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Baltic Sea International Charting Coordination Working Group (BSICCWG)

BSICCWG Report to the BSHC 19th Conference

[9 May 2014]

The BSICCWG TORs and ROPs were agreed at the BSHC 15th Conference 2010. The paragraphs 2.6 and 3.10 of these request the BSICCWG to report annually to the BSHC at least the following issues:

- An updated Regional INT Chart Catalogue;
- An update of the ENC Catalogue relevant to the Region (if not undertaken by RENCs);
- Changes made to the scheme of INT Charts for the Region
- Changes made to the small / medium scale ENC scheme for the Region
- An updated Work Plan (if used).
- Status of BSEHWG Harmonisation recommendations.

1. Status of Work of BSICCWG

Mr Jarmo Mäkinen has been acted as the Chair of the BSICCWG. *Mr Juha Korhonen* has acted as the secretary of BSICCWG (chairing BSICCWG2 meeting). There have been some changes on the BSICCWG membership since last BSHC meeting. The members are (new in blue): *Ms. Berit Holse*, *Mr Peter Ladegaard Sørensen* (Denmark), *Ms Nele Savi* (Estonia), *Mr Jarmo Mäkinen, Mr Juha Korhonen* (Finland), *Ms Sylvia Spohn* (Germany), *Mr Mikus Ranka* (Latvia), *Mr Viktoras Liylus, Ms Alla Bira* (Lithuania), *Mr Jaceck Kijakowski* (Poland), *Capt. Sergey Egorov, Ms Ekaterina Kozar* (Russia), *Ms Anita Bodin* (Sweden).

The BSICCWG2 meeting was held in Helsinki 2-3 March 2014. A total of 8 participants were involved in, Germany thorough the video. *Mr Paul Barrett* (UK), as the Chair of NSEHWG, attended the meeting as an observer.

ENC catalogues are maintained by RENCs (IC-ENC and Primar).

2. Outcome of BSICCWG2 meeting

- Finalising Details of Baltic Sea Sub-area Names (tasked form BSHC18)

    BSHC18 has approved in principle the Baltic Sea subareas and BSICCWG was tasked to finalise some details of sub-area names. Meeting approved the name of '*Middle Baltic*' for Level 3 sub-area. In Annex 1 there are the approved sub-areas and names.

    The BSICCWG regards that the task to define Baltic Sea sub-areas and their names has now been completed.

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- Guidance for Using Names on Baltic Sea Chart Titles (tasked from BSHC18)

  BSICCWG agreed that name "*Baltic Sea*" (Level 1) should be used on all INT chart titles. The use of Level 2 and 3 names is optional. The BSICCWG Chair will provide an updated draft guidance based on these agreed principles.

- Revision of the Baltic Sea 2008 ENC Harmonisation Recommendations

  The meeting discussed on the status of harmonisation recommendations. It was noted that there are several issues which may need revising or new harmonisation recommendations, e.g. presentation of depths, use of SCAMIN, use of MAGVAR, overlaps and gaps, and the use of CATZOC. The meeting established a Drafting Group for analysing the current recommendations. *Mikus Ranka* kindly volunteered to chair this Drafting Group. The Drafting Group should forward its findings and proposals to BSICCWG by end of April 2015. Existing status will be presented in BSHC19 meeting.

  The meeting discussed on WENDWG4 issues, especially the analysis of overlaps, gaps and the use of CATZOC. WENDWG4 has identified some overlaps on the Baltic Sea ENC cells. The list of these overlaps has been distributed to the members. BSICCWG members were asked to check these BSHC overlaps and report on how to eliminate them by end of May 2014.

  It was noted that there are many harmonisation issues in common to NSHC. The co-operation on harmonisation actions between the working groups both RHCs could be closer.

- IHO ENC Schemes

  Paul Barrett introduced the draft revision of S-11 Part A, including also guidance for ENC scheming. He invited possible further comments to the draft.

- Extension of INT Number Domain on Region E (tasked from BSHC18)

  The meeting agreed to extend the domain of Baltic Sea INT numbers. This allows also using of 5-digit numbers when feasible. CSPCWG Secretary has added a footnote to the next draft edition of S-4 to allow using 5-digit numbers (by adding the fifth digit at the end of 4-digit number, when feasible). Region D Coordinator has also forwarded some blocks of available numbers to Region E. These will be used when feasible.

- Additional 15 m Contours (tasked from BSHC18)

  BSHC18 tasked the BSICCWG2 to consider the outcome of the BSICCWG questionnaire on the use of additional 15 contours, to evaluate the current situation and to agree on future actions.

  The meeting agreed to recommend to BSHC19 that additional 15 m contours should be used on Baltic Sea nautical charts. The implementation of this recommendation is up to each Member state. BSICCWG will monitor the implementations.

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3. Updating Baltic Sea INT Chart Catalogue S-11 Part B Region E

The current version on IHO web pages is *S-11 part B Region E (Baltic Sea) Edition 2.0.6. December 2013.* Several updates have been received from BSICCWG Members. As agreed at BSICCWG2 the BSICCWG Chair will forward a combined update version to all BSICCWG Members for checking. He plans to forward the updates to the IHB in June 2014.

4. Future BSICCWG actions

BSICCWG2 recognised that there are needs to consider the revision of Baltic Sea INT Chart Scheme. BSICCWG planned to invite all members to participate to the ENC scheming meeting originally planned with Denmark, Germany and Sweden. Germany will forward an invitation to that.

It was also emphasised that there is urgent need to have a digital database on Baltic Sea INT Scheme.

The next BSICCWG3 meeting will be held in Copenhagen in April 2015. This meeting will discuss e.g. on findings and proposals of the ENC Harmonisation Drafting Group and reviewing of the Baltic Sea INT Scheme.

5. Actions for the BSHC 19th Conference:

The BSHC 18th Conference is requested to

- take note on this Report
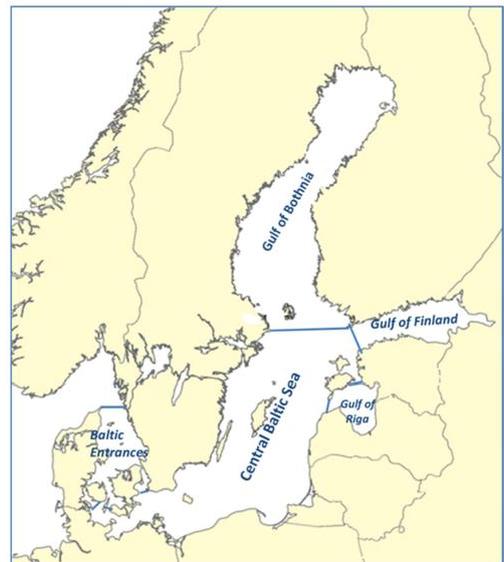- to give further guidance to BSICCWG, as seen appropriate

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Annexes:

1. Approved Baltic Sea sub-areas and names.

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Annexe 1: Approved Baltic Sea sub-areas and names

Level 1: Whole Baltic Sea

Level 2: Subareas: Central Baltic Sea and main gulfs

Level 3: Detailed sub-areas