



Circular Letter IGO 2025/14

15th September 2025

Subject: **Invitation to host the World Marine Aids to Navigation Day main event 2026**

To: Member States and Associate Members

Dear Members,

The celebration of the World Marine Aids to Navigation Day (WAtON) held on 1st July 2025 was again a great success. The event was celebrated world-wide by many IALA Members and it was a pleasure to see the IALA Family Spirit in action across the globe.

Carrying on the enthusiasm shown for this year's event, we have now started preparing for WAtON Day 2026, which will be based on the theme "Marine Aids to Navigation for a Successful Voyage and a Sustainable Planet". We would therefore like to invite you to submit your proposals for a venue for the next main event.

The deadline for proposals will be 27th October 2025, in time for submission to Council 03 which will take place in December 2025. Please send your proposal to the following address: contact@iala.int

It gives us great pleasure to express our sincere thanks to all of you for your kind collaboration and support, especially those who have enthusiastically organized an event in their country.

Special thanks go to The Northern Lighthouse Board and Trinity House for hosting the main event this year in London, United Kingdom, and making wonderful arrangements for the occasion.

More information on WAtON Day can be found on the dedicated webpage (<https://www.iala.int/news-events/world-marine-aids-to-navigation-day/>).