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Intention sharing

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Development: the upswing of the trackpilot

- > Trackpilot:
 - Gives a sailing track to the destination
 - Manouvres the ship as much as possible on that track
- > A trackpilot knows where and when the ship will be
- > End 2022, ca. 600 trackpilots were implemented in Western Europe
- > Three (known) producers:









Research question to MARIN

> Would sharing of sailing intentions be beneficial for the safety and efficiency on the fairway?



MARIN: Literature study

- Concept is far from new: (Efficiensea, Monalisa 1, Accseas, Monalisa 2, Efficiensea 2, STM Validation, STM Balt Safe)
- For application in sea shipping
- > Concepts tested on strat. & tactical level
- > HMI rather complex
- > Beneficial for safety
- > Preference for VDES above MC





Intention sharing: setting up a simulator study

- > Starting points:
 - Intention sharing on inland waters
 - Join in on the development of the trackpilots and involve suppliers
 - Leave the HMI to the suppliers
 - Test with the help of simulators



Sharing intentions – project partners

- > Participating trackpilot suppliers:
 - Shipping Technology
 - Agonics
 - Tresco
- They developed: >
 - Disseminating data on intentions out of their trackpilot
 - Showing the intentions of participating other ships on their ----trackpilot







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Simulations at MARIN -1-





Simulaties bij MARIN -2-

- > 2 days
- > 3 simulators in one common world
- > 8 scenarios from realistic to less realistic
- 6 skippers sailing the same scenarios, both with and withoud sharing sailing intentions
- > A short learning period for the skippers
- Sailing on the trackpilot as much as possible, changing speed whenever necessary



Survey results - observations

- > Skippers needed help to learn to use the system
- During the simulations, sharing intentions was used beter more and more
- > Skippers did anticipate more with intention sharing
- > They used VHF less
- Skippers may assume that other traffic may react on their information





Survey results

- Sharing intentions has the potential to cope with traffic situations more safe and more efficient:
 - It supports situational awareness
 - It gives a pair of extra eyes, especially in poor visibility situations
 - It changes the navigation task
- > When taken into account:
 - The dependancy that might occur
 - unjustified trust in the system
 - Assumptions about how other traffic will react when you share intentions



Recommendation to the use of the trackpilot

- > Build a safety case, containing
 - Performance criteria
 - Risk inventory and assessment
 - Human performance assessment
- > Verify the safety case
- > Create a 'best practice' for HMI and control of the HMI



Recommendation to Intention sharing

- > Define an operational concept
 - Support situational awareness with the projection of intentions
 - Define operational procedures for intention sharing
- > Create a well designed userinterface
 - Only show relevant information
 - Let the user be in control
 - Take care information shown is very clear
 - Create an adequate error handling

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Follow up

- > Best practice trackpilots
- > Implemention of Intention sharing:
 - Take a step back and document goals, means and limitations
 - Specify the requirements for information and security
 - Define an adequate information exchange protocol
 - Finalise the concept and carry out a real life pilot project





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Questions & discussion