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# Introduction

The use of GIS systems to assist in assessing the overall maritime surface pic to make a thorough assessment of risk presented to the Mariner and as a consequence the requirement for reaction by an Aid to Navigation provider will assist in the decision making process and provide a document record which will help to support those decisions.

# Scope

This document provides guidance on the use of Geographic Information Systems and will cover incorporation of Charting overlays with new and existing dangers, AIS vessel traffic information, leisure and fishing activities together with existing and proposals for formal routing measures.

# applications

## Emergency Wreck or Obstruction Marking

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# Concepts

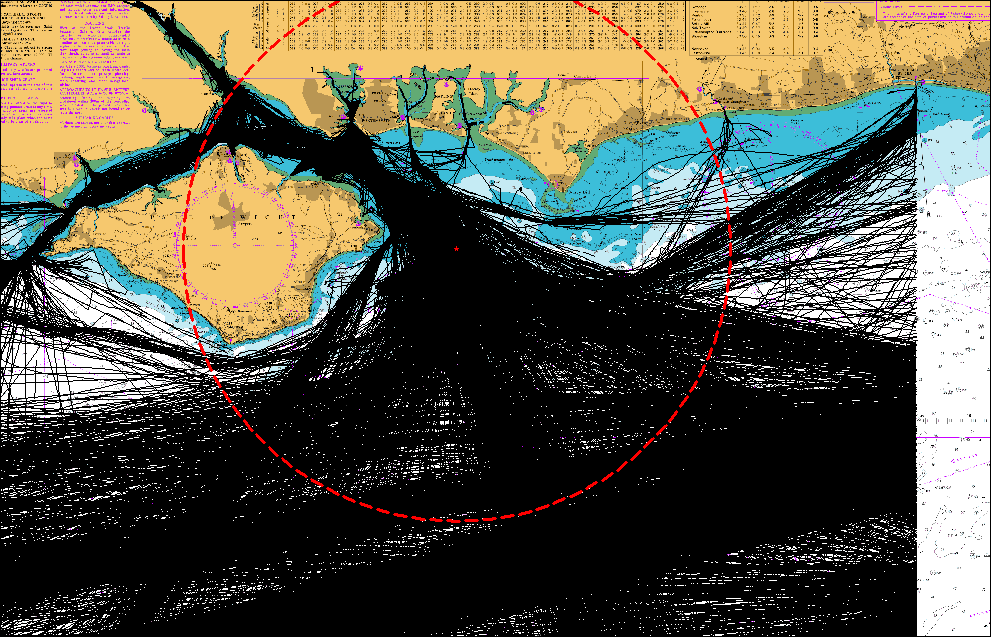
## Aid to Navigation coverage including coverage sectors

## AIS vessel traffic analysis

## Leisure sailing areas and routes

## Overlays of new and existing offshore developments

# Other considerations



**1 - Emergency Wreck or Obstruction Marking**

When a new wreck or obstruction has been announced and the decision on whether a vessel and personal must be deployed, firstly for accurate survey and location and then to deploy, if required, the appropriate Aid to Navigation, an informed assessment must be made.

Before traffic data was available this decision relied almost entirely on the expertise of the assessor with no supporting evidence which could underpin the decision.

Information is and has been available for many years regarding vessel trading routes which helped to inform the process but this information was not able to provide data on specific traffic lines or indeed an assessment of the size of vessels actually passing over a particular location.

Considering each situation the assessor of requirements must make a rapid but informed decision on the worst possible situation. With a wreck this means that , particularly with a fishing or leisure vessel, the overall length of the vessel could in exceptional circumstances be the actual height above the seabed. An assessment of the clearance between the wreck and the sea surface at chart datum or lowest astronomical tide (LAT) must be made and a determination of the Risk to the Mariner.

Using an appropriate analysis tool with a range of AIS traffic data over a significant period a search of only vessels over a specific draft can be made.

As an example, if we consider an obstruction that has been reported with a maximum height above the sea bed of 10 metres which is located in an area with surrounding depths of 20 metres, then the available depth over the obstruction is 10 metres and this is the delineating draft to be assessed.



**2 - Confirmation of requirements for existing and new Aids to Navigation for General Navigation.**

SOLAS Chapter 5, Regulation 13, states that:

*Each Contracting Government undertakes to provide, as it deems practical*

*and necessary either individually or in co-operation with other Contracting Governments, such aids to navigation as the volume of traffic justifies and*

*the degree of risk requires.*

By considering the actual coverage of current AtoNs provided, including accurate assessment nominal ranges and both charted and uncharted sectors of fixed lights, and combining this data with up to date traffic patterns, an informed decision on the ongoing requirements for existing Aids and the requirement for additional or different aids can be made.





**3 - Assessment of new or existing shoals and shallow areas subsequent to Hydrographic survey.**

When new survey information is received which has relevance to the Aids to Navigation deployed by a Lighthouse Authority, a decision is required on whether new or amended marking is required and importantly if changes are required, the time frame within which they must be carried out.

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