



Circular Letter 2023/07

17 May 2023

Subject: **World Marine Aids to Navigation Day 2023**
Theme: Marine Aids to Navigation-Successful Voyages, Sustainable Planet

To: All IALA members

Dear members,

This letter is to inform you of the celebration of the World Marine Aids to Navigation (WAtON) Day, 1st of July 2023.

The celebration of the WatoN Day last year was again a great success on social media and in Bulgaria where wonderful arrangements were made to celebrate the event with a rich programme of conference and visits.

For the year 2023, I have the pleasure to inform you that Morocco will be hosting the main event on 4th & 5th July as per attached provisional programme. The venue is Barceló Tangier Hotel, in Tangier, Morocco. All IALA members are invited to join this event, should they wish to, and proceed to registration via the following e-mail: ***sec.ussepm@gmail.com*** as soon as possible. Accommodations should be booked as soon as possible.

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 years. 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, as per the purpose of the establishment of the 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 to make this event fruitful, and I hope to see you in Morocco on the 4th July.

Yours sincerely,

Francis Zachariae
Secretary-General



Morocco is hosting the main event celebrating the World Marine Aids to Navigation Day 2023

The event will take place on July 04, 2023 in Tangier, Morocco and will be held at the Barceló Tangier Hotel. This day will be followed by a program of technical and cultural visits, scheduled upon prior registration, on July 05 2023.

Tuesday 04/07/2023

Registration and Welcome cocktail

Opening remarks:

- The Minister of Equipment and Water
- IALA Secretary General

Official Exhibition Opening and Tour

Session 1: New emerging technologies in the field of maritime navigation and contribution of the port sector (To be confirmed)

Session 2: Preparation of the IMO Audit by African countries (tbc)

Session 3: Capacity Building for Africa

Session 4: The cultural heritage of lighthouses Trip to Cap Spartel: Thematic guided tour of the lighthouse and the Museum followed by a cocktail dinner.

Wednesday 05/07/2023

Technical visits:

- Visit of the maritime Surveillance traffic Center
- Visit of the Tangier Med Port

Cultural visits:

- Visit the marina of Tangier city
- Visit of the Port Center
- Visit of the Medina of Tangier
- Visit of the IBN BattouTa Museum

