

UKHO Chief Executive to Step Down



Mike Robinson is stepping down from his role as UKHO chief executive following five years at the head of the organisation to pursue other challenges. 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.

According to Sandra Rogers, non-executive chair, UKHO, Mike has been the driving force behind the business for the past five years. She describes his energy, passion and vision to 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.

She adds that 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 UKHO now provides customers worldwide with round-the-clock customer service and technical support.

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.