



### Competence of judging ice conditions Strategical, tactical and operational

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## POLARIS ...is planning tool

- Strategic level
  - New routes
  - New trades
- Tactical level
  - Voyage planning
- Proper usage requires understanding of inbuild factors and uncertainties
- Operational level requires competence to execute plan, .....or divert



# Usage of POLARIS at strategic and tactical level

- Makes possible in general level to judge feasibility of safe operations in a standardized manner
- Takes account the combination of vessel ice class and expected ice conditions
- Foundation of chartering and insurance decisions
- Proper usage requires good understanding of the inbuild uncertainties and limits of POLARIS

### **Limits of POLARIS**

- Coarse and typically historical ice information
- Vessel ice class describes mainly structural strength, not her ice going capability or maneuverability
- Icebreaker assistance effect considered only in principal manner
- Expects onboard operational competence to be adequate to judge actual conditions and execute safe operations

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# Onboard competence to execute ...POLARIS was only for planning

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## Competence need at execution

- Good knowledge of actual safe limits of vessel ice class and performance
- Ability to interpret available ice and Metocean information and foresee the development of ice-conditions
- Ability to read ice and make/adjust "Dynamic Route Plan"
- Ability to very precisely and even aggressively maneuver to execute dynamic route plan
- POLARIS was only an early prediction of actual ice-conditions

# Polar region ice info is not at Baltic Sea level

#### **IBNet**

- User groups
  - Winter navigation authorities
  - Icebreakers
  - VTS, Pilot services, Meteorologists
- Administrative planning, operative coordination and reporting (statistics)



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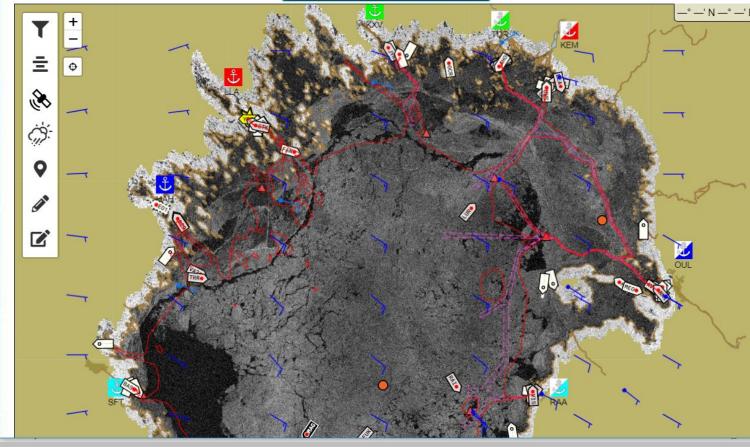


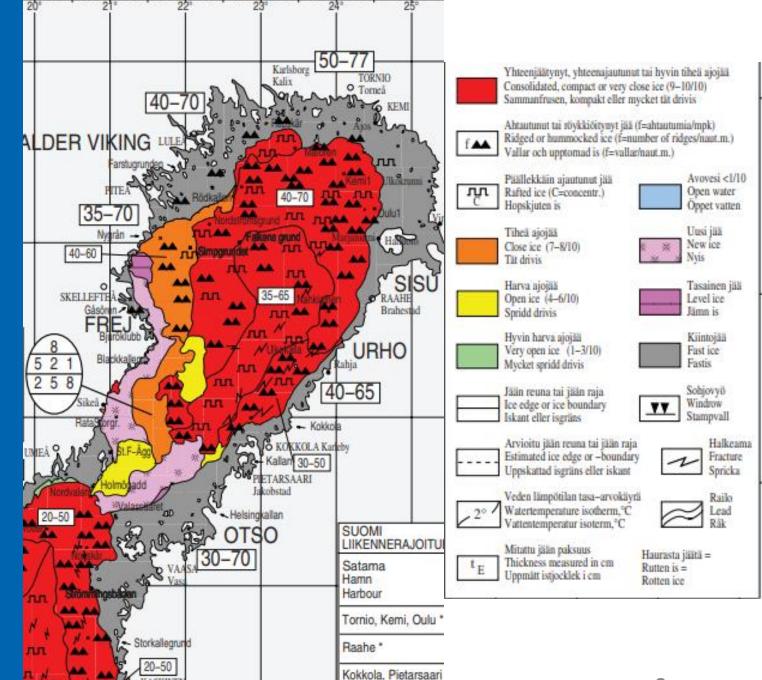
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