



Digital NtM

With the Datema digital NtM service the crew of the vessel will no longer need to worry about getting all the (paper) corrections on board in time. The weekly Notice to Mariners (NtM) contains all the corrections, alterations and amendments of the ADMIRALTY charts and publications. They contain critical safety navigational information that is published weekly. Charts and publications should be kept fully up to date at all times.

The digital NtMs contain the same official information as the paper versions. The difference is the way of delivery. When a vessel is subscribed for the service, through our Chartplanner software, the vessel will automatically receive the digital NtMs through email every week, without any action required from the crew.

The great advantage of this service is that the ship will never have problems getting the NtM updates onboard in time. They always have the most recent correction data available to them. Also the Chartplanner software will 'remember' all the previous NtM corrections. Therefore the full NtM history is always present.

With this service all the required corrections will be sent by email to the vessels each week. Instructions on how to process the attached files are given in the email. Once correctly processed, the NtMs will become visible in Chartplanner.

The number of NtM-emails a ship will receive depends on the restrictions we give to the file size. Since a lot of ships do not have a fast and stable internet connection, we generally set the maximum file size to 500kb. This means that when the total digital NtM update is larger in size, the ship will not receive the digital NtM update in one email. Instead, the data will be split into multiple smaller attachments, across multiple emails. If the ship has a fast and stable internet connection you can contact us at digital@datema.nl so we can increase the maximum receivable file size and allow the digital NtMs to be sent as one file.

The digital NtMs are always delivered with the temporarily and preliminary notices (T&P). This free service makes it possible to receive a textlist by e-mail of all T&Ps regarding the ENC's in your outfit. In other words, the vessel will only receive the relevant

T&Ps for their sailing area. If at any time the vessel suddenly has to change course and sail to an area for which it has no ENC charts yet, all the T&P notices will be visible in Chartplanner3.

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Two subscription types

1. Digital NtMs + T&Ps

Digital NtMs consist of the same information as NtMs on paper. It includes the following official NtM sections:

- Section I: General remarks
- Section III: Navigational warnings
- Section IV: Sailing directions
- Section V: List of lights
- Section VI: List of radio signals
- Section VII/VIII: Miscellaneous publications

Vessels that are equipped with double ECDIS systems and are therefore sailing paperless, usually choose for this subscription type.

2. Digital NtMs + tracings + T&Ps

These consist of the NtM information as mentioned at subscription 1 but are extended with the chartblocks and tracings helpful for correcting the paper charts. The tracings can be printed out on tracingpaper.

How to subscribe

Signing up for the digital weekly NtM service is easy and can be done by the crew themselves. To sign up for the weekly digital NtM service, you will need to create an outfit within Chartplanner3 and subscribe to the service. If you do not have the Chartplanner software on board then let us know or download it from our website. If you are interested in subscribing to this service please contact our digital department for the subscription procedure.

Loading the NtMs into Chartplanner3

Once you are subscribed for the digital NtM service you will receive the NtM information each week through email. This will be done automatically. The NtM emails are titled: 'NtM Update'. Once received simply open the attachments by double clicking on them, by doing so chartplanner3 will open and will begin loading the NtMs. Be sure to open all attachments from each NtM email. The amount of emails depends on whether you have chosen to split the update into multiple emails or not.

Viewing the NtMs

Once all the attachments of a certain week have been loaded into Chartplanner3 you can view them. The lists of NtM weeks are based on what has been loaded into Chartplanner. When you are just subscribed you will most likely see only one week (the one loaded in Chartplanner in the earlier steps). It will also show how many outstanding corrections there are that need your attention.

If you have any questions regarding dNtMs please do not hesitate to contact our digital department at digital@datema.nl



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