

THE HYDROGRAPHERS' TECHNICAL OPEN FORUM

EDITOR'S NOTE : *From the initiation of the International Hydrographic Review, a separate heading was devoted to the topic : 'Practical Hints to Hydrographic Surveyors'. During the first 12 years of publication, the Review included 26 original contributions under this heading and two other extracts taken from other published work. From 1936 to 1941 there were another 7 original items and 9 extracts. After the war contributions in this category almost disappeared, there being only four until 1955 and none since that time. The Directing Committee feels that there is a useful place in the Review for short notes on "how to do it" concerning any phase of the hydrographer's work, from surveying, through the cartographic phases, to printing and distributing charts, with similar attention to the techniques of preparation of nautical documents or the maintenance of instruments. In addition, this section of the Review could serve as an open forum, where readers' comments and discussion on any hydrographic topic could be given space. All of this would directly carry out one of the primary objectives of the IHB of disseminating information about hydrography. We initiate the re-birth of this section of the Review with contributions that should be of interest to all hydrographic personnel, as examples of the type of contribution we have in mind. As for the longer professional articles, honorariums will be paid to contributors and reprints will be provided. Hydrographers are requested to encourage their personnel on the working level to submit original material for this section of the Review, or to prepare comments on other hydrographic subjects or documents if they have either supplementary ideas or arguments in opposition.*

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