



# ARHC

Report to IRCC16

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ARHC Chair



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# Membership

International  
Hydrographic  
Organization

Members: Canada, Denmark, Norway, Russian Federation, United States

Associated Members: Finland, Iceland, Italy, United Kingdom

Permanent Observers: IHO Secretariat



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# Key Achievements

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- 13<sup>th</sup> ARHC meeting – Nuuk, Greenland (5-8 Sep. 2023)
- 14<sup>th</sup> ARHC meeting – Tromsø, Norway (3-5 Sep. 2024)
- Chair Ms Birte Borrevik, Norway / Vice-Chair RDML Ben Evans, USA
- ARMSDIWG chair re-engaging with Arctic SDI in support of Arctic Council
- PAME PT, strengthening relationships and fostering productive partnership in alignment with goals of ARHC and Arctic Council
- OTWG updated the Arctic Hydrographic Risk Assessment 2023 shared with Arctic Council WG PAME
- AICCWG: focus on role of ARHC S-100 coordinator



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# Important Findings (RHC top 3 challenges)

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- Arctic's remoteness, vastness and ice-infested waters make it challenging to map the seabed.
- Despite geopolitics influencing fruitful cooperation with all ARHC MS, ARHC is a dynamic group, addressing the many challenges in a collegial way.





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# Lessons Learned

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- Great value from Open Forum presentations and discussions ahead of the meeting itself, engaging with local scientific, governmental and community representatives



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# Proposals

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- IRCC16 to note the report