

**IALA COUNCIL**  
**73<sup>rd</sup> 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 72<sup>nd</sup> session of the Council that was held via Videoconference from 8 to 10<sup>th</sup> 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.