

“Don’t Cure, Prevent!”

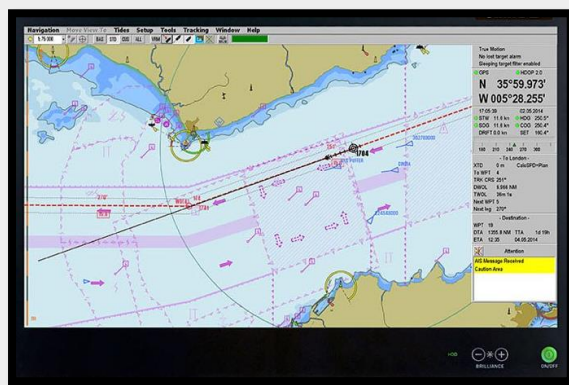
PaSea Circular 06/2017



SUBJECT: ECDIS Familiarization

The **Paris MoU** in partnership with the **Tokyo MoU** agreed, on its 50th Committee meeting held in Gdansk, Poland during this May 2017, to conduct a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on ECDIS. The **Black Sea MoU** will also participate in the Campaign.

The CIC aims to check the compliance with Safety of Navigation, including Electronic Chart Display Information Systems (ECDIS). The CIC is scheduled to be conducted **from 1st September 2017 until 30th of November 2017**. During this time, Port State Control (PSC) Officers shall use a standard questionnaire, which is expected to be released in August 2017.



ECDIS, as defined by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), is one of the most important decision support tools. The ability of a watchkeeping Officer to be confident and familiar in the operation of ECDIS, as part of the shipboard navigational system is considered essential for the safety, security and protection of the marine environment.

The options for achieving familiarization with ECDIS Procedures both onboard and ashore may include, but are not limited to the following items;

- ☒ **The use of Company’s bridge procedures and Manuals;**
- ☒ **Companies should ensure that seafarers are in a position to demonstrate the competencies prior taking charge of a navigational watch and that they shall maintain these competencies;**
- ☒ **Equipment manufacturers should provide specific user guides and manuals in order to assist Companies with the familiarization process; and**
- ☒ **Ship Managers/Operators should ensure that they have addressed familiarization requirements, as defined by the ISM Code.**

Prevention at Sea, with a view to assist you further during the familiarization process in regards to the upcoming CIC on ECDIS, has prepared a **10 Question Quiz** in order to;

- ✓ ‘Test’ seafarers knowledge in basic ECDIS features; and
- ✓ Enhance the familiarization process with new interactive ideas.

Take the quiz and test your ECDIS knowledge:



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