32nd Meeting of the North Sea Hydrographic Commission (NSHC32)

WENDWG REPORT

6th WENDWG meeting Stavanger March 2016

- Overlapping Issues
- RENC Harmonisation & Distribution
- IHO Performance Indicators & IHO ENC Catalogue
- Full Implementation of WEND Principles
- Industry & Stakeholder Session

Key Aspects Overlapping Issues

- Little progress made to address the issue
- RENCs cannot deny sale of overlapping cells
- Singapore leading research work in Malacca Strait area
- Pragmatic approach using all tools available
- IMO arbitration last resort

WENDWG6/IRCC8 OVERLAP PROPOSAL

 Seeking guidance & approval to draft Proposal at the IHC-19/IHO-A1 for the adoption of an IHO Decision, the objective being a commitment to:

WENDWG6/IRCC8 OVERLAP PROPOSAL (cont'd)

- Identify the most "navigationally-significant" overlapping issues;
- Prevent the increase of such cases;
- Address and solve all of those cases, as soon as possible and at least within 3-years, at the IHO level (using the full range of tools: WEND Guidelines, RHCs, ENC Schemes, RENCs, and OEMs).

Key Aspects RENC Harmonisation & Distribution

- PRIMAR-ICENC cooperation very reassuring
- Participation in RENCs and other meetings key

Key Aspects ENC Coverage

- Adequate ENC coverage
 - Small scale 100%
 - Medium scale 90%
 - Large scale 97%
- ICCWGs Risk Assessment based on coverage
 - Next stage to focus beyond cruise ships and others

Key Aspects Performance Indicators & ENC Catalogue

- Propose Pls evolve from 7 to 2 as part of IHO Strategic Plan:
 - 1 Reflect IHO's level of commitment in ENC production
 - 2 Assess appreciation by end-users and stakeholders
- Potential to extend catalogue beyond approved ENC schemes

Key Aspects Full implementation of WEND Principles

- Correspondence Group led by France to analyse barriers to implementation
- Some Top 2000 ports have inadequate coverage – accelerate/prioritise production?
- Some ENCs not available or not distributed by a RENC.
- Encourage RENC membership

Key Aspects Full implementation of WEND Principles (cont'd)

- ENC updates should be as frequent as the paper chart.
 - Resource capability constraints
 - CB may be required
- Need to raise awareness of standards to address errors in conformance
- Overlapping data undermines IHO credibility.
 - Address at RHC level & clip where possible

Key Aspects Admiralty Information Overlay (AIO)

 Proposal to IRCC8 who made a recommendation see IRCC8 minutes

Key Aspects WENDWG Programme

- Status reported to IRCC secretary
- Work Programme for 2016/17 submitted for IRCC endorsement

Key Aspects Election of Vice Chair

Mr John Nyberg of USA

Key Aspects Industry & Stakeholders Session

- Variety of presentations from:
 - CIRM
 - National Taiwan Ocean University
 - CARIS
 - SevenCs
- Enlightening and generated much discussion
- Industry invaluable in providing technical support to overcome future challenges