

PH Secures Position on IMO Whitelist anew

The Philippines has once again sustained its status as a major provider of Filipino seafarers as it continues to be included in the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) so called "White List."

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PH Strengthens Global Maritime Partnerships thru signing Key Agreements with UK, Norway

The MARINA entered two significant international agreements aimed at recognizing seafarers' certificates under the International Convention on the Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping (STCW) for Seafarers, 1978, as amended. These agreements with the United Kingdom and Norway marked a substantial advancement in the global employment opportunities and recognition for Filipino seafarers.

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MARINA Hosts Roundtable Discussion in Celebration of Women in Maritime

As the world celebrates the International Day for Women in Maritime today, 18 May 2024, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) through the Women in Maritime Philippines (WIMAPHIL) MARINA subchapter organized a roundtable discussion featuring women leaders with unique careers in the maritime industry with the theme: "Safe Horizons: Women Shaping the Future of Maritime Safety."

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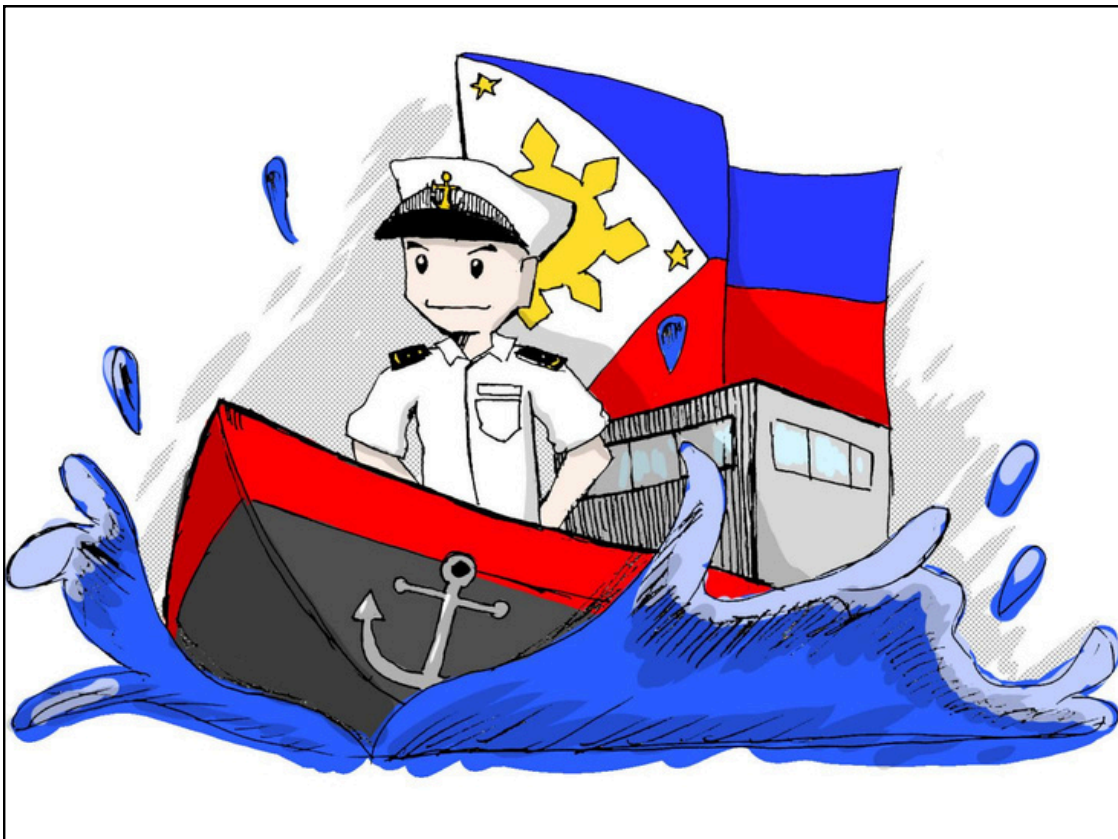
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CHARTING NEW WATERS: PHILIPPINES' COMMITMENT TO MARITIME EXCELLENCE



The country's reconfirmation on the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) "White List" is a resounding affirmation of the nation's enduring commitment to maritime excellence. As one of the world's foremost suppliers of seafarers, this recognition underscores the rigorous standards upheld in maritime education, training, and certification in the Philippines. It is a milestone that not only celebrates our compliance with the IMO STCW Convention but also heralds a new era of international recognition and opportunity for Filipino seafarers.

This achievement is a testament to the steadfast dedication of the MARINA under the leadership of Administrator Sonia B. Malaluan. Her assurance to maritime stakeholders about the agency's commitment to fulfilling its obligations under the STCW Convention is more than a statement—it is a reflection of the nation's resolve to continuously enhance its maritime system. This proactive stance is vital for ensuring that our maritime workforce remains globally competitive and well-equipped to meet international standards.

Equally significant are the strides made in enhancing international partnerships. The recently inked agreements with the United Kingdom and Norway mark a substantial leap forward for the maritime sector.

These agreements are not merely about mutual recognition of seafarers' certificates—they symbolize a deepened trust and collaboration between the Philippines and these maritime powerhouses.

The MOU opens up a plethora of opportunities for Filipino seafarers, ensuring their certificates are recognized across a broad spectrum of jurisdictions. Similarly, the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Norway underscores a commitment to uphold and enhance maritime standards through mutual cooperation and stringent quality assurance mechanisms.

These partnerships are pivotal. They signify a broader acceptance and trust in the capabilities of Filipino seafarers, thereby expanding their employment opportunities and ensuring that the Philippines remains a critical player in the global maritime industry. However, these achievements also come with responsibilities. The inclusion of quality assurance and inspection provisions in these agreements highlights the ongoing commitment to maintaining and elevating standards. It is a reminder that sustaining our position on the IMO "White List" requires continuous effort, innovation, and adherence to best practices.

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The IMO White List serves as a roster of Parties that have been recognized for their commitment to maintaining high standards in maritime education, training, and certification for seafarers. Being included in the list also signifies that the seafarers trained and certified in the Philippines meet the rigorous international standards set forth by the IMO STCW Convention.

MARINA Administrator Sonia B. Malaluan has reassured maritime stakeholders of the agency's steadfast dedication to fulfilling its obligations under the Convention.

The IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC), in its ongoing 108th, in consideration of MSC 108/WP.2 containing the Report of the Secretary-General to the MSC on the information communicated

confirmed that the Philippines has fully complied with the relevant provisions of the STCW Convention.

The updated IMO whitelist will be circulated to the Member States through the latest revision of MSC.1/Circ. 1164.

It is recalled that the Philippines underwent an independent evaluation in 2022. Subsequently, the Philippines submitted information on measures taken to ensure compliance pursuant to regulation I/8 paragraph 3 of the 1978 STCW Convention. The Report was reviewed by a panel of competent persons, who reported their findings to the IMO Secretary-General, who in turn, reported to the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC).

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Philippines and United Kingdom Ink MOU on Seafarers' Certificates

On 23 May 2024, the Philippines, represented by MARINA, and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) of the United Kingdom signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in the UK. This MOU includes provisions for the inclusion of the Red Ensign Group members, consisting of the Crown Dependencies (Isle of Man, Guernsey, and Jersey) and the UK Overseas Territories (Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, St. Helena, and the Turks and Caicos Islands), which operate shipping registers from their jurisdictions.

This expansion means increased opportunities for Filipino seafarers to be employed onboard ships registered under these flags, with their certificates recognized accordingly. Through this agreement, both nations, including the Red Ensign Group members, commit to recognizing each other's seafarers' certificates, promoting standardized competence and safety in the maritime industry.

Officials present at the signing ceremony included DOTr Undersecretary for Maritime Elmer Francisco Sarmiento, MARINA Administrator Sonia B. Malaluan, STCW Office Executive Director Samuel L. Batalla, and Office of the Administrator Chief of Staff Director Ramon C. Hernandez.



Philippines and Norway Sign MOA on Seafarers' Certificates

Similarly, on 13 May 2024, MARINA and the Norwegian Maritime Authority (NMA) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in Oslo, Norway. This agreement aims to foster good relations and mutual interests based on the principles of equal partnership and adherence to the provisions of the STCW Convention. Key provisions of the MOA emphasize the importance of adherence to national laws, conditions for recognition, compliance with the STCW Convention, and mutual cooperation in fortifying technical capabilities.

The agreement also includes quality assurance and inspection

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of approved facilities and procedures. This underscores the commitment to maintaining rigorous standards and continuous improvement in maritime training and certification practices.

Additionally, the MOA outlines procedures for handling disciplinary measures, ensuring that any suspension, revocation, or withdrawal of Certificates of Recognition for disciplinary reasons is communicated promptly and transparently between the parties involved.

This agreement aims to facilitate the recognition of seafarers' certificates, maintaining high standards of safety, competence, and professionalism within the global maritime industry. Ambassador Enrico T. Fos expressed confidence that this MOA would lead to the employment of an additional 25,000 Filipino seafarers onboard Norwegian-flagged ships.

Officials present at the Norway signing ceremony included DOTr Undersecretary for Maritime Elmer Francisco Sarmiento, MARINA Administrator Sonia B. Malaluan, STCW Office Executive Director Samuel L. Batalla, and Chief of Staff Engr. Ramon C. Hernandez. Representing Norway were NMA Director General of Shipping and Navigation Mr. Alf Tore Sørheim, Head of the Department of Vessels and Seafarers Mr. Håvard Gåseidnes, and Senior Legal Adviser Mr. Finn Erik Olsen.

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The esteemed panel of speakers included Ms. Merle Jimenez-San Pedro, President, WIMA Asia/WIMAPHil; Capt. Christine Pauline Bergano-Diciano, Director, Leadership and Doctrine Development Center, Philippine Coast Guard; Engr. Maria Sarena C. Casas, Supervising SOS / OIC, MSID, MARINA; 2M Desiree Penales, Operations Officer, Department of Shipboard Training, MAAp; Atty. Charina Marie Domingo, Legal Officer, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources; and Capt. Frynz B. Mendoza, Crewing Manager, Archipelago Philippine Ferries Corp.

Prior to the discussion, WIMAPHIL MARINA subchapter President and OIC-Deputy Administrator for Operations, Atty. Sharon D. Aledo, emphasized the crucial role women play in shaping the future of maritime safety. She highlighted the importance of gender diversity and inclusivity in maritime operations, advocating for equal opportunities and recognition for women in the industry.

Echoing Atty. Aledo's sentiments, OIC-Deputy Administrator for Planning, Nenita S. Atienza, underscored the significance of empowering women in maritime roles. She emphasized the need for policies and initiatives that promote gender equality, safety, and career advancement for women in maritime professions. The roundtable discussion served as a platform for insightful dialogue, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange among women leaders in the maritime sector.

Celebrating the International Day for Women in Maritime today, MARINA reaffirms its commitment to supporting



women's participation and leadership roles in maritime activities thus contributing to a safer, inclusive, and more equitable maritime industry for all.

MARINA, FME Facilitate self-assessment training related to maritime safety



With the aim to enhance and promote maritime safety in the country, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) in collaboration with the French Maritime Expert (FME) facilitated the Self-Assessment Training on the Enhancement of ROPAX and Passenger Fleet Safety Level in Cebu City on 15-16 May 2024.

Concerned 42 ROPAX and passenger ship companies operating in Visayas and Mindanao along with MARINA officials and personnel gathered in the said activity, which aims to empower ship owners and operators with knowledge and skills in conducting effective self-assessment of their daily operations, ensuring compliance with regulations, promoting safety, and enhancing overall operational efficiency.

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MARINA, FME Facilitate self-assessment training...

FME Mr. Emeric Faure provided guidelines on the process of conducting self-assessment related to safety compliance on vessels. He highlighted the key areas regarding effective assessment on the level of safety compliance of vessels, which include (1) construction, stability and loadline; (2) machinery and electrical installation; (3) fire protection construction and fire safety measure; (4) life-saving appliances; (5) navigation and radio communication and (6) ISM implementation in the domestic fleet.



PH delegation takes part in IMO MSC 108

The Philippines showcased its dedication to maritime safety and security at the 108th session of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 108) held at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Headquarters. Led by Undersecretary for Maritime, Mr. Elmer Francisco Sarmiento, and MARINA Administrator Sonia Malaluan, the Philippine delegation participated fervently in discussions regarding crucial maritime safety and security matters.

Chaired by Ms. Mayte Medina of the United States, with support from Vice Chair Capt. Theofilos Mozas of Greece, the committee addressed a spectrum of issues. These included the enhancement of maritime security in critical zones like the Red

Sea, formulation of global standards, seafarers' welfare, regulations concerning autonomous vessels, piracy, and armed robbery against ships, cybersecurity, and safety implications arising from emerging technologies and decarbonization in the maritime sector.

The Philippine delegation, featuring STCWO Executive Director Mr. Samuel Batalla, MARINA Chief of Staff Engr. Ramon Hernandez, Maritime Attaché in London Atty. Jean Ver Pia, PhD, Maritime Safety Service MARINA (MSS) OIC-Director Engr. Divinagracia Tolosa, CG CDR Mary Leizl Barbero, and Atty. Ana Marie Hernando, actively contributed to these critical discussions.

MARINA Inks Agreements with Panel of Judges for Timonel 2024 Awards

In a significant stride towards recognizing excellence in the maritime sector, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) held a Ceremonial Signing with the Panel of Judges for the Timonel Awards 2024 at the MARINA Central Office in Manila on 10 May 2024.

During the ceremony, MARINA Administrator Sonia B Malaluan emphasized the significance of these awards, stating that it is a highlight of MARINA's 50th Anniversary and expressed her intent to institutionalize this recognition system, ensuring stakeholders receive due acknowledgement for their modernization efforts, technological adaptability, and initiatives aimed at enhancing maritime safety and environmental conservation.

Furthermore, the Panel of Judges for the Timonel Award include Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) Deputy Chief for Maritime Safety Services Capt. Jomark Angue, Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) Port Operations & Services Department Manager Atty. Hiyasmin delos Santos.

The winners will be announced during MARINA's 50th Anniversary celebration on 01 June 2024, highlighting their

commendable achievements and contributions to the maritime industry.



MARINA, French Embassy Collaborate on Peer Review for PH Shipbuilding Industry Dev't



In line with providing a comprehensive assessment in the shipbuilding and ship repair sector, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), French Embassy in the Philippines and OCEA SA tackled matters related to "Peer Review of the Philippine Shipbuilding Industry" on 08 May 2024.

The French Embassy in Manila urged MARINA Administrator Sonia Malaluan to enter a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the proposed peer review, which will be conducted by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation Development Working Party on Shipbuilding (OECD-WP6) - a vital input for the Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Development Bill.

MARINA Enhances Features of CRP

To efficiently assist seafarers in their preparation for the Theoretical Examination for Merchant Marine Officers, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), through its STCW Office, has updated its Competency Review Portal (CRP), enhancing its features on reviewer section and mock examination.

The CRP serves as a crucial tool for examinees by providing sample questions and potential answers for familiarity in terms of the format and difficulty levels of theoretical examination.

In response to call for a more user-friendly interface, while striving for optimal usability, the MARINA has refined and streamlined several key features of the CRP. For review enhancements, both first-time users and those retaking the examination now enjoy unrestricted access to the reviewer section, fostering continuous learning and improvement. Moreover, each test item is presented in a multiple-choice format, with correct answers concealed among the options, aiming to enhance critical thinking and decision-making skills among examinees.

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Despite these enhancements, the CRP remains easily accessible for seafarers, offering unparalleled convenience whether at home or onboard vessels. **VISIT CRP:** <https://online-review.marina.gov.ph/>

MARINA joins nationwide job fair on Labor Day



The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) through its Manpower Development Service (MDS) joined the nationwide job fair on Labor Day, 01 May 2024 held at the City of Marikina.

The MARINA gathered potential employers and employees in one place, making it easier for employers to find qualified job seekers and workers to find employment in the industry, including Philippine Span Asia Carrier Corporation and Moreta Shipping Lines, Inc.

The said initiative is in line with the Agency's Strategic Voyage Plan 2024 and the updated Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP) 2028.

PH Reports Progress at 46th ASEAN Maritime TWG Meeting

The Philippine delegation, headed by MARINA OIC- Deputy Administrator for Planning Ms. Nenita S. Atienza took part in the 46th ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group (MTWG) Meeting in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam on 06 May 2024.

The Philippine delegation shared the official adoption of the Maritime Industry Development (MIDP) 2028 through the Presidential signing of Executive Order No. 55 on 08 February 2024. This action aligns with the Philippines' commitment to implementing maritime transport-related measures outlined in the Kuala Lumpur Transport Strategic Plan (KLTPSP).

The Philippines also provided updates regarding the country's port development projects in ASEAN-designated ports and the status of the Davao/General Santos-Bitung RO-RO Route. Additionally, the delegation presented efforts on Safety, Health, and Environment management, along with the finalization of the Port Environment Code, known as the 'Green Code,' as a strategy to responsibly manage port environments.



MARINA Concludes Evaluation Visit of Saudi Delegates; Enhancing Maritime Ties and Standards

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) concluded a week-long evaluation by delegates from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on the country's maritime education, training, and certification.

The closing meeting marked the culmination of efforts aligned with the implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two nations, aimed at recognizing seafarers' certificates to ensure quality and proficiency of maritime professionals through mutual acknowledgment of their certifications.

As part of the evaluation process, the delegation undertook a comprehensive assessment of various aspects of the Philippine maritime education, training and certification

including a visit to the Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific (MAAP), one of the premier maritime education institutions in the Philippines. The objective of this visit was to gain firsthand insight into the facilities, curriculum, and training methodologies employed by MAAP in preparing future seafarers officers.

During the closing meeting, MARINA STCW Office Executive Director, Samuel L. Batalla conveyed his appreciation to the delegates from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for their thorough evaluation and constructive engagement throughout the visit. He emphasized the importance of such evaluations in ensuring that maritime education and training programs meet international standards and cater to the evolving needs of the industry.



MARINA Explores Collaboration with Ocean Technologies Group to Enhance Filipino Maritime Professionals

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) engaged in discussions with the Ocean Technologies Group (OTG) to enhance the capabilities of Filipino maritime professionals through digital learning and assessment services on 03 May 2024.

During the discussion, Mr. Darren Yap and Ms. Catherine Logie, OTG Representatives, presented their innovative technology services, emphasizing the provision of online training and certifications accessible to seafarers anytime, anywhere. This initiative aims to elevate compliance standards and optimize workforce performance by unleashing the true potential of maritime professionals.

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MARINA commended OTG's transformative services and expressed keen interest in collaborating further. Areas of potential collaboration include the development of Programs for Regulators and Learning Management Systems for maritime administration personnel as well as e-learning courses tailored for seafarers.

This strategic partnership indicates a significant step towards enhancing the skill set and proficiency of Filipino seafarers and maritime administration personnel consequently strengthening the maritime industry's position on the global stage.

REGIONAL NEWS

MARINA-BEST Orientation in Cities of GenSan, Surigao, Zamboanga

On 06 May 2024, the MARINA hosted an Orientation and Workshop on its Blockchain-Enabled Automated Certification System (MARINA-BEST) for 73 stakeholders representing shipping companies and operators in General Santos City.

On 13 May 2024, 125 industry stakeholders from Zamboanga Peninsula explored the functionalities and advantages of the said system. The training also paved way to tackle potential challenges, as well as strategies to achieve seamless implementation.



On 20 May 2024, the MARINA also oriented stakeholders on its blockchain system in Surigao City, and its nearby provinces and municipalities. The session was attended by 120 industry players, including dignitaries and key leaders.

The session also included an interactive discussion, where stakeholders voiced their concerns and posed questions regarding the new online application system.

Both orientations are part of MARINA's ongoing efforts to engage maritime stakeholders and enhance the industry's certification processes through innovative blockchain technology.



MARINA-Leyte Conducts Safety Training and Registration in Daram, Samar



The MARINA Regional Office VIII (MRO 8) in Tacloban, in collaboration with the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Daram, the Rural Health Unit of Daram, and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), conducted a Modified Basic Safety Training (MBST) for local seafarers in Samar on 21-24 May 2024.

The MBST covered essential maritime modules such as Elementary First Aid, Personal Survival Techniques, Personal Safety and Social Responsibility, Fire Prevention and Firefighting, and Typhoon Preparedness. A total of 69 boat operators, owners, and crew, including three women, successfully completed the training and received an MBST Certificate of Completion. This certificate is a prerequisite for obtaining a Seafarer's Identification Book.

Following the training, the MRO 8 launched a Mobile Registration initiative to streamline the documentation process for seafarers and vessels. On the first day, seven vessels were registered.



MARINA - La Union Conducts Dialogue with Batanes Motorbanca Operators

The MARINA Regional Office I & II (MRO 1&2), led by Regional Director Engr. Jedini Nur A. Sibal and technical staff from the Shipyard Regulations Service and Maritime Safety Service of the Central Office conducted a dialogue with motorbanca operators from various islands in Batanes on 14 May 2024.

RD Sibal discussed the implementation and compliance with MARINA MC No. SR-2021-05, which sets the Revised Rules and Regulations on Intact Stability for all Philippine-registered vessels. While the MARINA is currently developing alternative policies to help motorbanca operators meet these safety standards, an agreement on the compliance process was reached, and a pilot implementation of the alternative stability certification procedure has been completed.

The dialogue also provided a platform for stakeholders to address challenges related to mandatory drydocking requirements and the accreditation of boatbuilders, impacted by environmental policies.



MARINA - Zamboanga and BARMM-MARINA Forge Collaboration for Maritime Development

MARINA Regional Office IX (MRO 9) OIC-Regional Director Farida Cunanan, PhD met with BARMM-MARINA (BMARINA) Director Najmah C. Macapundag-Panolong, JD and her 34 staff representing their Regional Office, Provincial Offices of Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi, on 17 May 2024 in Zamboanga City.

A capacity-building training was agreed to be scheduled to update BMARINA personnel on maritime policies and discuss areas of common interest and maritime issues in the provinces of Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi and Zamboanga City.



MARINA-Davao Holds Hearing for Vessel Operators in Baganga, Davao Oriental



The MARINA Regional Office XI (MRO 11), under the leadership of Regional Director Felisa Orongan, recently spearheaded a hearing concerning the applications for Certificates of Public Convenience (CPC) for 15 vessel operators from Baganga, Davao Oriental held at the MRO11 Conference Room in Davao City on 16 May 2024.

In collaboration with local government units (LGUs), MRO 11's initiative aims to legalize operations and mitigate the prevalence of colorum vessels.

Members of the Kinablangan Passenger Boat Owners and Operators Association (KIPABOOA) were diligently briefed on the procedural aspects and responsibilities associated with CPC holders. Additionally, the session fostered constructive dialogue between the vessel operators and MARINA-Davao, fostering mutual understanding and cooperation towards the legalization of maritime activities.

This collaborative effort underscores MARINA's commitment to promoting safe and regulated maritime transport while fostering partnerships with local stakeholders for sustainable coastal development in the region.

MARINA - CDO Holds Dialogue with Camiguin Maritime Stakeholders

The MARINA Regional Office X (MRO 10) led by OIC-Regional Director Juliet S. Nacion conducted a dialogue with Mantigue and White Island passenger motorbanca operators, as well as Camiguin shipping companies on 11-12 May 2024.

The discussion covered a range of crucial topics including standard processing times for applications, safety and statutory certificates, harmonizing certificate releases, transitioning from Wooden-hulled Recreational Boat Certificates (RBC) to Certificate of Philippine Registry (CPR), updates on MARINA directives, and the significance of smoke signals in maritime operations. All raised issues and concerns were attentively addressed during the dialogue.

The dialogue also provided a platform to address concerns regarding the continued delay of trip schedules. Officials and representatives from Coast Guard Sub-Station Mahinog and Philippine Ports Authority Terminal Management Office of Benoni were present to engage in these discussions.



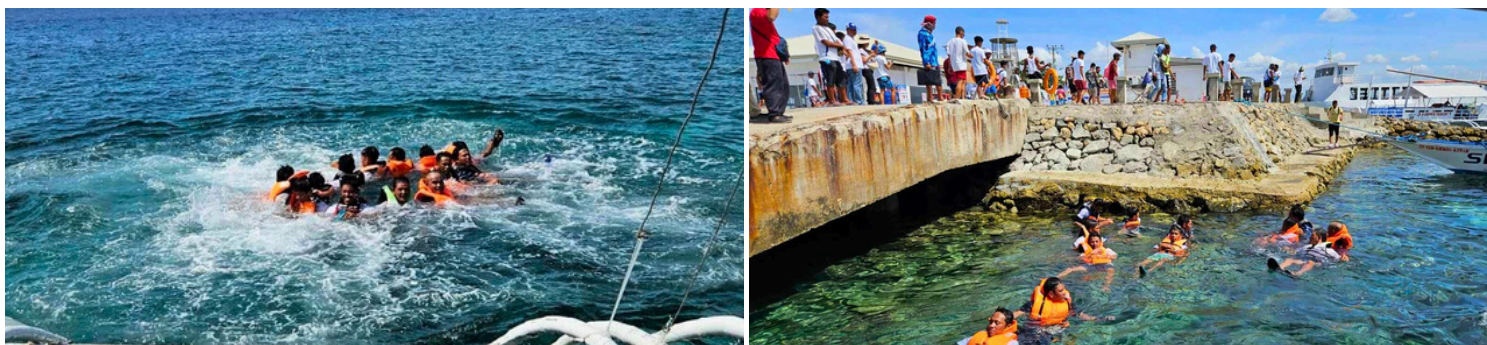
MARINA - Cebu Conducts Maritime Safety Training



The MARINA Regional Office VII (MRO 7), led by Regional Director Annabell P. Lagas, conducted a Modified Basic Safety Training (MBST) Practical Assessment and Examination for Boat Captain 1 (BC1) and Motorman (MTM) applicants, as well as a mobile registration event in the Municipality of Cordova, Cebu on 13-24 May 2024.

On the inaugural day, 193 trainees, including 88 new BC1 applicants, 61 new MTM applicants, and 44 renewal applicants, received comprehensive MBST training. Subsequently, the following day saw practical assessments and examinations for the applicants, ensuring their readiness and competence in maritime safety.

Moreover, the event featured a motorbanca inspection, examining 52 motorbancas—30 new and 22 renewal—to enforce heightened safety protocols.



MARINA - La Union Collaborates with Batanes Provincial Office to Boost Maritime Services



The MARINA Regional Office 1&2 (MRO 1&2), led by Regional Director Engr. Jedini Nur A. Sibal, paid a courtesy call to the Batanes Provincial Office (BPO), where they were received by Vice Governor Hon. Ignacio C. Villa, on 13 May 2024.

During the meeting, RD Sibal and Vice Governor Villa discussed strategies to enhance the accessibility and availability of government services in the region, while also reviewing the current MARINA safety policies and the challenges faced in their implementation.

In response, the BPO pledged to engage in collaborative efforts with various agencies and stakeholders to tackle these challenges. This courtesy call serves as one component of a series of planned activities for the province, including vessel inspections, registration processes, and the acceptance of applications for Certificates of Public Convenience (CPC) and seafarer-related documents.

MARINA - CARAGA, PCG Regional Forum Strengthens Maritime Cooperation

In a significant stride towards enhancing maritime safety and efficiency, MARINA-Caraga and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) convened for a regional forum on May 8, 2023, in Surigao del Norte. The forum assembled key industry stakeholders to deliberate on critical issues and collaborate on improving regulations and processes.

The forum was led by Dr. Ninfa D. Martinez - Regional Director of MARINA-Caraga, and Captain Christopher Auro - Commander of the Philippine Coast Guard Northeastern Mindanao (CGDNEM). Also present were the heads of the technical sections in MARINA CARAGA as well as the PCG District Commanders in the CARAGA Region.

The forum highlighted the need for collaboration between the PCG and MARINA to address common challenges and improve overall operational effectiveness, reflecting a shared commitment to enhancing maritime safety and security in the region.

MARINA discussed the critical Certificates issued by the Agency, vital for vessel safety, crew qualifications, and compliance with international standards. Attendees scrutinized the certification process, aiming to address concerns raised by the PCG during the forum.



MARINA Launches 'Ligtas Biyaheng Dagat Campaign' in Boracay: A Collaborative Effort for Enhanced Maritime Safety





DAY OF THE SEAFARER
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OATH TAKING CEREMONY FOR HARBOR PILOTS and MERCHANT MARINE OFFICERS
JUNE 25, 2024





NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The **Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA)** would like to inform all **Maritime Training Institutions (MTIs)**, **Assessment Centers (ACs)** and **seafarers** that the **Accreditation Division (AD)**, **STCW Office** located at the **MARINA Central Office, MARINA Regional Offices VI (Iloilo and Bacolod-Annex), XI (Davao) and XII (General Santos City)** will **NOT** be accepting and processing applications for Accreditation of Instructors, Training Course Assessors and Competency Assessors (IA) on **13-14 May 2024**, to give way to the Evaluator's Calibration and reskilling activity.

Acceptance of IA applications will resume on 15 May 2024.

For further inquiries and concerns, you can reach the AD through their telephone number **(02) 8310-0348** or its official email address at **stcw_accre@marina.gov.ph**

For information and guidance of all concerned.



Happy International Day for Women in Maritime!

Mabuhay ang kababaihan sa industriya ng maritima!

