

24 Nautical charts and nautical publications [SOLAS V/27]

In accordance with Regulation 27 of Chapter V of SOLAS, nautical charts and nautical publications, such as sailing directions, lists of lights, notices to mariners, tide tables and all other nautical publications necessary for the intended voyage, must be adequate and up to date. Electronic versions of nautical publications, such as the above can be carried as an alternative to hard copy nautical publications, however, such electronic nautical publications must be adequate for the intended voyage and up to date.

Note: Electronic versions of nautical publications should be:

- (a) officially issued by an administration, authorised hydrographic office, or other relevant approved organization; and
- (b) be accessible using a dedicated computer located on the bridge which is available at all times to the Officer of the Watch (OOW), and which is connected to the ship's main and emergency power supplies; and
- (c) be available on at least one other back up computer that can be made available to the OOW within 5 minutes.

In addition, all digital software and hardware used for accessing official electronic versions of nautical publications shall comply with the recommendations of MSC/Circ.891 Guidelines for the onboard use and application of computers.