

Errors in the **NOAA Nautical Chart User's Manual** (now out of print)

This publication was distributed by NOAA until early 2008, at which time NOAA discontinued it because they no longer had the funds to update it and it now contained several outdated comments and some errors. Starpath discontinued distributing the book at that time as well, but we still have an electronic copy of it in our Chart Trainer program. We will either update this publication or remove it from the next version of that program. The book was written by Dr. L Daniel Maxim, in collaboration with NOAA staff. Dr Maxim donated his work on the project.

Known Corrections to the Publication. There are likely others.

Page 1-13: Incorrect ordering information for Mail Order Sales and no information about the availability of Print-on-Demand Charts.

Page 1-13: Incorrect information about the number and coverage of Nautical Chart Catalogs and no mention of the on-line catalogs.

Page 1-13: Outdated prices.

Page 1-15: Reference to OMEGA on many charts. OMEGA is no longer broadcasted.

Page 1-16: Rudimentary description of an ECS, confused with ECDIS, no mention of the availability of NOAA ENC's for free download or the availability of Raster nautical Charts.

Page 1-17: NGA referred to as NIMA. Chart No. 1 is no longer published, but is available on the web. The Dates of Latest editions is soon available only on-line. The NGA notice to Mariners is no longer published in paper form.

Page 1- 18: The ANMS has been replaced. No mention of NOAA's Critical Correction site.

Page 1-19: LNM no longer published in paper form.

Page 1-20: No mention of on-line Coast Pilot volumes. Light Lists no longer available from GPO,.

Page 1-21: Tide tables no longer published by NOAA.

Page 2-6: Decca and OMEGA no longer in use. Edition dates now shown differently.

Page 4-1: Incorrect statement about metric conversion.

Page 4-3: Incorrect vertical datum references in figure 4-1.

Page 4-5: Text does not reflect the information now given in NOAA Source Diagrams and a misstatement about meters and tenths.

Page 4-6: Figure 4-2 shows an obsolete Source Diagram and does not reference the important associated information found in the Coast Pilot.

Page 4-21: Does not reflect the NOAA definition of Foul Area.

Page 5-32: Radiobeacon information obsolete.

Page 7-5: Danger Zone referred to as Danger Area.

Page 7-16: Anchor symbol does not indicate a Harbor of Refuge.

Pages 7-21 and 7-22: Definitions of maritime boundaries are incorrect.