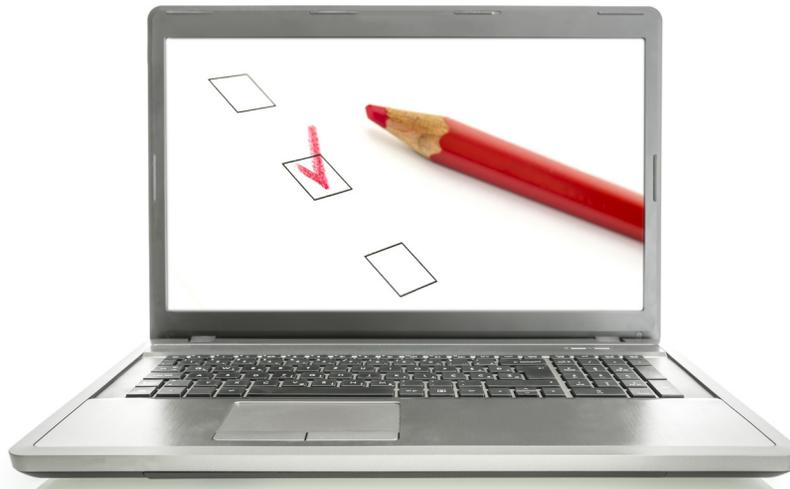


Substantial participation in CCNR survey on the obligation to fit Inland AIS devices and system for displaying electronic charts

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The Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) is very pleased to have received more than 1000 replies to its survey of boatman, authorities, and companies fitting the devices.



With a view to ensuring greater safety for navigation on the Rhine and providing skippers with more information, the CCNR introduced an obligation to fit Inland AIS devices and Inland ECDIS or comparable devices for displaying electronic charts, in force since 1 December 2014.

After the decision had been in force for two years, the CCNR decided to launch an on-line survey in order to gain a better idea of the difficulties encountered by users and to enable the people concerned by these regulations to provide feedback with their suggestions for improvements. As a result, over a period of two months, more than 1000 questionnaires were filled in completely and could be taken into account. In addition, more than 400 questionnaires were filled in incompletely, but were still exploitable. More than 90% of the replies were from boatmasters. The results of the survey will enable the CCNR to continue to draw up and improve appropriate rules for navigation of the Rhine, in close collaboration with the profession.

That is why everyone who took part in this survey, and indeed all the stakeholders in inland navigation, can welcome this major new source of information.

The CCNR would like to thank everyone who took the time to reply to the survey; it will now start to compile and analyse the results. With more than a hundred questions, and replies in three languages, there is bound to be a lot of information!

A summary of the results of the survey is to be published during the last quarter of 2017. The summary will be circulated electronically to all participants who gave an e-mail contact address.

ABOUT THE CCNR

The Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) is an international organisation that exercises an essential regulatory role in the navigation of the Rhine. It is active in the technical, legal, economic and environmental fields. In all its areas of action, its work is guided by the efficiency of transport on the Rhine, safety, social considerations, and respect for the environment. Many of the Central Commission's activities now reach beyond the Rhine and are directly concerned with European navigable waterways more generally. The Central Commission works closely with the European Commission as well as with the other river commissions and international organisations.



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