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Liberian Registry launches innovative new website

The Liberian Registry has further strengthened its industry-leading role for technological innovation by relaunching its website in an ultra-user-friendly format. Among other things, owners and managers of the 4,160-plus vessels in the Liberian-flag fleet will have direct access to an online application system for ship liability certificates and an extensive and user-friendly online library featuring official guidance and vessel registration forms.

Innovative features of the mobile-friendly www.liscr.com website include a new Annual Fee Calculator and a China Port Tonnage Dues Savings Calculator. The latter affords owners and managers access to details of the preferential tonnage tax dues made uniquely available to Liberian-flag ships under an Agreement on Maritime Transport between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Liberia. There is also a new, enhanced Vessel Registration Forms and Procedures facility, providing a user-friendly interface for clients searching for specific vessel registration documentation.

The new website includes a range of user-friendly and innovative features, including an Inspector/Auditor Search Tool, a Vessel Certificate Verification Tool, an MLC Certificate Search Tool, and a Seafarers Look-up Tool. It also features a portal to

an online application system for Ship Liability Certificates via the Liberian Registry's state-of-the-art web-based interface, WayPoint. Clients will also be able to apply here for international convention certificates.

An enhanced Online Library provides access to an extensive archive of the Liberian Registry's Marine Notices, Marine Advisories, Policy Letters, Forms and Procedures, and Vessel Registration Documentation. Users can search by key categories, tag-words or from a general search word facility to locate the information and documents they need. They can also order publications online, and review dates of upcoming requirements and IMO meeting notes.

The website's user-friendly interface and homepage features a Maritime Events Calendar and a 'What's New' feed, providing an overview of the Liberian Registry's most recent developments, products and services. A News Feed, meanwhile, features recent press releases, links to news articles, blog entries, and recent seminars and conferences attended by the Registry. At the click of a button, users will also be able to subscribe to corporate and maritime newsletters, marine notices and advisories, and regulatory updates. In addition, there is a new BLOG feed, and access to the latest Registry news.

LISCR Public Relations & Communications Manager, Allison Wilson, says, "Speedy, innovative and user-friendly access to information is a fundamental requirement in any successful industry. The newly enhanced LISCR website is designed to provide the owners and managers of Liberian-registered ships with instant access to the information and service they need, wherever they are in the world, at any time of the day or night, so that they are able to operate safely, profitably and in compliance with international rules and regulations."

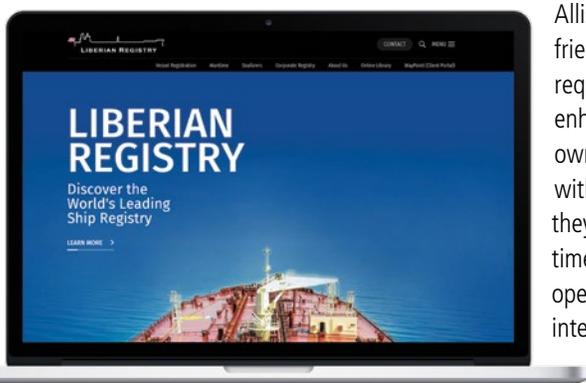


Liberian Registry passes historic 150m gross tons landmark

The Liberian Registry has passed the historic milestone of 150 million gross tons, confirming its position as the second largest ship registry in the world, behind only Panama, in terms of numbers of ships and gross tonnage.

Following registration of the 43,301 gt bulk carrier SBI Jive, owned by the Scorpio Group, the Liberian-flag fleet currently numbers 4,167 vessels aggregating 150m gross tons. This milestone was recognized this month at the Connecticut Maritime Association's annual Shipping Conference where Cameron Mackey, Chief Operating Officer of the Scorpio Group accepted a ceremonial Certificate of Registry from Liberian Registry CEO, Scott Bergeron.

Scott Bergeron, CEO of the Liberian International Ship & Corporate Registry (LISCR), the US-based manager of the Liberian Registry, says, "There is currently intense competition for business in the ship registration sector. Liberia welcomes competition based on quality, safety and service, and we are excited about our immediate and long-term future."





At the end of January this year, the Liberian Administration was advised in a call from the operator of a Liberian-flag oil / chemical tanker, which was about to arrive at the port of Houston, that the vessel's Oil Record Book (ORB) was missing. The Registry's Houston representative immediately informed the U.S. Coast Guard of the situation and of the investigative action which the Administration intended to take. This proactive and timely intervention by the Liberian Registry avoided a possible detention.



Pictured (left to right) are Scott Bergeron, Rev. Ken Peters and Mrs Jackie Peters.

Reverend Canon 'Captain' Ken Peters retires

The Liberian Registry presented the Reverend Ken Peters with an honorary plaque at a reception at IMO headquarters in London to celebrate his recent retirement. The inscription on the plaque, which was presented by LISCR CEO Scott Bergeron, read, "The Liberian Registry recognizes with profound appreciation Reverend Canon 'Captain' Ken Peters for his tireless and unparalleled global advocacy of seafarers' welfare and his support and assistance to the Liberian Registry in helping to ensure the effective enforcement of all seafarers' rights. We wish you fair winds and following seas."



Hans-Petter Henschien (pictured here, right, with Benson Peretti, General Manager, LISCR Singapore) has been appointed a Special Agent for the Liberian Registry in Bergen, Norway.

Liberian Registry strengthens Asia team to meet growing demand

The Registry has made strategic new appointments in a number of key areas within its network of Asian regional offices.



Ms Wan Ching Chiang has been promoted to Registrations Manager for the Liberian Registry in Singapore. Ms. Chiang is embarking on her fifth year with the Liberian Registry, which she joined as

Registrations and Corporate Coordinator. In her new role, Ms. Chiang will be overseeing vessel mortgage and corporate registrations for the Liberian Registry's fast-growing number of South-East Asian clients. Ms. Chiang graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and has previous experience with working in the financial industry with both HSBC and Barclays Capital.

Mr Pao Chi Hsu was recently appointed to strengthen the Liberian Registry's Greater China team as Technical Manager. Mr. Hsu, who holds a Master's Degree in Ocean Engineering, has previously worked as a lead class surveyor in the Greater China region and as a vessel superintendent for a leading bulk carrier owner. Mr. Hsu's expertise with vessel compliance, audits and port state support has played a critical role in significantly reducing the number of detentions of Liberian-flagged vessels in the Tokyo MoU region.

Mr Owen Fu has been appointed Technical Manager for the Liberian Registry in Shanghai, fol-

lowing a successful career as a leading port state control officer and department head for China's Maritime and Safety Administration in the port of Ningbo. Mr. Fu obtained his Master's Degree in Naval Architecture from Shanghai Jiaotong University, and his Ph.D. in Engineering from Shanghai Maritime University.

LISCR CEO Scott Bergeron says, "The Liberian Registry has experienced tremendous growth in Asia over a number of years. Most recently, that growth has accelerated following the historic Agreement on Maritime Transport between the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the Republic of Liberia, under which Liberian-flag vessels will be charged a preferential rate for tonnage dues when visiting any port in China.

"The Liberian Registry is committed to expanding its network of professionals to meet increasing demand, providing expertise and advice when and where it is needed, and adding to our core strength of offering timely, informed and innovative service to our continually expanding client base.

"Asia is a vibrant and vital hub in the worldwide shipping chain, and increasing numbers of owners from the region are putting their trust – and their ships – in the Liberian Registry. These recent executive appointments confirm our commitment to providing the best service available to ship-owners, operators and managers anywhere in the market today."



Liberia delegation visits China

Dr James Kollie Jr, the recently appointed LMA Commissioner, Margaret Ansumana, Liberia's Senior Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Affairs, and Dudley McKinley Thomas, Liberia's Ambassador to China, were among members of a Liberian delegation which recently visited the China Maritime Safety Administration in Beijing.

Liberia Names Isaac Jackson as Permanent IMO Representative

Isaac W Jackson Jr has been confirmed as Liberia's new Permanent Representative at the International Maritime Organization. His previous experience includes service with Liberia's Ministry of Information, Cultural Affairs & Tourism from 2008 as Assistant and later Deputy Minister for Public Affairs. In this role, he represented the face of the Liberian government's engagement with the public and media.



Isaac Jackson has extensive experience of representation at high-level functions, including accompanying President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf to the 2010 United Nations General Assembly. His high-level representation in political and diplomatic arenas, and the fact that he is a qualified lawyer, make him an ideal choice for the role at IMO. The Government of Liberia is thus assured of a top-quality communicator, an astute diplomat, and a savvy legal practitioner as its top representative at the most important international forum for maritime affairs.



Pictured (left to right) Cindy Edwards, Kelly Cope and Celeste Streeter

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They say there's safety in numbers, and that's certainly true in the case of the Liberian Registry's Seafarers' Certification Department, where the Client Services team is in the safe hands of a team of three dedicated employees - Kelly Cope (Client Services Assistant Manager), Celeste Streeter (Client Services Assistant Manager), and Cindy Edwards (Junior Evaluator / Client Services Manager).

Kelly sums up the nature of the work undertaken by the department. "I work as part of a team," she says, "not only with my Client Services colleagues and department members but also with the entire Liberian Registry family." Celeste points out, "Our department handles seafarer accreditation and certification, where we work as a well-oiled machine in an exciting team environment." And Cindy emphasizes how the team works to "ensure that our clients' needs are met by providing the highest quality of service possible."

All three ladies thoroughly enjoy life at the Liberian Registry. Kelly says, "I am grateful to have found such a wonderful company to work for, which has encouraged my growth at every turn." Celeste agrees, pointing out, "The camaraderie and workplace environment promote my career growth and knowledge of the maritime industry, and we are encouraged to be part of the entire Liberian Registry family." And Cindy says, "The diverse, dynamic and team-gearred environment fostered by the Seafarer's Department further enhances a positive company culture."

Outside the office, all three ladies lead full and active lives. Kelly loves to travel, and later this year will be flying to Tokyo to pick up a cruise ship for an eleven-day voyage around the islands. Celeste is a volunteer worker who has played the flute in various symphonic bands over the past ten years and is currently looking to join a new band, while Cindy is another who enjoys travel, and spending time with her daughter.



TOP LEFT: Christian Suhr (left) and Dr James F Kollie Jr (right)



TOP RIGHT: Pictured (left to right) Scott Bergeron, Nikolaus H Schües, Dr James F Kollie and Margaret Ansumana



BOTTOM RIGHT: Pictured (left to right) Stephan Bade, Margaret Ansumana, Dr James F Kollie and Frank Leonhardt

Liberia recognises strong support in Germany

The Liberian Registry used the occasion of the recent Marine Money Ship Finance Forum in Hamburg, Germany, to honour some of its strongest supporters.

Christian Suhr, Managing Director of Ahrenkiel Shipmanagement GmbH & Co. KG, Hamburg, was presented with an honorary award by Dr James F Kollie Jr, LMA Commissioner, in recognition of his ongoing support as Chairman of the Liberian Shipowners' Council.

Meanwhile, Nikolaus H Schües, CEO of Reederei F Laeisz GmbH, and Frank Leonhardt, owner and managing director of Leonhardt & Blumberg Reederei, were presented with presidential medals by Dr Kollie and Margaret Ansumana, Senior Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Affairs, in recognition for their loyalty and long-standing support of the Liberian Registry.



The naming ceremony for the bulk carrier NSU TRUST, the first Liberian-flag vessel for Emma Line S A, was held at Imabari Shipbuilding Co Ltd in Tokyo, Japan, in November 2016. Takeshi Okamoto, President, LISCR Japan, attended the ceremony on behalf of the Liberian Registry.



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