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China's Coastal Main Public Routes

Dear Sir or Madam,

China MSA issued Announcement No. 2 on January 25, 2026, promulgating the *Guide on Coastal Public Routes* (hereinafter referred to as the "Guide"). The Guide specifies detailed parameters of China's coastal public routes (including North-South Inner/Outer Coastal Public Routes, Branch Routes), establishing a navigation network along the coast of China. To assist the Clubs and their Members in understanding the route configurations and safeguarding navigation safety, we hereby provide the details of the North-South Inner/Outer Coastal Public Routes as defined in the Guide, along with our navigation safety recommendations, as follows.

Route Overview

1. North-South Outer Coastal Public Routes

- The outer coastal public routes are located farther offshore (relative to the inner coastal public routes) and primarily serve long-distance north-south navigation, connecting major ports and offshore shipping lanes, including routes such as Tianjin-Laotieshan and Chengshanjiao-Yangtze River Estuary

Outer Public Route (see the Attachment for details).

- The widths of outer coastal public routes range from 3 to 15 nautical miles (width varies by section, refer to the Guide for specifics). The navigational environment is relatively open, suitable for large ships.

2. North-South Inner Coastal Public Routes

- Inner coastal public routes run along near-shore areas, connecting various ports, harbors, and the outer routes. These include routes and branches such as Tianjin-Changshan Waterway and the Eastern Public Route along Zhejiang Coast (see the Attachment for details).
- The widths of the inner coastal public routes range from 2 to 13.5 nautical miles. These routes lie adjacent to dense coastal traffic zones. Small domestic commercial ships and fishing boats are densely distributed near these routes, with complex traffic flows. Special attention must be paid to the near-shore navigational environment to prevent collisions. Inner coastal public routes are suitable for the navigation of small and medium-sized ships.

Safety Navigation Recommendations

Based on the Guide requirements and the practical coastal navigation conditions in China, we provide the following safety navigation recommendations for the reference of the Clubs and their Members:

1. Navigational officers on ships navigating along China's coastal waters must familiarize themselves with the key parameters of each segment of the coastal inner/outer routes (e.g., turning points, courses, distances, and widths) as well as the provisions of the ship routeing system.

2. It is critical to note that the marked width (as shown in the Attachment) of each route is the theoretical width. While underway, ships must abide by the actual navigable width and take full account of relevant factors, including natural conditions (e.g., wind, waves, and currents) and navigational conditions (e.g., traffic density, reefs, and shoals), etc.
3. Coastal public routes are only technically recommended for ship navigation, and do not exempt ships and crew from their statutory navigation safety responsibilities. Ships may decide whether to use such routes following an assessment of factors including their respective dimensions, maneuverability, cargo conditions, and meteorological and sea conditions, etc. If choosing to use them, ships should navigate as close to the starboard side of the route as practicable, taking into account the abovementioned conditions.
4. When ships navigate through waters such as route connection sections and dense traffic areas, they must strengthen lookout, remain vigilant, and proceed with extreme caution, strictly comply with the COLREGs, and duly fulfill their collision avoidance obligations (i.e., the give-way and stand-on duties). Additionally, ships must take special precautions against collisions with fishing boats, particularly during the start of the fishing season.
5. When navigating through routeing system areas (Traffic Separation Schemes) such as Laotieshan, Chengshanjiao, the Yangtze River Estuary, and the Qiongzhou Strait, ships shall adjust their course in accordance with the relevant routeing system requirements and fulfill their reporting obligations to the respective VTS centers.
6. Ships shall continuously pay attention to relevant announcements issued by China MSA. In the event of any adjustments to the route settings, ships shall promptly update their passage plans to ensure the courses generally align with the recommended traffic flow directions, thereby reducing the risk of

collisions.

For any related questions, please feel free to contact Huatai Beijing
(pni.bj@huatai-serv.com) or our local branch offices.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be '崔吉宇' (Cui Jiyu), written in a cursive style.

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Attachment:

沿海公共航路指南

Guide on Coastal Public Routes

表 1 沿海南北大通道外航路

Table 1 North-South Outer Coastal Public Routes

序号 No.	航路名称 Route Name	转向点（北纬/东经） Turning Points（N/E）	航向/航程（° /海里） Course(deg) / Distance(nm)	宽度（海里） Width (nm)
1	天津—老铁山航路 Tianjin-Laotieshan	38 ° 48 ' 00. 0" / 118 ° 45' 12. 0"	/	4. 8 – 6
		38 ° 46 ' 36. 0" / 119 ° 00' 00. 0"	97/11. 7	
		38 ° 36 ' 41. 0" / 120 ° 44 ' 59 . 0"	97/82. 8	
2	渤海北部—老铁山航路 Northern Bohai Sea – Laotieshan	39 ° 57 ' 49. 0" / 121 ° 22 ' 45. 0"	/	6 – 4. 6
		39 ° 30 ' 00. 0" / 120 ° 55 ' 53. 0"	217/34. 7	
		39 ° 04 ' 25. 0" / 120 ° 52 ' 31. 0"	186/25. 4	
		38 ° 56 ' 01. 0" / 120 ° 51 ' 25. 0"	185/8. 4	
		38 ° 41 ' 21. 0" / 120 ° 51 ' 25. 0"	180/14. 7	
中间由老铁山水道船舶定线制衔接 Connected by the Laotieshan Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS)				
3	老 铁 山—成山角航路 Laotieshan–Chengshanjiao	38 ° 29 ' 52. 0" / 121 ° 05 ' 52. 0"	123. 5/91. 1	5 . 6 – 15
		37 ° 39 ' 35. 0" / 122 ° 42 ' 08. 0"		
中间由成山角船舶定线制衔接 Connected by Chengshanjiao TSS				
4	成山角—长江口外航路 Chengshanjiao–Yangtze River Estuary Outer Public Route	37 ° 11 ' 40. 0" / 123 ° 00 ' 00. 0"	180/386. 6	6
		30 ° 45 ' 57. 0" / 123 ° 00 ' 00. 0"		
5	浙江沿海外航路 Outer Public Route along the Zhejiang Coast	30 ° 44 ' 00. 0" / 123 ° 16 ' 00. 0"	/	6
		30 ° 10 ' 00. 0" / 123 ° 00 ' 00. 0"	202. 2/36. 6	
		28 ° 53 ' 00. 0" / 122 ° 35 ' 00. 0"	195. 9/79. 8	
		27 ° 00 ' 00. 0" / 121 ° 17 ' 30. 0"	211. 3/131. 9	
6	浙江沿海外航路支线 Branch of the Outer Public	30 ° 45 ' 57. 0" / 123 ° 00 ' 00. 0"	180/36. 9	3

序号 No.	航路名称 Route Name	转向点（北纬/东经） Turning Points (N/E)	航向/航程° /海里 Course(deg) / Distance(nm)	宽度（海里） Width (nm)
	Route along Zhejiang Coast	30 ° 10 ' 00. 0" / 123 ° 00 ' 00. 0"		
7	福建沿海外航路 Outer Public Route along Fujian Coast	27 ° 00 ' 00. 0" / 121 ° 17 ' 30. 0"	/	8
		25 ° 17 ' 20. 0" / 120 ° 08 ' 33. 0"	211. 3/120	
		23 ° 30 ' 00. 0" / 117 ° 53 ' 34. 0"	229/163. 2	
		23 ° 11 ' 05. 5" / 117 ° 30 ' 35. 6"	228. 4/28	
8	广东沿海外航路 Outer Public Route along Guangdong Coast	23 ° 11 ' 05. 5" / 117 ° 30 ' 35. 6"	/	6－8
		22 ° 41 ' 42. 0" / 116 ° 54 ' 50. 0"	228. 4/44. 5	
		22 ° 07 ' 53. 0" / 115 ° 12 ' 10. 0"	250. 5/102	
		21 ° 29' 24. 0" / 113 ° 42 ' 06. 0"	245. 4/90	
		20 ° 15 ' 23. 0" / 111 ° 04 ' 32. 0"	243. 4/166	
中间由琼州海峡中水道衔接 Connected by the Central Waterway of the Qiongzhou Strait				
9	琼州海峡—广西钦州航路 Qiongzhou Strait－Qinzhou	20 ° 09' 06. 0" / 109° 50 ' 55. 8"	313/95. 9	4
		21 ° 14 ' 12. 6" / 108 ° 35 ' 45. 2"		
※	成山角—长江口外航路支线 Branch of the Chengshanjiao－Yangtze River Estuary Outer Public Route	38 ° 01' 49. 1" / 121 ° 59' 01. 5. "	/	/
		37 ° 42' 32. 9" / 123 ° 16' 00. 0 "	108/63. 4	
		30 ° 44' 00. 0" / 123 ° 16' 00. 0"	180/420. 2	

表 2 沿海南北大通道内航路

Table 2 North-South Inner Coastal Public Routes

序号 No.	航路名称 Route Name	转向点（北纬/东经） Turning Points (N/E)	航向/航程（° /海里） Course(deg) / Distance (nm)	宽度（海里） Width (nm)
		38 ° 38 ' 36. 0 "	/	

1	天津—长山水道 航路 Tianjin - Changshan Waterway	北 侧 North Section	118 ° 42 ' 29. 0"		2. 3 - 2. 8		
			38 ° 33 ' 24. 0 "	115/12. 4			
			118 ° 56 ' 47. 0"				
			38 ° 28 ' 59. 0"	110/12. 8			
			119° 12 ' 08. 0"				
				南 侧 South Section	38 ° 21 ' 28. 0 "	109/23	2. 3 - 2. 8
					119° 39 ' 48. 0"		
					38 ° 07 ' 59. 0 "	113/34	
					120 ° 19' 35. 0"		
					38 ° 36 ' 37. 0 "	/	
		118 ° 41 ' 02. 0"					
		38 ° 26 ' 13. 0"	115/24. 7				
		119° 09' 39. 0"					
		38 ° 16 ' 21. 0 "	115/23				
			119° 36 ' 04. 0"				
			38 ° 05 ' 19. 0 "	108/35. 1			
			120 ° 18 ' 20. 0"				
中间由长山水道定线制衔接 Connected by Changshan Waterway TSS							
2	长山水道—成山角航路 Changshan waterway - Chengshanjiao		37 ° 56 ' 46. 0 "	/	5. 2 - 5. 6 - 13		
			121 ° 07 ' 14. 0"				
			37 ° 52 ' 50. 0 "	105. 7/14 . 5			
			121 ° 24 ' 53. 0"				
			37 ° 39 ' 10. 0 "	102. 9/61 . 3			
			122 ° 40 ' 15. 0"				
中间由成山角定线制衔接 Connected by Chengshanjiao Waterway TSS							
3	成山角—长江口内航路 Chengshanjiao-Yangtze River Estuary Inner Public Route	北段 North Section	37 ° 11 ' 38. 0 "	/	6 - 13. 5		
			122 ° 49 ' 41. 0"				
			33 ° 00 ' 00. 0 "	182/252			
				南 段 分 流 航路 Diversi on Route of the South Section	33 ° 00 ' 00. 0 "	/	4
					122 ° 47 ' 50. 0"		
				30 ° 57 ' 28. 1 "	180/122. 2	4 - 2 - 2	
				122 ° 47 ' 50. 0"			
		南段沿岸航路 Coastal Public Route of the South	33 ° 00 ' 00. 0 "	/			
			122 ° 38 ' 00. 0"				
			31 ° 20 ' 00. 0 "	182. 9/99. 9			
		122 ° 31 ' 58. 6"					
		31 ° 09 ' 10. 6 "	180/10. 8				
		122 ° 31 ' 58. 6"					

		Section	中间由长江口船舶定线制衔接 Connected by the Yangtze River Estuary TSS		
			30 ° 56 ' 28. 0 "	/	2
			122 ° 31 ' 58. 6"		
			30 ° 51 ' 36. 0 "	180/4.9	
			122 ° 31 ' 58. 6"		
			30 ° 49 ' 32. 9 "	155/2.3	
			122 ° 33 ' 03. 7"		
4	长江口分流航路支线 Branch of the Diversion Route of Yangtze River Estuary		30 ° 57 ' 28. 1 "	/	2
			122 ° 47 ' 50. 0"		
			30 ° 48 ' 36. 0 "	250.7/26.9	
			122 ° 18 ' 18. 0"		
5	浙江沿海东航路 Eastern Public Route along Zhejiang Coast		30 ° 49 ' 32. 9 "	/	4
			122 ° 33 ' 03. 7"		
			30 ° 40 ' 12. 0 "	155.9/10.2	
			122 ° 37 ' 54. 0"		
			30 ° 12 ' 00. 0 "	182.5/28.2	
			122 ° 36 ' 30. 0"		
			29 ° 39 ' 24. 0 "	173.4/32.7	
			122 ° 40 ' 51.0"		
			28 ° 42 ' 30. 0 "	210.5/65.9	
			122 ° 02 ' 42. 0"		
			28 ° 24 ' 00. 0 "	186.0/18.6	
			122 ° 00 ' 30. 0"		
			27 ° 00 ' 00. 0 "	215.3/102.7	
			120 ° 53 ' 36. 0"		
6	浙江沿海东航路支线 Branch of the Eastern Public Route along Zhejiang Coast		30 ° 48 ' 36. 0 "	/	2
			122 ° 18 ' 18. 0"		
			30 ° 38 ' 00. 0 "	171.1/11.1	
			122 ° 21 ' 30. 0"		
			30 ° 29 ' 30. 0 "	121.9/16.1	
			122 ° 37 ' 18. 0"		
7	福建沿海中航路 Middle Public Route along Fujian Coast		27 ° 00 ' 00. 0 "	/	4 - 3
			120 ° 53 ' 36. 0"		
			26 ° 24 ' 24. 0 "	216.8/44.3	
			120 ° 23 ' 55 . 0"		
			25 ° 25 ' 00. 0 "	201.3/63.6	
			119 ° 58 ' 18. 0"		
			25 ° 11 ' 43. 0 "	212.0/15.6	
			119 ° 49 ' 11. 0"		
			24 ° 56 ' 04. 0 "	228.3/23 . 4	
			119 ° 29 ' 55 . 0"		
			24 ° 03 ' 44. 0 "	231.2/83.2	
			118 ° 18 ' 50. 0"		

		23 ° 30 ' 00. 0 " 117 ° 31 ' 05. 0"	232. 5/55. 2	
		23 ° 21 ' 52. 5 " 117 ° 21 ' 26. 2"	227. 7/11 . 7	
8	广东沿海内航路 Inner Public Route along Guangdong Coast	23 ° 21 ' 52. 5 " 117 ° 21 ' 26. 2"	/	3 - 4
		23 ° 14 ' 40. 0 " 117 ° 12 ' 49 . 0"	227. 7/11. 0	
		22 ° 45 ' 48. 0 " 116 ° 21 ' 46. 0"	238. 6/55. 1	
		22 ° 36 ' 03. 0 " 115 ° 52 ' 12. 0"	250. 4/29. 0	
		22 ° 24 ' 44. 0 " 114 ° 57 ' 03. 0"	257. 5/52. 2	
		22 ° 07 ' 10. 0 " 114 ° 22 ' 45. 0"	241. 2/36. 3	
		21 ° 55 ' 48. 0 " 113 ° 51 ' 44. 5"	248. 5/30. 9	
		21 ° 29 ' 20. 0 " 112 ° 50 ' 57 . 0"	245. 0/62. 4	
		21 ° 06 ' 42. 0 " 111 ° 25 ' 46. 0"	254. 2/82. 6	
		21 ° 00 ' 34. 0 " 110 ° 59 ' 42. 4"	255. 9/25. 1	
9	粤西沿海茂名港外—琼州海峡北水道航路 Maoming Port - Qiongzhou Strait North Waterway	21 ° 06 ' 42. 0 " 111 ° 25 ' 46. 0"	217/45	2
		20 ° 31 ' 00. 0 " 110 ° 56 ' 38. 0"		
中间由琼州海峡北水道衔接 Connected by Qiongzhou Strait North Waterway				
10	琼州海峡—广西北海航路 Qiongzhou Strait - Beihai	20 ° 13 ' 24. 0 " 109 ° 45 ' 59 . 4"	329. 3/61. 9	3
		21 ° 06 ' 34. 2 " 109 ° 12 ' 07 . 8"		