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Admiralty makes complete ECDIS compliance easier

The Admiralty Information Overlay now available via Admiralty e-Navigator and on JRC ECDIS models

Customers of the Admiralty Vector Chart Service (AVCS) now have two new ways to view the most accurate and up-to-date navigational charts to help make digital navigation safer, more efficient and fully compliant.

The Admiralty Information Overlay, a free service to AVCS customers, is now available on Admiralty e-Navigator and on JRC ECDIS models JAN-701B, JAN-901B, JAN-2000. The Overlay is the only service to include the worldwide Temporary & Preliminary Notices to Mariners (T&PNM) that ships need to sail compliantly with ECDIS and ENCs. The Overlay also includes the results of UKHO's comprehensive review of the world's ENCs, and helps ensure bridge teams are aware of navigationally significant differences with existing paper charts.

Viewed on e-Navigator, the Overlay provides an easy and efficient way for the bridge team to view and assess the impact of T&PNMs and other important additional navigational information when planning a voyage.

When viewed on a JRC ECDIS, the Overlay is automatically displayed as an additional layer over the ENC to enable the bridge team to clearly see how T&PNMs may impact a voyage and respond with appropriate action.

Tamiho Shinya at JRC, said, "Admiralty sets the benchmark for accurate ENCs with the AVCS, and most of our ECDIS customers rely on the data for their primary navigation. It is therefore important for them to have access to this additional information in a simple, integrated way. By delivering compatibility with the Overlay on our newest ECDIS models, our customers can plan and execute voyages with improved safety and ease, and more easily demonstrate compliance during Port State Control inspections."

In addition to JRC ECDIS, the Information Overlay is also available through Transas Navisailor and SevenCs ORCA Master Electronic Chart System (ECS). The Information Overlay will be available through e-Navigator V 2.4 from December 2012. Customers who wish to integrate the Overlay with their navigational operations should speak to their Admiralty chart distributor.

Ian Moncrieff CBE, Admiralty's Chief Executive, said: "The integration of the Information Overlay into both front and back of bridge operations is delivering significant enhancements to the mariners' ability to plan safe and efficient routes and to their situational awareness while executing those voyages. It's a further example of our commitment to provide mariners and shipping companies with the accurate and trusted data they need to sail safely and compliantly."

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About Admiralty and the UKHO

1. UKHO produces a worldwide series of some 3,300 paper nautical charts, 160 publications under the Admiralty brand and has a growing portfolio of Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs). These charts are sold globally and used by nearly 70% of international shipping.
2. UKHO, a Government agency owned by the Ministry of Defence, has been charting the world's oceans for more than 200 years with the primary aim of providing navigational services for the Royal Navy and merchant mariners to save and protect lives at sea. In addition it serves small craft and leisure mariners and provides a range of consultancy services.
3. UKHO is a Trading Fund which means it has the freedom to trade commercially to generate revenue and cover running costs.
4. UKHO also plays a central role, in support of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, in discharging the navigation element of the UK's Safety of Life at Sea Treaty obligations for waters of UK national responsibility.
5. Admiralty Vector Chart Service brings together Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs) from national hydrographic offices around the world and new ENC coverage produced by UKHO in co-operation with Foreign Governments to provide comprehensive, official, worldwide coverage.

About the JRC

Japan Radio Company (JRC) is a world leading marine electronics manufacturer specializing in commercial navigation and communications equipment. With headquarters in Tokyo, Japan, the company designs and manufactures commercial and international maritime industry compliant products, including radars, navigation aids and radio and satellite communications equipment.

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