

**13TH MEETING OF THE IHO WORLD-WIDE NAVIGATIONAL
WARNING SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEE**

Virtual Video Conference 30 August - 3 September

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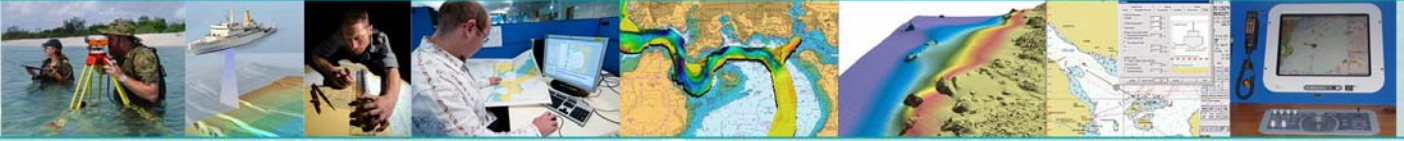
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Due to the ongoing global travel restrictions, the sub-committee held its 13th meeting from 30 August to 3 September as a remote WebEx Video Tele Conference (VTC). The five sessions were chaired by the World-Wide Navigational Warning Service Sub-Committee (WWNWS-SC) Chair, Mr Christopher Janus (USA). The sessions were attended by 88 participants from 25 IHO Member States, the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the Secretariat of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the Secretariat of the International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO), the Chairs of IMO EGC and NAVTEX Coordinating Panels, Inmarsat, Iridium, Security of Navigation, Stabilisation, Advice and Training (inc AWNIS) (SONSAT) and GSA EUROPA. The delegates included representatives of 17 NAVAREA Coordinators, one Sub-Area Coordinator and eight National Coordinators. The IHO Secretariat was represented by IHO Director Luigi Sinapi (the first and the last day), Assistant Director David Wyatt and Assistant Director, designate, Samuel Harper.

The Sub-Committee received Maritime Safety Information (MSI) self-assessment reports from 19 NAVAREAs, the Baltic Sea Sub-Area and a national report from China. The outcomes from the 19th meeting of the Document Review Working Group (26-28 April 2021) were discussed; in particular the draft amendments to the IMO NAVTEX Manual.

Briefings on the activities of the IMO NAVTEX and the IMO Enhanced Group Call (EGC) Coordinating panels were provided by their respective chairs as well as developments in the provision of mobile satellite GMDSS services from Inmarsat and Iridium. The meeting also received a progress report on the development of the S-124 Product Specification on Navigational Warnings from the Chair of the S-124 Project Team. He noted that significant progress had been achieved using remote meeting facilities in the period after the IMO NCSR 8 and IHO S-100WG meetings. The meeting also received the final report on the activities of the EGC-API Correspondence Group (CG), which had met remotely on a number of occasions since the WWNWS12. The Chair of the IMO Correspondence Group (CG) on Dissemination of MSI and SAR-related information provided a background brief and anticipated work plan to meet the reporting deadline set by the 103rd IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 103). He also encouraged all NAVAREA and METAREA Coordinators to engage with the CG to ensure their concerns and proposals were documented and included in the considerations when generating the report to the MSC 105.

The sessions considered progress reports on the delivery of MSI training courses, and discussed the processes for reporting the status of MSI provision at Regional Hydrographic

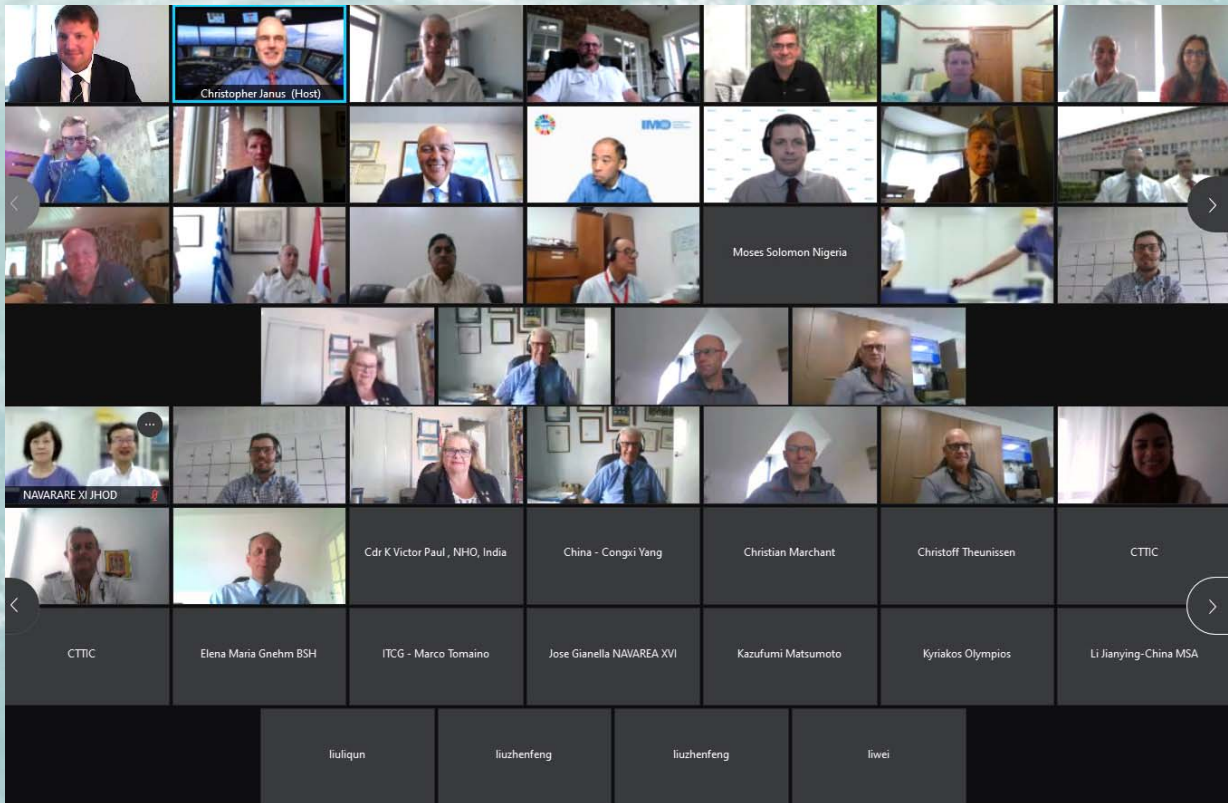


Commission meetings and methods for identifying the regions and coastal States most in need of training and assistance from the Capacity Building Sub-Committee. Two comprehensive briefs were provided on e-learning MSI training courses developed by NAVAREA VII and NAVAREAs IV and XII.

It was agreed that a cautious approach should be taken in planning the next meeting, therefore it was decided that WWNWS14 should be held at the IHO Secretariat in Monaco or at the WMO in Geneva, Switzerland, 29 August to 2 September 2022, as a collocated event with the WWMIWS-SubC in a format to be considered as circumstances dictated, a final decision will be made before the end of 2021.

At the end of the meeting the Chair noted the WWNWS13 was the final time, after 10 meetings, at which Mr David Wyatt would be undertaking the duties of secretary, he thanked him for his contribution and efforts over the past 9½ years at both the WWNWS-SC and DRWG meetings as well as during numerous IMO meetings.

When finalized the report of WWNWS13 will be posted in the IHO website, where all the meeting documents are already available (www.iho.int > Committees & WG > WWNWS-SC > WWNWS13).



Some of the 88 participants at the WWNWS13 remote virtual meeting