

Propose to the Committee on Hydrographic Requirements for Information Systems (CHRIS) to divide INT chart area C1 into three sub-areas, C1a, C1b, and C1c, divided by parallels 0° and 47°20' S, as shown in the picture attached to this proposal.

Submitted by: Brazil

- References:** a) Action List number 4 of the extraordinary meeting held in Veracruz, Mexico, in 2005.
b) Agreement number 4a of the VII Mesoamerican-Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC) in Acapulco, Mexico, in 2006; and
c) IHO Publication M11 “Guidance for the Preparation and Maintenance of International Chart Schemes and Catalogue of International Charts”.

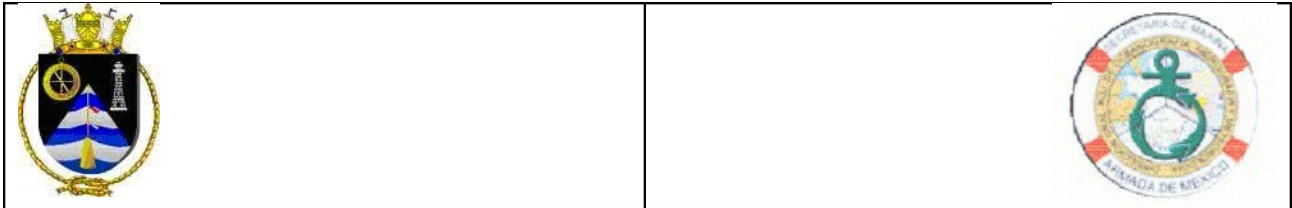
PROPOSAL

It is proposed to send a letter to CHRIS signed by The Mesoamerican-Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC) and South West Atlantic Hydrographic Commission (SWAtHC) Chairmen, requesting that the International Chart Regions be adjusted, as set forth on the IHO publication M-11 – “Guidance for the Preparation and Maintenance of International Chart Schemes and Catalogue of International Charts”, Part B, pages VII and VIII. Region C1 would be divided into three sub-areas, C1a, C1b and C1c. C1a would be related to MACHC, C1b to SWAtHC, and C1c to no Regional Hydrographic Commission (RHC) and Brazil would remain as Area Coordinator.

COMMENTS

- a) At the extraordinary meeting held in Veracruz, Mexico, 2005, MACHC approved to expand its area to include activities in the waters of the Western Atlantic Ocean off the shores of Brazil. At that time, the decision was aligned with the IHO Work Programme to increase the involvement of Member States in Regional Hydrographic Commissions, recognizing that there was no Commission in which Brazil would participate. In order to accommodate Brazil’s membership in the MACHC, the Conference approved the expansion of the “Mesoamerican-Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission” (MACHC) by redefining the “Region” of the MACHC, expanding it to the area of the Western Atlantic;
- b) At the VII MACHC meeting, in Acapulco, 2006, it was decided that (Action List 4a) the MACHC Statute should be updated including the area of Brazil;
- c) The SWAtHC was established on December 2006, with its region limited by parallels 0° and 47°20' S;
- d) This subject was discussed at SWAtHC 1st meeting (Buenos Aires, April 2007), and the Commission agreed with this solution. It was decided that Brazil would present it to MACHC, once a common letter to CHRIS would likely be better welcomed and would probably be more easily accepted for appreciation by the Committee;
- e) IHO Publication M-11 “Guidance for the Preparation and Maintenance of International Chart Schemes and Catalogue of International Charts” determines the International Chart Regions, its related RHC, and the INT chart scheme, which includes limits and numbers. So, RHC Statute and M-11 must be aligned;
- f) To split Region C1 is the solution which will affect Publication M-11 the least. Any other solution will demand major changes in the INT Chart scheme; and
- g) A draft letter attached to this document is proposed.

Annex to the PRO-_____
Draft letter to CHRIS Chairman



Niterói, RJ, Brazil, October 09th, 2007.

To Captain **Vaughan NAIL**
Chairman of the Committee on Hydrographic Requirements for Information Systems (CHRIS)

Dear Captain,

At the extraordinary meeting held at Veracruz, Mexico, 2005, the Mesoamerican-Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC) approved to expand its area to include activities in the waters of the Western Atlantic Ocean off the shores of Brazil. At that time, the decision was aligned with the IHO Work Programme to increase the involvement of Member States in Regional Hydrographic Commissions, recognizing that there was no Commission in which Brazil would participate. To accommodate Brazil's membership in the MACHC, the Conference approved the expansion of the "Mesoamerican-Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission" (MACHC) by redefining the "Region" of the MACHC, expanding it to the area of the Western Atlantic.

Meanwhile, the South West Atlantic Hydrographic Commission (SWAtHC) was established in December 2006 by Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay, with its Region limited by parallels 0° and 47°20' S.

Once IHO Publication M-11 "Guidance for the Preparation and Maintenance of International Chart Schemes and Catalogue of International Charts" defines the International Chart Regions, its related RHC, and the INT chart scheme, which includes limits and numbers, RHC Statute and M-11 must be aligned. Therefore, we, MACHC and SWAtHC Chairmen, ask CHRIS to review such publication, specifically Part B, pages VII and VIII. We request that INT chart area C1 be divided into three sub-areas, C1a, C1b, and C1c, divided by parallels 0° and 47°20' S. On page VII we suggest the new diagram on the Annex, and on page VIII, we suggest that the relation between Region and RHC be changed to: MACHC – A1, B and C1a; SWAtHC – C1b, and C1c to no Regional Hydrographic Commission (RHC), and that Brazil remains as Area Coordinator.

With all our respect,

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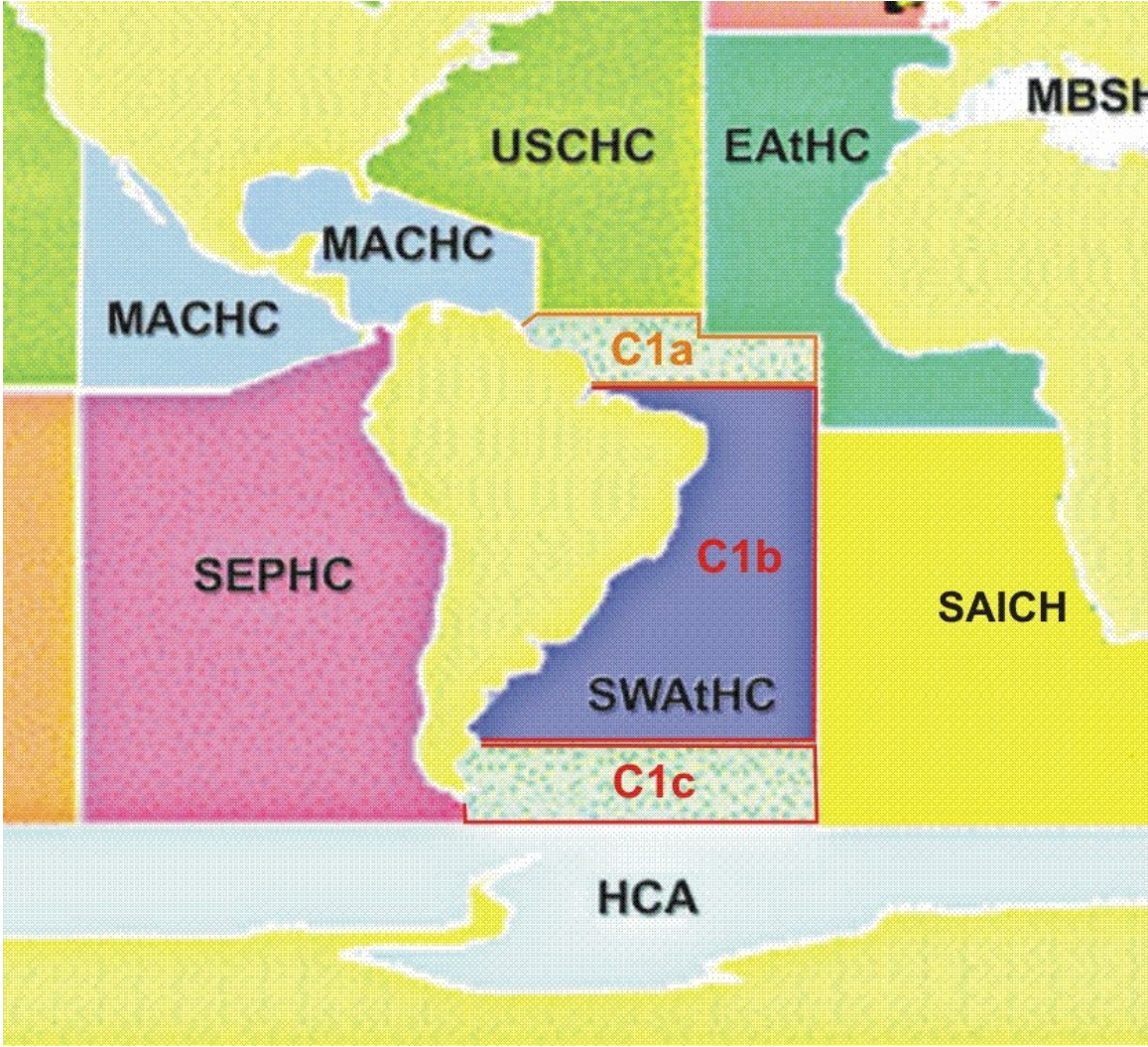
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PRO ___ - Update MACHC Statute to adjust the Region with the South West Atlantic Hydrographic Commission (SWAtHC).

Submitted by: Brazil

**References: a) Action List number 4 of the Extraordinary meeting held at Veracruz, Mexico, in 2005 (Action to be done number 5); and
b) Agreement number 4a of the VII Mesoamerican-Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC) Meeting.**

PROPOSAL

It is proposed to

- 1) Emend Article 1, letter b, to be written as:
The geographic Region covered by the Commission shall be that defined by the IHO INT Charting Scheme Regions A1, B, and C1a, included as Annex 2, hereafter referred as "the Region"; and
- 2) Change the picture of the Annex 2 to the annexed one.

COMMENTS

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