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International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)

**United States-Canada Hydrographic Commission (USCHC)**

**Meeting**

March 16-17, 2023

**Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel**

**Grand Bay Ballroom**

**64 S. Water St.**

**Mobile, AL 36602**

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| **Agenda Item** | **Central Standard Time**  **GMT-6** | **Topic** | **Discussion Lead**  Discussion Leads may be in-person or join by video teleconference | **Notes** |
| Day 1 | | | | |
|  | 15h00 | Arrival, refreshments, and settling-in |  | Coffee, tea, water |
| 1 | 15h15 | Introductions and Welcome  Opening Remarks from co-chairs and IHO Secretary-General  Security and logistics  *DOC: USCHC46-01 List of Participants* | RDML Benjamin K. Evans  Dr. Geneviève Béchard  Dr. Mathias Jonas  Jonathan Justi |  |
| 2 | 15h30 | Approval of the Agenda  *DOC:* *USCHC46-02* | RDML Benjamin K. Evans |  |
| **Administrative Updates and Report Outs** | | | | |
| 3 | 15h45 | CA National Report   * *DOC: USCHC46-3A*   US National Report   * *DOC: USCHC46-3B* | Dr. Geneviève Béchard  RDML Benjamin K. Evans |  |
| 4 | 16h15 | Observer Reports:  IHO Report   * *DOC: USCHC46-4A*   UKHO Report   * *DOC: USCHC46-4B* | Dr. Mathias Jonas  Simon Harden |  |
| 5 | 16h45 | Actions outstanding for USCHC   * USCHC45 * IRCC12 * *5th Council* * *Assembly* * *Science on a Sphere at A-3*   *DOC: USCHC46-5A*  *DOC: USCHC46-5B* | Jonathan Justi and Doug Brunt |  |
| 6 | 17h00 | INF: Review status of US and CA with regard to relevant IHO Strategic Plan SPIs for awareness   * *DOC: USCHC46-6* | Jonathan Justi and Doug Brunt |  |
| 7 | 17h15 | International Hydrographic Review Update   * *DOC: USCHC46-15* | Denis Hains |  |
| 8 | 17h30 | Group Photo |  |  |
|  | 17h30 | End of Day 1 |  |  |
|  | 18h30 | No-Hosted Dinner | Royal Scam Restaurant  72 S Royal St.  Mobile, AL 36602  Tel: (251) 432-7226  https://royalscammobile.com/ | One minute walk from hotel  Please confirm participation on [google sheet](https://docs.google.com/document/d/16EYPAsQ355DVLdwiIYju7IbcCPwNWaxj8RJZH1le-Ks/edit) |
| **Day 2** | | | | |
|  | 08h45 | Arrival and set-up |  |  |
| **In Support of IHO Goal 1**  **Evolving the hydrographic support for safety and efficiency of maritime navigation, undergoing profound transformation** | | | | |
|  | 09h00 | Opening Day 2 | RDML Benjamin K. Evans |  |
| 9 | 09h05 | Hydrographic Geospatial Products and Services Committee (HGPSC) Report   * OCS-CHS ad hoc Operational Working Group   & ENC grid implementations  *DOC: USCHC46-9A* | Christie Ence, Laura Colombe, (co-chairs) et al. |  |
| 10 | 09h35 | IHO initiatives and USCHC   * WENDWG12 report   *DOC: USCHC46-10A*   * IGIF product matrix status update   *DOC: USCHC46-10B*   * S-100 Implementation Strategy and USCHC   *DOC: USCHC46-10C*  *DOC: USCHC46-10D*   * Capacity Building[[1]](#footnote-1)   *DOC: USCHC46-10E* | Jeremy Nicholson (virtual)  Dr. John Nyberg  CDR Jennifer Landry | Discuss and consider appointing an S-100 coordinator for USCHC  Including Empowering Women in Hydrography |
| **In support of IHO Goal 2**  **Increasing the use of hydrographic data for the benefit of society** | | | | |
| 11 | 10h20 | Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI) activities and initiatives   * IHO MSDIWG   *DOC: USCHC46-11A*   * S-131[[2]](#footnote-2) update (Canada)   *DOC: USCHC46-11B* | Caitlin Johnson  Annie Biron or Sarah Rahr | Appoint a USCHC MSDI Ambassador and forward contact information to MSDIWG (USCHC45-A07) |
| **In support of IHO Goal 3**  **Participating actively in international initiatives related to the knowledge and the sustainable use of the Ocean** | | | | |
| 12 | 10h55 | Break |  | Coffee and snacks provided |
| 13 | 11h20 | USCHC engagement with other international initiatives   * Linkages to UNGGIM and OGC * UN Decade of Ocean Science * GEBCO SB2030 (including Lakebed 2030 and Seascape Alaska) & Crowdsourced Bathymetry   *DOC: USCHC46-13A*  *DOC: USCHC46-13B* | Dr. John Nyberg  Mr. Jonathan Justi  Andy Armstrong & Meredith Westington |  |
| 14 | 11h45 | USCHC IHO SP Gap Analysis   * Status * Discussion * IHO SPI reporting   *DOC: USCHC46-14* | Doug Brunt |  |
|  | 12h15 | Working Lunch | Discussion continues | Catered |
| 14 | 13h30 | USCHC IHO SP Gap Analysis (continued/summarized) |  |  |
| 15 | 14h00 | Other Topics   * MOU and Schedule A’s * Signing Schedule A’s (tentative) | Jonathan Justi and Doug Brunt |  |
|  | 14:30 | Break with sidebar consultations on drafting Actions |  | Please email [USCHC46@noaa.gov](mailto:USCHC46@noaa.gov)[[3]](#footnote-3) with any language to be captured in the draft actions or general report |
| **Review and Conclude USCHC46** | | | | |
| 16 | 15h15 | Review of USCHC46 Actions  *(Subject to time; may be circulated post-meeting)* | Jonathan Justi |  |
| 17 | 15h30 | Next Meeting USCHC47 | Dr. Geneviève Béchard |  |
| 18 | 15h45 | Closing Remarks and Observations | RDML Benjamin K. Evans  Dr. Geneviève Béchard  Dr. Mathias Jonas |  |
|  | 16h00 | Closure of Meeting | RDML Benjamin K. Evans |  |

1. USCHC Capacity Building Representative (CDR Jennifer Landry) report, E-learning, Personnel and Technical Exchanges, Other opportunities [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. S-131 Marine Harbor Infrastructure [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Jonathan Justi, John Nyberg, Caitlyn Johnson, David Palmer, and Doug Brunt. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)