BOOK REVIEW

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Maritime Buoyage System and Other Aids to Navigation

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This small booklet was published in March 2010 by the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities. The booklet is well illustrated and is presumably directed at the general marine public rather than at any specialist readers.

It is clearly presented and provides a good outline of the various types of Aids to Navigation used around the World. In particular, it provides a good graphic showing in which parts of the World IALA System A and System B is used. It brings into focus the failure of the maritime community to reach agreement on a single international navigation marking system.

The Cardinal Marks system is clearly explained with good illustrations. Finally there are two pages that graphically show the System A and System B situations with routes through the various marks.

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