

**March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**LNM SPECIAL NOTICE**

**U.S. COAST GUARD MEDIUM FREQUENCY (MF) DISTRESS WATCHKEEPING**

Mariners are advised that calls to the U.S. Coast Guard on the international radiotelephone distress frequency 2182 kHz or the Digital Selective Calling (DSC) frequency 2187.5 kHz may not be heard or may be severely degraded. Instead of using 2182 kHz for distress calls, mariners should use high frequency (HF) radiotelephone or DSC in the 4, 6, 8, and 12 MHz distress or calling bands. Additional information concerning U.S. Coast Guard HF watchkeeping is posted on the U.S. Coast Guard's Navigation Center website (<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=cgcommsCall>).