

Terms of Reference

for BSHC Working Group for the Harmonization of the Chart Datums of the Baltic Sea

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The Working Group should

- **to study the feasibility to use the European geodetic height reference system as a principal alternative for a harmonised vertical reference system for Baltic Sea nautical charts.**
- **to study possible time schedules and necessary preconditions with each of the Baltic Sea countries could move to use this harmonised datum on their nautical charts.**
- **to study and to develop recommended principles how the transfer period will be implemented** (also in the case if one or more countries are not joining to a common reference).
- **to prepare recommendations how the sea level and its variations should be shown on nautical paper and ENC charts and publications** [ref. IHO T.R. A2.5.2. note ii].

In addition, the Working Group should

- **to prepare an introductory presentation of existing geodetic height datums which cover all countries around the Baltic Sea**
- **to specify the existing differences of chart datums used in the Baltic Sea area**
- **to clarify the role of other international bodies on this subject and find out point of contacts to them**

The Working Group should report to the BSHC 13th Conference.
