



AMWS E-News July 2023

"Welcome to the July 2023 Edition of the AMWS E-News" - Chairman, Mr David Parmeter

"One of the most important events in the international shipping calendar is the International Day of the Seafarer, which is held every year on June 25th under the auspices of the International Maritime Organisation....."

[Video of Davids's full comments can be found here >>](#)

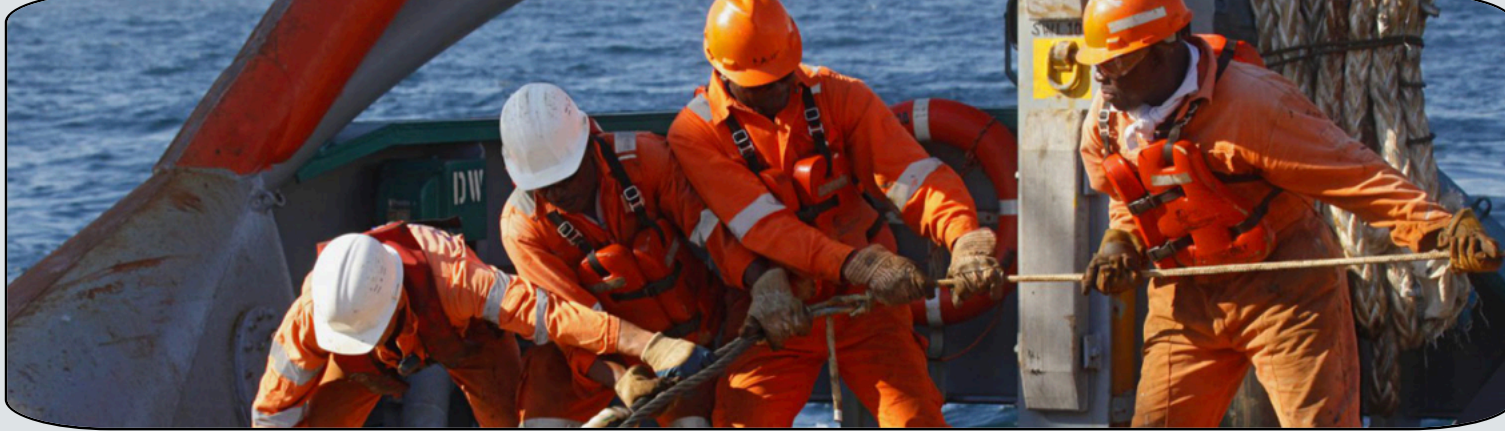


Captain Jeanine Drummond, AMWS Councillor, appointed Chair of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA). Daily Cargo News 5th July 2023.

Captain Jeanine Drummond has been appointed as the chair of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) Board, becoming the first woman to hold the permanent role. The federal government announced her appointment, along with the appointments of Dean Summers and Michelle Taylor as board members. Catherine King, the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, and Local Government, expressed her welcome and highlighted the significance of having a female chair and a board with majority female representation in the maritime industry. Drummond, an experienced harbor master and master mariner, has been a member of the AMSA board since 2020 and has made valuable contributions to various maritime projects, including safety management systems, pilotage standards, and maritime workplace inclusion.

AMWS Councillors and Members congratulate Jeanine on her appointment.

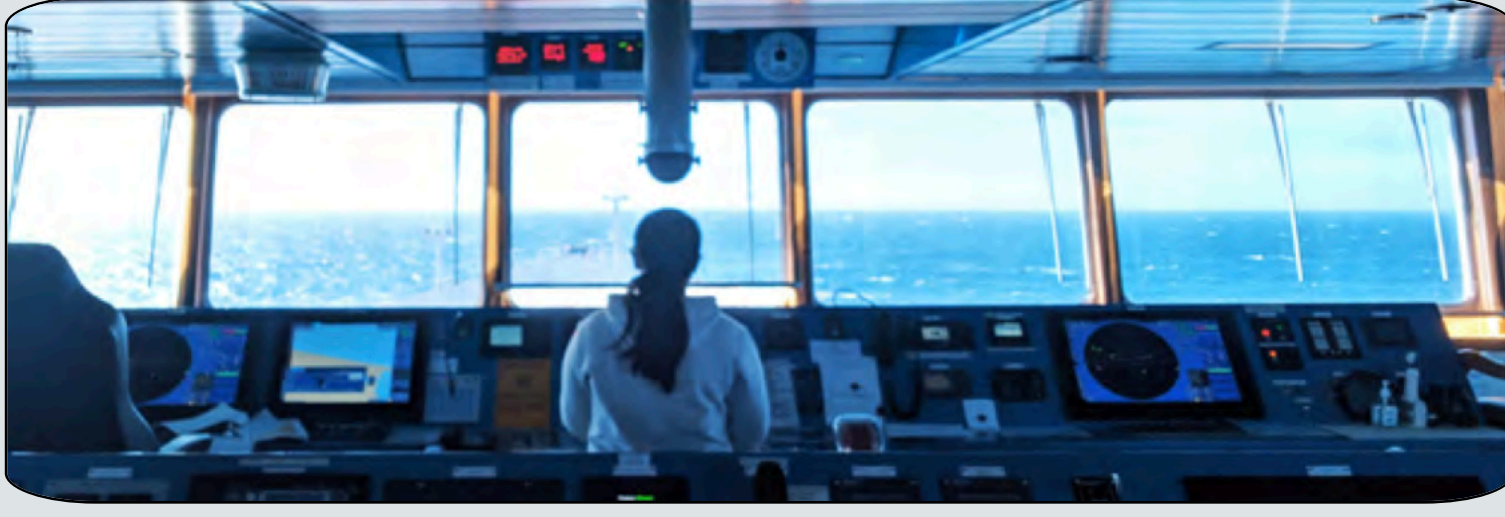
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Seafarer Welfare Organisations come together to address Abuse, Bullying, and Harassment at Sea. ISWAN, 4th July 2023.

A coalition of maritime welfare organizations, including The Seafarers' Charity, The Nautical Institute, ISWAN, HRAS, Safer Waves, UKSA, CHIRP Maritime, Befrienders Worldwide, and Tineke Zoet, have joined forces to combat abuse, bullying, harassment, discrimination, and violence against seafarers. By forming a network, they aim to promote safe working cultures, provide education, support, and solutions for seafarers' personal and psychological safety. The network will raise awareness, coordinate preventative measures, and collaborate on a long-term campaign to emphasize the importance of seafarers' well-being. Regular meetings will facilitate idea-sharing, collaboration, and decision-making to address gaps in services and resources.

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Transport 2040 - Impact of Technology on Seafarers - The Future of Work. ITF and WMU Study

On 26 June, the ITF and WMU launched the report "Transport 2040 - Impact of Technology on Seafarers - The Future of Work" at the International Chamber of Shipping's event in Manila. Key recommendations include providing seafarers with unlimited access to high-quality Internet, promoting social activities onboard, raising awareness about Internet overuse, and encouraging self-management skills for Internet time.....

Further, the rapid advancement of technology demands enhanced skills and competencies from seafarers. These requirements encompass industry-specific, technological, interpersonal, managerial, and creative skills. In an expanding global shipping market, seafarers must engage in lifelong learning and adapt to evolving tasks and roles. The transformative impact of technology extends beyond routine tasks to encompass analytical responsibilities, including automated decision-making.

[Access the full WMU Report here >>](#)



ISWAN launches survey to understand the impact of decarbonisation on seafarers. ISWAN 25th June 2023

On the Day of the Seafarer, ISWAN launched a survey to understand how rapid technological changes in decarbonizing the maritime industry impact seafarers' job satisfaction and well-being. The transition to alternative fuels and technologies poses challenges, requiring seafarers to quickly adapt. Factors like COVID-19 and crew change crisis intensify the demanding nature of seafaring, leading to recruitment and retention issues. The survey aims to assess the effects of decarbonization on seafarers' welfare and gather insights for better support in adapting to change.

[Learn more & access the Survey >>](#)



Ship Recycling Convention to enter into force. Daily Cargo News, 27th June 2023

Liberia and Bangladesh have ratified the International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, leading to the convention's implementation. As the latest countries to join, they meet the requirements for the Hong Kong Convention to take effect in 24 months, on June 26, 2025. The Hong Kong Convention aims to ensure that ships, when recycled, do not pose risks to health, safety, and the environment. The International Maritime Organization praised both countries for their accession and emphasized the significance of this development for the shipping industry, the marine environment, and workers in ship recycling nations. Bangladesh has made notable progress in improving its ship recycling regulations, while Liberia's accession enhances its regulatory framework. Other member states are encouraged to join the convention promptly.

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State of the Fleet Report 2022 - A strategic overview of maritime safety in Australian waters. Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), July 2023.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) has released its first State of the Fleet overview, summarizing its regulatory engagements with vessels and individuals operating in Australian waters throughout 2022, while also hinting at upcoming compliance priorities. In the mentioned year, AMSA carried out 2,671 inspections on domestic commercial vessels (DCVs), 2,405 on foreign-flagged vessels (FFVs), and 95 on regulated Australian vessels (RAVs). The authority received reports of 1,054 marine incidents involving DCVs, 3,837 involving FFVs, and 268 involving RAVs. Throughout the year, AMSA processed numerous certificates of competency for domestic seafarers under the National Law for Domestic Commercial Vessels, as well as for internationally qualified seafarers under the Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping (STCW)

Fast facts from 2022:

- Inspections: 2,671 domestic commercial vessels, 2,405 foreign-flagged vessels and 95 regulated Australian vessels.
- Reported marine incidents: 1,054 involving domestic commercial vessels, 3,837 involving foreign-flagged vessels and 268 involving regulated Australian vessels.
- Maritime Labor Convention complaints received and followed-up: 261
- Certificates of competency new or renewal applications processed: 8,889 under National Law (domestic seafarers) and 4,319 Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers under the Navigation Act (international seafarers).
- Certificates of operations for domestic commercial vessels: 1,888 new or renewal applications processed.
- Certificates of survey for domestic commercial vessels: 1,201 new or renewal survey applications processed.

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Monthly Section Illuminating Interesting Activities, Trends, and Developments within the Australian Maritime Industry



ACE Training Centre, Sydney. "World Best" practice HUET and Sea Survival facilities now available at Bankstown Airport.

The ACE Training Centre in Sydney houses a realistic and world best practice Helicopter Underwater Escape (HUET) and Sea Survival Training facility. It offers courses tailored to equip aviation and offshore marine industry personnel with vital skills for surviving emergencies in a simulated dynamic ocean environment.

The courses take place in a unique facility capable of producing wind, swell, rain, and night conditions.

Through highly realistic HUET training, students are prepared for emergency water landings and escape, while the sea survival course provides hands-on experience in launching and boarding liferafts, lifejackets, immersion suit usage, and sea survival techniques.

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The AMWS Vision

"To ensure all seafarers and their dependents, irrespective of nationality, gender, or beliefs, are treated with dignity, respect, and compassion".

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