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East Coast Traffic Separation Schemes Final Rule Published

The U.S. Coast Guard today announced Federal Register publication of a final rule on traffic separation schemes for five East Coast regions.

The rule adds new regulations for the voluntary traffic separation schemes in Portland, Maine, Boston and Buzzards Bay, Mass., Narragansett Bay, R.I., and the Cape Fear River in North Carolina. The final rule also updates existing regulations for the traffic separation scheme in the Chesapeake Bay to reflect the changes to its configuration implemented in 2005. These traffic separation schemes have been shown on nautical charts for years, are described in the “United States Coast Pilot,” and are already familiar to mariners.

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

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