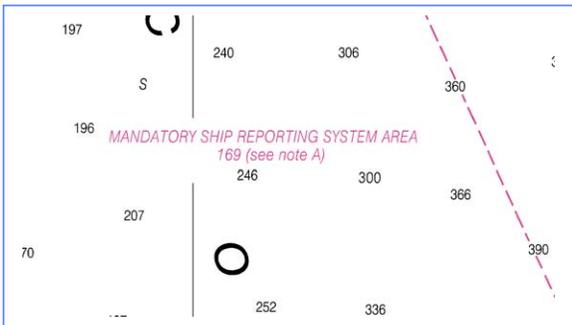
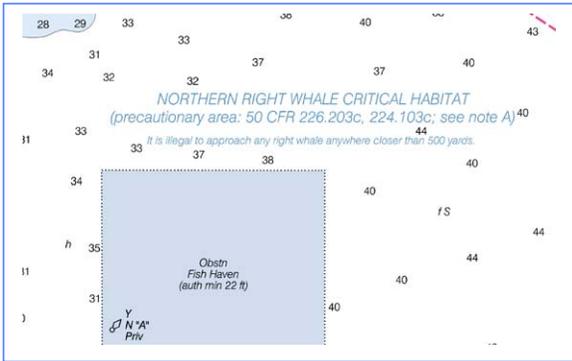


# NOAA Nautical Charting Calendar

## Right Whales



Figures – Northern Right Whale Critical Habitat and Mandatory Ship Reporting System chart notes.

Right whales are large baleen whales. Adults are between 45 and 55 feet in length and can weigh up to 70 tons. It is believed that right whales live at least 50 years, but there are few data on their longevity.

Right whales are in danger of extinction in U.S. waters, and are an endangered species. The western North Atlantic population numbers about 300 individual whales. The eastern North Atlantic population is nearly extinct, numbering tens of animals.

Collisions with ships are a major source of right whale injury and death. The U.S. has Mandatory Ship Reporting Systems to reduce the number of ship/whale strikes. When ships greater than 300 gross tons enter a key habitat, they report to a shore-based station. They receive a message about right whales, their vulnerability, precautionary measures, and locations of recent sightings. Further, the U.S. shifted the Traffic Separation Scheme servicing Boston to reduce vessel/whale collisions. The realignment should reduce strikes 58%. NOAA also recommends vessel routes in four U.S. locations to reduce collisions in key habitats.

Right Whale habitats are charted as critical habitats. A note is charted at appropriate locations in blue, 10 point, Swiss Light Vertical or *Italic* type. The Code of Federal Regulations citation and a reference to Note A & the type of area is added when applicable. Similarly, the Mandatory Ship Reporting Systems are charted using a chart not (see figures).

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