

# Hydrographic Society Denmark

## News

### “The old Surveyor”™

The summer 2002 is now history but just see who is popping up - a youngster with his vision - a good acquainted in his fifties who has survived that long without “lies”™ are stating:

### Not Sitting on the Bench?

Till recently I thought that the invitation for input under the above heading only applied to elderly retired surveyors sitting on the bench telling stories (read, lies!) about the good old days. As apparently no surveyors survived that long, it is understood that the invitation for input also applies to individuals who are even still in there fifties. Therefore, assuming the challenge “what is a Surveyor today, what skill is needed”™ the following comments are offered.

It goes without saying that the Surveyor should be well educated, with a BSc or MSc in surveying and preferably of course in hydrographic surveying. As earlier indicated under “The Old Surveyor”™ she should in addition ideally be an IT expert, being able to rapidly acquaint herself with new software, function and interfacing between a great variety of survey instruments. A well developed skill for trouble shooting - also after 12 hours work - should be part of her personality and it is almost mandatory that she is a good sailor. She should further understand and feel responsible for safety and quality in all phases of her work.

The demands require an adventurous and perceiving person who at the same time has the necessary patience to work 12 hours/day up to 30 days or more continuously in some cases without much variation from one day to the next.

The surveyor (she or he) is a special character and I believe it is worth considering how our industry will attract qualified candidates in the future.

Today, where everyone travels around the world, the travelling aspect of being a marine surveyor is not the attraction that it was years back. Apart from simple remuneration, what does this marine survey industry offer today and in the future for making the industry attractive to new generations? Let these lines be a challenge to all. With thanks to Niels Jorgen Borch-Jensen/ Svitser Surveys; respond with your opinion, regardless of age, to mail@hydrosoc.dk

## Event

### Your Impression of “Hydro 2002”™

Where the symposium providing the latest global hydrographic developments and requirements?

Some view can be read elsewhere in this magazine. We at HSD will appreciate comments from our members as small positive chats as well as negative on this page. Why not use the programme head lines as guidelines for your comments:

- Hydrographic Surveying and Mapping
- Navigation and Positioning
- Hydroacoustics
- Electronic Charting
- Port Traffic Control
- Coastal Zone Management
- Marine Environmental Monitoring
- Marine Data Management & GIS
- Education and Training
- Dredging

Share your view with others and let us learn from our success and failure. Use for replying: mail@ hydrosoc.dk

## Local News

### Admissions

Now online on HSD home page. DKK 200 per year for individual. Corporate member DKK 3,200 per year.

### Update Your Membership

You have to confirm or update your membership in the new HSD for 2002 on www. hydrosoc.dk.

### Corporate Members

It is now free to get your logo on our web page!

### Still Growing

We are pleased - our membership list is steadily growing - are you a member?

### Local Events

At the time of writing (late September) we have we almost completed our event schedule for autumn 2002 and the spring of 2003. See our announcement on our webpage www.hydrosoc.dk

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