

3rd SESSION OF THE IHO ASSEMBLY
Monaco, 2-5 May 2023

REPORT OF THE
Nordic Hydrographic Commission (NHC)

1. Chair:

Magnus Wallhagen (Sweden) from March 22, 2023 to present
 Pia Dahl Højgaard (Denmark) from April 27, 2022 to March 22, 2023
 Birte Noer Borrevik (Norway) from April 21, 2021 to April 27, 2022
 Georg Lárussen (Iceland) from April 11, 2019 to April 21, 2021

Vice-Chair:

Annika Kindeberg (Sweden) from March 22, 2023 to present
 Elizabeth Hagemann (Denmark) from August 1, 2022 to March 22, 2023
 Jens-Peter Hartmann (Denmark) from April 27, 2022 to July 31, 2022
 Evert Flier (Norway) from April 21, 2021 from April 27, 2022
 Árni Þór Vésteinsson (Iceland) from April 11, 2019 to April 21, 2021

2. Membership:

Members: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden
Observers: IHO Secretariat

3. Meetings:

For purposes of this report, the reporting period is considered from Assembly 2 (November 2020) to the current Assembly (May 2023) with information as of December 2022

NHC 64, 20-21 April 2021 – VTC, hosted by Iceland

NHC Strategy Workshop 2021 – VTC, hosted by Denmark

NHC 65, 26-27 April 2022 – Stavanger, Norway

NHC 66, 21-22 March 2023 – Aalborg, Denmark (after submission of the report)

4. Agenda Items:

- a) National Report updates addressing charting, survey, technology, and personnel.
- b) Data Distribution Policies: Updating and debating current and future plans of the member states. Both in general but also in light of Seabed2030.
- c) NHC strategic work and studies on customer needs in the future
- d) NHC statutes assessment: Working towards an alignment of NHC statutes with IHO strategy
- e) S-100 Implementation: Debating and discussing common challenges concerning data distribution among others. Sharing good practices on promotion of S-100.

- f) Reviewing the work of NHC working groups (NSEG, Expert Group on Hydrographic Surveying and NCPEG, Expert Group on Nautical Cartography). The later working group has taken on the task to work with harmonization of how to handle preliminary and temporary notices to mariners in ENC's. This was also discussed at the NHC65.
- g) DQWG WG Actions: CATZOC 'best practice' policies.

5. **Difficulties encountered and challenges yet to be addressed:**

6. **Achievements/outputs/conclusions:**

- NHC strategic workshop: developing 12 matrices covering different user groups specifying the varying interests of user groups (customers for hydrographic data). This serves as forward-looking perspective for internal and regional discussions on user needs.
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7. **Actions required of the Assembly:**

- a) **Note** the report of the Nordic Hydrographic Commission (NHC).
- b) **Take** any other action considered appropriate.