

NAUTIS maritime simulators VSTEP introduces new fishing module

From Rotterdam on 28 May VSTEP announced the forthcoming release of its new NAUTIS fishing module simulator.

This addition to the NAUTIS product line will enable effective training in fishing vessels and allow fishermen (under training) to strengthen their skills in catch scenarios. Trainees will be able to engage in all aspects such as searching, catching and handling of fish, while at the same time familiarising themselves with vessel manoeuvring.

It is reported that the NAUTIS Fishing Module will allow trainees to train in realistic scenarios and gain a better understanding of modern fishing methods. Trainees will be able to operate an array of fishing vessels, including a stern trawler, a long liner and jigging vessels. Ability to train purse seine, pelagic and pair trawling, long lining and jigging will also be included in the module. In this way, future fishermen will be better prepared to react in different environments and weather, it is understood.

This new module is expected to help promote sustainable fishing practices and safety in the industry.

The NAUTIS Fishing Module is designed to fulfil multiple training purposes enabling:

- Tracking the behaviour of fishing vessel equipment in real-time.
- The search for and detection of fish shoals through the use of sounder and sonar equipment.
- Adjustment of fishing gear.
- Safe manoeuvring in the setting of fishing gear.
- Fish gear handling while catching in fish shoals.
- Understanding the influence of trawl rigging on the vessel's behaviour.
- Monitoring caught fish with a net recorder.

It is said that the module is compatible with all NAUTIS setups such that fishing training can be carried out on NAUTIS simulators ranging from desktop

setups up to full mission bridge configurations. The module will allow fishing training in a practical, cost-effective and sustainable way, in line with VSTEP's vision.

In the words of Fabian van den Berg, VSTEP's Commercial Director: *'I am proud of the team for their continued efforts which led to the creation of this new module. We believe that a consumer-oriented mind set is the driving factor behind our continuous innovation. VSTEP is confident that the fishing module will increase safety standards in the global industry.'*

VSTEP has already made its first delivery of the NAUTIS Fishing Module.

Pohang Marine Science High School recently received a Class A Full Mission Bridge simulator with an additional NAUTIS Fishing Module. The NAUTIS Fishing Module is contributing to the advancement of the modernizing fishing industry in the Republic of Korea.

Evelina Chen, Account Manager at VSTEP added: *'VSTEP prides itself on being on the forefront of new technological advancements. This delivery of the new fishing module confirms the potential of our new module. We are confident that this is the first of many deliveries. I am pleased that this purchase will help future fishermen effectively improve their fishing techniques and operate in accordance to safety procedures.'*

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