

6 February to 28 March 2025

## Notice on Suriname AtoN Academy and IALA World Wide Academy AtoN Manager Model Course to gain IALA Certification as Level 1 AtoN Manager

The Suriname AtoN Academy accredited by the Maritime Authority Suriname is a professional training academy which delivers AtoN training and capacity building.



### FOR WHOM

The purpose of Level 1 AtoN Manager Model Course is to provide maritime organizations with a training course for personnel concerned with AtoN service provision the knowledge, skills and dedication will enable the participants to acquire the necessary level

of competence; that is the ability to perform defined tasks or duties effectively. Participants who complete the course and its written tests of competency will be awarded an IALA Level 1 Certificate for Aids to Navigation Managers by Suriname AtoN Academy and IALA. The principle theoretical course covers the complete syllabus for Level 1 AtoN Managers set out in IALA Recommendation RO141(Training and certification of marine aids to navigation personnel) and Model Course L1.1. (Marine Aids to Navigation manager training).

It is one of a series of AtoN courses. Previous sea experience is an advantage but is not a mandatory requirement as general nautical knowledge is included in Module 2.

### GENERAL

The training will be provided by the **Suriname AtoN Academy**. This organization is part of the Maritime Authority Suriname (MAS). The MAS is responsible for hydrographic surveys and Aids to Navigation in the rivers of Suriname in compliance with the IALA and IHO standards.

### OBJECTIVES

The course aims to enable participants to gain an internationally recognized Aids to Navigation Certificate as an AtoN Manager.

The competencies to be gained include:

**Module 1A:** manage effectively their interaction with IALA and get satisfactory understanding of the role of the main international organizations governing and controlling safety of navigation;

**Module 1B:** a basic understanding of the nautical knowledge related to AtoN;



**Module 1C:** a basic understanding of the IALA Maritime Buoyage System and the ability to apply theoretical principles affecting the performance of the AtoN to the management.

**Module 1D:** the ability to understand maritime routing measures and the role of ship's Master and Navigator and their interaction with professional ship's Pilots.

**Module 2A and 2B:** the ability to apply both theoretical and practical principles effecting the safe and efficient operation of visual, audible and radio AtoN.

**Module 2C:** a basic understanding of the function of VTS as a vital service to safe navigation, commercial efficiency and the protection of the marine and coastal environment.

**Module 2D:** how AtoN structures and historic lighthouses can be protected and preserved as part of the effective delivery of AtoN service provision.

**Module 2E:** the ability to select the most appropriate source of electric power at Aton stations, maximize battery life and to provide protection against lightening.



**Module 3A:** the ability to apply internationally acceptable principles of navigation risk analysis to the effective management of AtoN service provision.

**Module 3B:** the ability to work effectively as part of an AtoN management team tasked with preparation and conduct of AtoN supply and /or maintenance contracts and projects whilst ensuring that the marine environment is properly preserved.

**Major planning task:** generate all major planning and management documents required by a fully competent national Authority . This task aim is to consolidate all the theoretical competencies gained during modules 1,2 and 3

Note that the full syllabus and levels of competence can be found in IALA Model Course L1.1- Marine Aids to Navigation- Manager Training, which is available, free of charge on the IALA website.

## COURSE DELIVERY

Note: The course will be delivered by a IALA representative, and experts endorsed by the Suriname AtoN Academy (SAA).



## LANGUAGE

- English

## COURSE DATES

Module 1 and 2 is: hybrid and starts **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of February** till **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2025**.  
Module 3 is: in-class and the lessons start on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> of March** till **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of March**.  
It is recommended that all participants arrive in Paramaribo, Suriname by **18.00 PM on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2025**.

## ATTENDANCE

The course is targeted at those who will fulfill the role of Aids to Navigation managers in either the Competent Authorities or their Aids to Navigation service providers.

Sixteen (16) places will be reserved for international participants. Among these places, at least 4 places will be reserved for participants from developing countries on the Academy's target list for capacity building.

The pre-qualification procedure will include a test of existing knowledge in the form of short questions requiring few word answers. The test is designed to assess existing knowledge and an understanding of English.

A recommended list of pre-course study material based on IALA Recommendation and Guidelines will be provided to selected participants.

## VENUE

Maritime Authority Suriname  
Educational room Flying Fish  
Cornelis Jongbawstraat # 2

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## COST

Registration fee **US\$ 2150**, = (Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty American Dollars) per person (this includes all tuition, proceedings and training but excludes travel costs and accommodation). Assistance with booking hotel accommodation can be given.

## PAYMENT

Please note that your registration can only be confirmed once full registration fee has been paid. Registration is possible until **January 15, 2025**, at the latest.

## BANK DETAILS FOR PAYMENT:

Beneficiary bank: De Surinaamsche bank

Swift code: SURBSRPA

Account no.: 04.36.666

Name: Maritime Authority Suriname

Address: Henck Arronstraat 28 – 30

Intermediary bank:

Bank of America, NA

100 W 33 Street

New York NY 10001

Swift: BOFAUS3N



## PERSONAL ITEMS TO BRING

Each participant is recommended to bring the following items for use during practical exercises:

- Laptop computer
- Set of drawing instruments (compass; dividers; ruler; protractor etc.)
- Hand calculator

## LOCAL FACILITIES, MEALS AND EXPENSES

Nearby the venue you have well-stocked supermarkets (Combe market, Tulip).

Lunch is available in local restaurants from \$10 to \$15.

Pharmacy (SOMA)

A variety of local shops.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

For accommodation there are special rates at **Ramada Hotel** at walking distance of the venue.

The room rates are as followed:

Standard single \$ 95, = per night.

and

### **Queens Hotel**

Kleine Waterstreet 15 also at walking distance of the venue.

Standard single \$100, = per night.

and

**Residence Inn** at 650 m distance of the venue

Standard single \$ 70, = per night.



Clockwise from left: Fort Zeelandia, Garden of Palms, Arya Diwaker, Saint Peter and Paul Cathedral and its surroundings, and Mosque Keizerstraat adjacent to the Neveh Shalom Synagogue

