



TO IALA MEMBERS

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## World Marine Aids to Navigation Day 2019

*Theme: Marine Aids to Navigation-Successful Voyages, Sustainable Planet*

Dear IALA Members,

At its 13th session the General Assembly decided to establish the World Marine Aids to Navigation 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 (Resolution A13-04).

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.

I would like to thank you all for your very kind collaboration and support with respect to the proposal of a theme for the 2019 World Marine Aids to Navigation Day.

The various proposals received were introduced to the Council at its 68<sup>th</sup> session in December 2018. As a result, the IALA Councillors unanimously suggested and approved ***Marine Aids to Navigation – Successful Voyages, Sustainable Planet*** as the theme for the first World Marine Aids to Navigation Day. The Council has also decided to inform the next meetings of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee about the establishment of the World Marine Aids to Navigation Day.

At the 68<sup>th</sup> session of the IALA Council, the Councillor of Spain indicated that Spain would host a major event on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019. Following the initiative of Spain to host a major event, it was suggested that parallel events could be hosted by other National Members as they see fit. All Industrial and Associate members are also encouraged to participate or plan an event and take advantage of the opportunities of the World Marine Aids to Navigation Day.



I encourage you to visit the dedicated space on the IALA website for more information of this yearly event. News and information will be posted when available.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "F. Zachariae".

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Secretary-General