

Spring 2018

Welcome to the 36th edition of **Flagging-up**  
E-newsletter for the UK Ship Register

## A message from UKSR Director Doug Barrow

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2018. As we leave the winter behind us, we take a moment to reflect on some of the activities that we have engaged in the last few months.

My team attended the launch of the new Red Ensign Group (REG) Yacht code in Amsterdam bringing together expertise gathered over two decades. We also held the International Maritime Health conference in London, where our Approved Doctors had an opportunity to network and share best practice, as well as discussing policy updates.

Meanwhile on the staffing front, we've welcomed Sarah Fraser as the new Commercial Head of Ensign and Mark McQuire as Client Technical Manager.

We have also continued our client networking in Greece and China forging new relationships and reinforcing old ones. This year will see us continue with the modernisation of the UKSR including the digitalisation of our registration services, which you will see rolling out later this year. The UKSR continues to adapt and change to meet your requirements and we look forward to keeping you up to date with those changes, challenges and accomplishments during 2018, as we continue to grow the Flag.

**Doug Barrow,**  
**Director UK Ship Register**



## Positive signs of growth for UK Flag

The UK Flag continues to grow, as it adds more quality ships to the UK Ship Register. These include the Fletcher Group's 'Standard Provider' and 'Standard Supporter' joining the other 15 vessels of their



fleet totalling 8,976 GT now on the UK Flag. Anglo International added two bulk carriers, 'Anglo Barinthus', 43,974 GT and the Anglo Red, 43,974 GT. Meanwhile,

the Stolt fleet now has 22 vessels on the UK Flag with the addition of the 'Stolt Palm', measuring 23,124 GT.

Excitingly, the first Greek-operated ship has also joined the Flag. 'The Sentosa', operated by Conbulk, joined in January bringing an additional 14,278 GT.

Finally, British Marine brought the bulk carrier Greenwich, 19,878 GT and Northern Marine Management the newbuild Stena Impero (29,579 GT).

We thank those companies for their ongoing and continuing confidence in the UK Ship Register, as we continue to grow the Flag.

Since the last newsletter, 19 commercial vessels over 100 GT have joined the UK fleet, contributing an overall growth of 200k GT, meaning the flag currently stands at 16.27m GT, a five-year high.

Vessels include two bulk carriers, four oil/chemical tankers, one container ship, three survey/research vessels, two OSV's, two general cargo and five others. The average age of internationally trading ships greater than 500GT, stands at 10.3 years.



## Shipping Minister visits MCA

The new Minister responsible for maritime has visited the Maritime & Coastguard Agency as part of her new role.

Nusrat Ghani was appointed as a Parliamentary Under Secretary of State. She visited the UK Ship Register as part of her visit to the MCA where she was given a Red Ensign pin by director Doug Barrow.

The Minister also had the opportunity to meet with staff including Akash Rana (pictured below left, with Sir Alan Massey and the Minister)



## First Greek operator joins the UK Flag



UKSR director, Doug Barrow and Graham Candy (head of the commercial management unit) of the UKSR met with Dimitris Dalakouras and George Bamiotis of Conbulk Shipping S.A. in Athens to offer their personal congratulations on being the first Greek ship operators to flag in their vessel 'Sentosa' with the UK Flag.

'It gives us great pleasure to know that there is another vessel on the high seas, flying the Red Ensign, letting the world know that it is a quality ship,' Doug said.

The UKSR visit has been a follow up to the networking meetings held last year and also included the Capital Link Forum.



## Yacht Code launch interest across the world

The Global Superyacht Forum (GSF) saw over 700 delegates including heads of Flag administrations, assembled for a week of networking, education and discussion.

The event in Amsterdam was used by the Red Ensign Group to officially launch a new REG Yacht Code.

The Code, consolidates all the expertise gained across almost two decades of regulating the large yacht sector since the first version was published by the Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) in 1997.

It combines the existing Large Yacht Code 3 and the Passenger Yacht Code into one document and will come into force on 1 January 2019, to give the industry time to become familiar with it. In its new format, the Code is in two parts with common annexes – such as for over-side working systems, sailing vessels and helicopter landing areas. It will keep the familiar format of the existing REG Codes while being more dynamic to industry change and development.



Sir Alan Massey, CEO of the MCA said at the launch: 'In the superyacht sector, the Red Ensign is the flag of choice and its Yacht Code is the international standard for yacht construction and operation.'

'This has been an excellent example of how well the Red Ensign Group works both together as a team and with the wider industry to make sure we continue to be that. We maintain the highest maritime safety standards but also recognise that we must consider a changing industry.'

This represents a lot of work over many months and includes many innovative measures to meet the specific needs of the Large Yacht Sector.

'The Red Ensign Group has made a point of listening to the industry to create this code and all of us will continue to listen to help support the industry to get ready for it as it comes into force.'



## Sharing the UKSR vision in Shanghai

Doug Barrow was given the opportunity to give the keynote address at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Shipping Strategic Development Forum, held in Shanghai.

He spoke to over 300 maritime industry stakeholders, updating them on the benefits and changes to the UK flag, including the new UKSR core values.



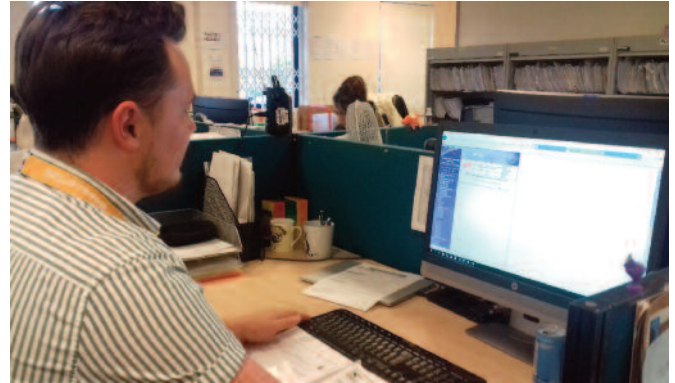
## Online documents accepted for applications

As a UKSR customer, you can now save time and money by submitting your registration application and supporting documents electronically to the UK Ship Register.

E-documents for registrations or amendments to vessels already on the Register, are now being accepted, as part of our efforts to improve and simplify UK regulations

around ship registration.

Director Doug Barrow explains: 'We continue to maintain the highest standards around registration, but we're changing the way we do business, to reflect modern business practices. We've listened to what our customers have asked and are acting accordingly'.



### News in brief

- The International Labour Organisation's Fishing convention (ILO 188) will provide a new framework to support better living and working conditions for all fishermen in the UK, regardless of their employment status. The Convention was ratified internationally in November 2017 and, following a period of consultation, will be brought into UK law this spring.
- UKSR director Doug Barrow and deputy director David Jones attended Riviera Marine's Tanker and LNG conferences in London to fly the UK Flag and build on networking opportunities.
- Sarah Morgan, manager of the Registry of Shipping and Seamen, met with his Excellency the Minister of Transportation & Telecommunications, Engineer Kamal bin Ahmed Mohammed, from Bahrain, to discuss how procedures for registering small commercial vessels work.

## Building ties in Greece



Doug Barrow and Graham Candy, head of the UKSR's Commercial Management Unit, visited Athens recently to forge links and build ties

at events including at the Piraeus Marine Club and Lloyds List Annual Greek Awards. event.

## Merchant Shipping Notices

Click [here](#) to go to the Gov.UK website which contains current Merchant Shipping Notices from where you can access those that are relevant to you and your organisation.



# Healthcare professionals gather for maritime event

A group of over 100 MCA Approved Doctors (who authorise ENG medical certificates for seafarer medical examinations) from around the world attended a well subscribed event in London organised by Seafarer Safety and Health Branch in November. It was an opportunity for the doctors to hear first-hand of policy changes, as well as networking and sharing best practice on ENG cases with colleagues.

This year, the focus was around the living and working conditions of fishermen, including the significant challenge of including fishermen who have not previously had to hold a medical fitness certificate in the ENG medical examination system.

Well-received presentations included topics such as: clinical issues commonly encountered at sea such as hip and knee problems; daytime sleepiness, its causes and treatment; on the work to introduce the ILO Work in Fishing Convention (ILO 188) into UK law; life and work at sea and musculo-skeletal problems in fishermen.



## Register interest for safety event

A publication exploring the way human factors can influence safety in safety-critical organisations, including ships has met with critical acclaim across the industry.

The UKSR's Human Element team was closely involved in production of the book 'The Human Element' and is now considering running a two-day conference on this subject this autumn.

The planned programme will cover a wide spectrum of maritime human element topics, presenting solutions to many of the Human Element issues the maritime industry faces.

The plan is to include a range of notable speakers from the maritime sphere, other interested industries and academia.

If you or a colleague would be interested in attending such an event, please contact: [human.element@mcga.gov.uk](mailto:human.element@mcga.gov.uk) by 20 April.

## New Ensign appointment

Sarah Fraser has joined as Commercial Head of Ensign, the Large Yacht Unit of the UKSR. Sarah studied Yacht Design at Southampton Solent University and worked for David Thomas on the Sigma range of production yachts.

She switched to broking and chartering at the time when the Superyacht industry was starting to boom. A career with Camper & Nicholsons, Edmiston, Dubois and Cecil-Wright has given Sarah extensive knowledge of the industry.



Sarah is a volunteer Coastguard Rescue officer in Hampshire and is trained in cliff and mud rescues. As a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights, she is on the Lectures Committee, which organises educational and inspirational lectures at Southampton University for marine apprentices from yards based across the UK.

## New client technical manager

Mark McQuire joined us in January as Client Technical Manager. Mark studied Mechanical Engineering with Design at Newcastle University and worked at Lloyd's Register as a Surveyor and statutory plan appraisal Specialist.

Before joining the UKSR, Mark worked as Policy Lead for Passenger Ships within the MCA's Vessel Standards Branch

Mark said, 'I am really looking forward to meeting our customers and working as part of the UKSR team'.



The next newsletter will be issued in May 2018

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