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Dear Hydrographer,

It is my great pleasure to inform you that the first edition of the IHO Manual on Hydrography (IHO Pub M-13) has now been completed. The IHB is extremely grateful to the hard work put in by the members of the Working Group and in particular the principal authors who have devoted so much time to writing the Manual:

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UK :	Lieutenant Commander Paul LAWRENCE ; Lieutenant Commander Bob WILSON and Lieutenant Commander David WYATT
USA :	Commander Jerry MILLS and Mr Stephen GILL

The IHB is also grateful to The United Kingdom for the loan of Lieutenant Commander David Wyatt for 1 month to edit the assembled Chapters.

The Manual can be downloaded as individual chapters from the IHO web site www.iho.shom.fr > Publications > Catalogue > M-13. Although principally an electronic publication it is intended to print sufficient copies to distribute to each Member State, Cat A / B training school and principal author.

The IHB believes that this Manual has an important role to play in Capacity Building and now wishes to seek its translation in to French and Spanish. As regard to the French version, SHOM is considering the possibility to assume this task. In the case of the Spanish version, The Direccion de Hidrografia y Navegacion de la Republica Bolivariana de Venezuela has confirmed their readiness to conduct the translation into Spanish.

When the Manual on Hydrography Working Group was established, its principal objective was to compile the IHO Manual on Hydrography, a task that now has been completed. As a secondary objective the WG was asked to propose the way the Manual should be updated after printing and editing. This task has also been finalized and therefore the WG maybe considered dormant until further work is necessary. To all MoHWG !!!!! CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS !!!!!

On behalf of the Directing Committee,
Yours sincerely,

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Director