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Flagging-up

Welcome to the 27th edition of Flagging-up; the UK Ship Register's quarterly e-newsletter



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UK Flag Statistics

In the last quarter (April – June), eight merchant vessels have joined the UK Ship Register totalling in excess of 300,000 GT.

They include a Princess Cruises passenger ship; two Evergreen container ships; two Vroon offshore supply vessels and a Stolt tanker.

Paris & Tokyo MoU 'white lists' announced

In the latest 'white list' released by the Paris MoU, the UK has re-entered the top 10 to 7th position. Only four UK flagged ships were detained in 2013 which accounts for the improvement.

In the Tokyo MoU 'white list', the UK has improved to 15th for vessels inspected in the Far East.

UKSR retains USCG Qualship 21

Once again the UK Ship Register has retained the USCG's Qualship 21 for 2014-15, thanks to an excellent Port State Control record achieved by UK-flagged vessels.

For the 4th year running, inspections of ships in the US have met the requirement for a less-than 1 per cent detention ratio over a rolling three-year average.

The award reduces the likelihood that UK-registered ships will be proactively targeted for future inspection by US Port State Control inspectors.



QUALSHIP 21

Head of the UK Ship Register, Debasis Mazumdar, said:

“The Maritime and Coastguard Agency is delighted to have kept Qualship 21 for the UK Ship Register. The UK Ship Register team works closely with our customers to maintain excellent Port State Control records for ships registered under the UK flag; this success is due in large part to the high standard of service delivered by the MCA’s surveyors and the high quality of ships registered with us.”

Qualship 21 can also be awarded to ships to reward quality and encourage quality operations. UK flagged ships that have met the Qualship 21 criteria include those managed by Adams Offshore, CPO Tankers, MMS co, Northern Marine Management Princess Cruises and Zodiac Maritime Agencies.

K&K Schiffahrts vessel in search and rescue operation

On the evening of 8th June 2014, the Master of the UK flagged vessel K-STREAM was asked by MRCC Roma to proceed to a position off the Libyan coast to search for an overloaded 10m vessel in distress.

In all, 103 persons were rescued by the crew of K-STREAM and given food, water and medical attention until their arrival in Sicily.

Jens Knüppel, Managing Director at K&K Schiffahrts said:

“We are very pleased about the positive outcome of this rescue operation. We have sent a message of thanks to the vessel’s officers and crew for the successfully performed rescue operation, which has been done in an excellent, professional and safe manner.”

David Morris as Customer Service Manager for K&K added his thanks and congratulations for proving such excellent humanitarian assistance.



Posidonia visit

In June, Debasis Mazumdar, Head of the UK Ship Register, attended the Posidonia 2014 shipping exhibition to promote the UK flag together with Sir Alan Massey, Chief Executive of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) reiterating the:

- importance of the shipping industry for the UK government
- long and successful relationship between the Greek shipping community and the UK maritime cluster

Another focal point of the UK presence at Posidonia 2014 was the reception hosted at the British Embassy Residence on Tuesday 3 June. This year, the reception was particularly well attended with high-level guests from the shipping, financial and legal companies. Sir Alan and Debasis attended the event and welcomed the guests with the Ambassador Mr. John Kittmer.

Sir Alan and Debasis also met a major shipping company who showed interest towards the UK flag. Debasis also had the opportunity to meet the Greek Shipping Minister Miltiades Varvitsiotis and, the President of the Greek Ship Owners Association Theodore E. Veniamis in the exhibition.

Face to face meetings were held with potential new ship owners/managers, shipyards, marine lawyers and major classification societies. Debasis met briefly with Richard Saddler, CEO of Lloyds Register and Noboru Ueda Chairman of Class NK at the Posidonia Exhibition. He also met Michael Bodouroglou ship owner/Chairman of Box Ships/Paragon Shipping and Allseas Marine on a private invitation.



Sir Alan Massey and British Ambassador John Kittmer



The British Ambassador John Kittmer, Debasis Mazumdar, Radm Thimio E.Mitropoulos, Mrs. Chantal Mitropoulos and Sir Alan Massey

UK Implementation of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC)

The regulations implementing the remaining provisions of the MLC on Minimum Age, Recruitment and Placement, Seafarer Employment Agreements, Wages, Repatriation, Crew Accommodation, Food and Catering (including ship's cooks), Medical Care and Ship-owner Liability have been laid in Parliament and will come into force on 7 August 2014, the day that the MLC comes into force for the UK.

The main Regulations are the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Minimum Requirements for Seafarers etc.) Regulations 2014. In addition, the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Consequential and Minor Amendments) Regulations 2014 make the necessary amendments to the Merchant Shipping Act and other existing legislation resulting from MLC implementation.

The Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention)

(Recruitment and Placement) Regulations 2014 apply alongside existing BIS legislation for employment businesses and employment agencies in the UK, to ensure that those recruiting seafarers comply fully with the requirements of the MLC. MGN 470(M) lists all the UK regulations and legislation implementing MLC provisions.

The provisional guidance which has been on the MCA website for the last year or so will now be replaced by Merchant Shipping Notices and Marine Guidance Notes. These documents are now on the www.gov.uk website, under the following link; <https://www.gov.uk/mlc-2006-titles-1-to-5-regulations-guidance-and-information>.

One further set of regulations, tidying out outstanding points in the health and safety regulations, will be laid in the next couple of weeks.

Debasis Mazumdar 10 year service award

Tom Borland, National Director (Business Delivery) MCA presented the Certificate of Long Service award to Debasis Mazumdar Head of UK Ship Register on completion of 10 years with the Maritime & Coastguard Agency in June 2014. Tom said: "I thank Debasis for his continuous dedication to the Agency and the UK Ship Register."

Debasis joined the MCA in 2004 as a main grade marine surveyor then was promoted to Head of ISM/ISO in Headquarters prior to taking his present post in June 2011.



New website address

As of 20th June 2014, the MCA website including the UK Ship Register content, has transferred to gov.uk. [The MCA home page is available here](#) with links to the UK Ship Register for registration, survey and inspection and certification advice. Please update your 'favourites' accordingly.

New M Notices

SMarT funding - [MIN 486](#)

Amendments to the ISM Code – [MIN 477](#)

Human Element, Leadership and Management Training - [MIN 482](#)

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