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IRS leads push for improved inland waterway safety through integrated IV Rules



Mr. K. K. Dhawan

Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) is continuing its drive to improve inland vessel safety throughout India, having played an integral role in the drafting of the Inland Vessels Act 2021.

The Inland Vessels Act 2021 will help integrated vessel movement throughout waterways and establish uniformity in law and standardised provisions.

The IV Act 2021 addresses safety and pollution control norms and makes provisions for the use of new and special category vessels. It also specifies retrieval of wreck and salvage norms.

Based on the IV Act 2021, IRS has drafted rules in consultation with Ministry, State Governments and various other stakeholders. The draft Rules and Regulations for Construction and Classification of Inland Waterways Ships are ship-type specific to ensure safety of cargo, assets and the environment.

The draft Rules cover requirements for passenger vessels, including Ro-Ro & Ro-Pax, tankers and dry cargo vessels. The rules also cover aspects of insurance, wreck & salvage, limitation of liabilities and other administrative provisions. For the

purpose of IV Rules, Inland vessels will now be classified into three categories: Category A, Category B and Category C.

IRS has participated in the 'Waterways Conclave 2022', which was held in Dibrugarh, Assam, on 11 - 12 April.

Speaking ahead of the event, **Mr. K. K. Dhawan, Vice President of IRS**, said: "IRS has been

privileged to offer crucial advice on the hugely important Inland Vessels Act 2021 and in developing of draft IV Rules 2022, along with Inland Waterways Authority of India. Implementing and refining the highest safety standards possible across inland waterway will not only save lives but also aid economic growth across India."

GMCG flies the flag for Barbados Maritime Ship Registry



Mr. Nandlal Aher, MD of GMCG for the India and East Africa regions

Global Maritime Consultants Group (GMCG), one of the world's leading maritime consultancies, has been appointed

as regional national partner for the Barbados Maritime Ship Registry (BMSR). Following a realignment at the registry, GMCG will be using its extensive global network to offer ship owners the BMSR services and continue to develop the registry's growth and profile.

The Barbados Maritime Ship Registry is on the Paris MoU White List and accredited

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to ISO:9001 with a growing maritime reputation as a provider of inspections and assured ship registration services. BMSR has been a member of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) since 1971 and has a comprehensive network of Appointed Nautical Inspectors across the world's major maritime locations.

GMCG is now a Regional Registrar (RR) for BMSR and this follows a long association with the registry. GMCG is ideally placed to represent the flag because of its reputation as an independent maritime consultancy providing expert technical, legal, training and management consultancy to the shipping and offshore sectors.

Nandlal Aher, Managing Director of GMCG for the India and East Africa regions, believes this is a

major step forward for both GMCG and BMSR working together. "We are delighted that Barbados Maritime Shipping Registry have extended our cooperation to represent them as a key regional registrar partner.

"We offer the best shipping consultation services together with our engineering and technical expertise in the market and our continuing association with BMSR will enable us to carry on offering ship owners, flags with knowledge, experience and integrity. We know from our experience of working with BMSR that they attach the same importance to high standards and quality services as we do at GMCG. Barbados is an important flag for this region and we welcome the opportunity to extend our partnership with BMSR."

GMCG is an ideal partner for BMSR according to **Giovanni Ciniglio, CEO** of the registry. "We were looking

for a maritime consultancy that delivered what it promised and there is no doubt that GMCG is that partner we see as helping us to drive the registry to even greater heights. They understand the maritime world and shipping, something that will be invaluable to BMSR over the next few years. We see a bright future ahead with GMCG onboard."

GMCG has developed an experienced and respected global network of 20 offices in 16 different countries in the 30 years it has been established and BMSR will further enhance a prestigious group of flags which form the range of ship registry options provided by GMCG. The registry's full range of services, which include complete ship registration, crew certification and endorsements, regulatory bulletins and inspections, will form a major part of the partnership between the two leading maritime bodies.

MARINE NEWS

Yang Ming to induct LNG-powered container ships

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With five new 15,000 TEU vessels authorised, Yang Ming Marine Transport Corporation (Yang Ming) will be the first shipping company in Taiwan that owns LNG-powered container ships.

They would be equipped with dual-fuel LNG marine engine, highlighted a release.

The shipbuilding plan is set to strengthen the company's mid- to



Yang Ming strengthens its competitiveness with this move

long-term operational competitiveness and accelerate its fleet renewal plan. By using clean energy,

Yang Ming has taken another step to address climate change and move on to low-carbon transitions, the release added.

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