



Worldwide ENC Database Working Group (WEND-WG)

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Letter to all Regional Hydrographic Commission Chairs

ENC Gaps and Overlaps and Regional Assessments for Cruise Ship Priorities

Dear Regional Commission Chair,

1. I write to draw your attention to the following documents that are relevant to your Regional Hydrographic Commission and are published on the IHO Website within the WEND-WG2 meeting subsection:

- a. **Gap and Overlap Analyses for RHCs**. For ease of use, these documents show both coverage and overlap information for ENC usage bands 1, 2 and 3 only in graphic format and the same for all six usage bands in spreadsheet format. The data posted are provided in good faith and have been taken from the UKHO's AVCS database and elsewhere within UKHO records, and are correct to the week ending 24 August 2012. An Introductory Letter is also posted at the top of the page and should be read first before accessing the graphics and spreadsheet. The link to be used is:

http://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/WEND/WEND-WG2/Gaps-Overlaps/GapsOverlaps.htm

- b. **Ports not covered by Large Scale ENCs**. This is a workbook containing a revised list of top ports, and the lists of top ports without adequate ENC coverage, within each RHC area. The port ranking is based on 2006 Lloyds List data using deadweight tonnage, and is therefore bias towards oil/gas/ore bulk terminals, and against passenger vessels. Again the list has been taken from information held within UKHO records and is published in good faith. The link to be used is:

http://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/WEND/WEND-WG2/Ports_not_covered_by_larger_scale_ENCs_24_Aug_2012.xls

2. Within the limitations of the documents as described, I would be grateful if you could examine these and notify me of any errors or omissions and also of your Regional Commission's plan to fill any gaps. It would also be helpful if you would advise of any plans to address those overlaps that exist.

3. In assessing adequate coverage within your Commission Area, I believe that we should also be mindful of where cruise ships operate. On this basis I would also be grateful if, in conjunction with your regional ENC Coordinators, you would consider carrying out a regional assessment of cruise ship priorities and the adequacy of survey data within those areas that are used by the cruise ship industry.

4. In regard to the requests at Paragraphs 2 and 3 above, I would welcome your responses by 31 January 2013. These should be sent to:

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Yours sincerely,



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