



MARITIME SAFETY CONSULTANT LECTURES AT IMLI

Captain Joseph Zerafa (Maritime Safety Consultant) visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute on 30 November and 1 December 2017 and delivered a set of lectures on the Technical Aspects of Shipping to the IMLI Class of 2017-2018.



Captain Joseph Zerafa (Maritime Safety Consultant) meeting the IMLI Class of 2017-2018

Capt. Zerafa commenced his lecture with an overview of the technical terms used in the construction and operation of ships. He then discussed in detail, the technical matters relevant to shipping including ship construction and dimension, tonnage and deadweight and ship stability. Students had an opportunity to view and discuss with Capt. Zerafa the technical documents required for compliance with international regulations. His lectures enable the students to understand better the difficulties and problems that may be encountered marine casualty incidents and how they could help their respective administrations deal with such incidents.

Capt. Joseph Zerafa started his career at sea in 1975 when he joined Shell Tankers (UK) Ltd as a Deck Cadet. He studied in the UK and got his Class 1 Master's Certificate in 1987. During his time with Shell, he sailed on the largest oil tankers, LNG carriers and OBO vessels.

Once back ashore Capt. Zerafa continued working in the marine sector by first working for 6 years in the marine insurance surveys, then for 13 years with the Malta Maritime Authority as the Technical Manager in-charge of the technical aspects of the vessels registered under the Malta Flag, then for 7 years with IMO as a SAFEMED Project Officer in Maritime Safety. He is a Freelance Consultant in Maritime Safety, including consultancy work for IMO in West Africa, and as a Government Ship Surveyor.

Capt. Zerafa has been a visiting lecturer to IMLI since the very early years of IMLI.

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