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**CHART SPECIFICATIONS OF THE IHO (S-4) AND
SYMBOLS, ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS USED ON CHARTS (INT1)
Small Craft (Leisure) Facilities Symbols**

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The Chart Standardization and Paper Chart Working Group (CSPCWG) is tasked with keeping under continuous review the IHO publication S-4 "Regulations of the IHO for International (INT) Charts and Chart Specifications of the IHO", in order to advise the IHO on their updating, design and format and the portrayal of symbols. This includes the supplementary publications INT1, INT2 and INT3. In accordance with its work plan item E5, CSPCWG has been reviewing paper chart symbols for small craft (currently contained in Section U of INT1).
2. Following this review, CSPCWG has concluded:
 - that the following 'leisure' symbols should be transferred to INT1 section F, as international (INT) symbols for use on standard nautical charts, as required:
 - i. U1.1 (Boat Harbour, Marina);
 - ii. U1.2 (Yacht berths without facilities);
 - iii. U2 (Visitors' berth);
 - iv. U3 (Visitors' mooring);
 - v. U4 (Yacht club, Sailing Club).
 - Symbols for Caravan (U29) and Camping (U30) sites should be included as black symbols in INT1 section E (as these may be useful for approximate position identification).
 - All other entries in existing Section U should not be included as INT symbols; the retention of any symbols in Section U in national versions of INT1 will be a national option.
 - The 'Mariner facilities box' at U32 is no longer useful as up to date information is now generally readily available to the user via other sources (e.g. internet websites, which can be listed on charts if the national HO wishes).
3. Further, CSPCWG has produced proposals for the specifications for selected symbols, including their presentation in INT1. These are at Annex A. All remaining entries in section U of INT1 remain available as optional national symbols, for use by HOs which wish to include such symbols on their charts, whether on their standard chart series or special leisure chart series.
4. Member States are requested to review CSPCWG's proposals. In accordance with Specification B-160, Member States should inform the IHB (info@ihb.mc) within three months if they have any major objections to the adoption of the revised specifications and symbols, or any other comments that they wish to make. Member States' comments should therefore reach the IHB **no later than 14 September 2010**. If no objections are received, the IHB will issue a follow-up Circular Letter

indicating that the proposals have come into force, after which S-4 and the official INT1 versions will be updated as soon as opportunity allows. Please respond using Annex B.

On behalf of the Directing Committee

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert Ward', with a period at the end.

Captain Robert WARD
Director

Annex A: CSPCWG Proposals for Small Craft (Leisure) Facilities Symbols for use on Standard Nautical Charts (for inclusion in S-4 and INT1)

Annex B: Response form

**CSPCWG PROPOSALS FOR SMALL CRAFT (LEISURE) FACILITIES SYMBOLS
FOR USE ON STANDARD NAUTICAL CHARTS**

1. Proposals for S-4

For an explanation of the chosen INT1 numbers, see 2 below. The proposed sizes for the symbols are chosen to be consistent with existing similar symbols.

B-320.2 already covers boat harbours and marinas. The INT1 reference for that symbol would need changing to F11.1. The specification would then be expanded to include ‘yacht berths without facilities’ and ‘yacht clubs’. Add:

Yacht berths without facilities must be shown, if required, by the magenta symbol (diameter about 3.5mm):

 **F11.2**

A yacht club or sailing club must be shown, if required, by the magenta symbol (height about 3mm):

 **F11.3**

B-323 already exists for berths. Add:

B323.2 A visitors’ berth (for example in a marina) must be shown, if required, by the magenta symbol (diameter about 2.5mm):

 **F19.2**

Existing B-323.2 (names of quays, piers, etc) would be renumbered B-323.3.

B-431.5: Add, immediately after Q40:

A visitors’ mooring (for example in a marina) must be shown, if required, by the symbol (height about 3mm):

 **Q45**

A new specification for caravan and camping sites is proposed, charted on standard nautical charts for their potential as identification features. Locating sites for camping purposes is not considered to be part of the purpose of a nautical chart.

B-368 CARAVAN AND CAMPING SITES

Caravan and camping sites should only be charted if they are likely to be visible from seaward, when they may provide useful identification features.

A site for towed and motorised caravans must be shown, if required, by the symbol (height about 2.5mm):

 **E37.1**

A camping (or camping and caravan) site must be shown, if required, by the symbol (height about 3.0 mm):

 **E37.2**

The tent symbol (E37.2) is suitable for use for combined camping and caravan sites; the caravan symbol (E37.1) should be used only, if required, for sites dedicated only to caravans. For sites containing permanently sited large caravans (ie mobile homes) it would usually be more appropriate to treat as urban areas (**D1**).

If it is useful to show the extent of the site, the symbols may be shown within a black dashed line. The chart user will understand that in some areas such sites may be seasonal, so there is no need to include a note or legend stating that fact.

Note: This will be altered as appropriate to agree with the result from the vote at Question 2 on the response form.

Proposals for INT1

U1.1, U1.2 and U4 to become **F11.1, F11.2 and F11.3** respectively. (Note: It does not appear that there has ever been an F11).

U2 add to **F19**. Split F19 into:

F19.1 Designation of berth

F19.2 Visitors' berth

U3 move to **Q45** (section for moorings and mooring buoys). The symbol (which is for a physical mooring buoy) should be changed to black.

U29 move to **E37.1** (colour changed to black) and **U30** move to **E37.2** (colour changed to black)

or

U30 only move to **E37** (colour changed to black), depending on result of question 2 on the response form.

SMALL CRAFT (LEISURE) SYMBOLS**Response Form***(to be returned to the IHB by 14 September 2010**E-mail: info@ihb.mc – Fax: +377 93 10 81 40)*

Question		Yes	No
1.	Do you agree with the revisions proposed for S-4?		
2.	For the new specification for a caravan/camping site (B-368): Do you consider that:		
	EITHER. <i>Both</i> the caravan and tent symbols should be adopted as INT symbols?		
	OR <i>Only</i> the tent symbol should be adopted as an INT symbol, for use for camping sites including towed and motorised caravans?		
3.	Do you agree with the proposed changes to INT1?		

Comments, if required:

Member State:

Signature:

Date: