

ECDIS and E-Navigation- a boon or another nuisance to deal with

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E-navigation and ECDIS have been causing a lot of turbulence in the Industry, some for the right reasons and at times for the confusion and controversial issues too.

The essential rationale to enhance the Safety of Navigation on Board, Reduce costs, create better Situational Awareness and Safer navigation often gets clouded by the issues such as additional cost burden, increased procedures, face inspections by Port State and Vetting authorities and deal with major issues e.g. Training the Navigators on board.

The Question then remains what truly is the Potential of E-navigation, and how will it affect the Culture on the Bridge.

We take a look at the prevalent ECDIS and e-navigation scenario at the moment and what are the perspectives on the horizon that will affect the Navigation Practices across the whole Shipping Industry.