



Practical Course of Trading Certificates in Ship Operation

Six consecutive Wednesday Evenings in July and August 2017
26 July 2017 (Wednesday) - 30 Aug 2017 (Wednesday)

Course Overview and About the Speakers

Course Overview

Ship-owners' Obligation – 26th July 2017 (Wednesday)

This lecture will cover the importance and objective of trading certificates in ship operation. It introduces the Ship-owner' obligation and penalty for non-compliance of trading certificates, as well as certificates relate to nationality and enforcement that issued by Flag State and Classification Society respectively. Concerning parties will be also discussed.

Oil Pollution – 02nd August 2017 (Wednesday)

This lecture will cover an overview of international regimes in relation to liability for oil pollution which include (1) the Civil Liability Conventions (CLC) governing the liability of the tanker owner for pollution damage resulting from an escape of oil from his ship ; (2) the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage 2001 (the Bunker Convention) providing a system of compensation for the victims of oil pollution damage caused by bunker spill from non-tankers. In addition to international conventions, the liability for oil pollution in the United States, with reference to the Oil Pollution Act (OPA-90), will also be discussed during this session.

The aforementioned Conventions/laws impose a requirement on owners of the ships to maintain insurance or other financial security to cover the relevant liabilities under the Conventions/laws. Taking this opportunity the lecture will introduce what documents are normally issued by the P&I Clubs to assist owners to fulfil the insurance/financial responsibility requirements under the conventions/OPA-90.

The P&I Cover in respect of oil pollution will also be discussed.



Manning – 09th August 2017 (Wednesday)

This lecture will review international regimes in relation to liability for manning which include (1) the Maritime Convention 2006 (as amended) (“MLC Certificates”), (2) the Hong Kong Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Crew Agreement, Lists of Crew and Discharge of Seafarers) Registration; as well as (3) the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 as amended (STCW Convention).

In addition, the Ship-owner obligation under charterparty in relation to manning will be discussed, alongside market update and recent case regarding ship abandonment by Chinese ship-owner on Australian coast.

Wreck Removal – 16th August 2017 (Wednesday)

After years of negotiation, the International Convention on Removal of Wrecks (WRC) was adopted in May 2007 and came into force on 14th April 2015. This lecture will introduce the scope of application of this convention, rights and obligations of the ratifying states and the owner under the convention and limitation of liability etc.

Under the Convention, the registered owners of ships flying the WRC contracting states are required to maintain insurance or other financial security to cover wreck removal liability. We will examine how the P&I Clubs can assist the owner to comply with the relevant requirement. The P&I cover in respect of wreck removal will be discussed.

Safety & Security – 23th August 2017 (Wednesday)

Safety & Security issues are vital to ship operation. This lecture will conduct an overview of international regimes in relation to safety & security of the ship include (1) International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 and its Protocol of 1988, as amended (SOLAS Convention), and (2) International Safety & Port Security Convention (ISPS).

Some essential certificates will be discussed in relation to (1) safety construction, safety equipment certificate, (3) safety radio, (4) safety management, (5) ship Security, and (6) Load line & Tonnage

Networking Course Dinner – 30th August 2017 (Wednesday)

Further details will be announced shortly.



About the Speakers

Our team of tutors is consisting of well experienced practitioners in marine industry and each of the tutors is specialized in specifically profession including marine insurance, legal, claims adjusting, operation, chartering, as well as fleet and technical management.

Mr. Raymond TC Wong



Mr. Raymond Wong is the programme leader and Chairman of Institute of Seatrtransport; he has been adjusting averages since 1966 and being fully qualified as average adjuster in 1980 becoming the first Chinese Fellow of the UK Association of Average Adjusters (founded 1869).

Mr. Eric Wu



Mr. Eric Wu is a graduate of the Chinese University of Hong Kong; he also holds a Master of Science in Business Management, and has a UK law degree from Manchester Metropolitan University. He joined Steamship Mutual from another International Group P&I Club in 2009, and has over 10 years of P&I experience in claims and underwriting. Prior to this he gained 10 years' experience as an average adjuster.



Dr. Stephen Li



Dr. Stephen Li is a retired civil servant previously working in the Marine Department as a principal ship surveyor. During his tenure he served in the Hong Kong Shipping Register as well as conducting various ship surveys. Dr. Li has attained his Doctorate degree with the University of Plymouth back in 2002. The research topic related to Global Port State Control Activities. After retirement he joined the Equity Chambers as a pupil Barrister and expects to complete the pupillage by the end of 2017.

Mr. Peter Ho



Since 2004 until now, Mr. Peter Ho is the Principal Surveyor of Great China Division of American Bureau of Shipping (ABS), which is a well-established classification society. Mr. Ho has rich practical experience of 30 years in technical side of shipping for shipowner, ship manager and classification society. Having a mechanical engineering background, Mr. Ho is a member of Institute of Marine Engineer, UK, The Hong Kong Institute of Engineers and a Chartered Engineer, UK.