



# UNITEAM NEWS

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## English Language Training (ELT) Centre

Our ELT Centre in Yangon received their plaque and Certificate endorsing the centre as a British Maritime and Coast Guard Agency (MCA) / Marlins Approved English Language Test Centre. Below is a picture of the presentation of the Certificate by our company Chairman, Mr Gerhard Ruether, to Mr Paul Morris, the head of the ELT Centre and the English teachers during Mr Ruether's recent visit to Yangon.

This presentation coincided with the release of the ELT Centre's first trial version of an on board Self-Study Pack and examples of vocabulary exercises.



Left to right:

*Daw Khin San Yi, Daw Cho Cho Yin, Mr. Paul Morris, Mr. Gerhard Ruether, Daw Celine Talbot and Daw Aye Aye Cho*

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*New onboard Study Packs*

## Summary IMO Security Code

The International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) code has been developed by IMO's Maritime Safety Committee, starting its work immediately after the September 11 incident. The code will be a standalone instrument, put in force by an amendment to SOLAS chapter XI. It consists of a mandatory requirement part A and a recommendation part B. This is the fastest implementation of any IMO legislation ever.

SOLAS will be amended to set the following additional requirements:

- An Active Identification System (AIS) to know where a ship is at any time.
- Ship Identification Number to easily identify a ship.
- Ship Security Alert System to notify if something is wrong onboard.
- Continuous Synopsis Record of ship operation.

The code operates with three security levels:

1. Minimum appropriate protective security measures shall be maintained at all times.
2. The level at which appropriate additional protective security measures shall be maintained for a period of time as a result of heightened risk of security incident.
3. The level at which further specific protective security measures shall be maintained for a period of time when a security incident is probable or imminent.

### Work required onboard ships

Each flag state is expected to authorize a Recognized Security Organisation (RSO) to certify each vessel and its company. Otherwise the flag states have to be present in the ports where the ship will have to obtain their international ship security certificates. The code sets up a framework for the security of ships:

- Dedicated company security officer.
- Dedicated ship security officer.
- Ship-specific security assessment.
- Ship-specific security plan.
- International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC)

This means the company has to set its own security policy and qualify a dedicated officer. A competent person has to make an assessment of the potential risks and the measures to address the risks. A ship security plan has to be developed on that basis. Ship security officers have to be allocated and trained in accordance with the security plan. The plan has to be implemented on board the ships before a certificate can be obtained.

### Work to be done by port facilities

A similar procedure will apply for the port facilities serving ships with an International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC). Port facilities are not required to be certified according to the draft of the code, but they have to report to IMO that they have their security regime in place in due time. The contracting government should ensure that appropriate measures are in place to avoid unauthorized disclosure of, or access to, security sensitive material relating to port facility security assessments and plans. (Source: DNV, Classification News, No.4 December 2002)

## Uniteam Yangon

The picture shows the ladies of the Crew Personnel Department in our Yangon office, whose tasks involve ensuring that all our crew have the correct documentation and safety clothing prior to joining the vessels, as well as following up the various other processing and administrative duties that are required. Do continue all your good work and thank you for your support!



Left to right;

Front: Naing Lin Htet Hla Myint, Tha Zin Oo, Si Si Khin, Ei Ei Khaing, Phyu Phyu Par, Lin Lin Tun, Khin Moe Aye

Back: Phyo Myat Hla Myint, Win Sandar Maung, Yin Yin Han, Kay Thi Hlaing, Khine Nyein Su, Tin Hnin Aye, War War Khaing, Thet Myat Nwe, Ei Min Kyi

## Christmas Card

We received this creative Card from the Crew of the M/V Pro Pacifica, which we would like to share with you.



## Film Crew

Captain Bernhard Beunink Master of the M/V MOL Value reported that a three-person camera team from the German TV Station "PRO SIEBEN" joined the vessel from Southampton to Gioia Tauro. The film crew were shooting material for a feature under the title of "Work and Life on a Container Vessel".

The camera crew were determined to film all types of work on board and to their credit worked hard filming in the Engine room through the usual stormy weather encountered when passing the Bay of Biscay.

As stated by Captain Beunink the film crew were very nice people and both parties talked about their professions allowing for everybody to learn something in the few days they were on board.

The film crew themselves commented that one of the most surprising impressions for them was that after one day they fitted into the routine on board, not missing their mobile phones anymore and not requiring a TV or a radio. They recognised that life and work onboard has its own pace, which is very different from shore life.

All our crew members were very co-operative during the visit of the Camera crew.



*The film team with their "onboard Assistant"  
From left to right: AB Maung The Naing (who made the sun shine brighter with his device) Mrs Kim Rigauer (The editor), Mr Thorma (Sound technician and repairman), Mr Ritter (Cameraman)*

## P&I News

### Poor Lighting – Open Hatch

An 18.000 DWT tanker was en route from a European repair yard to Venezuela for loading. The vessel had been cleaned and gas freed. In addition, they had engaged a riding squad to undertake repairs and hotwork on deck on the trip to the Caribbean.

A 34-year-old fitter had run down to the space underneath the forecastle to pick up some pipes that were stored there.

At the time, the weather was bright and sunny and the repair team was working on the forecastle deck. Half blinded by the glaring sunshine outside, his vision was seriously hampered in the semi-darkness inside and he failed to see that the hatchway leading down to the forepeak was open. He fell straight into the forepeak and landed on both heels six feet below.

Although the distance of the fall was not very far, he hit the deck which caused his spine to snap. He was found shortly after the fall and hoisted up lashed to a stretcher. An examination showed that he was paralysed from the

chest area and down. He was subsequently landed at Curacao where permanent paralysis was diagnosed.

### Loss Prevention

1. Hatchways that do not need to be open should be kept closed at all times.
2. If a hatchway has to be kept open for work purposes, it should either be guarded or cordoned off by stanchions and ropes.
3. Covered-in spaces onboard where work is taking place should be well lighted. However, even so, as described above, outside sunshine may cause such spaces to seem dark. Persons needing to go inside should allow some time for their eyes to adjust to changing light conditions. (Source: Gard - Loss Prevention Circular 10-02)

## Learning about the Country of your Colleagues

The **Republic of Croatia** is located in the south part of Europe, on the north-eastern coast of the Adriatic Sea. Its neighbouring 5 countries: Slovenia and Hungary on the north, Serbia on the east, Bosnia and Herzegovina on the south-east and just touching Montenegro with its southern tip on the coast of the Adriatic Sea.

With the total area of 56,538 km<sup>2</sup> the country is inhabited by about 4.2 million people. Zagreb is the Capital and the biggest city (close to 1 million). The Croats constitute the majority of the population (about 76%). The Serbs are the second substantial ethnic group (about 11%). The ethnical structure is very closely reflected in the religious composition of the society, where mostly Catholic Croats and Orthodox Serbs are the main groups, leaving only about 10% represented by other religions.

The country's area can be divided into 3 main regions: Slavonia, Central Croatia and Dalmatia. Also a vast part of the Istrian Peninsula and numerous islands belong to Croatia. The Croatian coast with its hundreds of picturesque islands, mild Mediterranean climate and well-developed tourist infrastructure belongs to one of the most attractive coastal areas in the world.



After the WW II Croatia remained one of the republics of Yugoslavia until June 1991 when it was proclaimed an independent country. Croatia became a member of the United Nations in May 1992.

## Health and Safety Award

2nd engineer Mr. Myint Thein Tun CDC. 22345 has been recommended for a Health, Safety and Environmental Award, by Chief Engineer Karl-Heinz Hamann.



As a result of two near misses occurring on board Mr Myint Thein Tun proposed and implemented new safe working practices within the engine room for the benefit of all the engine crew. We praise him for his care and excellent intuitive response in preventing accidents.

## A Daring Challenge!

Here is how the Hong Kong International Terminals Ltd beckons a careless mariner:



## Brain Teaser

He went in the woods and got it,  
He couldn't get it so he left it,  
When he went home he took it with him.  
The whole time, he wanted to get rid of it.  
What is it?

Answer: A Splinter

## 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.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Capt. J. Szczepanski, Capt. B. Beunink and Capt. A. Kadas, for their contribution of articles for this newspaper.

## Competitions !

Our two ongoing contests are :

### "Ship Without Accident" Award !

To promote as well as recognise safe working practice achievements. Prize: USD200.- for the crew's entertainment fund, for every ship that achieves zero accidents for a period of 6 months with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003.

### "Best Photograph" Year 2003 !

We are collecting from all our ships any interesting photographs (normal or digital), during the course of the year. Anything extraordinary, bizarre, funny or beautiful, please do send us your shoots.

Prize of USD 300.- for the selected best picture of the year.

## Words of Wisdom

Even if you are "on the right track". If you just sit there, you'll get run over!

Knowledge without practice is just like a glass eye, all for show and nothing for use.

The unfortunate thing about this world is that good habits are so much easier to give up than bad ones.

To the world you are just one person, but to one person you may be the world.

Two things are infinite: The universe and human stupidity; but I'm not sure about the universe.

~Albert Einstein~

Minds are like books - they only work when they are open!

Why is it that if someone tells you there are 1 billion stars in the universe, you will believe them, but if someone tells you a wall has wet paint you will have to touch it to be sure?

Our Age of Anxiety is, in great part, the result of trying to do today's jobs with yesterday's tools.

Marshall McLuhan

The best way to get things done is not to mind who gets the credit for doing them.

Benjamin Jowett

"If you fail to plan, then you plan to fail"

## Humor

Two men are working next to the road. One keeps on digging holes and the other one covers the hole. A passer by saw this mad thing and questions them. "Hey what are you doing?" One of them replies, "Actually there are three people assigned to this job, but the one who plants the tree is absent today. So we are doing our work"



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