



Latest AMWS E-News for July 2022

"Welcome to the July 2022 Edition of the AMWS E-News" - Chairman, Mr David Parmeter

"At AMWS, our Vision is To ensure all seafarers and their dependants irrespective of nationality, gender or beliefs, are treated with dignity, respect and compassion.

If we are to be serious about addressing seafarer welfare, we must also recognise the need to address gender equality in the maritime industry. Our focus in this edition of the E-news is on the challenges and opportunities faced by female seafarers within this historically male dominated industry. At a time when shipping needs all the motivated and capable seafarers it can train, there is a pressing need to ensure female seafarers are able to work in a safe and supportive environment. There are a number of articles that address this theme".



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Women in Maritime - IMO's Gender programme

Within this historically male dominated industry, the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) has been making a concerted effort to help the shipping industry move forward and support women to achieve a representation that is in keeping with twenty-first century expectations.

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["Turning the Tide" Link to IMO Youtube video on Women at Sea >>](#)



What is WISTA Australia?

The Womens International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA) Australia Pty Ltd is a non-profit organisation established in 2011 for women within the shipping and trade sectors to promote networking and educational opportunities for female participants in these industries for the betterment of the Australian and international trade.

Its aim is to provide an alternative networking, mentoring and educational opportunity to women within these sectors.

[Read more about WISTA's Australian activities](#)



Why are we still asking if women belong at sea?

Article written by Ally Cedeno, founder of "Women Offshore" - The Maritime Executive, May 2022

"Over the last year much has been written about female mariners and our role in the maritime industry; unfortunately, the tone and tenor of the coverage might unintentionally dampen the remarkable progress women are making in breaking into this male-dominated realm....."

[Read Ally's Complete Article >>](#)



Cadets story of rape at sea should challenge our gentle approach to empowerment. Daily Cargo News, 23rd June 2022.

A SITUATION from within the shipping industry spilled into mainstream newsfeeds recently. This is a rare phenomenon that only occurs when stories are big enough or dire enough to break through the surface of the maritime world. The story concerned a lawsuit brought against Maersk Line in the US. The case alleges the company failed to protect two cadets who were sexually harassed and assaulted at sea on one of its ships.

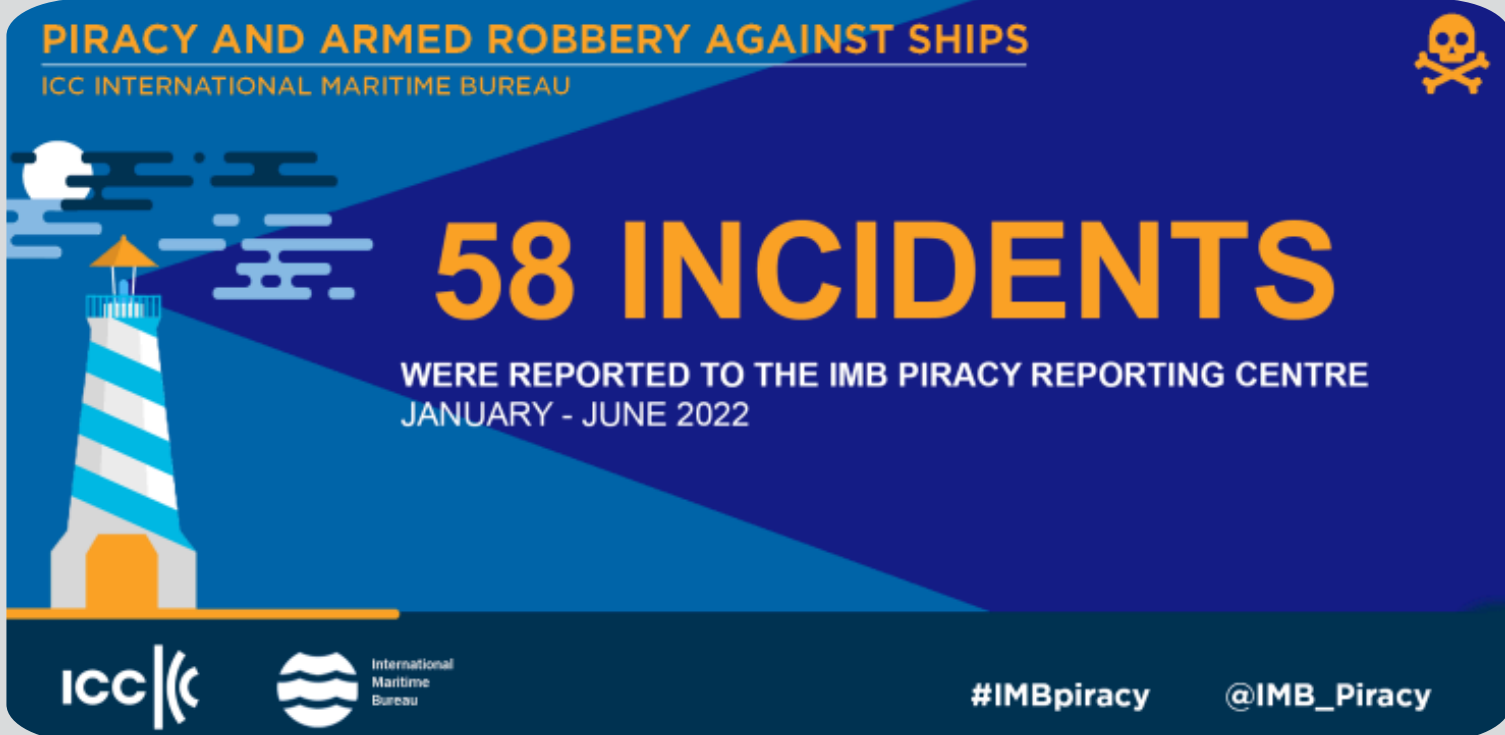
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The Sydney Port Community unites at Mission to Seafarers Inaugural Luncheon. 11th July 2022

More than 165 supporters gathered in Sydney recently to promote long-term support for the Mission to Seafarers. The Keynote Speaker, AMSA Executive Director Operations Michael Drake spoke about the challenges facing seafarers and the importance of the continued support that Mission to Seafarers provide. MTS Hope that this fundraiser will become an annual event.

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Some good news for seafarers. Global piracy and armed robbery incidents at lowest level in decades. IMB July 2022

The ICC International Maritime Bureau (IMB) received the lowest number of reported incidents for the first half of any year since 1994.

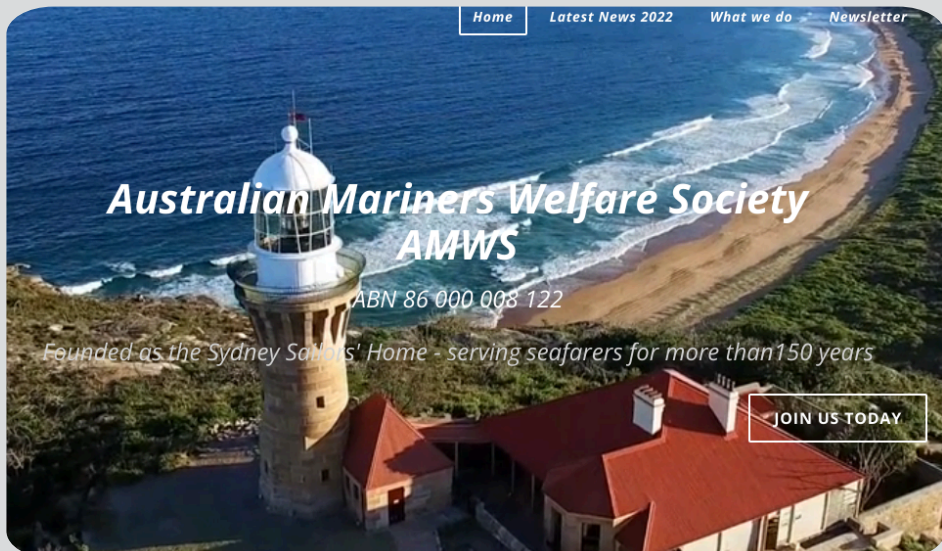
IMB's latest global piracy report details 58 incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships – the lowest total since 1994 – down from 68 incidents during the same period last year. In the first six months of 2022, IMB's Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) reported 55 vessels boarded, two attempted attacks and one vessel hijacked.

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Mr Graham Lightfoot AM. Personal reflections on 25 years as a AMWS Councillor.

"Refreshed from three and a half months as a "guest" of Saddam Hussein in Kuwait and Baghdad I attended my first social event back on home soil. it was the opening of Mariners Court at Woolloomooloo by the Governor of NSW Rear-Admiral Peter Sinclair on December 1st 1990".

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