

AFRICAN SHIPPING - Contemporary Challenges

SEMINAR PROGRAM

Seminar and all associated functions will be held at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology's Granger Bay Campus, Cape Town

Pre-Seminar Wednesday 7th September

- 18h00 Networking Cocktail Party
- Sponsored by: the Society of Master Mariners South Africa

Day 1 Thursday 8th September

- 08h00 Registration Commences
- 09h45 Welcome
Capt. Allen Brink FNI, FRIN, FCMS, Hon FIIMS - N.I. Vice-President
- 09h50 Opening Address & Introduction of Seminar Chair
Capt. James Robinson DSM FNI Irish Navy (Retired) – N.I. President
Seminar Chair: Mrs Bridget Hogan – N.I. Director of Publishing & Marketing
- 10h15 Keynote Address
Mr. Jeremy Cronin, MP, Deputy Minister of Transport
- 11h00 Tea/Coffee Break
- Sponsored by: A.R. BRINK & ASSOCIATES, SMIT AMANDLA MARINE, EDWARD NATHAN SONNENBERGS, MAPUTO PORT DEVELOPMENT COMPANY
- 11h30 Criminalisation of Seafarers
Speaker: Prof. John Hare
- *John Hare is Professor of Shipping Law at the University of Cape Town and the author of the standard textbook Shipping Law & Admiralty Jurisdiction in South Africa. He practiced as a shipping lawyer for over 30 years, is a past-President of the SA Maritime Law Association and for many years served on the Executive Council of the Comité Maritime International.*
- 12h15 CPD – Continuing Professional Development
Speaker: Prof. Edward Snyders
- *Prof Snyders is Head of Maritime Studies at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT). After a career at sea where he qualified as a Master Mariner, he entered academia obtaining a PhD. As Head of Maritime Studies at CPUT, Prof Snyders is leading the advancement of maritime education in the Southern African region.*
- 13h00 LUNCH BREAK
- Sponsored by: GRINDROD
- 14h00 Rebuilding the RSA Flagged Fleet
Speaker: Tony Norton BA LLB, FICS
- *Tony Norton is a director at ENS (Edward Nathan Sonnenbergs). He currently practices as an attorney in the shipping and logistics department and specialises in maritime law. Tony's practice experience includes the processing and defending of maritime claims in the High Court in the exercise of its admiralty jurisdiction as well as logistics related*

claims in the High Court. He advises and deals with policy issues relating to various trade associations in the shipping industry. He also has experience in protecting the interests of owners and operators of vessels in respect of maritime casualties.

- 14h45 **STCW Convention – Manila amendments**
Speaker: John Abercrombie, Extra Master (Special Grade: SA), MBA
- *After a career at sea where he qualified as a Master Mariner John joined academia and achieved his Master (Special Grade) Certificate while lecturing at the Durban University of Technology (DUT). He graduated with an MBA after a move to the corporate world where he also served the TETA as Chairman of the Transport and Logistics Standards Generating Body. John then joined SAMSA where he is responsible for the maintenance of standards to ensure that South Africa remains internationally respected as a Maritime Authority, ensuring the on-going competitiveness of South African seafarers.*
- 15h30 Session Chair's summation of day's proceedings
- 16h00 Close of Command Seminar - Day 1
- 18h00 **Reception**
- 19h00 **Dinner (Dress: Jacket & tie)**
- Reception & Dinner Sponsored by: SVITZER

Day 2 Friday 9th September

- 09h00 Coffee
- 09h30 Welcome & commencement of Day 2
- 09h45 **Piracy**
Speaker: LCDR Chris Godier, US Coast Guard, Officer in Charge, Maritime Liaison Unit, Naples, Italy (MARLU-N),.
- *Lieutenant Commander Godier's office is responsible for facilitating the exchange of information between the United States Navy and the commercial maritime community in the U.S. Naval Forces, Europe/Africa (NAVEUR/NAVAF) area of responsibility. MARLU-N liaisons provide the maritime industry with piracy briefings and alerts, transit guidance, information on naval exercises, aids to navigation, medical evacuation assistance, security, and augments regional search and rescue centers as well as liaison directly with the U.S. Navy*
- 10h30 **Promoting the Creation of an Integrated Maritime Security Capability on the Southern African Coast.**
Speaker: R Adm (JG) Kevin Watson S.A. Navy
- *R Adm (JG) Kevin Watson is the Director Naval Engineering Section based in Simon's Town. He serves on the South African Institute of Marine Engineers and Naval Architects council (SAIMENA) and is the Chair of the Cape Branch of SAIMENA. He is a Naval Architect (UCL) and registered Professional Engineer responsible for the engineering support within the SA Navy.*
- 11h15 **Tea/Coffee Break**
- Sponsored by: A.R. BRINK & ASSOCIATES, SMIT AMANDLA MARINE, EDWARD NATHAN SONNENBERGS, MAPUTO PORT DEVELOPMENT COMPANY
- 11h45 **HCD – Human Capital Development**
Speaker: Mr Tsietsi Mokhele
- *Commander Tsietsi Mokhele is the Chief Executive Officer of the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA). Prior to his appointment as CEO of SAMSA, he was Executive Manager at the National Ports Authority (NPA) and head of NPA Marine Business of the South African Ports. Mr. Mokhele served in the South African Navy after obtaining his Ship Command Qualifications in the then Soviet Union. He led the Naval Integration Process as a Co-Chairperson within the South African Transitional Executive Council, the body charged within managing the country's transition to democracy in 1994.*
- 12h30 **Chair's summation of Seminar proceedings & closing remarks by Mr. Phillip Wake MSc, RD*, FNI – N.I. Chief Executive**
- 13h00 **LUNCH**
- Sponsored by: SAMSA