

S-32: HYDROGRAPHIC DICTIONARY - WEB BASED VERSION - (DHYDRO PROJECT)

Reference A. CL6/1999 dated 3 February 1999

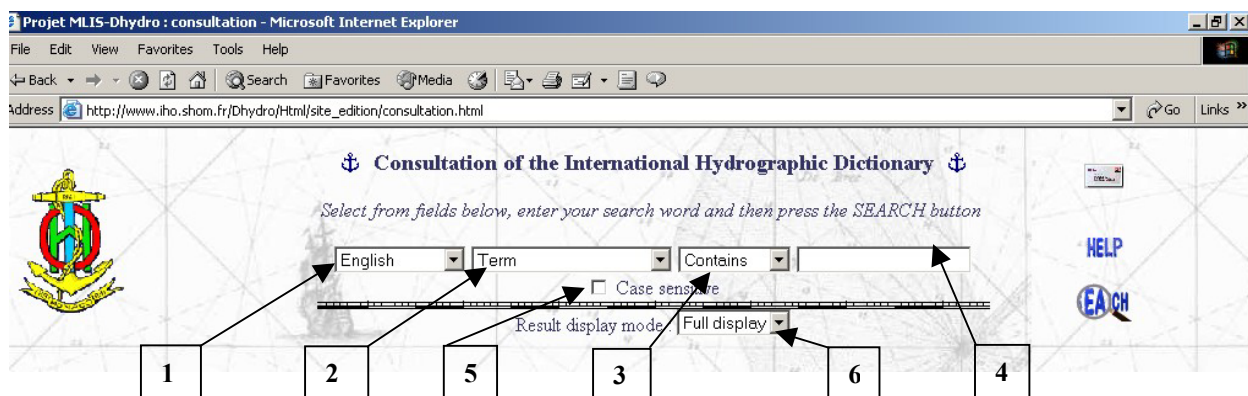
Reference B. CL 7/2001 dated 9 February 2001

Dear Hydrographer,

At Reference A the Bureau informed Member States of the development of the web-based version of S-32. Reference B announced the availability of the web-based version on the French Hydrographic Service (Service Hydrographique et Océanographique de la Marine) (SHOM) web site for test purposes.

The decision to transfer access to the web-based version to the IHO Homepage has been delayed due to problems with the dHydro software, specifically with the ability to amend definitions. With the assistance of SHOM a solution to this problem has at last been achieved. The web-based dictionary may now be accessed directly from the menu on the left side of the IHO web site <http://www.iho.shom.fr>.

The search page appears as:



There are 6 options:

1. Allows for the search to be conducted in either a single language English, French, Spanish or in all 3 languages.

2. Defines what is to be searched for. This should be left at 'Term'; the other options were related to the wider use for which the software was designed.
3. Allows the selection process to be refined. It is recommended that the 'Contains' option be used.
4. This is where you type the word, or part of a word, that you wish to search for. Please note that spaces should not be used, therefore if you wish to search for 'echo sounder' simply type in 'echo' or 'sounder', both will return the required definition, and others.
5. It is recommended that 'Case sensitive' be left unchecked.
6. 'Full display' includes the definitions of the selected terms in all three languages, 'Simplified' only returns the definition in the selected language (Option 1)

The Committee on the Hydrographic Dictionary are currently collating the amendments to S-32 agreed since the web-based version was developed and these will be included in due course. The Committee will also be reviewing the future requirements for and delivery of a web-based dictionary that will better serve the requirements of MS and would appreciate any comments or proposals.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

(original signed)

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