

REGIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION

ROPME SEA AREA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION REPORT TO IRCC8

1. Chair

Chair: vacant from February 2016
Dr Adel Khalifa al Shamsi, (UAE) from March 2013 to February 2016 (Retired)

Vice-Chair: vacant from January 2016
Mr Ahmed Parizi, (IR of Iran) from March 2013 to January 2016 (Passed away)

2. Membership

Members: Bahrain, IR of Iran, Kuwait, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates.

Associate member(s): 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).

3. Meetings:

No meeting since IRCC7.

Next meeting: 7th RSAHC is planned for January or February 2017, no host or venue has been identified.

4. Current RSAHC Working Groups:

a) RSA INT Chart Coordination WG (RSAICCWG)
No meeting during the report period.

b) Capacity Building:
In accordance with IHO CBWP-2015;

-“MBES Processing” course (P10) was conducted in Abu Dhabi, UAE from 07 to 11 June,
- Tidal and Water Level” workshop (P29) was conducted in Abu Dhabi, UAE from 06 to 10 September,

5. Status of IRCC actions (relevant for the RSAHC)

IRCC7/01: Encourage the approval of pending applications for IHO membership. RHCs. Permanent.

No current information, see report for RSAHC6.

6. Agenda Items:

No meeting during the report period.

7. RSAHC cooperation with other organizations:

No current information, see report for RSAHC6.

8. Conclusions:

There is lack of Chair and Vice-Chair position since February 2016. It is anticipated that a Chair will be appointed by the UAE to assume the Chairmanship roles and responsibilities until the next meeting of RSAHC which will be held in 2017.

9. Achievements and lessons learned:

No information.

10. Actions required from the IRCC3:

The IRCC is invited to:

- a. note this report.

Vacant

RSAHC Chair