

**Paper for Consideration by SNPWG 16****Challenges of dated Nautical Publications**

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<b>Executive Summary:</b>	Paper on challenges other than technical when going from paper to digital
<b>Related Documents:</b>	N/A
<b>Related Projects:</b>	Project on Digitalization of the Norwegian Pilot Publication

**Introduction / Background**

Compiling the Danish sailing directions was initiated in 1791, though the first edition of the Danish Pilot Publication was not released to the public until 1843.

In terms of content, however, surprisingly little has changed in the current 15<sup>th</sup> edition of the book, which was published thirty years ago, in 1983.

When Denmark joined SNPWG a decade ago it was with the expectation that the working group would eventually provide the structure for a revised, digital edition of, among other nautical publications, the Danish Pilot. We have now come to realize that - even with an operational, fully expanded SNPWG-model to pour all our existing NPUB-data into - we still face some major editorial challenges.

**Analysis/Discussion**

The objective of the SNPWG is to develop guidelines for the preparation of nautical publications, in a digital format compatible with ECDIS. The general conception in the Danish maritime administrations has been that we prepare existing NPUB-data for the ECDIS, but presented in a digital domain the information from paper publications may well generate expectations and demands on the bridge in terms of new services, simplified procedures, superior usage and display of real-time data changes.

The paper addresses a few of the less technical issues the Danish administration has encountered in its preparation to digitalize national NPUB-data (including Greenland and the Faroe Islands), and while the questions raised may not fall within the scope of SNPWG, it does suggest that the mind-set behind the SNPWG model should remain as open and permissive as possible.

**Action Required of SNPWG**

The SNPWG16 is invited to note the paper.