



Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee

Report of the SCWG

to HSSC 5

November 2013

Principal activities and achievements

- ✦ The 1st meeting of the SCWG took place at the Office of Coast Survey (OCS), Silver Spring, MD, USA from 29 – 31 May 2013 and was hosted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The meeting was attended by 12 representatives from 5 IHO Member States and the IHB.



Principal activities and achievements

- ✦ SCWG received a comprehensive presentation on 'S-100, focusing on Product Specifications'. IHO Resolution 2/2007 was highlighted. A further presentation on 'The proposal for Surface Currents in S-100' was given; this highlighted the activities of the Canadian Hydrographic Service and the products and information already available. Examples for the display of current data, vectors or tidal streams were demonstrated (<http://data.shom.fr>, <http://www.previmer.org> & tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/ofs/cbofs/currents_nowcast.shtml).



Principal activities and achievements

- ✦ The SCWG drafted a questionnaire to survey the user community on their needs and requirements. It was suggested there was also a need to establish individual Member States' capabilities and products as well as user requirements. It was also highlighted that the information model needs to display what the mariner requires to navigate safely and needs to know to make decisions. The user survey also needed to identify how the data will be primarily received.
- ✦ The SCWG drafted a submission for consideration and comment by TSMAD on the work achieved and the proposed future work direction.



Problems or outstanding issues

- ★ The SCWG reviewed the ToRs and RoPs provided by HSSC 4 and proposed to a number of amendments for submission to HSSC 5 for endorsement. It was proposed the ToRs should be amended to include mention of ENC's and ECDIS.



Future work programme

- ✦ The SCWG then developed a draft Work Plan (WP) covering the period 2013-2017 for submission to HSSC 5 for endorsement.



Action requested of HSSC

- ✦ a. note the SCWG report
- ✦ b. approved the suggested amendments to the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure
- ✦ c. re-appoint the SCWG to continue its work under its current Terms of Reference
- ✦ d. endorse the draft Work Plan
- ✦ e. approve the User Survey questionnaire for publication in early September 2013

