

**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**between BOOS and BSHC**  
**on transition to a harmonised vertical reference**  
**on the Baltic Sea**

Noting that

- the IHO Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission Conference (BSHCC19) has approved the goal to have a harmonised vertical reference on Baltic Sea for all water level and depth related information (e.g. tides, mareographs, interpolation and prediction of water levels, nautical charts). Chart datum Working Group was established to promote transition to the harmonised vertical reference which will be based on the European Vertical Reference System,
- the Baltic Oceanographic Observation System (BOOS) has a similar goal to have a harmonised vertical reference based on European Vertical Reference System on Baltic Sea,
- and both organisations expect that there will be many benefits with mutual co-operations and other relevant bodies

both organisations agree to co-operate on the transition to a common vertical reference for depth and water level information, with the aim to avoid duplication of work and to maximize mutual assistance.

Signatures

Tallinn, 30 June 2014



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Urmas Lips  
BOOS Chair

Riga, 12 June 2014



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Taivo Kivimäe  
BSHC Chair