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LEGAL CASES RELATED TO NAUTICAL CHARTING

Dear Hydrographer,

An outstanding task in the 2002-2007 Work Program is the production of a new publication by collating legal cases related to charting and nautical accidents. Although many maritime safety administrations provide extensive websites with reports and statistics of the maritime accidents they investigate, undertaking a survey of the websites to determine which of the thousands of accidents per year involved charting issues is beyond the resources of the IHB.

If you believe this publication would be of value in advocating for your program, we request your assistance by forwarding to the Bureau any maritime accident investigations or case studies, of which you are aware, that contain findings related to the use or adequacy of nautical charts. The IHB will place these submissions into a common format on the website and produce this information as a new publication once a critical mass of information is collected.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Barbor'. The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rear Admiral Kenneth BARBOR
Director