

Chart Management Tools for Marine Academy

Jeppesen has donated a classroom supply of its C-MAP OceanView office chart and route planning systems to the Merchant Marine Academy of Makedonia (AEN Makedonias) in Greece. The academy is one of Greece's leading institutions for the training of deck officers, and trains more than 100 officers yearly.

With Jeppesen's C-MAP OceanView product, students at AEN Makedonias will use C-MAP Professional+ electronic charts in their PCs for familiarisation and route planning. Planning routes using C-MAP Professional+ allows the students to determine optimal routings, taking into account depth, speed and navigational aids, and even weather prognoses can be overlaid on the electronic charts. Such knowledge is an important part of the overall ECDIS training requirements stipulated by the IMO during 2010.

"We have close ties to the Greek shipping community and this donation is further evidence of our commitment to the next generation of high-quality Greek deck officers. With the mandatory ECDIS deadline and associated training requirements fast approaching, Greek shipowners need to get more and more key staff trained in handling ECDIS and planning and navigating routes in an electronic context," said Willy Zeiler, marketing manager - Commercial Marine at Jeppesen.

Today Jeppesen supplies electronic charts and route planning tools like C-MAP OceanView to more than 150 merchant marine training institutions around the world. As a result, thousands of seafarers learn annually how to plan a route on a PC, order the appropriate electronic charts and then export the route to an ECDIS simulator, using technology from Jeppesen.