Developing User Needs for S-mode

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Which menus should be available

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Projects

- Fatigue at sea
- ER/ECR ergonomics and safety
- Decision making, navigation in fairway (ITOD)
- Information needs and representation (3D-charts)
- MTO-Sea 1 and 2
- Eye tracking, high speed navigation
- Social IT onboard
- BaSSy (S-mode)
- Navigation in ENC (Sw. Navy)
- Cost-benefit of HF in shipping
- User-centred design of bridge & ECR equipment



- Functionbased manning
- Shore-based pilotage (SMA)
- Alarm handling
- ITERATE: IT for Error Remediation And Trapping Emergencies (EU)

Purpose of the study

- Start to define user needs for S-mode
- Creat methods for data collection

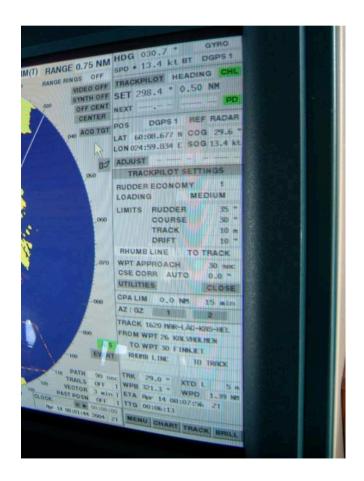
Performance

- Question form
- Interviews
- Workshops



Why S-mode?

- Default settings for navigation displays
- Easy to learn
- Quick overview (SA)
- Increasing safety



The Question form

- Information
 - Three scenarios: new officer, pilot, awakend captain
- Questions based on the scenarios
 - What does the radar look like when you initialise S-mode?
 - Available controls/buttons
 - Other available information
 - Available menus

The Participants

• 54 total

- 17 Swedish officers
- 7 European officers
- 23 officers from the Swedish Navy
- 7 master mariner students

Selected results from the survey

Clear yes to

- Range 6 nm
- North up
- Vectors true
- Latitude/Longitude
- Time
- Speed
- Course

Clear yes to

- Drift
- CPA
- TCPA

Clear no to

- Range 12
- Head up

More results

Wanted as hardware

- VRM
- EBL
- Gain
- Clutter sea manual
- Clutter rain manual
- Vector mode relative/ true

Wanted as software/ menu

Vector lenght

Future study

- Day settings
- Night settings
- Twilight settings

Method discussion

- Better data quality
 when discussing with
 the seafarers than
 sending out
 questionnaries
- Even so, participants could misinterpret questions



Conclusions

- Many results are quite clear
- Others need more probing to reach a conclusion
- No major differences between data from merchant shipping and navy

Future work

- Collect more data, 54 participants so far
- Top-down study
- Expand study with other equipment
- Include seafarers from many cultures
- Distant future?
 - Involve academies world wide (cooperate with NI)

Thank You for listening!

