ON SOME ISSUES IN MARITIME RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS

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The paper presents some issues arising during communication between vessels at sea and the Vessel Traffic Service (VTS). The International Maritime Organization developed the Standard Marine Communication Phrases (SMCP) in 2001. The SMCP are aimed at imposing certain requirements and serve as a VTS communication protocol. There is, however, disagreement between the protocol and its application in real-life radiocommunications at sea. The study deals with this discrepancy and describes situations where it leads to miscommunication. The conclusions presented in the paper can contribute towards the improvement of the SMCP application, thus facilitating radiocommunications at sea.

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