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# Understanding and Managing Bunker Disputes and Claims

15 – 16 April 2013 | M Hotel, Singapore

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#### **Key Learning Outcomes**

- Understand in greater detail the causes of disputes and why they are likely to increase
- Develop a better appreciation of the regulatory environment governing the supply and use of marine fuels and how it affects the bunker industry
- Understand the practicalities of bunker delivery including standards and assessment of quality and quantity
- Obtain a better understanding of how bunker disputes and claims arise and how to manage and resolve them effectively
- Receive advice in a practical setting, whilst sharing experiences and raising topics for discussion amongst a similarly motivated peer group
- Accumulate awareness of best practice through case studies throughout the course that are based on real events

#### Who should attend

- Bunker traders and suppliers
- Ship owners, operators, charterers and agents
- Ships' officers and chief engineers
- Bunker port and terminal operators
- P&I clubs and insurers
- Testing and analysis companies and marine surveyors
- Legal and financial advisers

#### **Course Director**

Trevor Harrison is a maritime arbitrator, commercial mediator and freelance legal consultant. He is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. His principal experience is as a litigator and dispute resolver dealing successfully with most aspects of maritime commerce including cargo claims, bill of lading, charter-party, marine fuels and lubricants disputes, and other contract related matters.



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#### What past delegates say about our bunker courses

- "Excellent content with an engaging presentation/speaker"
- ~ Conoco Phillips
- "It strengthens my knowledge on the bunker business<sup>3</sup>
- ~ Petronas Dagangan Bhd
- "The workshop enhances my knowledge of bunker operation and the fuel industry"
- ~ PTT Exploration & Production
- "I can understand the elements of bunker better"
- ~ Tata NYK Shipping

#### **About the Course Director**

TREVOR HARRISON practises as a maritime arbitrator, mediator and consultant. He was called to the Bar over 30 years ago and was previously Head of Legal at bunker fuel supplier Tramp Oil & Marine. Earlier career experience included practice at the English Bar, working for a P&I club and a firm of marine consultants.

He has many years' experience of drafting and negotiating contracts, particularly standard trading terms, and making and defending a wide range of maritime claims, including instigating arrest proceedings in many different jurisdictions.

Trevor is a member of the Baltic Exchange, a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb), an Aspiring Full Member of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA), on the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) Panel of Arbitrators, a Centre for Dispute Resolutions (CEDR) accredited mediator, on the Baltic Exchange-LMAA Mediator Panel, a member of the Baltic Exchange's Panel of Experts and a director of the International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA). He was responsible for devising IBIA's 'Rapid Resolution' fixed-cost mediation and arbitration schemes.

He is a member of IBIA's delegation to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and was closely involved in the 2008 revision of the MARPOL Annex VI regulations and other issues relevant to bunkering. In August 2011 Trevor was appointed interim Acting Chief Executive of IBIA on a parttime basis, a role he fulfilled until a permanent candidate was appointed in October 2012.

His first book, Legal Issues in Bunkering, was published in 2011 and he is widely regarded as one of the most stimulating and authoritative legal voices in the bunkering industry.

#### **About the Course**

The quality of bunker fuel and verification of delivered quantity continue to be sources of concern to shipowners and charterers. The decline in the quality of residual fuel, complex blending, and use of inappropriate blend components give rise to claims arising from time lost in remedying the problem and, sometimes, for physical engine damage and its consequences. Short-delivery is another frequent cause of complaint. Claims arising from these problems are often complicated and time-consuming and are a continuing distraction to shipowners, charterers, and bunker suppliers alike.

Often running hand in hand with the problems of a quality claim is the problem of non-payment where, for whatever reason, the customer fails to honour its obligation to make timely payment.

This course will cover these issues and highlight strategies that can be used to manage bunker disputes and claims. It will also review some key legal principles relating to the supply of bunkers. Delegates will have opportunities to contribute their own experiences and raise topics for discussion and analysis throughout the workshop. There will also be a case study based on real events which will give delegates an opportunity of applying some of the advice received in a practical setting.



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#### COURSE OUTLINE

Course Registration: 8:30am Course Commencement: 9:00am Course Conclusion: 5:00pm

**Explanation of Timings:** These times act as a guide and may be modified slightly depending on the depth of class discussion and whether assessments are being conducted.

Course Programme: This program is a guide and may be altered to better address participant requirements on a consensus basis.

#### Brief review of the present day bunker industry

#### The importance of contractual terms when selling and buying **bunkers**

- Terms and conditions of sale
- Key clauses
- Common issues overlooked, and available remedies
- How to negotiate the right contract
- Examples of good and bad contract terms

#### Specifications, standards and quality

- ISO 8217: 2005 & 2012
- Contractual requirements
- Special cases

#### The regulatory environment

- Marpol Annex VI regulations and timelines
- EU directives and other regional regulations
- US regulations
- Other future IMO regulations

#### Managing standards and quality in a developing regulatory environment

- Commercial imperatives
- Regulatory demands
- Responsibilities

#### The importance of proper delivery procedures

- ISO 13739:2010, Singapore SS600 and others
- Delivery arrangements and documentation
- Sampling and quantity determination
- Safety

#### Credit in the bunker industry

- Managing credit
- How to react to default
- Risks of non-payment
- Credit as a sword and credit as a shield

#### The value of service providers

- Surveyors
- Testing laboratories
- **Brokers**
- Lawyers
- Others

#### Off-specification fuels – supplier, trader and buyer perspectives

- Typical reasons for off-spec fuel
- Consequences of using off-spec fuel
- Remedies when receiving off-spec fuels
- Non-routine fuel testing for unusual contaminants

#### Proving and resisting a claim

- Typical bunker claims
  - ~ Short delivery
  - ~ Off-specification fuel quality claim
  - ~ Claims arising from ECA compliance
- Handling claims
- Considerations when managing a claim roles and responsibilities, record keeping, mitigation
- Preventive measures for minimising risk of claims
- Case studies

#### Arresting ships and other forms of security

- Ship arrest as a remedy for non-payment of bunkers
- Arresting bunkers and other assets

#### **Resolving Disputes**

- Typical documentation in bunker disputes
- Dispute resolution the pros and cons of the available
- Dispute resolution regional variations
- Investigation, sampling, and record-keeping
- Preventive measures

#### **Charterparty considerations**

- Obligations of charterers
- Quality and quantity of bunkers
- Fitness for purpose
- Causation
- Bunker supply contracts

#### **Looking to the future**

- The changing commercial environment
- The options for alternative sources of energy
- Better ways of managing claims and disputes

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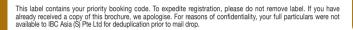
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