



MARINA reports to DOTr the 2nd Quarter accomplishments and challenges

The Department of Transportation (DOTr) led by Secretary Jaime Bautista and key maritime officials from MARINA discussed developments, accomplishments of MARINA, as well as pressing issues and concerns in the Philippine maritime industry during the second quarter of this year.

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MARINA Holds FGD on Maritime Safety

In order to ensure maritime safety at all times and prevent maritime accidents/incidents in the country, a total of 160 MARINA personnel participated in the Maritime Safety Focus Group Discussion at Prince Hotel, Manila on 21-23 August 2024.



The event aims to check the capabilities of technical personnel and ensure a uniform understanding of the standards, rules, regulations, procedures, and guidelines that govern the conduct of inspection and survey of Philippine domestic ships. During the FGD, the participants were divided into 12 groups to identify all possible causes of accidents/incidents. They also identified measures in preventing accidents/incidents such as listing/capsizing/sinking; fire/explosion; grounding; man overboard; occupational accident; and ramming/collision/allision.

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MARINA, DAP Conduct Comprehensive Workshop on Regulatory Impact Assessment

Manila City — The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), in collaboration with the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP), conducted a workshop on the Basic Course on Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) from 13-16 August 2024.

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The Maritime Safety FGD outputs will be subjected to further discussion to identify responsibilities that will be specified in the Action Plan.

In her speech, MARINA Administrator Sonia Malaluan encouraged the participants to be open to new ideas, especially in discussing measures to enhance maritime safety. She reiterated that safety is non-negotiable and it is the utmost priority. Malaluan also emphasized the importance of recognizing the problem to focus on measures to address the same. The Administrator also highlighted the critical and primary responsibilities and accountabilities of MARINA surveyors/inspectors in ensuring the safety of

life and property at sea. She also emphasized the need to perform their tasks with unquestionable integrity, competence, due diligence, and professionalism.

Meanwhile, MARINA Deputy Administrator for Operations Nannette Z. Villamor-Dinopol highlighted that maritime safety is a shared responsibility. She was impressed by the depth of discussion that reflected the seriousness and painful reality of approaching the safety of maritime operations. She also mentioned the critical role of both government and private sector in upholding the standards that ensure the safety and integrity of vessels and maritime operations.

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Secretary Bautista presided over the 2nd Quarter DOTr-MARINA Senior Officials' Meeting at Primex Tower, San Juan City on 31 July 2024, where he emphasized that above anything else, safety should be the top priority. He encouraged the maritime officials to let all programs and actions in relation to the Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP) 2028 gear towards safety of the domestic and international shipping, shipbuilding and ship repair industry and maritime workforce. Secretary Bautista also assured the support and assistance of the Department to MARINA in order to achieve 'zero incident target.'

Further, MARINA Administrator Sonia Malaluan presented the Agency's accomplishments in the second quarter including the nationwide rollout of MARINA Blockchain Enabled Automated Certification System (BEST) and its efforts in enhancing maritime safety in the country. She also talked about the bilateral agreements on recognition of STCW certificates, maritime multilaterals and partnerships, proposed policy on the grant of operational flexibility to Philippine registered ships, operationalization of the MARINA Training Institute among others.

Malaluan also provided updates on the expanded Quality Management System of

MARINA, as well as the Philippine confirmation in the IMO whitelist, capacity building, priority of legislative agenda and promotion of investment opportunities in the maritime sector. The Administrator also stated the status of the ongoing activities, future activities for 3rd quarter of 2024, and other issues and concerns.

The meeting was attended by USec Elmer Francisco Sarmiento, ASec Julius Yano, MARINA Deputy Administrator for Operations Engr. Nannette Villamor-Dinopol, MARINA OIC-Deputy Administrator for Planning Ms. Nenita Atienza, STCWO Executive Director Mr. Samuel Batalla, MARINA Chief of Staff Engr. Ramon Hernandez, Planning and Policy Service Director Mr. Luisito delos Santos and Management Information Systems Service Director Mr. Joseph Victor Generato.



MARINA, DAP Conduct Comprehensive Workshop ...

The workshop was designed to strengthen the capabilities of MARINA personnel in performing RIA, a vital process for assessing the need for regulation and ensuring that regulatory reforms adhere to best practices.

In her message, MARINA Administrator Sonia Malaluan encouraged the participants to maximize the undertaking and recognize the RIA as an integral part of policy formulation. "Let us make the most out of this training as a testament to our unwavering commitment to

better serve the industry through better policies," she added.

The course targeted several key objectives, including understanding the rationale behind regulation, appreciating the significance of regulatory reform, and recognizing the role of RIA in formulating and evaluating regulations. Participants also received comprehensive training on the steps involved in conducting RIA effectively.



The workshop was conducted through collaborative sessions on essential topics such as Problem Analysis and Objective Setting, Options Identification, Impact Assessment, and Implementation, Monitoring, and Evaluation Planning.

Planning and Policy Service (PPS) Director Luisito U. Delos Santos concluded the activity by highlighting the need to empower staff to tackle the agency's challenges. He emphasized the importance of ongoing professional development and urged participants to apply their new skills to boost the agency's performance.

The RIA is a tool that enables governments to make more informed regulatory decisions by analyzing the potential positive and negative impacts of government actions through data and empirical evidence. For MARINA, this tool is instrumental in identifying effective solutions to address policy challenges and in crafting regulations that are precisely tailored to the unique needs of the maritime industry.



MARINA kickstart National Workshop on seafarer competence, monitoring and evaluation of METIs

In line with the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA)'s commitment to continuously strengthen its capabilities for effective monitoring and evaluation of Maritime Education and Training Institutions (METIs), the MARINA, through its STCW Office, has commenced a 10-day National Workshop on the Assessment of Seafarers' Competence and the Monitoring and Evaluation of METIs. The workshop is being held from 05-09 August 2024 and 12-16 August 2024.

The first week of the workshop focuses on the Assessment of Seafarers' Competence. During this period, participants will delve into best practices, methodologies, and standards for evaluating the skills and readiness of seafarers. This is crucial in ensuring that seafarers meet international standards and are fully prepared for the challenges of the maritime industry.

The second week of the workshop shifts focus to the METIs. This segment aims to enhance the quality and effectiveness of METIs by establishing robust evaluation mechanisms and ensuring that these institutions comply with the international standards.

Administrator Sonia B. Malaluan emphasized, "By re-examining our existing processes and capacitating our personnel with the necessary skills and knowledge, we aim to enhance our regulatory framework and ensure our continued compliance with international standards."

The workshop features esteemed experts with distinguished careers in handling IMO state consultations and audits: Prof.



Milhar Fuazudeen, Director of FinMar Consultants Ltd., and independent consultant Dr. Leslie Hemachandra. Their extensive experience and insights are expected to significantly contribute to the success of the workshop.

In addition to personnel from the MARINA STCW Office, the workshop is attended by representatives from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and various maritime stakeholders, including Maritime Higher Education Institutions (MHEIs), Maritime Training Institutions (MTIs), and Assessment Centers (ACs).

By continuously improving the assessment and evaluation systems, the MARINA aims to uphold the quality of maritime education and training and also to strengthen the country's position in the global maritime industry.



MARINA, ISA Collaborate on PGS Strategy Refresh to Enhance Agency Performance

Manila City —The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), in partnership with the Institute for Solidarity in Asia (ISA), conducted a three-day Performance Governance System (PGS) Strategy Refresh from 07-09 August 2024.

This initiative focused on enhancing the agency's capabilities by refining its strategic framework and pre-identifying key result areas to drive the achievement of MARINA's strategic goals. MARINA Administrator Sonia B. Malaluan highlighted the need for ongoing strategy review and alignment with current developments. "As we enter the proficiency stage of the PGS, we must institutionalize strategies to guide MARINA's future and stay relevant to stakeholders," she added.

During the event, participants revisited the strategy map, guiding the development of core roadmaps for MARINA. Group sessions were held to align perspectives and ensure cohesive strategies.

Additionally, the Strategic Change Agenda was discussed to accelerate the development of the Philippine maritime industry by 2028. Key areas include modernizing domestic fleets, enhancing the overseas shipping registry with clear legal

frameworks and digital processes, and promoting green shipbuilding and repair facilities. It also focuses on developing a skilled maritime workforce, improving safety and security, leading environmental protection efforts, building sustainable digital infrastructure, and adopting effective maritime governance.

A key part of the event was a session where MARINA Working Groups presented their roadmaps and scorecards to the Executive Committee and PGS Core Team. This review ensured alignment with strategic objectives and facilitated necessary adjustments for effective implementation.

Having achieved Initial Status in 2013 and PGS Compliant status in 2019, MARINA is now focused on revitalizing PGS implementation by pursuing the remaining stages of the pathway such as the Proficiency and Institutionalization Stages.

The agency plans to undertake necessary interventions for organizational alignment and validate breakthrough results as it advances on this strategic journey within the framework of good governance for the public sector.





“ASEAN: Enhancing Connectivity and Resilience”

ADMINISTRATOR’S STATEMENT

for the celebration of the

57th ASEAN FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

The Maritime Industry Authority joins the Southeast Asian community in commemorating the 57th Founding Anniversary of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

The Philippines was one of the founding members of ASEAN when it was established on August 8, 1967. Throughout the years, we have grown into a strong and resilient community, and we are continuously evolving to a more united and connected region.

This year’s theme will focus on ensuring ASEAN’s collective efforts in the strengthening region’s resilience and connectivity through intensifying ASEAN cooperation under the three community pillars: promoting infrastructure connectivity, narrowing the development gap, promoting greater economic integration and people-to-people exchanges and further strengthening ASEAN’s relations with external partners while maintaining ASEAN’s relevance and ASEAN centrality in the evolving regional architecture.[1]

As we celebrate 57 years of unity, MARINA reaffirms our unwavering commitment to being an effective instrument in realizing the ASEAN goal achieving and maintaining regional peace and sustainable development.

Thank you and Mabuhay ang ASEAN!

[1] <https://www.laoschairmanship2024.gov.la/theme/>



REGIONAL NEWS

MRO-Tacloban Conducts Training on Ship Handling and Engine Operation

The MARINA Regional Office VIII (MRO8) conducted a two-day training on Ship Handling and Safe Navigation 1, and Engine Operation and Maintenance 1 at the MRO8 Building on 27-28 August 2024.

Led by MRO8 personnel Engr. Kirstien Jane Pingol and 2/M Joelito Plazuela, the training aimed to enhance the skills of seafarers in domestic trade, with 19 boat captains and 10 motormen participating.

After completing the course, each received a Certificate of Completion, necessary for obtaining a Certificate of Marine Profession.

This is the first in a series of free nationwide trainings, with the next one set for 23-25 September 2024.



MRO-Iloilo Conducts Safety Training and Gender Awareness Session

The MARINA Regional Office VI (MRO6) conducted a Modified Basic Safety Training (MBST) and Gender and Development (GAD) Awareness Orientation at The Boat Club Iloilo on 08-09 August 2024.

Led by Regional Director Jeffrey A. Bangsa, the event was organized at the request of The Boat Club Iloilo, represented by Vice President Benjie M. Bastian.

Thirteen seafarers participated, including three motormen and ten boat captains from Guimaras Island and Iloilo City. The training, essential for obtaining maritime licenses, included lectures and practical exercises, with GAD topics to raise awareness of gender issues.

All participants passed the Oral Assessment of Competence on 09 August and are now eligible to apply for their Testimonial Licenses with MARINA.



MRO-Zamboanga, BMARINA Hold Capacity Development Training to Enhance Maritime Skills



The MARINA Regional Office IX (MRO 9), in collaboration with the Bangsamoro Maritime Industry Authority (BMARINA), conducted a two-day Capacity Development (CapDev) Training in Zamboanga City on 12-13 August 2024.

The training focused on improving the participants' skills in vessel registration, ship safety certification, and the issuance and renewal of seafarer-related certificates. MRO 9 Unit Heads, along with OIC-Regional Director Farida Cunanan, led the sessions as resource speakers, providing expertise on key industry topics.

Participants actively engaged in the discussions, particularly during the open forum, where they found the sessions highly relevant to their roles.

The event highlighted the commitment of MRO 9 and BMARINA to enhancing continuous learning and development within Mindanao's maritime sector, laying the groundwork for future collaborative efforts to enhance industry standards and empower maritime professionals.



MRO-Cebu Hosts Technical Visit to Dynacast Shipyard

The MARINA Regional Office VII (MR07), in collaboration with the Philippine Information Agency VII (PIA 7) and the Association of Government Information Officers VII (AGIO 7), organized a technical visit titled "Insights in the Modern Shipbuilding Industry" at the Dynacast Shipbuilding & Repairs Inc. in Danao City, Cebu on 29 August 2024.

During the visit, MR07 Naval Architects Jerse Denise Marielle Barba and Paul Kevin Acuno provided a presentation on the Classification of Shipyards in the Philippines. Dynacast Shipyard further enriched the experience by showcasing a video brief and leading a facility tour, where they demonstrated the construction and maintenance of Fiber Reinforced Plastic (FRP) ships.

The event concluded with a Question and Answer session, allowing participants to engage with experts on various maritime topics. AGIO7 Officers, representing different government agencies, expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to gain valuable insights into the shipbuilding sector.



MRO-CDO Holds 3-Day Safety Caravan in Iligan City

The MARINA Cagayan de Oro (MR010), led by OIC-Regional Director Juliet S. Nacion held the third batch of its 3-day One-Stop Shop Safety Caravan at Macaraeg-Macapagal House in Buru-un, Iligan City from 20-22 August 2024.

The event, which served coastal areas in Lanao del Norte and Misamis Oriental, included stakeholders' dialogue, vessel registration, and Modified Basic Safety Training (MBST).

A total of 50 trainees, including 16 women, completed the MBST focusing on typhoon preparedness and gender awareness. The initiative supports the agency's mission to legalize undocumented vessels and seafarers in the region.



MRO-Batangas Conducts First Nationwide Free Boat Handling Training in El Nido



The MARINA Regional Office IV (MR04), led by Regional Director Engr. Rizal J. Victoria, conducted the first-ever nationwide free Boat Handling and Safe Navigation Training for seafarers operating motorbancas in Philippine waters, with 64 participants aiming to qualify as Boat Captain 1, held in El Nido, Palawan, from 15-16 August 2024.

This initiative is in line with MARINA Circular No. MD 2023-01, which mandates that all seafarers operating motorbancas in Philippine waters must acquire essential competencies and knowledge to ensure safe navigation.

Following this, the Ship Handling and Safe Navigation 1 Training was held from August 27 to 29, 2024, at the MARINA Regional Office IV in Batangas City. This session saw 25 participants seeking Boat Captain 2 and Boat Captain 3 licenses, with a focus on vessels below 35GT and up to 100GT.

MARINA-Davao Attends Culmination Program for Davao Gulf Closed Season

The MARINA Regional Office XI (MR011), led by Regional Director Felisa N. Orongan and represented by Senior MIDS Imelda A. Gestopa and Attorney II Atty. April Gem G. Balucanag, attended the Culmination Program of the Davao Gulf Closed Season on 30 August 2024.

This event was held in compliance with Department of Agriculture -Department of the Interior and Local Government (DA-DILG) Administrative Order No. 02, Series of 2014, which enforces an annual fishing ban on small pelagic fishes in the Davao Gulf from June to August.

During the program, experts from Davao Oriental State University and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources



Region XI (BFAR-11) discussed the positive impact of the fishing ban, highlighting its role in replenishing fish stocks and sustaining the marine ecosystem in the Davao Gulf. They emphasized the importance of this conservation effort for ensuring the long-term availability of fish, which is vital to the livelihood and economy of coastal communities.

The culmination event brought together participants from the Department of Agriculture, Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine Ports Authority, City Government of Davao, academia from Davao Provincial State Colleges, and stakeholders from BFAR-11.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

ANNUAL PROGRAM OF ASSESSMENT OF OFFICERS ONBOARD MERCHANT SHIPS BELOW 500 GT OR WITH EPP BELOW 750 KW, FISHING VESSELS MORE THAN 3 GT TO BELOW 1000 GT, AND MOTORBANCA IN PHILIPPINE WATERS

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SCHEDULE OF CONDUCT OF TRAINING FOR SHIP HANDLING AND SAFE NAVIGATION 1-3 (SHSN1-3), ENGINE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE 1-3 (EOM1-3), BOAT HANDLING AND SAFE NAVIGATION – MBCA AND ENGINE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE – MBCA

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