

LAW OF MARINE SALVAGE EXPERT LECTURES AT IMLI

Mr. Archie Bishop, Expert in the field of the law on marine salvage and a Consultant of Holman, Fenwick & Willan Law Firm of the United Kingdom visited the Institute between 8 and 9 February, 2016, to conduct two lectures on Maritime Salvage.



Mr. Archie Bishop meeting the students of the IMLI Class of 2015-2016

In his lectures, Mr. Bishop discussed the history and development of salvage law through the centuries. He explained the elements of salvage and continued with a thorough examination of the International Salvage Convention 1989, with particular emphasis on the criteria to be taken into account by a court or arbitral tribunal when assessing salvage awards and special compensation in accordance with the provisions of the Convention.

Mr. Bishop also provided an overview on the Lloyd's Open Form (LOF) and examined in depth the clauses of the current form, the LOF 2011. He discussed further the SCOPIC (Special Compensation P&I Club) clause, which is an addendum to the LOF. This clause has largely replaced the special compensation clause in the Convention. Mr. Bishop concluded his lecture by highlighting the works of the CMI in reviewing the Convention and the possible solutions as to how endeavors to protect the marine environment could be better rewarded.

Mr. Bishop is a solicitor, both in England and Hong Kong, a CEDR Accredited Mediator, and an Examiner in Admiralty.

Mr. Bishop completed his education aboard the HMS Worcester, then went on to serve 7 years as a deck officer with the P&O Line before joining the Holman, Fenwick & Willan Law Firm in 1960. He was a Senior Partner of Holman Fenwick Willan Law Firm from 1988 and 2000 and now serves as a Consultant specialised in collision, salvage, total loss and all other casualties in which his nautical expertise is of value.

Mr. Bishop was also a Legal Adviser to the International Salvage Union between 1982 and 2010, which in that capacity he worked with the Legal Committee of IMO in the preparation of the Salvage Convention, 1989. Furthermore, he was in the drafting committee of LOF and the Lloyds Salvage Group, as he is known to be responsible for much of the legal documentation and contracts that affect the salvage industry. He played a significant role in the development of the SCOPIC Clause and chaired the SCOPIC Committee.

Mr. Bishop is a frequent contributor and speaker at international conferences and author of numerous educational course on maritime law.

Being considered as one of the most renowned specialists in this field of maritime law, the students of the IMLI Class of 2015-2016 were very appreciative of his precise, practical and enlightening lectures.

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