

NEWSFLASH

Chairman's Message 2018 at a Glance



This past year has seen some marked developments in shipping as well as with the BMA and BSA.

Clearly one of the most notable developments was the decision on the IMO GHG Strategy at MEPC 72 this spring. This is a crucial change which will have far reaching effects not only on the climate, but of course for the way we operate in future. As it happens, I recently chaired the newly reconvened MGM Working Group. Our Manager, Anders Brodje, represented the BSA and together with other Shipowners Associations, the ICS, BIMCO, INTERTANKO, INTERCARGO, and the WSC, we discussed future options on how to achieve the goals of the IMO GHG Strategy.

Throughout the year there has also been a gathering interest in and around Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships, or MASS for short, and its implications for our seafarers and operations generally. It is becoming increasingly clear that although some technology is available, there are numerous questions still to be answered. The ICS presented a report on MASS in mid October, through the Hamburg School of Business Administration and where Anders Brodje was one of the co-authors. It was an attempt to answer some of those important questions from a shipowners perspective. The BSA AGM this year also had its focus on automation, and our speakers this year discussed challenges with increased automation and the benefits of having crew onboard.

Our work together with the BMA is as always of mutual benefit. As I am sure some of you may already know, the BMA opened an office in Tokyo in November in order to better serve the Japanese market. This is part of a long term BMA strategy and is a very significant development, and the BSA is very happy to support this initiative. You will be able to read more about the Office opening further on in this NewsFlash.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank you, our members, for your support and extend Season Greetings to all of you and best wishes for a Happy, Healthy, Safe and Prosperous New Year!

John Adams
Chairman

Proactively pursuing the interests of our Members closely collaborating with Flag State and influencing industry.

2018 has been a very interesting year. Our Secretariat is continuously working on supporting our members and we are grateful for the encouraging voices we hear from around the members. Some of the highlights this year has been:

- The BSA BoD met in Copenhagen for the first meeting of year in mid-March after which a separate meeting was held with BIMCO as reported on in the Q1 NewsFlash.
- The agreement on the IMO GHG Strategy in April at MEPC 72 based on the proposal by the ICS and negotiated under the auspice of BSA Chairman John Adams through the MBM Working Group.
- BSA was represented, as part if the Shipowners group, at the ILO Special Tripartite Committee meeting on the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) in late April and as a result will participate at the coming ILO meeting in February 2019 as the Shipowner group specialist on automation and human factors.
- BSA represented at the ASA AGM discussing SMART shipping as well as the ICS BoD meeting and AGM in Hong Kong in mid-May as reported on in the Q2 NewsFlash.
- In early June the BSA held its second BoD meeting in Athens on the opening day of Posidonia 2018. The meeting was kindly hosted by our former Chairman Mr George Pateras at the Hellenic Chamber of Shipping.
- The annual BSA meetings with USCG and EPA were held on 4th and 5th September as has been reported on in the Q3 NewsFlash. A small reception was also held with invitees from a number of key organisations based in the USA, e.g. Chamber of Shipping in America and CLIA.
- On 16th October the BSA AGM was held in London. The theme for AGM was Automation, focusing on consequences of automation onboard from a Human Factors perspective.
- BMA opened an office in Tokyo to better be able to serve our Japanese members early November. BSA was represented at the events and connected meetings.
- The reconvened MBM Working Group held its first meeting in early December. The meeting was chaired by the BSA Chairman and the BSA was represented by the BSA Manager.

IMO meetings

Since the last NewsFlash in September, the IMO has held three meetings: MEPC 73 22 - 26 October, Council 19 - 23 November, and MSC 100 3 - 7 December. The BSA was represented at the two Committee meetings, monitoring developments as part of the Bahamas delegation.

MEPC 73 saw some further developments with primarily regard to the IMO GHG Strategy and a number of short-term measures were approved by the Committee.

Also, and with a more immediate consequence for shipowners, the EEDI requirements for Container ships was brought forward to 2022 and the reduction rate increased to 40%. There is also a will by the Committee to bring forward the EEDI requirements to 2022 for Gas carriers, Combination carriers, LNG carriers, General cargo and Reefers, as well as Cruise ships. Tanker, Bulk and Ro-ro, Ro-pax are not affected by the changes.

MSC 100 continued its work on Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS), though no major developments can be expected with regard to this issue for the next 1-2 years.

The Committee also adopted revised draft GBS verification guidelines. The Revised guidelines for verification of conformity with GBS construction standards for bulk carriers and oil tankers will take effect on 1 January 2020.

As proposed by ICS, a draft circular recommending that all Member States take appropriate action to ensure that fuel suppliers under their jurisdiction deliver compliant fuels. This will be developed by PPR 6 as a joint MSC-MEPC circular with a view to approval by MEPC 74 and MSC 101.

The Committee also approved revised Guidelines on fatigue to be issued as an MSC Circular during spring 2019.

MBM Working Group

The reconvened MBM WG met on 12 December to continue discussions on issues stemming from the IMO GHG Strategy process. The purpose of the Working Group is to create a platform for discussions between Shipowner Associations and the international shipping organisations such as the ICS, INTERTANKO, BIMCO, INTERCARGO and World Shipping Council. The aim is to have an aligned position in future discussions on the IMO GHG Strategy.

The meeting was again chaired by the BSA Chairman Mr John Adams, also of Teekay Shipping, and the BSA was represented by our Manager Mr Anders Brodje.

The current discussions are focused on issues previously raised at the IMO with regard to e.g. a fuel levy programme, and the development of new technology for achieving the goals set up in the IMO Strategy.

A point raised at the meeting was the aim by Maersk to be carbon neutral by 2050. It was noted that the technology for achieving this is currently not available. However, this complements the focus of the MBM / Round Table / Cross-industry approach.

Due to the nature of discussions, details cannot be disclosed. However, Members are free to enquire with the BSA Secretariat on an individual basis to discuss the issues in more detail.



ICS meetings

This autumn has seen a number of ICS meetings, especially in preparation for the MEPC and MSC meetings at the IMO.

Environment Sub-committee, 2 October, in particular discussed issues to be raised at the IMO MEPC 73. It was also clear from discussions that the issue of underwater noise is gaining momentum at a tremendous speed. A separate workshop will be held at the IMO in early February to discuss the issue, at which the BSA will be represented.

Marine Committee, 3 - 4 October, primarily focused on issues on the agendas of the two IMO Committee meetings. There was also a brief report in the status of the EU list of ship recycling yards, from which it was clear that there are still no yards on the list from e.g. India and there is no real update on when a change to this issue is to be expected.

Manning & Training Sub-committee, 27 November, suggested the ICS request members to support with different tools as "best practice" for working with Fatigue onboard. It was also agreed the ICS should support all efforts to move forward on e-certification as to simplify document handling for both crew and owners/managers. The issue of a revision of STCW was also discussed at great length and it was agreed the issue be brought to the Marine Committee and raised to the ICS BoD requesting a decision for action by the Sub-committee.

Radio & Nautical Sub-committee, 28 November, among other issues discussed an upcoming trouble with the sale of L-band frequencies in EC, which will interfere with the used GMDSS frequencies.

BSA Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM was held at the America Square Conference Centre in London on 16 October. This year's theme was *Ironies of Automation - Human Element and Automation at Sea*.

The focus was the effects of increased automation onboard on both crews as well as on operations in more general terms. Prof Scott MacKinnon, Chalmers University of Technology, and Dik Gregory, gs partnership ltd., both well established experts in the Maritime Human Factors domain, discussed the consequences of automation and how to bridge the gap between human and machine with the focus on increasing safety.

The AGM also confirmed the re-election of our current Chairman, Mr John Adams, our Secretary, Ms Kenda-nique Ferguson, as well as the election of our long-standing BoD members Mr Ken Engstrom as Treasurer.

Also, the AGM confirmed Mr Francesco Gandolfo, SAIPEM, as a new Director of the BSA Board. Other matters from the order of business were carried forward for a follow-up BoD meeting.

BMA Tokyo Office

The BSA would like to congratulate the BMA on the occasion of opening a Tokyo office, 12 - 13 November, which is something that has been on the wish list from our Japanese members for a long time.

The new office is located in central Tokyo, and at walking distance from some of our larger Japanese members. The purpose of the office is to, over time, create a fully functioning office including a registrar service to better serve Japanese owners.

During the three days in Tokyo, the BMA delegation and our Manager also held several very positive meetings with some of our Tokyo based members.



The traditional breaking of a cask of Sake at the formal opening ceremony on 13 November.

The Bahamas Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Peter Turnquest in the middle, flanked by the Bahamas Minister of Transport, Mr Renward Wells, the BMA Chair, Ms Lewis-Johnson, and Vice Chair, Mr Peter John Goulandris, and Capt. Dwain Hutchinson, BMA MD & CEO, with invited guests breaking the traditional sake cask for good luck and fair winds.

BSA Making a Difference

The professional secretariat has during the past two years proved its great value for the members. The BSA provides owners with a platform to be proactive on topical industry issues. In this, the BSA's work at the ICS allows us to drive a strategic agenda, in effect a 'two-prong' approach, channelled through both the BMA and ICS to the IMO.

As agreed by the AGM, the BSA will increase the membership fee, which has been the same for the past 14 years, with \$75 /ship from January 2019 and then another 75\$/ship from January 2020. [As per the letter to Members on 20 November, 2018]

This is in line with a decision by the BoD approximately two years ago to ramp up our efforts at the BSA in order to better support and engage with all of our members. The recruitment of our Manager, Mr Anders Brodje, was strategic to achieving this and the BSA now has a well functioning Secretariat working with members queries as well as monitoring and reporting on developments in shipping.

All Members are strongly encouraged to engage with the BSA Secretariat on all matters related to their operations where it is believed the BSA can be of support. Also, as has previously been noted in earlier issues of the BSA NewsFlash, there are "vacancies" for representation of BSA at some of the ICS Committees, Sub-committees and Panels. Participation at these meetings will allow members even further access to discussions at the ICS. Please contact the Secretariat for further information.

2019 Calendar

The major events where the BSA Board and / or the Secretariat will be represented at during this coming months are the following:

- 16 – 25 January – IMO NCSR 6
- 4 February – ICS Maritime Law Committee
- 4 February – ICS Shipping Policy Committee
- 5 February – ICS BoD
- 4 – 8 February – IMO SDC 6
- 18 – 22 February – IMO PPR 6
- 25 – 28 February – ILO (Geneva)
- 4 – 8 March – IMO SSE 6
- 19 March – ICS Environment Committee
- 20 – 21 March – ICS Marine Committee
- 8 – 12 April – IMO FAL 43
- 29 April – 3 May – IMO HTW 6
- 13 – 17 May – IMO MEPC 73
- 5 – 14 June – IMO MSC 101
- 12 – 13 June – ICS BoD
- 1 – 5 July – IMO III 6

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