



SEMAPHORE

Newsletter of the Maritime Law

Association of Australia and New Zealand



President's Message

MLAANZ Annual Conference – “SEA CHANGE – NAVIGATING THE FUTURE” – 12-14 September 2019, Auckland

We welcome you to attend this year's Annual MLAANZ Conference. The conference is being held from the 12-14 September in Auckland, New Zealand. The conference program will soon be released.

Please note CPD points are available. For those interested in knowing more about this, please contact your local MLAANZ Branch.

The theme of this year's Conference is “Sea Change – Navigating the Future”.

We will explore how the global digital evolution is rapidly penetrating and shaping the maritime sector, and how new technologies are propelling the maritime sector into the future.

We will discuss market trends, and the potential opportunities that digitization (in all its forms) may create for companies willing to embrace these technologies.

We will also consider some of the many challenges that the maritime sector may face regarding implementation of the digital evolution, from a logistics, business and a cultural perspective.

The breadth and complexities of the maritime sector is well recognized, with its broad spectrum of participants from different disciplines integrating into a single supply chain. How will each aspect of the supply chain be affected by digitalization and how can optimization be best achieved?

The impact of the digital evolution on the current legislative or regulatory regime is also fertile ground for debate (eg, can an unmanned autonomous vessel ever be “seaworthy” in the traditional sense of the term, or is the traditional meaning of “seaworthiness” in need of adaptation or reform?)

How will digitization impact of allied sectors such as the insurance market for example?

The conference will focus on the future of the shipping sector with the advent of digital transformation and new technologies.

Some specific topics to be considered will include: monitoring the fisheries sector, maritime cyber security, IMO's current priorities, future proofing the maritime sector, innovation and sustainability, the move toward clean ships and MARPOL, ship arrests and admiralty law topical issues.

The social events should prove to be entertaining and good networking opportunities.

A Vote of Thanks

Thank you to all of our speakers, making this an exciting thought-provoking programme.

I would also like to extend a thank you to our loyal sponsors for their ongoing support, which we welcome and appreciate.

New Members

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members and we look forward to their participation and involvement in the association:

- Kent Perry, New Zealand
- Chas Wang, Victoria, Australia
- Peter Beech, New Zealand
- Nicholas Thomas, Queensland, Australia
- Henry Wallace, New Zealand
- Anwer Syed Mohammed, Pakistan
- Chris Kaye, New Zealand
- Debra Angus, New Zealand
- Charlotte Robertson, New Zealand
- Annabel Young, New Zealand
- Simon Marshall, New Zealand
- Kalpna Naidu, New Zealand
- Fahad Raza, Pakistan
- Patrick Stratmann, Victoria, Australia
- Jodie Burger, Queensland, Australia
- Maja Linkinoska, Victoria, Australia
- Catherine Gleeson, NSW, Australia
- Paul Smit, Singapore
- Patrick Stratmann, Victoria, Australia
- Alastair Sullivan, WA, Australia
- Mark Blandford, WA, Australia

MLAANZ Arbitration

We welcome Anish Wadia, India to our panel of arbitrators.

CMI Questionnaire on Wrongful Arrest of Ships – CMI Project

CMI has launched a pilot exercise to assist it to determine what the next steps, if any, should be on its project concerning the wrongful arrest of vessels. All comments would be well received.

Kind regards

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