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IMPORTANT

Mariners are requested to inform the Hydrographer, Private Bag X1, Tokai 7966, immediately of the discovery of new dangers, or changes or defects in aids to navigation and of shortcomings in South African charts or publications. Copies of form HO-16, which is a convenient form on which to send in a report, may be obtained gratis from any Official Chart Agent or the reproduction at the end of Section VI of the monthly edition of Notices to Mariners.

In addition to postal methods, the following additional communication facilities are available :

Notices to Mariners Web site :	Web : http://www.sanho.co.za
Urgent navigational information :	Telex : 95 527946 (ANS BACK: NAVY SA) Fax : +27 21 787 2228 Phone : +27 21 787 2445
Other navigational information :	Fax : +27 21 787 2233 Phone : +27 21 787 2444 E-mail : hydrosan@iafrica.com
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Nil		

Spheroid / GPS Positions

All positions quoted in these Notices are referred to **Clarke 1880 (Mod) Spheroid** unless otherwise stated. On chart scales of **1: 100 000 and smaller**, positions from **GPS receivers** set to **WGS 84** may be plotted directly on these charts. Mariners are warned that **insertion of Clarke 1880 (or other) positions on Automatic Plotters which are set to WGS 84 Spheroid can result in inaccurate navigation practices.**

Temporary and Preliminary Notices

These are indicated by (T) or (P) after the notice number. These are printed on one side of the paper in order that they may be cut and filed and are placed at the end of Section II. To assist in filing, the year is indicated after the notice number. **Information from these notices is not included on charts before issue**; charts should be updated in pencil on receipt.

Permanent Notices

Permanent corrections in Section II are marked by a star adjacent to the notice number to indicate that the notice is based on original information. Periodic lists of permanent corrections pertaining to affected navigational charts and publications are published annually and copies may be obtained from the Hydrographic Office or through a Chart Agent.

Chart Corrections

Further details are contained in NP100 The Mariner's Handbook which should be consulted for the correct procedures of filing, inserting and noting all types of corrections on nautical charts and other hydrographic publications. The Handbook may be obtained from Admiralty Chart Agents in Cape Town and Durban. Consult SAN HO-6 for Symbols and Abbreviations used on SAN Charts and NP735 for an illustrated explanation of the IALA Maritime Buoyage System.

Provision of Notices to Mariners

These Notices are *gratis* and may be obtained on request from the Hydrographic Office or through the approved Chart Agents. Additional copies required of "block" chart corrections can also be obtained through the above procedure.

Radio Navigational Warnings

See Note at the start of Section VI.

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR VIEWING AND PRINTING NOTICES USING ADOBE ACROBAT

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The minimum specification is a 486 PC with Windows 3.1 and 4MB of RAM.

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If printing text or monochrome NM Blocks, the minimum specification is an Inkjet or good quality Laser Postscript printer with at least 6 MB of memory. (NB. If using a Postscript printer, ensure the Postscript printer driver is installed).

For printing Colour NM Blocks the minimum specification of printer is a good quality Ink Jet/Laser printer with 300 dpi resolution or greater.

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I

TEMPORARY NOTICES AND PRELIMINARY NOTICES
In force 25 April 2007

CANCELLED NOTICES

83(T)/05
64(T)/06
80(T)/06
88(T)/06
36(T)/07

TEMPORARY NOTICES

2002 Series

78(T)	Namibia	Baker's Bay	Foul Area.
89(T)	Namibia	Bogenfels	Anchor Obstructions, Foul Area.

2003 Series

64(T)	RSA	Durban Oil Terminal SBM	Buoy laid.
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2004 Series

Nil

2005 Series

42(T)	RSA	Elandsbaai	Scientific buoy deployed.
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2006 Series

33(T)	RSA	Tugela Lighthouse	Temporary light and structure.
40(T)	RSA	Mossel Bay	Temporary buoys deployed.
65(T)	RSA	Richards Bay Harbour	Pelican Island West Groyne North End light and East Groyne light unlit.
68(T)	RSA	Hondeklip Bay	Temporary light and structure.
69(T)	RSA	Gordon's Bay	Silting in Harbour.
75(T)	RSA	False Bay	Whittle Rock Buoy light unlit.
77(T)	RSA	Cape Recife	Lighthouse DGPS unmonitored.
81(T)	RSA	Richards Bay	Buoy No 30 in new position.
82(T)	RSA	Richards Bay	LM2 front light unlit.
89(T)	RSA	Richards Bay	Light at SW end of Berth 305 out of commission.
96(T)	RSA	Table Bay	Submarine cable.
121(T)	RSA	East London	Redeployment of Oceanographic Environmental Moorings.

2007 Series

27(T)	Namibia	Boat Bay	Floating rope sighted.
28(T)	Namibia	Lüderitz	M/V Sakawe Miner lost anchor with wire attached.
29(T)	Namibia	Lüderitz	Floating ropes without markers.
30(T)	Namibia	Bogenfels	Swamped mining tools and floating ropes.
31(T)	RSA	St Helena Bay	R/V Africana deployed sub-sea buoy.
43(T)	RSA	Gordon's Bay	Orange and blue mooring buoys.

PRELIMINARY NOTICES

2005 Series

Nil

2006 Series

120(P)	RSA	Agulhas Bank	New gas pipeline established.
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I cont/...

2007 Series

Nil

II

ERRATUM

Nil

SA NAVY SAN CHARTS OF SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA THAT ARE REFERRED TO THE WGS 84 SPHEROID

27 (INT 204)	76 (INT 2640)	79 (INT 2670)	84 (INT 7540)
87 (INT 7570)	90 (INT 2051)	1001 (INT 2611)	1002 (INT 2631)
1010 (INT 2671)	1012 (INT 2672)	1013 (INT 2681)	1020 (INT 7521)
1024 (INT 7531)	1025 (INT 7532)	1027 (INT 7541)	1030 (INT 7561)
1032 (INT 7572)	1033 (INT 7571)	2004 (INT 9056)	
1	113	114	115
125	126	132	133
134	1003	1015	1017
SC3	SC5		

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Mariners are advised that the primary and most reliable means of communication with HYDROSAN for all messages is via Telex : 95 527946 (ANS BACK : NAVY SA) or alternatively via Facsimile number : + 27 21 787 2228.

2. Current and archived South African Notices to Mariners is available in PDF format on the internet at Website : <http://www.sanho.co.za>

II cont/...

57* SOUTH AFRICA, West Coast - Marine Mining Exclusion Zone

Source : Hydrographer

SAN 113 [Previous Update - 94/06]

SAN 114 [Previous Update - 53/05]

SAN 115 [Previous Update - NIL]

SAN 116 [Previous Update - 43/03]

1. Delete legend: *Marine Mining Vessels* in approximate positions
- (see Note)
- | | | |
|----|--------------|---------------|
| a) | 28° 46'. 0 S | 016° 28'. 0 E |
| b) | 29° 11'. 0 S | 016° 46'. 0 E |
| c) | 29° 24'. 0 S | 016° 53'. 0 E |
| d) | 29° 51'. 5 S | 017° 02'. 5 E |
| e) | 30° 05'. 0 S | 017° 06'. 5 E |
| f) | 30° 10'. 5 S | 017° 08'. 0 E |
| g) | 30° 31'. 0 S | 017° 18'. 0 E |
| h) | 30° 52'. 5 S | 017° 28'. 0 E |
| i) | 31° 02'. 5 S | 017° 33'. 0 E |
| j) | 31° 19'. 0 S | 017° 47'. 0 E |
| k) | 31° 37'. 5 S | 018° 03'. 0 E |

2. Delete: Notes on Marine Mining Vessels under title block.



(SAN 113, 114, 115, 116)

58* SOUTH AFRICA, South West Coast, Hout Bay - Aids to navigation

Source : Hydrographer

SAN 1015 [Previous Update - 72/05]

SAN SC 4 (Reverse side - Hout Bay inset) [Previous Update - 33/07]

1. Delete:  and  (PA) in approximate position
- 34° 03'. 07 S 018° 20'. 95 E

(SAN 1015, SC 4)

II cont/...

59* SOUTH AFRICA, South West Coast, False Bay - Sunken wreck

Source : Hydrographer

SAN 150 [*Previous Update - 118/06*]

SAN 119 [*Previous Update - 118/06*]

SAN 120 [*Previous Update - 51/06*]

SAN 79 (INT 2670) [*Previous Update - 33/07*]

SAN 80 (INT 2680) [*Previous Update - 51/06*]

SAN SC 4 [*Previous Update - 58/07*]

SAN SC 5 [*Previous Update - 38/07*]

1. Insert: +++ PA in approximate position 34° 24'. 82 S 018° 45'. 12 E

2. The wreck is that of FV Runtu, which sunk on 13 April 2007. The length of the vessel is 23 metres and gross registered tonnage of 99 tons.

(SAN 150, 119, 120, 79, 80, SC 4, SC 5)

IIA

LIST OF TEMPORARY AND PRELIMINARY NOTICES TO MARINERS ISSUED BY THE MOZAMBIQUE INSTITUTE OF HYDROGRAPHY AND NAVIGATION (INAHINA) IN FORCE

Important Notice : Mariners are advised that positions for Mozambique Notices are given in WGS 84 Datum. Caution is therefore advised when plotting positions on large scale British Admiralty charts that are not of the same datum.

Nil prior to these Notices.

2003 Series

MOZ 07/03 (T) Porto de Maputo Buoys out of position.

2005 Series

MOZ 05/05 (T) Port of Maputo Cias de Bombagem temporarily unlit.

2006 Series

MOZ 11/06 (T) Port of Inhambane Buoy A out of position.
MOZ 12/06 (T) Port of Inhambane Buoy 9 out of position.

2007 Series

MOZ 02/07 (T) Port of Quelimane Changes to the channel buoys.
MOZ 08/07 (T) Port of Beira Changes to the channel buoys.
MOZ 10/07 (T) Port of Beira Buoy re-positioned.
MOZ 11/07 (T) Port of Pebane Buoys re-positioned.
MOZ 15/07 (T) Port of Beira Buoys out of position.

MOZ 08/07(T) MOZAMBIQUE, Port of Beira - Changes made to channel buoys

Source : INAHINA

MOZ 49638 and BA 2934, 1003

1. Make the following changes to the channel buoys and numbers:

Buoy	Colour	Position	
P	Red	19° 52' 46".4 S	034° 57' 23".0 E
A	Red/White	19° 55' 58".6 S	035° 02' 56".1 E
1	Green	19° 52' 47".3 S	034° 52' 35".6 E
2	Red	19° 52' 47".5 S	034° 55' 21".2 E
3	Green	19° 53' 02".9 S	034° 51' 50".3 E
3A	Green	19° 53' 40".6 S	034° 50' 53".0 E
3B	Green	19° 53' 35".2 S	034° 51' 08".1 E
3C	Green	19° 53' 19".7 S	034° 51' 12".6 E
4	Red	19° 52' 39".0 S	034° 53' 44".0 E
5	Green	19° 53' 39".4 S	034° 50' 25".3 E
5A	Green	19° 53' 24".9 S	034° 50' 03".9 E
6	Red	19° 53' 28".6 S	034° 51' 18".9 E
6A	Red	19° 53' 15".4 S	034° 51' 24".9 E
7	Green	19° 52' 57".1 S	034° 49' 46".8 E
8	Red	19° 53' 41".2 S	034° 49' 58".7 E
8A	Red	19° 53' 43".4 S	034° 51' 12".8 E
9	Green	19° 52' 12".0 S	034° 49' 30".5 E
10	Red	19° 50' 44".7 S	034° 49' 13".8 E
11	Green	19° 51' 29".3 S	034° 49' 23".1 E
13	Green	19° 51' 00".2 S	034° 49' 18".5 E
W	Red	19° 49' 58".6 S	034° 49' 35".4 E
T	Red	19° 47' 49".1 S	034° 49' 32".5 E

IIA cont/...

MOZ 10/07(T) MOZAMBIQUE, Port of Beira - Buoy re-positioned

Source : INAHINA

MOZ 49638 and BA 2934, 1003

1. Buoy A re-positioned in approximate position 19° 55' 58".6 S 035° 02' 56".1 E

MOZ 11/07(T) MOZAMBIQUE, Port of Pebane - Buoys re-positioned

Source : INAHINA

MOZ 49623 and BA 2933, 2935

1. Make the following changes to the channel buoys and numbers:

Buoy	Type	Colour	Position
P	-----	-----	17° 19' 58".7 S 038° 09' 05".3 E
2	Spar Buoy	Red	17° 19' 36".3 S 038° 08' 41".8 E

MOZ 15/07(T) MOZAMBIQUE, Port of Beira - Buoy out of position

Source : INAHINA

MOZ 49638 and BA 2934, 1003

1. Buoy 1 out of position in approximate position 19° 52' 47".3 S 034° 52' 35".6 E

III

**NEW CHARTS AND SAN HO PUBLICATIONS - NEW CHARTS/EDITIONS
NEW EDITION**

Nil

IV

CORRECTION TO SAN HO PUBLICATIONS

Nil

V

**CORRECTION TO SA LIST OF LIGHTS AND RADIO SIGNALS - SAN HO-1
2005 New Edition**

Nil

VI

NAVAREA VII and Coastal Navigational Warnings Bulletin in force as at 25 April 2007

See NM 3/2006. Broadcast Warnings are available at Port Offices and remain valid until cancelled or until superseded by this and/or other broadcast bulletins.

NAVAREA VII MESSAGES

Nil Prior to these Messages

2006 Series

086 Riglist.

2007 Series

017	Mozambique	Port of Pebane	Lighthouse unlit.
041	Mozambique	Port of Beira	New buoy positions.
042	Mozambique	Port of Beira	Buoy re-positioned.
043	Mozambique	Port of Pebane	Buoys new positions.
044	Angola	Oil fields	Restricted area established.
045	Mozambique	Port of Maputo	Baixo Ribeino light unlit.
048	Indian Ocean	SW Sector	Stolt Peak lost liferaft.
052	Indian Ocean	SW Sector	Semi submerged vessel sighted.
055	Mozambique	Port of Beira	Buoy out of position.
056	South Atlantic Ocean	NE Sector	Floating orange object.

COASTAL NAVWARNING MESSAGES

Nil Prior to these Messages

2006 Series

353	RSA	Cape Barracouta	Rig Modu Pride South Seas left wells.
489	RSA	Mossel Bay	PSS left equipment.
619	RSA	Mossel Bay	PSS left equipment.
695	RSA	Elands Bay	Special marker buoy unlit.

2007 Series

033	Namibia	Lüderitz	Buoy sighted.
060	RSA	Mossel Bay	Pipelaying operations.
078	RSA	Port Elizabeth	Mol Pride lost anchor.
091	RSA	Mossel Bay	Kuswag employed as guard vessel.
102	RSA	False Bay	Whittle Rock Buoy currently out of position.
106	RSA	Saldanha Bay	Malgaskop radar not operational.
124	RSA	Mossel Bay	Northern Canyon pipelaying operations.
125	RSA	Mossel Bay	Highland Rover pipelaying operations.
136	RSA	Richards Bay	North Headland Light unlit.
140	Namibia	Lüderitz	D.F. Discoverer anchor spread.
142	RSA	Lamberts Bay	Yellow pencil buoys re-deployed.
143	RSA	Durban	M/T Dokken lost anchor.
159	RSA	South West Coast	Environmental Monitoring Buoy.
176	RSA	Mossel Bay	Light unlit.
185	RSA	Gansbaai	F/V Runtu sunk in position.
187	Namibia	Lüderitz	Namakwa anchor spread.
191	RSA	Mossel Bay	Single Point Mooring out of position.
199	RSA	Cape Barracouta	Pride South Seas new position.
202	RSA	Cape Barracouta	ROV lost.

IIA cont/...

204	Namibia	Lüderitz	Kovambo anchor spread.
206	RSA	False Bay	Gunnery exercise.
207	RSA	Cape Agulhas to Cape Barracouta	Gunnery exercise.
211	RSA	North Beach to Nonoti River	Protea survey operations.
212	RSA	Richards Bay	Petingo Buoy East unlit.
214	RSA	Richards Bay	Petingo Buoy West unlit.

VI
ANNEX A

USA Government Special Warning in force 24 August 2003

SPECIAL WARNING NUMBER 120 WORLDWIDE

1. Due to recent events in the Middle East and the American Homeland, U.S. Forces worldwide are operating at a heightened state of readiness and taking additional defensive precautions against terrorists and other potential threats. Consequently, all aircraft, surface vessels, and sub-surface vessels approaching U.S. Forces are requested to maintain radio contact with U.S. Forces on bridge-to-bridge channel 16, international air distress (121.5 Mhz VHF) or MILAIR distress (243.0 Mhz UHF).
- 2.. U.S. Forces will exercise appropriate measures in self-defence if warranted by the circumstances. Aircraft, surface vessels, and sub-surface vessels approaching U.S. Forces will, by making prior contacts as described above, help make their intentions clear and avoid unnecessary initiation of such defensive measures.
3. U.S. Forces, especially when operating in confined waters, shall remain mindful of navigational considerations of aircraft, surface vessels, and sub-surface vessels in their immediate vicinity.
4. Nothing in the Special Warning is intended to impede or otherwise interfere with the freedom of navigation or overflight of any vessel or aircraft, or to limit or expand the inherent self-defence rights of U.S. Forces. This Special Warning is published solely to advise of the heightened state of readiness of U.S. Forces and to request that radio contact be maintained as described above. (Issued 16 Nov 2001).

USA Government Special Warning in force 24 August 2003

SPECIAL WARNING NUMBER 121 PERSIAN GULF

1. Coalition Naval Forces may conduct military operations in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Gulf of Oman and Arabian Gulf. The timely and accurate identification of all vessels and aircraft in these areas are, critical to avoid the inadvertent use of force.
2. All vessels are advised that coalition Naval Forces are prepared to exercise appropriate measures in self-defense to ensure their safety in the event they are approached by vessels or aircraft. Coalition Forces are prepared to respond decisively to any hostile acts or indications of hostile intent. All maritime vessels or activities that are determined to be threats to Coalition Naval Forces will be subject to defensive measures, including boarding, seizure, disabling or destruction, without regard to registry or location. Consequently, surface vessels, sub-surface vessels and all aircraft approaching Coalition Naval Forces are advised to maintain radio contact on Bridge-to-Bridge channel 16, International Air Distress (121.5 MHZ VHF) or Military Air Distress (243.0 MHZ UHF).
3. Vessels operating in the Middle East, Eastern Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea, Gulf of Oman, Arabian Sea and Arabian Gulf are subject to query, being stopped, boarded and searched by US/Coalition warships operating in support of operations against Iraq. Vessels found to be carrying contraband bound for Iraq or carrying and/or laying Naval mines are subject to detention, seizure and destruction. This notice is effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice.

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USA Government Special Warning in force 12 May 2005

SPECIAL WARNING NUMBER 122 EAST AFRICA

1. The US Government has received unconfirmed information that terrorists may attempt to mount a maritime attack using speedboats against a western ship - possibly in East Africa. No additional information is available on the planning, timing or intended targets of the maritime attack. This notice is effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice.

USA Government Special Warning in force 11 November 2005

SPECIAL WARNING NUMBER 123 EAST AFRICA

1. Due to continuing conditions of armed conflict and lawlessness in Somalia and waters off its coast, mariners are advised to avoid the port of Muqdisho (Mogadishu) and to remain at least 200 nautical miles distant from the Somali coast. The US government does not have an embassy in Somalia and cannot provide services to US citizens.

2. Recent vessel hijackings off the east coast of Somalia demonstrate that pirates are able to conduct at sea hijackings from as far south as Kismaayo (Chisimayu) (00-22S), though vessels are advised to transit no closer than 02-00S, to as far north as Eyl (08-00N), and out to a distance of 170 miles. The first known attempt to hijack a cruise vessel occurred in November 2005. All merchant vessels transiting the coast of Somalia, no matter how far offshore, should increase anti-piracy precautions and maintain a heightened state of vigilance. Pirates are reported to have used previously hijacked ships as bases for further attacks.

3. Another reported pirate tactic has been to issue a false distress call to lure a ship close inshore. Therefore, caution should be taken when responding to distress calls keeping in mind it may be a tactic to lure a vessel into a trap.

4. Victimized vessels have reported two to three (2-3) speedboats measuring six to nine meters (6-9M) in length. Each vessel has a crew of three to six (3-6) armed men with AK-47s and shoulder launched rockets, which are opening fire on vessels in broad daylight in order to intimidate them into stopping.

5. To date, vessels that increase speed and take evasive maneuvers avoid boarding while those that slow down are boarded, taken to the Somali coastline, and released after successful ransom payment, often after protracted negotiations of as much as 11 weeks.

HYDROGRAPHIC NOTE
(for instructions, see overleaf)

Date

Ref. No

Name of ship or sender :

Address of sender :

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Tel/Fax/Telex No. e-mail address of sender (if appropriate) :

General locality Subject :

Position : Lat : Long :

SAN Chart(s) affected : Edition dated :

Position fixing system used : Datum set :

Latest Monthly Edition of Notice to Mariners held :

Publications affected : (Edition No date of latest supplement, page and Light List No. etc.)

Details:

A replacement copy of Chart(s) No(s) is required, but see 4 overleaf.

Signature of observer/reporter :

HYDROGRAPHIC NOTE

Forwarding Information for South African Charts and Hydrographic Publications

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Mariners are requested to notify the Hydrographer of the South African Navy, Private Bag X1, Tokai, 7966, or by Facimile 021 7872228 or E-mail *hydrosan@iafrica.com* when new or suspected dangers to navigation are discovered, changes observed in aids to navigation, or corrections to publications seen to be necessary. The *Mariner's Handbook (NP 100) Chapter 8* gives general instructions. The provisions of international and national laws should be complied with when forwarding such reports.

2. This form and its instructions have been designed to help both the sender and the recipient. It should be used, or followed closely, whenever appropriate. Copies of this Form may be obtained gratis from the SAN Hydrographic Office at the above address or principal Chart Agents (see *Annual Notice to Mariners No.1*).

3. When a **position** is defined by sextant angles or bearings (true or magnetic being specified) more than two should be used in order to provide a check. Distances observed by radar and the readings of Loran, Decca, etc., should be quoted. Latitude and longitude should only be used specifically to position the details when they have been fixed by astronomical observations or GPS and a full description of the method, equipment and datum (where applicable) used should be given.

4. A cutting from the largest scale chart is the best medium for forwarding details, the alterations and additions being shown thereon in red. When requested, a new copy will be sent in replacement of a chart that has been used to forward information, or when extensive observations have involved defacement of the observer's chart. If it is preferred to show the amendments on a tracing of the largest scale chart (rather than on the chart itself) these should be in red as above, but adequate details from the chart must be traced in black ink to enable the amendments to be fitted correctly.

5. When **soundings** are obtained *The Mariner's Handbook (NP 100)* should be consulted. The echo sounding trace should be marked with times, depths, etc., and forwarded with the report. It is important to state whether the echo sounder is set to register depths below the surface or below the keel; in the latter case the vessel's draught should be given. Time and date should be given in order that corrections for the height of the tide may be made where necessary. The make, name and type of set should also be given.

6. Modern **echo sounders** frequently record signals from echoes received back after one or more rotations of the stylus have been completed. Thus with a set whose maximum range is 500m, an echo recorded at 50m may be from depths of 50m, 550m or even 1050m. Soundings recorded beyond the set's nominal range can usually be recognised by the following:

- (a) the trace being weaker than normal for the depth recorded,
- (b) the trace passing through the transmission line,
- (c) the feathery nature of the trace.

As a check that apparently shoal soundings are not due to echoes received beyond the set's nominal range, soundings should be continued until reasonable agreement with charted soundings is reached. However, soundings received after one or more rotations of the stylus can still be useful and should be submitted if they show significant differences from charted depths.

7. Reports which cannot be confirmed or are lacking in certain details should not be withheld. Shortcomings should be stressed and any firm expectation of being able to check the information on a succeeding voyage should be mentioned.

8. Reports of **shoal soundings**, uncharted dangers and navigational aids out of order should, at the mariner's discretion, also be made by radio to the nearest coast radio station. The draught of modern tankers is such that any uncharted depth under 30 metres or 15 fathoms may be of sufficient importance to justify a radio message.

9. **Port information** should be forwarded on Form HO-16a together with Form HO-16. Form HO-16a lists the information required for South African Sailing Directions and should be used as an *aide memoire*. Where there is insufficient space on the form an additional sheet should be used.

Note : An acknowledgement or receipt will be sent and the information then used to the best advantage which may mean immediate action or inclusion in a revision in due course. When a Notice to Mariners is issued, the sender's ship or name is quoted as authority unless (as sometimes happens) the information is also received from other authorities. An explanation of the use made of contributions from all parts of the world would be too great a task and a further communication should only be expected when the information is of outstanding value or has unusual features.

HO-16a (May 2004)

**HYDROGRAPHIC NOTE FOR PORT
INFORMATION**

(To accompany Form HO-16)

Name of ship or sender :

Address of sender :

Ref. No.

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Date :

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1. NAME OF PORT	
2. GENERAL REMARKS Principal activities and trade. Latest population figures and date. Number of ships or tonnage handled per year. Maximum size of vessel handled. Copy of Port Handbook if available.	
3. ANCHORAGES Designation, depths, holding ground, shelter afforded.	
4. PILOTAGE Authority for requests. Embarkation position. Regulations.	
5. DIRECTIONS Entry and berthing information. Tidal Streams. Navigational aids.	
6. TUGS Number available and max. hp.	
7. WHARVES Names, numbers or positions. Lengths. Depths alongside. Heights above Chart Datum. Facilities available.	
8. CARGO HOLDING Containers, lighters, Ro-Ro etc.	
9. CRANES Brief details and max. capacity.	

<p>10. REPAIRS</p> <p>Hull, machinery and underwater. Ship and boat yards. Docking or slipping facilities. Give size of vessels handled or dimensions. Hards or ramps. Divers.</p>	
<p>11. RESCUE AND DISTRESS</p> <p>Salvage, lifeboat, NSRI, etc.</p>	
<p>12. SUPPLIES</p> <p>Fuel with type and quantities available. Fresh water with rate of supply. Provisions.</p>	
<p>13. SERVICES</p> <p>Medical. De-ratting. Consuls. Ship chandlery, compass adjustment, tank cleaning, hull painting.</p>	
<p>14. COMMUNICATIONS</p> <p>Road, rail and air services available. Nearest airport or airfield. Port radio and information service with frequencies and hours of operating.</p>	
<p>15. PORT AUTHORITY</p> <p>Designation, address and telephone number.</p>	
<p>16. SMALL CRAFT FACILITIES</p> <p>Information and facilities for small craft (eg yachts) visiting the port. Yacht Clubs, berths, etc.</p>	
<p>17. VIEWS</p> <p>Photographs (where permitted) of the approaches, leading marks, the entrance to the harbour etc. Picture postcards may also be useful.</p>	

Signature of observer/reporter

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