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**CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE IHO COMMISSION ON THE PROMULGATION OF  
RADIO NAVIGATIONAL WARNINGS**

Dear Sir,

The Directing Committee has been informed by the Chairman of the IHO Commission on the Promulgation of Radio Navigational Warnings (CPRNW), Mr. Elroy A. SOLURI (NIMA-USA), that he will retire on 30 September 2002 after more than 40 years of government service. On the same date he will also resign as Chairman of the CPRNW.

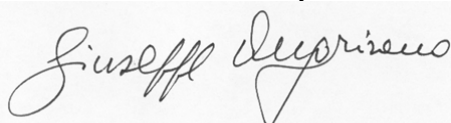
The Directing Committee is extremely grateful to Mr. SOLURI for having served as Chairman of this Commission for 13 years. During this period, he played a key role in the IHO, promoting the goals of the Commission and advancing the implementation of the Global Distress and Safety System (GMDSS).

NIMA is willing to continue its support of the CPRNW and has nominated Mr. Peter DOHERTY in replacement of Mr. SOLURI. A brief resumé of Mr. DOHERTY's career is annexed to this CL, for your information. The Bureau is grateful to NIMA for their ongoing support.

The Terms of Reference of the CPRNW, which were adopted at the XVIth International Hydrographic Conference, state "The Chairman is elected by the Commission from its membership at the first meeting after each ordinary session of the International Hydrographic Conference. A Chairman may serve more than one term. The Vice-Chairman will be the representative of the IHB."

Member States are kindly requested to inform the Bureau by 15 October 2002 if they wish to nominate candidates for the Chairmanship of the CPRNW. The Commission will then need to elect its new Chairman at its next meeting in May 2003 at the IHB.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,



Rear Admiral Giuseppe ANGRISANO  
President

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**PETER M. DOHERTY**  
**Supervisory Marine Analyst**

Mr. Peter M. Doherty is the Chief of the Global Operations Branch for the Maritime Safety Information Center of the National Imagery and Mapping Agency in Bethesda, Maryland (USA). Peter began his career with the Defense Mapping Agency in 1986 as Marine Information Specialist assigned to the Mapping and Charting Department and has worked on a variety of assignments within that organization to include Department Program Manager. In 1992, Peter was assigned as the Navigational Science Publications Editor for the American Practical Navigator, "*Bowditch*". In 1994, after finishing his editorial duties with *Bowditch*, Peter became the Team Chief for the Navigation Science Branch. In 1996, Peter was subsequently appointed to the Branch Chief position and oversaw operations for NIMA's Navigational Science Publications as well as NIMA's World Wide Navigational Warning Service (WWNWS) Watch Desk. As the head of the WWNWS, Peter was responsible for managing the day to day operations of the radio broadcast desk to include oversight of all watchstander duties and monitoring of all disseminated message traffic under NIMA's NAVAREA IV, XII and the HYDROLANT/HYDROPAC program. In 1996 Peter was selected as the Chairman of Special Committee SC107 under the Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM). This committee deals with the policies, procedures and related issues of the worldwide dissemination of Maritime Safety Information.

In 1998, Peter became the Chief for the Maritime Safety's Information Center's Global Operations Branch. His responsibilities included the management of NIMA's Digital Nautical Chart CD-ROM program, NIMA's World Wide Navigational Warning Service and NIMA's Navigational Publication program to include the Notice to Mariners, U.S. List of Lights, World Port Index, Sailing Directions, and Radio Navigational Aids.

A 1985 graduate of Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Peter holds a Bachelors Degree in Marine Transportation and a U.S. Coast Guard Third Mate's license. Peter also holds a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College. Additionally, Peter is a Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve and serves out of New Orleans in the Merchant Marine program.

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