

temporary relocation of buoys to an absolute minimum and to advertise in advance of any aid changes. Our experience last week with the relocation of Cherry Island Range LB 1C indicates we need to meet with the Corps and the MAC, specifically on dredging timelines and to reassess the aids to navigation required to mark the New Work. To minimize additional travel, can we investigate meeting prior to the June meeting?

Preliminary design work has begun to replace **Liston Range, Reedy Island Range and New Castle Range**. Our entering parameters are to provide the intensities required to meet IALA and Coast Guard operating standards.

Navigation Items of Interest

Offshore Renewable Energy Installations (OREIs): The Energy Policy Act of 2005 designated the Department of the Interior as the lead Federal agency for permitting and approval of OREIs on the OCS. DOI delegated the authority to the Bureau of Ocean Energy, Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE), renamed to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) on October 1st. The Coast Guard's role is as a cooperating agency under the National Environmental Policy Act and as such is limited to providing an evaluation of potential impacts of the proposed facilities on the safety of navigation, traditional uses of a waterway and Coast Guard missions. BOEM has publishing Calls for Information and Nominations for Maryland and Virginia with a comment suspense date of March 19th. The Coast Guard recommends that the MAC remain abreast of all East Coast wind energy initiatives, assess their potential impacts to the Delaware Bay and River ports and provide that assessment to BOEM, USACE and the Coast Guard. The following site posts the most recent activity associated with offshore renewable energy in each state:
<http://www.boem.gov/Renewable-Energy-Program/State-Activities/Index.aspx>.

Offshore Anchorages: The Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 includes among other items, the authority to create anchorages up to 12NM offshore. To move ahead on the creation of two anchorages in the approaches to Delaware Bay we welcome input from the MAC on the location of the anchorages.

Sound Signals: The Coast Guard is soliciting comments in the Local Notice to Mariners to discontinue sound signals throughout the Fifth District. If there's no demonstrated need for them, the sound signals will be discontinued during the scheduled buoy hull reliefs. The following stations are due for scheduled relief in FY 12:

DELAWARE BAY MAIN CH LBB 12
LISTON RANGE LBB 6L

Atlantic Coast Port Access Route Study: The Notice of Study was announced in Federal Register Vol. 76, No. 91 and the second comment period ended in January 2012. Comments to the Study are being categorized and analyzed by the Coast Guard Atlantic Area. If the Committee would consider it, the Study coordinator has advised that he will be available to discuss the preliminary study results at the June MAC meeting.

GPS interference tests: No GPS tests are currently scheduled to be conducted within the Fifth Coast Guard District.

Contact Information:

dGPS Navigation Information (703) 313-5902
Fifth District Local Notice to Mariners
AtoN Discrepancy reports: **Sector Delaware Bay:**

www.navcen.uscg.gov
www.navcen.uscg.gov/lnm/d5/
215-271-4940, CH 16 VHF-FM

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