



Invitation for the 2013 GMAA Experts Workshop

The various steps of dispute resolution

The Workshop will deal primarily with formal procedures other than or prior to arbitration, in particular with adjudication and mediation. As shipping is international by nature and GMAA arbitrations are frequently held in English, we thought that it was about time we conducted a GMAA Workshop in English. This also enables us to have the benefit of enjoying presentations also of excellent speakers from the UK.

Tuesday, 17th September 2013
5.00 pm to 7.00 pm at the
Bremische Hafenvertretung
c/o Industrie-Club Bremen
Deutsches Haus
Am Markt 1, 28195 Bremen

Background

GMAA has opened the door for means of dispute resolution other than by way of arbitration. GMAA published the Adjudications Rules over a year ago. Moreover, GMAA has, at its last Annual Meeting, decided to promote GMAA Mediation. Further, a considerable number of GMAA members are certified mediators. Recent changes in dispute resolution clauses, particularly in BIMCO standard contracts, provide for mediation as starting point of dispute resolution. How are these new clauses structured and what is the background for the recent amendments? What are the requirements for procedures such as adjudication or mediation either stipulated in or deriving from such dispute resolution clauses?

With regard to adjudication it appears that shipbuilding contracts often provide for experts from the classification societies to decide technical disputes. We want to discuss whether and under which conditions such provisions are workable and gain an insight into the classification society's view on becoming involved in technical disputes. Finally we will outline specific characteristics of mediation in shipping disputes in Germany – also in comparison with mediation in the UK.

Program

- 5.00 pm** Arrival
- 5.15 pm** **Welcome** by Jan Wölper, Chairman of the GMAA
- 5.20 pm** **Multi-layered Dispute Resolution Clauses**
Thomas Meadows
- 5.30 pm** **Classification Societies as Adjudicators**
Sigrid Wettwer
- 5.45 pm** **Mediation in Shipping Disputes**
Dr. Henning von Wedel
- 6.00 pm** **Discussions and exchange of views**
Moderation: Jonathan Lux
- 7.00 pm** **Reception**
Beer and Cheese

Costs

There is no attendance fee for this workshop.

Speakers

- Thomas Meadows is Claims Manager of West of England Insurance Services (Luxembourg) S.A., a very well-known P&I Club in London.
- Sigrid Wettwer, LL.M is Rechtsanwältin, Solicitor of England & Wales and Head of Maritime Legal Affairs of Germanischer Lloyd SE.
- Dr. Henning von Wedel is Rechtsanwalt, arbitrator and mediator. He is partner of the law firm Graf von Westphalen.
- Jonathan Lux from London, former partner of the law firm Ince & Co. is an arbitrator and now primarily works as a mediator.

Who should attend?

The workshop is particularly designed for experienced arbitrators, mediators, surveyors and parties' representatives. All attendees are expected to actively participate in the discussions. If you prefer to contribute to the discussions in German, you are more than welcome to do so.

Please forward this invitation to any person who also might be interested to attend.

How to register

If you wish to attend, please fill in your personal details in the lines indicated below and then send this page as scan/pdf to **info@gmaa.de** or as fax to **+49 (40) 5 700 70-200**. For any questions please call Ms Claudia Rusch at **+49 (40) 5 700 700**. If you have registered but are unable to attend, please do not forget to cancel your registration immediately.

“The various steps of Dispute Resolutions“, on 17.9.2013, Bremen

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I will attend.

