CCNR survey on obligation to fit Inland AIS device and system for displaying electronic charts: WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK > http://questionnaire.ccr-zkr.org!

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The Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) is asking boatmen, authorities, and companies that install the equipment to take part in a survey in order to assess the implementation of the obligation to fit an Inland AIS device and a system for displaying electronic charts.



With a view to ensuring greater safety for navigation on the Rhine and providing skippers with more information, the CCNR introduced an obligation to fit Inland AIS devices and Inland ECDIS or comparable devices for displaying electronic charts, in force since 1 December 2014. The obligation applies on the Rhine; full information on the decision can be consulted in the brochure available at "Clarifications concerning the obligation of equipment with an Inland AIS and an Inland ECDIS device or a comparable electronic chart display device". The prescriptions applicable are included in Article 4.07 of the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine (RPNR), which can be downloaded at: RPNR.

The decision has been in force for two years now, and the CCNR would like to carry out an assessment to find out what people's experience of it has been and what difficulties have been encountered, thereby providing the parties affected by the new regulations with an opportunity to propose improvements. This will enable the CCNR to take account of grassroots requirements and constraints when drawing up future regulations, and it is therefore inviting anyone who wishes to take part in the assessment of these prescriptions and their evolution to answer an anonymous on-line questionnaire, accessible at:

http://questionnaire.ccr-zkr.org

The questionnaire will be available, in French, Dutch and German, from 1 November to mid-December; there is a separate questionnaire for each of the four levels concerned by the regulations:

- » Boatman
- » Police or supervisory authority boarding vessels
- » Waterway or port management authority
- » Company fitting or repairing Inland AIS devices

Please make this questionnaire known to others around you; be assured that your time and effort spent on the questionnaire will be much appreciated! The main conclusions of the assessment will be available once the results have been analysed.

ABOUT THE CCNR

The Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) is an international organisation that exercises an essential regulatory role in the navigation of the Rhine. It is active in the technical, legal, economic and environmental fields. In all its areas of action, its work is guided by the efficiency of transport on the Rhine, safety, social considerations, and respect for the environment. Many of the Central Commission's activities now reach beyond the Rhine and are directly concerned with European navigable waterways more generally. The Central Commission works closely with the European Commission as well as with the other river commissions and international organisations.



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