

TRANSITION COUNCIL
3rd session**10 - 13 December 2024**
IALA Headquarters**14 – CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA AND OTHER EVENTS*****14.3 – World Marine Aids to Navigation Day*****14.3.1 – World AtoN (WAtoN) Day 2025**

Note by the Secretariat

INTRODUCTION

In 2018 the General Assembly 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.

IALA's relevance and importance to the safe conduct of shipping should resonate with an ever-more discerning public that entertains high expectations about accident prevention and proper control of environmental risks.

Furthermore, there is scope to encourage public interest and engagement by highlighting the growing impact of technological advances on the delivery of maritime safety services.

The World Marine AtoN Day provides a welcome opportunity for all IALA members – Member States, Associates, Affiliates and Industrial Affiliates – to showcase their respective expertise and how they collaborate to stimulate technological innovation in support of the development and harmonization of AtoN around the world.

Host for the World Marine Aids to Navigation Day 2024

Candidacies to host the main event of the World Marine Aids to Navigation Day in July 2024 are open. Countries are kindly invited to submit their interest and a draft program to the Secretariat.

THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO

NOTE the information provided in this document and consider sending representatives to the main event for the celebration. The Council is also invited to consider celebrating the WAtoN Day locally and on social media and publicize pictures etc. on the special page on the IALA website.