

# Registration Now Open for US HYDRO 2013

The Hydrographic Society of America (THSOA) will be hosting 2013 US HYDRO at the New Orleans Sheraton from 25 to 28 March 2013. The event is hosted by a non-profit organisation. In doing so, THSOA has strived to make this event affordable for its membership, bucking the trend of hydrographic conferences hosted by for-profit agencies.

US HYDRO 2013 will feature hydrographic workshops focused on preparing hydrographers for the ACSM/NSPS Hydrographer Certification programme, along with company-based training. The hydrographic faculty from the University of Southern Mississippi will be presenting sessions on Geodesy, Vertical Datums, Positioning and Uncertainty. Additional sessions on USACE/IHO standards and sonar theory will also be available for attendees. In addition, company-based training from hydrographic software and equipment manufacturers will also be taking place. The workshop programme will begin on Monday 25 March 2013 and run through Wednesday 27 March 2013. The workshop programme is being overseen by John Mraz, USACE-NY.

## Hydrographer Hall of Fame

This year's Opening Ceremony will feature the first class of inductees in THSOA's Hydrographer Hall of Fame (HOF). The HOF was recently created to honour hydrographers who have made significant contributions to hydrographic science, hydrographic equipment and to THSOA. Nominations for induction have been made and are now under consideration by the HOF Committee, chaired by Chic Ransone of International Industries. In addition to the HOF Induction, the Opening Ceremony will feature three keynote speakers. Col. Fleming, Commander of the New Orleans District USACE, RDML Gerd Glang, National Hydrographer, and Director of the Office of Coast Survey, NOAA, and RDML Brown, Commander CNMOC will address the assembly.

## 50 Technical Papers

One of the main focuses of US HYDRO 2013 is the technical programme, which will feature the presentation of over 50 papers focusing on the latest trends and technology in hydrographic surveying. In addition to the technical papers, a poster session will feature hydrographic-related work by university students and hydrographic researchers. Al Rougeau of C&C Technologies is the technical session chairman for US HYDRO 2013 and Paul Cooper of CARIS has been managing the Poster Session. The technical presentations will begin on Tuesday 26 March 2013 and run through Thursday 28 March 2013.

## Latest Hydrographic Equipment and Software

US HYDRO 2013 will also feature a hydrographic exhibition, including 60 booths with the latest equipment and software used in hydrographic surveying. The exhibition will open on Tuesday morning 26 March 2013, after the Opening Ceremony. It will conclude on Thursday at noon. A spouses programme has also been arranged and details are available from the [THSOA's US HYDRO 2013 web site](#).

## Hydrographer Certification

During the US HYDRO 2013 event, the ACSM/NSPS Hydrographer Certification test will be given. Interested hydrographers should register immediately to be eligible to take the test at the event. Finally, THSOA's Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 28 March 2013 at 1:30PM.

Registration for US HYDRO 2013 is available at [www.ushydro2013.com](http://www.ushydro2013.com).