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MINISTRY OF MARITIME AFFAIRS AND INSULAR POLICY

HELLENIC BUREAU FOR MARINE CASUALTIES INVESTIGATION



***Hellenic Bureau for Marine Casualties Investigation (H.B.M.C.I.):
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On Monday, October 5, 2015 the Hellenic Bureau for Marine Casualties Investigation held a Conference on "Investigation of marine accidents in the maritime sector and the role of HBMCI in the improvement of safety of navigation at sea, the prevention of pollution from ships and in general in the reduction of maritime accidents risk in the future", at Eugenides Foundation.

The event was attended by the **Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy Theodoros Dritsas**, the President of the Legal Council of State Michael Apeessos, the Secretary General of the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular policy John Theotokas, the Commandant of the Hellenic Coast Guard, Vice Admiral Athanasios Athanasopoulos, Officers of the military leadership of the Hellenic Coast Guard, a representative of the Hellenic Coast Guard Officers' Union and significant individuals of the shipping industry.

At the above event individual presentations and suggestions were made by Mrs. Catherine Gregoriou, Legal Adviser of the State-Head of H.B.M.C.I., by the Director of H.B.M.C.I. Captain HCG (M) Stylianos Bellas and by the executives of the Bureau, Commander HCG Constantine Moutzouvis, Lieutenant Commander HCG Maria Anousaki, Lieutenant Commander HCG Athanasios Giannopoulos, Lieutenant Commander HCG (M) Christos Bibis, Lieutenant HCG Ignatios Nikolaou and Lieutenant HCG (M) Georgios Diamantis.

The conference's objective was the notification regarding the task of H.B.M.C.I. which aims to the safety of life and the protection of the sea environment, the information of the interested parties of the maritime community on the legislative framework governing the investigation of marine casualties and the presentation of case studies of maritime accidents. This was rendered feasible via the presentation of two sessions:

The first one's subject was "The importance of investigation of maritime accidents and the involvement of H.B.M.C.I." and included the presentation of the Bureau, its role in the investigation of maritime accidents, its structure and its web page, as well as information regarding the National, European and International legislation concerning the investigation.

The second one's subject was "From the marine casualty to the safety recommendations" and provided information regarding the consultation of marine casualties reports, the safety recommendations, and studies on various cases of maritime accidents.



Picture 1: The Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy



Picture 2: The Commandant of the Hellenic Coast Guard

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Picture 3: The President of the Eugenides Foundation

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Picture 4: Head of the Bureau Director and Officers of HBMCI

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