

**IALA COUNCIL
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10 – TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES

10.4 – VTS

10.4.1 – VTS 57 summary report

Note by the Secretariat

1. INTRODUCTION

The 57th session of the VTS Committee was held from 14 to 27 March 2025, with Monica Sundklev as Chair and Dirk Eckhoff as Vice-chair. Thomas Southall served as Secretary for the meeting.

123 participants from 32 countries, two Sister organisations, and three observers attended VTS57, with 30 participants attending for the first time.

The VTS Committee considered 55 input papers and produced 28 output papers, including working papers, from three Working Groups.

2. SUMMARY OF THE WORK ITEMS

The Committee reviewed and updated its work programme for 2025–2027, making significant progress across the three Working Groups:

Working Group 1 – Operations

- Continued development of guidance on delineating VTS areas.
- Progressed the development of guidance to assist competent authorities in establishing appropriate VTS policy and regulatory frameworks.
- Further work on guidance for VTS digital communications.
- Engagement on enhancing safety and efficiency of navigation around offshore installations.
- Review and development of updates for existing VTS documents.
- Development of the revised VTS global digital questionnaire.

Working Group 2 – Technology

- Finalized service specifications and service designs for VTS traffic clearance and route exchange under the S-100 framework.
- Revised Guideline G1111 on Functional Performance Requirements and G1111-1 on Core VTS Systems.
- Progressed the review and update of Recommendation R0145 on Inter-VTS Exchange Format (IVEF).
- Initiated coordination on harmonization of VTS data elements and cooperation on digitalization projects.

Working Group 3 – VTS Training

- Advanced the development of guidance on dealing with stress or trauma in VTS operations.
- Progressed the development of guidance on aptitudes required for VTS Operators.
- Continued revision of G1103 Train the Trainer and G1027 on Simulation in VTS Training.
- Drafted a new guideline on remote training in VTS.
- Continued revision of IALA VTS Model Courses, particularly the revalidation process (C0103-5).

3. OUTCOMES OF THE COMMITTEE

The following draft documents have been prepared for Council approval:

- C02-10.4.2(VTS57-12.3.4) Revised G1111 on Establishing Functional Performance Requirements.
- C02-10.4.3(VTS57-12.3.5) Revised G1111-1 on Producing Requirements for Core VTS Systems and Equipment.
- C02-10.4.4(VTS57-12.3.4) Revised G1027 on Simulation in VTS Training.

The following draft liaison notes and proposals have been prepared:

- C02-10.1.2.1(VTS57-12.1.1) Seminar proposal on Experiences and Challenges of Daily VTS Operations.
- C02-12.3.3(VTS57-12.3.1) Liaison note to IEC on the publication of service design for route exchange

4. THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO

NOTE the information provided in this document.