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Learn COLREGs Effectively and more Efficiently

In a series of studies undertaken by MariFuture (Ziarati et al, 2010, 2011, 2015) it has been shown that many seafarers disregard or misapply the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 (COLREGs) at sea. The European Maritime Safety Agencies 2014 Maritime Accident Review found that between 2011-2013 in the category: 'accidents with a ship' Collisions were the second leading cause of accidents resulting in serious injuries (20% of accidents) and 15% of accidents deemed a 'serious occurrence' were caused by collisions. However the International Maritime Lecturers Association made its position supporting the COLREGs clear in its IMLA Newsletter Volume 1 June 2014), where it stated that the "IMO, has provided a clear text for COLREGs" and that as for "COLREG specific" accidents, these can be attributed to "the unsatisfactory results of maritime training".

This is an attempt by several maritime education providers and the shipping industry representatives to develop innovative approaches to better understand and teach COLREGs. As such the objectives of the ACTS Plus project are to build on the success of the first ACTS project which received a grade of 9.1 and designated as the 'Best in Europe' status. The first ACTS project primarily developed an online learning materials to improve the knowledge and ability of cadets and seafarers to interpret and apply the COLREGs as well as developing a teacher training programme and materials to improve the knowledge and ability of Maritime Teachers to interpret COLREGs and to teach to the correct applications. In the first ACTS project some 300 scenarios were developed to learn COLREGs faster and more effectively. The ACTS Plus intends to develop scenarios for multi-rule and multi-ship collision situations and improve the existing e-learning delivery platform.

We have a number of COLREG learning video's and scenario's ready for you to try at: www.advanced.ecolregs.com and developing more scenarios concerning more complex collision situation using Pareto Analysis.

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