

## The 2019 World Hydrography Day Celebration in Poland

Since 2006, the Hydrographic Office of the Polish Navy (HOPN) has been organizing the WHD celebrations, in cooperation with the Polish maritime administration, maritime universities, the Polish Hydrographic Society and the local self-governmental administration. This year, the HOPN organized the annual 2019 WHD celebrations in USTKA, a small port in the Polish central coast, on June 29, in cooperation with the town authorities, Polish Navy and the regional maritime administration.

Arranged on the main port's quay, an exhibition presented the historical and modern products and current survey equipment used by the HOPN and commercial organizations along with results of their recent works. There were also survey vessels moored in the port i.e. the ORP *Wigry*, a Polish Navy minesweeper, the *MH-3*, a survey motorboat operated by the Polish Navy Hydrographic Support Squadron and the *Hydrograf 2*, a survey motorboat operated by the Słupsk Maritime Office; general public visited the vessels in numbers. Then, the attention of the public was drawn to the Z-Boat 1800 hydrographic drone, acquired by the Squadron the previous year, which deployed in the port waters, in dynamic display, presented its spectacular capabilities. Dozens of tourists could learn more about service and work of hydrographers.

In the Ustka Town Hall, a hydrographic symposium was held where lecturers presented papers on the importance of hydrographic data to human activities at sea, methods of searching for objects lying at great depths, searching for wrecks near the port of Kołobrzeg along with up-to-date, autonomous hydrographic systems. During the symposium, the speech given by the IHO Secretary General on the occasion of WHD 2019 was also reproduced and the IHO new logo presented.













