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Dear Captain Cole,

The Charleston Branch Pilots respectfully request the establishment of a temporary buoy marking shoal water that has encroached into the channel on Range D, across from Wharf A in the Cooper River. This aid would be about 300 yards, at a bearing of 008.5 degrees true, from Beacon "72". The purpose would be to aid mariners in avoiding the advancing shoal while setting up for the turn from Range D to Range C.

Our recommendation is for the aid to be on the 26-foot contour of the existing shoal, as surveyed September 6, 2022. Should the shoaling there continue to advance, it may well be necessary to adjust this aid accordingly. We have plotted such a location at:

$32^{\circ} - 55' - 59.54''$ N / $079^{\circ} - 56' - 06.95$ W

Once the channel is restored to project conditions, this aid will no longer be necessary.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Whit Smith
President

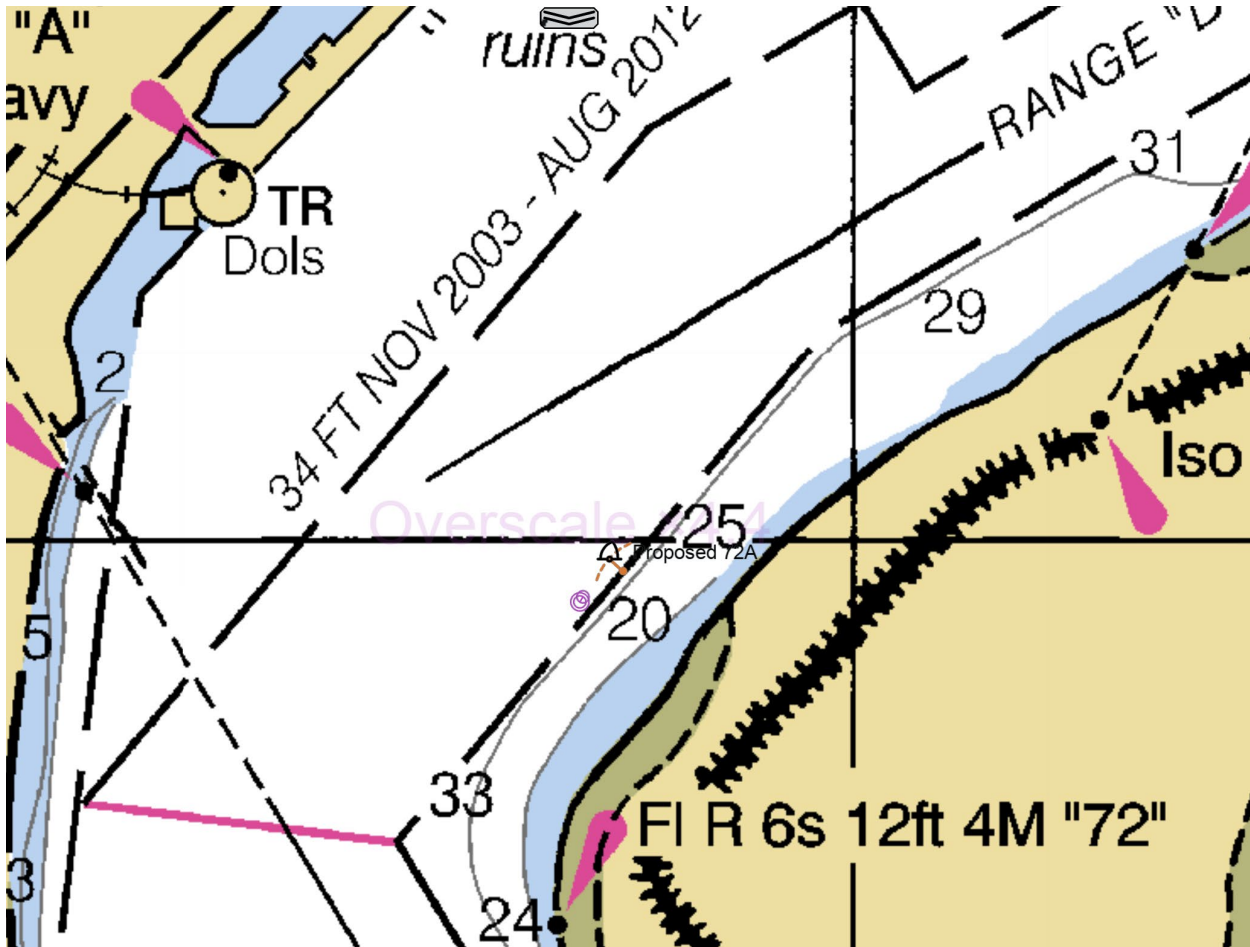
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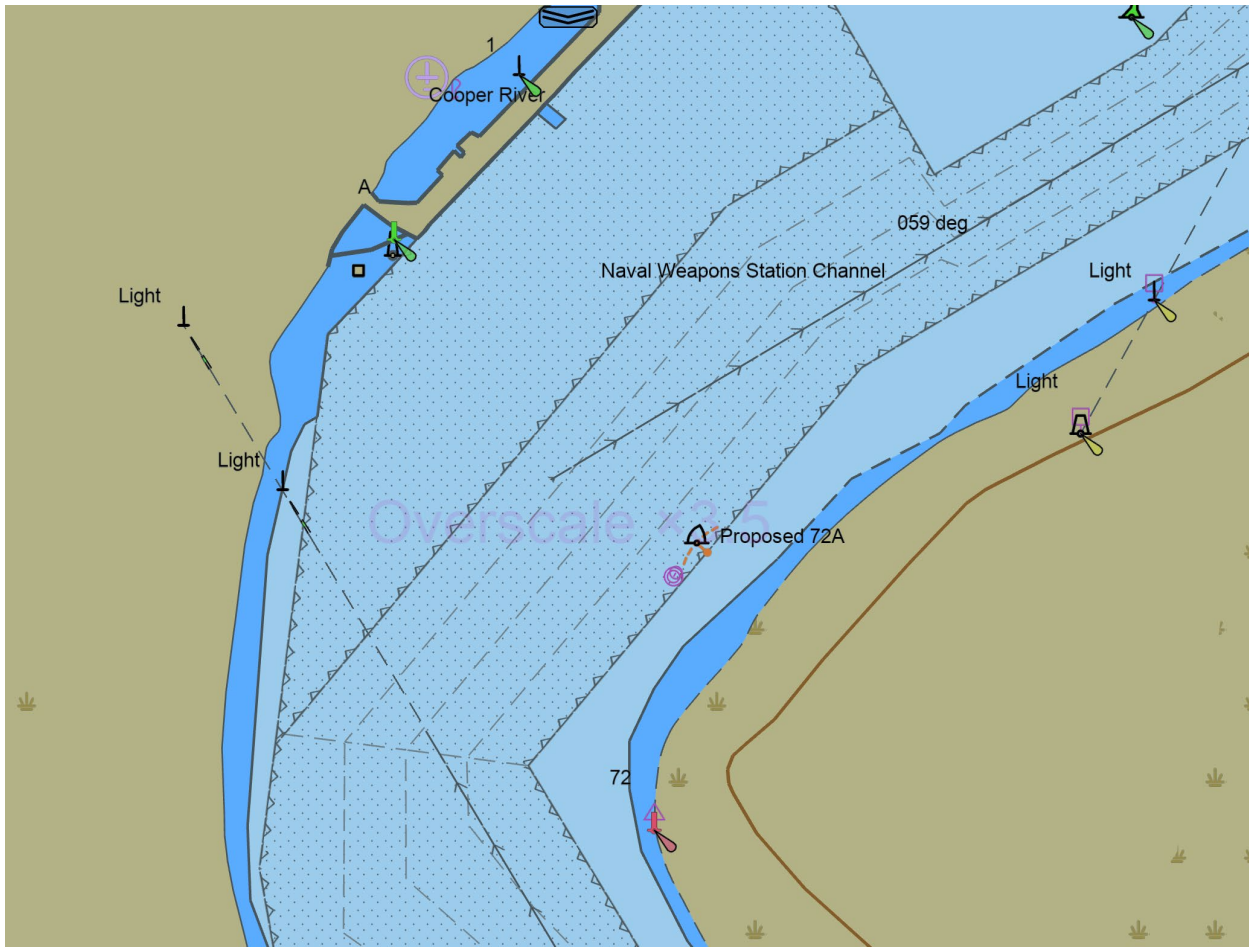
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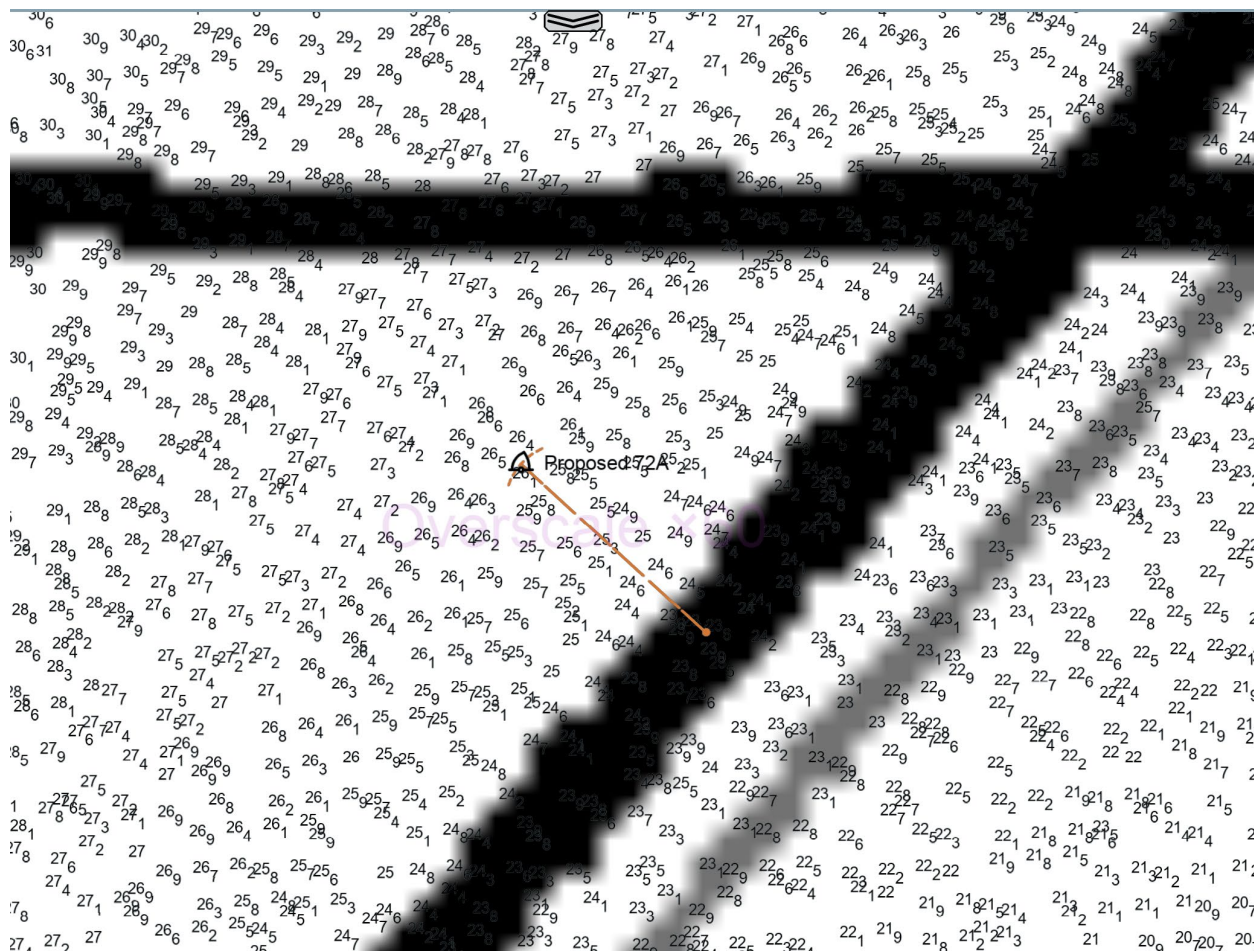
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Our early findings from looking into the incident last week led us to this request, which we ask you to please consider urgent. Thank you.







Best Regards,
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