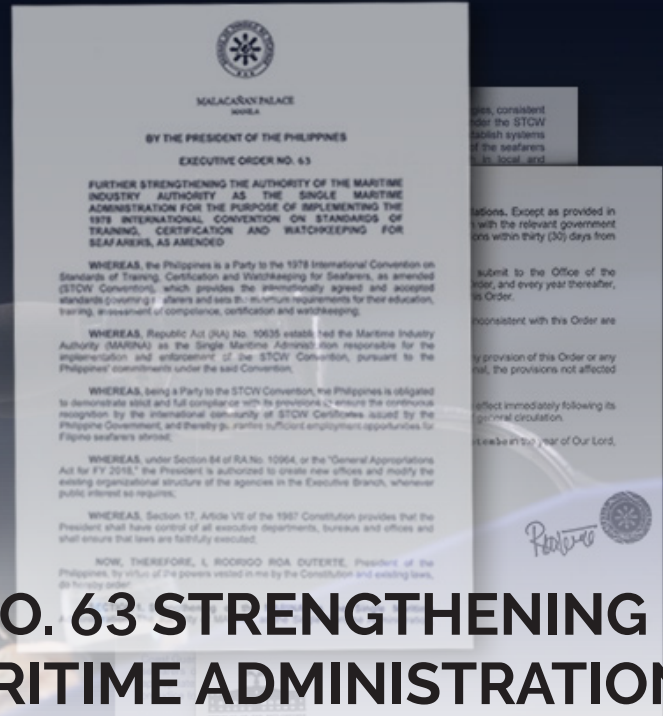




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DUTERTE SIGNS EO NO. 63 STRENGTHENING MARINA AS SINGLE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte recently signed Executive Order No. 63 which further strengthened the powers of the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) as the single maritime administration in the implementation of the country's international obligations under the International Convention on the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) for seafarers 1978, as amended.

The STCW Convention for seafarers is the international regime under the auspices of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) that prescribes standards and minimum requirements for maritime education, training, assessment of competence, certification and watchkeeping for seafarers for employment on-board convention sized merchant ships.

With the issuance of the EO, the authority of the MARINA has been strengthened to enable it “to take all necessary steps and strategies, consistent with its mandate, to ensure that the obligations of the Philippines under the STCW Convention are faithfully, effectively and fully complied with, and to establish systems and mechanisms for the promotion and protection of the well-being of these seafarers thereby ensuring their professionalism and competitiveness”.

The MARINA shall also take the lead in the evaluation of requests for approval of programs for Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation (BSMT), Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering (BSMarE), and other educational programs that may be developed in the future which would require compliance with the STCW Convention.

The EO likewise sets mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation of all maritime education programs to ensure that they are structured and delivered in accordance with the written programs, methods and media of delivery, procedures and course materials in accordance with the STCW Convention.

The presidential order further sets the MARINA to coordinate with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to evaluate and inspect maritime higher education institutions to ensure compliance with the minimum standards under the international agreement.

Moreover, the MARINA, in consultation with the Department of Health (DOH), shall establish the standards for medical fitness and the procedures for the issuance of medical certificates to Filipino seafarers and ensure that those responsible for assessing medical fitness of such seafarers are medical practitioners duly recognized and accredited by the DOH.

MARINA is required to submit an annual progress report on the status of implementation within six months from the EO's effectivity.

With MARINA's increased responsibility, the government expects the Philippines to demonstrate strict and full compliance with the provisions of the STCW Convention, thus ensuring the continuous recognition by the international community and guaranteeing sufficient employment opportunities for Filipino seafarers abroad. *PHOTO CREDIT: PCOO.GOV.PH*

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MARINA hosts maritime fora

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) hosted maritime forums in Manila and Davao City this month.

The two forums, which banner the theme, “Kaligtasan at Kaunlaran ng Paglalayag Tungo Sa Isang Bansang Matatag” coincide with the nation’s observance of the Maritime and Archipelagic National Awareness Month (MaNa Mo) and National Maritime Week this September.

The discussions in the Maritime Safety Forum highlighted the status quo of maritime safety in the Philippines and the government’s efforts to promote safety and security of life and property at sea.

At the Maritime Safety Forum-Manila on September 25, 2018, MARINA OIC-Deputy Administrator for Planning and OIC-Executive Director for STCW Office Vice Admiral Narciso Vingson Jr. explained the corrective measures being undertaken by the Philippines to ensure its full compliance with the findings of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) on the implementation of maritime education, training and certification systems in the Philippines.

Captain Ronald Enrile of the ANGKLA Partylist talked about the government’s legislative agenda on maritime safety while International Maritime Organization (IMO) Maritime Ambassador Carlos Salinas discussed his maritime safety advocacies for the Philippines.

Magsaysay Maritime Corporation President and CEO Doris Magsaysay Ho tackled the blue economy or the sustainable use of maritime resources for economic development while conserving marine life.

MARINA also launched its nationwide slogan, logo, photo and video competitions for the agency’s 45th Anniversary Celebration on June 2019.

The forum in Manila was participated by approximately 250 representatives from different government agencies and maritime associations across the country.

Meanwhile, the Maritime Industry Forum held in Davao City on September 29, 2018, featured the maritime industry development in Mindanao.

The forum specifically highlighted the issues of maritime safety, security and environmental protection, as well as maritime tourism, maritime education and training, ship building, ship repair and ship recycling, and other domestic and overseas shipping activities in the region.

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Left to Right: Undersecretary for Maritime Felipe Judan, Magsaysay Maritime Corporation President and CEO Doris Magsaysay Ho, MARINA Administrator Rey Leonardo Guerrero, IMO Ambassador for Maritime Carlos Salinas, Captain Ronald Enrile of ANGKLA Partylist, and MARINA OIC Executive Director STCW Office Narciso Vingson Jr.

FORUM HIGHLIGHTS ROLE OF MARITIME IN TRADE AND TOURISM

Echoing President Rodrigo Roa Duterte’s desire to re-open long-haul sea travel emanating from Southern Mindanao, Special Assistant to the President Christopher ‘Bong’ Go underscored the importance of opening new routes to accelerate movement of people and goods from Mindanao and boost tourism during the inaugural Mindanao Maritime Industry Forum (MMIF) held in SMX Convention Center, Davao City, on September 29, 2018.

“I encourage all of you to study the possibility of opening new routes for our ships... This way, we can strengthen our tourism industry and hasten progress,”

Go shared.

Domestic shipping has shaped Philippine tourism and trade with its upward trend in passenger traffic and cargo throughput in the last five (5) years. With the country’s archipelagic characteristic, maritime bridges islands and connects people.

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) spearheaded this event to gather maritime movers to stir up public consciousness on the gains of the industry and strengthen its factors in driving the Philippine economy. Maritime remains among the top ten contributors to the country’s economic growth.

The Philippines observes the Maritime and Archipelagic Nation Awareness Month (MaNaMo) in the month of September. The forum highlighted the importance of maritime safety, environmental protection and the development of the industry in Mindanao.





MARINA to present evidence of compliance to EMSA

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has started implementing corrective actions on the European Maritime Safety Agency's (EMSA) 2017 audit findings on maritime education, training and certification systems in the Philippines.

On October 31, 2018, the MARINA is set to present to EMSA proof of its compliance which includes new and revised circulars, particularly on the issuance of International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers or STCW certifications relating to assessment of competence, and management of maritime education institutions and courses in the Philippines.

"The pieces of evidence that we will present to the European Commission are testament to the MARINA's proactive approach on the issues confronting the Philippine maritime industry," MARINA Administrator Rey Leonardo Guerrero said.

The MARINA will cite as one of the evidence the executive order (EO) signed by President Rodrigo Duterte strengthening the agency's authority in the implementation and enforcement of the STCW convention. The EO will not only harmonize the administration of maritime education and training programs but also establish the standards for medical fitness and certification of seafarers.

Part of the MARINA's presentation will be its partnership with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in the monitoring and evaluation of maritime education programs to address the shortcomings of some local maritime education and training institutions (METIs), which started on July 2018.

To date, the joint monitoring and evaluation has identified various deficiencies in 17 maritime higher education institutions (MHEIs) and directed such schools to rectify its shortcomings immediately.

To augment its monitoring system, the MARINA developed the Surveillance, Accreditation and Monitoring Information System (SAM-IS), an internal system that supports inspection and evaluation of METIs to ensure delivery of structured programs, and provides efficient document management system.

The agency will also lay out its MARINA Integrated Seafarer Management System (MISMO), a digital platform set to be launched in 2019 that will integrate the agency's services and processes online. Major features of this project include online processing and payment for assessment, certifications and seaman's book, internal quality management control system in the implementation of maritime education and training programs, and online verification to ensure authenticity of seafarer's documents.

In a meeting with the ambassadors of Denmark, Norway, Netherlands and Germany on September 17, 2018, the MARINA sought technical assistance from European countries on best practices in maritime education, training and certification system.

The MARINA also targets to push for more legislations supporting local maritime education through reinforcing inter-agency partnership with CHED, Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Health (DOH), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Civil Service Commission (CSC), Office of the Ombudsman and Department of National Defense (DND).

PH, Netherlands maintain strong maritime affairs partnership



The partnership on maritime affairs between the Philippines and the Netherlands remains strong for 19 years now, as both countries pledge to continue efforts for the development of the Philippine maritime industry.

“We are happy to celebrate our fruitful collaboration with the Kingdom of the Netherlands. This partnership is vital to our maritime industry development agenda,” MARINA Administrator Rey Leonardo Guerrero said.

Director for Maritime Affairs Brigit Gijsbers from the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, meanwhile, said that the Dutch delegation hopes to further continue the friendship, mutual understanding and cooperation with the Philippines.

During the 19th Joint Committee on Maritime Affairs (JCMA) meeting in Manila on September 18, 2018, the MARINA shared with the Dutch delegation the agency’s plans and programs for the modernization of the Philippine maritime industry. These include the establishment of an integrated management system, reforms in the process of doing the agency’s business, restructuring of the agency, and the establishment of a MARINA personnel training center.

The MARINA updated the Dutch delegation on the Philippine government’s proactive approach on maritime affairs issues such as the redundancy of requirements for the accreditation of maritime education and training institution instructors and assessors, and the imposition of transit charges for vessels plying over Zambales waters.

To date, the MARINA has simplified the requirements for the accreditation of instructors and assessors, while the courts have ordered the provincial government of Zambales to cease from imposing transit charges as it violates national laws.

The discussion also highlighted the corrective measures being undertaken by the MARINA to comply with its shortcomings on maritime education, training and certification systems in the Philippines found by the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) in 2017.

Furthermore, the MARINA also requested the Netherlands for technical assistance on best practices related to maritime education, training, assessment and certification system for seafarers, including the possibility for the Agency’s technical personnel to undertake technical visits to maritime education and training institutions in Netherlands.

The JCMA meeting between the Philippines and the Netherlands is held annually to allow both countries to progress and strengthen their bilateral relationship particularly on maritime related issues that are mutually beneficial for both countries.

The Netherlands is among the top 10 employers of Filipino seafarers. In 2016 alone, a total of 12,760 Filipino seafarers work onboard Dutch registered ships.

MARINA buildings rise in Western Visayas

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) recently inaugurated its two buildings in the Western Visayas Region – a Regional Office in Iloilo City on 27 September 2018 and an Extension Office in Bacolod City on 28 September 2018.

MARINA Regional Office

The inauguration and turn-over of the MARINA Regional Office 6 in Iloilo City coincides with the 30th Founding Anniversary of the establishment of the Agency's Regional Office in Western Visayas in September 1988. It officially started its operations to the public in November 1988.

The project, in the amount of P59.400 million funded under DPWH 6 FY 2016 Infrastructure Program, involves construction of 4-Storey building with roof deck and elevator, situated in a lot provided by the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA). The new MARINA Regional Office is located along Muelle Loney Street, Iloilo.

The construction of MARINA building aims to advance the interest of the Ilonggo's maritime sector, promote maritime development, and provide safety through better information, cooperation and unity of effort among stakeholders of the maritime industry.

At the inauguration of this new building, MARINA Administrator Rey Leonardo B Guerrero assured that the Agency will continue to enhance further the deliver of its services to maritime stakeholders in the Region.

"We assure our friends and partners in the region that this 'one-stop shop for the maritime community' is only one of the many undertakings the MARINA will bring for the benefit of our Ilonggo seafarers", Guerrero said.

The inauguration of the said building was attended by Angkla Partylist Representative Jesulito A. Manalo, who initiated the project, MARINA Administrator Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero, Iloilo Provincial Governor Arthur D. Defensor, Sr. represented by his Executive Staff, Iloilo City Lone District Representative

Jerry P. Treñas and MARINA 6 Regional Director Rizal J. Victoria, along with other concerned agencies, including DPWH Regional Office VI, represented by Construction Division Chief, Engr. Ormel G. Santos.

It is estimated that as many as 420,000 Filipino seafarers come from Iloilo.

Extension Office

A day later, the MARINA Regional Office 6 Extension Office was also inaugurated, September 28, by Negros Occidental Governor Alfredo Maraño Jr. and Cong. Jesulito Manalo at the Panaad Park in Barangay Mansilingan, Bacolod City.

Aside from providing frontline services to maritime stakeholders in Bacolod City and nearby provinces, the new extension office will house the MARINA training and research center for the Agency's technical personnel to capacitate them to effectively perform their duties and responsibilities. Training programs are likewise envisioned to be delivered for industry stakeholders.



Blessing and Turnover of the MARINA Region 6 building located at De La Rama St., Iloilo City on 27 September 2018

MARINA rolls out ship modernization program



BATANGAS CITY — *The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has started rolling out its domestic ship modernization program through an information campaign in Batangas City on September 3-5, 2018.*

The MARINA, along with the Development Bank of the Philippines Leasing Corporation (DLC) and Department of Finance (DOF), oriented 80 motor banca owners and operators from region 4 on the importance of upgrading wooden-hulled motor bancas into either steel, aluminum, or fiber-reinforced plastic (FRP) boats.

“Safety of life at sea is primordial to MARINA and ship modernization is a step towards attaining this objective,” MARINA Domestic Shipping Service Director Sonia Malaluan said citing the motor banca modernization as the first phase of MARINA’s domestic ship modernization program.

As it is committed to provide full support to its stakeholders, the MARINA has partnered with DOF’s Municipal Development Fund Office (MDFO) to open the Municipal Development Fund (MDF) to motor banca owners who will modernize their boats.

To further aid the motor banca owners, the MARINA will also provide incentives, capability, and capacity building, as well as guidance in establishing cooperatives that can offer additional financial support during the implementation of the program.

MARINA’s information campaign will continue in different provinces across the Philippines aimed at clarifying issues of coverage, exemptions and transitions under the program.

With the shift from wood to a technologically-advanced hull materials, the MARINA expects domestic vessels to be faster, efficient, and resilient for the enhancement of maritime safety in the country.

MARINA supports Region 1 tri-city ferry system

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) fully supports the proposed establishment of a tri-city ferry system in Region 1.

The said sea transport system initiated by the Regional Development Council (RDC) Region 1 will link the cities of Dagupan and Alaminos in Pangasinan, and San Fernando in La Union.

“The MARINA welcomes this innovation. The proposed tri-city ferry system is an out of the box solution. Though it will directly compete with land transport, we can see that it can potentially maximize our sea lanes, particularly in the northern part of the country,” MARINA Domestic Shipping Service Director Sonia Malaluan said.

It will also boost our local shipyards with the anticipated increase in new building orders for the tri-city ferry system.

In a recent meeting with RDC, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Philippine Ports Authority

(PPA) and local government units (LGUs) in Pangasinan and La Union, the MARINA pledged to provide assistance to the project. One of which is the conduct of a study to determine suitability of fast craft or waterbus/taxi operations in the region, in line with the agency’s ship modernization program.

The tri-city ferry system is a proposed solution to the heavy flow of road traffic in the said cities and envisioned to provide faster and more convenient alternative transport for local travelers and tourists.

The ferry system that will be operating within the Lingayen Gulf could also be linked to other ports in the region such as the Currimaog Port in Ilocos Norte and the ports of Subic and Manila.

RDC and LGUs have yet to conduct a study to determine the project’s economic, financial and technical viability and target period of implementation.

MARINA catches Cebu vessels without docs



In an inspection conducted by the MARINA Enforcement Service (ES) among motor bancas operating in Northern Cebu, it found out that several vessels were operating without documents or with expired safety certificates. There were also those doing unauthorized operations in violation of issued Certificates of Public Convenience (CPCs), as well as those who failed to maintain required number of serviced life-saving appliances and fire-fighting equipment onboard.

The MARINA ES recommended the issuance of show cause orders to the violators.

Random inspections are regularly conducted by the MARINA ES to ensure compliance with MARINA's rules and regulations, as well as to promote safety culture onboard vessels.



Gov't, shipping companies attend to evacuees

Stranded passengers at the Port of Dumaguete spent the night at the Dumaguete City High School Gymnasium on September 13, 2018.

Maritime government agencies, LGUs, and shipping companies ensured that the needs of the evacuees were well-provided as Typhoon Ompong intensified inside the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR).

MARINA joins 55th Fish Conservation Week



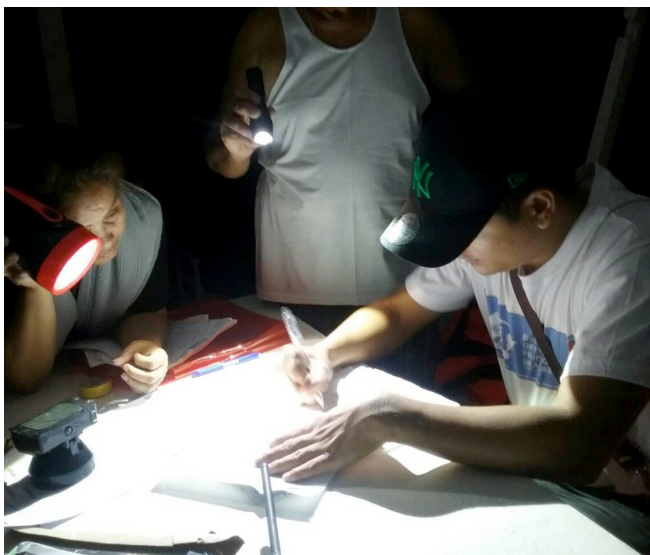
As a partner in maritime-related concerns specifically in fishing, MARINA region 8 participated in the 55th Fish Conservation Week led by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) in Tacloban, Leyte on September 17, 2018.

MARINA supports the advocacy of conserving, promoting, developing and managing fisheries and aquatic resources in realization of the theme: "Kapag Karagatan ng Munisipal ay Inalagaan, Sasagana ang Yamang-dagat ng Buong Sambayanan".



Occupational safety, health awareness pushed

MARINA Region 11 conducted a seminar on “Occupational Safety and Health Awareness for Shipyard and Boatyard Workers”, September 20, 2018, to help stakeholders in identifying safety, health, and environmental hazards in their workplace, as well as to equip them with knowledge and skills on how to make their workplace better and safer for everyone.



MARINA inspects new motor bancas

MARINA Region 7 staff inspected newly-constructed motorbancas, as well as the certificates needed for the operations of 26 motor bancas including the Passenger Ship Safety Certificate (PSSC), Certificate of Compliance (COC), and the Load Line Marking Certificate (LLMC) at the Canibol Wharf Bais City in Negros Oriental on September 18, 2018.



MARINA generates awareness on anti-violence against women

To continuously educate women in the maritime sector on violence, all forms of abuses and protection of women and children, MARINA Region 4 conducted an information campaign on the Anti-Violence Against Women and Children Act of 2004 on September 25, 2018 at Ho-tsai Restaurant in Batangas City.

NATIONAL MARITIME WEEK



Saving Mother Earth

As part of the celebration of the National Maritime Week and as an initiative to help the environment, MARINA Region 8 joined the mangrove planting held at a coastal barangay in Tacloban City, Leyte on September 26, 2018.

MARINA Region 7 meanwhile participated in a coastal clean-up to raise awareness on the importance of sustaining a healthy, balanced and sound marine environment.

MARINA Region 10 representatives also joined a coastal clean up spearheaded by Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) in Opol, Misamis Oriental.



STCW forum launched in CDO



MARINA Region 10 conducted a forum on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) in Capitol University, Cagayan de Oro City on September 25, 2018.

The forum which was participated by 611 seafarers and maritime students focused on the implementation of education, training, assessment and certification systems in the Philippines.

NATIONAL MARITIME WEEK

Promoting camaraderie through sports



MARINA Region 8 joined forces with Oceanic Cargo Services against Premium Megastructures Inc. in a basketball exhibition game on September 26, 2018, in Ormoc City, Leyte.

MARINA Region 11 also organized a friendly basketball tournament among four Davao-based maritime schools to strengthen fellowship among the different maritime educational institutions in Davao City.

The game is one of the activities for the National Maritime Week to promote sportsmanship and camaraderie among maritime-related agencies and stakeholders.

Davao searches for model cadets

As part of the celebration of the 2018 National Maritime Week, the Davao City Chapter of Women in Maritime Philippines (Wimaphil) in coordination with Marina Region 11, organized the 2018 Search for Model Cadet and Cadette held at Felcris Centrale, Davao City.

The Cadets and Cadettes who participated in the search were the best and brightest from the four maritime schools in Davao City. The contestants were scored based on their talent, elegance and wit. The winners for this year were Cadet Christian W. Delquera and Cadette Ronna Aisa L. Magana from DMMA College of Southern Philippines.

This is the second year that Wimaphil has organized the said activity.



Maritime safety caravan rolls in Sorsogon

MARINA Region 5 conducted the Maritime Safety Caravan in Donsol, Sorsogon on September 21, 2018.

The participants were briefed on the mandates of MARINA, the requirements and certificates issued during the registration of vessels, as well as the requirements and issuance of the Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC), among others.

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