



## IALA COUNCIL 63<sup>rd</sup> session



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IALA HQ

### 11 – IALA TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES

#### 11.3 – VTS

#### Summary report of the 42<sup>nd</sup> session of the VTS Committee

Note by the Secretariat

#### 1. REPORT OF THE 42<sup>ND</sup> SESSION OF THE IALA VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES COMMITTEE (VTS42)

The 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Vessel Traffic Services Committee (VTS42) was held from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> August 2016 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia back to back with the 13<sup>th</sup> VTS Symposium.

The session was attended by 77 participants from 24 countries, of which 45 were National Members, 14 were Industrial Members, 13 were Associate Members, 3 were from Sister Organisations and 2 were observer. Four members attended for the first time.

#### 2. WORK CARRIED OUT

The Committee considered 52 input papers and produced 9 output documents and 9 working papers.

#### 3. KEY OUTCOMES FROM THE SESSION INCLUDE:

- Significant progress on Task 1.4.2 Review/Update/Provide input to IMO on Resolution A.857(20) Guidelines for VTS was achieved with completion of a paper on the compelling need for a revision of IMO Resolution A.857(20) Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services (Information Paper VTS42-12.1.3). The paper provides the basis for the Committee to commence drafting a submission to the IMO requesting a review of the Resolution as an unplanned output.  
*Note: While IALA may draft the document the submission can only be made by a Contracting Government / Member State of IMO.*
- Completion of Task 1.1.3 on a new Guideline on Marine Casualty Incident Reporting and Recording including near-miss situations as it relates to VTS
- Completion of Task 1.4.3 on developing and conducting a global VTS Questionnaire The report of the Questionnaire will be released at the VTS2016 Symposium in Malaysia, 8-12 August 2016 and posted on the IALA website.
- The Questionnaire will be kept online to enable:
- Authorities who have not already responded to do so, and
- Authorities who have responded to update their responses as necessary (for example, a new VTS has been authorised).
- The website to access the Questionnaire is - <http://www.ialaquestionnaire.org>
- Updates of definitions and abbreviations of the IALA Dictionary.

The following liaison notes were prepared:

- to Council to approve the Guideline on Marine Casualty Incident Reporting and Recording including near-miss situations as it relates to VTS;
- to ENAV on the e-navigation Road Map;
- to ARM on Marine Spatial Planning;



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- to the Joint VTS-ENAV WG on the ACCSEAS Legacy report.

Feedback was given on the report of the IALA VTS Questionnaire report.

Participants expressed significant concern over the policy to remove definitions from IALA documents as this will impact the readability, accessibility and understanding of the documents.

The full report of the 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the VTS Committee is available from:

<http://www.iala-aism.org/meetings/42/?mpg=4>



#### 4. WORK PLAN

The overall status of the VTS Committee 2014-2018 Work Programme after VTS42 is as follows:

The overall status of the VTS Committee 2017-2018 Work Programme after VTS12 is as follows:								
Task		Start Session	Planned End Session	Revised End Session	Progress Indicator			Status Overview
					Green	Yellow	Red	
TD#1 – Operations								
1.1.1.	Produce a Guideline on the use of decision support tools in VTS	38	39	38	☒	☒	☐	Completed Approved at C59
1.1.2.	Update the VTS Manual	38	41		☒	☐	☐	Completed VTS41 Approved at C62
1.1.3.	Produce a Guideline on marine casualty incident reporting and recording, including near miss situations as it relates to VTS	38	42		☒	☐	☐	Commenced VTS38 Completed VTS42 Forwarded to C63 for approval
1.1.4.	Produce a Guideline on Maritime Service Portfolios for VTS	40	44		☒	☐	☐	Commenced VTS40
1.1.5.	Produce a Guideline on Preparing for IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS) as it relates to VTS	38	40		☒	☐	☐	Completed Approved at C61
1.1.6.	Produce a Guideline on Measures to Evaluate the Effectiveness of a VTS	42	44		☒	☐	☐	Commenced VTS42
1.2.1.	Produce a Guideline on public and media relations in special / defined circumstances	4243	44		☐	☒	☐	
1.3.1.	Produce a Recommendation / Guideline on VTS Communications	39	44		☒	☐	☐	Commenced VTS39
1.4.1.	Develop an “IALA VTS Strategy Paper” with regards to the delivery of VTS in a rapidly changing world and the possible implications for IMO Resolution A.857(20) Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services	38	40	39	☒	☐	☐	Completed Approved at C60
1.4.2.	Review/update/provide input to IMO on Resolution A.857(20) Guidelines for VTS	41	44		☒	☐	☐	Commenced at VTS39
1.4.3.	Develop and conduct a global VTS Questionnaire	38	41		☒	☐	☐	Completed to be released on IALA Website (8 Aug)
1.4.4.	Produce a Guideline on preparing for Zero Accident Campaign	38			☐	☒	☐	On hold pending IMO response
TD#2 – Technology								
2.1.1.	Produce a Recommendation on the portrayal of VTS information and data	41	44		☒	☐	☐	Commenced VTS41
2.2.1.	Develop Guidance on the technical acceptance of a VTS system	39	44		☒	☐	☐	Commenced VTS39
2.2.2.	Review V-128 – Operational and Technical Performance Requirements for VTS Equipment:	38	44	39	☒	☐	☐	Completed Approved at C60
2.3.1.	Provide a Guideline on the technical interface between VTS systems and the systems of other stakeholders	41	44		☒	☐	☐	
TD#3 –Training								
3.1.1.	Develop a Model Course on Revalidation Process for VTS Qualification and Certification	38	41		☒	☐	☐	Completed Approved at C62
3.1.2.	Produce a VTS Training Manual to complement the V-103 and its model courses	40	44		☒	☐	☐	Commenced VTS40
3.1.3	Review and update V-103 on the Standards for Training and Certification of VTS Personnel and other IALA guidance to reflect the introduction of V-103/5	42	44		☒	☐	☐	
3.3.1.	Develop guidance on human factors and ergonomics in VTS	38	43		☒	☐	☐	Commenced VTS38
3.4.1.	Develop a Guideline on VTS Awareness for Navigating Officers	4243	44		☐	☒	☐	



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#### **5. THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED**

The Council is requested to note the successful completion of VTS42.