

Review of relevant IHO Charting Specifications (S-4)

1. Following TWLWG3 the IHB contacted the Chair of CSPCWG in accordance with Action TWLWG3-4.11.1 and received the response given below:

To Andrew Coleman
Secretary IHO CSPCWG

Hi Andrew,

Some time ago TWLWG, then the IHO Tidal Committee, reviewed resolution 3/1919, as amended, (formerly A2.5) regarding high and low water datums and in particular the use of a HW datum for vertical clearances. CSPCWG subsequently updated S-4 B-302.2 and B-405.3 to reflect this change.

At TWLWG3 a couple of weeks ago it was pointed out that B-380.1 on Vertical clearance still says ..."In areas where the tidal range is not appreciable it shall be MSL"....

TWLWG3 asked me to bring this matter to your attention and also to inform you that they are looking at a further revision of resolution 3/1919, as amended, (formerly A2.5) and other resolutions concerning tides to ensure that they properly take into consideration the requirements of non-tidal waters such as the Baltic. We will ensure that you are kept informed on this matter as it is developed, it is hoped that some conclusions will be reached at TWLWG4 in May 2012.

Thank you Steve

As you know we are currently working through the revision of B-300, and I have this noted to include when we get to B-380. Of course, if there is further change to the TR, we will include whatever the agreed new wording is. However, I hope we will have revised B-380 before any change to the TR can be implemented, if the TWLWG will not be concluding their deliberations before May 2012.

Regards

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2. TWLWG4 is invited to consider this information and take any action it considers appropriate.