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## New VTS's

Three new VTS's have been authorised under the provisions of the Navigation Act 2012 and Marine Order 64 (Vessel traffic services) 2013. They join the Port of Melbourne, who was authorised in 2014:

VTS Authority	VTS
Maritime Safety Queensland	REEFVTS - Great Barrier Reef and Torres Strait Vessel Traffic Service
Pilbara Ports Authority – Dampier	Dampier VTS
Pilbara Ports Authority – Port Hedland	Port Hedland VTS
<p>Note: Further information regarding VTS authorities in Australia can be found at - <a href="http://www.amsa.gov.au/navigation/services/vessel-traffic-services/vts-in-Australia/index.asp">www.amsa.gov.au/navigation/services/vessel-traffic-services/vts-in-Australia/index.asp</a></p>	

## IALA Update – Revised Guidance

The establishment and on-going operation of a VTS is a considerable investment. A significant proportion of this investment is the implementation and on-going maintenance of VTS equipment to monitor traffic within the VTS area, interact with vessel traffic and respond to developing situations.

In May 2015 IALA completed a significant revision of the guidance for VTS systems. This now includes:

- **Recommendation V-128 on Operational and Technical Performance of VTS Systems** - providing high-level guidance for Competent Authorities and VTS Authorities to meet their obligations under

SOLAS for the establishment and operation of VTS systems. In particular it provides guidance for the determination, operation and maintenance of VTS systems to ensure:

- Conformity with international obligations;
- The technical performance of the VTS systems is consistent with the objectives of the VTS and the types of service provided;
- The operational objectives are being met; and
- The degree of risk identified in determining the need for the VTS have been either alleviated or, at least, reduced to an acceptable level.

- **Guideline 1111 on Preparation of Operational and Technical Performance Requirements for VTS Systems** - providing detailed information, including options, best practices and suggestions for planning and operating VTS systems to assist VTS Authorities in preparing the definition, specification, establishment, operation and upgrades of a VTS system.

Copies of the revised Recommendation and associated Guideline are available from IALA at - [www.iala-aism.org/publications/](http://www.iala-aism.org/publications/)

## Risk Management Seminar

The annual IALA seminar on the use of the IALA Risk Management Toolbox (IWRAP, PAWSA and Simulation) will be held in Singapore from 5 to 9 October 2015. Further information is available at - [www.iala-Aism.org/about/news/253211147/risk-management-seminar](http://www.iala-Aism.org/about/news/253211147/risk-management-seminar)

## VTS and AIS Working Group Meetings

The next VTS and AIS Working Group meetings are to be held 17-18th November at the Fremantle Ports Corporation, Fremantle, WA.

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