# **Update on S-Mode**

A consolidated view – I hope...

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eNavigation Underway (International) Conference

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Update from Busan workshop

November 2015

A total of 45 participants, including seafarers who use navigational equipment, relevant industry leaders, pilots, research institutes and classification societies, represented the following companies and organizations.

#### International Organizations:

Nautical Institute(NI)
International Electro-technical Commission (IEC) TC 80
Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)
Comité International Radio-Maritime (CIRM)

#### Republic of Korea:

Ministry of Oceans & Fisheries(MOF)
Korean Institute of Maritime and Fisheries
Technologies
Korea Maritime University
Hyundai Merchant Marine Co., Ltd
Haeyoung Maritime Service Co., Ltd
Hanjin shipping Co., Ltd
Pilots(Masan, Mokpo, Ulsan, Busan)
Korea Maritime Pilots' Association
Korea Research Institute of Ships & Ocean
Engineering

Eusu Ship Management Co., Ltd Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute Korea Marine Equipment Research Institute Korean Register of Shipping Marine Electronics Co., Ltd E-Marine Co., Ltd ShindongDigitech Co., Ltd

#### NCSR 3

- 3/28/1 Development of guidance on the Standardized (or S) Mode of operation of navigation equipment (Australia, Republic of Korea, InterManager, NI, IAIN, IFSMA, IEC, and CIRM
- Inf 17 An international workshop on the development of a guidance on the S-Mode of operation of navigation equipment (Republic of Korea)

Australia and the Republic of Korea have held workshops on S-Mode during 2015. These workshops have involved Human Factors experts, maritime trainers, seafarers (including marine pilots), regulators, representatives from the marine electronics industry and others. These workshops have helped refine the scope of a future IMO guideline on S-Mode. They have identified that less focus could be placed on the idea of an independent mode, should another approach achieve the same goals. (NCSR 3/28/1 para 10)

A proposed description of the content or scope of the guide line on standardized modes of operation, S-Mode, is as follows:

"Guidance on the standardization of design for navigation and communication systems, encompassing displays, interfaces, and functionalities able to provide the bridge team and the pilot with timely access to essential information for the conduct of navigation throughout the voyage, from berth to berth."

(NCSR 3/28/1 para 11)

However, it remains important that S-Mode should not limit a manufacturer's ability to innovate. (NCSR 3/28/1 para 12)

S-Mode may also incorporate provisions for the configuration of personal settings. These may be stored in the system. They will allow a user to rapidly customize the system to their preferred settings (e.g. overlay custom display features or give access to customized information). (NCSR 3/28/1 para 13)



### NCSR 3/INF.17

#### Strengths

- Reduce familiarization training effort
- Enhance navigation safety by improving usability
- Facilitate more effective decision-making

#### Weaknesses

- Long time involved in the eventual installation on board
- Potential difficulties the industry may face in applying the guidelines
- Time, cost and improvement works required until the application of S-Mode

#### Opportunity

- IMO has approved the development of S-Mode guidelines to be prepared by 2019
- Improved ability to integrate equipment from other manufacturers
- Benefits are demonstrated when they are applied to shipboard systems
- Less product differentiation benefits small manufacturers in terms of equipment design

#### Threat

- Less product differentiation implies the reduction of unique or superior qualities of products. Potentially a disadvantage to large manufacturers
- Guidelines may not be applied as they are not mandatory
- The improvement of navigation facilities may not keep up with the rapidly-changing technology in the future

# Development Plan for the S-Mode Guideline



# How to Develop the S-Mode Guideline

### IMO MSC document (MSC/95/19/12)

Year	Plan
Year 1 (2016ish)	Agree on the scope of S-Mode and carry out a user needs evaluation -initial testbed design could also take place given that some existing e-navigation user needs have been previously identified
Year 2 (2017ish)	Develop testbeds based on user assessments and commence simulation trials with a wide varie ty of seafarers
Year 3 (2018ish)	Continue simulation trials and commence initial drafting of an S-Mode guideline
Year 4 (2019ish)	Complete drafting of an S-Mode guideline for the design of shipboard navigational equipment a long with notes for training implications (e.g. model course)



#### Tasks for user need survey

- ◆ Designing a questionnaire for surveying user need on the development of S-Mode
  - ✓ Targeted respondents: Group of experts including maritime pilots and mariners by internationally cooperating with Australia, NI, and more...
  - ✓ Targeted equipment : INS (Integrated Navigation System)
- ◆ The Scope of the questionnaire
  - ✓ Collect opinions on the standardization of INS-mandatory tasks
    - Route Monitoring (MSC.232(82), requirements on ECDIS)
    - Collision Avoidance (MSC.192 (79), requirements on RADAR)
    - Navigational control data



#### Tasks for user need survey

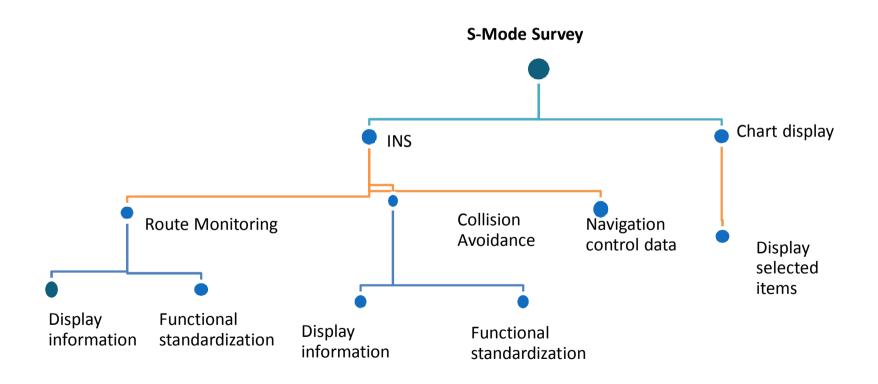
- Questions
  - ✓ Items to be standardized for display and each function

(ex: True vector, Relative vector, Range rings...)

- ◆ Output
  - ✓ User-based specific items to be standardized
    - Be able to identify items of display and functions for standardization
    - Provisional design for S-Mode mock-up can be created.
  - ◆ The goal of survey: Generating the main items of S-Mode of INS



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#### **Preliminary result of survey using questionnaire**

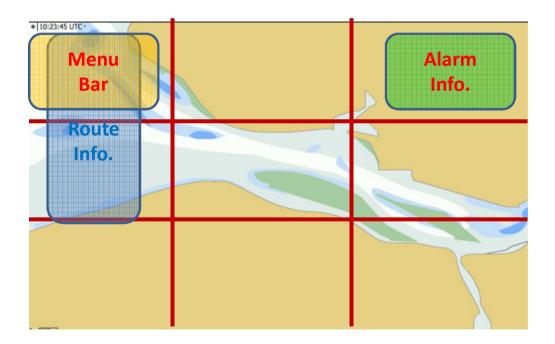
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What now, and how to get involved...



# Workshops and Meetings

- Friday February 26 201 (pre NCSR 3) London at NIHQ
- NCSR 3 London 29 Feb 4 March 2016
- Ergoship 2016 Conference (6-7 April) Melbourne Australia
- S-Mode workshop @ AMC Tasmania (11 April)



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