

MARITIME SAFETY CONSULTANT LECTURES AT IMLI

Captain Joseph Zerafa (Maritime Safety Consultant) visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute on 12-13 November 2018 and delivered a set of lectures on 'Technical Aspects of Shipping' to the IMLI Class of 2018-2019.



Captain Joseph Zerafa (Maritime Safety Consultant) meeting the IMLI Class of 2018-2019

Captain Zerafa began his lecture with an overview of the technical terms used in the construction and operation of ships. He then explained, in detail, the technical matters such as ship construction and dimension, tonnage and deadweight and ship stability. He also analysed the technical documents required for compliance with international regulations.

His lectures offered the students a rare opportunity to understand the technical aspects of shipping and the challenges associated with the same.

Captain 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. He worked with the Malta Maritime Authority as the Technical Manager in-charge of the technical aspects of the vessels registered under the Malta Flag for 13 years and at the IMO as a SAFEMED Project Officer in Maritime Safety for 7 years.

Captain Zerafa is currently a Freelance Consultant in Maritime Safety, including consultancy work for IMO in West Africa, and as a Government Ship Surveyor. He has been supporting IMLI's academic activities, as a visiting lecturer, since the very early years of IMLI.

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