

Dear Member,

At a recent Board tele-meeting the topic of the Seahorse Newsletter was raised. It has become increasingly difficult to put together a newsletter in the traditional format since we are all volunteers.

We have decided to go with this “e-mail shot” format while we explore other options.

US Hydro 2007 Conference Proceedings:

The proceedings are now available on our web site for downloading. Click on the “Links and References” Button then “References”.

IHO S-44:

Edition 5 of the “Minimum Performance Standards for Hydrographic Surveys” is now posted on our web site. These are the standards that National Hydrographic Offices have agreed to conform to.

Swath Survey Training Course #49:

THSOA will be hosting this intensive 6-day course from January 5 -10, 2009. While the course has been tentatively scheduled for Norfolk, Virginia we just learned that Hypack will be holding their 2009 Training Conference in San Diego, beginning on the following day. We are now looking into the possibility of moving the Swath Training course to San Diego.

We are still finalizing the cost details, but it looks like current THSOA and CHA members will be charged something on the order of \$3000; a discount of about \$200 off the rate for non-members. Corporate Members may qualify any two employees at the reduced rate. For further information on the course content visit www.omg.unb.ca/mbc/

Anyone interested in attending this course should contact us at your earliest convenience before it is announced to the general public. If San Diego is a preferred venue then that should be noted as well.

US Hydro 2009:

US Hydro 2009 will return to the Norfolk Sheraton Waterside Hotel which recently underwent a major renovation. Additional information is available on our website.

Shallow Survey 2008:

The 5th International Conference on High Resolution Surveys in Shallow Water, Shallow Survey 2008, will be held October 21-24, 2008 in the Portsmouth, New Hampshire area and hosted by the University of New Hampshire's Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping - Joint Hydrographic Center. The conference deals with the challenges associated with surveying and mapping/charting in shallow water. A key aspect of the conference is the availability of a common data set of the outer harbor and approaches to Portsmouth and the immediate near shore area. The data set includes orthophotos, multibeam sonar, side scan sonar, lidar, tide/water levels, single beam echo sounder, sub-bottom profiler, and other ancillary data. Many of the conference presentations will be based on work with this common data set.

Shallow Water Survey 2008 will be the venue for our 2008 Annual General Meeting. See the Upcoming Events link on www.thsoa.org for additional information on the conference.

Employment Opportunities:

We are constantly posting new employment opportunities offered by our Corporate Members.