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All,

I have recently been made aware that there is a safety issue with Electronic Navigation Charts (ENCs). Specifically, when the user is utilizing either Base or Standard Display in an ECDIS, soundings are normally turned off. While using these display modes, if there is an isolated sounding that is shoaler than the surrounding depth contours, it will not be highlighted in the navigation system. The International Hydrographic Office (IHO) has already come out with a notice and the attached one-page sheet was produced by NOAA. NOAA is in the process of determining how best to fix the issue. Please refer to the following link for a more detailed explanation of the problem:

<http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/staff/headline-ecdis-issue.html>

Please forward this e-mail on to anyone you feel needs to know this important information and has not been included on this mailing list. If you have further questions regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me (information below) or you may submit your questions via the Office of Coast Survey's inquiry page. Inquiries submitted by this method are numbered and tracked to make sure an answer is sent. You can find the inquiry page at

<http://ocsdata.ncd.noaa.gov/idrs/inquiry.aspx?frompage=ContactUs>

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