MAIIF – WHAT IS IT?

Maritime Safety Through Investigation and Cooperation

Marine Accident Investigators’ International Forum
MAIIF – DESCRIPTION

The Marine Accident Investigators' International Forum (MAIIF) is an international non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of maritime safety and the prevention of marine pollution through the exchange of ideas, experiences and information acquired in marine accident investigation.

An Inter-Governmental Organization (IGO) at IMO
MAIIF – PURPOSE

....to promote and improve marine accident investigation, and to foster cooperation and communication between marine accident investigators.
ABOUT MAIIF

• An organization of senior accident investigators representing over 40 flag investigative bodies such as USCG, NTSB, MAIB, ATSB, TSB Canada, etc.
• It was founded in 1992 and meets annually.
• It has spawned regional groups: MAIFA, EMAIIF and AMAIF – and (hopefully) soon MAIIF Africa.
• It has been instrumental in assisting the IMO to identify and address safety issues.
MAIIF – OBJECTIVES

MAIIF’s objectives are to:

– Foster, develop and sustain a co-operative relationship among national marine investigators for the purpose of improving and sharing of knowledge in an international forum.

– Improve maritime safety and the prevention of pollution through the dissemination of information gained in the investigative process.

– Encourage through co-operation the development, recognition, implementation and improvement of related international instruments, where appropriate.
Strategy – “to promote and improve casualty investigation”

- Assist
- Discuss
- Communicate
- Represent
- Cooperate
- Develop
MAIIF achievements

• Casualty Analysis Working Group and Correspondence Group
• Casualty Investigation Code Res.MSC.255(84)
• Guidelines to assist investigators in the implementation of the CIC Res.A.1075(28)
• MAIIF Investigation Manual
• Model Course in Casualty Investigation
• Development of Voyage Data Recorders - Resource
• Investigators’ in-the-field Job Aid

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MAIIF recent activity

Enclosed Space Entry

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A preliminary survey of MAIIF members (attached at annex) reveals that there have been at least 101 enclosed space incidents resulting in 93 deaths and 96 injuries, since the Recommendations were adopted in November 1997.
MAIIF recent activity

Master/Pilot Safe Navigation

HTW 3/INF.5

Safety deficiencies associated with lack of teamwork on the bridge, including communication between marine pilots and masters/officers of the watch, is a shared concern for our two organizations.
MAIIF recent activity

MAIIF/IMO Job Aid

“In the field” guide – based on MAIIF Manual and IMO Res. A.1075(28) ‘Guidelines’
Designed as an A5 booklet – easy to carry and use at the scene
For new or inexperienced investigators
Divided into colour-coded sections.
MAIIF recent activity

MAIIF Training Day at IMO

• Conducted a one-day training course on Marine Casualty Investigation for Managers and Marine Administrators during III2. The topics included purpose of marine safety investigations - no blame and no establishment of liability – and how to set-up a *bona fide* investigation body.
New MAIIF safety initiative

MAIIF is trialing being a clearing-house for safety communications that affect the World Fleet.

Presently posting bulletins and safety letters supplied by MAIIF membership

All information is available to the public: https://maiif.org/links/recent-members-safety-bulletins/

Will take stock at Fall 2018 MAIIF meeting
MAIIF – MEMBERSHIP

Membership of MAIIF is open to a national marine safety investigation authority, subject to the payment of an annual subscription

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