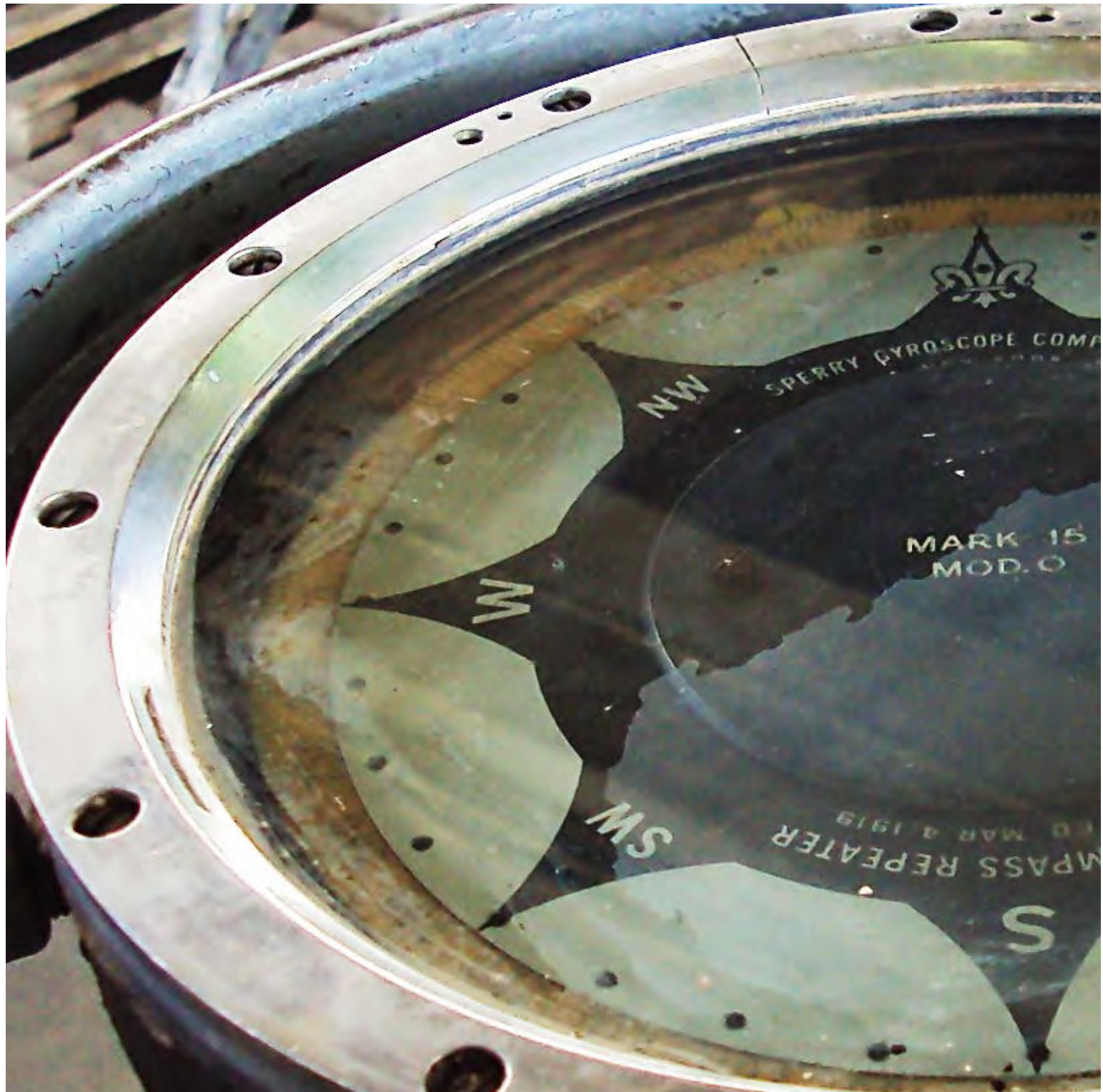




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The resolutions passed by the AGA form the basis of the future IFSMA policy.

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IFSMA RES 1/2014 (40<sup>TH</sup> AGA)

## Port of Refuge

The 40<sup>th</sup> IFSMA General Assembly held on 05-06 June 2014 in Sandefjord, Norway

**Noted with great concern** the report about the case of the Hong Kong registered chemical tanker MARITIME MAISIE where the MARITIME MAISIE was seeking a safe haven after a collision;

**Noted further** that the MARITIME MAISIE was not allowed to enter either South Korean or Japanese waters for 113 days before Korea finally gave permission to enter the Port of Busan;

**Recalled** IFSMA RES 4/2002 and IFSMA RES 1/2005;

**Recalled further** IMO Resolution A.949(23) Guidelines on Places of Refuge for Ships in Need of Assistance;

**Strongly urges** all Coastal States to take into account IMO Resolution A.949(23) and to determine without any further delay places of refuge for ships in need of assistance. ■

IFSMA RES 2/2014 (40<sup>TH</sup> AGA)

## Criminalization of Shipmasters

The 40<sup>th</sup> IFSMA General Assembly held on 05-06 June 2014 in Sandefjord, Norway

**Noted with greatest** concern the sinking of the South Korean ferry MV SEWOL on 16 April 2014 off Donggeocho Island;

**Noted further with grief** that at least 290 people – mainly children – lost their lives in this tragic marine accident;

**Noted with great concern** that the President of the Republic of Korea, Ms Park Geun-hye, referred to the Master of the ill fated MV SEWOL and his senior officers as murderers only 6 days after the accident; criminalizing the Shipmaster and his crew;

**Insists** that government officials should refrain from premature accusation and penalization;

**Recommends** again that Shipmasters should ensure that they have appropriate independent legal protection. ■

IFSMA RES 3/2014 (40<sup>TH</sup> AGA)

## Marine Accident Investigations

The 40<sup>th</sup> IFSMA General Assembly held on 05-06 June 2014 in Sandefjord, Norway

**Noted with great concern** the findings of a paper by Nautilus UK on the short-comings of the current system of marine accident investigation;

**Recalled** the provisions of Article 94 of UNCLOS;

**Further recalled** Resolution MSC.255(84) "Casualty Investigation Code";

**Agreed** that changes of the present situation can only be achieved by means of a mandatory IMO instrument;

**Strongly urges** IMO to take action and progress the development and implementation of an effective mandatory instrument to ensure that all marine accidents are investigated properly and independently, and that documentation of accident investigation is made public. ■

IFSMA RES 4/2014 (40<sup>TH</sup> AGA)

## Domestic Ferry Safety

The 40<sup>th</sup> IFSMA General Assembly held on 05-06 June 2014 in Sandefjord, Norway

**Noted with great interest** the address delivered by the Secretary General of IMO, H.E. Mr. Koji Sekimizu, at the opening of the 93rd session of the Maritime Safety Committee;

**Noted further** that the requirements of the passenger ship safety provisions, as laid down in the SOLAS Convention, be extended into the coastal states' legislation;

**Welcomed** the initiative of the IMO Secretary General;

**Requests** that the IFSMA Executive Council ensures that the IFSMA policy reflects this initiative. ■





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