About BALTICO

Tasks
The BALTICO-office at the Swedish Maritime Administration is acting as:
- Baltic Sea Sub-area Co-ordinator
- National Co-ordinator of Sweden
- NAVTEX co-ordinator for the Baltic Sea area
- Editor of the Swedish NtM
- Co-ordinator of updating of ENC and paper charts

*The main goal is to make appropriate information for safe navigation available to the mariner.*

Contact
The BALTICO-office could be contacted as follows:

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<th>Tel:</th>
<th>+46 11 19 10 45</th>
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<td></td>
<td>020 33 11 66</td>
<td>h24* (free of charge for calls from Sweden)</td>
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<tr>
<th>Fax:</th>
<th>+46 11 23 89 45</th>
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<td>e-mail:</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ntm.baltico@sjofartsverket.se">ntm.baltico@sjofartsverket.se</a></td>
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<td>VHF:</td>
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<td>via Stockholm Radio</td>
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* After office hours the telephones are connected to Stockholm Radio, who are in contact with the duty officer at Baltico

Manning
The personnel consist of 7 persons of whom 3 are master mariners. During office-hours at least one master mariner is on duty. After office-hours one master mariner is on duty at home and the Baltico-telephone is then connected to Stockholm Radio.

After office-hours
The Baltic office is unmanned after office hours and a master mariner is on duty at home. He has charts, documents and e-mail at hand and has frequent contact with Stockholm Radio by telephone.

After office-hours the Baltic telephones (+46 11 19 10 45 and 020 33 11 66) are connected to Stockholm Radio.

The Baltic Fax +46 11 23 89 45 and e-mail ntm.baltico@sjofartsverket.se are normally not watched after office-hours.
**Sources of information**
Baltico is receiving information from a lot of sources e.g. Maritime Traffic Areas, Vessels at sea, Harbour offices, Military units, Baltic Sea National Co-ordinators, Navarea One Co-ordinator etc.

**Assessment of information and actions taken**
If the received information is considered as urgent it is classified as *Maritime Safety Information (MSI)* and actions are taken in accordance to this.

**Swedish MSI**
If this information is dealing with Swedish waters (inside EEZ) a Swedish Navigational Warning is issued. Decision about type of warning (local/coastal – important/routine) and composing of the warning is done by the “duty officer” at Baltico. The text of warning and instructions for the broadcast is sent to Stockholm Radio by e-mail. If the warning is Coastal/Important and dealing with the “U-Navtex-area” it is also sent to Tallinn Radio by e-mail.

**MSI from Baltic Sea Nations**
If the received information is a Navigational Warning from one of the other Baltic Sea Nations following judgements have to be done:
- is the warning appropriate for Navtex
- does the warning need immediate broadcast on Navtex or could it wait until scheduled time
- is the message dealing with the originators national waters
- have the same information already been received from other source
- could the text be shortened or clarified without changing the meaning
- is additional information needed from the originator
- is the warning a supposed Navarea One warning
- should the message be included in Notices to Mariners
- should the information be forwarded to other Swedish or foreign organisations

Action is taken in accordance with these judgements. During office-hours decisions is taken by duty officer at the Baltico office. He is sending the prepared warning, and instructions for broadcasting, to Stockholm Radio by e-mail. If the warning is Important and dealing with the “U-Navtex-area” it is also sent to Tallinn Radio by e-mail.

**Broadcasting of MSI**
Stockholm Radio is broadcasting Swedish MSI on VHF and MF. NAVTEX is broadcast by Stockholm Radio for the entire Baltic Sea area with exception of the Navtex service-area “U”. The Navtex-broadcasts for this area is carried out by Tallinn Radio who receives MSI from Baltico and SMHI, via Stockholm Radio, prior to each scheduled transmission.

Important MSI is delivered to Stockholm Radio and Tallin Radio for immediate broadcast between the scheduled transmission times.
Områden i Underrättelser för sjöfarande
Areas in Swedish Notices to Mariners