e-Navigation, ECDIS and MIOS: At Present and in the Future



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Definition of e-Navigation*

"E-Navigation is the harmonized collection, integration, exchange and presentation of maritime information onboard and ashore by <u>electronic</u> means to **enhance** berth to berth navigation and related services, for safety and security at sea and protection of the marine environment"

- Not new type of equipment, but a "<u>concept</u>" that involves a broad range navigation systems and services.

- "e" stands for: electronic → "enhanced"
 - also: essential, efficient, exceptional, extraordinary, "everything"....

* IMO MSC 81st Session, May 2007

E-Nav Objectives/Benefits

- Safety-of-Navigation
- Efficiency of Maritime Transportation
- Marine Environmental Protection
- Port/Coastal Security

Components:AISRadar/ARPAECDISGNSSLRITAtonVTSMIOsMEH"Others" (TBD)PPU

Brief History of e-Navigation

2005

• e-Navigation concept first proposed to IMO by UK

2006

- IMO NAV discussed strategic vision/concept
- IALA established e-Navigation Committee to facilitate development and provide input

2007

- IMO NAV & COMSAR began discussions on "Development of e-Navigation Strategy"
- IALA conducted two e-Nav Seminars (London and Tokyo)

2008

 IMO to agreed on e-Navigation Strategy and means/process for implementation

e-Navigation

AIM: To integrate existing/new shipboard and shore-based navigational tools and services into an "all embracing system".

Main challenges:*

- "ensuring the availability of all components of the system and using them effectively in order to simplify, to the benefit of the mariner, the display of the occasional local navigational environment."
- "incorporate <u>new technologies</u> in a structured way and ensure their use is compliant with various communication technologies and services already available."
- * IMO MSC 81st Session, May 2007

Expectations for e-Navigation *

.1 Onboard:

Navigation systems that benefit from the integration of own ship sensors, supporting information, a standard user interface, and a comprehensive system for managing guard zones and alerts. Core elements of such a system will include, actively engaging the mariner in the process of navigation while preventing distraction and overburdening,

.2 Ashore:

The management of vessel traffic and related services from ashore enhanced through better provision, co-ordination, and exchange of comprehensive data in formats that will be more easily understood and utilized by shore-based operators in support of vessel safety and efficiency, and

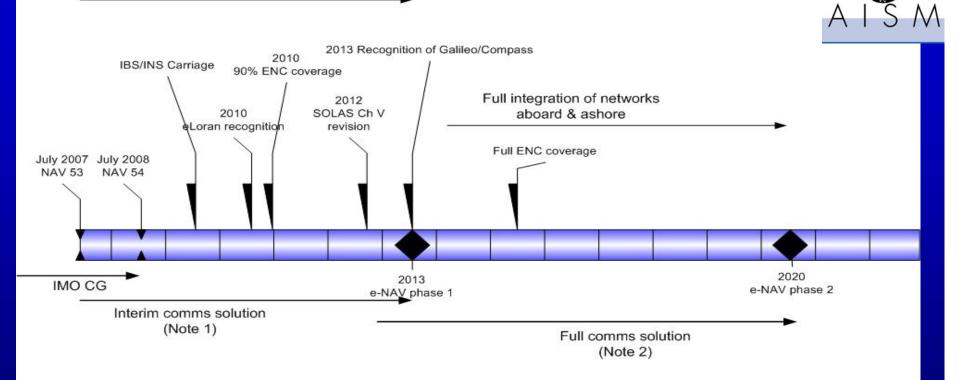
.3 Communications:

An infrastructure providing authorized seamless information transfer onboard ship, between ships, between ship and shore and between shore authorities and other parties with many related benefits, including a reduction of single person error.

* IMO NAV54/WP.2, para. 4.2

e-Navigation Timeline *

Enhanced Maritime Information Systems



E-Navigation timeline

Note 1: Current systems enhanced with limited broadband & wi-fi services Note 2: Global broadband & WiMax replacing most current systems

* Source: IALA e-Navigation Committee

Changing Times

- Like organisms, navigation equipment and systems are evolving.
 - Increasingly more complex and sophisticated
- System: [definition]
 "a group or combination of interrelated, interdependent, or interacting elements forming a collective entity"

ECDIS: The Original Vision

- Display real-time positioning
- Provide increased functionality
- Integrate other navigation information
- Improve route planning and monitoring
- Intended to replace paper charts

ECDIS: The Reality

- Data is static
- Does not make use of full density hydrographic data
- Limited to 2-D view
- Does not incorporate the "fourth dimension"...time
- Integration of other navigation information considered secondary

Separate Equipment → INS

IMO Performance Standards ECDIS (1995, rev 2006) **ARPA** (Nov 1995) Radar (Dec 1996) **IBS** (Dec 1996) AIS (May 1998) **INS** (Dec 1998) SOLAS Chap V (Dec 2000) Ergonomic Criteria for Bridge Equipment (Dec 2000)

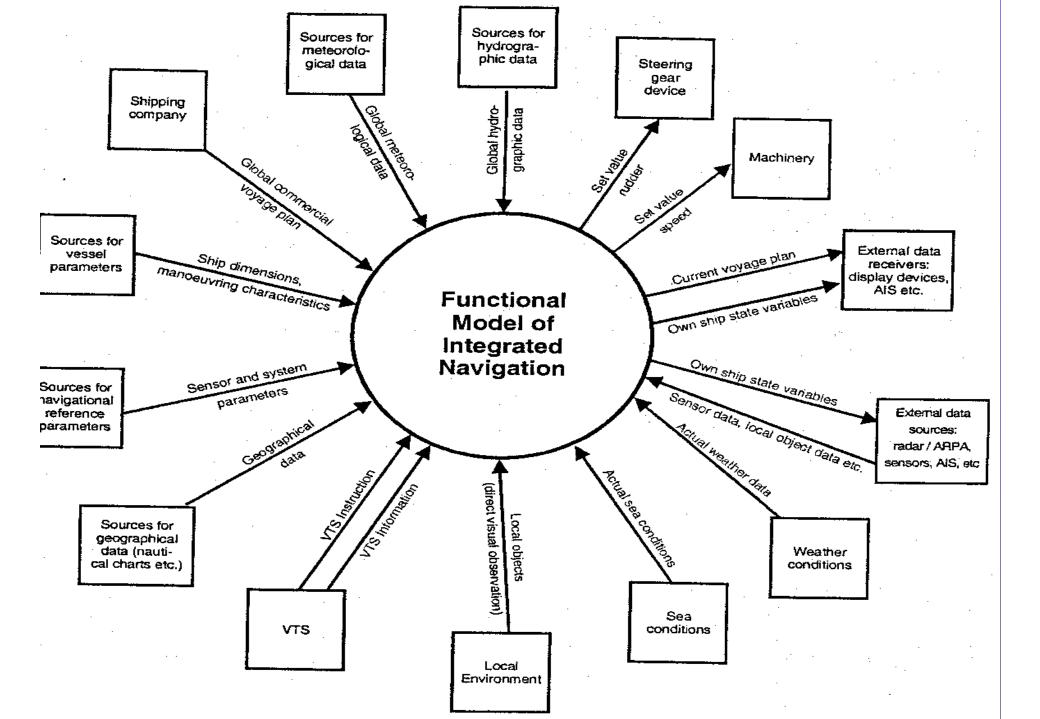
Provision and Organization of Navigation-related Information

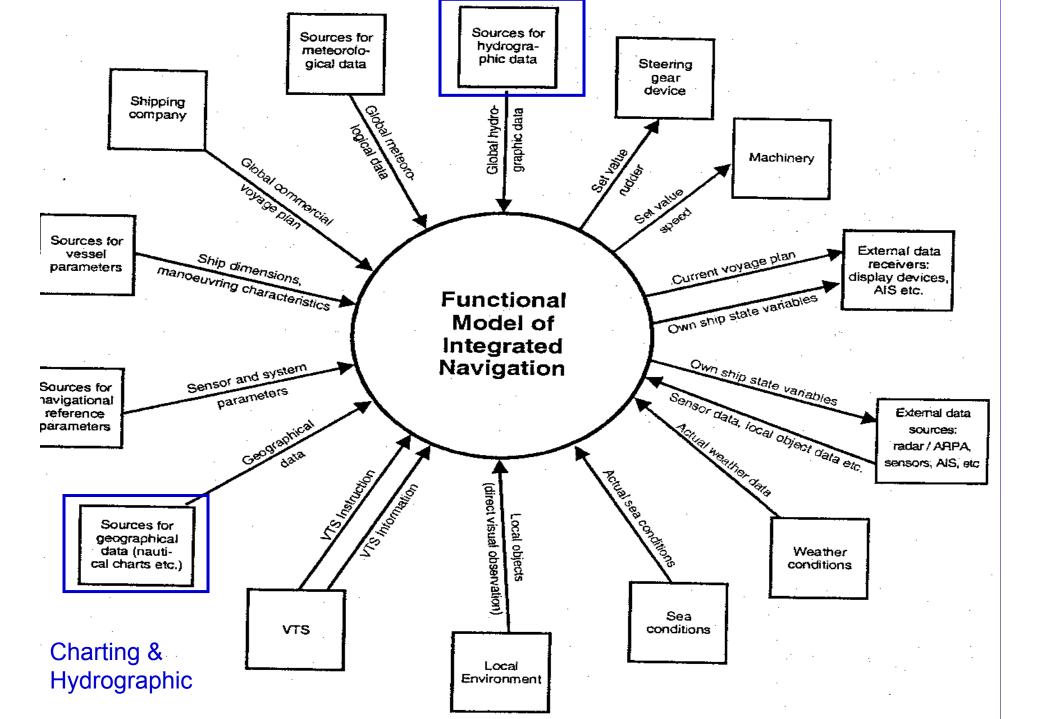
BSH (Germany) Report: "Functional Scope and Model of INS"

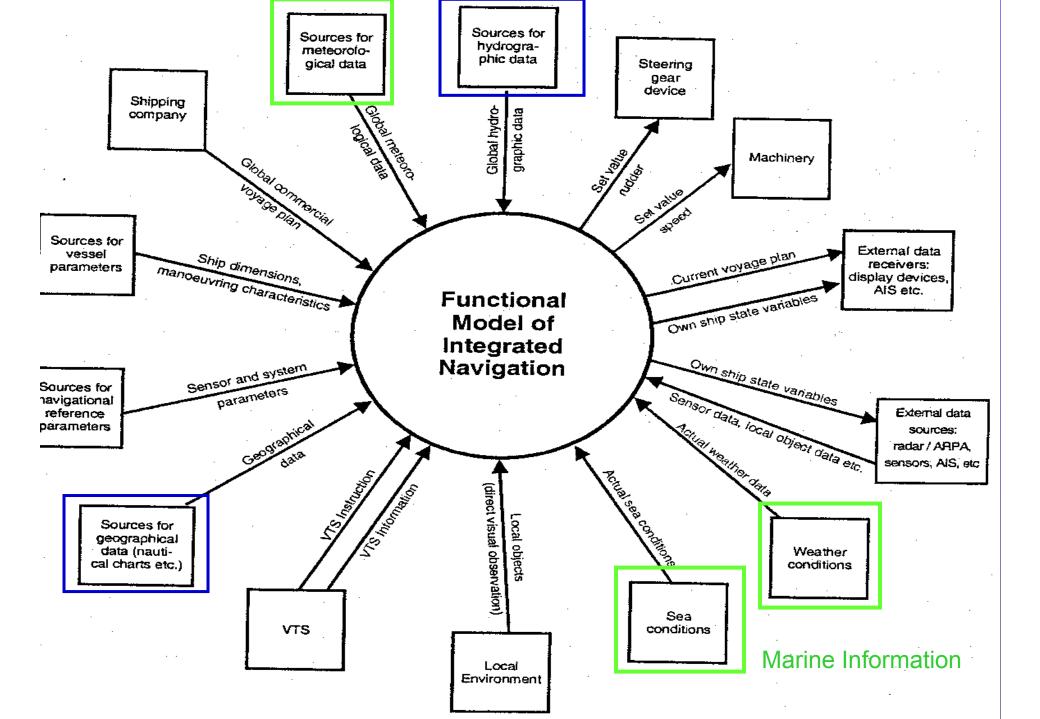
 Prepared by ISSUS to develop a framework for testing

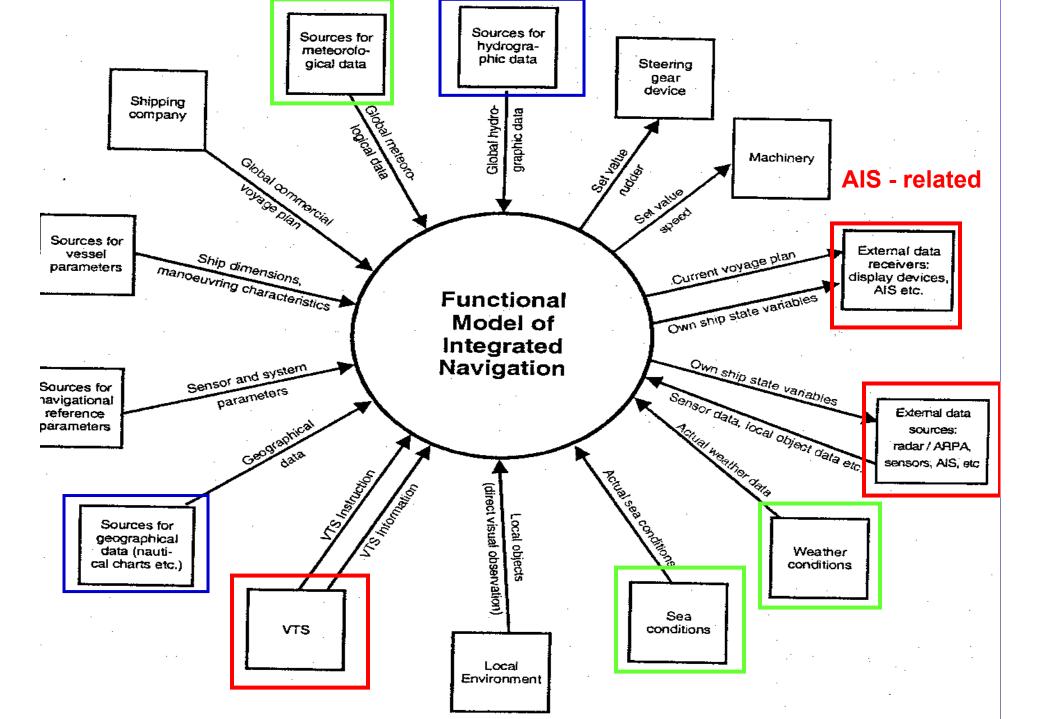
Part B - Functional model of integrated navigation process

 Functions and information flows between various components are identified

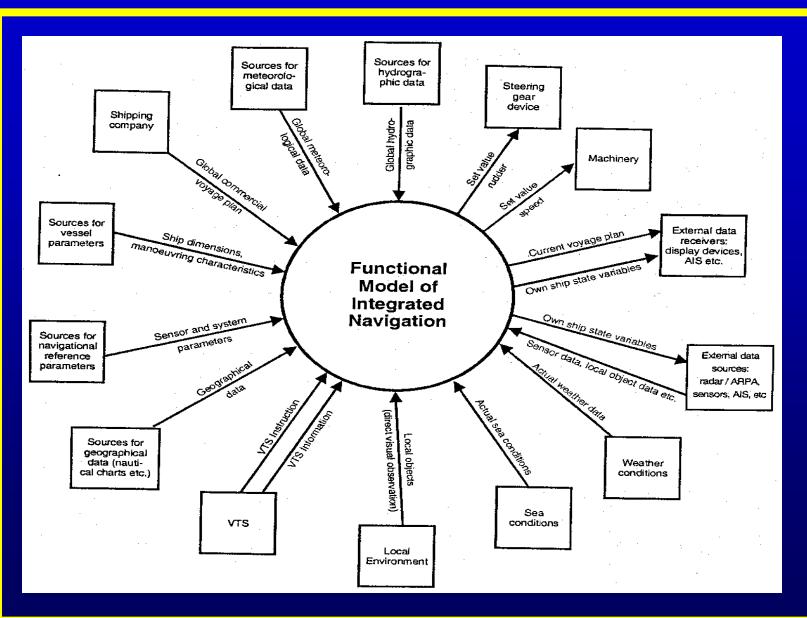








What Mariners Need to Know About



IMO-compliant ECDIS

ENC Definition:

"all the chart information necessary for safe navigation and may contain supplementary information in addition to that contained in the paper chart which may be considered necessary for safe navigation."

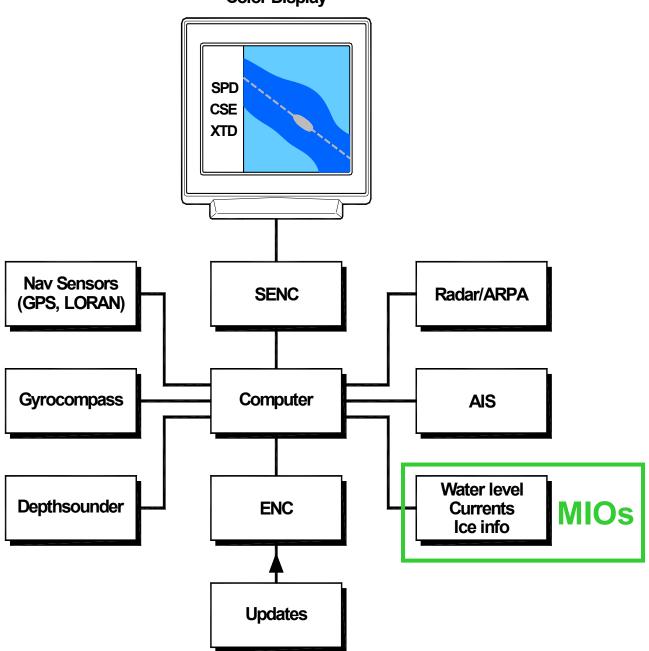
Marine Information Overlays (MIOs)

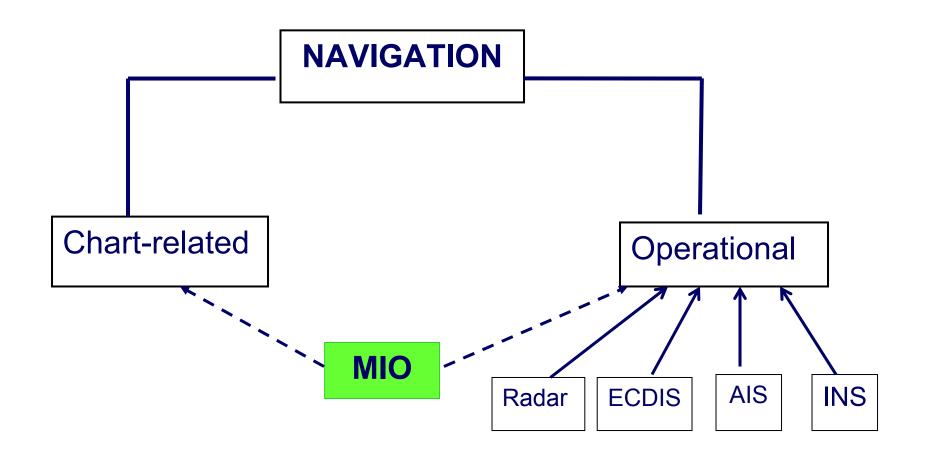
Chart and navigation-related information that supplement the minimum information required by IMO ECDIS.

- Additional, non-mandatory
- Not covered by existing standards (e.g., IHO S-57, IHO S-52, IEC 61174, IEC 62288)
- The "everything else"
- Primarily, points, lines, areas, features



Color Display





Relationship of chart and operational to Navigation-related information [Source: IEC Report to IMO NAV48]

Two basic types of MIOs

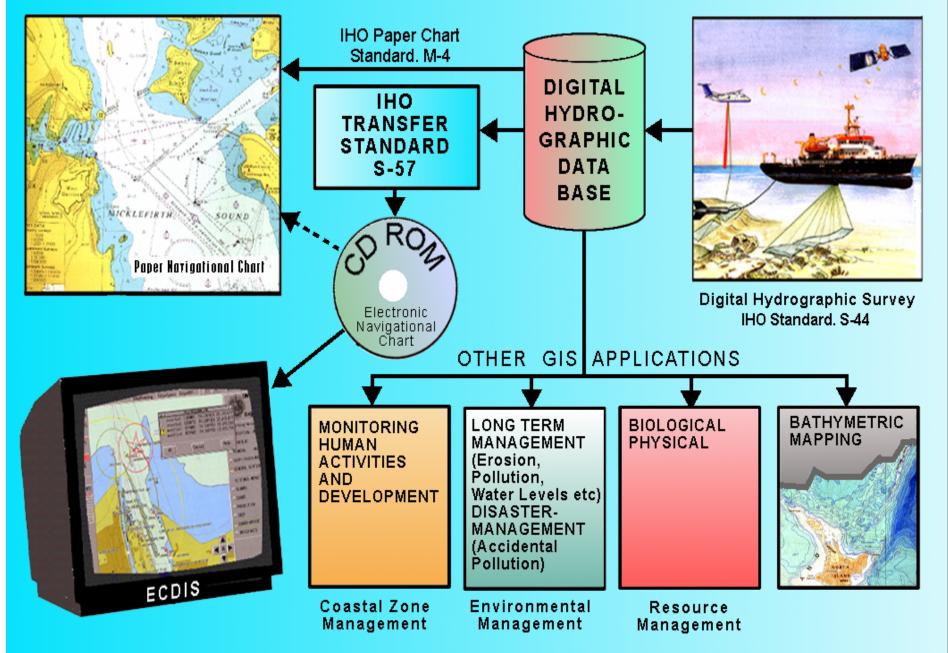
Static

Bathymetric (e.g., gridded data) Regulatory Zones/Areas Seafloor classification/physiography Archeological (wrecks, heritage sites) Critical Habitats (e.g., fish spawning, coral reefs, nesting sites) Seafloor cables/pipelines

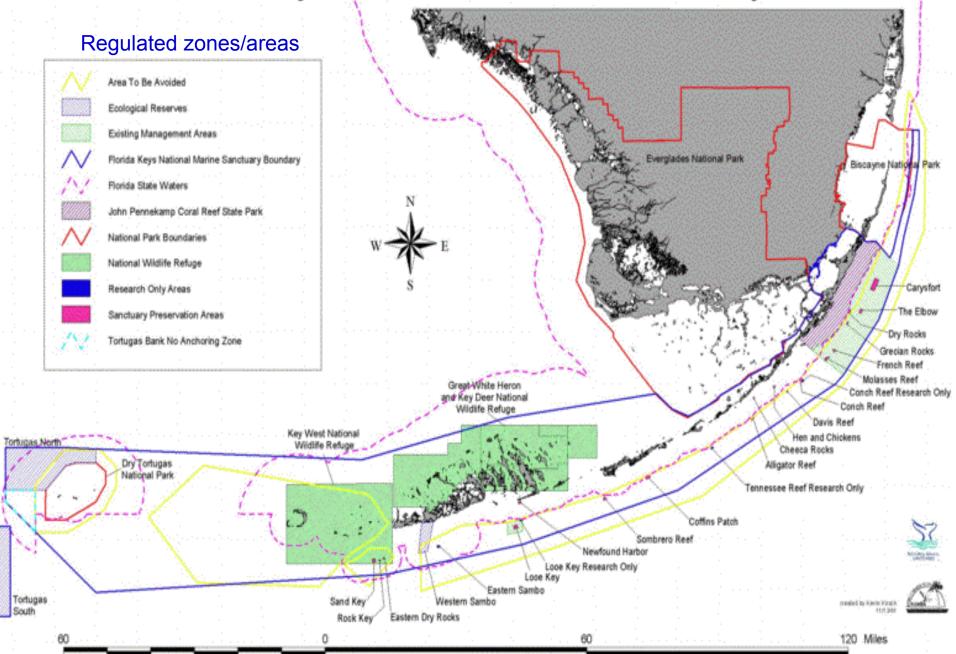
<u>Dynamic</u>

Tides (predicted, real-time, forecast) Current flow (speed, direction, time of occurrence) Meteorological (wind speed/direction) Oceanographic (wave height/direction, salinity, temp) Marine Mammals (e.g., endangered whales)

COLLECTION AND USE OF HYDROGRAPHIC DATA



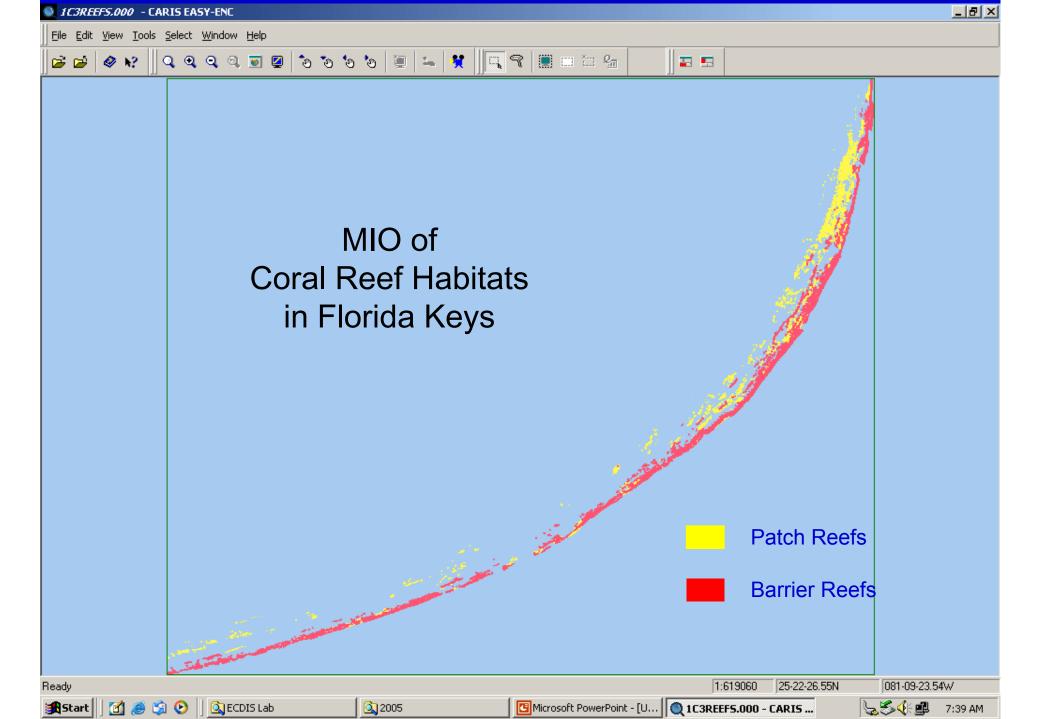
Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary

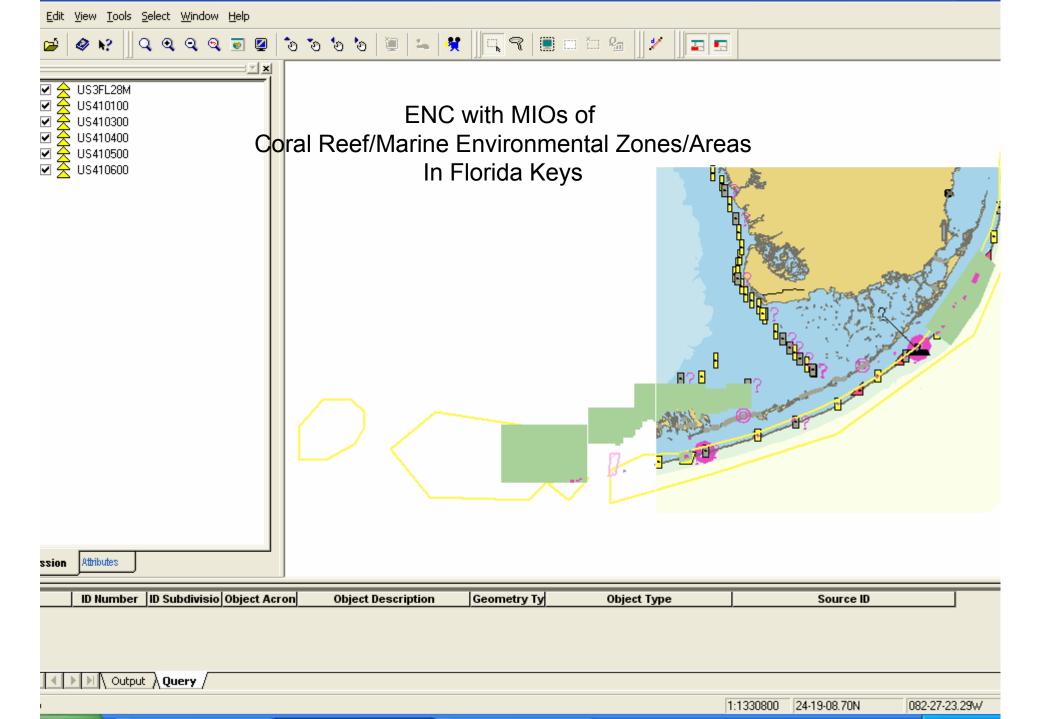


Benthic Habitat Mapping



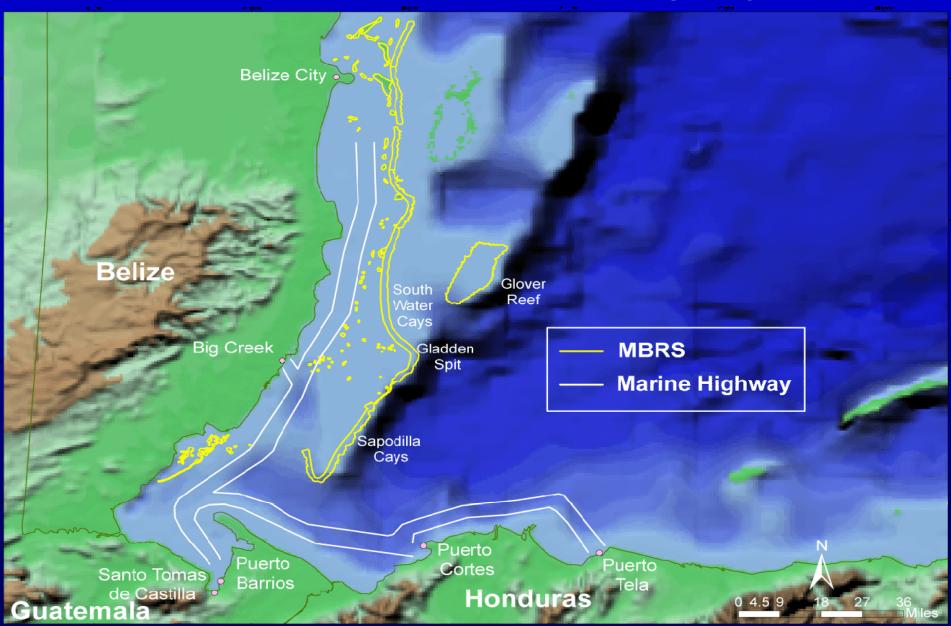
Seagrass Habitats In Florida Bay, USA



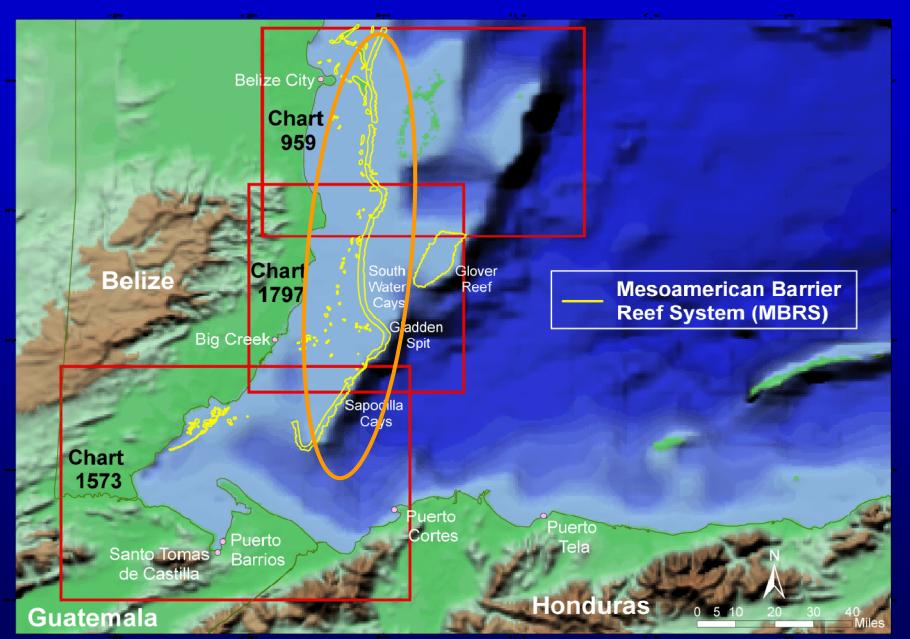




Mesoamerican Barrier Reef System (MBRS) and Gulf of Honduras Marine Highway



Proposed ENCs as base for MIOs For Mesoamerican Barrier Reef System

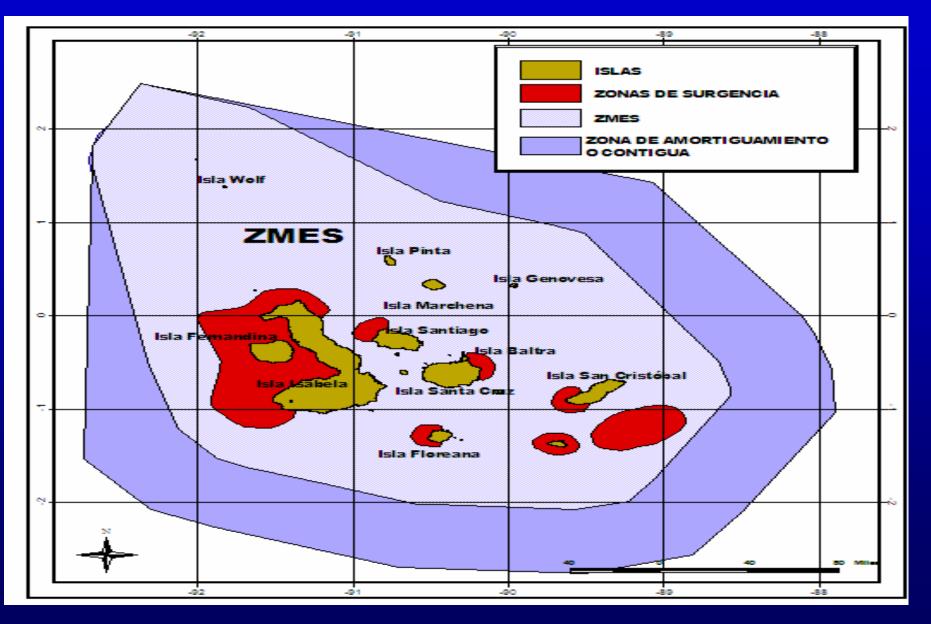


Electronic Chart - Marine Protected Area Initiatives

• Gulf of Honduras Project

- Belize, Guatemala, and Honduras
- MesoAmerican Barrier Reef System
- Cuba
 - Sabana-Camaguey Archipelago
- Australia
 - Great Barrier Reef
- Ecuador
 - Galapagos Islands

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador



Source: LT Carlos Zapata, Ecuador HO

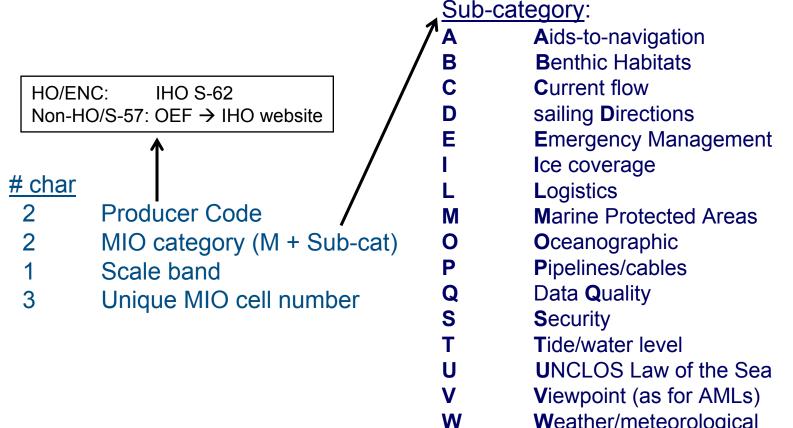
Marine Electronic Highway Project Straits of Malacca/Singapore



Marine Electronic Highway Demonstration Project

- IMO organized, World Bank funded project in Straits of Malacca and Singapore.
- AIM: Establish a regional mechanism for enhanced maritime safety and marine environmental protection.
- Includes production of ENCs, establishment of shore-based AIS stations, and development of MIOs for Environment and Natural Resource Conservation and Management (ENRCM MIO).

MIO Content Specification - File Naming Scheme



Weather/meteorological

Sailing Directions in Digital Formats: The Real-World in Video



LCDR Andres Millan Royal Spanish Navy University of New Brunswick Fredericton, CANADA

Concept of "Sailing Directions"

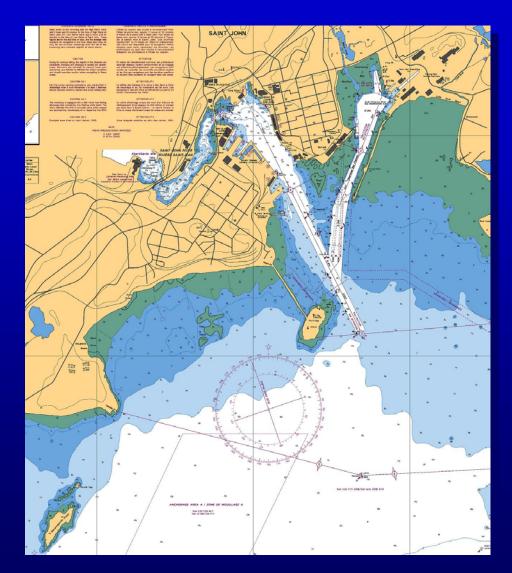
Inner approach to Saint John. — The channel into the harbour lies to the east of Partridge Island (45°14'N, 66°03'W), 24 m high, which is situated 2.6 miles NE of Manawagonish Island, A drying reef surrounds the island, and a rock breakwater joins the west side of the island to Negro Point, 0.5 mile NNW. Fairway light and whistle buoy J (145) is moored 1.3 miles SSE of Partridge Island. A racon (—•) operates from this buoy. A light (100) is shown from a tower 13.6 m high, with red and white vertical stripes, on the highest point of the island.

The *Bay Ferries* terminal is situated at the south end of the west side of the main harbour, 0.9 mile from Partridge Island. The wharf is 253 m long. The *M/V Princess of Acadia* makes scheduled crossings of the Bay of Fundy to Digby, Nova Scotia.

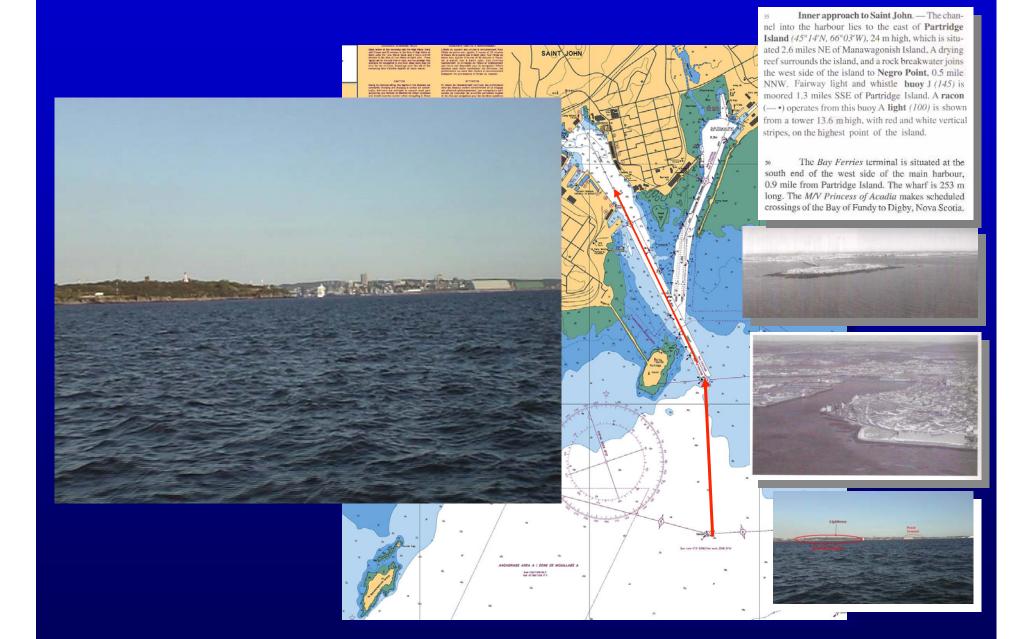


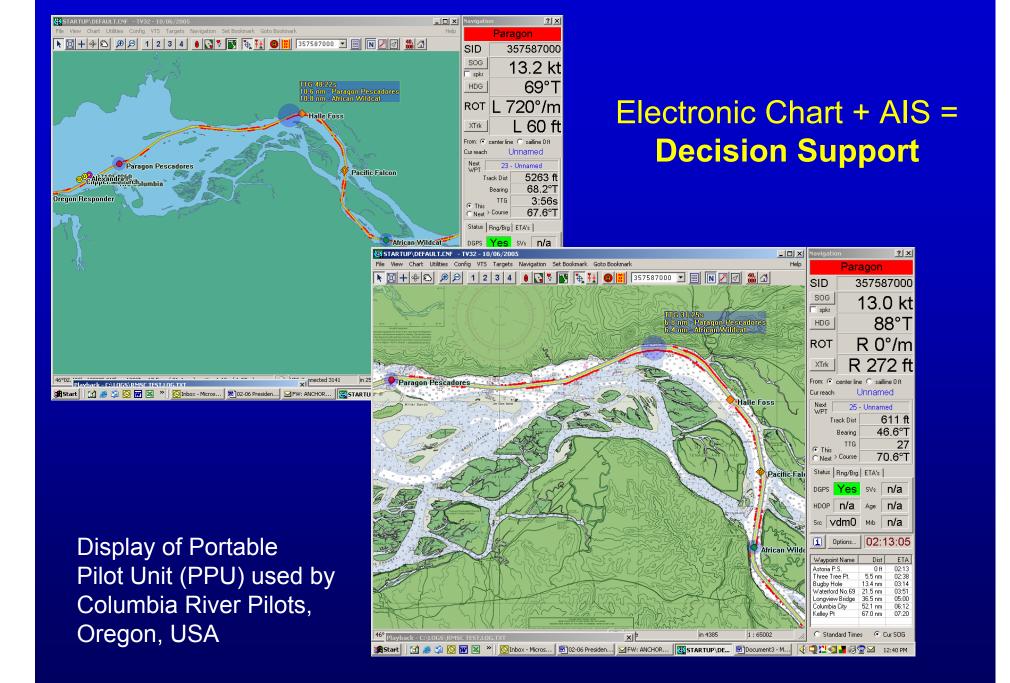
found on charts or in other marine publications. It is intended to be read in conjunction with the charts quoted in the text.

(From Canadian Sailing Directions publication)

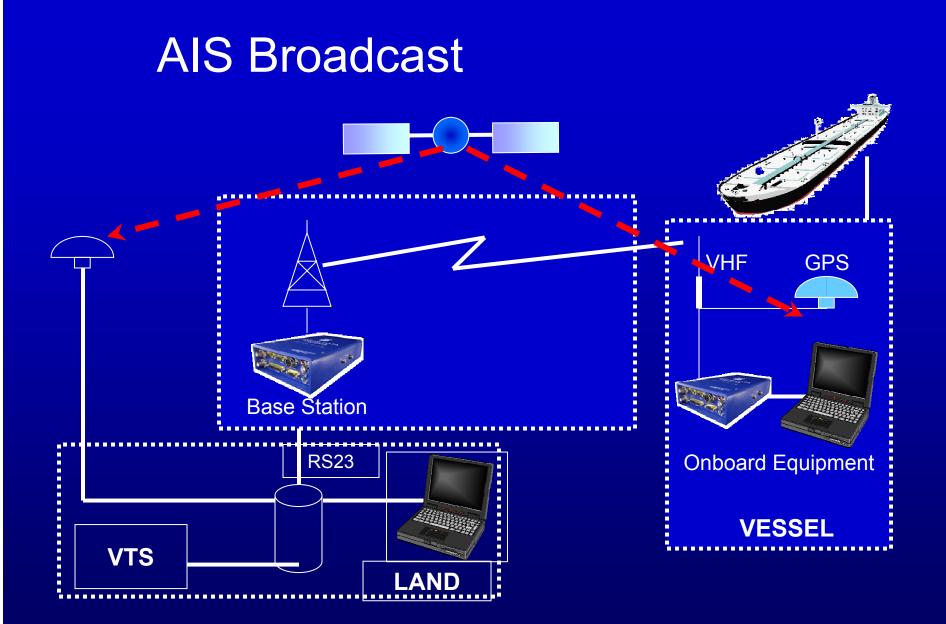


Video edition: a highly accurate depiction of real world





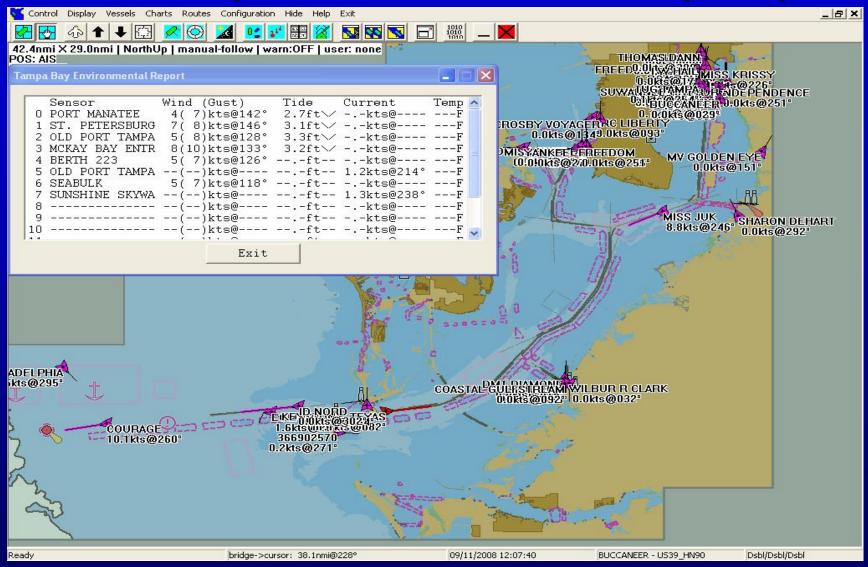
Source: Capt. Paul Amos, Columbia River Pilot Assoc.

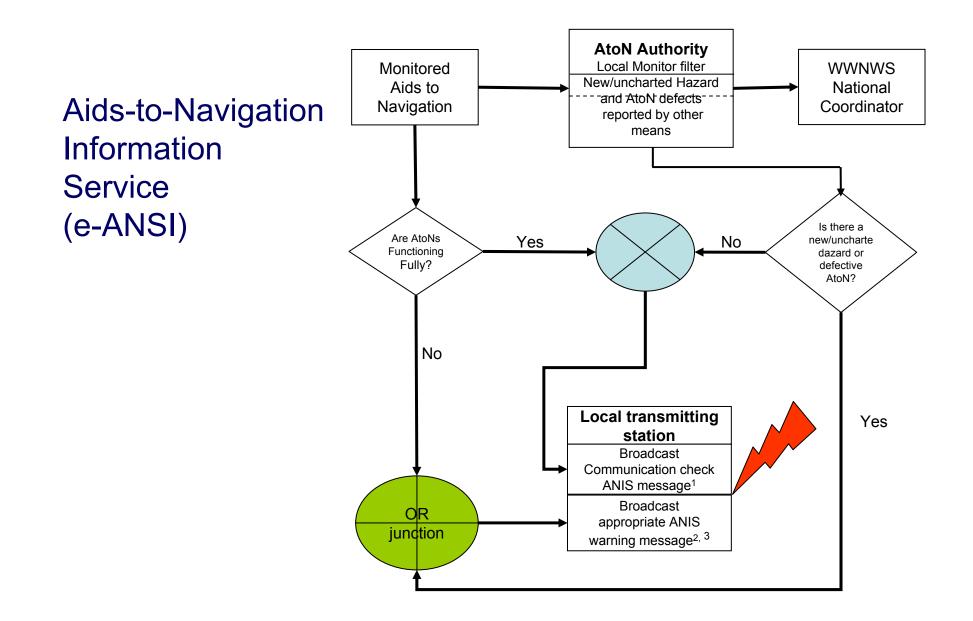


AIS Binary Messages

- IMO Meteorology and Hydrology Message as specified in <u>IMO.</u>
- SN/Circ.236, Annex 2, Application 1.
- Also described in AIS, Vol. 1, Part 1, Operational Issues, Ed. 1.3. <u>IALA</u> <u>Guideline No 1028</u>, p. 131.
- Will be an <u>AIS Binary Message Register</u> maintained by IALA.

AIS Binary Broadcast Testbed – Tampa Bay



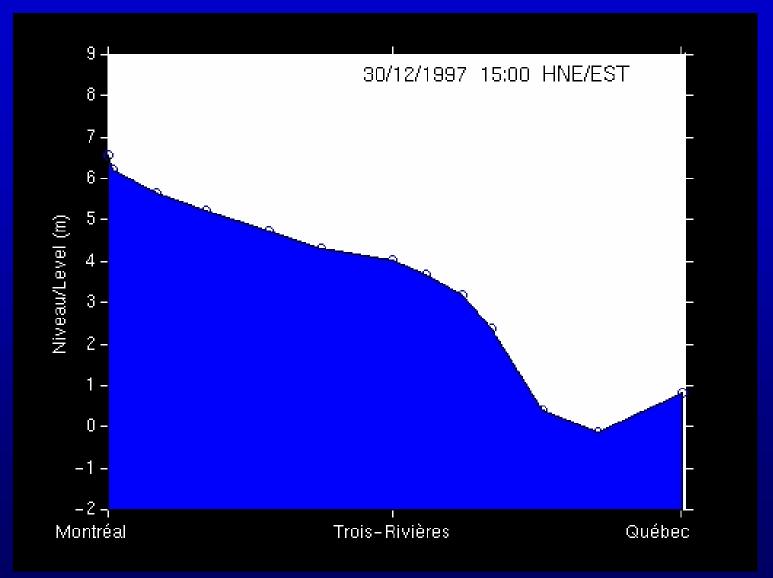


Tidal Currents in the St. Lawrence River, Canada

<u>Source</u>: *Atlas of Tidal Currents – St. Lawrence Estuary*, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Canada <u>Simulation provided by</u>: Canadian Hydrographic Service - Maurice Lamontagne Institute, Mont-Joli, Quebec

- Predicted (current tables)
- Real-time (via AIS Broadcast)

Tidal Levels in St. Lawrence River, Canada



Source: Gilles Ringuette, Canadian Coast Guard, Quebec

Vessel Traffic off the NE USA Coast tracked by US Coast Guard AIS April 2006 May 2006

Source: Michael Thompson, NOAA Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary.

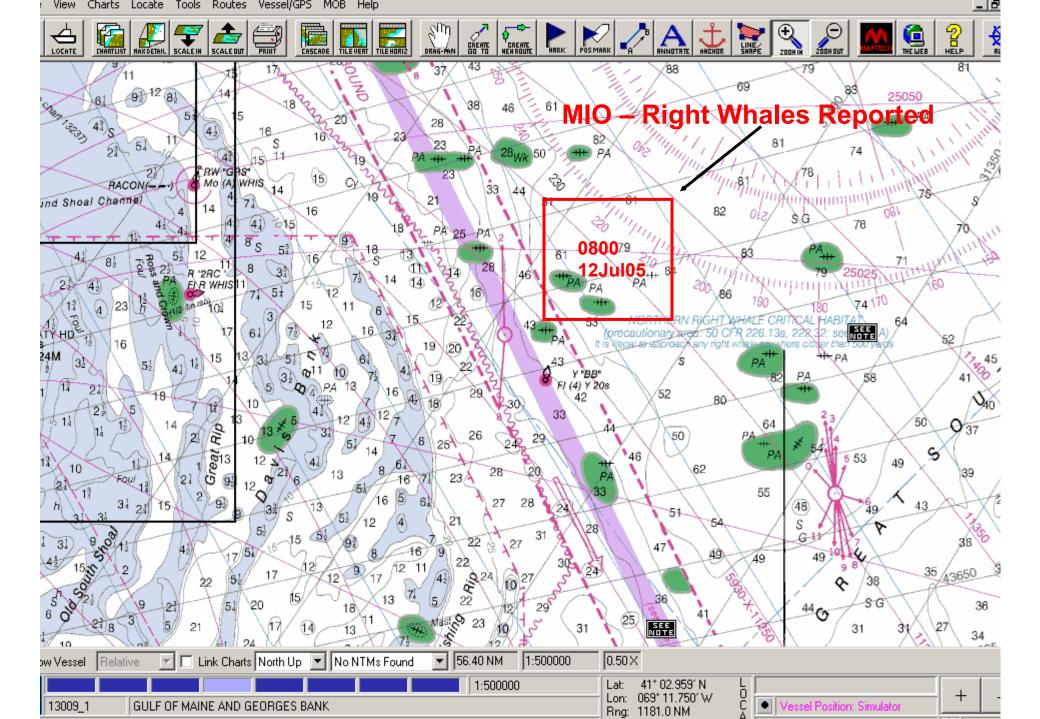
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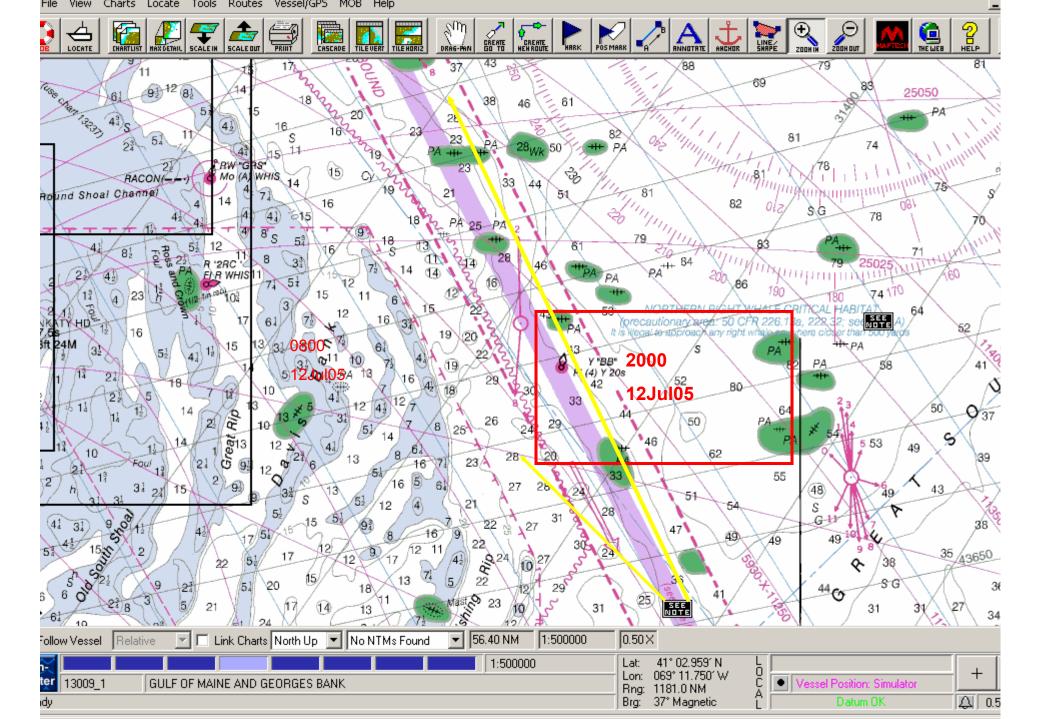
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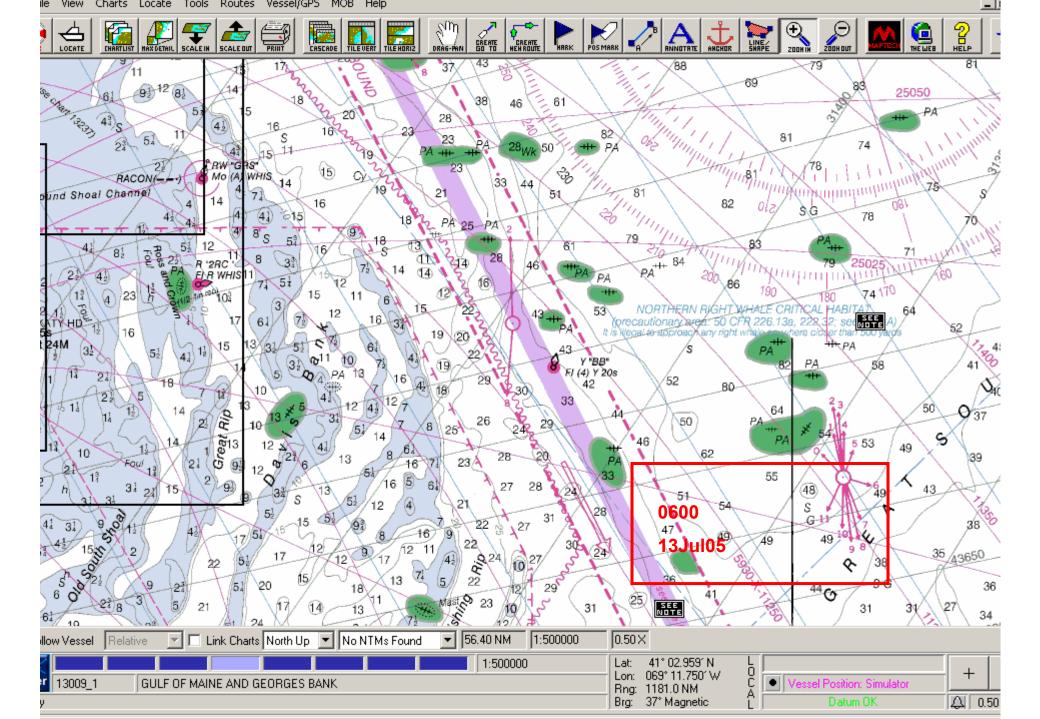


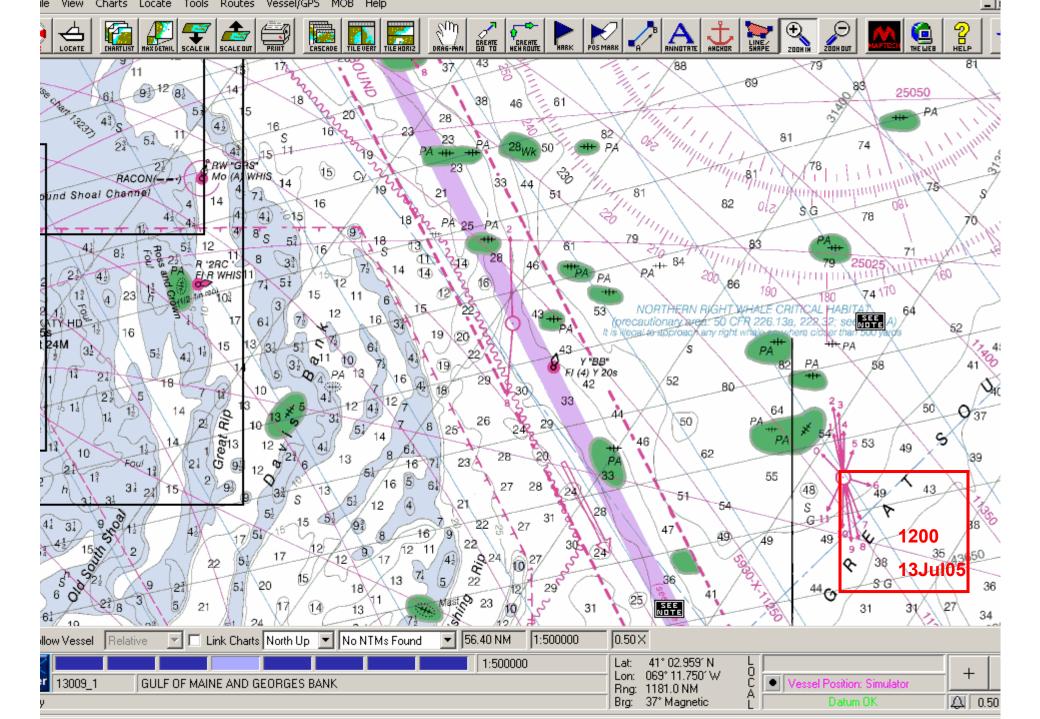


North Atlantic Right Whales: An Endangered Species

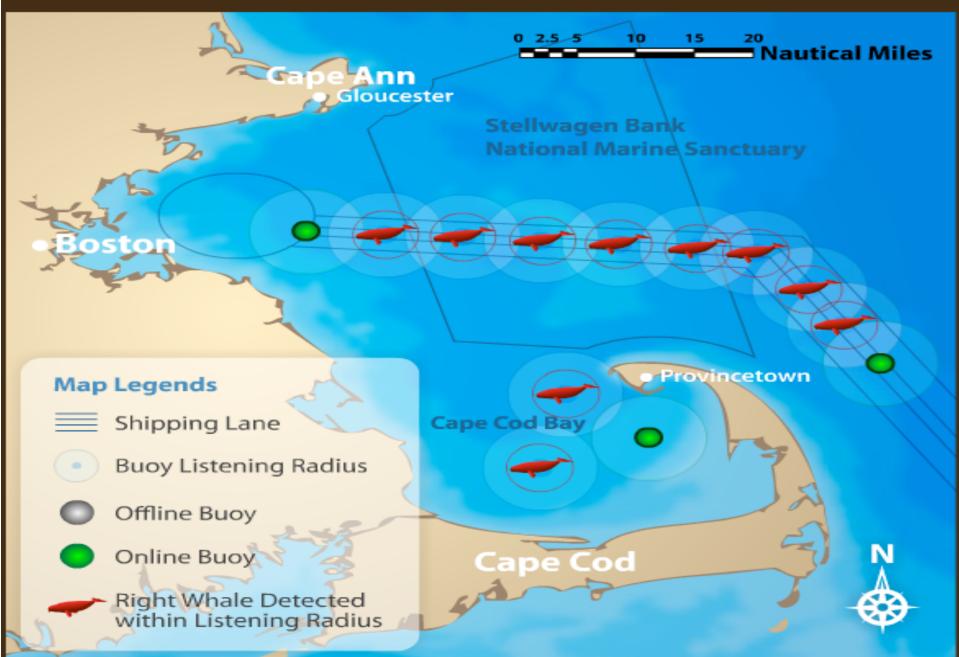


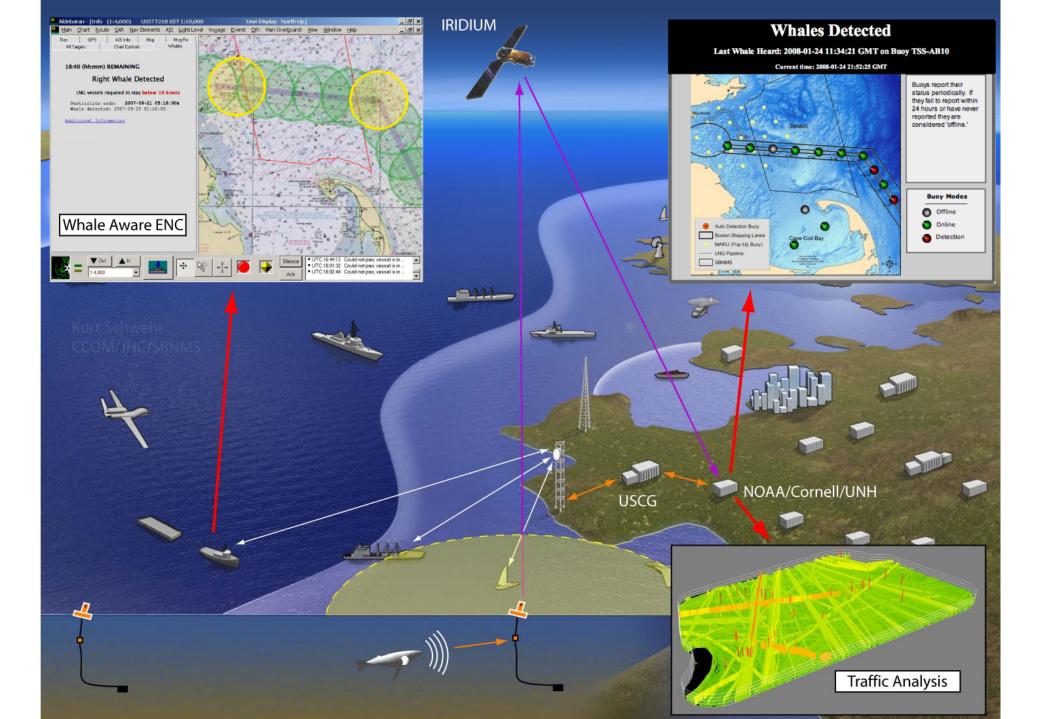




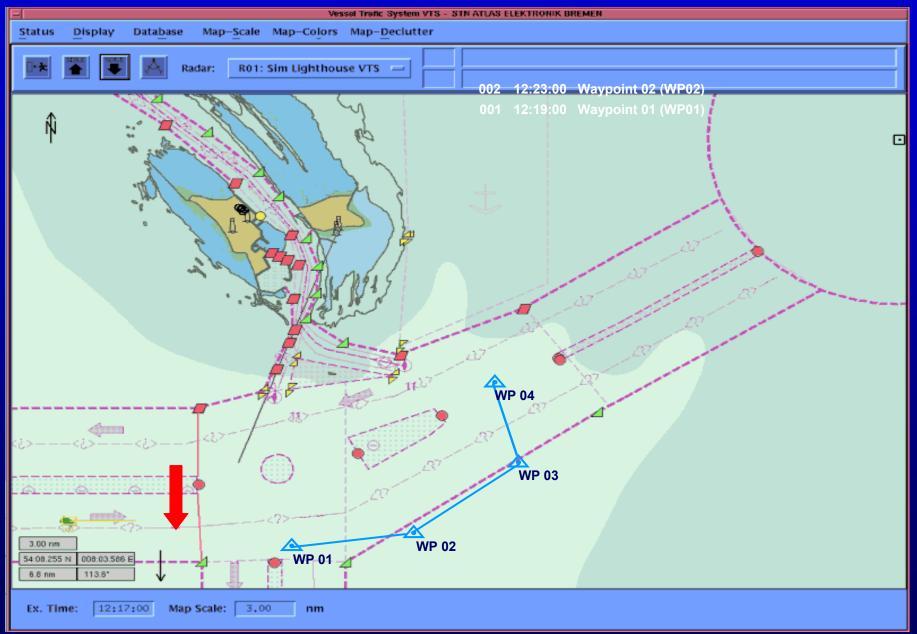


227 Right Whale Calls Detected Within 24 Hours.





ECDIS with VTS



Air Draft – Powerline Clearance

Mississippi River: Chalmette Power line (Mile 89.2)

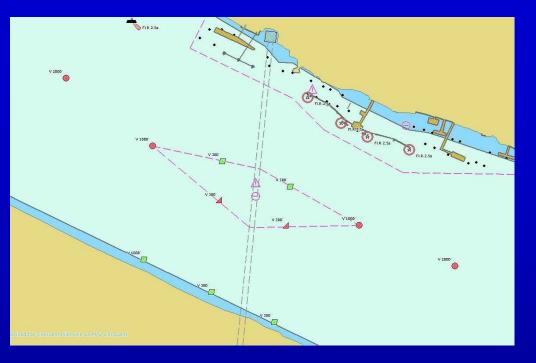




Source: Ralph Schied, US Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District

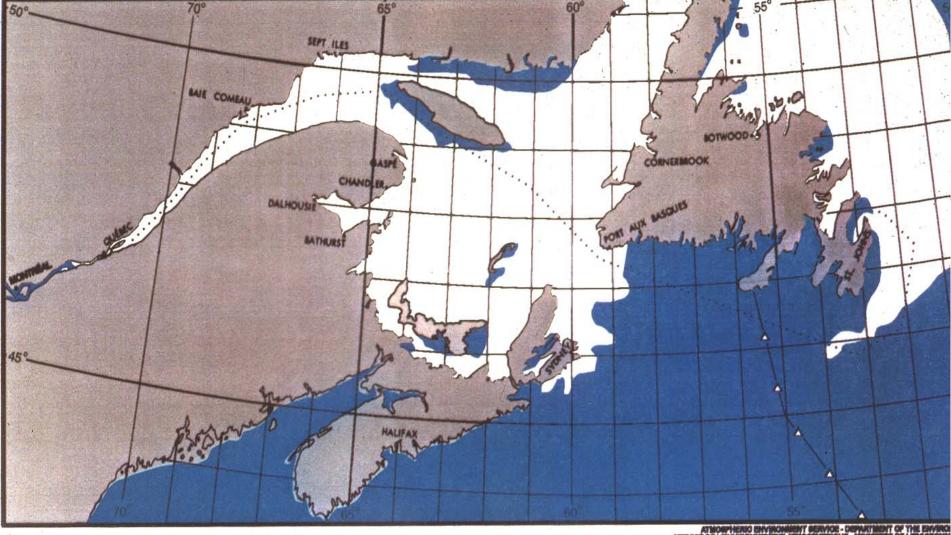
"Virtual AtoN"

Lower river stage &/or less powerline sag



<u>Higher</u> river stage &/or more powerline sag



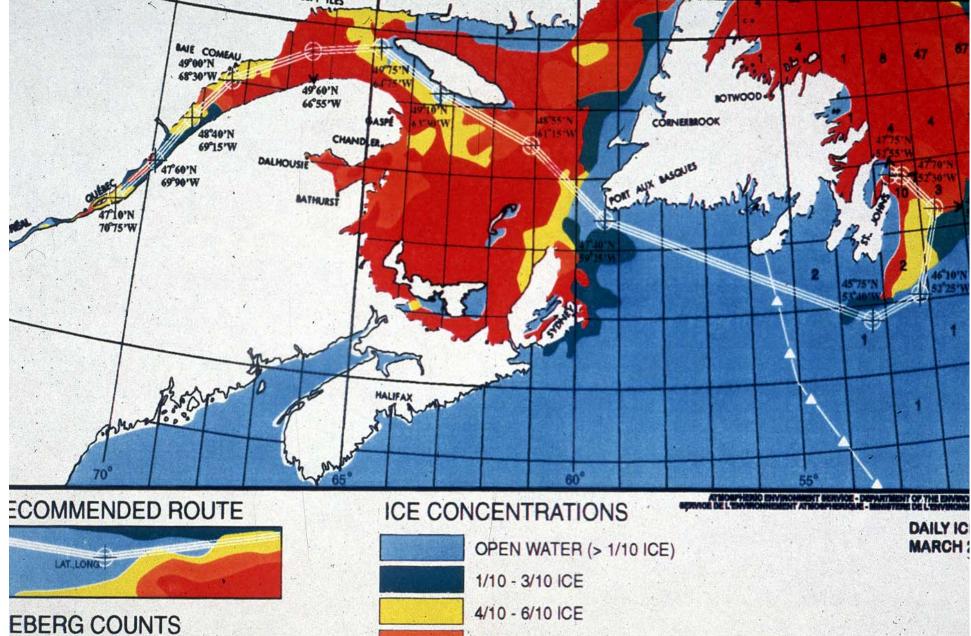


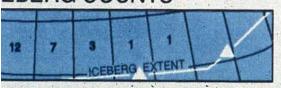
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MARCH

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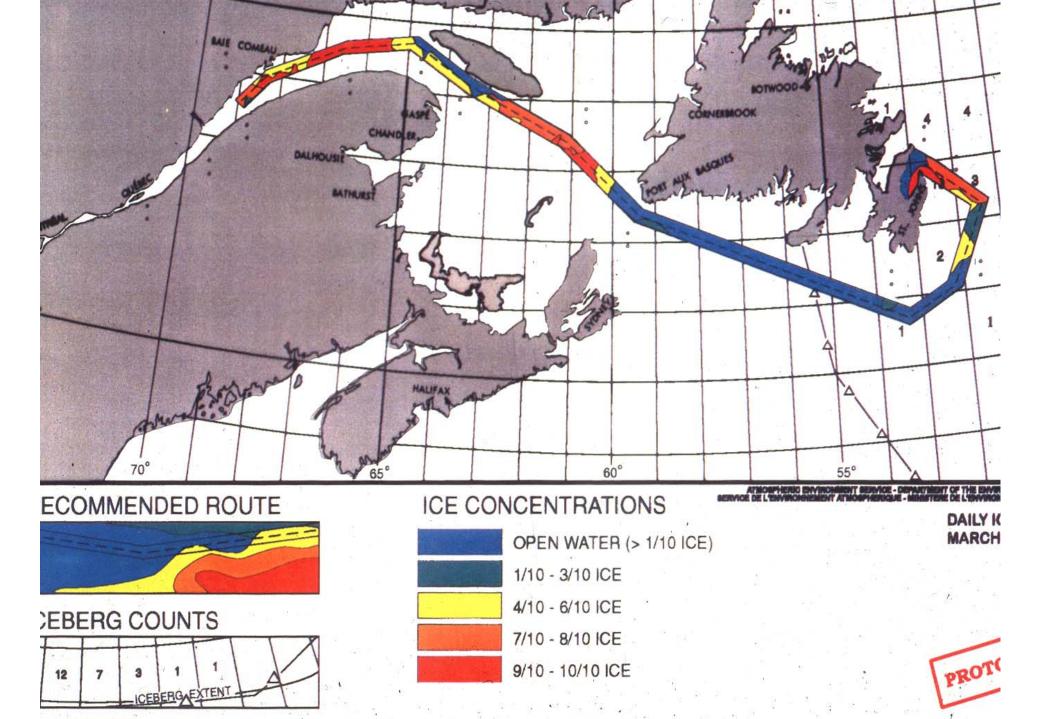




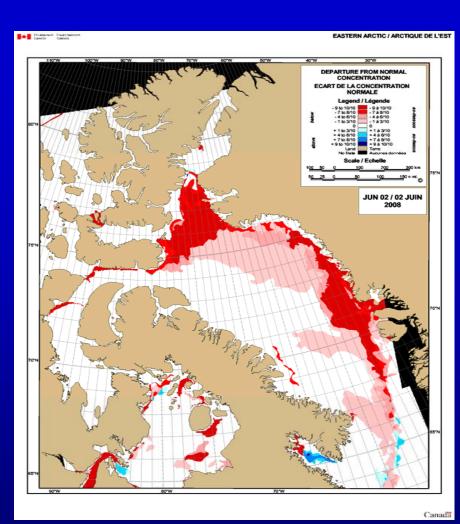






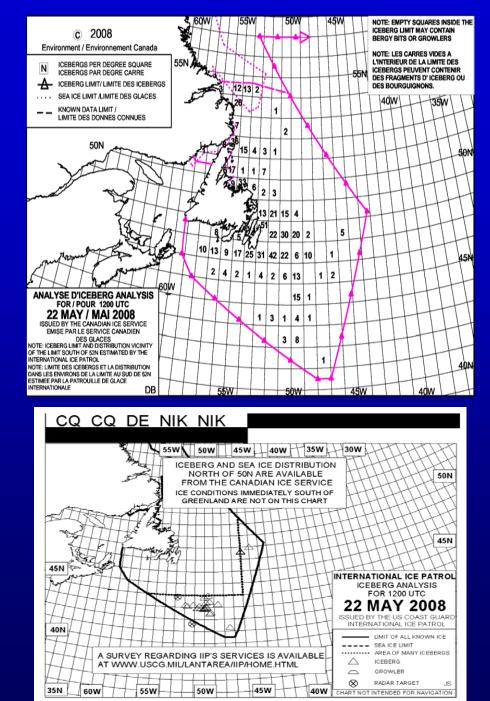






Sea Ice Information \rightarrow MIOs

Source: Bruce Ramsey, Canadian Ice Service



Goal for MIOs

- <u>Supplemental information</u> for "decision support"
 - In addition to that contained in an ENC
 - Right information for current situation & task-at-hand
 - Voyage planning & route monitoring
- How displayed less important than data format and content
- Instead:
 - Data must be accurate, timely, and useable
 - Display should be consistent in appearance

Task-oriented Composite Display

Navigation Situation:

The current conditions (situation or task-at-hand) that influence what information a mariner requires.

Dedicated Display

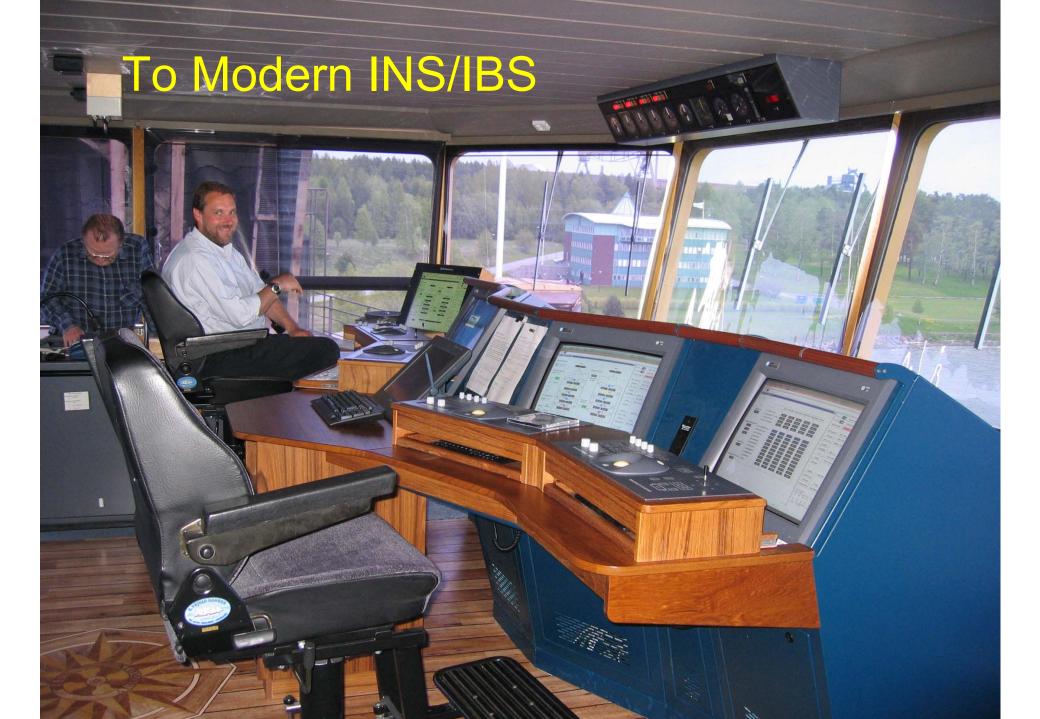
• Specific equipment (ECDIS, radar, ARPA, etc.)

Task-oriented Composite Display

 Equipment that displays <u>selected information</u> from one or more nav systems/equipment* or info sources (e.g., MIOs)

From Individual equipment & systems

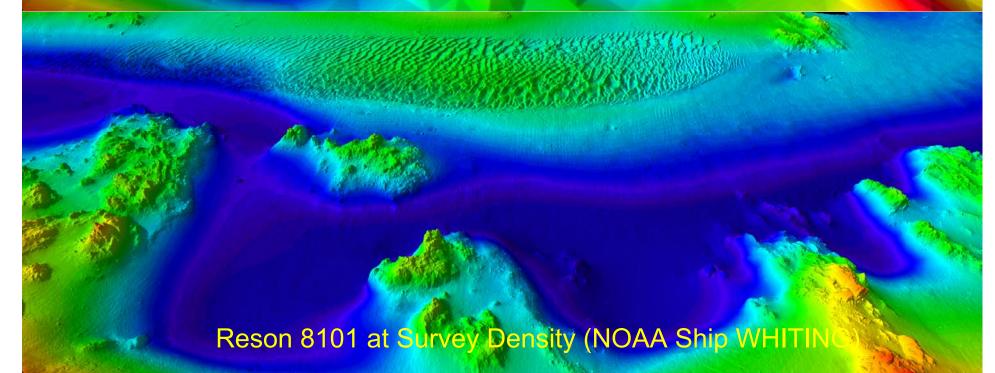
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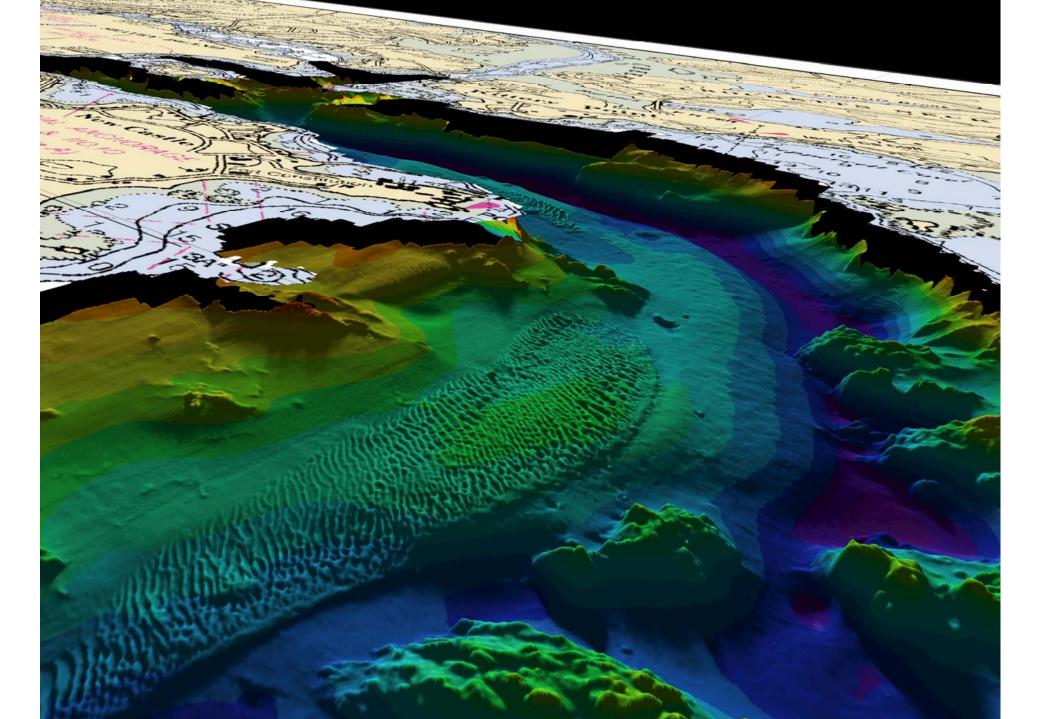


The "Next Generation" ENC

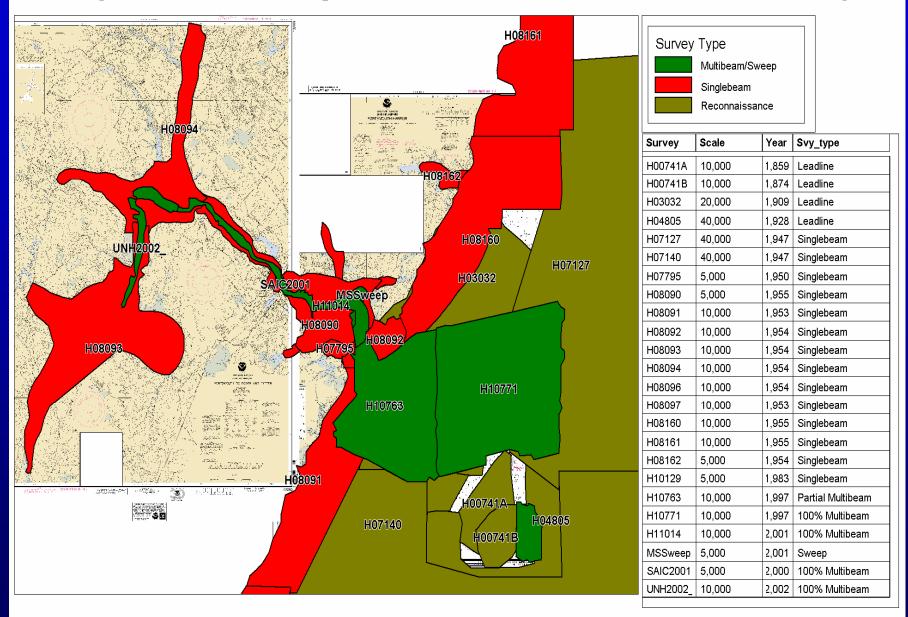
- Use functions that exist in current ECDIS/ECS systems.
- Explore methods for combining the best available data for a given area.
- The bathymetric foundation of this new ENC will be based on a "Navigation Surface" concept.
- Capable of incorporating time-varying data.

Smoothsheet Density Shoal-Biased Selected Sounding



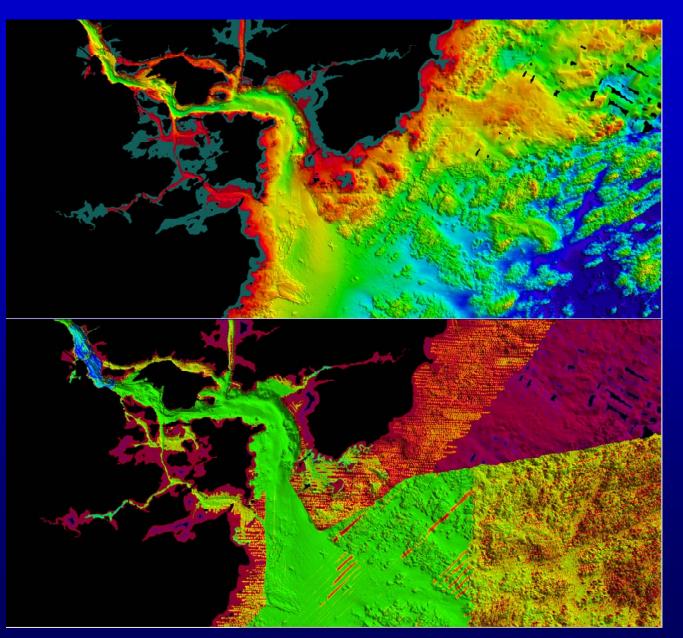


Surveys Used in Navigation Surface Database Testbed Project



Source: CDR Shep Smith, NOAA

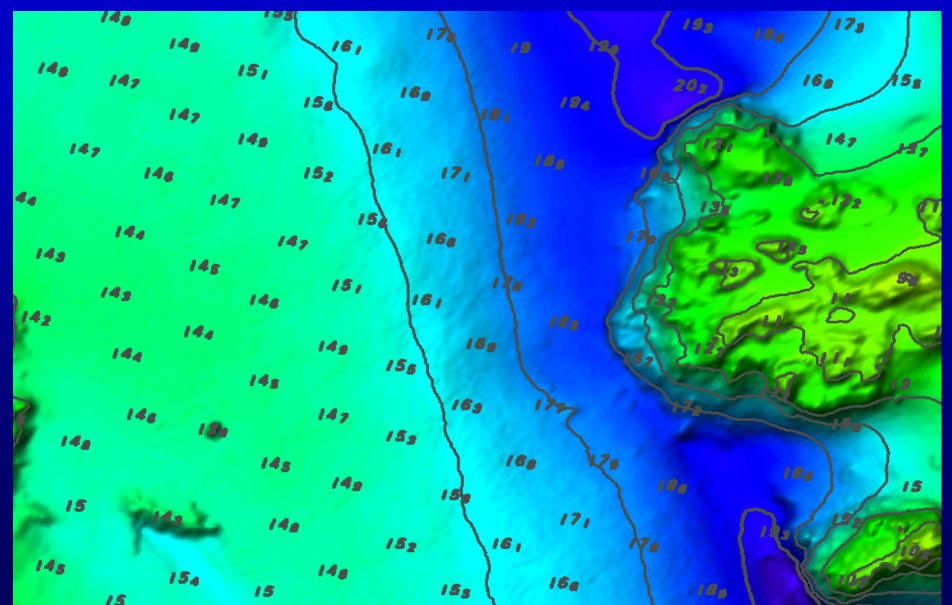
Depth & Uncertainty Overlay



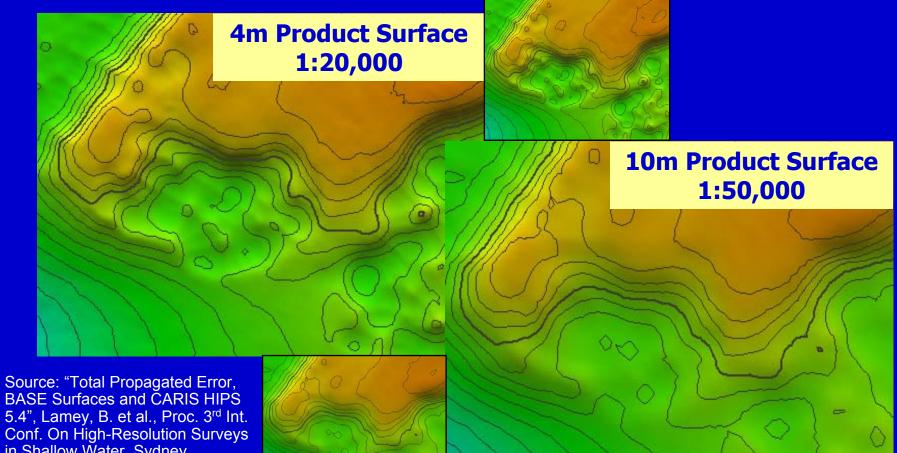
Combined Depth Grid

Companion Uncertainty Grid

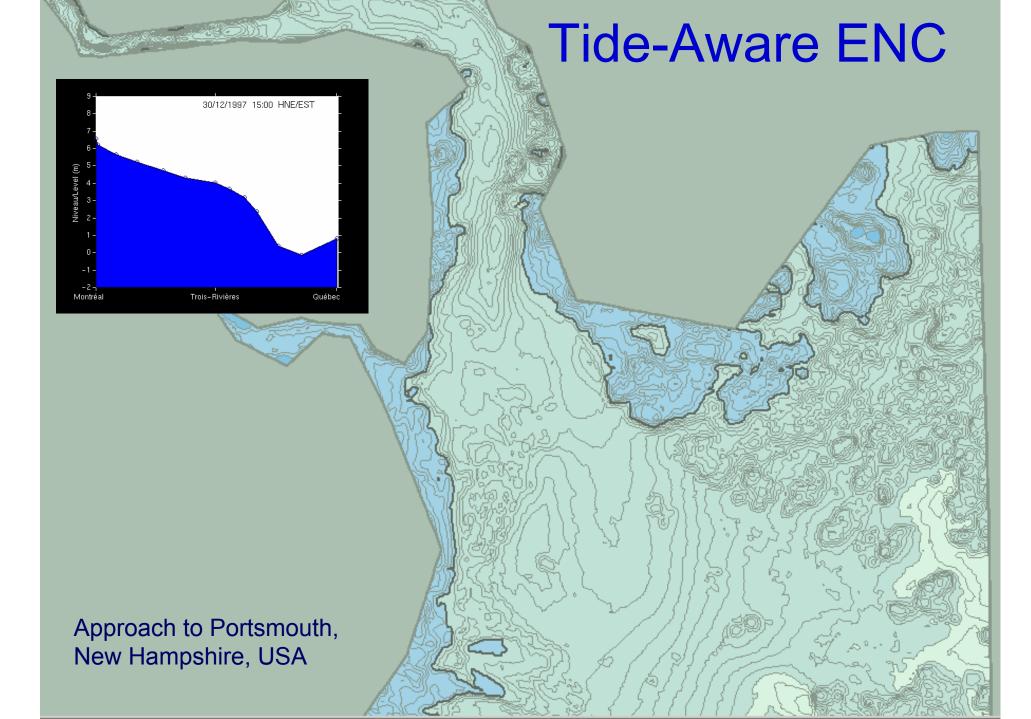
Decimeter Soundings and Depth Contours produced from a *Navigation Surface*



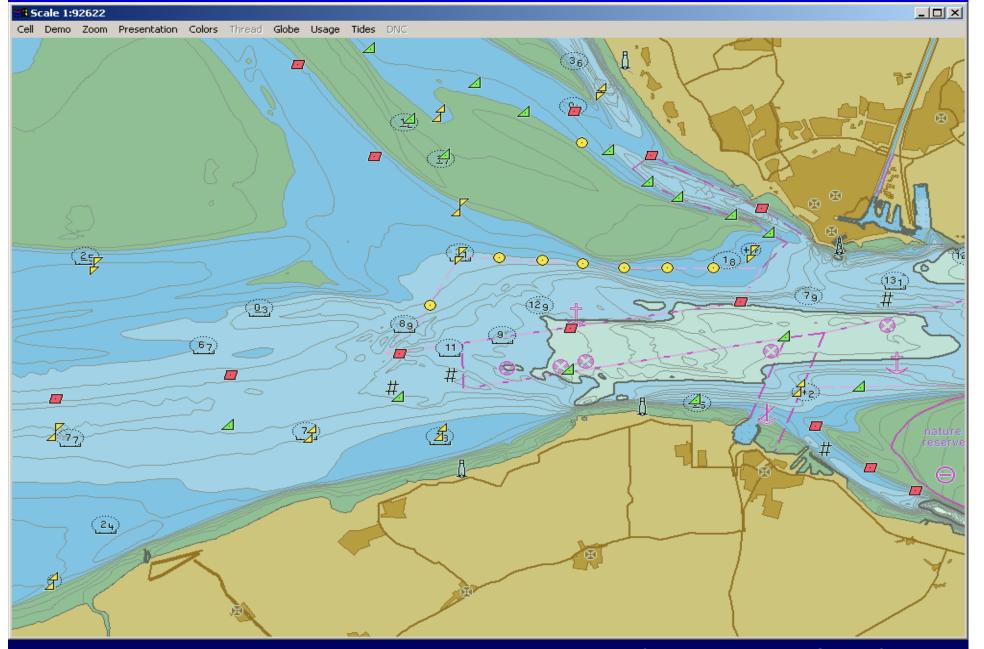
Generalization



in Shallow Water, Sydney, Australia, 2003.



Entrance to River Scheldt, Antwerp



Tide-aware ENC Demo provided by Seven C's

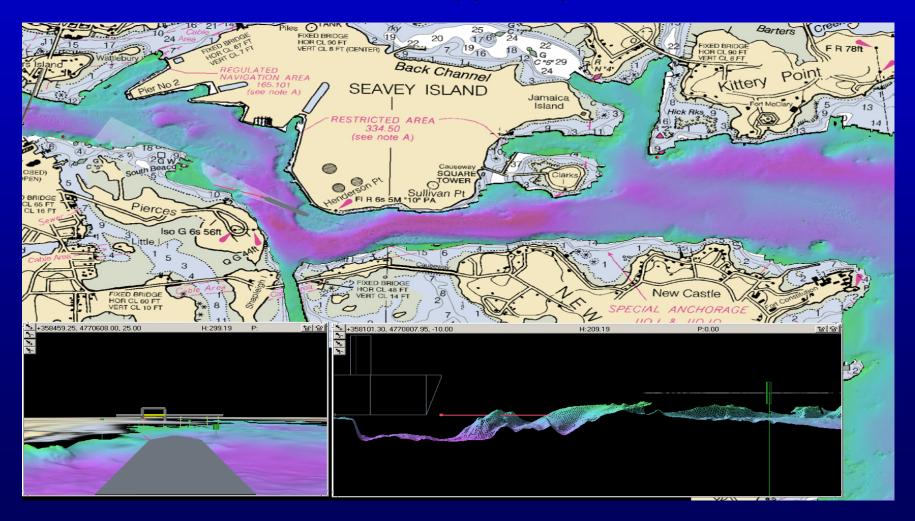
Chart-of-the-Future Project at University of New Hampshire

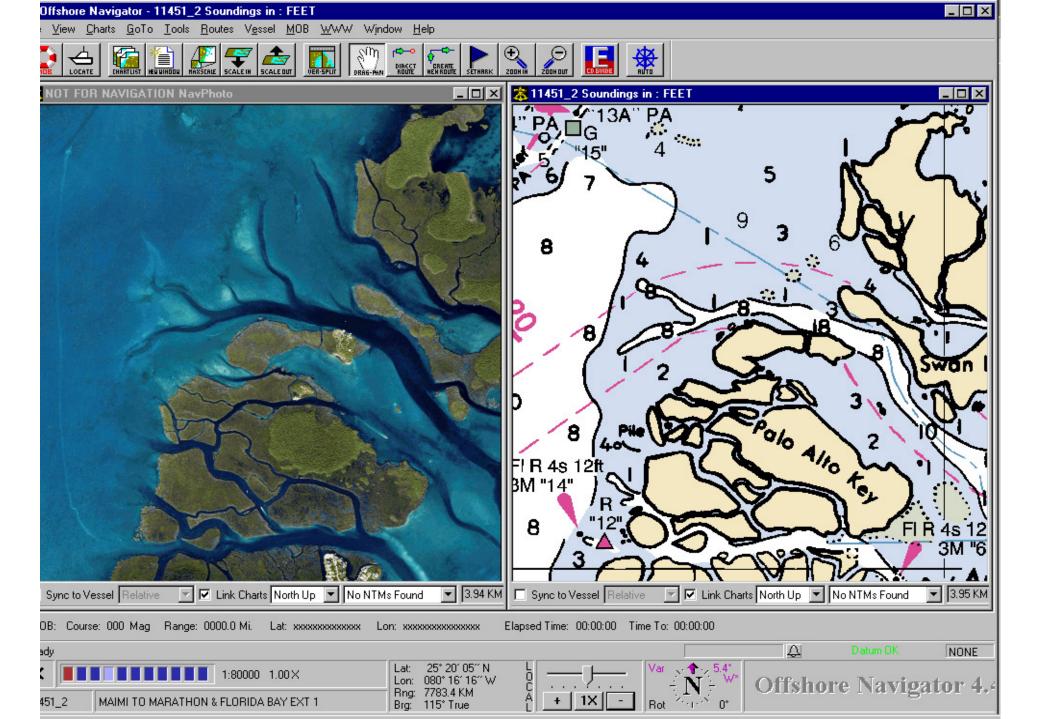
- <u>Primary focus</u>:
- Investigating the Human-Chart-Computer interface.
- Improved means to use and display various types and sources of data.
 - 3-D plus Time
 - More intuitive colour schemes
- Research unconstrained by existing standards.

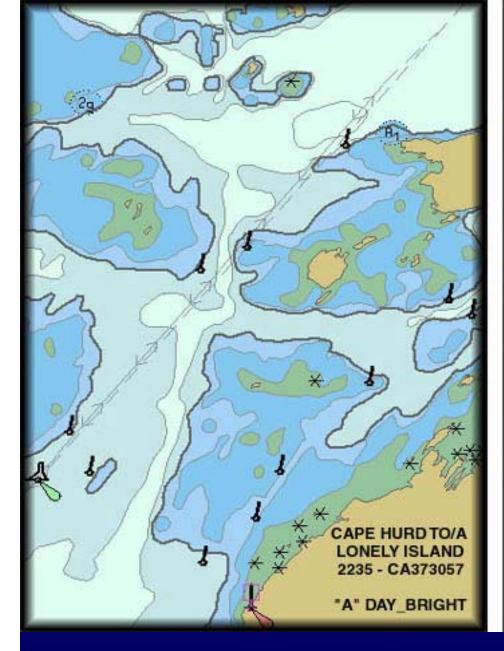


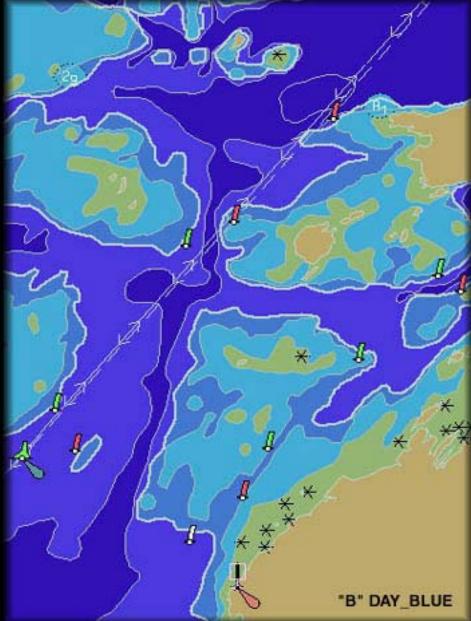
Chart-of-the-Future

- Not a replacement for paper charts...
- Instead, new Decision Support System for mariners.









IHO S-52 Colours and Symbols

"Bathymetric Blue"



Two short videos:



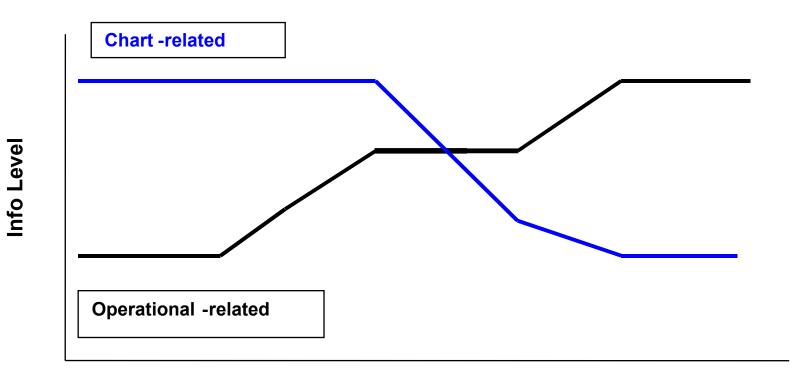
Panoramic Images for Voyage Simulation and Situational Awareness

Waypoint Planning in a Tide-Aware Display

Coastal Images for Preparation and Situational Awareness

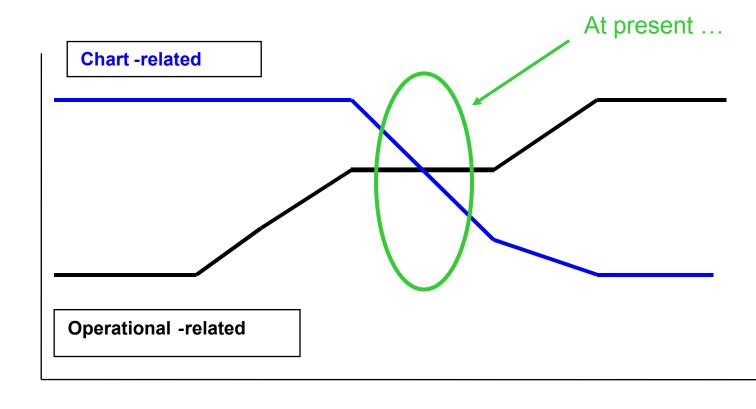
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Trend in Display of Navigation-related Information





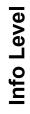
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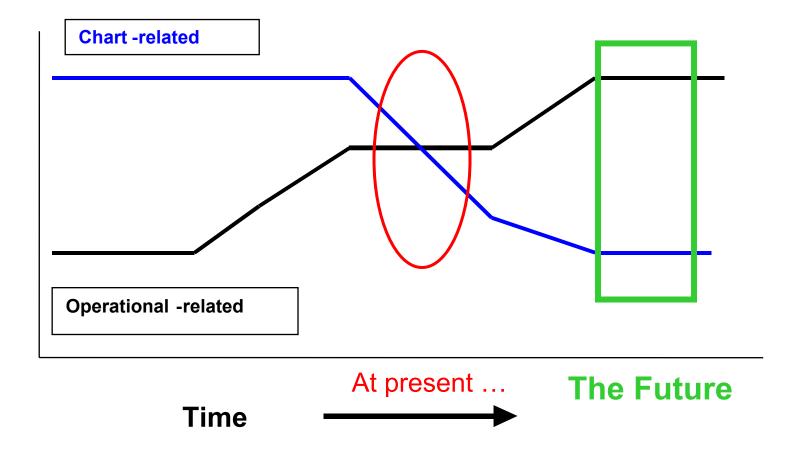


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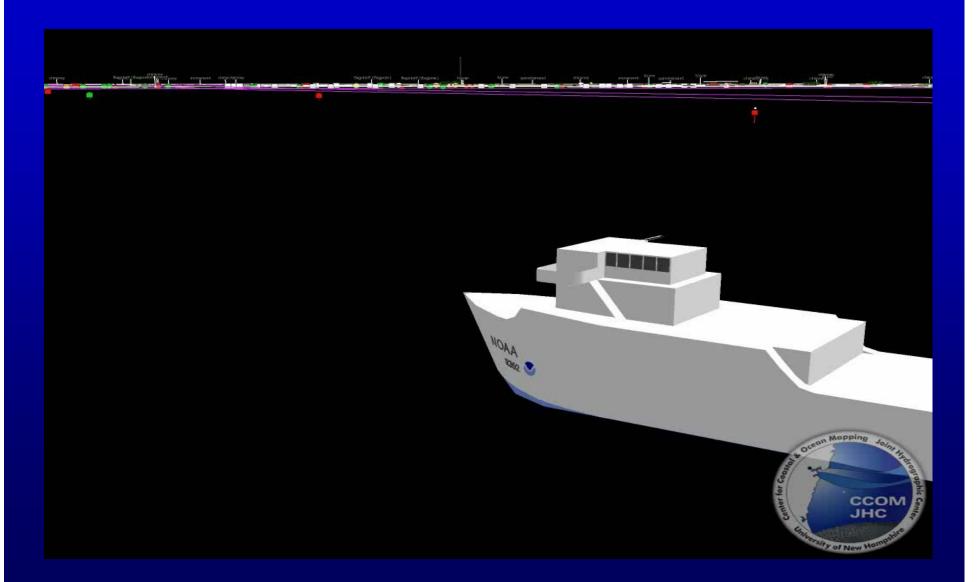
Info Level

Trend in Display of Navigation-related Information





Video of AtoN vs. Boston City Lights



Simulated Voyage - Portsmouth, NH









e-Navigation: Implications for HOs

- This is a major initiative that receiving a high level of attention and involvement.
- Get involved: participate in its development/implementation.
- Achieving required ENC coverage and availability will be crucial in terms meeting mariner expectations.
- e-Navigation ought to provide "better" not more information.

Further Information:

E-Navigation

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
 Version 1.2, 19 Sept 2008
 IALA e-Navigation Committee, 5th Meeting, Paris

Marine Information Overlays (MIOs) – *Seaways* article (October 2008) Nautical Institute, London