

B12 CHANGING OVER THE WATCH

When changing over the watch, relieving officers should personally satisfy themselves regarding the following:

- standing orders and other special instructions of the master relating to navigation of the ship
- position, course, speed and draught of the ship
- prevailing and predicted tides, currents, weather and visibility and the effect of these factors upon course and speed
- procedures for the use of main engines to manoeuvre when the main engines are on bridge control, and the status of the watchkeeping arrangements in the engine room
- the ship security status
- sufficient time has been allowed for night vision to be established and that such vision is maintained
- navigational situation, including but not limited to:
 - the operational condition of all navigational and safety equipment being used or likely to be used during the watch
 - the errors of gyro and magnetic compasses
 - the presence and movements of ships in sight or known to be in the vicinity
 - the conditions and hazards likely to be encountered during the watch
 - the possible effects of heel, trim, water density and squat on underkeel clearance
 - any special deck work in progress

Other points:

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