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IHO MEMBER STATES
WEB SITES

Dear Sir,

During recent years, particularly the last 2-3 years, the use of the Internet for electronic communication has increased considerably. The main applications are electronic mail (e-mail) which allows the exchange of messages and data between individuals and so called WEB sites which are used to provide information and data to persons consulting such sites. Numerous companies are operating a WEB site to advertise and sell products.

One of the major advantages of a WEB site is that the operator is no longer obliged to respond to individual requests for information and data, as anybody having access to the Internet can obtain them directly and in digital form. This constitutes a significant cost reduction for both the operator and the user.

Approximately 20 IHO Member States are presently operating a WEB site on the Internet, mainly to inform clients of existing and new products and services, as for example charts available or new editions under preparation.

As the importance of WEB sites will continue to increase, the Bureau would like to encourage Member States, who do not yet operate such a site, to include the establishment of a WEB site in their future planning. The Bureau hopes that in about 5 years practically all Member States will advertise their services via a WEB site.

Member States who find the establishment and maintenance of a WEB site too costly and difficult might consider creating a WEB site in co-operation with Member States of the same Regional Hydrographic Commission.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Commodore John LEECH
Director

Annex: List of Member States with website

IHO MEMBER STATES WITH WEBSITE
ETATS MEMBRES AVEC LEUR SITE WEB

SITIOS WEB DE LOS ESTADOS MIEMBROS DE LA OHI

1. ARGENTINA	ARGENTINE	ARGENTINA
2. AUSTRALIA	AUSTRALIE	AUSTRALIA
3. BRAZIL	BRESIL	BRASIL
4. CANADA	CANADA	CANADA
5. CHILE	CHILI	CHILE
6. COLOMBIA	COLOMBIE	COLOMBIA
7. DENMARK	DANEMARK	DINAMARCA
8. ESTONIA	ESTONIE	ESTONIA
9. FINLAND	FINLANDE	FINLANDIA
10. FRANCE	FRANCE	FRANCIA
11. GERMANY	ALLEMAGNE	ALEMANIA
12. JAPAN	JAPON	JAPON
13. NETHERLANDS	PAYS-BAS	HOLANDA
14. NEW ZEALAND	NOUVELLE-ZELANDE	NUEVA ZELANDA
15. NORWAY	NORVEGE	NORUEGA
16. PERU	PEROU	PERU
17. PHILIPPINES	PHILIPPINES	FILIPINAS
18. REP. OF KOREA	REP. DE COREE	REP. DE COREA
19. SINGAPORE	SINGAPOUR	SINGAPUR
20. SWEDEN	SUEDE	SUECIA
21. THAILAND	THAILANDE	TAILANDIA
22. UK	ROYAUME UNI	REINO UNIDO
23. USA NIMA&NOS/OCS	ETATS UNIS	ESTADOS UNIDOS