Geomares Publishing is introducing a new training book titled ‘Voyage Planning with ECDIS’, written by Professor Ralph Becker-Heins. ’Voyage Planning with ECDIS’ aims to provide profound hands-on advice on how best to compile a suitable voyage plan fully in line with the principles of IMO Resolution A.893(21). Following a process-guided structure, each chapter starts with a short recap of the theoretical principles. Empowered with the reinforced knowledge, the reader is then challenged by a concrete example of a vessel sailing down the east coast of the USA. Providing step-by-step guidance, the book offers a sample solution for each task, including the usage of modern ECDIS equipment.

Every year, a considerable number of vessels are detained because of an insufficient voyage or passage plan. Issues with voyage plans are counted among the top five claims. Simply having ‘some kind of voyage plan turns out to be insufficient – it is necessary to have a proper plan, compliant with the rules.

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