

SUBJ: SAFETY BROADCAST NOTICE TO MARINERS NAVCEN BNM XXX-10 1. MID-ATLANTIC TO NORTHEAST. AIS USERS OPERATING IN VICINITY OF UPPER CHESAPEAKE BAY, DELAWARE BAY AND APPROACHES, NEW JERSEY, NEW YORK HARBOR AND APPROACHES ARE ADVISED THAT THEIR AIS EQUIPMENT MAY HAVE CHANGED TO OPERATE ON CHANNELS OTHER THAN DEFAULT AIS FREQUENCIES (161.975 MHz AND 162.025 MHz) AND THEREFORE ARE NOT BEING SEEN BY OTHER MARINERS. AIS USERS SHOULD CHECK AND UPDATE THEIR EQUIPMENT ACCORDINGLY VIA THEIR AIS CHANNEL MANAGEMENT FUNCTION TO CHANNELS 2087 AND 2088 (CONSULT YOUR OWNERS MANUAL). AIS EQUIPPED VESSELS OPERATING OUTSIDE THESE AREAS ARE NOT AFFECTED. MARINERS CAN REPORT AIS PROBLEMS TO USCG NAVIGATION CENTER AT (703) 313-5900 OR AT [WWW.NAVCEN.USCG.GOV](http://WWW.NAVCEN.USCG.GOV).  
2. CANCEL AT TIME//032000Z SEP 10//

Should you encounter any of your members that aren't broadcasting on AIS it is possibly related to a change in their AIS configuration (triggered by a channel management message(s) we sent last week). Please pass on to them that rebooting may (not always) only temporarily get the AIS back on default channels, it's not a permanent fix. The only way to override a channel management message is via another channel management message (which is the fix we're working on, but, is still a few days away) or manually, but, ONLY via the units channel management function not its channel selection function. I've attached excerpts of most AIS devices out there, that explains how to do this. Please share with all, should they have this problem.