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Liaison Note

IALA Dictionary & Navguide update of the definition of an

Aid to Navigation

# Introduction

The definition of an AtoN in the IALA Dictionary and the Navguide is different to that in the Constitution.

# The various definitions of an Aid to Navigation

The two definitions in the Dictionary are as follows:

* Aid to Navigation:- “1-1-005Alternative term: Seamark (G.B.)Visual, acoustical or radio device to assist the safe and easy movement of ships. Note: The term "seamark" is most commonly used for a visual device.”
* Aid to Navigation (2):- “VTS-2012-3 Any device or system, external to a vessel, which is provided to help a mariner determine position and course, to warn of dangers or of obstructions, or to give advice about the location of a best or preferred route.”

The definition in the IALA Navguide 2014 is as follows:

* A marine Aid to Navigation (AtoN) is a device or system external to vessels that is designed and operated to enhance the safe and efficient navigation of vessels and/or vessel traffic.

The IALA Constitution definition is as follows:

* “The term “Marine Aids to Navigation” referred to in the present Constitution should be understood to be a device, system or service, external to vessels, designed and operated to enhance safe and efficient navigation of individual vessels and/or vessel traffic.”

The IALA Dictionary definition and the Navguide can be changed by the Committees yet the Constitution definition can only be changed by the IALA General Assembly.

# Proposal

In light of this, ENG committee proposes that the definition in the Navguide and the two existing IALA dictionary definitions are deleted and replaced by the one in the constitution as follows:

“a device, system or service, external to vessels, designed and operated to enhance safe and efficient navigation of individual vessels and/or vessel traffic.”

# Action requested

The DWG are requested to endorse this change.