



ASA Newsletter 4th Edition 2023

45th Shared Awareness Meeting (SAM) co-organised by ASA

45th SAM Agenda (Maritime Security in the Digital Age)

Date: 29th Feb 24
Time: SGT 1430H - 1800H
Location: Furama City Centre

Duration	Time (UTC +8)	Title
5 mins	1430 - 1435	Welcome Speech by IFC
5 mins	1435 - 1440	Welcome Speech by ASA/SSA
25 mins	1440 - 1505	IFC AOI MARSEC Brief
20 mins	1505 - 1525	MICA Centre MARSEC Brief
15 mins	1525 - 1540	Gulf of Aden (GoA) MARSEC Update
15 mins	1540 - 1555	Navigating AIS Spoofing
15 mins	1555 - 1610	Applications of Maritime Autonomous Vehicles in MARSEC
15 mins	1610 - 1625	AI adoption in MARSEC processes
5 mins	1625 - 1630	Presentation of Momentos
	1630 - 1730	Refreshments and Networking

Latest development from The Information Fusion Centre (IFC)

Securing the Seas: Information Fusion Centre's Achievements for 2023

As the Information Fusion Centre (IFC) welcomes the new year, it is with great pride and gratitude that we reflect on our accomplishments to enhance maritime security (MARSEC) awareness and foster stronger collaboration in addressing evolving security challenges. These have been made possible through the unwavering support of all our shipping and maritime security (MARSEC) partners.

Notably, our collaborations with the Asian Shipowners' Association (ASA) have played a crucial role in these achievements, which encompassed various initiatives such as co-organising Shared Awareness Meetings to address industry MARSEC concerns, and the privilege of briefing the latest MARSEC situation at the ASA's Safe Navigation & Environment Committee and participating in ASA's inaugural International Shipping Forum 2023. We are grateful for these partnerships and eagerly look forward to further collaboration in the future.

Strengthening Regional Partnerships

One of our primary objectives was to establish an extensive network for information sharing, leading us to embark on several overseas trips for the first time. This included our outreach to the Indonesian shipping community in Jakarta, where we presented at the inaugural Sea Indonesia 2023 Exhibition and Conference. Additionally, the IFC was invited to Brunei to participate in the 59th Federation of ASEAN

Shipowners' Association (FASA) Executive Committee (EXCO) meeting, and the Maritime Industry Engagement session which was attended by the Brunei shipping community and the Maritime Port Authority of Brunei Darussalam. During the engagement session, IFC shared insights on the latest MARSEC situation in the region and our initiatives.

IFC Events/Activities to Build Capacity, Raise MARSEC Awareness, and Enhance Operational Readiness

The IFC conducted a series of events that convened the shipping community and MARSEC agencies, including the co-organising with ASA and SSA for the 43rd and 44th Shared Awareness Meetings (SAM), the 11th Regional Maritime Practitioner Program (RMPP), and the 8th Maritime Information Sharing Exercise (MARISX). These aimed to encourage interaction among various maritime stakeholders and enhance MARSEC knowledge through sharing of best practices. Our regular shipping engagement activities, such as company visits and ship security drills, had also facilitated real-time testing of responses from ship crews, contributing to a more comprehensive and collective approach to MARSEC.

Initiatives to Enhance Maritime Security

In a significant step forward, the IFC organised the Shipping Leadership Programme, designed to provide our shipping partners with insights into the geopolitical developments and threats in the maritime domain. We conducted the Maritime Awareness Week Campaign, reaching out to 369 vessels participating in our Voluntary Community Reporting (VCR), to reinforce the importance of adopting shipboard protection measures while transiting the Malacca Strait. The success of the campaign led to the initiation of a "Maritime Awareness Partnership" with our shipping partners, where we can provide timely information and MARSEC updates directly with vessels when required. To further enhance situation awareness in the region, we introduced a quarterly infographic on sea theft/robbery incidents in the Singapore Strait, complementing the existing monthly infographics for a more comprehensive analysis of the MARSEC situation. In addition, we developed the IFC Interactive Dashboard, which offers users an overview of trends and analysis in the IFC's Area of Interest, customisable to individual needs.

Timely Operational Response to MARSEC Incidents

The close linkages with our shipping and MARSEC partners enabled us to provide timely warnings and support to regional navies and law enforcement agencies, leading to numerous operational successes, including the successful search and rescue incident of the Singapore-flagged tanker SUCCESS 9 on 15 Apr 23.

Strengthening the ILO Corp

We expanded our corps of International Liaison Officers (ILOs) from 20 to 24, with significant growth in our Coast Guard ILO Corp, including new deployments from the Korea and Vietnam Coast Guard.

Way Ahead

With continued support from our MARSEC and shipping partners, the IFC remains committed to addressing evolving challenges in the maritime domain. We will continue to work closely with the shipping industry to build on the "Maritime Awareness Partnership" and enhance our info-sharing processes. The IFC will also be hosting the Pacific Indian Ocean Shipping Working Group (PACIOSWG) and conducting the 12th RMPP, 45th and 46th Shared Awareness Meetings in 2024 to foster collaboration with our MARSEC and shipping partners.