

## **Navigational warnings**

### **Reporting and broadcasting hazards at sea**

A notice publishing information for ship owners and operators about the types of hazards that need reporting has been issued by the (UK) Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA).

The MCA is responsible for broadcasting the warnings issued by the UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO) to vessels at sea. Radio broadcasts are made about known and potential risks.

In its paper *Navigation warnings* the MCA outlines:

- How and when warnings are broadcast.
- What kind of activities require a warning.
- How to inform UKHO that a hazard requires a navigational warning.
- Broadcast charges to those responsible for the hazard that is issued as a warning.

The document was first published on 1 May 2014 and updated on 4 August this year.

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The United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) acts on behalf of the United Kingdom Government as the NAVAREA I Co-ordinator and UK National Co-ordinator for Radio Navigational Warnings within the World-wide Navigational Warning Service.

As such the UKHO is the focal point for receipt and assessment of information on potential navigational hazards and issues any necessary Radio Navigational Warnings relevant to its area of responsibility. The UKHO element of providing this service is funded by the UK Government through the Ministry of Defence.

**To read the MCA document *Navigational Warnings* readers are invited to see here:**

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