TRANSAS MARINE FLEETVIEW ONLINE

Transas Marine announced on 23rd April that it had released a new version of its FleetView Online web-based SSAS\(^1\)-tracking service. This claims improved user interface, object overlay and chart navigation controls. Object overlay on the charts, it is understood, have been updated to enhance visual appearance and improve user experience at lower scales. Previous toolbars have been removed and navigation controls added to the chart display to improve viewing ability. A Google style map slider bar has been added allowing scaling through the charts in three ways: zoom slider, mouse wheel scroll or manual selection from the lower task bar.

On the left of the display is the vessel information panel which can be hidden, providing a full screen chart display for presentation views. Layer options for “Show graticule” and “Show gauge” chart settings have also been implemented.

Significant improvements have been achieved, it is claimed, for Port Service functionality. With this option ports icons are displayed directly on the chart display. Additional detailed information is listed in the port information window. In addition ports can be selected from the list where users can zoom into the port location.

Daily Position Report (DPR) messages can be now forwarded in NMEA\(^2\)-based format which makes it easier to integrate FleetView Online data with a shipping company's monitoring program, it is reported.

Newly developed “Vessel on map” functionality allows the inclusion of a small PNG image showing a vessel’s location in position reports and SSAS alerts by e-mail and track history for the previous week.

In addition, object clustering in the AIS data has been added to improve display at larger scales.

FleetViewOnline is a security protected web-based SSAS-Tracking service that provides processing and distribution of SSAS Alerts and displays a vessel’s position anywhere in the world at anytime. FleetViewOnline operates with Transas ShipGuard Inmarsat D+/ISAT M2M terminals as well as with a wide range of Inmarsat C and Inmarsat mini-C terminals installed on-board, it is understood. FleetViewOnline displays weather data over a chart area where the user’s vessel is located.

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1 Ship Security Alert System

2 National Marine Electronics Association