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8 – STRATEGY AND POLICY

8.7 – World Marine Aids to Navigation Day

8.7.1 – World AtoN (WAtON) Day 2019

Note by the Secretariat

INTRODUCTION

At the 13th General Assembly of 29th May 2018 it was decided to establish the World Day of Marine Aids to Navigation (World Marine AtoN Day) the 1st July each year, bearing in mind that this is the date of the creation of IALA, with the first celebration in 2019.

The principal objective is to promote greater awareness of IALA and its work by bringing to the attention of the wider public the role of Marine Aids to Navigation and the significance of IALA's technical work in enhancing the safety of navigation worldwide.

The General Assembly approved the establishment of a World Marine Aids to Navigation day and adopted the associated Resolution A13-04.

DISCUSSION

On 12th September 2018 the Secretariat invited members of all categories to submit proposals for the theme of the first World Marine Aids to Navigation (WAtON) Day.

By the deadline of 1st November, twelve Members had submitted proposals and after consideration by the Council at C68, it was decided to have a broad theme for the inaugural WAtON Day:

Marine Aids to Navigation Successful Voyages, Sustainable Planet

This theme served as an umbrella to encompass the suggestions proposed by members and accommodated all aspects of each Committee. Through the use of IALA's motto it reinforces our mission in the maritime arena for worldwide harmonisation of AtoN standards, the facilitation of the safety and efficiency of navigation and the protection of the marine environment.

On July 1st 2019, the main event of the first WAtON day was successfully celebrated on the beautiful island of Mallorca hosted by Puertos del Estados, Spain.

Parallel events were also enthusiastically celebrated world-wide by many members of IALA, including:

- Argentina – Servicio de Hidrografia Naval, national member and Hidrovia S.A., associate member
- Brazil - Diretoria de Hidrografia e Navegacao of the Brazilian Navy
- Denmark – Danish Maritime Authority
- India – Directorate General of Lighthouses and Lightships
- Japan – Japan Coast Guard
- Korea – Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries
- Malaysia – Light Dues Board Peninsular / Marine Department
- Singapore – Maritime and Port Authority



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- United Kingdom – Trinity House Lighthouse Service
- Uruguay – Servicio Iluminacion y Balizamento Armada Nacional
- Almarin Equipos y Servicios Portuarios, S.L. - Industrial member from Spain held an exhibition stand at the event venue
- Mediterraneo Señales Maritimas S.L. - Industrial member from Spain held an exhibition stand at the event venue
- Meritaito Ltd. Seahow - Industrial member from Finland held an exhibition stand at the event venue

These are the events that the Secretariat knows of, but the day might have been celebrated other places.

The Secretary-General will verbally present more information on the various events received from IALA members during that period.

THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO

NOTE the information provided in this document.