

**IALA COUNCIL  
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IALA Headquarters****8 – STRATEGY AND POLICY*****8.4 – World Marine Aids to Navigation Day***

Note by the Secretariat

**INTRODUCTION**

At the 70<sup>th</sup> session of the Council in Noumea, New Caledonia from 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019 the Councillors approved the proposals of Bulgaria Ports Infrastructure Company and Japan Coast Guard to celebrate the World Day of Marine Aids to Navigation (World Marine AtoN Day) 2020. The Councillors proposed to consider two different dates close to the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2020.

The Director-General of Bulgarian Ports Infrastructure Company suggested to host the main event on July 1<sup>st</sup> at the newly build Congress Scientific-Research Center for Control and Exploration in the city of Burgas which is the fourth largest city of Bulgaria located on the Black Sea. The port is the largest in Bulgaria with a very modern VTS Center.

Due to the COVID-19, Bulgaria has decided to postpone the celebration to a later date. An IALA Circular Letter (CL) will be issued with the available details.

The Director-General of Maritime Traffic Department, Japan Coast Guard suggested hosting the main event early November 2020 in conjunction with Lighthouse World Summit Day (November 7 to 8) in celebration of the Lighthouse Day in Japan.

**THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO**

**Note** the information provided in this document.