



Method of Reporting

Vessels transiting MSR reporting areas are required to report their course, speed, position, destination, and route to the U.S. Coast Guard upon entry into the reporting area. Vessels should report via INMARSAT-C or other satellite communications to one of the following addresses:

E-mail: RightWhale.MSR@noaa.gov *or* Telex: 236737831

Vessels unable to use satellite communications should contact the U.S. Coast Guard Communication Area Master Station Chesapeake VA via published voice or SITOR/NBDP frequencies. See page 66 of this issue for details.

Reporting Instructions

Vessels shall make reports in accordance with the format in IMO Resolution A.648(16) General Principles for Ship Reporting Systems and Ship Reporting Requirements. Vessels shall report the following information:

Paragraph	Function Information Required	
System name	System identifier	Ship reporting system name (whalesnorth or whalesouth).
A	Ship	Vessel name and call sign.
B	Date, time, and month of report	Six digit group giving day of month and time, single letter indicating time zone, and three letters indicating month.
E	True course	3-digit number indicating true course.
F	Speed in knots and tenths	3-digit group indicating knots and tenths.
H	Date, time, and point of entry into system	Date and time expressed as in (B) and latitude and longitude expressed as a four digit group giving latitude, the letter N indicating north, followed by a / , a five digit group giving longitude, and the letter W indicating west.
I	Destination and ETA	Name of port and arrival time expressed as in (B).
L	Route information	Route information should be reported as direct rhumbline to port (RL) and intended speed or a series of way points (WP). Vessels reporting waypoints should include latitude and longitude, expressed as in (H), and intended speed between waypoints. For vessels transiting within a traffic separation scheme (TSS), give only the WP on entry and departure of TSS.

Example Reports

WHALESNORTH

TO: RightWhaleMSR@noaa.gov
 WHALESNORTH//
 A/CALYPSO/NRUS//
 B/031401Z APR//
 E/345//
 F/15.5//
 H/031410Z APR/4104N/06918W//
 I/BOSTON/032345Z APR//
 L/WP/4104N/06918W/15.5//
 L/WP/4210N/06952W/15.5//
 L/WP/4230N/07006W/15.5//

WHALESSOUTH

TO: RightWhaleMSR@noaa.gov
 WHALESSOUTH//
 A/BEAGLE/NVES//
 B/270810Z MAR//
 E/250//
 F/17.0//
 H/270810Z MAR/3030N/08052W//
 I/MAYPORT/271215Z MAR//
 L/RL/17.0//