

GYRO COMPASS FAILURE

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ACTION TO BE TAKEN (NOT NECESSARILY IN ORDER)
Sound Alarm, call master & inform pilot if on board
Call AB on bridge
Start Manual Steering
Switch to magnetic compass and steer vessel using magnetic compass considering effects of variation and deviation
Fix vessel's position and check proximity of Navigational hazard
Take action to manoeuvre ship away from danger
Inform engine room
Consider Autopilot steering with Transmitting Magnetic Compass (If available)
M/E to be on 'standby' and vessel to proceed at safe speed in confined water
Consider the effects of gyro compass failure on other navigation aids like radar, ecdis etc
Observe magnetic compass heading, manually enter the heading into the ECDIS units
Switch the ECDIS to "Head Up" mode
Radars to be switched to Head Up display and commence manual radar plotting
If determining positions by radar, use cross point of 3-4 ranges than that of bearings.
Verify magnetic compass error
Make analysis of situation; consider priority of measures
Inform office
Inform Port Authority
Verify magnetic compass error frequently and specially after each course alteration
Compare course made good by GPS
Check cause of failure
Endeavour to carry out fault-finding operation on gyro compass and eventual repair by using shipboard spares and by following instructions from maker manual

Note: Office will arrange Dispensation letter from Gyro compass