

# FUNDAMENTALS OF NAVIGATION

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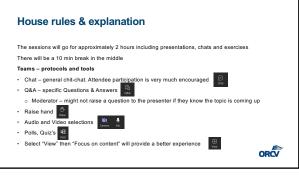












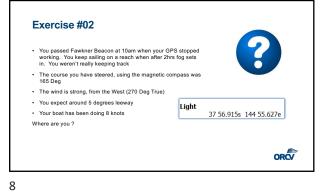












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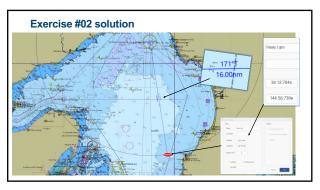
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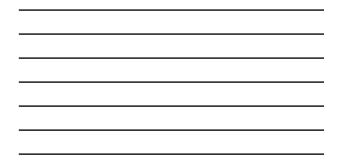
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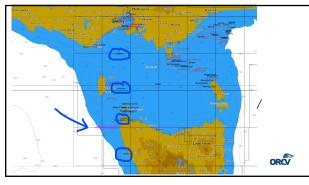
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## Agenda

Introduction 'Official' vs 'Unofficial' Charts Chart currency & Distribution channels Chart Accuracy and Reliability



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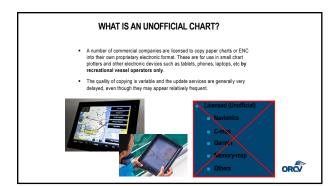
## WHAT IS AN OFFICIAL CHART?

IMO - SOLAS Chapter V/2

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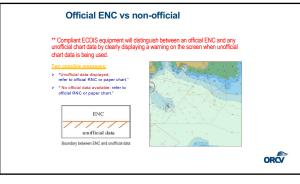
National guidance on AMSA's: Marine Notice 06/2017 – Official nautical Charts Marine Notice 07/2017 – Guidance on ECDIS for ships calling at Australian ports.

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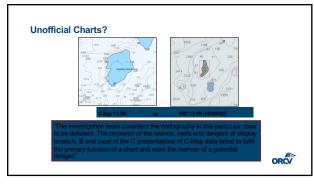












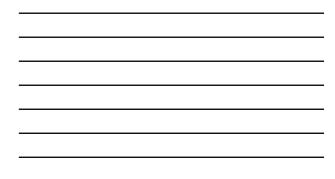


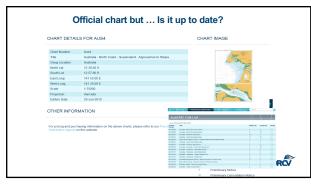






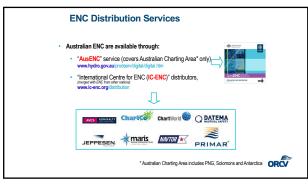


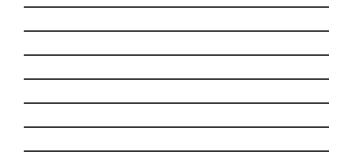




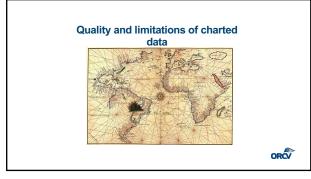






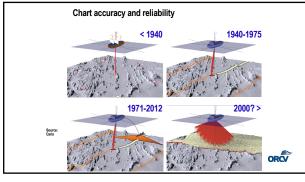




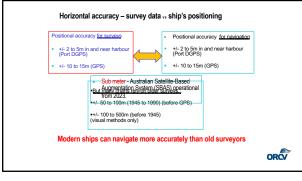




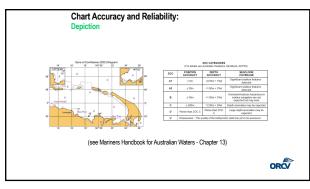






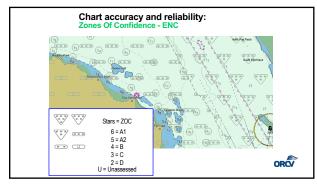


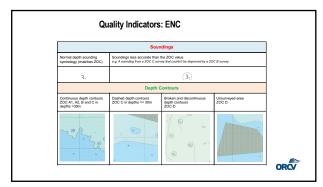


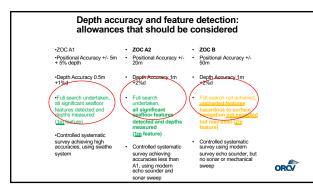






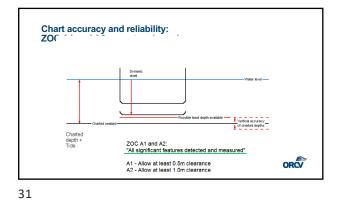












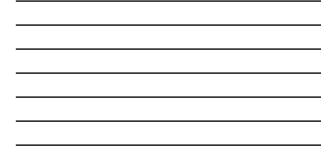


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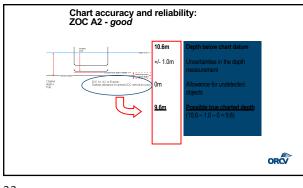
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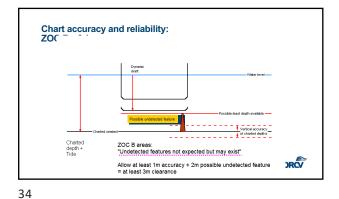
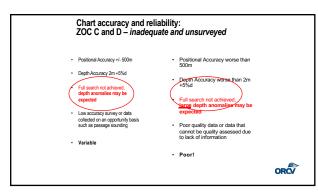




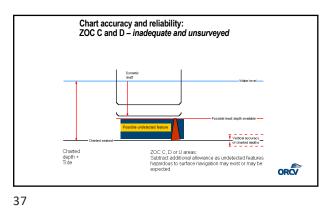
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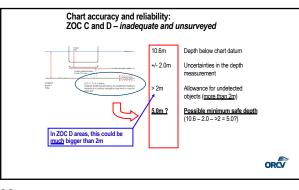




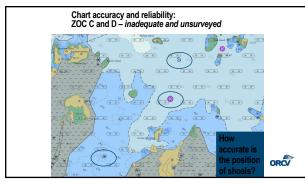






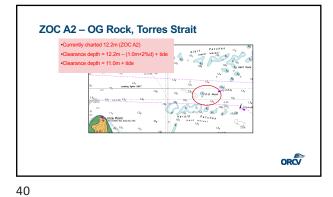


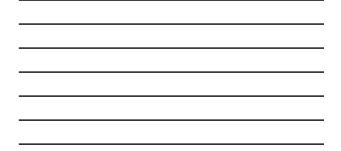


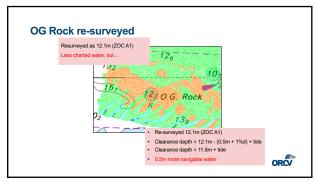


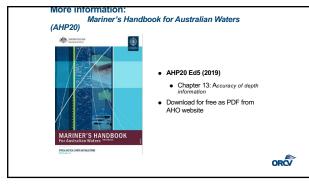






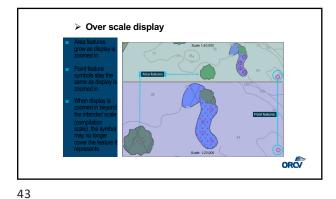


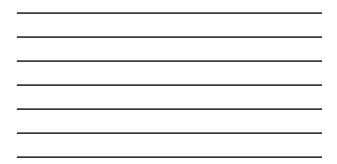




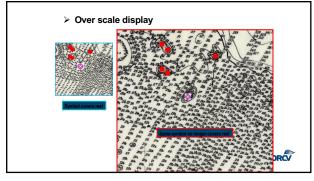








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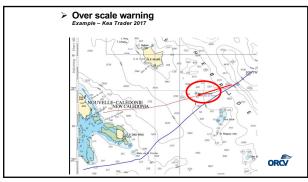


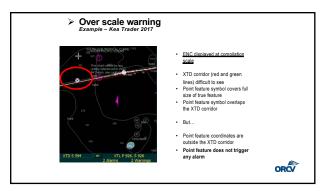


## Over scale warning Example – Kee Trader 2017



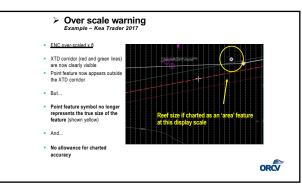
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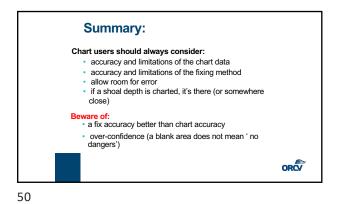


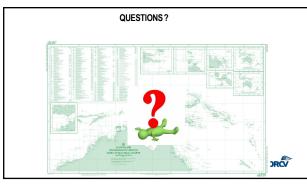








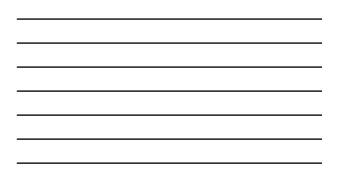








Navigating with GPS and Chart plotters



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## **Reliability of Information**

When you turn on your chart plotter the first thing you get is a message like this...

This product is an aid to navigation. RONSTAN
Does not replace Official Charts

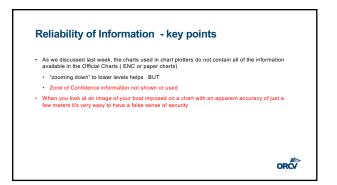
 "Only official Government charts and Notices to Mariners contain all the information needed for safe navigation."

safe navigation." B&G are a bit more strident...

"Do not rely on this product as a source of navigation......"

Behind these messages there are some key points:

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## The GPS System

#### The GPS system comprises:

- 32 coordinated satellites ( though only 24 active at any one time) each orbiting Earth twice a day plus ground control stations and the user's GPS receiver.
   Each satellite transmits a unique microwave signal including orbital parameters and very accurate time.
- The user's GPS receiver calculates its distance from the Satellites and with a minimum of three satellites can determine its position ( at sea level!), four satellites for a 3-dimensional fix
- · The GPS receiver automatically selects the best satellites
- · Accuracy at sea level can often be as good as a few metres
- · The GPS system uses the WGS84 map datum

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## GPS – What makes the GPS position shown in your plotter inaccurate ?

Antenna position and inability to see the satellites – crew sitting on it

- is it under the sail (especially a carbon sail)

- effectiveness of antenna at severe angles of heel

The position and number of available satellites User equipment failure – antennas do fail and degrade

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## **GPS – Precautions**

- · You NEED to KNOW what your plotter does when/if the signal stops
- Does an alarm sound ?
- Can the skipper and crew hear the alarm when on deckDoes it continue with current position?
- Does it use dead reckoning?
- Keep watch, cross check where you can
- · Depths, Light houses, transits
- Utilise HDOP & HPE (Horizontal Dilution of Precision),(Horizontal Position Error)
- Satellite tracker/map in your plotter

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## Setting up the Chart Plotter

#### https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=EICeUMI1xvU

- Check all the settings professional assistance in the initial set up may help e.g.
- Are GPS and Chart plotter set to the same datum ?
- GPS set to degrees, minutes and decimal minutes?
- · Helpful to set chart plotter and instruments to display compass True
- Include "confirming data" on Chart plotter displays depth sounder readings displayed next to your chart are especially useful
   Ensure course over ground is displayed ... where you are going is usually more important than where you are pointing!

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## Once you're all set up....

- Your instruments do all the hard work for you
- · Course over ground (no need to adjust for tides and leeway)
- Bearings, distances and expected sailing time to waypoint
  Speed over ground and Boat Speed
- Velocity made good to your course (VMC)
- · Boat speed vs target speeds ("polars")
- · Tide levels and some tidal flow information
- .....And the list goes on

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### Convert decimal degrees to decimal minutes

- To Convert Decimal Degrees 38.29934
- Multiply 0.29934 by 60 = 17.960
  Position in Degrees & Minutes is 38 deg 17.960 minutes
- To convert 144.54397
- Multiply 0.54397 by 60 = 32.638
- Position in Degrees & Minutes is 144 deg 32.638 minutes
- Via the internet <u>https://www.pgc.umn.edu/apps/convert/</u>

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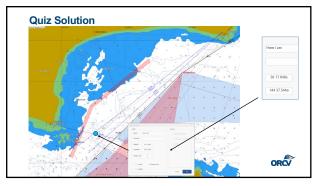






What would your bearing be to the light off your hand compass?

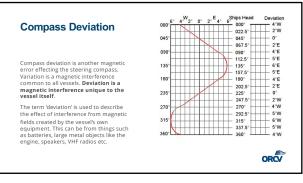
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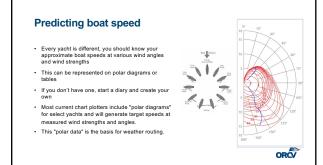




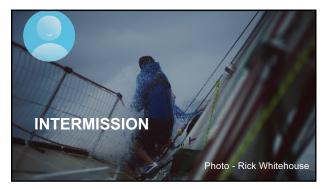










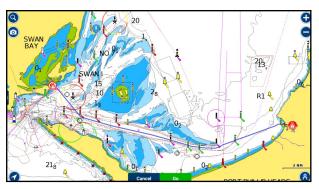


## Exercise #03 Navionics Exercise

 Plot a course from the exit of the Martha Cove Marina at Safety Beach to the entrance of the Queenscliff Cut ( use the automatic course option)

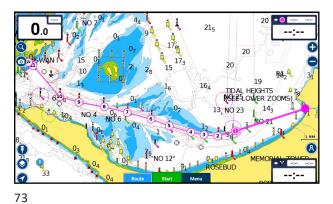
- Any shallow water issues we need to keep an eye on?
- What are the key marks we will encounter on the passage?Are there any conventions we will need to obey along the way?
- What is the key danger?

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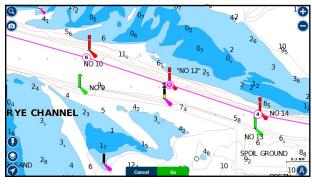




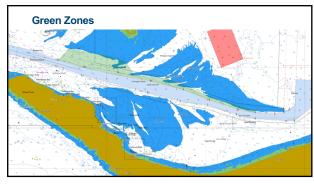










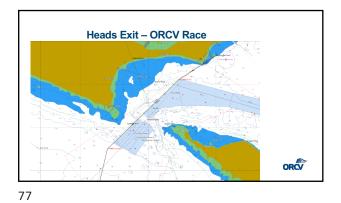






## Exiting Port Phillip

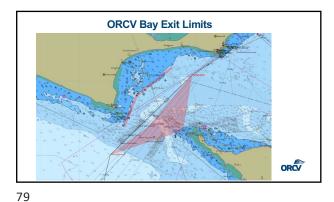
The next couple of slides consider how you might prepare for a race start through Port Phillip Heads



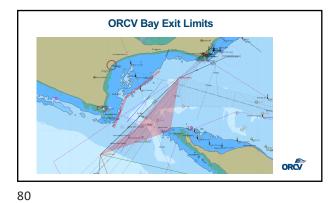


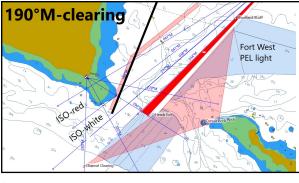
















## Exercise #04 – Heads Exit

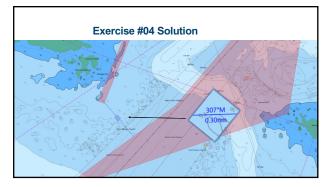
- What is the bearing from sea of the Clark's Beacon and Marcus Hill transit on the chart ? What does it indicate?
- What would be the bearing when viewed from the land?
   What lights are displayed by the three beacons on Victory Shoal?
- What is the distance between the ORCV Heads Exclusion
  Zone and the 5m line off Lonsdale platform?



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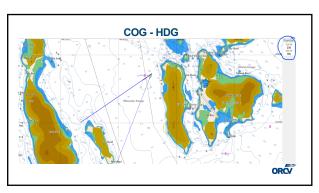


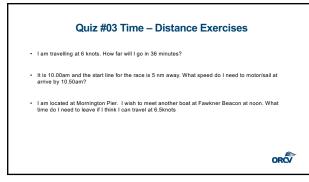
















## Answers

- Speed is distance /time. Distance is 6\*(36/60) = 3.6NM
- 50 minutes is 50/60 hours, Speed=Distance /Time, speed = 5NM/ (50/60) hours = 6 knots

 Distance to Fawkner Beacon from Mornington Pier is 16.6NM. Speed is Distance/Time so Time= Distance/Speed, the time at 6.5knots is 16.6/6.5=2.55 hours - 2 hours - 33 minutes, leave at about 9.30am

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## Automatic Identification System (AIS)

- What is AIS? (compulsory Cat 1 & 2 races)
- Automatic tracking system
- Identifies & locates vessels by electronically exchanging data with
- other nearby ships and AIS Base stations
- Class A and B (smaller vessels)
- Vessels continually transmit their ID, position, course, speed and other data by VHF.
- Receivers only and transceivers

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## AIS - Overview

Unlike radar and other aids to navigation, the AIS systems do not need to have visual line-of-sight to share this information. • Yachts reliant of VHF coverage – ship to ship or ship to station Benefits of AIS

- Collision avoidance
- Aid to Navigation
- Identify other vessels
  AIS MOB device

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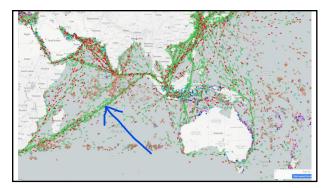
Beware of "old" positions



# AIS - Features • Networked AIS displays show vessel positions across the world marinetraffic.com

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## **Collision Avoidance**

- Vessel details, position, course & speed shown on chart plotters
- Chart plotters can be interrogated to find: Whether boats on collision course

  - Passing distance
    When closest passing distance will be reached.
- Can be linked to alarms

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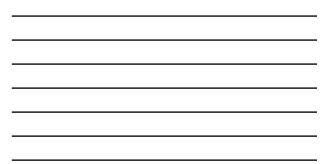
## **AIS Additional Features**

- AIS AtoN transmitting position and status of buoys and lights, which can then show up on an electronic chart, display or radar
- Synthetic AIS. Transmitter is located near but  ${\bf not}~{\bf on}$  the object of interest such as submerged rock •
- AIS received by satellites to give extended reception of the VHF signal even when out at sea •
- ORCV exclusion zone marks are turned on during our races



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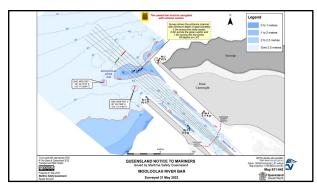
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## Key points

- · Everyone on a boat should take an interest in navigation
- There should be redundancy in equipment and people • There should be a plan, made well before the trip, including plan B, C, D, E, F catering to "what if"
- Don't blindly rely on technology, use your observations
  Be conservative !!

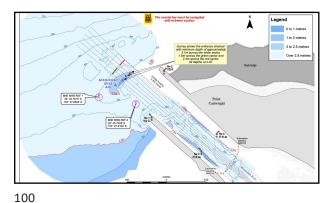
Proper Preparation Prevents Poor Performance

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- Your passage should be a confirmation of what you have already planned..... Estimated times along the route
- Conditions to expect
   Dangers & potential dangers

Include contingencies for unplanned events .....what if

- I need a bolt hole ?
- I break a rudder ? I need medical assistance?

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## Observations

- Things to note on plan:-
- Expected sighting of shore line changes (e.g. a headland)
- Navigation markers
  Lights and beacons
- Significant chart features oil rigs
- Depth changes
- Shoaling Water
- Consider writing them down
   In your logbook



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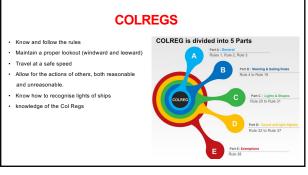




## Red Zone Procedures – some general rules

- · Identify likely red zones when you do your trip plan....
- Awareness matters discuss with crew, watch leaders and both navigators
- One person steering... not steering and navigating
- Nav Person ..... not down below
- Lookouts
- Protect night vision of skipper and lookouts
- Ensure you have boat under proper control before entering red zone
  - Know the limitations of the boat and crew in the conditions you could expect to experience

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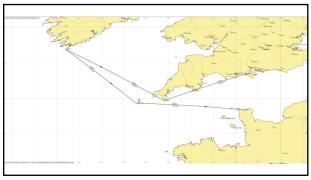


## **Further Exercises**

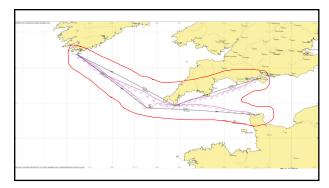
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- Exercise #06 Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron (BYS) Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club (QCYC)
- Exercise #00 Dialigowine facilit equation (010) C
   Exercise #07 Return trip from Hobart Melbourne
   Exercise #08 Fastnet

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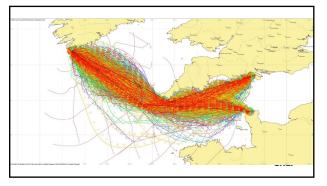


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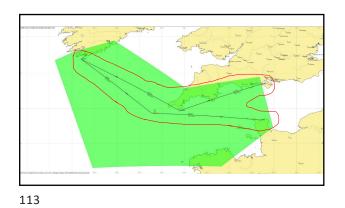




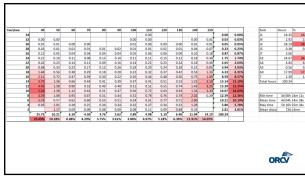














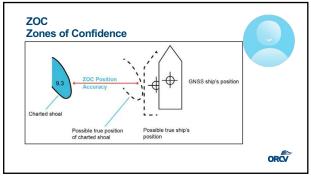


## Key Take Home Messages

- · Paper Charts have given way to electronic charts
- Only ENC's are the official charts
- No charts are perfect! Zones of Confidence always need to be considered
- GPS, plotters and AIS are great aids to navigation but need to be set up correctly and constantly monitored
- · Plan routes well in advance to identify potential hazards
- Crew vigilance is critical in addition to instrumentation
   Risk management What could go wrong and how would we cope?

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## What we want you to do before the Q&A

- Complete the major exercise using your electronic charting software
- Email training @orcy.org.au
- A written Voyage plan
- Screen captures of your electro
- A GPX file of your routes
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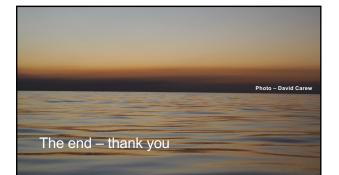
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It would be great to know what you're asking beforehand so that we can prepare better for your questions.

Any questions sent to <u>training@orcv.org.au</u> beforehand will head the queue.









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