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World Marine Aids to Navigation Day

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SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document provides information on the establishment of an IALA World Marine Aids to Navigation Day to be held on the 1st July each year

Strategic direction, if applicable: Not applicable

Output: Not applicable

Action to be taken: Paragraph 8

Related documents: None

Background

1 The IALA General Assembly, having considered an objective of promoting a greater awareness to mariners and the wider public of the vital role of Marine Aids to Navigation (AtoN) in ensuring the safety and efficiency of navigation, decided to establish the World Marine Aids to Navigation Day to be held on 1 July each year.

2 The IALA General Assembly considered this an opportunity for all IALA members to showcase their expertise and how they collaborate to stimulate technological innovation in support of the development and harmonization of AtoN around the world.

3 The theme for the World Marine Aids to Navigation Day is *Marine Aids to Navigation – Successful Voyages, Sustainable Planet*, which is also the motto of IALA.

Discussion

4 The theme of the World Marine Aids to Navigation Day serves as an umbrella to encompass all aspects of AtoN provision. The theme reinforces the vital role of AtoN and the mission of IALA in the maritime arena in terms of the worldwide harmonization of AtoN

standards, the facilitation of the safety and efficiency of navigation, and the protection of the environment.

5 The objectives of the World Marine Aids to Navigation Day are:

- .1 To improve society's perception of AtoN as modern, technologically advanced marine aids to navigation which, alongside traditional lighthouses, embrace the latest digital developments and support new developments in all fields, including Vessel Traffic Services.
- .2 To promote greater awareness of AtoN by bringing to the attention of the wider public, mariners and other stakeholders the technical, capacity-building and educational work of IALA and its members in enhancing the safety of navigation worldwide.

6 Using this broad approach more familiar AtoN, such as the IALA Maritime Buoyage System, could serve as a gateway to highlight to the maritime community and the wider public the important role that AtoN fulfils in society, as well as showcasing the latest operational and technological developments.

7 A major World Marine Aids to Navigation Day event is planned to take place in Spain in 2019. Parallel events marking the World Marine Aids to Navigation Day along with the active participation of all organizations with an interest in AtoN are actively encouraged.

Action requested of the Committee

8 The Committee is invited to note the information provided.
