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East Coast Traffic Separation Schemes Interim Final Rule Published

The U.S. Coast Guard today announced Federal Register publication of an interim final rule on traffic separation schemes for four East Coast regions. The rule revises regulations by adding descriptions of the voluntary traffic separation schemes in Portland, Maine, Boston, Narragansett Bay, R.I. and Buzzards Bay, Mass., and the Cape Fear River, N.C. These traffic separation schemes have been shown on nautical charts for years and the last changes were made in 2009.

The existing regulations for the traffic separation scheme in the Chesapeake Bay are also updated to include the 2005 changes to its configuration. This interim final rule aligns the regulations for these traffic separation schemes with nautical charts.

The interim final rule related materials may be reviewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number: USCG-2010-0718.

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