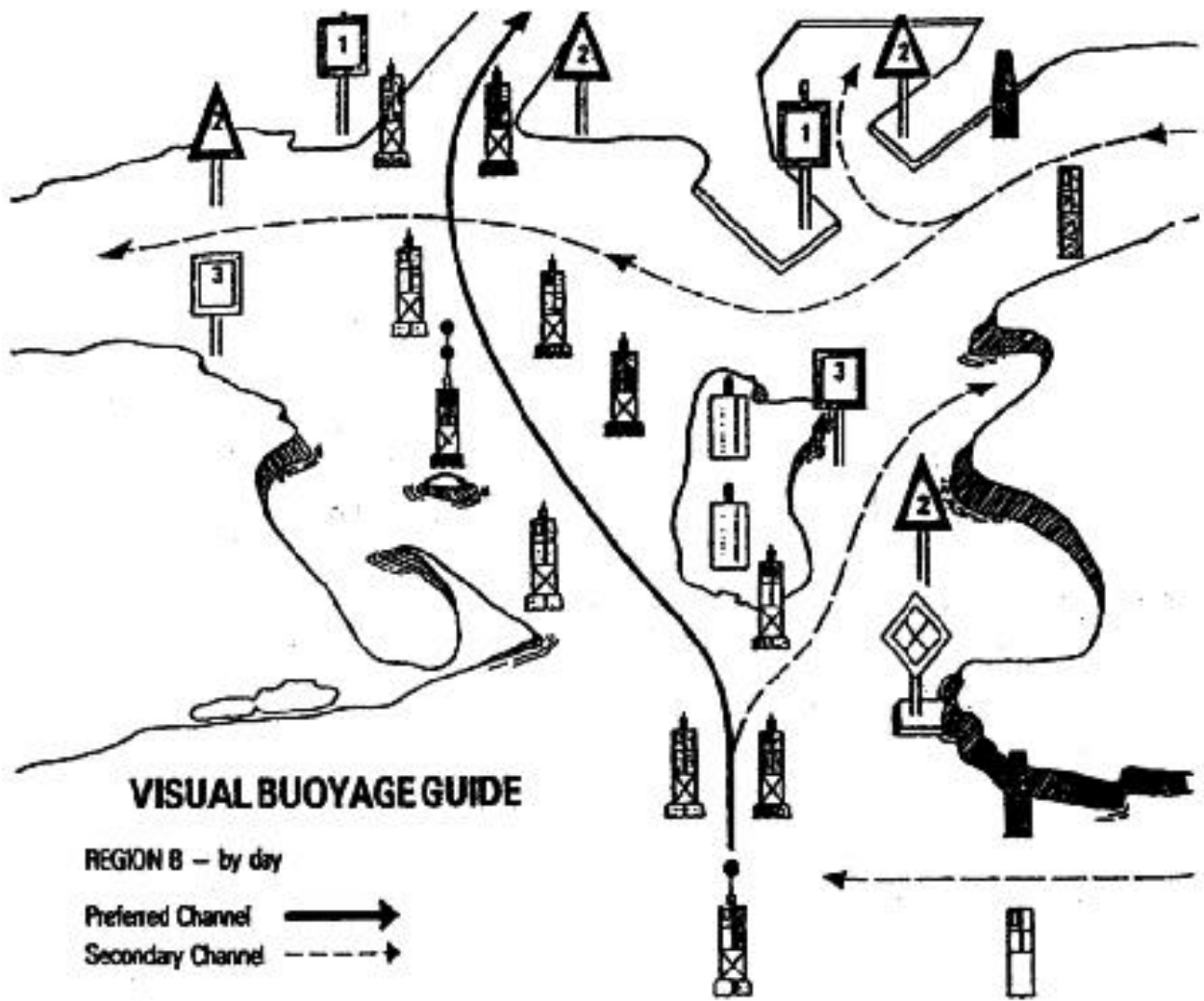


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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ADSO-OP Air	Assistant District Staff Officer, Air Operations
AN	Aids to Navigation
ANSC	Auxiliary National Supply Center
ATON(s)	Aids to Navigation/Federal Aid(s) to Navigation
ATONIS	Aids to Navigation Information System
AUXMIS	Auxiliary Management Information System
AV	Aids Verifier
BC-OEN	National Branch Chief, Operations Education Aids to Navigation
BC-ONC	National Branch Chief, Aids to Navigation Cartographic
C&GS	Charting and Geodetic Services
CU	Chart Updating
DIRAUX	Director of Auxiliary
DMAHTC	Defense Mapping Agency Hydrographic/Topographic Center
DOT	Department of Transportation
DSO-AN	District Staff Officer, Aids to Navigation
DVC-ON	National Division Chief, Aids to Navigation
FSO-AN	Flotilla Staff Officer, Aids to Navigation
FSO-MA	Flotilla Staff Officer, Materials
GPS	Global Positioning System
IALA	International Association of Lighthouse Authorities
LOP(s)	Line(s) of Position
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOS	National Ocean Service
oan	Aids to Navigation Division (USCG District)
PATON(s)	Private Aids to Navigation
SAR	Search and Rescue
SO-AN	Division Staff Officer, Aids to Navigation
WAMS	Waterway Analysis Management System

OVERVIEW OF THE STUDY GUIDE

The U.S. Coast Guard has the responsibility for the establishment and maintenance of all Aids to Navigation on the Waterways of the U.S. This is an all inclusive responsibility, and it includes the coastal waters and inland waters of the U.S. This responsibility is effected in conjunction with other Federal Government agencies, State and Local Government elements and Private entities. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, in its overall supplemental supporting role, provides specifically authorized assistance to the Coast Guard in its Aids to Navigation missions. This Auxiliary support effort is provided through the Aids to Navigation and Chart Updating (ATON/CU) Program.

In order for Auxiliary members to participate in the ATON/CU Program they must have a general knowledge of the responsibilities of the Auxiliary in the conduct of the program. This "Study Guide" presents a tutorial for the Auxiliary member of the, "WHAT, WHERE, WHEN and HOW," questions pertaining to the conduct of ATON/CU Program associated activities. The subject matter of this "Study Guide" is all inclusive. The challenge is for the Auxiliary member to assimilate the information provided, and to put into practice the "lesson material" of each of the fourteen "Study Guide Sections" during the conduct of ATON/CU Program "MISSIONS/PATROLS" and the "REPORTING of FINDINGS."

The development of this "Study Guide" is the work of several Auxiliary members involved in the instruction, management and conduct of the ATON/CU Program. In this regard, due to this combination of contributors, the individual "Study Guide" Sections may be presented in slightly different styles. The editor has attempted to correct this anomaly without variation to the subject matter.