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Marine Navigation Alert

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Date: January 27, 2009
Subject: Improvements to C-MAP MAX background charts.
Affected Products: C-Map Max

Jeppesen Marine alerts customers to the discovery of missing data from worldwide background charts (ranging from 1:500 000 – 1:1 500 000 scale, also known as B-level charts), which were included in all C-Map MAX products issued before October 2008. Customers in possession of such products should not use such general scale background charts for navigation purposes. All missing data has been included in the current release of C-Map MAX products, dated October 2008. Customers should update to the current release as soon as possible.

Responsible navigators should NOT rely solely on Jeppesen electronic charts for safe passage. In particular, general scale background charts – electronic or not – should never be considered as adequate basis for any type of passage, whether in coastal waters or open seas.

New versions of Jeppesen Marine electronic charts are more accurate and, therefore, Jeppesen strongly urges all affected navigators to update their charts to the latest version.

Additional Information

Jeppesen Marine reminds navigators that nautical chart information is constantly changing.

National Hydrographic Authorities periodically publish new and updated information. As it is received, Jeppesen Marine incorporates the updated information into new and existing products. These changes are available to our customers for purchase.

Therefore, navigators should check their Jeppesen Marine charting products to make sure that they have the most current version available. If your charts are out-of-date, Jeppesen Marine strongly urges you to update them via Jeppesen Marine directly, or through authorized resellers.

Jeppesen electronic charts are an aid to navigation designed to supplement, but not replace, the use of authorized government charts and Notices to Mariners.

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