



REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

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Title: New Navigational Charts of Mauritius and its Outer islands

Notice to: **Ship Owners / Masters/Managers / Ship Operators**

The objective of this Merchant Shipping Notice is to inform Masters, Ship Officers, Ship owners, operators, agents and Marine Superintendents of the publications of new Navigational Charts (in paper and ENC formats) for use while navigating near Mauritius and its Outer Islands.

1. Further to Merchant Shipping Notice No. 1 of 2019, mariners navigating in the vicinity of Mauritius and its Outer islands are hereby informed that new navigational charts covering more regions have been published.
2. There are presently 11 paper charts and 13 Electronic Navigational Charts for the area of Mauritius and furthermore updated editions of previous charts with new corrections are also available.
3. Those charts are published by the National Hydrographic Office (NHO), India, which is the Principal Charting Authority for Mauritius.
4. The new Charts as well as updated versions of Mauritius, Rodrigues, Cargados Carajos, and Agalega islands are listed in **Appendix 1**
5. The full portfolio of "Mauritian" charts are available at the Office of the Mauritius Hydrographic Service and its authorised distributors.

6. The contact details of the Mauritius Hydrographic Service are as follows;

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7. Foreign Charts distributors are as in ***Appendix 1***.

8. The Director of Shipping wishes to draw the attention of all mariners that it is of paramount importance to use appropriate charts while navigating near land and one of the causes of a severe grounding which occurred recently on the coasts of Mauritius was the absence of appropriate navigating charts onboard the vessel.

9. Vessels calling at Mauritian ports without the appropriate charts may be subject to detention by Port State Control Officers.

10. This Merchant Shipping Notice repeals Merchant Shipping Notice No. 1 of 2019.

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