

**IALA COUNCIL**  
**79<sup>th</sup> session**



**11 - 14 December 2024**  
**IALA Headquarters**

## **14 – CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA AND OTHER EVENTS**

### ***14.3 – World Marine Aids to Navigation Day***

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Note by the Secretariat

### **INTRODUCTION**

In 2018 the General Assembly decided to establish the World Day of Marine Aids to Navigation (World Marine AtoN Day) the 1st July each year, bearing in mind that this is the date of the creation of IALA, with the first celebration in 2019.

The principal objective is to promote greater awareness of IALA and its work by bringing to the attention of the wider public the role of Marine Aids to Navigation and the significance of IALA's technical work in enhancing the safety of navigation worldwide.

IALA's relevance and importance to the safe conduct of shipping should resonate with an ever-more discerning public that entertains high expectations about accident prevention and proper control of environmental risks.

Furthermore, there is scope to encourage public interest and engagement by highlighting the growing impact of technological advances on the delivery of maritime safety services.

The World Marine AtoN Day provide a welcome opportunity for all IALA members – National, Associate and Industrial – to showcase their respective expertise and how they collaborate to stimulate technological innovation in support of the development and harmonization of AtoN around the world.

### **Host for the World Marine Aids to Navigation Day 2024**

The Italian Coast Guard has generously, in accordance with input paper C79-14.3.1, offered to host the main event celebrating the World Marine Aids to Navigation Day in Genova, around the 1 July 2024 and at the same time, pending Council approval, celebrate the Lighthouse of the Year.

The programme is not finalized yet but will of course include a visit of the Faro di Genova 'Lanterna'.

### **THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO**

**NOTE** the information provided in this document and consider sending representatives to Genova for the celebration. The Council is also invited to consider celebrating the WAtoN Day locally and on social media and publicize pictures etc. on the special page on the IALA website.