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To the Members

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Dear Sirs,

SEA NEWS

"Sea News" is an innovative magazine format DVD programme produced by the Managers in association with Videotel Marine International, with the support of the Ship Safety Trust. Its objective is to inform seafarers on matters of topical interest, and to examine a case-study of an event giving rise to liability, loss or damage with a view to provoking thought that will hopefully result in the potential for such incidents to arise being reduced. The first two issues of Sea News are now available. Volume 1 covers the ILO Maritime Labour Convention, a casualty involving a pilot and poor bridge teamwork, the benefits of Computer Based Training (CBT), and the problems that can arise with the use of target tracking devices. Volume 2 focuses on environmental issues and examines the effect of climate change on maritime operations, the work of the IMO on environmental matters, MARPOL violations involving Oily Water Separators, and the safety of seafarers within the dock area. Further details of the latter are contained in the attached brochure.

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SEA NEWS Volume 2 is a news product from Videotel and Steamship Mutual.

A 25 minute, English language, magazine format programme, covering a variety of subject areas designed to provide topical, practical and essential information.


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VOLUME TWO of SEA NEWS focuses on environmental issues. We examine the effect of climate change on maritime operations and the initiatives that have improved shipping's green credentials. With the protection of the environment in mind, our case study in this edition examines MARPOL violations involving Oily Water Separators.

We begin by considering some of the symptoms of climate change that are already being experienced, and the effects these could have on the shipping industry, both at sea and in port. One example is the greater frequency of extreme weather conditions and the increased dangers this presents to shipping.

Salvage teams are one group facing growing challenges from dealing with ships that find themselves in difficulty during bad weather. However, these problems are not only caused by meteorological conditions but also from increased ship size and the nature of their cargoes. We talk to Geert Koffeman of Smit Salvage about these issues and the often complex range of commodities that comprise cargo, particularly on container ships.

After an overview of the potential dangers posed by climate change, we ask Miguel Palomares, Director of the Environmental Division of the IMO, to comment on the IMO's regulatory framework. This seeks to enable shipping to grow without adverse impact upon the environment, and figures show that IMO initiatives over the past decade have been instrumental in steadily reducing oil spills and pollution levels. This makes shipping the cleanest method of transport when compared with the environmental effect of moving an equivalent quantity of cargo by alternative means.

With the polar ice cap showing real evidence of shrinking, we look at the possibility of future transcontinental sea routes via the Arctic, before taking a close look at why regulations for the prevention of oil pollution continue to be infringed. Our case study in this edition concerns Oily Water Separators and violations of MARPOL. With the assistance of Faz Peermohamed, a partner in the London law firm Ince & Co., we examine the reasons and consequences of non-compliance with the regulations.

Finally departing from environmental issues, the programme shifts focus to highlight the dangers facing seafarers on passage from the gangway to the dock gates.

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