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HONG KONG MARITIME WEEK 2018



Riding on the success of previous editions, the Hong Kong Maritime and Port Board will organise the third Hong Kong Maritime Week (HKMW) from 18th to 24th November 2018. It will be a week packed with multifarious maritime-related activities not to be missed for industry luminaries, professionals as well as members of the general public!

HKMW 2018 will see the continued support of the co-organisers the Hong Kong Shipowners Association and the Hong Kong Maritime Museum, as well as the partners Hong Kong Trade Development Council and InvestHK. This line-up ensures a fabulous maritime week for the enjoyment of every participant.

Indeed, this year's HKMW will be of an even larger scale, with some 50 activities staged by over 50 local and overseas industry organisations, professional associations and corporations, such as Lloyd's List, Mare Forum, Marine Money, DNVGL, ABS, BIMCO, Mayer Brown, Norton Rose Fulbright and Lloyd's Register. A wide array of different kinds of activities will be featured, such as industry briefings, seminars, forums, conferences, corporate functions, networking sessions, visits, workshops, family fun days etc. Surely, the media partners Seatrade and TradeWinds will spread the words and news about the week far and wide.

Hong Kong Maritime Week Orienteering Race 2018 cum Opening Ceremony

The weeklong spectacle will start with the Hong Kong Maritime Week Orienteering Race 2018 cum Opening Ceremony. It will be held at 9:00 a.m. on 18 November at Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park. With the magnificent Victoria Harbour view as the backdrop, industry dignitaries and practitioners, government officials, as well as race runners, will celebrate the opening of the HKMW together.



Please stay tuned and visit www.hkmw.hk for the latest HKMW news! More importantly, mark your diary on 18-24 November 2018!

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Activity Calendar

18 Nov Sun	19 Nov Mon	20 Nov Tue	21 Nov Wed	22 Nov Thu	23 Nov Fri	24 Nov Sat
Hong Kong Maritime Week Opening Ceremony	Asia Maritime Breakfast Briefing: Sulphur Cap 2020	Asian Logistics and Maritime Conference		Hong Kong – London Maritime Day: "Natural Partners in Maritime Business"	GS1 Hong Kong Belt & Road Forum 2018	CILTHK Seminar Series: Updates on Maritime Regulation & Compliance Issues
Hong Kong Maritime Week Orienteering Race	Maritime casualty and salvage response: Issues, considerations and pitfalls	Hong Kong Shipowner Seminar: Cyber Security Strategies – from Board Room to Bridge	Mare Forum Hong Kong 2018	Impact of New Regulations: Dilemma for Shipowners & Managers	Marine Insurance: risks & interpretation -- A Chinese-English Law Dialogue	Visit to The Hong Kong Shipyard Ltd
Family Fun Day	Pilotage Operation		Visit to Navigation Simulation Training Facilities		Hong Kong Maritime Week 2018 – Mock Arbitrations	Technical Seminar on Marine Engineering and Technology
			Ship Models Exhibition @ HKMM			
Maritime Economy & Career Planning: New Thinking, New Challenges Joint Seminar	School Programme (Visit Hong Kong Maritime Museum & Maritime Services Training Institute)					"Opening Ceremony of STEM x Ship Design Competition cum Workshop on Introduction to Ship Design"
	Lloyd's List Hong Kong Business Briefing	When Hong Kong Lawyers Meet Shipping Enterprises	Tugboat Visits	Maritime Cyber Security & Blockchain: Are Insurers Prepared?	Tour of Modern Terminals	
Tugboat Visits		Global Sulphur Cap 2020 – Managing the Transition for Tomorrow – Preparing Today	Forum on "Maritime Professionals in the Modern Era and outlook"	DHL Central Asia Hub Study Tour	Maritime Services Training Institute Open Day	
	ABS Seminar on "Environmental Regulatory Update & Compliance Options" cum Cocktail Reception	The WISTA Debate – This house believes that autonomous shipping will not be a reality	Visit to Hongkong International Terminals	DNVGL Bulk Carrier & Tanker Forum 2018	Visit to the Cruiser	Pi's Adventure in Victoria Harbour
	Effective Dispute Resolution for the Maritime Industry	Marine Money Ship Finance Networking Reception 2018	The Future of Shipping & Logistics	Forum on Southern Corridor	Visit to Government Dockyard and Sharing of Interesting Maritime Cases	Fun "Education Articulation Game" Booth for Maritime Studies
	Hong Kong Shipowners Association Annual General Meeting and cocktail reception	Port of Hamburg Evening Reception	Shaken Not Stirred Networking Drinks	Upcoming Opportunities in Autonomous ship, Marine insurance and Southeast Asia	Freight Quotation & Settlement - E-Platform & Other Value Added Services	
	DMUHKMAA Cocktail Reception	SCLP Networking Mixer	Cruise Ship Safety	Ship Finance Panel Discussion & Cocktail	Hong Kong Shipowners Association 60th Anniversary Gala Dinner	
				The Nautical Institute "Criminalization of Seafarers" Panel Debate		

Activities covering the following themes. For details, please visit www.hkmmw.hk.

- Ship Finance
- Port & Logistics
- Ship Management
- Education & Career
- Marine Insurance
- Shipping & Maritime
- Maritime Technology
- Maritime Law & Arbitration



Feature Article

Young Maritime Professional in Hong Kong



Mr Devin SIO, a young maritime barrister with professional qualifications in maritime law and arbitration, shares his valuable experience and suggestions to the younger generation who may be interested in a career in the maritime industry, in particular the field of the maritime legal services.

As we know Hong Kong is a well-known regional hub port with excellent connection with all parts of the world. Complicated processing procedures involving maritime common law and international law are necessarily derived to enable goods to be shipped through Hong Kong to the Mainland and the rest of the world. Because of the global nature of the shipping industry, maritime law is, undoubtedly, indispensable. In his experience, Devin considers it important for the younger generation who are interested in the maritime law career to be fully aware of the key success factors of the industry.

First of all, Hong Kong has a competitive edge in language. English is a common language for the international maritime system and international law, while Chinese is the language of the Mainland law. Maritime lawyers brought up under the Hong Kong education system enjoy the advantage of biliterate (Chinese and English) and trilingual (Cantonese, Putonghua and English) language abilities. It is definitely an edge to be able to communicate with and offer legal instruments in both Chinese and English to clients in the region and internationally.

The path of becoming a maritime lawyer is rather challenging but rewarding, Devin pointed out. To become a maritime solicitor, one must first obtain a bachelor's degree in law from a university or possess equivalent qualification. After that, he or she must complete the one-year Postgraduate Certificate in Laws or equivalent overseas courses recognised in Hong Kong. Having passed the examination, he or she must serve as a trainee solicitor in a shipping law firm to receive two years of practical training. After completing the training and admitted as a solicitor to the High Court of Hong Kong, he or she will be qualified for practice.

There are various channels for fresh lawyers aspiring to further develop in the maritime sector to enhance their professional knowledge in maritime. For example, a beginner may study cases of certification and licensing of local vessels in the context of the relevant maritime legislation, which is the basic knowledge one must have in order to provide professional maritime legal services.

For young maritime lawyers, international law is the foundation of the profession, and continued development and learning is the key to success. Devin encouraged young lawyers to enhance their professionalism and competitiveness by taking different study or training schemes available, e.g. the Maritime Law Scholarship Scheme set up by the Government to build up a pool of maritime law professionals who are expected to serve the Hong Kong maritime sector in the future. He also encourages fresh maritime lawyers to actively participate in the academic exchange activities and grasp the opportunity to enrich and get familiar with the maritime law in the Mainland. This will certainly benefit their future career development.

Hong Kong's maritime law is recognised as one of the most advanced legal systems in the world with a very high standard. It is also considered one of Hong Kong's highly competitive professional services in the international arena. Devin pointed out that many talents in maritime law are occupying key positions in law firms, shipping companies, insurance companies, international arbitration bodies etc. "The field of maritime law actually offers a very clear prospects," said Devin, "and there is a lot to explore in the rewarding maritime legal profession for our young people!"