



## The Singapore Institute of Arbitrators

The Maritime Arbitration Group of the Institute  
is pleased to present the following seminar on

### Immunity of Classification Societies?

By **Capt Lee Fook Choon**

*Can Classification Societies get away from  
acts of misrepresentation and negligence?*

It is universally recognized that the Classification Societies had made tremendous contribution to safety of life at sea. However, what is not so apparent (perhaps being taken for granted) is that in almost every layer of the shipping industry as a commercial undertaking, the Classification Society plays a uniquely pivotal role. Without which, a shipowner would bring upon himself painful financial and commercial consequences.

In port entry requirements, insurance coverage of ship and cargo, liability coverage, carriage of goods at sea, in ship charters, ship sales, shipbuilding contracts or towing contracts, it is a warranty or even a condition that the subject vessel must be a classed and class maintained vessel or it must conform to a certain classification standard. Such strict and heavy reliance on the certificates issued by the various Classification Societies is overwhelming.

Classification Surveyors are humans and, despite the best of intentions, will have to confront the issues of acts of negligence or even acts of misrepresentation under commercial pressure. What recourse is therefore open to parties who rely on the accuracy and sanctity of Classification Certificates?

Capt Lee will use a few English precedents to examine the duty of care expected from the Classification Societies and the consequences that follow.

Date	: Thursday, 24 August 2006
Time	: 5:30 pm to 7:15 pm (registration starts at 5:00 pm)
Venue	: FTSE Room, Capital Tower, Level 9 (168 Robinson Road Singapore 068912)
Charges	<b>: \$ 50.00 for Members</b> (SIArb, International Institute of Marine Surveyors (IIMS), Law Society of Singapore, Maritime Law Association of Singapore (MLAS), Singapore Corporate Counsel Association (SCCA), Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA), Singapore Maritime Arbitrators Association (SMAA), Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF), Singapore Shipping Association (SSA)) <b>\$ 65.00 for Non-Members</b>

#### About the Speaker

**Capt Lee Fook Choon**, Master Mariner, LLM, FCIArb, ACII, Chartered Arbitrator, Chartered Insurance Practitioner, a marine loss adjuster and arbitrator. He is a panel arbitrator with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK, Singapore International Arbitration Centre, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, Regional Arbitration Centre (KL) and the China Maritime Arbitration Commission. He is presently the head of Integral Marine Consultants, Director of Toplis & Harding (Maine & Recoveries) Ltd, Hongkong, Consultant to Huazheng Adjusters Co Ltd, Shanghai and Consultant to Shanghai Kai-Rong Law Firm.

#### About the Chairman

**Capt Sylvester Heng**, MSIArb, former president of the Singapore Nautical Institute, is the Managing Director of Regional Shipping Services Pte Ltd and director of Sysquest Technology Pte Ltd (Shipping Software Systems), Gapima Seino Logistics Pte Ltd and Web Logistics Pte Ltd (Web design). He has been a member of the Singapore Polytechnic Maritime Advisory Committee since 1988.

## PROGRAMME OUTLINE:

5:00 to 5:30 pm	Registration
5:30 to 5:40 pm	Welcome address by <b>Capt Sylvester Heng</b> , Chairman
5:40 to 6:30 pm	Speech by <b>Capt Lee Fook Choon</b>
6:30 to 6:45 pm	Questions & Answers Session
6:45 to 7:15 pm	Refreshments & Networking

## THIS EVENT IS SUPPORTED BY:



### Singapore Maritime Arbitrators Association The Maritime Law Association of Singapore

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Training Level – Advanced/ Assigned CPD Hours – 1 hour 15 mins*

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