



24 - 28 JUNE 2019

# SEMINAR ON THE REVISION OF THE IMO RESOLUTION FOR VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES

IALA Headquarters, Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France

The International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) is hosting a Seminar on updating IMO Resolution A.857(20), Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services in Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France, from 24 – 28 June 2019

## BACKGROUND

Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) are recognised internationally as a navigational safety measure through the International Convention on the Safety of Life at Sea 74/78 (SOLAS).

In 1997, the IMO adopted Resolution A.857(20) on Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services, recognising that:

- The safety and efficiency of maritime traffic and the protection of the marine environment would be improved if vessel traffic services were established and operated in accordance with internationally approved guidelines; and
- The use of differing VTS procedures may cause confusion to masters of vessels moving from one vessel traffic service area to another.

The Resolution describes the principles and general provisions for the operation of a VTS, participating vessels, the roles and responsibilities of Contracting Governments, Competent Authorities and VTS Authorities, and qualifications and training of VTS Operators.

Since the entry into force of the Resolution twenty years ago, various organisational, operational and technological developments have taken place globally in a rapidly changing maritime domain. This has rendered important parts of the Resolution open to differing interpretation, resulting in debate amongst stakeholders and a reduced ability to implement the Guidelines for VTS in a consistent and harmonised manner. The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 99th session in 2018, agreed to include in its post-biennial agenda an output on "Revision of the Guidelines for vessel traffic services (Resolution A.857(20))", assigning the task to the Navigation, Communication and Search and Rescue (NCSR) Sub-Committee as the coordinating organ.

IALA, through the expertise of the VTS Committee, is taking a coordinating role in the update and is preparing a revised Resolution for consideration by the IMO.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Seminar is to:

- Facilitate discussion and active engagement amongst stakeholders in preparing a draft revision of the Resolution for submission to the IMO.
- Provide the opportunity to broaden the participation and engagement in preparing a draft revision, particularly with IMO members who may not have been involved in the preparation of the submission to IMO (MSC99/20/3).
- Assist the IALA VTS Committee in finalising the draft revision for submission to NCSR7 in late 2019.

## GOAL

To assist in the development of a modernised/updated IMO Resolution for VTS that provides a clear and concise framework to operate vessel traffic services globally in a harmonised manner.

## TOPICS

The Seminar will involve Focus Groups examining the draft Resolution being prepared by IALA. In particular, there will be a focus on the key areas as identified in the submission to the IMO for the revision of the Resolution that contribute to the broad interpretation and debate regarding VTS and which require clarification or update. The Focus Groups includes:

- the role of the Competent Authority/VTS Authority;
- changing traditional boundaries;
- VTS and future developments;
- the Types of Service (Information Service, Traffic Organisation Service and Navigational Assistance Service);
- the use of result-oriented instructions;
- VTS qualifications, training and certification;
- the recognition of IALA Standards relating to VTS; and
- various administrative amendments.



## PROCESS

The Seminar will include presentations from expert speakers and stakeholders on various aspects relevant to VTS and the use of dedicated Focus Groups to progress the topics.

## ATTENDEES

The Seminar is directed to all related international bodies with interest in VTS, such as IMO Contracting Governments, IALA Members, Competent Authorities for VTS, VTS Authorities, other maritime authorities and maritime organisations, VTS Users, VTS Training Organisations and other relevant stakeholders.

The working language for the Seminar will be in English.

## REGISTRATION FEE

The Seminar is free of charge, but **registration is mandatory**.

Electronic access to material, coffee breaks and social events are included in registration to the Seminar. Delegates are responsible for providing their own lunches.

This event is limited to ninety-nine persons. Therefore, early registration is recommended. Depending on the interest to participate, delegations may be restricted to a maximum of three participants or access to the plenary room may be limited. Deadline for registration is 31 May 2019.

## VENUE

The venue will be held at IALA headquarters 24-28 June 2019.

## HOTELS

Delegates are responsible for booking their own hotels. Please see Hotel Information flyer provided by the IALA secretariat via this link <https://www.iala-aism.org/contact/>



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## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

<b>Day 1</b>		<b>Monday 24 June 2019</b>
09:00 – 13:00	Registration	
13:00 – 14:30	Session 1	Opening and setting the scene
15:00 – 17:00	Session 2	Presentations by key stakeholders and introduction to Focus Groups
17:00		<b>Welcome reception – IALA Headquarters</b>
<b>Day 2</b>		<b>Tuesday 25 June 2019</b>
09:00 – 15:30	Session 3	Focus Groups
15:30 – 17:00		Plenary session, discussions and conclusions for the day
		<b>Free evening</b>
<b>Day 3</b>		<b>Wednesday 26 June 2019</b>
09:00 – 17:00	Session 4	Focus Groups
15:30 – 17:00		Plenary session, discussions and conclusions for the day
19:00		<b>Seminar Soiree</b>
<b>Day 4</b>		<b>Thursday 27 June 2019</b>
09:00 – 17:00	Session 5	Focus Groups
15:30 – 17:00		Plenary session, discussions and conclusions for the day
		<b>Free evening</b>
<b>Day 5</b>		<b>Friday 28 June 2019</b>
09:00 – 10:30	Session 6	Results from Focus Groups and discussion
11:00 – 12:00	Session 7	Seminar conclusions and closing



**REGISTRATION FORM**

For online booking, please follow the link: <https://www.iala-aism.org/product/seminar-on-the-revision-of-the-imo-resolution-for-vessel-traffic-services/>

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