



International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)

United States-Canada Hydrographic Commission (USCHC)

INVITATION AND LOGISTICS INFORMATION

March 16-17, 2023

Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel
64 S. Water St.
Mobile, Alabama 36602
USA

January 11, 2023

Dear USCHC Colleagues:

1. USCHC46 Announcement

Please accept this invitation to join the United States-Canada Hydrographic Commission (USCHC)-46 meeting. The in-person meeting will take place on March 16-17, 2023 at the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel Central Standard Time (GMT-6), scheduled to begin the afternoon of March 16 after the conclusion of the U.S. Hydrographic Conference. For planning purposes, the USCHC46 meeting will be held tentatively from 15h00 - 17h30 on March 16 and from 08h30 to 16h30 on Friday March 17. The meeting room will be confirmed shortly.

Limited remote broadcast opportunities are being planned for those members wishing to join but otherwise unable to travel.

2. Hotel and Visa

Attendees are invited to make their own travel and hotel arrangements at their earliest convenience.

While it is encouraged, it is not necessary that participants to the USCHC meeting attend [US Hydro 2023](#). The recommended hotel associated with the US Hydro 2023 is the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel located at 64 S. Water St., Mobile, AL 36602. A [special group rate](#) is offered through the THSOA website and must be booked by Monday, **February 13**.

The local airport is the [Mobile Regional Airport](#).

Non-U.S. citizens travelling to the United States should check for any [entry requirements](#) - the U.S. Department of Homeland Security website is a good place to start. [Citizens and permanent residents of Canada](#) are not required to have a visa per the linked U.S. Department of State website. Please confirm your specific requirements.

3. [US Hydro 2023](#)

If you are planning to attend the US Hydro 2023, all information regarding the Conference (accommodations, registration, transportation, and other logistics) can be found at the Hydrographic Society of America [homepage](#).

4. [USCHC Registration and Documents](#)

It is requested that all participants complete the registration form on the [IHO online registration page](#). A participants list will be generated and periodically updated and posted on the IHO USCHC meeting website.

IMPORTANT: Please note any **food allergies** by email to USCHC46@noaa.gov. You should receive a confirmation email from the Secretariat. If you do not receive a prompt confirmation email, please resend your notice of food allergy.

The draft agenda for USCHC46 will be available on the [USCHC page on the IHO website](#) and is copied in Annex A of this letter. Comments and suggestions regarding the agenda are welcome and should be submitted to the USCHC coordination team at the email address USCHC46@noaa.gov preferably before **February 10, 2023**.

Members are kindly asked to check the IHO meeting site regularly for updates to the documentation and other relevant information.

Documents and presentations for USCHC46 should be submitted to USCHC46@noaa.gov at your convenience and before **March 1, 2023**. Files can be updated and re-posted as needed. All documents will be posted on the IHO Web site as soon as they are received.

5. [USCHC Coordination team](#)

For any further information, please feel free to contact the USCHC coordination team at USCHC46@noaa.gov.

This team currently includes John.Nyberg@noaa.gov, Caitlin.s.johnson@nga.mil,
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I look forward to seeing you in Mobile!

Yours sincerely,



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Attachment
USCHC46 Agenda