

ROPME SEA AREA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION (RSAHC)

RSAHC Report to the Seventh Meeting of the IHO Inter Regional Coordination Committee
(IRCC7) Mexico City, Mexico June 1-3, 2015

1. **Chair:** Dr. Adel Al Shamsi (United Arab Emirates)
Vice-Chair: Mr. Saeid Parizi (IR of Iran).

2. **Members:**

- Full members: Bahrain, IR of Iran, Kuwait, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates.
- Associate Members: France, Iraq, United Kingdom, United States of America.
- Observers: Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME), Middle East Navigation Service (MENAS), International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA), Arabian Maritime and Navigation Aids Services LLC (AMNAS)
- IHB Representatives:
Director Mustafa IPTES
Assistant Director David WYATT

3. **Meetings:**

6th Meeting (RSAHC 6) Abu Dhabi – United Arab Emirates 9 to 11 February 2015

Agenda :

The following subjects were discussed during the meeting:

- a) Review of action items from the previous meeting (ERSAHC 1)
- b) Review of the Statutes of the Commission.
- c) Report of the IHB.
- d) National Reports.
- e) Review of Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting in the RSAHC (IHO Publication C-55).
- f) Report by INT Chart Coordinator – Progress on the implementation of the INT Chart Scheme, report on ICCWG meeting and other issues.
- g) Promulgation of radio navigation Warnings within NAVAREA IX area, MSI in NAVAREA IX and the implementation of GMDSS (Pakistan).
- h) Capacity Building (CB) matters.
- i) Relevant International Organizations' Report – highlights any event and decisions which impact on RSAHC.

j) RSAHC representative to the IHR Editorial Board

It was generally supported and confirmed by the Chairman that Kingdom of Saudi Arabia would take on the role.

k) RSAHC provision of shallow bathymetry to GEBCO Database (IHO standing agenda item) and alternative data gathering methods (SDB& CSB).

l) Engagement and representation of RSAHC members with IHB, IHO, IRCC, HSSC and IHO WGs and committees

m) Procedures in response to Marine Disasters.

n) RSAHC inputs to IRCC7

o) Comments on the proposals of the new logo for the RSAHC

p) All RSAHC MS were encouraged to consider attending the WENDWG and to carefully consider the employment of personnel on completion of IHO CB courses and activities.

4. Election of the chairman and vice –chairman

There was general support for the UAE to continue in the role as Chairman of the RSAHC and IR of Iran was confirmed as vice-Chairman.

5. Date and venue of next meeting (RSAHC No.7)

Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia 2017.

6. Industry participation:

New technologies, equipment and research with regards to hydrography were presented.

7. Capacity Building :

CB. training requirements were identified and scheduled for 2015.

8. Actions required from IRCC7:

IRCC-7 is invited to take note of this report.

ACTION LIST

No	Action	Responsibility	Deadline
1.	Contact Kuwait and encourage engagement with and attendance at RSAHC meetings and other IHO events	Chairman	30 June 2015
2.	To consider further efforts to provide a response to the IHB on the ratification of the Protocol of the Amendments to the IHO Convention	Bahrain/Kuwait/Oman/UA E	On going
3.	To inform IHB of any changes to data and information published on the IHO website, C55 and IHO Year Book	All	On going
4.	To engage with Region I INT Chart Coordinator to seek ways to improve communication between Coordinator and Member States	Chairman/IR of Iran/IHB	15 March 2015
5.	Plan ICC WG meeting	Chairman/All	6 May 2015
6.	Confirm national chart schemes and provide up-dates to Region I Coordinator	All	15 March 2015
7.	To keep update of the ENC coverage and inform [Region I] ICCWG Coordinator	All	On going
8.	To consider provision of shallow water bathymetric data to IHO-IOC GEBCO programme through the IHO DCDB	All	On going
9.	To contribute with articles and notes for International Hydrographic Review (IHR)	All	On going
10.	To regularly check IHO website for notification of events and update information	All	On going
11.	To develop Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI) in the region, to engage with the IHO MSDI WG and other GIS activities including UN GGIM	All	On going
12.	To ensure personnel nominated for CB courses and workshops are correctly employed on completion	All	On going
13.	Correct training inputs to be submitted by RSAHC CB coordinator	CB Coordinator	1 March 2015
14.	Provide timely MSI data to NAVAREA IX Coordinator and generate receipting for submitted data and warnings	All/Pakistan	On going
15.	Member states to ensure prompt promulgation of radio navigation warnings within NAVAREA IX area, MSI in NAVAREA IX and the implementation of GMDSS	All	On going
17.	Member states to discuss the creation of Navtex service areas with NAVAREA IX Coordinator to avoid duplication of MSI and to ensure all sea areas are covered rather	All/Pakistan	WWNWS-SC 7

	than just national waters		
18.	Propose to CBSC a technical visit by NAVAREA IX Coordinator to NAVAREA IX coastal states to promote provision of MSI	CB Coordinator	1 March 2015
19.	Generate draft RSAHC Disaster Action Plan and report to next IRCC	Chairman	IRCC 7
20.	Circulate all Logo versions for final selection	Chairman	28 February 2015
21.	Member states to confirm selection of logo to Chairman	All	31 March 2015
22.	Announce new RSAHC logo	Chairman	14 April 2015
23.	Draft meeting report on RSAHC6	Chairman	27 February 2015
24.	Comments on the draft of RSAHC6 report	All	27 March 2015
25.	KSA to confirm dates of the RSAHC7 meeting as 23-25 January 2017 with ICCWG on 22 January 2017 or 30 January to 1 February 2017 with ICCWG on 29 January 2017	Chairman/KSA	14 January 2016
26.	Issue invitation letter to RSAHC7	Chairman	8 September 2016
27.	RSAHC Inputs to CBSC	Chairman/CB Coordinator	1 April 2015
28.	RSAHC Inputs to IRCC	Chairman	1 April 2015