

**TASK TEAM 8****NAME: MARINE TRAINING CENTER ENGAGEMENT**

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**TASK GOAL**

- Identify Mariner Training Centers providing courses for Polar navigation
- Enhanced understanding of marine training center needs for integration of ice center expertise/data/products in training modules.
- Enhance training center awareness of ice center capabilities.
- Identify gaps, bottlenecks and areas for collaboration

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- Team is balanced mix between ice services, mariners, and marine training center reps.
- Building on survey outcome, investigating potential/future contribution from ice services to marine training centers, including use of ice service data in simulators and relevant expertise in various training modules.

**ADDRESS** the following questions:

- Where are marine training centers located (those offering Polar Waters modules)?
- Who/what do they train? How are mariners trained to used ice service products?
- What is the source of ice information used in training?
- Which Ice services are used/referenced globally?
- Would examples of current/future ice data be beneficial for use in simulators?
- Where do ice services see primary role/obstacles in closer engagement with marine training centers?
- Where do marine training centers see primary role/obstacles in closer engagement with ice services?
- Is there a need for closer collaboration? Provide more detailed requirements.
- Summarize discussions, provide recommendations and potential roadmap to IICWG.

**OUTCOMES (DELIVERABLES)**

- List of Marine Training Centers providing Ice Navigation/Polar Waters modules.
- List of identified challenges and potential areas for collaboration
- List of areas for continued/focused/enhanced collaboration between ice services and marine training centers.
- Present work/findings at IICWG-21, discussion session to address issues among ice services

## ACTIVITIES / STATUS

- Questions were to formulated to a questionnaire
- 16 major marine training centers identified on 4 continents, all world-leading centres providing basic-advanced-specialized courses, including contact points,. (the list of training centres is much longer)
- The 5 companies is the task team will provide their business specific input on ice services vs. marine training centers
- 29 February: Questionnaire distributed the 21 recipients by email
- Late March, again Late April: extensions response deadline due the Corona Pandemic
- 14 May: Survey closed, response received from 12 out of 21 recipients
- 15 May: Survey outcome package and timeline for task team work distributed to Task Team 8 members to initiate next steps.

The tentative timeline for Task Team 8 work is the following:

- Mid-May to Early-June: Task team members analyze survey feedback.
- June 08-12: Task Team telecon
- Mid-June to Mid-July: continued analysis and discussions
- Mid-July: Keld commences preparation of intermediate report to ice service heads
- Early August: Intermediate report distributed to ice service heads
- 21-25 September: Present Task Team 8 work at IICWG-XXI (in Buenos Aires or virtual)

## NOTES / REMARKS

**Estimated Percent Complete:** 51%

**Interaction with Other Task Teams:** No

**What is working well?** With deadlines extensions and direct communication with several training centers we managed to obtain a solid survey outcome for the continued work in Task Team 8. The task has added extra members from marine training centers. The fun part (analysis of survey results, discussions) will now take over in Task Team 8 😊

**Are there barriers hindering progress?** The Corona pandemic caused a large delay for survey and limited activity within Task Team 8, but not considered critical for closing the work in September. We all still need a bit more flexibility and time for interactions due the Global situation as we all work outside office, probably for the next several weeks.