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PASAY CITY — Hundreds of key stakeholders from the maritime sector band together during the National Validation Workshop for the Updated Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP) 2028 organized by the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) last 13 July 2023.

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PH PUSHES FOR INCLUSION OF SEAFARERS' CONCERNS IN REVISED IMO STRATEGY ON GHG REDUCTION FROM SHIPS

The Philippines has strongly advocated for the recognition and inclusion of seafarers' concerns in the revised International Maritime Organization (IMO) strategy on greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction from ships. This call to action was made during the 80th session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC), which concluded with the adoption of the 2023 IMO Strategy on GHG Reduction from Ships.

During the deliberations at the 15th session of the Intersessional Working Group on GHG from 26-30 June 2023, the Philippines emphasized the imperative of addressing seafarers' interests in the strategy. Ambassador Teodoro Locsin, speaking at the opening of the 80th MEPC session, reiterated the crucial role of seafarers in achieving the shipping industry's decarbonization objectives.



The Philippine Maritime Delegation poses for a group photo during the 80th Session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC).

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MARINA RECORDS 100% RESOLUTION RATE FOR 8888 COMPLAINTS

MANILA CITY -- The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has recorded a 100 percent resolution rate for its 8888 complaints, a letter from the Office of the President (OP) 8888 Citizens' Complaint Center indicated, covering the period of January to April 2023.

"There were 91 citizens' concerns referred to your office from January 1, 2023 to April 30, 2023. Of this number, 91 tickets were acted upon," the letter stated.

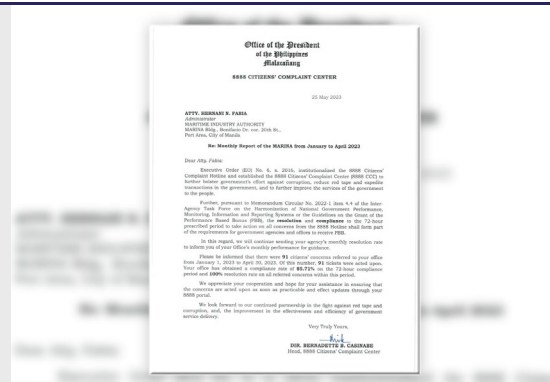
Further, the agency also recorded an 85.7 percent in terms of its compliance rate, signifying MARINA's commitment to resolve 8888 complaints within the 72-hour prescribed period.

MARINA SUSPENDS PASSENGER SHIP SAFETY CERTIFICATE OF MBCA "AYA EXPRESS" FOLLOWING CAPSIZING INCIDENT

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has taken decisive action in response to the capsizing incident involving the passenger ship MBca "AYA EXPRESS" on 27 July 2023, at about 1:00 PM, off Brgy. Kalinawan, Binangonan, Rizal.

In accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 9295 and its implementing Rules and Regulations, specifically the Ship Survey System outlined in MARINA Memorandum Circular No. MS-2023-01, and MARINA Administrative Order No. 11-19, MARINA has suspended the Passenger Ship Safety Certificate (PSSC) of MBca "AYA EXPRESS" effective immediately until further notice from the Authority.

The decision to suspend the safety certificate was in response



It should be noted that the establishment of the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Center (8888 CCC) aims to bolster the government's efforts in tackling corruption, streamlining processes, expediting transactions, and enhancing public services.

With this affirmation, the MARINA pledged to prioritize the swift and effective resolution of complaints and concerns raised by stakeholders, ensuring better services and responsiveness to the needs of the public.

to the unfortunate sea incident, which raised concerns about the integrity of the ship's hull, integral parts, and other affected machineries/appliances.

MARINA emphasized that the suspension of the Ship Safety Certificate will only be lifted following a thorough inspection of the vessel and a comprehensive evaluation by MARINA Inspectors. The safety and well-being of passengers and crew remain the utmost priority, and any reinstatement of the certificate will be based on favorable recommendations ensuring the vessel's compliance with all safety standards and regulations.

In light of the incident, MARINA immediately commenced the conduct of a Marine Safety Investigation (MSI) once the Search and Rescue (SAR) operation was completed. Further, a Show

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Cause Order has been issued to the shipowner commencing the administrative proceedings pursuant to relevant MARINA rules and regulations. However, it is important to note that MARINA is currently gathering data and information regarding the cause of the maritime incident.

Additionally, the MARINA will also initiate administrative proceedings relative to its Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) once all relevant data is gathered and the Marine Safety Investigation (MSI) is completed.



Image captures capsized MBCA Princess Aya off the Shoreline of Barangay Kalinawah, Binangonan, Rizal on 27 July 2023 (Courtesy of Philippine Coast Guard)

PHL MARITIME ADMINISTRATION GEARS UP FOR IMSAS 2023; FINALIZES MANDATORY IMSAS DOCUMENTS

MANILA - As the Philippine maritime administration intensifies its preparation for the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS) in October 2023, the Philippine maritime administration, through the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) commenced an inter-agency writeshop for IMSAS from 03-04 July 2023.

The Department of Transportation (DOTr) Assistant Secretary for Maritime and IMSAS Technical Working Group (TWG) Chairperson, pursuant to Executive Order No. 84, Atty. Julius A. Yano set the expectations and encouraged the IMSAS TWG members to fulfill their respective commitments, particularly those indicated in the Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ), Additional Pre-Audit Information (PAI), and Philippine Maritime Strategy.

“Through this writeshop, I hope we will be able to have a unified effort in ensuring that the Philippine maritime industry adheres to the highest standards and complies with international

maritime commitments to sustain an efficient, and robust maritime industry,” Asec. Yano highlighted.

The plenary discussion was led by the IMSAS Technical Consultant, Mr. Jose Venancio Vero, and was jointly facilitated by the head of the IMSAS Secretariat, MARINA - Overseas Shipping Service (OSS) Officer-in-Charge, Ms. Precila C. Jara. The writeshop focused on reviewing and finalizing the PAQ and PAI, as well as updating the key performance indicators (KPIs), as set by the Philippine Maritime Strategy on the Implementation and Enforcement of Relevant IMO Instruments for 2020-2024.

Meanwhile, Ms. Jara concluded the writeshop by encouraging the member agencies to continually strengthen their mechanisms towards the realization of IMSAS compliance. The PAQ and PAI are considered as a Member State’s initial response to preliminary questions for IMSAS as these documents will form part of the audit team’s strategic planning before subjecting the country to external scrutiny.

On the other hand, the Philippine Maritime Strategy aims to enhance and ensure full compliance to the country’s international obligations and responsibilities as a member of the IMO.

The Inter-agency writeshop was participated by the representatives from the DOTr, MARINA, Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), Cebu Port Authority (CPA), National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA) and Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA).



Philippine Maritime Administration concludes Inter-Agency Write Shop for IMSAS



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MARINA GATHERS KEY PLAYERS IN MARITIME; STRENGTHEN MIDP 2028

According to Atty. Hernani Fabia, MARINA Administrator, the updated MIDP 2028 embodies the maritime sector's multifaceted contribution to the nation's aspirations, including linking and invigorating various island-economies, fostering national integration amidst diversity, ensuring safety and security in maritime transport, providing professional seafarers to the global shipping industry, and stimulating competitiveness in the global economy.

Government agencies and private sector entities were present at the workshop, underscoring the collaborative nature of the event. By gathering key players from various sectors, MARINA aimed to ensure the active involvement and commitment of all stakeholders in shaping the future of the maritime industry in the Philippines.

The National Validation Workshop generated valuable insights and expertise, reinforcing MARINA's confidence in the effectiveness of the updated MIDP 2028. Through collaboration with government agencies, private sectors, and other stakeholders, MARINA is well-positioned to drive the growth and development of the Philippine maritime sector, solidifying its standing on the global stage.

The significance of the MIDP 2028 lies in its imminent submission and presentation before Philippine President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. In February 2023, President Marcos affirmed his commitment to prioritize the maritime industry, recognizing its vital importance during the Philippine Maritime Industry Summit 2023.

MARINA, FME LAUNCH CONCENTRATED CAMPAIGN TO ENHANCE SAFETY ROPAX FLEET

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) through the Shipyards Regulation Service (SRS) and the French Maritime Expert (FME) hosted back-to-back hybrid meetings with government agencies and stakeholders on the Launching of Concentrated Campaign to Enhance the Safety of the ROPAX Fleet at MARINA Central Office, City of Manila on 18 July 2023.

During the meeting with government agencies in the morning, MARINA Deputy Administrator for Operations Engr. Nannette Villamor - Dinopol described the event as an avenue to discuss the proposed project of the Agency and the FME who has been providing valuable support in the development and improvement of the Philippine maritime industry particularly on maritime safety and security; marine environment

protection; shipbuilding and ship repair and aids to navigation.

The MARINA Deputy Administrator for Operations expressed her full support to the concentrated campaign which is in line with the effective implementation of Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP) 2028 which includes the Overriding Program on Enhancement of Maritime Transport Safety and Security (Merchant and Fishing Fleets). She also encouraged the concerned government agencies and relevant stakeholders to inculcate the culture of safety in every ship and to actively participate in the activity as the country progresses to a more efficient marine transport.

FME Mr. Emeric Faure who facilitated both meetings with government agencies and

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stakeholders presented his general observations in the field on the implementation of regulations, situation of the Philippine ROPAX Fleet, average of risks for ROPAX and recommendations to enhance maritime safety in general.

The meeting in the morning was also attended by MARINA Deputy Administrator for Planning Ms. Sonia Malaluan; Shipyards Regulation Service (SRS) and Maritime Safety Service (MSS) Director II Engr. Ramon Hernandez who delivered the closing remarks; Enforcement Service (ES) Director II Engr. Ronaldo Bandalaria; Incoming MSS OIC-Director Mr. Jonathan Seguritan; other MARINA personnel; representatives of other government agencies including Department of Transportation (DOTr); Philippine Coast Guard (PCG); Philippine Ports Authority (PPA); National Telecommunications Commission (NTC); National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA) and Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (DOST-PAGASA).

Meanwhile, the MARINA and FME also conducted a meeting with stakeholders in the afternoon which was attended by different ROPAX companies in the country.

In her speech, MARINA Deputy Administrator for Planning Ms. Sonia Malaluan emphasized that safety is primordial, non-negotiable and everybody's concern. She believes that the concentrated campaign is timely and necessary so the government agencies and industry stakeholders can work together on maritime safety starting on the ROPAX fleet.

The meeting with stakeholders was also attended by the representatives of 2GO Group Inc.; Atienza Interisland Shipping Ferries Inc.; Archipelago Philippine Ferries Corp.; JVS Journey Sea Transport, Inc.; Evaristo and Sons Sea Transport Corp.; FF Cruz and Company, Inc.; Rock Island Ferries; Philstone Shipping Corporation; Mae Wess Company Inc.; Theresian Star Shipping Lines Inc. and Camotes Ferries Services.



MARINA-SRS, together with FME Eric Faure launch a Concentrated Campaign to Enhance the safety of the ROPAX Fleet



MARINA REGIONAL OFFICE IV – LUCENA EXTENSION OFFICE RELOCATES TO LUCENA GRAND CENTRAL TERMINAL FOR IMPROVED PUBLIC SERVICE

The MARINA Regional Office IV (MRO4)-Lucena Extension Office has officially moved to its new location at the Lucena Grand Central Terminal in Lucena City, Quezon. The relocation ceremony was presided over by Regional Director Engr. Rizal J. Victoria, alongside the MRO4 personnel on 18 July 2023.

The relocation of the office aims to enhance public service by establishing a more conveniently located facility for stakeholders.



MARINA Regional Office VII Employees gather for a group photo in front of the new location of the MRO7 at the Lucena Grand Central Terminal in Lucena City, Quezon



MARINA RECEIVES KABALIKAT AWARD FROM DOST-PCIEERD

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) was recognized with the Kabalikat Award during the 13th Anniversary of the Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development (DOST-PCIEERD) at Manila Hotel on 28 June 2023.

MARINA was chosen as one of the Kabalikat Awardees in the Government Category which recognizes the collaborations in various fields from the business, public, academic, partner

regions and consortia sectors.

Shipyards Regulation Service Director II Engr. Ramon Hernandez, representing the MARINA, received the Kabalikat Award from DOST-PCIEERD Executive Director Dr. Enrico Paringit. Director Hernandez is accompanied by NAMED OIC-Chief Engr. Melchor Blaire Yap and other SRS personnel.

With the theme “Philippine Innovation Expo: Celebrating Excellence through Innovative Collaboration”, this year’s anniversary of DOST-PCIEERD aims to showcase some of the Council’s innovative collaborations in industry, energy, and emerging technology sectors that are being looked at for their potential success, outcomes, and impacts on society.

Back in 2020, the MARINA and DOST-PCIEERD renewed its Memorandum of Agreement that was signed in 2018 for the Science and Technology for Maritime Transport Applications (STMTA). The MARINA-DOST STMTA aims to develop a technology development plan for the maritime / marine transport sector. In 2021, the MARINA through the Technology Transfer Agreement (TTA) with UP Diliman and DOST-PCIEERD as witness adopted the Navigational Software (NAVIS), which is a product of the project entitled Maritime Transport Information System (MARIS). The NAVIS was deployed to the 12 MARINA Regional Offices.



MARINA Representatives Accept the Kabalikat Award Plaque at DOST-PCIEERD's 13th Anniversary Celebration



MARINA-MSS along with FME Eric Faure conduct a training seminar to further capacitate and enhance the survey and inspection skills of the MARINA Technical Personnel

MARINA, FME HOLD TRAINING SEMINAR ON CONCENTRATED CAMPAIGN TO ENHANCE SAFETY OF THE ROPAX FLEET

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) through the Maritime Safety Service (MSS) and Shipyards Regulation Service (SRS) in collaboration with the French Maritime Expert (FME) conducted a training seminar on the Concentrated Campaign to Enhance the Safety of ROPAX Fleet at MARINA Training Institute (MarTI) in Bacolod from 10 - 14 July 2023.

The training which was attended by the technical personnel of SRS, MSS, Enforcement Service (ES) and MARINA Regional Offices aims to further capacitate and enhance the survey and inspection skills of the attendees.

In her opening remarks, MARINA Deputy Administrator for Operations Engr. Nannette Villamor - Dinopol emphasized that the training is very valuable in the development and improvement of maritime industry of the country particularly maritime safety and security, marine environment protection, shipbuilding and ship repair and aids to navigation. She encouraged the participants to imbibe the culture of safety particularly in performing their functions as safety surveyors / inspectors and to serve as public servants who take

accountability to their actions. Engr. Villamor - Dinopol also believes that this seminar contributes to reduce the number of maritime accidents being recorded by the Agency.

MARINA Regional Office VI (MRO6) Director II Jeffrey Bangsa and MarTi OIC-Training Director Ms. Juliet Nacion were also present during the opening ceremony of the training seminar.

FME Mr. Emeric Faure along with representatives of Bureau Veritas (BV) including BV-Philippines Offshore Manager Mr. Jimmy Ji Ye and BV Singapore Section Head - Stability, Tonnage & Loadline Mr. Zheng Wenxin facilitated the training which focused on Onboard Fire Safety, Life Saving Appliances, Ship Structural Survey, Loadline and Ship Stability (Intact and Damage).

For the past eight months, Mr. Faure has been providing the necessary technical assistance, training and consultancy service to the MARINA.

The participants also conducted an actual survey on a ROPAX LCT that is being operated by the Tristar Megalink Corp.



MARINA DELIVERS CAPACITY TRAINING PROGRAM ON SAFETY



MARINA - Enforcement Service Unit with MPM Industries Company during the Training on Fixed Fire Extinguishers Systems, Liferaft, and other Life Saving Appliances in Caloocan City

The MARINA-Enforcement Service (ES) on 30 June 2023, conducted a capacity training program aimed at strengthening its personnel's skills and knowledge. Titled "Training on Fixed Fire Extinguishers Systems, Liferaft, and other Life

Saving Appliances," the training session took place in Caloocan City and was sponsored by M. P. M. Industries Company, led by President and General Manager, Mr. Rodolfo L. Molina Jr.

The comprehensive training provided maritime enforcers with valuable insights into the proper functions and utilization of essential equipment. In addition, the program offered updates on industry developments, ensuring that personnel are well-informed and up-to-date in their roles related to compliance monitoring and casualty investigations. Practical exercises were also incorporated to provide hands-on experience and reinforce learning.

MARINA REGIONAL OFFICE XI (MRO) ACHIEVES INTERNAL AUDIT SUCCESS

The MARINA Regional Office XI (MRO11), led by Regional Director Felisa N. Orongan, proudly announced its successful completion of an internal audit conducted from 19-20 July 2023, marking the region's first face-to-face audit since the pandemic.

The audit team, which was led by Mr. Herbert Nalupa with Mr. Enrico Paolo Macalino, as member, displayed a meticulous approach to ensure the thoroughness and efficiency of the audit process.

Meanwhile, STCW Office personnel worked tirelessly to assure that the audit process proceeded seamlessly -- working cohesively, while exemplifying the power of teamwork, in order to come up with realistic and relevant audit findings.

MRO 11 has always considered the conduct of internal audit a significant exercise as it provided opportunities to assess and enhance its processes and services. The conclusion of the audit reaffirms its commitment to continuous improvement, maintaining the highest level of standards in providing its services to the maritime community in the region.



MARINA Audit Team Conducts Internal Assessment of MRO11's Processes and Services

PHOTOS



MARINA Regional Office VIII Receives Plaque of Recognition at Eastern Visayas Medical Center Anniversary Celebration



MARINA celebrates 16th Anniversary of the Women in Maritime Philippines (WIMAPHIL), with the theme Advocates for Gender Equality and Protection of Marine Environment



MRO7 concludes mobile registration and safety inspection initiative in Cordova, Cebu

183rd Maritime Forum

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), led by Administrator Atty. Hernani Fabia, in collaboration with The Maritime League hosted the 183rd Maritime Forum on 11 July 2023, at the MARINA Central Office in Manila.

Presided over by VAdm Eduardo Ma Santos AFP (Ret), Chairman and President of The Maritime League, the forum delved into crucial topics concerning the Philippine maritime industry. The discussions revolved around the country's compliance with the STCW Office Convention 1978, as amended, updates on certification policies and processes, and the decarbonization efforts in the maritime transport sector.

