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Paper for Consideration by CSPCWG

Cautionary note on Preliminary (P) and Temporary (T) Notices to Mariners (NMs)

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Executive Summary:	As indicated in B-252.3 Notices to Mariners , at the time of despatch, each chart must have a stamp or note indicating the last NM included, or the date of the last group of NMs consulted for its correction. But, as Preliminary (P) or Temporary (T) NM are not included in paper charts, this could be quite confusing for the mariner.
Related Documents:	None
Related Projects:	None

Introduction / Background

B-601.7 Notice to Mariners (NM). NM are used for the prompt dissemination of information which is safety-related or which otherwise needs to be advised to the mariner urgently.

Charts are maintained by the issue of New Charts, New Editions, Limited New Edition or Revised Reprint and, obviously, Notices to Mariners (NMs). The new publications include changes previously promulgated in Notices to Mariners (NMs).

But, contrary to what is done on ENC's, Preliminary (P) or Temporary (T) NMs are not included in paper charts.

Analysis / Discussion

As suggested in **B-252.3 Notices to Mariners**, French Charts are brought up to date to the day they are issued by the Hydrographic Office.

Given the importance of Preliminary (P) or Temporary (T) Notices for Mariners (NM), we consider it is necessary to warn mariners using paper charts on the fact that these P α T NMs are not included.

French Charts bear an equivalent to the legend 'Notices to Mariners', in the lower left-hand corner, outside the border of the chart, where the mariner can insert the relevant references for updates carried out on the chart following their appearance in Notices to Mariners (NMs): the abbreviation Corr.: (for Corrections).

Although a reference to other publications can be added on Charts, outside the border in the opposite upper right-hand corner (**B-243**), advising mariner to refer to Notices to Mariner (including Permanent, Preliminary and Temporary NM), France thinks that Hydrographic Offices could add a concise cautionary note close to this abbreviation Corr.:, equivalent to 'For safe navigation, see also P α T Notices to Mariners'

Action required of CSPCWG

We would be interested to hear of other members' suggestions.