



Data from the Guide to Port Entry will be integrated into the OneOcean platform, further enhancing its voyage planning capability

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OneOcean acquires further voyage planning capability

OneOcean, the leading software provider for the global maritime industry, has acquired Shipping Guides Ltd, the pre-eminent provider of data and information on ports globally. The *Guide to Port Entry* intelligence will be integrated into the OneOcean platforms, further enhancing OneOcean's voyage planning capability.

Guide to Port Entry data has been built up over the last 50 years and is globally recognised as the favoured source of static and dynamic data for almost 15,000 ports worldwide. Today, it is trusted by over 10,000 maritime

stakeholders who interface with it via a range of web-based solutions and APIs.

This acquisition further enhances OneOcean's voyage planning capability, allowing our customers to make better decisions and to save both money and time. The proprietary data includes pre-arrival information and intelligent geographical polygons for all port areas, including port limits, anchorages, pilot areas and environmental information. This data complements the voyage planning and decision-making workflow, particularly in the areas of port congestion, environmental monitoring and global information on shipping activities.

"There is much debate and discussion about the best methods of optimisation in the maritime industry," commented Martin Taylor, CEO of OneOcean. "At OneOcean, we believe having the best data to start the analysis is an essential first step to power the algorithms and give the best quality outputs. The Guide to Port Entry data will sit alongside our already comprehensive information on compliance, navigation and environmental factors to provide our customers with the best tools to enable decision making."

Feargal Hogan, Technology Director responsible for *Guide to Port Entry* adds, "I am really excited by this acquisition. OneOcean will help us move further forward in providing the infrastructure and expertise for our customers to use our data through the considerable OneOcean digital footprint. The quality and capability of the data will now be even more accessible within the sector and we look forward to building further on the next level of intelligence and integration."

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Guide to Port Entry was originally created by Shipping Guides' founder, Colin Pielow, an experienced seafarer who saw a need within the shipping industry for a single source of port, harbour and terminal information. The first edition of *Guide to Port Entry* was published in 1971 and is now a four-volume biennial guide featuring data on over 14,700 global commercial ports and terminals.

The digital version of *Guide to Port Entry*, www.findaport.com, was launched in 2009 as a website enabling subscribers to access the most comprehensive port information available to the maritime market. Shipping Guides have been gathering and verifying port data for 50 years and have built the most comprehensive directory available on the market. The data is researched and updated daily by a dedicated team of editors using only authenticated sources such as port authorities, agents and operators. The database is already in use by over 10,000 maritime stakeholders through a range of web-based solutions and APIs.

About OneOcean Group

OneOcean Group is the global leader in digital navigation and voyage compliance and the largest single digital solutions provider in the maritime industry. The company supports over 15,000 vessels in their regulatory and navigational activities, making life easier for ship owners and managers, both onboard and ashore. They aim to simplify e-navigation and compliance through the powerful OneOcean platform, built for the future while giving users the real-time information they need to support strategic decisions and enable excellence.

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