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-sessional 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
  ◆ Does anyone preserve the original English versions? Your contribution would be highly appreciated.

◆ 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