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Rear Admiral Sir David Haslam, CB, KBE

Dear Hydrographer,

1 It is with much regret that the Directing Committee of the IHB announces the death, at the age of 86 years, of Rear Admiral Sir David Haslam, CB, KBE. Admiral Haslam died suddenly but peacefully at his home in the UK.

2 Sir David joined the British Navy in 1941 and went on to complete an illustrious career in hydrography. Among several other claims to immortality was his discovery of a series of coral pinnacles in the Persian Gulf, now known and charted as Haslam's Patches.

3 Rear Admiral Haslam was Hydrographer of the Royal Australian Navy, on secondment from the UK, from 1965-67 and later became Hydrographer of the Navy in the UK from 1975-85. He was elected President of the IHB Directing Committee shortly after his retirement from the Navy, serving from 1987-1992.

4 A funeral service will be held close to his home on 21 August 2009. A memorial service to commemorate his life and his achievements is being considered to take place probably in early 2010.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Robert WARD
Director