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Subj: Development of New Nautical Charts and Publications

Ref: (a) Defense Mapping Agency Catalog of Maps, Charts, and Related Products, Part 6 –
General Purpose Products, Volume II, DOD Ordering Procedures and Crisis Support

1. PURPOSE. This instruction prescribes procedures for requesting the development of new nautical charts, modification of the coverage of existing nautical charts, or improvements to navigational publications.
2. DISCUSSION.
 - a. National Ocean Service (NOS) and Defense Mapping Agency Hydrographic/Topographic Center (DMAHTC) provide nautical charts and related publications to all Coast Guard units.
 - b. NOS produces nautical charts, U.S. Coast Pilots, and Tide and Tidal Current Tables for the waters of the United States and its territories. DMAHTC produces nautical charts of foreign waters and a few selected U.S. ports. DMAHTC also produces Sailing Directions and List of Lights for foreign waters.
 - c. Commandant (G-NSR-3) is the Coast Guard liaison between NOS and DMA on all matters involving the production and distribution of nautical charts and related publications.
 - d. The selection of nautical charts and publications available from NOS and DMAHTC is quite extensive and should satisfy the requirements for most Coast Guard operations.

3. ACTION.

- a. Area and district commanders, unit commanding officers, and the Commander, CG Activities Europe shall forward requests, through the chain of command to Commandant (G-NSR-3), when identifying a requirement for better coverage from an existing product or development of a new product. The use of charts, drawings, or chart catalogs when presenting a request is encouraged. Statistics, including the number of transits made through the particular area, mileage saved, or comments received from other mariners will also be helpful. This action does not supersede the Crisis Support Requirements described in reference (a).
- b. Commandant (G-NSR-3) will review the request with the appropriate Headquarters program managers and forward recommendations to the proper charting agency. While both NOS and DMAHTC strive to meet the users needs, not all requests can be fulfilled.

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