

## INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION MESO AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN SEA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION



MACHC-Letter 09/2019

August 26, 2019

All MACHC Member States and Observers

Subject/Reference: Vice Chair, MACHC

Article 5d), MACHC Statutes

Dear Colleagues,

I have received correspondence (copy attached as Annex A) from Vice-Admiral Antonio Fernando Garcez Faria, MACHC Vice Chair, that his assignment as Director of Hydrography and Navigation, and Brazilian Hydrographer will end on August 28, 2019. Brazil has further indicated that Vice-Admiral Marcos Borges Sertã has been appointed to this position and will replace Vice-Admiral Garcez on that date. Thus, according to Article 5 d), of the MACHC Statutes, (If the Chair, or the Vice Chair, is unable to officiate at the Conference, he or she shall be replaced by his or her Representative), Admiral Borges Sertã will serve as the MACHC Vice Chair for the remainder of the term of office.

I want to thank Vice-Admiral Garcez for his leadership and substantial contributions to the MACHC, it has been a great pleasure to work with him and his team on the planning stages for MACHC 20. I am confident that the excellent cooperation with Brazil over this past year will continue as Vice-Admiral Borges Sertã assumes the position of the Vice Chair of MACHC. Please extend a warm welcome to him as he joins our Commission.

Sincerely,

Kathryn L. Ries

Kethyn J. Res

Deputy Director, Office of Coast Survey, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Chair, MesoAmerican and Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission

MACHC.Chair@noaa.gov

Attachment: Annex A



## DIRETORIA DE HIDROGRAFIA E NAVEGAÇÃO

Rua Barão de Jaceguay, s/nº, Ponta da Armação – Centro CEP 24048-900 – Niterói – RJ Tel. (+55 21) 2189-3014 – e-mail: <dhn.intrel@marinha.mil.br>

Letter 17/2019 - DHN - 07OHI

Niterói, August 13th 2019.

Ms. KATHRYN L. RIES
Deputy Director, Office of Coast Survey, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Chair, Meso American and the Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission
1315 East West Highway
Silver Spring, MD. 20910, USA

E-mail: MACHC.Chair@noaa.gov

Dear Katie,

I take this opportunity to let you know that my assignment as Director of Hydrography and Navigation and Brazilian Hydrographer is ending on August 28th, as Vice-Admiral MARCOS BORGES SERTÃ was appointed to this position.

I am confident that my successor is ready to continue as MACHC Vice-Chair and will devote all his efforts to advancing hydrography in the MACHC region. Therefore, I propose Vice-Admiral SERTÃ as MACHC Vice-Chair when he becomes the Head of the Brazilian Hydrographic Office.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude for all your support and friendship. It has been a great privilege to work with you and your Team.

ANTONIO FERNANDO GARCEZ FARIA

Vice-Admiral Director

Hydrographic information driving marine knowledge