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## PREFACE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Coast Guard Regulations, this edition of the Aids to Navigation Manual is hereby approved and is effective upon receipt.

This manual is promulgated for the guidance of Coast Guard personnel concerned with aids to navigation duties. It contains rules, instructions, and reference information essential to efficient operation and maintenance of the aids to navigation system. It is divided into several chapters, each dealing with a particular phase of the administration, operation, and maintenance of aids to navigation.

The manual will henceforth be kept current by serially numbered Aids to Navigation Manual Amendments which will begin with Number 1. These amendments will be issued as necessary to correct information presently stated or to forward new chapters or additional sections of chapters as they are prepared. A Record of Amendments Sheet is included to facilitate keeping the manual up to date. Appropriate notation shall be made on the sheet of each amendment received.

This edition of the manual replaces all chapters and amendments thereto previously issued in temporary form. Chapter 27, Aids to Navigation Seamanship, of this edition is a reprint of the temporary chapter bearing the same number with but minor changes. Existing copies of the temporary edition of Chapter 27 should be retained for instruction purposes until no longer serviceable, or until a subsequent amendment to this manual contains revised data substantially affecting the accuracy of information contained in said Chapter 27.

Copies of all other chapters of the temporary edition (Chs. 5, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28, and Amendments 5 and 8) previously issued shall be disposed of.

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