

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A letter to the Editor of the International Hydrographic Review :

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Dear Sir,

In my review of the New Star Finder (Novi Identifikator Zvijezda) produced by the Hydrographic Institute of the Yugoslav Navy, which appeared in the January 1969 number of the I.H. Review, I stated that "one would expect that production costs for the Yugoslav star finder would be higher [than for the U.S. Navy's H.O. 2102-D], but a comparison of selling prices is not possible, since there is no indication given of the price of Mr. KOTLARIĆ's book".

I am pleased to state that I have since heard direct from Mr. KOTLARIĆ pointing out to me that, while the Star Finder itself does not show a price, it is listed and priced in the catalog of charts and publications of his office and, further, that the price was announced in a Notice to Mariners when the new work was published. He has indicated that the price is the equivalent of \$ 4.50 (US), so I must ask you to permit me to correct my mistaken assumption that the cost would be higher than that of H.O. 2102-D. Since the latter sells for \$ 6.00 (US), and since I indicated in my review that I considered the Yugoslav product to be considerably more useful, I must now add that the Yugoslav New Star Finder is, indeed, a very fine bargain as well !

Sincerely yours,

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