

Monthly Meeting Notice for December Annual THSOA Christmas Party

We would like to remind all to RSVP for your attendance at this year's Annual THSOA "Houston Chapter" Christmas Party (information below). If this is the first time you have received the invitation, please forward your reservation as soon as possible to Wendy Post at (wendy.post@ashtead-technology.com).

The "Houston Chapter" of:
The Hydrographic Society of America
is proud to host:

2006 Annual Christmas Party
Saturday, December 9, 2006

"Double Tree - Galleria"

5353 Westheimer Road, Houston, Tx 77056

5:30 - 6:30 PM – COCKTAIL RECEPTION

6:45 - GOURMET MEAL & WINE SERVED

“THE EVENT OF THE YEAR” BEGINS!!

The mission of THSOA is to promote education in hydrography, and other areas within our facets of the Oil & Gas industry, via providing college scholarships to bright young students interested in industry careers. We have a beautiful Gala Room set aside for our evening of enjoyment at the Double Tree Hotel - Galleria. Both Rick Hagen of UTEC Survey and Wendy Post of Ashtead have been VERY busy behind the scene to make this year's event a wonderful time for all.

Attached you will find the Invitation containing details of the evening (including negotiated reduced rates for hotel stay) along with the Christmas Menu for the evening's meal. A nice selection of wine will be included with this year's meal. We urge you to RSVP to Wendy Post ASAP so we can add you to this list of attendees as well as sort out your meal choices: (wendy.post@ashtead-technology.com).

Once again, this year we will have the 2x Student Scholarship Recipients (and their guest) attending the event from TAMU-Corpus Christi and TAMU-Galveston. The Scholarship awards will be presented the evening of the Christmas Party and we hope you can all attend for this special occasion.

This year's Scholarship Recipients:

Shaya Seward - Texas A&M University at Galveston

Ali McKenzie - Texas A&M - Corpus Christi

We thank those of you who have stepped forward again this year to support this "Scholarship Fund Raising" event, via your generous Sponsorships towards the Christmas Party. At this time we are still seeking Sponsorship Commitments. As we all know, the economy is growing, our businesses are growing, and **NOW is an optimal time to GIVE BACK** by supporting education within our industry. Being a Sponsor will not only support this cause, but promote your company and its products/services and provide an excellent opportunity to meet your clients and industry associates.

We are still seeking additional Sponsor's for this year's event at the following levels:

Sponsorship Levels

Diamond Sponsor	\$1000.00
Platinum Sponsor	\$500.00
Gold Sponsor	\$300.00
Silver Sponsor	\$200.00
Bronze Sponsor	\$100.00

Thanking each of you in advance for your continued support towards our mission.

THSOA - Dues Increase

Earlier this year the Board voted to increase the dues. The increase is \$5 for Individual, retired, and student; and \$25 for Corporate.

Because we have the October-15 "if you join now you get the remainder of this year and all of the next" this new rate becomes effective Officially October 15.

Please make note of the dues increase for the upcoming year.

Committee Nominations

Nominations Now Being Accepted for 2007

As you all know, January of each year is the month whereas the AGM. This is the time when all members are encourage to attend to be involved in the Annual Reports and Elections of new members to the Houston Chapter of THSOA Committee.

A "Nominating Committee" has been formed and nominations for the following positions on the 2007 Committee are now being accepted for the following positions:

Chairperson • Treasurer • Secretary Membership/Student Liaison

Nominations, including a statement from the nominee that they are willing to serve, may be emailed to either Lisa Medeiros @ lmedeiros@oyogeospace or Phil Howells @ philh@harvey-lynych.com. If you are not interested or available for a position on the 2007 Committee, we greatly welcome volunteers for the various positions within the Committee.

2006 Committee Members

Chairman - Phil Howells/Harvey-Lynch, Inc.

Technical Chair - Tim Griffin/Fugro Chance

Past Chair - Melissa Wood/ Harvey-Lynch, Inc.

National/Public Relations -

Steve Browne/Subsea7-Veripos

Treasurer - Wendy Post/Ashtead Technology

Secretary - Lisa Medeiros/Geospace Offshore

Fund Raising/Social Events -

Rick Hagen/UTEC Survey, Inc.

Memberships/Student Liaison -

Melissa Wood / Harvy Lynch

Assisting Roles:

Jon Stigant/Devon Energy

Keith Vickery/GeoAcoustics

Dick New/Fugro Chance

Lisa Morton/Geonav

Help Wanted



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EMC is requiring additional contract and permanent staff including systems operators, GEOs and data processing personnel.

EMC, Inc., a surveying and mapping company recently opened offices in Houston, Texas and is headquartered in Greenwood, Mississippi. It is a multidiscipline survey organization involved with Topographic, Hydrographic, Geophysical and Geotechnical projects. The Houston office will support the needs of clients for pipeline operations, dredging projects, facilities installations, remedial studies, pipelay route studies, harbor & river surveys and a myriad of other projects. For further information contact; Richard Seeger, Special Projects



UTEC Survey, Inc. are recruiting Party Chiefs, Surveyors, Survey Engineers and Data Processors in support of their growing portfolio of offshore projects in the Gulf of Mexico and Worldwide.

Ideally, applicants will have some experience of construction survey support but this is not essential as training will be provided. The right attitude and ability to keep up to date with industry-leading technology is more important.

A generous salary and benefits package will be offered to the right candidates.

If you are interested in joining a fast growing company who are committed to excellence then email your resumé to houston@utecsurvey.com or call 713-984-8688 for more information.

ICAN-QPS has an employment opportunities at their Dallas based office for a **Product Support Person**:

Responsibilities will be wide ranging, to include: customer support via telephone and email; training of customers in home office, customer facility and in the field; occasional mobilization support; some administrative duties such as keeping software license records, preparing and packaging new orders and new software releases. There will certainly be room for personal growth within the company. The successful candidate will primarily support the QPS products - QINSy, Qloud, Qomposer, Qarto and Qastor and secondarily train to support the ICAN products Horizon, Dataswitch, Aldebaran and Regulus. Note that customer support occasionally falls outside of regular office hours.

Required Experience and Qualifications:

Ideal candidates would have a Bachelor's degree in Geomatics, the Physical Sciences, Electronics or Information Technology and/or applicable experience in a related field. Experience of working offshore as a surveyor is preferred.



TerraSond Ltd. has immediate openings for both experienced and entry level hydrographers in our Houston, Texas office. These positions provide opportunities for surveyors, scientists and engineers who either have experience in or are interested in careers involving mapping the seafloor and its structure. Ideal candidates would have a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Geomatics, the physical sciences, Electronics or Information Technology and/or applicable experience in a related field. Duties include project setup, fieldwork, data processing, analysis of survey results, report preparation, client liaison and all other activities associated with TerraSond's survey, scientific and engineering support services.

Qualified personnel can expect competitive pay and benefits including group health insurance, group life, LTD, and ESOP, 401(k), vacation benefits and holiday pay.

TerraSond Ltd. is an industry leader with offices in Palmer, Alaska and Houston, Texas with projects located worldwide. Interested parties, please forward your resume to jobs@terrasond.com, or visit our website at www.terrasond.com.



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Cost is \$60 per person for the Reception, Banquet & Entertainment
(a value or greater than \$75 per person).

Valuable Door prizes will be provided from this year's Corporate Sponsorships.

Please fill out form below - Advance registration and full payment are required in hand by Dec. 1st

I would like to purchase _____ banquet tickets for the Hydrographic Society End-of-Year Dinner to be held Saturday, December 9, 2006. Please choose from the following meal options below for each attendee.

Attendees will be:

(Please provide names of attendees. Thank you).

Enclosed is a check or money order in the amount of _____, payable to:

The Hydrographic Society of America, Houston Chapter (THSOA)

Mail to: Wendy Post c/o Ashtead Technology 19407 Park Row Ste170- Houston Texas 77084

Attendees _____ x \$60.00 _____

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Choice of Main Course (please select for each attendee)

- Grilled Atlantic Salmon – Served with Cucumber Dill Sauce*
- Chicken Mediterranean – Chicken Breast with Artichoke Mushroom & Pepper with White Wine Sauce*
- Ribeye Steak – Served with Shitake Mushroom and Onion Ragout*

All Entrees Include Fresh Garden Salad, Seasonal Fresh Vegetables, Chefs Choice of Potato, Pasta or Rice, Dinner rolls & Chefs Choice of Dessert. Ice Tea & Coffee Service Included. Wine served with meal (Cash Bar).



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

TITLE (Mr./Mrs./Ms/Dr/etc)	FIRST NAME	INITIAL	LAST NAME
ADDRESS (for mailing and correspondence)			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
COMPANY:		POSITION:	
Tel:	Fax:	Email:	
Local Newsletter delivery by: email (in MS Word) <input type="checkbox"/> Fax : <input type="checkbox"/>			
YEAR (From which membership is to be effective): 200_____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check box if name may be included in mailing list provided to Corporate			

ANNUAL DUES (Please check the appropriate box)

INDIVIDUAL (\$35) THSOA/HOUSTON
(The above dues include \$10 extra for Houston Chapter membership.)

STUDENT (\$10) THSOA/HOUSTON
Full-time undergraduate or graduate (not fully employed). Name of Institution _____

RETIRED (\$15) THSOA/HOUSTON
Retired and no longer employed in the profession of sea surveying

CORPORATE (\$125) THSOA/HOUSTON

STATEMENT: I wish to apply for membership in the Hydrographic Society of America (THSOA). I agree to further THSOA's mission of promoting education in Hydrography.

Mastercard Visa American Express Cash Check

Name as it appears on the card: _____

Billing address: (if different than above) _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: (mm/yy)

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please pay all your Hydrographic Society dues (THSOA, Houston) to your local Houston chapter.

Please return with payment to:

The Hydrographic Society
c/o Wendy Post
Ashtead Technology Inc.
19407 Park Row, Suite 170
Houston, TX 77084

THE HYDROGRAPHIC SOCIETY: MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Membership in The Hydrographic Society is open to any individual or organization with an interest in surveying afloat. No formal qualifications are required. The membership period is from January 1 through December 31.

The Hydrographic Society United States (HSUS) is the former US Branch of The Hydrographic Society (THS) that was founded in 1972 at the Northeast London Polytechnic in London, England. Effective December 31, 2002, THS devolved into five autonomous “National Societies” under the “Federation of Hydrographic Societies”. Dues in HSUS are currently set at \$20 which includes four issues of The Hydrographic Journal, the annual Diary and the reduced admission to the annual “Hydro Conference” (not to be confused with “US Hydro”). There is no formal relationship between HSUS and THSOA, although several members are officers in both. For further information contact the Secretary/Treasurer, Karl Kieninger at Hydromarine@compuserve.com.

The Hydrographic Society of America (THSOA) serves as the focal point for activities in the Americas. Members of THSOA receive the *Seahorse* Newsletter (3 issues per year) and a subscription to Hydro International Magazine (10 issues per year), which includes the annual Sourcebook. Members are eligible for membership in local chapters, and receive a discount on registration at THSOA sponsored events. There are local chapters in Houston (TX), Pacific Northwest (Portland and Seattle), and Bay St. Louis (MS).

The Houston Chapter of The Hydrographic Society of America (THSOAHC) serves Houston, Texas, and surrounding areas; providing local meetings on a regular monthly basis, a *THSOA, Houston Chapter Newsletter* on events of local interest, and social activities for its members and the members of the Student Chapter of THSOA at Texas A&M Galveston.

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP (THSOA) \$100 provides members with a free link to their company web page, free recruitment notices on the web site, a 20% discount with E-PageAds, and membership in the local Houston chapter. Each THSOA corporate member is able to list two, and only two, ‘Corporate Member Representatives’ who are deemed nominated members of THSOA and the Houston Chapter with the same benefits as Individual Membership without Individual Membership registration. These THSOA memberships include no direct THS (international) benefits or memberships.

THSOA INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS, including reduced RETIRED & STUDENT Rates: these THSOA members receive the *Seahorse* Newsletter (3 issues per year), a subscription to Hydro International Magazine (10 issues per year), which includes the annual Sourcebook, and discounted registration at THSOA - sponsored events and seminars. **Membership in THSOA (not through Houston Chapter) for Individual Members does not automatically include local chapter membership, – separate local dues of \$10 are required. Retired & Student THSOA rates include gratis Houston Chapter membership (see other side).**

HOUSTON CHAPTER (THSOA-HC) MEMBERSHIP: Members of the Houston chapter of THSOA are invited to attend local monthly meetings, receive a copy of the *THSOA, Houston Chapter Newsletter*, and are invited to attend social events of the Houston Chapter. While non-members are encouraged to visit the Houston Chapter meetings, persons attending on a regular basis are encouraged to join THSOA in support of the chapter’s efforts on behalf of the local hydrographic community. **There is no longer a local Houston chapter only membership level, since Houston Chapter members are required to be members of THSOA.** Local chapter membership is included in THSOA membership rates shown on the other side of this form. **Please pay all your Hydrographic Society dues (THSOA, Houston) via your local Houston chapter.**