# CLAIMS

1. A ship navigation support system, comprising:

a recommended route providing device that transmits recommended route data for a first ship;

a first ship navigation support device that is mounted on the first ship and transmits acknowledgment data indicating that a recommended route based on the recommended route data for the first ship has been approved; and

a second ship navigation support device that is mounted on a second ship and includes:

a recommended route acquiring module that acquires the recommended route data for the first ship;

an acknowledgment acquiring module that acquires the acknowledgment data; and

a display unit that displays the recommended route based on the recommended route data for the first ship so as to be discriminable before and after the acquisition of the acknowledgment data.

2. The ship navigation support system of claim 1, wherein the recommended route data for the first ship includes data of a recommended travelling speed associated with the recommended route, and

wherein the display unit displays the recommended route based on the recommended route data for the first ship, together with the recommended travelling speed.

3. The ship navigation support system of claim 1 or 2, wherein the acknowledgment data includes data of a time point at which the recommended route is approved, and

wherein the display unit displays the time point at which the recommended route is approved.

4. The ship navigation support system of any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the acknowledgment data includes data of a person who approves the recommended route, and

wherein the display unit displays the person who approves the recommended route.

5. The ship navigation support system of any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the acknowledgment data includes data of a position at which the recommended route is approved, and

wherein the display unit displays the position at which the recommended route is approved.

6. The ship navigation support system of any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the acknowledgment data includes data of a position at which the recommended route is approved, and

wherein the display unit displays a symbol indicating that the recommended route has been approved so as to be associated with the position at which the recommended route is approved.

7. The ship navigation support system of any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the recommended route providing device further includes:

a navigational data acquiring module that acquires ship navigational data from the first ship; and

a recommended route generating module that generates the recommended route data for the first ship based on the ship navigational data.

8. The ship navigation support system of any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein the recommended route acquiring module further acquires recommended route data for the second ship, and

wherein the display unit further displays recommended route based on the recommended route data for the second ship.

9. The ship navigation support system of claim 8, wherein the display unit displays a time until the ships reach a position where the recommended route based on the recommended route data for the first ship and the recommended route based on the recommended route data for the second ship intersect with each other.

10. A ship navigation support method, comprising the steps of:

transmitting, from a recommended route providing device, recommended route data for a first ship;

transmitting, from a first ship navigation support device mounted on the first ship, acknowledgment data indicating that a recommended route based on the recommended route data for the first ship has been approved;

from a second ship navigation support device mounted on a second ship, acquiring the recommended route data for the first ship;

acquiring the acknowledgment data; and

displaying the recommended route based on the recommended route data for the first ship so as to be discriminable before and after the acquisition of the acknowledgment data.