





EXERPT FROM LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS/MARINE BULLETIN

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Mariners transiting through the western and northern approaches to and from the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach (LA/LB) are advised the established TSS through the Santa Barbara Channel as shown on NOAA and Admiralty charts is the only International Maritime Organization (IMO) approved routing measure in this area. An IMO approved TSS reduces the risk of collision by providing for the separation of arriving and departing traffic and minimizing potentially hazardous crossing situations. Mariners, who have traditionally used this approved TSS, are encouraged to do so.

Departing the IMO approved TSS and transiting south of the Channel Islands may result in delays and diversions, as this transit will take vessels through the Pacific Missile Test Range, Point Mugu California. **The U.S. Navy advises that hazardous operations may take place within the test range.** The test range extends for 180 miles in a South West direction from Point Mugu and is up 210 miles wide. The specific hazardous areas within the range are broadcast by the Navy daily Monday through Friday at 0900 and 1200 on 2638 kHz and 2738 kHz. When notified by the Navy, the Coast Guard also broadcasts this information on VHF-FM channel 16.

When transiting south of the Channel Islands (inbound or outbound to the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach), all mariners should communicate with Navy PLEAD CONTROL in a timely manner so that early decisions can be made regarding safe routing. Every effort should be made to comply fully with any instructions received from the Navy. For information regarding the status of current hazardous operations contact “PLEAD CONTROL” on VHF Marine channel 11 or 16 or at (805) 989-8841/8843 from 0600-1800, and at (805) 816-0792 after 1800. If you are unable to contact “PLEAD CONTROL”, contact “SAN PEDRO TRAFFIC” on VHF-FM channel 14 or (310) 832 6411 for the most recent information regarding hazardous military operations.

The Navy requests all vessels transiting the range to submit a notification to PLEAD CONTROL indicating the vessel name, destination, and estimated time of entry into, and departure from, the test range. Notifications can be faxed to (805) 989-0102.