

ADVANCES IN AIDS TO NAVIGATION AND VTS TO SUPPORT EFFICIENT SHIPPING OPERATIONS

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What is a Marine Aid to Navigation?

"A device, system or service, <u>external</u> to vessels, designed and operated to enhance safe and efficient navigation of individual vessels and/or vessel traffic"





IALA IGO project

- foster the safe, economic and efficient movement of vessels, through improvement and harmonization of aids to navigation worldwide.
- two strategic goals aimed at development and harmonisation of global Marine Aids to Navigation system
- 4 technical committees produce standards, recommendations, guidelines, manuals, model Courses
- non profit, international technical association established in 1957
- transition from NGO to IGO







IALA standards





Digitalization and Automation in the Maritime industry

Mega trends









20th Conference and 15th GA in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil







- **Sustainability** and its link to the **UN SDGs** is of increasing importance and IALA is duty bound to raise the profile of this area in the committees. Members should continue to **innovate sustainable approaches** by recognizing, developing and reviewing the whole lifecycle of AtoN services.
- To achieve **digital transformation** in the S-100 domain, the importance of **collaboration and continued dialogue between IHO, IALA** and other domain controllers is necessary. IALA should stand ready to assist coastal authorities with their transition to S-100 related products.
- Autonomy is a driver to leverage the development of digital products. AtoN has a role in support of autonomous vessels and technology needs to be standardized to meet the future requirements of all vessels.
- VTS technology needs to take into account human factors with increased digitalization, including AI in VTS.
- IALA acknowledges that virtual tools and the use of e-learning contributes to flexible, efficient and sustainable training. In addition, IALA recognizes its role in promoting the use of language testing tools to improve the communication capabilities of VTS operators.
- Physical AtoN remains important to the mariner. IALA members should continue to pursue emerging technologies and approaches such as big data analytics, Internet of Things (IoT), machine vision technology and drones to make their services more effective and meet the future needs of the mariner.



Summary of the recent works

- Updates to IALA standards, NAVGUIDE and Maritime Buoyage System (MBS).
- Comprehensive evaluation of Risk Assessment recommendations and guidelines (RA tool box: Simulation, IWRAP, PAWSA, SIRA)
- Release of a new framework document for VTS (IMO Resolution A.1158(32))
- MS Descriptions of VTS and AtoN services in the context of e-Navigation
- Continued enhancement of S-200 series product specifications with IHO
- Creation of guidelines on Maritime Resource Name (MRN)
- Guidelines providing an overview of VHF Data Exchange System (VDES), AIS2.0
- STCW revision
- Cyber security guideline
- MASS guideline (implication to AtoN including VTS)
- Sustainability guideline from IALA perspective



IALA MASS workshop in 2023



https://www.iala-aism.org/technical/mass/



A.1158(32) Guidelines for VTS

Concise, high level document that:

- Describes:
 - ✓ IMO's role in regulating the planning, implementation and operation of VTS.
 - ✓ The purpose of VTS.
 - Regulatory and Legal Framework.
 - Responsibilities of Contracting Governments, Competent Authorities, VTS Providers and Participating Ships.
- Recognises:
 - IALA as an important contributor to IMO's role and responsibilities relating to VTS That is, the IALA Standards.
 - ✓ International guidance prepared and published by appropriate international organisations.

Future views and challenges of maritime communications (non exhaustive)

- Move from analogue to digital
- Move from voice to data with time sharing techniques
- Adding data services to voice channels



- Safe navigation and efficient commerce required a suite of single application radio communications equipment (seamless handover)
- The VHF Data Link (VDL) used by AIS is being overloaded
- Existing spectrum allocated to maritime use needs to be fully exploited (utilised)
- Propagation effects can affect both analogue and digital transmissions
- LEO satellite
- Define the communication requirement for maritime services in the context of e-Navigation
- Mariners need to be provided with a secure and efficient communication channel
- Close cooperation between international bodies

IALA S-200 world







QUESTIONS ?

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