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Security Alert -
Action on or Before 1 July 2004

As a result of the Conference of Contracting Government to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974 held on 9-13 December 2002 at IMO, a new, comprehensive security regime for international shipping is set to enter into force internationally on 1 July 2004, which promulgate a series of measures to strengthen maritime security and prevent and suppress acts of terrorism against shipping.

The Conference adopted a number of amendments to the 1974 Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS), in particular Chapter V, XI and the new International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code). Under the terms of 2002 Amendment to the SOLAS Convention and the Code, the ship management company and the ship are required to meet the following requirements :-

1. Establishment of Company Security Officer (CSO) and Ship Security Officer (SSO) whom should have received proper training;
2. The ship should be fitted with an Automatic Identification System (AIS);
3. The ship should be marked with her IMO number in a visible place either on the ship's hull or superstructure for cargo ship and on horizontal surface visible from the air for passenger ship. Ships should also be marked with their IMO number internally;
4. The ship should carry a Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR) issued by the flag State and an International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC) issued by Recognized Security Organization on satisfactory completion of a security verification in accordance with the Ship Security Plan;
5. The ship should also be provided with a ship security alert system which will transmit a ship-to-shore security alert to a competent authority designated by the Administration.

A port State may require that ships intending to enter its ports provide the following information to ensure compliance with

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the new requirements prior to enter into the port :-

a. that the ship possesses a valid International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC);

b. the security level at which the ship is currently operating;

c. the security level at which the ship operated in any previous port where it has conducted a ship/port interface within the last 10 calls at port facilities;

d. any special or additional security measures that were taken by the ship in any previous port where it has conducted a ship/port interface within the last 10 calls at port facilities;

e. that the appropriate ship security procedures were maintained during any ship to ship activity within the last 10 calls at port facilities; or

f. other practical security related information (but not details of the ship security plan), taking into account the guidance given in part B of the ISPS Code.

There is no indication at this moment that the implementation date will be extended and ship managers are urged to take actions as soon as possible to meet the new requirements.

Reported by S.W. Cheung

Senior Surveyor/Marine Department

Obituary

Dr. David A. Taylor

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Members of the Hong Kong Institute of Marine Technology, the Hong Kong Joint Branch of Royal Institution of Naval Architects & the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology, are in grave sorrow for the death of Dr. D. A. Taylor in December 2003. Dr. Taylor had lectured in the former Hong Kong Polytechnic, now the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, for many years in marine engineering, and in recent years also actively involved in maritime consultancy in Hong Kong. His devoted efforts in maritime education and many of his maritime publications have been great help and enlightenment to many maritime professionals in Hong Kong and overseas. His pass away is a great loss to all of us and to the maritime circle. We are deeply grieved to his death and express our condolence to his family.

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China Aims to Become the Largest Shipbuilder in the World by 2015

The Marintec China 2003 Conference and Exhibition together with Port China 2003 and the Senior Maritime Forum which were held from 2 to 5 December 2003 have reflected the vigorous progress in China's shipbuilding, shipping and port industries under the guidance of the reform and opening up policies would be a starting point to record the track of how China is eventually becoming the number one shipbuilding power in the world.

The theme of the Senior Maritime Forum this year was "The Challenge and Strategy of the Global Maritime Industry in the New Century". Apart from the keynote speeches by senior Chinese officials and representatives from major shipbuilding corporations and associations from Europe and Asia, the forum also covered other important topics in 'Building Ships in China', 'Port Management' and 'Marine Technology'.

Mr. LIANG Minhang (梁敏行先生), Chairman of Island Navigation Corporation International Limited, presented a paper called "The Prospect of the Development Strategy for Shipping Industry in the New Century" at the Senior Maritime Forum.

"Facing the economic globalization and the rapid development of new emerging State's economies, the old sea power frame work will be confronted with challenges. New emerging states shall grasp opportunities to strive for their initiatives in respect of the international shipping and maritime development and to set up world maritime and shipping centers to cater to fundamental demands of the regional economic growth" said Mr. LIANG.

The Chinese government is drafting preferential policies, including massive tax breaks and more open funding options, to lure domestic and foreign investors help turn China into the world's largest shipbuilder by 2015. The Chinese government is also planning to establish three large ship-production bases and targets to have their combined production account for more than 20 per cent of global output in 2010 with over 80 per cent of the spare parts localized.

According to goals set by the State Commission of Science, Technology and Industry for National Defence, the competitiveness of China's shipbuilding industry should catch up with South Korea and Japan in 10 to 15 years, with the output reaching 10 million tons in 2005 and 24 million tons in 2015 respectively, achieving an international market share of 16 and 35 percent.

China has been the third largest shipbuilder in the world since 1995 - with production of 4.53 million tons in 2002, an increase of 16.2 per cent over the previous year, a new historical record. The China State Shipbuilding Corporation (CSSC) and China Shipbuilding Industry Corporation (CSIC) are the two largest shipbuilding companies in China. CSIC aims to increase its production capacity to 4 million tons in 2005, 6 million tons in 2010 and 9 million tons in 2020. CSSC aims to increase the shipbuilding capacity to reach 12 million tons in 2015 from only 3 million tons at present.

Reported by Ir. H.K. LEUNG

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Mr. Liang presening his paper at the Senior Maritime Forum

HKIMT & HKJB News

2003 ANNUAL BALL
JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY
THE HKJB OF RINA & IMarEST WITH HKIMT

The 2003 Annual Ball jointly organized by The HKJB of RINA & IMarEST with HKIMT had been held at the splendid Ballroom of Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel, Tsimshatsui on Sunday 23 November 2003. The function was a great success with a full house of 20 tables.

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We have great honour to have Mr. Allen LEE Peng Fei, JP, Chairman of Pacific Dimensions Consultants Ltd as the Guest of Honour for the function. Other VIP guests included Mr. S.Y. Tsui, Director of Marine, Ms. Miriam Lau, Legislative Councilor for the Transport Functional Constituency, Ir. Dr. Raymond Ho, Legislative Councilor for the Engineering Functional Constituency, Ir. K.S. Szeto, Chairman of MMNC Division of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers and Mr. Francis Law, Vice President of IMarEST for East Asia Division to attend the Ball.

The Annual Ball this year was an enjoyable one. We were very pleased to have solicited 20 tables, which made it a grand function for members and guests. It was the sixth year we introduced "Dinner Sponsor" for the function. The fact that we were able to solicit 13 Dinner Sponsors well demonstrated that we had enormous support from the Maritime and related industries in Hong Kong.

The venue for the function was nicely decorated with table prizes and bottles of wine, creating the mood for relaxation and enjoyment. Reception was nicely set with committee members greeting VIPs and guests. Members and guests enjoyed pre-cocktail drinks in a relaxing atmosphere with light music and friendly talks.

The Programme for the Annual Ball this year was substantial and entertaining. Our Guest of Honour Mr. Allen Lee gave us a most updated and professional overview on the current political issues and on potential candidates for the coming Chief Executive of the HKSAR. Important speeches were also made by Mr. H.K. Leung, Chairman of HKJB and Mr. Ernest Chan, Chairman of

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Table prizes were arranged in addition to the Lucky Draw which brought more joy and happiness to the whole party. The 4-course dinner was delicious and well received. The superb singing performance by Mr Joe Junior brought us back to the sixties and all members and guests enjoyed themselves immensely in rock & roll, disco, cha cha cha, slow waltz, drinking & socializing until the whole function finished at around 1:00 am.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Ball Organizing Committee - Mr. H K Leung, Mr. Michael Lee, Mr. K F Tang, Mr. C K Mak, Mr. K S Szeto, Mr. Alan Tsang, Dr. K S Fung, Mr. Ernest Chan, Mr. David Power and Mr. Laxman Kumar for their hard work and support. I must thank all council members, especially Mr. Francis Law for his advice and to Ms. Annie Wan and Dr. C W Chuen in particular, as M.C.s. To all our Dinner Sponsors, Gift sponsors and participants who have contributed to make the event a great success, please accept my grateful thanks & appreciation again !

For those who have attended the annual ball this year, I am sure you would continue to support the function next year and for those who have missed the function, please come and join us for great fun next year !

Members & friends, attached please find some photos showing highlights of the Annual Ball for our good memories !

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The MC Ms Annie Wan and Dr. C W Chuen

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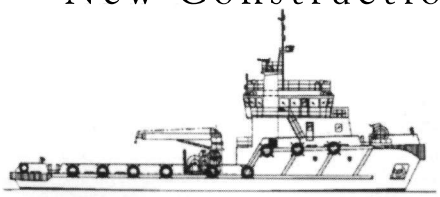

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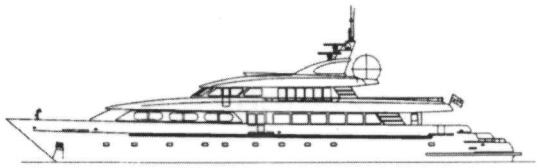

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Singing Performance by Mr Joe Junior

Director of Marine with Mr Allen Lee

Colourful dresses for the happy occasion

A toast from the committee members

Article of Leisure

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A lawyer and an engineer were fishing in the Caribbean. The lawyer said," I 'm here because my house burned down, and all I owned was destroyed by the fire. The insurance paid for everything and I'm using some of the insurance money for this trip."

"That's quite a coincidence," said the engineer. "I'm here because my house and all my belongings were destroyed by a flood and my insurance company also paid for everything."

The lawyer looked somewhat puzzled. "How do you start a flood?"

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JOB LOT

Two small boys, not yet old enough to be in school, were overheard talking at the zoo one day. "My name is Billy. What's yours?" asked the first boy.

"Tommy," replied the second.

"My daddy's an accountant. What does your daddy do for a living?" asked Billy.

Tommy replied, "My daddy's a lawyer."

"Honest?" asked Billy.

"No, just the regular kind," replied Tommy.

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

"If you don't want to work, you have to work to earn enough money so that you won't have to work." (Ogden Nash)

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it comes dressed in overalls and looks like work." (Thomas Edison)

"The reason why worry kills more people than work is that more people worry than work." (Robert Frost)

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression." (Rob Grool)

"Those inside often forget those outside." (Richard Clayton)

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