

IALA COUNCIL 75th session



30 May - 3 June 2022
Copenhagen
Denmark

14 – CONFERENCE, SYMPOSIA, AND OTHER EVENTS

14.5 – WORLD MARINE AIDS TO NAVIGATION DAY

14.5.2 Change of Selection Process of the IALA Heritage Lighthouse of the Year

Note by ENG

INTRODUCTION

The Heritage Lighthouse of the Year was established to celebrate the World Aids to Navigation Day (WAtON Day) in 2019. Cordouan Lighthouse of France was selected as the inaugural recipient of the accolade of Heritage Lighthouse of The Year 2019 by the WG 4 Heritage Forum of ENG Committee at its ninth session meeting. At its 10th session, the Committee reviewed the selection process for the future Heritage Lighthouse of Year and submitted the input paper to the 70th session of the IALA Council for consideration and the Council agreed the proposed selection process. Following this selection process, Santo Antônio da Barra of Brazil was selected in 2020 and Cape Byron Lighthouse of Australia was selected in 2021.

DISCUSSION

The current selection process is as follows:

- The nomination is open to IALA members with a deadline of submission set for 28th of February;
- The spring session of the ENG Committee selects three lighthouses from the nominations and invites Council to make the final selection, with a recommendation; and
- The summer session of Council selects the Heritage Lighthouse of the year before WAtON Day.

After two selection processes undertaken in 2020 and 2021, the following issues have been identified.

- The selected lighthouse cannot be celebrated for the whole of the year, only the latter half of the year and this reduces the opportunity for wider publicity.
- Because the time between the selection at the summer session of Council, normally in June and WAtON Day in July is short, it is difficult to secure enough time for adequate celebration preparations.
- The spring session of the ENG Committee is not held in the IALA Conference year and thus the selection of the Heritage Lighthouse of the Conference Year becomes impossible.

At its 15th session, the ENG Committee considered the issues and agreed to change the selection process to the following:



- The nomination for the Heritage Lighthouse of the next year is open with deadline of submission set for the end of the previous month of the autumn session of the ENG Committee, normally August or September:
- The autumn session of the ENG Committee selects three lighthouses from the nominations and invites Council to make the final selection, with a recommendation : and
- the winter session of Council selects the Heritage Lighthouse of the following Year.

THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO

1. Consider the change of the selection process.
2. If appropriate, apply the new selection process for the Heritage Lighthouse of the Year 2023.