



INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION
MESO AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN SEA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION



MACHC Circular Letter
13/2013

Date, 9 October 2013

To: MACHC members, Associate members and Observers

Subject: National Reports

Dear MACHC colleagues,

Please find attached the following documents for the 14th MACHC meeting:

1. The structure for National Reports to the Regional Hydrographic Commissions;
2. the draft agenda.

The meeting will be held at the Sonesta Maho Beach Resort & Casino, 19 Little Bay Road, Philipsburg, Sint Maarten. The host is in the process of finalizing the logistic arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. M. Amafo LL.M (IMLI)
Director Maritime Authority Suriname and MACHC Chair

Extract from IHO Resolution 2/1997 as amended

ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSIONS (RHC)	Reference: 2/1997 as amended	Last Amended 69/2010	1st Ed Ref: T1.3
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STRUCTURE FOR NATIONAL REPORTS TO REGIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSIONS

Executive summary

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| 1 | Hydrographic Office / Service: | General, including updates for the IHO Yearbook e.g. reorganization |
| 2 | Surveys: | Coverage of new surveys.
New technologies and /or equipment
New ships
Problems encountered |
| 3 | New charts & updates: | ENCs
ENC Distribution method
RNCs
INT charts
National paper charts
Other charts, e.g. for pleasure craft
Problems encountered |
| 4 | New publications & updates: | New Publications
Updated publications
Means of delivery, e.g. paper, digital
Problems encountered |
| 5 | MSI | Existing infrastructure for transmission
New infrastructure in accordance with GMDSS Master Plan
Problems encountered |

Note : Use the WWNWS template for this section

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| 6 | C-55 | Latest update (Tables) |
| 7 | Capacity Building | <p>Offer of and/or demand for Capacity Building</p> <p>Training received, needed, offered</p> <p>Status of national, bilateral, multilateral or regional development projects with hydrographic component. (In progress, planned, under evaluation or study)</p> <p>Definition of bids to IHOCBC</p> |
| 8 | Oceanographic activities | <p>General</p> <p>GEBCO/IBC's activities</p> <p>Tide gauge network</p> <p>New equipment</p> <p>Problems encountered</p> |
| 9 | Other activities | <p>Participation in IHO Working Groups</p> <p>Meteorological data collection</p> <p>Geospatial studies</p> <p>Disaster prevention</p> <p>Environmental protection</p> <p>Astronomical observations</p> <p>Magnetic/Gravity surveys</p> <p>MSDI Progress</p> <p>International</p> <p>Etc.</p> |
| 10 | Conclusions | |



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**14th Meso- American and Caribbean Sea
Hydrographic Commission
Draft Agenda
09th – 13th December 2013
Sint Maarten, Netherlands**

- 1. Opening**
 - 1.1 Opening Remarks by Chairman
 - 1.2 Opening Remarks by the Host
 - 1.3 Opening Remarks by the President of the IHB
 - 1.4 Address by Chief Guest
 - 1.5 Agenda and Timetable approval
 - 1.6 List of Documents
 - 1.7 Administrative Arrangements
- 2. 13th MACHC Minutes approval**
- 3. 13th MACHC Actions List review**
- 4. MACHC Statutes**
- 5. IHO / IHB Matters**
 - 5.1 IHB Report
 - 5.2 MACHC report to IRCC 5
 - 5.3 IRCC5 Report
 - 5.4 WEND-WG Report
 - 5.5 HSSC5 Report
 - 5.6 Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI)
 - 5.7 Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting Worldwide C-55
 - 5.8 Status of the Convention Amendments
- 6. National Reports**
- 7. MACHC Committees and Working Groups**
 - 7.1 Meso- American and Caribbean Sea Integrated Charting Committee (MICC)
 - 7.2 Marine Economic Infrastructure Programme (MEIP)
 - 7.3 Capacity Building (CB)
- 8. Relevant International Organizations Reports**
- 9. Maritime Safety and the World Wide Navigational Warnings Service**
- 10. Best practices in dealing with Maritime disasters**



- 11. Progress Satellite Derived Bathymetry (SDB) Techniques**
 - 11.1 UK SDB Trials in Antigua & Barbuda**
- 12. OECS Survey Project**
- 13. Crowd Sourcing Survey Techniques**
- 14. Proposal of Agenda Items from MACHC to International Hydrographic Conference**
- 15. Blue Economy**
- 16. Maritime Funding**
- 17. Regional projects**
- 18. Any other business**
- 19. MACHC report to IRCC 6**
- 20. Date and Venue of the next meeting**
- 21. Approval of the Action List**
- 22. Closing Remarks from the Chair**