



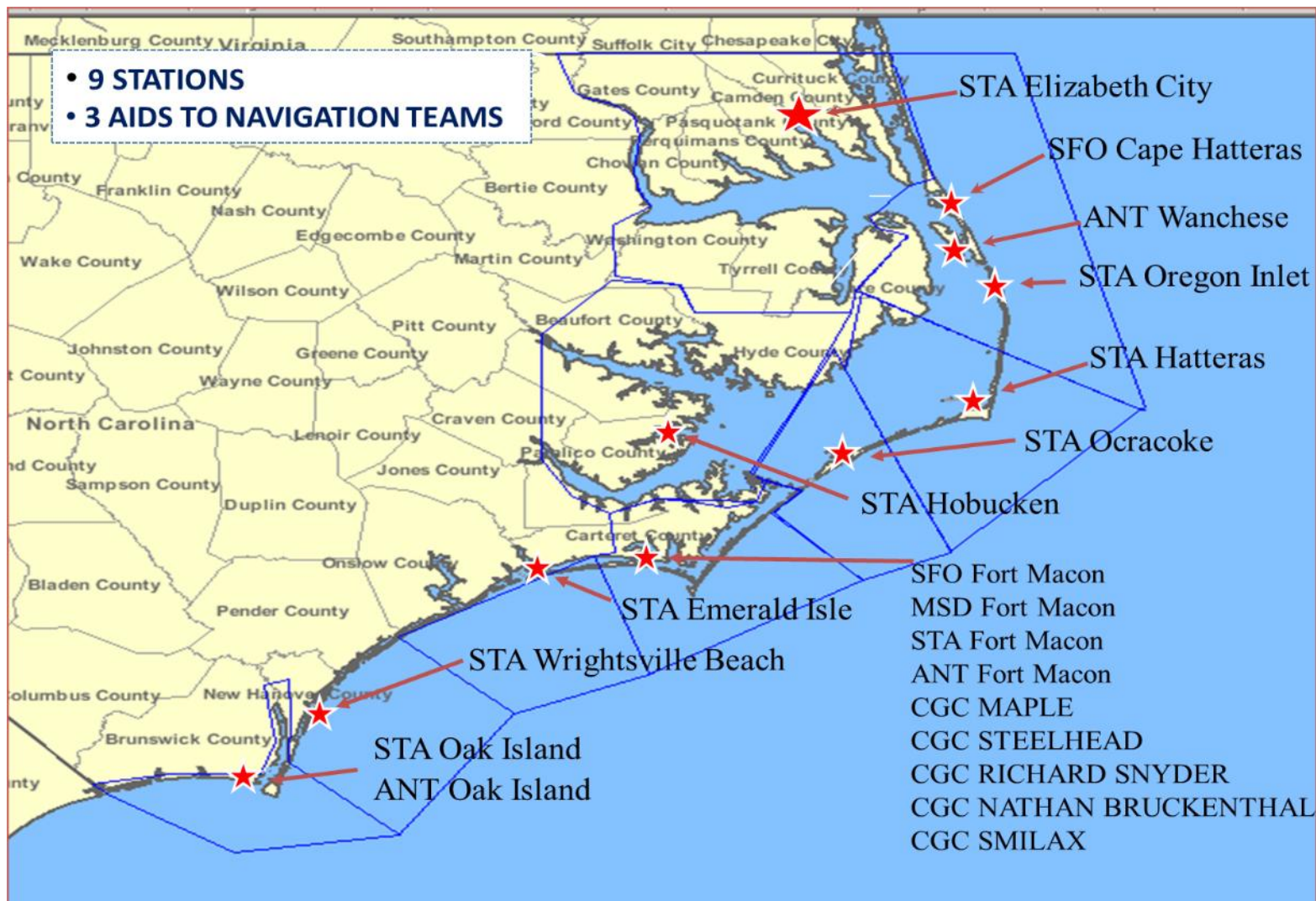
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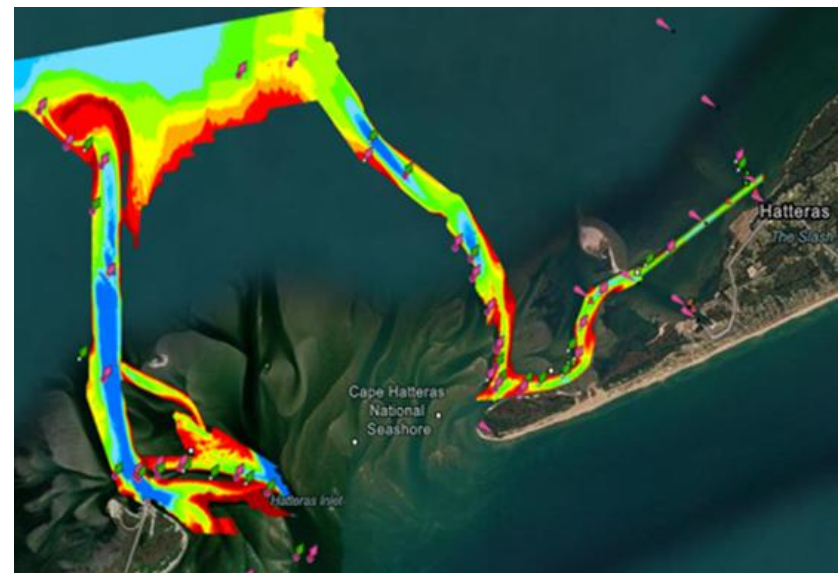
Waterways Management

Assets

- 3 Aids to Navigation Teams (Maintenance)
- CGC SMILAX (Pilings)
- CGC MAPLE (Offshore/Major Aids)

Challenges

- Constant shoaling / shifts
- Determining good water around shallow water inlets

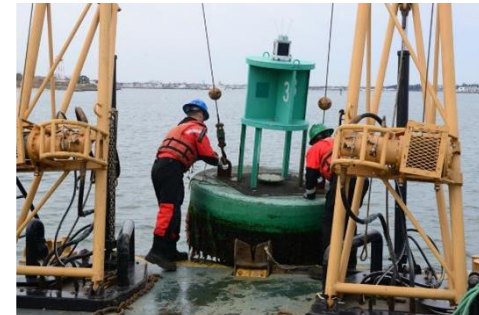




Aids to Navigation (ATON) Update

ATON Changes Cape Fear River

- New Local Notice to Marine System
 - <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/msi>
 - Marine Events, Safety Zones, and Security Zones
- Cape Fear River Lighted Buoy 34, located north of MOTSU near Snow's Cut.
- Cape Fear River Entrance Lighted Whistle Buoy CF





Supporting Waterways Projects



Projects

- Dredging, marine events, bridge maintenance, DoD movements, etc.

Discussions

- Key stakeholders evaluate waterway impacts, concerns, & logistics

Actions

- Waterway closures, Safety/Security Zones
- Temporary aids, remarking, removals
- Cutter/Station/Aux support, Patrol Commanders
- Vessel inspections, worksite determinations
- Radio broadcasts, publish bulletins



North Carolina Marine Events

Purpose

- Safety
- Awareness

Process

- Form CG-4223
- Risk assessment
- Stakeholder engagement
- Environmental review
- Limited Access Area
- Coast Guard Assets
- Permit or no permit letter





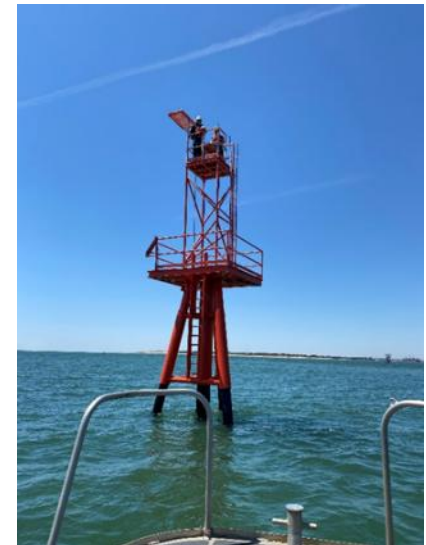
Hurricanes & Heavy Weather

Waterway Closure

- Gale force winds
 - Frying Pan Shoals
 - Beaufort Inlet Channel Sea Buoy
- Stakeholder discussions
- PORTCONs

Reconstitution

- Shoaling
- Debris
- ATON Verification





Decommissioning of Homeport

Merchant Mariner Application Status

- To check the status of an application for a Merchant Mariner Credential or medical certificate, please contact the National Maritime Center (NMC) at 1-888-427-5662, IASKNMC@uscg.mil, or via Live Chat.
- NMC customer service agents are available Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. EST.
- The NMC experiences its busiest times around mid-day. To avoid longer wait times, we recommend calling early in the morning

Live Chat

Live Chat service.

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- To aid in providing a faster response, please indicate 'Credential Verification' in the subject line of your e-mail along with the Mariner name(s) and Mariner reference number(s) in the body of the e-mail.

Verify Credentials

Transportation Worker Identification Card (TWIC) New Hire Status

- The Coast Guard Office of Port & Facility Compliance (CG-FAC) will work directly with the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to verify newly hired employees.
- To verify the status of a newly hired employee for accompanied access to secure areas, please email CG-FAC at TWIC.HQ@uscg.mil.

Learn More



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Mariner Training and Assessment Data (MTAD)

- Course curricula and course certificate modification requests should be sent to NMCCourses@uscg.mil.
- For questions related to Mariner Training and Assessment please contact the NMC at 206-815-6893.

[Learn More](#)

Vessel Response Plans (VRP)

- Previously, Vessel Response Plans (VRPs) could be submitted through the User Upload or Plan Builder functions on Homeport. We are working quickly to establish a new technical solution.
- For now, e-mail all new VRPs, updates, and amended plans to vrp@uscg.mil.

[Email Us](#)

Marine Event Permits

- The Coast Guard NAVCEN is building a new online Marine Event Permit Request Form. The new system should be available in the near future.
- For now, submit requests for marine event permits directly to their local Coast Guard Sector.



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Maritime Security (MARSEC) Levels

- The Coast Guard Navigation Center (NAVCEN) website will house the status board for MARSEC Levels at <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/marsec>
- In addition to the MARSEC Dashboard, status changes will also be shared through the RSS Feeds, if subscribed, when Broadcast Notice to Mariners (BNMs) and Local Notice to Mariners (LNMs) are issued for the respective change.

[Check MARSEC Levels](#)

Incident Command System (ICS) Information

- All Coast Guard Incident Command System (ICS) information – such as the ICS Handbook, job aids, forms, and Performance Qualification Standards have moved to [USCG Emergency Management](#).
- If you need any ICS information that is not yet available on the new website, please reach out to your local USCG Emergency Management Division or email ICS-ProgramCoordinator@uscg.mil and we will be happy to provide it.

[Email ICS Program](#)

Port Status and Contact Information

The Coast Guard NAVCEN has transitioned the port status (e.g., Open, Open with Restrictions, and Closed) function from Homeport to <https://navcen.uscg.gov/port-status>.

[View Port Status on NAVCEN](#)



Search and Rescue Hoax Caller

Safety

- 266 SAR cases
- 87 lives saved
- 437 lives assisted
- \$12M property assisted/saved
- 775 vessel inspections

Hoax Calls

- Started Dec 21, 2024, at least 7 calls have been transmitted over VHF Channel 16





Harbor Safety Committee

Background

- Established December 2024
- First meeting conducted May 1, 2025
- Led by a group of maritime professionals with non-voting Federal partners including USCG, USACE, and NOAA

Purpose

- Focused on safety, deconfliction, and mitigation

Contact

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Thank you!



**General Waterways Questions (Desk
Phone): 919-648-3742**

**Marine Event Applications: Email to
*NCMarineEvents@uscg.mil***