US Committee on the Marine Transportation System (CMTS) e-Navigation Activities





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U.S. Committee on the Marine Transportation System (CMTS)

- CMTS www.cmts.gov
 - 22+ Federal agencies
 - Organization
 - Principals
 - Coordinating Board
 - Working groups
 - Integrated Action Teams (IAT)





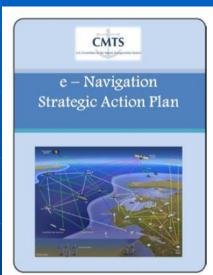
National Strategy
for the
Marine Transportation System:
A Framework for Action



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CMTS Future of Navigation IAT Terms of Reference

- Purpose: "develop and carry out a work plan for the implementation of the e-Nav Strategic Action Plan."
- Membership:
 - Open to all CMTS agencies
 - Co-chairs:
 - USCG, USACE, NOAA
- "Communicate and collaborate with MTS stakeholders as appropriate"
- "work through accepted Federal channels to communicate and collaborate with international organizations... and appropriate nongovernmental organizations... under the authorities and roles of the agencies participating in the e-Nav IAT."



CMTS Future of Navigation IAT Work Plan

- Participation in IMO e-Nav implementation
- Outreach
- S-100 Implementation
- Unique identification codes
- Enhanced Marine Safety Information (eMSI)
- Broader use of AIS
- Single window development
- [Data -related efforts passed to Data IAT]

Enhanced Marine Safety Information (eMSI)

Current state:

- Agencies provide MSI in different formats, disseminated through various means
- Information is sometimes duplicated
- Users need to know where to go to get information, then apply it
- Information is not provided in a format best for end users
- eMSI Task Team purpose: Coordinate various government-provided navigation information services
- Goal: Provide an "integrated navigation information bulletin"
 - Accessed and delivered electronically
 - Variety of formats available as web services
 - Facilitate transmission via AIS

Enhanced Marine Safety Information (eMSI) Use Case

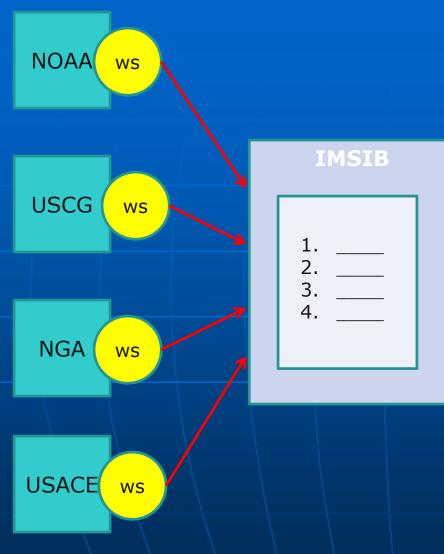
- During voyage planning, navigator determines departure date/time, estimated arrival date/time, route, stops or layovers, other information.
- Navigation system used for voyage planning automatically requests applicable information from eMSI service(s); transparent to the navigator; machine-to-machine.
- eMSI is delivered in usable format for the system(s) that the navigator will use.
- Voyage plan may be modified based on information received – iterative process

Broader definition of MSI

IHO Special Pub. 53: "navigational and meteorological warnings, meteorological forecasts and other urgent safety-related messages broadcast to ships"

eMSI task team including additional information such as lock status, AtoN discrepancies, weather observations, infrastructure information, etc.

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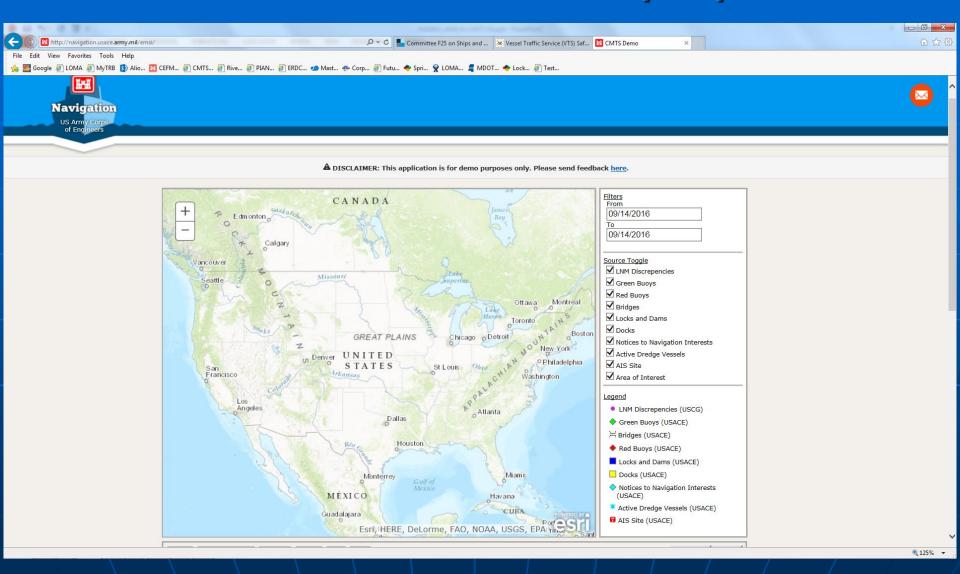
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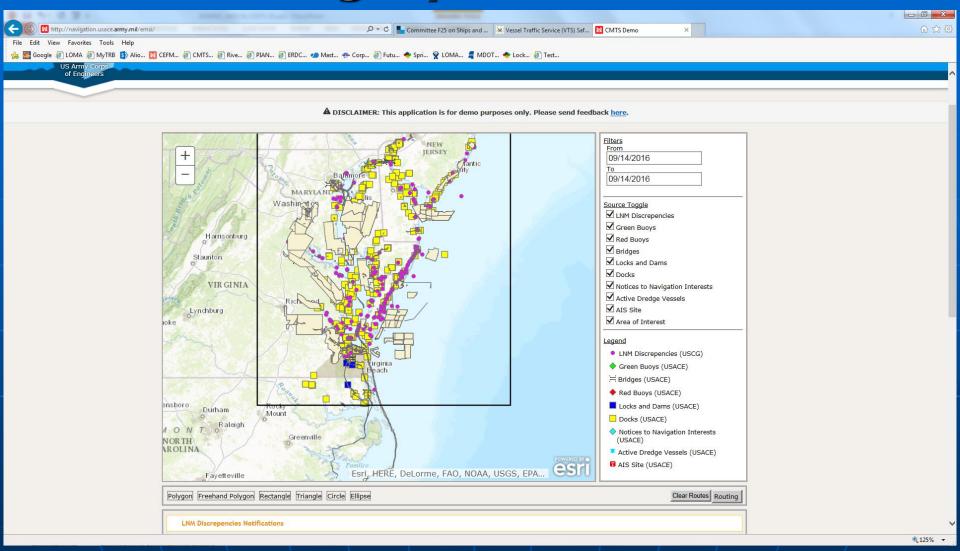
eMSI proof-of-concept portal

- Tool to aid in harmonizing MSI from various sources
- Using a broad definition of MSI different from international definition
- Use portal as a place to put information from different sources and attempt to access it
 - Initially through manual user interface
 - Ultimately via machine-to-machine interface (web services)
- Identify areas that need harmonization
- Not intended to be the end product or "one-stopshop"
- Incorporate into S-100 product specification(s)

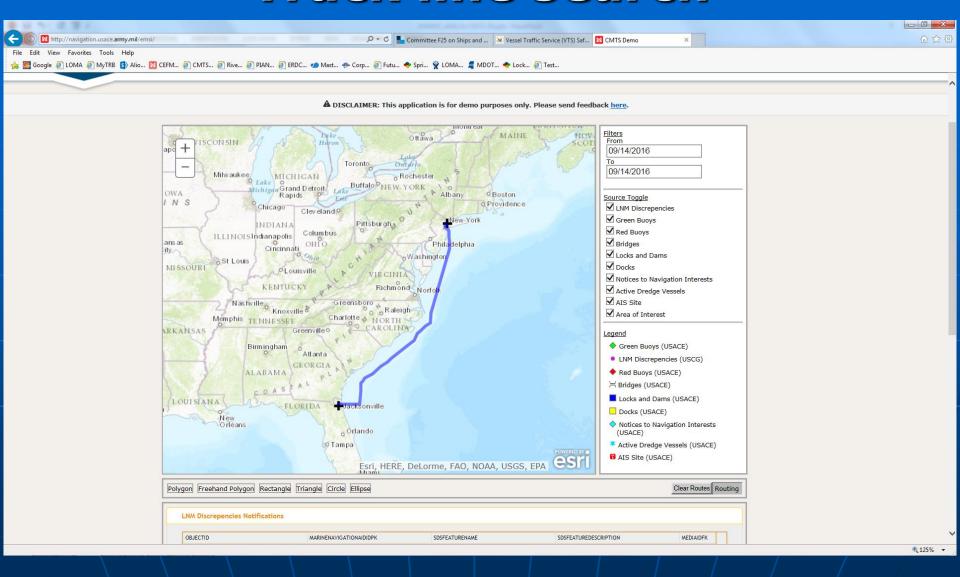
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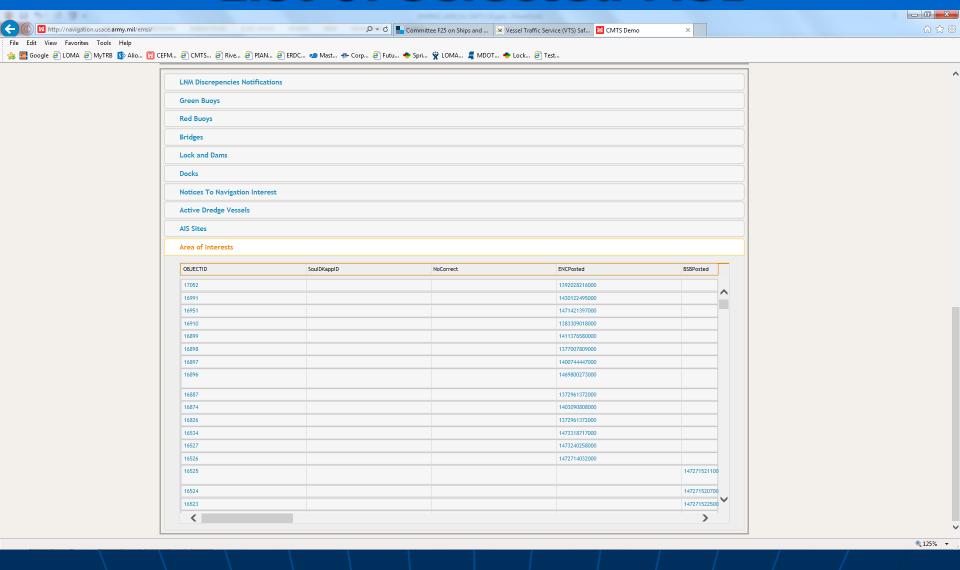
Geographic search



Track line search



List of selected MSI



Lessons learned

- What time is it?
 - All data sets have date-time fields
 - Different meanings, formats, etc.
- Where are we?
 - Location codes, waterway IDs, etc.
- Who's got the conn?
 - International: IHO, IALA, WMO, ???
 - US: Various agencies, regulations, laws, requirements
 - Industry: Similar efforts with existing data access

eMSI Road Map tasks

- Establish eMSI application presentation interface (API)
- Compile list of existing interagency bilateral efforts
- Address chart update issues
- Identify common navigation information fields
- Get USCG BNMs into digital format
- Develop a graphic/matrix displaying current status of navigation information and who's responsible for it.
- Create eMSI S-57 products from portal data similar to existing inland buoy overlay
- Current listing and status of S-100 product specification development efforts related to eMSI
- Take route exchange format from ECDIS standard and build the capability to accept and return eMSI based on this
- Determine best way to reach out to software/equipment manufacturers

Discussion points

- Recommendations on approach
 - Priorities
 - Services to include
- Testing
- Test products
 - S-57 product
 - API
- What are applicable S-100 product specifications
 - Gaps
 - Overlap
- Other comments, suggestions

Thank you for your attention!



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