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Updating IHO C-55

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Introduction

There has been confusion on the status of C-55. Several BSHC Members have forwarded their updates to C-55, but the latest update version on IHO web pages is dated 27 September 2011.

Finland asked clarification to this. David Wyatt (Assistant Director Survey and Operations International Hydrographic Bureau) has forwarded the following information regarding to the status of C-55.

- a) The IHB is working in the development of the current C-55 replacement due to the end of 2013;
- b) The IHB decided to keep the current C-55 updated but it lacks the human resources to do so. We expect to incorporate the submissions received since September 2011 in the next two months;
- c) The IHB encourages Member States and non-MSs to continue updating C-55 as this will be incorporated to the current and the future C-55;
- d) The IHB uses the information for its reports even though the information is not uploaded to the website;
- e) The IHB thanks those HOs who have provided updates and these will be taken into account when updating C-55.

I hope this clarifies the situation and I would be keen for you to encourage the continued up dating of C-55 information.

Actions for the BSHC 18th Conference:

The BSHC 18th Conference is requested to

- note this information
- encourage BSHC Members to forward updates to C-55