



**BALTIC SEA
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BSMSIWG report

28th BSHC Meeting

20 - 21 September 2022

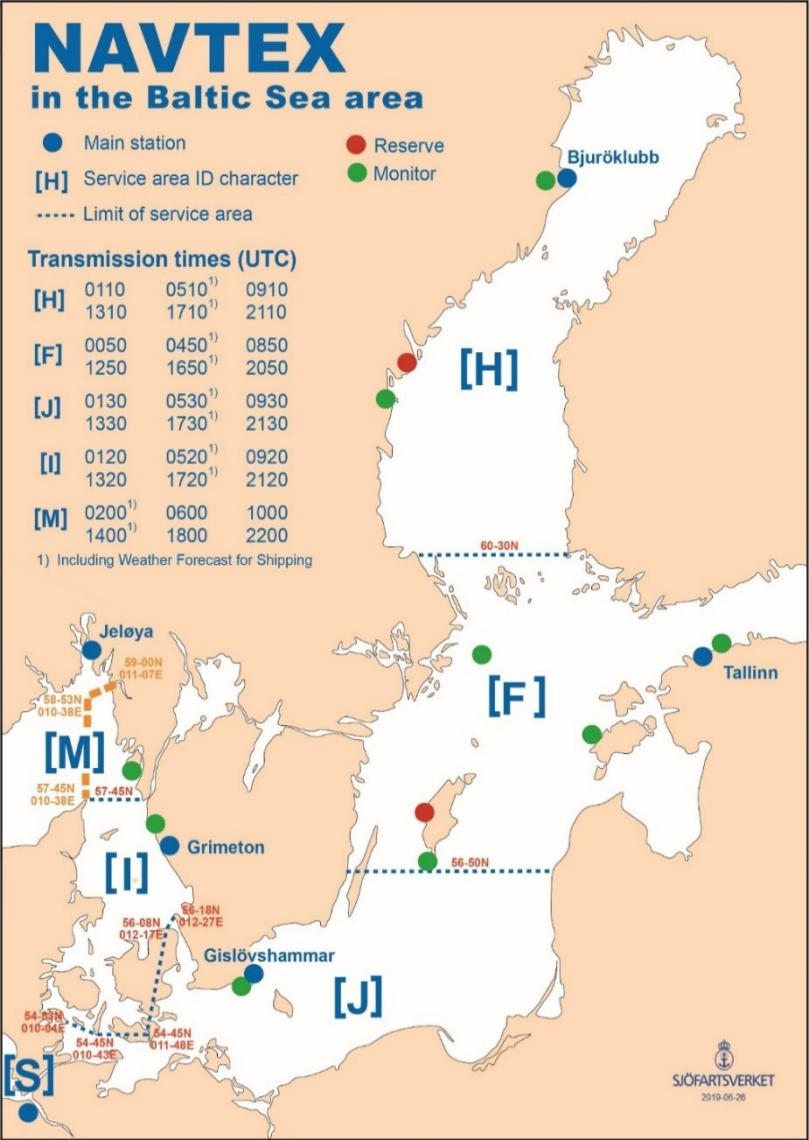
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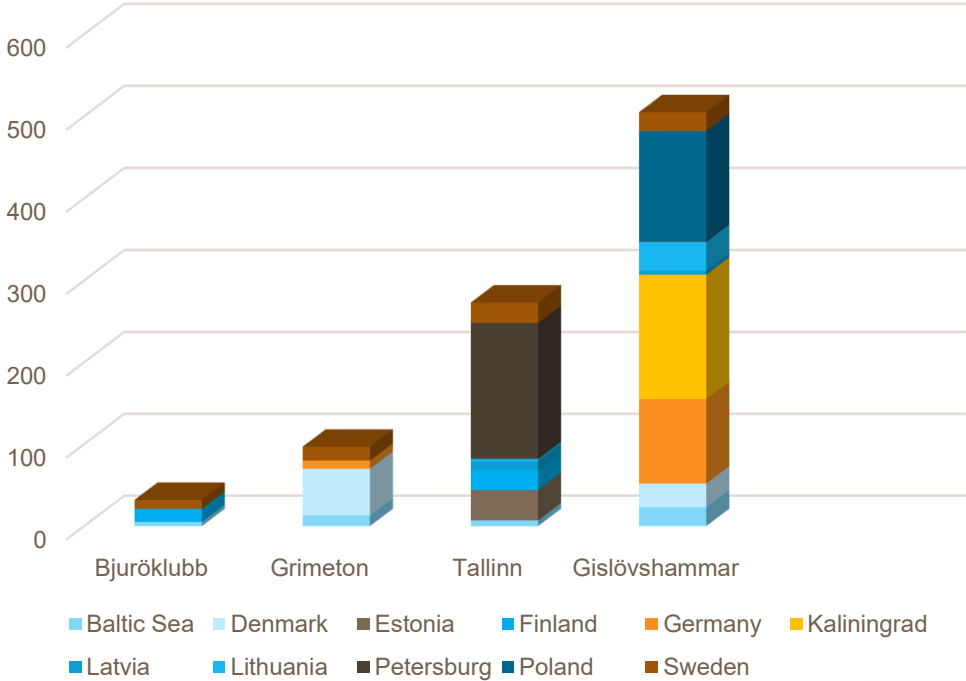
BSMSIWG - Background

- 2004 – Baltico meetings started
- 2018 – The BSMSIWG was formed
- 2020 - 2023 Five virtual meetings.

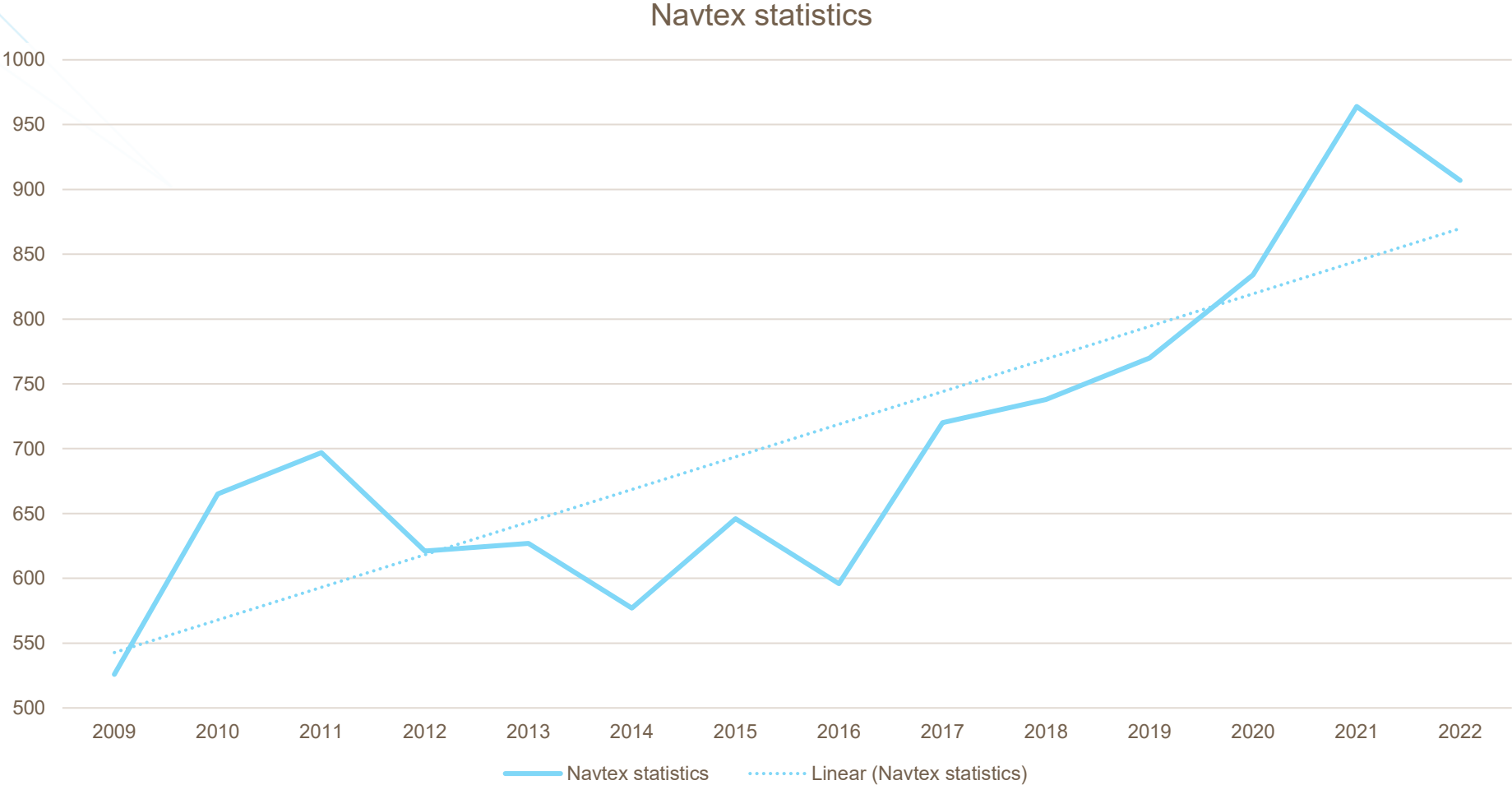
BSMSIWG - Summary of report



Navtex messages per transmitter 2022 (workload)



BSMSIWG – Summary of report



- Action from BSHC27:
 - to MS to consider the implications of long-running and/or content heavy navigational warnings and encourage timely ENC updates and NtM as alternatives.
 - Consider action done.
 - The number of warnings has dropped since last year.
 - At BSMSIWG5 MS decided to make military exercise warnings shorter with naming the area with only one position, making the warnings much shorter.

BSMSIWG – Updated ToR

- a) To facilitate that the GMDSS MSI services in the Sub-area are arranged in compliance with the regulations and recommendations of the IMO, IHO and other relevant organizations.
- b) To facilitate cooperation concerning technical and administrative matters related to the MSI service.
- c) To facilitate the exchange of information about events that could affect safety at sea within the Sub-area.
- d) To facilitate the exchange of advice concerning all aspects of MSI work.
- e) To facilitate harmonization of new and existing methods that make MSI and other relevant information to shipping available by means other than GMDSS.
- f) To evaluate and compile views on new and changed methods of providing MSI and to forward these to the relevant body.
- g) To exchange information about major planned operations at sea that are expected to affect international shipping in coastal waters of neighboring countries.
- h) To discuss and summarize the Sub-area's common views and suggestions for changes to regulations and recommendations, to be forwarded to WWNWS-SC by Sweden.
- i) **To coordinate and harmonize applicable S-100 based MSI services in the Baltic Sea sub-area following the IHO S-100 Roadmap.**

BSMSIWG – Updated Rules of Procedures

- a) Membership is open to member states and associate member states of the BSHC. Each member state shall be represented by governmental organizations dealing with MSI and/or other relevant information to shipping. The National Coordinator of Norway, the NAVAREA I Coordinator, the IMO Navtex Coordinating panel and other relevant official international bodies could also be invited to the BSMSIWG meetings and may be consulted through correspondence.
- b) Non-governmental organizations may attend meetings wholly or to the extent decided by the chair.
- c) **BSMSIWG meetings should be held at least once per year.**
- d) Interim meetings may be held at the discretion of the Chair.
- e) At the end of a BSMSIWG meeting, the approximate time, type and location for the next meeting should be decided.
- f) A preliminary invitation for in person meetings, including, dates and location should be sent out by the Chair or Secretary by e-mail at least **5 months before the meeting.**
- g) **A preliminary invitation to virtual meetings including date should be sent out by the Chair or Secretary by e-mail at least 2 months before the meeting.**
- h) The final invitation, including logistic information, a first draft agenda, a request for additional agenda items, a national report, and other papers, should be distributed not later than 3 months before in person meetings and **1 month for virtual meetings.**
- i) The BSMSIWG chair should be proposed by the WG and thereafter elected by the BSHC conference. The secretary should be elected by the WG.
- j) The agenda should be adopted at the beginning of the meeting.
- k) Decisions should be made through consensus among the BSHC Member States.
- l) Decisions and agreed upon actions made during the meeting should be summarized at the end of the meeting and included as an annex to the minutes.
- m) The draft minutes shall be distributed within six weeks of the meeting's conclusion. Comments should be returned no later than three weeks after the distribution of the draft minutes.
- n) The continued existence of BSMSIWG and the Terms of Reference shall be a standing point on the agenda. Any suggestions for changes should be addressed by the chair of the working group to the chairman of the following BSHC conference.

BSMSIWG – Summary of report

- Current issues of the working group
 - Coordination of implementation of S-124 in the Baltic Sea.
 - Coordination with UK met office to establish a recognized organisation with regards to Meteorological issuing service.
 - Nordstream incident

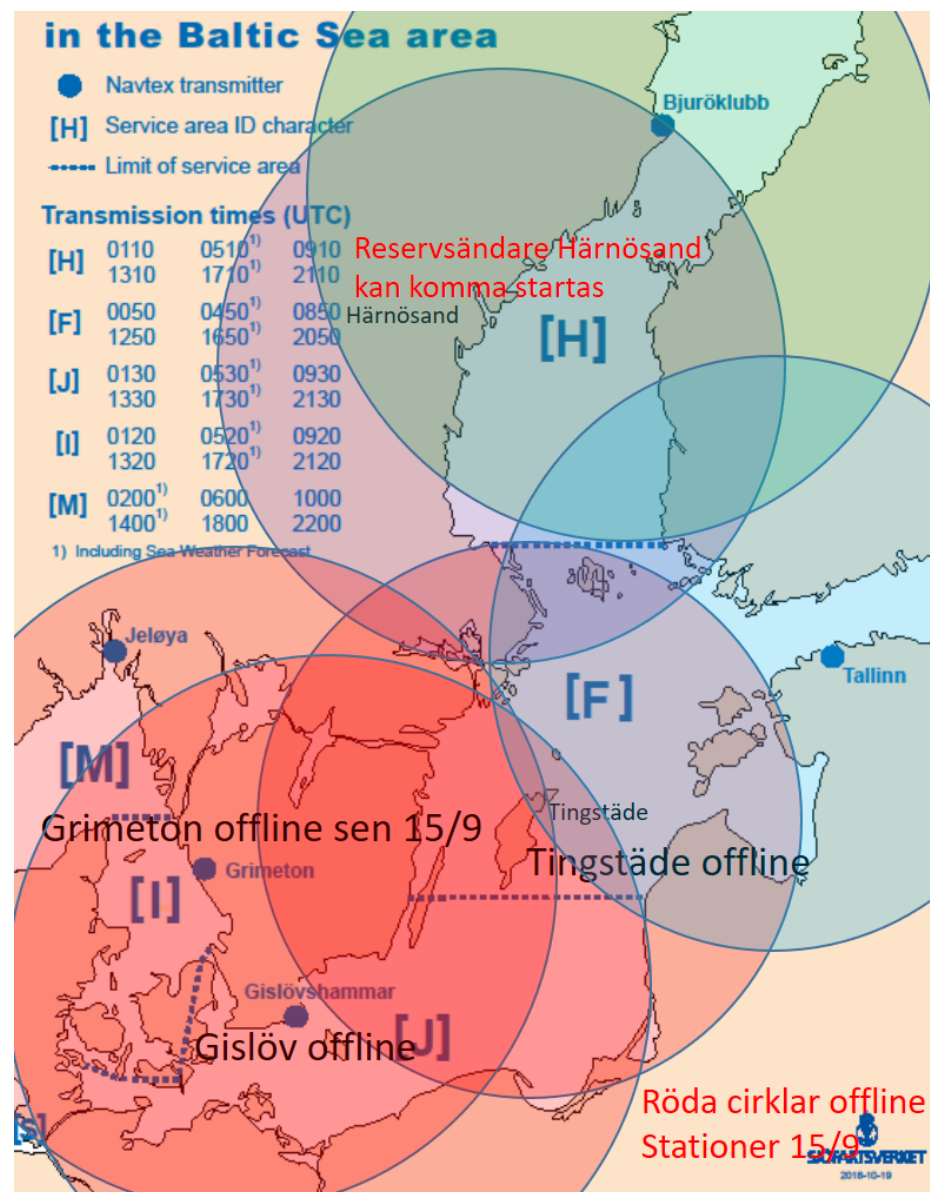
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Coordination of implementation of S-124 in the Baltic Sea

- Task introduced to WG at BSMSIWG4
- Version 1.0 has been approved at HSSC. Version 2.0 is planned to be introduced in 2024 to be approved. Short time for testing.
- At BSMSIWG5 many countries reported not having a plan, focusing on S-101 and S-102.
- New coordination meeting planned for later this year. Possible to have a common platform? Options for open source production systems, PING/Njord?
- What initiative can include S-124 testing to assist MS to make progress?
- For information: The NSMSIWG is also working with coordinating implementation of S-124. Combined efforts.

BSMSIWG – Other issues (for information - not in report)

- Current problems with NAVTEX transmitters
 - Right now Gislövshammar and Tingstäde is not transmitting. Old equipment. (Global issue)
- Future systems to replace NAVTEX and promulgate S-124 data?
 - NAVTEX system is old but will have to stay active for many years.
 - NAVDAT/VDES?



Actions requested from BSMSIWG

- The BSHC is invited to:
 - note the report
 - Approve the updated Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures
 - Give further guidance in the process of coordinating the implementation of the S-124 regarding technical working groups and projects.

The end

Thank you

