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## WORLD MARITIME COMMUNITY CELEBRATES WORLD MARITIME DAY

The international maritime community, led by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the United Nations specialized agency with responsibility for the safety and security of shipping and the prevention of marine and atmospheric pollution by ships celebrates World Maritime Day at IMO Headquarters and around the world today, 27 September 2018.



The theme for this year's celebration, which coincides with the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the international convention establishing IMO, is "IMO 70: Our Heritage – Better Shipping for a Better Future".

The celebration provides not just the delight in the achievements so far registered, but it also presents the opportunity to build on those milestones and look forward to better ways of addressing both the current and future challenges confronting maritime transport and the protection of the marine environment.



The IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) celebrates this day by taking stock of its contributions to the successful attainment of IMO's mandate through education and research. The Institute continuously monitors the emerging threats to ocean governance and through its academic programmes, research, and publication work provides a direct response to such challenges. IMLI is committed to continue benefiting the global maritime community through its active capacity-building role in the field of international maritime law.

The Institute is preparing to welcome in October the 30<sup>th</sup> intake of students who will receive intensive training in all areas of international maritime law and will join a formidable network of over 940 maritime professionals from 140 States who are contributing meaningfully to the realization of the United Nations Sustainable Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals.

World Maritime Day was first held in 1978 to mark the 20th anniversary of the IMO Convention. Celebrations are held throughout the world to focus attention on the importance of shipping, safety, maritime security and the marine environment, and to emphasize a particular aspect of IMO's work. In addition to the official IMO celebrations held at IMO Headquarters in London, the Member States of the Organization host events marking the day.

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