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## **Shipping Guidance Notice 128** MGN 379 (M+F) Amendment 1: use of electronic navigational aids

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To: Ship Owners, Operators, Master's, Certifying Authorities and Recognised Organisations

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### **1. Details**

To all Vessel Owners, Vessel Operators, Masters, and crew on merchant ships.

This SGN serves to inform the above-mentioned, of the issuance of UK MGN 379 (M+F) Amendment 1: use of electronic navigational aids.

MGN 379 (M+F) Amendment 1 may be accessed via:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mgn-379-mf-amendment-1-use-of-electronic-navigational-aids/mgn-379-mf-amendment-1-use-of-electronic-navigational-aids>

### **2. Summary**

MGN 379 (M+F) Amendment 1 emphasises the need for correct use of electronic navigational equipment by watchkeepers.

Key points include:

- Awareness that each item of equipment is only a navigational aid on board.
- Awareness of the factors which can affect the accuracy of electronic position fixing systems.
- Appreciation of the need to cross check and verify position fixing information using other methods, including non-electronic.
- Recognition of the importance of the correct use of navigational aids and knowledge of their limitations.
- Awareness of the dangers of over-reliance on the output from, and accuracy of, a single navigational aid.

### 3. Application to Gibraltar registered ships

Owners and operators of Gibraltar registered ships are encouraged to promote the use of the guidance contained within MGN 379 (M+F) Amendment 1 by ships crews, with the exception of referenced UK legislation contained within section 2.

In respect of applicable Gibraltar legislation, requirements relating to relevant convention requirements are for the most part contained within:

- Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Safety, etc.) Act, 1993; and,
- Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Survey, Certification and Safety) Regulations 2004

Ambulatory referencing applied to Gibraltar Merchant Shipping legislation means, that any amendments to Convention requirements and subsequent Codes etc, are automatically applicable.

Quick link to Gibraltar Merchant Shipping legislation: <https://www.gibraltarship.com/legislation>

In respect of the list of “relevant MCA references” contained within MGN 379 (M+F) Amendment 1, section 8, these are applicable in the absence of specific related guidance and/or requirements issued via Gibraltar Shipping Guidance Notices, and/or Gibraltar Shipping Information Notices.

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