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Young Lawyers Committee
The Maritime Law Association of the United States

Message from the Chair

The Maritime Law Association is pleased to welcome the 42nd International Conference of the Comité Maritime International in New York. The historic joint conference offers exceptional opportunities for young lawyers to network with international practitioners and attend dynamic presentations on a variety of substantive international issues.

The conference has been convened by the CMI mainly to reach consensus on proposed revisions to the York-Antwerp Rules relating to General Average, but other highlights include the Opening Address on the salvage of the *Costa Concordia*, a detailed examination of Cybersecurity in Shipping, and the Polar Shipping and Arctic Development Symposium. Of course, the highlight of the week’s substantive program will be the CLE Program on Friday afternoon hosted by the MLA YLC and the Young CMI. Two panel presentations will focus on the OW Bankruptcy and the taking of evidence in the United States and other jurisdictions. Please plan to attend the CLE Program to support our colleagues.

I would like to extend a special thanks to all YLC members who have volunteered for committee work since our last meeting and who have volunteered to assist with the meeting in New York. The contributions of our members are vital to the work of the Association and are recognized by the MLA President, Board, and Committee Chairs. Thank you.

See you in New York!
- Blythe Daly

YLC in NYC

This year’s joint meeting with the CMI offers great chances for networking and learning, but the strength of the MLA relies upon the collaboration of its members – including the YLC. We decided to hold a separate MLA YLC committee meeting to address any issues specific to our members. In addition to reports from the YLC liaisons, MLA Past President Liz Burrell will join us to offer her perspectives on advancement within the Association, the officer and board election process, and how young lawyers may become more involved and visible.

Thursday, May 5, 2016
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Holland & Knight LLP
31 W. 52nd St., 12th Floor

If you plan to attend the meeting, please email blythe.daly@hklaw.com and arrive early to check in with building security.

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The MLA YLC is looking forward to hosting young CMI attendees at our annual Social Event on Thursday evening.

Thursday, May 5, 2016
Cocktails 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Dinner 8:30 p.m. Sharp!
Favela Cubana
543 Laguardia Place
(located near the Healy Lecture)

Cocktails are open to all and a portion of the cocktail hour will be sponsored by S-E-A, Ltd. If you plan to stay for dinner, please

register and pay on the CMI website:
<http://www.cmi2016newyork.org>.

A special thanks to **Pamela Shultz**
for her superb coordination of this event.

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The YLC has the privilege of hosting and headlining the Friday afternoon CLE program in conjunction with the Young CMI. Our YLC colleagues have put a lot of time and effort into making the program informative and interesting. Please plan to support your fellow YLC members.

Friday, May 6, 2016
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Hilton Hotel – Sutton South & Regent

The program is as follows:

- ***Perspectives on the OW Bankruptcy***
Moderator: David Boyajian
Panelists: Darren Azman
Justin Heilig
Marie Larsen
Jason Lattanzio (CAN)
Brian Maloney
Evangeline Quek (HK)
Luis Raven (PAN)
Harald Sondergaard (DK)
- ***The Procedural Differences in Obtaining Evidence in the United States, the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands***
Moderator: Imran Shaukat
Panelists: Dharshini Bandara (UK)
Marissa Henderson
Robert Hoeppe (NL)
Kasee Sparks Heisterhagen
- ***The Aegean Sea Dispute over the Continental Shelf and Joint***

Development Agreements as an Avenue Towards Effective Cooperation
Presenter: Haris Kazantzis (GR)

Spring Meeting Highlights

While the YLC CLE presentation and our business meeting will be “don’t miss” events, the following presentations may be of particular interest:

- **Opening Address and Discussion on *Costa Concordia*, Wednesday, May 4, 2016, 9:00 - 1:00, featuring:**
 - Capt. Nick Sloane, Salvage Master
 - Katharine F. Newman, Senior Counsel ConocoPhillips
 - R. Michael Underhill, D.O.J.
 - John A. Witte, President, International Salvage Union
 - Pietro Palandri: Italian attorney for Costa Crociere S.p.A.
 - Lisa Reeves: Partner, Reeves McEwing LLP
 - Nick Platt: Vice President, Gard
 - Judge Thomas A. Dickerson, Associate Justice Appellate Division, 2nd Dep’t, New York
- **Cybersecurity in Shipping, Thursday, May 5, 2016, 9:00 - Noon, featuring:**
 - Peter Singer, Senior Strategist, New America Foundation & author of “Cybersecurity and Cyberwar”
 - Michael Riley, Bloomberg News addressing Port of Antwerp 2012 security breach by drug traffickers
 - Joe Ruddy, Chief Innovation Officer, Port of Virginia
 - Randy Parsons, Director of Security, Port of Long Beach
 - Lars Robert Pederson, Deputy Secretary General, BIMCO
- Joint Meeting with CMI Acts of Piracy and Maritime Violence IWG, Thursday

May 5, 2016 at Noon, featuring YLC member **Rebecca Hamra** of Charles Taylor P&I Management (Americas), Inc.

Committee Liaison Program

The Committee Liaison Program assigns one YLC member to each of the MLA's standing committees to serve as a liaison. The goal of the program is to increase communication between the committees and the YLC. The hope is that increased communication will lead to more opportunities for our members in those committees as well as increased utilization of the YLC for committee projects. Liaisons provide brief status reports at each YLC meeting pertaining to the work and projects of each standing committee.

A chart identifying the appointed liaisons is posted under the documents section of the YLC page on the MLA website. Let this serve as a reminder to our liaisons that the YLC is ready to work. If you are currently a YLC liaison and have a project that needs help, please e-mail both the YLC Secretary, Imran Shaukat, at ishaukat@semmes.com, and the YLC Chair, Blythe Daly, at blythe.daly@hklaw.com.

We are seeking volunteers for the CLE Committee, the Cruise Lines and Passenger Ships Committee, and the International Organizations, Conventions, and Standards (IOCS) Committee. If you are interested in volunteering to serve as a YLC liaison for any of these committees or in general, please email Imran at ishaukat@semmes.com.

Recent Projects

At the request of Chet Hooper and David Nourse, the following YLC members

assisted in proof-reading and cite checking the latest edition of the MLA Report: **Corey R. Greenwald, J. Ben Segarra, Stephanie Propsom, and Christine M. Walker.**

Several YLC members assisted in the preparation of the ADR/Arbitration Committee newsletter, including **Scott Gunst, Jr., Barrett Hails, Simon Levy, Daniela Oliveira, Imran Shaukat, and Christine Walker.**

YLC member **Patrick Ward** is also thanked for his contribution to "Boating Briefs," the Recreational Boating Committee's annual newsletter.

Ongoing Projects

The Recreational Boating Committee publishes a newsletter entitled "Boating Briefs," which reports on cases involving recreational boats as well as legislative and regulatory developments specific to recreational boating. The Committee requests YLC members keep a lookout for these types of developments and cases and report them to the Committee. In addition, if a YLC member has been involved in an interesting case involving recreational boating, there may be an opportunity for that member to make a presentation about the case at a Committee meeting. If you have anything to report, please contact the chair of the Recreational Boating Committee, Mark Buhler, at mark.buhler@earthlink.net, or the YLC liaison, Bo Williams, at bo.williams@phelps.com.

Peter Black, the YLC liaison to the Website and Technology Committee, advises us that the committee is in the process of establishing a LinkedIn page for the MLA. Watch for the page to go live and for opportunities to contribute to the same.

Jessica Martyn, the YLC liaison to the International Organizations, Conventions, and Standards Committee (“IOCS”), reports that the IOCS is in the planning stages of setting up a newsletter, which will be run by editors Stephanie Penninger and Lindsay Sakal who are both YLC members. If additional YLC members are interested in assisting, please contact Jessica at jmartyn@pbh.com.

Fall MLA Meeting: The Big Easy!

The MLA Fall Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Tulane Admiralty Law Institute in New Orleans October 26 – 28, 2016. This will be a unique fall meeting with many opportunities for CLE credit and various joint social events. Planning is ongoing and we have reminded the planning committee that the YLC is a great resource. Please mark your calendars!

Call for Projects

To the Standing Committees: Please let the YLC know how we can help with your projects. If you have projects in need of research or have writing opportunities that are well-suited for younger lawyers, please keep our committee in mind. Additionally, we can usually find a YLC member to assist with staffing your meeting (handling CLE paperwork, sign-in sheets, handouts, and assisting with presentation set up, etc.), if and when the need arises.

Publication Opportunities

Do you have any war stories from your practice that you wish to share with others? Do you think you have a sense of humor? Consider submitting your written piece for consideration to *Benedict's Quarterly Maritime Bulletin*. You may write

to Managing Editor Joshua S. Force at jforce@shergarner.com.

Proctor Status

Any Associate member of the MLA who has been a member of the MLA for four years or more is eligible to apply for Proctor status with the MLA. The advantages of Proctor status are numerous, not the least of which is that a member cannot serve as a committee chair, vice-chair, or director unless s/he is a Proctor or Non-Lawyer member. Proctor applications may be obtained and submitted on the MLA website.

YLC Membership List on Website

If you are not already signed up as a member of the YLC, please make sure you do so. In addition, please review your email and notification settings on the website. We use the membership list on the website as a vehicle for communicating with our members. We have reason to believe that some of our young lawyers are not registered as YLC members or may have restrictive notification settings and thus do not receive our communications. If you know anyone that might fall into either category, please pass this message along and encourage them to formally join the committee and to check their settings. Conversely, if you are no longer a YLC member and are tired of our shenanigans, feel free to unsubscribe.

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