

From: [REDACTED] [CWO-4 USCG SEC CHARLESTON \(USA\)](#)
To: [REDACTED] [LT USCG SEC CHARLESTON \(USA\)](#)
Cc: [REDACTED] [LT USCG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: RE: Buoy 72A
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 1:03:23 PM
Attachments: [Cooper River 72A \(1.65 MB\).msg](#)

LT,

Here is the summary I sent to CDR [REDACTED].

16Sep22: Pilots requested the temp buoy. Noted that once channel was restored to project conditions the buoy would no longer be necessary (see attachment).

20Sep22: Temp buoy was set.

04Oct22: Pilots notified that temp buoy was being disestablished at the request of Southern Dredging so that the shoal could be dredged and returned to project depth (see attachment).

05Oct22: Temp buoy was disestablished.

29Mar23: Pilots request to permanently establish buoy 72A (see attachment).

22May23: Request submitted to D7 to permanently establish buoy 72A.

03Jan24: Received approval from D7 to permanently establish buoy 72A

17Jan24: ANT Charleston permanently established buoy 72A.

I don't recall anyone requesting a temp aid during the last year.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

v/r,

[REDACTED]

BOSN4 [REDACTED]
USCG Sector Charleston
Aids to Navigation Officer
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] LT USCG SEC CHARLESTON (USA) [REDACTED]@uscg.mil>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 11:02 AM
To: [REDACTED] CWO-4 USCG SEC CHARLESTON (USA) [REDACTED]@uscg.mil>
Cc: [REDACTED] LT USCG (USA) [REDACTED]@uscg.mil>
Subject: Buoy 72A

Good morning [REDACTED],

Buoy 72A has come into question during our investigation. Can you confirm when the temporary 72A was removed? I am also trying to identify who requested the removal? From what I understand it was not replaced after the dredging/surveys due to the fact that it was temporary in nature and

the permanent one had not yet been approved? And lastly, are you aware if the Pilots or any other parties requested the temporary buoy be replaced at any time last year?

Thank you!

Very Respectfully,

LT [REDACTED]
Chief, Investigations Division
US Coast Guard Sector Charleston
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From: [REDACTED] [CWO-4 USCG SEC CHARLESTON \(USA\)](#)
To: [REDACTED] [CDR USCG \(USA\)](#)
Cc: [REDACTED] [USCG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: Cooper River 72A
Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 8:55:41 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[EntranceChannel72ABuoyLtrMarch2023.pdf](#)
[Non-DoD Source Re Cooper River Dredge Moves \(12.9 KB\).msg](#)
[RangeDBuoyRequestLetter.pdf](#)

Good morning CDR,

Below is a summary of Cooper River 72A. We received the approved work order to establish the aid from D7 on 03Jan24. ANT Charleston will be U/W tomorrow to set the buoy.

v/r,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] CWO-4 USCG SEC CHARLESTON (USA)
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 3:34 PM
To: [REDACTED] LT USCG (USA) [REDACTED]@uscg.mil>
Subject: RE: New buoy IVO JBC

LT,

Cooper River LB 72A was temporarily established on 20Sep22 at the request of the Charleston Pilots Association to mark a shoal that was encroaching on the channel. The buoy was disestablished on 05Oct22 at the request of Southern Dredging so that they could dredge the shoal. On 29Mar23, the Pilots submitted a request to permanently establish LB 72A. The project was submitted to D7 (dpw) on 22May23 and should be approved within 120 days. The aid is a BUSL buoy, so it cannot be established temporarily or permanently until the BUSL returns from the yard.

The Temp buoy was a red 3rd class foam buoy with a red quick flashing light. It was set in position 32-55-59.553N, 079-56-06.970W.

The Permanent buoy will be a red 5x9 buoy with a red quick flashing light. The new proposed position is 32-55-59.340N, 079-56-06.468W.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

v/r,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] LT USCG (USA) [REDACTED]@uscg.mil>
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 2:38 PM

To: [REDACTED] CWO-4 USCG SEC CHARLESTON (USA) [REDACTED]@uscg.mil>
Subject: FW: New buoy IVO JBC

Hey [REDACTED],

Not urgent, but whenever you get the chance I could use your help with this.

I recall ANT Charleston putting a temporary lighted buoy down IVO Range D in September, and us indicating that we would revisit the need to keep the buoy in about 6 months. Do you know the current status for the temp buoy, and do you have any correspondence regarding the issue in your inbox?

Thank you.

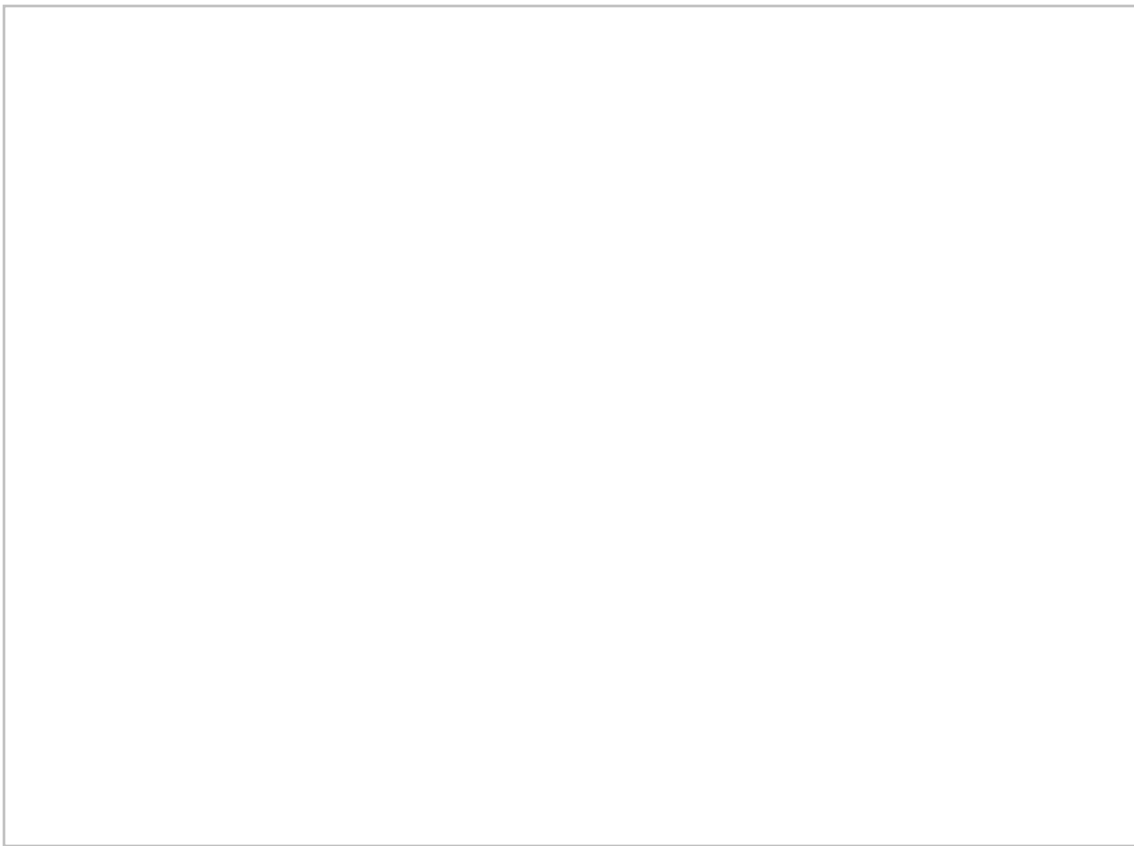
V/r,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] LT USCG SEC CHARLESTON (USA) [REDACTED]@uscg.mil>
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 2:30 PM
To: [REDACTED] LT USCG (USA) [REDACTED]@uscg.mil>
Subject: New buoy IVO JBC

[REDACTED]

Hoping you and the ATON gurus can provide some information for my investigation report. If we could gather it up by the end of the month, that would be great.

- Description of the temporary buoy at the turn between Range D and C (position, when it was set on station, when it was removed, type of buoy, etc)
- Description of the permanent buoy that's been requested by the Pilots and what the timeline is for getting it on station.



Thank you!!

Very Respectfully,

LT [REDACTED]
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From: [Capt. John E. Cameron](#)
To: [REDACTED] [CWO-4 USCG SEC CHARLESTON \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Cooper River Dredge Moves
Date: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 1:32:51 PM

Thank you!

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 4, 2022, at 13:11, [REDACTED] CWO-4 USCG SEC CHARLESTON (USA) [REDACTED]@uscg.mil> wrote:

Good Afternoon John,

The MARIA BRAY will be in town tomorrow to correct the Charleston Harbor Channel LB 23 discrepancy. Additionally, they will be temporarily relocating the following buoys to facilitate the completion of the Post 45 project in the Cooper River:

Cooper River LB 50 (LLNR 2833) to 32-51-10.080N/079-56-03.156W

Cooper River LB 50A (LLNR 2840) to 32-51-16.884N/079-56-22.632W

On another note, Southern Dredging has begun working in the area around Copper River LB 72A , the temp buoy that we established a couple of weeks ago. We plan on removing that buoy tomorrow so that it doesn't interfere with the dredge.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

v/r,

[REDACTED]

CWO4 [REDACTED]

USCG Sector Charleston

Aids to Navigation Officer

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