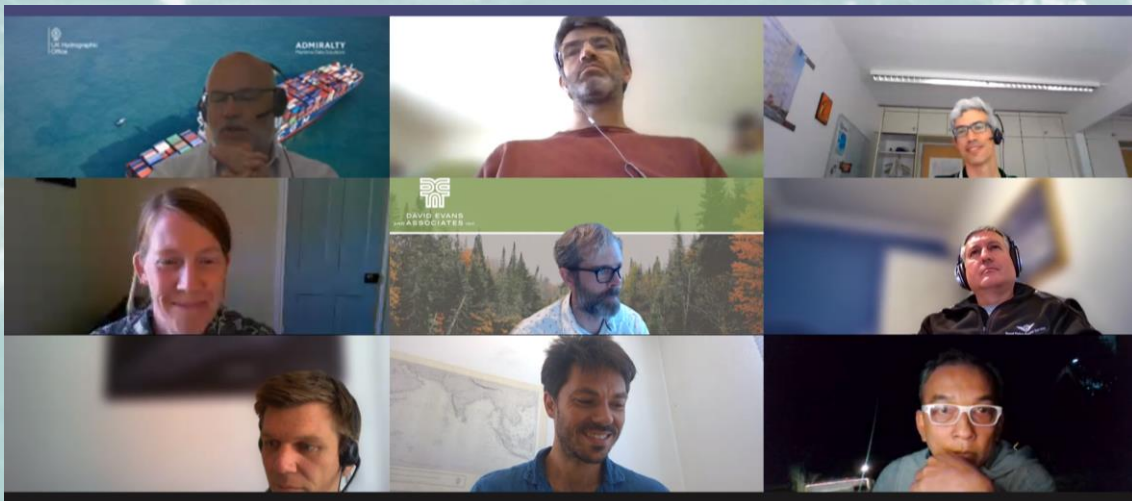


**1ST MEETING OF THE IHO HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS
WORKING GROUP (HSWG-1)
Virtual Online Meeting, 29-30 June**

Contribution to the IHO Work Programme 2021	
Task 2.1.2.9	Organize and prepare meeting (HSWG)

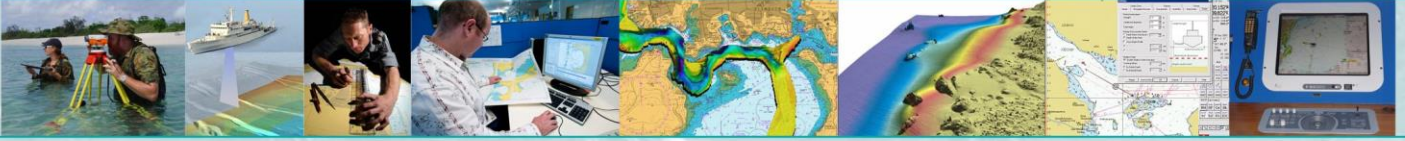
The Hydrographic Surveys Working Group held its 1st meeting via Video Tele-Conference, 29 to 30 June 2021. The meeting was chaired by Mr David Parker (UK) and attended by 44 delegates from IHO Member States and Expert Contributors. The IHO Secretariat was represented by IHO Director Abri Kampfer.



Some of the participants at the HSWG-1 meeting

The Chair opened the meeting, welcoming the participants and setting the scene for the conduct of the first meeting of the working group. He provided feedback on the outcomes of HSSC and IRCC and clarified his intentions on further interaction with the FIG/IHO/ICA International Board on Standards of Competence for Hydrographic surveyors and nautical cartographers (IBSC).

The meeting reviewed the current status of the IHO Publication S-44 – Standards for Hydrographic Surveys Edition 6.0.0 and discussed the update mechanism and processes to be followed for future editions. Only a few MS representatives confirmed that S-44 Ed 6.0 has been included in their respective national standards so far. There was agreement that more effort should be made to promote the wider uptake of this substantially improved version of S-44. HSSC tasked the HSWG to consider the possibility of measuring and assessing the uptake of S-44 to achieve the SPI 2.2.2 (Number of new applications of the new version of Standards for Hydrographic Surveys (S-44)). The meeting agreed that in the interim the measurement should be on the number of downloads of S-44, but it will only be



possible if the IHO website can provide this functionality and if measurement commences with the next revision of S-44 Edition 6.0.

The Vice Chair, Ms Megan Greenaway (USA), led the discussion on the updating and maintenance of IHO publication C-13 – IHO Manual on Hydrography. There was agreement to establish a Hydrographic Manual Project Team (HMPT) to focus on the update of the C-13 publication. The HMPT should present the revision to HSWG for approval. There was discussion on the ideal format of C-13 keeping in mind the wider use of the publication and the academic use thereof. The leadership and work plan of the HMPT will need to be finalised according to the common regulations for such subordinate IHO bodies.

The meeting also agreed on the establishment of a Satellite Derived Bathymetry Best Practice Project Team (SDBPT).

Pending further development of the ongoing COVID-19 situation, it is intended to have the next meeting as a face-to-face meeting with venue and date to be confirmed.