



## **IHO S-44 PT work within BSHC and NHC**

Information paper

### **Introduction**

IHO has asked (CL 68/2016) member states to nominate delegates for the IHO S-44 Project Team, latest on 15.2.2017, in order to study and review the IHO S-44 ed 5 (February 2008). The task is also to update the standard to S-44 ed 6. The work is supervised by HSSC.

BSHC Re-survey Monitoring Working Group, chaired by Finland, has in MWG14 meeting (11.11.2016 Rostock, Germany) discussed a possibility to form a regional discussion group with members of BSHC and NHC.

MWG chair has invited MWG15 meeting on 8.3.2017 afternoon in Malmö Arena BW Hotel, Sweden [in conjunction with EU TEN-T CEF funding program FAMOS Freja (2014-2016) and FAMOS Odin (2016-2018)]. Together with the MWG/FAMOS meeting MWG chair is organising a discussion group on the IHO S-44 PT work.

This meeting and regional discussion group intends to:

- Choose a regional discussion group chairperson and vice-chairperson to call the meetings, set the work timetable and coordinate the mailing list;
- Decide on the regional discussion forum practices (e.g. open for participants from other organizations and industry?);
- Work with e-mail and correspondence and meet whenever found necessary or feasible within or back-to-back with other meetings, in which several group members participate;
- Chart the IHO S-44 PT delegate nominates within BSHC and NHC member states;
- Exchange the experiences of current S-44 ed 5 and the Finnish-Swedish implementation of S-44 ed 5 (=FSIS-44) within BSHC and NHC member states;
- Discuss the need to update current S-44 ed 5;
- Discuss how regional discussion group members shall liaise with local industry and other interest groups to broaden the experiences and opinions;
- Form BSHC and NHC member states common (not necessarily unanimous) comments and to forward them to the IHO S-44 PT work through BSHC and NHC member states delegates in IHO S-44 PT;
- Inform BSHC and NHC of the IHO S-44 PT regional discussion group progress and if necessary bring to BSHC and NHC conferences items to be decided officially;

### **Actions asked from NHC61**

The NHC61 is asked to:

- note this information;
- encourage member states to participate to the IHO S-44 PT work and the regional discussion group;
- give guidance to the discussion group, if so seen necessary;