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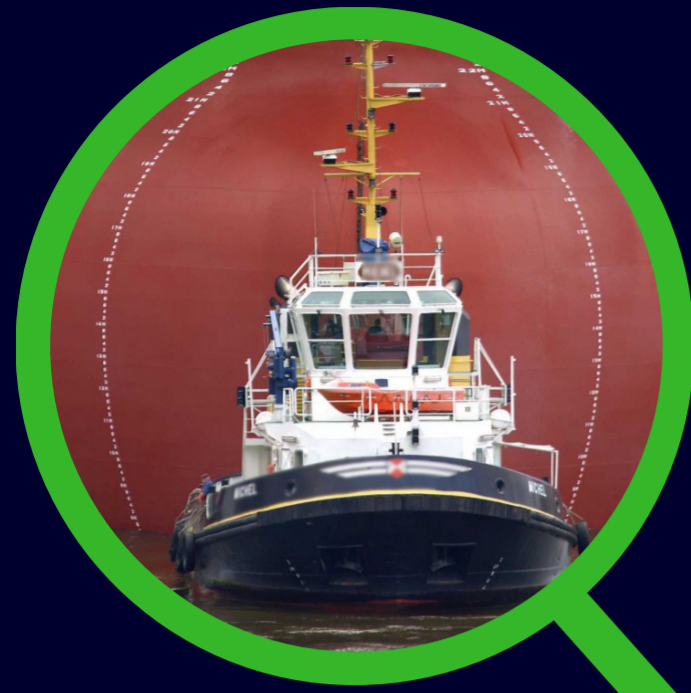
ETA warmly receives “Empowering Women in the Maritime Community” as the 2019 World Maritime Day theme

IMO has selected “Empowering Women in the Maritime Community” as the World Maritime Day theme for 2019.

The organization’s aim is to raise awareness within the sector on the importance of gender equality and to promote and highlight the contribution of women in the maritime industry. This IMO initiative goes in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically SDG5 ‘Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls’.

“ETA welcomes the selection of 2019 World Maritime Day theme as it firmly believes in the need to achieve gender equality in the maritime sector. “Women still represent a small fraction of workers onshore and onboard in the transport community and this unequal situation is even more visible in the maritime industry”, affirms Anna Maria Darmanin ETA Secretary General.

ETA is committed to work for gender equality and women’s empowerment, in fact, the Association was among the first signatories of the Declaration on equal opportunities for women and men in the transport sector and is part of the EC sponsored Women in Transport Platform.





EMSA publishes its EU's seafarers statistics review

As every year the European Maritime Safety Agency released its EU seafarers review, a snap-shot of the European labour market in the maritime sector. The publication is based on the data extracted from certificates and endorsements registered by EU members until the 31st of December 2016.

The data shows that 174,780 masters and officers hold valid certificates of competency (CoC) issued by national authorities while another 87,802 masters and officers hold original CoCs issued by non-EU countries with endorsements issued by EU Member States. Overall, by December 2016 there was a quarter of a million masters and officers to serve on board of EU Member State flagged vessels.

The four EU Member States that had more masters and officers holding CoCs issued by them were the United Kingdom (24,375), Poland (19,518), Greece (17,048) and France (14,362). In addition, the four EU Member States that had more masters and officers holding EaRs were Malta (55,715), Cyprus (26,935), the United Kingdom (12,564) and the Netherlands (11,260).



IMO members make advances with sulphur cap implementation issues

A working group of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has made some progress on the sulphur testing and verification issues that are key for the global implementation of the 0.5% sulphur cap set to enter into force on January 1, 2020.

The intersessional working group (ISWG) meeting of the Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR), considered various member states proposals and agreed that only one reference test method, namely ISO 8754, should be included in Regulation 2 of MARPOL Annex VI.

ISO, the International Organization for Standardization, confirmed that no revision of the standards is needed prior to 2020. The organization also announced that the existing industry standard for marine fuel oils, ISO 8217, already addresses the new 0.5% fuel blends that will be used by many ships to comply in 2020. This increases the confidence on safe and compatible new fuels in line with the sulphur cap requirements.

Moreover, the IMO working group developed a template for ship specific 'Implementation Plans', which will be adopted by the 73th session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee in October. This template will help ship operators to prepare for the implementation and compliance of these low sulphur fuels.

Next events

27 November

Women in Transport
1st Anniversary Conference
Brussels

