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CUMULATIVE LIST OF IHO CIRCULAR LETTERS ISSUED IN 2025

*(Including Assembly Circular Letters, Finance Committee Circular Letters and
Council Circular Letters)*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Please find enclosed herewith the cumulative list of the IHO Circular Letters (CL), Finance Committee Circular Letters (FCCL), Council Circular Letters (CCL) and Assembly Circular Letters sent out to IHO Member States during the year 2025.
2. IHO CLs and FCCLs are available on the IHO website at: <https://iho.int/en/circular-letters> .
3. Council Circular Letters are available at: <https://iho.int/en/circular-letters-documents-0>
4. Assembly Circular Letters are available at: <https://iho.int/en/circular-letters-documents-0>



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Annex A: List of IHO Circular Letters issued in 2025

Annex B: List of Finance Committee Circular Letters issued in 2025

Annex C: List of Council Circular Letters issued in 2025

Annex D: List of Assembly Letters issued in 2025

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DATE	No.	TITLE
09 January	1	Theme for World Hydrography Day 2025 and media outreach
13 January	2	17 th Meeting of the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC-17), 05-09 May 2025, Stavanger, Norway.
17 January	3	Adoption of IHO Publications / S-100 Based Product Specifications Phase 1 – S-101, S-102, S-104, S-111, S-129
23 January	4	Call for Applications for Training under the IHO - Nippon Foundation Geospatial Marine Analysis and Cartography (GEOMAC) Project, UKHO, Taunton, UK
23 January	5	UN Ocean Decade Activity Register, UNOC3 Participation, UNOC3 Political Declaration
24 January	6	Master of Science Programme in Hydrographic Science at the University of Southern Mississippi (USA) sponsored by the Republic of Korea, Selection of candidates (13th Course, 10 August 2025 - 5 August 2026).
03 February	7	S-100-Based Product Specifications Phase 1 – S-124 Navigational Warnings, S-128 Catalogue of Nautical Products CALL FOR APPROVAL and S-158:101 Edition 1.0.0 Electronic Navigational Chart Validation Checks - Publication Notice.
03 February	8	HO Project Empowering Women in Hydrography. Shom (France) Hydrographic Training - Call for Applications
05 February	9	23rd meeting of the Capacity Building Sub-Committee (CBSC23) 28 - 30 May 2025, IHO Secretariat, Monaco and the 17th meeting of the Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC17) 03-05 June 2025, IHO Secretariat, Monaco.
17 February	10	Questionnaire for the IHO - Nippon Foundation Geospatial Marine Analysis and Cartography (GEOMAC) Project.
20 February	11	MO/IHO Workshop on S-100 Implementation.
03 March	12	Category “B” Nautical Cartography Programme sponsored by the Republic of Korea (16 June - 31 October 2025) Selection of Candidates.
10 March	13	IHO-IOC Nippon Foundation / GEBCO Training Project - Call for Applications for 22nd Graduate Certificate in Ocean Mapping.
11 March	14	New IHO Member State - The Republic of The Gambia.

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18 March	15	The EX ABYSSIS AD ALTA – IHO Award for Hydrographic Excellence - Call for Nominations.
24 March	16	IHO - Nippon Foundation GEOMAC Project – Successful nomination of candidates for the 17th Course
31 March	17	IHO CANADA S-100 International Sea Trial Area - Call for Registration.
07 April	18	GEBCO Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN) - Call for nomination of IHO-affiliated member
07 April	19	IHO Project Empowering women in Hydrography - Shom (FRANCE) Hydrographic Training - Selection of candidates.
11 April	20	IHO Resolution - Maximizing Active Participation in IHO Events - Call for Approval.
24 April	21	Adoption of Edition 6.2.0 of S-44 – IHO Standards for Hydrographic Surveys
24 April	22	IHO Project Empowering Women in Hydrography - Survey on the percentage of women employed in Hydrographic Offices and in leadership roles.
26 May	23	New IHO Member State - The Commonwealth of the Bahamas
13 June	24	Announcement of the 12th ABLOS Biennial Conference - Doha, Qatar 7-8 October 2025
20 June	25	2025 Recipient of the Ex Abyssis ad Alta – IHO Award for Hydrographic Excellence 2025
30 June	26	Publication of the Annual Report of the IHO for 2024
01 July	27	IBSC Implementation of Subject recognition of the S-5A and S-5B Standards - New Guidelines and FAQs issued.
08 July	28	Approval of IHO Resolution - Maximizing Active Participation in IHO Events.
08 July	29	Call for Member States to declare in which Regional Hydrographic Commission (RHC) they wish to be counted for the purpose of determining the number of seats allocated to each RHC in the IHO Council.
18 July	30	Empowering Women in Hydrography Project, UK Gender Balance Fund - Call for Applications.
24 July	31	Adoption of IHO Publications S-100-Based Phase 1 Product Specifications S-124 and S-128 Editions 2.0.0.
24 July	32	GEBCO Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN) - Appointment of new member.

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04 August	33	CALL FOR APPROVAL OF: EDITION 2.0.0 of S-98 - Data Product Interoperability in S-100 Navigations Systems, EDITION 5.0.0 of S-52 ANNEX A:100 - IHO S-100 ECDIS Presentation Library for S-57 ENC, EDITION 4.0.0 of S-64:100 – S-57 ENC Test Datasets for S-100 ECDIS, EDITION 2.0.0 of S-65 Annex B - S-57 ENC to S-101 Conversion Guidance, and EDITION 2.0.0 of S-130 - Polygonal Demarcations of Global Sea Areas.
05 August	34	Questionnaire results for the IHO - Nippon Foundation Geospatial Marine Analysis and Cartography (GEOMAC) Project.
11 August	35	New IHO Member State - Republic of Lithuania.
25 September	36	Prince Albert 1st Medal for Hydrography 2026 - Call for Nominations.
26 September	37	Category "B" Hydrographic Survey Programme - Sponsored by the Republic of Korea (16 March 2026 - 31 July 2026) - Call for Applications.
28 October	38	Agreement between the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) and the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation (IALA).
28 October	39	World Hydrography Day Report on member states activities in 2025 and the proposed theme for 2026.
04 November	40	Joint project team on potential HSSC/IRCC restructuring to better align future HSSC/IRCC Work Plans according to IHO Strategic Plan 2027-32
06 November	41	Adoption of IHO Publications EDITION 2.0.0 OF S-98 - DATA PRODUCT INTEROPERABILITY IN S-100 NAVIGATIONS SYSTEMS, EDITION 5.0.0 OF S-52 ANNEX A:100 - IHO S-100 ECDIS PRESENTATION LIBRARY FOR S-57 ENC, EDITION 4.0.0 OF S-64:100 – S-57 ENC TEST DATASETS FOR S-100 ECDIS, EDITION 2.0.0 OF S-65 ANNEX B - S-57 ENC TO S-101 CONVERSION GUIDANCE, and EDITION 2.0.0 OF S-130 - POLYGONAL DEMARCATIONS OF GLOBAL SEA AREAS.

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06 November	42	Notice of the distribution of Regionally based seats on the IHO Council.
11 November	43	Master of Science Programme in Hydrographic Science at the University of Southern Mississippi (USA) Sponsored by the Republic of Korea. Call for Nominations (14th Course, August 2026 - August 2027).
24 November	44	IHO Project Empowering Women in Hydrography – Results of the survey on the percentage of women employed in Hydrographic Offices and in leadership roles.
24 November	45	Call for approval of edition 4.10.0 of S-4 - <i>Regulations for International (INT) charts and chart specifications of the IHO.</i>
01 December	46	Establishment of a joint Project Team on potential HSSC/IRCC restructuring.
03 December	47	Category “B” Hydrographic Surveyors programme sponsored by the Republic of Korea (16 March - 31 July 2026) - Selection of candidates
19 December	48	Draft new editions of the IHO Publications S-5A, S-5B, S-8A and S-8B Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers.
19 December	49	Cumulative list of IHO Circular Letters issued in 2025

LIST OF FINANCE COMMITTEE CIRCULAR LETTERS ISSUED IN 2025

DATE	No.	TITLE
04 May	FCCL01	Finance Committee Officers' Hybrid Meeting – 29 April 2025.

LIST OF COUNCIL CIRCULAR LETTERS ISSUED IN 2025

DATE	No.	TITLE
25 April	CCL01	Announcement of the ninth Meeting of the IHO Council and Provisional Agenda
07 May	CCL02	IHO Annual Report for 2024 and Approval of the Finance Report for 2024.
28 May	CCL03	Council Schedule, Call for Proposals & Follow up comments to be considered at C-9
18 July	CCL04	Practical arrangements for the 9 th Meeting of the IHO Council.

LIST OF ASSEMBLY CIRCULAR LETTERS ISSUED IN 2025

DATE	No.	TITLE
17 April	ACL01	Announcement and general arrangements
29 April	ACL02	Call for nomination of candidates for the position of IHO Secretary-General and IHO Director
26 May	ACL02bis1	Nomination of Adam Greenland by New Zealand for IHO Director
16 June	ACL02bis2	Nomination of Rear Admiral Luigi Sinapi by Italy for the post of IHO Secretary-General and IHO Director
14 October	ACL02bis3	Nomination of Magnus Wallhagen by Sweden for the post of Secretary-General
14 October	ACL06bis4	Nomination of Captain Burak İnan by The Republic of Türkiye for IHO Director
02 May	ACL03	Submission of proposals to the Assembly
30 September	ACL03/bis1	Submission of proposals to the Assembly
09 May	ACL04	Observers at the 4 th Session of the IHO Assembly
12 May	ACL05	Ships' visits and receptions
24 June	ACL06	IHO Member States' exhibition
25 August	ACL07	Invited observers - Submission of final lists for approval
19 September	ACL08	Preparation of the table of tonnages
03 October	ACL09	Call for nominations for Chair of the 4th Session of the IHO Assembly
14 November	ACL10	IHO Member States' exhibition - <i>On the road to S-100 implementation</i>
17 December	ACL11	Selection of Chair of the 4th Session of the IHO Assembly
19 December	ACL12	Proposals for consideration by the 4 th Session of the IHO Assembly.