

International Day of the
SEAFARERS



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— 25 JUNE —

CEO's Message



NMSA CEO

IN 2010, the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), decided to designate June 25th as the International Day of the Seafarers as a way to recognize that almost everything that we use in our daily lives has been directly or indirectly affected by sea transport.

The purpose of the day is to give thanks to seafarers for their contribution to the world economy and the civil society; and for the risks and personal costs they bear while on the job.

According to IMO's estimates, ships transport almost 90 percent of the world's goods trade. Seafarers are not only responsible for the operations of such ships, but also responsible for the safe and smooth delivery of the cargo.

The day not only acknowledges the invaluable work of seafarers, but also aims to bring global attention to the issues affecting their work and lives, such as piracy. It calls on governments to develop policies that lead to fair treatment of seafarers at ports, and asks private shipping companies and owners to provide their employees proper facilities and comforts while they are at sea.

The National Maritime Safety Authority (NMSA) observes this Day annually and this year is no

exception. This year theme- 'Your voyage-then and now, share your journey'. The theme places emphasis on looking at the voyage of the seafarer, what it includes and how it has evolved over time.

This also provides an avenue for seafarers to share what resonates with them currently, whether it's the crew change crisis being unresolved or the future of technology.

This year marks the 12th Anniversary of the Day of the Seafarers.

NMSA observes this Day, and further encourages all to acknowledge the hard work by our seafaring community. These are men and women, who continued to serve our country with essential goods and necessities.

Seafaring is one of the oldest professions and continues to be an important profession, as it enables the efficient and effective movement of goods and supplies globally and locally. Seafarers are often overlooked, invisible and under-acknowledged but their work is certainly indispensable.

NMSA acknowledges and wishes seafaring men and women Happy International Day of Seafarers 2022.

IMO Secretary General's message

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

For the 12th time, we celebrate the International Day of the Seafarers on the 25th June.

Since its launch in 2011, the day focuses on public attention on the contribution made by seafarers to the entire global community, and this year's theme celebrates maritime voyages and journeys.

Everyday, hundreds of thousands of seafarers are commuting on ships, while others take their well-deserved break-getting ready for their next voyage. Their ships are key movers of global trade, and engines of the global economy, transporting cargoes such as food, medicine, electronics and more.

Without seafarers, there would be no shipping and this day, every year, gives us a chance to recognise and pay tribute to seafarers everywhere, whatever their voyage.

Shipping and the call of the oceans, form a way of life. It is a meaningful, important career that provides a solid foundation for life and offers endless opportunities to learn and progress.

This noble profession is something that I hold close to my heart and for many of us, our voyages are the start of a lifelong maritime journey.

My own maritime journey has enriched my life. It allowed me to gain skills as a seafarer on ships and then to apply that knowledge and experience ashore.

My journey took me from serving as a cadet at the Korean Maritime Academy to studying at the World Maritime University.

I served in the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries in the Republic of Korea and represented my country as a delegate at IMO meetings. Then, on to the Port of Busan Authority, where I was its president, before arriving at my current role as Secretary-General.

Each seafarer's journey is unique. Yet many of the

challenges and opportunities are shared.

After two years, the COVID-19 pandemic still presents a challenging working environment, with continuing difficulties in conducting crew changes, and gaining access to medical care and the shore level. IMO continues to urge States to support seafarers by designating them as key workers, so that every seafarer's maritime journey can move into smoother waters.

On this Day of the Seafarers, we also look to the future. New technologies, new equipment, and the need to make shipping greener will provide new challenges and opportunities. I am sure you will rise to those challenges and pave the way for more sustainable shipping in the years to come.

This year's Day of the Seafarer theme is "Your voyage-then and now. Share your journey" and I invite you to share photos from your first voyage and your most recent voyage on social media.

You may be new to the profession or perhaps you have been sailing for decades.

We want to hear from you. Please tag IMO in your photos so we can see how far you have come in your journey-and to celebrate your progress.

We invite everyone to use the hashtag #seafarer Journey, whether you are seafarer yourself or paying tribute to them.

I look forward to seeing your pictures, reading your comments and enjoying our voyage together.



All in a day's work for Tarireta

DEDICATION, hard work and motivation are the qualities that drive someone to go beyond their comfort zone to ensure that ships that enter our wharves carrying cargo for resource projects, or for other businesses in the country are safe and sea worthy.

And this is no exception for the National Maritime Safety Authority's (NMSA) Marine Engineer & Ship Inspector, George Tatireta.

Tatireta, a marine engineer by profession began his career in the maritime industry in early 2000 as an engineer with the Consort Shipping Company.

When asked about the mechanisms of a ship engine, he said that all marine engineers have to know this expanse like the palm of their hands; from the make model to the last detail.

He worked his way from being a cadet from the Papua New Guinea Maritime College in Madang to now a Chief Engineer.

Tatireta served Consort Shipping Company distinctively over the years in numerous capacities as a cadet engineer right up to a senior engineer and has a wealth of experience doing sea-time both within the country and overseas.

Being from a mix parentage of Central {PNG} and a neighbouring Pacific Island country in Micronesia called the Republic of Kiribati, he brings with him a wealth of experience and is well versed with the sea and passionate about his job.

Tatireta learnt his trade after graduating from grade 12 at Mount Hagen High School in 2001 and directly enrolled at the PNG Maritime College under the marine engineering cadetship program.

After completing the academic requirements with the College, he joined Consort Shipping Company as a trainee where he underwent several training



courses whilst working before obtaining a Class 2 Engineer Certificate of Competency at the PNG Maritime College in 2009.

And later after five years, Tatireta obtained his Class 1 Engineer status.

In 2019, he joined NMSA as a Senior Qualifications Officer- Engineer & Ship Inspector and is currently attached with the Qualifications and Crew Matters Department.

Tatireta said: "Since there are two Senior Qualifications Officers, I 'am titled Senior Qualifications Officer-Engineer.

"The title Ship Inspector has also been given to me to assist the Ship Survey and Inspections Department...but to fully implement that role, I will have to be a Gazetted Ship Inspector and I can't wait for this to happen," he said.

He further added that he is passionate about the job he does and always look forward to work every

day. He acknowledges the challenges with family obligations and being a good person that provides that drive for him to work effectively and efficiently in carrying out his duties.

Tatireta said his advice to young Papua New Guineans who want to take up a career in the maritime industry is "Do not compromise safety in anything you do in life. Safety is significant as it protects human lives and the marine environment."

NMSA always strives to ensure that a safe maritime industry in PNG contributes in the greatest extent possible to the long-term economic development of the country. As the Maritime safety regulatory Authority, NMSA sets the Maritime safety standards in line with international best practise and ensures all vessels operating in PNG waters are in compliant with various IMO, ILO Conventions and PNG domestic legislations.

NMSA to celebrate day with National Fisheries College

THE National Maritime Safety Authority (NMSA) will have a joint commemoration with the National Fisheries College to mark this year's Day of the Seafarers.

The Authority co-funded the fisheries college's commemoration of the 2022 International Day of the Seafarers which will include the hosting of an Open Day.

The International Day of the Seafarers which is annually observed on the 25th of June, recognises the seafarers' contribution and with recognition on the role that our seafaring men and women have contributed globally and domestically and most especially during the past two years where this very unprecedented time of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic still presents a challenging working environment for both

men and women seafarers.

This year marks the 12th Anniversary of the Day of the Seafarer with the theme "Your voyage-then & now. Share your journey".

As NMSA joins the college to observes this Day, it encourages all to acknowledge the hard work by our seafarers to the entire global community and this year's theme celebrates these men and women's maritime voyages and journeys.

The commemoration will commence as early as possible with a march which will see students from the college parade the streets of Kavieng right through to the Fisheries College. Shortly after that, an open day will be staged which will see the fisheries students display their skills and knowledge about their fisheries and seafaring career to the general

public in Kavieng town. The International Maritime Organisation (IMO), sanctioned the 25th June every year as the International Day of the Seafarer, in an effort to educate and raise awareness on the steadfast sacrifices and invaluable contribution that seafarers make to ensure the facilitation of world trade and economy.

NMSA observes this Day annually and this year is no exception. This year's theme places emphasis on looking at seafarer's voyages, what it includes and how has it evolved over time and what remains at the sea of seafarers' reality.

This also provides an avenue for seafarers to share what resonates with them currently, whether it's the crew change crisis being unresolved or the future of technology.



The Crewing & Qualifications Department ensures that Seafarers training, certification and qualifications to serve in various capacities at sea, comply with International Conventions and National laws and regulations. This includes but not limited to:

- The IMO STCW Convention and Code;
- PNG Merchant Shipping Act;
- PNG Merchant Shipping STCW Convention Regulation;
- IMO SOLAS Convention;
- IMO MARPOL Convention.

The Department also ensures that competent, certified and medically fit seafarers safely run these ships.

Its core function includes seafarers training, certification and qualifications to run the ships operating on the near coastal and unlimited training areas as well as vessels and their manning requirements for various operations and areas of operation.

Priority actions undertaken by the team to meet the two main objections are grouped in four main areas:

1. Training
2. Examination
3. Certification
4. Watchkeeping

The Theme for this year is quite fitting as it complements the Department's roles and responsibilities to ensure that the wellbeing and livelihood of the seafarers within the country are taken care of.



NMSA Ship Inspectors conducting ship inspection in the engine room.

Meet the **CREWING & QUALIFICATIONS** team:



Acting Manager Crewing & Qualification, Captain Ivan Lamboku oversees the running of the Crewing and Qualifications Department work activities and provides advice on issues relating to crewing and qualifications to other line Managers and the Executive Management as and when required.



George Tatireta who is the Senior Qualifications Officer/Ship Inspector (Engineering) says his role is to ensure all seafarers qualifications are properly monitored and certified in line with International Convention of Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) apart from other related matters of crewing and qualifications.



Seafarers Qualification Officer, Ms Cindy Manau's role involves daily interaction with seafarers or through respective crewing officers mostly to do with their sea going documents. She's in charge of processing of the near coastal Class 4 down to the ratings as well as other documents such as crewman's employment record book, oral exam applications, assessment of sea service, crewman ID card and any other related queries. Manua is also part of the Department's Audit team that does the audit of the Maritime Training Institution.



Liosi Leo is the Deck Qualification Officer who is responsible for the handling and process of various certificates and STWC Marine certification and endorsements for masters and mates and engineer officers issued by the Papua New Guinea National Maritime Safety Authority in accordance with the provisions, standards and requirements of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO-STCW 1978 as amended Convention and Code for Watchkeepers, in which PNG NMSA is a Member State or party.



Seafarers Registration Officer, Nathan Vanua roles and responsibilities is to establish a database for qualification systems for PNG seafarers are developed in accordance with international conventions and national coastal trade qualifications, by monitoring and maintaining systems with integrity.



Labour Shipping Officer, Chrisman Sumba roles and responsibilities is involves ensuring the Seafarers welfare whilst onboard vessels as well as discharge of seaman are made in accordance to the relevant laws and act, etc.