



## CHART STANDARDIZATION & PAPER CHART WORKING GROUP (CSPCWG)

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To CSPCWG Members

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Dear Colleagues,

### **Subject: Draft revision of S-49**

You will recall that CSPCWG was tasked by the CHRIS to revise IHO Special Publication No.49 'Recommendations concerning Mariners' Routing Guides' (CHRIS19 Action 24). This was included in our Work Plan as a medium priority action, and subsequently the S-49 subWG was formed, consisting of members from Denmark, Greece and UK under the leadership of Germany (Jens Schröder-Fürstenberg).

The subWG has made good progress. They have consulted amongst themselves and also with several shipping companies, maritime institutes and experienced mariners of contributing HOs. The subWG has now produced a new S-49 draft, which takes into account:

- developments in ship's handling and navigation techniques
- requests for additional information relevant to safe navigation
- the possibility of MRG obtaining INT status
- avoidance of limiting the areas for which MRG can be produced
- harmonization of orthography, grammar and layout style.

The subWG would now welcome comments on the draft from the whole membership of the CSPCWG. It is hoped that consideration of their draft by CSPCWG will enable a final version to be submitted to IHO Member States later this year. I have attached the draft to the email covering this letter, and also a scanned copy of the old S.P. 49 which it supersedes. I would be grateful if you would **send your comments directly to Jens at [jens.schroeder-fuerstenberg@bsh.de](mailto:jens.schroeder-fuerstenberg@bsh.de)** with a copy to me. Allowing our usual 8 weeks consultation, please respond by **26 August 2009**.

Yours sincerely,

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