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### IHO WEB SITE

Dear Hydrographer,

The IHO web site was re-modelled in 2003 (see C.L. 18/2003) and, since then, the IHB has been informed about the increasing use that Member States and individuals make of it.

The IHO website provides a focal point for the distribution of IHO publications and documents. It also contains important information concerning IHO activities which include meetings of the various Regional Hydrographic Commissions, as well as the numerous committees and working groups. The monthly IHO web bulletin also provides items of interest relating to the current activities and events.

This Circular Letter is to inform you on some improvements that have been made recently. Among them are those listed below

- 1) Under "About the IHO", the **Strategic Plan** has been included as a sub-heading.
- 2) Under "Member States" a new sub-heading has been created "**Status of Approval**" listing the status of approvals of the amendments to the IHO Convention and the status of IHO applications for membership.
- 3) A "Capacity Building" section with several sub-divisions has been included. One of the divisions compiles the information on "Training Opportunities" received at the IHB, from the academic, private and official sector.
- 4) Under "Publications", a new sub-heading "**Online publications**" includes links to S-55 and S-32, facilitating their direct access.

The website can now be accessed through the following addresses:

[www.iho.shom.fr](http://www.iho.shom.fr) or [www.iho-ohi.org](http://www.iho-ohi.org) or [www.iho.int](http://www.iho.int)

The IHB carries out the maintenance and improvement of the web site with its limited human resources. Therefore, the IHB would welcome and thank any IHO Member State that could be prepared to temporarily second an expert in this field to improve and enhance the actual service the IHO web site is providing. The IHB Directing Committee believes that a period of one month might be sufficient and would therefore like to receive any offer by **30 March 2006**.

On behalf of the Directing Committee,  
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'H. Gorziglia', written in a cursive style.

Captain Hugo GORZIGLIA  
Director