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P. 207 ATLANTIC COAST GPS/DGPS STATIONS

Delete: Miami

P. 209 ATLANTIC COAST RACONS

Delete: Ambrose Lt.

Add: Ambrose Ch. Ltd. Wh. By. "A", - • (N), 40-27-28N/73-50-12W

P. 211 DIAL-A-BUOY

NOTE: Please be aware that stations that may be adrift and not at the stated location are not reported via the telephone feature. This information is only available on the website by typing in the station identifier at: <http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/dial.shtml>

Delete: FPSN7 FRYING PAN SHOAL, NC, 33.49N/77.59W

Add: 41013 FRYING PAN SHOAL, NC, 33.44N/77.74W

NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

**** Special Notice Regarding LORAN Closure: ***** In accordance with the 2010 DHS Appropriations Act, the U.S. Coast Guard terminated the transmission of all U.S. LORAN-C signals on 08 Feb 2010. This termination does not affect U.S. participation in the Canadian LORAN-C chains. U.S. participation in this chain will continue temporarily in accordance with international agreements. All U.S. Loran-C stations are expected to cease transmitting by October 1, 2010. Other chains that are jointly operated by the U.S. and Canada will continue to be operational up to October 1, 2010. The Loran-C systems in Canada and U.S. work in tandem. Once the U.S. service is discontinued, the Canadian system will not be operational. Consequently, Canada will also decommission its Loran-C system in 2010. The official date for termination in Canada has not been set at this time, although it is expected to take place on or before October 1, 2010. Authorities in Canada and the U.S. will be collaborating on plans to discontinue Loran-C systems to minimize disruption in navigation services. Updates will be provided on CCG's Notices to Mariners website: (<http://www.notmar.gc.ca/go.php?doc=eng/services/notmar/Loran-C-eng>) and in CCG's monthly Notice to Mariners as further detail becomes available.

New editions of NOAA Nautical Charts will no longer display LORAN-C lattice lines, LORAN-C Interpolators, or notes associated with LORAN-C. If you have questions about this policy, you may contact NOAA at <http://ocsddata.ncd.noaa.gov/idrs/inquiry.aspx>

MARINE SAFETY ALERT: Dangers Associated with Automatic Channel Switching on Digital Selective Calling (DSC) Equipped VHF Marine Radios

It has come to the Coast Guard's attention that an automatic channel switching feature found on certain models of Digital Selective Calling (DCS) equipped VHF marine radios may create an unintended hazard by automatically switching from a working channel that might be in use at the time to Channel 16 when the VHF marine radio receives a DSC distress alert, distress alert acknowledgment or other DSC call where a VHF channel number has been designated. This could happen without a vessel/radio operator's immediate knowledge and could initiate an unsafe condition by which the vessel/radio operators would believe they were communicating on a working channel such as Channel 13 when, in fact, they were actually on Channel 16. Since this unsafe condition can happen at any time, the Coast Guard strongly recommends disabling the automatic channel switching feature when maintaining a listening watch or communication on the designated bridge-to-bridge radiotelephone or while monitoring the vessel traffic services (VTS) channel. Radios that lack the disabling feature should not be used for bridge-to-bridge or VTS communications. Updated information including a listing of manufacturers of radios believed to be affected by this Safety Alert will be posted as available at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/marcomms/gmdss/dsc.htm>

REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) encourages the maritime public to report information concerning suspicious activity to their local Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) Office, <Http://www.fbi.gov/contact/fo/fo.htm>, or to other appropriate authorities. Individuals can contact the DHS Watch and Warning Unit at (202) 323-3205, toll free at 1-888-585-9078, or by e-mail to nipc.watch@fbi.gov. The U.S. Coast Guard reminds the maritime industry that they may also report information concerning suspicious activity to the National Response Center (NRC) at 1-800-424-8802.

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