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UK Flag Statistics

In the last quarter (August - October), 10 merchant vessels have joined the UK Ship Register totalling in excess of 140,000 GT. Marine Capital, Sentinel Marine, Vroon Offshore, Calmac, North Star Shipping and Charles Willie Shipping have all registered vessels on the UK flag in the last 3 months.

At the end of October the UK fleet stood at 1,324 ships totalling 13.76m GT.

The Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC) One Year On

Julie Carlton, Prasad Panicker and Matt Giacomini from the MCA attended an employment seminar at the UK Chamber of Shipping on 22 October to answer questions about the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 as implemented in UK law.

[Sample questions and answers can be viewed as an annex on gov.uk.](#)

MLC information is available on www.gov.uk

Promoting the UK Ship Register

Debasis Mazumdar visited Cyprus in September to meet potential ship owners/managers who showed interest in the UK flag. There were 8 face-to-face meetings with shipping companies and there was considerable interest from other companies who were keen to know about the latest benefits of the UK Ship Register and are considering flagging in new or existing ships.

A seminar has been planned at the British High Commission in Cyprus on 26 February 2015 hosted by His Excellency, Mr Damian Roderic Todd the British High Commissioner, to discuss the benefits of the UK Ship Register followed by a networking lunch.

Mr Tom Borland National Director – Business Delivery (MCA) and Debasis Mazumdar, Head of UK Ship Register will be present to answer any of your questions. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to attend.

UKSR also visited SMM Exhibition in Hamburg and promoted the UK flag in Germany. There were also face-to-face meetings with new potential owners and with our partner Classification Societies. Many major ship yard stands were visited and briefed about the easy procedures that UKSR has developed on new build projects to ensure smooth ship building.

Approved Methods of NOx reduction



Ships constructed on or after 1 January 1990 but before 1 January 2000 with engines of an output power of more than 5000 kW and a per cylinder displacement of 90 litres or more, are required under MARPOL Annex VI Regulation 13.7.1, to install a certificated “Approved Method” of limiting NOX emissions when such a method becomes available.

A list of engine types for which a certified Approved Method is available from the [IMO website](#).

The installation of an approved method if available, is mandatory no later than the first renewal survey of the International Air Pollution Prevention (IAPP)

Certificate (subject to its commercial availability), 12 months or more after the notification of the approved method is deposited with IMO. These dates can be viewed via the engine details page accessed from IMO’s web link opposite.

Further information is published in engine specific IMO MEPC circulars which can also be accessed from a link in the engine detail page.

Ship owners and operators should liaise with their Recognised Organisations issuing the IAPP Certificate on behalf of the UK administration to discuss individual ship requirements.

Visit from Hong Kong Marine Department to Liverpool Marine Office



Following a Port State Control inspection of Hong Kong vessel “Genco Challenger” at Liverpool, the Hong Kong Marine Department sent Captain NI Zhao to follow up on the deficiencies raised.

FeZhao attended the Liverpool Marine Office this morning and attended our Monday meeting.

“We are pleased that Hong Kong takes such a proactive stance to ensuring their vessels are compliant.”

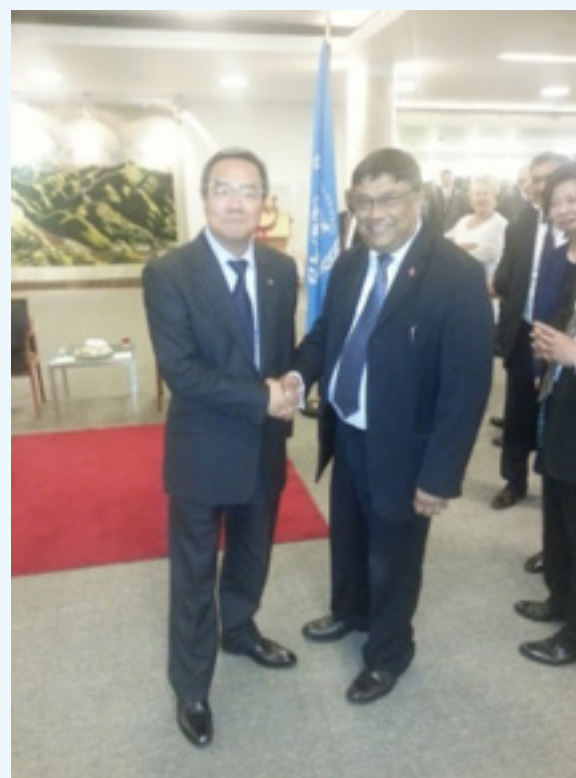
Captain Zhao thanked the MCA for bringing the report to the HKMD’s attention.

World Maritime Day 2014

World Maritime Day was celebrated at the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), on 25 September 2014 in London. Head of the UK Ship Register Debasis Mazumdar had the opportunity to meet the IMO Secretary General Koji Sekimizu and discuss the benefits of the UK Ship Register.

Amongst other senior delegates present from MCA at the event were Philip Naylor (Director of Maritime Safety and Standards), Jane Jackson (Acting Director Strategy & Finance), Katy Ware (Permanent Representative of the UK to the IMO) and Tom Elder (Assistant Director - Technical Performance).

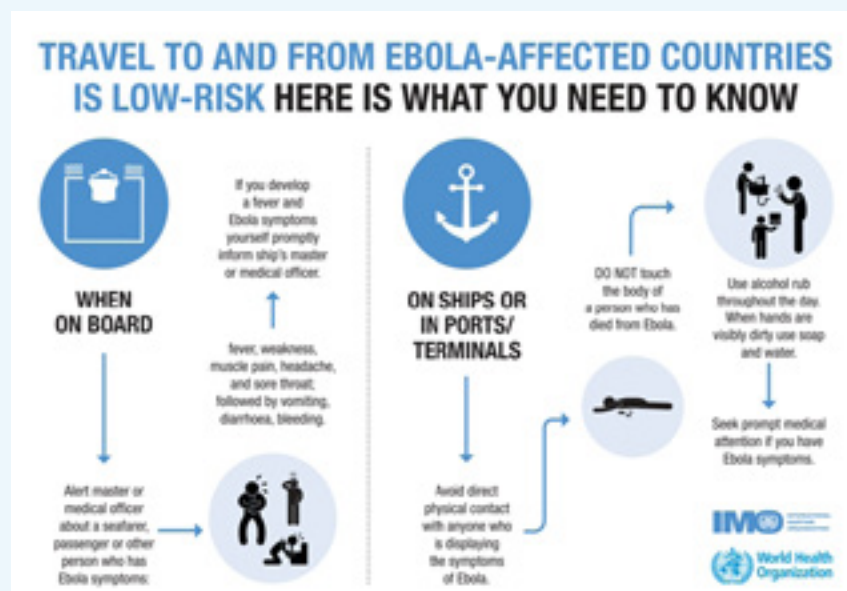
The MCA's senior team took the opportunity to meet delegates from all over the world, Ambassadors from various countries were present and top marine industry personnel at IMO.



West Africa Ebola Outbreak Guidance to UK Ports & Shipping Operators – version 1 October 2014

Guidelines on minimising risks to seafarers, port workers and passengers from the West Africa Ebola outbreak.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/west-africa-ebola-outbreak-guidance-to-uk-ports-and-shipping-operators>



New M Notices

MGN 484(M)	Maritime Labour Convention, 2006: Health and Safety Published Accident Statistics - Information and Advice
MSN 1850(M)	Maritime Labour Convention, 2006: Health and Safety Reporting of Occupational Diseases
MIN 494(M)	Revalidating a Certificate of Competency: New Requirements for Masters and Officers

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