



# 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee

## **Report of the Hydrographic Surveys Working Group (HSWG)**

HSSC-13, VTC Event, 3 – 7 May 2021



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# PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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1. Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary selected from member states as follows:

- Chair: David Parker – UK (UK hydrographic Office)
- Vice/Co-Chair: Megan Greenaway - US (NOAA)
- Secretary: Carlos Marques - Portugal

2. First meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> April – virtual, 2 hours only.

- Attended by 60 persons.
- 28 member states have joined + numerous industry experts.



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# **STARTING AGENDA FOR HSWG**

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1. Current status of S-44 and feedback from operational experience
2. Further promotion of S-44
3. Support for further translation of S-44 for onward IHO publication
4. Maintenance of S-44
5. Current state of C-13 and scope of review task, including insertion of identified annexes from S-44
6. Customer Requirements Survey questionnaire for C-13
7. Format of next edition of C-13
8. Exchange experiences of new technology, approaches and best practice
9. Information on (industry) Satellite Derived Bathymetry Standards Working Group
- 10.AOB: Viewpoints from WG members on accreditation/certification of hydrographic professionals



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# INITIAL ROADMAP

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1. May/June 2021
  1. Identify C-13 Maintenance sub-group participants
  2. Identify ed. 6 S-44 education/promotion lead
  3. Publish Persian, Portuguese and Chinese Translations of ed. 6 S-44 to the IHO webpage
  4. Agree metrics for HSWG related SPIs (2.2)
2. June 2021
  1. Conduct HSWG 1 virtual meeting
  2. Update work plan and roadmap
3. July – November 2021
  1. Identify HSWG liaison for each HSSC working group
  2. Ed. 6 S-44 education and promotion
  3. Establish S-44 update cycle and feedback mechanism
  4. Prepare for HSWG
4. November – HSWG 2 – in person meeting, potentially adjacent to Hydro 21 Conference in Ireland.



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## ACTIONS REQUESTED FROM HSSC

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1. Agree and support proposed work plan.
2. Consider and agree SPI metrics when proposed.
3. Agree next virtual HSWG1 meeting June, then HSWG2 in-person meeting November.
4. Agree that HSWG may also act as a focal group for user and industry experience of individual hydrographic accreditation / certification.