



15th Meeting of the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee

Report of the Hydrographic Surveys Working Group (HSWG)

Agenda Item HSSC15-05.6A

HSSC-15, Helsinki, Finland, 5 – 9 June 2023



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PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS - HSWG

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1. HSWG3 held in person, Paris, France, October 2022 (24)
2. HSWG4 held VTC only, February 2023 (86)
3. Both included Project Team work on C-13 and B-13
4. S-44 v6.1 published October 2022, onward maintenance underway.
5. Tracking of S-44 downloads against IHO Strategic Objective 2.2.2 underway.
6. B-13 SDB Best Practice Guide v1.0 complete – submitted to HSSC for approval.
7. C-13 progress continues, questionnaire published.



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PROBLEMS OR OUTSTANDING ISSUES

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1. Limited progress on C-13 update until October 2023 (Covid-19 pandemic).
2. Meetings via VTC only remain challenging, but improving. However, this has only impacted on progress of C-13 only.
3. However, VTC does enable high participation rates.
4. Attendance at in-person meeting more limited due to financial restrictions from member organisation as well as ongoing Covid related restrictions on travel.



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FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

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1. Publication of B-13 during 2023
2. Update of S-44 underway as per maintenance schedule.
V6.2 due 2024
3. C-13 update ongoing. New Chair in place. Target for updated version Dec 2024.
4. HSWG Chair Team posts due for election October 2023.



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ACTIONS REQUESTED FROM HSSC

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1. Approve B-13 SDB Best Practice Guide v1.0
2. Note proposed S-44 update cycle now established and ongoing.
3. Agree and support proposed work plans.