



NAUTICAL PUBLICATIONS

Technical Notice SLS.12

*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters,
Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations*

Regulation 19.2.1.4 and Regulation 27 of Chapter V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended, requires all ships to carry adequate and up-to-date charts, sailing directions, list of lights, notices to mariners, tide tables and all other nautical publications necessary for the intended voyage.

Paragraph 13.14 of Chapter 13 of the International Code of Safety for High Speed Craft, 1994 and Paragraph 13.8 of Chapter 13 of the International Code of Safety for High Speed Craft, 2000 require craft to be provided with nautical charts and nautical publications to plan and display the craft's route for the intended voyage and to plot and monitor positions throughout the voyage.

The use on board of nautical publications such as Sailing Directions, List of Lights, Notices to Mariners, Tide Tables and List of Radio Signals in digital format is accepted on condition that:

- the nautical publications are issued officially by or under the authority of a SOLAS Contracting Government, by an authorized Hydrographic Office or by other institutions of a SOLAS Contracting Government;
- the updates are original and documentation for receipt of updates and their installation is available onboard. The ship's Safety Management System shall include procedures related thereto;
- the data is protected from editing;
- the nautical publications are installed in a dedicated computer that is supplied from the main and emergency source of power and is readily available to the Officer of the Watch (OOW). The display of data on the monitor shall not compromise the OOW's night vision;
- the nautical publications are installed in one additional computer, as back up, and which can be made available to the OOW in a short period of time;
- the Master and Bridge Team Officers are trained in the use of the system;
- the equipment and installation complies with the requirements of SOLAS Chapter V Regulation 17 regarding electromagnetic compatibility;
- due consideration is given to the guidance contained in MSC/Circ.1091 on issues concerning introduction of new technology on board, MSC/Circ.891 regarding on board use and application of computers and MSC/Circ.982 on ergonomic criteria for bridge equipment and layout.