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Sub - Navigational charts - reg.

1. The SOLAS Convention at Chapter V, Regulation 19.2.2.4 specifies that every vessel is required to have proper nautical charts and nautical publications for the intended voyage. The National Hydrographic Office [NHO] at Dehradun prepares navigational charts for Indian waters.
2. While using Indian navigational charts, mariners are advised to check the following in respect of charts published from December, 2014 onwards to verify the authenticity of the Indian charts.
  - a. All charts will have on its reverse side (above the back slip) "National Hydrographic Office Crest" and the words "National Hydrographic Office, India" as water mark in pale white colour.
  - b. Space has been created for Agent's stamp on the reverse of the chart (next to the back slip). As per NHO, from December, 2014 onwards, agent's stamp with date is mandatory for all charts sold through the agent.
  - c. The list of authorized chart agents for National Hydrographic office, India is available at the website [www.hydrobharat.nic.in](http://www.hydrobharat.nic.in) and the fortnightly Notices to Mariners issued by the NHO.
3. Mariners are advised to purchase Indian nautical charts from authorised agents only. Incidents of malpractices in respect of unauthorized duplication of such charts are to be immediately brought to the notice of the Chief Hydrographer, National Hydrographic Office, India, along with all the details.
4. This is issued with the approval of the Nautical Adviser to the Government of India.

  
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