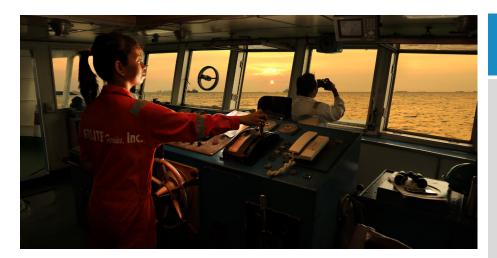


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## MARINA WORKING ROUND-THE-CLOCK TO ADDRESS IE FINDINGS; RALLIES STAKEHOLDERS SUPPORT FOR PH CONTINUED INCLUSION IN THE "IMO WHITELIST"

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) is working round-the-clock addressing non-conformities and observations in the recently conducted first stage of the Independent Evaluation (IE) by a panel of international experts that assessed the Philippine implementation of the International Convention on Standards of Training and Certification (STCW) for seafarers 1978, as amended while rallying maritime industry stakeholders for support in order to ensure the continued inclusion of the Philippines in the so called IMO White List.

The Philippines engaged the services of highly technical experts to undertake this independent evaluation. As a State Party to the STCW Convention for seafarers 1978 as amended, the Philippines is required to undertake the Independent Evaluation process as the first step towards IMO White Listing. The IE has to be undertaken periodically every five (5) years.

The first stage of the IE was carried out from  $30\,\text{March}$  to  $10\,\text{April}$  2022. Visits were conducted on the Maritime Industry Authority

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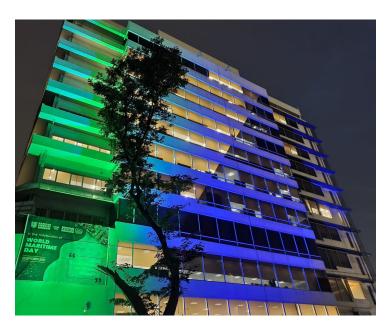
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#### **HAPPY WORLD MARITIME DAY!**



The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) joined with the International Maritime Organization in celebrating the World Maritime Day at the MARINA Central Office in the City of Manila on 29 September 2022.

To commemorate the celebration, the MARINA lit the whole MARINA building in blue and green. The initiative is an annual symbolic effort to unite the maritime community every World Maritime Day, with this year's theme "New Technologies for Greener Shipping," and to raise awareness on the vital contribution of shipping to the world.





Administrator Atty. Hernani N. Fabia, together with MARINA Service Unit Directors, poses for a photo opportunity during the celebration of the 23rd National Maritime Week held at the MARINA Central Office.

#### MARINA KICK-STARTS 23RD NATIONAL MARITIME WEEK CELEBRATION

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

Coinciding with the celebration of the Maritime Archipelagic Nation Awareness Month (MANA Mo), 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. "This offers a chance to focus on the importance of a sustainable maritime industry and the need to rebuild better and more sustainably in a post-pandemic world. The MARINA fully supports these objectives for the 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.



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(MARINA), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Department of Health (DOH), three (3) Maritime Higher Educational Institutions (MHEIs), two (2) Maritime Training Institutions (MTIs), and two (2) Assessment Centers nationwide.

The evolving list of IMO Member States found to have given full and complete effect currently includes the Philippines. Hence, it is crucial to show our continued compliance with the STCW Convention and Code for the employment of our Filipino seafarers onboard ships in international trade.

## Government-Industry Engagement for the Preparation of Corrective Action Plan

To ensure inclusion of the Philippines in the IMO White List, the MARINA calls on the support of partner agencies and maritime industry players in addressing the IE findings as some corrective actions may require policy shifts.

It is then to the best interest of the country if the Philippines as a Member of the Council Category "C" of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and home to hundreds of thousands of maritime professionals to fully and effectively demonstrate its compliance with the Convention.

Non-inclusion of the Philippines in the IMO White List will tremendously impact on the continued employment of Filipino seafarers on-board ocean going ships and the trading status of Philippine registered ships plying overseas trade.

## Independent Evaluation as a Requirement for White List

In accordance with the Convention, the Philippines shall ensure that an independent evaluation of the knowledge, understanding, skills and competence acquisition, assessment activities and the administration of the certification system is conducted at intervals of not more than five (5) years.

The Independent Evaluation is aimed at verifying that "all applicable provisions of the

STCW Convention and Code were covered by a Quality Management System."

#### Process of White Listing of IMO Member States

Upon the completion of its Independent Evaluation, the Philippines through the MARINA shall prepare a consolidated report on the results of the evaluation and the steps taken to implement any subsequent mandatory amendments to the Convention and Code for submission to the IMO Secretary-General.

The IMO Secretary-General will designate competent persons from the list maintained to consider the report and provide their views upon the submission of the Philippine report.

After completing the review on the report the competent persons shall, on a confidential basis, provide their view in writing to the Secretary-General.

In the event that the competent persons are unable to reach an affirmative conclusion, the competent persons should seek additional information or clarifications from the Philippines, through the Secretary-General, to assist them to reach their conclusion.

In return, the Secretary-General, taking into account the views expressed by the competent persons, shall submit a timely report to the Maritime Safety Committee when the information received from the competent persons confirms that "full and complete effect" is given to the provisions of the STCW Convention

The Maritime Safety Committee, having received the reports of the Secretary-General, shall, at the earliest possible time, identify those Parties which have satisfied the requirements of the Convention and the Code. These State Parties will comprise the so-called IMO White List.

As the premier provider of maritime professionals in the international seaborne trade, the Philippines attaches great importance to continuing inclusion of the IMO White List and this can only be achieved if the noted non-conformities and observations in the Independent Evaluation report are fully addressed so it can submit its report to the IMO Secretary-General.

# PHL COMMITS TO ELEVATE TRANSPORT SYSTEM TO GLOBAL STANDARDS

Considering the important role of transportation in the movement of goods and people, the Philippines expressed its commitment to make the country's transport system at par with the international fora during the 43rd ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group (MTWG) Meeting held in Nha Trang, Viet Nam from 20 to 22 September 2022.

In the said meeting, the Philippine delegation, headed by Engr. Enrico C. Ferre of the Department of Transportation (DOTr), highlighted the country's intention to advance and improve its transportation performance while ensuring safety, efficiency, and sustainability.

"Under the new leadership of the Department of Transportation (DOTr), together with the whole maritime sector, the Philippines is committed to transform our transport system and elevate it to global standards, as well as enhance maritime connectivity and mobility, including better port access, to deliver safe, comfortable, accessible, and efficient transport," Engr. Ferre said.

Meanwhile, as the Marine Environment Protection of the South East Asian Seas (MEPSEAS) is about to end in December 2022, the Philippines, as one of the Lead Partnering Countries (LPC) and the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) as its National Focal Point (NFP), took the opportunity to thank the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for assisting the country in addressing marine environment issues relative to shipping through the implementation of IMO Conventions,



particularly the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships (AFS Convention) and The International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water And Sediments (BWM Convention).

Further, during the plenary session, the Philippine delegation likewise underscored that the MEPSEAS Project is a clear demonstration of the continued commitment of the ASEAN countries to move towards a sustainable maritime transport system and to address significant marine environmental issues through the effective implementation of conventions related to marine environment protection in the South East Asian region.

Aside from the MEPSEAS Project, the Philippine delegation also conveyed that the Philippines will continue its collaboration with the IMO on various marine environmental projects and initiatives for safe and greener shipping.

Moreover, the Philippines also provided updates regarding the national coordination mechanism and national master plan for port, national development plan on the capacity improvement of the ASEAN network ports, sustainability of Davao-General Santos-Bitung route RO-RO



The Philippine delegation, headed by the Department of Transportation (DOTr), together with other delegations, during the face-to-face 43rd ASEAN Maritime Transport Working (MTWG) Meeting, at Nha Trang, Viet Nam. This is the first physical meeting of the ASEAN MTWG, two years after the declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Philippine delegation is composed of representatives from the DOTr, Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), and Philippines Ports Authority (PPA).

# PHL COMMITS TO ELEVATE TRANSPORT SYSTEM...

operation, Safety, Health, and Environmental (SHE) management, and ASEAN-China Maritime Transport Studies.

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#### 43rd ASEAN MTWG Meeting

The 43rd ASEAN MTWG Meeting is the first physical meeting of the ASEAN MTWG, two (2) years after the declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It aims to discuss the following: a) the decisions made during the ASEAN Senior Transport Officials

Meeting (STOM) held in June 2022; b) progress of implementation of maritime-transport related measures under the Kuala Lumpur Transport Strategic Plan (KLTSP); c) COVID-19-related initiatives; d) MTWG's work plan; e) cooperation with transport-affiliated private sector organizations and dialogue partners, f) ASEAN's partnership with the IMO; and g) other emerging issues relating to maritime transport.

The said meeting was attended by the ASEAN Member States delegates from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam. It is likewise participated by representatives from the ASEAN transport-affiliated private sector organizations and dialogue partners from Japan, China, Republic of Korea, United States, European Union (EU), India, and International Maritime Organization (IMO).



# GOOD NEWS MARINA EXTENDS OFFICE TO PANGLAO

The MARINA Regional Office VII (MRO7) is set to open an Extension Office in the Municipality of Panglao, Bohol.

The good news came after Panglao Mayor Edgardo Arcay granted the request of MRO 7, headed by Regional Director Engr. Emmanuel B. Carpio, to establish an extension office in the said municipality on 26 September 2022.

The said extension office will be situated in the old municipality building of Panglao, in front of St. Augustine Parish. The location is considered strategic since most operations are concentrated in Panglao.

Further, the extension office will help local seafarers to process their certificates and licenses without having the need to travel to Cebu or other MARINA offices.

In response, Engr. Carpio has expressed his gratitude to Mayor Arcay for assisting MARINA Cebu in its objective to bring the services of the agency closer to the people.

# MARINA, WWF SEAL PARTNERSHIP TO ADDRESS CRISIS ON MARINE PLASTIC LITTER



MARINA OIC-Deputy Administrator for Planning (DAP) Ms. Sonia B. Malaluan and WWF-Philippines Executive Director Katherine Custodio sign the memorandum of understanding (MoU) stating that the two parties shall work together to stop or reduce the tons of marine plastic litter plaguing the oceans.

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) and the World Wide Fund for Nature - Philippines (WWF) have sealed their partnership through the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on 23 September 2022, held at the City of Pasay.

The MoU stated that the MARINA and WWF shall work together to stop or reduce the tons of marine plastic litter plaguing the oceans.

The MoU was signed by MARINA OIC-Deputy Administrator for Planning (DAP) Ms. Sonia B. Malaluan, and WWF-Philippines Executive Director Katherine Custodio. "By signing this MoU, we agree and commit for us 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 plastic pollution by preventing plastic leakage into ports and the ocean — which negatively impacts marine life, human health, and livelihoods," OIC-DAP Ms. Malaluan expressed during her remarks.

"Our goal is for a green maritime Philippines: protect and conserve. We can only achieve this by eliminating marine pollution or mitigating marine environment threats from ports, ships, and



#### MARINA, WWF SEAL PARTNERSHIP...

shipyards," SRS Director Engr. Hernandez said in his welcome message.

The said initiative is aligned with the MARINA's Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP) Program 10, which is highly-focused on protecting the marine environment.

Afterwards, SRS Director Hernandez has presented the National Strategic Action Plan (NSAP) — the result of a pre-forum held last 09 September 2022, where MARINA sought insights from various government agencies, and marine environment experts in the private sector.

"We ensure that ships are fitted with

the necessary equipment and machineries, mechanisms in place, and/or other features that will minimize their contribution to pollution and properly enforce marine environmental protection laws while the ship is at sea," he furthered.

In line with the forum's theme "Clean Ports and Ships, Clean Oceans", the statements of commitment were delivered by representatives of partner agencies —Department of Transportation (DOTr) Executive Asst. VI Atty. Julius Yano, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Senior Environmental Management Specialist Raquel Rosario Reyes, Department of Agriculture (DA) Macro-Economic Policy Division Chief Tisha Pia dela Rosa and Office of the President Assistant Secretary Atty. Kim Raisa Uy.

# MARINA HOLDS BRIEFING ON PH COMPLIANCE WITH STCW CONVENTION

At the invitation of the Association of Licensed Manning Agencies (ALMA) - Maritime Group, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) holds briefing on the Agency's continuing efforts to ensure Philippine compliance with the provisions of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) for seafarers 1978, as amended, on 10 September 2022

Discussions will focus on the Agency's corrective actions on the findings of the first stage of the Independent Evaluation (IE) that was conducted from 30 March 2022 to 10 April 2022.

The conduct of the IE is required to be undertaken by the Philippines which will serve as the basis for the preparation of the Philippine report to the IMO Secretary-General.

The IMO Secretary-General will then forward the Philippine Report to the Panel of IMO Competent Persons who will evaluate whether or not the Philippines has given full and complete effect to the Convention.

The Report of the Panel of Competent of Persons will be submitted to the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) which will issue the list of the so-called IMO White List in due time.



STCW Office OIC Executive Director Mr. Samuel Batalla, Maritime Education and Training Standards Supervisor (METSS) Ms. Presca Lee Lugo, Planning and Policy Service (PPS) Director Mr. Luisito Delos Santos, and Public Information Division (PID) Chief Mr. Jasper Caesar, lead the MARINA team to discuss the Agency's continuing efforts relating to the country's compliance to STCW.

## MARINA PARTNERS WITH TOURISM DEPARTMENT FOR FIRST CONVERGENCE FORUM

The Maritime Industry Authority - National Capital Region (MARINA-NCR), in partnership with the Department of Tourism - National Capital Region (DOT-NCR), held its 1st Convergence Forum on 22 September 2022, City of Manila.

The said forum, spearheaded by the agencies' NCR-Regional Directors Engineer Marc Anthony Pascua of MARINA, and Ms. Sharlene Zabala-Batin of the DOT, was attended by key players in the domestic shipping industry.

During the conference, DOT resource speakers presented the updates from the NCR, their Accreditation Processes. and their ongoing Innovation initiatives.

As for the MARINA, its officials have discussed the agency's regulatory functions; and MIDP Programs 2 and 3 -- the Development of Shipping Services for Tourism Destination and Program, and Development of Coastal and Inland Waterways Transport (CIWT) System, respectively.

Afterwards. stakeholders have actively participated in the open forum to convey their questions on accreditation, implementation of the MIDP, as well as other programs related to tourism, and maritime transportation.

The said forum is in line with the National Maritime Week celebration, encompassing the Maritime and Archipelagic Nation Awareness Month (MANA MO).



Officials from the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) and the Department of Tourism (DOT) host the first convergence forum with maritime stakeholders at the Winford Hotel in Manila.

# MARINA ADDS 'INDUSTRIOUS, RELIABLE AND EFFICIENT LEADERS' IN ITS EXISTING LIST OF DIRECTORS



Newly-promoted directors of the MARINA are all smiles after their oath-taking administered by MARINA Administrator Atty. Hernani Fabia.

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), spearheaded by Administrator Atty. Hernani N. Fabia administered the oath-taking of newlypromoted Director II of the Agency on 12 September 2022, at its Central Office in Manila.

MARINA Directors Atty. Sharon Aledo, Atty. Eusebia Boco, and Mr. Samuel Batalla took their

#### MARINA ADDS 'INDUSTRIOUS, RELIABLE...



oath before Administrator Fabia.

"I am confident that as we work conjointly, we will be sailing the MARINA towards a progressive agency. We might encounter waves that will challenge us along our way but I'm certain that we can deliver and perform any assignment that might be given alongside our Agency's

mandates. We're here to help one another and work as a team," Admin Fabia expressed.

Mr. Batalla is currently MARINA'S OIC-Executive Director of the STCW Office; Atty. Aledo is leading the agency's Legal Service; while Atty. Boco is spearheading the MARINA Regional Office VIII (MRO8).

# MARINA ENFORCEMENT SERVICE CONDUCTS COMPLIANCE MONITORING IN CEBU

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), through its Enforcement Service (ES), conducted compliance monitoring of domestic ships in the jurisdictional area of Cebu province on 29 September 2022.

The ES team, in coordination with the MARINA Regional Office VII (MRO 7), has inspected the domestic ships at the said region to ensure their compliance to all applicable safety and statutory standards prescribed by the agency.

Compliance Monitoring is one of the functions of the MARINA, which aims to ensure that the maritime community meets its obligations based on the relevant international and national rules and regulations.

The MARINA Enforcement Service is now being headed by OIC-Director Engr. Ronaldo P. Bandalaria.



An inspector from the MARINA Enforcement Service Team checks the compliance of a domestic ship in Cebu.

# MARINA-DSS EVALUATES MRO 6 IMPLEMENTATION OF CIRCULARS, ADVISORIES

To ensure the overall uniform implementation of DSS circulars and advisories, the Maritime Industry Authority-Domestic Shipping Service (MARINA-DSS), has conducted an overall assessment of the MARINA Regional Office VI (MRO 6) on 12-13

September 2022.

During the said oversight visit, the DSS-CO team also assessed the procedures, issuances, updating of reports and records keeping of MRO 6.

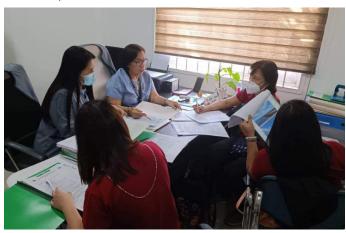
#### MARINA-DSS EVALUATE MRO6 IMPLEMENTATION...

The DSS-CO and the regional office also had a discussion of Administrative Order No. 28-21 entitled "Internal Guidelines in the Processing of Newly-Delegated Applications to MROs." During the said dialogue, the regional office was briefed as to the procedure and processes of the newly delegated functions and evaluated the recent issuances related to the implementation of the said A.O., in particular, the issuance of a Special Permit to foreign registered vessels.

At the end of the said assessment, the DSS-CO provided the regional office corrective steps, suggested updated formats for record keeping, and additional procedures for receiving and evaluation of applications.

MARINA Region 6 Regional Director, Jeffrey A.

Bangsa, together with Ms. Juliet S. Nacion and Ms. Lou Michelle S. Ong welcomed the DSS-CO team led by Ms. Geraldina E. Evangelista, Ms. Rosel Ariane DC Cruz, and Ms. Germaine B. Betero.



MRO6 employees and MARINA-DSS carefully evaluating the regional office's implementation of circulars, advisories

# MRO 4 PRESENTS AGENCY IMPLEMENTED ADVISORIES TO STAKEHOLDERS

The MARINA Regional Office IV (MRO 4), headed by its Director Engr. Rizal J. Victoria, spearheaded the conduct of a Stakeholders'

Meeting via hybrid setup on 14 September 2022 at MRO 4 Office in Batangas City.

During the discussions, Director Victoria tackled the recently issued Advisories including the MARINA Advisory No. 2022-46 or the Revocation of MARINA Advisory No. 2021-62.



# MRO 5 CONDUCTS JOINT MOBILE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL

The MARINA Regional Office V (MRO5) together with BFAR, PCG, DTI and MAO conducted a Joint Mobile Registration and Licensing of Commercial Fishing Vessel on 14 September 2022 at Dimasalang, Masbate City.



#### MRO 5 CONDUCTS JOINT MOBILE REGISTRATION...

registration, renew safety certificates of fishing

The aim of the said activity is to process the vessels and consequently have them issued with BFAR CFVL.





## **MRO 8 OFFERS FREE MBST** FOR MOTORBOAT OPERATORS. HANDLERS, FISHERFOLKS

The MARINA Regional Office VIII (MRO 8) conducted for free, the Basic Safety Training for Motorboat Handlers/Operators/Fisherfolks with Typhoon Preparedness (MBHOF) to 62 motorboat owners/operators and fishermen on 16-17 September 2022 at Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

The said initiative is in collaboration with the National Maritime Polytechnic (NMP), in partnership with the Philippine Coast Guard/ Coast Guard District Eastern Visayas (PCG/ CGDEV), LGU - Guiuan, Eastern Samar.



The Basic Safety Training for MBHOF aims to improve the basic safety skills of local motorboat owners/operators and fisher folks; train them on new techniques in Personal Survival, Fire Prevention and Firefighting, Personal Safety and Social Responsibility, Elementary First Aid, Rules of the Road, Typhoon Awareness, Maritime Safety Requirements; also discussed was the issue on STD/HIV/AIDS in the Maritime Sector (SHAPIMS).

### **MRO 6 FACILITATES 3RD QUARTER MSAB MEETING WITH SBSR SECTOR**

The MARINA Regional Office VI (MRO 6) held the 3rd Quarter Multi-Sectoral Advisory Board (MSAB) Meeting with the Shipbuilding and Ship repair (SBSR) sector on 20 September 2022.

During the said meeting, the MARINA MRO6



Shipyard Regulatory Section, headed by Engr. Longakit, presented MARINA Circulars and Advisories including a refresher discussion on MC No. 2018-02 and MC SR No. 2019-01 otherwise known as "Revised Rules and Regulations Relating to Registration and Licensing of Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Facilities and for other Purposes".

The said MSAB also gave the stakeholders an opportunity to raise their issues, concerns, as well as clarifications with regard to their operations, requirements, and compliance to the said MARINA Circulars and Advisories.

Present in the meeting were MRO 6 Regional Director Jeffrey A. Bangsa, Engr. Bernadeth A. Longakit, Engr. Jjireh S. Pagalan, Ms. Geneline G. Funtilar, Atty. Ceril Lyn L. Burro and Atty. Nicole Marie I. Amuan.

# MRO 7 OFFERS MOBILE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING FOR CEBU BOAT CREWS

The MARINA Regional Office VII (MRO7) conducted Mobile Registration and Licensing of Boat Crews on 22-23 September 2022 at Poblacion Cordova, Cebu.

The said activity is in coordination with the LGU and other government agencies such as the DENR- EMB, DOT, PCG, BFAR, PNP-Maritime and

Philippine Navy.

A total of 242 Boat Crews attended the Modified Basic Safety Training and Testimonial Assessment for Boat Captain 1.

Meanwhile, a total of 58 motor bancas were registered both under new registration and for renewal of certificates.



# MRO 11 HOLDS BASIC SAFETY AND SEAMANSHIP OLYMPICS

The MARINA Regional Office XI (MRO 11) headed by Regional Director Felisa N. Orongan, facilitated the conduct of Basic Safety and Seamanship Olympics at the AIFCP-MTC Facility on 22 September 2022.

All four (4) maritime institutions in the region, the Agro-Industrial Foundation College of the Philippines (AIFCP), DMMA College of Southern Philippines (DCSP), Holy Cross of Davao College (HCDC), and MATS College of Technology took part in the competition.

The judges for this year's Basic Safety and Seamanship Olympics were CG PO2 Aristeo M. Rebliza from Philippine Coast Guard (PCG); Insp. Reyjel M. Gogo from the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP); Elizar J. Sidomar, and Kenneth Paul Hitalia from the Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP); as well as Ronil M. Dela Cuesta from the Philippine Red Cross.



# MARINA PHOTO ARCHIVE

### MARINA IS NEXT YEAR'S HOST OF THE NATIONAL MARITIME WEEK CELEBRATION



The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), represented by STCW Office OIC-Executive Director Mr Samuel L Batalla, has received the torch from the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) signaling the turn over to the MARINA as the Lead Agency for the 2023 National Maritime Week Celebration!



Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) Administrator Atty. Hernani N. Fabia met with key officials from the Philippine Association of Maritime Institutions (PAMI) on 07 September 2022, at the MARINA Central Office. In the meeting, topics discussed include the development of maritime programs, compliance monitoring and enforcement procedure, code of conduct of auditors and inspectors, among others.

## MARINA, UP HOLD FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING ON MARRIS



The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), through its Domestic Shipping Service (DSS), joined by representatives from the Franchising Service (FS) and the Management Information Systems Service (MISS), met with the University of the Philippines (UP) team from the National Center for Transportation Studies, headed by Professor John Justine S. Villar, conducted the first face-to-face training workshop of the Maritime Route Rationalization and Information System (MARRIS) Project last 07 September 2022.

The MARRIS, using the NAVIS software, is a tool that is primarily used for the development of an effective Route Capacity Measurement System (RCMS), particularly to identify the number of possible trips, occupancy and perceived profitability of the selected fleet in analysis; to analyze the feasibility of future routes; and to address the capacity measurement for a selected port by analyzing the other ports connected to it.

The MARRIS Project, which was funded by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and developed by the University of the Philippines, is targeted to be implemented later this year after the conduct of training for the MARINA Regional Offices (MRO) personnel.



## MARINA, SHIPPING INDUSTRY KEY PLAYERS DISCUSS SAFETY OF PH SHIPS

Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) Administrator Atty. Hernani N. Fabia met with key officials of the Orient Register of Shipping, Inc. (ORSI) and the Philippine Register of Shipping, Inc. (PRS) on 21 September 2022 at the MARINA Central Office in Manila.

In the meeting, the topic revolved around the commitment on how to help the shipowners in the implementation of the recently issued MARINA Advisory No. 2022-46 or the revocation of MARINA Advisory No. 2021-62, which states the measures in ensuring the safety of ships under MARINA Circular No. MS-2020-01.

The ORSI was led by President Atty. Manuel Tiuseco while the PRS was spearheaded by President Engr. Rolando Abella.





Administrator Fabia, on the other hand, was accompanied by Deputy Administrator for Operations Engr. Nanette V. Dinopol, Shipyards Regulation Service (SRS) Director Engr. Ramon C. Hernandez, Maritime Safety Service (MSS) OIC-Director Engr. Jedini Nur Sibal of MSS and Chief of Staff Atty. Jabeth Dacanay.



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