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CHART SPECIFICATIONS OF THE IHO (S-4)
Revision 4.2.0

References:

- A. IHO CL 32/2011 - *Chart Specifications of the IHO (S-4): Approval of New Definitions, Specifications and Symbols for Foul Area and Foul Ground*
- B. IHO CL 10/2010 - *New Section of the Chart Specifications of the IHO (S-4): Section B-600 Chart Maintenance*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The latest revision of S-4 (Edition 4.2.0), *Regulations of the IHO for International (INT) Charts and Chart Specifications of the IHO* has been published. The English version is now available on the IHO website at: www.iho.int → Standards & Publications → download IHO Publications → S-4.
2. Reference A confirmed the adoption of new definitions, specification and symbols for Foul Areas and Foul Ground. These have now been included in S-4.
3. Reference B advised that, in drafting new section B-600, the descriptions of New Charts, New Editions and other chart revisions in A-400 were reviewed, updated and, where necessary, expanded. As a consequence, A-400 and B-128 also required revision. This has now been carried out by CSPCWG. Most of the previous duplication of entries has been removed and cross-references to the relevant parts of B-600 have been inserted as appropriate.
4. INT1 reference numbers are widely used in other IHO and national documents and databases. Because of the risk of confusion if 'retired' INT1 numbers are reused for areas that are different from their original allocation, CSPCWG decided that henceforth retired INT1 numbers should never be reallocated. In order to avoid inadvertent reallocation, a list of known retired INT1 numbers has been added to S-4 at B-151.2.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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