



# Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston Marine Safety Information Bulletin 35-24

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## Aids to Navigation Discrepancy Reporting

The USCG continues to operate in an environment with a high number of unreported Aids to Navigation (AtoN) knockdowns within this Captain of the Port Zone. The underreporting of discrepant AtoN directly affects the ability of local USCG Aids to Navigation units to effectively prioritize sections of the Marine Transportation System in a timely manner.

This current environment of unreported discrepant AtoN continues to increase the risk of groundings, collisions or allisions with potential of serious injuries, environmental damage, and waterway closures. To promote safety, mariners are reminded to utilize all means of visual navigation to include use of Electronic Chart Display Information Systems (ECDIS), and report missing or discrepant AtoN.

Reports of missing and/ or discrepant AtoN may be made to the USCG for correction prioritization through any of the following means –

**VHF:**

Channel 16

**Phone:**

Sector Houston-Galveston Command Center, 1-866-539-8114 or;  
Sector Houston-Galveston Vessel Traffic Service, 281-464-4837

**E-Mail:**

Sector Houston-Galveston Waterways Management (WWM) Division  
[houstonwwm@uscg.mil](mailto:houstonwwm@uscg.mil)

**Online:**

<https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/contact/aton-discrepancy-report>

This MSIB supersedes MSIB 02-22. Please contact Sector Houston-Galveston WWM Division via [houstonwwm@uscg.mil](mailto:houstonwwm@uscg.mil) or 713-398-5823 if you have any questions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Keith M. Donohue".

Keith M. Donohue  
Captain, United States Coast Guard  
Captain of the Port