

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE ABOUT THE RELIABLE OPERATION OF ECDIS

Following an announcement by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) concerning potential display anomalies in some ECDIS systems, the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) issued an ENC Data Presentation and Performance Check in October 2011. This check is intended to assist mariners and to help determine the extent of the anomalies. IHO has received reports from mariners confirming that a number of ECDIS fail to display some significant underwater features in the "Standard" display mode. For all significant objects to be visible to the mariner, these ECDIS must be operated in "Full display" or "All display" mode until a software upgrade is made available from the manufacturer. Mariners are strongly encouraged to use the IHO ENC Data Presentation and Performance Check issued through ENC service providers and also available directly from the IHO website (www.iho.int) to check the operation of their ECDIS and to determine whether their system is affected. IHO Circular Letter 33/2012 is available on the Coast Guard's Navigation Center website (<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov>) under the heading News and Notices.