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**HYDROGRAPHIC DICTIONARY
IHO PUBLICATION S-32**

DHYDRO PROJECT

Reference: CL 6/1999

Dear Sir,

You may recall that the Bureau informed you in February 1999 (IHB CL 6/1999 refers) of the DHYDRO project, the purpose of which was to develop a version of the Hydrographic Dictionary (IHO Publication S-32) which may be updated and consulted via the Internet (WEB). The project mainly consisted of the conversion of the text of S-32 to a format called eXtended Markup Language (XML) and the development of numerous tools for consulting and updating S-32 via the Internet.

The text conversion and development work for the project was completed around mid-2000. Once all the relevant files had been transferred to the server operated by the French Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service (SHOM), it became evident that a more powerful server was required to obtain the desired results. The new server was operational in autumn 2000.

Tests of the consultation tools have been carried out by a small user group and Member States are now invited to consult S-32 under the URL

http://www.iho.shom.fr/Dhydro/Html/site_edition/disclaimer.html

preferably using a screen resolution of 1024 x 768 pixels.

It should be noted that the present Internet version of S-32 does not contain hyperlinks, i.e. clicking on text in blue or on text like "See also HR-xxxx" does not have any effect.

It should furthermore be noted that the present Internet version of S-32 is NOT yet the authoritative one.