Evolution

the March of Assurance

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Highly Regulated to Less Regulated

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The important thing is that Evolution is the result of a natural process with a mechanism which is empathetic with the way that people function and learn. The other thing is that it is not Revolution – which has a lot more energy involved.

Risk is essentially a product of the interaction of people with fundamental elements of the marine operating environment.

Assurance is also a product in that it is a measure of the management of risk through several means.
Assurance is a mystical thing because somebody needs to be able to perceive of assurance before they can be assured, in response to their concerns – as perceived by themselves and others…

Regulatory mandates of liability can create an immediate and enhanced desire for assurance, particularly in people responsible for the conduct of operations

Maritime Operations generally carry risks – which are increasingly apportioned by commerce and law - to bodies private and corporate
Perception of Risk

Uninformed → Informed
Risk & Relativity – a human thing

- Assurance-required depends upon:
  - Perception of risk by the potentially liable
  - Appreciation of the possibility of assurance, and
  - What it could/should be....
Should assurance be just a shield hanged behind the hindquarters of the potentially liable – or should it be a well-informed navigation of well-understood risk, and a chart to efficiently accomplish a desired outcome?
Learning from Stuff

The getting of wisdom comes from learning from incidents and near misses.

Risk realised is the heart of every incident.

The trick is to learn and get wisdom from the misfortunes of others.

*There but for the Grace of God go I...*