

Standards for the Future generation of Hydrographic Surveyors

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SUMMARY

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The FIG/IHO/ICA International Board on the Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers (the IBSC) has maintained and offered international standards for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers for over 40 years. Since the inception of the first edition of the Standards several key developments have appeared: the syllabi for Hydrographic Surveying and for Nautical Cartography. Two levels, Category A (the higher level) and Category B and the introduction of Competency Schemes for individuals.

Maintaining the Standards is one key task, but updating the syllabus in order that it not only remains relevant but is also attractive for the next generation (nextgen) to follow is another challenge.

The paper provides an update on the Standards, the current IBSC key strategic activities and to inform on the near future steps and objectives for the international Standards in the sector. It aims to promote a debate on the Standards and their relevance.

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