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10-12 September 2019
Gdansk, Poland

Agenda item C5
Baltic Sea MSI Working Group (BSMSIWG) Report
SWEDEN

Baltic Sea Maritime Safety Information Working Group BSMSIWG

1. Status of Work of BSMSIWG since BSHC 23

At BSHC 23, the BSMSIWG was officially formed to supersede the BALTICO meetings. Mrs. Malin Liljenborg was elected chair of the working group. In April 2019 Mrs. Liljenborg resigned from her position at Swedish Maritime Administration, and Mr. Johan von Bültzingslöwen resumed as Baltic Sea Sub-area MSI coordinator, and acting chair of the BSMSIWG.

The first meeting of the BSMSIWG is scheduled for May 2020 in Helsinki, Finland.

1.1 Members

All BSHC member states have been invited to confirm their members to the group. Not all countries have responded. If member states wish to make changes to the list of BSMSIWG members, simply send an e-mail to acting chair Mr. von Bültzingslöwen (johan.bultzingslowen@sjofartsverket.se). To view the full list with member contact info. Please refer to www.bshc.pro/working-groups/bsmsiwg where a pdf will be uploaded.

BSMSIWG members August 2019:

Denmark	Ulla Bjørndal Møller
Estonia	Olavi Heinlo
Estonia	Triin Rebane
Estonia	Aleksandr Laur
Estonia	Jüri Grigorjev
Estonia	Taimi Paljak
Finland	Janne Virtanen
Finland	Janina Tapia Cotrino
Finland	Dan Lillberg
Finland	Marja Aarnio
Germany	Wilfried Behncke
Latvia	Bruno Spels
Latvia	Aigars Gailis
Lithuania	Alla Bira
Lithuania	Emilis Tertelis
Lithuania	Asta Lučkienė
Poland	Dariusz Grabiec
Poland	Dariusz Tomczak
Sweden	Johan von Bültzingslöwen
Sweden	Agneta Hedström
Sweden	Lisa Lind
Sweden	Mats Johansson

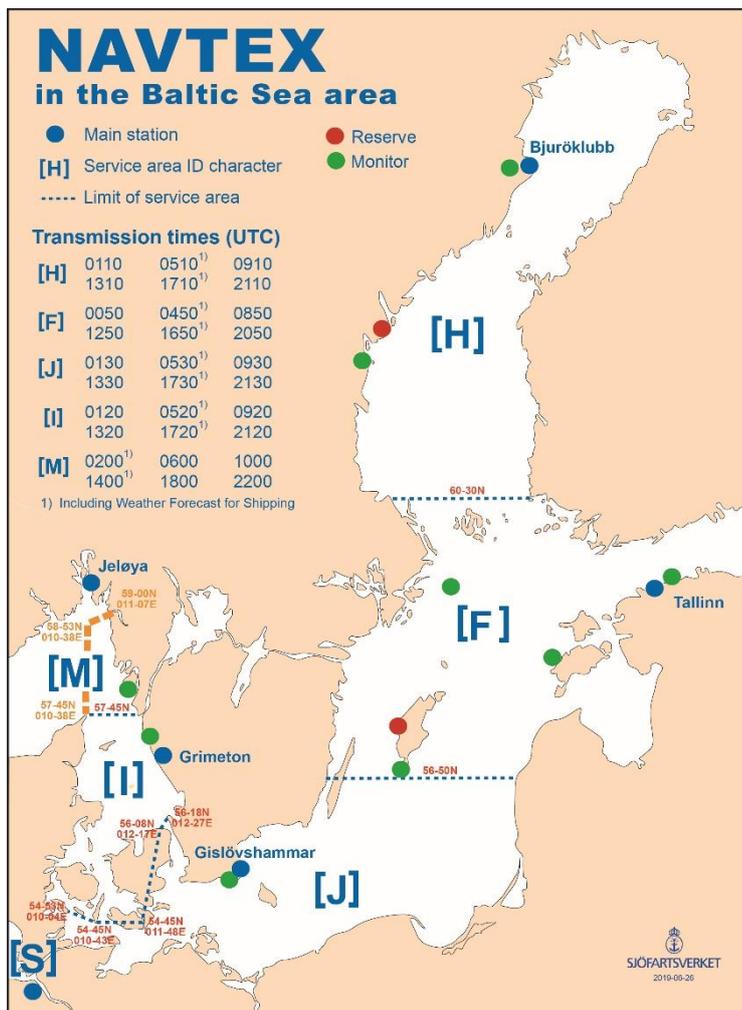


2. Distribution of MSI

In accordance with GMDSS, Maritime Safety Information (MSI) for the Baltic Sea region is provided to shipping by means of the international Navtex system.

In addition to Navtex, MSI is provided by means of various national systems such as VHF, national Navtex, MF-radio, Smart Phone Apps, TV-text and national websites.

As the Navtex system is “sensitive” for overload of information and for interferences from Navtex stations in other regions and from other sources, the system requires much manpower and planning to operate well. Monitoring of the broadcasts is essential.



2.1 Operational points of contact

COUNTRY	TELEPHONE	EMAIL	WEBSITE
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Latvia	+371 67 32 31 03	navarea@lhd.lv sar@mrcc.lv	Link
Lithuania	+370 618 12 591	mardep@ltsa.lt	Link
Poland	+48 261 266 208	bhmw@bhmw.gov.pl	Link
Russian Federation	+7 812 717 59 00	unio_navarea@mil.ru	Link
Sweden	+46 771 63 06 85	swedentraffic@sjofartsverket.se	Link



2.2 Contents of Navigational Warnings

Subjects that cause navigation warnings in the Baltic Sea region vary between the issuing countries due to different rules and procedures in the issuing country and various marine conditions etc.

A majority of the warnings in the southeastern part of the region are dealing with military exercises, while almost no such warnings are issued in the rest of the region.

Bottom surveys and other activities connected to the Nord Stream projects have caused some navigational warnings, but the number has declined.

More typical topics of navigational warnings are outages of navigational aids, drifting hazards, underwater operations, cable laying, low sea level and temporary withdrawal of TSS due to ice.

2.3 Broadcast issues

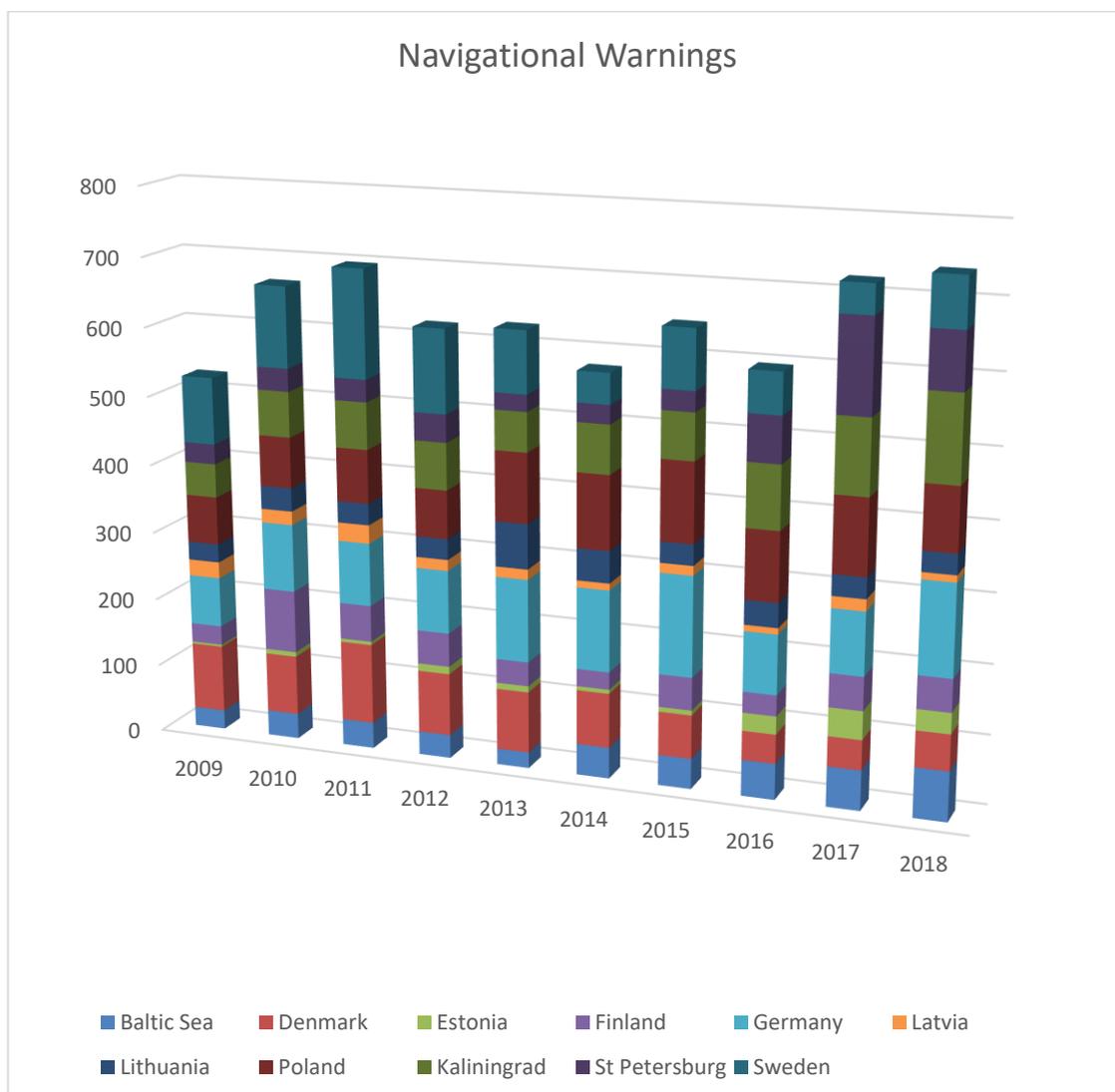
The transmission times for the Tallinn Navtex station was changed during 2018. No disturbances or problems regarding this change have been reported.

2.4 Quantity of Navigational Warnings in each NAVTEX Service Area during 2018

Nation	Bjuröklubb (H)	Grimeton (I)	Gislövshammar (J)	Tallinn (U)	Summary
Baltic Sea	2	29	34	7	72
Denmark	0	36	16	0	52
Estonia	0	0	0	30	30
Finland	22	0	0	25	47
Germany	0	8	124	0	132
Kaliningrad	0	0	123	0	123
Latvia	0	0	7	3	10
Lithuania	0	0	29	0	29
Petersburg	0	0	0	81	81
Poland	0	0	91	0	91
Sweden	4	18	26	23	71
Summary	28	91	450	169	738

2.5 Sub-area warnings and coastal warnings in recent years

Nation	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Baltic Sea NW	28	37	38	34	23	45	44	52	58	72
Danish NW	98	87	117	91	89	79	63	42	43	52
Estonian NW	3	7	5	11	9	6	7	26	41	30
Finnish NW	28	91	53	49	35	25	47	30	48	47
German NW	73	99	92	92	120	118	145	86	91	132
Latvian NW	24	20	27	16	15	10	14	9	17	10
Lithuanian NW	27	34	31	30	65	46	30	35	30	29
Polish NW	70	74	78	70	101	107	115	100	109	91
Kaliningrad NW	49	66	68	68	57	70	67	91	107	123
St Petersburg NW	29	33	32	40	24	27	29	66	134	81
Swedish NW	97	117	156	120	89	44	85	59	42	71
TOTAL	526	665	697	621	627	577	646	596	720	738



3. WNWNS-11 Aug 2019

A representative from Baltic Sea Sub-area will attend the annual World Wide Navigational Warning Sub-Committee meeting in Halifax, Canada, 26 – 30 August 2019.

Meeting documents are available at the IHO website, <https://www.iho.int/>

5. S-124

The acting chair of the BSMSIWG participates in a working group involved in developing the S-124 system. S-124 is a system for presenting Navigational warnings in the ECDIS system. An S-124 workshop will be held in Halifax in connection with the WNWNS-11.

4. Actions requested

- For member states, not previously responded, to confirm their members to the BSMSIWG.
- The Commission is invited to note the report.