

## Stuart Smith

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**Subject:** Buoy

I am writing in regard to LNM 22/18 which calls for the permanent disestablishment of the Chatham Beach Lighted Whistle Buoy C (LLNR 520). I was unaware of this change until receiving a call from the Coast Guard Cutter Oak on December 10, 2019. Our office routinely works with the Coast Guard on a local and regional level and yet no mention of this disestablishment was relayed until this month. This is of particular concern given the timing of this disestablishment.

Chatham is home to the largest commercial fishing fleet on Cape Cod and has approximately 3,000 permitted boat moorings. Locally, our staff deploys over a 100 private aids to navigation to assist the Coast Guard in marking the complex and highly traveled waterways. However, we do not possess the equipment or funding to replace this buoy with a private aid. The Chatham "C" buoy is the only inshore aid to navigation in the vicinity of Chatham that can be reliably obtained by radar. This aid is heavily relied upon by commercial and recreational boaters as well as maritime emergency responders including Coast Guard Station Chatham.

News of this disestablishment has come as a surprise to our staff and the local maritime community. This issue is of great concern and has been placed on the agenda for all of our water related committees. I request that this aid not be disestablished and that it continue servicing the maritime public as an aid to navigation in this already difficult area of navigation.

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*-Ron Holifield*

**SUMMARY OF ADVANCED APPROVED PROJECTS**

Approved Project(s)  
None

Project Date      Ref. LNM

Advance Notice(s)

13009

The U.S. Coast Guard will be making the following changes to Aids to Navigation to this waterway on or about 27 January 2020 weather and operations permitting:

DISESTABLISH: Chatham Beach Lighted Whistle Buoy C (LLNR 520).

This action was previously advertised as a Proposal in LNM 22/18 through 30/18 as Project No. 01-18-041. E-mail can be sent to:  
D01-SMB-DPWPublicComments@uscg.mil . *and D01-SMB-Sector SENE-Waterways@uscg.mil*

Charts: 13009 13200 13237 13246 13248

LNM: 22/18

**CT-LONG ISLAND SOUND**

The U.S. Coast Guard will be making the following change to Aids to Navigation in November:

CHANGE the flash characteristic from Alternating White and Red every 24 seconds to Alternating White and Red every 20 seconds.

Greens Ledge Light (LLNR 21340)

Previously advertised as a Proposal in LNM 34/19 (Project 01-19-043).

Charts: 12363 12364 12368

LNM: 34/19

**SECTION VI - PROPOSED CHANGES**

Periodically, the Coast Guard evaluates its system of aids to navigation to determine whether the conditions for which the aids to navigation were established have changed. When changes occur, the feasibility of improving, relocating, replacing, or discontinuing aids are considered. This section contains notice(s) of non-approved, proposed projects open for comment. SPECIAL NOTE: Mariners are requested to respond in writing to the District office unless otherwise noted (see banner page for address).

**PROPOSED WATERWAY PROJECTS OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Proposed Project(s)  
None

Closing      Docket No.      Ref. LNM

Proposed Change Notice(s)

**NY-LONG ISLAND SOUND (WESTERN PART CHART 12363)**

The U.S. Coast Guard is considering making the following change to Aids to Navigation:

CHANGE the flash characteristic from Alternating White and Red every 24 seconds to Alternating White and Red every 20 seconds.

Old Field Point Light (LLNR 21275)

Interested Mariners are strongly encouraged to comment on this proposal in writing, either personally or through their organization. All comments will be carefully considered and are requested prior to 31 January 2020 to complete the process. In order to most effectively consider your feedback and improve our data collection when responding to this proposal, please include size and type of vessel, recreational or commercial, and distance from aid that you start looking for it, and if and how you use the signal. Please do not call the Coast Guard via telephone or other means, only written responses to this proposal will be accepted. Refer to Project No. 01-19-091. E-mail can be sent to:  
D01-SMB-DPWPublicComments@uscg.mil.

Charts: 12354 12362 12363 12364

LNM: 50/19

**CT-FISHERS ISLAND SOUND (Chart 13214)-PAWCATUCK RIVER**

The U.S. Coast Guard is considering making the following changes to this waterway:

CHANGE seasonal status of the following aids from Permanent to Removed when endangered by ice.

Pawcatuck River Buoy 1 (LLNR 20290)  
Pawcatuck River Buoy 3 (LLNR 20295)  
Pawcatuck River Buoy 8 (LLNR 20315)  
Pawcatuck River Buoy 10 (LLNR 20320)