Liaison Note to IHO

Superbuoy - Definition

# Introduction

The IHO has requested IALA give consideration to whether a definition for the term ‘superbuoy’ can be provided after noting instances of conflicting use of the term ‘superbuoy’ among AtoN authorities.

# Definitions in the IALA Dictionary

The IALA dictionary does not provide a definition for the term superbuoy.

IALA does not endorse the use of the term superbuoy as it does not adequately describe the nature of the buoy. IALA is aware that this term is applied to buoys of large dimensions that are not principally used as aids to navigation, such as super mooring buoys and the largest Ocean Data Acquisition Structures (ODAS).

# Action requested

The IHO is requested to note:

1. IALA’s position on the use of the term superbuoy in relation to aids to navigation; and that
2. IALA will be reviewing its Recommendation O-104 covering major floating aids to navigation in 2011/12 and this review will give consideration to Buoys of Primary Navigational Significance (BPNS) and ‘superbuoys’ including the need for new or changed definitions.