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# AMP *Reports* 2022

## PANAMA SUPPORTS NEW AMENDMENTS ADOPTED TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS OF SEAFARERS.

We participate as a ratifying member of the Maritime Labor Convention, in its amended version 2006, (MLC 2006, for its acronym in English) of the "Fourth Meeting (part II) of the Special Tripartite Committee of the MLC 2006" of the International Labor Organization (ILO), which was attended by more than 500 delegates from governments, shipowner groups and seafarers, in order to guarantee the promotion and respect of the rights of seafarers enshrined in the MLC, 2006, amended.

The Republic of Panama, with the aim of improving the living and working conditions of seafarers around the world, supported the proposals for amendments presented (to the code of the Convention) by the groups of governments, groups of shipowners and seafarers. In total, twelve proposals were presented, of which eight were approved by the social partners that are part of the Special Tripartite Committee, two were withdrawn by the group that proposed them and two were postponed for discussion in the next Committee, to be held in 2025.

These proposed amendments grew out of lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic and their approval will ensure that:

- Seafarers have appropriately sized personal protective equipment, particularly to accommodate the growing number of women seafarers.

- Good quality drinking water available free of charge to seafarers.
- States further facilitate the prompt repatriation of abandoned seafarers.
- States provide medical attention to seafarers in need of immediate assistance and facilitate the repatriation of the remains of seafarers who have died on board.
- Shipowners provide seafarers with adequate social connectivity and states provide internet access in their ports.
- Seafarers are informed of their rights in relation to the obligation of contracting services and compensation to seafarers for monetary losses.
- All deaths of seafarers are recorded and reported annually to the ILO and the relevant data is published.



## PANAMA AND GREECE STRENGTHEN RELATIONS AT THE LARGEST INTERNATIONAL MARITIME FAIR IN EUROPE, POSIDONIA 2022.

Posidonia is one of the most important international meetings for the promotion of the maritime industry that has been developing for more than 15 years. The presence of Panama in it is to strengthen ties with Greece, one of our main commercial partners in the sector while also, carrying out important conversations with shipowners, charterers and operators from around the world in order to attract new clients and thus increase the 8,536 ships that make up the Panama Ship Registry, which continues to be the largest registry in the world.

The Panama stand, made up of the Panama Maritime Authority, the Panama Canal Authority, PRO-PANAMA and the Panamanian Consulate in Greece as host, was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Greece, Kyriakos Mitsotakis, it brought together more than 35 businessmen from the maritime sector that closed deals for more than 500 thousand dollars.

Throughout the event, important meetings were held with prominent members of the sector with a view to strengthening Panama's position in this industry, which is one of the most solvent, with the AMP being the second state institution that contributes the most to the country, generating income for more of 100 million dollars per year that contribute to development and economy.

The General Director of Merchant Marine of the AMP, Rafael Cigarruista, pointed out that "everyone who wants to become a service provider in the maritime sector has to participate in Posidonia, since this maritime fair offers us the opportunity to maintain personal contact with current clients in addition to having the opportunity to establish new contacts with potential clients and it is precisely the Greek market, in terms of ship ownership,



the largest merchant fleet in the world, which is made up of some 5,400 ships of which we have more or less 540”.

Posidonia 2022 was held from June 6 to 10 and brought together more than 1,800 exhibitors from 88 countries representing the most influential sectors of the maritime industry.



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## **AMP EXCEEDS 2 THOUSAND PEOPLE BENEFITED BY THE NATIONAL VISIT FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL WATER MARINE LICENSES.**

Through the National Visit for the Issuance of National Water Licenses during the first half of 2022, 2,305 licenses were delivered, complying with the purpose of regulating and guaranteeing human safety on board small vessels.

The marine licenses of national waters delivered are: seaman, 2nd class boat operator (up to 12 meters) and 2nd class fishing skipper (up to 12 meters), in addition, training was provided to 2 thousand 923 people, which includes survival techniques, maritime safety, first aid, fire prevention and fighting, nautical nomenclature and biosafety protocols, instruction that constitutes one of the requirements to obtain the license.

The National Visit for the Issuance of National Water Licenses has become the social arm of the AMP and is executed by the General Directorate of Seafarers (DGGM), in conjunction with the National Aeronaval Service (SENAN), the Authority of Aquatic Resources of Panama (ARAP) as well as local governments and fulfills the purpose of organizing responsible operators of small vessels and providing them with their corresponding maritime documentation, it also provides support to the men and women of the sea, so that they can bring the daily sustenance to their families and improve their income.

## **AMP BEGINS INVESTIGATIONS DUE TO DIESEL SPILL NEAR PERICO ISLAND.**

On June 21, 2022, at approximately 0700 hours, we received a report of a sunken vessel in the anchorage in front of Perico Island, which was apparently responsible for a diesel stain in the area.

Immediately, personnel was sent to the area by land and sea to start the mitigation work. Upon arrival, it was observed that the vessel was cordoned off, so the owner was asked to carry out the mitigation work on the diesel stains observed, as well as the refloating of the vessel which concluded today.

The vessel involved in the event is a Skimmer type CVX-57 and preliminarily it was estimated that it may have spilled about 50 gallons of diesel. At the moment the investigations of the causes of the sinking are being conducted and at the same time information is collected for the opening of the corresponding infraction process.



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## **WE RAISED USD \$1.7 MILLION MORE THAN BUDGETED.**

We collected 74.2 million dollars, 1.7 million more than projected for the end of May 2022, thus fulfilling 100% of the contributions committed to the Central Government.

The increment in the Institution's finances are due to a refocusing of the "De frente Al Mar" ("Facing the Sea") strategy and the growth of the Panamanian Merchant Marine fleet, which represents 15% of the world's ships, to the marine licenses, port services, incentives for the generation of new concessions and operating licenses, effective management in consular collection, among others.

The Maritime and Logistics sector is one of the most important components of the country's Gross Domestic Product, where its sustainable growth is supported by the AMP, through the incentive of public and private investment, such as the reactivation of the Balboa Shipyard, the start-up of the new Panama Cruise Terminal where 15 cruise ships and 2 cargo ships have already been received, in addition to promoting new public bidding projects such as the new fiscal dock in Puerto Armuelles, the improvement of the docks in Yaviza, Darien, Esterillo in Aguadulce, the Seafood Market in Pedregal, among others.







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