## **The Maritime Law Association of the United States**

## Committee on Regulation of Vessel Operations, Safety, Security and Navigation

## Notice to the Committee Members – April 18, 2015

Our committee will not be meeting separately in New York in May 2016, but instead we are participating with the CMI in two joint presentations.

I thought it would be helpful to the committee members to highlight the specific panel presentations of interest in which we are participating:

- (1) On Wednesday May 4, 2016 at 2 p.m., Session 4 will address legal issues pertaining to unmanned craft. Our former chairman, Jeff Moller of Blank Rome LLP is the co-chair of this presentation.
- (2) On Thursday May 5, 2016 at 11:45 a.m., Session 11 will address Polar Shipping Civil Liability for Drilling and Transportation of Petroleum Products. I will be moderating a panel of experts from the CMI and MLA.

Further details of these presentations are available in the CMI-MLA program.

Additionally, because our committee will not be meeting separately in New York, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to the members of the committee who have so ably supported its work over the past two years that I have served as your chairman. In particular, I would like to thank David Sump and Allen Black who have served with me as committee officers. We have worked together as a team to make our committee meetings informative and helpful to the committee members.

I am stepping down as chairman of the committee at the general meeting in May and I appreciate all the cooperation that I have received over the past two years. I hope to continue to remain active in the committee and to support its fine work.

I look forward to seeing you all in New York in May.

Warm regards,

Larry Kiern