

THE MARSHALL ISLANDS REGISTRY

Updates – Port State Control (PSC) Activities in Asia, Europe, and the Americas by Flag and ClassNK

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Hibiya Sky Conference (Hibiya Fort Tower)

Hibiya Fort Tower 11th floor, 1-1-1 Nishi-Shimbashi, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0003

PSC carries out inspections on board vessels calling at their ports and identifies any deficiency that is incompatible with the international standards. Each year there is variation in the concentrated inspection campaigns between the nine memoranda of understanding. This seminar, presented by the Marshall Islands Registry and a guest speaker from ClassNK, provides an update of PSC trends and feasible preventive measures in Australia and the People's Republic of China, the European regions of Italy and Belgium, and North and South America.

AGENDA

- 12:30** **Registration with Coffee and Tea**
- 13:30** **Open / Announcement of Emergency Abandonment**
Master of Ceremonies / Person in Charge of Facility
- 13:35** **Opening Remarks**
Bill Gallagher, *President (International Registries, Inc. (IRI) Reston)*
- 13:45** **2023–2024 Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) PSC Detentions**
Michinori Kurihara, *Representative (IRI Tokyo)*
- 14:00** **Session I: Update on the Australian Maritime Safety Authority and the People's Republic of China Maritime Safety Administration**
Captain Sascha Dyker, *Fleet Operations Manager (IRI Hong Kong)*
- 14:45** **Session II: Update on Europe (Italy and Belgium)**
Satoshi Shimizu (Guest Speaker), *Manager (Research) (ClassNK)*
- 15:30** **Coffee Break**
- 15:45** **Session III: Update on United States Coast (USCG) Guard and Brazil**
Brian Poskaitis, *Senior Vice President, Fleet Operations (IRI Baltimore / Annapolis)*
- 16:30** **Closing Remarks / Meeting End**
Annie Ng, *Head of Asia, Managing Director – Vancouver Office (IRI Vancouver)*

IRI SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



BILL GALLAGHER

President (IRI Reston)

Mr. Gallagher, formerly IRI's General Counsel, was promoted to President in January 2000. Since joining IRI's legal staff in 1991, he has worked closely with the RMI Government and its legislative agenda. Although he has traveled around the globe meeting clients and speaking at corporate and maritime seminars, Mr. Gallagher has been most instrumental in working with IRI's Far East clientele. Prior to joining IRI he specialized in Legal Compliance in the securities industry. He has served as an intern in the United States (US) Senate receiving an award as Intern of the Year and in the German Bundestag, where he enhanced his proficiency in the German language and political culture. Mr. Gallagher received his Bachelor of Arts from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and his Master of Arts in International Relations from the University of Maryland. He earned his Juris Doctor at the University of Baltimore School of Law and is a member of the Maryland State Bar.



MICHINORI KURIHARA

Representative (IRI Tokyo)

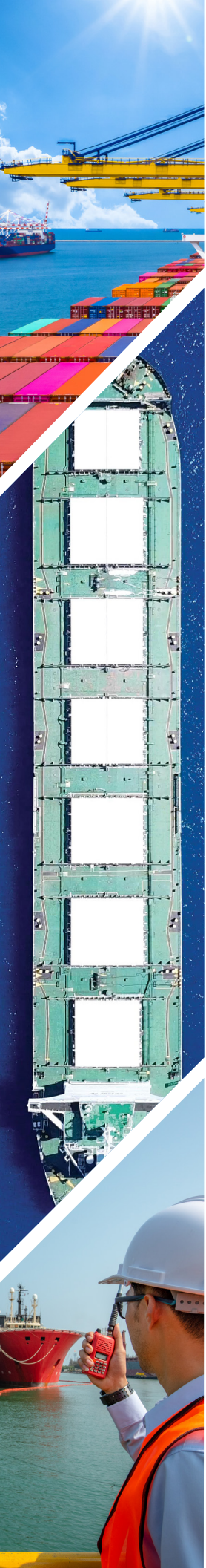
Mr. Kurihara joined IRI in January 2023 and was appointed as Representative in April 2023. In 1986 he joined the maritime industry serving in ship design roles for 20 years with Sumitomo Heavy Industries Ltd. before concluding his career there as part of the production planning and technical group. Mr. Kurihara joined Lloyd's Register (LR) in 2006 as a Ship Surveyor (design appraisal) and spent the next 16 years at LR in various roles, concluding as Principal Surveyor, General Manager of Japan Marine & Offshore based out of LR's Yokohama office. His expertise with LR was in ship classification and regulatory requirements with specific knowledge of the international conventions. Mr. Kurihara has a comprehensive knowledge of cargo gears including cargo handling system and operation on tankers as well. He holds a Bachelor of Naval Architecture from Osaka University.



CAPTAIN SASCHA DYKER

Flag State Inspector (IRI Hong Kong)

Captain Dyker joined IRI in July 2012 as a consultant and became a full-time IRI employee in November 2013 as a Flag State Inspector. Captain Dyker was promoted to Deputy Fleet Operations Manager of the IRI's Hong Kong office in April 2018. Prior to joining IRI, Captain Dyker was Company Director of



Azure Marine Solutions SDN BHD and carried out inspections and surveys. Captain Dyker has sailed as Chief Officer and Master on liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) carriers for Hartmann Schiffahrts GmbH & Co. KG in Germany. Captain Dyker has a degree in Maritime Traffic from the University of Applied Sciences, Oldenburg/Ostfriesland/Wilhelmshaven Institute for Maritime Navigation in Leer, Germany.

BRIAN POSKAITIS

Senior Vice President, Fleet Operations (IRI Baltimore/Annapolis)



Mr. Poskaitis is the Senior Vice President, Fleet Operations overseeing maritime safety, security, and the environmental compliance of the RMI flag fleet. He joined IRI in June 2007 after 26 years of active duty service in the USCG. While in the USCG, Mr. Poskaitis was the Chief of Investigations and Analysis where he was responsible for program management and operational oversight of all marine casualty, marine pollution and environmental crimes investigated by the USCG. He also served as the Chief of Strategic Planning and Analysis for the Office of Marine Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection. As the head of Strategic Planning, he directed all strategy improvements and led a multi-agency team in the development of the National Strategy for Maritime Security. In 2005, Mr. Poskaitis was assigned as the Incident Commander for Salvage Operations during Hurricane Katrina, where he led salvage operations directing US Navy and commercial salvors to salvage over 2,000 vessels. His experience includes an emphasis in Operations Management, Risk Management, Strategic Planning, and Incident Management. Mr. Poskaitis has an M.Eng in Management from The George Washington University, a Master of Science in Systems Engineering from the University of Maryland and a Bachelor of Science from the USCG Academy.

ANNIE NG

Head of Asia and Managing Director, Vancouver Office (IRI Vancouver)



Ms. Ng became a member of IRI's Corporate Department in October of 1999 where she was primarily responsible for promoting corporate business in the Asia Pacific regions. In August 2004 she was appointed General Manager of IRI's Hong Kong office responsible for the day-to-day operations of the office. In November 2005 she was promoted to Managing Director of the Hong Kong office and shortly thereafter she was named Head of Asia. Responsible for the company's maritime and corporate registry business across Asia, and a critical link between North America and Asia. Ms. Ng is based in Vancouver and opened the office there on 1 March 2022 as Managing Director, Vancouver Office. Ms. Ng graduated from the University of British Columbia, Canada with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. She is a member of the Women's International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA).

CLASSNK SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

SATOSHI SHIMIZU (GUEST SPEAKER)

Manager (Research) (ClassNK)



In April 2002, he joined Nippon Kaiji Kyokai. After joining, he was engaged in drawing approval work, on-site inspection work for new ships and ships in service, etc. From April 2015, he was stationed in Hamburg, Germany for five years, where he was engaged in inspection and review work for ships in service there. After returning to Japan, he was mainly engaged in PSC-related investigation work as the head of the Inspection Department.

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