



## Maritime Funding Session – Final Meeting Invitation

Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2013

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<b>Time:</b>	<b>9:30 – Noon</b> (Please try to arrive by 9:15 am so we can get started at 9:30 am)
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Sheppard Mullin</b> (law firm) Telephone (202) 218-0000 1300 I Street, NW / 11th Floor East Washington, D.C. 20005
<b>Co-Chairs:</b>	Michael B. Jones – President, <b>The Maritime Alliance (TMA) Cell +1 (619) 253-8761</b> Dr. Rob Hensley – Head of External Relations, United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) <a href="mailto:rob.hensley@ukho.gov.uk">rob.hensley@ukho.gov.uk</a> (NOTE: Dr. Hensley will be coming from the UK to participate in the travel absence of Tim Lewis – Head of Intl Partnering (AMERICAS), UKHO-DC)
<b>Introduction:</b>	Robert Ward – President, International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) by phone from Monaco
<b>Moderator:</b>	Blair Ruble – Director, Global Sustainability & Resilience Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars ( <a href="http://www.wilsoncenter.org">www.wilsoncenter.org</a> ) in Washington DC
<b>Panelists:</b>	Ambassador Colin Murdoch – Commissioner (& Chair of the Ocean Governance Group), Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS - <a href="http://www.oecs.org">www.oecs.org</a> ), St. John's Antigua W.I. Bob Wilson – SONUS International Hydrographic Consultancy (formerly International Hydrographic Projects Manager at UKHO) Dr. Rob Hensley – see above for details
<b>Focus:</b>	Maritime funding session to support integrated economic development based on Hydrographic Services, Marine Spatial Planning ( <b>MSP</b> ) and Marine Spatial Management ( <b>MSM</b> )

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- NOTES:**
- 1) *A call in number will be available upon request for those that cannot attend in person.*
  - 2) *Thanks to Bob Wilson for the attached 2 page Executive Summary on the OECS mapping project.*

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**The Maritime Alliance** is collaborating with the IHO MesoAmerican-Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC – [www.iho-machc.org](http://www.iho-machc.org)) on a meeting (the 3<sup>rd</sup> in a series) on Wed, Feb. 27, 2013 in Washington D.C. to focus on an integrated economic development model based on Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI) tools and planning. While focused on MACHC, the topic has global importance.

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**Objectives for the meeting:**

- 1) This meeting will focus on regional ocean economic development projects based on the intersection of **MSP and MSM** and the important need for maritime funding.
- 2) **CASE STUDY PANEL DISCUSSION** – After introductions, there will be a panel discussion starting with the marine environment mapping project for the OECS begun June 2011 – status and what is needed.
- 3) The balance of the meeting will focus on potential projects and funding opportunities.

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For questions and for the call-in number, please contact:

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**About:**

**The Maritime Alliance** is the non-profit cluster organizer for the San Diego maritime technology community and fosters maritime business and technology innovation through collaboration around the U.S. and the world.

**The MesoAmerican-Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC) of the IHO** is one of the Regional Hydrographic Commissions (RHCs) to coordinate hydrographic activity and cooperation at the regional level in an advisory, scientific, and technical capacity. The MACHC endeavors to assist the Hydrographic Services, or institutions responsible for hydrography and navigation, of the Member countries.