



Circular Letter 23/2022

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Subject: World Marine Aids to Navigation Day 2022
Theme: Marine Aids to Navigation-Successful Voyages, Sustainable Planet

To: All IALA members

Dear members,

It is that time of the year again to celebrate the World Marine Aids to Navigation (WAtoN) Day, 1st of July.

The celebration of the WAtoN Day last year was a great success on social media and a webinar was organized to celebrate virtually whilst the Covid19 pandemic was still very much present in many countries.

For the year 2022, I have the pleasure to inform you that Bulgarian Ports Infrastructure Company will be hosting the main event on 1 July as per attached provisional programme. All IALA members are invited to join this event, should they wish to, and proceed to registration via the following e-mail: watoday2022@bgports.bg as soon as possible. The deadline for registration is Friday 17 June 2022. Accommodations should be booked as soon as possible. Hotels located in the city center with vacancies are the following: "Bulgaria": <https://en.bulgaria-hotel.com/> and "Burgas": <https://www.hotelburgas.com/en>

IALA also encourages all its members to organize parallel events as they see fit. All members are welcome to plan an event and take advantage of the opportunities of the WAtoN Day as in the previous year. Also, everyone is welcome to post photos of Marine Aids to Navigation on their social media account on the 1st of July as celebration of the WAtoN Day.

With this action, we hope to make Marine Aids to Navigation more visible and known to the public, as per the purpose of the establishment of this WAtoN Day, not only for the maritime community, but also to the public.

I would like to thank you all for your kind collaboration and valuable support.

Yours sincerely,

Francis Zachariae
Secretary-General



World Marine Aids to Navigation Day 2022

Friday, 01.07.2022

BURGAS, BULGARIA

Hosted by Bulgarian Ports Infrastructure Company
At the International Congress Center, Burgas Foros Hall

PROGRAMME

10:30 – 11:00 – Welcome coffee

11:00 – 11:15 – Opening speeches:

Ms Anna Natova, Director General of Bulgarian Ports Infrastructure Company (BPI Co.)

Rear Admiral Kiril Mihaylov, Commander of the Bulgarian Navy

Mr Francis Zachariae, Secretary-General of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA)

11:15 – 11:30 – Capt. Milen Todorov, Director Vessel Traffic Services Authority, BPI Co.: “Management, Information Services and Provision of Navigational Safety in the Maritime Spaces and Ports of Bulgaria – Systems, Innovation and Future”

11:30 – 11:45 – Lt Cdr Nikolay Lyaskovski, Assistant Director of Bulgarian Navy Hydrographic Service: “Opportunities for modernization of the Aids to Navigation at the Bulgarian Navy Hydrographic Service”

11:45 – 12:00 – Mr Minsu Jeon, Technical Operation Manager (IALA): IALA activities and plans

12:00 – 12:15 – Mr Omar Eriksson, Dean of the World-wide Academy and Deputy Secretary General (IALA): Activities of the World-wide Academy

12:15 – 12:30 – Lighthouse of the year Celebration (TBA)

12:30 – 13:00 – Exhibition “Lighthouses and other means of navigation support on the Bulgarian Black Sea coast”

13:00 – 13:30 – Transfer from the Public Access Area of Port of Burgas to St. Anastasia Island

13:30 – 14:30 – Lunch

14:30 – 16:00 – Tour of St. Anastasia Island, visit to St. Anastasia Island Lighthouse and the Museum

16:00 – 16:30 – Transfer from St. Anastasia Island to the Public Access Area of Port of Burgas

16:30 – 17:00 – Visit to the Coastal Center for Vessel Traffic Management and Information Services Burgas

17:00 – 19:30 – Free time

19:30 – 22:30 – Dinner, Neptun Restaurant



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

BURGAS AIRPORT

Burgas Airport is located 11 km northeast of the city of Burgas.

<https://burgas-airport.bg/en/getting-around>

By Taxi

A 24-hour taxi service is available at Burgas Airport. You may find the yellow taxi cabs of Eko Taxi in front of Terminal 2.

Public Transport

Bus No 15 will take you to the central bus station at Burgas.

Car Rental

All operators have reception desks in Arrivals area in Terminal 2 at Burgas Airport.

VARNA AIRPORT

Varna Airport is located 8 km west of the city of Varna.

<https://varna-airport.bg/en/getting-around>

Car Rental

All operators have reception desks in Arrivals area in Terminal 2 at Varna Airport.

Shuttle

<https://www.rentalcarsvarna.com/en/>

Intercity transport

Bus Station Varna

<https://autogaravn.com/en>

The bus travel from Varna to Burgas takes 2:30 hours.