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Paper for Consideration by CSPCWG Award winning Norwegian charts

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Executive Summary: Norwegian Hydrographic Service has been winner of the

competition in the class for hydrographic or maritime navigational charts of the ICA both in 2009 and in 2011.

Related Documents: None Related Projects: None

Introduction / Background.

Certificate awarded to Norway for 1st place in class for hydrographic or maritime navigation charts in 2011.





The winning Norwegian paper charts were also mentioned in Norwegian newspapers.

Analysis / Discussion.

Price for the world's best chart

"Norwegian Hydrographic Service is making the world's best navigational chart."

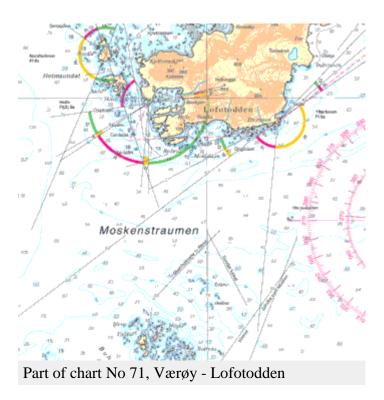
This fact was stated 21. November 2009, during the International Cartographic Conference in Santiago in Chile.

The Norwegian Hydrographic Service chart named Værøy - Lofotodden got the highest score in the class for hydrographic or maritime navigational charts – and this news were highly appreciated at the Norwegian Hydrographic Service in Stavanger, Norway.

Representing the chart series

The chart was sent to the competition because it was a rather newly produced chart, late 2008. The chart shows much sea area and very little land information which makes it very clean and nice to look at.

This is a competition in cartography, and therefore there is a lot of focus on how readable the charts are. The use of colour is also of high importance. It is important that the colours can show all the detail and symbols of the chart in an optimal way.



New thinking

The charts published in 2008 covering the islands of Lofoten in northern Norway, marked the finish of the renewal and modernisation of the charts along the coast of Norway. These are all not only paper charts, but also electronic charts.

To cover the coast by new official chart has been a huge job, and the way it has been done in Norway has also been closely looked at internationally. NHS has sent primary data to external firms who have made the products due our specifications. This has been a new way of thinking.