

# East Asia Hydrographic Commission 1st ENC Task Group Meeting

19 - 20 June 2007

Singapore



*Standing from the left:*

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*Seated from the left:*

*Mr. Huh Yong (South Korea), Cdr Samiyono (Indonesia), Capt Preecha Somsokjaroen (Thailand), Mr. Parry Oei (Chairman, Singapore), Lt Cdr Azhan (Malaysia), Mr Wang Liang Yu (China)*

## **Focus of the Task Group**

Following the 9th East Asia Hydrographic Commission (EAHC) Conference held in Jeju, Korea from 19 to 22 September 2006, the Commission agreed to extend the ENC Harmonisation Task Group's Terms of Reference to include continuous maintenance of the South China Sea (SCS) ENCs and promoting the use of ENCs and ECDIS. The Task Group was also renamed ENC Task Group (ENC TG) and the first meeting was held in Singapore on 19 and 20 June 2007. The ENC TG focus on facilitating the improvement of ENC consistency and coverage.

## **South China Sea ENCs**

Due to the numerous chart updates, the Task Group proposed that a new edition of the SCS ENCs be produced. The new edition would include updates on the submarine cables, oil rigs and additional depth contours. The Task Group proposed that the new edition of SCS ENC be released on 31st March 2008.

## **ECDIS Carriage for High Speed Craft**

The Task Group noted the impending IMO mandatory carriage of ECDIS on board High Speed Craft (HSC) from 1st July 2008 for new builds and 1st Jul 2010 for existing builds. Member States were encouraged to prioritise ENC coverage for their respective HSC routes as part of the national ENC production plans.

### **SCAMIN Guidelines**

Faced with a unique geographical mixture of busy ports and terminals in the East Asia region, the Task Group would develop guidelines on SCAMIN for EAHC Member States. An assessment and recommendation of the SCAMIN Guidelines would focus on Harbour, Approach and Coastal usage bands. The draft Guidelines would be circulated to Member States for further discussion in mid Aug 2007.

### **EAHC Capacity Building Committee (CBC) training plans for ENC**

The Task Group noted that the IHO CBC had in-principle agreed to sponsor training courses in the Quality Assurance of ENCs. Training details would be submitted to the next EAHC Coordination Meeting for discussion.

### **Next EAHC Task Group Meeting**

The next Task Group meeting would be held in Thailand in January 2008, back to back with the 2nd EAHC Coordinating Meeting.

*Reported by Chair of EAHC*