



The ASA *Newsletter*

2nd Edition, 2018

The ASA is represented by the following member associations:



Events : 2nd Quarter 2018

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Event</i>	<i>Organiser & Location</i>
21 April	Singapore Maritime Week Opening Ceremony Positioning For Future Growth	MPA, Singapore
22 April	1 st Maritime Knowledge Shipping Session: Disruptive Technologies and Cyber Risks	SMF & GIA, Singapore
24 April	Singapore Maritime Institute Seminar	MPA & SMI, Singapore
24 April	LNG Forum	Seatrade & SMF, Singapore
25 April	Shaping the Future Maritime Industry Through Digital Innovation	SMTC, Singapore
25 April	Standardised reporting of global piracy and armed robbery incidents	ReCAAP ISC-RSIS Maritime, Singapore
25 April	Seatrade Maritime Awards Asia	Seatrade, Singapore
26 April	Smart Technologies and Applications Track	SMTC, Singapore
26 April	Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM) Conference – Green Shipping. Blue Business. Moving Forward Together	Government of Norway, Singapore, Germany and Philippines
14-15 May	23 rd ASA Chairman's meeting & 27 th ASA AGM	HKSOA, Hong Kong
17-18 May	ICS Board Meeting & AGM	HKSOA, Hong Kong
30 May	Sinopec Marine Lubricants (Singapore) Partner Conference	SINOPEC, Singapore
12 June	ReCAAP ISC Piracy and Sea Robbery Conference 2018	ReCAAP, BIMCO, INTERTANKO, Hong Kong
19 June	Towards Safer Navigation – Lessons, Insights and Trends	MPA, Singapore
21 June	31 st Shared Awareness Meeting	IFC, SSA, Singapore

Feature Events

ASA 27th AGM, 15 May 2018, Hong Kong

The ASA held its 27th Annual General Meeting on 15 May 2018, Tuesday, at the Kerry Hotel, Hong Kong. Over 190 delegates and guests attended the ASA AGM held between 14 to 16 May 2018 that was hosted by Hong Kong Shipowners Association (HKSOA), with Mr Jack Hsu, Chairman of the 27th ASA presiding the meeting. In the light of its work done in the year, the ASA holds its AGM which serves as a place for information exchange and gathering with family and friends.



Mr Patrick Phoon, the ASA Honorary Treasurer stepped down from his designation during the 27th ASA AGM. Since inception of the ASA in 2007, the ASA Treasurer has secured 3 tranches of funding from Singapore government. He raised funds from the SGP government to set up the ASA permanent office in Singapore and he has worked for the ASA with great passion.

Mr Jack Hsu, Chairman of the 27th ASA presenting Mr Phoon a memento as a token of appreciation for all his years of contribution to the ASA



Joint social event for ASA, ICS and HKSOA in celebration of HKSOA 60th Anniversary, Hong Kong

The ASA AGM this year is special as the ASA and the ICS (International Chamber of Shipping) have arranged their AGMs on a back-to-back basis, with a joint ASA/ICS/HKSOA (Hong Kong Shipowners Association) social bonding day featuring golf, tennis and a family outing to Lantau Island on 16 May 2018 in celebration of HKSOA's 60th Anniversary. These joint activities are a reaffirmation of the good relationship between the ICS and the ASA, and provided the members a wonderful opportunity to network. Our appreciation to HKSOA for making this possible and for hosting the ASA 27th AGM.





ICS Board and AGM, Hong Kong, 16-18 May 2018

The ASA Sec Gen and Technical Manager, Captain Ang Chin Eng and Mr Dylan Ow, attended the ICS AGM hosted by HKSOA which allows the two associations to exchange ideas and information beneficial to each other. Below are the highlights of their events.



News Updates

Singapore Maritime Week Programme, 21-29 April 2018, Singapore

Singapore Maritime Week (SMW) is one of the world's leading maritime shows and is organised annually and driven by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA). Every year, SMW gathers the international maritime community for a week of flagship conference, dialogues, exhibitions and social events in celebration of all things maritime. The range of activities and events organised by MPA, industry stakeholders and research and educational institutions, as well as the cosmopolitan profile of the participants, reflect the vibrancy and diversity of Singapore as a global hub port and leading international maritime centre.

LNG Shipping & Clean Energy Forum

The Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Shipping and Clean Energy Forum is an exclusive one-day conference held in conjunction with the SMW. This conference featured the in-depth discussions on the macro outlook of LNG production and demand, shipping and regasification solutions and downstream markets including the development of small-scale LNG and LNG bunkering.



Singapore Maritime Technology Conference and Exhibition

In a strong demonstration of commitment to advance innovation and build technological capabilities, the MPA has signed five Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with local and international partners at the SMTC. These MOUs aim to catalyse research, innovation, as well as pilot adoption of emerging technologies and enhance information flow and connectivity within the maritime community. The SMTC will bring to fore top trends in digitalisation in marine sector.



Seatrade Maritime Awards Asia

The 11th edition of the Seatrade Maritime Awards Asia was a gala networking dinner to celebrate honour achievements from maritime individuals and companies. This event not only brings together leading senior maritime professionals in a gala networking setting but also seeks to recognise and honour achievements from maritime individuals and companies. The ASA Secretary General, Captain Ang Chin Eng was invited to be one of the judges for their judging panel. The ASA newly appointed Honorary Treasurer, Ms Katie Men was also awarded **Seatrade Young Person of the Year Award**.



ReCAAP ISC-RSIS Maritime Roundtable Synopsis, 25 April 2018, Singapore

Timely response from the relevant enforcement agencies is contingent on timely reporting received directly from shippers, be it the victim vessel or a vigilant passerby. To date, there are three reporting/ information centres in Asia. Many within the shipping industry remain confused with the role of ReCAAP ISC, IFC (Information Fusion Centre) and the International Maritime Bureau's Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) in Kuala Lumpur. The ReCAAP ISC, IFC and PRC are very different organisations that serve different purposes, and there are need to be a better understanding of how each of these institutions serves the interest of shipping industry.

In Africa, UKMTO serves as a reporting centre for piracy and sea robbery in the waters off Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden, while MDAT-GOG as a reporting centre for the incidents in the Gulf of Guinea. There are also regional reporting centres in these regions. The IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) Circular MSC.1/Cir 1334, recommends that ship masters are to report all incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships to the Rescue Coordinating Centre of the coastal states immediately. Yet, some sectors within the shipping industry feel the need to further simplify this reporting procedure. Proposals range from the establishment of a single piracy reporting centre (regional or global), to having only one phone number to call to report the incidents.

These proposals give rise to various questions on the priorities of the stakeholders and also the efficacy of existing procedures and centres. Questions to be discussed at the roundtable include:

- Are the existing procedure and existing reporting/information sharing centres effective?

- What are the key limitations to the existing procedures and centres?
- What are the key priorities and considerations for the ship when an incident occurs?
- What are the key priorities and considerations for enforcement agencies after receiving a report?
- In your opinion, why a single reporting centre is a viable/not a viable option?



Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM)

Shipping is one of the most energy efficient forms of transport but also a significant contributor to global emissions. The oceans are vital for global growth and prosperity. More than ever, the oceans are under pressure because of pollution and climate change. To achieve the goals of the UN 2030 Agenda, we need to make our blue businesses greener. This conference “Green Shipping. Blue Business. Moving forward together” was organised within the framework of the ASEM in Singapore on 26 and 27 April 2018. It provided the opportunity for authorities, businesses and organisations from all ASEM countries to share experiences, exchange ideas and discuss suggestions on how to promote a green shift in the maritime industry.

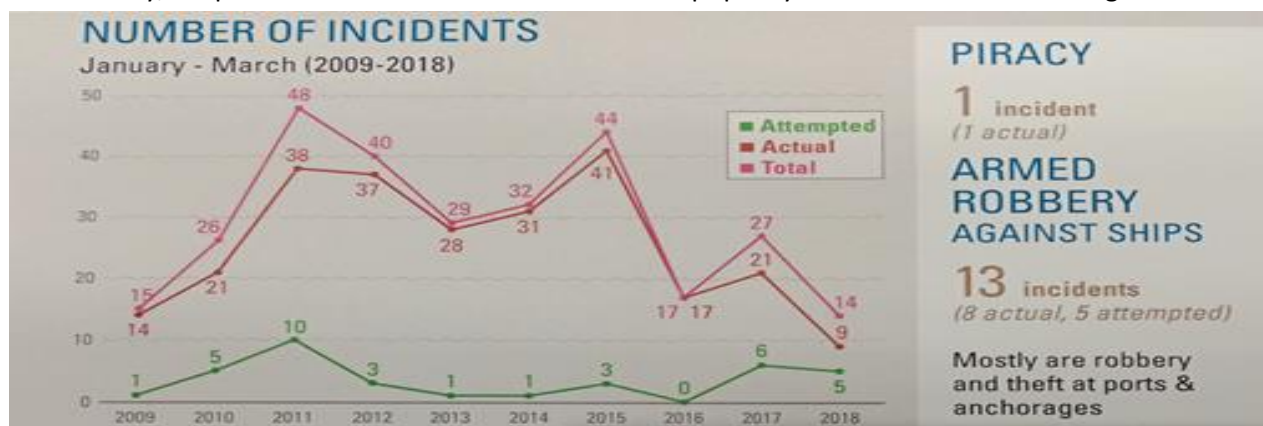


ReCAAP ISC, together with BIMCO and INTERTANKO, organized the ReCAAP ISC Piracy and Sea Robbery Conference 2018 in Hong Kong, China. The theme of the Conference was “**Counter Piracy: Proactive Response**”. The Conference aimed to provide a platform for sharing and exchange of views between the speakers/panellists and audience comprising government agencies, international and local shipping companies, seafarers and research institutes.



Overall situation of piracy and armed robbery against ships in Q1 2018 improved compared to Q1 2017. The number of incidents decreased by 48% and were relatively less severe compared to Q1 2017. No CAT 1 and CAT 2 in Q1 2018. There are improvements at ports/anchorages in Bangladesh and Philippines, no actual abduction of crew and no hijacking of ships for theft of oil cargo.

The ReCAAP ISC advises ships transiting the areas of concern to exercise enhanced vigilance, maintain look-out for suspicious approach by boats, report all incidents to the nearest coastal State and flag State immediately, keep abreast of the latest situation and adopt piracy counter-measures to mitigate risk.



Towards Safer Navigation – Lessons, Insights and Trends

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) held its 5th run of the annual Safety@Sea Week from **18 to 22 June 2018**. The Safety@Sea Week is one of MPA’s key events where they actively engage the local and international maritime community to raise awareness and exchange views on maritime safety. The main objectives of the International Safety@Sea Week are to instil a safety-first culture and mind-set, enhance communication and information sharing, and to improve the safe passage of vessels. Key events held during the International Safety@Sea Week 2018 are a two-day international conference, plenary sessions, thematic workshops, industry visits, a networking reception and a safety awards presentation. The theme for the conference is “Towards Safer Navigation – Lessons, Insights and Trends”



31st Shared Awareness Meeting (SAM), 21 June 2018, Singapore

The Information Fusion Centre (IFC) co-organised the 31st Shared Awareness Meeting (SAM) together with the Singapore Shipping Association (SSA) on 21st June 2018. They had specially arranged for the participants from the 8th Regional MARSEC Practitioner Programme (RMPP), representing regional and extra-regional navies and coast guards from 28 countries, to share their security mechanisms from various regions and perspectives with the shipping community. It was one of the few platforms where ship owners, charterers, managers and operators can engage maritime and enforcement agencies covering most of the regions worldwide.

The IFC is the regional Maritime Security (MARSEC) information-sharing hub that enhances understanding of the maritime domain through collective awareness and sense-making. The IFC has more than 80 OPCEN linkages across 40 countries and has 17 ILOs deployed in Singapore, with the likelihood of increasing the ILO subscription to 20 by 2019. The IFC conducts regular SAM for the maritime and law enforcement agencies and the shipping community to interact and share different perspectives on MARSEC issues. Merchant vessels are encouraged to send their position and incident reports and any sightings of anomalies through their administered Voluntary Community Reporting (VCR).



Regulation on the Minister of Trade of the Republic of Indonesia Number 82 of 2017 Indonesian New Cargo Reservation Rule on Export of Coal and Crude Palm Oil(CPO) and Import of Rice and Goods for Government Procurement

On behalf of the Asian Shipowners' Association (ASA) we respectfully convey our members' views and concerns regarding the captioned new regulation. The ASA is a voluntary organization of the shipowner associations from Australia, China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea and the Federation of ASEAN Shipowners' Associations comprising Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippine, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. The aim of the ASA is to promote the interests of Asian shipowners. ASA shipowners and managers control and operate around 50% of the world's cargo carrying fleet.

The ASA is of the view that this Ministerial Decree will affect international maritime trade and the competitive edge of Indonesian industry, especially in the coal/CPO industry, which currently retains the lion's share in the world. Similarly, this Decree, would be contrary to long-standing international practice and maritime free trade principles. It may also breach international agreements which Indonesia is a member of such as the obligations under the General Agreement on Trade in Service (GATS).

The introduction of a measure such as Article 3 in the regulation will lead to unfair competition and market distortion, an uneven playing field and potentially deter international shipping companies from investing in business in Indonesia. Thereby, there is a grave and imminent risk that this Ministerial Decree would affect both the international shipping markets and the Indonesian economy, despite the Decree's objective: the promotion of Indonesian trade and industry.

We are also concerned that as Indonesia is a one of the leading countries in Asia with a population of more than 250 million, such a protectionist measure could be emulated in other countries. Similarly, some countries affected by the Decree may adopt a retaliatory measure which restricts the shipment of certain export cargoes to their domestic shipping companies, and this will in turn disrupt efficient, reliable and reasonable world trade.

The ASA firmly believes that the international seaborne exportation and importation of any goods and products to and from any country should be based on the principle of free and fair market competitive conditions. The ASA is pleased to note the new Ministerial Regulation No. 48/2017 to postpone the application of the rules and if it allows the Government of Indonesia to deliberate and reconsider the implementation of this Ministerial Decree.

The ASA Newsletter is published by the ASA Secretariat.

The Asian Shipowners' Forum (ASF) was founded in April 1992 when its first meeting was held at the Japan Shipping Club in Tokyo. One of the most important shipping organizations in the world, the ASF consists of eight members from the Shipowners' associations of Asia Pacific nations, i.e. Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Chinese Taipei and Federation of ASEAN Shipowners' Associations (FASA), consisting of Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Collectively, the ASF membership is estimated to control about 50% of the world merchant fleet.

Following the principle agreed at the first ASF meeting, the venues for the annual meetings of the ASF have been conducted on a rotational basis by the members from the North to South in geographical order.

Five Standing Committees are formed in the ASF and each is headed by a nominated chairman. They are the Seafarers Committee (SC), Shipping Economics Review Committee (SERC), Ship Insurance & Liability Committee (SILC), Safe Navigation & Environment Committee (SNEC) and Ship Recycling committee (SRC). The work is basically done between the annual ASF meetings, with each committee being committed to convene at least one meeting a year.

To better reflect the work and progress of its members and committees, it was proposed at the 18th ASF Chairmen's meeting held in Beijing, China, on 19th October 2015 to have its name changed to Asian Shipowners' Association (ASA). Subsequently at the 25th ASF AGM, it was officially declared the change of name from ASF to ASA. The name change does not alter the values and objectives that it delivers but will continue to further enhance the work done by the Association. The Association will continue to use the abbreviated name of "ASA".