

IALA COUNCIL
73rd session**8-9-10 June 2021**
Video Conference**14 – CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA AND OTHER EVENTS*****14.5 – World Marine Aids to Navigation Day*****14.5 – World AtoN (WAtON) Day**

Note by the Secretariat

INTRODUCTION

At the 72nd session of the Council that was held via Videoconference from 8 to 10th December 2020 it was noted by the Councillors the postponement of the official celebrations in Bulgaria and Japan to the following year, 2021 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite of the pandemic, the World Day of Marine Aids to Navigation (World Marine AtoN Day) 2020 was well celebrated with success globally via social medias by many IALA members.

The current and future COVID-19 situation

The situation with respect to the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic challenges continues world-wide. The Director-General of Bulgarian Ports Infrastructure Company has expressed his readiness to host the celebration of the event physically in Burgas as initially agreed and approved at the C70. The Director-General of BPIC proposes therefore a new date next year on/around 1 July 2022 in the newly build Congress Center in Burgas.

It is expected that Japan Coast Guard will celebrate the day online like last year.

THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO

APPROVE the information provided in this document.