



**On behalf of the State of Israel – Ministry of Transport - Administration of Shipping and Ports, I am very pleased to welcome the distinguished delegates from all countries.**

**TOTEM Plus** will present today its innovative technology, which has been designed to assist the OOW in making correct decisions and hopefully to save seafarers' lives and prevent pollution of the marine environment.

An important novel aspect of this technology is the incorporation of AIS as a viable tool, which has not so far been addressed by IMO

**TOTEM PLUS** is an Israeli Company founded and managed by Capt. Azriel Rahav (Ph.D).

The System which is introduced today has been thoroughly tested and found effectively conforming to COLREGS in all aspects, and thus is approved by the Israeli Administration.

**Capt. Aleksander Gerson (MSc)**  
**Deputy Director General**  
**Director, Shipping and Ports Inspectorate**

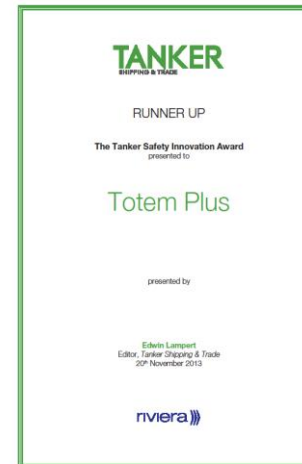


The system is a winner of the following awards:

The **PLIMSOLL Award for Innovation 2014**  
by the Maritime Reporter Stanford, Connecticut



The **Tanker Safety Innovation Award**,  
Nov 2013, by Riviera Magazine, UK



**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Safety At Sea  
International Awards** organized by HIS Fairplay  
June 2011, London





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1968 – Graduated Nautical College, Israel

1968 - 1978 Sailing as Deck Officer.

1978 – Certified as Master Mariner, FG

1979 – 1985 Command of Ocean Going ships.

1989 – Ph.D., Tel Aviv University (Physics).

1994 – Established Totem Plus (Marine Solutions)

# COLLISION AVOIDANCE DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEM

Marine Collisions Cost Lives and Cause  
Damage to the Environment

Is ARPA adequate?



Course and speed advice, Multiple vessels situations, *COLREGS*.

# Collisions cost lives & cause pollution

- May. 5 2014: **11 missing**, “MOL Motivator” + “Zhong Xing 2 “ off HKG
- Mar. 18 2014: **8 Casualties**, “Beagle 3” + “Pegasus Prime”, off Tokyo Bay
- Aug. 17 2013: **120 Casualties**, “St. Thomas Aquinas” + “Sulpicio Express 7”,  
Cebu – Philippines.
- Apr. 29 2013: **11 Casualties**, “CONSOUTH” + “PIRI REIS” south of Greece.
- Apr. 25 2013: **6 Casualties** , Trawler collided with Naval Ship off GOA.
- Mar. 26 2013: “CMA CGM Florida” + “Chou Shan”, **610 tons heavy fuel leaked** into the water.
- Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 : **11 casualties** , “Corvus J” + “Baltic Ace” off Rotterdam.

*Partial List only - many more occurred during this period.  
To the best of our knowledge, COLREGS were not followed in all cases.*

# The Problem

Collisions between ships have catastrophic results.

In last 12 months: 150 seamen **Lost their Lives**

More than 1000 Tons of Heavy Fuel were spilled

In most cases, COLREGS were not followed or were misinterpreted

ARPA has been with us for many years – but in too many cases **failed** in preventing collisions.

The Shipping Community should act to introduce New or Improved Technology to minimize the problem

# What is Required

A system that can assist the OOW in Decision making, DST, which should:

- Conform with COLREGS
- Suggest Safe Solutions, including situations of “Special Circumstances” as required by Rule 2
- Take advantage of all available data
- Be user friendly
- Be reliable

# Decision Support Tool - Specifications

DST should advise the OOW on exact course and/or speed changes required to Avoid Collision.

The OOW should be able to set certain key parameters (Range, CPA, TCPA).

The Master and/or Company are expected to set policy for other parameters, such as minimum distance to “give-way” vessels.

The system should be capable of accounting for all ships in vicinity, using both **AIS** and **ARPA**.

The “Decision Support Tool” should offer unambiguous advice in the presence of multiple targets, which **is not offered by ARPA**.



# DST : The Future is here.

- DST (Decision Support Tool) for Collision Avoidance was developed by **Totem Plus**.
- The System suggests a possible solution to the existing situation.
- The OOW is always in charge
- The New Technology was integrated into **Totem ECDIS**.
- DST is already **in use** on many ships.

# DST : Decision Principles

OOW selected parameters :

All Ships within **RANGE** in miles.

Min. **CPA** allowed as a SAFE distance in miles.

Max. **TCPA** in minutes.

COLREGS : Rule 19(d)

Range 6 ▼

CPA 0.5 ▼

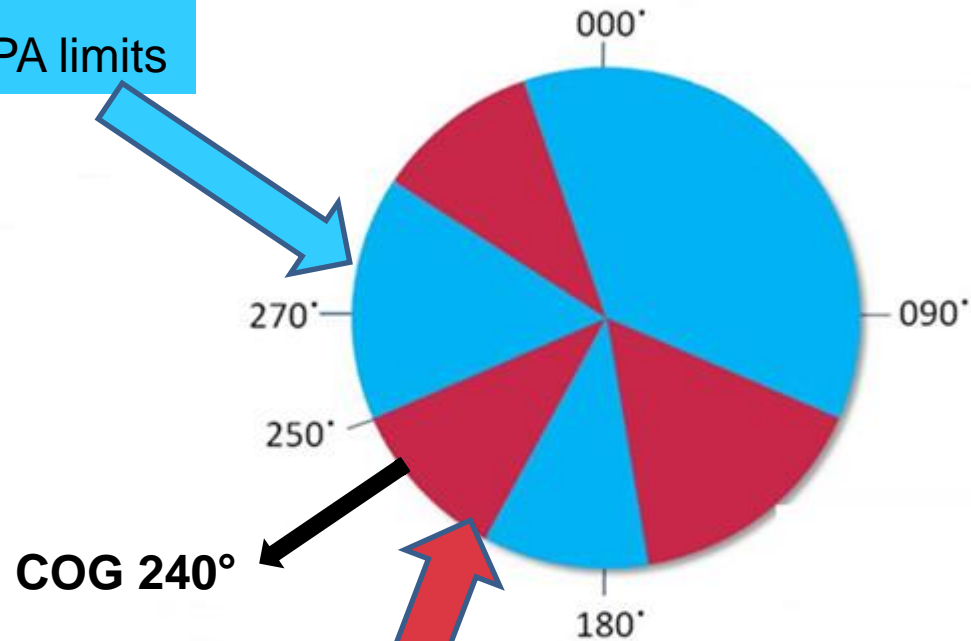
TCPA 20 ▼

Restricted visibility

CPA : Closest Point of Approach, in miles  
TCPA: Time to CPA, in minutes.

# The Navigation Circle : Possible courses

Safe Sectors: Courses that keep the vessel within CPA limits



Dangerous Sectors:  
Courses which cross the CPA limits

Sectors are calculated automatically, based on CPA selection, for ALL targets within range. Data from AIS and ARPA targets are utilized.

# Speed Domain: Safe sectors

- Calculated automatically, based on CPA selection
- Alternative option when course change is impractical.
- All target within range are considered, AIS and ARPA.

Safe Sectors:  
Speeds which keep the vessel within CPA limits



Dangerous Sectors:  
Speeds which cross the CPA limits

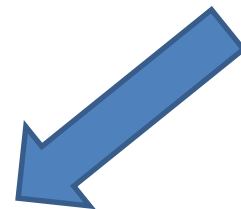
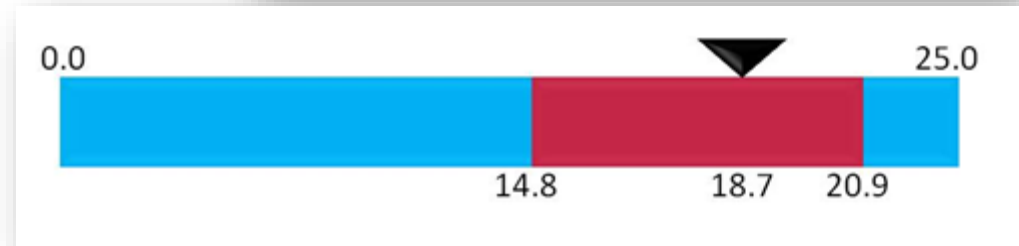
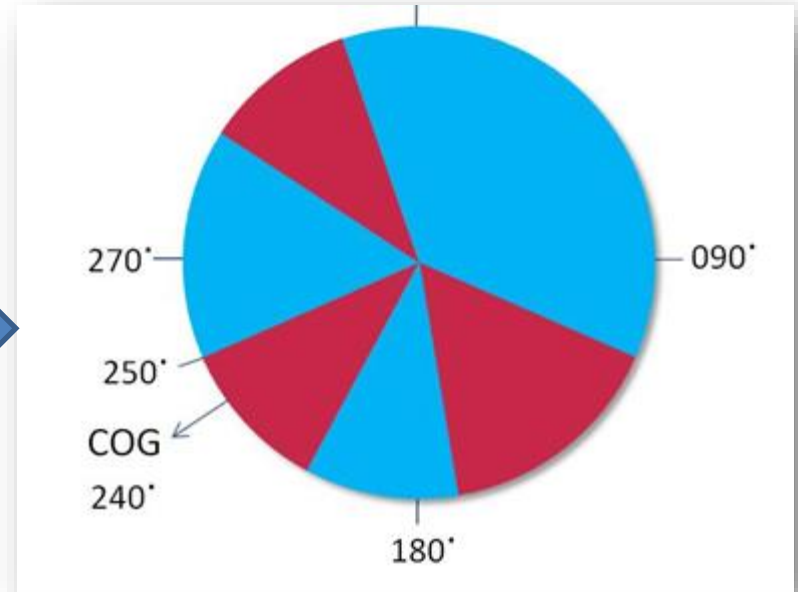
# The Full Picture

Based on following parameters

Range 6 ▼  
CPA 0.5 ▼  
TCPA 20 ▼  
 Restricted visibility



Actual Situation



The advice is

10° Starboard	Dec. Speed 14.8 Knots
New COG 250°	Inc. Speed 20.9 Knots

# Master/Company setup

Setup

General | Targets | Route Planning | Own Ship | Past Track | Serial Devices | Ship Time | Radar | COLREGS

Setup - Stand On Vessel Limit

Warning Distance (Miles)


Vessel on PORT  Vessel overtaking us

Action Distance (Miles)

Vessel on PORT  Vessel overtaking us

Check suggested course for chart dangers MaxSpeed

Reset user-made changes every  min



1. Warning and Preventive Action distances to Give-Way vessels.
3. Check Course for Charted Dangers

# OOW – set parameters, get advice

The screenshot displays a software interface for an Officer of the Watch (OOW). At the top, there is a menu bar with options: System, Mode, View, Tools, Targets, Alarms, Charts and Navigation, Replay, and Help. The current location is 1630/E4U31/150000 and the time is 13-May-2013 13:04:44 (UTC). On the left, a 'Take Action' panel shows 'Act: ARPA\_202 (Port Approach)'. The central area contains control panels for 'Range' (set to 12), 'CPA' (set to 0.5), and 'TCPA' (set to 20), along with a 'Restricted Visibility' checkbox. To the right, a 'Suggested Advice' section shows '32.1 Stbd.', 'Dec.Spd: 15.4 kt', and 'Inc.Spd: No Solution'. Below this, a 'New COG: 069.0' is displayed next to a pie chart. A horizontal bar chart at the bottom right shows speed values: 0, 18.8, 25, 15.4, and 25.0.

- OOW can set RANGE, CPA, TCPA.
- Dangerous and Safe sectors are shown (Red/Blue) .
- Advice is given – considering all ships, AIS and ARPA.
- Warning on “Give -Way” vessels.
- Restricted visibility – all ships are at “ST- ON” mode while “own-ship” is a “Give -Way” (Rule 19d)





# Movie time : Real Situation, North Sea

**Replay of ECDIS Data in Fast forward.  
Shows the DST in operation, with more than 10 targets.**

[North Sea crossing.](#)

**(Replay : Superb tool for audits and performance monitoring).**

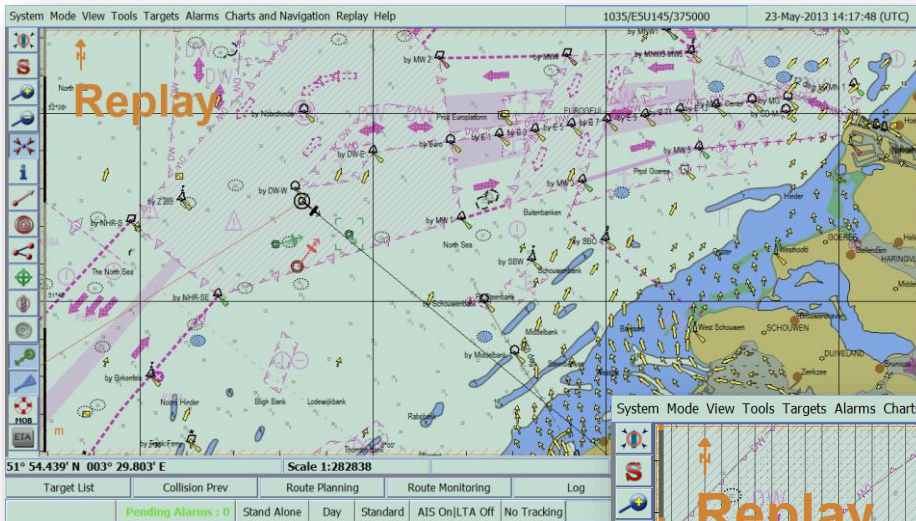
# Case Study 1: “Corvus J” – “Baltic Ace”

- Collision occurred on the night of Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 2012
- Baltic Ace sank within 15 minutes, with **11 casualties**
- Location - West of Rotterdam, in rough weather.

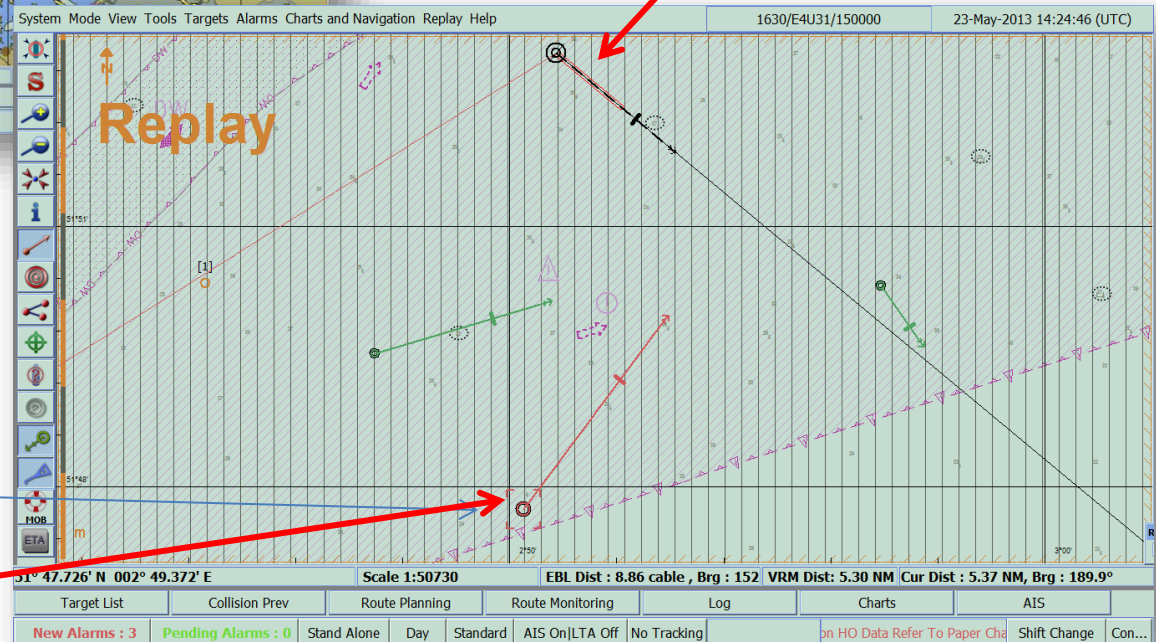
*Source: free data available on the internet.*



# The initial situation : Crossing

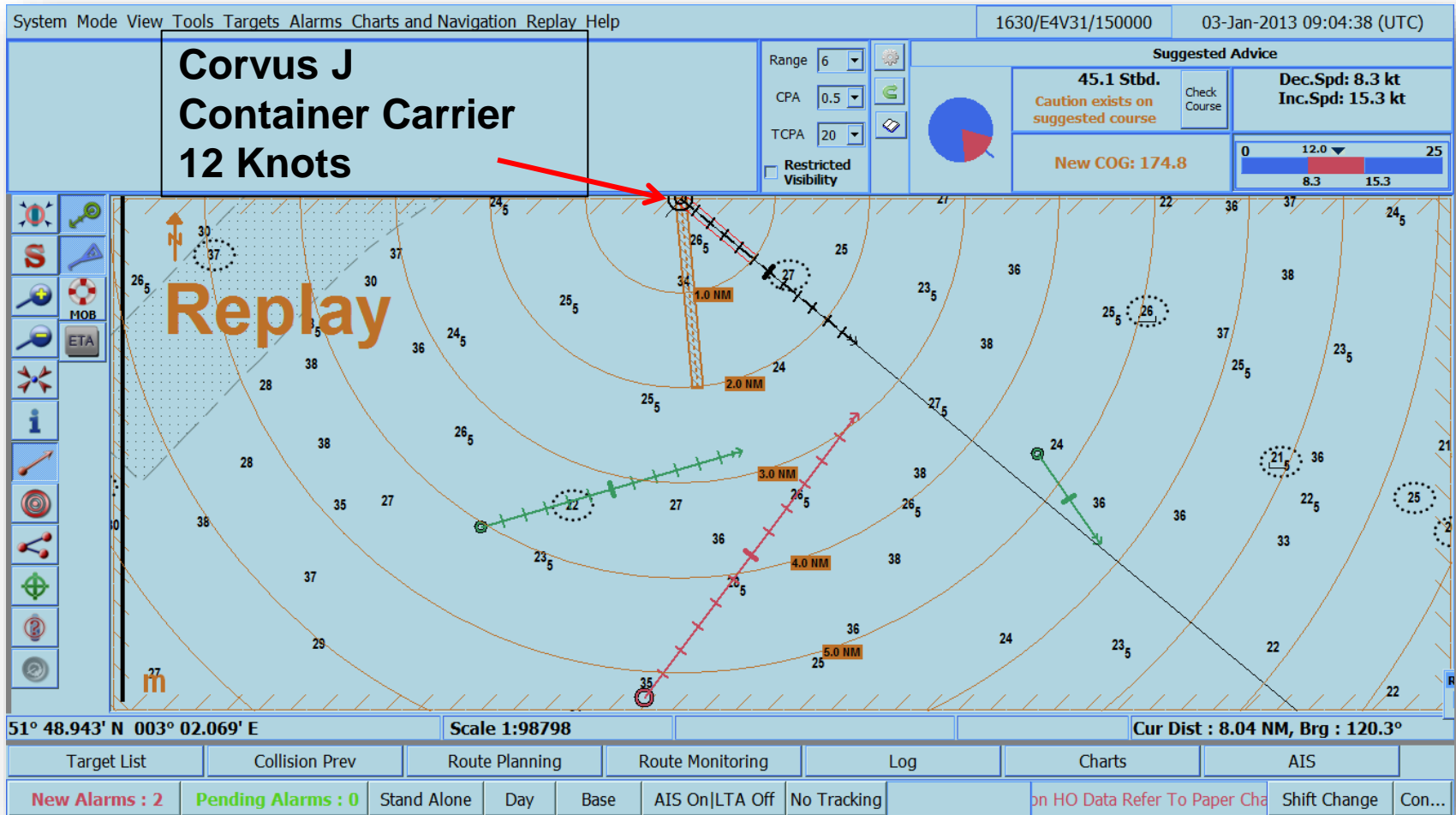


**Corvus J**  
**Container Carrier**  
**12 Knots**



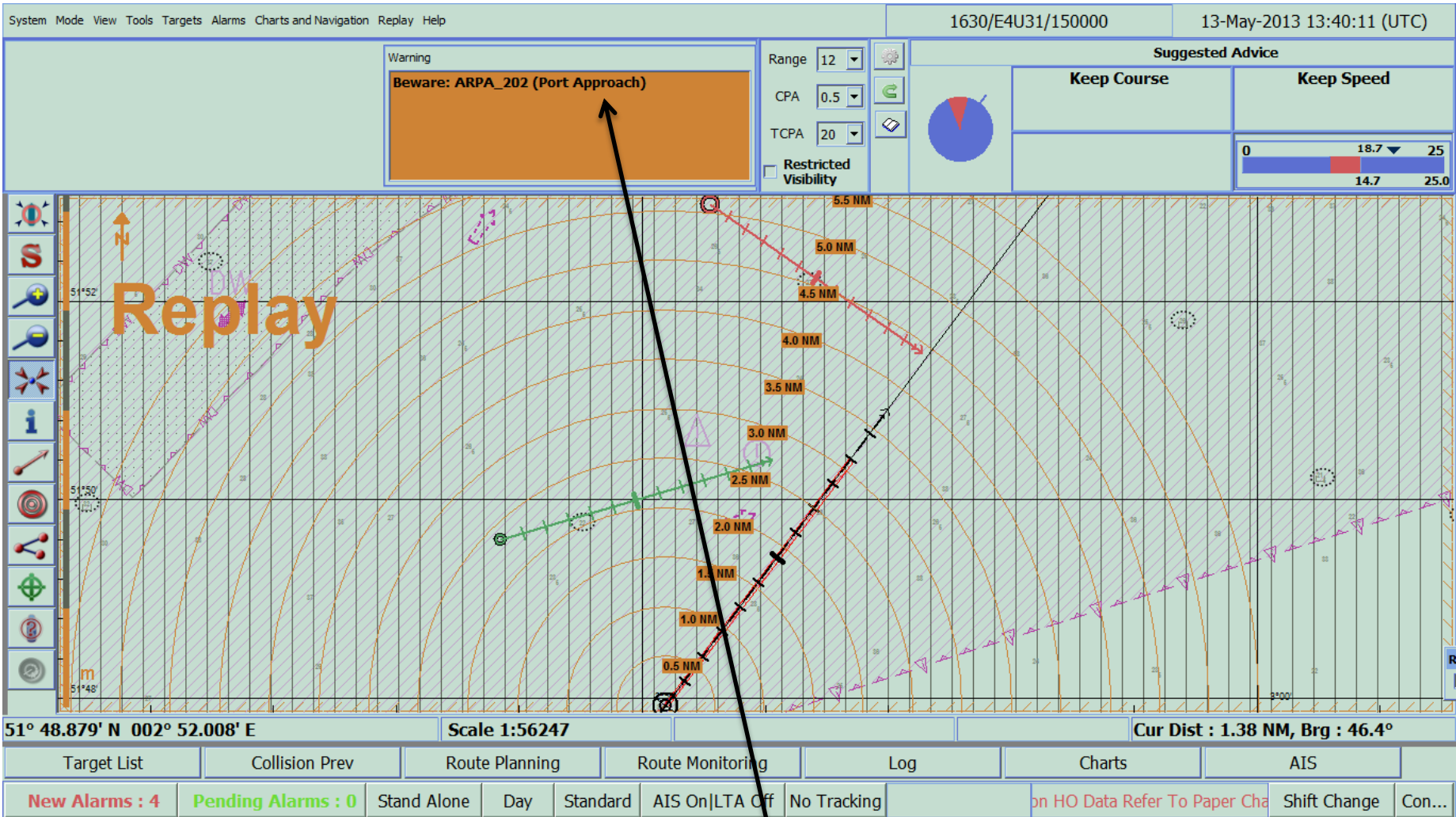
**Baltic Ace**  
**Car Carrier**  
**18 Knots**

# The "Give-Way": "Corvus J"



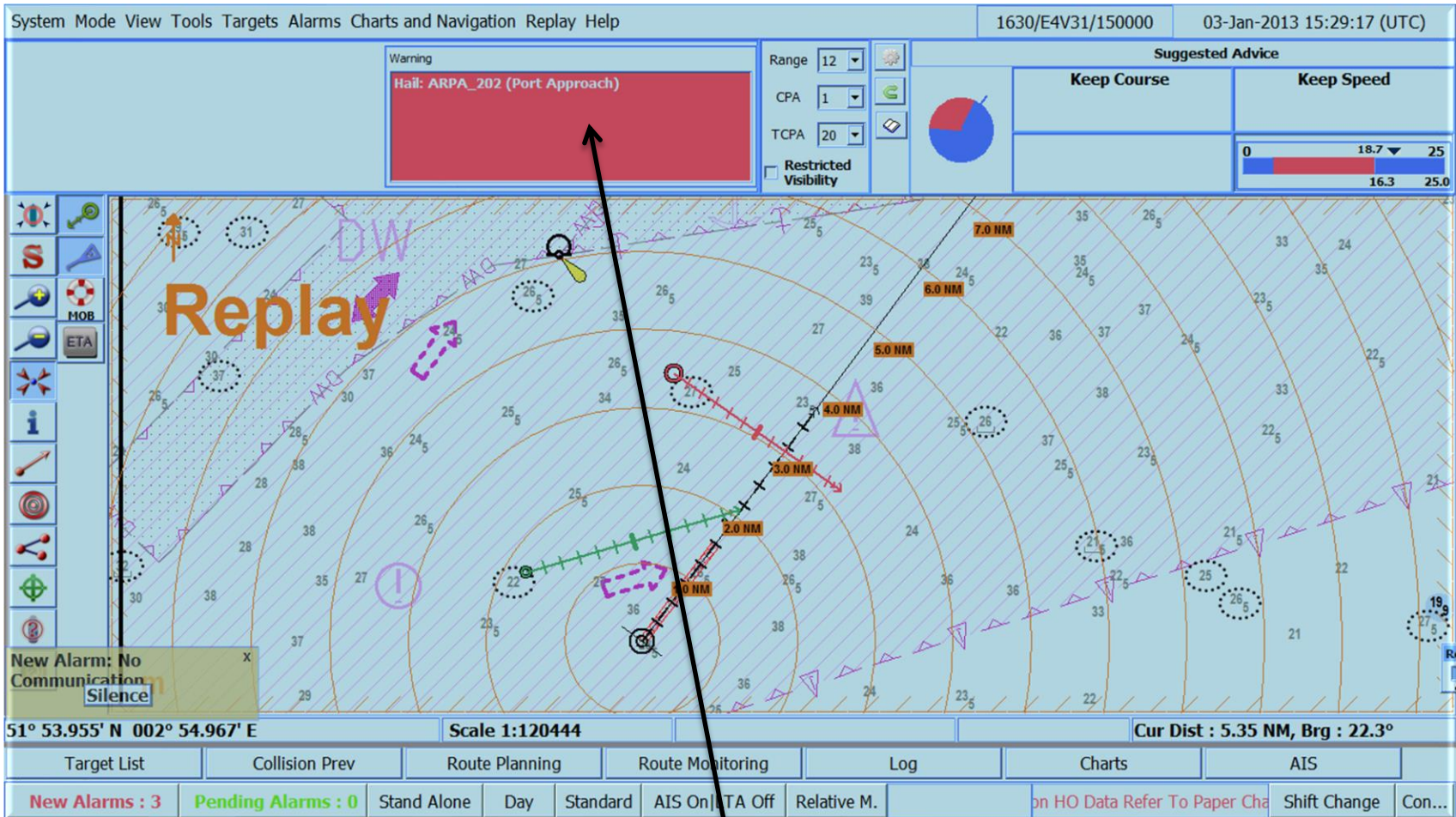
Advice to Corvus J : Turn 45 to Starboard, or reduce to 8.3 Knots

# The "Stand-on": Baltic Ace



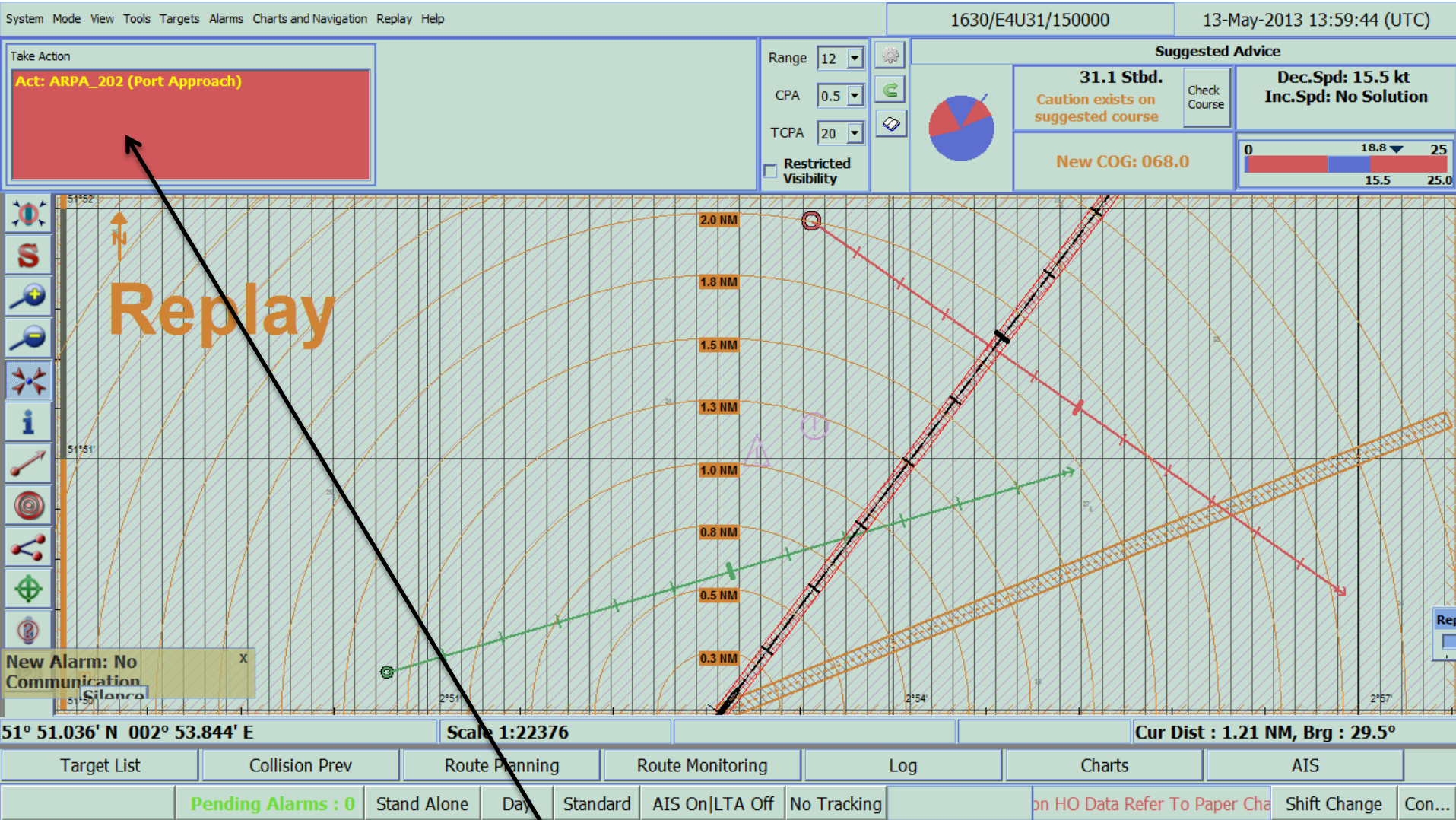
Advice : Keep Course and Speed - but **BEWARE** on Port!

# In Doubt? Blow the Whistle!!



The Give-Way vessel does not act – HAIL for intentions!!!

# Action by "Stand-on" Vessel



If the Give-Way vessel does not act it is St. On vessel DUTY to avoid collision. STBD.

# Collision.

- Baltic Ace turned to Port
- Corvus J turned to Starboard
- The use of Decision Support could have prevented the collision



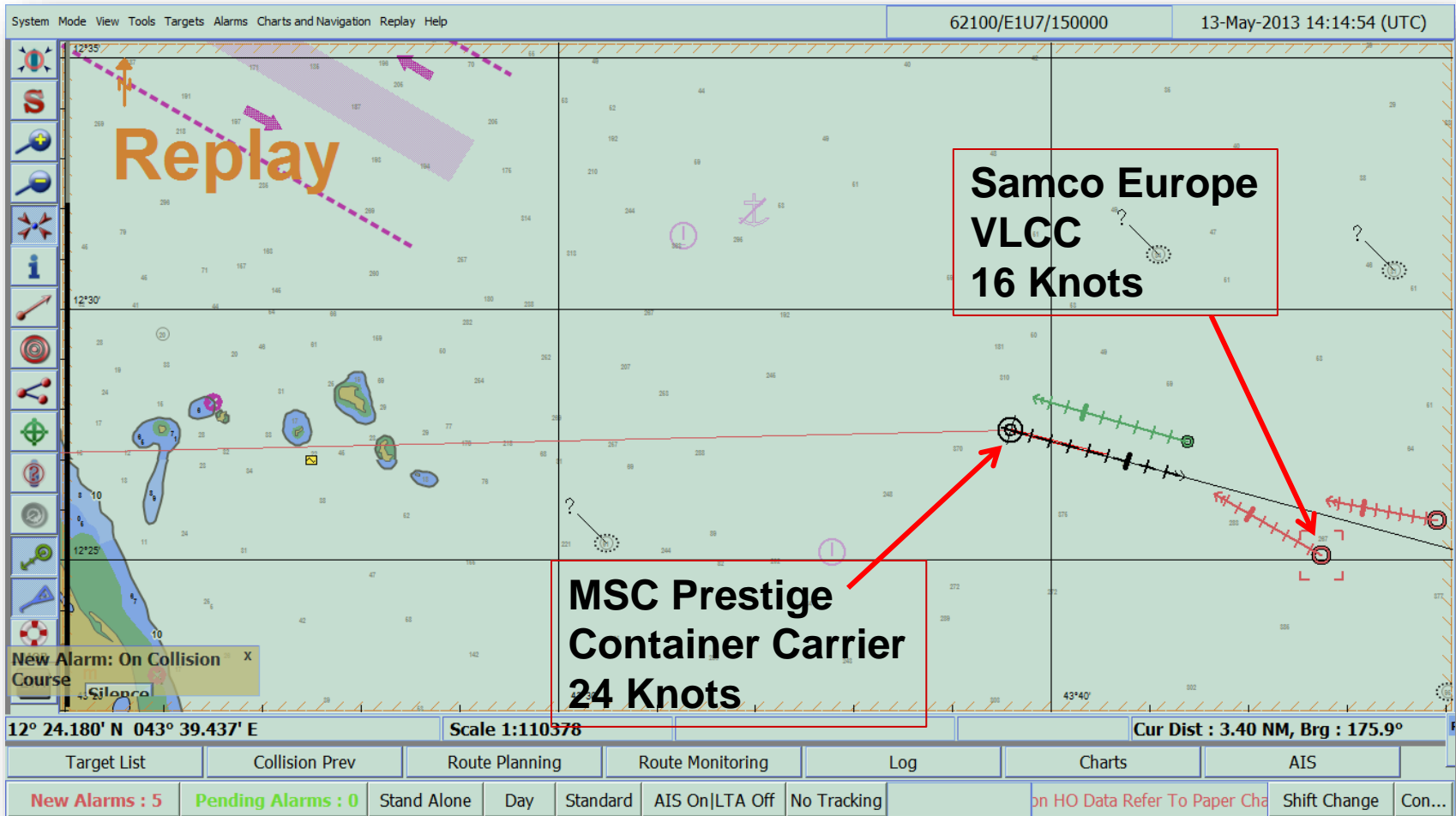
# Case Study 2: “MSC Prestige” – “Samco Europe”

- Collision occurred on the night of Dec. 7th 2007
- The Super Tanker “Samco Europe” collided with the Container Ship “MSC Prestige” in Gulf of Aden, in clear weather.
- No Injuries but **50M USD** claims for damages to both ships.

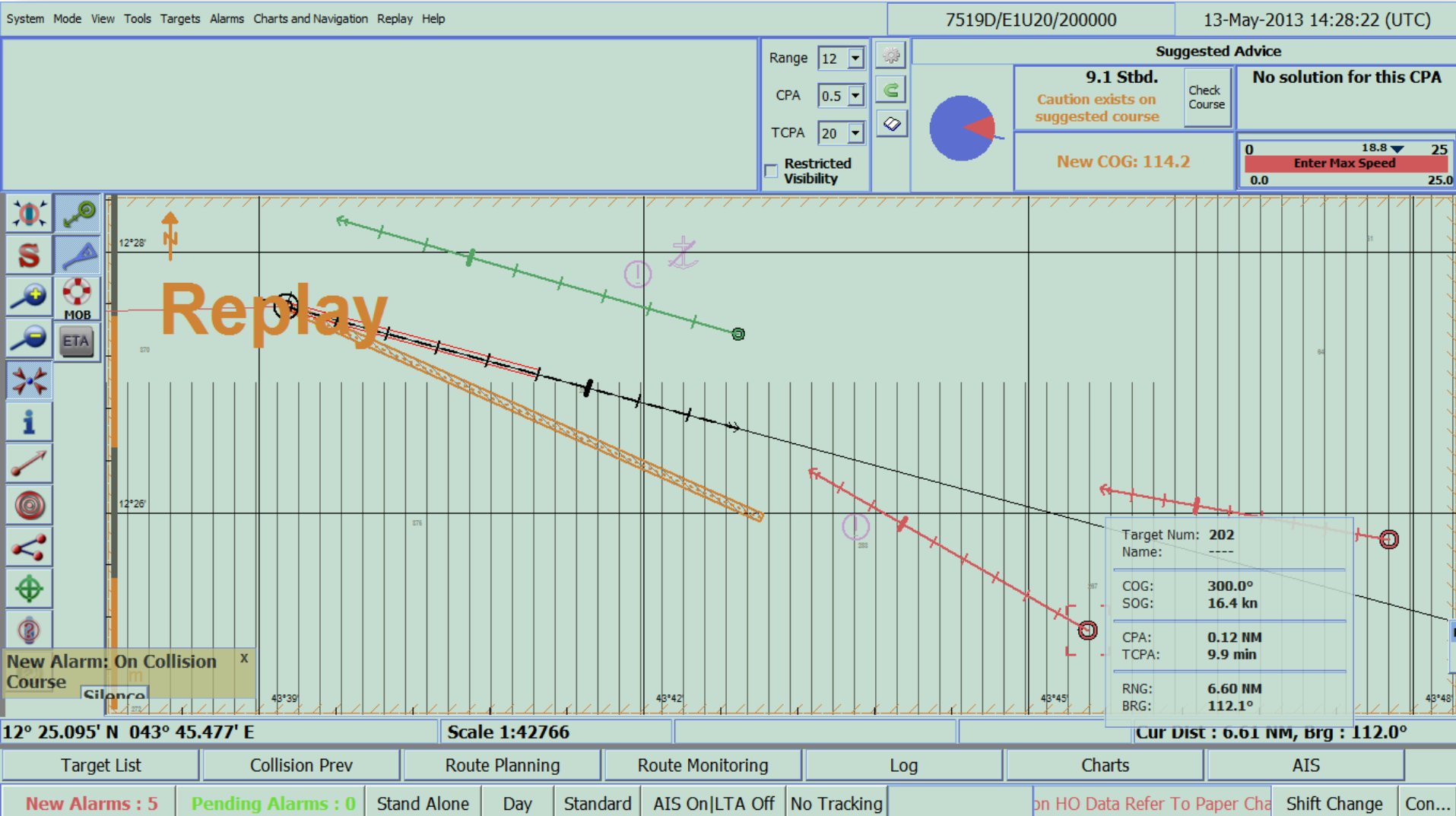


*Source: Report of Safety Investigation, Bureau d'Enquêtes sur les Événements de Mer (French Marine Accident Investigation Office).*

# Normal Situation : Traffic Convergence

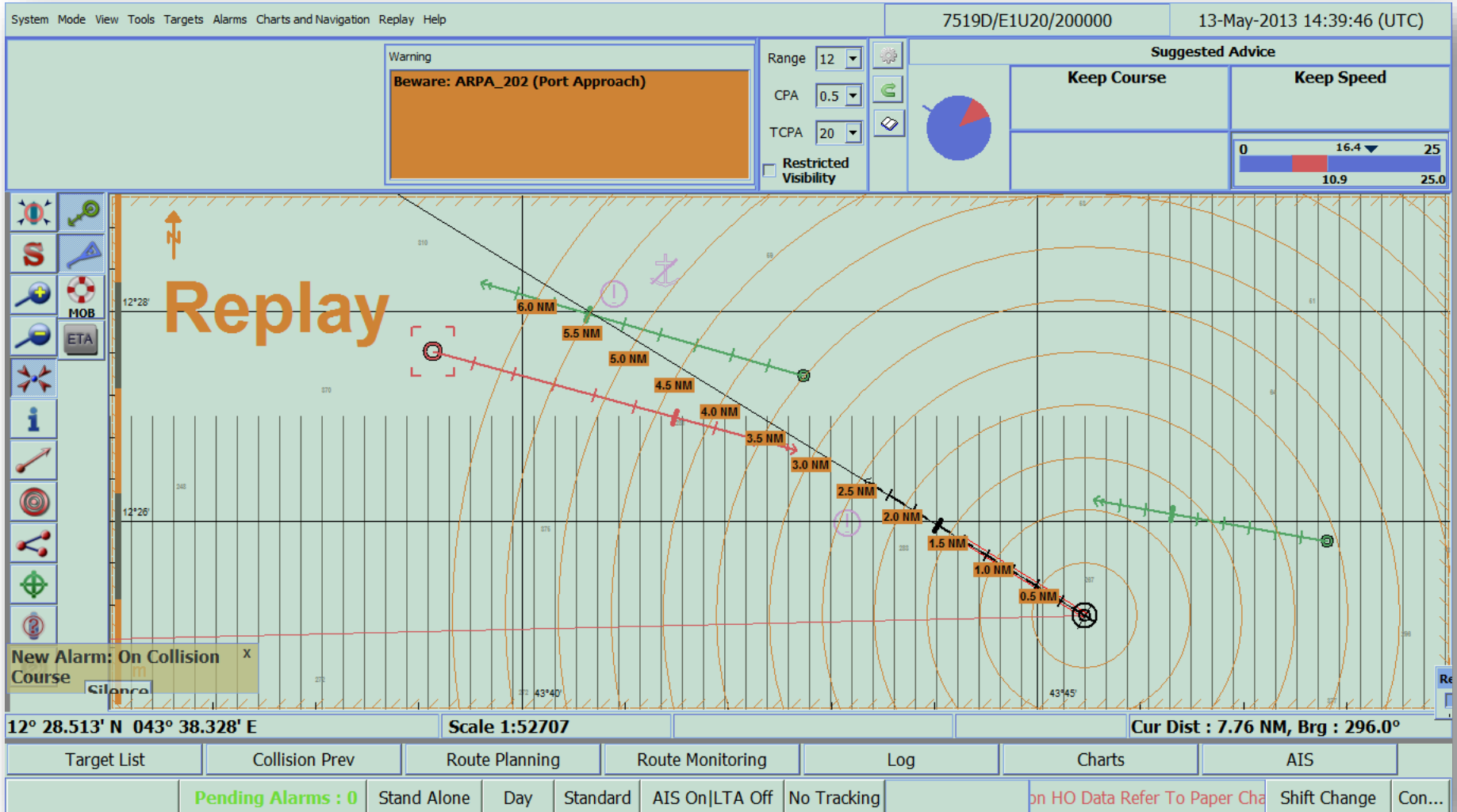


# The "Give-Way" ship: MSC Prestige



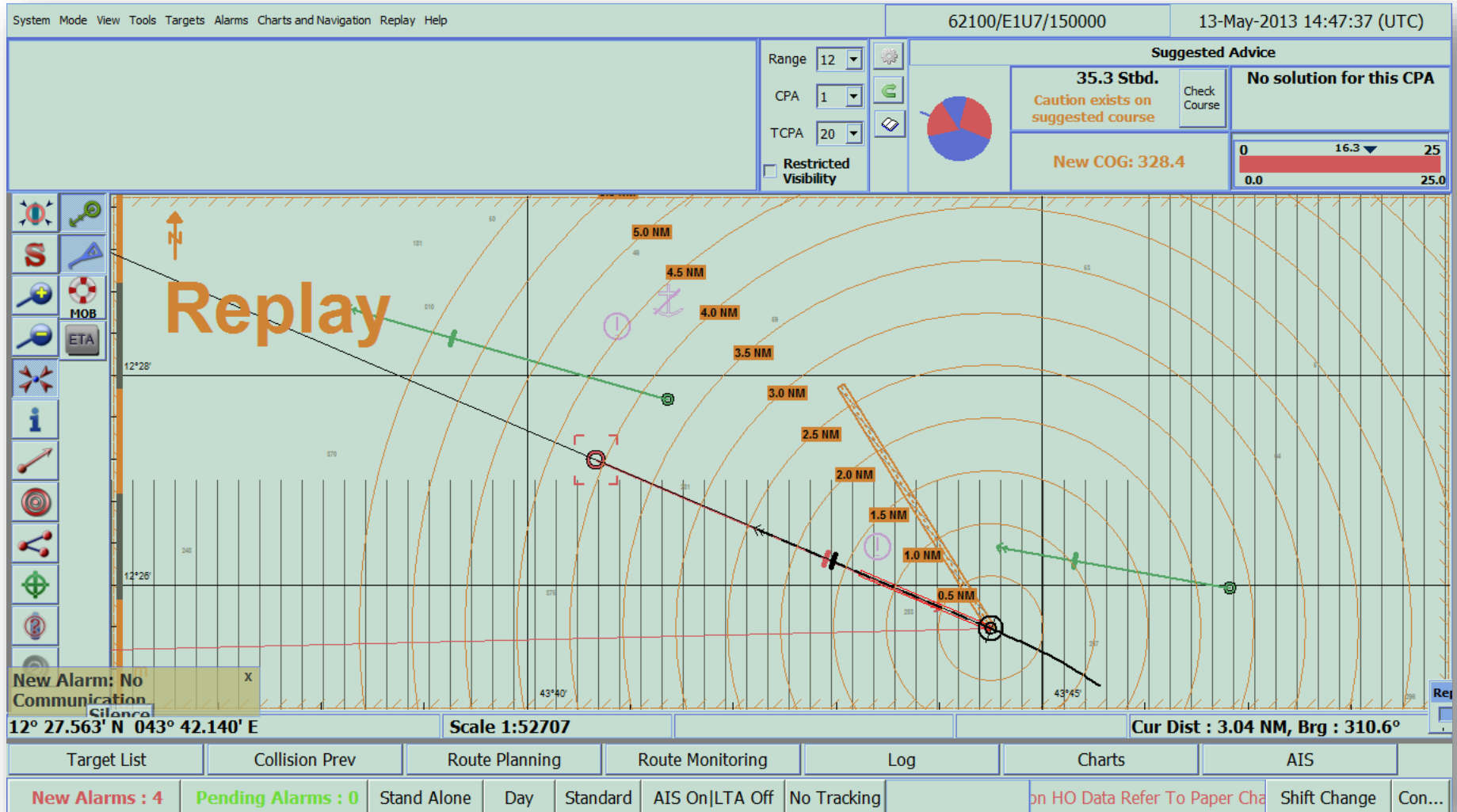
**Advice to MSC Prestige : Turn 9.1° to Starboard, no solution for speed for this CPA**

# The Stand on : "Samco Europe"



Advice to Samco Europe: Keep Course, Keep Speed but beware on port **Totem Plus**

# “Samco Europe” – Head-On situation



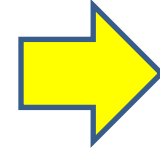
Advice to Samco Europe: Turn 35.3° to Starboard, no speed solution for this CPA,  
Note: caution on suggested course

## **Collision (2).**

- Samco Europe turned to Port
- MSC Prestige turned to Starboard
- Use of Decision Support could have prevented the collision.

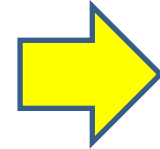
# Other Options

Is there an option for the OOW to explore a turn to the other side (to Port)?



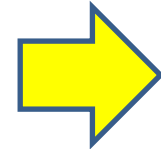
**Yes**

Is advice offered in poor visibility?



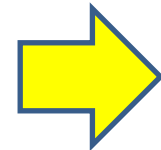
**Yes**

Is there full data for every ship?



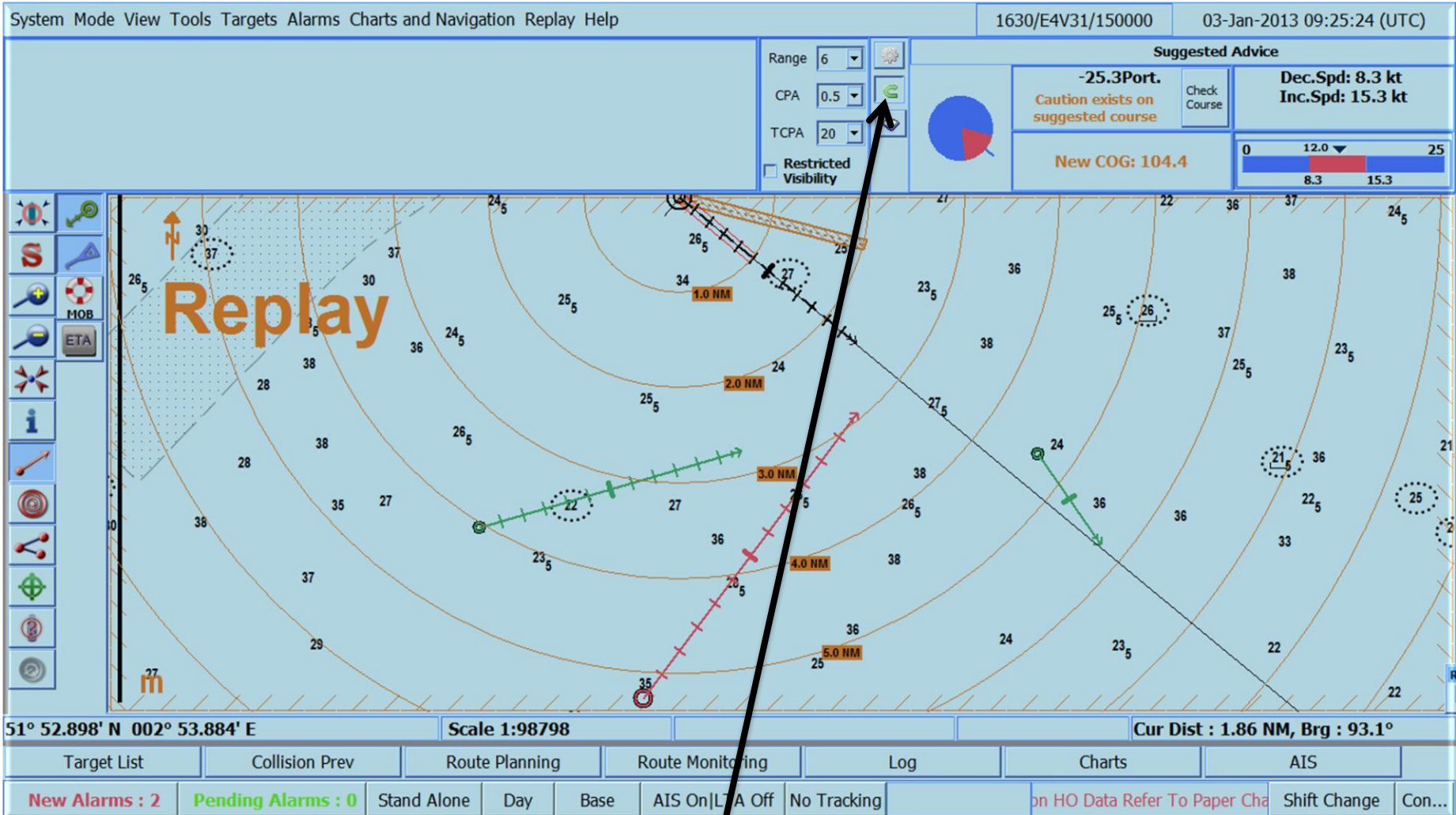
**Yes**

Is a full target list available?



**Yes**

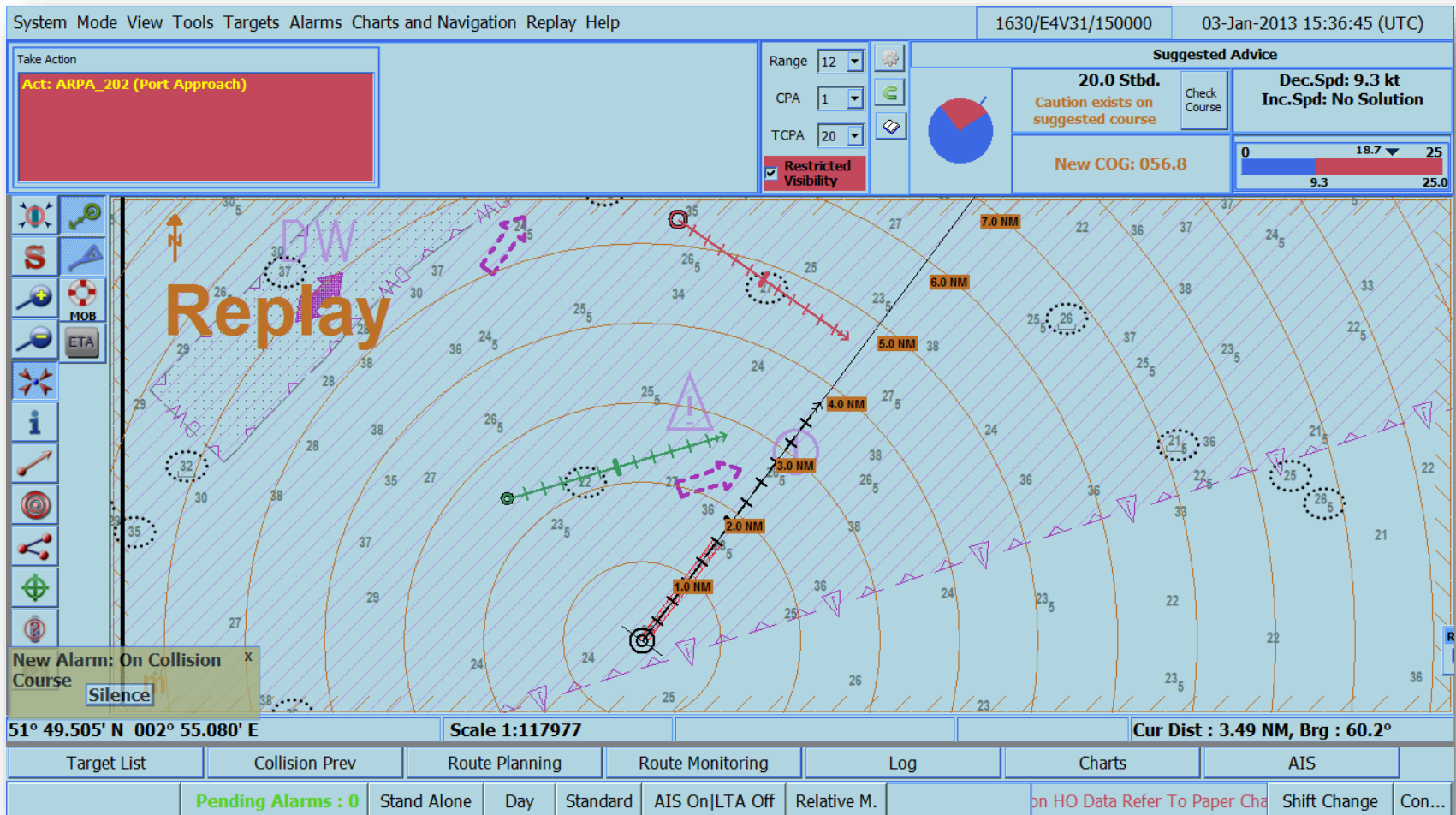
# Possible Alternative: Turn to Port!?



Alternative – if stb'd not safe - press test button



# Restricted Visibility: Take Avoiding Action (19d)



Never turn towards a Target Crossing from Port!!

# Full data of all relevant targets

System Mode View Tools Targets Alarms Charts and Navigation Replay Help

1035/E5V145/375000 03-Jan-2013 09:52:12 (UTC)

Range: 6 CPA: 0.5 TCPA: 20 Restricted Visibility

**Suggested Advice**  
 45.1 Stbd. Caution exists on suggested course  
 Dec.Spd: 8.3 kt Inc.Spd: 15.3 kt  
 New COG: 174.8

**Replay**

51° 50.746' N 002° 44.368' E Scale 1:192524 Cur Dist : 4.63 NM, Brg : 240.8°

Target List Collision Prev Route Planning Route Monitoring Log Charts AIS

Options TARGET LIST Total : 3 Shown : 3 , Hidden : 0

AIS Target ARPA Target Ships within Range Forbidden/Allowed Domain per Ship within Range

Show Only Ships within Max TCPA Limit

No.	Name	Course_OG	Speed	Dist	Bearing	CPA	TCPA Δ	Status	Action	Vessel Type	Nav. Status	DTC(M)
1	ARPA_202	36.8	18.7	5.3	184.1	0.083 Fwd	13.882	Crossing from Stbd	Change Course	ARPA Target	Under Way using Engine	2.776
2	ARPA_203	73.6	14.3	4.0	211.2	0.713 Astern	19.021	Passing Clear	Keep Course	ARPA Target	Under Way using Engine	3.804
3	ARPA_204	145.0	5.8	4.6	125.6	0.747 Fwd	41.391	Passing Clear	Keep Course	ARPA Target	Under Way using Engine	8.278

New Alarms : 2 Pending Alarms : 0 Stand Alone Day Base AIS On|LTA Off No Tracking on HO Data Refer To Paper Cha Shift Change Con...

Click the lower button for Target List!

# DST Target Lists

<input type="checkbox"/> Show Only Ships within Max TCPA Limit												
No.	Name	Course_OG	Speed	Dist	Bearing	CPA	TCPA $\Delta$	Status	Action	Vessel Type	Nav. Status	DTC(M)
1	ARPA_302	165.0	13.0	4.3	279.7	0.641 Fwd	12.593	Crossing from Stbd	Change Course	ARPA Target	Under Way using Engine	3.568
2	SHIP33	164.3	12.6	4.3	280.1	0.539 Fwd	12.616	Crossing from Stbd	Change Course	Unknown Type (199)	UNDef	3.575
3	SHIP34	9.7	10.0	5.2	219.2	0.736 Astern	13.092	Crossing from Port	Keep Course	Unknown Type (199)	UNDef	3.710
4	SHIP37	58.7	10.6	9.7	234.5	1.708 Astern	20.773	Passing Clear	Keep Course	Unknown Type (201)	UNDef	5.886
5	SHIP39	353.6	11.5	10.8	212.5	1.269 Astern	27.980	Passing Clear	Keep Course	Unknown Type (201)	UNDef	7.928
6	SHIP36	230.0	17.5	3.0	356.2	1.095 Astern	29.619	Passing Clear	Keep Course	Unknown Type (200)	UNDef	8.392
7	ARPA_303	230.0	18.0	3.0	355.4	0.819 Astern	29.825	Crossing from Stbd	Change Course	ARPA Target	Under Way using Engine	8.450
8	SHIP35	245.9	9.4	3.9	241.5	0.684 Astern	30.325	Overtaken by us	Change Course	Unknown Type (200)	UNDef	8.592

## Ships Within Range: as per setup (12M range, 1M CPA, 20 Min TCPA)

- All targets are shown and updated, regardless of ARPA setup.
- Shown clearly: CPA ahead/Astern, COLREGS Status.
- AIS info – Vessel Type and Nav. Status.
- Ability to change Nav. Status of Vessels.
- DTC

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show Only Ships within Max TCPA Limit												
No.	Name	Course_OG	Speed	Dist	Bearing	CPA	TCPA $\Delta$	Status	Action	Vessel Type	Nav. Status	DTC(M)
1	SHIP33	164.0	13.0	4.4	280.3	0.592 Fwd	12.756	Crossing from Stbd	Change Course	Unknown Type (199)	Under Way using Engine	3.614
2	SHIP34	10.2	10.1	5.4	219.4	0.737 Astern	13.322	Crossing from Port	Keep Course	Unknown Type (199)	Under Way using Engine	3.775

**Filter – show only targets within TCPA**

# More info available

For each target within range, we can also see the boundaries of safe sectors and real-time speed advice for each vessel.

AIS Target | ARPA Target | Ships within Range | Forbidden/Allowed Domain per Ship within Range

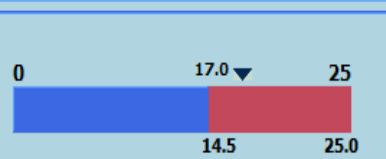

Show Only Ships within Max TCPA Limit

**FORBIDDEN DOMAIN**

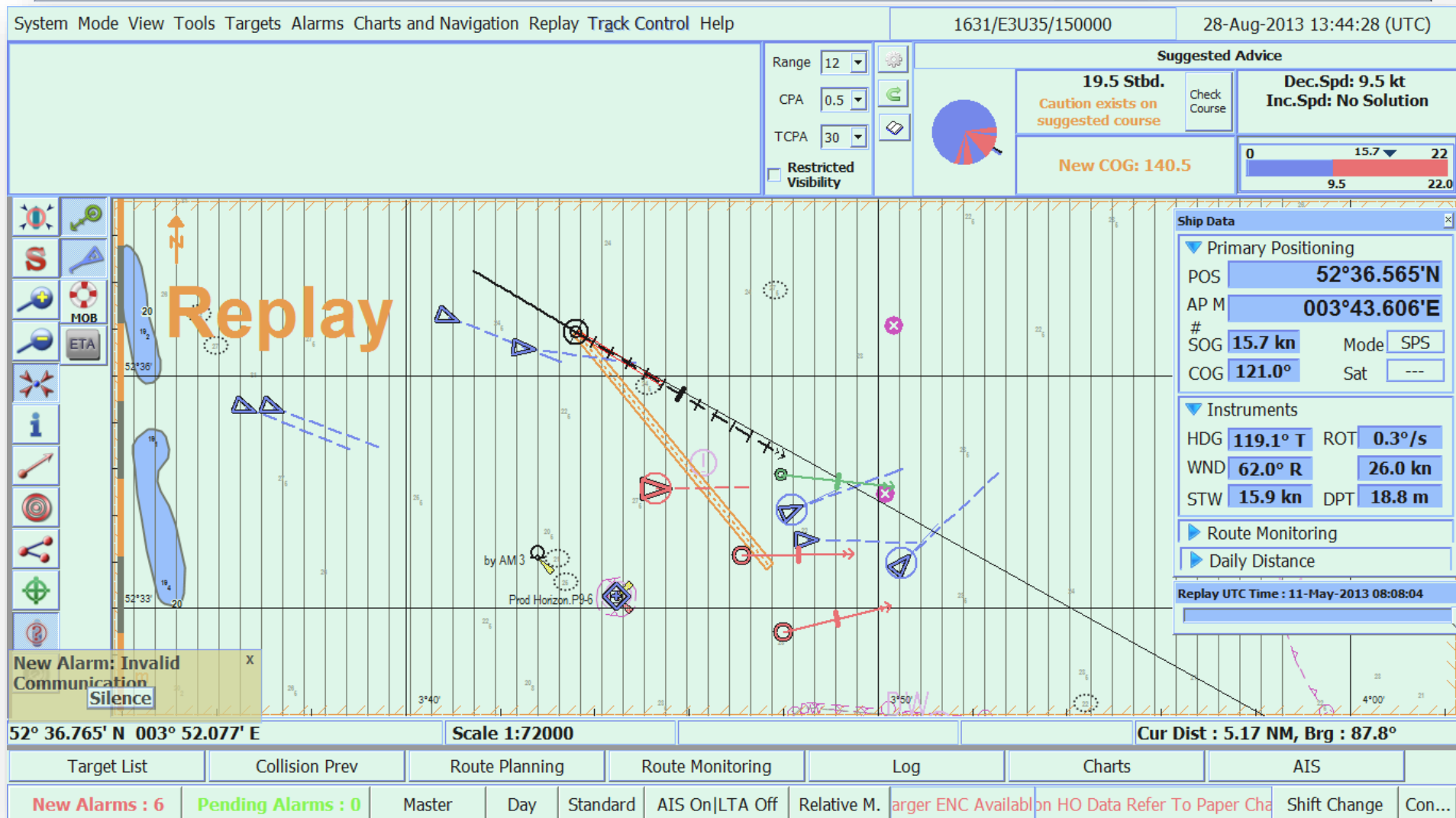
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2	<input type="checkbox"/> SHIP33	220.0° - 258.6°	----	----	Normal	13.8	39.9
3	<input type="checkbox"/> SHIP34	----	----	----	Normal	----	----
4	<input type="checkbox"/> SHIP37	----	----	----	Out of TCPA	----	----
5	<input type="checkbox"/> SHIP39	----	----	----	Out of TCPA	----	----
6	<input type="checkbox"/> SHIP36	----	----	----	Out of TCPA	----	----
7	<input type="checkbox"/> ARPA_303	----	----	----	Out of TCPA	----	----
8	<input type="checkbox"/> SHIP35	----	----	----	Out of TCPA	----	----

**ALLOWED DOMAIN - ALL SHIPS**

No.	Safe Sectors (COG)
1	000.0° - 217.5°
2	258.6° - 360.0°



# CONCLUSIONS: DST Prime Goal



One of the important innovations of the DST is the inclusion of AIS data, an issue which has not been so far properly addressed.

# Summary

- Totem Plus has developed the DST.
- DST was tested for over 4 years, on many vessels, and received 3 international awards.
- Feedback from users is positive and shows that the advice is accurate and useful in traffic analysis.
- Training is essential for proper and effective use.
- The shipping community can seize the opportunity and adopt the principles of this technology to save lives and protect the environment.
- The DST may be considered as harbinger of E-Navigation.



**Totem Plus**  
*Where shipping Meets High-Tech*

**Thank You for your time and patience**