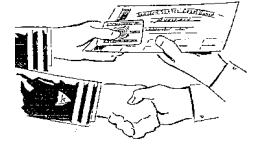

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Third Edition Basic/Advanced Coastal Navigation

The new *Basic/Advanced Coastal Navigation (BCN/ACN), Third Edition*, is on its way to the Auxiliary Center (AUXCEN). Actual arrival date and course number ordering information will appear in the *What's New* section of the CGAUXWEB. This text keeps much of the easy style and informality of the 2nd Edition, but updates out of date material and adds much new material (e.g., on GPS/DGPS). Moreover, the new text is much more attractive visually. It is printed in two colors, the graphics are more attractive, and the layout is improved. More photographs have been added.

It has been simplified in other ways also. For example, you only need to order one package. The BCN and the ACN are in the same package. The final examination has been rewritten so that BCN students answer a smaller number of questions (and on different topics) than the ACN students. The same answer key is used. Additionally, the exam answer sheet is now part of the exam booklet. Separate completion certificates are being retained for each course. These may be ordered from the AUXCEN given the course being presented (BCN or ACN).

Other than modernization, the topics covered are the same. You can keep your lesson plans for most of the chapters. Instructors accustomed to the 2nd edition will not have major re-tooling. This said, there are some substantial changes:

- The chapter on tides and currents has been amended to reflect the fact that NOAA doesn't publish *Tide Tables* or *Tidal Current Tables* any more and new computer programs are now available (output is included in the text.)
- The radionavigation chapter has been rewritten to delete RDF and to incorporate GPS/DGPS and more modern radar units.
- Web addresses are provided for many sources of navigation data.
- The USCGAUX now uses the DR plotting conventions established by the United States Power Squadrons (USPS).
- There are numerous rewrites to update the text and incorporate corrections that have been distributed in previous *Speed-grams*.

With the publication of the 3rd Edition, all of our educational products have been given a new look--one we hope that you are pleased with.

Overhead masters are available from AUXCEN in black and white. These same overheads are available in color as a Power Point presentation and can be accessed from the Auxiliary web site in the *What's New* section. After 60 days, the overheads will be found in the Department of Education section of the site.