

The Training and Certification of DP Operators

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Abstract

This paper looks at The Nautical Institute Dynamic Positioning Operator's certificate scheme. It describes the training and certification of DP operators and the validation of training centers. It does not address any of the other areas of training such as refresher or specific position measuring equipment training, although these are mentioned.

The scheme has been in operation since 1984 and more than 2000 certificates have been issued. The Norwegian Maritime Directorate has operated a similar scheme and both enjoy reciprocal recognition. Furthermore this scheme has been recognized at the International Maritime Organization through MSC/Circ.738 Guidelines for Dynamic Positioning System (DP) Operator Training.

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