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DAY 1

09:00-09:30	Opening remarks and introduction to the documentary work of BIMCO
Introduction	
09:30-10:30	The contractual matrix: The relationship between the sale, insurance and carriage contracts
International contracts of sale	
10:30-11:30	Fundamental principles of sale contracts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Offer and acceptance ■ Price ■ Fitness for purpose ■ Force majeure clauses ■ Frustration.
11:30-11:45	<i>Break</i>
11:45-12:45	Common forms of sale contracts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Incoterms ■ Payment mechanisms ■ Letters of credit (UCP 600) ■ Required documentation.
12:45-13:45	<i>Lunch</i>

Carriage contracts

13:45-15:30	Principles of cargo and liability insurance
15:30-15:45	<i>Break</i>
15:45-17:00	Principles of cargo and liability insurance <i>(continued)</i>

DAY 2

09:00-10:15	<p>Carriage contracts – the main functions of the B/L and the transfer of rights and obligations between holders of the B/L:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Evidence of contract ■ Receipt of goods ■ Document of title ■ Transferable rights ■ Obligations shift ■ Essential for claims.
10:15-10:30	<i>Break</i>
10:30-11:45	<p>The shipowners' duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Seaworthiness ■ Care of cargo ■ Proceeding with dispatch ■ Release of bills of lading/sea waybills etc.
11:45-13:00	<p>The charterers' duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Nomination of ship ■ Provision of cargo ■ Payment of freight ■ Laytime and demurrage.
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>

Carriage of goods: bills of lading

14:00-14:45	<p>The relevance of compulsory international conventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Hague Rules ■ The Hague-Visby Rules ■ The Hamburg Rules ■ The Rotterdam Rules.
14:45-15:30	<p>Letters of Indemnity (LOIs):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Delivery of cargo without bills ■ Deviation for clean bills ■ Unavailable bills under letters of credit ■ Practical checklist ■ Switch bills of lading.
15:30-15:45	<i>Break</i>
15:45-17:00	Case study 2



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Andrew is a Partner in the Maritime and Dispute Resolution groups of Watson Farley & Williams LLP.

Andrew's experience spans corporate and commercial disputes, international arbitration, shipping and offshore construction. His practice includes FD&D, P&I, shareholder, corporate, trust and private wealth, joint venture and sale and purchase disputes across several industries including maritime, aviation, oil and gas and LNG. He is also experienced with energy transition matters and in particular maritime decarbonisation.

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Sammy Smallbone

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Wei Zhuang

Wei Zhuang is the Head of Asia Pacific at BIMCO. Wei started his BIMCO career with the Legal & Contractual Affairs Department in 2011 where he joined a wide range of BIMCO's standard contracts and clauses projects, including project development, revision and promotion. He was further promoted as China Liaison Officer as well as the General Manager of BIMCO Shanghai Centre. Now as the Head of Asia Pacific, he is committed to keeping a constructive relationship with regional regulators and industry stakeholders and, most importantly, to provide portfolio services to BIMCO members and potential members in Asia.

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庄炜系波罗的海国际航运公会(BIMCO) 亚洲区总经理。他在2011年加入BIMCO的法律与合同事务部工作，期间参与了大量BIMCO标准合同和条款的项目，包括项目开发、修订以及推广。后来庄先生被任命为大中华区总经理兼BIMCO上海中心主任，目前其担任BIMCO亚洲区总经理，致力于加强BIMCO与亚洲的沟通和合作，积极推动国际航运界和航运政策制定者和产业利益者之间富有建设性的沟通与合作，重点是维系亚洲区BIMCO会员的利益并向他们提供高效的服务。

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Where will the course be held?

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