

**Major changes to NAVTEX stations within the NSHC and NHC in the past year****Summary**

Between January and May 2012, a new NAVTEX station became operational at Jeloya to cover the Skagerrak area. As a consequence, amendments were made to the NAVTEX Service Areas for Rogaland and Grimeton along with changes to of B<sub>1</sub> NAVTEX Transmitter Identification Characters (B<sub>1</sub> idents) within NAVAREAs I, XIX and XX. The reorganisation was conducted in three phases.

**1. January:**

Arkhangelsk (Russian Federation - NAVAREA XX) changed B<sub>1</sub> ident from "F" to "L".

**2. April:**

Murmansk (Russian Federation - NAVAREA XX) changed B<sub>1</sub> ident from "C" to "K"

New station commissioned at Jeloya (Norway – NAVAREA I) with B<sub>1</sub> ident "M"  
Grimeton (Sweden – SubAREA I) reduction of NAVTEX Service Area.

**3. May:**

Vardo (Norway - NAVAREA XIX) changed B<sub>1</sub> ident from "V" to "C".

The United Kingdom transmission from Oostende changed B<sub>1</sub> ident from "M" to "V".

The whole process was achieved through excellent international cooperation, which has resulted in a better selection of transmission timings for Norway and has allowed the mariner improved reception of MSI traffic in the Skagerrak area. This reassignment of B<sub>1</sub> Idents was configured in association with a separate project to provide the Russian Federation with a continuous alphabetical run of NAVTEX Transmitter Identification Characters along the Northern Sea Route from West to East, for when their new stations gradually come into operation in the next ten years.

