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PROGRAMME

DAY 1

The practical aspects of time chartering

09:00-09:30

Introduction to the documentary work of BIMCO:

- Who drafts BIMCO standard contracts and clauses and how?
- The importance of industry consultations and explanatory notes
- What are we working on at the moment?

09:30-11:00

Walkthrough of the most common forms in dry/wet and their unique characteristics:

- BIMCO-approved forms:
  - NYPE 1946, 93, 2015
  - BALTIME 1939 (as revised 2001)
  - GENTIME
  - BPTIME 3
  - BIMCHEMTIME 2005
  - GASTIME.
- Other forms:
  - SHELLTIME 4
  - EXXONMOBIL TIME 2000
  - ASBATIME.

11:00-11:20	*Break*

11:20-12:45

The duties of the owner:

- The owner's duty is to provide a seaworthy ship and care for the cargo:
  - What is unseaworthiness?
  - The nature of the shipowner's duty to comply with the charter party description
  - The effect of the Hague/Hague-Visby Rules on these duties.
- The owner's duty to comply with legitimate employment orders:
  - Understanding the mechanics of employment clauses and the right and obligations of both the charterer and owner
  - The difference between "employment" and "navigation"
  - Orders which may affect safety and seaworthiness.

12:45-13:45	*Lunch*

13:45-14:30

Duty of the charterer to nominate safe port(s):

- Definition of a safe port in the context of time chartering
- Importance of the charterer's duty to nominate safe ports
- Overview of relevant legal clauses and regulations (eg, Hague-Visby Rules)
- Charter party terms related to the nomination of safe ports
- Common disputes related to unsafe port nominations.

14:30-14:50	*Break*

14:50-16:00

Description of the vessel and performance claims:

- Compliance with the speed and performance warranties and terms
- Validity of speed and performance claims; working with evidence and documentation claims
- Enforcement of speed and performance claims; deductions from hire?
- The legal remedies for breaches of the speed and performance warranties.

16:00-17:30

Case study:

- Participants will work in small groups on a case study to find solutions to a common commercial dispute. The trainers and participants will discuss the problems arising from the scenario and will look for input from the course participants, and jointly the trainers and participants will look for solutions to the problems and disputes in the case study.



PROGRAMME

DAY 2

The financial aspects of time chartering

09:00-10:00

Time charter duration:

- For how long can the charterer use the vessel?
- What is an illegitimate last voyage?
- Who bears the risk of delay?
- the effect of “last voyage” and “without guarantee” clauses.

10:00-10:45

The payment of hire:

- When is the hire due?
- What deductions are allowed?
- The importance of paying hire in full and in advance
- The right to withdraw the ship from the charterer’s service.

10:45-11:00	*Break*

11:00-11:45

Off-hire clauses:

- General principles
- The difference between “period” and “time lost”
- The effect of specific provisions
- The effect of adding “whatsoever”.

11:45-13:00

Case study:

- Participants will work in small groups on a case study to find solutions to a common commercial dispute.

13:00-14:00	*Lunch*

Other relevant issues

14:00-15:00

Cargo operations and cargo documentation:

- Who is responsible for cargo operations, and how can the owner and charterer best protect their commercial interests?
- The effect of the NYPE Inter-Club Agreement dealing with liability for cargo claims arising under NYPE and ASBATIME
- The importance to the charterer of obtaining the bills of lading
- The effect of a bill of lading imposing a greater liability than that imposed by the time charter
- Who has the right to determine the form of the bill of lading?
- Time charter employment orders which are in conflict with the bill of lading.

15:00-15:30

Environmental clauses:

- Regulatory developments and the need for rider clauses addressing these issues
- BIMCO CII, ETS and FuelEU Clauses for Time Charter Parties.

15:30-15:50	*Break*

15:50-17:00

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SPEAKERS



Cristan Evans

Cris is a partner at Schjodt LLP and specialises in the resolution of shipping and trade disputes. He provides practical, commercial advice with the aim of resolving the most complex disputes in an efficient and cost-effective manner. Cris acts for shipowners, charterers, cargo interests and their insurers in disputes arising under charter parties, bills of lading and contracts of affreightment. He has acted in Court proceedings and in arbitrations conducted under the LMAA, UNCITRAL, LCIA, FOSFA and GAFTA rules. An experienced commodities lawyer, Cris also acts in sale contract disputes for buyers and sellers involving commodities such as petroleum products, coal, vegetable oils/oil seeds and biofuels.



Robert Veal

Robert Veal is a Legal Director at Winter & Co Solicitors, a firm of specialist maritime lawyers based in the City of London. Robert advises on all aspects of dry shipping law, most commonly disputes arising out of charterparties and bills of lading, both in the High Court of England and Wales and, predominantly, in LMAA arbitrations.

Before entering legal practice, Robert was a Lecturer in Maritime Law at the University of Southampton. During this time, he taught students and maritime professionals across a range of areas, including the carriage of goods by sea, wet shipping and admiralty. Robert continues to deliver bespoke executive courses on shipping law to a broad range of maritime professionals in the UK and overseas.



ORGANISER



Christian Hoppe

Christian is BIMCO's Head of Training. He is a lawyer and graduated from the University of Copenhagen with a Master's degree in 2001 and an LL.M. with Distinction from the University of Southampton in 2004. He worked at the Danish Maritime Authority from 2001 until joining the European Commission's Directorate-General for Maritime Transport and Energy in 2005.

Christian has been with BIMCO since 2009, being the General Counsel from 2016 to 2025, representing the association at various international meetings and managing a number of contracts and clauses related projects. Christian was seconded to Danish law firm Gorrissen Federspiel from 2017 to 2018 and was admitted to the Danish Bar in February 2019 (practice certificate deposited). From 2022 to 2023, he worked out of BIMCO's Singapore office whilst being part-time seconded to BW Group.

VENUE

Where will the course be held?

The course venue will be confirmed approximately 8 weeks before the start of the course so we can find a suitable venue for the number of participants.



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