

# Report on WEND-WG Issues

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## 1. Introduction

WEND-WG is a working group under the IRCC Committee. Its tasks are:

1. Monitor the development of adequate ENC coverage to meet any carriage requirements for ECDIS;
2. Develop proposals for speeding up ENC production and ensuring uniform ENC quality and consistency, and for making data available worldwide, including SENC distribution, taking advantage of any offers for production assistance, or other ways of mutual assistance and co-operation;
3. Advise MS, where appropriate, on the need, as well as on methods and tools for validating the data, and on any assistance which could be offered by the RENCs;
4. Monitor the implementation of the WEND, in response to Decision 21 of the XVII<sup>th</sup> IHC, and advise IRCC of appropriate measures for speeding-up the implementation process;
5. Assist in harmonizing the policies of regional ENC Coordinating Centres (RENC) with respect to matters related to administration, legality, finances, technical processes, et cetera.

The WEND-WG is chaired by *Capt. Jamie McMichael-Phillips*, UK. Each Regional Hydrographic Commission should have a representative in the WEND-WG. The BSHC has elected *Mr. Juha Korhonen*, Finland, as its representative of the WEND-WG. The NHC has elected *Mr. Jens Peter Hartmann*, Denmark, as their representative.

## 2. Outcome of the WEND-WG2 meeting 21 -22 September 2012

The WEND-WG2 meeting was held on 21-22 September 2012 in London, just before the HSSC4 meeting on 25-28 September 2012 in Taunton. I represented both BSHC and NHC at the meeting. The Minutes and the documents of the meeting are on IHO web pages. The main issues were:

- to consider the outcome of the XVIII IHC and IRCC4
- to agree on actions to amend Annexes of the WEND Principles
- to review the status of ENC coverage, gaps and overlaps
- to consider ENC quality, consistency and updating issues
- to consider Service Provision issues
- to consider the status of WEND-WG

After the meeting I asked BSHC members' further information regarding to the Baltic Sea ENC coverage, ENC overlapping and gaps, and asked all to check their implementation of the ENC harmonisation actions to avoid overlappings. Many of the issues have been resolved already. WEND-WG3 developed many of these issues further on.

### 3. Outcome of the WEND-WG3 meeting 13 – 14 May 2013

The WEND-WG3 meeting was held on 13 -14 May 2013 in Monaco. I represented both BSHC and NHC at the meeting. The Minutes and the documents of the meeting are on IHO web pages. The main issues dealt with the topics below:

- Guidelines for the WEND Principles (i.e. cartographic boundaries) [to IRCC5]
- Guidelines for assessing the risks of overlapping ENC's [to IRCC5]
- ENC quality, consistency and updating issues [to IRCC5]
- Policy and procedures to verify consistency between ENC's and the corresponding paper charts
- Capacity Building Project for short-term Secondments to RENC's [to CBSC11]
- Development of a policy to address the withdrawal of ENC's after they are issued
- Development of a Performance Monitoring Procedure [to WEND-WG4]
- The requirement for an IHB ENC reference (library) collection [to JTEWG]
- Development of an IHO RENC/WENC [Roadmap, to IRCC5]
- Development of the 2013 WENDWG Work Programme

The meeting agreed on several Actions to be reported to IRCC5 or other meetings.

The WEND-WG4 meeting is planned to be held in Niteroi, Brazil from 18 to 20 March 2014.

I have forwarded the WEND-WG3 Minutes and relevant other documents to BSHC and NHC Members on 14 August 2014. Comments and feedback to some actions were asked.

### 4. Issues of the IRCC5 meeting 4-5 June 2013 related to WEND-WG

The IRCC5 meeting was held 3-4 June 2013 in Wollongong. The documents of the meeting are on the IHO Web pages. The Minutes of the meeting are not yet available but will be uploaded in due course on the IHO web pages. The main issues related to the WEND-WG are listed in the Minutes of the WEND-WG3. *Mr Janis Krastins (Latvia)* presented the BSHC at that meeting. The outcome of IRCC5 will be reported at BSHC 18<sup>th</sup> Conference.

### 5. Actions for the BSHC 18<sup>th</sup> Conference:

The BSHC 18<sup>th</sup> Conference is requested to

- take note on this Report
  - give further guidance to the WEND-WG representative, as seen appropriately
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