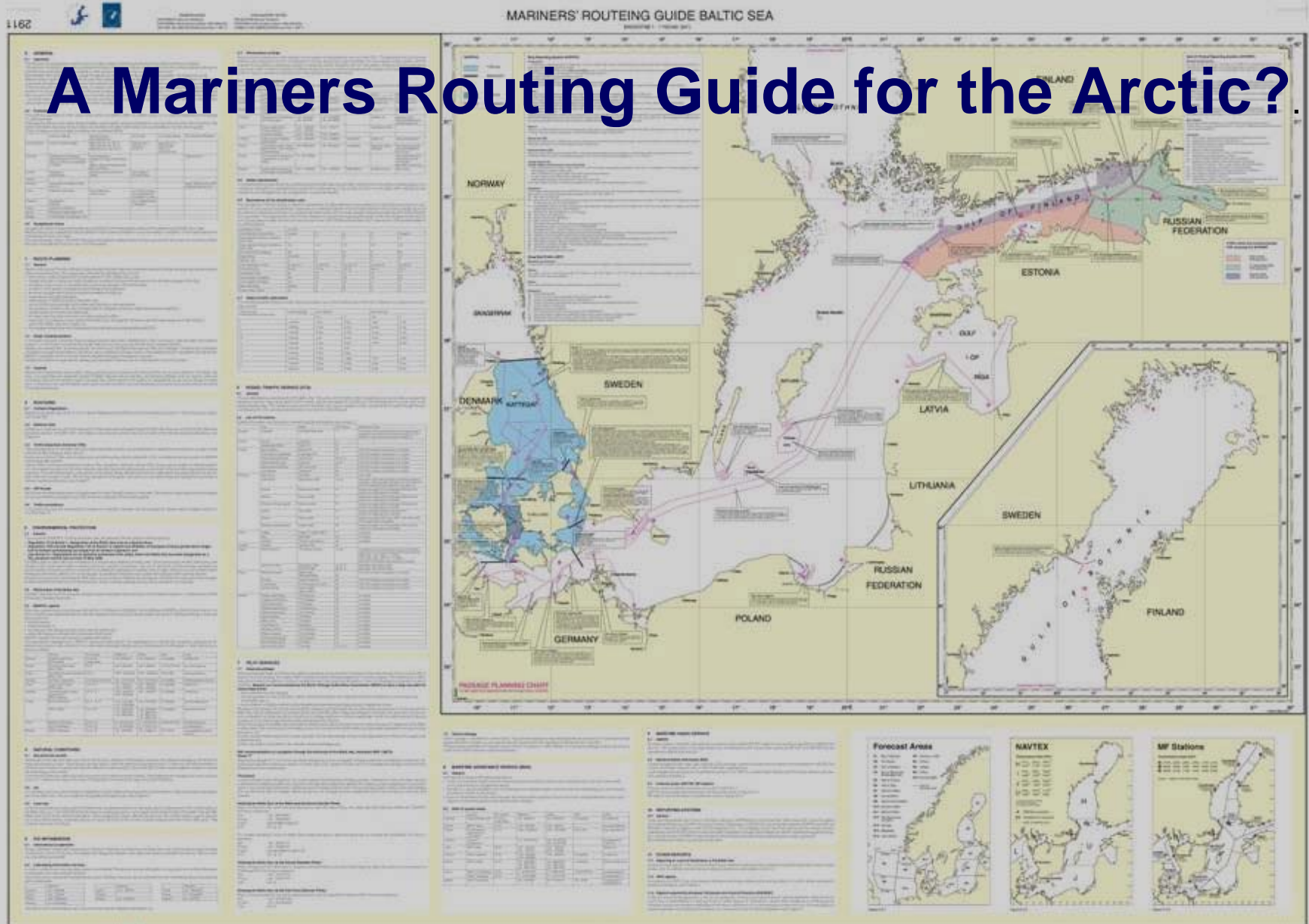


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A Mariners Routing Guide for the Arctic?



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- The idea is to provide mariners with an easy to use guide which allows users to instantly access necessary information
- The Guide should provide essential information for safe navigation in the Arctic region.
- The Guide should include information on reporting systems, ice conditions, maritime assistance services, special regulations, coverage of paper charts and ENC, as well as water levels and land rise.
- The Guide should supplement the nautical chart portfolio for the area.
- Provide a printed version
- The possibility for a web version of the Guide should be investigated

The ARHC 1st Conference is requested to consider this proposal and to take appropriate actions

Establishing an Arctic Publication Working Group

ARHCPWG

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The Working Group should (DRAFT):

- **Identify and analyse the current status of maritime publications in the Arctic.**
- **Analyse how Arctic Hydrographic Offices can contribute their information and the necessary updates, so information can easily be used by the mariners.**
- **Focus on how ARHC in the future can benefit from a regional approach.**
- **Monitor the development of publications that could be relevant for the Arctic.**
- **To present a report to the ARHC. This report should include a description on the current status, recommendations on how to proceed with the publications and if deemed necessary an action plan with specified time schedule for future ARHC actions.**

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