

CMMI Monthly Lecture on "Seafarers Safety in Embracing

Alternative Fuels" by Mr. Sunil Kumar, CTO and Head – T&A, GESCO

n a very significant event on maritime safety and sustainability, Mr. Sunil Kumar, F.I. Mar.E. Chtd. Engr. CTO. and Head-T&A of The Great Eastern Shipping Co. Ltd., delivered a comprehensive presentation on "Seafarers Safety in Embracing Alternative Fuels." The event took place on November 30, 2023, at the GESCO Auditorium in Worli, Mumbai, as part of the monthly lecture meeting organized by the Company of Master Mariners of India (CMMI).

The presentation, held in a hybrid format, witnessed a substantial turnout both physically and online. This initiative aimed to address the challenges and opportunities associated with incorporating alternative fuels in the maritime industry.



Sunil Kumar

Mr. Sunil Kumar, distinguished alumnus of DMET, M.E. in Mechanical Engineering, and an M.B.A. from IIT-Bombay, explored a spectrum of alternative fuels during the presentation, totalling 11 in number. The

included evaluation criteria their impact on Environmental Sustainability, Occupational Health and Safety Concerns, and Fire & Explosion Hazards. The presentation also delved into crucial design considerations and outlined a strategic way forward for the industry to adopt these alternative fuels.

format allowed for participation from mariners across the country, fostering a collaborative and inclusive environment.

The enlightening presentation by Mr. Sunil Kumar concluded with a vote of thanks from Capt. Philip Mathews, Director of

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Capt Philip Mathews

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Capt MP Bhasin

The event commenced with opening remarks by Capt. M. P. Bhasin, Chairman of CMMI and Managing Director of MSC Crewing Services India. Capt. Bhasin, who also serves as the Chairman of the Maritime Association of Shipowners Ship managers and Agents (MASSA), set the tone for the evening, emphasizing the importance of initiatives that prioritize safety and environmental consciousness in maritime operations.

During the lecture, attendees had the opportunity to engage in a dynamic discussion and question & answer session on the challenges and opportunities surrounding alternative fuels. The hybrid

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Seven Islands Maritime Training Foundation and Elected Warden of **CMMI.** Capt. Mathews expressed sincere gratitude for Mr. Kumar's insightful presentation, emphasizing its significant value in enhancing understanding of alternative fuels and seafarers' safety. Acknowledging Mr Kumar's pivotal role in IMO's correspondence group on fuel safety and memberofIndiandelegation representing Maritime Safety Committee at IMO and HTW sub-committee of IMO, Capt. Mathews highlighted the substantial contributions expected in future CMMI knowledge

sessions. The appreciation conveyed encapsulated the acknowledgment of Mr. Kumar's profound expertise, promising a continued collaboration for a safer and more sustainable maritime industry.

The event underscored commitment the of industry leaders, such as Mr. Sunil Kumar and the CMMI, to navigate the maritime sector towards a sustainable and secure future. As the industry explores alternative fuels, forums like these play a pivotal role in disseminating knowledge and fostering a collective approach to maritime safety and environmental responsibility.

MARINE NEWS

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S audi Arabia has asked the United States to show restraint in responding to attacks by Yemen's Houthis against ships in the Red Sea, as Riyadh seeks to contain spillover from the Hamas-Israel war, according to a Singapore based media reports.

The Iran-aligned Houthis have waded into the conflict that has spread around the Middle East since war erupted on Oct 7, attacking vessels in vital shipping lanes and firing drones and missiles at Israel itself.

The group, which rules much of Yemen, says its attacks are a show of support for the Palestinians and has vowed they will continue until Israel stops its offensive on

Saudi appeals to US for restraint in their naval operations in Red sea

the Gaza Strip — more than 1,000 miles from their seat of power in Sanaa.

The Houthis are one of several groups in the Iran-aligned "Axis of Resistance" which have been attacking Israeli and United States targets since the start of the conflict on Oct 7, when their Palestinian ally Hamas sparked the war by attacking Israel.

Their role has added to the conflict's regional risks, threatening sea lanes through which much of the world's oil is shipped and worrying states on the Red Sea as Houthi rockets and drones fly towards Israel.

Riyadh, the world's top oil exporter, has watched with alarm as Houthi missiles have been fired over its territory. With the Houthis stepping up attacks on shipping over the past weeks, Saudi's message of restraint to Washington is aimed to avoid further escalation.

Riyadh was so far pleased with the way the US was handling the situation..ting in Teheran in November, agreeing to carry out actions in a "controlled" way that would help force an end to the Gaza war. The source was briefed on the matter.

The US and Britain have condemned the attacks on shipping, blaming Iran for its role in supporting the Houthis. Teheran says its allies make their decisions independently.

In one of the latest incidents,

three commercial vessels came under attack in international waters last week. The Houthis said they had fired at what they said were two Israeli vessels. Israel denied any link to the ships. A US Navy destroyer, the *Carney*, shot down three drones as it answered distress calls from the vessels, which the US military said were connected to 14 nations.



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