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HOSTORY of Marine Ship Code

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Introduction

It has been recommended that a study be conducted to

- verify if all WMO Manual on Codes (WMO-No.306) and IMMT formats documenting the history of marine ship codes and exchange formats are available, and
- look into the feasibility of making this information available on the Web.
- Result of a study to trace the history was submitted to SGMC8 (2000)
- However, a number of tasks remains

Remaining tasks (SGMC8)

- To confirm result of the previous work (study to trace the history of code and format) and update the result
- To digitize all the past SHIP code forms and IMMT formats
 - not only codes and IMMT but also "notes" and "regulations"

 To trace history of changes of code tables used in SHIP code and IMMT, including the implementation date with relevant Recommendations and Resolutions

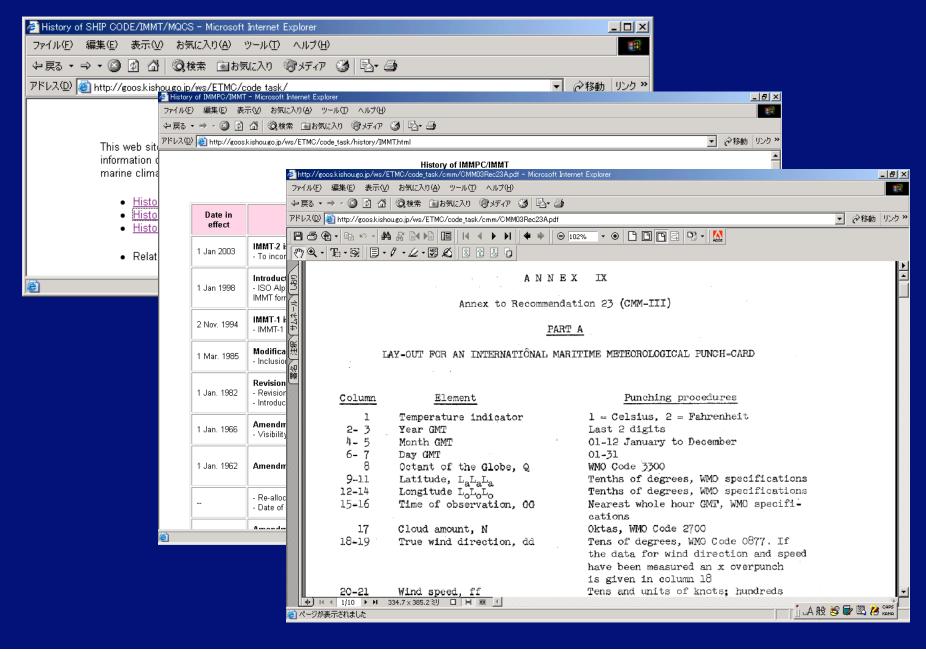
What have been done in this inter-sessonal period

- Digitizing (keying) parts of final documents of CMM and CSM/CBS sessions relative to code and format change
- Confirming the result of the previous work reported to SGMS-8 by referring to the documents
- Making above results available on a web site

What have not been done

 Full digitization of all past SHIP code forms, code tables and relevant documents

http://goos.kishou.go.jp/ws/JCPMM/ETMC/code_task/



Discussion

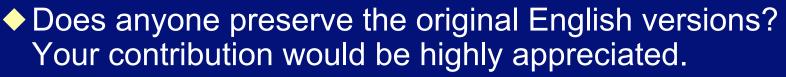
 Although the result of study with some extracts from relevant documents become available, it seems to be incomplete.

- Some information might be missing
- Document might be typed wrongly
- How to complete this task:
 - Preserve all available relevant documents in original form (not keying but scanning first) and make them available on a web site or CD
 - Re-construct the web site contents with appropriate link to the original document.

Future work plan

By the end of 2004

- Scanning all available CMM and CSM/CBS session final reports and make them available on the web site
- Re-constructing the web site contents on the history of code forms and formats
- Digitization of the past Manual on Codes
 - All Japanese translation versions of past Manual on Codes from 1955 codes, including FM 21.A, 22.A, 23.A and 26.A, are kept at JMA. They can be scanned.



Other marine codes

 Expansion of this work to FM 18 DRIFTER/BUOY, FM 62 TRACKOB, FM 63 BATHY, FM 64 TESAC and FM 65 WAVEOB