



ROPME SEA AREA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION (RSAHC) REPORT 2012-2013

1. **Chair:** Cdr. Thani al Mahrouki, (Oman).
Vice-Chair: Mr. Vladan JANKOVIC (Qatar).

New Chair: UAE
New-Vice Chair: Iran

2. Membership:

Members:

Bahrain, Iran, Kuwait, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates.

Associate Members:

France, United Kingdom, United States of America.

Observers:

Arabian Maritime and Navigation Aids Services (AMNAS), International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA), Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME), Middle East Navigation Service (MENAS) and Arabian Maritime and Navigation Aids Services (AMNAS).

IHB Representatives:

Rear Admiral Mustafa IPTES (Director) and Cdr David Wyatt (Assistant Director).

3. Meetings:

5th Meeting – Ar Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (4-6 March 2013).

4. Agenda Items:

The main subjects dealt with during the 5th meeting are:

- a. Review of the Statutes of the Commission.
- b. Report of the IHB.
- c. National Reports.
- d. Review of Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting in the ROPME Sea Area Region (IHO Special Publication C-55 and questionnaires / updates from RSAHC Countries).
- e. WEND WG issues.
- f. Progress on the implementation of the INT Chart Scheme.
- g. Progress on the implementation of ENC coverage and other ENC issues.
- h. New techniques and equipment in Hydrography and Oceanography (Industry participation).

- i. New Logo for RSAHC.
- j. Promulgation of Radio Navigational Warnings within NAVAREA IX area, MSI in NAVAREA IX and the implementation of GMDSS.
- k. Capacity Building matters.
- l. RSAHC WGs.
- m. Relevant International Organizations' Report – high lights any events and decisions which impact on RSAHC.
- n. IHR Editorial Board.
- o. RSAHC provision of shallow bathymetry to BEBCO Database.
- p. Development of Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI) in the region.
- q. Engagement of ROPME Sea Area members with IHB, IHO, IRCC, HSSC and IHOWGs and committees.
- r. RSAHC inputs to IRCC5.

5. **CB:**

CB training requirements were identified for 2014.

6. **Proposals:**

IRCC is invited to note the content of this report.