

Strategically placed around the country, NOAA's navigation response teams—30-foot survey vessels with a three-person survey team—maintain emergency readiness while checking chart accuracy in changing ports and harbors.

Mobilize for emergency response

A navigation response team can be on the scene and surveying anywhere in the coastal continental U.S. within 24-48 hours. The teams deploy to search for underwater debris and shoaling after hurricanes to speed the resumption of shipping and protect lives and property.

Survey for chart updates

Navigation response teams work day-to-day in ports and harbors, collecting data to update the nation's nautical charts. They measure depths, locate obstructions, report dangers to navigation, and update features for safe navigation.

Respond to emerging needs

Whether there is a need to investigate wrecks, check for suspected shoals, conduct surveys for coastal management, or work with other federal agencies to support homeland security, Coast Survey's navigation teams have expertise to get the job done safely and efficiently.



NAVIGATION RESPONSE TEAM ASSETS



Coast Survey's navigation response teams respond to the long-term and immediate navigational needs of ports and mariners.

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