NP136 Ocean Passages for the World
UKHO review and reformatting

The UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO) are planning a new edition of ADMIRALTY Ocean Passages for the World (NP136).

First published in 1895, this publication is designed to support mariners in the planning of deep sea voyages along major trade routes, with details of weather, currents, ice hazards and other environmental features that may be encountered in transit.

Ocean Passages for the World (NP136) supports the planning of deep-sea voyages on most major routes, with details of weather, currents, ice hazards and distances between major ports.

NP 136 provides:

- Individual chapters covering each of the world’s oceans, with details of weather, climate, winds, currents, swell, seasonal factors and ice hazards.
- Coverage of the world’s busiest and emerging trade routes to help bridge crew and shore side staff with route planning and the calculation of arrival times.
- Numerous route diagrams and tabulated route data to help users find information quickly, as well as chartlets clearly demonstrating the effects of climate, wave heights and load line zones.

It is understood that the UKHO are planning second editions of the current new format of NP136 and are currently carrying out a new survey.

Results of the survey will influence any refinements the UKHO make to any new edition and will explore ways of using other information, including the three chapters on sailing routes, which were used by many small craft users to assist in their ocean passage planning, previously included in the earlier editions.

Members of IAIN are encouraged to complete this latest survey as soon as possible to ensure that small craft users and others do not lose the sailing route information used for ocean passage planning purposes that was formerly included.

The survey, which is being run by the UKHO, should only take about five minutes to complete and can be found here:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2PRBO9C