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New logo

Hereby we have the pleasure of introducing the new logo for the merged ship register FAS and “Sjóvinnustýrið” - the Maritime Authority FMA. The FAS logo will still continue within the Maritime Authority as the FAS brand.



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FAROESE MARITIME AUTHORITY

The logo originates from the area of responsibility of the Faroese Maritime Authority. The logo is a circle representing our joint authority and encompasses several nautical objects:

- Steering gear – *relates to our ancient history as a seafaring nation*
- Compass – *safety of navigation*
- Life buoy – *our primary objective is to uphold and improve safety at sea*
- Globe – *symbolizes our global activities as well as the Faroe Islands' position in the middle of the North Atlantic Ocean*

New employee at “Sjóvinnustýrið” / FMA



Majbritt Pauladóttir joined “Sjóvinnustýrið” on 7th March in the newly established position of FMA Customer Liaison. In her daily work she reports to the Managing Director, while her position will also serve as a link between the in-house technical and legal departments.

The position has primarily been established to improve communication with outside entities. Hence, her main tasks will encompass the co-ordination of the flow of information between “Sjóvinnustýrið” and international & national authorities, as well as the information to the ship owners and management

companies.

In addition, the area of responsibility will include:

- Monitoring of forthcoming IMO regulations and communication of same,
- Co-ordination of the activities of the Faroese IMO group,
- Communication with Classification Societies and other sub-contractors,
- Communication with the ship-owning companies regarding Port State Control provisions, and, in this respect, to provide guidelines and information to the ship-owning/management companies,

- Guidance regarding the requirements of the ISM Code to ships and ship-owning/management companies,
- Various information from “Sjóvinnustýrið”.

Prior to joining “Sjóvinnustýrið”, Ms Pauladóttir has worked for more than 25 years in three different Norwegian shipping companies; the last 10 years as HSEQ Manager & DPA in a management company of deep sea-going tankers, ro-ro vessels, car carriers and anchor-handling supply ships.

Courses in Faroese Maritime Law

According to Faroese Law, all foreign senior officers onboard FAS ships, must attend a course in Faroese Maritime Law to obtain their endorsement certification.

“Vinnuháskúlin”, The Centre of Maritime Studies & Engineering in Tórshavn offers internet-based courses.

For further information and to sign up for the course, please contact “Vinnuháskúlin” at e-mail info@vh.fo or phone +298 35 02 50.

“Navit Sp/f” is also a provider of courses in Faroese Maritime Law as well as other maritime related courses – please check http://navit.fo/sider/Maritim%20Skeið/skeidplanur_dk.asp

Workers’ Compensation Insurance Act

The Act obligates all employers, including vessel owners in the FAS Register, to indemnify all their workers against potential loss caused by work-related injuries and illness.

Please be aware of the fact that it is mandatory for all shipowners in FAS to take out the Workers’ Compensation Insurance with a Faroese Insurance Company, or an insurance company licensed to operate on the Faroese market.

Piracy Policy

Unfortunately, incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships still occur around the world. A few areas have witnessed an increase in the number of reported attacks against ships and their crews in recent years, not least the Gulf of Aden and the waters off Somalia.

Even though the Faroese Maritime Authority (FMA) recognises the potential danger connected with maritime activity in the mentioned area, we strongly discourage the use of weapons onboard Faroese registered ships.

Furthermore we must stress that any use of weapons onboard Faroese registered ships is illegal without the explicit authorization from the Faroese Ministry of Justice. FAS can provide advice concerning the bureaucratic process.

For this reason, the FMA directs special attention to the IMO guidelines aimed specifically at ships in the waters off Somalia. The guidelines publish the industry's Best Management Practice (BMP) – **MSC.1/CIRC. 1337 dated 4. August 2010.**

The FMA also refers to the IMO Guidance to ship owners and ship operators, shipmasters and crews on preventing and suppressing acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships. This guidance provides good advice and a number of recommendations for preventing attacks and

for minimizing danger to crew and ship in the event that the attack is not prevented -
MSC.1/CIRC. 1334 dated 23.June 2009.

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