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| **Editorial Comment** |
| **Source:** MLA **Date:** May 3, 2002  **EDITORIAL COMMENT**  In a few short pages, the Spring 2002 edition of the MLA Report highlights  the remarkable breadth of the Association’s work and the diversity of  our practice as maritime lawyers. Few other professional associations that I  know of cover the same range of topics, both domestic and international,  through their activities and written work. Undoubtedly, Bill Dorsey, our  President for the past two years, deserves much credit from us all for his hard  work and leadership on the Association’s behalf.  In addition, the committees and working groups of the Association play  an essential role in maintaining this diversity. Whether participating internationally  on topics such as the UNESCO Draft Convention on the Protection  of Underwater Cultural Heritage, or running the gauntlet of individual state  requirements to become certified as a continuing legal education provider,  the Association remains responsive to the membership through its committee  structure. Moreover, the written work of the committees provides a significant  means for us to keep abreast of important legal developments. Indeed,  the Committee on Marine Insurance and General Average continues to produce  written work of lasting value, with the fine scholarly summary of recent  CMI marine insurance issues by former MLA President, Graydon Staring, a  fascinating discussion of bankruptcy issues in the context of mutual insurance,  as well as summaries of recent jurisprudence in the U.S. Likewise, the  Committees on Recreational Boating and Carriage of Goods have again provided  informative, timely updates about recent legal decisions within their  purview.  This Comment would be incomplete without a note of thanks to Anne  Hopkins and her staff at AMC, who have assisted by providing parallel citations  to the AMC for many of the cases discussed in the Report. I am grateful  for their assistance. As always, I encourage committees that do not ordinarily  submit written materials to do so in time for the Fall 2002 general  meeting in New York. Please do not hesitate to contact me (mmarion@  healy.com) or LeRoy Lambert (llambert@healy.com) if you have any questions  or comments.  Matthew A. Marion,  *Editor* |