

New ECAREG report form – User Guide

Purpose

The intent of this document is to provide vessel masters with information related to completing the new ECAREG report form. ECAREG reporting regulations have not changed.

ECAREG Zone Reporting

To obtain clearance into eastern Canadian waters, the master of the ship must report to ECAREG Canada or to the nearest Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) Marine Communications and Traffic Services (MCTS) Centre, as per the annual Radio Aids to Marine Navigation (RAMN), section [3.8.2](#).

These reports are submitted by email to HLXECAREG1@INNAV.GC.CA.

New Electronic Form

Mariners are advised that all requests for vessel clearances into eastern Canadian waters must be submitted to ECAREG Canada using the new electronic form available on the Canadian Coast Guard's e-Navigation portal at:

<https://e-navigation.canada.ca/topics/traffic/index-en>

This new ECAREG report form is a Microsoft Excel based document where required information, as per RAMN section [3.8.2](#), will be entered in multiple tabs.

Vessels are requested to attach the completed Excel report to an email when submitting ECAREG clearance requests prior to entering the zone (RAMN [3.8.2.1](#)). Please confirm that the newest version of the form has been completed prior to submission. **ECAREG reports submitted in an old format or an incorrect version of the new form will be returned and the vessel will be asked to resubmit in the new format and/or newest version.**

Note –This Excel form **should never** be saved as or converted to a PDF, image, or any other file type. It must only be saved in an Excel (.xlsx) format.

Information related to this change is available in [RAMN, Part 3: Vessel Traffic Services](#).

Additional information related to the new ECAREG report form is available from ECAREG Canada upon request.

Form at a glance

The screenshot displays the ECAREG Report form interface. At the top, there is a red header with the ECAREG logo and the text "ECAREG Report". Below the header, the form is organized into several sections:

- Vessel Identification:** Includes fields for Ship Name, Call Sign, Master's First Name, Master's Last Name, MMSI Number, and IMO Number.
- Current Position:** Contains a table for Current Position with columns for Degree, Minutes, Longitude, and Latitude. It also includes fields for UNLOCODE and Location Name.
- Destination:** Includes fields for Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) at Eastern Canada-VTS Zone, Abandon ratings (Yellow Traffic Separation zone), and Estimated Time of Departure from berth.
- Additional Information:** Includes fields for Estimated Time of Arrival at Destination, Intended Route of the Ship, Last Port of Call, and Drifted Drift of the Ship.

At the bottom of the form, there is a navigation bar with tabs: "Vessel and Voyage Information", "Cargo On Board", "Defects and Discharges", "Certificate Expiry Dates", and "List of UNLOCODEs". The "Vessel and Voyage Information" tab is currently selected.

The following pages display each of the form's tabs and provide detailed information on how to complete the electronic form, in accordance with RAMN Section [3.8.2](#).

Vessel and Voyage Information

ECAREG Report

Version: 1.3.4

Vessel Identification

A Ship Name: DELTA ECHO MMSI Number: 123456789

B Call Sign: ABC1234 IMO Number: 3161234

C Master's First Name: JOHN
Master's Last Name: DOE

Current Position

D Current Position

Degrees Minutes

Latitude	44	24.60	N
Longitude	50	5.40	W

Degrees Minutes Seconds

Latitude			N
Longitude			W

UNLOCODE

Location Name

Prior to entering vessel information, it is important to verify the version of the form, located at the top of the report.

Users should ensure that the newest version is downloaded prior to submitting the report. This information can be accessed at: <https://e-navigation.canada.ca/topics/traffic/index-en>

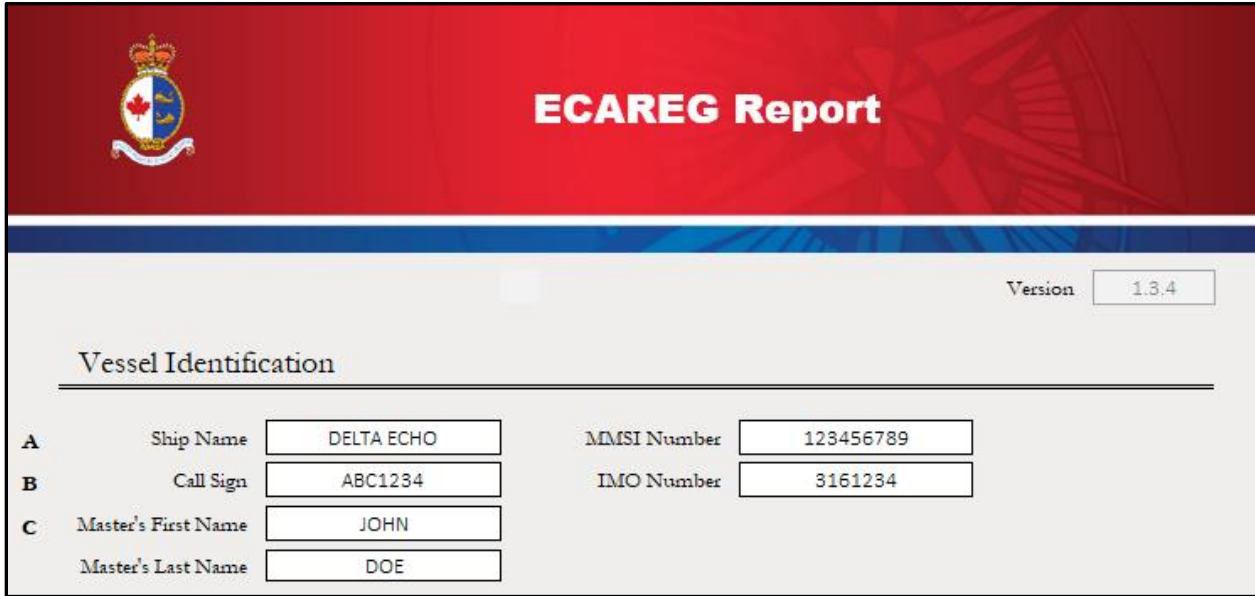
Note: In this example, the latest version of the report is 1.3.4. It is important to note that any report version 1.3.X will be accepted. However, if the newest version is 1.4.1, ECAREG Canada will not be able to accept any report version 1.3.X or lower.

Vessels may download the latest copy of the report from the above link, or obtain it from their agents.

After verifying the *Version*, the first tab of the report contains vessel and voyage information, which is divided into 3 sections:

- Vessel Identification,
- Current Position, and
- Destination

Vessel Identification



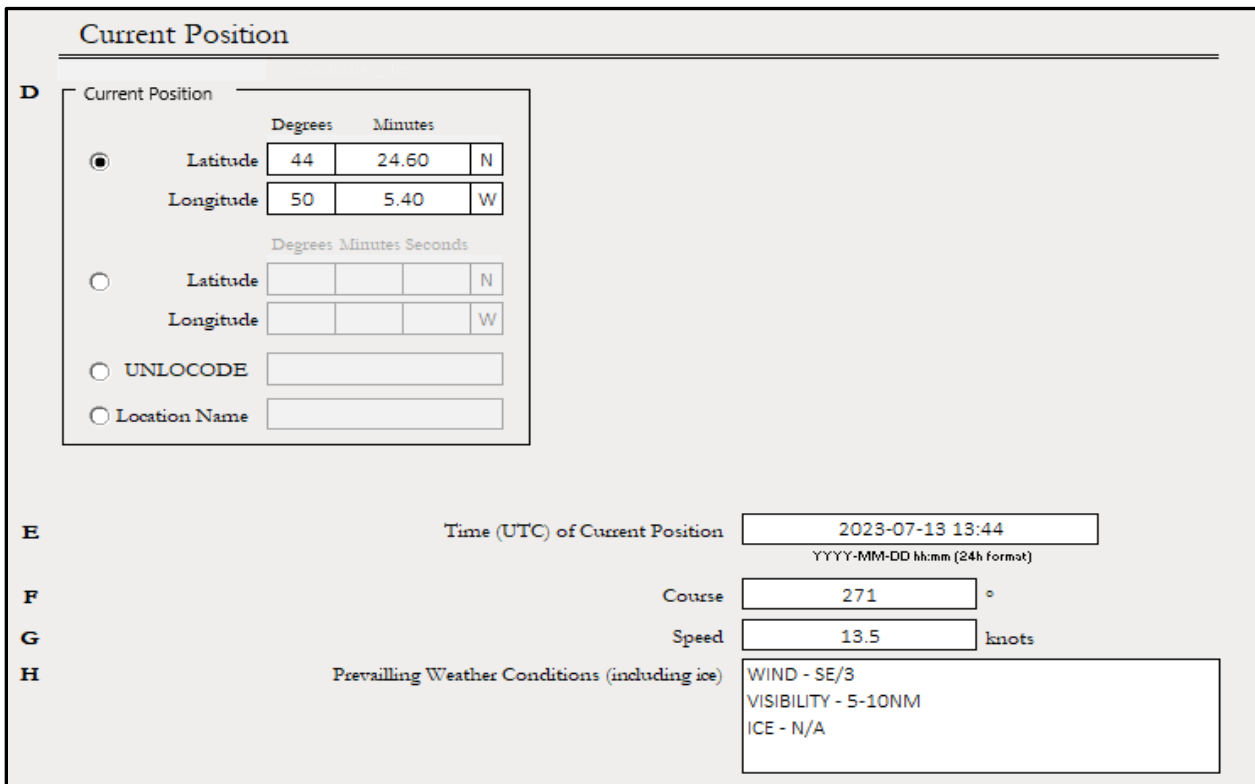
The image shows a screenshot of the ECAREG Report Vessel Identification form. At the top left is the Canadian Coast Guard logo. The title 'ECAREG Report' is centered in white on a red background. Below the title, the version number '1.3.4' is displayed in a box. The form is titled 'Vessel Identification' and contains several input fields for vessel details.

Field Label	Value
Ship Name	DELTA ECHO
MMSI Number	123456789
Call Sign	ABC1234
IMO Number	3161234
Master's First Name	JOHN
Master's Last Name	DOE

This section provides fields to capture the *Ship Name*, *Call Sign*, and *Master's first and last name* (A-C). Fields for *MMSI* and *IMO* numbers are also included.

Note: The form may not allow direct copy and paste of information into the fields; however, information can be copied and pasted into the Excel formula bar

Current Position



The image shows a screenshot of the Current Position form. It includes a section for entering coordinates in Degrees and Minutes, and another for Degrees, Minutes, and Seconds. There are also options for UNLOCODE and Location Name. Below this, there are fields for Time (UTC) of Current Position, Course, Speed, and Prevailing Weather Conditions (including ice).

Field Label	Value
Current Position (Degrees/Minutes)	Latitude: 44 24.60 N; Longitude: 50 5.40 W
Current Position (Degrees/Minutes/Seconds)	Latitude: [] [] [] N; Longitude: [] [] [] W
UNLOCODE	[]
Location Name	[]
Time (UTC) of Current Position	2023-07-13 13:44
Course	271 °
Speed	13.5 knots
Prevailing Weather Conditions (including ice)	WIND - SE/3 VISIBILITY - 5-10NM ICE - N/A

Current Position (D) – This section allows vessels to choose one (1) of four (4) position options:

- 1) Latitude/Longitude Position using Degrees and decimal minutes,
- 2) Latitude/Longitude Position using Degrees, Minutes, Seconds,
- 3) UNLOCODE, or
- 4) Location Name

UNLOCODE is a five-character code system used to identify all named geographic places related to international trade. UNLOCODEs are used by most major shipping companies and the manufacturing industry around the world.

Note: When completing this form, the use of UNLOCODEs , where applicable, is preferred to ensure accuracy with the MCTS vessel voyage management system.

More information about UNLOCODEs can be found here:

<https://unece.org/trade/cefact/unlocode-code-list-country-and-territory>

Time of the Current Position (E) must be entered in the format as shown.

YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm (24 hour format)

Course, Speed, and Prevailing Weather Conditions, including ice, are to be entered into fields F-H.

Note: In a free text field, such as H, press ALT + ENTER to start a new line in the same cell.

DESTINATION

Destination	
I	Estimated time (UTC) of arrival at Eastern Canada VTS Zone 2023-07-14 15:00 <small>YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm (24h format)</small>
	Advise entry into Vessel Traffic Services zone Halifax Harbour and Approaches
J	Estimated time (UTC) of departure from berth <small>(Not required for a 24 hour report)</small> YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm (24h format)
K	Destination (First Port of Call in Canadian Waters) <input checked="" type="radio"/> UNLOCODE CAHAL <input type="radio"/> Location Name Degrees Minutes Seconds <input type="radio"/> Latitude Longitude Degrees Minutes <input type="radio"/> Latitude Longitude
L	Estimated time (UTC) of arrival at destination 2023-07-14 19:30 <small>YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm (24h format)</small>
M	Intended Route of the Ship EASTERN APPROACH
N	Last Port of Call <input checked="" type="radio"/> UNLOCODE NLRTM <input type="radio"/> Location Name
O	Deepest Draught of the Ship 3.2 meters
T	Name of the Canadian or United States Agent (Company Name) MAM INC.

The vessel's *Estimated time of arrival at the Eastern Canada VTS Zone* (I) must be entered in the format shown:

YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm (24 hour format)

The vessel must also *Advise Entry into Vessel Traffic Services Zone* – the vessel can choose where it intends to enter the Zone from a drop-down menu that includes the following options:

- Not Applicable
- Cape Ray/Cape North
- Strait of Belle Isle
- Strait of Canso and Eastern Approaches
- Bay of Fundy
- Halifax Harbour and Approaches
- Placentia Bay
- St. John's
- Northumberland Strait
- Meridian of 66 W

Estimated time of departure from berth (J) is not required for ECAREG reporting prior to entering the zone. It may be left blank for the purpose of this type of report.

Destination (K) - This section allows vessels to choose one (1) of four (4) position options:

- 1) UNLOCODE,
- 2) Location Name (geographical name),
- 3) Latitude/Longitude Position using Degrees, Minutes and Seconds, or
- 4) Latitude/Longitude Position using Degrees and decimal minutes

Note: A List of UNLOCODEs, located on tab 5 of the report, also includes a quick reference to Canadian and US locations.

Estimated time of arrival at Destination (L) should be provided in the format as shown:

YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm (24 hour format)

Intended Route of the Ship (M) is a free text field.

Last Port of Call (N) can be entered as a UNLOCODE or a Location Name.

Note: UNLOCODEs will be the preferred method for providing Last Port of Call, however the Location Name can be used if required.

The *Deepest Draught of the Ship (O)* is to be provided in meters.

The *Name of the Canadian or United States Agent (T)* should be the company name (not a contact/individual person's name).

Additional required information is to be entered in the remaining tabs.

Cargo on Board

Cargo On Board

P List any cargo or dangerous goods on board or carried on a vessel/ barge being towed or pushed, with IMO Class (if applicable) and amount (quantity and unit)

Are there any cargo on the vessel?

Yes
 No (Ballast)

	Select a Cargo	IMO Class (if applicable)	Quantity	Select a Unit	Remarks
1	[Other Hazardous Cargo]	IMO 2.1 Inflammable gaz	1000.00	Litres	
2	[Other Hazardous Cargo]	IMO 2.2 Compress gas non-inflammable and non toxic	1500.00	Litres	
3	[Other Hazardous Cargo]	IMO 4.1 Inflammable solid	50.00	Kilograms	
4	[Other Hazardous Cargo]	IMO 6.1 Toxic substances	120.00	Units	
5	[Other Hazardous Cargo]	IMO 8 Corrosive substances	25.00	Litres	
6	General Cargo		1000.00	Metric Tons	
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12					
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18					

This tab gathers information pertaining to **Cargo on Board**, in accordance with item **P** in RAMN, section [3.8.2](#).

Vessels shall list the type and amount of any cargo or dangerous goods on board or carried on a vessel/barge being towed or pushed. If carrying dangerous goods, the IMO Class field must also be completed using the drop-down menu. Any additional information can be entered in the free-text Remarks field.

Note: “Other Hazardous Cargo” should be selected for the Dangerous Good type for IMO specific cargo (i.e.. container vessel IMO cargo).

Defects and Discharges

Defects and Discharges (IF APPLICABLE)

S Any discharge, or threat of discharge, of a pollutant from the ship into the water, and any damage to the ship that may result in the discharge of a pollutant from the ship into the water.

Are there any discharges or threat of discharge?

Yes
 No

R Any defect in the ship's hull, main propulsion systems or steering systems, radars, compasses, radio equipment, anchors or cables.

Are there any defects on the vessel ?

Yes
 No

	Select a Defect	Remarks
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

Defects and Discharges (R,S) – information shall be provided as per RAMN:

“any defect in the ship's hull, main propulsion systems or steering systems, radars, compasses, radio equipment, anchors or cables;”

“any discharge, or threat of discharge, of a pollutant from the ship into the water, and any damage to the ship that may result in the discharge of a pollutant from the ship into the water”

Note: Please ensure that both Defects (R) and Discharges (S) are completed on this tab.

If Defects are to be reported, check yes and include them in the report by using the “Select a Defect” drop-down menu with remarks.

Discharges must be indicated by selecting “Yes” and including any additional information.

If there are no defects or discharges to report, the vessel must indicate “No” for each of these options.

Certificate Expiry Dates

Vessel Certification Expiry Dates

	YYYY-MM-DD	
CLC - International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1969/1992 *	2024-05-30	
IOPPC - International Oil Pollution Prevention *	<input type="text"/>	
INLSC - International Pollution Prevention Certificate for the Carriage of Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk	<input type="text"/>	
COF - Certificate of Fitness	<input type="text"/>	
COC - Certificate of Compliance	<input type="text"/>	
ISM-SMC - ISM Safety Management Certificate *	2023-02-20	Expired
ISM-DOC - ISM Document of Compliance *	<input type="text"/>	
CLC-B - International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001	2024-02-20	
WRLC - Certificate of Insurance or Other Financial Security in Respect of Liability for the Removal of Wrecks *	2024-05-30	

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Vessel Certification Expiry Dates (U)

All applicable certificate expiry information shall be included based on the type of vessel.

If the vessel provides an incorrect or out of date expiry for a certificate, the form will indicate “Expired” to the right of the date.

MCTS may request a copy of certificates on behalf of Transport Canada when required.

