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THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES

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THE IALA COUNCIL

RECALLING:

- 1 The function of IALA with respect to Safety of Navigation, the efficiency of maritime transport and the protection of the environment.
- 2 Article 8 of the IALA Constitution regarding the authority, duties and functions of the Council.

RECOGNISING that IALA Recommendation R0119 provides the framework to assist Competent Authorities and VTS Authorities when implementing a new Vessel Traffic Service or making changes to an existing Vessel Traffic Service.

- 3 IALA Guidelines related to the implementation of Vessel Traffic Services, include, but are not necessarily restricted to:
 - a the establishment of Vessel Traffic Services;
 - b the establishment of a Vessel Traffic Service beyond territorial seas.;
 - c standard nomenclature to identify and refer to Vessel Traffic Service centres;
 - d the provision of Local Port Services other than Vessel Traffic Services; and
 - e risk management.

NOTING:

- 4 That IALA fosters the safe, economic and efficient movement of vessels through improvement and harmonization of marine aids to navigation, including Vessel Traffic Services, world-wide.
- 5 The international Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) 1974, Chapter V (Safety of Navigation), Regulation 12 provides for Vessel Traffic Services and states, inter-alia, that:
 - a Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) contribute to safety of life at sea, safety and efficiency of navigation and protection of the marine environment, adjacent shore areas, work sites and offshore installations from possible adverse effects of maritime traffic.
 - b Contracting Governments undertake to arrange for the establishment of Vessel Traffic Services where, in their opinion, the volume of traffic or the degree of risk justifies such services.
 - c Contracting Governments planning and implementing Vessel Traffic Services shall, wherever possible, follow the guidelines developed by the Organization (IMO Resolution A.857(20) on Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services).
- 6 IMO Resolution A.857(20) on Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services recognizes that:
 - a 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.
 - b The use of differing Vessel Traffic Service operations may cause confusion to masters of vessels moving from one Vessel Traffic Service area to another.
- 7 The level of safety and efficiency in the movement of maritime traffic within an area covered by a Vessel Traffic Service would be enhanced by ensuring that Vessel Traffic Services are implemented in a standardised way to ensure the delivery of harmonised operations.



CONSIDERING the proposals of the Vessel Traffic Services Committee.

ADOPTS the Recommendation R0119(V-119) on the Implementation of Vessel Traffic Services.

RECOMMENDS that Competent Authorities and Vessel Traffic Service Authorities implement and establish Vessel Traffic Services in a standardised and harmonised manner.

INVITES National Members and Competent Authorities for Vessel Traffic Services to implement the provisions of the Recommendation and its associated Guidelines on Vessel Traffic Service establishment.

REQUESTS the IALA Vessel Traffic Services Committee or other Committees as the Council may direct, to keep this Recommendation under review and to propose amendments as necessary.

REVOKES IALA Recommendation V-119 on the Implementation of Vessel Traffic Services Edition 2.0.

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