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U.S. HYDRO '05

Dear Hydrographer,

The IHB wishes to inform you of the upcoming event U.S. HYDRO '05 which will be held from the 29th to 31st March 2005 in San Diego, California, USA.

Additional information is available in the enclosed letter and on the Hydrographic Society of America website <u>http://www.thsoa.org</u>."

On behalf of the Directing Committee Yours sincerely,

Rear Admiral Kenneth BARBOR Director

Encl : Letter of invitation to US HYDRO '05



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Dear National Hydrographer:

It is my pleasure to invite you and members of your organization to attend the U.S. Hydrographic Conference 2005, to be held March 29 - 31, 2005, in San Diego, California. This conference, sponsored by The Hydrographic Society of America, is the 10th U.S. Hydrographic Conference, and follows the highly successful U.S. Hydro 03 held in Biloxi, Mississippi, in 2003. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Naval Oceanographic Office, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Canadian Hydrographic Service, the Canadian Hydrographic Association, and the Western Dredging Association are among the conference co-sponsors.

U.S. Hydro 2005 will have an outstanding program of technical papers by authors from government, academic institutions, and the private sector. The technical program is comprehensive, with, among others, sessions on new directions in hydrography, airborne hydrography, side scan and multibeam sonar, GPS applications, and vertical control and tides. In addition to these technical paper sessions, there is a full program of technical training workshops covering a similarly wide range of hydrographic issues. Of course, there will be a large exhibits area, with over 45 exhibitors displaying the latest in hydrographic technology and services. On-water exhibits are included.

The organizers have booked the conference in a top-quality hotel, Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, in San Diego, California. San Diego is known for its mild climate, and boasts a beautiful harbor and innumerable ocean-related attractions. A full social program is included in the very reasonable conference registration fee. The conference banquet will be held in the nearby San Diego Maritime Museum.

Information on registration, exhibits, and the technical and workshop programs can be found on the Hydrographic Society of America website <u>www.thsoa.org</u>. I look forward to greeting you personally in San Diego.

Sinceret

Captain Roger. L. Parsons, NOAA Director, Office of Coast Survey

