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## MARINA ACCOMPLISHMENT

### REPORT



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# INTRODUCTION

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) was created on June 1, 1974 with the issuance of Presidential Decree No. 474 to integrate the development, promotion and regulation of the maritime industry in the country. With the creation of the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) by virtue of Executive Order No. 546, MARINA was attached to the DOTC for policy and program coordination on July 23, 1979.

Guided by the 10-Year Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP), the MARINA envisions to accelerate and expand domestic shipping services that shall render the country's economic environment more conducive for flourishing of businesses, influx of investments and facilitation of trade within the country; build modern and seaworthy ships through a globally competitive ship building, ship repair and ship breaking industry; and promote and develop the Philippines as human resource capital for ship management and other maritime services.

The transition from the Duterte to Marcos Administration had been nothing but seamless despite the changes in prioritization and the core leaders of MARINA, from Administrator Robert A Empedrad AFP (Ret) to Atty. Hernani N. Fabia. The new leadership has continued to shepherd the Agency in ensuring that its thrust of providing quality service to the stakeholders, particularly the seafarers, shipowners& other maritime-related entities are met. Likewise, the policy direction of MARINA remained intact due to the efforts of the organization to institutionalize and continually update the 10-Year Maritime Industry Development Program (MIDP) and its Strategic Voyage Plan.

MARINA has set the Vision of realizing a globally competitive Philippine maritime industry and the Mission of leading a progressive maritime administration for safer people, safer ships, and cleaner environment. The Agency resolutely adheres to its Vision and Mission by implementing coordinated policies, projects and programs which aims to improve the overall contributions of the maritime industry throughout the country.

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# I. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

## OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Recovering from the global pandemic, the regular operations have gradually returned back to normal whilst keeping in line with the minimum safety precautions to protect MARINA employees and clientele alike to the remnants of COVID-19.

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) continuously provides service to its stakeholders through online and/or in-person transactions and through other initiatives such as implementation of new application systems and the conduct of mobile registrations.

Table 1. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) Assessment January to December 2022					
Indicator	Accomplishments		Targets	% Change (Actual vs Targets)	Reason for Change
	2021	2022	2022		
<b>1. SHIPS</b>					
A. Certificate of Philippine Registry (CPR)	4,382	4,423	3,082	1,341 or 43.5% more than the target	CPR increased due to the conduct of mobile registration nationwide particularly the applications involving passenger wooden hulled tourist boats.
B. Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) (Includes New, Renewal, Amendment and Exemption application)	1,165	1,365	652	713 or 109.35% more than the target	CPC increased due to the conduct of mobile registration in Binangonan, Rizal, and other areas nationwide. CPC surged as well.
C. Philippine Overseas Fleet (existing ships currently registered under the Philippine flag)	97	99	—		This particular item is demand driven.



<b>2. SEAFARERS</b>					
A. Seafarer's Record Book (SRB) and Seafarer's Identity Document (SID)	288,038	189,931	160,718	29,213 or 18.18% more than the target	In view of the continuing effect of COVID-19 pandemic and the impact of "global chip crisis" seriously affecting the production and supply of blank SID cards that are compliant with the standards set under the Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention (Revised), 2003 (No. 185), as amended, the MARINA through the MDS has reduced the appointment slots vis-a-vis the remaining stocks on hand for the issuance of SRB/SID.
B. STCW-related Certificates [Includes Certificate of Proficiency (COP), Certificate of Competency (COC) and Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)]	653,665	461,114	200,682	260,432 or 129.78% more than the target	Demand driven. The figures represent all of the applications received.

## II. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

### A. Budget Utilization Rates of MARINA

Allotment Class	Allotment Received	Obligations Incurred	Balance	Disbursement	Utilization Rate	
					as to Obligation	as to Disbursement
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d=b-c)	(e)	(f=c/b)	(g=e/b)
PS	552,059	551,825	234	549,922	99.96%	99.61%
MOOE	363,908	363,802	106	314,249	99.97%	86.35%
CO	119,717	110,476	9,241	76,104	92.28%	63.57%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,035,684</b>	<b>1,026,103</b>	<b>9,581</b>	<b>940,275</b>	<b>99.07%</b>	<b>90.79%</b>

#### 1. On Personal Services (PS)

The MARINA almost reached the 100% utilization rate for both obligation and disbursement as of end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2022. Included in the obligated and disbursed amounts is the release from the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) of the additional Special Allotment Release Order (SARO) with corresponding Notice of Cash Allocation (NCA) amounting to P29.586 Million dated October 2022 to cover the FY 2022 PS deficiency request. Bulk of the unpaid obligations pertains to the grant of Service Recognition Incentive (SRI) to MARINA employees in recognition of their collective and invaluable contribution to the government's continuing efforts to ensure the responsive delivery of services to the public, especially in the midst of the continuing public health emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and other socio-economic challenges. The SARO to cover the payment of a portion of the SRI was issued by the DBM on 29 December 2022, thus remained unpaid as of year end.

#### 2. Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE)

As can be gleaned from the summary of the budget utilization, the obligation rate for MOOE as of December 31, 2022 is 99.97%. Included in the obligated amount is the SARO and corresponding NCA for the use of income from Tonnage Fee in the amount of P25.436 Million. On the other hand, the disbursement rate for MOOE is 86.34%. Bulk of the unpaid obligations pertains to undelivered goods/services to wit:

Procurement of supplies for the SID/SRB System which includes blank SID cards, laminates and other consumables; and Technical Support and maintenance for the SID/SRB System amounting to P18,000,000

### 3. On Capital Outlays (CO)

The P119.717 Million allotments for Capital Outlays (CO) consist of the following Procurement of Motor Vehicles – P21 Million; Construction, rehabilitation and renovation of various MARINA Office Buildings - P94 Million; and Procurement of Furniture and Fixtures and Office Equipment for the newly constructed MRO V Office Building charged against the Continuing Appropriation – P4.717 Million

The obligation rate for CO as of year end is 92.28%. The unobligated balance pertains to allotment for the procurement of motor vehicles and construction, rehabilitation and renovation of buildings of the MARINA Central Office and MARINA Regional Office VI. The unobligated allotment resulted from the failure of bidding for one (1) Sports Utility Vehicle and nine (9) motorcycles amounting to P3,038,300.00 while the remaining balance was primarily due to the late release of SARO, i.e. end of third quarter 2022. On the other hand, the disbursement rate of 63.57% resulted from undelivered goods from the procurement contract of passenger vans, pickup and multi-purpose utility vehicles.

### Comparative Budget Utilization Rate (FY 2022 And 2021)

Allotment Class	Allotment		Obligations		Utilization Rate	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
(a)	(b)		(c)		(d=c/b)	
PS	552,057	524,095	551,825	523,347	99.96%	99.86%
MOOE	363,908	367,096	363,802	362,159	99.97%	98.66%
CO	119,717	4,717	110,477	-	92.28%	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,035,682</b>	<b>895,908</b>	<b>1,026,104</b>	<b>885,506</b>	<b>99.08%</b>	<b>98.84%</b>

## B. Revenue Performance

### 1. 2022 Revenue Performance Report

<b>PARTICULARS</b>	<b>FY 2022 TARGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2022</b>	<b>% of Collection</b>
Franchising & Licensing Fees	37,334	34,657	92.83%
Other Permit Fees	93,087	269,242	289.24%
Registration Fees	62,786	52,683	83.91%
Fines and Penalties Fees	0	25,199	
Clearance and Certification Fees	134,113	142,369	106.16%
Inspection Fees	74,338	88,426	118.95%
Processing Fees	210,602	127,187	60.39%
Other Service Income	146,597	75,242	51.33%
<b>TOTAL- FUND 101</b>	<b>758,857</b>	<b>815,005</b>	<b>107.40%</b>
Miscellaneous Income	0	9,230	
Tonnage Fee (Fund 151)	60,000	62,786	104.64%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>818,857</b>	<b>887,021</b>	<b>108.32%</b>

This pertains to the Revenue Collections for the services rendered by the agency as mandated. For CY 2022, the total actual collection as of 31 December 2022 exceeded the target by 8.32%.

**2. 2021 vs 2022 Revenue Performance Report  
(amounts in Thousand Pesos) (as of 31  
December)**

PARTICULARS	ACTUAL AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2021	ACTUAL AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2022	Increase / (Decrease)	
			Amount	Percent
Franchising & Licensing Fees	54,799	34,657	-20,142	-37%
Other Permit Fees	190,050	269,242	79,192	42%
Registration Fees	53,204	52,683	-521	-1%
Fines and Penalties Fees	20,557	25,199	4,642	23%
Clearance and Certification Fees	258,833	142,369	116,464	-45%
Inspection Fees	65,843	88,426	22,583	34%
Processing Fees	218,006	127,187	-90,819	-42%
Other Service Income	70,257	75,242	4,985	7%
<b>TOTAL - FUND 101</b>	<b>931,549</b>	<b>815,005</b>	<b>-116,544</b>	<b>-13%</b>
Miscellaneous Income	4,628	9,230	4,602	99%
Tonnage Fee (Fund 151)	98,929	62,786	-36,143	-37%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,035,103</b>	<b>887,021</b>	<b>- 148,082</b>	<b>-14%</b>

The decrease in revenue for the Clearance and Certification Fees was due to:

Issuance of MARINA Advisory No. 2021-18 dated March 31, 2021, "Termination/Cancellation on the Issuance of the STCW Certificate of Endorsement (COE) in the Certification of Filipino Seafarers who serve the

capacity as Marine Deck and Marine Engine Officer". The COE was integrated in the Certificate of Competency (COC), hence the STCW Office no longer issues COE to the seafarers; and Issuance of MARINA Circular No. SC-2022-02 dated April 13, 2022, "Revised Fees Covering COC and Certificates of Proficiency (COP)". This Circular reduced the processing fees by 50% for the issuance, revalidation and replacement of COCs and COPs.

The decrease in the Other Processing Fees is mainly due to:

Issuance of MARINA Advisory No. 2022-06 dated January 31, 2022 "Cost of Issuance of Seafarers Record Book (SRB)".

Providing for the issuance of SRB at no cost to first time applicant or has not been previously issued with a Seaman's Book or the Seafarer's Identification and Record Book (SIRB).

The MARINA shall grant fifty percent (50%) discount on the cost of renewal/reissuance of expiring or expired/lost or damaged SIRB and SRB booklet.



# III. STATUS OF PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS (PAPS) IMPLEMENTED

## A. Accomplished Project

### 1. Marine Environment Protection in South East Asian Seas (MEPSEAS) Project



The Philippines is one of the Lead Partnering Country (LPC) to the Marine Environment Protection of the South East Asian Seas (MEPSEAS) Project.

The MARINA in coordination with the Philippine Coast Guard hosted the National Workshop on Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement (CME) last 23-26 November 2021 to finalize the National Guidance Document (NGD).

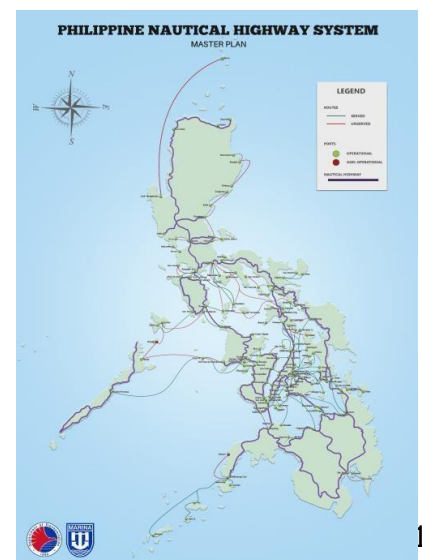
The NGD aims to provide guidance and recommendations to legislators, surveyors and port State control officers, among others, and serve as basis for the development of administrative procedures for flag state and port state inspections particularly in the implementation and enforcement of the Anti-Fouling Systems (AFS) and Ballast Water Management (BWM) Conventions.

The Tokyo MOU Expert Mission and Pilot trial of the implementation of CME procedures in selected key ports was convened by PCG on 05 to 09 September 2022 in coordination with MARINA. The Third High Level Regional Meeting on MEPSEAS was convened on 25-27 October 2022.

## B. Ongoing Programs / Construction Projects

### 1. BlockChain Enabled Certification System

Blockchain technology is an ongoing project of MARINA that was initiated last January 2022 which aims to integrate into one web-enabled information system all MARINA frontline processes / transactions relating to vessels and seafarers, provides online verification of certificates and ensures data protection and security.



The project consists of 6 phases, from the first Phase which is Project Planning and Requirement Analysis up to the last phase which will cover Warranty, Maintenance and Technical Support.

Currently, both MARINA and MJVI are simultaneously undertaking activities under Phase 1, specifically on Submission and Approval of Business Requirement Documents and at the same time accomplishing activities under Phase 2 which are mostly on application development and initial deployment.

Project Cost is P29,850,0000.00 and the target date of completion is 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2023.

## **2. Maritime Route Rationalization and Information System (MARIS)**

The project aims to provide and develop an effective route capacity measurement system (RCMS) for maritime transportation, to aid in the route rationalization within the Philippine maritime network that will result in a safer, better quality shipping service for passengers, and more efficient transport of cargoes.

The project started in 2019 and was completed and turned-over to MARINA on 17 August 2021. The MISS has already conducted user's training to MROs personnel, however the system was not deployed due to lack/incompatibility of the hardware requirements to operationalize the system.



### **3. Hybrid Trimaran Fast Craft Passenger Cargo Vessel using Multi-Engine and Alternative Energy sourced from Ocean waves**

The project covers design, construction and testing of a pump that uses renewable energy from ocean waves for electrical needs of a hybrid Trimaran fast craft passenger cargo vessel.

MARINA serves as the coordinating/collaborating agency under the Science and Technology for Marine/Maritime Transport Application (STMTA).

If found feasible and effective, the hybrid Trimaran fast craft passenger cargo vessel will be the prototype of a vessel using alternative energy sources from ocean waves.

Ocean waves, if proven, will be an alternative source of energy to be used by domestic ships, addressing the issue of climate change and will contribute to the reduction of Greenhouse Gas (GHG).

This project is ongoing and funded by the DOST-PCIEERD.

### **4. Study to address Safety and energy efficiency of domestic passenger ships in the Philippines through a Formal Safety Assessment (FSA-ENV)**

The project includes the conduct of Formal Safety Assessment of Passenger Ships of the Philippines to improve the safety of ships by targeting all components in the safety system and the whole feasible spectrum of risk control options while accounting for all safety stakeholders.

It also analyzes the current state of the domestic passenger ships in the Philippines from the point of view of energy efficiency and environmental footprint, targeting to identify the most practical and cost effective options to reduce the carbon footprint of the shipping industry in the short term and to propose feasible roadmap for the medium and long term.

The Project consists of four phases and started in November 2021. Phase 1 was completed in June 2022 while Phase 2 was completed in November 2022.

Final Report is to be submitted by the First Semester of 2023.

## **5. Prototype Solar Electric Boat**

The project involves the development of a prototype Fiber Reinforced Plastics (FRP) boat utilizing solar panels and electric boats which are environment friendly and have sustainability features.

The goal is to produce prototypes for safe, efficient and sustainable solar-assisted plugged-in electric boats that could be used in domestic shipping, particularly in the proposed Coastal and Inland Waterways Transport System (CIWTS) in Laguna de Bay.

The solar-assisted plugged-in electric boat, if proven effective, will address the issue of climate change and will contribute to the reduction of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) from ships.

This project is ongoing and funded by the DOST-PCIEERD.

## **6. GloFouling Partnerships Project**

The Philippines is one of the Lead Partnering Countries (LPCs) of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)-International Maritime Organization (IMO) GloFouling Partnerships Project.

The National Status Assessment Report on Biofouling is being finalized by the National Consultant of GloFouling Project.

As part of the project deliverables, the Philippines, through our national consultants and with the assistance of our PEMSEA as the Regional Coordinating Organization (RCO) and the IMO, is in the process of drafting its National Economic Assessment Report and its National Strategy on Biofouling Management. Moreover, the Philippines chaired the First and Second Regional Task Force (RTF) Meeting on Biofouling Management in Southeast Asia on 28 April 2022 and 23 - 25 November, respectively. Target date of completion of this project is in 2025.

## 7. Construction of MARINA Regional Office VIII Building



A four-storey building located at the Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte. It has an approved budget amounting to P55,050,000.00 which is downloaded to the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) as the implementing agency.

The project was completed in October 2022 based on the DPWH contract status report for the period 26 September - 22 October 2022.

As of 23 November 2022, the DPWH is finalizing the "A Built Plans" of the building prior to the subsequent issuance of the Certificate of Completion.

## 8. Construction of MARINA Regional Office XIII Building

Located in Surigao City, the allocated budget amounting to P31,710,000.00 covers the following phases: Civil Works; Mechanical Work; Electrical Work; and, Sanitary/Plumbing Works.

Phase 2 of the project amounting to P10,555,300.00 was completed in December 2022. The amount covers civil, mechanical, electrical, sanitary/ plumbing aspects of the new building.

Phase 3 of the said building amounting to P13,297,000.00 is still pending due to lack of funds. However, the initial amount of P7,602,475.00 was initially transferred to the DPWH 2nd District

Engineering Office as initial funds for the construction. Hence, MARINA is still awaiting for the additional funds to commence the construction of the said building. Phase 3 construction will cover architectural works, office furniture, fixtures and equipment.



### C. Planned - Program / Construction Projects Construction of MARINA

#### Regional Office X Building

Located in El Salvador City, Misamis Oriental, MARINA RO X and DPWH-X signed a Memorandum of Agreement to undertake the project. The DBM has released the Special Allotment Release Order (SARO) to MARINA on 29 September 2022 which includes the construction of MRO X building amounting to P68,300,000.00.



As of December 2022, MARINA RO X is waiting for the release of Notice of Cash Allocation (NCA) from the DBM while processing the building permit application requested by the DPWH - X.

## D. Awards and Recognitions

### 1. ISO Certification of the MARINA-STCWO and Regional Offices



The Maritime Industry Authority- STCW Office (MARINA-STCWO)'s Quality Management System (QMS) was recertified by the Bureau of Veritas under the ISO 9001:2015 standard. Along with this, the

STCW Units of MARINA Regional Office IV (MRO 4) - Batangas, under the leadership of Director Engr. Emmanuel B. Carpio; the MARINA Regional Office VI (MRO 6) - Iloilo and Bacolod Extension Office, led by Director Annabell P. Lagas; and the MARINA Regional Office VII (MRO7) spearheaded by Director Felisa N. Orongan were likewise granted ISO 9001:2015 Certification for meeting the requirements of the management system standards. The ISO Certification of the QMS is consistent with MARINA's mission to ensure that Filipino seafarers are well- educated, well- trained, and well-equipped with knowledge and competencies aligned with national and international standards in order to develop them into a globally-competitive seafaring workforce. MARINA takes pride in its ISO 9001:2015 QMS certification, as it represents a testament to its commitment to continuously improve its maritime services and achieve its goals of the delivery quality and efficient services for overall customer satisfaction.

### 2. HR Prime Bronze Medal Awards

In line with the intention to Strengthen MARINA as an organization, the Civil Service Commission acknowledged MARINA with the Bronze Award pertaining to the Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management last January 2022.





### 3. Commission on Audit (COA) - Unqualified Opinion

The MARINA got the highest audit mark from its COA independent auditor for last year, 2021. The audit report stated that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the MARINA as at December 31, 2021. An unqualified opinion is given by the auditors to government offices that have fairly presented their financial statements, and conform to public sector accounting standards. In a nutshell, it means that the agency's financial records are clean.

### 4. 100% Resolution Rate of 8888 Complaint

In line with the Agency's thrust towards eradication of corruption and strengthening the policies and procedures to promote good governance, the MARINA received a palace commendation of resolution to Citizen's Complaints / Concerns.



### 5. MARINA Receives Certificate of Appreciation and Recognition from ARTA

The team of Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) received its Certificate of Appreciation awarded by the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) on 07 December 2022 during the ENRICH 2022: Empowering Next Generation RIA Champions held at Quezon City.

In July 2022, the MARINA, received recognition from the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) for consistently earning top scores in the Pre and

Post Diagnostic Tests during the three-month-long Phase II: Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) Manual Training held virtually from April to July 2022 which was attended by personnel of MARINA along with several government agencies in the country.



The training aimed to capacitate personnel on the different tools mentioned in the RIA Manual such as Benefit Cost Analysis, Standard Cost Model, and Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis. Further, different lenses of analysis on areas such as Gender and Social Inclusion, Environment, Disaster Risk, and Competition were also included in the training. Through participating in this training, the MARINA will be able to design and

evaluate policies and regulations in a systematic process that will enhance the quality of existing and proposed regulations. Subsequently, MARINA issued a revised Administrative Order on and conducted several capacity building programs for technical personnel who are involved in policy formulation process to ensure the efficient implementation of RIA.

## **6. MARINA Directors Wins Amihan, Pagpupugay at Pasasalamat Award**

Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) Regional Directors from Region V and Region XIII won the "Amihan, Pagpupugay at Pasasalamat Award" conferred by the Regional Development Council-X (RDC-10).

The said Amihan Award was given to the awardees during a culmination activity of the RDC-X Week Celebration, and RDC Xcellence on 13 December 2022 at the Provincial Capitol, Tubod, Lanao del Norte.

The recognition serves to honor the "service and commitment in carrying out the mandates of the Council towards a resilient and sustainable recovery from the pandemic."

## **7. Three (3) MARINA Employees Successfully Completed their Master of Science (MSc) Degrees at the World Maritime University (WMU) in Malmo,Sweden on 31 October 2022!**

First of which is Mr. Herbert V Nalupa who pursued his Master of Science in Maritime Affairs, with specialization in Maritime Education and Training (MET), graduated with distinction and bagged a record number of prizes such as the Chancellor's Medal for having the highest student grades, the CP Srivastava Award for embodying the highest sense of international fellowship and camaraderie and the MET Prize for graduating with the highest grades in the Maritime Education and Training specialization.

On 28 October 2022, Mr. Nalupa also received as one of the recipients the Kalmar Award for being the class' student role model.

Nalupa is actually the first student, and a Filipino scholar at the WMU who received three (3) awards in a graduation ceremony of the University. His UN Fellowship sponsor is the TK Foundation.

Meanwhile, MARINA's Planning and Policy Service (PPS) Ms. Pfarlin I Cortes has gained her Master of Science degree in Shipping Management and Logistics through a fellowship award from the International Chamber of Shipping, while Ms.

Rochyl M Villamor, the pride of MARINA Regional Office 7 in Cebu City has completed her Master of Science in Maritime Safety and Environmental Administration through a fellowship award from the Australian Maritime Safety Agency (AMSA).

## **8. 10-Year Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP)**



On February 22–23, 2022, in the MARINA Board Room, a two-day session was held to finalize the MARINA Strategic Voyage Plan and MIDP Abridged Report. Heads/directors of MARINA offices handling MIDP programs were invited to participate in the abovementioned face-to-face workshop under Special Order (SO) No. 129-22 with the goal of producing an output suitable for publication. Participants discussed and modified the institutional arrangements and program components of the ten (10) MIDP Priority Programs to better suit the times. The Administrator received the final draft of the condensed MIDP in March 2022.

A Special Order to reconstitute the MIDP Program Team Composition and name Focal Offices as

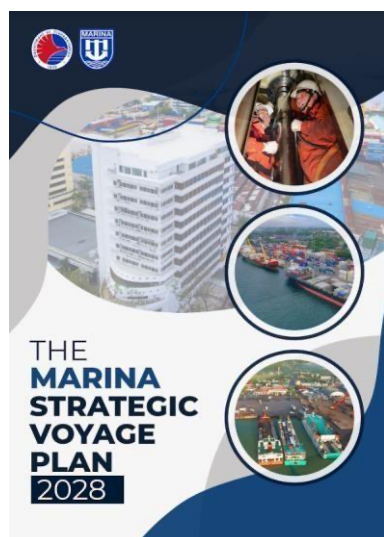
Program Chair or Co-Chair and Vice-Chairs was approved last March 30th in accordance with Section 5 of the Presidential Decree (PD) No. 474 series of 1974, which requires the MARINA to annually update the 10-Year MIDP. The Implementation Plan for the MIDP programs, which includes Program Milestones and the Results Matrix, was then amended by the PPS. To update the aforementioned templates, the MIDP program teams held their specific Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) from April to May 2022. This allowed them to submit their amended initial write-ups to PPS. Additionally, in May 2022, planning for the 2022 Philippine Maritime Industry Summit began.

Through the Planning and Policy Service unit of MARINA a draft Executive Order (EO) was crafted on May 5, 2022, adopting the 10-Year MIDP and submitted on May 31, 2022 to the Administrator. Thereafter, it was forwarded to the Department of Transportation (DOTr) for subsequent endorsement to the Office of the President.

## IV. MILESTONE OF POLICY ISSUANCES (NEW, NON-ROUTINE)

With the conclusion of Calendar Year 2022, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), continues to exert its efforts to ensure consistency of improvement in the maritime industry's contributions to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and pursue activities to attain inclusive growth through regulatory reforms. The MARINA remains steadfast in formulating effective policies, activities and programs in line with its four (4) major maritime sectors: the Domestic Shipping, Overseas Shipping, Ship Building and Ship Repair and Manpower Development.

For the purpose of this report, this Chapter aims to unpack and streamline the regulatory issuances formulated and implemented by MARINA since the start of the Calendar Year. These regulations were published to attain its ultimate goal: *to promote inclusive growth and elevate the socio-economic contributions of the maritime industry.*



### A. MEMORANDUM CIRCULARS

As defined under Administrative Order No. 16-22<sup>1</sup> Memorandum Circulars are issuances approved by the MARINA Board prescribing rules and regulations for the maritime industry.

<sup>1</sup> AO 16-22 or the "Formulation, Revision and Referencing of Memorandum Circulars, Proposed Bills, Executive Orders, Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of a Law and Circulars Jointly Issued by the MARINA Partner Agencies"

For the Calendar Year, the MARINA published a total of 13 Memorandum Circulars which were implemented to serve as guidelines for public consumption governing all stakeholder activities relative to the mandates of the Agency.

## 1. MARITIME MANPOWER

The recently concluded Calendar Year had been fruitful yet challenging for the Agency, the Manpower Development sector of the Agency had been swamped with issues and concerns, most significantly on the status of our compliance with the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) Audit. The veracity of the dilemma had reached rounds with the mainstream media, which magnified the issue, ultimately leading to various lawmakers calling the attention of MARINA officials for immediate resolution.



Anchored with Priority Program No. 9 entitled "*Development of Competitive and Highly-Skilled Filipino Maritime Professionals*", the Manpower Development Service (MDS) and the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping Office (STCWO) exerted its full efforts to launch and elevate the competency of seafarers certificated by the Agency.

The Agency issued seven (7) manpower-related regulations from the STCWO which centered on training and examination and assessment of seafarers. For these regulations only one (1) issuance can be considered as a **non-routine regulation**, which was the Joint MARINA-DOH Memorandum Circular No. 1 entitled the "*Guidelines on the Recognition and Monitoring of Medical Practitioners*", which was issued to ensure that all medical assessment activities are conducted by recognized practitioners and that such activities are subjected to regular monitoring in order to verify its compliance with the STCW Convention.

**Five (5)** of these issuances are part of the **regular functions** of MARINA, which includes the following Memorandum Circulars:



Coded as Memorandum Circular SC-2022-01, the STCWO published the *"Guidelines for the Onboard Training of Cadets on Philippine-Registered Ships Engaged in Domestic Shipping"* which primarily regulates the training of cadets onboard domestic ships in compliance with the SOLAS Convention, MLC 2006 and all other international commitments.

With the seafarers as one of the primary stakeholders and clients of the Agency, the MARINA likewise launched various policies to promote good governance and ease doing business with the Agency. Part of which is the publication of Memorandum Circular No. SC-2022-02 entitled *"Revised Fees Covering Certificates of Competency (COC) and Certificates of Proficiency (COP)"*. This particular issuance effected significant reduction in the charges required by the Agency to avail COCs and COPs in line with the thrust of the Agency to cut the costs borne by the seafarers.

Another issuance in line with the effort to enhance the delivery of basic services and increase accessibility of the functions of the agency to the seafarers is the policy coded as Memorandum Circular No. SC 2022-03, otherwise known as the *"Policies, Rules and Regulations for the Approval of the Conduct of Practical Assessment for Management Level, Operational Level, Support Level, Electro-Technical Officer (ETO) and GMDSS Radio Operators"*, which regulates the approval of the Assessment Centers (ACs) for the conduct of Practical Assessment pursuant to pertinent Chapters of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended.

To ensure competence of seafarers that are duly certificated by the Agency, Memorandum Circular Nos. SC-2022-04 and SC-2022-06 were issued prescribing mandatory minimum requirements for the certification of ratings for both able seafarer engine and able seafarer deck, respectively.

In line with the efforts of MARINA to continually improve its accessibility to the relevant entities, particularly on seafarer-related issues, Memorandum Circular No. SC-2022-05, entitled *"Standards for Mandatory Training Courses under STCW Convention, 1978, as amended"* was issued to ensure that all training courses are compliant with the international standards.



## 2. SHIPPING INDUSTRY

MARINA, through its relevant Service Units, aims to elevate the economic contributions of the Shipping Industry in the Philippines' Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Thus far, based on the data released by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), the ocean-based industries continue to increase its contributions as the records show 6.7% growth rate, which accounted for 3.6% of GDP in 2021<sup>2</sup>.



The industry is also a significant contributor in generating employment for the Filipino people, hence, the Agency also employed various policies to promote, continually develop and protect the interest of entities engaged in the shipping industry.

The shipping industry is sub-divided into four (4) specific sectors including (1) Domestic Shipping, (2) Overseas Shipping, (3) Shipbuilding and Ship Repair, and (4) Maritime Safety Sub-sector. The policies issued for CY 2022 governing the shipping industry are all part of the routinary functions of MARINA.

### 2.1. Domestic Shipping

To standardize and implement streamlined guidelines in the assessment and collection of Annual Tonnage Fees (ATF) in order to effectively regulate domestic ships for the promotion and development of the Philippine maritime industry, Memorandum Circular No. DS- 2022-01 entitled "*Amendment to Memorandum Circular No. 2008-07 on the Revised Rules on the Assessment and Collection of Annual Tonnage Fee (ATF)*". This covers the assessment and collection of the said fees from all operating Philippine-registered ships engaged in the domestic trade, except fishing, recreational boats and those that are for private use.

### 2.2. Shipbuilding And Ship Repair Sector

<sup>2</sup> Mapa, D.S (2022); Ocean-Based Industries Grew by 6.7%, Accounted for 3.6% of GDP in 2021; Philippine Statistics Authority. Retrieved from <https://psa.gov.ph/>

To regulate permit and licensing for Boat Building and Repairing, MARINA, spearheaded by the Shipyards Regulation Service (SRS), had crafted rules and regulations for Boatbuilding / Repairing activities, three (3) of which are directed towards licensing and permits while one (1) is created in line with the mandate to ease doing business with the Agency.

Memorandum Circular No. SR-2022-01, otherwise known as the *"Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations on the Registration and Licensing of Boat Builders / Repairers"* was formulated to provide uniform and upgraded standards in the registration and licensing of boatbuilding / repairing entities in the country.

For Small-Scale Boatbuilding / Repairing entities, Memorandum Circular No. SR-2022-02 entitled *"Implementing Rules and Regulations on the Issuance of Boatbuilder's Permit to Entities Intending to Engage in Small-Scale Boatbuilding / Repairing Activities"* in order to legalize their operations and encourage small-scale boatbuilders / repairers to register their businesses under MARINA.

To ensure that all companies intending to conduct inclining tests and stability calculation are at par with the standards of MARINA, the *"Revised Rules and Regulations on the Accreditation of Maritime Companies / Entities Conducting Inclining Test and Stability Calculation and Assessment (Intact and Damage) Services"* coded as Memorandum Circular No. 2022-04.

As mentioned, in the Agency's thrust towards good governance, Memorandum Circular No. SR-2022-03 otherwise known as the *"Rules on the Implementation of the Shipyards Regulation Service Information Management System (SRSIMS)"* was formulated to provide guidelines for the online filing of SRS-related applications and provide a digital platform to reduce processing time, streamline processes and requirements for SBSR-related entities. The intention of this policy issuance is to implement a system to enhance online services and reduce undue burden and regulatory cost for the shipping entities involved.

<sup>2</sup> Mapa, D.S (2022); *Ocean-Based Industries Grew by 6.7%, Accounted for 3.6% of GDP in 2021; Philippine Statistics Authority*. Retrieved from <https://psa.gov.ph/>

### **2.3. Maritime Safety**

Pursuant to Program 6 of the 10-Year Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP) on the Enhancement of Maritime Safety in the Philippines, Memorandum Circular No. MS-2022-01 was promulgated to provide standard guidelines and outline the obligations and responsibilities in the conduct of marine safety investigations in the for Philippine-flagged ships, ships plying the flag of another state with Filipino Seafarers and those involved in marine accident / incident involving Philippine- flagged Ships.

## **B. MARINA Advisories**

Per Administrative Order No. 08-21<sup>3</sup>, MARINA Advisories are defined as issuances to relay information on the implementation of a future policy. These issuances are published in order to announce an implementation of immediate guidelines or proclamations to regulate activities within the scope of the mandate of MARINA.

In line with the above-mentioned, the MARINA has issued a total of 68 Advisories issued and implemented.

### **1. MARITIME MANPOWER**

Anchored with the efforts of MARINA to “*ensure competitiveness and development of highly-skilled maritime professionals*” as one of the Core Programs of the Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP), the Agency is exhibiting its full thrust towards ensuring that the certificated seafarers are well-equipped as they play a significant role in its contribution to the total GDP through sea-based remittances.

Included in this accomplishment is the initiatives to encourage prospective seafarers to look into, or continue with their professional growth in the industry by elevating the level of competence and providing efficient and effective delivery of basic services provided to the seafarers, to which the Agency published the following advisories in line with this effort.

**a. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-04 - AMENDMENT TO MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2021-65**

Provides the format for the enhanced Certificates of Competency (COC) and Certificates of Proficiency (COP) according to Section A-I/2 paragraph 1 of the STCW Code, incorporating the endorsement attesting to its issue as required by Article VI of the STCW Convention. *(Published 21 January 2022)*

**b. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-05 – GUIDELINES ON THE ENCODING OF RELEVANT INFORMATION IN THE MARINA INTEGRATED SEAFARERS MANAGEMENT ONLINE (MISMO) SYSTEM RELATIVE TO MEDICAL FITNESS AND SEA SERVICE**

Notifies all DOH-Accredited Medical Facilities for Overseas Workers and Seafarers (MFOWS), Medical Practitioners, Manning and Crewing Agencies, Shipping Companies, Seafarers and all others concerned that as part of MARINA's intensified modernization initiatives, the MARINA advisory providing guidelines on the encoding of relevant information related to medical fitness and sea-service. *(Published 02 February 2022)*

**c. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-06 – COST OF ISSUANCE OF SEAFARERS' RECORD BOOK**

Provides guidelines relating to the cost of Seafarers' Record Book and / or renewal / reissuance of the same during periods when the country is under the state of public health emergency. *(Published 31 January 2022)*

**d. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-08 – ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES ON THE APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE OF STCW CERTIFICATES**

Provides guidelines on the application and issuance of STCW Certificates particularly the releasing of certificates through the MISMO Account. Personal appearance for regular applications shall no longer be required for applying for STCW-Certificates starting 01 April 2022, except for expedite applications and in instances where submitted documents need further clarification. *(Published 04 February 2022)*

**e. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-10 – CONDUCT OF THEORETICAL EXAMINATION IN THE MARINA REGIONAL OFFICES**

Notifies all seafarers and all other entities concerned on the resumption of theoretical examination on MARINA Regional Offices VII (Cebu) and XI (Davao) last 14 February 2022 and MARINA Regional Office VI (Iloilo) on 01 March 2022. *(Published 18 February 2022).*

<sup>3</sup> AO No. 08-21 or the "Guidelines in the Formulation, Revision and Amendment of MARINA Policies".

**f. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-11 – ADDITIONAL FEATURES OF THE MARINA COMPETENCY REVIEWER PORTAL (CRP)**

Provides updates on the additional features of the Competency Reviewer Portal in order to maximize its benefits for the applicant seafarers / examinees. (Published 18 February 2022)

**g. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-16 – REVISED GMDSS RADIO OPERATORS TRAINING STANDARDS**

Provides notice to all Maritime Training Institutions and other entities concerned that the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) Radio Operators training standard has been revised. The same was published at the STCW Office website. (Published 08 March 2022)

**h. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-20 – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT ENHANCED STANDARD SCENARIOS FOR MERCHANT MARINE OFFICERS**

Informs all Assessment Centers (ACs) to submit to the Examination and Assessment Division (EAD) of the STCW Office the hardcopy and soft copy of their validated practical assessment scenarios compliant with the standards as evidenced by the accomplished Practical Assessment Scenario Validation Form. (Published 11 March 2022)

**i. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-22 – MORATORIUM ON THE ACCREDITATION OF ASSESSMENT CENTER AND APPROVAL FOR THE CONDUCT OF ASSESSMENT OF COMPETENCY IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (NCR) AND REGION VII**

Informs all Assessment Centers and all other entities concerned that a moratorium on the acceptance of new applications for accreditation as AC for assessment of competency has been imposed within NCR and Region VII. (Published 11 March 2022)

**j. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-29 – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARINE STEAM TURBINE (MST) TRAINING COURSE**

Provides guidelines to avoid restriction in the deployment of Filipino marine engineer officers to ships powered by marine steam turbine propulsion plant machinery. (Published 12 April 2022).

**k. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-35 – MISMO-RELATED UPDATES**

In line with the Republic Act No. 10635 and its revised IRR, this Advisory informs all concerned that the MARINA will be fully implementing MARINA Circular No. 2022-02 or the "Revised Fees Covering Certificates of Competency (COC) and Certificates of Proficiency (COP) and MARINA Advisory No. 2022-04 or the "Amendment to MARINA Advisory No. 2021-

65. (Published on 20 May 2022)

**l. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-38 – TRANSFER OF DOMESTIC-CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY (D-COC) PROCESSING TO SEAFARERS' CERTIFICATION AND DOCUMENTATION DIVISION (SCDD) OF THE MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT SERVICE (MDS)**

Informs all Filipino Seafarers, Shipping Companies, shipowners / operators, manning agencies and all concerned that the processing and issuance of Domestic-Certificate of Competency (D-COC) is transferred to the Seafarer's Certification and Documentation Division (SCDD) of the Manpower Development Service (MDS). (Published 13 July 2022)

**m. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-44 – RESTRICTION ON THE UTILIZATION OF NON-OPERATIONAL VESSELS AS TRAINING VESSELS AND ONBOARD SIMULATION FACILITY**

Advises all domestic shipping companies to ensure that all vessels without a functioning propulsion system, navigational system, steering and machinery components, fire detection and fire suppression system and other operational components onboard are prohibited from being utilized as Training Ship and / or Onboard Simulation Facility (Published 18 August 2022)

**n. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-51 – RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMPANIES FOR SHIP-SPECIFIC INTRODUCTORY PROGRAMMES**

Informs all Shipping Companies, Manning Agencies, Seafarers, Maritime Training Institutions, Assessment Centers, Maritime Higher Education Institutions and others concerned that companies responsible for the assignment of seafarers for service on their ships shall provide ship-specific introductory programmes aimed to assist newly-employed seafarers to familiarize themselves with all procedures and equipment relating to their areas of responsibility. (Published 22 September 2022).



**o. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-54 – GUIDELINES ON THE FILING OF APPLICATION AND SPEEDY PROCESSING OF STCW CERTIFICATES**

Provides information to all seafarers and other entities concerned of the guidelines on the filing of application and speedy processing of Certificates of Proficiency (COP) and Certificates of Competency, including informing the concerned stakeholders that applications received for certification under MISMO System from 2019 until December 31 2021 with pending status shall be rejected and deleted, to which seafarers shall be given one (1) month for re-submission of any deficiency. (Published 10 October 2022)

**p. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-56 – REITERATION OF STCW MANDATORY COURSES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS IN THE ISSUANCE AND REVALIDATION OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY (COC) AND CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY (COP) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STCW CONVENTION, 1978, AS AMENDED**

Reiterates specific provisions under Presidential Decree No. 474 and by virtue of Resolution No. 2022-09-04 of the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) Board, particularly that the Management Level Course (MLC) for Marine Deck and Marine Engineer Officers are mandatory courses and shall continue to be implemented for seafarers who intend to apply for assessment of competence and subsequent issuance of COC as Master, Chief Mate, Chief Engineer and Second Engineer Officers.

The Advisory likewise cited pertinent STCW Circulars published by MARINA from 2018-2021 in order to emphasize the need to comply with the same in view of the efforts of the MARINA to comply with international regulations. (Published 10 November 2022) or to be in possession of the SID. (Published 07 October 2022)

**q. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-58 – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENHANCED STANDARD PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT SCENARIOS FOR SUPPORT LEVEL**

Notifies all Assessment Centers (ACs) for support Level that the practical assessment for certification for Support Level shall be compliant with the enhanced standard practical assessment scenarios for (1) Ratings Forming Part of a Navigational Watch, (2) Ratings as Able Seafarer Deck, (3) Ratings Forming Part of an Engineering Watch, (4) Ratings as Able Seafarer Engine, and (4) Electro-Technical Ratings. Soft copies of validated practical assessment scenarios based on the enhanced standards and accomplished Practical Assessment Scenario Validation Form for all sets of scenarios must be submitted to MARINA through the official e-mail of the Examination and Assessment Division of the STCWO. (Published 14 October 2022).

**r. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-60 – RELEVANT INFORMATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE USE OF DIGITAL CERTIFICATE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY (COP) AND CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY (COC)**

Advises all seafarers, shipping companies, Licensed Manning Agencies, Medical Facilities for Overseas Workers and Seafarers and other entities concerned upon the implementation of the use of digital certificates, all issued COPs and COCs can be printed by the seafarer-applicant using A4-sized bond paper through the MISMO account, all certificates that are subject to replacement, loss or damage shall be issued with a Digital Certificate upon payment of corresponding fees and that these digital certificates can be viewed and printed through the seafarers' corresponding MISMO accounts. (Published October 2022)

**s. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-64 – ISSUANCE OF APPLICATION NUMBER PRIOR ENROLMENT FOR PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT**

Provides notice on the issuance of application number prior enrolment for Practical Assessment to MARINA Accredited Assessment Centers upon passing the theoretical examination through the MISMO Accounts. The seafarers shall also be receiving a system-generated SMS after their Certificate of Passing is uploaded by the Examination and Assessment Division of the STCW Office. (Published December 2022)

**t. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-65 – IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY (COC) AND CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY (COP) FORMATS**

Notifies all seafarers, Licensed Manning Agencies (LMAs) and all others concerned that the MARINA has commenced on issuing new formats for its Certificate of Proficiency (COP) and Certificate of Competency). The validity of the old format until its expiration or revalidation. (Published 06 December 2022)

**u. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-66 – INTERPRETATION ON THE EQUIVALENCE FOR THE CONDUCT OF ASSESSMENT OF COMPETENCE AND ISSUANCE OF NOTICE OF PASSING PURSUANT TO MC NO. MD-2020-02 AND MC NO. MD-2020-03**

Provides the limitations for nomenclatures for deck and engine department pursuant to the pertinent provisions of the above-mentioned Memorandum Circulars, equivalent to the nomenclatures and limitations provided under Rule 9 of the Philippine Fishing Vessels Safety Regulations (PFVSRR) and Memorandum Circular No. MS 2022-03 or the "Revised Rules and Regulations on Safe Manning for Ships Operating in Philippine Waters". (Published 13 December 2022)

## 2. SHIPPING INDUSTRY

As an archipelagic country, the country heavily relies on the shipping industry in order to establish marketing linkages. Shipping has been very critical towards empowering localities and decentralizing the economic activities in the country.

Hence, the MIDP emphasizes its thrust towards fostering a competitive environment in the shipping industry through the inclusion of three (3) of its core programs, including the *“Modernization, Upgrading and Expansion of Domestic Shipping Industry”*, *“Promotion and Expansion of the Overseas Shipping Industry”*, and *“Modernization, Expansion and Promotion of the Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Industry”*.

All Advisories issued by MARINA, the following advisories are clustered based on the purpose of each issuance, including (1) Domestic Shipping, (2) Shipbuilding and Ship Repair, and (3) Maritime Safety.

In addition to these accomplishments, part of the Advisories included herein are anchored with the MIDP’s enabling program or the *“Adoption and Implementation of an Effective and Efficient Maritime Administration Governance System”*, which specifically focuses on alleviating the detrimental effects of disruptions brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Innovations and developments for the Domestic Shipping industry is inculcated under the Core Program *“Modernization, Upgrading and Extension of Domestic Shipping Industry”*, to which the following Advisories were issued in line with the efforts of MARINA to maximize the contribution of the domestic shipping towards nation-building.

## **2.1. Domestic Shipping**

### **a. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-09 – LIFTING OF THE MORATORIUM ON THE ACCREDITATION OF CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES AND ENTITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLASSIFICATION OF SHIPS IN THE DOMESTIC TRADE**

Informs all classification societies, domestic shipping companies / operators and other maritime entities concerned that the moratorium for the application of Certificate of Accreditation (COA) as Local Classification Society under MC No. 2022-01 is lifted for ninety

(90) calendar days from 09 February to 10 May 2022. (Published 07 February 2022)

### **b. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-19 – PRIORITIZATION OF SHIPYARDSON THE DRY-DOCKING OF PHILIPPINE-REGISTERED DOMESTICSHIPS**

Informs all MARINA-registered shipyards, shipping companies, ship operators and all other entities concerned of the Administration's initiative to support IATF in its thrust towards eased travel movement and in line with the Agency's efforts to facilitate the dry-docking of ships that were affected by the restrictions imposed during the lockdown period of the pandemic. (Published 02 February 2022)

### **c. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-21 – FURTHER EXTENSION OF MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2021-06 ON THE AMNESTY PERIOD FOR THE REGISTRATION OF UNDOCUMENTED RECREATIONAL BOATS**

Advises all shipowners, operators and charterers of recreational boats that the Amnesty Program accorded to existing or undocumented recreational boats which expired last 31 December has been extended until 30 June 2022. (Published 17 March 2022)

### **d. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-24 – DOWNLOADABLE COPIES OF ANNUAL REPORT OF FINANCES AND OPERATION (ARFO) BOOKLETS**

Informs all Domestic Shipping Companies/ Shipowners / Operators and Charterers that all Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC)

grantees are not required to purchase the above-mentioned ARFO booklets from the Central Office or any of MARINA Regional Offices. The ARFO shall be provided in scanned copies for free and that the same may be requested at any MARINA Regional Offices. (Published 22 March 2022)

**e. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-26 – EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF EXPIRING AND EXPIRED MARINA ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATES ISSUED PURSUANT TO MARINA CIRCULAR NOS. 186, DS-2020-02 AND 2006-003**

Inform all concerned that the validity of expiring and expired accreditation certificates issued pursuant to MC No. 186, MC No. DS-2020-02 and MC No. 2006-03 is extended for one (1) year upon issuance of the above-mentioned advisory pending the formulation of the IRR of RA 11659 and the amendment of the above-cited MCs. (Published 01 April 2022)

**f. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-34 – CLARIFICATORY PROVISIONS ON THE GRANT OF PIONEER STATUS PURSUANT TO MC NO. DS-2021-03**

Provides clarifications for all domestic shipping companies / operators on the provisions of the MC No. DS 2021-03 which pertains to the grant of pioneer status for its smooth implementation. (Published 24 May 2022)

**g. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-36 – RENEWAL OF THE REGISTRATION OF WOODEN-HULLED TOURIST RECREATIONAL BOATS (WHTRBs)**

Provides information to all MROs, Shipping Companies and all others concerned that under Section IV, item F. of MC No. DS-2019-01, otherwise known as the "Rules on the Registration, Licensing and Operation of Recreational Boats", the Recreational Boat Certificate (RBC) has a validity of five (5) years, but was not included under Section IV (H) of the same Circular.

Due to such inconsistency and in line with the pending amendment of the above-mentioned Circular, this notice informs all concerned that affected WHTRBs shall be granted RBC for the same period of five (5) years. (Published 09 June 2022)

**h. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-45 – SUSPENSION OF ITEM V.4 OF MC NO. DS-2019-02**

Advises all domestic shipowners / operators and all other entities concerned of the suspension of the above-mentioned provision,

which states that "A RORO Missionary Status shall only be granted to a RORO vessel and to other similar type of ships such as LCT that will operate only on the applied missionary route". (Published 07 September 2022)

**i. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-47 – FURTHER EXTENSION OF MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-21 ON THE AMNESTY PERIOD FOR THE REGISTRATION OF RECREATIONAL BOATS**

Extends the Amnesty Program accorded to existing or unregistered recreational boats until 31 March 2023 in line with the Memorandum Circular No. DS-2019-01 otherwise known as the "Rules on the Registration, Licensing, and Operation of Recreational Boats". (Published 16 September 2022)

**2.2. Maritime Safety and Security**

With the growing number of maritime ships and relative entities, the MARINA likewise employed various advisories in its quest towards promoting safety through prevention of maritime-related incidents and accidents.

Among the advisories include:

**a. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-12 – PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES ON PROTECTIVE COATING AND CORROSION PREVENTION OF SHIP'S HULL AND OTHER COMPONENTS IN PHILIPPINE WATERS**

To provide effective control of all sources of marine pollution and in line with the Agency's efforts to prevent pollution of the sea and eliminate the spread of non-indigenous species, this Advisory provides precautionary measures on protective coating and corrosion prevention of ship's hull and other components in Philippine waters. (Published 18 January 2022)

**b. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-17 – PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR SEAFARERS IN VIEW OF THE RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT**

Reminds all Licensed Manning Agencies, Shipowners and Seafarers to ensure the safety of ships and crew pursuant to their responsibilities under the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code and advises all ships within the conflict areas to leave and proceed to safer locations. (Published 02 March 2022)



**c. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-23 – SAFETY MEASURE IN VIEW OF THE CONFLICT ARISING FROM THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION INVASION OF UKRAINE**

Advises all shipowners/ charterers / operators and all others concerned of the precautionary measures needed to be undertaken in view of the arising conflict between the Russian Federation and Ukraine. (Published 15 March 2022)

**d. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-28 – TURKEY’S NAVIGATIONAL ALERT (NAVTEX) FOR SHIPS AGAINST DRIFTED MINES IN THE BLACK SEA REGION**

Warns all ships in the vicinity of the Black Sea region, particularly in the ports of Odessa, Ochakiv, Chernomorsk and Yuzhny to be mindful of the mines drifting as a precautionary measure to promote maritime safety and protect the lives of seafarers. (Published 08 April 2022)

**e. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-43 – SUSPENSION OF THE TABLE OF MANNING UNDER MARINA CIRCULAR NO. MS-2020-03**

Notifies all domestic shipping companies and other maritime entities on the suspension of the tables of manning complement under Section VI of Memorandum Circular MS 2020-03 otherwise known as the “Revised Rules and Regulations on Safe Manning for Ships Operating in Philippine Waters. (Published 17 August 2022)

**f. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-46 – REVOCATION OF MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2021-62**

Notifies all domestic shipping companies, maritime entities and all others concerned of the revocation of the above-mentioned advisory pertaining to the measures in ensuring safety of ships under Memorandum Circular No. MS 2020-01. The conditions of the revocation are explicitly stated in the approved Advisory. (Published 05 September 2022)

**g. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-48 – REITERATION OF FIRE PREVENTIVE MEASURES ON BOARD PASSENGER-CARRYING SHIPS AND ADOPTION OF BEST PRACTICES THEREFOR**

Reiterates Section 10, item 7 of RA 9295 which pertains to the compliance with operational and safety standards of vessels, which directs all domestic shipping operators and owners of inter-island ships carrying passengers to implement fire preventive mechanisms as additional measures to prevent fire-related accidents and

undertake orientation of specific roles and responsibilities of deck and engine crew. (Published 17 September 2022)

**h. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-50 – SAFETY GUIDELINES ON THE PREPARATION FOR SAFE ANCHORING AND SAFE MOORING OF SHIPS DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Compiles all recommendatory guidelines in the preparation for safe anchoring and safe mooring of ships during inclement weather to be taken into consideration by ships and companies to prevent occurrence of maritime accidents and damage to the marine environment. (Published 29 September 2022)

**i. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-53 – CONDUCT OF MANDATORY INSULATION RESISTANCE TEST AND SUBMISSION OF TEST RESULTS ON ALL ELECTRICAL MACHINERIES AND ELECTRICAL WIRINGS ONBOARD STEEL-HULLED PASSENGER SHIPS**

Notifies all domestic shipping companies, operators and charterers to ensure that all passenger steel-hulled vessels should undergo the conduct of Insulation Resistance Test on all electrical machineries and wirings during their intermediate and mandatory dry-docking. (Published 27 September 2022)

**j. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-62 – PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO PREVENT FIRE WHILE CONDUCTING HOT WORKS ONBOARD SHIPS**

Reminds all ship owners, operators of Philippine-registered Ships, Sub-Contractors of Shipbuilding & Ship Repair (SBSR) entities to take precautionary measures to prevent fire while conducting hot works in line with the provisions of IMO MSC/CIRC. 1084 or the "Principles of Hot Works Onboard All Types of Ships which was implemented on 13 June 2003 (Published 08 November 2022)

**k. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-63 – EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2021-59 "PROVISION OF 30% DISCOUNT FOR THE ANNUAL TONNAGE FEE(ATF) FY 2021"**

In line with the issuance of Presidential Proclamation No. 57 on 12 September 2022, this Advisory provides notice to all shipping companies, ship operators, ship charterers and all others concerned that the 30% discount for Annual Tonnage Fees is extended to also cover FY 2022. (Published 17 November 2022).

### **2.3 Shipbuilding and Ship Repair**

In its quest towards the improvement of the socio-economic contribution of the industry, another crucial part is the improvement and expansion of Shipyards linked as one of the Core Programs of the MIDP is the *“Modernization, Expansion and Promotion of the Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Industry”*.

MARINA Advisories published under this program is directed towards developing globally-competitive ships, shipyards and other maritime ancillary services. As one of the largest shipbuilding nations in the world, one of the aims of the administration is to strengthen Shipbuilding and Ship Repair services in the Philippines. The publications released in CY 2022, included:

**a. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-13 – CONDUCT OF ONLINE SURVEY FOR THE 2021 PHILIPPINE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR CAPACITY ASSESSMENT REPORT**

In line with the Agency’s thrust to develop and modernize the Philippine Shipbuilding and Ship Repair (SBSR) Industry in order to ensure quality and competitiveness of the industry’s services, this Advisory informs all ship builders, repairers, shipyard owners / operators and all others concerned that MARINA shall commence the implementation of an online survey for all registered SBSR entities. The deadline of submission of the online survey is on 31 March 2022. (Published 25 February 2022)

**b. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-30 – MORATORIUM ON THE ISO CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT UNDER MARINA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2019-01**

Advises all concerned that Section IV.15 of the above-mentioned policy, requiring ISO 9001:2015 Certification on Quality Management System and its latest amendments is deferred only for MARINA- Registered Ship Repair – Class C Shipyards until further notice. (Published 29 April 2022)

**i. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-31 – MANDATORY SUBMISSION OF CERTIFICATION FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE (CENRO) OR CONCERNED OFFICE / UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) ON COMPLIANCE TO TREE AND/OR MANGROVE PLANTING FOR ALL MARINA- REGISTERED SHIPYARDS PER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26, SERIES OF 2011**

Inform all SBSR entities on the requirement to secure the CENRO from the concerned office / unit of the DENR in compliance with Executive Order No. 26, series of 2011, Interdepartmental Convergence Initiative for National Greening Program. (Published 29 April 2022)

**ii. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-61 – REITERATION ON COMPLIANCE OF THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER MARINA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. SR-2020-01**

Inform all shipbreakers, ship recyclers and all other concerned entities to adhere to the provisions of Memorandum Circular No. SR 2020-01, especially Section V of the Specific Provisions on the submission of Shipbreaking / Ship Recycling Plan (SRP) prior to the issuance of Shipbreaking / Ship Recycling Permit. (Published 08 November 2022)

**iii. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-67 – MARINA BOAT DESIGN CONTEST**

Provides notice on the Boat Design Competition that is open for all Registered Naval Architects (RENA), Students of BS Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering for the Professional Category and Students of BS Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering for the Students Category. The complete guidelines for the activity is posted in the official website of the MARINA. (Published 13 December 2022)

**b. Good Governance**

Although Good Governance is not part of the major sectors of maritime industry, the Agency likewise puts premium in maximizing the overall contributions of the industry towards economic growth and promotion of welfare of stakeholders and the public. Hence, with this initiative, the MARINA issued the following advisories:

**i. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-01 – REITERATION ON THE 70% ALLOWABLE PASSENGER CAPACITY OF PASSENGER SHIPS**

Informes all shipping companies, operators, charterers and all others concerned that the allowable passenger capacity for passenger ships shall be seventy percent (70%). The Advisory also reiterates that operating ships shall strictly implement all the necessary health and safety protocols. (Published 02 January 2022)

**ii. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-02 – AMENDMENT TO ITEM NO. 1 OF MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-01**

Amends item 1 of the health and safety protocols enumerated in the previous MARINA Advisory to read as "*Wearing of face mask is mandatory while that of the face shield is optional or voluntary on the part of the passenger*". (Published 03 January 2022)

**iii. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-03 – LIMITING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ACCESS TO VACCINATED POPULATION IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**

Reiterates and clarifies Department Order No. 2022-001 of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) pertaining to the "No Vaccination, No Ride Policy" in the operation of passenger ships. The Advisory provides definition to those that are fully vaccinated and those that are exempted to the said policy. (Published 11 January 2022).

**iv. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-07 – LIFTING OF POLICY LIMITING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ACCESS TO VACCINATED POPULATION IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**

Informes all shipping companies, operators, charterers and all others concerned that the "No Vaccination, No Ride" Policy is no longer in effect given that the National Capital Region has been placed under Alert Level 2. Still, standardized travel protocols for sea transport shall be strictly implemented. (Published 02 February 2022)

**v. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-15 – AUTHORIZING INTER-ISLAND PASSENGER SHIPS TO ACCOMMODATE 100% OF ITS AUTHORIZED PASSENGER CAPACITY**

Notifies all shipping companies, operators, charterers and all others concerned of the gradual increase in passenger capacity from 70% to 100% starting 01 March 2022 in line with Resolution No. 163-A, dated 27 February 2022. The Advisory also reiterates the guidelines to implement the necessary safety protocols while onboard ships. (Published 01 March 2022)

**vi. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-18 – FURTHER AMENDMENT OF MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2021-32 EXTENDING THE COVERAGE OF EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF EXPIRING SIRB FOR FILIPINO SEAFARERS CURRENTLY ONBOARD SHIPS OPERATING OVERSEAS**

Notifies all concerned that the MARINA Advisory No. 2021-32 is further amended which provides the extension for all Seafarer's Identification and Record Book (SIRB) that are expiring between 01 January 2022 to 31 July 2022 to be extended and considered for a period of one (1) year from the date of expiry. (Published 10 March 2022).

**vii. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-32 – DFA NOTE NO. 2022-1427 AND IATF RESOLUTION NO. 165 SERIES OF 2022**

Provides notice to all shipping companies, shipowners / bareboat charterers / ship operators / managers, licensed manning agencies and all others concerned of the new guidelines issued for foreign nationals that will enter the Philippines in line with the approved Resolution No 165 of 2022 of the Inter-Agency Task force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF). (Published 29 April 2022)

**viii. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-39 – FURTHER AMENDMENT OF MARINA ADVISORY 2022-18 EXTENDING THE COVERAGE OF EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF EXPIRING SIRB FOR FILIPINO SEAFARERS CURRENTLY ONBOARD SHIPS OPERATING BOTH DOMESTIC AND OVERSEAS**

Informs all concerned of the amendment to MARINA Advisory No. 2022-18, which further extends the validity of SIRBs of Filipino seafarers that are currently onboard ships expiring between 01 August 2022 to 31 December 2022 for a period of one (1) year from the date of its original expiry without the need to file for its renewal. (Published 14 July 2022)

**ix. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-41 – CLARIFICATION ON THE EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF STCW CERTIFICATES**

Advises all seafarers whose certificates expired onboard international vessels from 01 July 2022 to apply for revalidation through Licensed Manning Agencies (LMAs) and are required to submit additional requirements in addition to the documentary requirements relating to the certificate being applied for. While all other seafarers with expiring STCW Certificates shall apply for revalidation through their respective MISMO accounts for at least three (3) months prior to its expiration. (Published 04 August 2022)

**x. MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022-49 – IMPLEMENTATION OF MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2020-51 ON THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PASSENGER MANIFEST REQUIRED UNDER MARINA CIRCULAR NO.180 FOR ADDITIONAL MEASURES FOR CONTACT TRACING**

Provides notice on the additional information required on passenger manifest under MARINA Circular No. 180 for the purpose of contact tracing in view of the guidelines provided by the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases. (Published 20 September 2022)



## C. ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS

Further to MARINA's thrust towards issuance of effective policies, another equally important function of the organization as a regulatory agency is to ensure implementability of its policies, rules and regulations. Hence, to govern all offices, officials and employees concerning specific matters for observance, it is incumbent for the Agency to implement MARINA Administrative Orders to organize its systems and processes and provide clear guidelines to its personnel.

### Human Resource And Development

Employees are the lifeblood of the organization, hence the Agency finds that good governance, as the government continually pushes forth, can be attained through employee satisfaction, ensuring work-life balance and providing appropriate rewards and incentives to promote employee's welfare and satisfaction.

Directed towards the improvement of working conditions of the MARINA employees, the organization issued eleven (11) Administrative Orders, including:

Code (AO No.)	Title
01 - 22	MARINA Merit Selection Plan
02 - 22	Revised Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) of the Maritime Industry Authority
04 - 22	MARINA Pre-Retirement Program
05 - 22	2020 Merit Selection Plan (MSP)
06 - 22	Guidelines on the Grant of Performance-Based Bonus(PBB) in the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA)
12 - 22	Implementation of Internal Guidelines on the Flexible Work Arrangements in the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA)
17 - 22	Guidelines on the Isolation and Eligibility of Delivery Units and Individuals for the Grant of the Performance-Based Bonus (PBB) for FY 2021

<b>19 - 22</b>	Guidelines in the Review and Compliance Procedures in the Filing and Submission of Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth (SALN) and Disclosure of Interest and Financial Connections
<b>22 - 22</b>	Revised Program on Awards, Incentives and for Service Excellence (PRAISE) of the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA)
<b>23 - 22</b>	Amendment of Administrative Order No. 12-22 dated 08 July 2022 entitled "Implementation of Internal Guidelines on the Flexible Work Arrangements in the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA)
<b>26 - 22</b>	Guidelines on the Local Travel of MARINA Officials and Employees

#### **D. INTERNAL GUIDELINES**

The issuance of Memorandum Circulars and Advisories to govern the activities and responses of the stakeholders are necessary to be able to support the economic growth of a well-functioning maritime industry and more importantly, these rules and regulations must be well-executed in order for its effective implementation, ultimately to maximize the benefits incurred by both the stakeholders and MARINA through the achievement of objectives in an efficient manner.

Issuances included herein are intended to provide the implementers courses of action to undertake in implementing the policies, which includes:

<b>Code (AO No.)</b>	<b>Title</b>
<b>03 - 22</b>	Oversight Functions of the Domestic Shipping Service - Central Office (DSS-CO)
<b>07 - 22</b>	Action Plan for the Verification of Compliance under Regulation I / 16 of the STCW Convention
<b>08 - 22</b>	Delegation of Recruitment Functions to MARINA Regional Offices (MROs)
<b>09 - 22</b>	Establishment, Operationalization and Management of the MARINA Training Institute (MarTI)

<b>10 - 22</b>	Campaign Strategy for the Philippines Candidature for Re-election to the Council of the International Maritime Organization under the New Normal Circumstances
<b>11 - 22</b>	Guidelines in the Conduct of Surveillance of Maritime Training Institutions (MTIs), Assessment Centers (ACs), Other Maritime Training Providers (OMTPs) and Maritime Higher Education Institutions (MHEIs)
<b>13 - 22</b>	Internal Guidelines on the Evaluation and Approval of Expedite Application for Seafarers' Identity Document (SID) and Seafarers' Record Book (SRB) in MARINA Central Office and Satellite Offices (SM Manila, PITX and POEA)
<b>15 - 22</b>	Guidelines and Protocols for MARINA Issuances
<b>16 - 22</b>	Formulation, Revision and Referencing of Memorandum Circulars, Proposed Bills, Executive Orders, Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of a Law and Circulars Jointly Issued by the MARINA Partner Agencies
<b>18 - 22</b>	Contingency Plan during Tropical Cyclone / Typhoon
<b>20 - 22</b>	Amendment to the Strict Implementation of the Online Appointment System (OAS) for the Seafarer Record Book (SRB) and Seafarer Identification Document (SID) System
<b>21 - 22</b>	Institutionalization of the Data Privacy Committee, Data Protection Officer and Technical Working Groups (TWG) relative to MARINA's Implementation of Republic Act (RA) 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012
<b>24 - 22</b>	Guidelines in the Institutionalization of the MARINA Technical Personnel Certification System (MTPCS)
<b>25 - 22</b>	Guidelines on the Conduct of Marine Casualty Investigations and Formulation of Maritime Policy Derived from Safety Recommendations

## **E. WAY FORWARD**

Despite the challenges faced during the Calendar Year 2022, the MARINA remained laser-focused on achieving its goals and objectives as an

organization. To summarize, we have published a total of thirteen (13) Memorandum Circulars, sixty-eight (68) MARINA Advisories and twenty-four (24) Administrative Orders, which transcended the commitment of the Agency to the Department of Budget and Management stipulated under the Program Expenditure Classification (PREX-C).

Although the Agency consistently meets the required number of policies to be issued year after year, another challenge arises - the implementation of an effective Regulatory Management System (RMS) through the conduct of Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) for policy proposals, which was mandated by the Anti-Red Tape Authority pursuant to Republic Act No. 11032<sup>4</sup>.

The implementation of the RIA will mean an additional layer of process to complete a certain policy, consequently translates to additional burden for policy-makers in the industry. Hence, MARINA is projected to decrease the number of issuances for 2023 and its succeeding years.

Another challenge that arises from this mandate is that our technical personnel in charge of formulating policies have yet to receive the necessary developmental interventions to fully grasp the process of conducting the required RIA.

In conclusion, it is foreseeable that its implementation will incur a fair share of ups-and-downs for the Agency, which will force us to compromise by prioritizing the quality of policies over its quantity - this is a sacrifice that the Agency is willing to undertake to ensure that the issuances are implementable, established through an evidence-based process and will maximize the benefits to be reaped by both the Agency and its stakeholders through undertaking the required tools and lenses<sup>5</sup>.

<sup>4</sup> *Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018*

<sup>5</sup> *Regulatory Impact Assessment Manual 2021; Essential Tools for RIA & Lenses*

## V. OTHER INFORMATION

### A. Final Outputs/Accomplishments vis a vis the PREXC Indicators

#### MARINA Accomplishments corresponding to the Program Expenditures Classification (PREXC) Indicators and Targets as of 31 December 2022

##### 1. Organizational Outcome 1:

"Global competitiveness of maritime industry enhanced"

Indicator	Accomplishments		Targets	% Change (Actual vs Targets )	Reason for Change
	2021	2022	2022		
Maritime Industry Promotion and Development Program					
Outcome Indicator(s)					
a. % increase in the number of operating ships	2,907	3,761	2,997	764 or 25% more than the annual target	Renewal of expired Bay and River License, Safety Certificates and Load Line Marking Certificate can be attributed to the increased number of operating ships.
Output Indicator(s)					
a. Number of Policies formulated, updated, issued and disseminated	96	79	16	63 or 394% more than the target	Despite the preparations for the transition of the next Administration, the MARINA managed to cope more than with its target this CY 2022. This 79 policy is in the form of Memorandum Circulars, MARINA Advisories/flag state Administration Advisories which is mainly attributable to the efforts of the line offices and the management to continually carry out its policy commitments under the Strategic Performance Management System (SPMS).

## 2. Organizational Outcome 2:

"Accessibility, safety and efficiency of maritime transport services improved"

Indicator	Accomplishments		Targets	% Change (Actual vs Targets)	Reason for Change
	2021	2022	2022		
Maritime Industry Regulation and Supervision Program					
Outcome Indicator(s)					
a. % of client who rate the frontline services as satisfactory or better	21,114 or 95%	6,249 or 94%	70%	-	This is based on the actual accomplishment of the Agency.
b. % increase in the number of Filipino seafarers Certified as meeting the international standards	118,798 or 245%	75,065 or 155%	48,468 or 100%	26,597 or 55% more than the target	The targeted figure is the accomplishment during the pandemic (2020), hence the reported target is lower compared to the present situation.
Output Indicator(s)					
a. % of application received are acted upon within the standard processing time	832,521	647,225	100%	100%	This is based on the actual accomplishment of the Agency.
b. % of complaints/reports of violations received are acted upon within the standard processing time	838	915	100%	100%	This is based on the actual accomplishment of the Agency.

### B. Employment Generation Program

As of December 2022, MARINA has a total of 657 plantilla personnel, 363 of which are women and 294 are men.

Provided in the table below is the sex-disaggregated data of the top level positions in MARINA:

	Male	Female
<b>1st level position</b>	64	90
<b>2nd level position</b>	271	229
<b>3rd level position</b>	1	2

Source: HRMDD, MFAS

## C. Gad Accomplishments

### MARINA GAD Plans and Budget for CY 2023

As part of our Agency's support to the gender mainstreaming and with reference to Sec.37 of MCW-IRR wherein "All agencies, offices, bureaus and all government instrumentalities and others concerned shall formulate the annual GPBs within the context of their mandates", MARINA annually submits its GAD Plans and Budget to the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW).

The first draft of the 2023 GAD Plans and Budget was first submitted on 8 November 2022 through the Gender Mainstreaming and Monitoring System (GMMS). The review was facilitated by Mr. Jan David Tolentino of PCW, where comments and suggestions were provided for MARINA to consider in the revision.

To date, MARINA is waiting for the endorsement of the revised 2023 GAD Plan which was submitted last 28 March 2023.

### 1. 2022 Women's Month Celebration

As part of the celebration of National Women's Month (NWM), the Maritime Industry Authority has expressed its support to the said celebration by issuing a directive to undertake specific and attainable activities.

The NWM serves as a venue to showcase women's successes and address ongoing and developing women empowerment and gender equality topics and concerns, difficulties, and commitments.



With the 6-year theme, "We Make Change Work for Women", the 2022 celebration focused on the sub-theme: "Agenda ng Kababaihan, Tungo sa Kaunlaran" which calls to include women's concerns in the government agenda



and enable more women to implement and demand programs and services that can bring the country closer to narrowing the gender gaps.

## **2. Celebration of the International Day for Women in Maritime**

The General Assembly of the International Maritime Organization in its 32nd session in December last year adopted Resolution A.1770 (32) declaring 18 May of each year as the International Day for Women in Maritime.

The resolution is in response to the United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/74/128, calling upon Governments and all other stakeholders to systematically

provide gender perspective into the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and requests the entities of the United Nations system to ensure effective support for the efforts of Member States towards the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

Aiming to provide an avenue for women to resolve challenges, and barriers in a male-dominated industry, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) celebrated the International Day of Women in Maritime through a series of panel discussions, on 18 May 2022 at the MARINA Central Office, in Port Area, Manila.



### **3. MARINA's Partnership with Women in Maritime Philippines (WIMAPHIL)**

The oath-taking of the new set of officers of the WIMAPHIL MARINA sub-chapter was conducted last 18 May 2022, which coincides with the International Day for Women in Maritime.

The Women in Maritime Philippines Association (WIMAPHIL) was formed as part of the initiatives forwarded by the MARINA and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to encourage and support women in the maritime industry. The WIMAPHIL formulates programs that coincide with the UN's Millenium Development Goals (MDGs), and launches activities that raise awareness about the issues that women face today, especially in the maritime sector.

Ms. Merle Jimenez-San Pedro, President of Women in Maritime Asia (WIMA-ASIA) and WIMAPHIL, expressed her appreciation to the VADM Empedrad and Atty. Sharon D. Aledo for welcoming WIMAPHIL into MARINA and for the Agency's continued support and commitment to the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) specifically SDG No. 5 which is Gender Equality.

Conducted series of Workshops on Modified Basic Safety Training (MBST) with Gender and Development Awareness

The MBST is conducted as part of the Agency's initiatives to continually support the needs of fishing and recreational boat operators.

The MBST module includes several discussions on Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting (FPFF) module which informed participants of the common causes of fires on ships, namely: careless smoking, spontaneous ignition, faulty electrical faults, oil transfer, welding, etc. The Elementary First Aid (EFA) module includes discussion on the importance of understanding first-aid principles, especially for the captain and crew of the ship. Another module is the Personal Safety and Social Responsibility (PSSR) and Personal Survival Technique (PST) modules, that discuss the standard precautionary measures to prevent pollution of the marine environment and the importance of observing safe working practices onboard ships.

To promote gender sensitivity among the participants, the MBST also included an orientation on Gender Sensitivity Training. Laws related to Gender and Development (GAD) such as RA 7877 Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995 and RA 8353 or the Anti-Rape Law of 1997 are incorporated in the module to raise awareness among the participants who were predominantly male.

#### **4. Gender Sensitivity in the Workplace Webinar**

This webinar was conducted to develop good working relations as well as promote gender awareness to change attitudes, behavior, and beliefs that reinforce inequalities between men and women in the workplace.

#### **5. Monitoring of Compliance of Ships and Shipyards on Gender-related Requirements**

This is the periodic inspection of vessels to monitor compliance with M.C. No. 65/65-A relative to the passenger accommodation areas of vessels, as well as to assess the quality of service being provided, utilizing the Passenger Service Rating System (PSRS).



#### **6. Establishment of GAD Corner (Women and Children Area)**

MARINA Regional Office VII (MRO7) re-opened its GAD Corner (Women and Children Area) which can accommodate clients / seafarers with wives and or children having transactions in the office.





## 7. Gender and Development (GAD) Analysis and Attribution

Conducted last August 08-10, 2022, this workshop aimed to enhance the MARINA officials and employees' gender analysis skills to use as their guide to address the issues in the implementation of the Agency's plans and programs related to GAD.

Gender analysis is a crucial element in gender mainstreaming which aims to enhance appreciation of this process that mainly includes identifying the gender-differentiated needs of men and women.



## 8. Oplan Byaheng Ayo for Holy Week, Summer Vacation, Undas and Christmas Break

During the heightened alert status, MARINA ensured that all vessels operating in the area were available to cater to the passengers at the port.

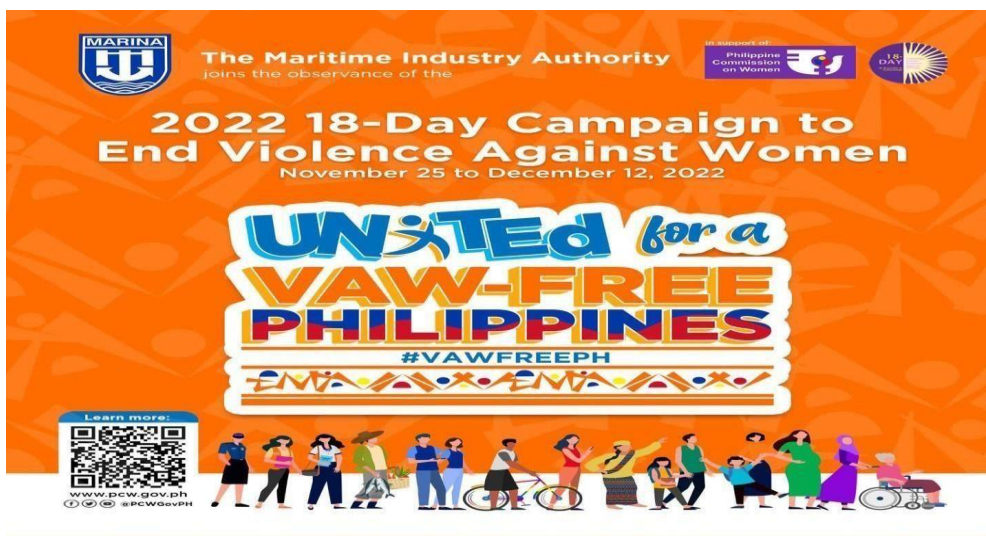
The MARINA Enforcement Service in coordination with the Regional Offices has conducted inspections to ensure the safety of the passengers onboard ships. GAD Help Desks were also provided to cater the queries and concerns of the passengers especially women, minors, PWD and Senior Citizens.



## 9. Celebration of the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW)

With the support of Administrator Fabia, all Offices of MARINA participated in the online campaign and other activities of the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW) from 25 November 25 until 12 December 2022.

With the theme, "United for a VAW-free Philippines," the campaign highlights the milestones achieved in the efforts to prevent and address VAW in the country through strengthening the implementation of VAW-related laws.



## Strategy Map and Performance/Balanced Scorecard (for GOCCs)

### D. Local And Foreign Engagements

#### 1. Local Engagements

Memorandum of Agreement with Development Bank of the Philippines

The MARINA initiated a partnership with the Development Bank of the Philippines through signing of MOA last June 2022, allocating a total of P50- billion fund in support of the implementation of the MIDP in line with the directive of the Administrator to pursue with Vigor the Priority Programs of the MIDP.



#### a. Memorandum of Understanding with Seaversity



As the MARINA aimed to establish the development of competency framework under the 10-Year MIDP, the MOU between the MARINA and Seaversity was signed last 25 June 2022, during the Seafarers' Day.

The MOU expresses the understandings and intentions of the Parties in relation to collaboration

on the competency development framework under the Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP) through the application of simulation technology.

## **b. MOU with WWF – Philippines**

The MARINA entered a partnership with the World Wide Fund for Nature – Philippines, a non-stock, non-profit organization engaged in the conservation and preservation of the environment in selected areas of the Philippines, which is directly related with the Agency's MIDP Program 10 "Implementation of the Philippine Strategy on the Marine Environment Protection." on 23 September 22.

With the signing of the MoU both parties agreed and committed to work together with the help of other government organizations and private stakeholders to strengthen the policies and programs with the shared goal of reducing pollution by preventing plastic leakage into ports and the ocean, which negatively impacts marine life, human health and livelihoods.

## **c. MARINA's collaboration with Archipelago Philippine Ferries Corp (APFC) on safety learning culture**

The Maritime Industry Authority in collaboration with the lead organizer. (APFC) highlighted the safety learning culture in the maritime sector.

MARINA, through its Shipyards Regulation Service and Maritime Safety Service, and APFC conducted a three-day Safemode Symposium at the Philippine Ports Authority in Manila on October 19-21.

Safemode is a three-year H2020 Research and Innovation action project that brings together a strong consortium consisting of industry, and academia, within the aviation and maritime sector to consolidate best practices for Human Factors (HF) input to transport safety. It aims to capture human elements and aspects, as well as their interaction with other components of the systems to enhance safety in maritime and aviation operations.

## **E. Foreign Engagements**

### **1. Memorandum of Understanding with Kongsberg Digital**

Together with the Seaversity, the MARINA also inked partnership with Kongsberg Digital for the development of the same priority agenda.

The parties share the understanding of maritime education and training (MET) and the recognition that it is only feasible to secure and preserve highly qualified human resources in the maritime industry through effective and quality MET.

The MOU expresses the understandings and intentions of the Parties in relation to collaboration on the competency development framework under the Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP) through the application of simulation technology.



## **2. Bilateral Agreements between the Philippines and Panama**



The MARINA also discussed bilateral agreements with Panama, particularly on the recognition of certificates, continuous employment of Filipino Seafarers and promotion of mutual maritime interests last January 2022.

## **3. Candidature of the Philippines to the IMO Council under Category C**



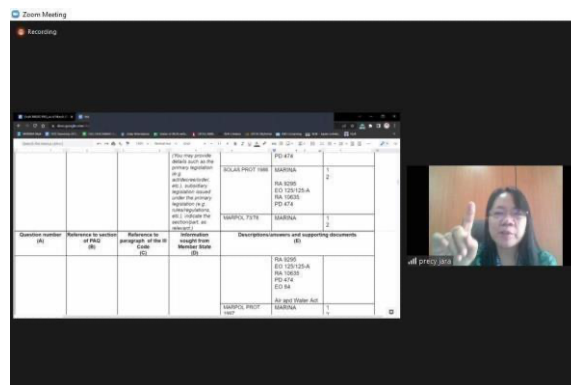
The MARINA Board approved and issued Board Resolution No. 2022-01-02 recognizing the need to ensure the re-election of the Philippines to the IMO Council under Category C for Biennium 2024-2025. The said Board Resolution was transmitted to the DFA being one of our partner agencies in this campaign.

## **4. Efforts Related to the IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS) Virtual Writeshop on the Additional Pre-Audit Information Requirement of the IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS)**

In preparation for the Philippines' audit under the IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS) in October 2023, an Inter-Agency Writeshop was hosted virtually by MARINA last 07-08 April 2022 dedicated to the initial review of the additional pre-audit information (PAI) requirement of the remote IMSAS. As a supplementary requirement, it requires the Member State to provide response to a set of questions, in addition to the pre-audit questionnaire which serves as a significant basis for the detailed planning and initial assessment of the audit team.

## 5. Annual Report on the Implementation of Executive Order No. 84, series of 2019, and IMSAS National Work Programme

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 84, series of 2019, the IMSAS Council and Technical Working Group, through the MARINA, submitted the Annual Report to the Office of the President for CY 2021 on the implementation of the abovementioned EO and the Philippine Maritime Strategy on the Implementation and Enforcement of Relevant IMO Instruments for 2020-2024 as IMSAS National Work Programme.



Approval and Adoption of Proposed Resolution on the Expansion of the IMSAS Technical Working Group Membership and Adoption of Administrative and Information Technology-Related Matters

The MARINA, as the IMSAS Secretariat, submitted a proposed Resolution to the IMSAS TWG to expand its membership to government entities performing flag, coastal, and port State obligations such as the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) and other port authorities. The TWG during its meeting last 13 June 2022 approved the draft Resolution and its subsequent endorsement to the IMSAS Council for final approval.

Issuance of Executive Order No. 159, series of 2021 entitled, "Adopting an Integrated Approach in the Ratification and Accession to the International Maritime Organization Conventions and Instruments and Reconstituting the Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee for the Purpose"

The issuance of Executive Order (EO) No. 159 series of 2021 on 28 December 2021 by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte and its release on 13 January 2022 demonstrated the country's strong determination to fulfill its maritime commitments and responsibilities stemming as a responsible Member State is. Through this EO, the government is obligated to conduct national interest studies in order to evaluate whether maritime instruments are applicable to the nation. The nation may be in a position to choose the advantages of a certain marine treaty or document for itself as well as the obligations resulting therefrom.

In line with the issuance of the said EO, MARINA institutionalize a National Task Force dedicated to facilitate the ratification of, accession to and implementation of maritime conventions through the establishment of the Inter-agency Coordinating Committee to Facilitate the Ratification of and Accession to and Implementation of Maritime Conventions (ICCFRAIMC).

## **6. Philippine Measures to Address the Findings in the European Commission Assessment Report**

In March 2022, the MARINA officially submitted to the Delegation of the European Union in the Philippines the country's response to the European Commission's Assessment Report on the Philippines' system of maritime education, training and certification. Aside from the actions which have already been implemented, the Philippines committed to undertake additional corrective measures to ensure the continued improvement of its system and sustain the gains of its strategic initiative. It presents the measures which the Philippines implemented to address the EMSA findings as well as those that it will put in place to sustain these reforms. These include both short-term and long-term measures covering policies, standards and guidelines and their manner of implementation. The measures include strategic initiatives, supported by factual evidence, and are presented with a precise calendar of their adoption and entry into force.

## **7. Philippines underwent Stage 2 of Independent Evaluation**

On 12 December 2022 to 22 December 2022., the MARINA, through its STCW Office, conducted the Stage 2 of the Independent Evaluation (IE) of the Philippines' Quality Standard System pursuant to Regulation I/8 of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended. The Independent Evaluators were Director MilharFuazudeen of the FinMar Consultants Limited, and Professor Malek Pourzanjani, BSc(Hons), PhD, Cemh, FIMarEST, FNI, who are both recognized as experienced maritime leaders of international standing as to their numerous accomplishments in STCW-related missions for the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

The IE is being conducted to ensure that the country continues to give full and complete effect to the STCW Convention and to maintain its status as one of the leading providers of maritime workforce for the world's merchant fleet.

## **8. Forged Memorandum of Agreement with France**

On 08 November 2022, MARINA entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the French Embassy to the Philippines to strengthen the maritime safety and security in the country, particularly in the industry of shipbuilding, and ship repair.

With this, both parties expressed a strong stance that a sustained partnership and collaboration will lead to the promotion and effective implementation of the Ten- Year Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP).

## **9. Forged Cooperation Agreement with South Korea**

The Philippines' Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has forged a Cooperation Agreement with South Korea's Busan Marine Engineering Association (BUEA) to expand trade and business relationships in the field of shipbuilding and maritime business during the Korea-Philippines Ship Technology Development Cooperation Forum. on 08 November 2022.

The forum has paved the way to explore various advanced technologies in the shipping market.

## **10. PH, Denmark explore areas of collaboration to uplift the maritime industry**

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) discussed areas of collaboration with Denmark through its new Ambassador Franz-Michael Mellbin and Danish Maritime Authority Director Andreas Nordseth yesterday, 21 November 2022 at the MARINA Central Office, Manila.

Ambassador Mellbin is a Danish professional Foreign Service officer with broad knowledge and experience of Asia as well as working with counter- insurgency, terrorism and fragile and failed states. In addition, the Ambassador has worked extensively on renewable and clean energy including the geostrategic aspects of energy.

Ambassador Mellbin was appointed to the UAE in 2018 and is also Denmark's Permanent Representative in the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) as well as Commissioner General for Denmark at EXPO2020.

## **F. ATTENDANCE/PARTICIPATION TO INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS/ WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES**

### **1. First Meeting of the Regional Task Force (RTF) on Biofouling Management for East ASEAN Seas Region**

Consistent with its commitment of protecting and ensuring the sustainability of the marine environment, the Philippines, as one of the Lead Partnering Countries(LPC) of the GloFouling Partnerships Project, through the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), led the first meeting of the Regional Task Force (RTF) on Biofouling

Management for East ASEAN Seas Region on 28 April 2022 via videoconference.

## 2. 2nd Global Project Task Force (GPTF) Meeting



The Philippine delegation, through the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), shared its best practices in protecting and conserving the marine environment during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Project Task Force (GPTF) Meeting of the GEF-UNDP-IMO GloFouling Partnerships Project held on 11 to 13 April 2022 at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Headquarters in London, United Kingdom.

### • Workshop on Safety, on Energy Proficiency Ships

Together with the World Maritime University and the University of Strathclyde, the MARINA facilitated a Virtual Workshop to present the initial findings of the FSA-P and ENV-P Projects including the results of verification, challenges, gaps and opportunities as well as feasible solutions to reduce risk of domestic ferry hazards and incidents in the



## 3. 42nd ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group (MTWG) Meeting



The Philippines, through the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) and in coordination with the Department of Transportation (DOTr), conveyed its appreciation to the ASEAN Member States (AMS) for their support to the re-election of the country to the IMO Council under Category C for Biennium 2022-2023 during the 42nd ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group (MTWG) Meeting held on 09 to 10 March 2022 via video conference.

The 42nd ASEAN MTWG Meeting discussed the decisions made during the ASEAN Senior Transport Officials Meeting (STOM) in November 2021, progress of



implementation of maritime-transport related measures under the Kuala Lumpur Transport Strategic Plan (KLTSP), COVID-19-related initiatives, working group's work plan, cooperation with transport-affiliated private sector organizations and dialogue partners, and ASEAN's partnership with the IMO.

#### **4. Meeting with PHL IMO GMAs**

In line with the promotion of the maritime industry, the MARINA convened its first meeting with the appointed IMO Goodwill Maritime Ambassadors (GMAs) of the Republic of the Philippines to reach new target audiences to educate and inform on the importance of shipping and the role of IMO last 05 May 2022.



Discussed during this meeting are the accomplishments and plans of the IMO GMAs in promoting the above advocacies.

#### **5. Attendance to Regional Meeting on MEPSEAS in Vietnam**

The Philippine delegation, headed by MARINA Deputy Administrator for Operations Engr. Nannette Villamor-Dinopol, took part in the Third High-Level Regional Meeting on Marine Environment Protection on the Southeast Asian Seas (MEPSEAS) in Quang Ninh, Viet Nam on 25 October 2022.

During the first day of the meeting, the PH delegation has presented updates on the activities undertaken in accordance with the National Strategic Action Plan (NSAP) committed by the Philippine Government as a Lead Partnering Country (LPC) for the MEPSEAS Project.

Under the said project, the Philippines seeks to mobilize a whole nation approach cooperation in protecting, conserving and managing the marine environment and natural resources for the present and future generation.

Other members of the Philippine delegation are Engr. Ramon C. Hernandez, Director of the Shipyards Regulation Service (SRS), Officer-in-Charge of the Overseas Shipping Service (OSS), Ms. Precila C. Jara together with the MEPSEAS National Consultants. The Third High-Level Regional Meeting marks the end of the five-year project and will highlight its key achievements and milestones.

#### **6. Attendance to the 7th Session of the Committee on Transport of UN ESCAP**

The Philippines, through the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) joined the 7th Session of the Committee on Transport of United Nations Economic and Social

Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) held virtually on 23 - 25 November 2022.

The Committee discussed matters of strategic importance to regional transport development and cooperation to advance the implementation of the Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific<sup>1</sup>, the Regional Action Programme for Sustainable Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific (2022-2026)<sup>2</sup>, and other related Commission resolutions and global initiatives.

In addition, the Committee provided members and associate members of ESCAP with a forum to exchange views, share experiences and discuss policies to meet the three overarching objectives of economic, environmental and social sustainability of the transport sector in the region.

## **7. Attendance to the 128th Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Council**

The Philippines has participated in the 128th session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Council, held on 28 November 2022 to 02 December 2022 at the IMO Headquarters, London, UK.

The Philippine delegation led by the Department of Transportation (DOTr) successfully participated in the discussion of agenda items on development of the Strategic Plan for 2024-2029, Work Programme, Budget considerations, Human resources matter, Rules of procedures, among others.

This opportunity to convey its proposals and recommendations on the agenda items is a privilege enjoyed by the Philippines as one of the 40 Member States of the IMO Council. The Philippines belongs under Category C or States which have special interests in maritime transport or navigation and whose election to the Council will ensure the representation of all major geographic areas of the world. The Philippines has been a member of the IMO Council since 1997.

In a separate meeting with the IMO Secretary-General Kitack Lim on 29 November 2022, Undersecretary Sarmiento conveyed best regards from the Secretary of Department of Transportation, Mr. Jaime J. Bautista. He also conveyed the mandate from no less than the President of the Philippines for relevant Philippine authorities to exert serious effort to support the Filipino seafarers and improve the maritime education, training, assessment and certification system in the Philippines.

Meanwhile, the Philippine delegation extended its appreciation to the IMO for the unwavering support and assistance to the country through its Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) which further strengthened compliance to international maritime instruments. Secretary General Lim in response assured that the Organization will continue to provide technical

assistance to the Philippines and committed to work together with other funding bodies and knowledge partners to deliver this assistance to the Philippines on an expedited, and organized manner. He likewise encouraged the Philippines to actively join the discussion on decarbonization in the next Intersessional Working Group on the Reduction of Green House Gas Emissions (ISWG-GHG 13) and the 79th Session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) on 5-9 December 2022 and 12-16 December 2022, respectively.

As a developing country, the Philippines as one of the member States of the IMO since 1964 has been greatly benefitted by long term theme projects under the ITCP. One of this is the collaboration of the IMO with the World Bank Group with experts from the World Maritime University (Malmö, Sweden) and University of Strathclyde (Glasgow, UK) to conduct the study on Enhancing Safety (FSA-P) and Improving Energy Efficiency and Environmental Footprints (ENV-P) of Domestic Passenger Ships in the Philippines.

Further, the Philippines was selected as one of the Lead Partnering Countries (LPCs) for two (2) other IMO Projects, namely: the Marine Environment Protection of the South East Asian Seas (MEPSEAS) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF)- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)-International Maritime Organization (IMO) GloFouling Partnerships Project.

## **8. Attendance to the 39th Philippine-Indonesia Border Committee Chairmen Conference**

MARINA Regional Office XI attended the concluded 39th Philippines-Indonesia Border Committee Chairmen Conference held on November 23, 2022 at SMX Convention Center, Lanang, Davao City.

The agenda concentrated on 3 main areas which are the Border Patrol & Communication, Intelligence and Border Crossing Management. The event was a showcase to the rest of the world for the almost five decades of peaceful and harmonious co-existence with our Indonesian counterparts.

## **9. Philippine Chairs 2nd Regional Task Force (RTF) Meeting on Biofouling Management in East Asian Seas Region**

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) in coordination with the Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA), chaired via hybrid setup the 2nd Regional Task Force (RTF) Meeting on Biofouling Management in East Asian Seas Region from 23 to 25 November 2022 at the New Coast Hotel, Manila.

As the Head of the Philippine delegation, MARINA reported the ongoing initiatives of the country, which include the development of the National Strategic Action Plan, National Economic Assessment, and drafting of National Measures.



The plenary session of the 2nd RTF concluded with the closing remarks from the PEMSEA, IMO, and the Philippines. The MARINA Administrator delivered the Closing Remarks on behalf of the Philippines conveying his sincere gratitude to IMO and PEMSEA for their invaluable support to the country towards protecting the marine environment.

Meanwhile, the delegates were also able to have a technical tour and an actual overview of the works done in a shipyard during the last day of the activity.

The 2nd Regional Task Force Meeting on Biofouling Management in East Asian Seas Region was participated by the delegates and representatives from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste, Viet Nam, International Maritime Organization (IMO), PEMSEA, The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF), Global TestNet, Tas Global Inc., and Hongkong University.

## **G. Pandemic Response**

The MARINA, as the regulatory agency which is mainly involved in activities of the maritime industry, is also responsible for promoting safety for its stakeholders in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Agency has launched various initiatives and continually implement programs to alleviate the negative effects of the pandemic in the maritime industry.

### **1. 100% Passenger Capacity for Maritime Transport**

In line with Section 6 of the Guidelines for Areas Under Alert Level 1 as issued by the Inter-Agency Task Force, the MARINA allowed 100% passenger capacity for maritime public transport in and out of Alert Level 1 Areas by issuing an Advisory.



## **2. “No Vax, No Ride” Policy in Domestic Ships**

With the continued easing of policies with regard to passenger capacity, the MARINA likewise issued an Advisory in line with the Department Order No. 2022- 01 of the DOTr disallowing unvaccinated passengers to embark and avail of the services provided by passenger vessels in order to avoid the risk of another COVID-19 outbreak.



### **A. Good Governance**

As part of the National Government, the MARINA put a premium on implementing effective and efficient programs that are responsive to the needs of the agency.

#### **Free SRBs and 50% Discount for Renewal**

In line with the directive of the SOTr, MARINA started issuing the Seafarer’s Record Book (SRB) at no cost for 1st time applicants and granted a 50% discount for its Renewal and Re-issuance last February.

# VI. OTHER NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## 1. Inauguration of the Maritime Training Institute



In line with the Administrator's agenda to capacitate MARINA personnel, the MARINA inaugurated its own training and research development Arm at Panaad Park, Brgy. Mansilingan, Bacolod City in Negros Occidental last 24 May 2022. The inauguration was also directed towards improving the morale and welfare of employees.

## 2. Celebration of the Seafarer's Day

This annual event which was first observed in 2011, pays tribute to the lifeblood of sea trade, the seafarers, in recognition of their invaluable contribution to international trade and the world economy, oftentimes involving extreme risks for them and their families.

This year's Seafarers Day celebration spotlights **#SeafarerJourney** which calls for all seafarers to share their voyage stories, then and now, as the world and the working environment transitions to different changes.



During the celebration, Filipino seafarers and maritime stakeholders around the world witnessed the showcase of talents, video messages from stakeholders, simultaneous mass oath-taking of Merchant Marine Officers in Manila, Iloilo, Cebu, and Davao, as well as the launching of the Search for Exceptional Bravery at Sea Awardees to be recognized during the National Maritime Week (NMW) Celebration coming September.



The celebration was successfully concluded by the signing of Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) between the MARINA and the Kongsberg Digital AS, and the Seaversity, Inc. with an end goal of delivering a globally competitive Philippine maritime industry.

### **3. Celebration of the National Maritime Week and MANAMO 2022**

Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) kick-started the celebration of the 2022 National Maritime Week through a hybrid face-to-face and virtual ceremony on Tuesday, 20 September 2022, at the MARINA Central Office.

Coinciding with the celebration of the Maritime Archipelagic Nation Awareness Month (MANAMO), this year's National Maritime Week, with the theme "New Technologies for Greener Shipping," recognized the need to support the maritime industry in transitioning to a sustainable future and greener shipping.

Officer-In-Charge Executive Director Mr. Samuel L. Batalla delivered his opening message during the celebration, highlighting the importance of a sustainable maritime sector. and the need to rebuild better and more sustainably in a post-pandemic world. The MARINA fully supports these objectives for safety of lives and ships and a cleaner maritime industry."

For his part, MARINA Administrator Atty. Hernani N. Fabia stated that rapid technological changes directly affect the maritime industry, especially the maritime environment, which is why everyone is responsible for ensuring that technological progress is used to safeguard the future of the industry.

"The objective of a safer maritime industry, safer ships, and safer people is the one that MARINA fully supports. We cruise on a single sea. Let us protect it with the aid of modern technology," Administrator Fabia emphasized.

Part of the kick off ceremony was the presentation of the calendar of activities, in which the MARINA prepared a series of activities for this week such as the National Maritime Quiz Show, Seafarers' Photo Contest, Culmination Activity and Awards Show, Bravery At Sea Awarding, and Oath Taking Ceremony.

Prior to the start of the celebration of National Maritime Week 2022, the MARINA, particularly its Regional Offices, also actively participated in various activities such as Coastal Clean-Up Drives, Onboard Orientation on Passenger Vessels, Modified Basic Safety Training (MBST), among others.

### **4. Establishment of MARINA Panglao Extension Office**

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) Regional Office MRO) VII opened an extension office in Panglao, Bohol on 23 November 2022 as part of the agency's efforts to expand its reach throughout the region.

MRO VII Regional Director Emmanuel B. Carpio signed a usufruct agreement with the Panglao local government unit (LGU), which provided the office, during its inauguration.