

Sea Trial Test procedure for new gyro installation

HAT. (Harbour Attendance Test)

- 1. Check for loose items around gyro, mounts and power cabling
- 2. Loosen mooring lines so that vessel can roll in the berth.
- 3. Apply rolling motion to vessel by applying human weight to side of vessel. Enhance the rolling motion in a periodical manner so as to induce maximum roll.
- 4. Measure the roll period. le 5 rolls in 15 seconds and roll amplitude.
- 5. Start up gyro. Record current and compare to specifications. As gyro starts to spin faster, record when gyroscopic precession is first noticed (ie 5 minutes). Apply rolling motion to the vessel every 5 minutes in the manner previously used.
- 6. Run gyro for 10 minutes once it has reached speed and test the rolling motion. The vessel will become firm. Check for noise, heat and vibration.
- 7. Turn gyro off and let it spin down. Check equipment.

SAT. (Seatrial Attendance Test)

- 1. Record trim, vessel's condition, tankage, pax and draft.
- 2. Depart dock for testing area. Note weather conditions, wave height (wave buoy), wave direction, swell and general wave condition (confused, regular etc)
- 3. Perform test run in beam seas with no gyro on. Travel for 5minutes at 2/3 knots. Maintain a constant heading. Estimate the roll angles by looking at the sea horizon and a vertical member on the boat. Electronic angle indicators connected to a computer can get better data.
- 4. Return to start point and run gyro at 40% spin speed. Test as for the above course.
- 5. Repeat for spin speeds at 60%, 80%, 100%.
- 6. Note optimum frequency for particular wave height. Increasing frequency past optimum does not necessarily increase the roll reduction.