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**DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE IMO MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE (MSC)  
OF INTEREST TO HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICES**

- References:
- A. IHB CL 81/2005 dated 25 August 2005
  - B. IHB CL 128/2005 dated 19 December 2005
  - C. IHB CL 10/2006 dated 24 January 2006

Dear Hydrographer,

The IHB wishes to bring the following documents, which have been submitted to the 81<sup>st</sup> Session of IMO's MSC, to your attention (both documents are available for download from the IHO web site [www.iho.shom.fr](http://www.iho.shom.fr) > Int Organizations > IMO.):

- a. **MSC 81/23/10:** Development of an E-Navigation Strategy, submitted by Japan, Marshall Islands, the Netherlands, Norway, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States; and
- b. **MSC 81/23/13:** Proposal for a new work programme item for the NAV Sub-Committee on carriage requirements for ECDIS, and for the STW Sub-Committee on ECDIS training and familiarization submitted by Denmark and Norway.

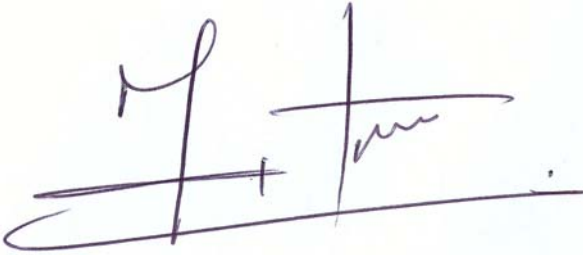
The proposals of both documents are dependent upon an improved availability of ENCs and therefore of importance to HOs. It is expected that the MSC will put these tasks on the work programme of the NAV Sub-Committee for development over the next 2 years. As reported in (b) MSC 81/23/13, Norway and Denmark will also be submitting to the MSC a Formal Safety Assessment (FSA) on ECDIS/ENCs. This document has not yet been issued by the IMO but it will also be loaded onto the IHO web site where it will be available for download by MS as soon as it becomes available. The IHB would welcome any preliminary comments from MS prior to the initial discussion on these documents at MSC 81, 10-19 May.

The three submissions to MSC 81 made by the IHO as reported in the references:

- a. MSC 81/INF.3 Release of official Malacca and Singapore Straits Electronic Navigational Charts (MSS ENC);
- b. MSC 81/10/1 Ships' Routeing Systems; and
- c. MSC 81/24/4 IMO Voluntary Member State Audit Scheme

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On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A. Maratos', written over a light blue rectangular background. The signature is stylized with a large initial 'A' and a long horizontal stroke.

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS  
President