**Working Paper**

**Descriptions for IALA Dictionary**

1. The intention is to develop descriptions of the following, for consideration and inclusion in the IALA Dictionary
2. Fairway
3. Channel
4. Waterway

**Post 13 January 2021: Proposed wording following invite for input in January 2021**

**Fairway:** (Current definition as per G1078)

A charted and marked waterway recommended by a competent authority

**Waterway:** (Dave’s wording) with tracked changes

A waterway defines a coastal region, sound, strait, harbour, bay, channel, fairway, river, canal, or a geographically shared series of any or all. It can consist of natural or manmade passages, which may or may not restrict vessel traffic within its boundaries, marked or not marked by AtoN, that allows for the transit of vessels.

**Channel:** (As per our final TG deliberation on 22/10/2020 with tracked changes accepted)

A channel is a natural or dredged lane having sufficient depth, usually restricted on either side by shallow water and designated or customarily use for vessels. The borders of a channel may be defined by natural or artificial banks and is nearly always marked by AtoN.