

Bering Strait

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According to a recent study, mariners in the Bering Strait are following 2018 shipping guidelines, which suggest a quiet form of U.S.-Russia cooperation despite strained political relations.

About Bering Strait

- It is the **northernmost part** of the **Pacific Ocean**, **separating** the continents of **Asia and North America**, particularly **Russia** and the **United States**.
- This important waterway is just **south of the Arctic Circle**.
- It **connects** the **Bering Sea** to the **Chukchi Sea of the Arctic Ocean**.
- **At the strait's narrowest point**, **Asia (Russia)** and **North America (the US)** are just **85 km apart**.
- The **narrowest point** is **between Cape Prince of Wales in Alaska** and **Cape Dezhnev in Russia**.
- The **international boundary** between the two countries **passes through the Bering Sea and Strait**.
- It is **relatively shallow**, with an average depth of 50 m.
- The Strait has numerous islands, including the **Diomed Islands** and **St. Lawrence Islands**.

- **St. Lawrence Island** is the **US's** sixth-largest Island.
- The two Diomed Islands are located in the middle of the strait.
- The **Big Diomed** Island **belongs to Russia**, while the **Little Diomed** Island is on the **US side**.
- The **International Date Line runs between the two islands**, leaving the **American and Russian sides on different calendar days**.

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