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NEW NUMBERS

As of the 01.12.2001 the telephone numbers in Cyprus have changed as the local telecommunications authority has abolished the area code system for 8 digit phone numbers. Therefore, our new telephone number is 25846100. You will notice in the full contact details given below that we have provided all our vessels with the option to contact each department with their specific subject to ensure that communications are dealt with promptly:

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Aft Station Mooring Operations



Muster Station

M/V Carla Rickmers

We received pictures from Fairplay during their visit on board the M/V Carla Rickmers. Below are some samples of the pictures. We appreciate to receive photographs from our crew in order to get an insight into the style of life on board.



C/E Rybicki leading post drill briefing

Personal Injury – Don't do it!

The incident

Whilst acting against company guidelines and specific instructions from the chief engineer, a third engineer on board a vessel was injured whilst attempting to clear a blocked scupper. As a consequence of his actions he received severe burns to his body from a patent chemical.

What happened?

The scupper pipe ran from an alleyway drain to the engine room bilges and had become blocked at some undetermined position. The chief engineer had applied a quantity of patent chemical, which was approximately 93% sulphuric acid, in an attempt to clear the scupper pipe. The chief engineer gave strict instructions to all the engineering staff to leave the pipe to stand overnight in order to allow the chemical time to penetrate the blockage. However, during his watch, the third engineer took it upon himself to attempt to unblock the scupper pipe.

Wearing leather welding gloves, a cotton boiler suit, and a pair of plastic clog-type shoes the third engineer disconnected the scupper pipe at a lower flange. He used a pair of pliers in an attempt to remove the blockage and was apparently successful in his efforts since the chemical escaped from the scupper pipe and caused the third engineer 6% burns to his body.

After receiving first aid on board the vessel, an emergency helicopter was sent to the ship and the third engineer was taken to hospital ashore to receive treatment.

What went wrong?

The third engineer acted in direct contravention to specific instructions given by the chief engineer, he also ignored shipping company guidelines. He was clearly not wearing the correct personal protective equipment for the task in hand and the job was not correctly planned at the work planning meeting.

Although the company provided suitable protective equipment to its seafarers some of this was found in the third engineer's cabin unused and still in its original box.

What can we learn from this incident?

Many shipboard chemicals can be potentially very hazardous and all personnel involved in their use must be familiar with the chemical data sheets which detail precautions to be taken and first aid to be administered in the event of an incident. The use of a permit to work system must be encouraged and danger notices should be used to ensure that people do not attempt to carry out maintenance on systems which are unsafe or potentially hazardous. All instructions which pertain to safety should be written in the ship's log books or work instruction books.

Any work on board ship should only be attempted when clear instructions have been given, when the tasks have been discussed at the work planning meeting and only then, in accordance with work plans and permits to work. When planning a job all safety aspects must be fully considered and it is essential that personnel wear the correct personal protective equipment. If any doubt exists then the job should be suspended until the correct course of action has been confirmed. When tasks of the nature described above are undertaken, ideally two persons should be involved.

(Source: "North of England P & I Club, Signals Experiences")

Oil Pollution Drill



Picture taken during the vessel's oil pollution drill received from the M/V Tate Rickmers.

Preventing Accidents

Preventing accidents is not a sideline to be followed when there is time and when it happens to be convenient. Preventing accidents is important to any business because it pays in good employee morale and good public relations.

A ship that has a good safety record can be of great value in aiding morale aboard ship. In each department you will find supervisory personnel who take pride in their work resulting in the efficient operation of their department, thus, creating a feeling of confidence and a sense of security by "all hands."

A ship with a poor safety record could make crew members feel that the supervisory personnel are not on top of the job and do not take enough interest in safety.

You will find aboard vessels with good safety records that good safety attitudes and teamwork among its crew members have played an important part in their safety achievement.

A vessel can have a good safety program, with regular safety meetings being held, the ship covered with safety reminders and warning signs; you can be shown the safe way of doing your work; but none of these will make you accident free if you don't want to be. Safety is a personal thing. Accidents happen individually.

To be successful in avoiding injuries it is necessary that all hands develop GOOD SAFETY ATTITUDES. This action will foster morale!

(Source: "QUOTED BY U.S. COAST GUARD".)

Health, Safety & Environmental Awareness Award

Below is the photograph of AB Thant Zin 13479 receiving his Health, Safety and Environmental Awareness Award from Capt. Hans Udo Schoelzel on board the M/V APL Egypt.

The Health, Safety and Environmental Protection Award was introduced to recognise the outstanding efforts and attention given by our crew towards safeguarding the environment and ensuring the continuing good health and safety of their colleagues.

Please submit any proposals for this to our office through the Master of the Vessel.



Safety Award Presentation

Computer Terms

Computer Hacker: An enthusiastic computer programmer or user; a person who tries to gain unauthorized access to a computer or to data held in one.

Virus: A program, designed as a joke or with the intention to damage, that attaches itself to other programs and carries out unwanted and sometimes damaging operations. When viruses appear, the effects vary, from extra messages appearing on your computer, to erratic system software performance or deletion of all the information on a hard disk.

I am Tired of These Viruses

Computer hackers are now appearing on the front page of all major newspapers. Stories about Viruses are now commonplace in the newspapers, and are becoming increasingly popular in books and movies.

Who are these people and why are they so bent on destroying our computers and depriving us of precious e-mail?

Most hackers seem to be young students attending college or university who have the time to sit at a computer for hours at a time. These people usually have the financial freedom to go through computer networks, because they are in an environment (i.e., a college or their parents' home) that does not require them to work.

There is a wide range of hackers, and the majority are not evil people trying to create chaos. If you look at most viruses, they do not create terrible destruction.

Many hackers just want to let you know they were inside your computer and so leave a little mark. However, there are some hackers with a more destructive plan who see big businesses as evil, and when they manage to slow or even stop big businesses from working, they see themselves as revolutionaries.

Hackers in a historical perspective, a few interesting dates:

- 1988: Robert Morris crashes 6,000 computers on the Internet with a virus program and is fined \$10,000. The USA federal Computer Emergency Response Team formed in response.
- 1993: 'Masters of Deception' members arrested by Secret Service. All plead guilty to computer crimes and conspiracy.
- 1994: Vladimir Levin, a graduate of St. Petersburg Tekhnologicheskoy University, allegedly masterminds a Russian hacker gang and steals \$10 million from Citibank; arrested in London.
- 1999: David L. Smith, 30, of Aberdeen, N.J., was arrested for creating the virus "Melissa" which caused worldwide e-mail disruption.

(Source: "Science Applications International Corp.")

Suggestions

"UNITEAM NEWS" is designed for the interest of our crew and to keep all Uniteam employees informed of the developments within our company. We would appreciate and welcome with pleasure your feedback and any articles of interest, or humour that you would like us to include within our next editions.

Father Christmas

Each year before Christmas, Santa Claus begins his long voyage all the way from the North Pole to give the Uniteam children their Christmas presents. The children are always very excited that Santa Clause comes to visit them.

Our Farther Christmas, Mr. Evanthis Aristidou, our Financial Director, looks forward each year to this event.

This year he visited us on Sunday the 9th December 2001. We believe we could not have a better Santa for the occasion.



Santa Claus

Humour

The Magician and the Parrot

A magician was working on a cruise ship in the Caribbean. The audience would be different each week, so the magician allowed himself to do the same tricks over and over again.

There was only one problem: The captain's parrot saw the shows every week and began to understand what the magician did in every trick. Once he understood that, he started shouting in the middle of the show:

'Look, it's not the same hat!'

'Look, he is hiding the flowers under the table!'

'Hey, why are all the cards the Ace of Spades?'

The magician was angry but could not do anything, as it was the Captain's parrot. One day the ship had an accident and sunk. The magician found himself on a piece of wood, in the middle of the ocean, with the parrot.

They stared at each other with hate, but did not say a word. This went on for a day, and another, and another. After a week the parrot finally spoke:

'OK. I give up. What did you do with the boat?'

The Federal Drug and Alcohol department in the USA is considering additional warnings on beer and alcohol bottles, such as:

1. WARNING: consumption of alcohol may make you think you are whispering when you are not.
2. WARNING: consumption of alcohol is a major factor in making you think you are dancing really well, but unfortunately you will be the only one thinking so.
3. WARNING: consumption of alcohol may cause you to tell the same boring story over and over again.
4. WARNING: consumption of alcohol may cause you to thay shings like thish.
5. WARNING: consumption of alcohol may lead you to believe you are invisible.
6. WARNING: consumption of alcohol may lead you to think people are laughing WITH you.
7. WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may cause small (and sometimes large) gaps of time to be erased from the memory".
8. WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may actually CAUSE pregnancy.
9. WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may make you see old ladies like this.

BEFORE 6 BEERS



AFTER 6 BEERS



Season's Greetings and our best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year 2002



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