Shipping 4.0: Security requirements for the Cyber-Enabled Ship

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The Cyber-Enabled Ship (C-ES) is either an autonomous or a remotely controlled vessel which relies on interconnected cyber physical-systems (CPS) for its operations. Such systems are not well protected against cyber attacks. Considering the criticality of the functions that such systems provide, it is important to address their security challenges, thereby ensuring the ship’s safe voyage. In this work we leverage the Maritime Architectural Framework reference architecture to analyze and describe the environment of the C-ES. We then apply the Secure Tropos methodology to systematically elicit the security requirements of the three most vulnerable CPSs onboard a C-ES, namely the Automatic Identification System (AIS), the Electronic Chart Display Information System (ECDIS) and the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS). The outcome is a set of cyber security requirements for the C-ES ecosystem in general and these systems in particular.

Index Terms—cyber-physical systems, cyber-security, autonomous ships security, security requirements engineering

I. INTRODUCTION

INDUSTRY 4.0 was initially coined to describe the trend towards automation and data exchange in manufacturing technologies and processes; nowadays it encompasses areas which are not normally classified as an industry, such as smart cities, for instance, and describes the trend towards increasing automation and connectivity, by leveraging technologies such as the Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Big Data Analytics regardless of domain of application, leading to the appearance of terms such as cities 4.0. Accordingly, the term Shipping 4.0 was coined in 2016 to describe the new developments in digitalization of shipping, to reflect the very similar developments in land based industry which commonly goes under the name of Industry 4.0 [1].

In the maritime sector, despite the fact that nowadays almost all ships are automated in some way, the shipping industry is coming to alignment with Industry 4.0 with the emergence of crewless vessels [2]. Such vessels come in two broad categories, namely the remotely operated vessel and the autonomous vessel; both kinds are referred to as cyber-enabled ships (C-ES). The C-ES is a cyber-physical ecosystem which consists of the vessel itself, a Shore Control Center (SCC) that controls and handles the C-ES, the communication links between the vessel and the SCC, and other ships in the vicinity. The C-ES ecosystem consists of both Information Technology (IT) and Operational Technology (OT) systems which are crucial for the vessel’s secure and safe operations.

The integration of Information Technology (IT) and Operational Technology (OT) that constitutes a central element of the digital transformation process in any application domain is unavoidably accompanied by an enlargement and diversification of the cyber risks that the domain is facing, with existing risks being increased and new risks being introduced. This is mainly due to the fact that whereas traditional operations were designed with no need for cyber security in mind, modern IT-enabled operations are allowed to be accessed and controlled by information systems connected to the internet, through interfaces that are rarely adequately secure.

The shipping industry and the cyber-enabled ship in particular is no exception. Although most of the C-ES CPS systems are parts of today’s conventional ships, their exposure to contemporary technologies, aiming to be controlled and monitored remotely, increases the attack surface and makes them more vulnerable to cyber-attacks. Indeed, research on the cyber security risks of autonomous and unmanned vessels [3], [4] has revealed an increased attack surface and vulnerable systems. This enlarged attack surface has already made shipping-side cyber security incidents such as, for example, the ones reported in [5], [6], [7] possible.

In the light of these findings, the increased financial value of the sector [8], and the multitude of potential attackers, including such with advanced capabilities, the promotion of cybersecurity and safety of the C-ES ecosystem is very important [9]. In order to strengthen the cyber-security posture of the ecosystem, it is necessary to define a security architecture. Acknowledging the fact that the C-ES ecosystem is characterized by high complexity and by the complex interconnections, dependencies and interdependencies among its constituent CPSs, it follows that a systematic approach needs to be followed when attempting to establish cyber security requirements, both of the ecosystem as a whole and of each individual CPS in the ecosystem.

In this paper, we first propose a security requirements elicitation process for the C-ES ecosystem. An architectural framework needs to be combined with a security requirements elicitation method to derive such requirements. The Secure Tropos methodology [10] and the Maritime Architectural Framework (MAF) reference architecture [11] were identified as important elements for implementing the process. According to a threat analysis of on board systems of the C-ES [3]; a risk assessment of such systems [4]; and the known vulnerabilities of such
systems [12], the Automatic Identification System (AIS), the Electronic Chart Display Information System (ECDIS), and the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) have been identified as the most vulnerable on board systems of the C-ES. We then proceed with applying the process to the case of the C-ES ecosystem, and in particular to these systems. The outcome is a set of cyber security requirements for these systems, checked for their validity against the criteria specified in [13].

The remainder of the paper is structured as follows: Section II discusses related work. Section III describes our proposed security requirements elicitation process. Section IV presents the results of the application of the process to the C-ES case, and specifically the cyber-security requirements of the three most vulnerable CPSs among the C-ES systems. Finally, in Section V we summarize our conclusions and suggest areas for future work.

II. RELATED WORK

The security requirements of the autonomous vessels have only been scarcely and non-systematically examined. The technical and non-technical communication requirements for an autonomous merchant ship have been analyzed in [14]. However, the security requirements for such communications systems were not considered. The data requirements for wireless transmission of autonomous ships have been identified in [15]. Bureau Veritas in [16] described the functional requirements of six main systems of the autonomous ship, but without considering the corresponding security requirements in detail. The security requirements of a vessel’s control system components have been described in [17]. Although [17] provides a comprehensive analysis of the cyber-security requirements as they derive from relevant standards, only conventional vessels are considered. The IEC 61162-460 standard [18] describes the security requirements of the maritime navigation and radio communication equipment and systems onboard, for conventional ships. To the best of our knowledge, no previous work has addressed the problem of identifying the security requirements of the cyber-physical systems of the C-ES by leveraging a systematic approach.

A multitude of security requirements engineering methods exists and several works have compared methods, tools, and frameworks for security requirements elicitation [19], [20], [21]. Most of the reviews analyze the pros and cons of the reviewed methods and conclude with a recommendation on their appropriateness. Several of these, e.g., [22], [23] recommend the Secure Tropos methodology [10] as enjoying many of the desirable characteristics. The methodology has been used to extract security and privacy requirements in several cases, including the industrial internet of things [24], [25]. In addition, a framework which combines EBIOS, Secure Tropos and PriS methods to extract security, privacy, and safety requirements for connected vehicles has been proposed in [26]. As privacy is not relevant to the CPS systems under study, because no personally identified data are involved with the operation of these systems, based on these findings, Secure Tropos was selected as the most appropriate methodology for the analysis of the complex C-ES ecosystem and for the elicitation of its security requirements.

The Maritime Architecture Framework (MAF) [11] is a domain specific architectural methodology designed to overcome the challenge to coordinate the development of new systems between technology issues, governance aspects and users between existing architectures in the maritime sector. The MAF is derived from the successfully established architecture model in the energy domain named Smart Grid Architecture Model (SGAM) [27]. The main element of the MAF is the multidimensional cube, that combines different viewpoints to provide a graphical representation of the underlying maritime domain and the examined system architecture. The cube captures three dimensions, namely interoperability; hierarchical; and topological.

III. SECURITY REQUIREMENTS ELICITATION PROCESS

The proposed process of security requirements elicitation for the C-ES is based on and adapted from [28] and [25], and is depicted in Fig. 1. In the first stage, entitled “Early requirements”, the C-ES ecosystem’s actors, goals, assets, and resources are identified. The outcome of this phase is an actor diagram and a number of goal diagrams. In the next stage, entitled “Late requirements”, the actor diagram of the early requirements is extended with the introduction of the system as an actor that has a number of dependencies with the rest of the actors. In fact, these dependencies will be the functional and non-functional requirements of the system. In the third stage, entitled “Security analysis”, based on the system requirements and data and control flows among actors, a global architecture of the C-ES is defined, along with security constraints. The outcome of the overall process is the security requirements.

This process is implemented by leveraging the Secure Tropos methodology [10], initially designed as a security-aware software systems development methodology that combines requirements engineering concepts, such as “actor”, “goal”, “plan”, together with security engineering concepts such as “threat”, “security constraint” and “security mechanism”. Different ecosystem components, dependencies, inter-dependencies, connections, and interconnections among systems can be visually represented through this method as well as security related arguments, such as security constraints, threats, vulnerabilities, and countermeasures. The application of the methodology is supported by the SecTro tool [28].

A. Environment analysis

The first step in the process is the analysis of the environment of the system under examination. To this end, we leverage the MAF [11]. This framework enables the structured representation of the maritime domain, in terms of elements of the ecosystem, such as information assets, people, and technology used. The environment is represented by means of the MAF multidimensional cube, where three layers, namely the C-ES, the SCC, and the communication link between them and the ecosystem’s elements are depicted. Essentially, the environment of the C-ES is represented by the actors of a
B. Organizational analysis

Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the security requirements elicitation process together constitute the organizational analysis of the ecosystem and of its elements. This is carried out by following steps 1.1 through 2.3 as indicated in Fig. 1. The analysis is carried out both for the ecosystem as a whole and for each of the individual systems considered, namely the AIS, the ECDIS, and the GMDSS.

1) Ecosystem organizational analysis

Fig. 2 depicts the organizational view of the C-ES ecosystem where three entities have been identified: the Ship, the SCC, and other ships. Following the Secure Tropos methodology, these entities are represented as distinct organizations, by rectangles. Within the Ship, the bridge and the engine systems are identified, as well as the resources they require in order to satisfy those goals (represented by rounded rectangles). The actors are defined based on their dependencies and interdependencies, as depicted in Fig. 2. It should be noted that the organizational view of the ecosystem includes different types of data, depending on the actors these data derive from. For example, bridge systems communicate navigation, voyage and safety related data, while engine systems exchange engine related data.

2) AIS organizational analysis

The AIS provides information intended to facilitate the monitoring of traffic, thus contributing to ensuring the ship’s safety and to increasing the situational awareness. The AIS exchanges data with six different navigational subsystems and two external actors, namely the SCC and other ships in the vicinity. The transmitted data can be static, voyage, dynamic, and safety-related, depending on the system interconnections and interdependencies, as it is depicted in the full organizational view of the AIS.

3) ECDIS organizational analysis

The ECDIS provides and transmits information regarding the ship’s voyage. Its full organizational view includes eight internal and two external actors. The internal actors are the sub systems of the Navigation system and the external actors are the SCC and the ship controller. It is worth noting that although the ship controller is an on board system, it has been characterized as an external actor because it is not a sub-system of the navigation system. The goals and the sub goals of each actor have been identified taking into account the corresponding resources, i.e. the exchange data among actors; these can be static, dynamic, voyage and safety-related data.

4) GMDSS organizational analysis

The GMDSS ensures the rapid alerting of (no)shore authorities in the event of emergency. Its organizational view includes the ship controller’s sub systems, characterized as the internal actors. The external actors are the on board systems and sub systems which GMDSS interacts with, and the SCC. The goals and sub goals of each actor have been defined considering the type of the signals and data that are transmitted; these indicate dependencies and interdependencies. Transmitted signals and data are the resources that are required for each actor to accomplish its goals. The GMDSS is interdependent with the onboard and onshore systems, the engine and navigation systems, and the SCC.

C. Security requirements

The organizational view of the ecosystem, as depicted in Fig. 2 constitutes the C-ES system’s general architecture. Based on the functionality and the technical characteristics of the systems under study, the data and control flows are identified, as required in Step 3.1 of the security requirements
TABLE I: C-ES environmental constraints

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<td>Weather conditions</td>
<td>Harsh weather may cause malfunction to the external sensors or antennas of the SCC building and could affect the delay and latency of communication.</td>
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<td>Legal</td>
<td>The SCC should follow the International maritime legislation and standards for the safe and secure ship’s operation.</td>
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<td>Communication</td>
<td>Loss of communication link or malfunction of the satellite provider may cause disruptions to the C-ES.</td>
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<td>Geographic</td>
<td>The location of the SCC is essential for its smooth communication with both the vessel and the shipping company.</td>
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<td>Cyber attacks</td>
<td>The SCC is comprised of cyber and physical systems, like the C-ES.</td>
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<td>Natural disaster</td>
<td>Flood, fire or earthquakes may influence the environment of the SCC and its operation.</td>
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<td>Different vendors</td>
<td>SCC systems developed by different vendors could cause interoperability issues.</td>
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<td>Personnel</td>
<td>The environment of the SCC may be affected in case of a personnel leaving or dismissal.</td>
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<td>Multi role environment</td>
<td>The SCC is an environment where humans with diverse professional expertise and roles co-exist and co-operate.</td>
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<td>Port Authorities</td>
<td>The SCC should be able to effectively communicate and interact with port authorities.</td>
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<td>Stakeholders</td>
<td>The SCC communicates and interacts with stakeholders in order to ensure the vessel’s operations.</td>
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TABLE II: SCC environmental constraints

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<td>Weather conditions</td>
<td>Heavy weather conditions, such as strong winds and heavy mist where the visibility is limited.</td>
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<td>Legal</td>
<td>Sail in congested waters, such as ports using specific legal framework or SCC’s directions.</td>
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<td>Communication</td>
<td>Support a multitude of communication technologies.</td>
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<td>Geographic</td>
<td>Islands, reefs, mountains which may influence the ship’s operation, and protection of the sea life.</td>
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<td>Cyber attacks</td>
<td>Since the C-ES is comprised of cyber-physical systems, the infrastructure may be exploited by physical/cyber attacks.</td>
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<td>Traffic</td>
<td>Several other entities in the ship’s vicinity, either physical or virtual.</td>
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<td>Emergency</td>
<td>Search and rescue operations is compulsory according to International Maritime Organization (IMO) guidelines.</td>
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<td>Restricted areas</td>
<td>Operating in Special Emission Control Area (SECA); ship reporting area or other restricted areas.</td>
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<td>Harbors</td>
<td>Navigation in different harbors which are characterized by different architectures, port authorities, and legal frameworks.</td>
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<td>Human factors</td>
<td>Ensure the safety of people and handle unpredictable incidents which derive from them.</td>
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<td>Port systems</td>
<td>The interaction with the automated port systems is continuous and crucial for the security and monitoring of the cargo.</td>
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Fig. 2: General Ecosystem Representation

elicitation process. These are depicted in Figs. 3, 4 and 6. Step 3.2 requires the identification of the security constraints for each actor. In our case, these constraints are the elements of the Parkerian Hexad, i.e. Confidentiality – defined as Limited observation and disclosure of knowledge; Integrity – defined as Completeness, wholeness, and readability of information and quality being unchanged from a previous state; Availability – defined as Usability of information for a purpose; Possession – defined as Holding, controlling, and having the ability to use information; Authenticity – defined as Validity, conformance, and genuineness of information; and Utility – defined as Usefulness of information for a purpose [31].

According to [28], when using the Secure Tropos methodology, the security constraints in the systems goal diagram are the security requirements of the targeted system. The identified system functional and operational requirements lead to identifying the system goals, as well as the processes and resources utilized to achieve the identified goals. The security constraints which will protect the identified processes and goals are identified by considering the Parkerian hexad. An example of this procedure follows: Two identified security requirements are: “The connectivity between system and external actors and between on board systems must be continuous” and “Voyage related data transmitted to the SCC
Fig. 3: AIS Security Requirements

Fig. 4: ECDIS Security Requirements
must be protected against tampering or damage”. Following the Secure Tropos method, we analyze the environment of the targeted system and we identify its operational and functional requirements which are “Inform SCC about vessels speed and position” and “Send analyzed data to SCC”, respectively. Then, the goals and sub-goals that need to be achieved so as the system fulfills these requirements are identified. These are “1) Receive and analyze voyage data from ECDIS and Radar, and 2) Send analyzed data to SCC”. The resources to achieve these goals are the AIS Voyage data. In order to design the system-to-be (in this case, a secure AIS system), the security constraints are identified. In this case, Availability and Integrity are identified as security constraints of the interconnections and interdependencies between the AIS and the SCC. Since a security requirement is the security constraint in the systems goal diagram, the resulting security requirements are: “The availability of the transmitted data between AIS and SCC should be ensured” and “The integrity of the processed and transmitted data must be protected”. Considering the operational and functional requirements of the targeted system, and the potential threats to the AIS (Denial of Service, Tampering) that could violate the identified constraints (Availability, Integrity) a system-specific security requirement is “Voyage related data transmitted to the SCC must be protected against tampering or damage”. Since the protection of availability of the transmitted data is a common requirement for the three targeted systems, the availability requirement is refined to “The connectivity between system and external actors and between on board systems must be continuous” in the first group of requirements (“Common Security Requirements”). This flow of reasoning is depicted in Fig. 5.

The outcome of Stage 3 of the security requirements elicitation process, guided and supported by the SecTro tool, is the security requirements. These are presented in the sequel, following the classification scheme in the ISO 27001:2013 and ISO 27002:2013 standards. Several standards on the security of cyber physical systems are discussed in these include the ISO 27k family; NECs CIP family of standards; and the ISA IEC IEC-62443 series. Also relevant are standards on software security requirements (such as e.g., ECSS-Q-ST-80 C, IEEE 830-1998, ISO/IEC 25010, ISO/IEC 27034-1, and ISO/IEC 27034-3). In the maritime domain, a classification of cyber security requirements. As the ultimate goal of this research is to propose cyber security requirements for the whole C-ES ecosystem, we have decided to use the ISO 27001-27002 standards for presenting the requirements, as these pertain to organizations rather than isolated systems, be they software or otherwise. This will greatly facilitate their integration with additional requirements derived from other elements of the C-ES ecosystem. Using the classification in could have been an alternative; however, we opted for a de jure standard rather than an industry proposal. Two groups of requirements are presented: common and system-specific. The former group includes requirements applicable to all three studied systems, whereas the latter includes requirements pertinent to each individual system.

Fig. 5: Security Requirements Elicitation Process

1) Common Security Requirements

**Human resource security:** i) The system administrator must be well trained and aware of system functional and non-functional requirements (e.g., AIS modes and communication capabilities). **Asset management:** i) Data and signals must be identified and classified into protection levels; ii) A documentation of third-party components, versioning, and published system vulnerabilities must be maintained; **Access control:** i) A strong password policy must be enforced which will specify the length and the lifetime of each combination of the credentials (e.g., Passwords to log in to the ECDIS should be regularly changed); ii) The non-repudiation and traceability of actions performed either from the SCC or physically to the on board system must be ensured with appropriate authentication mechanisms; iii) The system must be able to implement lock mechanisms when requested by the system administrator or after a configurable time of idleness; iv) The number of consecutive login attempts to the system must be specified; v) The system must support multi-factor authentication; vi) The system must accept inputs only from authorized entities, by authorized maritime actors. **Cryptography:** i) The system must support encryption algorithms able to promote data confidentiality and integrity, and to satisfy data transmission timing requirements during the voyage; ii) Data transmitted to external and internal actors should be encrypted by using appropriate -in each case- cryptographic mechanisms (e.g., Dynamic data sent from ECDIS to Radar, Global Positioning System (GPS), and Advanced Sensor Module (ASM) systems must be encrypted); iii) Stored data should be appropriately encrypted, the strength of the encryption mechanism depending on their type and the possible pertinence of maritime legal or regulatory requirements. **Physical and Environmental Security:** i) The physical integrity of the on board or SCC sensors must be protected; ii) The system must be installed so as to prevent physical damages, such as flooding or fire; iii) All physical and virtual connection points of the system must be appropriately protected or blocked (e.g., USB ports or any other Human interface device-HID). **Operations security:** i) Both on board and SCC systems must be able to operate under network stress situations such as a Denial of Service attack; ii) Security mechanisms must be implemented in order to protect the system from malicious code; iii) Frequent system
data backup should be maintained (e.g., ECDIS voyage data should be backed up regularly to the VDR); iv) The system must be able to determine whether an action taken has been performed by a system on board or by a human user remotely from the SCC; v) The integrity of the static, processed, and transmitted data must be protected; vi) The confidentiality of data in transit and in storage must be protected; vii) The freshness of data should be ensured; viii) The authenticity of services, transmitted data, and software sources must be ensured (e.g., AIS updates or ECDIS charts updates should be performed by authorized sources/vendors); viii) The utility of the dynamic and voyage data should be ensured; and ix) The measures to protect the confidentiality and integrity of data should not downgrade their utility. **Communication Security:** i) The confidentiality and integrity of the data exchanged between internal (on board systems and external actors (SCC or other vessel)) should be ensured by appropriate mechanisms depending on the actors and the type of the data in transit; ii) The segregation of the on board components in different trust levels must be ensured; iii) The connectivity between system and external actors and between on board systems must be continuous; iv) On board systems must be mutually authenticated; v) The traffic from and to the system must be monitored, vi) The systems should be able to control the sent data considering the actor and the type of the data in transit, vii) All external actors of the C-ES ecosystem must be able to determine the source of data flows originating from the onboard systems; viii) The data exchange between on board systems should be established in a way such that their authenticity can be verified, ix) The systems must use transport layer security to protect the data in transit, x) The system should support mechanisms to detect rogue data packets, xi) The services between on board systems and external actors (SCC/other vessel) must be authenticated; xii) There should be redundancy of communication channels between on board systems; xiii) The maximum allowable latency in system-to-system communication should conform to pertinent standards and to the systems’ operational requirements. **System acquisition, development and maintenance:** i) System development and deployment must be performed following pertinent cybersecurity standards; ii) The update process must be protected against time-of-check vs time-of-use attacks; iii) The source of the software must be authenticated; iv) Both on board and shore based systems must be maintained regularly; v) The system should be properly installed, taking into account network segmentation and physical access; vi) System updates/upgrades must be performed only by authorized entities; vii) The integrity of the maintenance process must be ensured to prevent malicious intrusions, viii) System maintenance must be performed only by well trained personnel; ix) The configuration and installation of the system must be performed by authorized personnel; x) The vessel’s infrastructure must be well designed and the corresponding systems appropriately installed according to the type of the ship; and xi) The system must not allow downgrading to old system software versions. **Supplier relationships:** i) Appropriate mechanisms must be employed to validate hardware, software, and data from the suppliers; and ii) Strict review of the security policies of the system’s vendor must be undertaken. **Information security incident management:** i) The system must detect and produce an alert on abnormal numbers of requests, such as by a user or an external actor; ii) The system’s functional and non-functional requirements should be maintained during a security incident such as e.g., GMDSS signal jamming; and iii) The SCC must be notified when a system anomaly has been detected. **Information security aspects of business continuity management:** i) The continuity of system operations must be ensured; ii) The system on board or on shore must be able to operate using alternative power sources; iii) The system must be able to operate 24/7; and iv) Redundant systems should be installed taking into account the operational complexity of the C-ES and the system operations. **Compliance:** i) Formal certification of compliance with the pertinent legislative and regulatory requirements must be obtained.

2) **AIS-specific Security Requirements**

A part of the security requirements view of the AIS is depicted in Fig. 3. The full requirements view is omitted in the interest of saving space. **Operations security:** i) The AIS should implement the security services in order to protect the system from loss of control or possession of information; and ii) Voyage data, such as destination port or cargo related information should be confidential to prevent potential leakage to adversaries. **Communications security:** i) The communication channel with the radar system should be redundant; and ii) Voyage related data transmitted to the SCC must be protected against tampering or damage. **Access control:** i) Reliable authentication mechanisms must be in place in order to uniquely identify the actors reading, modifying, and transmitting AIS data, as well as to authenticate the system itself and its services; and ii) The AIS must be able to implement lock mechanisms (e.g., lock HMI screen) upon request by the administrator or after a configurable time of idleness. **Cryptography:** i) The authenticity of AIS functions (e.g., request, read, process, and send) must be ensured by using security techniques such as digital signatures.

3) **ECDIS-specific Security Requirements**

A part of the security requirements view of the ECDIS is depicted in Fig. 4. The full requirements view is omitted in the interest of saving space. **Human resource security:** i) The ECDIS administrator must be trained and able to distinguish rogue data packets. **Access control:** i) The use of ECDIS must be restricted only to authorized and well trained personnel. **Communication Security:** i) The ECDIS must be able to control the flows of voyage-related data sent to other ships and to the SCC; ii) The ECDIS should be able to audit sent and received data to external actors; iii) Safety-related information transmitted by the ECDIS must be authenticated; and iv) The communica-
tion between the ECDIS and the satellite system should be continuously available.

4) GMDSS-specific Security Requirements

A part of the security requirements view of the GMDSS is depicted in Fig. 6. The full requirements view is omitted in the interest of saving space.

Fig. 6: GMDSS Security Requirements

Information security policies: i) A policy for installing the GMDSS components in the vessel’s network should exist. Access control: i) The authenticity of the transmitted GMDSS signals and data in transit to the Autonomous Ship Controller (ASC), to other subsystems, and to the SCC must be ensured; and ii) Distress signals transmitted through the GMDSS must be verified by external actors such as SCC and other ship’s subsystems such as the Autonomous Engine Monitoring and Control (AEMC) and Navigation systems. Operations security: i) The ASC must be able to provide security, safety, and dynamic data to the GMDSS, when needed. Communication Security: i) Safety signals transmitted through the GMDSS to other on board systems and external actors must be continuously available; ii) The GMDSS must be able to detect whether the signal/data comes from a legitimate user/system or from a malicious user; ii) The signals transmitted to external actors or subsystems must be appropriately encrypted. System acquisition, development and maintenance: i) GMDSS antennas must be appropriately installed.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

We proposed a process for eliciting the security requirements of the C-ES ecosystem, based on the SecureTropos methodology and leveraging the Maritime Architecture Framework reference architecture as instantiated in the case of the C-ES. By applying the proposed process, we identified the security requirements for the three most vulnerable C-ES systems, namely the AIS, the ECDIS and the GMDSS. As future work we intend to address the issue of systematically deriving the security requirements of the C-ES viewed as a system-of-systems utilizing the requirements of each individual constituent system. Additionally, we intend to extend our work by allowing the combined elicitation of security and safety requirements.

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