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PROPOSED CHANGES TO FEDERAL AIDS-TO-NAVIGATION **in southeastern Massachusetts waterways**

Coast Guard Sector Southeastern New England continues efforts to optimize the federal aids to navigation (ATON) system in the waterways of Southeastern Massachusetts, and proposes to make some modest changes that may affect 43 of the approximately 450 federal ATON in Buzzards Bay, Nantucket Sound, and adjacent waters. We carefully evaluated these reasonably limited measures that will maintain or improve navigation safety while increasing the efficiency and cost effectiveness of our overall ATON program. Our review suggests that the 43 aids identified in this proposal consume Coast Guard (and taxpayer) resources that exceed any navigation safety benefit delivered to the boating public.

Of the 43 aids identified for modification, two are proposed to be relocated nearby their current positions, 10 are proposed to have their sound signal (bell) removed, and 31 buoys that provide very limited or no additional navigation safety value have been identified for removal.

Comments solicited: Our proposed changes to the aids-to-navigation system in selected Southeastern Massachusetts waterways are listed in the attached spreadsheet. Your feedback is welcome and should be provided to Mr. Edward G. LeBlanc at 401-435-2351, or Edward.G.LeBlanc@uscg.mil by June 30, 2016. We will carefully consider all comments submitted and adjust our proposal if warranted. Only then will we begin to make on-the-water changes to aids to navigation, and in no case would any of these changes take place before November 1, 2016.



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**U.S. COAST GUARD SECTOR SOUTHEASTERN NEW ENGLAND
PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS
AIDS TO NAVIGATION
SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS
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	Coast Guard Light List No.	NAME	RECOMMENDED ACTION
1.	17440	Westport Harbor Approach LBB "WH"	Disestablish & Remove
2.	16786	Inez Rock Buoy "11"	Disestablish & Remove
3.	17060	Mattapoissett Harbor Buoy "2"	Disestablish & Remove
4.	17090	Mattapoissett Harbor Buoy "8"	Disestablish & Remove
5.	17100	Mattapoissett Harbor Buoy "10"	Disestablish & Remove
6.	16335	Quissett Harbor Buoy "4"	Disestablish & Remove
7.	17080	Mattapoissett Harbor Buoy "6"	Relocate
8.	16330	Quissett Harbor Buoy "2"	Relocate
9.	16095	Cleveland Ledge LBB "2"	Remove sound signal
10.	16120	Cleveland Ledge LGB "7"	Remove sound signal
11.	16035	Buzzards Bay LBB "6"	Remove sound signal
12.	16050	Buzzards Bay LGB "8"	Remove sound signal
13.	16060	Buzzards Bay LGB "10"	Remove sound signal
14.	16055	Buzzards Bay LBB "BB"	Remove sound signal
15.	15675	Little Harbor Buoy "9"	Disestablish & Remove
16.	15680	Little Harbor Buoy "10"	Disestablish & Remove
17.	15875	Robinson's Hole Buoy "1"	Disestablish & Remove
18.	15880	Robinson's Hole Buoy "3"	Disestablish & Remove
19.	15885	Robinson's Hole Buoy "4"	Disestablish & Remove
20.	15890	Robinson's Hole Buoy "6"	Disestablish & Remove
21.	15895	Robinson's Hole Buoy "8"	Disestablish & Remove
22.	15900	Robinson's Hole Buoy "10"	Disestablish & Remove

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23.	15905	Robinson's Hole Buoy "11"	Disestablish & Remove
24.	13535	Pollock Rip LGB "4"	Remove sound signal
25.	13545	Pollock Rip LBB "6"	Remove sound signal
26.	13565	Pollock Rip LBB "10"	Remove sound signal
27.	13640	Great Round Shoal LBB "13"	Remove sound signal
28.	14055	Saquatucket Buoy "8"	Disestablish & Remove
29.	14060	Saquatucket Buoy "9"	Disestablish & Remove
30.	14515	Hyannis Harbor Approach LBB "HH"	Disestablish & Remove
31.	14525	Hyannis Harbor LB "4"	Disestablish & Remove
32.	14710	Channel Rk	Disestablish & Remove
33.	14720	Gannet Ledge "6"	Disestablish & Remove
34.	14725	Spindle Rock "8"	Disestablish & Remove
35.	14730	Cotuit Anchorage LBB "1"	Disestablish & Remove
36.	15295	Madaket Harbor Approach LBB "2"	Disestablish & Remove
37.	15375	Muskeget Channel Buoy "5"	Disestablish & Remove
38.	15425	Edgartown Harbor Buoy "9"	Disestablish & Remove
39.	15440	Lone Rock Buoy "1"	Disestablish & Remove
40.	15455	Oak Bluffs Junction Buoy*	Disestablish & Remove
41.	15465	Vineyard Haven Buoy "4"	Disestablish & Remove
42.	15590	Lucas Shoal Buoy "LS"	Disestablish & Remove
43.	16315	Cuttyhunk East Entrance LBB "CH"	Disestablish & Remove