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HYDROGRAPHIC DICTIONARY (S-32)

- References: a) Circular Letter 13/2004 dated 12 February 2004 - *S-32: Hydrographic Dictionary – Web-based Version*.
b) Circular Letter 81/2009 dated 24 November 2009 – *Password Protection on the IHO Website*.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Circular Letter 13/2004 announced the availability of a web-based version of the Hydrographic Dictionary. Circular Letter 81/2009 announced the transfer of website hosting from the long-standing server provided by SHOM to a dedicated host server administered by the IHB.
2. The S-32 web-based dictionary software is now obsolete and in any case its underlying technology cannot be migrated to the new IHB website server facilities. Difficulty in amending definitions, as reported in CL13/2004, and in adding new definitions has persisted. In order to address these issues, Mr Shigeru Nakabayashi, on secondment to the IHB from Japan, has taken the contents of the existing dictionaries and developed a modern Wiki-based online dictionary that has now replaced the previous online version.
3. Unfortunately, in the French edition, there are currently no links from words within a definition to other definitions in the dictionary because it has not been possible to create these links automatically. Establishing these links will therefore take some time to complete but will be progressed on a continuing basis. Work on developing a Spanish version of a Wiki-based online dictionary and the eventual linking of definitions within the three dictionaries will also be progressed as resources become available.
4. Typed versions of the 5th Editions of the Hydrographic Dictionary in .pdf format in all three languages remain available for download from the “Standards and Publications” section of the website.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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