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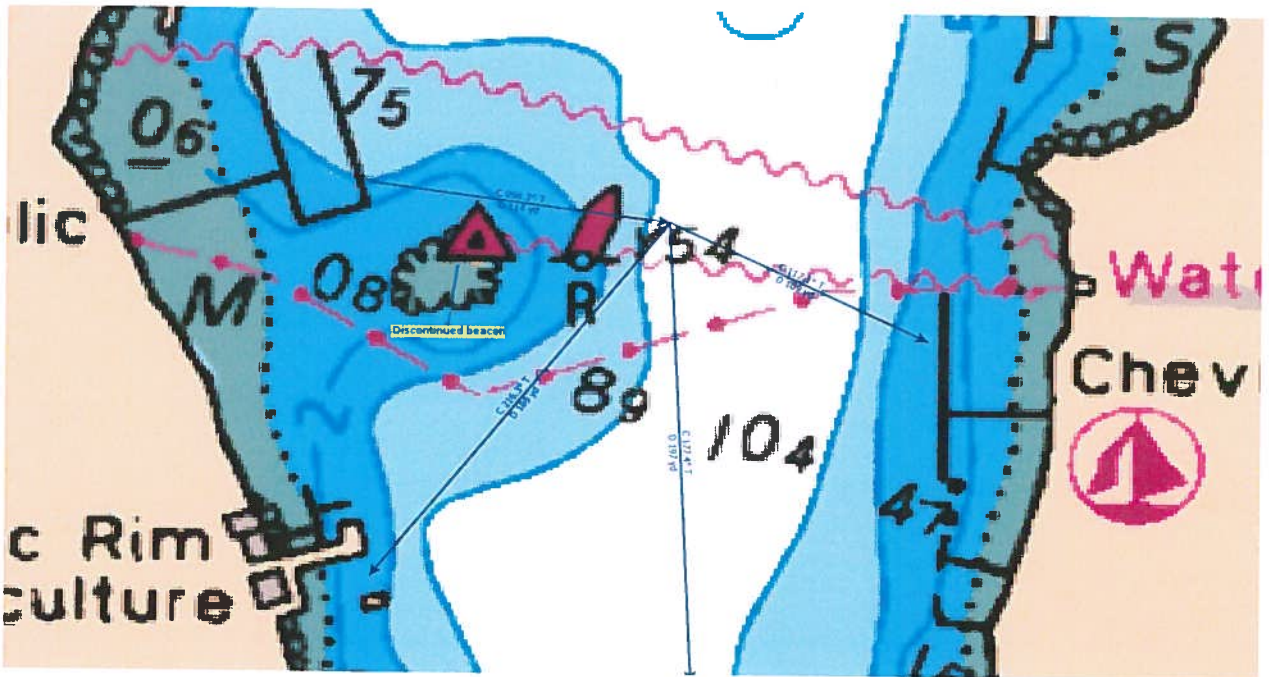
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RE: Bamfield Creek Daybeacon

To all concerned,

Thank you for your comments with regards to the Canadian Coast Guard, Aids to Navigation and Waterways intent notice to permanently discontinue Bamfield Creek starboard daybeacon in position 48 49 43.3N 125 08 22.1W (NAD83).

It has been determined that the danger is marked appropriately with the existing starboard spar buoy Y54; however vessels are still inclined to navigate an unsuitable channel. To mitigate this we will increase the size of Y54 in an effort to make the buoy more visible. The buoy has been placed to mark the deepest water for the users in the area and the navigable channel. A starboard hand buoy marks the starboard (right) side of a channel or the location of a danger which must be kept on the vessels starboard (right) side when proceeding in the upstream direction. The upstream direction is the direction taken by a vessel when proceeding from seaward, toward the headwaters of a river, into a harbour or with the flood tide.





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It is permissible for private individuals, clubs, corporations or other groups to establish aids to navigation for their own use known as "private aids". The Canadian Coast Guard recognizes the value of these aids in contributing to the safety and well-being of the boating community and we encourage this use. The reconstruction of a beacon at this site is not justified by existing Coast Guard policies and directives.

- The Bamfield Harbour Authority could establish a private cautionary buoy to mark the boundaries of the Bamfield Harbour Authority dock, in accordance with the private buoy regulations TP14799E. A cautionary buoy marks an area where mariners are to be warned of dangers, and a chart must be consulted to determine the precise nature of the danger being marked.
- Local government or private citizens could apply for tenure with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources for a footprint to establish a private cautionary beacon on the drying rocks. This could be a twofold solution: the sign could be a speed sign (as long as it does not mention Transport Canada) as well as a cautionary sign to prevent mariners from going in between the shore and our buoy Y54. Once the tenure has been granted, an application would be sent in for Navigable Protection Program Canada. Once approved, a private beacon could be constructed. There are no official Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations (VORR) currently in place for Bamfield Inlet however Transport Canada has a Local Authority Guide if the Harbour wishes to establish an official speed limit - this is a very long process.

Please let us know should you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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