



STEAMSHIP MUTUAL

To the Members

November 2013

Dear Sirs,

International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) and IALA Buoyage– Training Course

The risk of collision at sea is a hazard to which all Members are exposed, regardless of ship type or trading area. The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) provide a complete code that if properly understood and applied should avoid ships ever coming into collision. However, the Club's claims experience reveals a persistent frequency of collision incidents with understandable year on year volatility in severity, and the most serious collision incidents have the potential to involve a very broad spectrum of P& I liabilities. In 2009, the Managers produced and distributed to Members a loss prevention DVD "Collision Course". This was not a training programme but a loss prevention initiative directed towards raising awareness amongst Masters and watch-keeping officers of some of the key issues that were causing collisions – deficiencies in lookout, safe speed, assessment of collision risk, and avoiding action. Further information about that DVD can be found at the following link to the Club's website:

<http://www.steamshipmutual.com/loss-prevention/CollisionCourse1108.html>

In recognition of the loss prevention benefits to be derived from improved and comprehensive knowledge of the COLREGS, the Managers have now produced in association with Videotel Marine International a computer based training course covering not only the COLREGS, but also the International Association of Marine Aids and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) Buoyage Systems in both Regions A and B. Further details of this course can be found in the attached brochure.

As in the case of earlier productions, Members of the Association are entitled to special concessionary rates from Videotel, allowing a 20% discount from the standard price for the rental of this course.

Further details concerning pricing and how to place orders can be obtained from:-

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When contacting Videotel, and in order to obtain the appropriate discount, Members should confirm their Membership of the Association, and provide the names of entered vessels for which the course is required. Further details may also be obtained from the Loss Prevention Department of the Managers' London Representatives.

Yours faithfully,

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COLREGS & IALA Buoyage Training Course

Structure

The course consists of:

- Introduction
- Section 1 ColRegs
- Section 2 IALA Buoyage
- Final Test

Regulations addressed

Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972

IALA Maritime Buoyage System

STCW Tables A-II / 1 to 3

Course duration

Approximately 5 Guided Learning Hours

Assessments

Each section contains a test and there is a final test of randomised questions from each section.

Certification/approvals

*For an up-to-date list of Flag State approvals, please refer to Videotel website at www.videotel.com.

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THIS COURSE IS IN TWO PARTS and examines in great detail two essential topics for deck officers and crew. The first part deals with the Collision Regulations. Although knowledge of these Regulations is a pre-requisite for all watchkeeping officers, the experience and investigation of casualties indicates that the understanding of and adherence to the rules is not as comprehensive as would be expected. The course addresses this, presenting the full text of each of the 38 Rules, accompanied by Rule Guides which clarify the meanings of the Rules, putting them into simple easy-to-understand language and illustrating them all with graphic diagrams, sound and light signals, where appropriate. This part of the course ends with the full text of the four Annexes accompanied by brief Guides to them.

The second part of the course deals with the IALA buoyage system. Being able to recognise every buoy and knowing what each means is essential for all watchkeeping officers. Each type of buoy, their top marks and lights are described and their meanings illustrated graphically. The course deals with the lateral buoyage systems in regions A and B, the cardinal marks, isolated danger marks, safe water marks, special marks and the emergency wreck marking buoy.

Both parts of the course, Collision Regulations and IALA Buoyage, end with a test. As this knowledge is fundamental to bridge watchkeeping, a high pass mark is required.

Who the course is designed for

All deck officers and crew performing lookout duties.

Mode of delivery

This course is delivered using interactive Computer Based Training (CBT). Voiced narration, graphics and 3D animation as well as video are used to illustrate concepts and aid understanding.

