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LIAISON NOTE

The effect of radar on racons in busy harbours

# Introduction

ENG8 considered the input paper ENG8-11.1 from CIRM on the topic of the effect of radar on racons in busy harbours. It is noted that the same document forms ARM input paper ARM8-9.3.

# Details of paper

The CIRM paper provides its response to an earlier liaison note from the ENAV Committee regarding a perceived issue of poor performance of racons in busy harbours.

The ENG Committee intend to provide a technical response to the paper during ENG09.

CIRM propose a number of potential solutions, including:

*Could the benefit to navigational safety associated with racons – particularly in the highly congested areas where we see problems today – be provided more economically, and with less regulatory burden, through other means (e.g. shipborne AIS and AtoN services?);*

The ENG Committee invites the ARM Committee to consider the CIRM proposal and provide guidance for inclusion in the ENG response.

# Action requested

The ARM Committee is requested to:

1. Note the intention of ENG Committee to response in a technical manner to CIRM during ENG09.
2. Provide comments to ENG Committee on the continued need for racons in busy harbour areas.