



Circular Letter 2024/04

21 March 2024

Subject: **World Marine Aids to Navigation Day 2024**

To: All IALA members

Dear members,

This letter is to inform you of the celebration of the World Marine Aids to Navigation (WAtON) Day 2024.

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

For the year 2024, I have the pleasure to inform you that Italy will be hosting the main event on 2 and 3 July as per attached provisional programme. All IALA members are invited to join this event which will be held in Genoa, city of the Lighthouse of the Year 2024, and proceed to registration by returning the attached form via the following e-mail: ammiraglio.genova@mit.gov.it. The two-day programme promises to be very interesting, and we strongly encourage you to join us to celebrate this important awareness event.

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 Italy on 2 and 3 July.

Yours sincerely,

Francis Zachariae
Secretary-General