

## **Establishment of a pilot project targeted the leisure craft users**

Briefing by Denmark

The dissemination of privately produced ECS and their belonging cartographic products targeted the non-commercial vessels have developed increasingly during the last 20 years in the Baltic Sea area.

These products have proved today in Denmark to be the preferred primary aid for navigation at sea by the leisure craft users at the expense of the use of paper charts. Market surveys carried out by KMS has further proved that the majority of the leisure craft users have confidence in that the ECS may substitute the paper charts as the primary aid for navigation.

The market surveys further support our assumption that the ECS products in general only are kept updated sporadically (i.e. yearly or with 2 years or more in delay). This is also supported by the sales reports received by the private companies during the years.

KMS has therefore decided to initiate a pilot project in 2013 at sea in collaboration with two private companies to gain experiences about the distribution of official S57data and belonging update intervals from Denmark, Sweden and Germany involving about 150-200 Danish leisure craft users owing a leisure craft boat and a tablet.

The test period at sea will be carried out between 01 May – 30 September 2013 and a final report about the project and recommendations will be presented to the Directing Board of KMS by 15 November 2013.

Denmark proposes to give a short presentation for the Commission of the background, objectives and some planned perspectives of the project.