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Sent via email: fza@iala.int

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Dear Francis,

In advance of the upcoming Council meeting, I am very pleased to be able to confirm that Mike Bullock and I have received Government approval for the UK to host the World Aids to Navigation Day in London at Trinity House and in Harwich on 1 and 2 July 2025.

In addition to IALA Council Members and Industrial Partners, we intend inviting a cross-section of guests to further widen awareness of IALA's work. Yet to be confirmed, but we hope to be joined by Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, Master of Trinity House and by the Secretary Generals of the IMO and IHO as well as senior UK Government and UK Maritime Industry representatives.

We propose that the theme for the event is *'The role of Aids to Navigation in a digital future'* and we intend drawing together senior representatives from the Maritime Industry, Government and Academia to participate in panel discussions. The visit to Harwich will provide an ideal platform for Council members and guests to hear from our expert teams on applied research and development and the ever-growing impact of technological advances on the delivery of maritime services. We are also planning for a visit to the VTS centre operated by Harwich Haven which is a short walk from the Trinity House operational centre.

While the programme for the two days is yet to be fully confirmed, our proposed outline plan is included at the Annex.

The UK is very much looking forward to promoting the amazing work undertaken by IALA and I very much hope that you will support our application. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal; I look forward to discussing it with you in more detail in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Rear Admiral Iain Lower CB
Chief Executive

World AtoN Day 25 Proposed Programme

Monday 30 June

Guests arrive and are treated to a riverboat reception on the River Thames.

Tuesday 1st July - Trinity House.

Welcome and opening addresses (HRH The Master of Trinity House tbc)

- Keynote speeches
- First panel discussion hosted by industry experts
- A networking buffet lunch
- Second panel discussion hosted by industry experts
- An evening gala dinner

Wednesday 2nd July

Coaches transport guests from Trinity House to Harwich (2hrs)

- GLA Research and Development facilities (GRAD)
- Buoy yard operations
- A Trinity House vessel alongside
- The Operations and Planning Centre
- Harwich Haven VTS Centre (a short walk)

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