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Safer ship operation with latest edition of *ECDIS Passage Planning and Watchkeeping*

Witherby Publishing Group Ltd has released a new edition of *ECDIS Passage Planning and Watchkeeping*.

The 2019 edition provides best practice techniques and guidance on the use of ECDIS. It includes clear explanations of the configuration of ECDIS settings and the four stages of route planning, using the APEM method set out in IMO Resolution A.893(21) (appraisal, planning, execution and monitoring).

ECDIS is a mandatory carriage requirement under Regulation V/19.2.10 of SOLAS. The carriage of ECDIS on ships was subject to a phased entry into force programme, for cargo ships > 10,000 GT, that was completed in July 2018.

Witherbys CEO, Iain Macneil, said: "Proper understanding of the onboard ECDIS system(s), both generically and type-specifically, is critically important for all bridge team members. This title uses the current Presentation Library to highlight critical functionality of all systems, using it as a starting point to indicate differences in approach between the main systems currently found on merchant ships."

ECDIS Passage Planning and Watchkeeping covers:

- the configuration of ECDIS settings
- four stages of passage planning
- ECDIS checklists
- IMO Guidance for Good Practice
- areas for which special conditions exist
- an illustrated list of independent mariner selectors
- S-63 error codes and explanations
- objects associated with the question mark symbol.

This publication will assist operators in gaining a thorough knowledge of ECDIS, thereby contributing towards safer ship operation/navigation and a more effective bridge team. It also encourages operators to practise the use of every function and technique available on ECDIS.

ECDIS Passage Planning and Watchkeeping, 2019 Edition is priced at £195 and is available from Witherby Publishing Group (www.witherbys.com).

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Notes for editors:

1. Witherby Publishing Group is a specialist publisher of training, reference and regulatory materials, providing the finest books and publications to the shipping, insurance and energy industries.

Based in Livingston, Witherbys is one of Scotland's largest and most successful publishing houses, with a portfolio of over 500 specialist titles. Witherbys also publishes under the Seamanship International and Witherby Insurance imprints, and exports to more than 110 countries.

2. Photos available on request: (1) ECDIS PP&W cover; (2) Inside spread from ECDIS PP&W 2019.

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