

The Commandant in his response to the Marine Board's recommendation regarding double bottom tanks does not assure that the best available pollution protection will be provided for U.S. waters. The Safety Board, therefore, recommends that:

1. The U.S. Coast Guard require additional control of the movement of tankships without double bottoms to insure that their risk of a polluting outflow from grounding while operating in a port area is commensurate with that of tankers outfitted with double bottoms. (Recommendation No. M-75-1)

The Safety Board considers appropriate the Marine Board's recommendation that the Alaska Marine Pilotage Corporation consider instituting a more comprehensive method of monitoring safety broadcasts, but insufficient to assure that pilots will be aware of the status of aids to navigation. To assure better dissemination of safety information to pilots, the Safety Board recommends that:

2. The U.S. Coast Guard implement measures to improve the dissemination of safety information to the navigators of vessels, including continued broadcasting of the safety information until the hazard is eliminated. (Recommendation No. 75-2)

The Safety Board concurs in the Coast Guard's proposed rulemaking intended to improve operating practices aboard all major vessels on navigable waters and, in particular, the proposed rule which would require that the intended tracklines and position fixes be plotted by competent personnel.

3. In support of this measure, the Safety Board recommends adoption of the proposed regulations to prevent maritime casualties. (Recommendation No. M-75-3)
4. The U.S. Coast Guard and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration's National Ocean Survey insure that action has been initiated to correct the description of Kaslokan Point Light both in the Coast Guard Light List and on NOS Chart 8703. (Recommendation No. M-75-4)

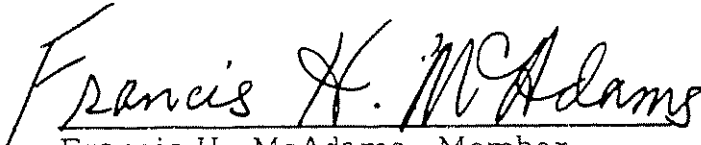
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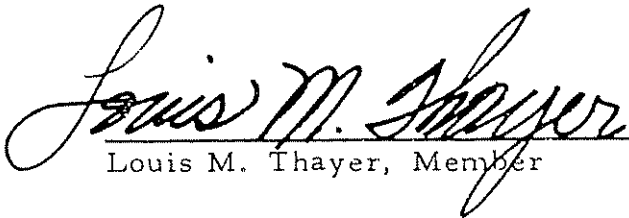
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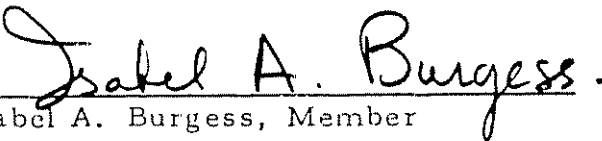
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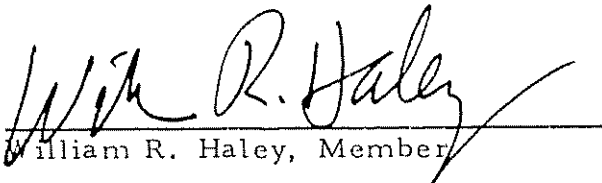
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