



Niterói, RJ, Brazil, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 Meso-American and 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 M11 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 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 Region B (integrated by areas A1, B and part of C1, the Atlantic limited by parallel of Ecuador) as is indicated in the Annex; SWAtHC Region C1a, and C1b to no Regional Hydrographic Commission (RHC), and that Brazil remains as C1b Area Coordinator.

At the same time we are pleasure to inform that Brazil and France had agreed to make the necessary adjustments in to their respective INT Chart schemes at the mentioned area.

With all our respect,

  
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Annex

