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**For**

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FOREWORD

The International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) recognises that training in all aspects of Aids to Navigation (AtoN) service delivery, from inception through installation and maintenance to replacement or removal at the end of a planned life-cycle, is critical to the consistent provision of that AtoN service.

Taking into account that under the SOLAS Convention, Chapter 5, Regulation 13, paragraph 2; Contracting Governments, mindful of their obligations published by the International Maritime Organisation, undertake to consider the international recommendations and guidelines when establishing aids to navigation, including recommendations on training and qualification of AtoN technicians, IALA has adopted Recommendation E-141 on Standards for Training and Certification of AtoN personnel.

IALA Committees working closely with the IALA World-Wide Academy have developed a series of model courses for AtoN personnel having E-141 Level 2 technician functions. This model course on the maintenance of plastic buoys should be read in conjunction with the Training Overview Document IALA WWA.L2.0 which contains standard guidance for the conduct of all Level 2 model courses

This model course is intended to provide national members and other appropriate authorities charged with the provision of AtoN services with specific guidance on the training of AtoN technicians in maintenance of plastic buoys. Assistance in implementing this and other model courses may be obtained from the IALA World-Wide Academy at the following address:

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# PART A - COURSE OVERVIEW

## Scope

This course is intended to provide technicians with the practical and theoretical training necessary to have a satisfactory understanding of the maintenance of plastic buoys.

This introductory course is intended to be supported by further training modules on theoretical and practical aspects of floating aids to navigation. Details of these supporting model courses can be found in the Level 2 Technician training overview document IALA WWA L2.0.

## Objective

Upon successful completion of this course, participants will have acquired sufficient knowledge and skill to maintain plastic buoys whilst on the job within their organisations.

## Course Outline

This practical course is intended to cover the knowledge required for a technician to maintain plastic buoys under supervision. The complete course comprises 5 classroom modules, each of which deals with a specific subject covering aspects of plastic buoy maintenance. Module 6 comprises a site visit designed to consolidate theoretical and practical knowledge. Each module begins by stating its scope and aims, and then provides a teaching syllabus.

## Table of Teaching Modules

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| **Module Title** | **Time in hours** | **Overview** |
| Health and Safety | 1 | This module identifies the health and safety issues associated with plastic buoy maintenance |
| Types of plastic Buoys | 0.5 | This module describes the types of plastic buoys in common use |
| Afloat Maintenance | 1 | This module describes maintenance that can be carried out whilst buoy is on station |
| Ashore Maintenance – Dismantling/Rebuild | 2 | This module describes the dismantling and rebuild of the buoy in the shore facility |
| Standards | 0.5 | This module describes the international and local standards pertinent to plastic buoys |
| Site visit | 4 | To visit a buoy refurbishment facility to consolidate knowledge learned |
| **Total Hours:** | **9** | **Two days** |

## Specific Course Related Teaching Aids

1. This course involves both classroom instruction and a visit to a buoy refurbishment facility. Classrooms should be equipped with blackboards, whiteboards, and overhead projectors to enable presentation of the subject matter.

## References

In addition to any specific references required by the Competent Authority, the following material is relevant to this course:

* IALA NAVGUIDE and MBS
* Technical documentation from coating suppliers
* IALA Recommendation E-108

# PART B - TEACHING MODULES

## Module 1 – Health and Safety

### Scope

This module describes the health and safety issues associated with plastic buoy maintenance.

### Learning Objective

To gain a satisfactory understanding of the health and safety issues associated with the maintenance of plastic buoys.

### Syllabus

Lesson 1 Health and Safety

1. Personal Protective Equipment
2. Use of mobile crane
3. Control of heavy items being moved – buoy tipping and rolling
4. Fork lift trucks
5. High pressure water jet
6. Working at heights
7. General hand tools

## Module 2 – Types of Plastic Buoys

### Scope

This module describes the types of plastic buoys in common use.

### Learning Objective

To gain a satisfactory understanding of plastic buoys in common use.

### Syllabus

Lesson 1 Types of Plastic Buoys

1. Composite assemblies
2. One Piece moulded buoys
3. GRP buoys
4. Thermoplastic buoys
5. Urethane coated foam buoys
6. All-foam buoys
7. Ballast weights

## Module 3 – Afloat Maintenance

### Scope

This module describes how plastic buoys can be maintained afloat.

### Learning Objective

To gain a satisfactory understanding of how plastic buoys can be maintained afloat.

### Syllabus

Lesson 1 Inspection

1 Review of cleaning – high pressure water/mechanical (scrapers)

2 Coating condition

3 Mooring eye wear

4 Damage inspection

Lesson 2 – Maintenance

1 Localised painting

2 Review of marine growth and guano removal

3 Mooring eye wear build up

4 Surface colour fading

## Module 4 – Ashore Maintenance – Dismantling and Rebuild

### Scope

This module describes the maintenance of plastic buoys at a maintenance facility ashore.

### Learning Objective

To gain a satisfactory understanding of the maintenance of plastic buoys at a shore facility.

### Syllabus

Lesson 1 Dismantling

1. Marine growth removal
2. Tail tube/ballast dismantling
3. Superstructure removal and dismantling
4. Mooring eye wear – inspection and repair
5. Modular float attachment – inspection.
6. Lifting eye testing

Lesson 2 Steel protection

1. Galvanising/zinc spray
2. Anode protection

Lesson 3 Reassembly

1. Superstructure assembly
2. Superstructure attachment
3. Modular float attachment
4. Solar unit attachment
5. Bridle attachment

Lesson 4 Inspection

1. Final inspection prior to deployment

* Mooring and/or lifting eye testing

Lesson 5 End of Life Disposal

1 Disposal plan for end of life

## Module 5 - Standards

### Scope

This module describes the standards pertinent to plastic buoys.

### Learning Objective

To gain a satisfactory understanding of the standards pertinent to the maintenance of plastic buoys.

### Syllabus

Lesson 1 Standards

1. IALA Recommendation E-108
2. IALA Guideline 1006
3. Local standards
4. Local standard operating procedures
5. Local waste management standards for disposal

## Module 6 – Site Visit

### Scope

To visit a shore buoy maintenance facility.

### Learning Objective

To consolidate knowledge learned from this course.

### Syllabus

Visit to a buoy maintenance facility or buoy tender to view the maintenance of plastic buoys in operation.