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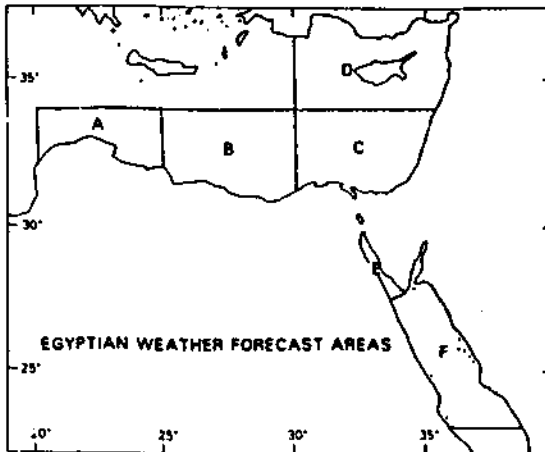
MARINERS' ROUTEING GUIDE FOR THE GULF OF SUEZ

1 The fifty-seventh session of the Maritime Safety Committee noted, with appreciation, the text (NAV 35/14, annex 6) of the Mariners' Routeing Guide for the Gulf of Suez (NAV 35/INF.2) which has been published by the United Kingdom Hydrographer of the Navy as British Admiralty Chart No.5501, edition 1, of 1988, in response to one of the recommendations of the International Conference on Navigation in the Gulf of Suez (NAVIGOS), 1986 that "a passage planning guide for the Gulf of Suez should be considered in the light of the recommended format currently studied within IHO". The Committee was of the opinion that the routeing guide, details of which are attached, would considerably contribute to safety of navigation in the Gulf of Suez.

2 Member Governments are urged to bring the availability of the Guide to the attention of their seafarers using the Gulf of Suez. In addition, Member Governments are advised that the United Kingdom Hydrographic Department has no objection to the text being translated into other languages.

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7 MARITIME RADIO SERVICES



7.1 RADIO STATIONS: SCHEDULED WT BROADCASTS

Note: Times are referred to UT (GMT) and transmissions are in English.

Station	Frequency	Navigational Warnings	Weather Forecasts	Forecast Areas
Quseir (SUK)	429 kHz	0018 0418 0818 1218 1618 2018	1218	E, F
Serapeum (SUZ)	475 kHz	0848 1648		
	8450 kHz	1248		
	4255 kHz	1648		
	12670 kHz	0848 1248		
Alexandria (SUH)	444 kHz	0018 1218 0248 1448 0448 1648 0648 1848 0848 2048 1048 2248	0100 1300	A-D
Port Said (SUP)	433 kHz	0518 1518 0718 1718 0918 1918 1118 2118 1318		

Storm Warnings are available on request from Quseir for areas E and F, and Alexandria for areas A-D.

7.2 NAVTEX (TELEX BROADCASTS)

NAVTEX is a navigational telex service broadcasting safety messages in English on 518 kHz. To gain full benefit from the service a small dedicated receiver is needed. It can be simply programmed to print out, automatically, only information relevant to the vessel's passage. The Gulf of Suez is served by Serapeum (SUZ) (NI IX), which issues routine broadcasts at (UT):

0610 1010 1410 1810

7.3 NAVAREA IX navigation warnings: The Gulf of Suez is included in NAVAREA IX as part of the worldwide navigational warnings system. Details of warnings and a list of those in force are issued by the NAVAREA IX Coordinator, The Director of Hydrography, Naval Headquarters, Karachi, in Pakistan Notices to Mariners.

The Radio Warnings are broadcast by Karachi Naval (AQP) and details of those in force are available on request.

Routine broadcast times are (UT):

for all radio warnings: 0400 1200

for urgent radio warnings: 0200 0600 1000 1400 1800 2200

Frequencies of transmission are (kHz):

for routine broadcasts: 2457.5 (1400-0200 only) 6390 8490

13011 17093.6 (0200-1400 only).

on request: 4325 22425

7.4 If more details are required see ALRS Vol 1 (for maritime radio services), Vol 3 (for weather broadcasts) and Vol 5 (navigational warnings etc).

8 TIDAL INFORMATION

8.1 Tides

In the Gulf of Suez, high water occurs almost simultaneously between Suez and Râs Ghârib but in the Strait of Gûbal high water occurs at the time of low water at Suez.

8.2 Tidal Streams

The tidal streams are north-going throughout the Gulf of Suez while the tide is rising at Suez and south-going while it is falling there. In mid-channel, both streams set fairly, with a maximum rate of 1.5 knots at springs and 0.5 knots at neaps. Elsewhere, the direction in some places is uncertain, such as off Râs Abu el-Darag and over the Sherâtib Shoals where strong tidal races occur even in calm weather.

