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To: Ship Owners, Operators and Classification Societies

ECDIS Performance Anomalies

Following investigations concerning navigation incidents during 2011 it was discovered that some ECDIS equipment did not display all navigationally significant features. This was also highlighted in the NAVAREA 1 – 317/10.

1. All Gibraltar registered ships fitted with ECDIS either as the Primary navigation system or as an aid to navigation are required to test the software of the ECDIS using the IHO check data set and report the results to the UK MCGA and IHO not later than 31st July 2012
2. The presentation and performance check data set was issued by the IHO and distributed by ENC service providers in October and November 2011. The IHO letter, data check instructions and reporting method, and some background information, are at:-

Letter to Ship Masters, Owners and Operators

http://www.iho.int/iho_pubs/ECDIS/ECDIS_check-Accompanying_letter.pdf

Instructions for completing the check

http://www.iho.int/iho_pubs/ECDIS/ECDIS_check-Instructions_for_Mariners.pdf

Reporting the results of the check

http://www.iho.int/iho_pubs/ECDIS/ECDIS_check-Reporting_form.pdf

Background information

http://www.iho.int/iho_pubs/ECDIS/ECDIS_check-Background_paper.pdf

The check data set itself is available at:-

http://www.iho.int/iho_pubs/ECDIS/ENC_CheckData.zip

3. Evidence of having completed the check and responded with the results will be required at GMA Flag State inspections.

4. Refer to UK MCA MIN 426 for further details.

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