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**CIRCULAR LETTER N° 25
24 June 2022**

**CALL FOR THE APPROVAL OF EDITION 6.1.0 of S-44 - IHO STANDARDS FOR
HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS AND EDITION 3.0.0 OF B-12 – GUIDANCE FOR
CROWDSOURCED BATHYMETRY**

References:

- A. HSSC14 List of Decisions and Actions – Action HSSC14/66
- B. IRCC14 Draft List of Decisions, Actions and Recommendations – Decision IRCC14/33
- C. IHO Resolution 2/2007 as amended

Dear Hydrographer,

1. During the 14th meeting of the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC14), the committee considered the submission of the draft Edition 6.1.0 of S-44 – *IHO Standards for Hydrographic Surveys* by the Hydrographic Surveys Working Group (HSWG). Noting the outcome of the HSWG's evaluation of the impact study, HSSC endorsed Edition 6.1.0 of S-44 (Reference A, decision HSSC14/66).
2. During the 14th meeting of the Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC14), the committee considered and endorsed the draft Edition 3.0.0 of B-12 – *Guidance on Crowdsourced Bathymetry* submitted by the Crowdsourced Bathymetry Working Group (CSBWG) (Reference B, decision IRCC14/33).
3. The draft Edition 6.1.0 of S-44 – *IHO Standards for Hydrographic Surveys* and draft Edition 3.0.0 of B-12 – *Guidance on Crowdsourced Bathymetry* are now available to IHO Member States, for their consideration and approval on the IHO website at: <https://iho.int/en/draft-publications>.
4. Member States are requested to take into account the endorsement of the HSSC to consider the adoption of Edition 6.1.0 of S-44 – *IHO Standards for Hydrographic Surveys* and the endorsement of the IRCC to consider the adoption of Edition 3.0.0 of B-12 – *Guidance on Crowdsourced Bathymetry* by providing their reply at their earliest convenience.

5. Responses are requested **no later than 01 October 2022** by email (cl-lc@iho.int) or fax (+377 93 10 81 40) using the Voting Form provided in Annex A or, but preferably, using the IHO Online Form System available at the following link: https://IHO.formstack.com/forms/cl25_2022.

On behalf of the Secretary-General
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abri KAMPFER', written in a cursive style.

Abri KAMPFER

Director

Annex A: Voting Form

CALL FOR APPROVAL OF DRAFT EDITIONS OF S-44 ED. 6.1.0 AND B-12 ED. 3.0.0

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VOTING FORM

to be returned to the IHO Secretariat **no later than 01 October 2022**

E-mail: cl-lc@iho.int - Fax: +377 93 10 81 40

**Member
State:**

Contact:

E-mail:

All proposed draft Editions are available at: <https://iho.int/en/draft-publications>.

1. Do you approve Ed. 6.1.0 of S-44 “IHO Standards for Hydrographic Surveys”?

Please tick the appropriate box:

YES

NO

Please provide any additional comments in the section below.

Comments (if required)

2. Do you approve Ed. 3.0.0 of B-12 “Guidance on Crowdsourced Bathymetry”?

Please tick the appropriate box:

YES

NO

Please provide any additional comments in the section below.

Comments (if required)