

*Maritime Law Association of the United States*

**Committee on Marine Insurance and General Average**

**Thursday, October 5, 2006**

**Palace Hotel**

**San Francisco**

**Main Committee Meeting**

**10 am - 12 noon**

***Guest Speaker***

***The Business of Jones Act Shipping***

**Mr. Ben Gleason**

**Director, Risk Management, Matson Navigation and Alexander & Baldwin**

Jonathan S. Spencer, Chairman  
Gene B. George, Vice-Chair  
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John F. Crotty, Chair Subcommittee on General Average  
John Woods, Chair Subcommittee on Hull and P&I Insurance  
George Zacharkow, Chair Subcommittee on Cargo Insurance

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The Subcommittee meetings will be integral parts of the Main Committee Meeting which will be held in the morning from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The Subcommittee Chairs and others will make presentations in the first hour of the meeting and the Committee Chair will present the Guest Speaker for the second hour of the Meeting.

We are pleased to continue our “Business of . . .” lecture series presenting speakers from the marine industry discussing the practical day-to-day implications of insurance. Our past speakers have been Mr. Stephen Clark of CNA (Underwriting Marine Terminal Liability Risks); Joseph G. Grasso, Esq., Thacher, Proffitt & Wood (Terrorism Risk Insurance Act); Messrs. Joseph Howe and Thomas Costello of ACE (Underwriting Marine Cargo Risks); Ms. Jean Knudsen of CNA (U.S. Perspective on Hull Warranties); Mr. Philip Cornick of Brit Syndicate 2987 at Lloyd's (U.K. Perspective on Hull Warranties); Mr. Jerry Vasquez of Arch Insurance Group (Underwriting Energy Risks); Mr. Elder Brown of Continental Underwriters, Ltd. (Managing General Agents); Mr. Robert Fox, Asst. Vice President, Commercial Marine Claims, INAMAR – ACE, USA and Mr. Brian Sales, Vice President, American Hull Insurance Syndicate (Hull and Cargo Claims); Andrew Wilson, Esq. (the *Avenal* case); Gene B. George, Esq. (Asbestos Crisis) and Mr. Joseph E.M. Hughes of Shipowners Claims Bureau, Inc. (P&I insurance.)

## AGENDA

### *Hurricane update*

Gene George will continue his series of updates on the insurance and legal fallout from the 2005 hurricane season.

### *The English Financial Services Act and contract certainty*

Rhys Clift, visiting from London, will give a brief overview of current developments.

### *Subcommittee on General Average*

John Crotty anticipates reporting on few recent developments concerning general average. He will, however, give a brief presentation on the insurance and reinsurance implications of the "Prestige".

### *Subcommittee on Cargo Insurance*

The Committee continues to develop an analysis of cargo insuring terms and conditions written on an "all risk" basis. George Zacharkow will discuss recent legal precedent or legislation impacting this area of insurance.

### *Subcommittee on Hull and Protection & Indemnity Insurance\**

The Committee will discuss recent legal precedent or legislation impacting these areas of insurance. Mr. Woods will give a brief report on the previous day's Viewpoints seminar in New York on "Crimes and Misdemeanors".

### *The Main Committee Meeting*

The Vice-Chair will distribute the Committee Newsletter containing recent marine insurance precedent and a lead article from Hal Watson addressing the Contra Proferentem doctrine in the context of underwriting intent.

### *Guest speaker*

Mr. Ben Gleason, Director, Risk Management, Matson Navigation and Alexander & Baldwin, will address us on *The Business of Jones Act Shipping*.

**\*It might be necessary to hear from Mr. Woods to the end of the Agenda since his Board of Directors meeting overlaps with the first hour of our meeting.**

(Teleconferencing might be available for those who wish to attend via telephone and who are willing to pay for that service. Those interested should contact JSS by 9/19/06.)