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**JOINT CANADA-IHO PROJECT EMPOWERING WOMEN IN HYDROGRAPHY  
NOAA (USA) AT-SEA EXPERIENCE – INTERNSHIP SELECTION**

References:

- A. CL 20/2021 dated 31 May - Joint CANADA-IHO Project Empowering Women in Hydrography
- B. CL 35/2021 dated 15 September - Joint CANADA-IHO Project Empowering Women in Hydrography
- C. CL 04/2023 dated 01 February - Joint CANADA-IHO Project Empowering Women in Hydrography NOAA (USA) at-sea experience – Call for applications

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Reference A presented the proposal of the Joint CANADA-IHO Project Empowering Women in Hydrography (EWH). Reference B announced the project's "kick-off" meeting where it was mentioned that some internships associated with this project are planned and that the updated information related to this project will be available on the respective webpage at <https://iho.int/en/basic-cb-sc-ewh>. Reference C announced NOAA's (USA) offer of three opportunities for an at-sea experience on a NOAA hydrographic ship, associated with the EWH project, and called for applications.

2. Several applications were received and thoroughly reviewed by the EWH Project Team members. Three candidates for the 2023 at-sea experience have been selected, **Ms Lucía Cattana (Argentina)**, **LT(jg) Liezel Bastez (Philippines)** and **Ms Victoria Obura (Kenya)**. NOAA will communicate the exact dates of the 2023 at-sea-experience and will support the selected candidates with travel costs and obtaining a visa.

3. The IHO Secretariat thanks all candidates for their interest and NOAA for its engagement. The IHO Secretariat would also like to encourage Member States to consider any future offers and to participate in the EWH project.

On behalf of the Secretary-General  
Yours sincerely,

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Director