

## Broadcast Notices to Mariners

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Broadcast Notices to Mariners (BNM) are transmitted using voice over VHF radio (channel 22) by each Coast Guard District to communicate local information about hazards, emergent situations, and the status of federal aids to navigation. Broadcasts occur at scheduled times, or as needed, and are normally announced first on VHF channel 16, before transmission on channel 22.

BNMs provide in near real-time much of the same information that will later be published in the Local Notice to Mariners. The Coast Guard is enhancing the delivery and accessibility of Broadcast Notices to Mariners (BNMs) by initiating email distribution service. In addition to traditional methods, you can now receive BNMs directly to their email, ensuring timely and convenient updates. Furthermore, BNMs are being archived on the website [www.navcen.gov](http://www.navcen.gov), making them readily available for access via wireless mobile devices. This nationwide service will improve the reach and efficiency of maritime safety information and communications. To subscribe to the email service, you can visit the following link: <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/subscribe-email-rss-feeds>.