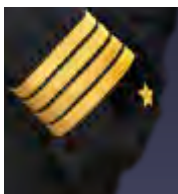




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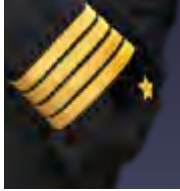
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Noted with concern the present situation regarding the communication between the shipmaster, the tugmaster and the marine pilot in manoeuvring the ship under tug assistance;

Noted further that the resulting lack of shared information might endanger the success of the manoeuvre and hence the safety of the ship, persons onboard and the marine environment;

Request that IFSMA takes the initiative - together with IMPA, ITA and G.A.M.E. - to consider developing a set of related standard phrases and subsequently to forward the results to IMO for possible inclusion as Part A 4 into the existing IMO Standard Marine Communication Phrases (SMCP).





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Noted with great concern recent maritime incidents involving passenger ships;

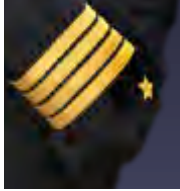
Noted further that there are a number of key issues associated with the safety of passenger ships;

Request that the IFSMA Executive Council ensures that the IFSMA policy appropriately reflects the following subject areas related to the safety of passenger ships:

- 1) Adequate manning of bridge and engine room, including at least two watchkeeping-officers on duty both on the bridge and in the engine room at all times while the ship is at sea;

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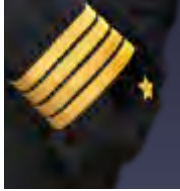
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- 2) Increased team resource management training and the adoption of a 'Just Culture' and the 'Fair Treatment' principles;
- 3) Existing standards of stability and watertight integrity to be improved including increased longitudinal subdivision and cross flooding so as to reduce risk of capsize and as far as possible to ensure a ship settles on an even keel without any list until the evacuation is completed;
- 4) More stringent use of non-combustible materials and improved regulatory measures;
- 5) Encouragement of research into existing and new power and propulsion systems as to ensure that no single failure results in loss of power;

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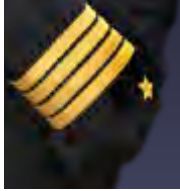
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- 6) Increased capacity in Life Saving Appliances including a lifeboat seat for all onboard;
- 7) Encouragement of research into innovative systems for abandonment and the adequacy of existing evacuation systems and the compatibility of life-saving appliances and equipment;
- 8) Introduction of compulsory intact and damage stability calculators onboard ship;
- 9) Introduction of appropriate additional and refresher training requirements for the existing crisis management training for all personnel onboard passenger ships;
- 10) Passengers should be provided with emergency instructions prior to or immediately after departure.





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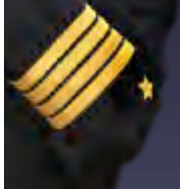
Noted with the greatest concern that the tendency to criminalize shipmasters and other seafarers is still an ongoing issue;

Noted further the work conducted by Seafarers' Rights International (SRI) in its attempts to advance the legal protection of seafarers;

Welcomed once again the initiative taken by IFSMA in providing *MasterMarinerProtect*, a Defence and Legal Cost Benefit Scheme, to the members, ensuring that Masters facing potential criminalisation have proper legal advice immediately at hand;

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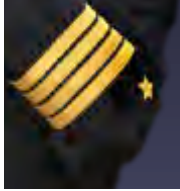




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Request that the IFSMA Executive Council continues in the further development of the good relationship with Seafarers' Rights International (SRI) for the benefit of all seafarers but in particular for shipmasters who may face criminalization.





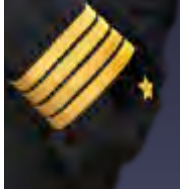
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Noted with great interest the successful introduction of Cross Mentoring as a tool for developing the potential of young executives;

Discussed the possibilities how to import and implement this successful approach to the human resource development of young shipmasters;

Request that the IFSMA Executive Council with the assistance of subject matter experts explores the framework needed for a successful introduction of Cross Mentoring into the shipping industry.





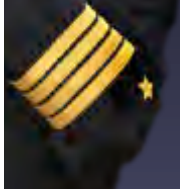
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Discussed in great depth the subject of piracy on the high seas and its effects on and consequences for the victims of piracy;

Concluded that piracy must also be fought effectively on shore and emphasis should not only be on fighting piracy at sea;

Request that the social partners in the international shipping industry should set up and launch a “Victims of Piracy Fund” contributed to by shipping companies and administered for assistance of seafarers and their families who have become victims of maritime piracy. The contribution formula to be discussed and decided. The Fund to be administered by a board of trustees having at least one representative from IFSMA.





Coping with Capture

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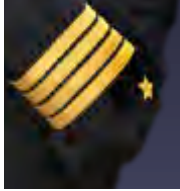
Noted with great interest the recent release of “Coping with Capture” a hostage handbook on Somali pirates by the Danish Maritime Officers in cooperation with Citadel Solutions;

Recognized the right for crews to be well prepared for possible attacks and capture by Somali pirates. Good preparation is a prerequisite for the seafarers to survive a hostage situation with as little physical and psychological damage as possible;

States that the hostage handbook “Coping with Capture”, is a good and very important tool in the preparation of seafarers before entering into pirate infested waters;

Encourages shipping companies to provide an adequate number of copies of the handbook on each ship.





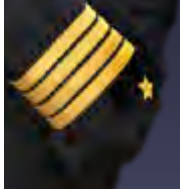
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Noted with great concern the findings of the recently conducted European research project “Horizon”;

Noted further the recommendations made by the Horizon project;

Request that the Executive Council ensures that the IFSMA policy appropriately reflects the recommendations resulting from the findings of the European research project “Horizon” as stated in the research report of the project (Project Horizon – a wake-up call).





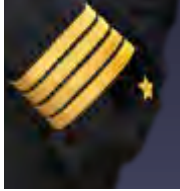
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Noted that on 12 June 2012 the Government of Sweden has notified the International Labour Organization (ILO) that Sweden has ratified the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC 2006);

Noted also that Sweden was the 28th MLC Member State to ratify MLC 2006;

Urge all Flag States that have not yet ratified the MLC 2006 to take all necessary steps to ensure the prompt ratification of MLC 2006 without any further delay.





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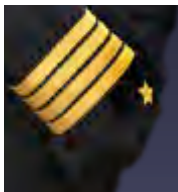
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Noted with very great concern the recently proposed changes to Regulation 22 of Chapter V of the SOLAS Convention;

Noted further the dangerous consequences these proposed changes would have on the safe navigation of the ship;

Request that IFSMA becomes a co-sponsor of a proposal by Germany with the aim to stop this safety reducing exemption.





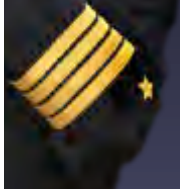
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Noted with great interest the recent and ongoing “Lean Shipping Initiatives”;

Noted further that it is intended to set up at MEPC 64 a steering committee on an impact assessment of Green House Gas programmes;

Request that IFSMA actively takes part in the deliberations of the aforementioned steering committee.





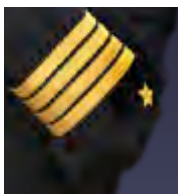
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Noted the outcome of the 2nd World Conference on Mass Rescue organised by the International Maritime Rescue Federation (IMRF) held 3 to 5 June 2012 in Gothenburg, Sweden;

Noted also the statement released by IMRF at the end of the conference;

Endorsed the contents of the statement made by IMRF;





Lean Ship of the Future

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Noted the outcome of the Workshop on “Lean Ship of the Future” organised by the Danish Maritime Officers held in Copenhagen in conjunction with this Annual General Assembly;

Noted also the resume of the workshop;

Endorsed the contents of the workshop resume;

Request that the IFSMA Executive Council ensures that the IFSMA policy appropriately reflects the conclusions and recommendations outlined in the attached workshop resume.

