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**To:** Members and the IHO Secretariat of the North Sea Hydrographic Commission

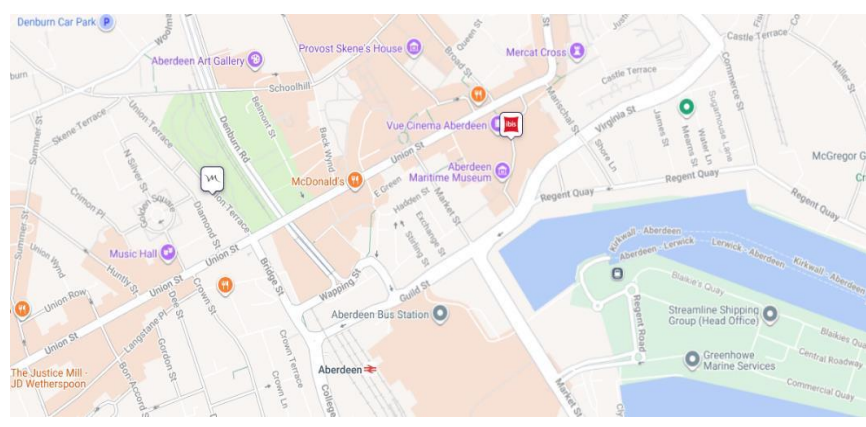
**Subject:** NSHC39 Invitation, Registration and Logistics Information

Dear NSHC Colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to officially invite you to the 39th Conference of the North Sea Hydrographic Commission (NSHC39) from **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 in Aberdeen, Scotland**. Attendance at this event will be **in-person only**.

**Meeting Venue**

The venue for NSHC39 is [Mercure Aberdeen Caledonian Hotel](#).



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On **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 1800**, prior to NSHC39, an icebreaker reception will be held at the Mercure Aberdeen

Caledonian Hotel.

The conference will start on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 0900** and close **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 1600**.

A hosted dinner is also being arranged for the evening of Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Further details will be provided as the conference draws nearer.

**Travel**

It is advised to travel to [Aberdeen International Airport | Fly from your Doorstep | Aberdeen Airport](#)

located 6.6 miles from venue. From there, you can take a 20 minute taxi journey to the city centre, or alternatively take the Aberdeen Airport Jet Bus 727, which connects the airport and the city centre, running every 15 minutes.

### **Alternative Airports**

[Glasgow Airport | Go For It | Glasgow Airport](#)

158 miles from the venue, a 3 hour drive, or alternatively with connections by bus or train.

[Edinburgh Airport - Where Scotland Meets The World | Edinburgh Airport](#)

125 miles from venue, a 2hr 40 minute drive, with connections by bus.

### **Accommodation**

Delegates are expected to make their own accommodation arrangements.

Rooms have been held for delegates at the Mercure Aberdeen Caledonian Hotel, and can be booked using the code **ICE-BREAKER'26**.

There are many alternatives hotels in the city centre, within walking distance of the Mercure Aberdeen Caledonian Hotel.

[Travelodge Aberdeen Central Hotel - Book Now](#)

[Leonardo Hotel Aberdeen | UK | Leonardo Hotels](#)

[The Aberdeen Douglas Hotel](#)

### **Registration**

To confirm your attendance at the Conference, please register for NSHC39 via the IHO Portal ([IHO Portal](#)). The NSHC39 event will shortly be available on the portal for registrations. All registrations for NSHC39 must be completed by **28th February 2026**.

### **Agenda**

We would like to invite your review of the NSHC39 Provisional Agenda, which has been circulated with this correspondence. If you wish to comment and/or have a proposal for a new agenda item, please email the NSHC Secretary, Emily Brown, at [nshc.secretary@ukho.gov.uk](mailto:nshc.secretary@ukho.gov.uk), no later than 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Please ensure any proposed agenda items contain a brief summary and title.

We can then take your views into account as we plan the final Agenda for NSHC39; the intent is to issue this Agenda no later than **31<sup>st</sup> January 2026**.

Please send your reports and other submissions to [nshc.secretary@ukho.gov.uk](mailto:nshc.secretary@ukho.gov.uk) by **28<sup>th</sup> February 2026** at the latest, so they can be uploaded to the IHO Portal in advance of the conference.

**Please ensure that any specific dietary requirements or conference questions are sent to the NSHC secretary.**

I look forward to seeing you all in Aberdeen!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angus Essenhigh'. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end that extends upwards and to the right.

RAdm Angus Essenhigh OBE  
Chair of the North Sea Hydrographic Commission (NSHC)