

**MINUTES OF THE 7TH SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ISLANDS HYDROGRAPHIC
COMMISSION CONFERENCE (SAIHC)
La Réunion, Saint Denis 16 – 17 September 2009**

Note: Paragraph numbering corresponds to Agenda Item numbering (Annex A), and not necessarily to the order in which matters were discussed.

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Agenda item 1: OPENING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Prior to the 7th SAIHC Conference, it was agreed that South Africa as Vice Chairman would chair the conference in place of the Chairman (Mozambique), who was unable to attend. The venue was also changed from the Republic of Madagascar to La Réunion.

The National Hydrographic Committee (NHC) Seminar was held from 14 – 15 September and was well attended. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the South African delegation could not attend. A tour was arranged to the active volcano 'Piton de la Fournaise' on Wednesday 16 September, returning at 14:45. The outing was enjoyed by all and on return to the hotel the SAIHC conference commenced.

At 15:30 the Chairman, the Hydrographer of the South African Navy, Captain Abri Kampfer, opened the conference and welcomed all the participants and thanked France for accepting to host the conference on La Réunion albeit at short notice. The delegates from USA were welcomed as observers to SAIHC. The Chairman introduced Mr Ilidio Goenha from Mozambique who represented Mr Augusto Jessenão Bata, the Director of INAHINA. The Chairman extended a special welcome to Vice Admiral Alexandros Maratos, President of the Directing Committee of the IHB. He remarked that he was grateful that the President of the IHB had decided to take SAIHC under his wing, this allowing SAIHC the advantage of having the personal attention of the President. The members of industry were welcomed and thanked for their support and willingness to host functions. The list of participants is attached as **Annexure B**.

Agenda item 2: APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was accepted and approved with four supplementary items added to Item 10 (see amended Agenda). The Chairman took some time to reflect on the achievements of the Commission since 2003. The Chairman remarked with regret that since 2003 only Mauritius attained IHO membership status and that the attendance of the RHC meetings since establishment has been satisfactory and the good turnout at the 7th SAIHC conference was very encouraging.

Agenda item 3: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 6th SAIHC MEETING

Status/Review of Action List from the 6th SAIHC Meeting Malawi, Mangochi in 2007. The Chairman reviewed the Status of Actions. Ongoing items will be reflected in the revised List of Actions Table.

Agenda item 4: FEEDBACK FROM OTHER IHO BODIES AFFECTING SAIHC

4.1. IHB Report – 4th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference (4THEIHC)

The President of the IHB, Vice Admiral Maratos, briefly presented the IHB Report

and important issues emanating from the report were provided:

- The 4th EIHC took place during the first week of June 2009 in Monaco that was well attended by Member States (MS) and observers. Of interest is that the Conference approved a new definition for Hydrography and the revised Strategic Plan of the Organization.
- A resolution was adopted that invites RHCs to encourage the consistent use of IHO standards and mutual cooperation for the enhancement of navigation safety in navigable inland waters within and between Regions. Malawi requested an understanding of the responsibilities of the IHO wrt inland waters. The Admiral responded by stating that the IHO is not responsible for inland waters but that the responsibility is that of the coastal and neighbouring States.
- Status reports on ENC development were presented. Two resolutions were adopted on the ENC coverage that MS will have in place by 2010 and on the consistency and quality of ENCs in relation to their respective paper charts. (CL 35/2009 dated 10 June 2009).
- In the margins of the Conference four other events took place. These included the 1st meeting of the WG for the revision of S-23, the 1st meeting of the IRCC (including the change of the name of CPRNW to WWNWS), the celebration of the WHD.
- The IHB Directing Committee also reported to the Conference on the very slow progress of the approval of the Protocol of Amendments to the IHO Convention. South Africa and Mozambique have not ratified yet but are busy with the ratification process. Admiral Maratos stated that the IHB encourages all MS to have the Protocol of Amendments ratified by at least 2011 in order to have the IHO General Assembly in 2012. South Africa and Mozambique to follow up on the progress of the ratification process. **(Action item)**.
- The IMO MSC has adopted the amendments to SOLAS Chapter V, Regulation 19, introducing mandatory carriage requirements for ECDIS with a phased implementation period beginning 2012 and ending 2018. The amendments will come into force on 1st July 2010. The revised text of the Joint IMO/IHO/WMO Manual on Maritime Safety Information, which will come into force on the 1st January 2011, was also approved.
- The IHO has maintained an excellent cooperation with IMO, IALA, IOC and WMO. It has to be highlighted the active participation and support of the Organization, on the e-navigation activities of IMO and IALA.
- It was further stated that in Capacity Building, the IHO implements a very active program based on the initiatives offered by the RHCs.

4.2. IRCC: Results from the 1st meeting

Vice Admiral Maratos explained the new technical structure of the IHO that came into force on 1st January 2009 with the establishment of the two main Committees, the IRCC and the HSSC. The IRCC is the new body within the IHO intended to better co-

ordination within the Regions. The Chair of IRCC, Ing. Gen. Bessero (France) summed up the results of the 1st IRCC meeting and referred to the report and work Plan for 2009/10 which are available on the IHO website.

RHCs were encouraged to consolidate and highlight issues that require IRCC's attention. (**Action item**).

4.3. HSSC: Preparation required for 1st meeting

The meeting was informed that the inaugural meeting of the HSSC would take place in Singapore between 22nd and 24th October 2009. This meeting is open to all Member States. (CL 21/2009 dated 2 April 2009).

4.4. GEBCO - Shallow Water Bathymetry to improve the IHO/IOC GEBCO Grid

Vice Admiral Maratos presented a brief presentation depicting the current status of the World GEBCO Chart with specific focus on the SAIHC Region. He remarked that although some progress has been made, not enough coverage is available for the east coast of Africa especially in the Mozambique Channel due to the lack of bathymetric data. The requirement for improved shallow water bathymetry within the coastal zone is very important for many activities such as coastal zone management, environment protection and other preventative studies such as tsunami natural disasters.

SAIHC Members States and associated members were requested and encouraged to contribute shallow water hydrographic survey data from ENCs or paper chart production databases, as requested in IHO CL 36/2006, for compilation of the World GEBCO Chart (WGC) with special attention to the east coast of Africa. (**Action item**).

RAdm (Ret) Neil Guy indicated that upon completion of the Marine Highway Project, survey data would be made available to the IHO as contribution to the WGC.

Ing. Gen Bessero (France) advised caution on the use of ENC data for non-navigational applications.

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Agenda item 5: SAIHC ACTIVITIES IN THE LIGHT OF THE IHO WORK PROGRAMME

5.1. IHO S-11 Region H

Mr Nelson (SA) made a presentation covering the INT charting progress made in charting Region H (INT Chart Catalogue IHO S-11). He referred to a detailed presentation made at the 6th SAIHC Meeting in Malawi in 2007 that covered a 15-year period, 1993 to 2007. It was recognised then that much had been achieved but that to date, in the past 2 years, not much progress has been made as revealed in MS National Reports, to report back to SAIHC. The following points of interest were mentioned:

- a. INT chart production has progressed on the west coast north of the Namibian international border adjoining the South African INT chart scheme. The UKHO and Portugal has entered into a charting agreement and UKHO produced two charts, INT 2580 and INT 2570 along the Angolan coast, with more to follow. On the east coast however, no progress has been made. It

may well be that chart producer nations have produced revised INT charts in the 1st or 2nd new editions from new information.

- b. South Africa, as Region H Coordinator, requested INT Chart producing nations/authorities to check and update their INT chart production status and information for completeness in IHO S-11, INT Chart Catalogue. Any information is to be provided to South Africa who in turn will keep the IHB informed in order to bring S-11 up to date. **(Action item)**.
- c. Clarity to be obtained on the responsibility for the production of chart INT 7746. South Africa is willing to make source data available for the Prince Edward Island Group. The UKHO agreed to liaise with Australia to determine the status of charts for Heard and MacDonal Islands. **(Action item)**.
- d. Mr Ignatious Nhnyete of Tanzania indicated that hydrographic surveys were conducted in Dar es Salaam, Tanga, Lindi and Mbegani. The survey data will be forwarded to the UKHO for chart production once appropriate administration procedures have been finalised. **(Action item)**.
- e. Mr Nhnyete also indicated that surveys at Port of Mbamba Bay and Kiwira Port would be carried out during the current financial year.
- f. UKHO indicated that it has a business plan in place for the ENC coverage for Angola. Although the 2010 target date will not materialise, a 2012 date seems more realistic. However, Portugal was reluctant to produce ENCs for Angola from old survey data. The start of new survey projects was recommended.
- g. Vice Admiral Maratos requested delegates to provide information on ENC coverage within their areas of responsibility, including the islands, in order to update the ENC coverage of the Region, as required by the IHB. **(Action item)**.
- h. Mozambique will ensure to forward the latest survey data to the UKHO to assist in expediting ENC production. **(Action item)**.

NAVAREA VII Self Assessment

Mr Nelson (SA) gave a brief presentation on Maritime Safety Information (MSI) with the focus on operational issues. He stressed that countries in the Great Rift Valley Lakes region in particular, are encouraged to work towards becoming more GMDSS compliant for possible inclusion into the existing NAVAREA VII as a new Sub-Area VIIA division. The geographical limits of the area has been identified and submitted to the WWNWS Sub-Committee.

Vice Admiral Maratos, present at the WWNWS1 Meeting in August, added that the IMO concluded that Lake Victoria, like the Caspian Sea, should not at present be considered as coming under the SOLAS Convention and that the establishment of a coordinated MSI service would require the agreement and responsibility of the coastal States concerned.

ENC Production Status

The Chairman gave a brief presentation on the ENC production Status within the SAIHC Region that is generally well covered. However, coastal coverage is missing for Angola, most of Madagascar and the border region between Mozambique and

Tanzania. The region is currently served by approximately 140 ENC cells produced by France, Portugal, UK and South Africa.

5.2 Bilateral and Regional cooperation agreements, projects and Regional CB Management Plan

SAIHC Capacity Building Management Plan.

- a. The Chairman gave feedback on the status of the RHC Capacity Building activities and thanked Mozambique for hosting the MSI course in 2007.
- b. The Chairman recommended that a SAIHC Capacity Building Work Group be established to monitor progress and assess capacity building initiatives. The WG will be composed of IHO Member States, South Africa, France, Norway, UK, Portugal, Mauritius and Mozambique. **(Action item)**.
- c. The Chairman reminded all participants to provide CB inputs by the end of February each year in accordance with CB procedures. **(Action item)**.
- d. The Project Manager of the Coast Map IO project indicated that training opportunities are available and undertook to inform the Chairman of SAIHC of any future courses to ensure that SAIHC benefit from the opportunity. **(Action item)**.

IHO CBSC: Approvals of Candidate Bids from SAIHC.

The Chairman informed the participants of the following bids which were approved for 2010.

- a. The MSI course for the SAIHC Region. Namibia has offered to host a MSI course in week starting 12 April 2010. All were encouraged to nominate members that will be utilised in this role to attend this workshop. The Chairman is to send a letter of invitation to all participants reminding them of this opportunity and to encourage them to act promptly and submit names to this effect due to limited time available. **(Action item)**.

Since the course will be presented in English, Madagascar requested a separate course for the French speaking countries. A discussion of the Madagascar suggestion was entertained and the participants agreed that only English would be used for the course. It was made clear that it would not be conducive to present courses in other languages.

- b. Survey Attachment On the Job Training for SAIHC region. A French hydrographic survey vessel should be made available in 2010. France to provide more details when the survey programme has been finalised. The Project Manager of the Coast Map IO indicated that IOC UNESCO might also be able to provide support to this initiative. **(Action item)**.
- c. France requested support from SAIHC for future CB initiatives in Madagascar as presented at CBSC07. All were in agreement. The Chairman stated that the Chairman of the CBSC would be informed of the SAIHC support. **(Action item)**.

IHO CBSC: Approvals of Candidate Bids from SAIHC & NIOHC.

The Chairman informed the participants of the following joint bid which were approved for 2010.

- a. A Workshop on Port and Shallow Water Surveys for all countries in the SAIHC and NIOHC Regions. The Chairman requested input from the participants wrt this project and volunteers who will spearhead this effort on behalf of SAIHC. The Chairman emphasized that the region must take full advantage of this opportunity whilst the funds are still available.

The IHB President confirmed that this bid emanated from India on behalf of the NIOHC and that they will take the lead. India was invited to the 7th SAIHC Meeting, but was unfortunately unable to attend. It was decided that the chairs of adjacent RHCs would be invited to the next SAIHC meeting.

Generic Bilateral Agreement for Provision of Hydrographic Services.

France kindly provided a draft Generic Bilateral Agreement for the Provision of Hydrographic Services. This is considered as a very good example of the type of agreement that can be used by MS and associated members who require hydrographic services or wish to enter into a Bilateral Agreement with another contracting government, to comply with the SOLAS Convention obligations. UK commended France on this very important initiative and remarked that it was a very good idea.

5.3. Presentation of National Reports

The Chairman requested, due to time constraints, all MS only highlight the most important issues, as all National Reports were available on the IHO website as meeting documents.

- a. **Portugal**. Latest developments: The IHPT is operating 5 Multi-beam echo sounders for hydrographic surveys in accordance with IHO S-44 Standards.
- b. **Mozambique**. A new chart scheme has been finalised. Cartographic training was conducted using CBSC support. Mozambique is to inform the CBSC Chairman that the training has been completed. (**Action item**).
- c. **Angola**. A Bilateral Agreement between Angola and Portugal has been reached to start new hydrographic surveys in support of capacity building. Angola is to provide a progress report on the recommendations of the Advisory Visit of 2008. (**Action item**).
- d. **Malawi**. A Chart from the latest surveys has been published. Malawi is to provide South Africa with the latest chart index and chart catalogue updates. (**Action Item**).
- e. **Seychelles**. Bilateral Agreement with India has really helped as they have completed the survey on the western part of Seychelles and a chart is being published of the area.
- f. **Namibia**. Namibia has established a new set of Racons along the Namibia coast. Namibia expressed their willingness to host a MSI workshop in April 2010 and has also offered to host the next SAIHC meeting.

- g. **United Kingdom**. Work on the Hydrographic database is on going.
- h. **Tanzania**. Mr Ignatious Nhnyete expressed his concern that they are experiencing vandalism of aids to navigation.
- i. **Kenya**. All regretted the absence of Kenya to the 7th meeting. Nonetheless, Kenya submitted a national report which is available on the IHO SAIHC website.
- j. **Madagascar**. The establishment of a National Hydrographic Committee (NHC) is in progress. Madagascar further reported the latest surveys performed in the ports of Toamasina and Mahajanga in the course of the GEF Marine Highway and co-operation project with France.
- k. **Comoros**. Requires assistance to update their existing charts and training of personnel to build capacity. Comoros expressed their need for guidance in as far as applying for IHO membership is concerned. The Chairman pointed out that the IHO publication M2 should provide ample information on the process. France undertook to supply Comoros with a French copy. (**Action item**).

5.4 Hydrographic Charting and Survey Status (C-55)

The Chairman encouraged all MS to check their respective details in IHO Special Publication C-55 on the IHO website and provide updates of their charting and survey status, if required. He stressed the importance thereof and remarked that all MS should strive to provide an update at least once a year.

5.5. Procedures in response to Marine Disasters

IHO CL 89/2005 dated 6 September 2005 was distributed during the Conference as reference. The President of the IHB presented this very important topic. In view of the severe tsunami disaster in the Indian Ocean in 2004, the IHO, its Member States and RHCs need to put in place procedures and guidelines so as to be able to provide an immediate and appropriate response to any future disaster affecting coastal areas of the world.

The President of the IHB briefly described the procedures and guidelines to be followed as recommended by IHO CL 89/2005:

- **By IHO Member State**. Develop a 'disaster' action plan to be undertaken in the case of a disaster in coastal areas under its jurisdiction.
- **By RHCs**. The Chairman of the RHC will be responsible for co-ordinating the actions needed within the Region.
- **By the IHB**. The IHB will co-ordinate the actions required by MS and RHCs in order to assess damage and will co-operate with other International Organizations as appropriate.

It is therefore very important to have a point of contact for communication purposes of IHO Member States details. Member States are to update their contact details and the IRCC is to be approached to produce guidelines on an action plan. (**Action item**).

Agenda item 6: Marine/Hydrographic Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI)

Norway covered parts of this subject during the Seminar. On request from the Chairman, a brief presentation was provided by Norway with an example of a working structure.

Agenda item 7: Feedback on the Marine Highway Project

RAdm (Ret) Neil Guy covered this project during the Seminar.

Agenda item 8: Statutes of SAIHC

The SAIHC Statutes has been amended in accordance with IHB request. The 'Record of Amendments' has been added as an additional Page 8.

The Chairman raised some concerns regarding the Statutes:

- Article 3, paragraph (a). That consideration is given to an annual Conference rather than bi-annual. The members agreed to retain the bi-annual Conference.
- Article 3, paragraph (h). The Chairman stated that delegates should note that attendance at SAIHC Meetings should be funded by their respective countries and advised delegates to budget accordingly. As it is not always possible to obtain funding to support attendance, it should NOT become an expectation.
- Article 4, paragraph (a). The Chairman questioned if this paragraph should remain in the Statutes, as he sees this not being very practical. After a short debate, the members agreed to retain the first sentence and delete the rest of the paragraph. **(Action item).**
- Article 7, paragraph (b). Attention was drawn to this paragraph that refers to "procedure described in Annexure 1". The Chairman agreed to investigate and rectify. **(Action item).**

The Chairman encouraged all to sign the Statutes as only 4 MS to date have done so. Norway signed at the meeting. Some members feel hesitant to sign, as they do not feel authorised to do so. The Chairman agreed to address letters to the responsible authorities of the SAIHC representatives explaining the importance of signing the Statutes. **(Action item).**

Agenda item 9: Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Captain Abri Kampfer of South Africa was nominated and selected as the next Chairman of SAIHC. Mauritius was selected and agreed to hold the position as Vice-Chairman.

Agenda item 10: Any other Business

Four items were added and recorded as Supplementary Items:

- The International Hydrographic Review (IHR). The Chairman stated that the success of the IHR is heavily dependent upon the IHO Member States providing suitable Articles, Notes and General Information. Each RHC should be a member of the IHR Editorial Board through its Chairman or designated representative. He asked for any nominations to represent SAIHC. As there

were no nominations, the Chairman agreed to represent SAIHC. (**Action item**).

- IHO CL 51/2009 dated 15 July 2009 – PRO5 'Performance Assessment'. The Chairman mentioned that this assessment was important to be known by all as it constitutes the guidelines and rules to formally assess the performance of all capacity building (CB) efforts funded by the CB Fund, in future. Procedure 5 (PRO5) has been designed to provide a 'Performa' for a performance assessment. France agreed to complete PRO5 for the NHC Chairman Seminar to test the procedure. (**Action item**).
- Organisation issues. Mr Goenha from Mozambique expressed his views concerning organisational issues (SAIHC) in general. This was within the framework of SAIHC and was noted by the Commission.
- Comoros National Report. Comoros submitted their National Report at the meeting and registered as document SAIHC7-5.30. The Chairman mentioned that it was important to establish a point of contact for the purpose of communication, as this has been a problem in the past. Mr Anfane Said confirmed that he would be the nodal point of contact for Comoros.

Agenda item 11: Date and Location of the next Conference

Angola indicated that they would be prepared to host the next SAIHC Conference in 2011. After some discussion, it was decided that the next SAIHC Conference would be hosted by Angola with Namibia as an alternative. Mozambique and Portugal have been asked to liaise and co-ordinate communication with Angola to confirm acceptance and to determine a suitable date in September 2011 for the 8th SAIHC Conference. (**Action Item**).

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Agenda item 12: Closure

Before closing the Chairman reviewed the summary of the Action Items. All members present agreed that it was a true reflection of the meeting discussions. (**Annexure C**).

The Chairman allowed the USA delegate the opportunity to present small gifts to the IHB President, the Chairman, Mozambique and France as their token of appreciation for being invited and receiving Observer status. The Chairman thanked delegates for attending the Conference and for the work put in to achieve what was necessary in such short period of time. He thanked the Commission for selecting him as Chairman and emphasized the importance of being pro-active and to communicate effectively in order to allow SAIHC to function properly. The Chairman formally declared the Conference closed at 15:30.

ANNEXURE A**AGENDA**

**7TH IHO-SAIHC Conference
SAINT DENIS, DÉPARTEMENT OF LA RÉUNION: 16 – 17 SEPTEMBER 2009**

- 1. Opening and Administrative Arrangements**
*Docs: SAIHC7-1A List of Documents
SAIHC7-1B List of Participants*
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
Docs: SAIHC7-2A Agenda
- 3. Matters arising from Minutes of 6th SAIHC Conference**
*Docs: SAIHC7-3A Minutes of SAIHC-6
SAIHC7-3B Status / Review of Actions List*
- 4. Feedback from other IHO bodies affecting SAIHC**
 - 4.1 4TH EIHC: Decisions
Doc: SAIHC7-4.1 IHB Report
 - 4.2 IRCC: Results from the 1st Meeting
 - 4.3 HSSC: Preparations required for 1st Meeting
 - 4.4 GEBCO
Docs: SAIHC7-4.4 Shallow water Bathymetry
- 5. SAIHC Activities in the light of the IHO Work Program**
 - 5.1 INT chart scheme for Region H and NAVAREA VII Self Assessment: Progress made since last meeting; actual Charting Status; ENC production status; new requirements and modifications proposed to the scheme.
*Docs: SAIHC7-5.1A S-11 Region H (Presentation)
SAIHC7-5.1B NAVAREA VII Self Assessment (Presentation)
SAIHC7-5.1C ENC Production Status (Presentation)*
 - 5.2 Bilateral and Regional Cooperation Agreements, Projects and Regional Capacity Building Management Plan. CBSC Technical Visits and Regional Projects
*Docs: SAIHC7-5.2A SAIHC Capacity Building Management Plan
SAIHC7-5.2B IHO CBSC: Approvals of Candidate Bids from SAIHC
SAIHC7-5.2C IHO CBSC: Approvals for Candidate Bids from SAIHC & NIOHC.
SAIHC7-5.2D Generic Bi-lateral Agreement for Provision of Hydrographic Services*
 - 5.3 Presentation of National Reports: Hydrographic surveying, nautical charting, nautical publications and information status.
*Docs: SAIHC7-5.3A National Report: France
SAIHC7-5.3B National Report: South Africa
SAIHC7-5.3C National Report: Portugal
SAIHC7-5.3D National Report: Mauritius
SAIHC7-5.3E National Report: Kenya
SAIHC7-5.3F National Report: Mozambique
SAIHC7-5.3G National Report: Malawi*

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 SAIHC7-5.3I *National Report: Seychelles*
 SAIHC7-5.3J *National Report: Namibia*
 SAIHC7-5.3K *National Report: United Kingdom*
 SAIHC7-5.3L *National Report: Angola*
 SAIHC7-5.3M *National Report: Tanzania*
 SAIHC7-5.3N *National Report: Madagascar*
 SAIHC7-5.3O *National Report: Comoros*

- 5.4 Hydrographic Survey status (C-55)
Doc: SAIHC7-5.4 C-55 INT Region H
- 5.5 Procedures in response to Marine Disasters
- 6. Marine / Hydrographic Spatial Data Infrastructures (SDI)**
- 7. Feedback on Marine Highway Project**
- 8. Statutes of SAIHC**
Doc: SAIHC7-8A SAIHC Statutes Rev 3
- 9. Election of chairman and vice-chairman**
- 10. Any other Business**
- The International Hydrographic Review (IHR)
 - IHO CL 51/2009 – PRO5 Performance Assessment
 - Organisation Issues
 - Comoros National Report
- 11. Date and Location of Next Conference**
- 12. Closure**

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ANNEXURE C**7th SAIHC CONFERENCE ACTION ITEMS**

Serial No	Subject	Action	Status
1	It was agreed that the following items will remain as Standing Agenda Items: a. Hydrographic Survey and Charting Status (C-55). b. Procedures in response to Marine Disasters c. Marine / Hydrographic Spatial Data Infrastructures (SDI). d. The Marine Highway Project.	Chairman	
2	IALA to be invited to all future SAIHC Conferences.	Chairman	
3	SA and Mozambique to investigate the progress of the ratification of the Protocol of Amendments to the IHO convention in their respective countries.	SA / Moz	
4	Signing of the statutes by member countries. Letter to be sent by Chair to responsible authorities explaining the importance of signing the statutes.	Chairman	
5	SAIHC to highlight issues that require IRCC's attention.	Chairman	
6	INT Chart producing nations to check and update the information in S-11 and provide feedback to the Region H Coordinator (SA).	France, UK, Portugal, SA	
7	Latest surveys carried out by Tanzania in its region to be forwarded to UKHO once appropriate administration procedures have been finalised.	Tanzania	
8	Check with Australia the status of charts for Heard and MacDonal Islands in order to seek clarity on the responsibility for producing chart INT 7746.	UK	
9	ENC producing nations to provide information on ENC coverage in the SAIHC Region as required by IHB.	France	Done
10	Co-ordination of providing latest Hydrographic data from Mozambique (INAHINA) to UKHO to assist in expediting the production of the ENCs for the region.	UK/Moz	
11	MS and associated members are encouraged to provide Shallow Water Data information for compilation of the World GEBCO Chart.	ALL	
12	Letter of invitation to be sent to SAIHC members to nominate persons utilised in the role to attend MSI workshop to be hosted by Namibia in week starting 12 April 2010.	Chairman	

13	It is planned to host On the Job Training on board a French survey vessel in 2010. France to provide more details when the survey programme has been finalised.	France IOC UNESCO	
14	SAIHC Capacity Building matters to be addressed by a SAIHC Capacity Building Working Group (WG) composed of RSA, France, Norway, UK, Portugal, Mauritius and Mozambique.	SAIHC CBWG	
15	France agreed to complete CB PRO5 for the NHC Chairman Seminar to test the procedure.	France	
16	Countries in the SAIHC region to provide CB inputs by end of February each year in accordance with CB procedures.	ALL	
17	Letter of commitment indicating the extent of training opportunities that IOC (Coast-Map IO Project) can offer.	Chairman / IOC UNESCO	
18	CBSC to be informed of the completed Cartographic Training in Mozambique.	Mozambique	
19	Report to CBSC Chairman of SAIHC support for work programme items for Madagascar (France).	Chairman	
20	Malawi to provide RSA with updated Chart Index and chart catalogue.	Malawi	
21	Comoros requires assistance with capacity building and guidance for applying for IHO membership. France undertook to provide Comoros with a French version of IHO-M2.	France	
22	Response to Marine Disasters. All are to ensure that contact details are provided and kept up to date. SAIHC to propose IRCC to produce guidelines on a 'disaster' action plan.	ALL / Chairman	
23	Chairman to represent the RHC at the International Hydrographic Editorial Review Board.	Chairman	
24	Angola to provide progress report following the Advisory Visit in 2008.	Angola	
25	SAIHC Statutes: Amendment to Article 4, first sentence of 4(a) to remain. Rest of para to be deleted. Chairman to investigate article 7(b) and rectify.	Chairman	
26	Next SAIHC Conference to be hosted by Angola with Namibia as an alternative. Portugal & Mozambique to liaise with Angola to confirm acceptance and determine a suitable date in Sep 2011.	Angola, Mozambique & Portugal	
27	SAIHC Chairman to invite Chairs of adjacent RHCs to future SAIHC Conferences.	Chairman	