



Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee

HSSC-5

Agenda item 5.6

Interface with IMO/HTW (formerly STW)
on data quality issues

IHB

Background

- ★ Action HSSC4/31:
 - “IHB to investigate how to interface with STW [IMO Sub-Committee on Standards of Training and Watchkeeping] for improving training on the quality aspects of the practical use of ENC’s..”
- ★ MSC92 (June 2013):
 - restructuring of IMO’s Sub-Committees: STW => HTW
“Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping”



Analysis

- ✦ Potential interface during the 2014-2015 biennium: review of Model Courses
- ✦ Current Model Courses addressing chart issues
 - 1.27 - Operational Use of ECDIS (2012)
 - 7.03 - Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch (1999 - new edition approved)
 - 7.06 - Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch on a Fishing Vessel (2008)
- ✦ No plan to further review the relevant courses
- ✦ Model courses are high level framework document which covers the appropriate requirements, i.e. in 7.03 : “to become familiar with a chart, its huge amount of information, use and limitations”



Recommendation

- ★ The current DQWG review of the publications issued by HOs explaining data quality (see CL 51/2013) should include consideration of their adequacy as teaching aids and references for the three IMO Model Courses dealing with navigational issues
- ★ DQWG should consider, in liaison with training institutions, the ways and means to promote the effective use of the relevant publications issued by HOs

