



WORLD-WIDE NAVIGATIONAL WARNING SERVICE – SUB-COMMITTEE

WWNWS-SC Letter No. 01/2017

22 March 2017

9th Meeting of the World-Wide Navigational Warning Service Sub Committee (WWNWS9)

Dear Colleagues,

As previously announced in September 2016, the Ninth Meeting of the WWNWS-SC will be held from 28 August - 1 September 2017 at the Park Inn in Newlands, Cape Town, South Africa. As I anticipate a full agenda with discussions concluding late on the last day, I encourage you to make your travel arrangements to depart on Saturday 2 September 2017 or later.

Logistical information, details of the hotel venue and the hotel booking form are attached to this letter at Enclosure 1, 2 and 3 along with the registration form at Enclosure 4. The Provisional Agenda for the Meeting is attached, Enclosure 5. Templates for submitting papers to the meeting are available for download from the WWNWS page of the IHO web site at: http://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/CPRNW/WWNWS9/WWNWS9.htm.

Delegates should note that the period is a peak season and a special rate has been negotiated with the hotel for the period 26 August to 2 September, details are in Enclosure 2. Delegates are advised that HydroSAN is unable to provide daily transport for other hotels and that any delegates selecting another hotel will need to pay for breaks and lunches in addition to their own hotel fees. Additionally, for personal security reasons delegates are strongly advised to take advantage of this negotiated package.

Please note that all documents should use the WWNWS9 document template with the exception of NAVAREA Self Assessments under Agenda Item 3.2 which should use the Self Assessment Template. Documents should be numbered WWNWS9_Y/Y/Y-X where Y/Y/Y are the Agenda Item number. For example a paper that deals with the e-Navigation which is Agenda Item 3.4.3 should therefore be numbered WWNWS9_3/4/3-X. X will be a sequential letter A-Z allocated by David Wyatt as papers are received. Self Assessments by NAVAREA Co-ordinators should be numbered WWNWS9_3/2-X where in this case "X" is the NAVAREA number. It is important that documents are submitted in "Word" format and not as pdf files, any documents for up-loading, submitted in pdf format, will be returned to the originator for re-submission. David Wyatt will convert them to pdf files before they are loaded on to the WWNWS9 web page.

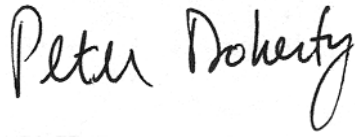
Please note that for Agenda Item 3.2 "Self Assessments by NAVAREA Co-ordinators", NAVAREA Co-ordinators should prepare a NAVAREA assessment paper using the document template mentioned above and should outline existing and planned navigational warning facilities, both SafetyNET and NAVTEX, in their NAVAREA to meet the requirements of the GMDSS. Note there have been some minor amendments to the previous template, so it is important you use the version provided on the WWNWS9 webpage.

I also ask all members to review the current List of WWNWS Action Items, Enclosure 6, and available from the WWNWS9 web page, where it is updated as new information is provided. Please provide David Wyatt with updated information as soon as it is appropriate and be ready to report on progress at the meeting.

The deadline for the submission of papers for consideration at the meeting is **12 August 2017**; please note this is not a target date. All documents will be posted on the above website as soon as possible after their receipt by the IHO Secretariat.

Anyone who requires a personal letter of invitation in order to obtain a visa to enter South Africa is requested to inform Ruth Farre (hydrosan@iafrica.com) as early as possible. If there are any other concerns, please feel free to contact me otherwise I look forward to seeing you in Cape Town.

Very Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Doherty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

PETER DOHERTY
CHAIRMAN

Enclosures:

1. Logistic information.
2. Details of Hotel.
3. Hotel booking form.
4. WWNWS9 registration form
5. WWNWS9 provisional agenda.
6. Current list of Actions from WWNWS8.