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## **Corps of Engineers Establishes a new Restricted Area in Narragansett Bay (East Passage), Coasters Harbor Island adjacent to Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island**

**The purpose of this Special Public Notice is to advise the public that the Restricted Area described below has been established by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A notice of the final rule (33 CFR Sec. 334.82) has also been posted in the Federal Register, dated June 25, 2004.**

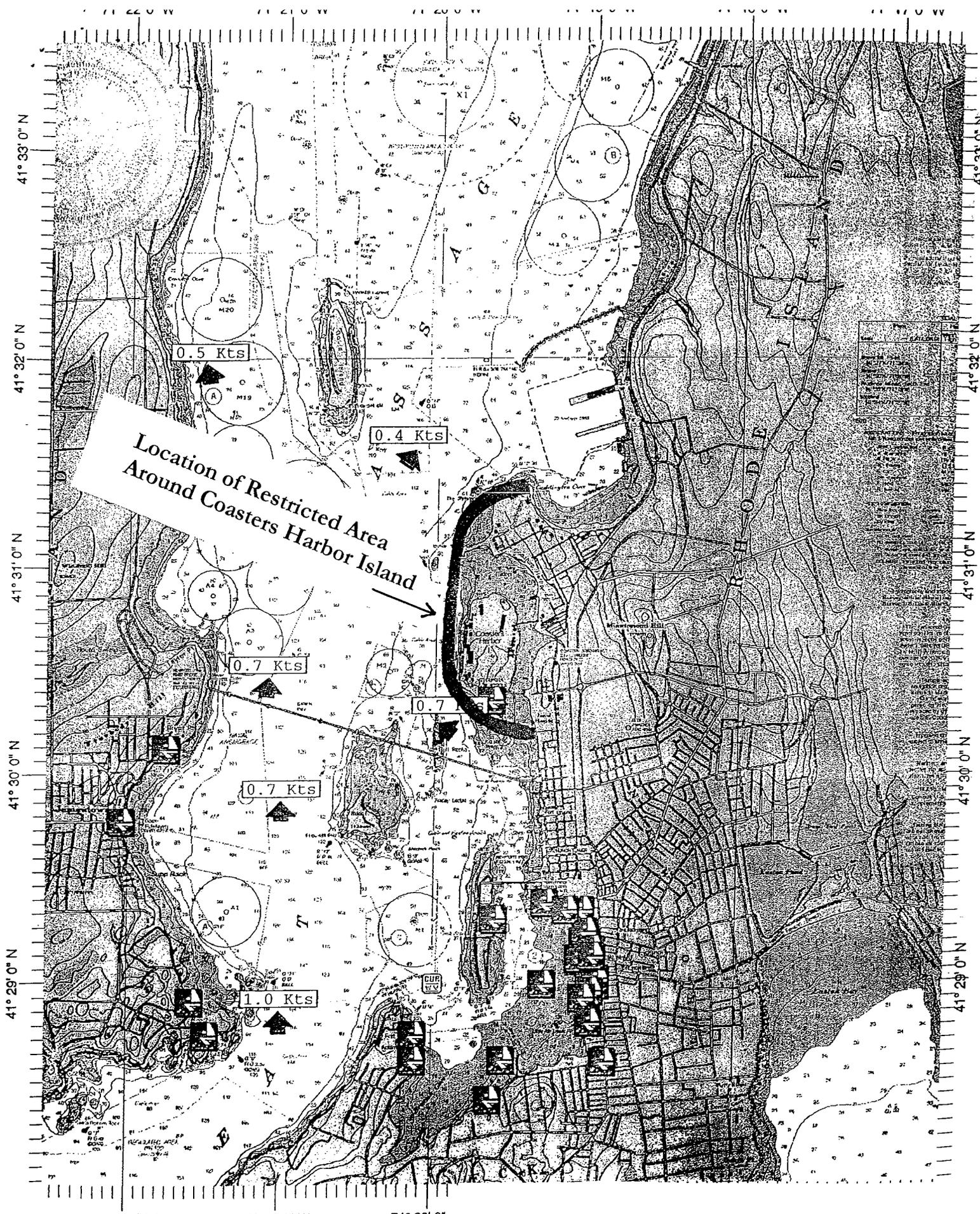
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has granted a request by the United States Navy, Northeast Region to establish a Restricted Area under Section 7 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1917(40 Stat.266; 33 USC 1) and chapter XIX of the Army Appropriation Act of 1919 (40 Stat. 892; 33 U.S.C. 3). The Restricted Area is the "C" shaped area enclosing Coasters Harbor Island and the mainland shoreline of Naval Station Newport from Coddington Point south to the old Naval Hospital. It includes essentially all of the navigable waters immediately adjacent to and surrounding Coasters Harbor Island from Coddington Point west-southwest to the rocks known as The Sisters then south-southwest to Bishop Rock then due south past an area labeled as TOWER then south-southeast to a wash then southeast to a rock then due east to the shore at the Navy Hospital. Vessels with the exception of law enforcement and military vessels are prohibited from entering the area, except with the written permission of the local Commanding Officer of Naval Station Newport or his/her designee. The purpose of the regulation is to create an area of separation between general navigation on the East Passage of Narragansett Bay and Naval Station Newport. The regulation supports an increased security posture by augmenting existing protections for Government personnel and property located onboard Naval Station Newport. The area will be marked off with a series of danger area marker buoys. (See attached portion of NOAA Coast Chart 13223-1 for the Newport area.) The rule has also been promulgated in the Federal Register, dated June 25, 2004. A description of the area and the regulation are contained below:

(a). *The area.* All of the navigable waters surrounding Coasters Harbor Island within a "C-shaped" area that begins at Coddington Point at lat/long N41°-31'-24.0" W71°-19'-24.0"; thence WSW to N41°-31'-21.5" W71°-19'-45.0"; thence SSW to N41°-31'-04.2" W71°-19'-52.8"; thence due S to N41°-30'-27.3" W71°-19'-52.8"; thence SSE to N41°-30'-13.8" W71°-19'-42.0"; thence SE to 41°30'-10.2" W71°-19'-32.6"; thence due E to 41°-30'-10.2" W71°-19'-20"; thence northerly along the mainland shoreline back to the point of origin..

(b). *The regulation.* All persons, swimmers, vessels and other craft, except those vessels under the supervision or contract to local military or Naval authority, vessels of the United States Coast Guard, and local or state law enforcement vessels, are prohibited from entering the restricted areas without permission from the Commanding Officer Naval Station Newport, USN, Newport, Rhode Island or his/her authorized representative.

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Location of Restricted Area  
Around Coasters Harbor Island

Location of Restricted Area  
Narragansett Bay (East Passage)  
Coasters Harbor Island, Naval Station Newport

Chart Name: NARRAGANSETT BAY INCL NEV  
 Chart ID: 13223\_1  
 Top Left: 41° 33' 30" N 71° 22' 30" W

