

## **Status report from WEND-WG**

### **Introduction**

In order to prepare the NHC input to the WEND-WG report to the IRCC3 meeting, the WEND-WG representative from BSHC and NHC, has agreed to send a questionnaire to the BSHC and NHC members.

In order for the WEND-WG representative to prepare a coordinated and harmonised input to the WEND-WG, we recommend that NHC members will discuss on this topic.

### **Some remarks on the current situation**

The WEND-WG has not been very active recently. The WEND-WG representative from BSHC and NHC has as a consequence not received any information or guidance from the WEND-WG since the IRCC2 and has not participated any WEND WG meetings and are nor aware on any WEND-WG meetings have been carried out. The IRCC2 meeting was in 17-18 June 2010 in USA. It decided on the following actions related to the WEND-WG and ENC issues (See IRCC3-02.4B List of Actions).

Progress the tasks outlined in the WEND-WG terms of reference and especially:

- a. Permanent - Monitor progress in providing ENC coverage and identify and propose solutions to issues of concern such as gaps and overlaps. This should include consideration of the MBSHC paper to the WEND WG.
- b. 20APR2011 - Investigate and report on the significance of other areas of concern:
  - variation in licensing terms and conditions
  - reports of ENC quality and updating issues
- c. Permanent - Keep RHC Chairs informed of ENC issues identified within their regions.
- d. Permanent -Provide support to IHB in preparation of reports to IMO NAV Sub-Committee.
- e. 20APR2011 - Prepare a report for IRCC3.

### **Proposals:**

In this context, and in order to promote and support the WEND-WG and its tasks we recommend that NHC members at the 55th NHC Conference will discuss on this topic, especially in regards to the tasks outlined in the WEND-WG terms of reference as stated above. Also additional questions and possible further guidance to WEND-WG members are welcome.

In order to achieve relevant information needed for the report to the IRCC3 witch will be held on 23-27 May 2011, we recommend that NHC members actively support the completion of the questionnaire.

### **Actions required from the NHC 55th Conference:**

The NHC 55th Conference is requested to consider this proposal and to take appropriate actions.