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MARAD officers trained to conduct audits

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The Maritime Administration Department is currently preparing to be audited for compliance with International Organization of Standards (ISO 9001:2015) by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in February 2018.



Officers displaying their certificates.

In preparation for the IMO's audit, MARAD embarked on the Management System Internal Audit training for senior employees.

The training was conducted by Robert Freeman, Exemplar Global Registered Lead Assessor for ISO 9001, and member of the U.S Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to ISO Technical Committee.

The training was held during the period November 22nd to 25th 2017 at the Ports and Harbours Division.

The eight persons who successfully completed the training programme and were issued with certificates include- Louise Williams, Director Ports and Harbours, Michael Tennant, Harbour Master, John Flores, Director Maritime Safety, Geoffrey Babb

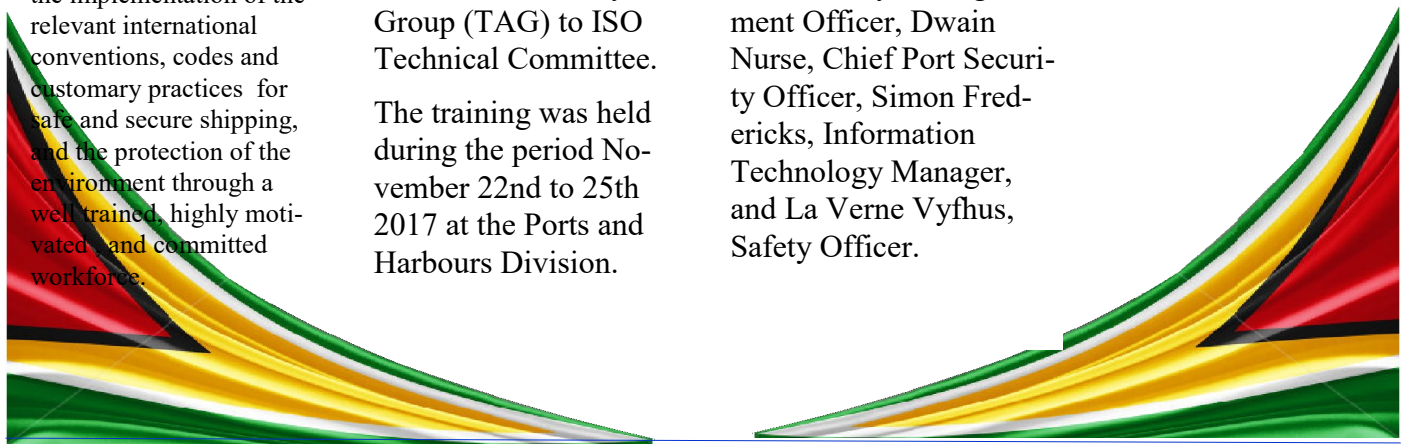
Chief Pilot, Patrick Mentore, Quality Management Officer, Dwain Nurse, Chief Port Security Officer, Simon Fredericks, Information Technology Manager, and La Verne Vyfhus, Safety Officer.

These officers now have the capacity to conduct internal audits for ISO 9001:2015 compliance.

AUDIT PREPARATIONS ON THE WAY

MARAD'S MISSION STATEMENT:

To organize and sustain an efficient and effective Maritime Administration for the Co-operative Republic of Guyana through the implementation of the relevant international conventions, codes and customary practices for safe and secure shipping, and the protection of the environment through a well trained, highly motivated and committed workforce.



MARAD to offer tug services



Tug services

The Maritime Administration Department (MARAD) will make tug services mandatory

from January 1, 2018.

These services are for those vessels which are 500 tonnes and above.

This is in conformity to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) under the Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic (FAL) and the

Safety of Life at Seas (SOLAS) Conventions.

The services are aimed at making the Port of Georgetown more safe and efficient for shipping and are in conformity with shipping around the world.

MARAD to assume responsibility for river piloting



Officials from MARAD observing marking points

The Maritime Administration Department (MARAD) will assume

responsibility for river piloting as of January 1, 2018.

This responsibility was previously administered by various shipping agencies, but the Shipping Act of 1998 gives the maritime department the authority for this responsi-

bility.

Sea Pilots and River Pilots will be managed by MARAD.

The rehabilitation of the river marks and buoyage systems commenced in December 2017.

MARAD officials attend Search and Rescue Seminar



Participants

Officials from the Maritime Administration Department attended a Search and Rescue seminar in Bogota Columbia during the period November 14-16 2017.

The MARAD officers who attended the seminar are the Director,

Maritime Safety, John Flores and, Marine Officer Ed Nedd.

The seminar was held specifically for all maritime agencies from Latin America and the Caribbean in order to foster good relationships among agencies.

It was agreed that Guyana and Suriname will work together in a bilateral arrangement for Search and Rescue in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

Insurance for vessels

Insurance will be mandatory for all vessels from January 1, 2018.

The Maritime Administration Department held a meeting with various stakeholders from the insurance fraternity to apprise them of the introduction of this requirement

This type of Insurance will assist the vessel operators to have coverage of accidents, collision and cargo.

Insurance coverage will assist MARAD to recover cost for salvaging and wreck removals within the harbours.



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*ALL VESSELS TO
BE INSURED*

International Ship and Port Facility visits

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) collaborated with the Maritime Administration Department to visit several port facilities on November 28th and 29th 2017.

The port facilities visited were, Sol Guyana Inc. Agricola, China Zhanghoa, and Guyana Shore Base Inc.

The United States Coast Guard Officers were able to observe high standards of security measures among the port facilities during the visits.

Additionally, best practices were identified at Sol Guyana Inc.

Those best practices identified were, the erection of elevated security huts, and a chain link

fence, reinforced with steel bars.

These practices will be recommended to port facilities in the Region with similar security challenges.



US Coast Guards gets briefing from PFSO

Hydrographic surveys in the Demerara River

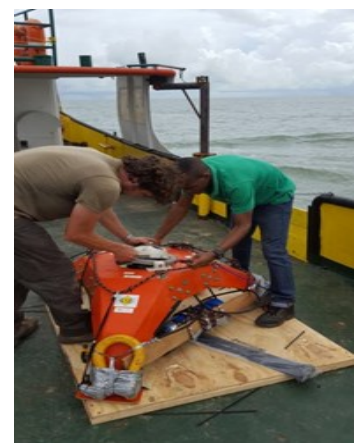
The United Kingdom Surveying company IIC Technologies has collaborated with the Maritime Administration Department (MARAD) to conduct hydrographic surveys in the Demerara River.

The aim of the survey is to provide a clear pic-

ture on the depth of the seabed, shoreline, and any irregularities that may exist.

Additionally, Guyana will benefit from updated nautical maps and charts for the safe operation of ships upon completion of the project.

Two locally registered vessels, M/V Dora and M/V Old Fort Tours are working along with the team on the project and will cover more than 130 square kilometres of water.



Hydrographic Surveyors

Mandate of the Maritime Administration Department

The Maritime Administration Department's mandate exceeds more than being responsible for vessels along the various rivers of Guyana. The function of which shall be to administer all laws relating to maritime affairs on the maritime zones of Guyana including inland waters.

Those persons who share interest in the operations of the Maritime Administration are, ship owners, seafarers,

shipping companies, shipping agencies, terminal operators, importers and exporters, the Guyana Revenue Authority, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Customs Anti-Narcotics Unit (CANU) and other stakeholders who benefit from maritime related industries.

In order for vessels to be legally operational they have to be registered and their crew licenced. MARAD issue licences such as the Coastal Master which is

the highest attainable license a seaman can acquire in Guyana. This is followed by the Coastal Mate Licence, the Boat Master Grade (3) licence, the Harbour Licence for fishermen only, the River Navigation Licence which is limited to those areas beyond Bartica, and the Certificate of Competence Licence for families and farmers who operate privately at their own convenience. These licences cover offshore and all rivers.

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