



26 - 27 JUNE 2019

# SEMINAR ON THE REVISION OF IMO RESOLUTION A.857(20) GUIDELINES FOR VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES

IALA Headquarters, Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France

The International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) is hosting a Seminar on updating IMO Resolution A.857(20), Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services in Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France, from 26 – 27 June 2019

## BACKGROUND

Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) are recognized internationally as a navigational safety measure through the International Convention on the Safety of Life at Sea 74/78 (SOLAS).

In 1997, the IMO adopted Resolution A.857(20) on Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services, recognizing that:

- The safety and efficiency of maritime traffic and the protection of the marine environment would be improved if vessel traffic services were established and operated in accordance with internationally approved guidelines; and
- The use of differing VTS procedures may cause confusion to masters of vessels moving from one vessel traffic service area to another.

The Resolution describes the principles and general provisions for the operation of a VTS, participating vessels, the roles and responsibilities of Contracting Governments, Competent Authorities and VTS Authorities, and qualifications and training of VTS Operators.

Since the entry into force of the Resolution twenty years ago, various organizational, operational and technological developments have taken place globally in a rapidly changing maritime domain. This has rendered important parts of the Resolution open to differing interpretation, resulting in debate amongst stakeholders and a reduced ability to implement the Guidelines for VTS in a consistent and harmonized manner. The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 99th session in 2018, agreed to include in its post-biennial agenda an output on “Revision of the Guidelines for vessel traffic services (Resolution A.857(20))”, assigning the task to the Navigation, Communication and Search and Rescue (NCSR) Sub-Committee as the coordinating organ.

IALA, through the expertise of the VTS Committee, is taking a coordinating role in the update and is preparing a revised Resolution for consideration by the IMO.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Seminar is to:

- Inform stakeholders about the revised Resolution being prepared by the VTS Committee for submission to NCSR7 for consideration in completing the revision of the Guidelines for vessel traffic services (Resolution A.857(20));
- Provide the opportunity to broaden engagement in preparing a revised Resolution, particularly with IMO Member States and international organizations who may not have been involved in the preparation of the submission of a new output proposal (MSC 99/20/3); and
- Ensure stakeholder views are considered in the draft revision to be submitted to NCSR 7.

## GOAL

To assist in the development of a modernised/updated IMO Resolution for VTS that provides a clear and concise framework to operate vessel traffic services globally in a harmonised manner.

## TOPICS

The Seminar will focus on the key areas identified in the submission to the IMO for the revision of the Resolution that contribute to the broad interpretation and debate regarding VTS and which require clarification or update. These include:

- the role of the Competent Authority/VTS Authority;
- changing traditional boundaries;
- VTS and future developments;
- the Types of Service (Information Service, Traffic Organisation Service and Navigational Assistance Service);
- the use of result-oriented instructions;
- VTS qualifications, training and certification;
- the recognition of IALA Standards relating to VTS;
- and various administrative amendments.



## PROCESS

The Seminar will include presentations from expert speakers and stakeholders on various aspects relevant to VTS. Comments will be collated and taken into consideration in finalizing the draft revision for submission to NCSR7.

## ATTENDEES

The Seminar is directed to all related international bodies with interest in VTS, in particular IMO Members, IALA Members, Competent Authorities for VTS, VTS Authorities and maritime organisations.

The working language for the Seminar will be in English.

## REGISTRATION FEE

The Seminar is free of charge, but **registration is mandatory**.

Electronic access to material, coffee breaks and social events are included in registration to the Seminar. Delegates are responsible for providing their own lunches.

This event is limited to ninety-nine persons. Therefore, early registration is recommended. Depending on the interest to participate, delegations may be restricted to a maximum of three participants or access to the plenary room may be limited. Deadline for registration has been extended to 13 June 2019.

## VENUE

The venue will be held at IALA headquarters, 10 rue des Gaudines, 78100 Saint Germain en Laye, France, 26-27 June 2019.

## HOTELS

Delegates are responsible for booking their own hotels. Please see Hotel Information flyer provided by the IALA secretariat via this link <https://www.iala-aism.org/contact/>



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## PROVISIONAL WORK PROGRAMME

Day 1		Wednesday 26 June 2019
11:00 – 13:00	Registration	
13:00 – 14:30	Session 1	Opening and setting the scene Experiences from Competent Authorities and VTS Authorities
15:00 – 17:00	Session 2	Presentations by key stakeholders Expectations and best practices related to VTS Status of the proposed revision to the Resolution
19:30		<b>Cocktail Dînatoire – Mercure Hotel</b>
Day 2		Thursday 27 June 2019
09:00 – 15:30	Session 3	Key areas and panel discussions
15:30 – 17:00		Seminar conclusions and closing



## REGISTRATION FORM

For online booking, please follow the link: <https://www.iala-aism.org/product/seminar-on-the-revision-of-the-imo-resolution-for-vessel-traffic-services/>

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Yes  No

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