

Appointment of a new Chairperson of the BSICC

Since the establishment of the BSICC in 1983 Denmark has already chaired the Committee for two long periods and Germany for one. Due to the fact that the current chairperson will retire later this year the Commission will have to appoint a successor during this Conference.

The main task for the chairperson is to act as a coordinator between the BSICC and the IHB. And as you can also see the completion of the INT chart scheme is almost done and the production of the INT charts covering the Baltic Sea area is well underway.

As you can also see from the written report only a few outstanding problems have been discussed and (almost) solved.

For your information I enclose a copy of the Terms of Reference for this group.

**Terms of Reference
for
BSHC WG¹ on establishing
an integrated scheme for International Charts in the Baltic**

Background

The BSHC at its 1st Conference in 1983 recognized the need to study the problems connected with international charting in the Baltic.

A working group (BSICC) is therefore established with the task to study the problems connected with international charting and to prepare an integrated scheme for International Charts in the Baltic.

Terms of Reference

The BSICC is chaired by one of the member states elected at a BSHC Conference

The BSICC is open to participation by all members and associate members of BSHC

The work shall be done in accordance with Guidance for Regional Coordinators of INT Schemes (IHO Publication M-11 Part 2, formerly S-48)

The work shall be carried out in co-operation with the NW-European Charting Group under the North Sea Hydrographic Commission (NSHC) in order to minimize the risk of overlapping charts between the two charting areas.

The work of the BSICC will be carried out primarily by correspondence (Circular Letters) and the members are strongly encouraged to give their opinions to the CL's without unnecessary delay and preferably not beyond the stated deadline.

All BSHC members and associate members shall notify the chairman of any information of interest for the BSICC without unnecessary delay e.g. change in points of contact, status of chart production, changes in limits, large scale charts etc.

The BSICC is tasked to present a report and an updated BALTINTCHART catalogue to every BSHC Conference

The BSHC members and associate members are invited to consider and agree on the future and the future work of the WG at every BSHC conference.

¹ BSHC WG = BSICC (Baltic Sea International Chart Committee)