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Successful approval of M-3 resolution on time reference

References:

IHO CL40/2019

Dear Colleagues,

This letter intends to bring your attention to the amended M-3 resolution on time reference.

The amendment has been discussed during the last few NIPWG meetings. The first attempt was not supported by several Member States requesting that we should consider the S-100 time reference description and that tide tables define time differently.

These objections have been considered and the second attempt passed successfully the Member State approval process.

The new resolution is provided below and has been made publicly available by IHO CL40/2019.

TIME REFERENCE	7/2009 as amended	IHO CL 40/2019	A2.17
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Time in nautical publications, Tide Tables excluded (See M-3, section 2.4.7, IHO Resolution 27/1919 as amended), should be expressed as Universal Time Co-ordinated (UTC):
Example 1321Z.

Alternative time references may be used, as follows:

1. Local time with offset: Example 13:21 (UTC+3)
2. Unspecified local time: Example 13:21 (Local Time) if time zone reference is provided within the publication.

This letter is for information and responses are not necessary.

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