



Seafarers' Welfare Seminar

14 April 2011

Copenhagen, Denmark

What is it about?

Seafarers' Welfare is becoming an important issue. With the increase in the number of seafarers' being held in captivity by pirates, the impending ratification of the Maritime Labour Convention, and the problems of recruiting and retaining seafarers, the issue of the welfare of seafarers is now a major concern in the maritime industry.

The International Committee on Seafarers' Welfare, an international NGO backed by the International Shipping Federation, International Transport Workers Federation, and the International Christian Maritime Association, is organising a one day seminar at the Danish Shipowners Association in Copenhagen on Thursday 14 April.

The seminar will look at the current issues and problems facing seafarers' welfare. These include the welfare of seafarers and their families affected by piracy, communications at sea and in port for seafarers, and the using the Maritime Labour Convention to enhance seafarers' welfare.

Speakers so far confirmed include Peter Swift (ex Managing Director of Intertanko), Per Gullestrup (CEO Clipper Group), David Furnival (Group Managing Director Bernhard Shulte Shipmanagement), Connie Gehrt (Managing Director Seahealth), Torbjorn Husby (Norwegian Maritime Directorate), and David Deasley (ex Secretary General IMEC).

Who should attend?

The seminar is aimed at senior personnel involved in seafarers' welfare in shipping companies, manning agents, government maritime departments, and seafarer welfare organisations.

Where is it?

The seminar is being held on Thursday 14 April 2011 at the Danish Shipowners Association, Amaliegade 33 DK-1256 Copenhagen, Denmark from 9am to 5pm.

Cost

The cost is €100 per person from shipping companies, government departments, and other companies; €50 per person from seafarer welfare organisations.

The cost includes lunch and seminar documentation.

To register go to www.seafarerswelfare.org or email icsw@icsw.org.uk

The seminar is supported by the Danish Shipowners Association.





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The aim of the seminar is to bring together key players involved in seafarers' welfare from the shipping companies, unions, welfare organisations, and ports. The seminar will look at important issues and challenges involving the welfare of seafarers.

9.15

Chair's opening remarks

9.20

Keynote speaker - "Challenges facing seafarers' welfare - what do seafarers want & need." *Speaker from Danish Shipowners Association*

9.45

Developments in new technology & implications for seafarers' welfare.

Dr Olivia Swift (researcher into seafarers' access wifi/wimax in ports) & guest speaker - TBC

- Improved access to email & internet onboard - what does this mean for seafarers' welfare?
- How do seafarers' centre respond to changing technology
- Seafarers access to email & internet at sea & in port - how to make it more accessible

11.00

Coffee

11.15

Piracy & seafarers' welfare - *Peter Swift, Chair 'Maritime Piracy - A Humanitarian Response' & Per Gullestrup - CEO Clipper Group*

- What should shipping companies & crewing agents be doing?
- What should welfare organisations be doing?
- What is the support available for families while seafarers are held?
- What support is there for seafarers when they are released?
- Discussion

1.00

Lunch

2.00

Chair's opening remarks - afternoon session

2.10

Using the MLC to establish welfare facilities & structures in ports - *Torbjørn Husby, Norwegian Maritime Directorate & David Dearsley, ex Secretary General IMEC*
How can the MLC be used to enhance welfare services, facilities, & structures in ports?

- How can the MLC be used to set up new facilities?
- Examples of good practice in ports
- Discussion

3.15

Coffee

3.30

Welfare on board - case study of good practice

Mr David Furnival, Group Managing Director, Bernhard Schulte Ship Management (winner of ICSW International Seafarers' Welfare Awards Shipping Company of the Year) & Connie Gehrt, Managing Director, Seahealth

- Why crew welfare is important to shipping companies
- What are the practical steps for companies to take to improve the welfare services & facilities for seafarers.
- Discussion

4.30

Way forward - what the ICSW is doing

- The priorities for the ICSW
- How to work together
- Discussion

4.45

Chair's closing remarks