



"CMA-CGM Libra: Unseaworthiness" *qua carrier v qua navigator - implications*

15th December 2021, 6pm to 7.30pm HKT including Q&A

Panellists

Introduction



Punit Oza
Executive Director, SCMA
Non-Exec Director,
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Michael Allen
LMAA Arbitrator

Jai Sharma
Partner/Head of Cargo
Casualty, Clyde & Co LLP

Amanda Hastings
Legal Counsel,
Solicitor (England & Wales)
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Michal Hain
Barrister,
Twenty Essex

Edward Liu
Partner, Hill Dickinson LLP;

Moderator



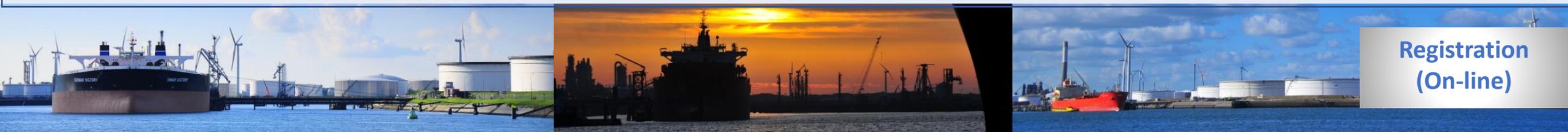
Jagmeet Makkar
Chairman, Institute of Chartered
Shipbrokers, HK, IMEI Chair, IMU
Director, SkillsPlus

Session Chair



Clive Aston
Past President
London Maritime Arbitrators Association

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Punit Oza

Mr. Punit Oza is currently the Executive Director of Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration. Punit has worked in commercial shipping for last 27 years and also sits on the board of Klaveness Asia Pte Ltd as a non-executive director. He has been closely involved with the Digital Transformation Journey of Klaveness Dry Bulk and is also a brand ambassador for MPA Singapore's Maritime Digitalization Playbook (MDP), helping companies digitalize themselves. Punit holds a Masters in Shipping, Trade and Finance from CASS Business School and an LLB from University of London. He is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (ICS), UK and is currently the Vice Chairman of the Singapore Branch. He is also a Senior Adjunct Fellow in Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) Academy and a guest lecturer at Singapore Management University.

Michael Allen

Mike is a Chartered Marine Engineer and a former solicitor. On joining the Royal Navy, he did bridge and engine room training in a variety of ships before going on to complete a BSc in mechanical engineering. This was followed by a post graduate course in nuclear physics and service in nuclear submarines during the Cold War. He requalified as a solicitor, covering all aspects of shipping law with particular reference to casualties and shipbuilding. He now sits as an arbitrator and is a Full Member of the LMAA.

Jai Sharma

Jai is a partner and head of Clyde & Co's marine cargo casualty practice. He focuses on marine casualty cases and recoveries, and is one of very few solicitors with extensive experience of salvage and GA claims from a cargo perspective. He has been involved in more than 300 marine casualties for cargo underwriters during his 30 year career. Jai is recognised by Legal 500 as a recommended lawyer for shipping in London and South East England, and has recently been recognised in Lloyd's List of the Top 10 maritime lawyers in 2020.

Amanda Hastings

An English qualified solicitor specialising in Maritime Law and International Trade, Amanda joined Western Bulk's Singapore office in September 2019 as Legal Counsel. Prior to moving to Singapore, Amanda worked for the UK P&I Club and HFW, working predominantly within the German market with a focus on dry bulk and container vessels.

Amanda takes an active part in the wider maritime community and is currently involved with the SCMA Local Users Council, WISTA International Trade Committee and the UN's Friends of World Oceans Day working group. She previously also spent 3 years on board of the UK based human rights NGO, Human Rights at Sea.

Michal Hain

Michal has a broad practice spanning both general commercial work and specialised areas, such as shipping, insolvency and investor-state arbitrations. He acts in court proceedings, including in appeals where he draws on his experiences as a Judicial Assistant at the Supreme Court, as well as arbitral references held under various procedural rules, including LMAA, SCMA and UNCITRAL. Recently, Michal acted as sole counsel in a three-day trial in the High Court, which involved him cross-examining five witnesses remotely by reason of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Edward Liu

Edward Liu is qualified as a solicitor of Hong Kong, England & Wales and a lawyer of P.R. China. He is primarily a partner of Hill Dickinson LLP and leading the office's China-related practice. He is also the Principal Representative of International Chamber of Shipping (China) Liaison Office in Hong Kong. His main area of practice is in commercial arbitration and litigation. He has been appointed as member of a number of statutory and advisory bodies to the Hong Kong Government, including Advisory Committee on Promotion of Arbitration, Steering Committee on Mediation, Aviation Development and Three-Runway Advisory Committee, Hong Kong Maritime and Port Board, Appeals Panel (Housing), and an adjudicator of the Registration of Persons Tribunal.

Jagmeet Makkar

Jagmeet is the IME(I) Chair at the Indian Maritime University and Ambassador, Asia at the Baltic Expert Witness Association. He is an independent maritime arbitrator and an expert witness. His area of expertise includes charterparties, ship sale & purchase, shipbuilding contracts and ship finance in commercial shipping and ship management, ship repair contract disputes. He is a member of the HKMAG, supporting member of LMAA, panel arbitrator of SCMA, China Maritime Arbitration Commission and is on the list of arbitrators of the HKIAC. Jagmeet is the Chairman of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, Hong Kong Branch and Board Director of GlobalMET and WISTA Hong Kong.

Clive Aston

Clive Aston studied law at Cambridge and was called to the Bar in 1979. He then spent 9 years at a leading P&I Club, including 5 years managing the FD&D class of cover and Greek P&I syndicate. In 1988 he started his own consultancy practice and began accepting appointments as an arbitrator, becoming a full member of the LMAA shortly afterwards. As an arbitrator he has dealt with a wide range of shipping and shipping related disputes in several thousand cases. Clive was President of the LMAA from 2014-2017. He is also a trained mediator and arbitrating member of the China Maritime Arbitration Commission, Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre and Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration.

