

Stavanger, 21 March 2011

55th NHC Conference in Stavanger 4-6 April 2011

NHC/55/ Letter 2

General arrangements

The first day of NHC 55th meeting will be at Victoria hotel (where all foreign participants stay). The second day will be a combined Technical Excursion and regular meeting. This arrangement will take place onboard the training ship “Gann” and end at the VTS at Kvitsøy.

The *List of participants* is in doc NHC55-1B.

The *Program for the Meeting* in doc NHC55-1C gives an overview of the time schedule.

The *Reception* on Monday evening will be held at Stavanger Maritime Museum (<http://www.museumstavanger.no/museene/stavanger-sjoefartsmuseum>, in Norwegian) only a 2-3 minute walk from the hotel (see map below). The informal reception will be held at 19:00 and end ~ 21:00 with some snacks, wine and soft drinks.

The *Meeting* will commence on Tuesday the 5th of April at 09:00 and will be closed at appr. 12:00 on the following day.

The *excursion* to the Vessel Traffic Services will start when the vessel “Gann” arrives at Kvitsøy at 14:00. If the weather is appropriate we will have a 20 minute walk to the VTS. The return from Kvitsøy will be by public ferry transport. Arrangement for transport to the airport (arrival at appr. 17:00) will be taken care of.

The *Dinner* will be held at a restaurant in short walking distance from the hotel

Further details on arrangements for the excursion and the dinner will be given at the meeting.

The *Draft Annotated Agenda* in NHC55-2B indicates the issues for the meeting (both from standard agenda and your proposals). Relevant documentation for each item has been indicated. There is also an indication of who has proposed or may introduce the items.

All the *Meeting Documents* received so far are attached as a compressed file (zip). If you have any difficulties to open or print them, please let us know.

If you have *additional documents*, please send them directly to all participants.

Some Comments to Agenda Issues

Below are listed some comments, remarks or guidance for some Agenda items in order to help you preparing for the meeting.

- NHC54 Minutes were commented in June 2010 and are believed to be approved. The NHC54 List of Actions is updated according to our latest information. The NHC54 Minutes states that NHC53/9 and NHC53/10 (related to IDEWG) were deleted, but notice that both continue on Action Item list (NHC54/5 and NHC54/6).
- “Action List and IRCC 2011 Tasks agreed”, see Annex A of CL50. The next chair of NHC (Denmark) has to prepare a report to IRCC3 and will need input from NHC55. Several of the action items are related to RHCs. Special attention should be given to IRCC2/05a “Report to IRCC3 on: a. the methodology used for assessing and displaying survey status, taking into account navigational and MSDI requirements”.
- The CL 34/48/77/83 are related to the outcome of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee and the Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation. Notice the role of S-100 in the e-Navigation concept (CL77).
- On Day 2 there will be a joint meeting with the Standardization of Nautical Publication WG. After a presentation by the Chairman of SNPWG the NHC members are invited to participate in discussions on the future development of publications and integration with e.g. ECDIS.

You are all warmly welcome to the meeting in Stavanger.

Best regards

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Chairman of the NHC

