

Final Minutes
of the
BSICCWG2 Meeting on 2 - 3 April 2014
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1. Welcome and formalities

The meeting convened on 2 April 2014 at 13:00. The chair welcomed all participants to the meeting and reviewed shortly the program of the meeting.

Mr Juha Korhonen welcomed the meeting on behalf of the Hydrographer *Mr Rainer Mustaniemi*. He passed the apologies for the BSICCWG Chair *Mr Jarmo Mäkinen* not being able to participate due healthy reasons. He highlighted the important work of BSICCWG. He wished a fruitful meeting and a pleasant stay in Finland.

There was a brief introduction of the participants, *List of participants*.

The Draft Agenda was approved with additional Latvian presentation under Agenda point 10, *Draft Agenda V4*.

2. Status of BSICCWG and its work

It was noted that the BSICCWG TORs include coordination of both Baltic Sea INT charts and ENCs, *BSICCWG TORs*.

The outcome of BSHC 18th Conference in September 2013 was briefly reviewed, *Outcome of BSHC18 concerning BSICCWG*.

3. Finalising details of Baltic Sea sub-area names

The *Chair* reviewed the decisions of the BSHC18, *Finalising the details of Baltic Sea sub-area names*. BSHC18 has approved in principle the Baltic Sea subareas and tasked BSICCWG to finalise some details of naming and the BSICCWG2 was tasked to develop guidance for using these names on the titles of nautical charts. The Chair also mentioned that after the BSHC18, Russia has given verbal comments that they agree with Level 1 and 2, but they wonder if the Level 3 is needed. He presented the outstanding names for Level 3 to be finalised as proposed in the document above.

The meeting approved the name of "Middle Baltic" for the Level 3 sub-area.

The meeting also noted the correct spelling of the name "Väinameri".

It was noted that the BSHC18 has approved that the final sub-areas and their names will be used in the BSHC Portal.

The BSICCWG regards now that the task to define Baltic Sea Sub-areas and their names has now completed. The BSICCWG Chair will report the agreed naming and the future actions to BSHC19 in June 2014.

Guidance for using names on INT Chart titles

The meeting developed further the draft guidance proposed by BSICCWG Chair for presenting the names on the titles of nautical charts, *Guidance for Using Names on Baltic Sea Chart Titles*.

The meeting agreed that for describing general geographic areas on the titles of Baltic Sea INT charts the BSICCWG recommends to use sea area names (proposed recommendation A.1).

BSICCWG agreed that Level 1 names should be used on all chart titles. It also recommends using only two levels of naming in one chart title (either Level 1 + Level 2 or Level 1 + Level 3).

It was noted that for describing *general geographic areas* some countries use coast area names (as in recommendation A.2). However some of them are considering this issue and planning to use sea area names (recommendation A.1).

BSICCWG Members were asked to clarify their situation regarding to this recommendation, e.g. to estimate their time schedules plans how move to use recommendation A.1 on their chart titles, comments and future plans to use of coast area names in general geographic area (recommendation A.2), and also forward

their possible comments and proposal for the names on the titles of inland INT charts by end of May 2014, (Action #1).

There were some discussions on the *unique chart name* on the chart titles. Normally the chart names are showing the order in Sailing Directions, from port to port or from lighthouse to lighthouse. Well-known names are normally used. Mostly English language is in use. It was noted that there are some Guidance in S-4. If more detailed guidance is needed these will be included into BSICCWG guidance document, perhaps later on some amendments to S-4.

BSICCWG Chair will modify the draft guidance according to the comments received at this meeting and forward the draft amended guidance for future comments, (Action #2).

It was noted that the current version of S-11 Part B is difficult to use and update. The current status of the development of the IHO GIS was not known. BSICCWG is willing to contribute to the development of S-11 database. The meeting agreed that the BSICCWG Chair to send a note to the IHB requesting speeding up the development of the IHO GIS database including a user-friendly S-11 Part B, (Action #3).

4. Review of the Baltic Sea ENC harmonisation Recommendations

The chair introduced this item. The latest status of the implementation of the BSHC ENC harmonisation recommendations is in the document *Status of the Implementation of the Baltic Sea 2008 ENC Harmonisation Recommendations*. Based on BSHC18 action the BSICCWG Chair has made a questionnaire on ENC harmonisation recommendations, *Questionnaire on ENC issues*. Replies to that are included into the document *Revision of Baltic Sea ENC harmonisation recommendations*.

The meeting noted that the brief summary status table is feasible, *Summary status report of the implementation of the BSHC ENC harmonisation Recommendations*. Germany forwarded an update to it.

Finland informed briefly on the BSHC depth presentation harmonisation pilot project between Finland and Sweden.

The meeting discussed about the needs to revise the 2008 ENC harmonisation recommendations. There was not enough time to go through all recommendations one by one. It was noted that some of the recommendations are actually included in the BSICCWG TORs. During discussions it was noted that there are several issues which may need revising or new harmonisation recommendations, e.g. presentation of depths, use of SCAMIN, use of MAGVAR, overlaps and gaps, and the use of CATZOC.

The meeting established a Drafting Group for analysing the current 2008 ENC harmonisation recommendations, to propose revisions them and to propose possible new recommendations, to review the definitions of the implementation status classification. *Mikus Ranka* (Latvia) volunteered to chair this drafting Group. Volunteers in the group: Latvia chairs, Germany TBC, Denmark TBC, Estonia: *Dana Kuznetsova*, Sweden TBC, Finland: *Teppo Kuusijärvi*. BSICCWG Members are invited to inform their participation to the new ENC Harmonisation Drafting Group by end of May 2014, (Action #4). It was agreed that the Drafting Group should forward its findings and proposals to BSICCWG for future actions by end of April 2015, (Action #5).

Chair informed briefly on WENDWG4 issues, especially on the analysis of overlap, gaps and use of CATZOC. Participants reported briefly their use of CATZOC. The BSICCWG Members are asked to check BSHC overlaps and report on how to

eliminate them (**Action #6**) and to report their use of CATZOC (**Action #7**) by end of May 2014.

BSICCWG Members are invited to forward their national Point of Contacts on ENC issues to BSICCWG Chair and secretary by end of April 2014, (**Action #8**).

Paul Barret informed that he, as the Chair of the NSEHWG, was very impressed of the level of harmonisation work on Baltic Sea.

Paul Barret will forward information regarding to Baltic Sea MAGVAR file, (**Action #9**).

5. IHO ENC Schemes

Paul Barrett presented ENC Scheming and design issues, *IHO ENC Scheming and design*.

Chair noted that there are many harmonisation issues in common to NSHC. The co-operation on harmonisation actions between the working groups both RHCs could be closer.

Paul Barrett introduced the revision of S-11 Part A including also guidance for ENC scheming, *Draft S-11 Part A, Draft 3.0.0_March 2014*. BSICCWG Members are invited to forward their possible comments to this version by end of April 2014, (**Action #10**).

6. New INT numbers

The Chair introduced the issue and the communication between the Chair of BSICCWG and the Chair of CSPCWG and IHB. Both have supported the proposal to extend the domain of INT numbers in Region E by using 5-digit numbers. The CSPCWG Secretary has added a footnote to the next draft edition of S-4 to allow using 5-digit numbers. This will be forwarded to IHO Member States for approval in June 2014. The Region D coordinator *Tim Wellington* has also kindly forwarded a block of 28 available INT numbers from Region D to region E.

The meeting agreed the BSICCWG Chair's proposal to extend the domain of Baltic Sea INT numbers, *Extension of INT Number Domain on Region E (Baltic Sea)*. This includes the use of 5-digit numbers (by adding the fifth digit at the end of 4-digit number) when feasible. The other available 4-digit number blocks will be used when feasible.

BSICCWG members are asked to inform their best estimates of their needs of new numbers by the end of June 2014, (**Action# 11**).

7. Additional 15 m depth contours on ENCs

BSICCWG Chair introduced the issue of using additional 15 m depth contours on Baltic Sea and Printed Charts, *Additional 15 m contours on Baltic Sea ENCs and Printed Charts*. BSHC18 tasked the BSICCWG2 to consider the outcome of the BSICCWG questionnaire, evaluate the current situation and to agree on future actions.

It was noted that 15 m additional contours are already in use (at least in some charts) in many countries, and some are considering taking them on their charts.

The meeting agreed to recommend to BSHC19 that 15 m additional contours should be used on Baltic Sea nautical charts. The implementation of this is up to each Member state. Neighbouring countries should discuss on their implementation plans bilaterally. BSICCWG will monitor the implementation.

BSICCWG Members are invited to check and correct the table for use of contour intervals by Mid May 2014 (**Action #12**).

BSICCWG members shared their experiences in selection of soundings on ENC and charts. *Paul Barrett* will distribute their document related on sounding selection based on scales (**Action #13**).

8. Updating S-11 Part B Region E (Baltic Sea)

The Chair informed that the latest set of updates have been uploaded in IHO web pages into December 2013 edition, *S-11 part B Region E (Baltic Sea) Edition 2.0.6. December 2013*. He reviewed the updates to S-11 Part B Region E (Baltic Sea) received since that. He will include all to a combined update file and send a *.pdf* copy of that for all BSICCWG Members for review in May 2014 (**Action #14**). After receiving the feedback (within two weeks), he will forward the updates to the IHB in June 2014 (**Action #15**).

9. Future work of BSICCWG

The BSICCWG TORs were reviewed and no updates to them were requested, *BSICCWG TORs*.

The list of BSICCWG Members was reviewed and some updates were informed. The latest version is *BSICCWG Membership, 3 April 2014*.

The issues to be reported to BSHC 19th Conference in June 2014 were listed as follows:

- o Report of BSICCWG work
- o Finalised details of Baltic Sea sub-areas and names
- o Draft Guidance for the use of names in chart titles
- o ENC harmonisation recommendations – status and establishment of the Drafting Group for evaluating revisions
- o Revision of S-11 Part A (ENC Schemes)
- o Baltic Sea INT numbers (extended domain)
- o Report on Additional (15 m) depth contours
- o Status of S-11 Part B Region E updates
- o BSICCWG Membership

The BSICCWG Chair will forward the BSICCWG Report to BSHC19 by 9 May 2014, (**Action #16**).

10. Any Other Business

Sylvia Spohn gave a presentation informing the German plans for a new Scheme in the German water in North Sea, *Neukonzeption*. A similar plan will be prepared for the Baltic Sea in 2014.

Mikus Ranka proposed to study an overall review of the Baltic Sea INT Scheme. As an example of the needs to revision he gave a presentation of INT chart coverage around IRBE strait. However at this stage Latvia is not proposing to change the scheme.

The Chair presented Finland's proposal to review of Baltic Sea small scale 1:250.000 INT Scheme regarding to missing INT 1021 to be replaced by transferring existing national charts (FI953 EE305) on that area into INT charts. It was pointed out that this proposal creates large overlaps, there are details to be clarified, and re-scheming and adoptions should be studied.

The meeting recognised that there are needs to consider the revision of INT schemes. As the first step it was agreed that Germany will invite Sweden and Denmark, and also all BSICCWG Members to discuss on reviewing INT Scheme in the autumn 2014. Germany will send an Invitation in May 2014, ([Action #17](#)).

The meeting also emphasized the urgent need to have a digital database on Baltic Sea INT Scheme, see [Action #3](#) above.

There were some discussions on other interesting issues, e.g. on floating depth contours and on frames on INT charts.

11. Review of actions and unresolved issues of this meeting

The list of Actions was reviewed and agreed on, [BSICCWG2 List of Actions](#).

It was agreed that *Chair* will send Draft Minutes and List of Actions by Monday 7 April and the participants should comment these no later than by Friday 11 April 2014. Final Minutes and all meeting documents will be sent to all BSICCWG Members soon after that.

12. Next meeting

The next BSICCWG3 meeting will be held in Copenhagen in April 2015.

13. Closing of the meeting

The *Chair* thanked all for their active contribution and closed the meeting on 3 April at 14:30.
