



UKHO Chief Executive to step down

Mike Robinson set to leave following five successful years at the UKHO

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The UKHO today announced that Mike Robinson is stepping down from his role as Chief Executive following five successful years at the head of the organisation. Ian Moncrieff, currently Chief Operating Officer and former UK National Hydrographer, will assume the role of Chief Executive with immediate effect.

In his five years at the head of the UKHO, Mike Robinson has maintained the organisation's relentless commitment to serving the professional mariner and equipped the industry with a new generation of navigational services to meet mandatory carriage of ECDIS and beyond.

"Mike has been the driving force behind the business for the past five years" says Sandra Rogers, Non-Executive Chair, UKHO. "His energy, passion and vision have delivered a long list of milestone achievements including the Admiralty Vector Chart Service (AVCS) in 2008, which provided the first global, carriage compliant ENC service and the Admiralty Information Overlay, which gives AVCS customers access to previously unavailable, additional information to make passage planning with ENCs even safer and more efficient.

"Throughout his time, Mike has ensured that the UKHO has remained at the forefront of maritime navigation. For example e-Navigator is fundamentally transforming the way that digital charts are selected, purchased and updated and we now provide our customers worldwide with round-the-clock customer service and technical support."

"Mike leaves the UKHO with a clear vision and a growing range of products and services on which we will continue to build. We wish him every success in the future."

Ian Moncrieff has been appointed interim Chief Executive by the MOD Owners Council and the UKHO Board to ensure a smooth transition and continuing success in the year ahead.

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About Admiralty and the UKHO

1. UKHO, a Government agency owned by the Ministry of Defence, has been charting the world's oceans for more than 200 years with the primary aim of providing navigational services for the Royal Navy and merchant mariners to save and protect lives at sea. In addition it serves small craft and leisure mariners and provides a range of consultancy services.
2. UKHO is a Trading Fund which means it has the freedom to trade commercially to generate revenue and cover running costs.
3. UKHO also plays a central role, in support of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, in discharging the navigation element of the UK's Safety of Life at Sea Treaty obligations for waters of UK national responsibility.
4. UKHO produces a worldwide series of some 3,300 paper nautical charts, 160 publications under the Admiralty brand and has a growing portfolio of Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs). These charts are sold globally and used by nearly 70% of international shipping.
5. AVCS brings together Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs) from national hydrographic offices around the world and new ENC coverage produced by UKHO in co-operation with Foreign Governments to provide comprehensive, official, worldwide coverage.