



## London Branch Conference

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# Fires on Container Ships



HQS Wellington, London  
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## THE PROGRAMME

08:45	<b>Registration</b> on board HQS <i>Wellington</i>
09:15	<b>Opening Address</b> Chairman: John Lloyd, Chief Executive Officer, The Nautical Institute. London
09:30	<b>The Nature of Container Ship Fires</b> Stuart Edmonston, Loss Prevention Director, UK P&I Club. London
10:00	<b>Causes and Science of Container Ship Fires</b> Dr. Nick Carey, Principal Associate, Hawkins. UK
10:30	Coffee
11:00	<b>Container Ship Fires and the IMDG Code</b> Peregrine Storrs-Fox, Risk Management Director. TT Club. London
11:30	<b>The Challenges of Planning Container Stows</b> Neil Wiggins, Director, Independent Vessel Operations Services Ltd. Dover
12:00	<b>The Costs of a Container Ship Fire – where the money goes</b> Simon Shrimpton, Head of Marine Underwriting, Tokio Marine HCC. London
12:30	<b>Q&amp;A/Discussion Forum</b>
13:00	<b>Buffet Lunch on board HQS <i>Wellington</i></b> Lunch Sponsor – CMR. London
14:00	<b>Container Ship Fire-Fighting – The Challenges</b> Mauricio M Garrido, President, T&T Salvage
14:35	<b>Container Ship Fire-Fighting – Innovations</b> Carl Hunter, CEO, Coltraco. London. <i>Others to be confirmed</i>
15:10	<b>Q&amp;A/Discussion</b>
15:20	Coffee
15:50	<b>Container Ship Fire-Fighting – Are the Regulations Fit For Purpose?</b> William Boyd, Naval Architect, Director, TMC Marine. London
16:30	<b>Panel - Audience Debate</b>
17:15	<b>Summing-up and Review</b>
17:30	<b>Close of Conference.</b> Followed by Drinks Reception sponsored by TMC Marine

## The seminar

For several years container ships have been experiencing fires in containers loaded on board. This has resulted in major damage to ships, cargo, containers and unacceptable fatalities amongst mariners. Mis-declaration remains a major challenge, but even cargoes stowed in accordance with the IMDG Code start fires, while others have the potential to enhance the speed at which the fire spreads. Container ships have significantly increased in size but SOLAS firefighting and protection regulations have not evolved at the same pace, leaving crews facing major challenges in deploying the resources currently available on board.

This conference will explore some of the reasons for those fires and what needs to be done to reduce the risks and avoid loss of life. The programme will also discuss:

- the nature and extent of cargo fires on board container vessels
- whether current IMDG regulations are a contributing factor and to what extent, if any, is reform needed
- the major challenge of mis-declared cargoes
- what are the human and financial costs to stakeholders
- are current fire-fighting equipment and techniques sufficient to enable ships' crews to halt or delay the spread of fire
- what, if any, changes to current SOLAS regulations and ship design are needed.

### Why you should attend

Listen and learn from a mix of speakers; engage in substantive discussion forums and network with an excellent cross-section of mariners, senior managers, stakeholders, surveyors, insurers and other professionals. This seminar is aimed at analysing the problems from the mariner's point of view and will benefit those involved in the container shipping industry, including; mariners, owners, charterers, insurers (H&M, cargo and P&I) underwriters, surveyors, claims handlers, maritime lawyers and consultants.



### The venue

The historic ship HQS *Wellington* is the headquarters of The Honourable Company of Master Mariners. It is the City of London's only floating Livery Hall. HQS *Wellington* is located close to Temple tube station (on the District/ Circle lines).

### Registration fees (Inclusive of VAT)

NI Sea-going member: £125  
NI Shore-based member: £200  
Nautical Institute (AMNI)  
Students: £50 (Limited number available)  
Non-members: £300  
Fees include attendance at the seminar, all seminar papers, lunch and networking evening on board HQS *Wellington*.



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