

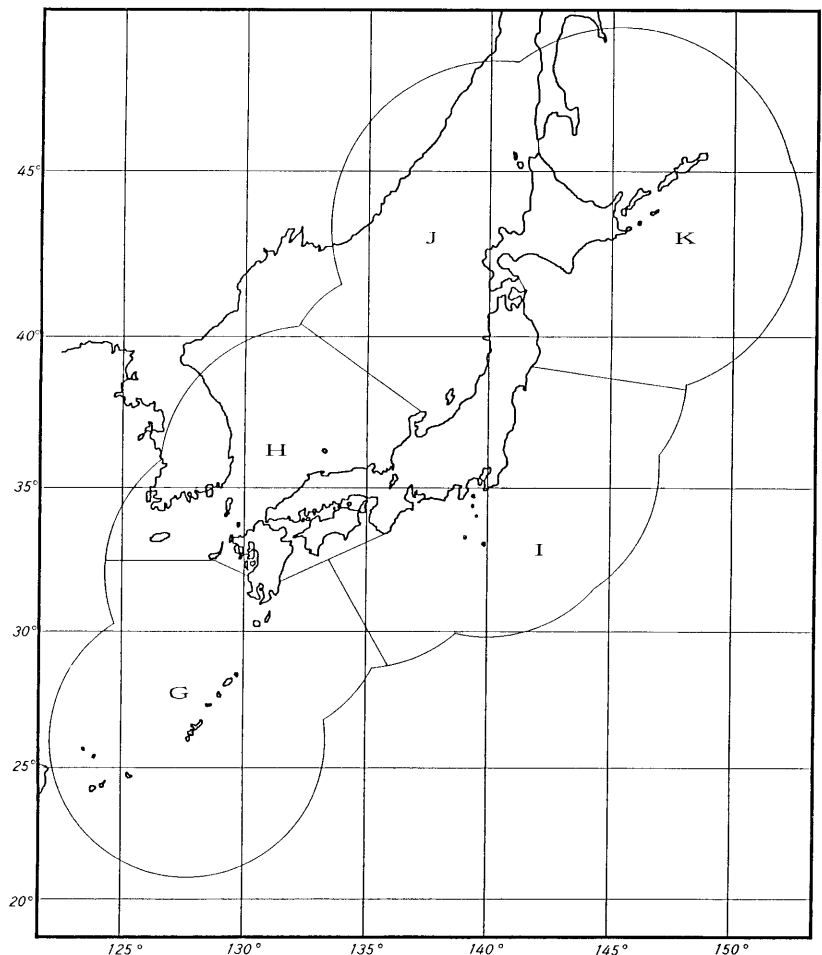
JAPANESE LANG. NAVTEX SERVICE STARTS

The NAVTEX service in the Japanese language was put into operation on 1 February 1995.

In accordance with the Ship Safety Law, which was amended in May 1991 to introduce the GMDSS system into the domestic shipping, all the ships concerned navigating in the areas A3 and A2 shall be equipped with the NAVTEX receiver by 1 February 1995 and 31 January 1996, respectively.

For ensuring the navigational safety especially of fishing boats and other home-water ships and vessels which rely only on the information in the Japanese language, the NAVTEX service in the Japanese language was introduced and operational in Japan from 1 February 1995, with the following specifications:

- Coverage: Same coverage as that of the International NAVTEX service (300 M offshore)
- Letters and characters: All the standard Japanese Kana, Kanji, as well as all the letters of the alphabet and numeral figures
- Broadcasting schedule: 6 times a day and one time broadcast for 17 minutes. The information of emergency broadcasted as necessary
- Type of wave and frequency: F1B, 424 KHz
- The Japanese language NAVTEX service also includes meteorological and SAR information.



NAVTEX Coverage

J.H.D. STAFF RESHUFFLED

On 1 April 1995 certain staff members of the Hydrographic Department of Japan were reshuffled. The newly appointed Directors and Heads of the JHD Tokyo Headquarters are:

- Dr. Yasuhiro GANEKO, Director, Planning Division,
- Mr. Makoto TODA, Director, Ocean Surveys Division,
- Dr. Yoshio KUBO, Director, Coastal Surveys and Cartography Division,
- Mr. Masahiko SAKAMOTO, Director, Notices to Mariners Division,
- Mr. Tadao TATSUNO, Director, Oceanographic Data and Information Division, JODC,
- Mr. Masahiro MURAI, Head, Survey Ship Operations Office, Administration Division,
- Dr. Minoru SASAKI, Head, International Cooperation Office, Planning Division,
- Mr. Toshio NAGAI, Head, Territorial Sea Baselines Research Office, Coastal Surveys and Cartography Division,
- Mr. Shin'ichi KIKUCHI, Head, Cartography Office, Coastal Surveys and Cartography Division,
- Dr. Masakazu TSUCHIDE, Head, Chart Maintenance Office, Oceanographic Data and Information Division.

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