



Status and plans of Nautical publications in Finland

Introduction

Notices to Mariners and List of Lights are no longer printed, but instead provided free of charge for download as PDF- publications. Additional corresponding web-services with search-functionalities have also been published. The only publication planned to be printed also in the future is Chart 1.

Status

Notices to Mariners

The printed version of Notices to Mariners was discontinued in the end of 2014. Today the distribution of Notices to Mariners is through download at our website free of charge. In the beginning of 2017 we opened the additional NtM Online web-service with capability of viewing the Notices filtered by time of publication, area or charts affected.

The new service is integrated as a part of our existing system for managing changes in the charts. Notices to Mariners are fed into the change-management system in Finnish, Swedish and English. NtM booklets, current Temporary and Preliminary notices in force and lists of correction by chart are created using data extracted from the system. Due to the system supporting three languages, the system relies largely on the use of symbols, in order to limit the need for translation <u>Link</u>.

Finnish Lists of Lights

All printed Lists of Lights were substituted by downloadable online publications in 2016. The List of Lights was slightly re-arranged, and is now divided into sections in order to facilitate both usage and updating. General information is found in a separate publication. The tables of lights are separated into two different publications for coastal areas and inland waterways. The Saimaa area is now included as a part of the publication for inland waterways.

The new publications produced in PDF- format are;

- Finnish lights, General information
- Finnish List of Lights, Coastal area
- Finnish List of Lights, Inland Waterways

The sections with tables of lights will be updated more frequently than the section containing general information. An additional web-service, with the capability to search for lights or view custom Lists of Light by area, chart, keyword or changes made was also opened in the beginning of 2017 <u>Link</u>.

Chart 1

Finland started to move to international chart symbols in 2003. We still have a few inland charts using the traditional Finnish symbols. These old symbols are included in the current Chart 1, published in 2010. The next edition of Chart 1 will no longer include the traditional Finnish symbols. A new version of Chart 1 was planned by the end of 2016, but due to delays the current schedule is for publication during 2017.

Actions requested from NHC60

The NHC60 is asked to note this information.