

NSG No 19: HYDROGRAPHIC GUIDANCE

All hydrographic surveys must be carried out to International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO) publication SP44, IHO standards of survey. The following provides information on the requirements for different aspects of a survey:

1. On receipt and acceptance of an updated navigational chart following a survey, it should be compared with previous charts to identify areas of accretion, which may affect the safe navigation of vessels.
2. If differences are found between the new survey and the current charts that have a significance to safe navigation, a Local Notice to Mariners should be published to inform port users.
3. The digital version of the chart should be sent to the UKHO by email at sdr@ukho.gov.uk as detailed in the Harbour Master' guide to hydrographic and maritime information exchange.
4. Confirmation of receipt of information by UKHO should be retained with the digital chart and any other relevant information regarding the survey within the appropriate LRP file location. This is a requirement for audit purposes.

Note: UKHO, 2016. 'Harbour Masters' Guide to Hydrographic and Maritime Information Exchange' Published, May 2016