



Merchant Marine **Notice**

Panama Maritime Authority
General Directorate of Merchant Marine
Control and Compliance Department

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ROUTING MEASURES OTHER THAN TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES

No: **MMN-14/2020**

1. The purpose of this Merchant Marine Notice is to announce the migratory season of whales on the Panamanian Pacific coast, from August 1 to November 30, 2020. In this sense, we want to emphasize the precautionary measures to navigate through said area please bearing in mind.
2. Said the above, in order to help reduce the risk of lethal strikes with cetaceans, it is recommended that, as far as it is safe and practical to do so, ships should proceed at a speed of not more than 10 knots from 1 August to 30 November every year, in attention to the Circular SN.1/Circ.326 of May 23, 2014.
3. This recommendation applies to both traffic lanes of the Traffic Separation Scheme in the Gulf of Panama, north of latitude 08°00'.00 N, in accordance with COLREG.2/Circ.65 of May 23, 2014:

"On the Pacific Coast of Panama"

Part 1 "Gulf of Panama"

Reference chart: British Admiralty 1929, 1998 edition.

Note: This chart is based on World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84) datum.

Description of the traffic separation scheme:

- (a) A separation zone bounded by a line connecting the following geographical positions:

(4) 08°44'.70 N, 079°27'.00 W	(5) 08°35'.00 N, 079°26'.00 W
(6) 07°45'.00 N, 079°26'.00 W	(7) 07°45'.00 N, 079°23'.00 W
(8) 08°35'.00 N, 079°23'.00 W	(9) 08°45'.42 N, 079°25'.44 W



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The separation zone is approximately three miles wide in the south and narrowing in the north.

(b) A southbound traffic lane between the separation zone and a separation line connecting the geographical positions 1, 2 and 3:

- (1) 07°45'.00 N, 079°28'.20 W (2) 08°35'.00 N, 079°28'.20 W
(3) 08°44'.00 N, 079°28'.00 W

The southbound traffic lane is approximately one mile wide at the northern limit and two miles wide in the south.

(c) A northbound traffic lane between the separation zone and a separation line connecting the geographical positions 10, 11 and 12:

- (10) 08°46'.00 N, 079°24'.62 W (11) 08°35'.00 N, 079°21'.00 W
(12) 07°45'.00 N, 079°21'.00 W

The northbound traffic lane is approximately two miles wide in the south and one mile wide at the northern limit.

4. Please for further reference, take into consideration the contents of Merchant Marine Circular [MMC-304](#), dated November 2014 and IMO Circulars [SN.1/Circ.326](#) and [COLREG.2/Circ.65](#) both of May 23, 2014 and IMO [Resolution A.858 \(20\) of November 27, 1997](#), adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee, International Maritime Organization (IMO), pursuant as set forth in measures for traffic organization.
5. We take this opportunity to reaffirm the Panama Maritime Administration commitment to promote the maritime industry while preserving the marine environment.

August, 2020.

Inquiries concerning the subject of this Merchant Marine Notice or any other request should be forward to:

General Directorate of Ports and Maritime Ancillary Industries.

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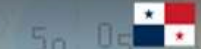
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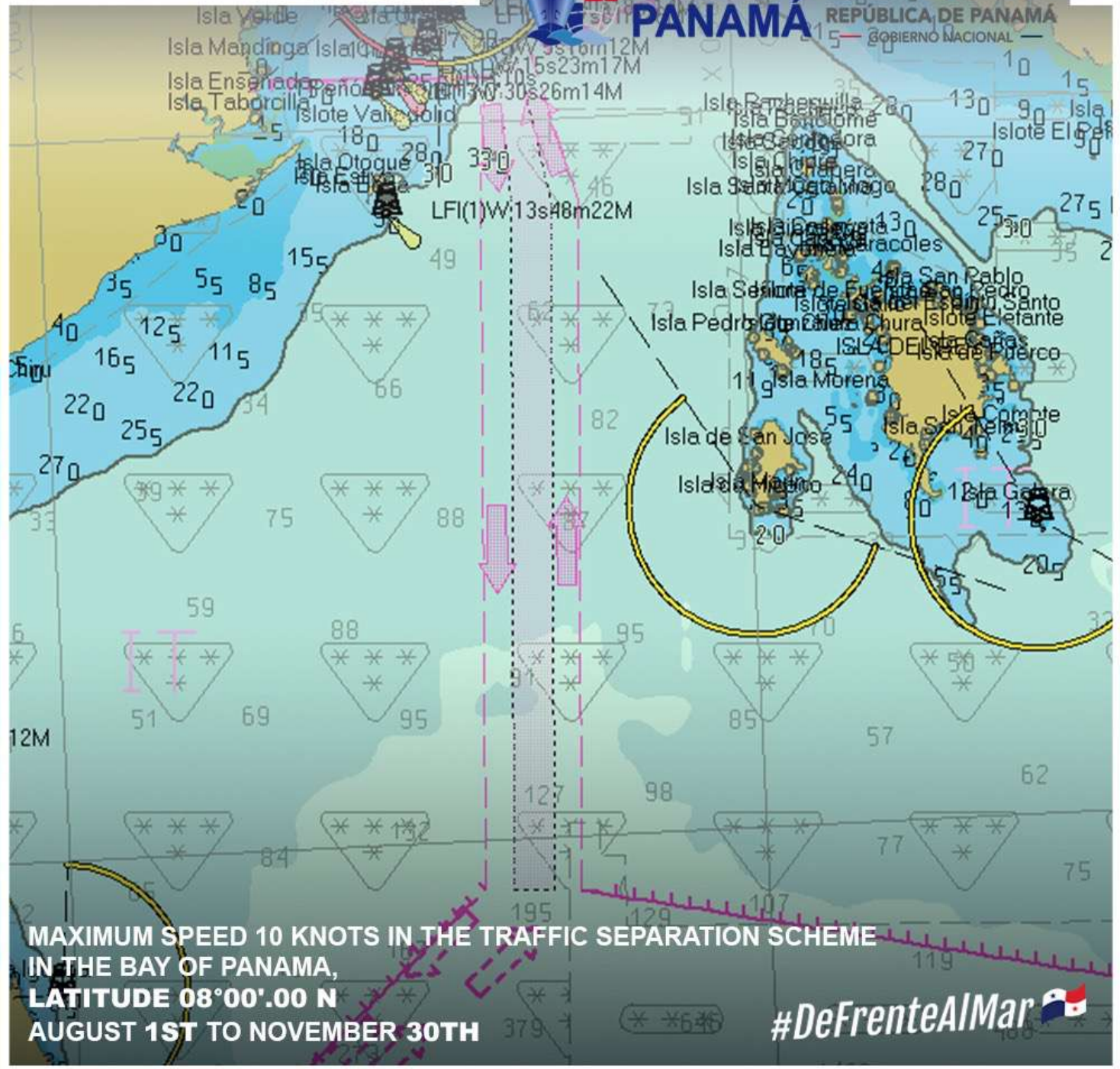
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**MAXIMUM SPEED 10 KNOTS IN THE TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME
IN THE BAY OF PANAMA,
LATITUDE 08°00'.00 N
AUGUST 1ST TO NOVEMBER 30TH**

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