Liaison Note to all Committees & PAP

IALA Draft Guideline on

Harmonized Portrayal of e-Navigation-related Information

# Introduction

The e-NAV Committee has developed a Draft *Guideline on the Harmonised Portrayal of e-Navigation-related Information*. A brief explanation is provided regarding the purpose and scope of this publication.

# Discussion

The purpose of this Guideline is to provide suitable guidance regarding how the presentation and display of e-Navigation-related information should be harmonized for both shipborne and shore-based systems / services. Ideally, this will occur as e-navigation is developed and implemented.

Since e-navigation is an evolutionary process, this Guideline is intended to be descriptive – not prescriptive. Until more practical experience is gained, it is premature to prescribe specific means to present / display e-Navigation related information. As such, the intent is to publish a general, goal-based guideline whereby over-arching objectives are defined, but freedom to innovate is left to both developers and users.

The basic, over-riding premise of this Guideline is that shipborne and shore-based equipment / systems / services should portray e-Navigation-related information to all users (both onboard and ashore) in a consistent manner.

However, how information is portrayed onboard or ashore depends on three factors:

1. On the particular tasks, function, and needs of the user.
2. The current situation or task-at-hand can influence the amount of information necessary to make informed decisions.
3. The portrayal of information onboard ships or ashore does not necessarily have to be identical.

# Action requested

The Committees and PAP are requested to note the draft IALA Guideline on the Harmonised Portrayal of e-Navigation-related Information and provide comments.