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# Waves

## President's Message

Dear Members,

Welcome to this very first issue of the SSA eNewsletter!

The last SSA Newsletter was issued on May 2001 which was dis-continued due to poor response.

The Council feels that with the increased membership that we have (259 at the last count and we have many more new members coming on board), we should revive the Newsletter to update our members on the activities of the Association.

Singapore has developed into a shipping and maritime centre with many players in the maritime fields coming to Singapore. Therefore it is timely for SSA to launch this eNewsletter to keep the community informed and to provide a better linkage in this fast moving eWorld.

After moving into the new SSA home on 20th May 2005, we have just launched the Young Executives Group (YEG) last month and there will be more activities for our younger members.

SSA eNewsletter is our latest project to bring everyone closer together and keep everybody informed. I encourage all members to contribute articles to the eNewsletter.



Mr. S S Teo

This eNewsletter will also be posted at the SSA Website "<http://www.ssa.org.sg>" to facilitate easy access by any other members of the maritime community who wish to know more about SSA.

If you have any comments or suggestions to improve on this eNewsletter, please do not hesitate to feedback to the Association.

Please enjoy reading!

S S Teo  
President

## Editor's Note



Mr. Patrick Phoon

This marks the first issue of "Waves" and it will be available every quarter. I hope that with the approach of light reading for all, we will be able to bring as much news of the SSA in the most of easy reading to you. We shall endeavour to be "different" and will try to feature as much information as possible in this 4-6 pages eNewsletter.

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### New SSA Members:

- ✓ **Hamburg Sud Singapore Pte Ltd**  
- Ship Agent  
(Ordinary Member)  
1 Feb 2006
- ✓ **Raetsasia P&I Services Pte Ltd**  
- P&I/Ship Insurance  
(Associate Member)  
1 Feb 2006
- ✓ **Armada Singapore Pte Ltd**  
- Bulk Carrier & Tanker Operators  
(Ordinary Member)  
1 Apr 2006
- ✓ **OSM Shipmanagement Pte Ltd**  
- Ship Management  
(Ordinary Member)  
1 Apr 2006
- ✓ **Songa Shipholding Pte Ltd**  
- Ship Owners, Operators, Charterers  
(Ordinary Member)  
1 Apr 2006
- ✓ **Rabobank International**  
- Offshore bank  
(Associate Member)  
1 Apr 2006

## Meetings Updates

### Constitution Meeting

Members may wish to know that a Working Group headed by Mr. Chan Tuck Hoi has been formed to reconsider and update our Constitution. The proposed amendments to the Constitution will be tabled for members discussion and approval before the AGM in July this year.

### International Committee

The hot topic for discussion at the SSA International Committee headed by Mr. Kuroya Kenichi has been the Singapore Competition Act. The Competition Commission of Singapore has recommended that shipping lines receive block exemptions.

The International Committee has also been following the situation in Europe, where the European Commission announced on 14 Dec 05 that it would propose to repeal the block exemption for liner conferences from the EC Treaty competition rules' ban on restrictive business.

On the ASEAN and Asian front, the Federation of ASEAN Shippers' Associations will be holding their 34th Executive Committee Meeting back to back with the 15th Asian Shipowners Forum on 28-30 May 2006 in Karuizawa, Japan.

### Domestic Committee

Over at the Domestic Committee chaired by Mr. Joe Ng, members may wish to note that the ISO Secretariat has appointed Singapore as the convener for Working Group 8 of the ISO Technical Committee. Mr. Kan Hoi Yuen, chairman of the SSA bunkering sub-committee has been appointed to head the ISO Working Group while Mr. Sim Kim Pun will serve as the SSA representative.

Kudos to SSA! Members may also wish to note that the CP60 was formulated by the then-SNSA way back in the 90s.

### Services Committee

At the Services Committee headed by Mr. Patrick Phoon, the draft guidelines for the recommendation of the Bunker Hose testing have been finalized and submitted to MPA. One must remember that these guidelines will only serve as a minimum standard.

In response to members in the bunkering industry, the SSA is organizing an Information Exchange cum Networking Session between Bunker Tanker Owners and Ship Financing Banks on 13 April 06. Do visit the SSA website for further updates.

## Young Executives Group (YEG)

With the Inaugural launch of the SSA Young Executives Group on 16 February 2006, the SSA Council's Youth Society initiative became a reality, and the seeds that were sown for the dawn of a new shipping leadership have now bore fruit. Held at the chic and trendy J Bar in the M Hotel, over 140 Young Shipping Executives from the shipping fraternity participated.

With each participant being greeted during registration by the friendly staff of the Singapore Shipping Association (SSA) and YEG pro-tem core group, and with a heady mix of glowing ambience and music that soothed the soul, participants were in tune for an evening of good casual fun. Special mention goes to Scotiabank, a long time partner and friend of the shipping industry, for generously sponsoring much-appreciated goodie bags as door gifts.

The event was graced by the SSA President, Mr. S.S. Teo and several SSA Councilors.

Inspiring speeches by President. S.S. Teo, YEG Mentors Councilor W S Seong Koon and Councilor John Curley kindled much

excitement and enthusiasm among the participants—a positive harbinger for the active participation in the YEG. Proposed YEG logos to represent the YEG were also unveiled.

The YEG prides itself on making positive contributions to Singapore's wider maritime ambitions and is looking to excel in several specific fronts. Having identified its goals, the YEG is willing to walk on hot coals and broken glass to make them resounding successes!

The Young Executives Group is looking for more Young Shipping Executives to participate in its various activities lined up for year 2006 and membership numbers are rapidly increasing. To ensure that you are invited to privileged Meets and Events of the SSA and SSA YEG, please fill up the Membership form found at the SSA Website under the "Young Executives Grp" tab and have it faxed back to the SSA Secretariat at the soonest possible.

### Upcoming YEG Events

- ◆ 20 Apr Talk & Network Session
- ◆ TBA/May Beach BBQ & Team Games
- ◆ 15 June Talk & Network Session
- ◆ 13 July Talk & Network Session
- ◆ TBA/Aug Golf
- ◆ 14 Sep Talk & Network Session
- ◆ 12 Oct Talk & Network Session
- ◆ TBA/Nov Bowling
- ◆ TBA/Dec Christmas Party

## Past Events Photo Gallery

Lunch Talk—"New Classification Challenges for the New Year" @ Banquet Suite, Level 10, M Hotel Singapore  
Thursday, 19 January 2006



Participants mingling with each other before the Lunch Talk commence



Mr. Robert D. Somerville presenting the talk



Question and Answer Session

Lunar New Year Cocktail Get-Together 2006 @ Canning Room, Level 4, Raffles City Convention Centre  
Friday, 3 February 2006



Minister Yeo Cheow Tong receives the scroll



Mr. SS Teo delivers his opening speech



Lohei to prosperity and happiness!!

SSA Young Executives Group (YEG) Launch @ J Bar, Level 9, M Hotel Singapore  
Thursday, 16 February 2006



SSA Secretariat receiving the guests



Here are the young executives from the shipping industry



SSA President, Councilors and YEG-PTCG Group Photo

Workshop on Bunker Convention & Anti-Fouling Systems Convention @ Connection 3 & 4, Level 3, Amara Hotel  
Monday, 13 March 2006



Workshop in process...



Questions from the floor.



Panel Discussions

## Personality Feature—Ms. W S Seong Koon



Ms Wah Sun Seong Koon has served ardently as Councillor for the Singapore Shipping Association since 2003. With over 20 years experience in banking, she has offered her expertise to the SSA Council on many occasions. Formerly Chairperson of the SSA Working Group responsible for purchasing a new office, she was instrumental in developing the SSA's home at 59 Tras Street. Currently, she is the presiding Mentor for the SSA Young Executives Group (YEG) that was launched on 16 February 2006.

In addition to her work at the Association, Ms. WS Seong Koon is the Country Head, Vice President and Branch Manager for Scotiabank Singapore, one of Canada's premier international financial institutions. She also serves as the Head of Transportation Financing and the co-Head of Global Transaction Banking for the Bank in the Asia-Pacific region. Born, raised and educated in Singapore, she has a bachelor's degree in accountancy. She is married with 1 child.

For our very first issue, we have the pleasure of this charismatic SSA Councillor WS Seong Koon to share with us some of her experiences outside her busy work schedule.

### What do you like to do in your past-time?

Sleep but also enjoy spending fun time with my son, eating, running, cycling, watching movies, Discovery Channel and NGC. Used to enjoy sailing - but only on a laser.

### When was the last time you watched a good movie?

King Kong during Christmas season. I am Pete Jackson's fan after seeing his LOTR.

### How do you keep fit?

By having a positive attitude towards life, among other things that I do.

### What is your favourite colour?

Purple although I couldn't think of one dress or accessory of mine that's of the colour!

### What is the funniest moment in your life?

Being interviewed now....

### What will score highest on the fear factor scale?

Those XXXX cockroaches!

### What is the single most important thing in your life?

My faith.

### What is the first thing you do in the morning after you got out of bed?

Go back to bed

### What is your signature dish?

Tom Yam noodles - Yum Yum

## Maritime Lounge

Remember to make yourselves free every Thursday evening to visit the SSA Maritime Lounge. With a posh yet relaxing ambience, the Lounge has a great selection of drinks at very affordable prices. Tidbits are free! You will never know who you might bump into on every visit, so do pop by!

Rental of the Lounge or Conference Room is available with minimal charges. Kindly contact the SSA Secretariat at 6222 5238 for more details.

The Maritime Lounge is open to all SSA Members every Thursday evening from 5.30pm to 10.00pm.

Please click on the link below for more details:

<http://www.ssa.org.sg/index.cfm?GPID=251>



## Upcoming Meetings and Events

- ◆ **International Committee Meeting** (Wed, 12 Apr 06)
- ◆ **Information Exchange cum Networking Session between Bunker Tanker Owners & Shipping Banks** (Thurs, 13 Apr 06)
- ◆ **SSA Talk on Ship Financing** (TBA/Apr 06)
- ◆ **Ship Operations & Port Services Sub-Committee Meeting** (Mon, 17 Apr 06)
- ◆ **Cruise Sub-Committee Meeting** (Thurs, 20 Apr 06)
- ◆ **SSA Members' Meeting cum Cocktail Reception** (Fri, 21 Apr 06)
- ◆ **Domestic Committee Meeting** (Fri, 5 May 06)
- ◆ **Bunkering Sub-Committee Meeting** (Wed, 10 May 06)
- ◆ **Technical Committee Meeting** (Thurs, 18 May 06)
- ◆ **Port Agencies Sub-Committee Meeting** (Wed, 19 May 06)
- ◆ **Council Meeting** (Thurs, 25 May 06)
- ◆ **34th FASA EXCO Meeting in Karuizawa, Japan** (Sun, 28 May 06)
- ◆ **15th ASF Meeting in Karuizawa, Japan** (Mon, 29 May 06 and Tues 30 May 06)
- ◆ **Tanker Sub-Committee Meeting** (Thurs, 1 June 06)
- ◆ **Maritime Security Sub-Committee Meeting** (Tues, 6 June 06)
- ◆ **Services Committee Meeting** (Wed, 7 June 06)
- ◆ **Legal Committee Meeting** (Fri, 9 June 06)
- ◆ **Vocational Training Sub-Committee Meeting** (Tues, 27 June 06)
- ◆ **Marine Insurance Sub-Committee Meeting** (Fri, 30 June 06)
- ◆ **SSA Annual General Meeting (AGM) cum Cocktail Reception** (Fri, 7 July 06)
- ◆ **SSA 21st Anniversary Gala Dinner** (Fri, 27 Oct 06)

*\* Dates are subject to changes if required.*



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## SSA Vocational Training Programme (VTP) Courses

SSA Vocational Training Programme courses are for the benefit of SSA member companies and the Singapore shipping industry at large. It is the SSA's desire to promote and inculcate a greater level of awareness among its members of the importance of vocational training. Vocational training allows members to constantly upgrade the professional skills and standards of their staff at the workplace. The VTP courses have attracted and benefited participants who are new recruits, clerks, supervisors and management trainees at various levels in the shipping industry. Participating companies who meet the SDFEasyNet/NTS criteria will also be able to register their staff for the courses at subsidized rates too! Please click on this link <http://www.ssa.org.sg/index.cfm?GPID=54> for more details.

#### Courses for April, May, June 06 At a Glance:

- ✓ **Principles of Shipping Operations and Practices** (11 Apr - 23 May)
- ✓ **Marine Insurance** (20 Apr - 24 May)
- ✓ **Understanding Documentary Credit** (11 Apr - 27 Apr)
- ✓ **Effective Written Communication in Shipping Management** (3 May - 5 Jul)
- ✓ **1-Day Course on the Code of Practice for Bunkering (CP60:2004)** (26 May)

*NB: Course dates are subject to changes.*