



MACHC Letter 07/2015

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To: Charles "Bud" Darr  
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**Subject: Invitation to the upcoming MACHC-meeting**

Dear Mr. Darr,

My name is Marc van der Donck and I am contacting you as Chair of the MesoAmerican-Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC). The MACHC is a Regional Hydrographic Commissions (RHC) which coordinates hydrographic activities, including surveying and production of ENC's in support of the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO).

The RHCs are made up of IHO Member States together with other regional States and NGOs that wish to participate and work in close harmony with the IHO to help further its ideals and advance maritime safety and efficiency as well as support the protection and sustainable use of the marine environment. RHCs meet at regular intervals to discuss such things as mutual hydrographic surveying and chart production problems, plan joint survey operations, and resolve schemes for medium and large scale International Charts and ENC coverage in their respective regions. The next meeting is scheduled for the first week in December 2015 in Antigua.

Since the Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) promotes all measures that foster a safe and secure cruise environment, it would appear that CLIA and the MACHC have a common interest in navigational safety. In fact, I would assume that we serve a common customer; the shipping lines and the mariner. Because CLIA represents the interests of the Cruise Lines, it would be extremely beneficial to MACHC Members States to engage in discussions to explore Cruise Lines requirements in this heavily traversed geographic area.



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CLIA participation in our annual meetings will provide an excellent opportunity to collaborate in these areas of common interests. Therefore I cordially invite you and/or a representative from CLIA to attend our MACHC Meeting in December. Additional information regarding the meeting venue and logistics will be provided in due time.

I look forward to your response.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. van der Donck', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

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