel has not been certified by governmental agencies or classification societies as being fit to put to sea, or if such certification is overdue, the Captain of the Port or the master of the icebreaker, if the icebreaker is outside the port limits, has the right to refuse the request to take the vessel to sea or to bring it into port.

3. Any vessel in need of an icebreaker convoy shall await the arrival of the icebreaker.

4. The time, and the sequence in which vessels will proceed through the ice, as well as the number of vessels to be convoyed simultaneously, shall be determined in port by the Captain of the Port, and at sea by the master of the icebreaker.

5. Masters of vessels following icebreakers through the ice shall be subordinate to orders issued by the master of the icebreaker in so far as they pertain to movement in the ice, and shall act in conformity with such orders. Masters of vessels shall, by their actions, assist the master of the icebreaker so that passage through the ice area may be made together as rapidly and safely as possible.

6. Vessels following icebreakers shall not overtake each other.

7. Vessels following icebreakers shall be prepared for immediate full astern operation. When the vessel begins to back, the rudder shall be in the "amidships" position.

8. Vessels proceeding through the ice in tow of an icebreaker shall not operate their engines in the ahead direction without special orders from the master of the icebreaker in each individual case. Vessels shall be constantly alert to drop the tow immediately when ordered to do so by the master of the icebreaker, as well as ready to make full speed astern.

9. The first vessels to be convoyed shall be naval vessels, mail-passenger vessels, and vessels carrying cargo that has been designated as priority. These shall be followed by all remaining vessels in their order of arrival at the edge of the ice, or readiness to leave port.

10. Vessels following an icebreaker and suffering damage shall hoist the distress signal prescribed by the International Rules of the Road.

A vessel suffering damage of any kind in the ice, or springing a leak, shall take immediate steps to repair the damage, and shall, simultaneously, report such damage to the master of the icebreaker by radio or other means of communication.

11. Vessels following an icebreaker through the ice shall be guided by the International Code of Signals. Vessels shall comply immediately with these signals when made by the icebreaker.

12. In the event the master of a vessel being convoyed by an icebreaker fails to comply with the orders issued by the master of the icebreaker, the latter has the right to refuse further convoy until his orders are complied with.

13. Neither the icebreaker, the owner of the icebreaker, nor the charterer shall bear any property responsibility for damage, or for other losses that could be sustained by a ship under convoy during, and as a consequence of its being convoyed through the ice, or as a result of maneuvers while under such convoy.

14. Merchant vessels of all flags are free of all charges for using the services of port icebreakers to convoy them from the edge of the ice into port to the berth, and from the port to sea, as well as for towing during convoy if such towing is deemed necessary by the master of the icebreaker.

The tariffs for the operation of icebreakers in the Arctic, and in the non-Arctic seas that freeze during the winter navigation period shall be paid at the per ton rate by the shipper or receiver, for each ton of cargo, depending on the conditions of the sales contract, as shall the rate for convoying vessels other than those belonging to the Ministry of the Merchant Marine in Arctic waters, levied with established procedure.

The shifting of berths required in connection with cargo handling operations, as well as bunkering, docking, and the like, shall be paid for separately.

15. Any vessel using an icebreaker to convoy it through the ice, by such action consents to placing itself under the provisions of these rules.

16. The master of a vessel following an icebreaker shall do its own dead reckoning and keep a running fix of the vessel's position. Upon completion of the convoy through the ice the master shall compare the vessel's position coordinates with those of the icebreaker.

**Note.**—For information on icebreaking services, see **Appendix II—East Coast of Russia—Icebreaker Services.**

Type of Ice	Location of Ice		
	December	January	February
Fast ice	1. East coast of Siberia from Bukhta Innokentiya to Mys Utkoloskiye. 2. West and E coasts of Ostrov Sakhalin.	1. East coast of Siberia S to Mys Sosunova. 2. West coast of Kamchatka S to Mys Lopatka. 3. Coast of Ostrov Sakhalin except for Port Kholmsk.	1. East coast of Siberia S to Mys Sosunova. 2. West coast of Kamchatka S to Mys Lopatka. 3. Coast of Ostrov Sakhalin except for Port Kholmsk.

Type of Ice	Location of Ice		
	December	January	February
Close ice	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gulf of Tartary N of latitude 50°N.</li> <li>2. East coast of Sakhalin N of Zaliv Nabilskiy.</li> <li>3. North coast of Sakhalin SW of a line joining Mys Aleksandra and Mys Madzhalinda.</li> <li>4. Northwest shore of the Sea of Okhotsk from Mys Madzhalinda to Zaliv Ayan.</li> <li>5. North part of Gizhiginskaya Guba.</li> <li>6. Penzinskaya Guba.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. West of a line joining Pluostrov Guba and the N coast of Sakhalin.</li> <li>2. Zaliv Shelikove N of latitude 60°N.</li> </ol>	No information.
Very close ice	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strait of Tartary.</li> <li>2. Sakhalinskiy Zaliv.</li> <li>3. Zaliv Akademi.</li> <li>4. Zaliv Tugurskiy.</li> <li>5. Uds kaya Guba.</li> <li>6. Southwest half of the head of Shantarskiye Ostrova.</li> <li>7. Gizhiginskaya Guba.</li> <li>8. North half of Penzhinskaya Guba.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gulf of Tartary N of latitude 50°N and W of a line joining Poluostrov Lisyanskogo and the N coast of Sakhalin.</li> <li>2. East coast of Sakhalin.</li> <li>3. Both arms of Tauyskaya Guba.</li> <li>4. Zaliv Shelikova N of latitude 60°N.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sea of Okhotsk N of latitude 54°N and W of a line joining Mys Tolstoy and the N coast of Sakhalin.</li> <li>2. Sea of Okhotsk S of latitude 54°N extending E to 75 miles E of Sakhalin.</li> <li>3. East coast of the Gulf of Tartary N of latitude 49°N.</li> <li>4. Zaliv Shelikova N of latitude 59°N.</li> <li>5. West coast of Kamchatka Poluostrov S to Mys Utkoloskiy.</li> </ol>
Consolidated ice	No information.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strait of Tartary SE of a line joining Mys Yalizavety and Mys Mazdhalinda.</li> <li>2. Yamskaya Guba.</li> <li>3. Gizhiginskaya Guba.</li> <li>4. Penzhinskaya Guba.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. East coast of Sakhalin.</li> <li>2. Northwest part of the Sea of Okhotsk from the N coast of Sakhalin to Mys Yenken.</li> <li>3. Sakhalinskiy Zaliv.</li> <li>4. Shantarskiye Ostrova.</li> <li>5. Yamskaya Guba.</li> <li>6. Penzhinskaya Guba N of Poluostrov Yelistratova and Poluostrov Mameshinskiy</li> </ol>
Drift ice	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Central part of the Gulf of Tartary.</li> <li>2. Sea of Okhotsk N of latitude 57°N and W of longitude 148°E towards the NW coast.</li> </ol>	Low concentration in the central Gulf of Tartary N of latitude 47°30'N.	No information.

## Industries

The main industries include mining (coal, oil, gas, chemicals, and metals), machine building (from rolling mills to high performance aircraft and space vehicles), defense industries (including radar, missile production, and advanced electronic components), shipbuilding, road and rail transportation equipment, communications equipment, agricultural machinery and tractors, construction equipment, electric power generating and transmitting equipment, medical and scientific instruments, consumer durable goods, textiles, foodstuffs, and handicrafts.

The main exports are petroleum and petroleum products, natural gas, coal, wheat, and iron. The main export-trading partners are China, the Netherlands, the United States, the United Kingdom, and Italy.

The main imports are vehicles and parts, pharmaceuticals, broadcast equipment, aircraft, and computers. The main import-trading partners are China, Germany, and Belarus.

## Languages

Russian is the official language.

## Mined Areas

### Mine Danger Areas

**Area No. 1 (Zaliv Sakhalinskiy).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 53°28.4'N, 141°29.7'E.
- b. 53°29.9'N, 141°29.9'E.
- c. 53°29.9'N, 141°36.4'E.
- d. 53°26.7'N, 141°36.3'E.
- e. 53°26.5'N, 141°34.5'E.

This area is dangerous due to mines and navigation is prohibited.

### Swept Areas

Vessels should avoid anchoring in swept areas. In the absence of other instructions, vessels anchoring off a port in a dangerous area should do so towards one side of the approach channel or other authorized anchorage. It may be dangerous to anchor in other locations.

### Former Mine Danger Areas

Due to the elapse of time, the risk in these areas to surface navigation, is now considered no more dangerous than the ordinary risk of navigation. However, a very real risk still exists with regard to anchoring, fishing, or any form of submarine or sea bed activity. The following areas are open to navigation by surface vessels only.

**Area No. 2 (Zaliv Avachinskiy).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°36.5'N, 158°36.0'E.
- b. 52°41.6'N, 158°39.2'E.
- c. 52°44.9'N, 158°37.8'E.
- d. 52°58.9'N, 158°55.7'E.
- e. 53°00.7'N, 158°59.7'E.
- f. 52°58.8'N, 159°18.4'E.
- g. 52°40.5'N, 158°43.6'E.
- h. 52°37.8'N, 158°40.6'E.

**Area No. 3 (Zaliv Avachinskiy).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°54.9'N, 158°45.2'E.
- b. 52°54.3'N, 158°46.3'E.
- c. 52°53.2'N, 158°44.7'E.
- d. 52°53.0'N, 158°44.0'E.

**Area No. 3A (Southeast of Bukhta Dezhneva).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 61°18.9'N, 174°58.4'E.
- b. 61°21.5'N, 174°55.1'E.
- c. 61°38.9'N, 175°57.0'E.
- d. 61°36.4'N, 175°59.8'E.

**Area No. 4 (Zaliv Sakhalinskiy).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 53°31.6'N, 141°01.3'E.
- b. 53°38.3'N, 141°07.0'E.
- c. 53°33.5'N, 141°36.4'E.
- d. 53°29.9'N, 141°36.4'E.
- e. 53°29.9'N, 141°29.9'E.
- f. 53°28.4'N, 141°29.7'E.
- g. 53°26.5'N, 141°34.5'E.
- h. 53°25.7'N, 141°21.3'E.

Vessels must have an underkeel clearance of at least 3m at LW.

**Area No. 5 (La Perouse Strait).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 46°05.6'N, 142°12.0'E.
- b. 46°02.6'N, 142°15.3'E.
- c. 45°47.6'N, 142°17.2'E.
- d. 45°20.3'N, 142°10.2'E.
- e. 45°26.9'N, 141°38.7'E.
- f. 45°47.6'N, 141°46.6'E.
- g. 46°08.1'N, 141°41.1'E.
- h. 46°09.9'N, 141°54.7'E.

**Area No. 6 (Tatarskiy Proliv).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 50°23.9'N, 142°07.7'E.
- b. 50°20.0'N, 142°01.0'E.
- c. 50°39.0'N, 140°39.6'E.
- d. 50°46.1'N, 140°39.6'E.
- e. 50°51.2'N, 140°49.5'E.
- f. 50°31.1'N, 142°03.2'E.

**Area No. 7 (Sovetskaya Gavan).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 48°40.0'N, 140°20.5'E.
- b. 48°44.2'N, 140°20.0'E.
- c. 48°58.6'N, 140°27.0'E.
- d. 49°15.4'N, 140°27.7'E.
- e. 49°23.6'N, 140°32.2'E.
- f. 49°20.0'N, 140°39.9'E.
- g. 49°10.0'N, 140°45.9'E.
- h. 48°40.0'N, 140°40.0'E.

**Area No. 8 (Approaches to Zaliv Ol'gi and Zaliv Vladimira).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 43°28.7'N, 135°11.0'E.
- b. 43°37.5'N, 135°16.9'E.
- c. 43°44.4'N, 135°28.0'E.
- d. 43°50.2'N, 135°33.9'E.
- e. 43°56.5'N, 135°34.8'E.
- f. 44°01.2'N, 135°42.2'E.

- g. 44°00.0'N, 135°48.3'E.
- h. 43°42.1'N, 135°38.0'E.
- i. 43°30.0'N, 135°20.2'E.

**Area No. 9 (Zaliv Petr Velikiy).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 42°31.1'N, 130°52.0'E.
- b. 42°32.0'N, 131°15.0'E.
- c. 42°44.2'N, 131°38.5'E.
- d. 42°46.4'N, 131°54.8'E.
- e. 42°43.1'N, 132°03.8'E.
- f. 42°40.0'N, 132°18.4'E.
- g. 42°40.0'N, 132°30.0'E.
- h. 42°38.3'N, 133°03.5'E.
- i. 42°42.0'N, 133°20.5'E.
- j. 42°46.6'N, 133°33.0'E.
- k. 42°47.4'N, 133°47.5'E.
- l. 42°52.1'N, 134°00.6'E.
- m. 42°58.3'N, 134°11.0'E.
- n. 42°42.2'N, 134°11.0'E.
- o. 42°25.3'N, 132°30.0'E.
- p. 42°19.4'N, 131°25.0'E.
- q. 42°17.7'N, 130°41.8'E.

**Area No. 72B (Zaliv Aniva NE of Mys Kril'on).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 46°05.5'N, 142°27.5'E.
- b. 46°05.5'N, 142°32.5'E.
- c. 46°00.5'N, 142°32.5'E.
- d. 46°00.5'N, 142°27.5'E.

Area No. 276 (Southeast of Ostrov Shumshu).—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 50°38.6'N, 156°24.5'E.
- b. 50°38.4'N, 156°25.2'E.
- c. 50°33.1'N, 156°26.3'E.
- d. 50°33.1'N, 156°25.5'E.
- e. 50°38.1'N, 156°24.4'E.

**Navigational Information**

**Enroute Volumes**

- Pub. 155, Sailing Directions (Enroute) East Coast of Russia.
- Pub. 183, Sailing Directions (Enroute) North Coast of Russia.
- Pub. 195, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Gulf of Finland and Gulf of Bothnia.

**Maritime Claims**

The maritime territorial claims of Russia are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	200 miles or the Continental Margin.

Maritime Limit	Extent
* Claims straight baselines. In a joint statement with Ukraine, declared that the Sea of Azov and Kerchenskiy Proliv (Kerch Strait) are historic internal waters of the two states.	

**Russian Internal Waters**

The internal waters of Russia are:

1. All maritime waters shoreward from straight base lines used to delete the width of the territorial waters.
2. The waters of Russian ports.
3. The waters of gulfs, bays, inlets, etc whose shores belong entirely to Russia.
4. The waters of gulfs, bays, inlets, estuaries, seas, and straits historically belonging to Russia.

**Maritime Boundary Disputes**

It has been reported (2008) that Canada, Denmark, Greenland, Norway, Russia, and the United States have agreed to let the United Nations rule on their overlapping territorial claims in the coastal waters of the Arctic Ocean. Coastal states may claim the sea bed beyond the normal 200-mile limit if the sea bed is part of a continental shelf of shallower waters. For further information, see Pub. 180, Sailing Directions (Planning Guide) Arctic Ocean (Arctic Ocean—Navigational Information—Maritime Boundary Disputes).

Dispute with Japan over the islands of Etorofu, Kunashiri, Shikotan, and the Habomai Group, known in Japan as the “Northern Territories” and in Russia as the “Southern Kurils.” These islands were occupied by the Soviet Union in 1945, are now administered by Russia, and are claimed by Japan.

The maritime boundary with Ukraine through the Sea of Azov and Kerchenskiy Proliv (Kerch Strait) remains unresolved despite a 2003 framework agreement and ongoing discussions. Further discussions on this dispute have been suspended due to the Russian occupation of Crimea.

**Offshore Drilling**

Offshore exploration and drilling operations take place off the coast of Russia. Production platforms and other associated structures are found off the E coast of Sakhalin.

A drilling platform, surrounded by a restricted area with a radius of 0.5 mile, stands about 4 miles SW of Port Kholmisk in position 47°00'19.2"N, 141°57'42.0"E.

**Pilotage**

Pilotage is compulsory for entry to and departure from all Russian ports and for mooring and casting off. Pilots should be ordered through their agent 12 hours in advance and confirmed 4 hours prior to arrival, unless otherwise stated by individual ports.

Pilotage requirements are uniform for all foreign flag vessels but come under the purview of local pilotage laws. Pilotage requirements may therefore vary from port to port. In the majority of ports, entry and departure of vessels take place around the clock. In some ports pilotage is carried out with the aid of tugs. In others, shore radar and radio direction-finding stations are used.

The following signals are displayed at pilot stations:

1. Pilot flag—Pilot is available.
2. Ball—Pilot is unavailable.

When the pilot is on board, vessels must display the International Code flags MSS, which means “I have a pilot on board.”

## Pollution

Russian regulations prohibit, under severe penalties, discharge within the economic zone of Russian of oil, oil products, noxious materials, and any other substance or refuse injurious to human health or to the living resources of the sea.

Failure to inform the nearest Russian authority of accidental or emergency discharge in the territorial and internal waters of Russia or failure to note the occurrence carries severe penalties.

Russian merchant vessels and civil aircraft are instructed to inform Russian authorities of witnessed infringements of the Russian regulations and of the international regulations.

Within the territorial and internal waters of Russia vessels suspected of infringing the regulations are liable to be stopped, boarded, and inspected. If an infringement has taken place within those waters the vessel is liable to be detained.

## Regulations

### General

Access to Russian ports by any foreign vessel is subject to compliance with applicable laws and regulations of the government of Russia and local municipal and port authorities in the areas wherein they have their jurisdiction.

Vessels should send their ETA and preliminary information concerning the vessel and its cargo via their agent 12 days, 96 hours, and 12 hours in advance. Oil, gas, and chemical tankers should however, send this information 14 days, 72 hours, and 12 hours before arrival.

In addition, masters must indicate that the vessel has certification guaranteeing civil responsibility for damage from oil pollution.

The following preliminary information is required by the Port Authority:

1. Name and flag of vessel.
2. Port of departure (last port of call).
3. Vessel's draft at bow and stern.
4. Cargo capacity of vessel, volume of hold, measurements, etc.
5. Name and quantity of cargo and its distribution by hold (for tankers, in addition, indicate type and disposition of ballast).
6. Requirements from port services.

Information concerning a vessel's sanitation state must be reported in accordance with current sanitation, veterinary, and quarantine regulations.

A vessel's arrival in port must be registered directly with the Port Authority or with a representative of the Transport Fleet Maintenance Service, within the first 6 hours in port for completing sanitation, quarantine, customs, and border formalities.

On sailing, the Port Authority must be informed of intended departure at least 6 hours in advance; during a short term anchorage (less than 6 hours) at least 2 hours notice is required.

The following ports and roadsteads on the Pacific coast of

Russia are open to foreign vessels:

1. Aleksandrovsk-Sakhalinskiy.
2. Beringovskiy.
3. De-Kastri.
4. Kholmok.
5. Korf (Portovyy Punkt Korf).
6. Korsakov.
7. Magadan.
8. Makarova.
9. Makaryevskiy.
10. Morsky Ryby Port.
11. Mys Lazareva.
12. Nakhodka.
13. Nevelsk.
14. Nikolayevsk-na-Amure.
15. Okhotsk.
16. Oktyabrskiy.
17. Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy.
18. Poronaysk.
19. Posyet.
20. Provideniya.
21. Shakhtersk.
22. Slavyanka Bukhta.
23. Sovetskaya Gavan.
24. Svetloya.
25. Ulegorsk.
26. Vanino.
27. Vladivostok.
28. Vostochnyy Port.
29. Zarubino.

### Economic Zone

Russia claims an economic zone extending 200 miles seaward from the limits of its territorial sea.

Within the economic zone, the Government of Russia issues regulations in connection with and for the control of:

1. Exploitation and conservation of resources found on or below the sea bed and in the waters above it, including anadromous fish. Fishing of anadromous types of fish is permitted only as a result of inter-governmental agreement.
2. Marine scientific research.
3. Pollution of the marine environment.

Freedom of passage for ships and aircraft through the economic zone is assured.

Regulations exist for the inspection of vessels suspected of causing pollution and penalties for infringement exist.

### Foreign Naval Vessels

Foreign naval vessels intending to enter waters of Russian or visit Russian ports should obtain a copy of *Regulations for Foreign Naval Vessels Navigating and Remaining in the Territorial or Internal Waters of the Russian Federation or Visiting Russian Federation Ports*. These regulations are published as a Russian Annual Notice to Mariners.

Proposals to visit Russian Federation ports should be forwarded through the Russian Federation Ministry of Foreign Affairs not less than 30 days prior to the suggested visit. This rule does not apply to warships on which heads of governments or heads of state are embarked, nor to ships accompanying them.

Ships whose approach is necessitated by foul weather or en-

gine failure which threatens the safety of the ship must inform the nearest port of the reason for entry, and, if possible, go to a recognized port open to foreign merchant vessels, or to a point indicated by the vessel sent to aid or meet it.

Foreign naval vessels exercising the right to innocent passage through the territorial waters of the Russian Federation for the purpose of transiting these waters without entering the internal waters or calling at Russian Federation ports must use the sea corridor or TSS where these have been established.

#### Foreign Merchant Vessels

Foreign non-military vessels enjoy the right of innocent passage through Russian territorial waters in accordance with Russian laws and international treaties; innocent passage is effected by crossing them without entering Russian Federation internal waters, or by passing through them en route to or from Russian Federation ports open to foreign vessels.

While effecting innocent passage, vessels must follow the customary navigational course, or course recommended through sea corridors, or be in accordance with traffic separation schemes.

The master of a foreign non-military vessel which has violated the rules of innocent passage is accountable under Russian Federation legislation.

All foreign vessels when within territorial waters or internal waters of Russia must observe radio communication, and navigational, port, customs, sanitary, and other regulations.

In the event of an emergency entry into territorial waters, or emergency nonobservance of rules for navigation and stay in these waters, foreign vessels must immediately notify the nearest Russian port authority.

#### Degaussing

The Russian Federation authorities recommend that all vessels entering Russian ports should be degaussed or wiped.

#### Asian Gypsy Moth Infestation

All vessels calling at Russian Far East ports and bound for the United States, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand must be inspected to prevent an infestation of Asian Gypsy Moths and are required to obtain a phytosanitation certificate. The examinations and certificates showing the vessel is free of infestation can be obtained at the following ports:

1. Nakhodka.
2. Port Kholmsk.
3. Vanino.
4. Vladivostok.
5. Vostochnyy Port.

Inspectors work on board the vessel during the vessel's stay in port to prevent any infestation. When all cargo work is completed, the phytosanitation certificate is prepared for issuance.

#### Marine Mammal Protection Zones

Vessels may not approach within the indicated distances as listed in the table titled **Marine Mammal Protection Zones**.

#### Single-hull Tankers

It has been reported (2008) that Russia will ban single-hull tankers from calling at Russian ports beginning in 2010.

#### Paris Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (PMoU) New Inspection Regime (NIR)

The NIR of the PMoU has introduced a mandatory reporting system for vessels arriving at or departing from a port or anchorage in the Paris MoU region.

The report should be sent electronically through the following web site (<https://www.portcall.marinet.ru>).

For further information, see **Pacific Ocean—Regulations—Paris Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (PMoU) New Inspection Regime (NIR)**.

Marine Mammal Protection Zones		
Area	Location	Zone Width
<b>Ostrov Iturup (45°00'N., 147°30'E.)</b>		
Mys Friza to Mys Tigrov Khvost	—	12 miles
Mys Tigrov Khvost to Mys Kubanskiy	—	5 miles
Mys Trekhpalyy to Mys Gnevnyy	—	3 miles
The remaining Pacific Ocean coast of the island except Zaliv Kasatka	—	2 miles
<b>Ostrov Urup (45°45'N., 150°00'E.)</b>		
Mys Van-der-Linda to Zaliv Shukhina	—	12 miles
The remainder of the island	—	6 miles
<b>Kurilskiye Ostrova</b>		
Ostrov Kunashir (around Mys Lobstova)	44°07'N, 146°51'E	3 miles
Ostrova Chernye Brat'ya	46°27'N, 150°48'E	3 miles
Ostrov Broutona	46°43'N, 150°44'E	3 miles
Ostrov Shimushir	46°58'N, 152°01'E	2 miles

Marine Mammal Protection Zones		
Area	Location	Zone Width
Ostrov Ketoy	47°21'N, 152°29'E	3 miles
Ostrov Ushishir	47°31'N, 152°49'E	12 miles
Ostrov Srednego	47°35'N, 152°54'E	12 miles
Ostrov Rasshua	47°45'N, 153°01'E	3 miles
Ostrov Matua	48°05'N, 153°13'E	3 miles
Ostrov Raykoke	48°18'N, 153°15'E	3 miles
Skaly Lovushki	48°32'N, 153°37'E	12 miles
Ostrov Shiashkotan	48°49'N, 154°06'E	2 miles
Ostrov Ekarma	48°57'N, 153°57'E	3 miles
Ostrov Kharimkotan	49°47'N, 154°31'E	3 miles
Ostrov Makanrushi	49°47'N, 154°26'E	3 miles
Ostrov Onekotan	49°27'N, 154°45'E	12 miles
Ostrov Antsiferova	50°12'N, 154°59'E	3 miles
Ostrov Shumshu	50°45'N, 156°22'E	3 miles
Mys Lopatka	50°52'N, 156°40'E	3 miles
<b>Ostrov Paramushir (50°20'N., 155°45'E.)</b>		
Mys Vasil'yeva to Mys Neproydenny	—	12 miles
Mys Vasil'yeva to Mys Savushkina	—	6 miles
Mys Savushkina to Mys Neproydenny	—	2 miles

## Restricted Areas

### Regulated Areas

Regulated areas include all areas where navigation, fishing, or anchoring is prohibited or restricted. Regulated areas also include areas designated by the Russian authorities as temporarily dangerous for navigation. As these prohibitions are for an indefinite period, they are described below as prohibited areas, as follows:

1. Areas where navigation is periodically prohibited that lie within Russian territorial waters; radio warnings are given by PRIP of the date on which such an area becomes prohibited for navigation.
2. Areas periodically declared dangerous for navigation, which may also include various firing, danger, and exercise areas, that lie partly or wholly outside Russian territorial waters; radio warnings are given by PRIP of the date on which such an area becomes dangerous for navigation.

Changes to the regulated areas are announced by PRIP or NAVIP, which are defined, as follows:

1. PRIP—Coastal warning broadcasts for waters of the Russian Federation.
2. NAVIP—NAVAREA XIII warnings for non-Russian Federation waters and for high seas areas.

The Russian Federation authorities place responsibility on the ship's master for any violation of the limits of a regulated area.

### Fortified Zones

Fortified Zones are those areas established by the Russian authorities where special control of navigation exists on a permanent basis.

Prior permission must be obtained to enter or leave such areas, and pilotage through them is compulsory.

Special regulations are in force in these zones, and the pilot's instructions concerning them must be strictly complied with.

Navigation through these zones in fog is normally prohibited.

### Area Locations

The geographical positions which follow are those published in Russian Notices to Mariners and/or Russian publications and therefore relate to Russian Federation charts.

Mariners should not navigate near the limits of these areas, when activated, due to possible graduation differences between Russian and NGA charts. Unless otherwise stated the area is bounded by the lines joining the indicated positions.

### Areas Temporarily Prohibited for Navigation

#### La Perouse Strait

**Area No. 13E (Zaliv Avina-Korsakov).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 46°37.9'N, 142°44.9'E.
- b. 46°37.9'N, 142°45.1'E.
- c. 46°37.8'N, 142°45.1'E.



- d. 46°37.8'N, 142°44.9'E.

### Kuril Islands

**Area No. 226 (Ostrov Shikotan-Bukhta Malokurl'skaya).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 43°52'16.8"N, 146°49'06.0"E.
- 43°52'24.6"N, 146°49'10.8"E.
- 43°52'22.8"N, 146°49'18.6"E.
- 43°52'14.4"N, 146°49'15.0"E.

**Area No. 13G (Ostrov Shpanberga).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- 43°53'16.8"N, 146°50'24.0"E.
- 43°53'30.0"N, 146°50'24.0"E.
- 43°53'30.0"N, 146°51'12.0"E.
- 43°52'30.0"N, 146°51'54.0"E.
- 43°52'30.0"N, 146°51'39.0"E.

**Area No. 13A (Ostrov Kunashir-Bukhta Yuzhno-Kuril'skaya).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 44°00'48.0"N, 145°48'37.2"E.
- 44°00'33.6"N, 145°49'48.0"E.
- 44°00'06.0"N, 145°49'30.6"E.
- 44°00'19.8"N, 145°48'19.8"E.

### Zaliv Petra Velikogo

**Area No. 331 (Southeast of Ostrov Furugel'ma).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 42°18.0'N, 131°04.4'E.
- 42°20.0'N, 131°04.4'E.
- 42°20.0'N, 131°07.0'E.
- 42°18.0'N, 131°07.0'E.

### Zaliv Pos'yeta

**Area No. 375 (Bukhta Reyd Pallada).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 42°37'36.0"N, 130°48'51.6"E.
- 42°37'50.4"N, 130°48'46.8"E.
- 42°37'50.4"N, 130°48'56.4"E.
- 42°37'36.0"N, 130°49'01.2"E.

**Area No. 376 (Bukhta Reyd Pallada).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 42°36'46.2"N, 130°50'34.8"E.
- 42°37'00.6"N, 130°50'19.2"E.
- 42°37'20.2"N, 130°50'19.8"E.
- 42°37'01.2"N, 130°50'58.2"E.

**Area No. 377 (Bukhta Reyd Pallada).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 42°34'40.2"N, 130°47'30.0"E.
- 42°35'11.4"N, 130°47'48.0"E.
- 42°34'21.6"N, 130°50'33.0"E.
- 42°33'52.2"N, 130°50'12.0"E.

**Area No. 374 (Bukhta Novgorodskaya).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 42°39'29.4"N, 130°49'28.2"E.
- 42°39'27.6"N, 130°49'39.6"E.
- 42°39'24.6"N, 130°49'38.4"E.
- 42°39'24.6"N, 130°49'27.0"E.

**Area No. 362 (Zaliv Kitovy).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 42°38.2'N, 131°03.2'E.

- 42°36.5'N, 131°03.2'E.
- 42°36.5'N, 131°00.0'E.
- 42°35.5'N, 130°57.6'E.
- 42°33.4'N, 130°57.5'E.
- 42°33.1'N, 130°56.4'E.
- 42°35.7'N, 130°52.2'E.

### Zaliv Amurskiy

**Area No. 344 (Zaliv Slavyanskiy).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- 42°54.6'N, 131°24.0'E.
- 42°55.0'N, 131°24.0'E.
- 42°55.0'N, 131°25.0'E.
- 42°54.0'N, 131°25.0'E.
- 42°54.0'N, 131°24.5'E.

**Area No. 345 (Zaliv Slavyanskiy).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- 42°55'34.2"N, 131°25'54.0"E.
- 42°55'30.0"N, 131°25'54.0"E.
- 42°55'30.0"N, 131°25'00.0"E.
- 42°55'55.2"N, 131°25'00.0"E.
- 42°55'55.2"N, 131°25'07.8"E.

**Area No. 277 (Zaliv Slavyanskiy).**—Area bounded by a circle with a radius of 0.5 mile centered on position 42°55.3'N, 131°26.4'E.

**Area No. 31 (Mys Firsova).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 43°09.5'N, 131°43.3'E.
- 43°09.5'N, 131°52.0'E.
- 43°12.0'N, 131°52.0'E.
- 43°12.0'N, 131°55.0'E.

**Area No. 36 (Bukhta Novik).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 43°03'10.8"N, 131°50'46.8"E.
- 43°03'04.8"N, 131°51'10.8"E.
- 43°02'54.6"N, 131°51'10.8"E.
- 43°02'58.8"N, 131°50'46.8"E.

**Area No. 38 (Bukhta Novik).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 43°00'46.2"N, 131°52'55.8"E.
- 43°00'46.2"N, 131°53'03.0"E.
- 43°00'36.0"N, 131°53'17.4"E.
- 43°00'36.0"N, 131°52'55.8"E.

**Area No. 39 (Bukhta Novik).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 43°02'48.6"N, 131°49'06.6"E.
- 43°02'50.4"N, 131°49'13.2"E.
- 43°02'48.0"N, 131°49'14.4"E.
- 43°02'46.2"N, 131°49'07.2"E.

### Proliv Bosfor-Vostochnyy

**Area No. 28 (South of Mys Tigrovyy).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 43°04'46.8"N, 131°51'34.8"E.
- 43°04'39.0"N, 131°51'51.6"E.
- 43°04'22.2"N, 131°51'18.6"E.
- 43°04'36.6"N, 131°51'18.6"E.

**Area No. 321 (Bukhta Patrokl).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 43°03'49.8"N, 131°56'18.0"E.
- 43°03'56.4"N, 131°56'33.6"E.

c. 43°03'37.8"N, 131°56'53.4"E.

**Area No. 27 (Bukhta Patrokl).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 43°03'54.0"N, 131°57'01.8"E.
- 43°03'42.6"N, 131°57'15.0"E.
- 43°03'19.8"N, 131°57'12.0"E.
- 43°03'25.8"N, 131°56'48.0"E.

#### Southwest of Ostrov Russkiy

**Area No. 339 (South of Ostrov Lavrova).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 42°57'10.8"N, 131°47'34.2"E.
- 42°57'42.0"N, 131°47'34.2"E.
- 42°57'42.0"N, 131°47'51.0"E.
- 42°57'10.8"N, 131°47'51.0"E.

**Area No. 338 (Northeast of Ostrov Klykova).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 42°56'06.0"N, 131°47'00.0"E.
- 42°56'15.0"N, 131°46'51.0"E.
- 42°56'39.0"N, 131°47'25.2"E.
- 42°56'19.2"N, 131°47'37.8"E.

**Area No. 300 (East of Ostrov Reyneke).**—Area bounded by a circle with a radius of 0.1 mile centered on position 42°55'00.0"N, 131°45'09.0"E.

#### Ussuriyskiy Zaliv

**Area No. 26 (Bukhta Sukhoputnaya).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- 43°05'13.8"N, 131°58'19.8"E. (coast)
- 43°05'01.8"N, 131°58'40.2"E.
- 43°04'39.0"N, 131°58'31.2"E.
- 43°04'43.2"N, 131°57'58.2"E. (coast)

**Area No. 373 (Southwest of Mys Sedlovidnyy).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- 43°04'22.2"N, 132°16'48.0"E. (coast)
- 43°04'30.0"N, 132°16'48.0"E.
- 43°04'30.0"N, 132°16'51.6"E.
- 43°04'22.2"N, 132°16'51.6"E. (coast)

#### Proliv Askol'd

**Area No. 21V.**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 42°49.1'N, 132°24.9'E.
- 42°49.1'N, 132°25.5'E.
- 42°48.7'N, 132°25.5'E.
- 42°48.7'N, 132°24.9'E.

#### Zaliv Strelok

**Area No. 241.**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- 42°53'36.6"N, 132°24'28.2"E. (coast)
- 42°53'36.6"N, 132°23'45.0"E.
- 42°54'12.0"N, 132°23'55.2"E.
- 42°54'12.0"N, 132°24'12.0"E.
- 42°53'49.8"N, 132°24'25.2"E. (coast)

**Area No. 242 (Entrance to Bukhta Rudneva).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 42°54.0'N, 132°28.0'E.
- 42°54.5'N, 132°28.0'E.
- 42°54.5'N, 132°28.7'E.

d. 42°54.0'N, 132°28.7'E.

#### Zaliv Strelok to Zaliv Vostok

**Area No. 369 (East of Bukhta Rufovaya).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- 42°51'12.0"N, 132°40'30.0"E. (coast)
- 42°50'00.0"N, 132°40'30.0"E.
- 42°50'00.0"N, 132°38'00.0"E.
- 42°51'24.0"N, 132°38'30.0"E. (coast)

#### Bukhta Nakhodka

**Area No. 291.**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 42°49'04.8"N, 132°53'30.0"E.
- 42°49'03.0"N, 132°53'43.8"E.
- 42°48'58.8"N, 132°53'40.8"E.

#### Zaliv Nakhodka

**Area No. 368 (Bukhta Koz'mina).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 42°42'58.8"N, 133°00'01.8"E.
- 42°43'12.0"N, 133°00'00.0"E.
- 42°42'57.6"N, 133°01'00.6"E.
- 42°42'49.8"N, 133°00'58.8"E.

#### Zaliv Petra Velikogo to Mys Belkina

**Area No. 278 (Bukhta Kit).**—Area bounded by coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- 43°06'28.8"N, 134°17'00.0"E. (coast)
- 43°04'00.0"N, 134°17'00.0"E.
- 43°01'42.0"N, 134°12'48.0"E.
- 43°02'21.0"N, 134°10'27.6"E. (coast)

**Area No. 17G (Zaliv Ol'gi—Gavan' Tikhaya Pristan').**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 43°44'10.2"N, 135°16'06.0"E.
- 43°44'06.0"N, 135°16'09.6"E.
- 43°44'00.0"N, 135°15'57.0"E.
- 43°44'04.8"N, 135°15'54.0"E.

**Area No. 265 (Southeast of Zaliv Vladimira).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 43°41'30"N, 135°34'30"E.
- 43°49'30"N, 135°41'18"E.
- 43°48'00"N, 135°46'00"E.
- 43°42'48"N, 135°41'42"E.
- 43°41'30"N, 135°37'48"E.

**Area No. 17B (Entrance to Zaliv Vladimira).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 43°54.3'N, 135°31.7'E.
- 43°54.3'N, 135°32.3'E.
- 43°54.0'N, 135°32.3'E.
- 43°54.0'N, 135°31.7'E.

**Area No. 22 (Zaliv Vladimira).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 43°56'57.6"N, 135°29'04.8"E.
- 43°56'51.0"N, 135°29'23.4"E.
- 43°56'40.8"N, 135°29'37.2"E.
- 43°56'33.6"N, 135°29'32.4"E.
- 43°56'40.8"N, 135°29'07.2"E.

**Area No. 299 (North of Poluostrov Balyuzek).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 43°56'35.4"N, 135°30'57.0"E.
- b. 43°57'36.0"N, 135°31'15.0"E.
- c. 43°58'06.0"N, 135°31'23.4"E.

**Area No. 279 (Southwest of Zaliv Oprichnik).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 44°26'01.8"N, 135°59'00.0"E.
- b. 44°25'39.6"N, 136°00'13.2"E.
- c. 44°23'24.0"N, 135°55'00.0"E.
- d. 44°25'00.0"N, 135°54'24.0"E.

#### Gulf of Tartary

**Area No. 361 (Southwest of Mys Sosunova).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 46°28.5'N, 138°13.0'E.
- b. 46°28.0'N, 138°13.5'E.
- c. 46°25.0'N, 138°11.0'E.
- d. 46°25.5'N, 138°09.7'E.

**Area No. 366 (Southwest of Mys Zolotoy).**—Area bounded by a circle with a radius of 0.5 mile centered on position 47°17'18.0"N, 138°55'48.0"E.

**Area No. 15 (South of Mys Karsnyy Partizan).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 48°57'30.0"N, 140°21'57.6"E. (coast)
- b. 48°57'30.0"N, 140°24'12.0"E.
- c. 48°54'24.0"N, 140°24'12.0"E.
- d. 48°54'24.0"N, 140°20'36.0"E. (coast)

**Area No. 15A (De Kastri).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 51°28'33.6"N, 140°52'19.2"E.
- b. 51°28'51.6"N, 140°52'09.6"E.
- c. 51°28'58.2"N, 140°52'39.0"E.
- d. 51°28'39.6"N, 140°52'48.6"E.

#### Eastern Shore of Ostrov Sakhalin

**Area No. 215 (Ostrov Tyuleniy).**—Area bounded by a circle with a radius of 12 miles centered on position 48°30.2'N, 144°37.6'E.

#### Avachinskiy Zaliv

**Area No. 12 (Entrance to Avachinskiy Zaliv).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°52'31.2"N, 158°38'00.0"E.
- b. 52°52'52.8"N, 158°40'00.0"E.
- c. 52°52'24.0"N, 158°40'15.0"E.
- d. 52°52'00.0"N, 158°38'05.4"E.

**Area No. 13.**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°53'00.6"N, 158°40'43.8"E.
- b. 52°53'11.4"N, 158°41'42.0"E.
- c. 52°52'43.2"N, 158°42'06.0"E.
- d. 52°52'31.2"N, 158°41'00.0"E.

**Area No. 220 (Avachinskiy Guba-Bukhta Krasheninikova).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°53'16.2"N, 158°30'24.0"E.
- b. 52°53'39.6"N, 158°30'24.0"E.
- c. 52°53'39.0"N, 158°31'00.0"E.
- d. 52°53'28.8"N, 158°31'00.0"E.

#### Areas Prohibited for Anchoring, Fishing, Underwater and Dredging Operations, Underwater Explosions, and Navigating with a Trailing Anchor

#### La Perouse Strait

**Area No. 72A (Southeast of Mys Kril'on).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 45°55'03.6"N, 142°04'58.2"E.
- b. 45°54'25.2"N, 142°06'01.2"E.
- c. 45°56'15.0"N, 142°09'00.0"E.
- d. 45°55'16.2"N, 142°10'21.0"E.
- e. 45°51'54.0"N, 142°04'36.0"E.
- f. 45°53'36.0"N, 142°02'36.0"E.
- g. 45°54'18.0"N, 142°04'12.0"E.

**Area No. 72B (Zaliv Aniva NE of Mys Kril'on).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 46°05.5'N, 142°27.5'E.
- b. 46°05.5'N, 142°32.5'E.
- c. 46°00.5'N, 142°32.5'E.
- d. 46°00.5'N, 142°27.5'E.

**Area No. 72V (Zaliv Aniva-Bukhta Lososey).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 46°37'37.8"N, 142°40'25.8"E.
- b. 46°37'40.8"N, 142°40'48.6"E.
- c. 46°37'28.2"N, 142°40'51.0"E.
- d. 46°37'25.8"N, 142°40'28.8"E.

**Area No. 312 (Zaliv Aniva S of Mys Tomari-Aniva).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 46°36'18.0"N, 142°46'27.0"E.
- b. 46°33'42.0"N, 142°49'12.0"E.
- c. 46°27'00.0"N, 142°53'00.0"E.
- d. 46°26'12.0"N, 142°50'00.0"E.
- e. 46°35'48.0"N, 142°43'00.0"E.
- f. 46°37'00.0"N, 142°45'30.0"E.
- g. 46°36'49.2"N, 142°45'48.0"E.

**Area No. 260 (Zaliv Aniva SE of Mys Tomari-Aniva).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 46°31.6'N, 142°52.4'E.
- b. 46°32.6'N, 142°52.4'E.
- c. 46°32.6'N, 142°54.4'E.
- d. 46°31.6'N, 142°54.4'E.

**Area No. 24A (Zaliv Aniva S of Prigorodnoye).**—Area bounded by a circle with a radius of 1.5 miles centered on position 46°24'30.0"N, 142°51'06.0"E.

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**Area No. 251 (Ostrov Shpanberga-Bukhta Malokuril'skaya).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 43°53'18.0"N, 146°49'30.0"E.
- b. 43°54'30.0"N, 146°51'48.0"E.
- c. 43°53'21.0"N, 146°58'36.0"E.
- d. 43°47'18.0"N, 147°06'18.0"E.
- e. 43°41'48.0"N, 146°59'00.0"E.
- f. 43°48'30.0"N, 146°54'12.0"E.

**Area No. 253 (Ostrov Shpanberga-Bukhta Malokuril'skaya).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 43°52'21.6"N, 146°48'51.6"E.
- b. 43°52'30.0"N, 146°49'04.2"E.

- c. 43°52'27.0"N, 146°49'12.0"E.
- d. 43°52'07.2"N, 146°48'40.2"E.

**Area No. 356 (Ostrov Iturup-Kuril'skiy Zaliv).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 45°13'00.6"N, 147°49'31.8"E.
- b. 45°15'19.8"N, 147°47'24.6"E.
- c. 45°15'39.0"N, 147°48'00.6"E.
- d. 45°12'37.2"N, 147°50'51.0"E.

**Area No. 69B (Ostrov Iturup-Zaliv Kasatka).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 44°58'39.0"N, 147°37'49.8"E.
- b. 44°57'00.6"N, 147°37'48.0"E.
- c. 44°57'00.6"N, 147°36'40.8"E.

**Area No. 68 (Vtoroy Kuril'skiy Proliv).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 50°44'46.8"N, 156°12'00.6"E.
- b. 50°44'46.8"N, 156°11'28.2"E.
- c. 50°45'28.8"N, 156°11'28.2"E.
- d. 50°45'28.8"N, 156°11'53.4"E.

**Area No. 69 (Vtoroy Kuril'skiy Proliv).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 50°40'30.0"N, 156°08'42.0"E.
- b. 50°40'42.0"N, 156°11'12.0"E.
- c. 50°40'30.0"N, 156°12'12.0"E.
- d. 50°40'06.0"N, 156°08'02.4"E.

**Area No. 276 (Southeast of Ostrov Shumshu).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 50°38'33.6"N, 156°24'31.2"E.
- b. 50°38'22.2"N, 156°25'09.0"E.
- c. 50°33'06.0"N, 156°26'18.0"E.
- d. 50°33'06.0"N, 156°25'30.0"E.
- e. 50°38'06.6"N, 156°24'27.0"E.

**Area No. 354 (Ostrov Shumshu).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 50°45'13.8"N, 156°07'42.0"E.
- b. 50°46'21.0"N, 156°08'46.8"E.
- c. 50°48'06.0"N, 156°13'25.2"E.
- d. 51°06'39.0"N, 156°16'48.0"E.
- e. 51°24'39.0"N, 156°27'00.0"E.
- f. 51°27'00.0"N, 156°30'12.0"E.
- g. 51°23'48.0"N, 156°31'27.0"E.
- h. 51°06'00.0"N, 156°21'00.0"E.
- i. 50°58'00.0"N, 156°21'30.0"E.
- j. 50°46'27.0"N, 156°14'54.0"E.
- k. 50°46'13.8"N, 156°13'36.0"E.
- l. 50°47'21.0"N, 156°13'21.0"E.
- m. 50°45'56.4"N, 156°09'39.0"E.
- n. 50°44'57.0"N, 156°08'40.2"E.

#### Zaliv Petra Velikogo

**Area No. 315 (Zaliv Pos'yeta SW of Poluostrova Garmova).**—Area bounded by a circle with a radius of 0.5 mile centered on position 42°33'51.6"N, 131°09'42.0"E.

**Area No. 316 (Amurskiy Zaliv W of Mys Firsova).**—Area bounded by a circle with a radius of 0.5 mile centered on position 43°11'15.0"N, 131°50'56.4"E.

**Area No. 264 (Amurskiy Zaliv W of Gavan' Likhternaya).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the

following positions:

- a. 43°08'11.4"N, 131°53'20.4"E. (coast)
- b. 43°08'16.8"N, 131°52'24.6"E.
- c. 43°08'48.0"N, 131°52'31.2"E.
- d. 43°08'40.8"N, 131°53'22.2"E.
- e. 43°08'24.6"N, 131°53'39.0"E. (coast)

**Area No. 35 (Amurskiy Zaliv-Bukhta Novik).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 43°03'22.8"N, 131°49'50.4"E.
- b. 43°03'25.2"N, 131°50'14.4"E.
- c. 43°03'14.4"N, 131°50'14.4"E.
- d. 43°03'12.6"N, 131°49'48.6"E.

**Area No. 122 (Ostrov Russkiy-Bukhta Novik).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 43°03'34.2"N, 131°49'21.0"E.
- b. 43°03'31.2"N, 131°50'04.2"E.
- c. 43°02'55.8"N, 131°49'37.8"E.
- d. 43°02'58.8"N, 131°48'36.0"E.
- e. 43°03'25.8"N, 131°49'07.8"E.

**Area No. 123 (Ostrov Russkiy-Bukhta Novik).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 43°02'19.8"N, 131°51'28.8"E.
- b. 43°02'17.4"N, 131°51'49.8"E.
- c. 43°01'34.2"N, 131°52'03.0"E.
- d. 43°01'21.6"N, 131°51'46.2"E.

**Area No. 124 (Ostrov Russkiy-Bukhta Novik).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 43°00'30.0"N, 131°52'39.0"E.
- b. 43°00'38.4"N, 131°53'18.0"E.
- c. 43°00'26.4"N, 131°53'19.8"E.
- d. 43°00'19.2"N, 131°52'48.0"E.

**Area No. 106 (Proliv Bosfor-Vostochnyy).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 43°03'49.2"N, 131°56'04.2"E.
- b. 43°03'52.8"N, 131°55'10.8"E.
- c. 43°03'43.2"N, 131°55'06.0"E.
- d. 43°03'27.0"N, 131°55'43.8"E.

**Area No. 108A (Ostrov Russkiy-Bukhta Voyevoda).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 43°00'12.6"N, 131°47'00.0"E.
- b. 43°00'03.0"N, 131°47'13.2"E.
- c. 42°59'54.6"N, 131°46'58.8"E.
- d. 43°00'04.8"N, 131°46'45.0"E.

**Area No. 109 (Proliv Starka).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 42°59'06.6"N, 131°44'46.6"E. (coast)
- b. 42°58'53.4"N, 131°45'02.4"E.
- c. 42°58'38.4"N, 131°44'32.4"E.
- d. 42°58'58.8"N, 131°44'31.2"E. (coast)

**Area No. 180 (Ussuriyskiy Zaliv SE of Ostrov Russkiy).**—Area bounded by a circle with a radius of 0.8 mile centered on position 42°52'01.2"N, 132°01'30.0"E.

**Area No. 126 (Southeast of Ostrov Russkiy).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 42°54'01.2"N, 131°47'59.4"E.
- b. 42°58'10.8"N, 131°57'14.4"E.
- c. 42°58'39.0"N, 131°56'48.0"E.

- d. 42°59'06.0"N, 131°57'42.0"E.
- e. 42°58'34.8"N, 131°58'08.4"E.
- f. 42°59'30.0"N, 132°00'12.0"E.
- g. 42°57'53.4"N, 132°02'16.2"E.
- h. 42°50'48.0"N, 131°56'27.0"E.
- i. 42°49'00.0"N, 131°49'36.0"E.
- j. 42°51'00.0"N, 131°47'45.0"E.
- k. 42°52'38.4"N, 131°49'15.0"E.

**Area No. 102 (Proliv Askol'd).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 42°50'28.8"N, 132°20'51.0"E. (coast)
- b. 42°48'42.0"N, 132°20'51.0"E.
- c. 42°47'03.0"N, 132°21'50.4"E.
- d. 42°46'27.0"N, 132°22'58.8"E.
- e. 42°46'53.4"N, 132°20'52.2"E.
- f. 42°46'46.8"N, 132°20'16.2"E.
- g. 42°48'45.0"N, 132°18'45.0"E.
- h. 42°45'49.2"N, 132°15'12.6"E.
- i. 42°50'12.0"N, 132°13'06.0"E.
- j. 42°52'06.0"N, 132°17'42.0"E. (coast)

**Area No. 119 (Zaliv Strelok-Bukhta Abrek).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 42°55'30.0"N, 132°24'06.0"E.
- b. 42°55'18.0"N, 132°25'15.0"E.
- c. 42°54'54.0"N, 132°25'48.0"E.
- d. 42°54'48.0"N, 132°24'42.0"E.

**Area No. 99A (Approach to Zaliv Nakhodka).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 42°49'55.2"N, 132°20'51.0"E.
- b. 42°47'24.0"N, 132°22'24.0"E.
- c. 42°45'36.0"N, 132°26'00.0"E.
- d. 42°44'57.0"N, 132°26'57.0"E.
- e. 42°43'33.0"N, 132°30'30.0"E.
- f. 42°42'51.6"N, 132°31'42.0"E.
- g. 42°42'57.0"N, 132°40'55.8"E.
- h. 42°42'54.0"N, 132°48'30.0"E.
- i. 42°43'06.0"N, 132°50'30.0"E.
- j. 42°42'54.6"N, 132°51'49.8"E.
- k. 42°42'58.2"N, 132°55'19.8"E.
- l. 42°42'48.0"N, 132°55'00.0"E.
- m. 42°42'25.8"N, 132°55'00.0"E.
- n. 42°42'24.0"N, 132°50'36.0"E.
- o. 42°42'20.4"N, 132°48'30.0"E.
- p. 42°42'22.2"N, 132°31'30.0"E.
- q. 42°43'00.0"N, 132°30'12.0"E.
- r. 42°44'30.0"N, 132°26'30.0"E.
- s. 42°45'16.8"N, 132°25'26.4"E.
- t. 42°47'03.0"N, 132°21'50.4"E.
- u. 42°48'42.0"N, 132°20'51.0"E.

**Area No. 230 (Proliv Askol'd).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 42°48'36.0"N, 132°26'30.0"E.
- b. 42°46'55.2"N, 132°26'07.2"E.
- c. 42°46'40.2"N, 132°23'51.6"E.
- d. 42°47'22.8"N, 132°22'24.0"E.

**Area No. 227 (Proliv Askol'd).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 42°47'46.8"N, 132°28'04.8"E. (coast)
- b. 42°47'04.2"N, 132°28'05.4"E.
- c. 42°46'49.2"N, 132°29'48.0"E.

- d. 42°46'12.0"N, 132°28'54.6"E.
- e. 42°47'19.2"N, 132°26'13.2"E.
- f. 42°48'36.0"N, 132°26'30.0"E. (coast)

**Area No. 178 (Proliv Askol'd).**—Area bounded by a circle with a radius of 1 mile centered on position 42°46'18.0"N, 132°25'06.0"E.

**Area No. 179 (Proliv Askol'd).**—Area bounded by a circle with a radius of 0.5 mile centered on position 42°46'09.0"N, 132°29'51.0"E.

**Area No. 181 (Southeast of Ostrov Askol'd).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 42°29.0"N, 132°30.0"E.
- b. 42°29.0"N, 132°37.3"E.
- c. 42°25.8"N, 132°37.3"E.
- d. 42°24.8"N, 132°30.0"E.

**Area No. 182 (East of Ostrov Askol'd).**—Area bounded by a circle with a radius of 0.5 mile centered on position 42°45'12.0"N, 132°27'51.0"E.

**Area No. 183 (East of Ostrov Putyatina).**—Area bounded by a circle with a radius of 0.5 mile centered on position 42°48'07.2"N, 132°34'39.6"E.

**Area No. 100 (West Entrance of Zaliv Strelok).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 42°51'28.8"N, 132°21'39.6"E. (coast)
- b. 42°52'13.8"N, 132°23'46.8"E. (coast)
- c. 42°51'49.8"N, 132°23'57.6"E. (coast)
- d. 42°51'30.0"N, 132°23'55.2"E.
- e. 42°51'25.8"N, 132°23'30.0"E. (coast)
- f. 42°51'06.0"N, 132°21'36.0"E. (coast)

**Area No. 120 (Zaliv Strelok).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 42°55'06.0"N, 132°23'40.8"E. (coast)
- b. 42°55'00.0"N, 132°24'31.2"E. (coast)
- c. 42°54'15.0"N, 132°25'02.4"E. (coast)
- d. 42°53'50.4"N, 132°24'25.2"E. (coast)

**Area No. 118 (Zaliv Strelok).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 42°51'51.0"N, 132°27'18.6"E. (coast)
- b. 42°51'42.0"N, 132°30'40.8"E. (coast)
- c. 42°51'40.2"N, 132°31'07.2"E.
- d. 42°51'45.6"N, 132°31'40.2"E.
- e. 42°51'14.4"N, 132°31'34.2"E. (coast)
- f. 42°50'56.4"N, 132°30'03.0"E.
- g. 42°50'54.0"N, 132°28'09.0"E.
- h. 42°51'07.2"N, 132°27'06.0"E.
- i. 42°51'21.6"N, 132°26'55.2"E. (coast)

**Area No. 120A (Zaliv Strelok-Bukhta Abrek).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 42°55'44.4"N, 132°24'04.2"E. (coast)
- b. 42°56'07.8"N, 132°24'20.4"E.
- c. 42°56'14.4"N, 132°24'13.8"E. (coast)
- d. 42°56'16.2"N, 132°24'04.8"E.
- e. 42°56'12.6"N, 132°23'50.4"E.
- f. 42°56'32.4"N, 132°24'39.6"E.
- g. 42°56'32.4"N, 132°24'36.6"E.
- h. 42°56'28.8"N, 132°24'34.8"E.
- i. 42°56'21.6"N, 132°24'42.6"E.
- j. 42°56'08.4"N, 132°24'49.8"E.
- k. 42°56'07.2"N, 132°24'50.4"E.

- l. 42°55'30.6"N, 132°24'50.4"E.
- m. 42°55'09.6"N, 132°24'24.6"E. (coast)

**Area No. 99 (East Entrance of Zaliv Strelak).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 42°48'37.2"N, 132°27'46.8"E. (coast)
- b. 42°49'16.8"N, 132°28'52.2"E.
- c. 42°48'36.0"N, 132°32'45.6"E.
- d. 42°46'22.8"N, 132°32'42.0"E.
- e. 42°47'04.2"N, 132°28'05.4"E.
- f. 42°47'46.8"N, 132°28'04.8"E. (coast)

**Area No. 240 (Zaliv Strelak-Bukhta Anny).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 42°51'43.2"N, 132°33'53.4"E.
- b. 42°51'15.0"N, 132°34'01.8"E.
- c. 42°51'11.4"N, 132°34'03.0"E.
- d. 42°51'09.6"N, 132°34'03.6"E.
- e. 42°50'46.2"N, 132°34'01.8"E.
- f. 42°50'45.0"N, 132°33'57.6"E.
- g. 42°51'09.6"N, 132°34'00.0"E.
- h. 42°51'43.8"N, 132°33'49.8"E.

**Area No. 98B (East of Ostrov Askol'd).**—Area bounded by a circle with a radius of 0.5 mile centered on position 42°43'51.6"N, 132°36'51.0"E.

**Area No. 313 (Approach to Zaliv Nakhodka).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 42°40'58.2"N, 133°05'25.8"E.
- b. 42°37'12.0"N, 133°06'00.0"E.
- c. 42°32'00.0"N, 133°00'00.0"E.
- d. 42°32'00.0"N, 132°41'46.8"E.
- e. 42°37'36.0"N, 132°39'36.0"E.
- f. 42°41'55.8"N, 133°00'48.0"E.

**Area No. 94 (Approach to Zaliv Nakhodka).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 42°40.0"N, 132°52.0"E.
- b. 42°40.0"N, 133°04.0"E.
- c. 42°35.5"N, 133°04.0"E.
- d. 42°35.5"N, 132°52.0"E.

**Area No. 98 (Zaliv Nakhodka).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 42°45'01.8"N, 132°52'19.2"E. (coast)
- b. 42°44'20.4"N, 133°01'01.2"E.
- c. 42°43'58.8"N, 133°01'22.8"E.
- d. 42°43'28.8"N, 133°00'48.0"E.
- e. 42°43'33.6"N, 132°58'48.0"E.
- f. 42°42'42.6"N, 132°58'51.0"E.
- g. 42°42'12.0"N, 133°00'33.0"E.
- h. 42°40'42.0"N, 133°02'48.6"E.
- i. 42°39'48.0"N, 133°02'48.6"E.
- j. 42°39'48.0"N, 132°55'00.0"E.
- k. 42°42'48.0"N, 132°55'00.0"E.
- l. 42°43'34.2"N, 132°56'28.2"E.
- m. 42°44'21.0"N, 132°52'19.8"E. (coast)

**Area No. 95 (Zaliv Nakhodka-Entrance to Ozero Vtoroye).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 42°43'00.0"N, 133°01'24.0"E.
- b. 42°42'58.8"N, 133°01'28.2"E.
- c. 42°42'57.0"N, 133°01'27.6"E.
- d. 42°42'56.4"N, 133°01'22.8"E.

**Area No. 245 (Near Mys Ostrovnoy).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 42°48'30.0"N, 133°43'32.4"E. (coast)
- b. 42°49'00.0"N, 133°51'51.0"E.
- c. 42°47'24.0"N, 133°47'30.0"E.
- d. 42°47'00.6"N, 133°40'15.0"E.
- e. 42°49'12.0"N, 133°42'00.0"E.
- f. 42°49'12.0"N, 133°42'36.6"E. (coast)

**Zaliv Petra Velikogo to Mys Belkina**

**Area No. 92A (Northeast of Mys Nizmenny).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 43°32'02.4"N, 135°08'37.2"E.
- b. 43°32'15.0"N, 135°11'12.0"E.
- c. 43°30'58.8"N, 135°10'13.2"E.
- d. 43°31'21.0"N, 135°09'04.8"E.

**Area No. 92 (Zaliv Ol'gi N of Ostrov Chikacheva).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 43°41'15.0"N, 135°16'17.4"E.
- b. 43°41'10.2"N, 135°16'36.0"E.
- c. 43°40'52.2"N, 135°16'38.4"E.
- d. 43°40'37.8"N, 135°16'28.2"E.

**Area No. 263 (Southeast of Zaliv Vladimira).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 43°52'12.0"N, 135°30'28.8"E.
- b. 43°49'30.0"N, 135°41'18.0"E.
- c. 43°41'30.0"N, 135°34'30.0"E.
- d. 43°41'30.0"N, 135°37'48.0"E.
- e. 43°44'30.0"N, 135°46'27.0"E.
- f. 43°38'42.0"N, 135°47'15.0"E.
- g. 43°37'12.0"N, 135°37'00.0"E.
- h. 43°46'18.0"N, 135°26'00.0"E.

**Area No. 90 (East of Zaliv Vladimira).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 43°55'19.2"N, 135°31'10.2"E. (coast)
- b. 43°56'22.2"N, 135°36'28.2"E.
- c. 43°54'57.0"N, 135°36'27.0"E.
- d. 43°57'30.0"N, 135°51'24.0"E.
- e. 43°56'06.0"N, 135°51'42.0"E.
- f. 43°53'09.0"N, 135°34'36.0"E.
- g. 43°52'40.8"N, 135°34'04.8"E.
- h. 43°52'25.2"N, 135°30'32.4"E.
- i. 43°53'45.0"N, 135°30'01.2"E.
- j. 43°54'04.2"N, 135°30'30.0"E.
- k. 43°56'12.0"N, 135°29'49.8"E.
- l. 43°56'12.0"N, 135°30'30.6"E. (coast)

**Area No. 89 (Zaliv Vladimira-Bukhta Severnaya).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 43°57'19.8"N, 135°28'15.6"E.
- b. 43°57'11.4"N, 135°28'28.8"E.
- c. 43°56'55.8"N, 135°28'16.8"E.
- d. 43°57'04.8"N, 135°28'00.0"E.

**Area No. 88A (South of Bukhta Rudnaya).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 43°20.7"N, 135°50.4"E. (coast)
- b. 43°13.4"N, 135°58.7"E.

- c. 43°06.3'N, 135°48.6'E.
- d. 43°11.8'N, 135°41.2'E. (coast)

**Area No. 87 (East of Bukhta Serebryanka).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 45°02'30.0"N, 136°41'06.0"E.
- b. 45°03'48.0"N, 136°43'36.6"E.
- c. 45°02'48.0"N, 136°44'54.0"E.
- d. 45°01'36.6"N, 136°42'22.8"E.
- e. 44°58'54.0"N, 136°41'22.8"E.
- f. 44°59'44.4"N, 136°39'19.2"E.
- g. 45°00'48.0"N, 136°40'12.0"E.
- h. 45°00'54.0"N, 136°37'36.0"E.
- i. 45°01'39.6"N, 136°38'44.4"E.
- j. 45°01'39.0"N, 136°40'30.0"E.
- k. 45°02'12.0"N, 136°40'00.0"E.

**Area No. 86 (East of Bukhta Malaya Kema).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 45°28'15.0"N, 137°13'54.0"E.
- b. 45°27'24.0"N, 137°18'09.0"E.
- c. 45°26'30.0"N, 137°19'24.0"E.
- d. 45°18'25.2"N, 137°07'49.8"E.
- e. 45°19'19.2"N, 137°06'34.8"E.
- f. 45°25'16.8"N, 137°15'06.0"E.
- g. 45°27'57.0"N, 137°13'04.2"E.

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**Area No. 85 (East Mys Belkina).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 45°51'45.0"N, 137°46'06.0"E.
- b. 45°51'26.4"N, 137°46'42.0"E.
- c. 45°49'39.0"N, 137°44'48.0"E.
- d. 45°48'36.0"N, 137°42'58.2"E.
- e. 45°48'33.0"N, 137°42'18.0"E.
- f. 45°46'00.0"N, 137°39'42.0"E.
- g. 45°46'15.0"N, 137°39'06.0"E.
- h. 45°48'57.0"N, 137°41'51.0"E.
- i. 45°49'06.0"N, 137°42'42.0"E.
- j. 45°50'00.0"N, 137°44'15.0"E.

**Area No. 84 (East of Mys Olimpiady).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 46°16'03.0"N, 138°05'52.8"E. (coast)
- b. 46°16'15.0"N, 138°09'12.0"E.
- c. 46°15'52.8"N, 138°10'12.0"E.
- d. 46°12'45.6"N, 138°08'03.0"E.
- e. 46°13'03.6"N, 138°06'42.0"E.
- f. 46°15'14.4"N, 138°07'12.0"E.
- g. 46°15'37.2"N, 138°05'49.2"E. (coast)

**Area No. 83 (Southeast of Mys Zolotoy).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 47°20'24.0"N, 139°02'12.0"E.
- b. 47°20'09.0"N, 139°02'54.0"E.
- c. 47°17'12.0"N, 139°00'30.0"E.
- d. 47°16'06.0"N, 138°58'03.0"E.
- e. 47°15'33.0"N, 138°57'24.0"E.
- f. 47°15'48.0"N, 138°56'48.0"E.
- g. 47°16'30.0"N, 138°57'36.0"E.
- h. 47°17'42.0"N, 139°00'12.0"E.

**Area No. 82 (Southeast of Bukhta Grossevicha).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 47°58'09.0"N, 139°36'36.0"E.
- b. 47°57'42.0"N, 139°36'54.0"E.

- c. 47°56'24.0"N, 139°33'12.0"E.
- d. 47°57'00.0"N, 139°32'36.0"E.
- e. 47°57'54.0"N, 139°33'31.2"E.

**Area No. 80 (Approach to Zaliv Sovetskaya Gavan).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 49°03'58.8"N, 140°19'14.4"E.
- b. 49°05'00.0"N, 140°22'24.0"E.
- c. 49°07'54.0"N, 140°23'39.0"E.
- d. 49°07'54.0"N, 140°24'42.0"E.
- e. 49°05'06.0"N, 140°24'00.0"E.
- f. 49°05'06.0"N, 140°27'18.0"E.
- g. 48°58'34.8"N, 140°27'00.0"E.
- h. 48°56'42.0"N, 140°26'42.0"E.
- i. 48°43'00.0"N, 140°21'00.0"E.
- j. 48°43'45.0"N, 140°17'45.0"E.
- k. 48°59'39.0"N, 140°24'54.0"E.
- l. 49°02'45.0"N, 140°23'45.0"E.
- m. 49°03'12.0"N, 140°19'54.6"E.

**Area No. 322 (Bukhta Situan).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 48°59'36.0"N, 140°21'18.0"E.
- b. 49°00'00.0"N, 140°21'18.0"E.
- c. 49°00'00.0"N, 140°21'33.6"E.
- d. 48°59'49.2"N, 140°22'00.0"E.
- e. 48°59'36.0"N, 140°22'00.0"E.

**Area No. 75A (Entrance to Zaliv Sovetskaya Gavan).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 49°03'12.0"N, 140°19'54.6"E.
- b. 49°02'45.0"N, 140°23'45.0"E.
- c. 49°01'28.8"N, 140°20'55.2"E.
- d. 49°01'24.0"N, 140°19'58.2"E.
- e. 49°02'12.0"N, 140°18'48.0"E.

**Area No. 77 (Zaliv Sovetskaya Gavan).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 49°00'20.4"N, 140°16'18.0"E.
- b. 49°00'35.4"N, 140°16'37.8"E.
- c. 49°00'00.0"N, 140°17'20.4"E.
- d. 48°59'37.2"N, 140°17'31.2"E.
- e. 48°59'29.4"N, 140°16'52.8"E.
- f. 48°59'23.4"N, 140°15'22.8"E.
- g. 48°59'40.2"N, 140°15'21.6"E.
- h. 48°59'48.0"N, 140°16'40.8"E.

**Area No. 78 (Zaliv Sovetskaya Gavan).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 48°58'12.6"N, 140°15'36.6"E.
- b. 48°58'22.8"N, 140°15'37.8"E.
- c. 48°58'28.2"N, 140°16'21.0"E.
- d. 48°58'19.8"N, 140°16'15.0"E.

**Area No. 79 (Zaliv Sovetskaya Gavan).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 48°59'04.2"N, 140°14'12.6"E.
- b. 48°59'11.4"N, 140°14'30.0"E.
- c. 48°58'24.0"N, 140°15'34.2"E.
- d. 48°58'19.8"N, 140°15'16.2"E.

**Area No. 76 (Zaliv Sovetskaya Gavan).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 49°01'35.4"N, 140°17'09.6"E.
- b. 49°01'35.4"N, 140°17'49.8"E.
- c. 49°01'28.8"N, 140°17'57.0"E.

- d. 49°01'27.0"N, 140°17'55.8"E.
- e. 49°01'27.6"N, 140°16'57.0"E.
- f. 49°01'31.8"N, 140°16'58.2"E.

**Area No. 115 (Zaliv Sovetskaya Gavan-Bukhta Zapadnaya).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 49°00'14.4"N, 140°12'53.4"E.
- b. 49°00'31.8"N, 140°12'46.8"E.
- c. 49°00'39.6"N, 140°13'01.8"E.
- d. 49°00'26.4"N, 140°13'20.4"E.

**Area No. 116 (Zaliv Sovetskaya Gavan-Bukhta Zapadnaya).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 49°01'01.8"N, 140°13'41.4"E.
- b. 49°01'07.2"N, 140°13'59.4"E.
- c. 49°00'48.0"N, 140°14'04.8"E.
- d. 49°00'48.0"N, 140°13'49.8"E.

**Area No. 117 (Zaliv Sovetskaya Gavan-Bukhta Zapadnaya).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 49°01'33.6"N, 140°16'52.8"E.
- b. 49°01'01.2"N, 140°16'55.8"E.
- c. 49°01'00.6"N, 140°15'34.8"E.
- d. 49°01'22.2"N, 140°15'49.8"E.

**Area No. 262 (East of Zaliv Sovetskaya Gavan).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 49°02.0"N, 140°27.0"E.
- b. 49°03.5"N, 140°27.0"E.
- c. 49°03.5"N, 140°28.5"E.
- d. 49°02.0"N, 140°28.5"E.

**Area No. 73 (Estuary of Reki Tumnin).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 49°17'04.8"N, 140°22'00.6"E.
- b. 49°17'13.2"N, 140°22'09.6"E.
- c. 49°17'09.6"N, 140°22'32.4"E.
- d. 49°16'58.8"N, 140°22'24.6"E.

**Area No. 69A (Zaliv Chikacheva—Approaches to DeKastri between Mys Kloster Kamp and Mys Kastri).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 51°29'27.0"N, 140°50'19.2"E. (coast)
- b. 51°29'06.0"N, 140°50'28.8"E.
- c. 51°28'43.8"N, 140°51'07.2"E.
- d. 51°28'33.6"N, 140°52'19.2"E.
- e. 51°28'51.6"N, 140°52'09.6"E.
- f. 51°28'58.2"N, 140°52'39.0"E.
- g. 51°29'10.2"N, 140°51'37.2"E. (coast)

**Area No. 281 (Approach to Kholmok).**—Area bounded by a circle with a radius of 0.3 mile centered on position 47°03.9"N, 142°00.8"E.

**Area No. 81 (Approach to Ulegorsk).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 49°03'36.6"N, 142°01'42.6"E.
- b. 49°02'36.0"N, 141°54'48.0"E.
- c. 49°05'12.0"N, 141°54'36.0"E.
- d. 49°04'12.0"N, 142°01'37.2"E.

#### Eastern Shore of Ostrov Sakhalin

**Area No. 363 (Northeast of Mys Nizkiy).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 50°05.5"N, 143°56.2"E.

- b. 50°05.5"N, 144°03.6"E.
- c. 49°59.0"N, 144°03.6"E.
- d. 49°59.0"N, 143°59.1"E.

**Area No. 266 (Reyd Menaputsky).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 46°26'00.0"N, 143°34'03.0"E.
- b. 46°37'00.0"N, 143°47'00.0"E.
- c. 46°22'00.0"N, 143°51'00.0"E.
- d. 46°23'00.0"N, 143°36'42.0"E.

**Area No. 238 (Southeast of Pogranichnoye).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 50°19.5"N, 143°47.3"E.
- b. 50°19.5"N, 143°51.2"E.
- c. 50°17.5"N, 143°50.6"E.
- d. 50°17.5"N, 143°48.3"E.

**Area No. 239 (Southeast of Piltun).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°38.0"N, 143°25.0"E.
- b. 52°38.0"N, 143°38.0"E.
- c. 52°39.0"N, 143°32.0"E.
- d. 52°45.0"N, 143°25.0"E.
- e. 52°45.5"N, 143°33.0"E.
- f. 52°45.0"N, 143°25.0"E.

#### Sakhalinskiy Zaliv

**Area No. 43 (Zaliv Biakal-Port Moskal'vo).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 53°34'41.4"N, 142°28'45.0"E.
- b. 53°34'40.8"N, 142°29'49.2"E.
- c. 53°34'17.4"N, 142°29'45.6"E.
- d. 53°34'18.6"N, 142°28'54.0"E.

**Poluostrov Shmidta (Mys Marii).**—Area bounded by a circle with a radius of 0.6 mile centered on position 54°19.3"N, 142°14.5"E.

**Note.**—This area has not been numbered.

#### Amurskiy Liman

**Area No. 335 (Proliv Nevel'skogo NE of Mys Ekateriny).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 51°54'00.0"N, 141°25'15.6"E.
- b. 51°55'13.2"N, 141°25'27.0"E.
- c. 51°57'18.0"N, 141°27'12.6"E.
- d. 51°57'54.0"N, 141°27'30.6"E.
- e. 51°57'54.0"N, 141°29'07.8"E.
- f. 51°57'18.0"N, 141°28'48.0"E.
- g. 51°55'19.2"N, 141°27'03.0"E.
- h. 51°54'00.0"N, 141°26'53.4"E.

**Area No. 324 (Proliv Nevel'skogo NE of Mys Ekateriny).**—Two boundary lines, as follows:

1. Northern limit—delineated by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°05'42.0"N, 141°20'44.4"E.
- b. 52°05'41.4"N, 141°21'44.4"E.
- c. 52°04'36.0"N, 141°35'32.4"E.
- d. 52°04'39.0"N, 141°36'51.6"E.
- e. 52°04'55.2"N, 141°37'48.0"E.

2. Southern limit—delineated by lines joining the following positions



- a. 52°04'37.2"N, 141°20'27.0"E.
- b. 52°04'36.0"N, 141°20'39.0"E.
- c. 52°03'52.2"N, 141°29'48.0"E.
- d. 52°03'30.0"N, 141°34'09.0"E.
- e. 52°03'28.2"N, 141°35'30.0"E.
- f. 52°03'42.0"N, 141°36'55.2"E.
- g. 52°04'04.8"N, 141°38'07.2"E.

**Area No. 323 (Proliv Nevel'skogo E of Mys Murav'yeva).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°05'15.0"N, 141°31'54.0"E.
- b. 52°07'30.6"N, 141°32'30.0"E.
- c. 52°11'03.0"N, 141°34'30.0"E.
- d. 52°11'25.2"N, 141°36'42.0"E.
- e. 52°05'15.0"N, 141°33'00.0"E.

**Area No. 71 (Proliv Nevel'skogo-Mys Lazareva to Mys Pobibi).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°14'13.2"N, 141°31'24.0"E.
- b. 52°14'24.0"N, 141°32'33.0"E.
- c. 52°14'12.0"N, 141°39'06.0"E.
- d. 52°11'58.8"N, 141°40'00.0"E.
- e. 52°10'34.8"N, 141°31'42.0"E.

#### Estuary of Reki Amur

**Area No. 214 (Southwest of Ostrov Vospri).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 53°04'24.6"N, 140°48'03.6"E.
- b. 53°04'58.2"N, 140°49'27.6"E.
- c. 53°04'22.8"N, 140°50'22.2"E.
- d. 53°03'45.6"N, 140°48'45.6"E.

**Area No. 213 (Northeast of Ostrov Vospri).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 53°05'55.2"N, 140°51'49.2"E.
- b. 53°05'10.8"N, 140°52'25.2"E.
- c. 53°04'37.2"N, 140°50'59.4"E.
- d. 53°05'06.6"N, 140°49'48.6"E.

**Area No. 261 (Approaches to Port Nikolayevsk).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 53°08'28.8"N, 140°46'18.0"E.
- b. 53°07'42.0"N, 140°46'32.4"E.
- c. 53°07'36.6"N, 140°45'44.4"E.
- d. 53°08'23.4"N, 140°45'30.0"E.

#### Tauyskaya Guba

**Area No. 70 (Bukhta Nagayeva).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 59°33.6'N, 150°42.4'E.
- b. 59°33.6'N, 150°43.2'E.
- c. 59°33.4'N, 150°43.2'E.
- d. 59°33.4'N, 150°42.4'E.

**Area No. 69V (Bukhta Nagayeva).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 59°31'41.4"N, 150°44'37.2"E.
- b. 59°32'21.0"N, 150°44'37.2"E.
- c. 59°32'21.0"N, 150°46'06.0"E.
- d. 59°32'16.8"N, 150°46'15.0"E.

#### Poluostrov Kamchatka

**Area No. 354 (Ostrov Paramushir).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 50°45'13.8"N, 156°07'42.0"E. (coast)
- b. 50°46'21.0"N, 156°08'46.8"E.
- c. 50°48'00.6"N, 156°13'25.2"E.
- d. 51°06'39.0"N, 156°16'48.0"E.
- e. 51°24'39.0"N, 156°27'00.0"E.
- f. 51°27'00.0"N, 156°30'12.0"E.
- g. 51°23'48.0"N, 156°31'27.0"E.
- h. 51°06'00.0"N, 156°21'00.0"E.
- i. 50°58'00.0"N, 156°21'30.0"E.
- j. 50°46'27.0"N, 156°14'54.0"E.
- k. 50°46'13.8"N, 156°13'36.0"E.
- l. 50°47'21.0"N, 156°13'21.0"E.
- m. 50°45'56.4"N, 156°09'39.0"E.
- n. 50°44'57.0"N, 156°08'40.2"E. (coast)

#### Avachinskiy Zaliv

**Area No. 294 (Avachinskaya Guba-Bukhta Rakovaya).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°58'46.2"N, 158°40'19.2"E.
- b. 52°58'37.2"N, 158°40'06.6"E.
- c. 52°58'39.6"N, 158°40'03.6"E.
- d. 52°58'47.4"N, 158°40'15.6"E.

**Area No. 296 (Southeast of Mys Povorotnyy).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°18'16.8"N, 158°33'18.6"E.
- b. 52°16'42.0"N, 158°52'24.0"E.
- c. 52°07'54.0"N, 158°43'24.0"E.
- d. 52°13'39.0"N, 158°24'48.0"E.

**Area No. 314 (Avachinskaya Guba N of Mys Kosa).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°55'12.0"N, 158°34'09.6"E.
- b. 52°55'31.8"N, 158°34'09.6"E.
- c. 52°55'31.8"N, 158°35'05.4"E.
- d. 52°55'12.0"N, 158°35'05.4"E.

**Area No. 60 (Avachinskaya Guba-Bukhta Krashennikova).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°53'43.2"N, 158°26'52.2"E.
- b. 52°55'39.6"N, 158°28'37.2"E.
- c. 52°54'57.0"N, 158°29'34.2"E.
- d. 52°53'43.2"N, 158°28'23.4"E.

**Area No. 61 (Avachinskaya Guba between Bukhta Mokhovaya and Bukhta Krashennikova).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°57'37.2"N, 158°27'24.0"E.
- b. 52°56'12.0"N, 158°28'46.8"E.
- c. 52°55'51.0"N, 158°28'39.0"E.
- d. 52°55'38.4"N, 158°28'10.4"E.
- e. 52°55'38.4"N, 158°27'24.0"E.
- f. 52°57'11.4"N, 158°25'29.4"E.

**Area No. 62 (Avachinskaya Guba-Bukhta Rakovaya).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°58'36.0"N, 158°40'37.2"E.
- b. 52°58'30.0"N, 158°40'48.0"E.
- c. 52°58'28.8"N, 158°40'42.6"E.

d. 52°58'31.2"N, 158°40'31.8"E.

**Area No. 62B (Avachinskaya Guba-Bukhta Rakovaya).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°57'49.2"N, 158°41'55.2"E.
- b. 52°57'42.6"N, 158°42'07.2"E.
- c. 52°57'36.6"N, 158°42'07.8"E.
- d. 52°57'30.6"N, 158°41'50.4"E.
- e. 52°57'44.4"N, 158°41'45.6"E.

**Area No. 62V (Avachinskaya Guba-Bukhta Rakovaya).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°57'58.8"N, 158°40'43.8"E.
- b. 52°57'54.0"N, 158°40'30.0"E.
- c. 52°57'58.8"N, 158°40'22.8"E.
- d. 52°58'06.0"N, 158°40'43.8"E.

**Area No. 63 (Avachinskaya Guba between Poluostrov Krashennikova and Bukhta Rakovaya).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°55'37.2"N, 158°31'33.6"E.
- b. 52°57'22.8"N, 158°34'27.6"E.
- c. 52°59'00.0"N, 158°37'36.0"E.
- d. 52°59'07.8"N, 158°39'25.2"E.
- e. 52°58'52.8"N, 158°39'54.0"E.
- f. 52°58'00.0"N, 158°39'36.6"E.
- g. 52°58'11.4"N, 158°39'00.0"E.
- h. 52°58'39.0"N, 158°39'00.0"E.
- i. 52°55'07.8"N, 158°32'12.6"E.

**Area No. 64 (Entrance to Avachinskaya Guba).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°55'07.2"N, 158°36'53.4"E.
- b. 52°57'28.2"N, 158°38'36.0"E.
- c. 52°56'24.0"N, 158°39'39.0"E.
- d. 52°54'07.8"N, 158°38'01.8"E.

**Area No. 65 (Entrance to Avachinskaya Guba).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°56'24.0"N, 158°39'39.0"E.
- b. 52°54'43.2"N, 158°40'45.0"E.
- c. 52°53'07.2"N, 158°42'08.4"E.
- d. 52°52'03.0"N, 158°40'36.0"E.
- e. 52°55'21.0"N, 158°38'55.2"E.

**Area No. 66 (Approaches to Avachinskaya Guba).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°57'30.0"N, 158°48'30.0"E.
- b. 52°52'27.0"N, 158°57'27.0"E.
- c. 52°52'27.0"N, 159°06'09.0"E.
- d. 52°42'00.0"N, 159°06'09.0"E.
- e. 52°42'00.0"N, 158°49'00.0"E.
- f. 52°47'07.8"N, 158°49'00.0"E.
- g. 52°55'00.0"N, 158°45'18.0"E.

**Area No. 67A (North part of Avachinskaya Zaliv between Mys Pervyy and Mys Shipunskiy).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°57'00.6"N, 158°47'51.6"E.
- b. 52°57'12.0"N, 158°49'37.2"E.
- c. 52°59'09.0"N, 158°51'54.0"E.
- d. 52°59'45.0"N, 158°51'33.6"E.
- e. 53°00'12.0"N, 158°52'09.0"E.

- f. 52°59'30.6"N, 158°52'54.0"E.
- g. 53°01'03.0"N, 158°55'36.0"E.
- h. 53°04'04.8"N, 159°07'00.0"E.
- i. 53°11'46.8"N, 159°39'00.0"E.
- j. 53°13'21.0"N, 159°41'51.0"E.
- k. 53°12'10.8"N, 159°44'42.0"E.
- l. 53°11'10.8"N, 159°43'12.0"E.
- m. 53°06'40.8"N, 159°57'30.6"E.
- n. 53°06'15.0"N, 160°00'00.0"E.
- o. 53°02'00.0"N, 160°00'00.0"E.
- p. 53°04'17.6"N, 159°57'18.0"E.
- q. 53°08'45.0"N, 159°43'48.0"E.
- r. 53°09'30.0"N, 159°38'30.0"E.
- s. 53°03'15.0"N, 159°13'48.0"E.
- t. 53°00'27.0"N, 159°02'00.0"E.
- u. 53°00'42.0"N, 158°59'42.0"E.
- v. 52°58'54.0"N, 158°55'42.0"E.
- w. 52°51'10.8"N, 158°45'48.0"E.
- x. 52°54'12.0"N, 158°48'12.0"E.
- y. 52°56'01.8"N, 158°46'42.0"E.

**Area No. 74 (Southeast part of Poluostrov Shipunskiy).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 53°08'40.8"N, 160°03'30.6"E.
- b. 52°51'12.0"N, 160°26'12.0"E.
- c. 52°45'24.0"N, 160°08'30.0"E.
- d. 53°10'24.0"N, 159°48'05.4"E.

**Area No. 75 (East entrance to Avachinskaya Guba).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°57.0"N, 158°47.8"E.
- b. 52°46.0"N, 159°05.0"E.
- c. 52°41.5"N, 158°50.5"E.
- d. 52°54.7"N, 158°44.9"E.

**Area No. 91 (Avachinskaya Guba-Bukhta Krashennikova).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°55'51.0"N, 158°29'07.8"E.
- b. 52°57'00.6"N, 158°28'00.0"E.
- c. 52°57'45.0"N, 158°30'00.0"E.
- d. 52°55'49.2"N, 158°30'00.0"E.

**Area No. 280 (Avachinskaya Guba-Bukhta Krashennikova).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 52°55'30.0"N, 158°24'55.2"E.
- b. 52°55'30.0"N, 158°26'18.0"E.
- c. 52°55'12.0"N, 158°26'18.0"E.
- d. 52°55'12.0"N, 158°25'07.2"E.

#### Kronotskiy Zaliv

**Area No. 59 (Avachinskaya Guba-Bukhta Rakovaya).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 53°15'53.4"N, 159°54'25.8"E.
- b. 53°15'36.0"N, 159°55'56.4"E.
- c. 53°15'22.8"N, 159°56'42.6"E.
- d. 53°15'01.8"N, 159°57'36.0"E.
- e. 53°14'46.2"N, 159°57'20.4"E.
- f. 53°15'19.8"N, 159°55'43.2"E.
- g. 53°15'34.8"N, 159°54'25.8"E.

**Anadyrskiy Zaliv**

**Area No. 58A (Port Anadyr').**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 64°44.14'08.4"N, 177°31.77'46.2"E.
- b. 64°45.63'37.8"N, 177°33.60'36.0"E.
- c. 64°45.65'39.0"N, 177°34.45'27.0"E.
- d. 64°44.10'06.0"N, 177°32.46'27.6"E.
- e. 64°44.03'01.8"N, 177°32.10'06.0"E.

**Area No. 58 (Port Anadyr').**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 64°44'08.4"N, 177°31'46.2"E.
- b. 64°45'35.4"N, 177°31'37.8"E.
- c. 64°45'40.8"N, 177°31'49.8"E.
- d. 64°45'36.6"N, 177°32'06.0"E.
- e. 64°44'07.2"N, 177°32'15.0"E.
- f. 64°44'01.8"N, 177°32'06.0"E.

**Area No. 289 (Bukhta Provideniya-Entrance to Bukhta Komsomol'skaya).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 64°24.33'19.8"N, 173°15.98'58.8"E.
- b. 64°24.42'25.2"N, 173°16.23'13.8"E.
- c. 64°25.23'13.8"N, 173°15.55'33.0"E.
- d. 64°25.22'13.2"N, 173°14.48'28.8"E.
- e. 64°24.20'12.0"N, 173°15.23'13.8"E.

**Area No. 290 (Bukhta Provideniya-Port Provideniya).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 64°25'34.2"N, 173°13'04.2"E.
- b. 64°25'00.0"N, 173°12'46.8"E.
- c. 64°24'49.8"N, 173°13'28.2"E.
- d. 64°24'49.8"N, 173°14'46.2"E.
- e. 64°24'13.2"N, 173°14'28.8"E.

**Inadequately Surveyed Areas****Northwest of Ostrov Paramushir**

**Area No. 23.**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 50°44.0'N, 155°48.0'E.
- b. 50°46.0'N, 155°46.0'E.
- c. 50°49.0'N, 155°53.0'E.
- d. 50°47.0'N, 155°53.0'E.

**Kamchatskiy Proliv**

**Area No. 30.**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 56°05.0'N, 163°12.0'E.
- b. 56°07.0'N, 163°12.0'E.
- c. 56°07.0'N, 163°19.0'E.
- d. 56°05.0'N, 163°19.0'E.

**Komandorskiye Ostrov**

**Area No. 34 (Ostrov Beringa).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 55°20.0'N, 167°06.0'E.
- b. 55°28.0'N, 167°06.0'E.
- c. 55°28.0'N, 167°32.0'E.
- d. 55°20.0'N, 167°32.0'E.

**Karaginskiy Zaliv**

**Area No. 37 (Ostrov Karaginskiy).**—Area bounded by

lines joining the following positions:

- a. 59°04.0'N, 165°54.0'E.
- b. 59°14.0'N, 165°54.0'E.
- c. 59°14.0'N, 166°22.0'E.
- d. 59°04.0'N, 166°22.0'E.

**Anadyrskiy Zaliv**

**Area No. 41.**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 62°28.0'N, 179°40.0'W.
- b. 63°04.0'N, 179°52.0'W.
- c. 63°15.0'N, 180°00.0'W.
- d. 63°20.0'N, 180°00.0'W.
- e. 63°20.0'N, 178°30.0'W.
- f. 63°58.0'N, 178°30.0'W.
- g. 64°05.0'N, 177°30.0'W.
- h. 64°17.0'N, 177°30.0'W.
- i. 64°17.0'N, 176°30.0'W.
- j. 64°50.0'N, 176°30.0'W.
- k. 64°15.0'N, 174°34.0'W.
- l. 64°00.0'N, 174°34.0'W.
- m. 63°55.0'N, 174°50.0'W.

**Eastern Shore of Ostrov Sakhalin**

**Area No. 42 (Zaliv Terpeniya).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 47°24.0'N, 143°29.0'E.
- b. 47°54.0'N, 143°03.0'E.
- c. 48°00.0'N, 144°24.0'E.
- d. 47°39.0'N, 144°21.0'E.

**Area No. 215A (Southern end of Poluostrov Terpeniya).**—The area is split into two parts.

Part 1 is an area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 48°46.5'N, 144°42.1'E.
- b. 48°34.8'N, 145°16.9'E.
- c. 48°14.7'N, 145°33.8'E.
- d. 48°03.7'N, 145°18.9'E.
- e. 48°18.2'N, 144°38.1'E.

Part 2 is an area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 48°46.0'N, 144°39.2'E.
- b. 48°46.0'N, 144°30.3'E.
- c. 48°41.0'N, 144°29.9'E.

Ships of more than 1,000 tons carrying oil and/or dangerous cargo must avoid passing through the areas listed above.

Area No. 215A is an IMO-designated Area to be Avoided. For information on the transit route through the area, see Areas to be Avoided.

**Area No. 20.**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 48°42.0'N, 145°09.0'E.
- b. 48°55.0'N, 144°42.0'E.
- c. 49°35.0'N, 144°22.0'E.
- d. 50°32.0'N, 144°00.0'E.
- e. 50°32.0'N, 144°35.0'E.
- f. 50°00.0'N, 144°47.0'E.
- g. 49°00.0'N, 145°27.0'E.
- h. 48°42.0'N, 145°27.0'E.

**Area No. 19.**—Area bounded by a circle with a radius of 5 miles centered on position 52°31.0'N, 143°40.0'E.

**Area No. 17.**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 52°58.0'N, 144°07.0'E.
- 53°15.0'N, 144°07.0'E.
- 53°15.0'N, 144°44.0'E.
- 52°58.0'N, 144°44.0'E.

#### Zaliv Shelikhova

**Area No. 25 (Penzhinskaya Guba).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- 59°39.0'N, 160°27.0'E. (coast)
- 59°56.0'N, 161°14.0'E.
- 60°24.0'N, 161°40.0'E.
- 61°24.0'N, 163°39.0'E. (coast)

**Area No. 29 (Penzhinskaya Guba).**—Area between Mys Opasnyy and Mys Mamet from the coastline to the 10m curve.

#### Areas Temporarily Dangerous for Navigation

##### South of Zaliv Petra Velikogo

**Area No. 55.**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 41°40.0'N, 131°41.0'E.
- 42°15.0'N, 131°41.0'E.
- 42°25.8'N, 131°50.0'E.
- 41°40.0'N, 131°50.0'E.

**Area No. 55A.**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 41°40.0'N, 131°41.0'E.
- 42°15.0'N, 131°41.0'E.
- 42°20.3'N, 132°15.5'E.
- 41°40.0'N, 133°15.5'E.

**Area No. 55B.**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 41°40.0'N, 132°24.0'E.
- 42°21.5'N, 132°24.0'E.
- 42°25.8'N, 132°50.0'E.
- 41°40.0'N, 132°50.0'E.

##### Vladivostok

**Area No. 229 (Bukhta Zhitkova).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- 43°01'10.2"N, 131°55'55.2"E. (coast)
- 43°01'12.0"N, 131°55'34.8"E. (coast)

#### Areas to be Avoided

##### Zaliv Petra Velikogo

**Area No. 333 (Amurskiy Zaliv-Bukhta Novik).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- 43°01'54.0"N, 131°51'25.8"E. (coast)
- 43°01'54.0"N, 131°51'28.8"E.
- 43°01'50.4"N, 131°51'27.0"E. (coast)

**Area No. 355 (Amurskiy Zaliv-Bukhta Paris).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 43°01'31.8"N, 131°54'41.4"E.
- 43°01'33.6"N, 131°54'49.8"E.
- 43°01'24.6"N, 131°54'53.4"E.
- 43°01'21.0"N, 131°54'42.0"E.

**Area No. 332 (Zaliv Strelok-Bukhta Razboynik).**—Area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 42°53'31.2"N, 132°22'35.4"E.
- 42°54'09.0"N, 132°22'44.4"E.
- 42°54'08.4"N, 132°23'19.2"E.
- 42°53'30.6"N, 132°23'10.2"E.

**Area No. 320 (Zaliv Strelok-Bukhta Bezmyannaya).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- 42°55'39.0"N, 132°25'55.2"E.
- 42°55'38.4"N, 132°26'06.0"E.
- 42°55'07.2"N, 132°26'45.0"E.
- 42°54'52.2"N, 132°26'45.6"E.
- 42°54'57.0"N, 132°26'13.2"E.
- 42°55'05.4"N, 132°25'46.2"E.

##### Zaliv Petra Vilekogo to Mys Belkina

**Area No. 228 (Zaliv Ol'gi).**—Area bounded by the coastline and lines joining the following positions:

- 43°41'12.0"N, 135°16'43.2"E.
- 43°40'48.6"N, 135°16'49.2"E.
- 43°40'52.2"N, 135°16'38.4"E.
- 43°41'10.2"N, 135°16'36.0"E.

## Routes

### Recommended Routes

Due to unfavorable weather conditions prevalent in the Sea of Okhotsk, authorities of the Russian Federation have recommended use of the following one-way tracks described in the table titled **Recommended Routes**.

Vessels should follow these tracks. If they are forced to deviate, they should do so to starboard if safe navigation permits.

### Search and Rescue

The Maritime Rescue Coordination Center (MRCC) Moscow is responsible for coordinating search and rescue operations and working with search and rescue services of neighboring countries.

Recommended Routes		
Route	Description	Remarks
Track No. 1	Zaliv Nakhodka approaches to La Perouse Strait	Leads to La Perouse Strait TSS
Track No. 2	La Perouse Strait to Zaliv Nakhodka approaches	Leads from La Perouse Strait TSS
Track No. 3	La Perouse Strait to Chetverty Kuril'skiy Proliv	Leads from La Perouse Strait TSS to Chetverty Kuril'skiy Proliv TSS

Recommended Routes		
Route	Description	Remarks
Track No. 4	Chetvertyy Kurilskiy Proliv to La Perouse Strait	Leads from Chetvertyy Kurilskiy Proliv TSS to La Perouse Strait TSS
Track No. 5	La Perouse Strait to Bukhta Nagayeva	Leads from La Perouse Strait TSS
Track No. 6	Bukhta Nagayeva to La Perouse Strait	Leads to La Perouse Strait TSS
Track No. 7	Mys Lopatka to Port Provideniya	Leads from Chetvertyy Kurilskiy Proliv TSS
Track No. 7A	Mys Navarin to Anadyrskiy Liman	—
Track No. 7B	Mys Navarin to Zaliv Kresta	—
Track No. 8	Port Provideniya to Mys Lopatka	Leads to Chetvertyy Kurilskiy Proliv TSS
Track No. 9	Mys Lopatka to Avachinskaya Guba and Port Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy	—
Track No. 10	Port Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy and Avachinskaya Guba to Mys Lopatka	—
Track No. 11	Zaliv Sovetskaya Gavan and Port Vanino to Mys Syurkum	Leads from Approaches to Sovetskaya Gavan and Bukhta Vanino TSS
Track No. 12	Mys Syurkum to Zaliv Sovetskaya Gavan and Port Vanino	Leads to Approaches to Sovetskaya Gavan and Bukhta Vanino TSS
Track No. 13	Port Vanino to Port Ulegorsk	Leads from Approaches to Sovetskaya Gavan and Bukhta Vanino TSS
Track No. 13A	Zaliv Sovetskaya Gavan and Port Vanino into the Gulf of Tartary	—
Track No. 14	Port Ulegorsk to Port Vanino	Leads to Approaches to Sovetskaya Gavan and Bukhta Vanino TSS
Track No. 14A	Tatarskiy Proliv to Zaliv Sovetskaya Gavan and Port Vanino	—
Track No. 15	Zaliv Sovetskaya Gavan and Port Vanino to the S along the W shore of the Gulf of Tartary	Leads from Approaches to Sovetskaya Gavan and Bukhta Vanino TSS
Track No. 16	To Zaliv Sovetskaya Gavan and Port Vanino from the S along the W shore of the Gulf of Tartary	Leads to Approaches to Sovetskaya Gavan and Bukhta Vanino TSS
Track No. 17	Port Vanino to Port Kholmsk	Leads from Approaches to Sovetskaya Gavan and Bukhta Vanino TSS
Track No. 18	Port Kholmsk to Port Vanino	Leads to Approaches to Sovetskaya Gavan and Bukhta Vanino TSS
Track No. 19	Port Provideniya to Mys Dezhneva (and reverse)	—
Track No. 20	Vladivostok to Slavyanskogo Zaliv	Recommended track for hydrofoils
Track No. 21	Slavyanskogo Zaliv to Vladivostok	Recommended track for hydrofoils
Track No. 22	Valdivostok to Port Nakhodka (and reverse)	Recommended track for hydrofoils
Track No. 23	Port Korsakov from the SW (and reverse)	Leads from Mys Krilon TSS to Fairway No. 19
Track No. 24	Port Korsakov from the SE (and reverse)	Leads from Mys Aniva TSS to Fairway No. 20
Track No. 24A	Prigorodnoye from the SW (and reverse)	Leads from Mys Krilon TSS to Fairway No. 20A
Track No. 24B	Prigorodnoye from the SE (and reverse)	Leads from Mys Aniva TSS to Fairway No. 20B
Track No. 25	Zaliv Petra Velikogo to Zarubino (and reverse)	Leads from Approaches to Vladivostok TSS
Track No. 26	Zaliv Petra Velikogo to Port Posyet (and reverse)	Leads from Approaches to Vladivostok TSS via Track No. 25

Recommended Routes		
Route	Description	Remarks
Track No. 27	Zaliv Petra Velikogo to Bukhta Slavyanka (and reverse)	—
Track No. 28	Mys Krylon to De Kastri (northbound)	—
Track No. 29	Mys Krylon to De Kastri (southbound)	—
Track No. 30	Port Vanino to Ostrov Monneron	—
Track No. 31	Ostrov Monneron to Port Vanino	—

A network of coast radio stations maintains a continuous listening watch on international distress frequencies for distress traffic.

Emergency search and rescue operations in territorial waters of Russia are normally carried out by Russian rescue units. However, vessels whose governments have an international agreement with the government of Russia will, in exceptional circumstances, be given permission to participate in rescue operations.

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## Signals

### Dredge Signals

Dredges in Russian waters show the appropriate lights or shapes as prescribed in the *International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea*. These signals should only be interpreted as an indication of the side on which the dredge wishes to allow the approaching vessel to pass.

The approaching vessel should reduce speed to the minimum necessary for steering way before arriving at a distance of 0.5 mile from the dredge; one prolonged blast should be sounded. The dredge will, in addition to showing the proper signals, confirm the side on which the dredged is to be passed, as follows:

Russia—Dredge Signals	
Signal	Meaning
One long blast	Leave me on your port side.
Two long blasts	Leave me on your starboard side.
Three long blasts	No passage. Wait until clear.

If no answering signal is received from the dredge, the vessel must assume that passage on both sides of the dredge is closed.

### Vessels Engaged in Special Operations

Russian vessels, engaged in survey operations, display a blue pennant having on it a white disc bearing the figure of a lighthouse.

Russian vessels, except for dredges, engaged in special operations in narrow waters such as cable laying, servicing navigational aids, or surveying will display the appropriate signals from COLREGS 1972. Vessels approaching such a ship must reduce speed and sound one prolonged blast when at a distance of 0.5 mile. Approaching vessels shall not pass the ship engaged in special operations until that ship has lowered or extinguished the special signals being displayed.

Vessels engaged in special operations should cease work and, if possible, proceed to the edge of the channel when approached by a vessel displaying the signal for a vessel constrained by its draft.

Russia—SAR Contact Information	
<b>MRCC Moscow</b>	
Telephone	7-495-626-1052
	7-495-624-1053
	7-495-626-1055
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	<a href="mailto:od_smrcc@morspas.com">od_smrcc@morspas.com</a>
<b>MRSC Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy</b>	
Telephone	7-4152-434180
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Call sign	Vladivostok Radio RCC
Telephone	7-4232-2495522
	7-4232-2495895
	7-4232-2497401
	427312137 (INMARSAT-C)
Facsimile	7-4232-227782
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<b>MRSC Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk</b>	
Telephone	7-4242-785704
	7-4242-750575
	427311122 (INMARSAT-C)

**Lightships Not on Station**

A lightship, not on station, that has broken loose from its anchor shall discontinue its characteristic light and fog signal and, if possible, lower its daymark and hoist the following signals:

1. By day—Two large black balls, one in the bow, the other in the stern.
2. At night—Two red lights, one in the bow, the other in the stern.

A lightship that has broken loose from its anchor shall, in addition to the above, take the following precautions:

1. By day, hoist the signal “LO” of the International Code of Signals, meaning “I am not in my charted position.”
2. By night, burn red and white pyrotechnic lights simultaneously at least once every 15 minutes.

**Special Warning Signals**

It may at times be necessary to prohibit entry of shipping into certain Russian territorial waters and under these conditions a special warning service consisting of special warships, guardships, examination vessels, or coast guard stations will be established. Mariners are cautioned on approaching such waters to maintain a good lookout for these vessels, which will show the following signals:

1. By day—A blue triangular flag.
2. By night—Three blue lights, vertically disposed.

Should any vessel approach an area where entry to or navigation within is prohibited, the patrol vessel, guardship, or coastguard station shall, in addition to the above signals, show the following signals:

1. By day—Three red balls, in a triangle, point up.
2. By night—Three red lights, vertically disposed.

The above information is not to be construed to mean every restricted area will be guarded, and vessels proceeding into these waters should have on board the latest available information pertaining to navigation off the coastal areas of Russian.

Vessels of the Russian Federal Security Service Border Guard wishing to stop non-naval vessels will signal these vessels, as follows:

1. By day—International Code flag L from the mast.
2. By night—Two green lights, vertically disposed, on the mast above the masthead light.
3. Firing two green flares at a very short interval between them.
4. Transmitting the signals and phrases specified by the International Code of Signals or sending orders to stop the vessel using radiotelephone communications.

Russian Border Guard vessels will use the call sign “Velbot,” on VHF channel 16 or 2182 kHz, when establishing contact.

Aircraft wishing to stop non-naval vessels will signal these vessels, as follows:

1. Firing two red flares at a very short interval between them.
2. Circling to the left over the vessel at a safe distance and height while rapidly flashing its navigation or landing lights until the vessel stops or until radio contact is established with it.
3. Transmitting the signals and phrases specified by the International Code of Signals or sending orders to stop the vessel using radiotelephone communications.

Aircraft will use the call sign “Sokol,” on 121.5 MHz or

243.0 MHz (4125.0 kHz and 6215.0 kHz as a reserve, if necessary), when establishing contact.

Ships that have been given any of these signals must stop and remain stopped until permission to proceed is received from the guardship.

Should entry or navigation into a given area be unrestricted and no special signal or instruction regarding further movements have been made or given by the guardship or coastguard station, an incoming vessel is free to proceed to its destination, but must observe such regulations as may already have been promulgated.

Should Russian naval vessels be present in any restricted area, and should no special regulations concerning navigation with it have been issued, then approaching vessels must not pass between such naval vessels. At night, warships may display a white light over a red light, visible all around the horizon at a distance of not less than 3 miles.

**Traffic Signals**

Signals regulating entry to and departure from the Russian Federation ports are, as follows:

Day Signal	Night Signal	Meaning
Three black balls, vertically disposed	Three red lights, vertically disposed	Entry forbidden due to obstruction
Black cone, point up, between two black balls, vertically disposed	White light between two red lights, vertically disposed	Entry temporarily prohibited—Normal operations
Black cone, point down, above black cone, point up, over black ball	Green light above white light over red light	Entry and exit temporarily prohibited—Normal operations
Black cone, point down, above black cone, point up, over black cone, point down	White light between two green lights, vertically disposed	Exit temporarily prohibited—Normal operations
Black ball between two black cylinders, vertically disposed	Red light between two white lights, vertically disposed	Movement of small warships, launches, boats prohibited in harbor and roads

**Note.**—All signals are disposed vertically; all the day signal shapes are black.

**Tidal Signals**

Signals are displayed to indicate the height of the water level above chart datum, in units of 20 cm, as follows:

Day Signal	Night Signal	Meaning
Black cone, point down	White light over green light	Falling water level

Day Signal	Night Signal	Meaning
Black cone, point up	Green light over white light	Rising water level
White cylinder	Red light	Height of water level—0.5 unit
Black cone, point down	Green light	Height of water level—1 unit
Black cylinder	Red light	Height of water level—5 units
Black ball	White light	Height of water level—25 units

### Towing Signals

The following sound signals are used by the vessel being towed:

Signal	Meaning
One long blast	Tow straight ahead or astern (as appropriate)
Two long blasts	Stop engines
One long blast, one short blast	Reduce speed
One short blast, one long blast	Increase speed
One long blast, one short blast, one long blast	Let go or take up tow
One short blast	Tow to starboard
Two short blasts	Tow to port
Three short blasts	Go full speed astern
Three long blasts, one short blast	Tug required
Five or more short blasts	Stop moving immediately

When two tugs are employed, one will be directed by the ship's whistle and the other by oral whistle signals. Signals given by the towed ship must be repeated by the tug.

### Submarine Warning Signals

The following signal is used to warn foreign submarines which are submerged:

1. A series of three explosions at 1 minute intervals, followed after an interval of 3 minutes by a second series of three explosions—You have entered Russian territorial waters. Come to the surface immediately. If you do not do so within 10 minutes you will be fired upon.

2. An acoustic signal by sonar may be given simultaneously, with the same meaning as above. The signal will consist of five dashes, each dash 3 seconds long, with the interval between dashes being 3 seconds.

### Submarine Operating Areas

Warships of the Navy of Russia escorting submarines will,

for purposes of warning vessels of the presence of submarines in a particular sea area, hoist the flag signal "NE 2" of the International Code of Signals, meaning "You should proceed with particular caution because submarine exercises are in progress in this area."

Warships of Russia shall, if possible, also transmit the fact by radio in plain language on the established international frequency, 500 kHz.

During darkness, specially assigned warships shall warn approaching vessels of the presence of submarines by using for the purpose, all communication means available to them.

Approaching vessels shall set their courses so as not to interfere with the movements of the warships displaying the signals indicated, and shall ensure that warships have adequate room in which to maneuver.

If, for whatever reason, a vessel is unable to meet these requirements, such vessel should reduce speed to as slow as possible until such time as the danger area has been transmitted to it, or until such time as instructions as to a safe course are received.

The vessel shall, at the same time, keep a sharp lookout for submarines, the presence of which can be detected only if they are at a depth where the periscope, snorkel, parabolic radar antenna, or DF loop is visible.

All these devices can be mistaken for the brooms used as topmarks, logs, and other floating objects, because of their external appearance. However, if they are in fact extendible devices of a submarine they usually will leave a wake.

A submarine, moreover, sometimes can be detected because of air bubbles coming to the surface, or because of a red and white float or buoy, towed astern and visible on the surface.

A surfaced submarine can be detected at night by its running lights, and by the fixed white lights of emergency signal buoys which can be lighted by the submarine, in good time, while it still is submerged. In some cases the presence of a submarine in the area can be made known by its submerged firing of signal cartridges which form a colored smoke in the daytime, and by a similarly colored flare at night.

A vessel observing the extendible devices of a submarine, a towed float or buoy, the fact of running lights showing as well as the fixed white lights of emergency signal buoys, or the firing of signal cartridges shall sheer off immediately so as to leave them astern, or back down or stop its engine, so as to pass clear of the submarine at a safe distance.

Mariners should, however, be aware of the fact that surface warships do not always escort submarines engaged in exercises or making passage.

### Sunken Submarines

When a Russian submarine is in distress and cannot surface it can indicate its position by releasing, to the surface, an emergency signal buoy, fuel or lubricating oil, or air bubbles.

Submarines of the Navy of Russia are fitted with two emergency signal buoys; one in the bow, the other in the stern.

The emergency signal buoys are shaped like a truncated cone with a flat bottom and a spherical upper part (the buoy can, in some cases, be shaped like an oblate spheroid). Buoy diameter is about 0.9 to 1.25m; height about 0.4 to 0.7m.

The body of the buoy rises about 0.4 to 0.6m above the surface. The buoy is red, with the upper part having three red sectors alternating with three white sectors. One of the white



sectors carries a black H or a black K.

The letter H signifies that the buoy is the bow buoy, the letter K that the buoy is the stern buoy. The buoys are visible for about 2 miles.

A quick flashing white light (70 flashes per minute) visible for 5 miles, is shown from the center of the upper part of the buoy.

A mariner sighting evidence on the surface that a submarine is in distress shall, with the maximum accuracy, fix the position of an oil slick or of the appearance of air bubbles, and report this to the nearest Russian port authorities.

If an emergency signal buoy is spotted, the fact shall be reported immediately to the nearest Russian port, such report shall include the exact position of the buoy and time spotted, and communications shall be established with the submarine over the emergency signal buoy telephone.

To establish communications with the submarine, open the cover on the well in the buoy (by removing the wing nuts, or by backing off the nuts with a wrench), secure it, remove the handset from the rubber case, and call by pressing the button on the end of the rubber bulb.

Upon receiving a response, release the button and begin to talk. Now further action on the part of the mariner will depend entirely on the situation in which the submarine may be in and on the status of its crew.

Vessels, cutters, or boats should not tie up to an emergency signal buoy, nor lift it on board.

### Russian Submarine Lights

The design features of submarines prevent them from fully complying with the provisions of Rules of the Road with respect to ships' lights.

The low position of the running lights, the small vertical spacing, and the closeness together of the masthead and side lights all work to give an incorrect idea of the length of the submarine, its exact course, and even more to the point, of changes in course. This is why submarine lights can be mistaken for those of a small vessel, or a cutter, moving at slow speed.

Mariners should always be aware of the special features of the placement of submarine lights, and take all precautionary measures necessary when passing submarines, particularly in fairways, in narrow waters, and in the entrances (exits) of bays and gulfs.

Submarines may carry one or two special identification lights for timely recognition when in restricted waters, and in areas in which traffic is heavy. These are quick flashing (100 flashes per minute) orange lights visible all around the horizon, located in the submarines fore and aft plane. One light is installed on top and in the middle of the conning tower, at least 1.5m above the masthead light. The other is on the stern of the submarine, or on a stabilizer.

All ships, upon seeing these lights, shall take immediate, decisive measures to pass the submarine at a safe distance.

### Tides

On the coast along the S part of Poluostrov Kamchatka, the E coast of Ostrov Sakhalin, and in Sakhalinskiy Zaliv, the tidal range is about 1m.

On the NW shore of the Sea of Okhotsk, the tidal ranges vary from 2 to 3m, although a range of as much as 5m may

occur in Shantarskiye Ostrova.

The tidal range may be as much as 7m in the head of Zaliv Shelikhova.

Tidal ranges of the coast from the North Korea border as far N as the Gulf of Tartary are less than 0.5m, although the range at the head of the gulf may be as much as 2m.

### Time Zone

Russia is covered by multiple time zones. The boundaries between the zones are irregular; the principal towns in each zone are listed in the Appendix in the table titled **Russia—Time Zones**. Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

### Traffic Separation Schemes

Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) off the E coast of Russia are, as follows:

1. Approaches to Vladivostok. (Government of Russia)
2. Approaches to Zaliv Nakhodka. (IMO approved)
3. Off Mys Ostrovny. (IMO approved)
4. La Perouse Strait. (Government of Russia)
5. Proliv Yekateriny. (Government of Russia)
6. Proliv Shpanberga. (Government of Russia)
7. Off Mys Aniva. (IMO approved)
8. Approaches to Sovetskaya Gavan and Bukhta Vanino. (Government of Russia)
9. Proliv Friza. (Government of Russia)
10. Proliv Urup. (Government of Russia)
11. South of Ostrov Broutona. (Government of Russia)
12. Proliv Bussol. (IMO approved)
13. Chetvertyy Kurilskiy Proliv (Fourth Kuril Strait). (IMO approved)
14. Mys Povorotnyy to Mys Opasnyy. (Government of Russia)
15. Approaches to Avachinskaya Guba. (Government of Russia)

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Web site	<a href="https://ru.usembassy.gov">https://ru.usembassy.gov</a>

### Vessel Traffic Service

Vessel Traffic Services are located, as follows:

1. Arkhangelsk <sup>1</sup> (64°32'N., 40°31'E.).
2. Murmansk <sup>1</sup> (69°03'N., 33°03'E.).
3. Saint Petersburg (Sankt Petersburg) Coastal VTS <sup>2</sup>

(60°09'N., 28° 24'E.).

4. Saint Petersburg (Sankt Petersburg) <sup>2</sup> (60°09'N., 28° 24'E.).

5. Vyborg (including Vostok) <sup>2</sup> (60°42'N., 28°44'E.).

6. Ust-Luga <sup>2</sup> (59°40'N., 28°19'E.).

7. Kaliningrad <sup>2</sup> (54°42'N., 20°27'E.).

8. Primorsk <sup>2</sup> (60°20'N., 28°43'E.).

9. Zaliv Petra Velikogo (Peter the Great) <sup>3</sup> (42°38'N., 131°55'E.).

10. Nakhodka <sup>3</sup> (42°49'N., 132°54'E.).

11. Vladivostock <sup>3</sup> (43°05'N., 131°53'E.).

12. Zaliv Aniva (Korsakov and the Prigorodnoye Terminal) <sup>3</sup> (46°35'N., 142°50'E.).

13. Vanino <sup>3</sup> (49°05'N., 140°17'E.).

14. Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy <sup>3</sup> (53°01'N., 158°39'E.).

15. Magadan <sup>3</sup> (59°34'N., 150°43'E.).

16. Novorossiysk <sup>4</sup> (44°43'N., 37°48'E.).

17. Sochi <sup>4</sup> (43°35., 39°43.).

18. Tuapse <sup>4</sup> (44°05., 39°04.).

19. Taganrog (Sea of Azov, including Azov Port) <sup>4</sup> (47° 14'N., 38°57'E.).

<sup>1</sup> For further information, see Pub. 183, Sailing Directions (Enroute) North Coast of Russia.

<sup>2</sup> For further information, see Pub. 195 (Sailing Directions (Enroute) Gulf of Finland and Gulf of Bothnia.

<sup>3</sup> For further information, see Pub. 155 (Sailing Directions (Enroute) East Coast of Russia.

<sup>4</sup> For further information, see Russia—Vessel Traffic Service in Pub. 140, Sailing Directions (Planning Guide) North Atlantic Ocean, Baltic Sea, North Sea, and the Mediterranean Sea.

A Ship Control Traffic Management System is in operation in Okhotsk (59°21'N., 143°11'E.). For further information, see Pub. 155 (Sailing Directions (Enroute) East Coast of Russia.

## Appendix I—Time Zones

Russia—Time Zones		
Zone	City	Standard Time
1	Kaliningrad	BRAVO (-2)
2	Moscow, St. Petersburg, Naryan-Mar, and Volgograd	CHARLIE (-3)
3	Izhevsk, Samara, Ulyanovsk, and Astrakhan	DELTA (-4)
4	Perm, Ekaterinburg, and Nizhnevartovsk	ECHO (-5)
5	Omsk	FOXTROT (-6)
6	Bamaul, Gorno-Ataysk, Karmarova, Norilsk, Kyzyl, Noosibirsk, and Tomsk	GOLF (-7)
7	Bratsk and Ulan-Ude	HOTEL (-8)
8	Yakutsk and Chita	INDIA (-9)
9	Vladivostok and Khabarovsk	KILO (-10)
10	Evensk, Itirup Island, Nogliki, Okha, Shakhtersk, Srednekolymsk, Yuzhno-Kurilsk, and Yuzhno Sakhalinsk	LIMA (-11)
11	Chukotka and Kamchatka	MIKE (-12)

## Appendix II—East Coast of Russia—Icebreaker Services

Rosmorport offers icebreaking services for the ports of Magadan and Vanino through its Northeastern Basin Branch.

The Northeastern Basin Branch icebreaker fleet consists of 3 icebreakers, characteristics of which meet the requirements of work in ice conditions in the Sea of Japan and the Sea of Okhotsk. For further information, see the table titled **Icebreakers in the Sea of Japan and the Sea of Okhotsk**.

Icebreakers in the Sea of Japan and the Sea of Okhotsk	
Name	Parameters
Kapitan Khlebnikov	Length = 129.1m Beam = 26.7m Draft = 8.5m
Magadan	Length = 88.5m Beam = 21.2m Draft = 6.5m
Moskva	Length = 114.0m Beam = 28.0m Draft = 8.5m

**Vanino.**—Winter navigation in the port of Vanino usually begins on January 1 and end on March 31. The average duration of winter navigation is 90 days. Depending on the weather conditions and by decree of the harbormaster of Vanino, the term of winter navigation can be adjusted. Icebreaking assistance is available from the actual ice edge to the berths in the port.

In accordance with the forecasted ice situation, the harbormaster of Vanino determines the initial period of icebreaker support, restrictions on the regime of ice navigation pursuant to the Compulsory Regulations in the respective ports, and establishes the location of a Convoy Meeting Point (CMP). Information on the restrictions on ice navigation and the CMP location is provided on the internet (<http://www.ampvanino.ru>) 14 days prior to the starting date of the restrictions.

Icebreaker support for vessels moving to/from the port of Vanino is provided by icebreakers of the Northeastern Basin Branch by means of vessel's movement in an ice convoy from/to the CMP, from/to the port roads, and to/from the berths.

Pilotage of vessels heading for/from the seaport of Vanino is performed by icebreakers of the Northeastern Basin Branch when a vessel moves as part of an ice convoy from/to the CMP to/from the place of anchoring of vessels or to the berth. Information on a vessel's approach toward the CMP is given 72 hours before and confirmed 24 hours before the expected arrival at the CMP by sending it to the harbormaster of the port of Vanino on <http://www.portcall.marinet.ru>.

The time and convoy order, as well as the number of vessels in the convoy, are determined by the harbormaster at Vanino to vessels at 1000, 1600, and 1900.

The convoy is formed by the harbormaster of the port of Vanino based upon:

1. Time of a vessel's arrival at CMP.
2. Time of receipt of an application for a vessel's call at the port and its departure from the port.

3. Sequence of movement of vessels that is determined by the General Rules for Navigation and Mooring of Vessels in the Seaports of the Russian Federation and the Approaches Toward Them.

4. Restrictions on ice navigation regime for vessels.

When approaching the CMP, a vessel makes radio contact with an icebreaker of the Northeastern Basin Branch on VHF channel 16 and acts based on its instructions. Upon an icebreaker's command, vessels included in a convoy that provides icebreaker support contact VHF channels specified by the icebreaker. If the need arises, Vanino VTS renders aid to making radio contact between the vessel and the icebreaker.

For additional information on terms and conditions regarding icebreaking services provided by the North-eastern Basin Branch, see the table titled **Northeastern Basin Basin Icebreaking Services—Contact Information**.

Northeastern Basin Icebreaking Services— Contact Information	
Vanino	
Telephone	7-42137-777-94 (24 hours)
Facsimile	7-42137-775-94
E-mail	mail@van.rosmorport.ru
Magadan	
Telephone	7-4132-63-09-56 7-4132-63-05-08 (0830-1300 and 1400-1730 Monday-Friday)
Facsimile	7-4132-63-09-56
E-mail	mail@mgd.rosmorport.ru

In order to provide navigation safety during winter navigation, when the E winds get stronger, vessels heading for Vanino are recommended to lie to drift E of the 140°30'E meridian and wait for the wind direction to change to W or NW to prevent the vessel getting into an "ice river," a natural phenomenon appearing between the Cape Datta and Cape Krasny Partisan due to severe buildup of drifting ice.

**Magadan.**—Winter navigation in the port of Magadan begins in November-December with the beginning of ice formation and ends in May-June with the ice breakup. The average duration of winter navigation is 200 days. Depending on the weather conditions and by decree of the harbormaster of Magadan. Winter navigation in the port of Vanino usually begins on January 1 and end on March 31. The average duration of winter navigation is 90 days. Depending on the weather conditions and by decrees of the harbormaster of Vanino, the term of winter navigation can be adjusted. Icebreaking assistance is available from the actual ice edge to the berths in the port.

Icebreaker support for vessels moving to/from the port of Magadan is provided by icebreakers of the Northeastern Basin Branch by means of vessel's movement in an ice convoy from/to the CMP and to/from Anchorages 1-12.

The CMP, time, and convoy order, as well as the number of vessels in the convoy, are determined by the harbormaster at

Magadan and transmitted to vessels at 1400 and 1900 (Moscow time) on 3730 kHz (stand-by 8779 kHz) call sign "Magadan Radio 5."

The convoy is formed by the harbormaster of the port of Magadan based upon:

1. Time of a vessel's arrival at CMP.
2. Time of receipt of an application for a vessel's call at

the port and its departure from the port.

3. Sequence of movement of vessels that is determined by the General Rules for Navigation and Mooring of Vessels in the Seaports of the Russian Federation and the Approaches Toward Them.

4. Restrictions on ice navigation regime for vessels.
5. Ice and meteorological conditions.



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## General

Samoa (formerly known as Western Samoa), an independent state, located in the South Pacific Ocean, and a member of the British Commonwealth, consists of two large islands and several small ones lying W of 171°W.

Samoa consists of the inhabited islands of Upolu, Savai'i, Manono, and Apolima and the uninhabited islands of Fanuatapu, Namua, Nuutele, Nuulua, and Nuusafee. The islands have numerous volcanic peaks

Upolu extends about 45 miles from E to W and up to 15 miles from N to S. A chain of volcanic peaks stretches the length of the island with hills and coastal plains on either side. Mount Fito is 1,100m high.

Savai'i is also about 45 miles across but is 22 miles wide. It a central core of volcanic peaks which are surrounded by a lava-

based plateau, lower hills, and coastal plains. Mount Mata'aga, is 1,850m high

The other seven islands of Samoa are quite small.

The climate is tropical marine, moderated by SE trade winds. The prevailing winds are from between ESE and NNE. They are fairly constant from May to November but are fitful, with periods of calm, from November to April.

The annual rainfall averages over 3,000mm. The rainy season is from November to April, with January being the rainiest month; the dry season runs from May to October.

There is little temperature variation; December is the warmest month and July is the coldest, but the average temperature difference is only about 1-2°C.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

## Cautions

Hurricanes are liable to occur from January to March and occasionally up to the middle of April.

Numerous Fish Aggregating Devices (FAD), consisting of large rafts fitted with orange pyramidal framework topmarks, some of which show flashing lights, are moored in the waters around Samoa and American Samoa. These devices should be given a wide berth. Concentrations of fishing vessels may be encountered in the vicinity of FADs. On occasion, these rafts may break away and may be found adrift anywhere in Samoan waters.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the tala, consisting of 100 sene.

## Government



**Flag of Samoa**

Samoa is a parliamentary republic and a member of the British Commonwealth. The country is divided into 11 districts.

Samoa is governed by a Chief of State elected by the Legislative Assembly to a 5-year term. The Prime Minister is appointed by the Chief of State. The Cabinet is appointed by the Chief of State with advice of the Prime Minister. The unicameral Legislative Assembly consists of 53 directly-elected members serving 5-year terms.

The legal system is based on English common law and local customs.

The capital is Apia.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Days	January 1-2
Head of State's Birth-day	January 4
Good Friday	Variable
Easter Monday	Variable
Flag Day	April 17
ANZAC Day	April 25
Day of the People	May 1
Samoa Mother's Day	May 14
Independence Days	June 1-4
Labor Day	August 6
Lotu-a-Tamait	October 15
Arbor Day	November 2
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26

## Industries

The main industries are food processing, building materials,

and automotive parts.

The main exports are coconut oil, insulated wiring, refined petroleum, integrated circuits, sardines, air pumps, tuna, lemons, and beer. The main export-trading partners are the United States, New Zealand, American Samoa, Brazil, and Australia..

The main imports are refined petroleum, iron products, poultry, vehicles, processed fish, lumber, and insulated wiring. The main import-trading partners are New Zealand, China, Singapore, the United States, and Australia..

## Languages

Samoa and English are the official languages.

## Meteorology

Marine coastal forecasts, weather warnings, and synoptic charts are available, in English, from the Samoa Meteorological Division (<http://www.samet.gov.ws/index.php/sections/section1>).

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

Pub. 126, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Pacific Islands.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Samoa are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone *	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	Depth of 200m or the Continental Margin.
* To defined coordinates	

## Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory for merchant vessels in Apia and is available 24 hours.

## Search and Rescue

Apia Coast Radio Station (5WA) maintains a continuous listening watch on 2182 kHz.

## Signals

A yellow pendant is displayed when a tropical cyclone of storm or hurricane intensity exists and may affect the locality within the next 24 to 36 hours.

## Time Zone

Samoa observes a Time Zone description that is 13 hours fast of UTC. Daylight Savings Time is not observed

**U.S. Embassy**

The U.S. ambassador to New Zealand is accredited to Samoa. The Embassy is situated in the Accident Corporation Building, 5th Floor, Matafele, Apia.

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## General

The Solomon Islands, an independent nation within the British Commonwealth, consists of a double chain of six large islands and many smaller ones. The islands are located in the South Pacific Ocean, E of Papua New Guinea, between 5°S and 12°S, and 155°E and 170°E.

The major islands are Guadalcanal, Malaita, San Cristobal, New Georgia, Santa Isabel, and Choiseul. The chain, excluding Buka and Bougainville, which are part of Papua New Guinea, also includes the Antong Java Atolls N of the group, the Santa Cruz Islands to the E, and the raised atolls of Rennell and Bellona to the S. Guadalcanal, the largest of the Solomon Islands, is about 93 miles long by 30 miles wide.

The climate is tropical monsoon with few extremes of temperature and weather.

The terrain is mostly rugged mountains with some low coral

atolls.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

No reliance should be placed on navigational lights as some are frequently unlit. Light structures on reefs may be washed away while light structures on land may be obscured by trees.

## Cautions

Fish aggregating devices have been established in the deep-water areas of the Solomon Islands. Vessels should maintain a good lookout for these devices.

Mariners are advised to remain clear of the S coast of Guadalcanal from Marau Sound (9°49'S., 160°50'E.) and Cap Hunter (9°48'S., 159°49'E.) due to the possibility of hostile action directed against them from shore.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the Solomon Islands dollar, consisting of 100 cents.

## Government

The Solomon Islands is a parliamentary democracy within the British Commonwealth. The country is divided into nine provinces and one capital territory.

King Charles III, recognized as the Chief of State, appoints a Governor-General. The Solomon Islands is governed by a Prime Minister selected from the majority party of the National Parliament. The Cabinet is appointed by the Governor-General on the advice of the Prime Minister. The unicameral National



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Parliament is composed of 50 directly-elected members serving 4-year terms.

The legal system is based on English common law and customary law.

The capital is Honiara.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Good Friday	Variable
Holy Saturday	Variable
Easter	Variable
Easter Monday	Variable
Labor Day	May 1
King's Birthday	Second Saturday in June
Independence Day	July 7
End of the Pacific War	August 10
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26

## Industries

The main industries are tuna fishing, mining, and timber.

The main exports are timber, fish, palm oil, coconut oil, gold, and cocoa beans. The main export-trading partners are China, Italy., and India.

The main imports are refined petroleum, fish, scrap iron, iron structures, poultry, and rice. The main import-trading partners are China, Singapore, Australia, and New Zealand.

## Languages

English is the official language. There are over 120 native dialects spoken.

## Meteorology

Marine weather forecasts are available, in English, from the

Solomon Islands Meteorological Service (<https://www.met.gov.sb>).

## Mined Areas

Within Shortland Island, the area enclosed by the shore and lines joining the following positions is dangerous:

- 7°02.9'S, 155°51.2'E.
- 7°02.8'S, 155°52.3'E.
- 7°05.4'S, 155°53.6'E.
- 7°06.4'S, 155°52.9'E.
- 7°06.4'S, 155°52.9'E.

Within Malaita Island, the following area is considered safe for surface navigation, but vessels should not anchor, nor submarines bottom, within the line joining the following positions:

- A point bearing 310° distant 2.63 miles from Hauharii Rock (Sail Rock) (9°18.4'S., 161°20.0'E.).
- A point bearing 139° distant 3.95 miles from point 1.
- A point bearing 228° distant 0.8 mile from point 2.
- A point bearing 319° distant 3.75 miles from point 3.

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

Pub. 126, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Pacific Islands.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of the Solomon Islands are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	To defined coordinates.
* Claims archipelagic status.	

## Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory for ships of over 40m long at Honiara. At other harbors, pilotage is not compulsory, but pilots may be obtained through the Solomon Islands Port Authority or local shipping agents.

## Regulations

### Pre-arrival Quarantine Reporting

Messages requesting pratique should be addressed "Port-health Honiara" and sent 24 hours to 8 hours before arrival stating "Request radio pratique. Negative answers to all health questions maritime declaration of health. Signed 'Master.'"

## Search and Rescue

The Solomon Islands Maritime Authority (SIMA) is responsible for coordinating search and rescue operations. Honiara Coast Radio Station (H4H) maintains a continuous listening

watch on 8215 kHz for distress traffic.

Time is not observed.

MRCC Honaira—Contact Information	
Telephone	677-21609
	677-27685
E-mail	<a href="mailto:mrcc@solomon.com.sb">mrcc@solomon.com.sb</a>

### Ship Reporting System

A vessel reporting service, designed to assist in search and rescue operations in the waters of the Solomon Islands, operates from the Honiara Maritime Rescue Coordination Center. Honiara Coast Radio Station (H4H) contacts vessels within the territorial waters of the Solomon Islands daily for position reports at 0900 (2200 UTC) and 1500 (0400 UTC).

### Time Zone

The Time Zone description is LIMA (-11). Daylight Savings

### U.S. Embassy

The ambassador to Papua New Guinea is accredited to the Solomon Islands. The U.S. Embassy is situated in the BJS Building, Commonwealth, Honiara. CIA Factbook (February 2024);

U. S. Embassy Papua New Guinea—Contact Information	
Mailing address	Harbor City Road
	Port Moresby 121, NCD
Telephone	675-308-9100
E-mail	<a href="mailto:ConsularPortMoresby@state.gov">ConsularPortMoresby@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://pg.usembassy.gov">https://pg.usembassy.gov</a>



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## General

South Korea, a mountainous peninsula about 600 miles long and 135 miles wide, is located in E Asia and projects SE from

China. It is in the S half of the Korean Peninsula, bordering the Sea of Japan and the Yellow Sea, S of North Korea.

In 1945, the United States and Russian forces enforced the surrender of the Japanese troops in Korea, dividing the country for mutual military convenience into two portions separated by the 38th parallel of latitude.

The country remained thus divided until the outbreak of the Korean war in June, 1950. A cease-fire was accepted on July 10, 1951, and an agreement was signed between the North Koreans and the South Koreans on July 27, 1953; since then the country has remained under two separate governments.

The climate is temperate, with rainfall heavier in summer than winter.

The terrain is mostly hills and mountains with wide coastal plains in the W and S.

The N and E sections of Korea are mostly rugged and mountainous, with the good harbors only found on the W and S shores.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region B) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

Many navigational aids in South Korea are being fitted with Automatic Identification System (AIS) capabilities.

## Cautions

### Magnetic Anomalies

Magnetic anomalies are located off the S coast of South Korea, as follows:

1. In the vicinity of Daegudu (34°17'N., 126°47'E.), the SE point of Gundo.

2. About 1.5 miles SW and 9.5 miles NW of Baekseo (34°38'N., 128°00'E.), where compass deviations between 4°W and 20°E have been experienced.

3. About 3.5 miles WSW of Hwangjedo (34°11.5'N., 127°04.5'E.), where compass deviations between 4°E and 5°E have been experienced.

Magnetic anomalies are located off the W coast of South Korea, as follows:

1. In the vicinity of Soyonpyong Do (37°37'N., 125°44'E.) the normal variation can increase/decrease by as much as 10°.

2. Compass deflections have been reported to occur NE of Ui Gundo (34°35'N., 125°52'E.).

3. Local deflections of the compass have been reported to occur in the vicinity of a position about 6 miles S of Tokko Gundo (34°14'N., 125°10'E.).

4. In the vicinity of position 35°00'N, 125°20'E.

5. In a position about 10 miles N of Yoriam (34°48'N., 125°30'E.).

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the won.

## Firing Areas

Firing and bombing exercise areas used by South Korean authorities along the coast of South Korea are given in Appendix I.

Gunnery exercise areas used by the South Korean Coast Guard are, as follows:

1. **Area 1** (S of Seogwipo)—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 33°08'30"N, 126°31'00"W.
- 33°03'30"N, 126°31'00"W.
- 33°03'30"N, 126°37'00"W.
- 33°08'30"N, 126°37'00"W.

2. **Area 2** (S of Jeju) —An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 32°43'30"N, 126°31'00"W.
- 32°38'30"N, 126°31'00"W.
- 32°38'30"N, 126°37'00"W.
- 32°43'30"N, 126°37'00"W.

## Fishing Areas

Set net fisheries and aquaculture farms are located within 2 miles offshore in numerous places along the coasts of Korea. In some places they extend as far as 5 miles offshore. Newly set fishing nets and aquaculture farms which are considered to be dangerous to navigation are reported in Korean Notices to Mariners, which can be accessed, as follows:

**Korea Hydrographic and Oceanographic Administrations (KHOA) Home Page**

<http://www.khoa.go.kr/english/main.do>

It was reported that the local fishing boats do not display the proper international lights. All boats usually have at least one

white deck light.

Fishing for squid is carried out virtually throughout the East China Sea and the Sea of Japan. Fishing is carried out from boats of up to 100 tons from June to December, but principally between July and October, when up to 1,300 boats may go out each day. Lights are exhibited at night to attract the fish.

## Government



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South Korea is a presidential republic. The country is divided into nine provinces, six metropolitan cities, one special city, and one special self-governing city.

South Korea is governed by a directly-elected President serving a 5-year term. The Prime Minister is appointed by the President. The unicameral National Assembly consists of 300 directly-elected members serving 4-year terms.

The legal system is based on European civil law systems, Anglo-American law, and Chinese classical thought.

The capital is Seoul. It has been reported (2017) Sejong, about 75 miles S of Seoul, is being developed as a new capital.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Seol-Nal	Variable (3 days)
Sam Il Jul (Independence Movement Day)	March 1
Shik Mok Il (Arbor Day)	April 5
Labor Day	May 1
Original (Children's Day)	May 5
Buddha's Birthday	Variable
Hyun Choong Il (Memorial Day)	June 6
Je Hun Jul (Constitution Day)	July 17
Kwang Bok Jul (Independence Day)	August 15
Chusok (Harvest Moon Festival)	Variable (3 days)

Holiday	Date(s)
Foundation Day	October 3
Christmas Day	December 25

## Ice

In winter, there is normally some sea ice in specific locations in the N part of the E coast of South Korea, but it usually does not cause any serious hindrance to navigation.

## Industries

The main industries are electronics, telecommunications, automobile production, chemicals, shipbuilding, and steel.

The main exports are integrated circuits, vehicles and parts, refined petroleum, ships, telephones, and office machinery. The main export-trading partners are China, the United States, Vietnam, Hong Kong, and Japan.

The main imports are crude and refined petroleum, integrated circuits, natural gas, iron, and coal. The main import-trading partners are China, the United States, and Japan.

## Languages

Korean is the official language. The government is introducing a Romanization system to transliterate Korean words into an English pronunciation.

## Meteorology

Real time coastal data, including tidal and meteorological information, is available, in English and Korean, from the Korean Hydrographic and Oceanographic Administration ([http://www.khoa.go.kr/oceangrid/koofs/kor/observation/obs\\_real.do](http://www.khoa.go.kr/oceangrid/koofs/kor/observation/obs_real.do)).

## Mined Areas

Extensive mine laying took place in Korean waters during the Korean War, 1950 to 1953. The areas, some formerly published in CHINPACS, are dangerous due to mines. The positions of the areas, channels, and anchorages that have been swept are also listed.

Due to the elapse of time the risk in these areas to surface navigation is now considered no more dangerous than the ordinary risks of navigation. A real risk still exists with regard to anchoring, fishing, or any form of submarine or sea bed activity. Mariners should not enter unswept areas without obtaining routing instructions from Korean Naval authorities.

A mine warfare exercise area lies close offshore on the S side of the peninsula forming the NE coast of Jinhae Man. This area, which is centered on position 35°02'47.4"N, 128°35'15.0"E, is 1.5 miles long and 0.5 mile wide.

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**Yeong Do (Yong Do) to Ul Gi (Ulgi)** (Korean Area 4-5)—A swept area bounded by lines joining the following positions

- 34°59'30"N, 129°09'09"E.

- 35°24'30"N, 129°30'50"E.
- 35°25'15"N, 129°29'15"E.
- 35°26'30"N, 129°30'30"E.
- 35°30'00"N, 129°31'24"E.
- 35°30'00"N, 129°27'50"E.
- 35°27'30"N, 129°27'00"E.
- 35°27'30"N, 129°23'23"E.
- 35°21'00"N, 129°22'00"E.
- 35°17'45"N, 129°16'45"E.
- 35°10'30"N, 129°14'15"E.
- 35°05'00"N, 129°08'22"E.
- 35°04'30"N, 129°09'00"E.
- 35°03'22"N, 129°07'50"E.
- 35°02'45"N, 129°08'52"E.

**Caution.**—The area bounded by lines joining the following positions has not been swept:

- 35°25'45"N, 129°28'15"E.
- 35°27'00"N, 129°29'20"E.
- 35°30'00"N, 129°30'10"E.
- 35°27'50"N, 129°29'10"E.
- 35°26'00"N, 129°27'45"E.

**Ulsan Man (Korean Area 4-5).**—Swept channels, 0.5 mile wide, with their centerlines joining the following positions:

- 35°24'00"N, 129°28'30"E.
- 35°27'46"N, 129°23'48"E.
- 35°29'20"N, 129°23'58"E.

- 35°26'30"N, 129°24'45"E.
- 35°28'35"N, 129°24'00"E.

Ulsan Hang Inner Port, N of the N end of the swept channels above, and Jangsaengpo Hang (Changsaengp'o Hang) are clear of mines.

For the anchorage area in the approaches to Ulsan Man, see Yeong Do (Yong Do) to Ul Gi (Ulgi) above.

### **Ul Gi (Ulgi) to Suwon Dan (Korean Area 4-3)**

1. The coastal area between the parallels of 35°30'00"N and 38°37'00"N, has been swept from about the 20 to 200m curves and is considered safe for surface navigation only.

2. In Yongil Man (Yeongil Man), a swept area inside the 10m curve is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 36°01'43"N, 129°28'02"E.
- 36°00'22"N, 129°27'07"E.
- 35°59'39"N, 129°27'08"E., then along about the 5m curve to
- 36°03'46"N, 129°24'10"E.
- 36°03'07"N, 129°25'36"E.

This area is open to surface navigation only.

**Guryongpo (Kuryongp'o) Approaches (Korean Area 4-39).**—A swept channel, 0.5 mile wide, with its centerline joining the following positions:

- 35°57'52"N, 129°40'30"E.
- 35°57'30"N, 129°35'50"E.
- 35°58'30"N, 129°34'00"E.

### **Pohang Approaches (Korean Area 4-38)**

1. A swept channel, 0.5 mile wide, with its centerline

joining the following positions:

- a. 36°08'15"N, 129°42'05"E.
- b. 36°07'15"N, 129°32'47"E.
- c. 36°01'24"N, 129°26'09"E.

2. A swept channel, 0.25 mile wide, with its centerline

joining the following positions:

- a. 35°50'30"N, 129°33'00"E.
- b. 36°03'00"N, 129°38'00"E.
- c. 36°06'30"N, 129°36'00"E.
- d. 36°06'30"N, 129°30'00"E.
- e. 36°02'19"N, 129°26'50"E.

**Mukho (Mugho) Approaches (Korean Area 4-37)**

1. A swept area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 37°39'37"N, 129°04'40"E.
- b. 37°39'37"N, 129°11'00"E.
- c. 37°29'55"N, 129°17'20"E.
- d. 37°29'55"N, 129°10'45"E.

2. Swept channels, 0.5 mile wide, with their centerlines joining the following positions:

- 1a. 37°19'30"N, 129°19'45"E.
  - 1b. 37°35'00"N, 129°09'15"E.
- and
- 2a. 37°31'01"N, 129°10'30"E.
  - 2b. 37°31'55"N, 129°07'55"E.

**Chumunjin Approaches (Korean Area 4-36).**—A swept channel, 1 mile wide, with its centerline joining the following positions:

- a. 37°31'01"N, 129°10'30"E.
- b. 37°37'06"N, 129°07'50"E.
- c. 37°41'08"N, 129°04'10"E.
- d. 37°47'00"N, 128°58'45"E.
- e. 37°56'03"N, 128°50'04"E.

**Sokch'o Han (Korean Area 4-35).**—A swept area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 38°25'00"N, 128°40'50"E.
- b. 38°13'00"N, 128°40'25"E.
- c. 37°51'05"N, 128°59'50"E.
- d. 37°51'05"N, 128°56'15"E.
- e. 38°11'50"N, 128°38'03"E.
- f. 38°25'00"N, 128°30'25"E.

A swept channel, 1 mile wide, with its centerline joining the following positions:

- a. 38°07'45"N, 128°39'06"E.
- b. 38°11'54"N, 128°38'30"E.
- c. 38°19'01"N, 128°33'25"E.

**Geojin Hang (Korean Area 4-34).**—A swept area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 38°34'40"N, 128°24'13"E.
- b. 38°34'40"N, 128°29'30"E.
- c. 38°25'00"N, 128°35'10"E.
- d. 38°25'00"N, 128°29'45"E.

**Soan Gundo.**—The area bounded by lines joining the following positions is dangerous:

- a. The coast in 35°10'00"N.
- b. 35°10'00"N, 125°50'00"E.
- c. 34°15'00"N, 125°50'00"E.
- d. 34°15'00"N, 126°30'00"E.
- e. 34°05'00"N, 126°30'00"E.
- f. 34°05'00"N, 127°00'00"E.
- g. 34°20'00"N, 127°00'00"E.
- h. The coast in 34°20'00"N.

**Yosu Haeman Approaches.**—An area between 34°10'N and 34°52'N, and between 127°40'E and 128°30'E is dangerous.

**West of Soan Gundo to Komun Do (Korean Area 4-13).**—Swept areas bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 1a. 34°08'00"N, 127°21'30"E.
- 1b. 34°03'12"N, 126°31'45"E.
- 1c. 34°10'35"N, 125°58'45"E.
- 1d. 34°15'45"N, 125°52'45"E.
- 1e. 34°14'18"N, 125°51'15"E.
- 1f. 34°09'15"N, 125°57'30"E.
- 1g. 34°01'18"N, 126°31'00"E.
- 1h. 34°06'00"N, 127°21'30"E.
- 2a. 34°08'00"N, 127°21'30"E.
- 2b. 34°06'10"N, 126°50'30"E.
- 2c. 34°03'12"N, 126°31'45"E.
- 3a. 34°03'45"N, 126°20'30"E.
- 3b. 34°04'40"N, 126°06'54"E.
- 3c. 34°09'45"N, 125°44'50"E.
- 3d. 34°09'06"N, 125°44'30"E.
- 3e. 34°03'55"N, 126°06'48"E.
- 3f. 34°02'45"N, 126°24'54"E.
- 4a. 34°03'12"N, 126°31'45"E.
- 4b. 34°17'30"N, 126°12'45"E.
- 4c. 34°16'10"N, 126°10'48"E.
- 4d. 34°04'15"N, 126°27'00"E.
- 5a. 34°09'30"N, 126°23'20"E.
- 5b. 34°16'15"N, 126°14'30"E.
- 5c. 34°16'22"N, 126°14'45"E.
- 5d. 34°07'00"N, 126°28'45"E.
- 5e. 34°06'15"N, 126°28'06"E.

**Komun Do to Gadeog Sudo (Kadok Sudo) (Korean Area 4-11).**—Swept areas bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 1a. 34°58'50"N, 128°46'58"E.

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- 1b. 34°58'09"N, 128°46'49"E.
- 1c. 34°58'00"N, 128°46'09"E.
- 1d. 34°56'56"N, 128°46'33"E.
- 1e. 34°50'00"N, 128°45'04"E.
- 1f. 34°50'00"N, 128°45'52"E.
- 1g. 34°47'06"N, 128°45'15"E.
- 1h. 34°45'00"N, 128°43'24"E.
- 1i. 34°29'30"N, 128°29'08"E.
- 1j. 34°08'00"N, 127°21'30"E.
- 1k. 34°06'00"N, 127°21'30"E.
- 1l. 34°26'00"N, 128°25'00"E.
- 1m. 34°26'45"N, 128°30'00"E.
- 1n. 34°47'00"N, 128°48'08"E.
- 1o. 34°48'36"N, 128°48'15"E.
- 1p. 34°58'45"N, 128°50'45"E.
- 2a. 34°20'30"N, 127°48'25"E.
- 2b. 34°23'30"N, 127°48'30"E.
- 2c. 34°23'30"N, 127°37'42"E.
- 2d. 34°19'30"N, 127°37'42"E.
- 2e. 34°19'30"N, 127°46'25"E.
- 3a. 34°25'30"N, 128°18'30"E.
- 3b. 34°22'00"N, 127°54'35"E.
- 3c. 34°07'33"N, 127°21'22"E.

A swept channel, 0.5 mile wide, with its centerline joining the following positions:

- 4a. 34°30'50"N, 128°30'45"E.
- 4b. 34°31'30"N, 128°08'30"E.

**Yosu Haeman and Approaches (Korean Area 4-12).**—A swept channel, 0.5 mile wide, with its centerline joining the following positions:

- a. 34°25'00"N, 128°03'00"E.
- b. 34°35'00"N, 127°55'30"E.
- c. 34°45'00"N, 127°48'00"E.
- d. 34°45'00"N, 127°46'00"E.

**Yosu Haeman.**—A swept area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 34°51'48"N, 127°48'24"E.
- b. 34°46'06"N, 127°49'12"E.
- c. 34°46'06"N, 127°49'12"E.
- d. 34°41'34"N, 127°49'00"E.
- e. 34°44'45"N, 127°46'57"E.
- f. 34°44'45"N, 127°46'03"E.
- g. 34°45'15"N, 127°46'03"E.
- h. 34°45'15"N, 127°46'36"E.
- i. 34°46'09"N, 127°46'03"E.
- j. 34°44'44"N, 127°47'33"E.
- k. 34°51'48"N, 127°47'03"E.

**East of Dolsan Do (Tolsan Do).**—A swept area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 34°43'15"N, 127°51'03"E.
- b. 34°43'04"N, 127°51'28"E.
- c. 34°43'21"N, 127°51'28"E.
- d. 34°43'21"N, 127°51'45"E.
- e. 34°43'12"N, 127°51'45"E.
- f. 34°43'10"N, 127°52'06"E.
- g. 34°43'21"N, 127°52'06"E.
- h. 34°43'21"N, 127°52'24"E.
- i. 34°43'21"N, 127°52'24"E.
- j. 34°42'54"N, 127°53'48"E.
- k. 34°43'21"N, 127°53'48"E.
- l. 34°43'21"N, 127°54'03"E.
- m. 34°42'54"N, 127°54'03"E.
- n. 34°42'51"N, 127°54'24"E.
- o. 34°42'51"N, 127°54'24"E.
- p. 34°43'21"N, 127°54'42"E.
- q. 34°42'48"N, 127°54'42"E.
- r. 34°42'48"N, 127°56'15"E.
- s. 34°42'30"N, 127°56'54"E.
- t. 34°42'24"N, 127°57'40"E.
- u. 34°41'39"N, 128°01'12"E.
- v. 34°40'24"N, 128°03'21"E.
- w. 34°40'21"N, 128°03'18"E.
- x. 34°30'00"N, 128°04'27"E.
- y. 34°30'00"N, 127°53'33"E.
- z. 34°32'06"N, 127°53'30"E.
- aa. 34°32'06"N, 127°52'06"E.
- ab. 34°34'06"N, 127°49'27"E.
- ac. 34°37'54"N, 127°49'00"E.
- ad. 34°41'34"N, 127°49'00"E.

**Caution.**—The area bounded by lines joining the following positions has not been swept:

- a. 34°40'42"N, 127°56'48"E.
- b. 34°40'42"N, 127°57'12"E.
- c. 34°40'18"N, 127°57'12"E.
- d. 34°40'18"N, 127°56'48"E.
- e. 34°37'48"N, 127°59'36"E.
- f. 34°37'48"N, 127°59'54"E.
- g. 34°37'36"N, 127°59'54"E.
- h. 34°37'36"N, 127°59'36"E.

**Southeast of Namhae Do.**—A swept area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 34°40'21"N, 128°03'18"E.
- b. 34°40'21"N, 128°09'24"E.
- c. 34°40'57"N, 128°10'18"E.
- d. 34°40'45"N, 128°11'15"E.
- e. 34°40'21"N, 128°10'57"E.
- f. 34°40'21"N, 128°12'45"E.
- g. 34°37'54"N, 128°12'45"E.
- h. 34°36'39"N, 128°12'00"E.
- i. 34°35'51"N, 128°12'48"E.
- j. 34°34'26"N, 128°10'48"E.
- k. 34°33'00"N, 128°10'00"E.
- l. 34°33'00"N, 128°08'42"E.
- m. 34°30'00"N, 128°04'27"E.

**Caution.**—The area bounded by lines joining the following positions has not been swept:

- a. 34°37'12"N, 128°07'00"E.



- b. 34°37'12"N, 128°07'18"E.
- c. 34°37'00"N, 128°07'18"E.
- d. 34°37'00"N, 128°07'18"E.

**Kumo Yolto (Geumo Yeoldo), Eastward.**—A swept area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 34°33'57"N, 127°48'30"E.
- b. 34°33'57"N, 127°48'30"E.
- c. 34°32'06"N, 127°52'06"E.
- d. 34°28'18"N, 127°52'33"E.
- e. 34°30'10"N, 127°54'12"E.
- f. 34°30'00"N, 127°55'46"E.
- g. 34°25'42"N, 127°51'32"E.
- h. 34°24'06"N, 127°51'15"E.
- i. 34°24'48"N, 127°49'58"E.
- j. 34°30'15"N, 127°49'57"E.
- k. 34°30'45"N, 127°49'54"E.

**Chakto (Chak To) (Jag Do).**—A swept area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 34°30'00"N, 128°02'42"E.
- b. 34°22'49"N, 127°55'36"E.
- c. 34°24'06"N, 127°51'15"E.
- d. 34°25'09"N, 127°51'26"E.
- e. 34°24'00"N, 127°55'15"E.
- f. 34°30'00"N, 128°01'09"E.

**Sejondo (Sejon Do).**—A swept area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 34°30'00"N, 127°59'36"E.
- b. 34°25'16"N, 128°03'13"E.
- c. 34°25'16"N, 128°04'30"E.
- d. 34°24'00"N, 128°04'30"E.
- e. 34°24'00"N, 128°01'30"E.
- f. 34°25'16"N, 128°01'30"E.
- g. 34°25'16"N, 128°02'02"E.
- h. 34°30'00"N, 127°58'54"E.

**Namhae Do, Eastward.**—A swept area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 34°46'36"N, 128°07'12"E.
- b. 34°52'40"N, 128°13'18"E.
- c. 34°49'33"N, 128°18'20"E.
- d. 34°48'33"N, 128°17'33"E.
- e. 34°51'30"N, 128°12'48"E.
- f. 34°51'26"N, 128°07'12"E.
- g. 34°40'30"N, 128°07'12"E.
- h. 34°40'30"N, 128°06'00"E.
- i. 34°47'21"N, 128°06'00"E.
- j. 34°47'51"N, 128°05'21"E.
- k. 34°50'00"N, 128°05'15"E.
- l. 34°50'00"N, 128°06'00"E.

**Namhae Do, Eastward.**—A swept area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 34°48'06"N, 128°07'12"E.
- b. 34°47'03"N, 128°08'36"E.
- c. 34°47'46"N, 128°09'20"E.
- d. 34°43'48"N, 128°14'45"E.
- e. 34°43'03"N, 128°13'57"E.
- f. 34°42'36"N, 128°14'36"E.

- g. 34°41'42"N, 128°13'36"E.
- h. 34°46'36"N, 128°07'12"E.

**Gadeog Sudo (Kadok Sudo) and Approaches (Korean Areas 4-9 and 4-43).**—Swept areas bounded by lines joining the following positions:

**Gadeog Sudo (Kadok Sudo)**

- a. 35°06'07"N, 128°38'37"E.
- b. 35°04'22"N, 128°40'30"E.
- c. 35°01'47"N, 128°48'06"E.
- d. 34°58'24"N, 128°48'52"E.
- e. 34°58'14"N, 128°47'38"E.
- f. 35°01'06"N, 128°46'59"E.
- g. 35°01'06"N, 128°46'59"E.
- h. 35°03'33"N, 128°40'23"E.
- i. 35°03'32"N, 128°39'48"E.
- j. 35°05'28"N, 128°37'43"E.

**Jinhae Man (Chinhae Man)**

- a. 35°03'39"N, 128°39'42"E.
- b. 35°01'43"N, 128°38'47"E.
- c. 35°01'55"N, 128°38'13"E.
- d. 35°04'05"N, 128°39'16"E.

**Okp'o (Ogpo)**

- a. 34°57'35"N, 128°46'18"E.
- b. 34°56'00"N, 128°45'00"E.
- c. 34°55'25"N, 128°46'00"E.
- d. 34°57'03"N, 129°57'18"E.

**Masan Man (Korean Area 4-10).**—Swept areas bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- 1a. 35°08'01"N, 128°36'10"E.
- 1b. 35°08'09"N, 128°36'26"E.
- 1c. 35°07'16"N, 128°37'07"E.
- 1d. 35°07'26"N, 128°37'11"E.
- 1e. 35°07'26"N, 128°37'24"E.
- 1f. 35°07'54"N, 128°37'24"E.
- 1g. 35°08'26"N, 128°37'38"E.
- 1h. 35°07'56"N, 128°39'18"E.
- 1i. 35°05'59"N, 128°38'27"E.
- 1j. 35°05'40"N, 128°38'00"E.
- 2a. 35°10'48"N, 128°34'13"E.
- 2b. 35°10'56"N, 128°34'23"E.
- 2c. 35°10'04"N, 128°35'23"E.
- 2d. 35°11'12"N, 128°34'57"E.
- 2e. 35°11'16"N, 128°35'11"E.
- 2f. 35°09'44"N, 128°35'45"E.
- 2g. 35°08'08"N, 128°36'24"E.
- 2h. 35°08'01"N, 128°36'12"E.
- 2i. 35°09'39"N, 128°35'33"E.

**Busan (Pusan) (Korean Areas 4-8 and 4-41)**

1. An area inside the harbor has been swept and is bounded, as follows:

- a. North light of the S breakwater.
- b. Tungmudari Am.
- c. The coast 0.125 mile W of Mundol Mal, then along the coastline to
- d. 129°02'48"E.
- e. then 336° to S inshore corner of Pier No. 1, then along the shore to
- f. the midpoint of the N face Pier No. 4 (35°06'54"N., 129°03'13"E.).
- g. 35°07'00"N, 129°03'53"E.
- h. South light of the N breakwater.

The NW section of the harbor is reported unswept and dangerous. When anchoring in the above area and in anchorages (c) and (d), vessels should walk out the anchor to full riding scope due to danger of impact on inert torpedo loaded mines.

2. A northern anchorage with a swept area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 35°03'26"N, 129°06'06"E.
- b. 35°03'39"N, 129°05'30"E.
- c. 35°03'50"N, 129°05'24"E.
- d. 35°04'06"N, 129°05'32"E.
- e. 35°04'10"N, 129°05'45"E.
- f. 35°04'27"N, 129°06'01"E.
- g. 35°04'37"N, 129°06'03"E.
- h. 35°04'42"N, 129°05'54"E.
- i. 35°04'30"N, 129°04'55"E.
- j. 35°04'51"N, 129°04'50"E.
- k. 35°04'59"N, 129°05'06"E.
- l. 35°05'15"N, 129°04'26"E.
- m. 35°05'26"N, 129°04'23"E.
- n. 35°05'36"N, 129°04'14"E.
- o. 35°05'49"N, 129°04'17"E.
- p. 35°05'56"N, 129°04'04"E.
- q. 35°06'21"N, 129°04'21"E.
- r. 35°06'16"N, 129°04'46"E.
- s. 35°06'05"N, 129°04'50"E.
- t. 35°05'58"N, 129°05'10"E.
- u. 35°06'15"N, 129°05'08"E.
- v. 35°06'21"N, 129°05'15"E.
- w. 35°06'23"N, 129°05'35"E.
- x. 35°06'18"N, 129°05'43"E.
- y. 35°05'42"N, 129°05'51"E.
- z. 35°05'35"N, 129°06'09"E.
- aa. 35°05'43"N, 129°06'40"E.
- ab. 35°05'25"N, 129°07'36"E.
- ac. 35°05'25"N, 129°07'45"E.
- ad. 35°05'03"N, 129°07'36"E.

**Yeong Do (Yong Do), Eastward.**—A swept area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 35°03'26"N, 129°06'06"E.
- b. 35°01'42"N, 129°06'05"E.
- c. 35°01'23"N, 129°06'02"E.
- d. 34°59'08"N, 129°06'00"E.
- e. 34°59'30"N, 129°09'09"E.
- f. 35°02'45"N, 129°08'52"E.
- g. 35°03'22"N, 129°07'50"E.
- h. 35°03'22"N, 129°07'50"E.

- i. 35°05'00"N, 129°08'22"E.
- j. 35°07'57"N, 129°11'30"E.
- k. 35°05'03"N, 129°07'36"E.

**Yeong Do (Yong Do), Westward.**—A swept area bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 35°01'23"N, 129°06'02"E.
- b. 35°01'58"N, 129°05'24"E.
- c. 35°02'16"N, 129°05'18"E.
- d. 35°02'13"N, 129°05'06"E.
- e. 35°02'22"N, 129°05'20"E.
- f. 35°03'50"N, 129°03'36"E.
- g. 35°04'13"N, 129°02'42"E.
- h. 35°03'28"N, 129°01'33"E.
- i. 35°03'00"N, 129°01'09"E.
- j. 35°02'30"N, 129°01'09"E.
- k. 35°02'03"N, 129°01'39"E.
- l. 35°00'57"N, 128°57'38"E.
- m. 34°59'47"N, 128°50'55"E.
- n. 34°56'36"N, 128°50'10"E.
- o. 34°59'27"N, 129°02'14"E.
- p. 34°58'45"N, 129°02'30"E.
- q. 34°59'08"N, 129°06'00"E.

**Suyong Man.**—A swept channel, 0.5 mile wide, with its centerline joining the following positions:

- a. 35°02'40"N, 129°07'35"E.
- b. 35°07'37"N, 129°08'40"E.
- c. 35°08'34"N, 129°08'16"E.

**WEST COAST**

**Special caution.**—Extensive mine-laying took place, especially between 34°15'N and 35°10'N, and 125°50'E and 126°30'E. Mariners should not enter unswept areas without obtaining routing instructions from the Korean naval authorities.

**Naja Kundo.**—The following approach routes, anchorages, and entrance channels into Mokp'o Hang have been swept:

1. Northern approach—Chaewonso Sudo (Zaien Nishi Suido) and Myeondo Sudo (Mento Suido)—250m wide, with its centerline joining the following positions:

- a. 35°10'00"N, 126°00'00"E.
- b. 35°05'00"N, 126°00'00"E.
- c. 34°59'36"N, 126°04'06"E.
- d. 34°53'48"N, 126°08'36"E.
- e. 34°52'06"N, 126°10'00"E.
- f. 34°46'18"N, 126°17'18"E.

2. Anchorage I—bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 34°55'18"N, 126°07'12"E.
- b. 34°55'18"N, 126°06'36"E.
- c. 34°53'54"N, 126°07'36"E.
- d. 34°53'54"N, 126°08'18"E.

3. Anchorage II—bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 34°51'12"N, 126°11'18"E.
- b. 34°51'42"N, 126°11'48"E.
- c. 34°50'36"N, 126°13'18"E.
- d. 34°50'06"N, 126°12'42"E.

4. Western approach—East of Odonam Satae—250m

wide, with its centerline joining the following positions:

- a. 34°45'00"N, 125°48'00"E.
- b. 34°47'00"N, 125°52'48"E.
- c. 34°56'30"N, 126°59'36"E.
- d. 34°59'36"N, 126°04'06"E.

5. Southern approach—Chongdung Hae—250m wide, with its centerline joining the following positions:

- a. 34°21'06"N, 125°50'00"E.
- b. 34°30'30"N, 126°02'00"E.
- c. 34°32'48"N, 126°07'12"E.
- d. 34°32'54"N, 126°11'48"E.
- e. 34°36'42"N, 126°15'00"E.
- f. 34°40'30"N, 126°14'42"E.
- g. 34°41'00"N, 126°15'12"E.
- h. 34°42'42"N, 126°15'30"E.
- i. 34°46'18"N, 126°17'18"E.

6. Entrance channel into Mokp'o Hang—180m wide, with its centerline joining the following positions:

- a. 34°46'06"N, 126°17'06"E.
- b. 34°45'06"N, 126°19'24"E.
- c. 34°47'18"N, 126°21'06"E.
- d. then into the harbor on course 128°.

7. Within the Mokp'o Hang swept area—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions is considered safe for shipping and is recommended for vessels calling at Mokp'o Hang, but does not include the immediate vicinity of Pul To (Butsu To) (34°26'N, 126°04'E):

- a. 34°24'18"N, 125°55'00"E.
- b. 34°25'30"N, 126°01'42"E.
- c. 34°25'42"N, 126°01'36"E.
- d. 34°26'36"N, 126°01'48"E.
- e. 34°29'42"N, 126°07'06"E.
- f. 34°29'42"N, 126°09'12"E.
- g. 34°27'30"N, 126°05'30"E.
- h. 34°26'30"N, 126°06'30"E.
- i. 34°26'18"N, 126°06'12"E.
- j. 34°27'00"N, 126°05'18"E.
- k. 34°24'06"N, 126°05'06"E.
- l. 34°20'12"N, 126°06'12"E.
- m. 34°19'24"N, 126°06'42"E.
- n. 34°18'42"N, 126°08'30"E.
- o. 34°17'30"N, 126°12'42"E.
- p. 34°16'12"N, 126°10'48"E.
- q. 34°16'30"N, 126°07'00"E.
- r. 34°18'48"N, 126°05'30"E.
- s. 34°24'12"N, 126°03'12"E.
- t. 34°24'36"N, 126°02'42"E.
- u. 34°23'12"N, 125°55'12"E.

**Incheon Hang (Inch'on Hang) Approaches—Eastern channel (Tong Sudo)**—250m wide, with its centerline joining the following positions:

- a. 37°00'00"N, 126°11'06"E.
- b. 37°02'30"N, 126°15'00"E.
- c. 37°07'18"N, 126°19'36"E.
- d. 37°09'06"N, 126°20'24"E.
- e. 37°10'00"N, 126°22'06"E.
- f. 37°13'06"N, 126°25'12"E.
- g. 37°16'30"N, 126°24'54"E.
- h. 37°20'06"N, 126°28'24"E.

- i. 37°20'42"N, 126°30'54"E.
- j. 37°22'00"N, 126°32'06"E.

**Incheon Hang (Inch'on Hang) Approaches—Western Channel (So Sudo)**—250m wide, with its centerline joining the following positions:

- a. 37°00'00"N, 126°05'12"E.
- b. 37°08'06"N, 126°08'24"E.
- c. 37°10'30"N, 126°11'12"E.
- d. 37°16'00"N, 126°14'36"E.
- e. 37°19'18"N, 126°19'36"E.
- f. 37°20'12"N, 126°23'18"E.
- g. 37°20'42"N, 126°30'54"E.

**Asan Man.**—The following approach routes, anchorages, and entrance channels into Asan Man have been swept:

1. Northern approach channel (NE of Ch'ang So)—200m wide, with its centerline joining the following positions:

- a. 37°13'06"N, 126°25'06"E.
- b. 37°10'48"N, 126°25'12"E.
- c. 37°09'12"N, 126°26'54"E.
- d. 37°08'06"N, 126°30'48"E.

2. Main approach channel (N of Pung Do and Ipp'a Do)—200m wide, with its centerline joining the following positions:

- a. 37°07'18"N, 126°19'36"E.
- b. 37°08'06"N, 126°30'48"E.
- c. 37°08'06"N, 126°30'54"E.
- d. 37°07'24"N, 126°33'06"E.
- e. 37°02'48"N, 126°40'42"E.
- f. 37°01'18"N, 126°42'42"E.
- g. 37°01'06"N, 126°43'48"E.
- h. 37°00'00"N, 126°44'48"E.

3. Alternative channel in the harbor—200m wide, with its centerline joining the following positions:

- a. 37°01'18"N, 126°42'42"E.
- b. 37°00'48"N, 126°43'00"E.
- c. 37°00'12"N, 126°43'30"E.
- d. 36°59'18"N, 126°47'00"E.

4. Anchorage—bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 36°59'30"N, 126°47'00"E.
- b. 36°59'24"N, 126°48'30"E.
- c. 36°58'30"N, 126°50'00"E.
- d. 36°57'42"N, 126°50'00"E.
- e. 36°58'36"N, 126°48'30"E.
- f. 36°58'54"N, 126°47'00"E.

**Gunsan Hang (Kunsan Hang).**—A swept approach channel, 900m wide, with the centerline joining the following positions:

- a. 35°56'42"N, 126°13'00"E.
- b. 35°56'42"N, 126°29'00"E.

**Caution.**—Entry should be made only at HW.

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

Pub. 157, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Coasts of Korea and China.

**Maritime Claims**

The maritime territorial claims of South Korea are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	200 miles or the Continental Margin.
* Claims strait baselines. A high seas corridor remains in Korea Strait (3-mile claim in Korea Strait). Requires advance permission or notification for innocent passage of warships in the territorial sea.	

**Maritime Boundary Disputes**

Dispute with Japan over the South Korean-administered Liancourt Rocks (Dokdo) (Take-shima) (37°14'N., 131°53'E.).  
Periodic maritime disputes with North Korea.

**Internet Maritime Safety Information**

Notice to Mariners are available, in English, from the Korean Hydrographic and Oceanographic Administration (<http://www.khoa.go.kr/english/main.do>).

**United Nations Command-controlled Islands**

On the W coast of Korea the following islands, lying N and W of the provisional North Korea/South Korea boundary line between Hwanghae Do and Konggi Do, are under control of the Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command:

- a. Paengyong Do (37°58'N., 124°40'E.).
- b. Taechong Do (37°50'N., 124°42'E.).
- c. Sochong Do (37°46'N., 124°46'E.).
- d. Yonpyong Do (37°38'N., 125°40'E.).
- e. U Do (37°36'N., 125°58'E.).

**Offshore Drilling**

Offshore exploration and drilling operations take place off

the coasts of Korea. A gas production platform (35°26'N., 130°00'E.) is situated E of Ulsan Hang.

An area that is dangerous to navigation due to the development of an offshore oil and gas field is located on the W coast of Korea centered on position 38°37.5'N, 124°04.9'E.

**Pilotage**

Pilotage is compulsory for entry, departure, and berth shifting in all South Korean ports. Pilotage services are provided by the Korea Maritime Pilots Association (KMPA), which operates the pilotage districts listed in the accompanying table titled **Korea Maritime Pilots Association (KMPA) Pilotage Districts**.

KMPA—Contact Information	
Telephone	82-2-7846022
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Web site	<a href="https://www.kmpilot.or.kr">https://www.kmpilot.or.kr</a>

**Pollution**

**Emissions Control Areas**

The South Korean Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries has established Emissions Control Areas in accordance with Article 10(1) of the Special Act on the Improvement of Air Quality in Port Areas and Article 3(2) of Enforcement Rules of the same act.

For further information, see the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries web site (<https://www.mof.go.kr/en/index.do>).

**Regulations**

**Notification of ETA**

Vessels bound for ports in South Korea should advise local agents of their ETA 72 hours, 48 hours, 24 hours, and 12 hours in advance. The port authorities can then be notified and arrangements made for pilot, tugs, anchorage, and berth.

Korea Maritime Pilots Association (KMPA) Pilotage Districts				
Branch	Telephone	Facsimile	E-mail	Web Site
<b>West Coast</b>				
Inchon Branch	82-32-8838111	82-32-8847091	<a href="mailto:agi10042@hanmail.net">agi10042@hanmail.net</a>	<a href="http://www.incheonpilot.com">http://www.incheonpilot.com</a>
	82-32-8838112			
	82-32-8838113			
	82-32-8838114			
Kunsan (Gunsan) Branch	82-63-4454077	82-63-4454070	<a href="mailto:gspilot1@hanmail.net">gspilot1@hanmail.net</a>	—
	82-63-4457334			
Mokpo Branch	82-61-2423721	82-61-2424721	<a href="mailto:mokpilot@kmpilot.or.kr">mokpilot@kmpilot.or.kr</a>	—
	82-61-2453721			

Korea Maritime Pilots Association (KMPA) Pilotage Districts				
Branch	Telephone	Facsimile	E-mail	Web Site
Daesan Branch	82-41-6645684	82-41-6814968	dspilot@kmpilot.or.kr	—
	82-41-6818717			
Pyongtaek Branch	82-31-6832691	83-31-6832183	ptpilot1@daum.net	http://www.ptpilot.co.kr
	82-31-6832692			
<b>South Coast</b>				
Yeosu (Yosu) Branch	82-61-6621383	82-61-6660322	yspilot3@hanmail.net	http://www.yspilot.co.kr
	82-61-6622383			
	82-61-6623383			
Masan Branch	82-55-2228122	82-55-2228126	mspilot@kmpilot.or.kr	http://www.mspilot.co.kr
	82-55-2228123			
	82-55-2228124			
	82-55-2228125			
Pusan (Busan) Branch	82-51-4651651	82-51-4631652	bspilot@kmpilot.or.kr	http://www.busanpilot.co.kr
	82-51-4651652			
	82-51-4651653			
	82-51-4651654			
Jeju Branch	82-64-7228586	82-64-7228587	jejupilot@kmpilot.or.kr	—
Ulsan Branch	82-52-2617703	82-52-2664256	uspilot@kmpilot.or.kr	http://www.ulsanpilot.co.kr
		82-52-2615580		
<b>East Coast</b>				
Pohang Branch	82-54-2425221	82-54-2425223	phpilot2001@nate.com	—
	82-54-2425222			
Donghae Branch	82-33-5350172	82-33-5350173	dhpilot2324@hanmail.net	—
<b>Note.</b> —All web sites are in Korean only.				

### Navigation in Designated Areas for Traffic Safety

Large vessels, vessels carrying dangerous cargo, and other vessels specified by the Ministry of Land, Transport, and Maritime Affairs (MLTM) navigating in Designated Areas for Traffic Safety are requested to inform the head of the Coast Guard Stations of the time of passing the Designated Area as well as details of the vessel's intentions in accordance with MLTM regulations. This information may be provided either directly by the vessel or via the vessel's owners.

### Restricted Zone

A restricted zone has been established within 5 miles of the coast of South Korea between Ongdo (36°39'N., 126°01'E.), on the W coast, and Chongdongjin Dan (37°41'N., 129°03'E.), on the E coast. It is applicable to tankers, as follows:

1. Tankers carrying 1,500 tons or more of diesel or Low-sulphur Residual Fuel Oils (LRFO).
  2. Tankers carrying 1,500 tons or more of noxious liquid material.
- Tankers entering or departing ports of call must use the shortest possible transit route between the restricted zone and the port of call.

The restricted area encompasses the area between the coast and lines joining the following points:

1. The outermost point of Ongdo (36°39'N., 126°01'E.).
2. The outermost point of Hwang Do (36°14'N., 125°58'E.).
3. The outermost point of Ochong Do (36°07'N., 125°59'E.).
4. The outermost point of Sangwangdungdo (35°40'N., 126°07'E.).
5. The outermost point of Hoeng Do (35°20'N., 125°59'E.).
6. The outermost point of Sobichi Do (35°13'N., 125°54'E.).
7. The outermost point of Chilbalto (34°47'N., 125°47'E.).
8. The outermost point of Uido (34°37'N., 125°48'E.).
9. The outermost point of Sogochado (34°15'N., 125°55'E.).
10. The outermost point of Tonggocha Do (34°14'N., 126°36'E.).
11. The outermost point of Chagaedo (34°06'N., 126°36'E.).

12. The outermost point of Yongman Do (34°11'N., 127°21'E.).
13. The outermost point of Taeduyokso (34°15'N., 127°32'E.).
14. The outermost point of Chag To (34°25'N., 127°54'E.).
15. The outermost point of Sejon Do (34°30'N., 128°05'E.).
16. The outermost point of Ko Am (34°30'N., 128°29'E.).
17. The outermost point of Namyo Do (34°40'N., 128°47'E.).
18. Position 35°00'N, 129°08'E.
19. 3 miles off Kanjol Gap Light (35°22'N., 129°22'E.).
20. 4 miles off Ul Gi Light (35°30'N., 129°27'E.).
21. 5 miles off Kuryongpo Hang (35°59'N., 129°33'E.).
22. 4 miles off Changgigot Light (36°05'N., 129°34'E.).
23. 4 miles off Wolpo Man Light (36°11'N., 129°23'E.).
24. 4 miles off Chiku To Light (36°30'N., 129°27'E.).
25. 4 miles off Hwamo Mal Light (36°46'N., 129°29'E.).
26. 3 miles off Chukpyon Light (37°03'N., 129°26'E.).
27. 3 miles off Imwon Mal Light (37°14'N., 129°21'E.).
28. 3 miles off Chongdongjin Dan Light (37°41'N., 129°03'E.).
29. The coast at Chongdongjin Dan.

**Single-hull Tankers**

It has been reported (2010) that South Korea will ban all foreign-flagged single-hull tankers from calling at South Korean ports beginning in 2011.

**Korea Strait Reporting Zone**

The Pusan Ship Safety Call Center provides real-time information about the location of floating objects, including whales, to prevent collisions between such objects and high speed vessels navigating between South Korea and Japan.

The designated reporting area is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 35°03'45.6"N, 129°09'41.4"E.
- b. 34°04'49.8"N, 129°07'48.6"E.
- c. 33°45'54.6"N, 130°14'41.4"E.
- d. 34°44'40.2"N, 129°30'12.6"E.

Vessels navigating through this reporting area encountering floating objects, including whales, that are potentially hazardous to navigation should advise Pusan VTS by VHF or AIS.

Warnings will be broadcast by AIS.

**Search and Rescue**

The Korean Coast Guard (KCG) coordinates search and rescue operations. Regional Coast Guard offices operate Search and Rescue Command Centers on a 24-hour basis. Contact information is given in Appendix II in the table titled **Korean Coast Guard—KOSREP Contact Information**.

A continuous listening watch on is maintained on international distress frequencies on VHF, MF, and DSC.

**Ship Reporting System**

**Korean Ship Reporting System (KOSREP)**

The Korean Ship Reporting System (KOSREP) is a volun-

tary ship reporting system established by the Korea National Maritime Police Agency to assist in the coordination of Search and Rescue operations in the vicinity of Korea.

For further information, see Appendix II.

**Signals**

**Whistle Signals**

The following whistle signals are used in Korean harbors:

Request	Signal
Entering harbor.	Two long blasts.
Leaving harbor.	One long blast.
Calling pilot.	One long blast, one short blast, one long blast.
Calling lighter for ship.	One long blast, two short blasts, one long blast.
Calling cargo lighter.	One long blast, one short blast.
Calling launch.	One short blast, one long blast.
Recalling all crew members.	Two short blasts, one long blast.
Requiring medical assistance.	One short blast, one long blast, one short blast.
Emergency (SOS).	Three short blasts, three long blasts, three short blasts.
Getting underway.	Two short blasts, two long blasts, two short blasts.
Finished unloading.	One long blast, three short blasts.

**Tides**

Off the S coast of South Korea, the spring range is about 3m at its w end, decreasing to about 1m at its E end. Rounding the SE extremity of South Korea, the ranges decrease to less than 0.5m off the e coast of South Korea.

**Time Zone**

The Time Zone description is INDIA (-9). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

**Traffic Separation Schemes**

Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) in South Korea are, as follows:

1. Nampo. (Government of South Korea)
2. Approaches to Incheon and Pyongtaek. (Government of South Korea)
3. Off Ong Do. (Government of South Korea)
4. Maemul Sudo. (Government of South Korea)
5. Off Pogilto. (Government of South Korea)

6. Approaches to Wando Hang. (Government of South Korea)
7. Off Hong Do. (Government of South Korea)
8. North of Geomundo. (Government of South Korea)
9. Jinhae Man, Budo Sudo, Gadeog Sudo, and Tongyeong. (Government of South Korea)
10. Approaches to Pusan. (Government of South Korea)
11. Approaches to Kamchon. (Government of South Korea)
12. Approaches to Wonsan. (Government of South Korea)
13. Hungnam. (Government of South Korea)
14. Chongjin. (Government of South Korea)
15. Najin. (Government of South Korea)
16. Approaches to Pohang Hang. (Government of South Korea)
17. Approaches to Mokpo. (Government of South Korea)
18. North of Kamundo. (Government of South Korea)
19. Approaches to Kwangyang Hang. (Government of South Korea)
20. Off Soan Gundo. (Government of South Korea)

**Note.**—Oil and chemical tankers are prohibited from using these schemes.

### U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is situated at 188 Sejong-daero, Jongno-gu, Seoul.

#### U. S. Embassy South Korea—Contact Information

Mailing address	9600 Seoul Place Washington, DC (20521-9600)
Telephone	82-2-397-4114
Facsimile	82-2-397-4101

#### U. S. Embassy South Korea—Contact Information

E-mail	<a href="mailto:seoulinfoACS@state.gov">seoulinfoACS@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://kr.usembassy.gov">https://kr.usembassy.gov</a>

### Vessel Traffic Service

Vessel Traffic Services are in operation, as follows:

1. Cheju (Jeju) (33°32'N., 126°32'E.).
2. Daesan (Taesan) (37°01'N., 126°21'E.). Consists of three sectors, as follows:
  - a. Sector 1—Daeson VTS (37°01'N., 126°21'E.).
  - b. Sector 2—Jangan VTS (37°00'N., 125°11'E.).
  - c. Sector 3—Boryeong VTS (36°24'N., 126°29'E.).
3. Gyeongin (37°33'N., 126°34'E.).
4. Gyeongin Coastal VTS (37°32'N., 126°00'E.).
5. Incheon (37°26'N., 126°35'E.).
6. Jindo (34°22'N., 126°01'E.).
7. Kunsan (Gunsan) (35°59'N., 126°32'E.).
8. Masan (35°10'N., 128°36'E.).
9. Mokpo (34°47'N., 126°23'E.).
10. Pohang (36°02'N., 129°26'E.).
11. Pusan (Busan) (35°06'N., 129°04'E.).
12. Pusan New Port (Busan New Port) (35°05'N., 128°48'E.).
13. Pyongtaek (36°59'N., 126°46'E.).
14. Taean Coastal VTS (36°31'N., 125°59'E.).
15. Tonghae (Donghae) (37°30'N., 129°09'E.).
16. Tongyeong Coastal VTS (34°35'N., 128°24'E.).
17. Ulsan (35°30'N., 129°24'E.).
18. Wando (34°17'N., 126°45'E.).
19. Yeosu (Yosu) (34°50'N., 127°48'E.).
20. Yeosu Coastal VTS (34°12'N., 127°30'E.).

For further information, see Pub. 157, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Coasts of Korea and China.

**Appendix I—South Korea Firing Areas**

South Korea Firing Areas			
Controlling Authority	Area	Location	Limits
<b>East Coast of Korea</b>			
Army	R-77	East of Geojin Hang	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 38°32'N, 128°25'E. b. 38°34'N, 128°31'E. c. 38°32'N, 128°32'E. d. 38°30'N, 128°31'E.
Navy	R-115	Southwest of Ulluengdo	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 37°24'00"N, 129°45'00"E. b. 37°13'30"N, 131°00'00"E. c. 36°49'00"N, 131°00'00"E.
	R-119	East of Ulsan Hang	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 35°47'00.0"N, 129°40'04.8"E. b. 35°43'00.0"N, 130°12'00.0"E. c. 35°37'36.0"N, 130°12'00.0"E. d. 35°27'55.8"N, 129°51'48.0"E. e. 35°28'00.0"N, 129°40'04.8"E.
	R-120	Northeast of Yeong-il Man	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 36°44'N, 130°25'E. b. 36°25'N, 130°55'E. c. 36°17'N, 130°55'E. d. 36°02'N, 130°29'E. e. 36°02'N, 130°25'E.
	R-121	East of Geojin Hang	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 38°25'N, 129°30'E. b. 38°25'N, 128°45'E. c. 38°17'N, 128°45'E. d. 38°17'N, 129°00'E. e. 38°10'N, 129°00'E. f. 38°10'N, 129°30'E.
	R-135	Approaches to Gisamun	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 38°09'30"N, 129°04'00"E. b. 38°06'00"N, 128°57'45"E. c. 37°33'30"N, 129°24'15"E. d. 37°37'00"N, 129°30'20"E.
	R-136	Approaches to Samcheok	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 37°25'00.0"N, 129°30'45.0"E. b. 37°28'10.2"N, 129°37'00.0"E. c. 37°06'30.0"N, 129°47'10.2"E. d. 37°04'30.0"N, 129°40'00.0"E.



South Korea Firing Areas			
Controlling Authority	Area	Location	Limits
<b>East Coast of Korea (continued)</b>			
Air Force	R-74	Northeast of Yeong-il Man	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 36°52'N, 130°00'E. b. 36°50'N, 130°13'E. c. 36°44'N, 130°25'E. d. 36°02'N, 130°25'E. e. 36°02'N, 130°00'E.
	R-107	East of Gangneung	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 38°15'N, 129°51'E. b. 38°14'N, 130°10'E. c. 37°47'N, 130°10'E. d. 37°48'N, 129°51'E.
National Maritime Police	Sokcho	East of Sokcho Hang	An area, 5 miles in radius, centered on position 38°11'09.6"N, 128°49'51.6"E.
	Donghae	Northeast of Mukho Hang	An area, 5 miles in radius, centered on position 37°40'10.2"N, 129°15'51.6"E.
	Pohang	Northeast of Yeong-il Man	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 37°04'07.2"N, 129°59'52.2"E. b. 36°25'10.8"N, 131°11'51.0"E. c. 36°00'10.8"N, 130°51'51.0"E. d. 36°08'10.8"N, 129°59'51.6"E.
	Ulsan	East of Ulgi Light	An area, 5 miles in radius, centered on position 35°35'49.8"N, 129°42'55.8"E.
<b>South Coast of Korea</b>			
Navy	R-72	Southeast of Yokjido	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 34°15'00.0"N, 128°00'00.0"E. b. 34°18'00.0"N, 128°04'27.6"E. c. 34°18'00.0"N, 128°35'00.0"E. d. 34°00'00.0"N, 128°35'00.0"E. e. 34°00'00.0"N, 128°00'00.0"E.
	R-99	Southeast of Geojedo	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 34°45'00.0"N, 128°45'00.0"E. b. 34°46'43.8"N, 129°53'37.8"E. c. 34°33'46.8"N, 129°03'21.0"E. d. 34°09'13.2"N, 128°43'10.8"E. e. 34°20'12.0"N, 128°35'13.8"E.
	R-100	Southwest of Pusan Hang	An area, 4 miles in radius, centered on position 34°53'N, 128°57'E.
	R-118	East of Jejudo	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 34°00'N, 127°40'E. b. 34°00'N, 128°30'E. c. 33°10'N, 127°50'E. d. 33°10'N, 127°40'E.

South Korea Firing Areas			
Controlling Authority	Area	Location	Limits
<b>South Coast of Korea (continued)</b>			
Navy	R-126	Southeast of Chuja Gundo	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 34°00'N, 125°48'E. b. 34°00'N, 126°00'E. c. 33°30'N, 126°00'E. d. 33°30'N, 125°48'E.
	R-128	South of Seogwipo Hang	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 33°00'N, 126°37'E. b. 32°40'N, 126°45'E. c. 32°40'N, 126°28'E.
National Maritime Police	Pusan	Southwest of Pusan Hang	An area, 4 miles in radius, centered on position 34°53'10.2"N, 128°56'52.2"E.
	Tongyeong	East of Yokjido	An area, 5 miles in radius, centered on position 34°38'31.2"N, 128°27'52.2"E.
	Yeosu	Southwest of Yokjido	An area, 5 miles in radius, centered on position 34°29'56.4"N, 128°04'52.2"E.
	Wando	South of Cheongsando	An area, 5 miles in radius, centered on position 34°04'11.4"N, 126°51'51.6"E.
	Jeju	Northwest of Jejudo	An area, 5 miles in radius, centered on position 33°40'11.4"N, 126°17'52.8"E.
<b>West Coast of Korea</b>			
Navy	R-116	Southwest of Daecheongdo	An area, 4 miles in radius, centered on position 37°47'55"N, 124°39'33"E.
	R-117	Northwest of Jaeundo	An area, 4 miles in radius, centered on position 34°42'30"N, 125°44'00"E.
	R-123	West of Eocheongdo	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 36°00'N, 125°00'E. b. 36°00'N, 125°30'E. c. 35°35'N, 125°30'E. d. 35°35'N, 125°00'E.
	R-124	Southwest of Deokjeokdo	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 37°06'N, 125°42'E. b. 37°06'N, 126°10'E. c. 36°55'N, 125°57'E. d. 36°55'N, 125°42'E.
	R-125	Southwest of Daeheuksando	An area, 5 miles in radius, centered on position 34°33'N, 125°21'E.
	R-131	Approaches to Baengnyeongdo	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 37°59'00"N, 124°21'25"E. b. 37°59'00"N, 124°38'10"E. c. 37°54'00"N, 124°38'10"E. d. 37°54'00"N, 124°21'25"E.

South Korea Firing Areas			
Controlling Authority	Area	Location	Limits
<b>West Coast of Korea (continued)</b>			
Navy	R-132	Southeast of Baengnyeong-do	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 37°57'00"N, 124°41'00"E. b. 37°57'00"N, 124°44'00"E. c. 37°45'00"N, 124°50'00"E. d. 37°45'00"N, 124°47'00"E.
	R-133	Northwest of Chochido	An area, 2 miles in radius, centered on position 37°22'20"N, 126°11'35"E.
	R-134	Approaches to Yeonpyeongdo	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 37°38'40"N, 124°45'00"E. b. 37°42'00"N, 124°45'00"E. c. 37°42'00"N, 124°56'00"E. d. 37°37'30"N, 125°01'30"E. e. 37°34'00"N, 125°14'45"E. f. 37°40'00"N, 125°32'00"E. g. 37°41'00"N, 125°39'30"E. h. 37°37'20"N, 125°39'00"E. i. 37°30'45"N, 125°24'00"E. j. 37°26'00"N, 125°24'00"E. k. 37°26'00"N, 125°04'00"E. l. 37°32'15"N, 124°48'00"E.
Air Force	R-80	Southwest of Gyeongnyeol-biyeoldo	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 36°35'N, 124°50'E. b. 36°35'N, 125°42'E. c. 36°05'N, 125°42'E. d. 36°05'N, 124°50'E.
	R-84	Southwest of Anma Gundo	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 35°15'N, 124°50'E. b. 35°15'N, 125°42'E. c. 34°50'N, 125°42'E. d. 34°50'N, 124°50'E.
	R-88	North of Gyeongnyeol-biyeoldo	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 37°04'21"N, 124°50'00"E. b. 37°05'08"N, 125°36'00"E. c. 36°35'00"N, 125°36'00"E. d. 36°35'00"N, 124°50'00"E.
	R-97A	Approaches to Daecheon Hang	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 36°20'N, 126°31'E. b. 36°18'N, 126°35'E. c. 36°02'N, 126°24'E. d. 36°13'N, 126°11'E.

South Korea Firing Areas			
Controlling Authority	Area	Location	Limits
<b>West Coast of Korea (continued)</b>			
Air Force	R-97B	Approaches to Daecheon Hang	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 36°20'00.0"N, 125°57'00.0"E. b. 36°20'00.0"N, 126°10'00.0"E. c. 36°22'07.5"N, 126°14'43.7"E. d. 36°21'22.5"N, 126°30'07.6"E. e. 36°14'00.0"N, 126°38'00.0"E. f. 35°53'00.0"N, 126°22'00.0"E. g. 36°12'00.0"N, 126°03'00.0"E. h. 36°14'00.0"N, 125°57'00.0"E.
	R-97C	Approaches to Daecheon Hang	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 36°21'29.5"N, 126°22'54.6"E. b. 36°21'22.5"N, 126°30'07.6"E. c. 36°14'00.0"N, 126°38'00.0"E. d. 35°41'00.0"N, 125°44'00.0"E. e. 35°51'00.0"N, 125°35'00.0"E.
	R-97D	Approaches to Daecheon Hang	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 36°21'17.5"N, 126°24'43.7"E. b. 36°21'22.5"N, 126°30'07.6"E. c. 36°14'00.0"N, 126°38'00.0"E. d. 35°35'00.0"N, 126°06'00.0"E. e. 35°42'00.0"N, 125°52'00.0"E.
	R-97E	Approaches to Boryeong Port	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 36°18'39.0"N, 126°33'02.0"E. b. 36°14'00.0"N, 126°38'00.0"E. c. 36°06'23.0"N, 126°32'11.0"E. d. 35°13'49.0"N, 126°15'00.0"E.
	R-97F	Approaches to Boryeong Port	An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 36°20'00.5"N, 126°31'00.0"E. b. 36°18'00.5"N, 126°35'00.0"E. c. 36°12'07.0"N, 126°30'57.0"E. d. 36°17'18.0"N, 126°25'00.0"E.
	R-104	Southeast of Wido	An area, 5 miles in radius, centered on position 35°32'51"N, 126°26'26"E.
	R-105	Southeast of Eocheongdo	An area, 11 miles in radius, centered on position 35°53'26"N, 126°04'36"E.
	Agency for Development	R-108A	Approaches to Anheung Hang
R-108B		Approaches to Anheung Hang	No. 2 Firing Range—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 36°40'46.3"N, 126°09'16.7"E. b. 36°40'36.3"N, 126°11'58.7"E. c. 36°29'25.4"N, 126°15'01.7"E. d. 36°28'10.4"N, 126°07'28.7"E.

South Korea Firing Areas			
Controlling Authority	Area	Location	Limits
<b>West Coast of Korea (continued)</b>			
Agency for Development	R-108C	West of Gunsan Hang	No. 3 Firing Range—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 36°40'38.3"N, 126°10'23.7"E. b. 36°34'10.4"N, 126°17'52.6"E. c. 34°58'24.1"N, 126°03'07.9"E. d. 35°01'19.0"N, 125°42'50.0"E. e. 36°38'10.3"N, 125°59'52.8"E.
	R-108D	Approaches to Anheung Hang	No. 4 Firing Range—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 36°40'46.3"N, 126°09'16.7"E. b. 36°40'36.3"N, 126°11'52.7"E. c. 36°21'40.5"N, 126°09'07.7"E. d. 36°23'10.5"N, 126°00'22.8"E.
	R-108E	Approaches to Anheung Hang	No. 5 Firing Range.—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 36°40'39.3"N, 126°10'03.7"E. b. 36°41'11.3"N, 126°11'59.7"E. c. 36°36'57.4"N, 126°15'54.7"E. d. 36°33'36.4"N, 126°15'54.7"E. e. 36°33'34.4"N, 126°13'42.7"E.
	R-108F	Approaches to Anheung Han	No. 6 Firing Range.—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 36°40'46.3"N, 126°09'16.7"E. b. 36°40'36.3"N, 126°11'52.7"E. c. 36°17'19.5"N, 126°00'32.8"E. d. 36°18'10.5"N, 125°56'37.8"E.
	R-108G	Approaches to Anheung Han	No. 7 Firing Range.—An area bounded by lines joining the following positions: a. 36°40'38.4"N, 126°10'23.7"E. b. 36°41'11.4"N, 126°11'59.7"E. c. 36°36'57.4"N, 126°15'54.7"E. d. 36°34'10.4"N, 126°17'52.6"E. e. 35°55'17.7"N, 126°12'32.7"E. f. 34°08'58.4"N, 125°40'59.9"E. g. 33°44'00.6"N, 125°47'03.9"E. h. 33°52'10.5"N, 125°03'38.1"E. i. 34°12'51.4"N, 125°23'30.0"E. j. 36°38'35.4"N, 126°05'24.7"E.
National Maritime Police	Mokpo Entrance	Approaches to Bulmugido	An area, 5 miles in radius, centered on position 34°45'34.2"N, 126°13'23.8"E.
	Mokpo L	Southwest of Daeheuk-sando	An area, 4 miles in radius, centered on position 34°33'11.2"N, 125°20'53.2"E.
	Mokpo Uido	South of Uido	An area, 4 miles in radius, centered on position 34°25'11.3"N, 125°54'53.0"E.
	Gunsan	Southeast of Eocheongdo	An area, 5 miles in radius, centered on position 35°51'40.7"N, 126°10'07.8"E.
	Taeon	South of Anheung Hang	An area, 5 miles in radius, centered on position 36°28'55.4"N, 126°04'22.7"E.
	Incheon	Southwest of Deokjeokdo	An area, 4 miles in radius, centered on position 37°04'10.2"N, 126°04'52.7"E.

## Appendix II—Korea Ship Reporting System

The Korean Ship Reporting System (KOSREP) is a voluntary ship reporting system established by the Korea National Maritime Police Agency to assist in the coordination of Search and Rescue operations in the vicinity of Korea.

Participation in KOSREP is voluntary. The following types of vessels are encouraged to participate in KOSREP:

1. International passenger vessels.
2. Vessels of 300 gt and over on international voyages with a continuous navigating time of 12 hours or more.
3. Vessels not under command, restricted in their ability to maneuver, or constrained by their draft.
4. Towing vessels with a length of tow 200m and over.
5. Vessels carrying dangerous cargo, crude oil, or chemicals.

**Reporting area.**—The KOSREP reporting area is bound by the coast and lines joining the following positions:

- a. 38°30'00"N, 128°26'00"E. (coast)
- b. 38°30'00"N, 133°00'00"E.
- c. 39°40'00"N, 134°00'00"E.
- d. 40°00'00"N, 135°00'00"E.
- e. 37°20'00"N, 135°00'00"E.
- f. 35°00'00"N, 130°00'00"E.
- g. 34°40'00"N, 129°10'00"E.
- h. 30°00'00"N, 125°25'00"E.
- i. 30°00'00"N, 123°05'00"E.
- j. 30°44'00"N, 123°25'00"E.
- k. 33°33'00"N, 121°00'00"E.
- l. 35°26'00"N, 121°00'00"E.
- m. 36°48'00"N, 122°44'00"E.
- n. 38°00'00"N, 123°22'00"E.
- o. 38°00'00"N, 125°07'00"E. (coast)

**Types of KOSREP reports.**—There are four types of KOSREP reports:

1. **Sailing Plan (SP).**—The SP contains the basic information needed to enter the vessel into KOSREP. The report should be made when the vessel enters the KOSREP area from sea or when the vessel departs from a port within the KOSREP area.
2. **Position Report (PR).**—The PR verifies the information contained in the SP. The first PR should be sent within 12 hours of entering the KOSREP area, either from sea or after departing from port, and should subsequently be sent at a frequency of not less than every 12 hours until the Final Report is submitted. If delayed reporting is anticipated, the report can be sent earlier than the specified time. It is recommended that a PR be sent more frequently if the vessel is in heavy weather or operating under other dangerous con-

ditions.

3. **Deviation Report (DR).**—The DR updates the information contained in the original SP. A DR should be sent, as follows:

- a. When the vessel's position deviates by 25 miles or more from its original track.
- b. When the port of destination changes.
- c. When any other information in the SP changes.

4. **Final Report (FR).**—The FR terminates the vessel's participation in KOSREP and is sent, as follows:

- a. Prior to or upon arrival at a port.
- b. When leaving the seaward boundary of the KOSREP area.

The first line of a KOSREP message is one of the following:

Type of Message	Format
SP	KOSREP/SP//
PR	KOSREP/PR//
DR	KOSREP/DR//
FR	KOSREP/FR//

In all subsequent lines, a stroke (/) is used to separate sub-items, while two strokes (//) are used to mark the end of each line. See the table titled **KOSREP Message Reporting Formats** for more information on the format of KOSREP messages.

**Transmission of KOSREP messages.**—As far as practicable, reports should be sent through the Marine Rescue Coordination Center (MRCC) closest to the vessel's position. The following MRCCs accept KOSREP messages:

1. MRCC Cheju.
2. MRCC Incheon.
3. MRCC Mokpo.
4. MRCC Pusan.
5. MRCC Tonghae.

The following frequencies may be used for the transmission of KOSREP messages:

Calling Frequency	Working Frequency
2182 kHz	2110 kHz or 2639.4 kHz
VHF channel 16	VHF channel 9

**KOSREP Message Reporting Formats**

Format	Sailing Plan	Position Report	Deviation Report	Final Report	Remarks
A/Vessel name/call sign//	R	R	R	R	
B/Date and time of departure or report//	R	R	O		See Note 1.
C/Latitude/longitude//		R			See Note 2.
E/Current course//	O	O	O		

KOSREP Message Reporting Formats					
Format	Sailing Plan	Position Report	Deviation Report	Final Report	Remarks
F/Intended average speed//	O	O	O		See Note 3.
G/Port of departure/latitude/longitude//	R		O		See Note 2.
I/Port of destination/latitude/longitude//	R		O	R	See Note 2.
K/Port of arrival/latitude/longitude/time of arrival//					See Notes 1 and 2.
L/Navigation method/average speed/latitude/longitude/ETA/name of landmark or sea area//	R		O		See Notes 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6.
M/Current coastal radio station/next coastal radio station, if any//	O	O	O		
V/Onboard medical resources//	R		O		See Note 7.
X/Up to 65 characters of amplifying comments//	O	O	O	O	
Y/JASREP/AMVER/others//	R	R	R	R	See Note 8.
<p><b>KEY</b>  R Required  O Optional</p> <p><b>Notes:</b>  1. Expressed as a six-digit group, DDHHMM, using UTC, where DD is the date (from 01 to 31), HH is the hour (from 00 to 23) and MM is minutes (from 00 to 59), followed by Z.  2. Latitude is expressed as a four-digit group, DDMM, where DD is degrees (from 00 to 90) and MM is minutes (from 00 to 59), followed by N or S. Longitude is expressed as a five-digit group, DDDMM, where DD is degrees (from 000 to 180) and MM is minutes (from 00 to 59), followed by E or W.  3. Average speed is a three-digit group expressed in terms of knots and tenths of knots.  4. Requires at least three waypoints, up to a maximum of 12.  5. For navigation method, use "Coastal" for coastal navigation, "RL" for rhumb line, and "GC" for great circle.  6. Average speed to next waypoint is a three-digit group expressed in terms of knots and tenths of knots.  7. Choose from "MD" for physician, "PA" for physician's assistant or health supervisor, "NURSE," or "NONE."  8. Used when a dual participation in KOSREP, JASREP, AMVER, or other system is desired.</p>					

KOSREP reports are also accepted by the Korean Coast Guard, via INMARSAT, by telephone, facsimile, or e-mail, as listed in the table titled **Korean Coast Guard—KOSREP Contact Information**.

No charges will be assessed for these reports; however, any reports sent through INMARSAT or other public communications systems will be charged at normal commercial rates.

**Overdue reports.**—In order to verify the safety of a vessel due to late reporting or addressing the request of assistance for any search and rescue operation, any MRCC may call the vessel concerned.

**Operating authority.**—Questions about KOSREP may be

addressed, as follows:

Mail	Search and Rescue Division
	Korea Coast Guard
	3-8 Songdo-dong, Yeonsu-gu
	Incheon si, 406-741
	Republic of Korea
Telephone	82-32-835-2195
Facsimile	82-32-835-2895
Web site	<a href="https://www.kcg.go.kr">https://www.kcg.go.kr</a>

Korean Coast Guard—KOSREP Contact Information			
	Telephone	Facsimile	E-mail
Korea Coast Guard	82-32-8588184	82-32-8588182	<a href="mailto:mcckorea@korea.kr">mcckorea@korea.kr</a>
Central Regional Coast Guard Headquarters	82-32-7288342	82-32-7288942	<a href="mailto:rcccentral@korea.kr">rcccentral@korea.kr</a>
East Regional Coast Guard Headquarters	82-33-6802242	82-33-6802942	<a href="mailto:rcceast@korea.kr">rcceast@korea.kr</a>

<b>Korean Coast Guard—KOSREP Contact Information</b>			
	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Facsimile</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
South Regional Coast Guard Headquarters	82-51-6633442	82-51-6632942	<a href="mailto:rccsouth@korea.kr">rccsouth@korea.kr</a>
West Regional Coast Guard Headquarters	82-61-2882342	82-61-2882942	<a href="mailto:rccwest@korea.kr">rccwest@korea.kr</a>
Jeju Regional Coast Guard Headquarters	82-64-8012242	82-64-8012900	<a href="mailto:rccjeju@korea.kr">rccjeju@korea.kr</a>
Boryeong Coast Guard Station	82-41-4022342	82-41-4022942	—
Buan Coast Guard Station	82-63-9282342	82-63-9282942	—
Busan Coast Guard Station	82-51-6642442	82-51-6642900	—
Changwon Coast Guard Station	82-55-9812542	82-55-9812942	—
Donghae Coast Guard Station	82-33-7412342	82-33-5319595	—
Gunsan Coast Guard Station	82-63-5392342	82-63-5392900	—
Inchon Coast Guard Station	82-32-6502342	82-32-6502942	—
Jeju Coast Guard Station	82-64-7662342	82-64-7662900	—
Mokpo Coast Guard Station	82-61-2412342	82-61-2412942	—
Pohang Coast Guard Station	82-54-7502342	82-54-7502919	—
Pyeongtaek Coast Guard Station	82-31-80462742	82-31-80462900	—
Seogwipo Coast Guard Station	82-64-7932142	82-64-7932900	—
Sokcho Coast Guard Station	82-33-6342342	82-33-6342942	—
Taeon Coast Guard Station	82-41-9502342	82-41-9502941	—
Tongyeong Coast Guard Station	82-55-6472442	82-55-6472942	—
Uljin Coast Guard Station	82-54-5022342	82-54-5022900	—
Ulsan Coast Guard Station	82-52-2302542	82-52-2302942	—
Wando Coast Guard Station	82-61-5502142	82-61-5502942	—
West Sea Special Security Unit	82-32-8353142	82-32-8353900	—
Yeosu Coast Guard Station	82-61-8402342	82-61-8402942	—





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## General

Taiwan (Republic of China) is located in the E part of Asia bordering the East China Sea, Philippine Sea, South China Sea, and Taiwan Strait, N of the Philippines, off the SE coast of China. It occupies the island of Taiwan and the adjoining islands of P'eng-hu Lieh-tao.

It also includes a number of small islands of which Chinmen Tao is the largest and best known. Taiwan is separated from the mainland by the Taiwan Strait.

The climate is subtropical in the N and tropical in the S. The typhoon season extends from July to September.

The terrain in the E part of the country is mostly rugged mountains. The W consists of flat to gently rolling plains.

On the E coast the mountains reach the very edge of the sea making good harbors nonexistent.

Many rivers originate in the mountains but their courses are short and rapid.

The only river of importance to navigation is the lower part

of the Tan-shui Ho.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region B) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information. Caution is advised as some lights and buoyage, particularly in minor ports, may not comply with Region B and some buoys do not conform to either IALA system.

## Cautions

### Sand Waves

Depths in the vicinity of position 23°15'N, 117°45'E on the NW side of Taiwan Banks indicate the presence of sand waves. Sand waves may also exist in the vicinity of position 24°20'N, 119°30'E.

### Local Magnetic Anomalies

A local magnetic anomaly has been reported (1938) in the vicinity of position 25°25.6'N, 121°56.8'E.

A vessel reported (1979) a magnetic phenomenon about 20 miles ESE of Pengchia Yu in position 25°29.8'N, 122°24.5'E where the normal compass variation ranged from 7°E to 7°W of normal.

### Wind Farms

**Formosa Wind Farm** (24°42'21.0"N., 120°49'04.8"E.), situated in the approaches to Chung-kang Po-ti, consists of 22 wind turbines.

**Formosa II Wind Farm** (24°43'07.8"N., 120°46'19.8"E.), consisting of 47 wind turbines, is situated between Hou-lung Po-ti and a position about 5.5 miles W of Hai-shan Yu Kang.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the New Taiwan dollar, consisting of 100 cents.

## Firing Areas

### General

Vessels navigating the coastal waters of Taiwan shall, when within 60 miles of the ports of Keelung or Kaohsiung, comply with port radio broadcasts and avoid passing through any military exercise firing range.

Announcements concerning firing areas off the coasts of Taiwan can be accessed from the Taiwan Notice to Mariners web site, although on-line access may not be available at all times:

**Taiwan Notice to Mariners Home Page**

<http://navy.mnd.gov.tw>

**Area R57**—Bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 22°39'25.2"N, 120°50'03.6"E.
- b. 22°42'54.0"N, 120°05'28.8"E.
- c. 22°42'54.0"N, 120°50'28.8"E.

The following firing areas are located in the Taiwan Strait off the W coast of Taiwan:

1. An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:
  - a. 22°24'54.0"N, 119°25'28.8"E.
  - b. 22°24'54.0"N, 119°25'28.8"E.
  - c. 22°24'54.0"N, 119°25'28.8"E.
  - d. 22°24'54.0"N, 119°25'28.8"E.
2. An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:
  - a. 23°39'54.0"N, 119°05'28.8"E.
  - b. 23°39'54.0"N, 119°15'28.8"E.
  - c. 23°29'54.0"N, 119°15'28.8"E.
  - d. 23°28'54.0"N, 119°05'28.8"E.
3. An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:
  - a. 25°27'54.0"N, 119°25'30.0"E.
  - b. 25°19'54.0"N, 119°25'30.0"E.
  - c. 25°19'54.0"N, 119°25'30.0"E.
  - d. 25°27'54.0"N, 119°25'30.0"E.

The following firing areas are located in the Philippine Sea off the E coast of Taiwan:

1. An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:
  - a. 23°43'00.0"N, 122°05'00.0"E.
  - b. 23°00'00.0"N, 122°05'00.0"E.
  - c. 23°20'00.0"N, 122°38'00.0"E.
  - d. 23°43'00.0"N, 122°38'00.0"E.
2. An area bounded by lines joining the following positions:
  - a. 22°14'54.0"N, 121°40'30.0"E.
  - b. 21°41'54.0"N, 121°40'30.0"E.
  - c. 21°32'54.0"N, 122°00'30.0"E.
  - d. 22°26'54.0"N, 122°00'30.0"E.

### Peng-hu Chun-Tao (The Pescadores)

Firing ranges extend 3 miles ENE and 8 miles SW of Mao Yi (23°20'N., 119°19'E.).

A restricted area, centered on position 23°59.0'N, 119°40.2'E, lies NNE of the islands and is reported to be a military firing area. Restrictions governing the area are not known and vessels are advised to avoid the area.

## Fishing Areas

Large concentrations of fishing vessels under sail or power may be encountered, particularly in Taiwan Strait. The two main areas are, as follows:

1. North area—Lies mainly between 24°20'N and 26°00'N. This area should be avoided because of the large number of fishing craft.
2. South area—Lies between 23°00'N and 24°30'N. The peak fishing months are April, May, and August.

Numerous fish havens, fish traps, and experimental floating fish farms lie up to 20 miles off the E, N, and NW coasts of Taiwan, off the SW coast of Taiwan S of 23°15'N, and extensively around Penghu Chuntao (23°37'N., 119°35'E.).

Large fleets of fishing vessels may be encountered W of Taiwan Banks.

## Government

Taiwan is a semi-presidential republic. The country is divid-



**Flag of Taiwan**

ed into 13 counties, three municipalities, and six special municipalities.

Taiwan is governed by a directly-elected President serving a 4-year term. The Premier is appointed by the President. The Executive Yuan (Cabinet) is appointed by the President with the recommendation of the Premier. The unicameral 113-member Legislative Yuan is composed of 73 directly-elected district members, 34 at-large members elected by proportional representation, and 6 directly-elected members from the aboriginal population. All members serve 4-year terms.

The legal system is based on civil law.

The capital is Taipei.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Days	January 1-2
Bank Holiday	January 3
Chinese New Years	Variable (3 days)
Ching Ming (Tomb Sweeping Day)	Variable
Youth Day	March 29
Dragonboat Festival	Variable
Bank Holiday	July 1
Autumn Festival	Variable
Teachers' Day/Birthday of Confucius	September 28
National Day (Double Tenth Day)	October 10
Taiwan Retrocession Day	October 25
Chiang Kai-shek Day	October 31
Sun Yat-Sen Day	November 12

## Industries

The main industries are electronics, communication and information technology products, petroleum refining, chemicals, textiles, iron and steel, machinery, cement, food processing, vehicles, consumer products, and pharmaceuticals.

The main exports are integrated circuits, office machinery and parts, computers, refined petroleum, and liquid crystal displays. The main export-trading partners are China, the United States, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, and South Korea.

The main imports are integrated circuits, crude and refined petroleum, photography equipment, and natural gas. The main import-trading partners are China, Japan, the United States, and South Korea.

## Languages

Mandarin Chinese is the official language.

## Meteorology

Weather information is available, in English and Chinese, from the Central Weather Bureau (<https://www.cwb.gov.tw/eng>).

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volumes

Pub. 157, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Coasts of Korea and China.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Taiwan are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone	24 miles
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
* Claims straight baselines. Requires advance permission or notification for innocent passage of warships in the territorial sea.	

### Maritime Boundary Disputes

Involved in a complex dispute with Vietnam, China, the Philippines, Malaysia, and Brunei over the Spratly Islands (8°38'N., 111°55'E.). The 2002-issued *Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea* has eased tensions but falls short of a legally-binding code of conduct desired by several of the disputants. For further information, see **China—Navigational Information—Maritime Boundary Disputes**.

Claims the Japanese-administered Senkaku Islands (Diaoyu Tai) (25°50'N., 124°05'E.).

Claims the Paracel Islands (16°40'N., 112°20'E.), which are currently occupied by China and also claimed by Vietnam.

China and Taiwan both claim James Shoal (3°58'N., 112°20'E.), which has an average depth of about 17m, and lies about 50 miles off the coast of the Malaysian state of Sarawak on the NW side of the island of Borneo, despite the fact the shoal lies within the exclusive economic zone of Malaysia.

### Typhoon Haven

Taipei (25°09'N., 121°22'E.) may provide a suitable refuge for small vessels during typhoons.

**Offshore Drilling**

Oil exploration and seismic survey work takes place in Taiwan Strait.

**Pilotage**

Pilotage is compulsory for all vessels, including warships, at all ports in Taiwan. Pilots are available upon request to the harbormaster.

**Regulations**

**Advance Notice Requirements**

Vessels calling at Taiwan ports should inform harbor authorities 24 hours before arrival, via Chi-lung Coast Radio Station, giving the following information:

1. Vessel name.
2. Nationality.
3. ETA.
4. Draft.
5. Description of cargo and passenger.

**Routing Measures**

Taiwan has established routing measures around the coast of the country for vessels trading between Taiwan and mainland China. These routing measures are known as the Taiwan/Mainland Direct Cross-Strait Shipping Links.

Nine circular “pass points,” each with a radius of 3 miles, are located around Taiwan. Starting at these “pass points,” a number of channels, each with a width of 6 miles, lead to positions about 5 miles offshore of various ports in Taiwan.

Further information on the “pass points” and channels can be found in the table titled **Taiwan—Routing Measures**.

**Vessels in Distress**

Vessels in distress seeking refuge in the ports of Taiwan are subject to several regulations, as follows:

1. Any foreign vessel which must enter a port in Taiwan due to a disaster, or for the purpose of refuge must first inform the Harbor Office, according to the formal procedure, for permission to enter the outer harbor and anchor at a designated spot pending inspection, if such vessel is still able to sail and communicate.
2. Upon receipt of a request from the above foreign vessel, either in distress or permission to enter for refuge, the Harbor Office will reply to the vessel granting permission and at the same time notify the Joint Inspection Office (Immigration Office), Customs Office, and Quarantine Office to dispatch officers to inspect the vessel.
3. If the vessel in distress is unable to sail or communicate, or communications break down after the distress signal is sent, the Harbor Office should upon receipt of the signal,

take immediate steps to effect the vessel’s rescue, enlisting the assistance of the Navy if necessary, and at the same time inform the authorities concerned to prepare for the usual procedure.

4. Vessels in distress or seeking refuge shall not be permitted to enter if found, after inspection, to be in any of the following conditions:

- a. Loaded with dangerous cargo.
- b. Affected by an epidemic of acute contagious diseases.
- c. Showing no evidence of distress nor any need for refuge and warranting no necessity of entry.

5. Regarding conditions 4(a) and 4(b), if the vessel is in great and urgent distress, immediate steps should be taken to rescue the passenger and crew members but the vessel shall not be permitted to enter.

**National Park Areas**

Vessels are requested to navigate with caution within Donsha Atoll National Park (20°43’N., 116°42’E.) and Penghu Southern Four Islets National Park.

**Search and Rescue**

The National Rescue Command Center of the Executive Yuan is responsible for coordinating search and rescue operations.

National Rescue Command Center— Contact Information	
Telephone	886-2-81966119
	886-2-89127119
Facsimile	886-2-81966736
	886-2-81966737
E-mail	<a href="mailto:taipeircc@gmail.com">taipeircc@gmail.com</a>
	<a href="mailto:j08@nfa.gov.tw">j08@nfa.gov.tw</a>

Chi-lung (Keelung) (XSX), a network of coast radio stations, maintains a continuous listening watch on international distress frequencies.

Chi-lung (Keelung) (XSX)—Contact Information	
Telephone	886-2-24241913
	886-2-24241914
Facsimile	886-2-24241923
	886-2-24243524
E-mail	<a href="mailto:klgmdss@msl.hinet.net">klgmdss@msl.hinet.net</a>

Taiwan—Routing Measures		
Pass Point	Position	Leads to
North Coast of Taiwan		
A	25°57'04.2"N, 121°48'00.0"E	Taipei and Chi-lung

Taiwan—Routing Measures		
Pass Point	Position	Leads to
<b>West Coast of Taiwan</b>		
B	25°00'00.0"N, 120°20'49.8"E	Mia-liao, Tai-chung, Taipei, and Chi-lung
C	24°00'05.4"N, 119°10'19.8"E	Mia-liao and Tai-chung
D	23°15'28.8"N, 118°53'44.4"E	Pu-tai, An-ping, and Kao-hsiung
E	22°25'00.0"N, 119°38'30.0"E	Pu-tai, An-ping, and Kao-hsiung
H	25°29'19.5"N, 121°00'44.2"E	Taipei and Chi-lung
I	24°17'02.7"N, 119°29'14.5"E	Tai-chung
<b>East Coast of Taiwan</b>		
F	23°56'28.8"N, 122°07'58.8"E	Hua-lien, Ho-ping, and Su-ao
G	24°35'27.0"N, 122°21'09.6"E	Hua-lien, Ho-ping, and Su-ao

## Ship Reporting System

### Information Fusion Center Voluntary Reporting Area

Taiwan is located within the area covered by the Information Fusion Center Voluntary Reporting Area. For further information, see **Pacific Ocean—Ship Reporting System**.

## Signals

Typhoon and storm signals are listed in the table titled **Taiwan—Typhoon and Storm Signals**.

Traffic signals are shown from the Port Control Office Signal Station (the yardarms as viewed from seaward) and from station boats as listed in the table titled **Taiwan—Traffic Signals**.

## Time Zone

The Time Zone description is HOTEL (-8). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

## Traffic Separation Schemes

Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) in Taiwan are, as follows:

1. Tai-chung.
2. Chi-lung.
3. Approaches to Kao-hsiung. (Kao-hsiung Harbor Bureau)

4. Peng-hu Chub-tao (Pescadores). (Government of Taiwan)
5. Ma-tsu Lieh-tao. (Government of Taiwan)
6. Approach to Taipei Harbor. (Government of Taiwan)
7. Changhua Offshore Wind Farm. (Government of Taiwan)

## U.S. Embassy

The U.S. maintains no diplomatic relations with Taiwan. Unofficial commercial and other relations with Taiwan are maintained through a private organization, the American Institute in Taiwan, which has offices in Taipei and Kaohsiung.

The Taipei office is located at Taipei Office No. 100, Jinhu Road Neihu District 11461, Taipei City.

American Institutes in Taiwan—Contact Information	
Mailing address	4170 AIT Taipei Place Washington DC (20521-4170)
Telephone	886-2-2162-2000
Facsimile	886-2-2162-2251
E-mail	<a href="mailto:TaipeiACS@state.gov">TaipeiACS@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://www.ait.org.tw">https://www.ait.org.tw</a>

Taiwan—Typhoon and Storm Signals		
Day	Night	Meaning
<b>Storm Signals</b>		
One black ball	One white light over one red light	Winds of force 6 to 7
One black triangle, point up	One green light over one red light	Winds from NW of force 8 or greater
One black triangle, point down	Two white lights, vertically disposed	Winds from SW of force 8 or greater
Two black triangles, points up, vertically disposed	One red light over one white light	Winds from NE of force 8 or greater
Two black triangles, points down, vertically disposed	One white light over one red light	Winds from SE of force 8 or greater

Taiwan—Typhoon and Storm Signals		
Day	Night	Meaning
One flag (white with black border)	No signal	Winds variable and veering
Two flags (white with black border), vertically disposed	No signal	Winds variable and backing
One black cross	One green light between two red lights, vertically disposed	Typhoon epicenter at station or close by
Typhoon Signals		
Two yellow flags, vertically disposed	Two green lights, vertically disposed	Typhoon at sea
Three yellow flags, vertically disposed	Three green lights, vertically disposed	Typhoon ashore

Taiwan—Traffic Signals		
Meaning	Day Signal	Night Signal
Entry permitted	Left yardarm—Two pair of shapes, each consisting of a triangle over a ball, vertically disposed	One red light over one green light
	Right yardarm—Black ball	
Departure permitted	Left yardarm—Berth being vacated	One red light between two green lights, vertically disposed
	Masthead—Vessel name	
Port closed	Three balls, vertically disposed	Three red lights, vertically disposed
Emergency control in force	Triangle over a ball, between two red balls, vertically disposed	Two pair of lights, each consisting of one red light over one green light

### Vessel Traffic Service

Vessel Traffic Service are in operation, as follows:

1. Kao-Hsiung (22°35'N., 120°18'E.).
2. Taipei (25°09'N., 121°22'E.).
3. Chi-lung (Keelung) (25°10'N., 121°45'E.).
4. Changua Offshore Wind Farm (24°00'N, 120°00'E.).



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## General

Thailand is located in Southeastern Asia, bordering the Andaman Sea and the Gulf of Thailand.

The climate is tropical. Rainy, cloudy, and warm Southwest Monsoons occur from the middle of May to September. Cool Northeast Monsoons occur from November to the middle of March. The isthmus at the S end is always hot and humid.

The terrain is Kharst plateau in the E, with mountains elsewhere.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect, although some beacons and buoys which do not conform to this system continue to exist. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System Information.

## Cautions

### Fishing Stakes

Fishing stakes abound in the shallower waters of the Gulf of Thailand. Their positions frequently change and may be found anywhere, particularly during the Northeast Monsoon.

### Magnetic Anomaly

A local magnetic anomaly has been reported in the vicinity of position 9°52'N., 99°49'E.

### Piracy

Vessels operating in the Voluntary Community Reporting Area (VCR) are strongly encouraged to report all cyber attack incidents and any interference on radio frequencies, radars, GPS, and AIS. For further information on the VCR, see **Pacific Ocean—Ship Reporting System**.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the baht, consisting of 100 satang.

## Firing Areas

Within the Gulf of Thailand are numerous designated exercise areas, which may be known as dangerous exercise areas, aircraft target practice areas, or danger areas. These areas may or may not be charted.

When navigating in the Gulf of Thailand, the best information regarding the location and use of these areas can be obtained in local notices to mariners.

Known exercise areas include the following:

1. A circular danger area, with a radius of 3 miles, is centered on Ko Lopi (Han Rakit) (6°40'N., 101°44'E.).
2. A circular practice area, with a radius of 5 miles, is

centered on Hin Bai (9°57'N., 100°00'E.).

3. A rectangular-shaped practice area extends E and N from the bay close S of Prachuap Khiri Khan (11°48'N., 99°48'E.).

4. A circular practice area and explosives dumping ground, with a radius of 7.5 miles, lies 18 miles E of Ko Sattakut (12°12'N., 100°21'E.).

5. A danger area lies 20 miles off the coast between Hua Hin (12°35'N., 99°57'E.) and latitude 12°53'N.

6. A number of danger areas lie off the E coast of Thailand between latitudes 12°20'N and 13°05'N, extending W to meridian 100°30'E.

7. Danger areas lie off the coast of the N part of the Gulf of Thailand between Ko Sattakut (12°12'N., 100°02'E.) and Ko Chuang (12°31'N., 100°58'E.).

8. A firing practice area lies off the W coast of Ko Chang (12°05'N., 102°20'E.).

9. A surface-to-surface and surface-to-air exercise area lies in the vicinity of Hat Yao Thung Prong and is bounded by lines joining the following positions:

- a. 12°40.1'N, 100°40.0'E.
- b. 12°51.3'N, 100°51.0'E.
- c. 12°51.3'N, 100°51.0'E.
- d. 12°40.1'N, 100°40.0'E.

## Fishing Areas

Fishing is carried out in the Gulf of Thailand in a coastal belt extending out to the 40m curve. Fishing is mainly conducted at night, with pair trawling being conducted in depths up to 30m and net and line fishing conducted in depths up to 20m.

Fishing seasons are dictated by the weather. During the Northeast Monsoon (November to March), the E side of the Gulf of Thailand is fished; during the Southwest Monsoon, the W side is fished.

Fishing vessels, many of which do not show lights during the hours of darkness, concentrate in the approaches to Bangkol Bay.

## Government



**Flag of Thailand**

Thailand is a constitutional monarchy. The country is divided into 76 provinces and one municipality.

Thailand is governed by a King. The Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers are appointed by the King.

The bicameral National Assembly consists of a 250-member Senate (all members appointed by the Army) serving 5-year



terms and a 500-member directly-elected House of Representatives serving 4-year terms. The number of Senate seats will be reduced to 200 in 2024.

The legal system is based on civil law, with influences of common law.

The capital is Bangkok.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Makha Bucha	Variable
Chakri Day	April 6
Songkran (3 days)	Variable
Labor Day	May 1
Coronation Day	May 5
Visakha Bucha	Variable
Mid-year Day	July 1
Asamha Bucha	Variable
Khao Phansa	Variable
The Queen's Birthday	August 12
Chulalongkorn Day	October 23
The King's Birthday	December 5
Constitution Day	December 10
New Year's Eve	December 31

## Industries

The main industries are tourism, textiles and garments, agricultural processing, beverages, tobacco, cement, light manufacturing such as jewelry and electric appliances, computers and parts, integrated circuits, furniture, plastics, automobiles and automotive parts, agricultural machinery, air conditioning and refrigeration, ceramics, aluminum, chemicals, environmental management, glass, granite and marble, leather, machinery and metal work, petrochemicals, petroleum refining, pharmaceuticals, printing, pulp and paper, rubber, sugar, rice, fishing, cassava, tungsten, and tin.

The main exports are office machinery and parts, vehicles and parts, integrated circuits, delivery trucks, refined petroleum, and rubber. The main export-trading partners are the United States, China, Japan, and Vietnam.

The main imports are crude petroleum, integrated circuits, natural gas, vehicle parts, and gold. The main import-trading partners are China, Japan, the United States, and Malaysia.

## Languages

Thai is the official language.

## Meteorology

Shipping forecasts for the next 24 hours, wave forecasts, weather charts, and weather radar data, are available, in English and Thai, from the Thailand Meteorological Department (<https://www.tmd.go.th/en>).

## Mined Areas

The following areas are considered dangerous for anchoring, fishing, and any form of sub-surface activity near the sea bed:

1. **An Ban Don.**—The area enclosed by the parallel of 9°23'N, the meridian of 99°45'E, and the shore is open to surface navigation only.

2. **Ao Chumphon.**—The waters within an area centered on Ko Mattaphon Light (10°27'N., 99°15'E.) having a radius of 13 miles are open to surface navigation only.

3. **Ao Prachuap Khiri Khan.**—The area enclosed by the parallels of 11°41'N and 11°50'N, and the meridians of 99°49'E and 99°52'E, is open to surface navigation only.

4. **Ko Chang.**—The area bound by the parallels of 11°51'N and 11°54'N, and by the meridians of 102°24'E and 102°32'E, is open to surface navigation only.

5. **Ko Si Chang.**—The waters in depths of less than 5.5m around Ko Si Chang (13°09.0'N., 104°48.6'E.) are open to surface navigation.

The following areas in the approaches to Krung Thep (Bangkok) are considered dangerous for anchoring, fishing, and any form of sub-surface activity near the sea bed:

1. **Hua Hin.**—The area within a circle of radius 1 mile centered in position 12°31'18"N, 100°00'00"E is open to surface navigation only.

2. **Laem Phak Bia.**—The area within a circle of radius 6 miles centered in position 13°00'00"N, 100°19'00"E is open to surface navigation only.

3. **Mae Nam Mae Khlong.**—The area within a circle of radius 1 mile centered in position 13°16'30"N, 100°00'48"E is open to surface navigation only.

4. **Mae Nam Tha Chin.**—The area within a circle of radius 1 mile centered in position 13°26'00"N, 100°19'00"E is open to surface navigation only.

5. **Mae Nam Tha Chin.**—The area within a circle of radius 1.5 miles centered in position 13°20'48"N, 100°25'00"E is open to surface navigation only.

6. **Ko Rin.**—The area within a circle of radius 4 miles centered in position 12°49'00"N, 100°43'00"E is open to surface navigation only.

7. **Ko Khram.**—The area within a circle of radius 5 miles centered in position 12°34'00"N, 100°45'18"E is open to surface navigation only.

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volumes

Pub. 161, Sailing Directions (Enroute) South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand.

Pub. 174, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Strait of Malacca and Sumatera.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Thailand are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	Defined by coordinates.
* Claims straight baselines. Claims the inner Gulf of Thailand to 12°35'45"N as a historical bay.	

### Offshore Drilling

Floating or fixed drill rigs may be encountered in the Gulf of Thailand. Buoys associated with the drilling operations are frequently moored in the vicinity of these structures. The positions of these rigs and buoys are frequently changed and are generally promulgated by radio navigational warnings.

Offshore oil fields and gas fields are located in the Gulf of Thailand, as follows:

1. Bualuang Oil Field (10°31'N., 100°17'E.).
2. Nang Nuan Oil Field (10°11'N., 99°27'E.).
3. Cakerawpa Field (7°09'N., 103°06'E.).
4. Muda Field (7°37'N., 102°58'E.).
5. Nong Yao Field (8°14'N., 101°47'E.).
6. Bongkot Gas Field (8°02'N., 102°20'E.).
7. Arthit Gas Field (8°16'N., 102°32'E.).
8. Erawan Gas Field (9°01'N., 105°15'E.).
9. Platong Gas Field (9°05'N., 101°19'E.).
10. Tantawan Gas Field (10°05'N., 101°25'E.).
11. Benchamas Field (10°31'N., 101°15'E.).
12. Jasmine Oil Field (11°19'N., 101°14'E.).
13. Manora Oil Field (11°44'N., 100°33'E.).

### Regulations

The laws relating to the production, possession, distribution, and use of narcotic drugs are extremely severe in Thailand. Penalties for infringement range from prison sentences and fines to life imprisonment and even execution.

Crew members, when on shore leave, must not carry sheath knives or other dangerous weapons.

Requirements for vessels visiting Thai waters are contained in the *Act on Navigation in Thai Waters (BE 2456)*. A copy of the regulations can be accessed at <http://thailaws.com/law/>

[t\\_law420.pdf](#).

### Search and Rescue

Search and rescue operations in Thailand are coordinated by the Department of Civil Aviation at Krung Thep (Bangkok) Rescue Coordination Center with the Royal Thai Navy, the Thai Marine Police Division, and the Marine Department.

Contact information for RCC Bangkok and its associated Maritime Rescue Coordination Subcenters (MRSC) is given in the table titled **Thailand—Search and Rescue Contact Information**. RCC Bangkok can also be contacted through Bangkok Radio.

A network of coast radio stations maintains a continuous listening watch on international distress frequencies.

### Ship Reporting System

#### Information Fusion Center Voluntary Reporting Area

Thailand is located within the area covered by the Information Fusion Center Voluntary Reporting Area. For further information, see Pacific Ocean—Ship Reporting System.

### Signals

#### General

Thailand requires that vessels preparing to leave port or Thai waters shall fly the International Code flag "P" indicating that the vessel is about to proceed to sea. If the vessel is to depart in the morning, this flag is to be flown in the afternoon of the previous day. If departure is in the afternoon, the flag is to be flown in the morning.

The vessel shall notify the harbormaster at least 6 hours before the expected time of departure.

Within Thai territorial waters, merchant vessels may be signaled by Thai naval craft to stop, or to proceed in a certain direction, for the purpose of a search, as follows:

1. **Signals for stopping vessels.**—By day, signals from the International Code will be used by naval patrol craft. By night, repeated short and long flashes will be made by naval patrol craft, or a rocket, from which a red flare is ejected, will be fired. Vessels that do not stop in answer to these signals will be fired on.
2. **Signals for directing vessels.**—Thai naval aircraft will make the appropriate signal from the International Code. They will fly low round the vessel and then proceed towards a certain direction indicating that the vessel must proceed in that direction. Vessels ignoring this signal will be warned by a burst of machine-gun fire directed ahead of the vessel.

Thailand—Search and Rescue Contact Information			
	Telephone	Facsimile	E-mail
RCC Bangkok	66-2-2860506	66-2-2873186	<a href="mailto:bkkrc@aviation.go.th">bkkrc@aviation.go.th</a>
	66-2-2860594		
	66-2-2869353		
MRSC Songkhla	—	66-74-325805	—
MRSC Phuket	—	66-76-391598	—

Thailand—Search and Rescue Contact Information			
	Telephone	Facsimile	E-mail
Bangkok Radio	66-2-4022001	66-2-4022000	—
	66-2-4022002		
	66-2-4022003		
	66-2-4022004		

### Storm Signals

Signals indicating the presence of storms in the Gulf of Thailand and adjacent waters and their intensity are displayed at Bangkok. These signals, consisting of a pennant and a flag, are hoisted on the same yardarm; the pennant is displayed above the flag. The pennant indicated the intensity of the storm while the flag indicated the location. The signals are, as follows:

1. Yellow pennant—Tropical depression or storm with winds near the center not exceeding 33 knots
2. Blue pennant—Tropical depression or storm with winds near the center between 34 and 63 knots.
3. Red pennant—Typhoon or storm with winds near the center exceeding 64 knots.
4. Yellow flag—Area 1—West coast of the Gulf of Thailand to latitude 5°N and longitude 105°E.
5. Blue flag—Area 2—West coast of the Gulf of Thailand to latitude 5°N.
6. Red flag—Area 3—The Andaman Sea.
7. Blue flag with yellow square center—Area 4—The South China Sea in an area bound by lines joining the following positions:
  - a. 5°00'N, 105°00'E.
  - b. 12°00'N, 105°00'E.
  - c. 12°00'N, 112°00'E.
  - d. 5°00'N, 112°00'E.

In normal conditions, a white pennant with a red circle is displayed at the upper yardarm.

### Submarine Signals

Thai vessels display a red triangular flag when submarines, either surfaced or submerged, are in the vicinity.

### Time Zone

The Time Zone description is GOLF (-7). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

### Traffic Separation Schemes

A Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS), which has not been adopted by the IMO, has been established within the Si Racha Pilotage District between the coast and Ko Si Chang.

### U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is situated at 95 Wireless Road, Bangkok 10330.

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Telephone	66-205-4000
Facsimile	66-205-4103
E-mail	<a href="mailto:acsbkk@state.gov">acsbkk@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://th.usembassy.gov">https://th.usembassy.gov</a>

### Vessel Traffic Service

A Vessel Traffic Services operates in Si Racha (13°07'N., 100°52'E.). See Pub. 161, Sailing Directions (Enroute) South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand for further information.



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## Cautions

Fish aggregation devices/wave rider buoys are located up to 2.5 miles seaward of each atoll. They are unlit and do not have radar reflectors. Concentrations of fishing vessels may be found in their vicinity.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the New Zealand dollar, consisting of 100 cents.

## Government

## General

Tokelau, a New Zealand dependency formerly part of the Gilbert and Ellice Island Colony, is composed of the three small atolls of Atafu, Nukunonu, and Fakaofu.

They are located in the South Pacific Ocean about 250 miles N of Samoa between latitude 8°S and 10°S, and longitude 171°W and 173°W. These atolls are composed of a number of coral islets surrounding a central lagoon into which there are no passages. The atolls are 3 to 5m above sea level. There are no ports in Tokelau.

The climate is tropical. It is moderated by trade winds which run from April to November.

The terrain consists of coral atolls that are enclosing large lagoons.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.



**Flag of Tokelau**

Tokelau is a self-administering territory of New Zealand. Tokelau and New Zealand have agreed to a draft constitution as Tokelau moves towards a free association with New Zealand.

The chief of state is King Charles III of the United Kingdom. The New Zealand Minister of Foreign Affairs appoints the Administrator. The head of government is chosen from Council of Faipule, consisting of the elected head from each of the three

atolls, and serves a 1-year term. The unicameral 20-member General Fono consists of directly-elected members from each atoll, based on proportional representation; all members serve a 3-year term.

The legal system is based on New Zealand law and local statutes.

There is no capital; each atoll has its own administrative center.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Waitangi Day	February 6
Good Friday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
Anzac Day	April 25
King's Birthday	Second Saturday in June
Labor Day	Fourth Monday in October
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26

## Industries

The main industries are copra production, woodworking, plaited craft goods, stamps, coins, and fishing.

The main exports are oscilliscopes, linens, fruits, nuts, recreational boats, and iron products. The main export-trading partners are Singapore, France, South Africa, New Zealand, the United States, and Ireland.

The main imports are oscilliscopes, integrated circuits, refined petroleum, packaged medicines, and orthopedic appliances. The main import-trading partners are Samoa, Ireland,

the Philippines, Malaysia, and South Africa.

## Languages

English is the official language. The indigenous language of Tokelau has linguistic links with Samoan.

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

Pub. 126, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Pacific Islands.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Tokelau, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	200 miles or the Continental Margin.
* Prohibits entry of nuclear-powered ships or ships carrying nuclear material.	

### Maritime Boundary Disputes

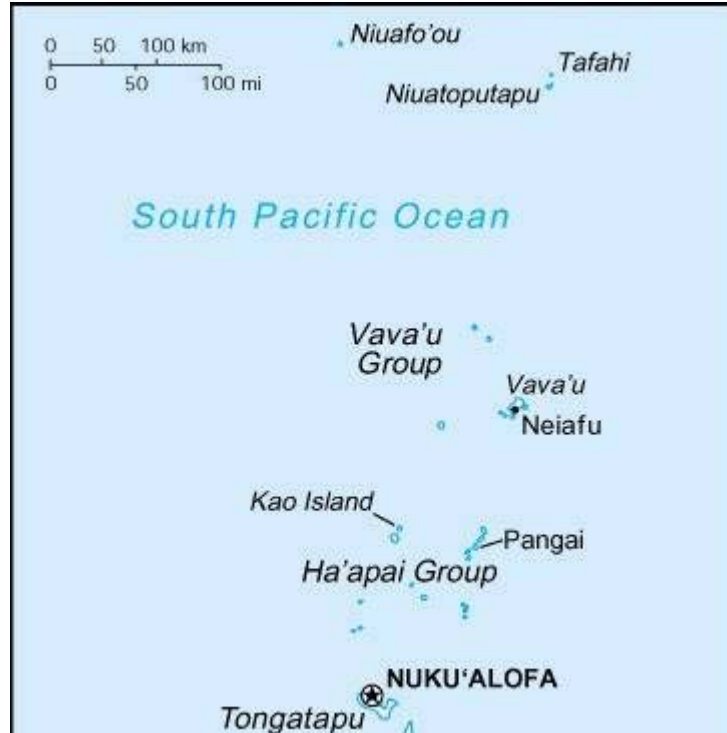
Tokelau periodically asserts a claim to American Samoa's Swains Island (Olohega) (11°03'S., 171°05'W.).

## Time Zone

Tokelau observes a Time Zone description that is 13 hours fast of UTC. Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

## U.S. Embassy

There are no U.S. diplomatic offices.



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## General

Tonga, a member of the British Commonwealth, consists of about 150 islands and islets located in the South Pacific Ocean between 15°S and 23°30'S, and 173°W and 177°W.

The three main island groups, both from a historical and administrative standpoint, are Vava'u in the N, Ha'apai in the center, and Tongatapu in the S.

The climate is tropical and modified by trade winds. The warm season is from December to May and the cool season is from May to December.

The terrain of most islands is a limestone base from uplifted coral formations. The other islands have limestone overlaying a volcanic base.

The islands to the E, being mostly of limestone formation, are low-lying and, with but a few exceptions, seldom exceed

30m above sea level.

The islands to the W are of a volcanic nature and average between 106 and 1,046m high. Kao, the highest point in the group, is an extinct volcano 1,125m high.

The Tongatapu group contains seven major islands, the largest of which is Tongatapu, a coral island on which Nuku'alofo, the capital and chief port, is situated. Approximately one-half of the kingdom's entire population live on this low-lying island.

The Ha'apai group is a cluster of 36 islands of mixed form, only 20 of which are permanently inhabited. The largest of the group is Togua, an active volcano whose crater contains a steaming lake.

The Vava'u group consists of 34 islands. The island of Vava'u is the largest of the Vava'u group and is famous for its harbor. Fourteen of the other islands are uninhabited.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

## Cautions

Swells from the SW cause heavy surf on the S coasts of the islands.

Volcanic activity can occur in the area NW and SW of Tongatapu. Caution is necessary in these areas; a good lookout should be kept for new shoals.

Fish aggregation devices (FAD) are moored in the waters surrounding Tonga. The FADs are unlit and painted orange. Concentrations of fishing vessels may be found in their vicinity.

A local magnetic anomaly, which can increase the normal variation by as much as 14°, has been reported off the S side of the Nomuka Group in position 20°42'S, 175°01'W.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the pa'anga, consisting of 100 seniti.

## Government



**Flag of Tonga**

Tonga is a constitutional monarchy. The country is divided into five island divisions.

Tonga is governed by a King, who appoints the Prime Minister and the Cabinet. The unicameral Legislative Assembly consists of 26 members, all serving 4-year terms, as follows:

- a. 9 seats—selected from the country's 29 nobles.
- b. 17 seats—directly elected.

The legal system is based on English common law. The capital is Nuku'alofa, on Tongatapu.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Good Friday	Variable
Holy Saturday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
Easter Monday	Variable
Anzac Day	April 25
Birthday of Crown Prince	May 4
Emancipation Day	June 4
Birthday of King Tauga' ahau Tupou IV	July 4
Constitution Day	November 4
Independence Day	July 7
Birthday of King Tupou I	December 4
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26

## Industries

The main industries are tourism, construction, and fishing.

The main exports are natural gas, fish, fruits and nuts, vegetables, cassava, and coral and shells. The main export-trading partners are the United States, South Korea, New Zealand, Australia, and south Africa.

The main imports are refined petroleum, poultry, audio equipment, mutton, goat meat, and broadcast equipment. The main import-trading partners are New Zealand, China, Fiji, Australia, and the United States.

## Languages

Tongan, a Polynesian dialect, and English are the official languages.

## Meteorology

Weather forecasts, including the Marine Weather Bulletin for all Tongan coastal waters, are available, in English, from the Tonga Meteorological Service (<https://www.met.gov.to>).

## Mined Areas

Within Tonga, all known mine fields in the approaches to Tongatapu have been swept. Ships should not anchor, nor submarines bottom, within the areas bound by lines joining the following positions:

- 1a. 21°01'30.0"S, 175°15'00.0"W.
- 1b. 21°01'30.0"S, 175°18'34.8"W.
- 1c. 21°03'19.8"S, 175°17'55.2"W.
- 1d. 21°02'22.8"S, 175°15'00.0"W.
- 2a. 20°59'00.0"S, 175°10'30.0"W.
- 2b. 20°59'00.0"S, 175°14'30.0"W.
- 2c. 21°01'30.0"S, 175°14'30.0"W.
- 2d. 21°01'30.0"S, 175°10'30.0"W.
- 3a. 21°00'00.0"S, 175°07'00.0"W.
- 3b. 21°00'00.0"S, 175°10'30.0"W.
- 3c. 21°03'45.0"S, 175°10'30.0"W.
- 3d. 21°03'45.0"S, 175°07'00.0"W.
- 4a. 21°05'00.0"S, 175°13'49.2"W.
- 4b. 21°05'00.0"S, 175°14'25.2"W.
- 4c. 21°05'49.8"S, 175°14'25.2"W.
- 4d. 21°05'49.8"S, 175°13'49.2"W.

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

Pub. 126, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Pacific Islands.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Tonga are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	Depth of 200m or the Limit of Exploitation.
* Includes Minerva Reef.	

### Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory for all merchant vessels at Nukualofa (21°08'S., 175°11'W.).

Pilotage is not compulsory at Pangai (19°48'S., 174°2'W.) or Neiafu (18°39'S., 173°59'W.) but can be arranged through Nukualofa.

### Regulations

Ports of entry for Tonga are, as follows:

1. Nukualofa (21°08'S., 175°12'W.) on Tongatapu.
2. Neiafu Harbor (18°39'S., 173°59'W.) on Vavau.

### Search and Rescue

Search and rescue operations are coordinated by RCC Tonga Defence Services and ARCC Fua'amotu International Airport,

which can be contacted, as follows:

Telephone	Facsimile
<b>RCC Tonga Defence Services</b>	
676-23099	676-23934
676-23119	676-23190
<b>ARCC Fua'amotu International Airport</b>	
676-35393	676-35395

Nukualofa Coast Radio Station (A3A) maintains a continuous listening watch on 2182 kHz for distress traffic.

### Time Zone

The Time Zone description is 13 hours fast of UTC. Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

### U.S. Embassy

The U.S. ambassador to Fiji is accredited to Tonga. The U.S. Embassy in Fiji is situated at 158 Princes Road, Tamavua.

<b>U. S. Embassy Fiji—Contact Information</b>	
Mailing address	4290 Suva Place
	Washington DC (20521-4290)
Telephone	679-331-4466
Facsimile	679-330-2267
E-mail	<a href="mailto:SuvaACS@state.gov">SuvaACS@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://fj.usembassy.gov">https://fj.usembassy.gov</a>





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which run from March to November. There are W gales and heavy rains from November to March.

The terrain is low-lying, with many narrow coral atolls.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the Australian dollar, consisting of 100 cents.

## Government

## General

Tuvalu, an island group consisting of nine coral atolls, is an independent nation within the British Commonwealth. Only eight of the low-lying atolls, or coral islands, are permanently inhabited.

Tuvalu is located in the South Pacific Ocean between 5°S and 10°S, and 176°E and 180°E. The islands are Nanumea, Nanumanga, Niutao, Nui, Vaitupu, Nukufetau, Funafuti, Nukulaelae, and Niulakita.

Nanumanga and Niulakita are atolls consisting of solid masses of limestone with fringing reefs. The latter is regarded as part of Niutao. The islands extend for a distance of 360 miles in a NW to SE direction and cover an area of about half a million square miles of ocean. The administrative center is situated at Fongafale on the largest and easternmost islet of the atoll. The airstrip is also situated on that islet. The atoll is the only reported port of entry for Tuvalu.

The climate is tropical and moderated by East Trade Winds,



**Flag of Tuvalu**

Tuvalu is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary democracy. The country is divided into seven island councils and one town council.

King Charles III is recognized as the Chief of State and is represented by a Governor-General, who is appointed based on

the recommendation of the Prime Minister.

Tuvalu is governed by a Prime Minister elected by and from the members of the Parliament. The Cabinet is appointed by the Governor-General with the recommendation of the Prime Minister. The unicameral Parliament consists of 16 directly-elected members serving 4-year terms.

The legal system is based on English common law supplemented by local customary law.

The capital is Funafuti.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Commonwealth Day	Second Monday in March
Good Friday	Variable
Holy Saturday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
Easter Monday	Variable
Gospel Day	May 13
King's Birthday	Second Saturday in June
Children's Day	August 5
Tuvalu Days	October 1-2
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26

## Industries

The main industry is fishing.

The main exports are fish, ships, coins, metal-clad products, and electrical power accessories. The main export-trading partners are Thailand and Indonesia.

The main imports are refined petroleum, fishing boats, tug boats, and iron structures. The main import-trading partners are China, Japan, Fiji, and New Zealand.

## Languages

Tuvaluan and English are the official languages.

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

Pub. 126, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Pacific Islands.

## Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Tuvalu are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	200 miles.
* Claims archipelagic status.	

## Pilotage

Pilotage is not compulsory for ports in Tuvalu but is available on request from Funafuti (8°31'S., 179°08'E.).

## Regulations

Vessels bound for ports in Tuvalu may establish radio contact through Funafuti Island Coast Radio Station.

## Search and Rescue

A search and rescue committee has been established. Funafuti Radio provides limited high frequency radiotelephone service to vessels and neighboring islands.

## Time Zone

The Time Zone description is MIKE (-12). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

## U.S. Embassy

The U.S. ambassador to Fiji is accredited to Tuvalu. The U.S. Embassy in Fiji is situated at 158 Princes Road, Tamavua.

U. S. Embassy Fiji—Contact Information	
Mailing address	4290 Suva Place
	Washington DC (20521-4290)
Telephone	679-331-4466
Facsimile	679-330-2267
E-mail	<a href="mailto:SuvaACS@state.gov">SuvaACS@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://fj.usembassy.gov">https://fj.usembassy.gov</a>



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## General

Vanuatu, formerly the British and French Condominium of the New Hebrides, consists of more than 70 islands and islets in the South Pacific, lying between 12°S and 21°S, and 166°E and 171°E.

The larger islands of the group are Espiritu Santo, Malekula, Epi, Pentecost, Aoba, Maewa, Paama, Ambrym, Ejate, Erromanga, Tanna, and Aneityum.

The island chain stretches about 500 miles from the Torres Islands in the N to Aneityum in the S.

The climate is tropical and moderated by Southwest Trade Winds.

The terrain is mostly mountains of volcanic origin with narrow coastal plains.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

## Cautions

### Discolored Water

During W winds, which usually occur only during hurricane season, patches of discolored water are frequently observed in deep water W of Vanuatu. These patches are caused by concentrations of bright sand-colored plankton which give the impression of shoal water.

### Fish Aggregating Devices

Unmanned fish aggregating devices are commonly moored off the islands.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the vatu.

## Government



Flag of Vanuatu

Vanuatu is a parliamentary republic. The country is divided into six provinces.

Vanuatu is governed by a President elected by an Electoral College consisting of the members of Parliament and the Presidents of the six provinces to a 5-year term. The Prime Minister is elected by the Parliament. The Cabinet is appointed by the

Prime Minister. The unicameral Parliament consists of 52 directly-elected members serving 4-year terms.

The legal system is based on a combination of British, French, and customary law.

The capital is Port-Vila.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Father Lini Day	February 21
Custom Chiefs' Day	March 5
Good Friday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
Easter Monday	Variable
Labor Day	May 1
Ascension Day	Variable
Children's Day	July 24
Independence Day	July 30
Assumption Day	August 15
Constitution Day	October 5
Unity Day	November 29
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day/Family Day	December 26

## Industries

The main industries are food and fish freezing, wood processing, and meat canning.

The main exports are tuna, floating platforms, cargo ships, perfume plants, mollusks, and copra. The main export-trading partners are Thailand, Japan, South Korea, Cyprus, and China.

The main imports are refined petroleum, fishing boats, vehicles, poultry, lumber, rice, and broadcast equipment. The main import-trading partners are China, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, and Singapore.

## Languages

English, French, and Bislama are the official languages.

## Meteorology

Coastal and high seas synopsis, forecasts, and warnings are available, in English, from the Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-Hazards Department (<http://www.vmgd.gov.vu/vmgd/index.php>).

## Mined Areas

Mine fields were laid in many parts of the world during

World War II. Many of these mine fields have been swept; others had routes swept through them. These routes are mostly marked by buoys and have been used safely by shipping for many years.

Due to the lapse of time, navigation through these mine fields whether they have been swept or not is now considered no more dangerous from mines than from any other of the usual hazards, but in the unswept areas a real danger still exists with regard to anchoring, fishing, or any form of submarine or sea bed activity. Furthermore, uncharted wrecks and shoals may lie in these areas.

The following areas are open only to surface navigation:

1. Georges Phillipar Passage (within Malo Island)—An area bound by lines joining the following positions:
  - a. 15°36'28.8"S, 167°06'30.0"E.
  - b. 15°36'28.8"S, 167°04'15.0"E.
  - c. 15°37'45.0"S, 167°04'15.0"E.
  - d. 15°37'45.0"S, 167°06'30.0"E.
2. Million Dollar Point (within Benier Bay)—An area bound by lines joining the following positions:
  - a. 15°31'19.8"S, 167°15'30.0"E.
  - b. 15°31'45.0"S, 167°12'45.0"E.
  - c. 15°33'00.0"S, 167°12'45.0"E.
  - d. 15°33'00.0"S, 167°15'30.0"E.
3. Within Scorff Passage—An area bound by lines joining the following points, with bearings and distances from Narurundo Point (15°32.7'S., 167°16.8'E.), the N extremity of Tutuba Island:
  - a. 281.0° 1.38 miles
  - b. 326.0° 2.41 miles
  - c. 347.5° 2.05 miles
  - d. 078.5° 1.52 miles
  - e. 124.5° 1.35 miles
  - f. 333.0° 0.22 mile
4. Within Undine Passage—An area bound by lines joining the following positions:
  - a. 15°22'31.2"S, 167°13'31.2"E.
  - b. 15°22'06.0"S, 167°14'57.0"E.
  - c. 15°24'48.0"S, 167°16'12.0"E.
  - d. 15°25'45.0"S, 167°14'37.2"E.
5. Within Undine Bay (17°29.0'S, 168°19.0'E).

**Caution.**—Vessels should not anchor nor submarines bottom in any of the above-described areas.

### Navigational Information

#### Enroute Volume

Pub. 126, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Pacific Islands.

#### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Vanuatu are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.

Maritime Limit	Extent
Contiguous Zone	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	Defined by coordinates.
* Claims archipelagic status.	

#### Maritime Boundary Disputes

Claims Matthew Island (22°21'S., 171°21'E.) and Hunter Island (22°24'S., 172°05'E.).

#### Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory for vessels over 60m long in Port-Vila and Luganville.

#### Regulations

Ports of entry into Vanuatu are, as follows:

1. Port-Vila (17°44'S., 168°18'E.) on Efate
2. Luganville (15°31'S., 167°11'E.) on on Espiritu Santo.

#### Search and Rescue

Port-Villa Coast Radio Station (YJM) maintains a listening watch on 2182 kHz and VHF channel 16 for distress traffic, but the listening watch is not continuous. All distress alerts are relayed to RCC Nadi, Fiji.

#### Time Zone

The Time Zone description is LIMA (-11). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

#### U.S. Embassy

The U.S. ambassador to Papua New Guinea is accredited to Vanuatu. The U.S. Embassy in Papua New Guinea is situated on Harbor City Road, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

U. S. Embassy Papua New Guinea—Contact Information Harbor City Road	
Mailing address	Harbor City Road
	Port Moresby 121, NCD
Telephone	675-308-9100
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Web site	<a href="https://pg.usembassy.gov">https://pg.usembassy.gov</a>



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## General

Vietnam is located in Southeastern Asia, bordering the Gulf of Thailand, Gulf of Tonkin, and South China Sea, between China and Cambodia.

The climate is tropical in the S. There are monsoons in the N, with the hot rainy season lasting from the middle of May to the middle of September. The warm dry season is from the middle of October to the middle of March.

The terrain is low, with a flat delta in the S and N. The central highlands are reported hilly, with mountains in the far N and NW.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect although caution is necessary as the conversion may not be complete. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

## Cautions

### Fishing Stakes

Fishing stakes are frequently found as much as 30 miles off the coast of Vietnam. They consist of several long bamboo poles anchored by large stones and carrying a flag. A sampan is usually attached to them; vessels should not pass between the sampan and the bamboo.

### Drill Rigs

Floating or fixed drill rigs may be encountered off the SE coast of Vietnam. Buoys associated with the drilling operations are frequently moored in the vicinity of these structures. The positions of these rigs and buoys are frequently changed and are generally promulgated by radio navigational warnings.

### Piracy

Vessels operating in the Voluntary Community Reporting Area (VCR) are strongly encouraged to report all cyber attack incidents and any interference on radio frequencies, radars, GPS, and AIS. For further information on the VCR, see **Pacific Ocean—Ship Reporting System..**

### Wind Farms

Wind farms are located off the coast of Vietnam, as follows:

1. Korea Wind Farm (9°15'N., 106°34'E.).
2. Hiep Thanh Wind Farm (9°49'N., 106°36'E.).
3. Ben Tru VPL Wind Farm (10°04'N., 106°36'E.). Under construction (2022).
4. Binh Sai Wind Farm (10°08'N., 106°51'E.). Under construction (2022).
5. Tan Phu Dong 2 Wind Farm (10°15'N., 106°50'E.). Under construction (2022).
6. Tan Phu Dong 1 Wind Farm (10°12'N., 106°54'E.). Under construction (2022).

## Currency

The unit of currency is the dong.

## Fishing Areas

Numerous fishing vessels, some operating in pairs and offer at dusk, operate within the Vung Tau anchorage and the approaches to Song Sai Gon. Fishing stakes and fish traps are numerous along the channel banks.

## Government



**Flag of Vietnam**

Vietnam is a communist state. The country is composed of 58 provinces and five municipalities.

Vietnam is governed by a President, elected from the members of the National Assembly, serving a 5-year term. The Prime Minister is appointed by the President from the members of the National Assembly. The unicameral National Assembly consists of 500 directly-elected members, all of whom are approved by the Communist Party of Vietnam, serving 5-year terms.

The legal system is based on French civil law and communist legal theory.

The capital is Hanoi.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Lunar New Year	Variable (3 days)
Communist Party Foundation Day	February
Victory Day	April 30
Labor Day	May 1
Ho Chi Minh's Birthday	May 19
Buddha's Enlightenment	May 28
Independence Day	September 2
Anniversary of the Death of Ho Chi Minh	September 3

## Industries

The main industries are food processing, garments, shoes, machine building, coal mining, steel, cement, chemical fertilizer, glass, tires, oil, and mobile phones.

The main exports are broadcast equipment, telephones, integrated circuits, office machinery, footwear, and furniture. The main export-trading partners are the United States, China, Japan, and South Korea.

The main imports are integrated circuits, telephones, refined petroleum, textiles, aeronautical sheeting, and semiconductors. The main import-trading partners are China, South Korea, and Japan.

## Languages

Vietnamese is the official language. Various dialects may be encountered in the N part of the country. French, English, Chinese, and Khmer are also spoken by a considerable portion of the populace.

## Meteorology

Marine weather forecasts for the waters around Vietnam are available, in English and Vietnamese, from the National Center for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting (VISHIPE) (<https://nchmf.gov.vn/kttv>).

## Mined Areas

The following areas have been declared dangerous due to mines laid during hostilities in Vietnamese waters:

1. **Mui Ke Ga.**—The area bound by the parallels of 10°30'N and 10°40'N, between the meridians of 107°58'E and 108°05'E, is safe for surface navigation only. Anchoring, dredging, cable laying, trawling, and submarine bottoming should be avoided.

2. **Dao Phu Qui.**—The area bound by the parallels of 10°23'N and 10°29'N, between the meridians of 108°55'E and 109°00'E, is dangerous due to mines.

3. **Mui Ba Kiem.**—The area bound by the parallels of 10°10'N and 10°20'N, between the meridians of 107°45'E and 107°55'E, is safe for surface navigation only. Anchoring, dredging, cable laying, trawling, and submarine bottoming should be avoided.

4. **Cu Lao Xanh.**—The area bound by the parallels of 13°34'N and 13°39'N, between the meridians of 109°16.5'E and 109°21.4'E, is dangerous due to mines.

5. The waters in and around the entrances to the following ports are reported to be mined:

- Haiphong (20°52'N., 106°40'E.).
- Hon Gai (20°56'N., 107°03'E.).
- Cam Pha (21°02'N., 107°22'E.).
- Thanh Hoa (19°48'N., 105°46'E.).
- Vinh (Ben Thuy) (18°40'N., 105°40'E.).
- Quang Khe (17°41'N., 106°27'E.).
- Dong Hoi (17°28'N., 106°37'E.).

Approaches and entrances of additional ports in the S part of Vietnam may also be mined and caution is advised.

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

Pub. 161, Sailing Directions (Enroute) South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Vietnam are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea *	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone **	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	200 miles or the Continental Margin.
* Claims half of the Gulf of Tonkin as historical waters. Uses straight baselines for measuring the territorial sea; baselines purport to enclose portions of the South China Sea up to approximately 75 miles in width as internal waters. Requires advance permission or notification for innocent passage of warships in the territorial sea.	
** Also considered a Security Zone.	

### Maritime Boundary Disputes

The delineation of a maritime boundary with Cambodia is hampered by a dispute over offshore islands.

Involved in a complex dispute with China, the Philippines, Taiwan, Malaysia, and Brunei over the Spratly Islands (8°38'N., 111°55'E.). The 2002-issued *Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea* has eased tensions but falls short of a legally-binding code of conduct desired by several of the disputants. For further information, see **China—Navigational Information—Maritime Boundary Disputes.**

Claims the Paracel Islands (16°40'N., 112°20'E.), which are currently occupied by China and also claimed by Taiwan.

A maritime boundary and joint fishing zone agreement with China remains unratified.

Conducting negotiations with Indonesia to determine the Exclusive Economic Zone boundaries between the two nations.

### Internet Maritime Safety Information

Notice to Mariners and other information are available, in English and Vietnamese, from the Southern Vietnam Maritime Safety Corporation (<http://www.vms-south.vn/en>).

### Typhoon Havens

Typhoon havens are located off the coast of Vietnam, as follows:

- Archipel des Fai Tai Long between the W extremity of Dao Cat Ba (20°48'N., 107°00'E.) and the meridian of 107°38'E.
- Baie du Parseval (22°47'N., 107°05'E.).
- Port Bayard (20°47'N., 107°06'E.).
- Rade du Crapaud (20°49'N., 107°06'E.).



## Offshore Drilling

Vessels are advised not to enter the restricted areas surrounding the following offshore oil fields and gas fields:

1. Bach Ho Oil Field (9°47'N., 108°00'E.).
2. Dai Hung Oil Field (8°29'N., 108°42'E.).
3. Phuong Dong Oil Field (10°05'N., 108°23'E.).
4. Rang Dong Oil Field (10°01'N., 108°16'E.).
5. Rong Oil Field (9°34'N., 107°53'E.).
6. Ruby Oil Field (10°23'N., 108°30'E.).
7. Su Tu Den Oil Field (10°25'N., 108°24'E.).
8. Te Giac Trang Oil Field (9°58'N., 107°57'E.).
9. Thang Long-Dong Do Oil Field (10°08'N., 108°37'E.).
10. Chim Sao Oil Field (7°21'N., 108°18'E.).
11. Rong Doi Gas Field (7°48'N., 108°11'E.) and Lan Tay Gas Field, 40 miles ESE of Rong Doi Gas Field.
12. Hai Thach Gas Field and Moc Tinh Gas Field operate from a central platform located in position 8°03'N, 108°55'E.
13. Sao Vang Dai Nguyet Oil Field (8°22'N., 108°42'E.).

## Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory for all vessels entering or leaving Vietnamese ports which are open for international trade. The pilot should be ordered 24 hours in advance and confirmed 6 hours in advance. The pilotage request can be made on VHF channel 16.

In general, all foreign vessels without special clearance must proceed to Hai Phong to board a pilot for any of the deep-water ports in the N part of Vietnam.

Vessels proceeding to S ports should contact the authorities in Thang Pho Ho Chi Minh (Saigon) before proceeding within 20 miles of the coast.

## Regulations

Special regulations exist for the approach and entry of foreign vessels into Vietnamese waters. In general, only those vessels with specific and prearranged permission should attempt to approach the coast and then only when in contact with the authorities. Permission should be obtained from the Ministry of Communication and Transport, Maritime Legislation Division at least 7 days in advance. The arrival should be reconfirmed at least 24 hours before entering Vietnamese territorial waters.

The following Vietnamese ports are open for foreign trade:

1. Vung Tau.
2. Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon).
3. Nha Trang.

4. Qui-Nhon.
5. Da Nang.
6. Can Tho.
7. Haiphong.
8. Dong Nai.
9. Dong Thap.
10. Hai Thinh.
11. Kien Giang.
12. My Tho.
13. My Thoi.
14. Nam Can.
15. Nghe Tinh.
16. Quang Ninh.
17. Thanh Hoa.
18. Thuan An.

Vessels should advise their agent of their ETA; the agent will advise the relevant port authority of the ETA and arrange for entry permits.

When within VHF range, vessels should contact the local port control and/or the pilot on VHF channel 16 to arrange anchorage and pilot boarding information.

Unless otherwise stated, vessels should send their ETA to the port via their local agent 48 hours in advance, giving details of the vessel and the cargo on board. The ETA should be confirmed 12 hours, 7 hours, and 2 hours in advance.

## Search and Rescue

The Vietnam National Search and Rescue Committee, through the Vietnam Maritime Search and Rescue Coordination Center (VIETNAM MRCC), is responsible for conducting and coordinating search and rescue operations.

Contact information for the MRCCs and the MRSC can be found in the table titled **Vietnam—Search and Rescue Contact Information**.

A network of coast radio stations maintains a continuous listening watch on international distress frequencies.

## Ship Reporting System

### Information Fusion Center Voluntary Reporting Area

Vietnam is located within the area covered by the Information Fusion Center Voluntary Reporting Area. For further information, see **Pacific Ocean—Ship Reporting System**.

## Time Zone

The Time Zone description is GOLF (-7). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

**Vietnam—Search and Rescue Contact Information**

	Telephone	Facsimile	E-mail
Vietnam MRCC	84-24-37683050	84-24-37683048	<a href="mailto:rescuevietnam@yahoo.com.vn">rescuevietnam@yahoo.com.vn</a>
Haiphong MRCC (Regional MRCC No. I)	84-22-53759508	84-22-53759507	<a href="mailto:rescuehaiphong@gmail.com">rescuehaiphong@gmail.com</a>
Da Nang MRCC (Regional MRCC No. II)	84-23-63924957	84-23-63924956	<a href="mailto:phcn2.mrcc@gmail.com">phcn2.mrcc@gmail.com</a>
Vung Tau MRCC (Regional MRCC No. III)	84-25-43850950	84-25-43810353	<a href="mailto:vtmrcc@gmail.com">vtmrcc@gmail.com</a>
Nha Trang MRCC (Regional MRCC No. IV)	84-25-83880373	84-25-83880517	<a href="mailto:phcnhtrangmrcc@gmail.com">phcnhtrangmrcc@gmail.com</a>

**U.S. Embassy**

The embassy is situated at the Rose Garden Building, 7 Lang Ha Street, Hanoi.

**U. S. Embassy Fiji—Contact Information**

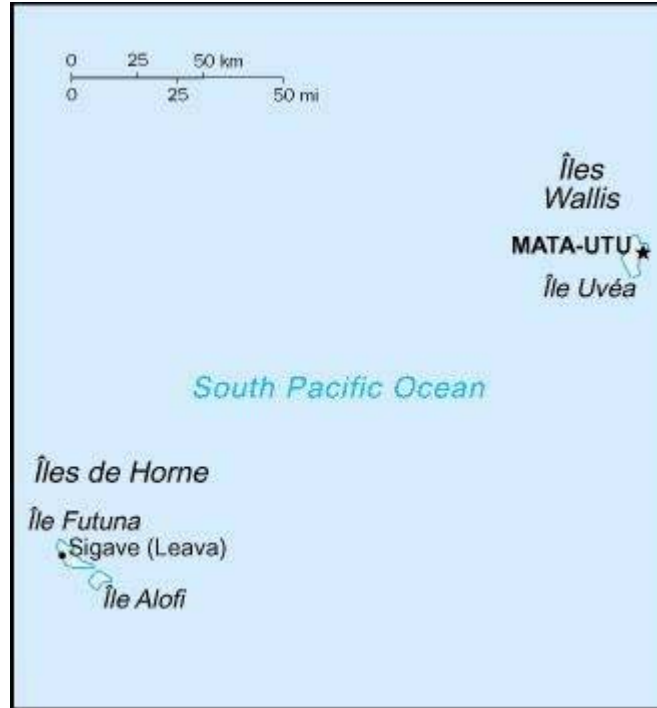
Mailing address	4550 Hanoi Place
	Washington DC (20521-4550)
Telephone	84-24-3850-5000
Facsimile	84-24-3850-5010

**U. S. Embassy Fiji—Contact Information**

E-mail	<a href="mailto:ACShanoi@state.gov">ACShanoi@state.gov</a>
Web site	<a href="https://vn.usembassy.gov">https://vn.usembassy.gov</a>

**Vessel Traffic Service**

A Vessel Traffic Service is in operation in Quy Nhon (13°47'N., 109°15'E.). For further information see Pub. 161, Sailing Directions (Enroute) South China Sea and the Gulf of Thailand.



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## General

Wallis and Futuna, an overseas territory of France, consists of two small groups of volcanic and coral islands. It is located in the South Pacific Ocean, lying between 13°20'S and 14°21'S, and 176°10'W and 178°10'W.

Îles Wallis consists of the main island of Île Uvea and 22 off-lying islets enclosed within a single barrier reef. Île Uvea is 7 miles long by 4 miles wide and rises to a maximum height of 143m.

Île Futuna and Île Alofi make up Îles de Horne, located about 125 miles SW of the Îles Wallis. The islands are of volcanic origin and surrounded by a fringing reef. Île Futuna is 7 miles long by 4 miles wide and rises to a height of 760m. Île Alofi is about 5 miles long by 3 miles wide and rises 365m above sea level.

The climate is tropical. It is hot and rainy from November to April. It is cool and dry from May to October.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

## Cautions

Îles Wallis have been reported (1978) to lie 2 miles W of their charted positions.

Fish aggregating devices, marked by buoys, are moored off the coasts of Îles Wallis and Île Futuna.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the Pacific franc, consisting of 100 centimes.

## Government

Wallis and Futuna are overseas territories of France. The country is composed of three administrative precincts.

Wallis and Futuna is governed by a French administrator and a unicameral Territorial Assembly consisting of 20 directly-elected members serving 5-year terms. In addition, there are three traditional Kings with limited powers.

The legal system is based on French law.

The capital is Mata-Utu on Île Uvea.



Flag of Wallis and Futuna

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Holiday	Date(s)
New Year's Day	January 1
Good Friday	Variable
Easter Sunday	Variable
Easter Monday	Variable
Labor Day	May 1
World War II Victory Day	May 8
Ascension Day	Variable
Whitsunday	Variable
Whitmonday	Variable
Bastille Day	July 14
Assumption Day	August 15
All Saint's Day	November 1
Armistice Day	November 11
Christmas Day	December 25

## Industries

The main industries are copra, handicrafts, fishing, and lumber.

The main exports are integrated circuits, jewelry, vehicles, aircraft parts, and polyacetates. The main export-trading partners are Singapore, France, and Belgium.

The main imports are refined petroleum, beef products, poultry, engine parts, and packaged medicines. The main import-trading partners are France, Fiji, New Zealand, and Australia.

## Languages

French is the official language. Wallisian, the indigenous language of the group, is a Polynesian dialect similar to Tongan.

## Meteorology

Marine weather bulletins are available, in French, from Météo France (<https://www.meteo.nc/wallis-et-futuna/mer/bulletin-marine>).

## Navigational Information

### Enroute Volume

Pub. 126, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Pacific Islands.

### Maritime Claims

The maritime territorial claims of Wallis and Futuna are, as follows:

Maritime Limit	Extent
Territorial Sea	12 miles.
Contiguous Zone	24 miles.
Fisheries or Economic Zone	200 miles.
Continental Shelf	Depth of 200m or the Limit of Exploitation.

## Regulations

### Quarantine Reporting

Cargo vessels should contact the Wallis and Futuna Health Agency and the Customs Agency by e-mail prior to arrival.

Pleasure craft should contact the Maritime Affairs Ports, Lighthouses, and Beacons Service and the Customs Service by e-mail prior to arrival.

### Time Zone

The Time Zone description is MIKE (-12). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

### U.S. Embassy

There are no U.S. diplomatic offices.

### Wallis and Futuna—Quarantine Contact Information

Agency	Telephone	Facsimile	E-mail	Web Site
Wallis and Futuna Health Agency	681-720700	681-722399	<a href="mailto:swft@mail.wf">swft@mail.wf</a>	<a href="http://www.adswf.fr/adswf/organisation">http://www.adswf.fr/adswf/organisation</a>

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Wallis and Futuna—Quarantine Contact Information				
Agency	Telephone	Facsimile	E-mail	Web Site
Maritime Affairs Ports, Lighthouses, and Beacons Service	681-722652	681-722641	<a href="mailto:chef.sampp@mail.wf">chef.sampp@mail.wf</a>	<a href="https://www.wallis-et-futuna.gouv.fr">https://www.wallis-et-futuna.gouv.fr</a>
Customs Service	681-721400	—	<a href="mailto:douanes.wallis@mail.wf">douanes.wallis@mail.wf</a>	<a href="https://www.douane.wf">https://www.douane.wf</a>