



#### RIS workshop, 13 Nov. 2008

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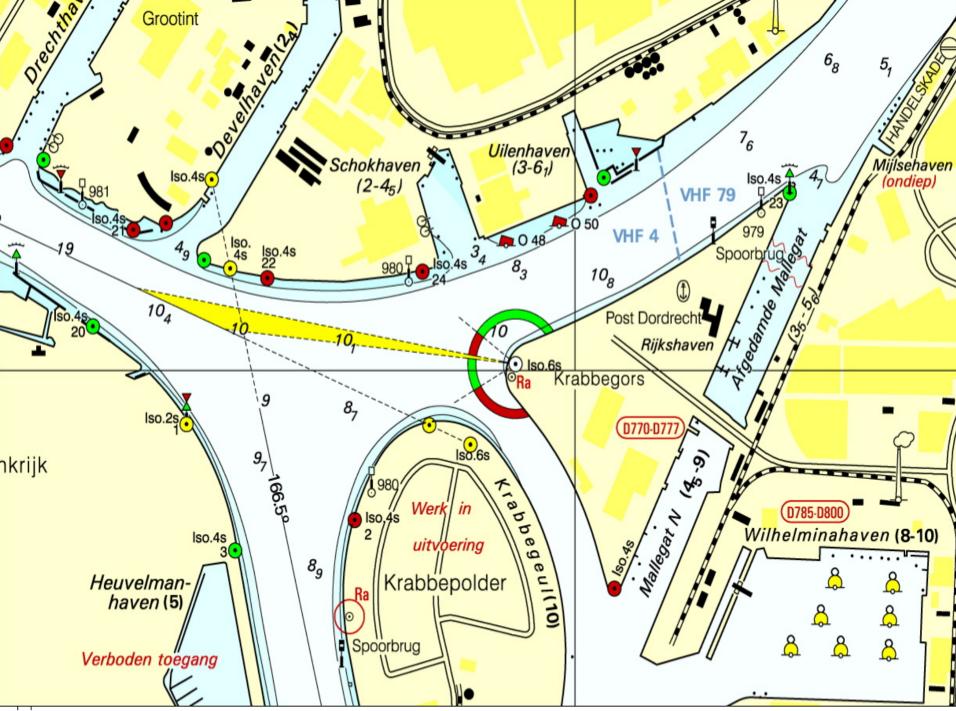
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# What is Inland ECDIS?

- Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS) for Inland Waterways
- Inland ECDIS is a system for the display of electronic inland navigation charts (Inland ENCs) and additional information
- Its purpose is to contribute to safety and efficiency of inland navigation and thus also to protection of the environment
- Simultaneously Inland ECDIS is to reduce the workload when navigating the ship as compared to traditional navigation and information methods
- Inland ECDIS provides also the basis for other River Information Services (RIS), e.g. NtS and Inland-AIS

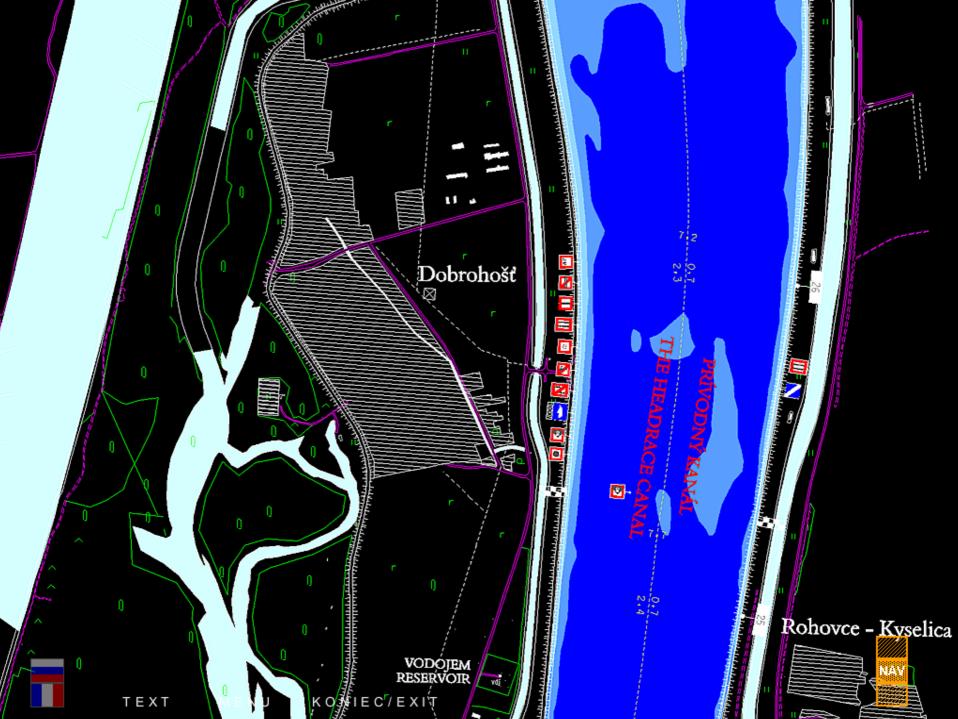




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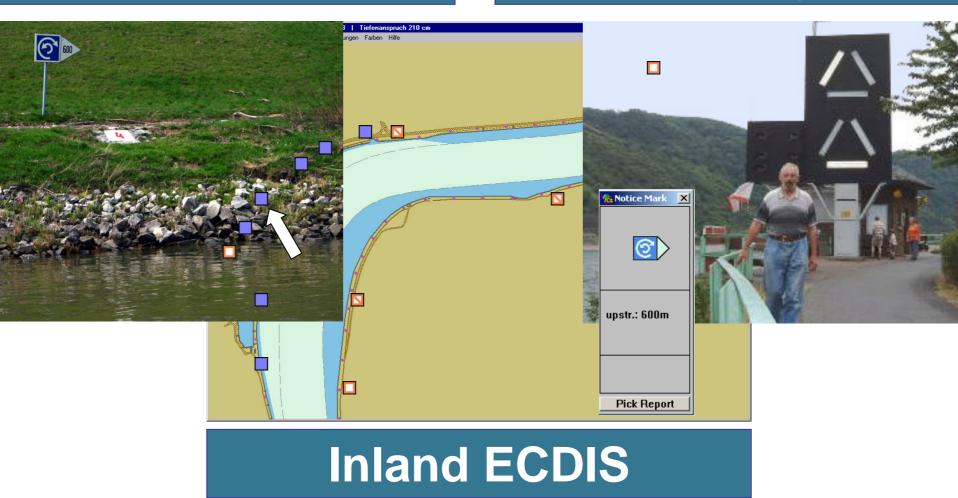






# ECDIS of IHO and IMO

# Additional objects for Inland Navigation





# Legal status of Inland ECDIS

- The European Inland ECDIS standard has been developed in several Transport Research Projects of the EU
- It has been adopted by
  - the Central Commission for Navigation on the Rhine (CCNR)
  - the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations (UNECE)
  - the Danube Commission
- It has also been adopted as a technical specification under the RIS directive of the EU; publication pending



#### International harmonization

- Since 2001 cooperation with North America to ensure more influence of inland navigation within IHO
- The Russian Federation and Brazil have joined the Inland ENC Harmonization Group (IEHG) in the meantime
- International harmonization is only dealing with charts (inland ENCs), not with applications
- The harmonized latest edition of the Inland ENC standard is used in Europe, Russia, North- and South America. Egypt, China and Vietnam are already interested to use it, too



#### IHO and compatibility

- Inland ENCs will be formally recognized as "special profile" in the next edition of the maritime standards
- IHO has made a clear statement, that the compatibility of maritime applications with Inland ENCs is possible and does not endanger the certification of maritime applications
- The next edition of the standards for Electronic Chart Systems (ECS) will also take into account Inland ENCs
- The Harmonization Group will apply to become an accredited Non-Governmental Organisation at IHO to ensure future compatibility of maritime and inland waterway standards



#### Implementation

- 3 Inland ECDIS applications certified for navigation mode (with radar overlay)
- Several other applications for information mode
- 3500 vessels in Europe equipped with Inland ECDIS
- Member states of the EU have to produce Inland ENCs in accordance with the technical specification of the EU for all waterways of class Va and higher within 30 months after the publication of the specification

(Va: suited for vessels and convoys with a length of 85 m)



# Implementation of Inland ENCs

Country	class	coverage	published	available for free	used version of standard	
AT	Va +	full	yes	www.doris.bmvit.gv.at	1.02, 2.0 in 2008	
BE (FL)	Va +		1/2009	www.vlaamsewaterwegen.be ? 2.0		
BG	Va +	full	no	yes	1.02	
СН	Va +	full	yes	www.portofbasel.ch		
CZ	IV	full	yes	www.lavdis.cz	1.02	
DE	Va +	2300/4000 rkm	yes	www.elwis.de	1.02, 2.0 in 2008, depth info. free	
FR	Va +	30 km Garonne		<u>www.vnf.fr</u>	<u>vw.vnf.fr</u> 1.02	
HR	IV +	full	yes	www.crup.hr	1.02, 2.0 in 2008	
HU	Va +	full	planned 08	planned (free for skippers only)	skippers only) 1.02, 2.0 in 2009	
LU	Va +					
NL	IV +	full	yes	www.risserver.nl	1.02, 2.0 in 2008	
PL	Va +					
RO	Va +	full	<b>yes/no</b> (Black Sea Canal)	www.afdj.ro/not free for Black Sea Canal	1.01	
RS	Va +	full	yes	www.plovput.co.yu	1.02	
SK	Va +	90/172 rkm	no	yes	1.01	
UA Inland	Va +	full	yes	yes ?	1.02	

Harmonization Group

#### Inland ENCs and RIS

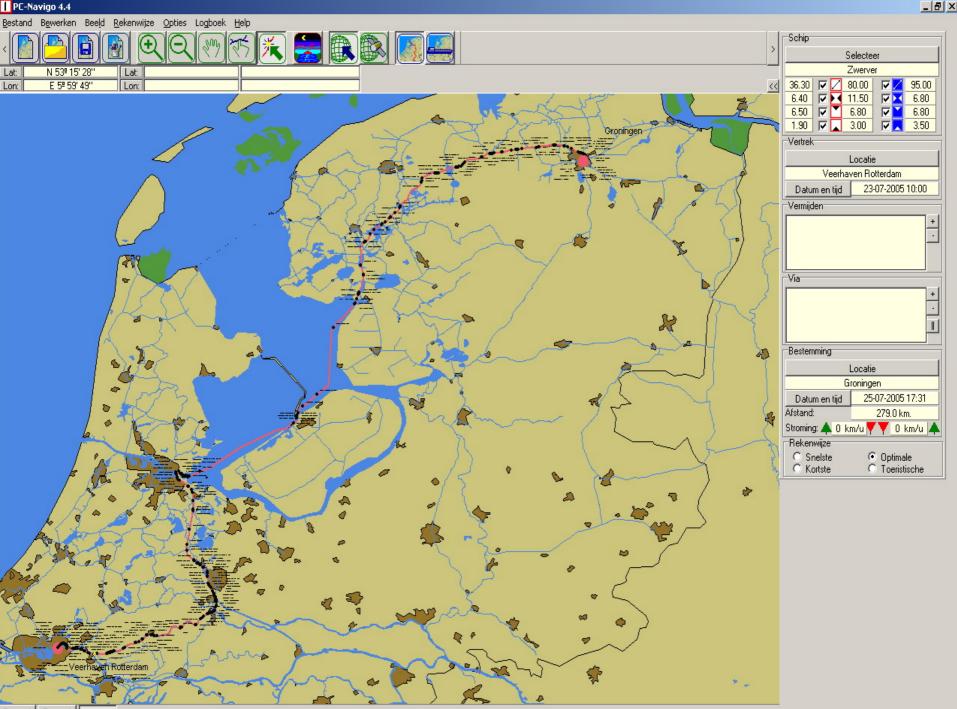
- The Inland ENCs, that are currently available, are based on older versions of the Inland ECDIS standard
- They do not provide full support of RIS
- The next edition of the Inland ENCs should be optimized for RIS:



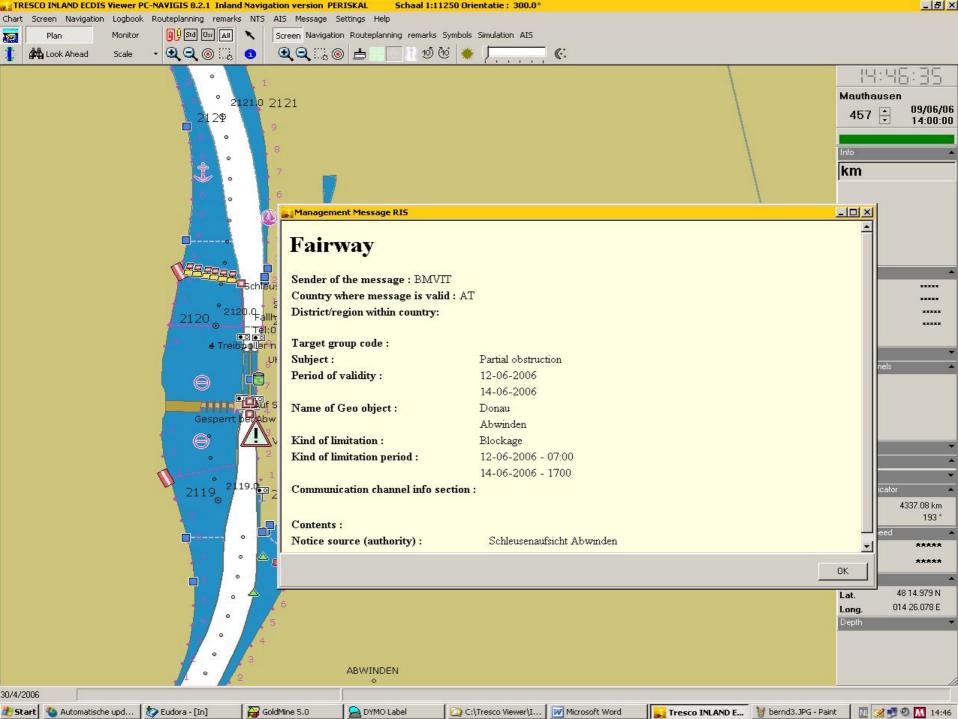
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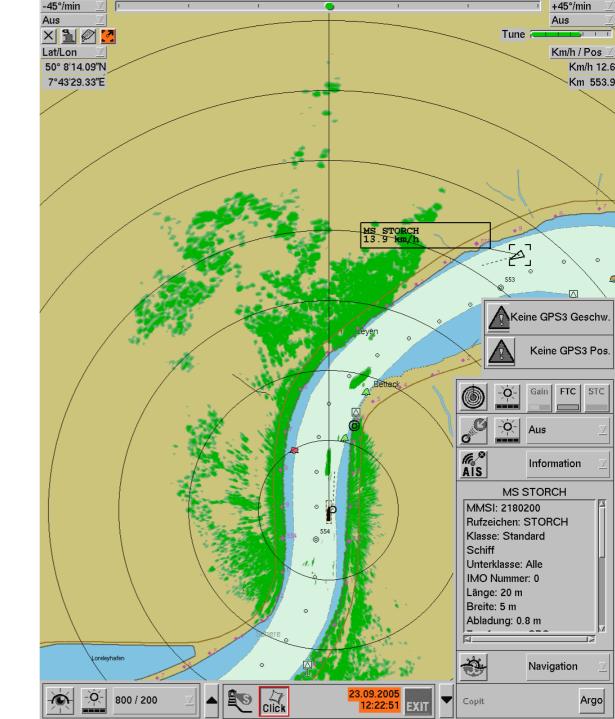
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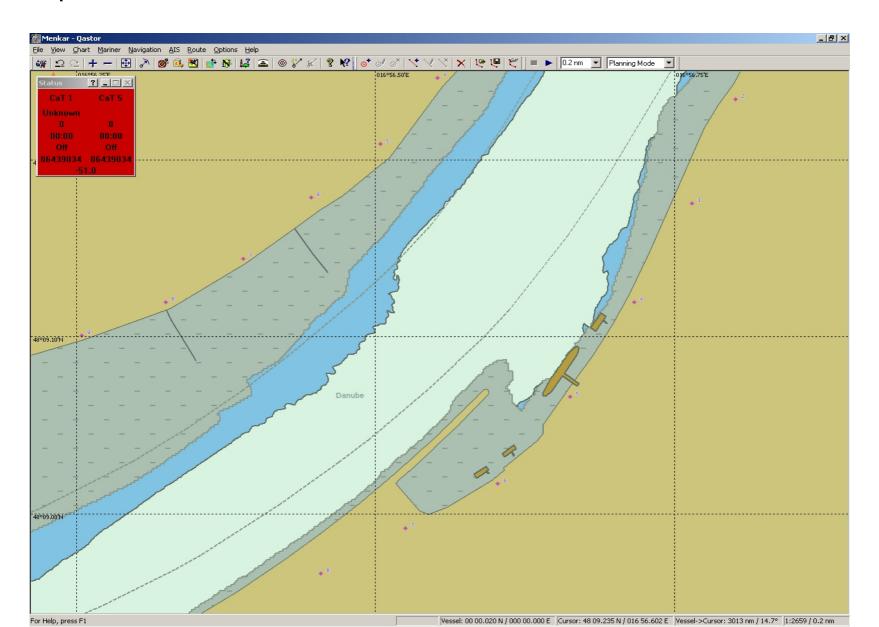








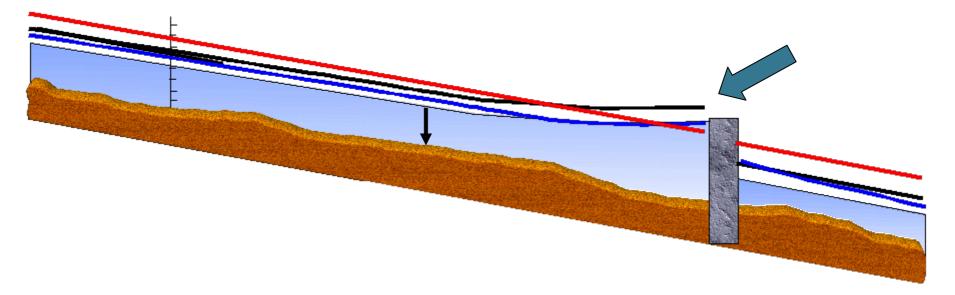
#### Depth information is referred to a reference water level.



Depth information in Inland ENCs is referred to a reference water level, which is sloped and non-linear

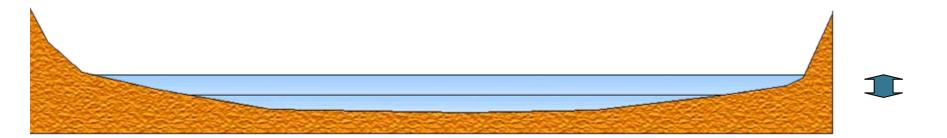
If the water level at the gauge is 1 m above the reference level, the skipper adds 1 m to all the depth values

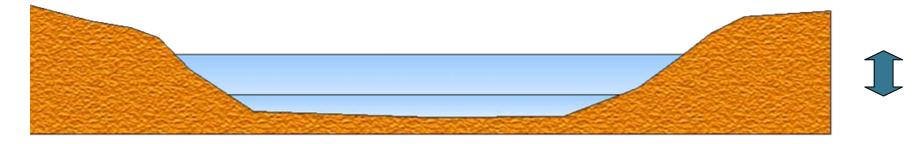
We need a water level model, because water levels are not parallel





Water level models are also needed for free flowing sections due to different cross sections







### Water level and velocity information

- The information derived from water level models can only be used for a specific section of the river Rhine at the moment
- A proposal for a standardized format for detailed water level information has been developed
- The proposed format can also be used to provide velocity information, that is important for voyage planning applications and optimisation of the fuel consumption



## More information on Inland ECDIS

- Visit <u>ienc.openecdis.org</u>
- Latest edition of the standard
- Digital parts of the standard for application providers
- Information on the expert groups
- Links to other websites with information on Inland ENCs (e.g. international organizations, national authorities, ...)
- Discussion forum on Inland ENCs



# Thank you for your attention!

