



IALA COUNCIL 65th session



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IALA Headquarters

11 – IALA TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES

11.3 – VTS

11.3.1 - Summary report of the 44th session of the VTS Committee

Note by the Secretariat

1. REPORT OF THE 44TH SESSION OF THE IALA VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES COMMITTEE (VTS44)

The 44th Session of the VTS Committee was held at IALA Headquarters from 25 to 29 September 2017.

87 Delegates from 28 countries, 2 sister organisations and 5 observers participated in VTS44. Significantly, this included 23 participants for the first time.

2. WORK CARRIED OUT

This was the seventh meeting for the 2014-2018 Work Programme and the VTS Committee considered 39 input papers and produced 16 output papers and 6 working papers of three Working Groups.

3. KEY OUTCOMES FROM THE SESSION INCLUDE:

The completion of the following new Recommendations and Guidelines:

- Guideline for setting and measuring VTS objectives;
- Recommendation on VTS Communications;
- Guideline on VTS VHF Voice Communication;
- Recommendation on Portrayal of VTS Information and Data;
- Guideline on VTS information exchange with allied or other services;
- Recommendation on Auditing and Assessing VTS.

Additions to the draft IALA Standard 1040 on VTS because of three new Recommendations.

The following liaison notes to Council were prepared:

- to approve the draft three new Recommendations and three new Guidelines as given above;
- to approve a workshop on harmonising the delivery of VTS communications;
- to note pro-active work prior to Work Programme 2018-2022;

The following liaison notes to other Committees and PAP were prepared:

- to ARM on the 2018 NAVGUIDE;
- to ARM on the Recommendation and Guideline of Mobile AtoN;



- to PAP to consider the proposed 2018 – 2022 VTS Work Programme.

4. WORK PLAN

The overall status of the VTS Committee 2014-2018 Work Programme after VTS44 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 Approved at C63
1.1.4. Produce a Guideline on Maritime Service Portfolios for VTS	40	44		☐	☐	☒	Commenced VTS40 To 2018-2022 WP
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 for setting and achieving VTS objectives	42	44		☒	☐	☐	Commenced VTS42 Name change VTS43 Completed VTS44
1.2.1. Produce a Guideline on public and media relations in special / defined circumstances	43	44		☐	☐	☒	removed
1.3.1. Produce a Recommendation / Guideline on VTS Communications	39	44		☒	☐	☐	Commenced VTS39 Completed VTS44
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 VTS39 To 2018-2022 WP
1.4.3. Develop and conduct a global VTS Questionnaire	38	41		☒	☐	☐	Completed released on IALA Website (8 Aug-16)
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 Completed VTS44
2.2.1. Develop Guidance on the technical acceptance of a VTS system	39	44		☐	☐	☒	Commenced VTS39 To 2018-2022 WP
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 aspects of VTS information exchange between VTS and allied or other services	41	44		☒	☐	☐	Name change VTS43 Completed VTS44
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 To 2018-2022 WP
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		☒	☐	☐	Completed VTS43 Approved at C64



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3.3.1. Develop guidance on human factors and ergonomics in VTS	38	43		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commenced VTS38 To 2018-2022 WP
3.4.1. Develop a Guideline on VTS Awareness for Navigating Officers	43	44		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commenced VTS43 To 2018-2022 WP

5. THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED

The Council is requested to note the successful completion of VTS44.