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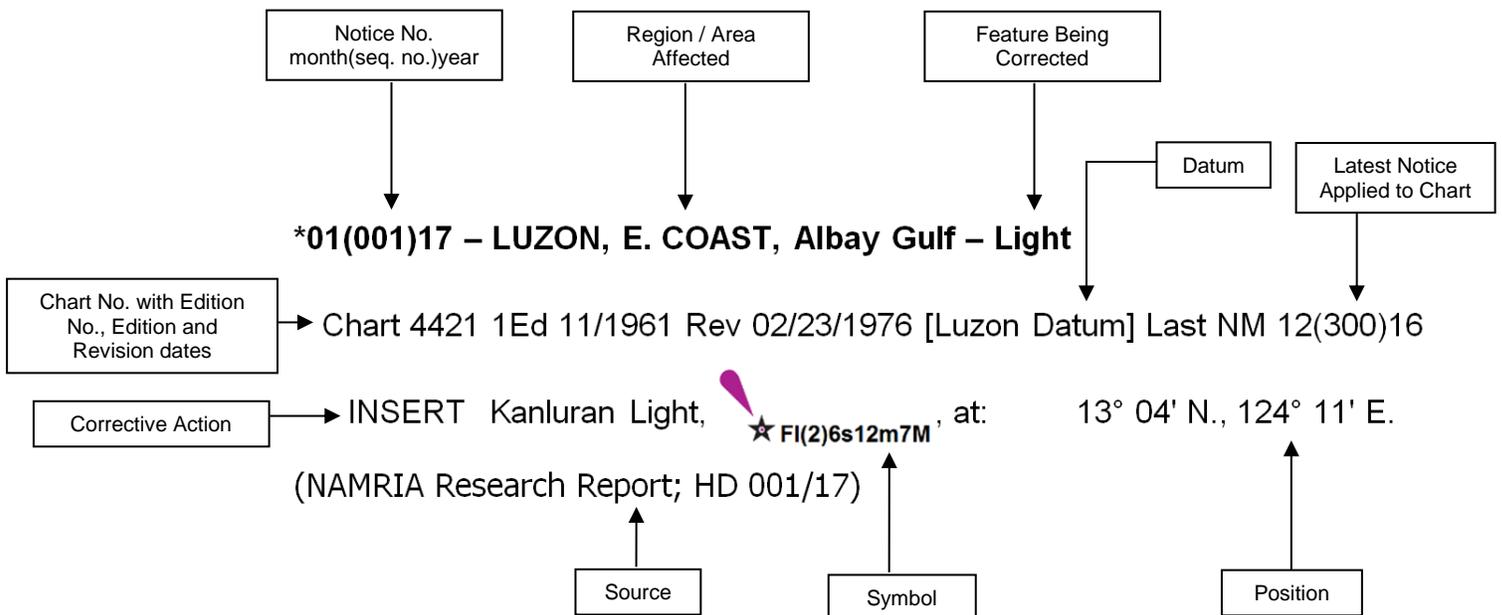
The form at the back cover page of this publication must be used in reporting information on dangers to navigation, lighted aids, and other features that should be included in the nautical charts.

Explanatory Notes

1. The Philippine Notices to Mariners is divided to following sections:

Section I. Index of Charts Affected – Contains the list of all nautical charts which have been affected by Notices to Mariners and the notice numbers which have affected them.

Section II-A. Notices to Mariners - Contains corrections to nautical charts in sequential number with the indication of the month and year of its issuance. The illustration below describes the elements that comprise a typical notice:



Notice No. preceded by asterisk “ * ” indicates that the information is based upon original Philippine source.

Section II-B. Temporary & Preliminary Notices – Contains Notices to Mariners that temporarily affects the nautical charts or have preliminary information that is subject to further verification. The capital “P” or “T” affixed in the number of any notice denotes “*preliminary*” or “*temporary*”, respectively.

Section III-A. Corrections to List of Lights – Contains the corrections to the latest edition of the Philippine List of Lights. The entire entry for each light will be printed and the columns that contains updates will be denoted by an asterisk “ * ”. All columns will be denoted by asterisks in the case of new lights.

This section is intended to be cut out and pasted on the section of the List of Lights that is being corrected.

All updates to lighted aids, including their operational status, will be published in this section. All directions and bearings are measured clockwise from true the North 000° to 360°. Bearing on lights is based on the observer from seaward toward the light. The visibility assigned to the lights never exceeds the calculated distance at which they can be seen from a height of 4.57 meters above the level of the water at high tide.

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Section III-B. Coast Pilot Corrections – Contains the corrections to the latest edition of the Philippine Coast Pilot book.

Section IV. Navigational Warnings – Contains the reprints of all previously issued navigational warnings that are still in effect as of the publication date of this edition of the Philippine Notices to Mariners.

Section V. Publication Notices – Contains the latest updates on the nautical charts, electronic navigational charts, and other nautical publications of NAMRIA.

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*07(037)17 – LUZON, E. COAST, Caramoan Peninsula - Light

Chart 4222 2Ed 06/05/1995 [Luzon Datum] Last NM 01(004)17

AMEND characteristics of Colongcogong Light from Fl.5s to Fl.15s at:
13° 43.45' N., 123° 58.57' E.

Chart 4706 2Ed 12/2010 [WGS-84 Datum] Last NM 05(033)17

AMEND characteristics of Colongcogong Light from Fl.5s to Fl.15s at:
13° 43.4' N., 123° 58.6' E.

Chart 4715 1Ed 12/1958 Rev 07/1975 [Luzon Datum] Last NM 04(019)17

AMEND characteristics of Colongcogong Light from Fl.5s to Fl.15s at:
13° 43.5' N., 123° 58.6' E.

(PCG NM No. 116 of 2017; HD 116/17)

*06(038)17 – LUZON, W. COAST, Manila Harbor - Buoys

Chart 4236 3Ed 03/2014 [WGS-84 Datum] Last NM 11(251)16

REPLACE  with:  at: 14° 36' 32.0" N., 120° 55' 19.8" E.

DELETE  at: 14° 36' 25.4" N., 120° 55' 24.0" E.

DELETE  at: 14° 37' 13.5" N., 120° 56' 15.0" E.

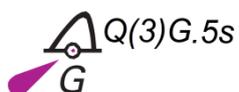
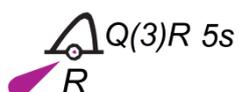
DELETE  at: 14° 37' 21.4" N., 120° 56' 15.0" E.

Chart 4243 4Ed 05/2016 [WGS-84 Datum] Last NM 11(251)16

REPLACE  with:  at: 14° 36.53' N., 120° 55.33' E.

DELETE  at: 14° 36.42' N., 120° 55.40' E.

(PCG NM No. 104-2017; HD 120/17)

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*06(039)17 – PALAWAN, W. COAST, Ulugan Bay - Light

Chart 4318 1Ed 08/26/1957 Rev 12/03/1984 [Luzon Datum] Last NM 04(091)16

AMEND characteristics of Camungyan Light from
FI(3)15s52m17M to Fl.5s52m17M at: 10° 09.35' N., 118° 45.79' E.

Chart 4345 1Ed 02/26/2016 Rev 03/31/2017 [WGS-84 Datum]

AMEND characteristics of Camungyan Light from
FI(3)15s52m17M to Fl.5s52m17M at: 10° 09' 17"N., 118° 45' 53"E.

Chart 4707 2Ed 11/2010 [WGS-84 Datum] Last NM 05(030)17

AMEND characteristics of Camungyan Light from
FI(3)15s52m17M to Fl.5s52m17M at: 10° 09.3' N., 118° 45.9' E.

Chart 4716 2Ed Rev 10/1986 [Luzon Datum] Last NM 05(031)17

AMEND characteristics of Camungyan Light from
FI(3)15s52m17M to Fl.5s52m17M at: 10° 09.4' N., 118° 45.8' E.

Chart 4723A 1Ed 02/2010 Rev 04/15/2011 [WGS-84 Datum] Last NM 05(030)17

AMEND characteristics of Camungyan Light from
FI(3)15s52m17M to Fl.5s52m17M at: 10° 09.3' N., 118° 45.9' E.

(PCG NM No. 124-17; HD 123/17)

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PRELIMINARY & TEMPORARY NOTICES

*06(040)P/17 – MINDANAO, W. COAST, Moro Gulf – Recommended Route

1. The Department of Transportation (DOTr) established a Recommended Transit Corridor (RTC) for vessels navigating in Moro Gulf to and from the Basilan Strait.
2. The RTC has the following details:
 - a. Inbound Transit Lane (Northwesterly Route)

The Inbound Transit Lane is defined by the following positions (WGS-84 Datum):

Point (A)	06° 51' 02.00"N.,	122° 12' 54.51"E.
Point (B)	06° 42' 05.93"N.,	122° 23' 54.15"E.
Point (C)	05° 54' 46.76"N.,	124° 29' 42.18"E.
Point (D)	05° 54' 02.54"N.,	124° 29' 19.18"E.
Point (E)	06° 41' 15.56"N.,	122° 23' 34.72"E.
Point (F)	06° 50' 32.79"N.,	122° 12' 10.27"E.

- b. Outbound Transit Lane (Southeasterly Route)

The Outbound Transit Lane is defined by the following positions (WGS-84 Datum):

Point (G)	06° 50' 17.18"N.,	122° 11' 44.76"E.
Point (H)	06° 40' 42.56"N.,	122° 23' 31.19"E.
Point (I)	05° 53' 39.11"N.,	124° 29' 06.46"E.
Point (J)	05° 52' 58.10"N.,	124° 28' 42.20"E.
Point (K)	06° 39' 54.05"N.,	122° 23' 15.07"E.
Point (L)	06° 49' 44.95"N.,	122° 10' 56.47"E.

3. The RTC is not a Traffic Separation Scheme. It was established to assist the Philippine security authorities monitor vessels movement and piracy in the area.
4. Read Navigational Warning NAVPHIL 080-2017 and DOTr Memorandum Circular 2017-002 for the details of rules and protocols that vessels should comply while navigating within the RTC.

Charts affected: 4511, 4607, 4708.
(DOTr Memo Circular 2017-002; HD 128/17)

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PRELIMINARY & TEMPORARY NOTICES

***06(041)P/17 – SULU SEA, Tubbataha Reefs – Area to be Avoided**

1. An Area to Be Avoided (ATBA) for the Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park – Particularly Sensitive Sea Area is defined by the following positions (WGS-84 Datum)

(1)	09° 17.75' N.,	119° 47.79' E.
(2)	09° 04.73' N.,	120° 12.76' E.
(3)	08° 49.63' N.,	120° 13.99' E.
(4)	08° 29.63' N.,	119° 53.16' E.
(5)	08° 36.15' N.,	119° 35.46' E.
(6)	09° 11.06' N.,	119° 36.67' E.

2. The ATBA applies to all types of ships of 150 gross tonnage and upwards and will take effect on 01 January 2018 at 0000 Hours (UTC).

Chart affected: 4707.

(IMO MEPC 71st Session Resolution; HD 129/17)

III

LIST OF LIGHTS CORRECTIONS

NUMBER (1)	NAME (2)	POSITION (3)	CHARACTERISTICS (4)	Elev(m) (5)	Range(NM) (6)	STRUCTURE (7)	REMARKS (8)
REGION III – CENTRAL LUZON							
AURORA							
0105	F2742	BALER	15 45 25 N 121 34 20 E	FI R 5s	11	7	White concrete tower, 9 TE 2017 7/17 *
REGION IV-A – CALABARZON							
BATANGAS							
0064	F2624	FORTUNE ISLAND	14 03 27 N 120 29 24 E	FI W 10s	126	10	White concrete tower, 9 TE 2017 7/17 *
0074	F2604.2	VERDE ISLAND	13 34 27 N 121 05 01 E	FI W 3s		10	Concrete TE 2017 7/17 *
0073	F2604.6	ARENAS POINT	13 37 25 N 121 04 51 E	FI W 5s		10	Concrete TE 2017 7/17 *
CAVITE							
0046	F2635	EL FRAILE	14 18 24 N 120 37 48 E	FI W 5s		10	Aluminum tower on fort 7/17 *
QUEZON							
0080	F2594	CATANAUAN	13 35 29 N 122 19 15 E	FI R 5s	11	18	White concrete tower, 10 Vis 346°-071° (85°) TE 2017 7/17 *
NCR – NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION							
0699	<i>Lighted Buoy # 2</i>				DELETED from the List of Lights		7/17
0701	<i>Lighted Buoy # 4</i>				DELETED from the List of Lights		7/17
REGION IV-B - MIMAROPA							
MARINDUQUE							
0082	F2590	STA. CRUZ	13 30 05 N 122 03 03 E	FI W 5s	7	7	White concrete tower, 7 TE 2017 7/17 *
PALAWAN							
0522	F2167	CAMUNGYAN	10 09 17 N 118 45 53 E *	FI W 5s *	52	17	GRP, 5 In WGS-84 Datum 7/17
REGION V – BICOL REGION							
CAMARINES SUR							
0128	F2779	COLONGCOGONG	13 43 27 N 123 58 34 E	FI W 15s *			GRP 7/17
NEGROS ISLAND REGION							
NEGROS OCCIDENTAL							
	F2359.78	TALIPTIPUN	09 30 00 N 122 32 15 E	FI W 5s			TE 2017 7/17 *

Note: Asterisk “ * ” indicates new information in the column above it.

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REGION X – NORTHERN MINDANAO							
MISAMIS ORIENTAL							
0356	F2266	MACABALAN 08 30 25 N 124 39 42 E	FI W 5s	18	9	White steel and GRP tower	In WGS-84 Datum 7/17 TE 2017 *
0644	F2261.5	GINGOOG 08 51 21 N 125 03 57 E	FI G 5s		7		In WGS-84 Datum 7/17 TE 2017 *
MISAMIS ORIENTAL							
F2359.82	CANSILAN POINT	09 23 00 N 122 40 30 E	FI W 5s				TE 2017 7/17 *

Note: Asterisk “*” indicates new information in the column above it.

IV NAVIGATIONAL WARNINGS

Date: 25 May 2017

Reference: Proclamation No. 216 (HD 095/17)

MESSAGE

NAVPHIL 061/17 – MINDANAO ISLAND & SULU ARCHIPELAGO – SECURITY WARNING

THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT RECENTLY PLACED THE WHOLE ISLAND OF MINDANAO AND THE SULU ARCHIPELAGO UNDER MARTIAL LAW DUE TO THE HOSTILITIES IN MARAWI CITY IN THE PROVINCE OF LANA DEL SUR.

ALL SHIPS/WATERCRAFTS TRANSITING IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED AREAS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES. MASTERS ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT TO THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD OR THE PHILIPPINE NAVY ANY SUSPICIOUS VESSELS OR ACTIVITIES IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED AREAS.

IV NAVIGATIONAL WARNINGS

Date: 09 June 2017

Reference: PCG NTM 099-2017 (HD 102/17)

MESSAGE

NAVPHIL 065/17–CEBU, E. COAST, MANDAUE, CEBU–REPAIR/REHABILITATION

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAY (DPWH) IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING REPAIR/REHABILITATION OF PIER FOOTING NUMBER 7 AND PIER FOOTING NUMBER 8 OF OLD MANDAUE-MACTAN BRIDGE WHICH STARTED LAST 10 MAY 2017 AND IS ESTIMATED TO BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 2018. THE REPAIR ACTIVITIES WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES:

BRIDGE PIER FOOTING NO. 7	10° 19' 13"N., 123° 57' 19"E.
BRIDGE PIER FOOTING NO. 8	10° 19' 09"N., 123° 57' 21"E.

ALL SHIPS/WATERCRAFTS TRANSITING THE ABOVE MENTIONED AREAS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

IV NAVIGATIONAL WARNINGS

Date: 27 June 2017

Reference: PCG NTM 111-2017 (HD 114/17)

MESSAGE

NAVPHIL 074/17 – MACTAN IS., NE. COAST – WATER ACTIVITY

THE COBRA IRONMAN 70.3 PHILIPPINES TRIATHLON RACE 2017 WILL BE HELD ON 05 TO 06 AUGUST 2017 FROM 6AM TO 9AM ALONG THE VICINITY WATERS OFF SHANGRILA MACTAN BEACH RESORT, LAPU-LAPU CITY, CEBU OR IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES:

POINT A	10° 18' 22.01"N., 124° 01' 16.86"E.
POINT B	10° 18' 20.54"N., 124° 01' 19.80"E.
POINT C	10° 18' 31.55"N., 124° 01' 26.75"E.
POINT D	10° 18' 30.79"N., 124° 01' 28.02"E.
POINT E	10° 18' 07.24"N., 124° 01' 13.35"E.
POINT F	10° 18' 08.06"N., 124° 01' 11.92"E.
POINT G	10° 18' 08.21"N., 124° 01' 18.23"E.
POINT H	10° 18' 19.75"N., 124° 01' 15.55"E.

ALL SHIPS/WATERCRAFTS TRANSITING THE ABOVE MENTIONED AREA ARE ADVISED TO TAKE NOTE OF THE INFORMATION AND TAKE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AT ALL TIMES.

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NAVIGATIONAL WARNINGS

Date: 12 July 2017

Reference: PCG NTM 127-2017 (HD 124/17)

MESSAGE

NAVPHIL 078/16 – SAMAR, NW. COAST, CAPUL PASS AND DALUPIRI PASS – SURVEY WORKS

EGS ASIA INC., WILL CONDUCT A MULTI-BEAM ECHO SOUNDING SURVEY (SWATH) AND CURRENT MEASUREMENT USING ADCP AT NW OF CAPUL ISLAND (CAPUL PASS) WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL WATER OF SAN ANTONIO ISLAND (DALUPIRI PASS) NORTHERN SAMAR USING MV GEMINI 2 VESSEL BETWEEN 20 JULY 2017 AND 20 AUGUST 2017. THE LIMIT OF THE SURVEY AREAS ARE BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES:

AREA 1:

POINT A: 12° 29.325' N., 124° 08.449' E.
POINT B: 12° 28.384' N., 124° 08.156' E.
POINT C: 12° 28.385' N., 124° 07.879' E.
POINT D: 12° 29.327' N., 124° 08.173' E.

AREA 2:

POINT A: 12° 25.224' N., 124° 14.505' E.
POINT B: 12° 24.342' N., 124° 14.701' E.
POINT C: 12° 24.345' N., 124° 14.080' E.
POINT D: 12° 25.247' N., 124° 13.883' E.

AREA 3:

POINT A: 12° 28.459' N., 124° 16.744' E.
POINT B: 12° 27.697' N., 124° 16.922' E.
POINT C: 12° 27.698' N., 124° 15.609' E.
POINT D: 12° 28.466' N., 124° 15.317' E.

AREA 4:

POINT A: 12° 21.985' N., 124° 19.366' E.
POINT B: 12° 21.031' N., 124° 19.657' E.
POINT C: 12° 21.031' N., 124° 17.873' E.
POINT D: 12° 21.616' N., 124° 17.753' E.

ALL SHIPS/WATERCRAFTS TRANSITING THE ABOVE MENTIONED AREAS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

IV NAVIGATIONAL WARNINGS

Date: 25 July 2017

Reference: PCG NTM 138 & 139-2017 (HD 126/17)

MESSAGE

NAVPHIL 080/17 – PHILIPPINE WATERS – TEST FIRING

THE PHILIPPINE NAVY (PN) VESSELS WILL CONDUCT TEST FIRING OF THEIR NAVAL GUNS ON THE DATES AND PLACES AS INDICATED:

C. PB336 AT VICINITY 5 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHWEST OFF CAMOTES ISLAND, CEBU ON 06 AUGUST 2017 BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES:

POINT A:	10° 30.000' N., 124° 11.500' E.
POINT B:	10° 30.400' N., 124° 16.500' E.
POINT C:	10° 25.400' N., 124° 17.000' E.
POINT D:	10° 24.900' N., 124° 11.900' E.

ALL SHIPS/WATERCRAFTS TRANSITING THE ABOVE MENTIONED AREA ARE ADVISED TO TAKE NOTE OF THE INFORMATION AND TAKE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AT ALL TIMES.

IV NAVIGATIONAL WARNINGS

Date: 27 July 2017

Reference: DOTr Memo Circular 2017-002 (HD 128/17)

MESSAGE

NAVPHIL 081/17 – MINDANAO, W. COAST, MORO GULF – RECOMMENDED ROUTE

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOTr) ESTABLISHED A RECOMMENDED TRANSIT CORRIDOR (RTC) FOR VESSELS TRANSITING THE AREA WEST OF MINDANAO ISLAND. THE RTC WAS ESTABLISHED TO ALLOW PHILIPPINE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO MONITOR VESSEL MOVEMENTS AND DETER ACTS OF PIRACY IN THE AREA. THE RTC HAS THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:

INBOUND TRANSIT LANE (NORTHWESTERLY ROUTE)

THE INBOUND TRANSIT LANE IS DEFINED BY THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
Point (A)	06° 51' 02.00"N.,	122° 12' 54.51"E.
Point (B)	06° 42' 05.93"N.,	122° 23' 54.15"E.
Point (C)	05° 54' 46.76"N.,	124° 29' 42.18"E.
Point (D)	05° 54' 02.54"N.,	124° 29' 19.18"E.
Point (E)	06° 41' 15.56"N.,	122° 23' 34.72"E.
Point (F)	06° 50' 32.79"N.,	122° 12' 10.27"E.

OUTBOUND TRANSIT LANE (SOUTHEASTERLY ROUTE)

THE OUTBOUND TRANSIT LANE IS DEFINED BY THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
Point (G)	06° 50' 17.18"N.,	122° 11' 44.76"E.
Point (H)	06° 40' 42.56"N.,	122° 23' 31.19"E.
Point (I)	05° 53' 39.11"N.,	124° 29' 06.46"E.
Point (J)	05° 52' 58.10"N.,	124° 28' 42.20"E.
Point (K)	06° 39' 54.05"N.,	122° 23' 15.07"E.
Point (L)	06° 49' 44.95"N.,	122° 10' 56.47"E.

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IV NAVIGATIONAL WARNINGS

VESSELS NAVIGATING IN THE RTC SHOULD COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING RULES OF PASSAGE:

- 1. NOTIFY THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD (PCG) THRU RADIO COMMUNICATIONS AT LEAST SIX (6) HOURS BEFORE ENTERING THE RTC.**
- 2. PROCEED WITHIN THE APPROPRIATE TRANSIT LANE IN THE GENERAL ESTABLISHED DIRECTION OF TRAFFIC FLOW FOR THAT LANE.**
- 3. KEEP CLEAR OF THE BUFFER ZONE.**
- 4. DO NOT ENGAGE IN FISHING OR OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.**
- 5. DO NOT IMPEDE THE PASSAGE OF ANY VESSEL FOLLOWING THE TRAFFIC LANE.**
- 6. SWITCH ON THE AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (AIS) ONBOARD FOR MONITORING.**
- 7. ACKNOWLEDGE THE RADIO CHALLENGES BY AUTHORITIES.**
- 8. REPORT ALL OBSERVED SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES TO THE AUTHORITIES AND TO OTHER VESSELS TRANSITING THE AREA.**
- 9. VESSELS LESS THAN 20 METERS IN LENGTH OR SAILING VESSELS SHOULD NOT IMPEDE THE SAFE PASSAGE OF A POWER DRIVEN VESSELS FOLLOWING THE TRAFFIC LANE.**
- 10. VESSELS THAT ARE RESTRICTED IN HER ABILITY TO MANEUVER AND ENGAGED IN THE MAINTENANCE OF SAFETY OF NAVIGATION IN THE RTC ARE EXEMPTED FROM COMPLYING WITH THESE RULES TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE OPERATION.**
- 11. VESSELS THAT ARE RESTRICTED IN HER ABILITY TO MANEUVER AND ENGAGED IN LAYING, SERVICING, OR PICKING UP OF A SUBMARINE CABLE WITHIN THE RTC ARE EXEMPTED FROM COMPLYING WITH THESE RULES TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE OPERATION UPON GIVING PRIOR NOTICE TO THE PCG.**

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IV NAVIGATIONAL WARNINGS

- 12. STEER TOWARD A SAFE AREA AND OUT OF THE RTC AND DISPLAY THE NECESSARY LIGHTS DURING NIGHT TIME AND SHAPES DURING DAYTIME IF THE VESSEL ENCOUNTERS DEFECTIVE PROPULSION, DEFECTIVE STEERING, INOPERATIVE NAVIGATION RUNNING LIGHTS, IMPAIRED MANEUVERABILITY, DEFECTIVE NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER SIMILAR CONDITIONS THAT MAY IMPAIR ITS NAVIGATION, REDUCE ITS CAPABILITIES, OR AFFECT THE SAFETY OF OTHER VESSELS.**
- 13. PROCEED AT FULL MAXIMUM SPEED WHILE NAVIGATING ALONG THE RTC OR AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PCG.**
- 14. SECURE ALL ACCESS DOORS TO AVOID ENTRY OF ARMED ROBBERS OR PIRATES.**

MASTERS ARE ADVISED TO READ THE DOT MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2017-002 FOR THE FULL DETAILS ON THE RULES AND PROTOCOLS WITHIN THE RTC.

ALL SHIPS/WATERCRAFTS TRANSITING IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED AREAS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

IV NAVIGATIONAL WARNINGS

Date: 27 July 2017

Reference: IMO MEPC 71st Session Resolution (HD 129/17)

MESSAGE

NAVPHIL 082/17 – SULU SEA, TUBBATAHA REEFS – AREA TO BE AVOIDED

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE (MEPC) OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO), IN ITS 71ST SESSION, APPROVED THE PHILIPPINE'S APPLICATION FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE TUBBATAHA REEFS NATURAL PARK AS A PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE SEA AREA (TRNP-PSSA).

AN AREA TO BE AVOIDED (ATBA) WAS ESTABLISHED AS THE ASSOCIATED PROTECTIVE MEASURE FOR THE TRNP-PSSA. THE ATBA COVERS THE WHOLE TRNP-PSSA, WHICH IS THE AREA DEFINED BY THE FOLLOWING GEOGRAPHIC POSITIONS:

	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
(1)	09° 17.75' N.,	119° 47.79' E.
(2)	09° 04.73' N.,	120° 12.76' E.
(3)	08° 49.63' N.,	120° 13.99' E.
(4)	08° 29.63' N.,	119° 53.16' E.
(5)	08° 36.15' N.,	119° 35.46' E.
(6)	09° 11.06' N.,	119° 36.67' E.

(WGS-84 DATUM)

THE ATBA AS ASSOCIATED PROTECTIVE MEASURE APPLIES TO ALL TYPES OF SHIPS OF 150 GROSS TONNAGE AND UPWARDS. THE ATBA WILL TAKE EFFECT ON 01 JANUARY 2018 AT 0000 HOURS (UTC).

ALL SHIPS/WATERCRAFTS TRANSITING IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED AREA ARE ADVISED TO TAKE THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

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PUBLICATION NOTICES

1. There is no publication notice for this month.

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTIVE INFORMATION

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NATIONAL MAPPING AND RESOURCE INFORMATION AUTHORITY
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Attention: Maritime Affairs Division

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REPORT OF SIGHTING/DISCOVERY

General locality _____

Date _____ Time _____

Approximate Position: Latitude. _____ N.,

Longitude. _____ E.

Reference datum: _____

Position Determined by (Method/Instrument used):

Nature/description of MSI (*Floating hazard, unlit light station, uncharted shoals, adrift vessels etc.*)

Weather/sea condition in the locality _____

MSI Reported by:

Master or Navigator

Vessels/Country Registry

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