

Activities at



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The September meeting

The member survey conducted in July was not greatly supported, but suggestions and comments have been “taken on board”.

A number asked for site visits, but the support for the first one organised was quite low and a bit of an embarrassment. Only seven members registered.

Simon Douglas-Denton at Port Melbourne Containers offered the opportunity for members to visit the company site and discover the intricacies of empty container logistics.

A résumé of the visit is later on in this issue of *Activities*.

The plan to have a site visit and a luncheon on the same day was soon found to be almost impossible. So the regular luncheon back at Clare Castle was scheduled. [Survey responses asked that we return “home”]

For a while it looked like being a lonely meeting for the Secretary and Vice President but finally the number swelled to twelve. One late booking was no show.

We were reunited with Amanda who had been our wait person when as she said “you had this room full of people”. The hotel refurbishment continues and the presentation of meals and the beverage service was excellent.

We had two guests from Qube Energy. Corey Pratt and Barry Reid soon joined in the networking and had interesting stories to tell.

Ron Hereford made a return visit and is still volunteering at the Mission to Seafarers, but would like an offer of a job.

Our President Chi and VP Andrea were both unable to attend which left the mantle of responsibility firmly on Rosie’s shoulders. Chris Ryan was not in attendance as he is recovering from an operation---not debilitating, just annoying!

Ian Scott missed his first meeting for three years due to work commitments.

Ken Wakefield is enjoying his new life as a practising Grey Nomad, and has full itinerary for the next year for visitations to not only other Australian places but more exotic destinations. Good luck with the bike ride in the Himalayas!

Carriers to fine rogue shippers for wrongly declared goods in containers

Source: - <https://theloadstar.com>

By *Alexander Whiteman*

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Carriers are cracking down on rogue shippers by threatening significant financial penalties for misdeclared shipments, following a series of vessel fires.

Evergreen was first out of the gates announcing fines, ranging from \$4,000 to \$35,000, for misdeclarations (see below), with Hapag-Lloyd and OOCL following suit.

TT Club risk management director Peregrine Storrs-Fox told *The Loadstar*: “We welcome such initiatives, following a spate of fires and growing concerns about cargo packing.

“We have been collaborating with stakeholders through the supply chain to highlight ongoing risks arising from poorly packed and misdeclared cargo.”

Hapag-Lloyd, which suffered as misdeclared goods caused a high-profile fire aboard its vessel *Yantian Express* earlier this year, said it would impose a \$15,000 fine per misdeclared box, and OOCL has announced enhanced checks and a hazardous cargo misdeclaration fee.

Hong Kong-headquartered OOCL said: “We are aware that there has been an increasing number of marine incidents being reported in 2019, many of which were suspected of being caused by potentially undeclared and/or misdeclared hazardous cargo.

“Any inconsistencies between the declared cargo in the documents, and what is physically inside the container will result in a hazardous cargo misdeclaration fee.”

The fee payable will depend on the extent of any disparity, with containers potentially being pulled out of service and put on hold if penalties are applicable.

The carrier said it would also strengthen its inspection policy through additional verification prior to loading by selective or random inspections on DG and potential DG cargo.

“It is the responsibility of all stakeholders in the carriage of goods to ensure all hazardous cargo are properly declared and handled according to the IMDG regulations,” it added.

Between 5% and 10% of containership cargo is declared as dangerous goods, but the extent of misdeclaring of goods is impossible to tell.

Mr Storrs-Fox said: “A key element of the campaign is to identify levers – both sticks and carrots – that are available to improve a safety culture in the unitised supply chain, including considering unintended consequences inherent in trading arrangements or fiscal/security interventions and the possibilities presented by technological innovation.

“Penalising shippers where deficiencies are found should be applauded and government enforcement agencies are encouraged to take appropriate action under national or international regulations to deter poor practices further.”

Visit to Port Melbourne Containers



Port Melbourne Containers Pty. Ltd [POM] is privately owned and was formed by a group of well-established people within the industry to expand their operations in a premium location.

Located on approximately five [5] fully sealed hectares in Port Melbourne, next to the West Gate Bridge, positions the depot just 2 minutes from Webb Dock and 5 minutes from Swanson Dock.

The business consists of:

- IICL surveyors
- DAFF 2.6 approved site
- 11 licensed fork lift operators
- 6 x 7 high 20/40 foot spreaders
- 4 x 5 high 20/40 foot spreaders
- 2 x tyne forks
- Well maintained and reliable fleet
- 40 container DAFF wash facility
- 57 x 3 phase points
- 12 x single phase points
- 5500 TEU capacity
- Modern equipment and computer systems
- Experienced staff

Rosie Cirillo Vice-President provided an insight about the visit and mine host Simon Douglass-Denton

A windy start to the day; ending with the sun beaming on us giving us a tan by the end of our two hour tour!

Simon was definitely the host you want guiding your tour, all smiles and insightful in his knowledge and information on the yard management and operations. Communication is key! This was evident in the detail and induction; we were all ready to start our new jobs!! Any on offer, Simon?

We were a little lost upon arrival, arriving at the peak time of traffic flow in /out of the yard, we thought we may have had to all turn back and go to work, god forbid! Though, that was not the case, his team at POM spotted all of us in a timely fashion, us non – yarders and it was all systems go!

Guided to our designated meeting area and ushered into the main office, adhering to safety first, at all times. I don't know why we didn't take a pic of the group!! Next one...

In the main office, we were introduced to the overarching operations of the container yard, the systems & technology being utilized and the core function & purpose of a container yard.

Technology seems to be the key in moving forward into the 21st century with POM being the early adopters and influencers of systems, processes & employment of skilled staff to keep them a step ahead of the pack.

With a turnaround time from check in to exiting the site of 4 minutes! Now that's efficiency!

To give you an idea of the walking we did within the 2 hours, let's say, that the 10,000 standard steps, well we kicked butt!! From repairs to services to cleaning/washing & everything in between, POM is definitely a well-organized, calm environment regardless of the hype of activity taking place at any one time.

Thanks again Simon 😊

Stranded car carrier Golden Ray

Reported in *American Shipper* by [Chris Dupin](#)



Coast Guard rescuers drilled through the hull of the Golden Ray to rescue four seafarers trapped in the bottom of the vehicle carrier. (Photo: U.S. Coast Guard)

The Coast Guard allowed two vessels that had been docked in the Port of Brunswick to depart in late afternoon Sept. 11 as a prelude to possibly reopening the Georgia port.

The Port of Brunswick, which is operated by the Georgia Ports Authority, has been closed since Sept. 8, when the 600-foot-long car carrier Golden Ray capsized as it was leaving the port, partially blocking the main shipping channel in St. Simons Sound.

The port has been closed while the Coast Guard rescued its crew and the ship's position was stabilized in shallow water along St. Simons Sound, a waterway which leads to Fancy Bluff Creek and the Port of Brunswick's terminals.

While 20 of the crew members were rescued within 10 hours, another four were trapped in the bottom of the ship's hull for about a day and half and only reached Sept. 10 after rescuers cut a hole in the bottom of the overturned ship.

The car carrier Emerald Ace and another large ship were allowed to make a "monitored transit" through St. Simons Sound by a "unified command" established by the U.S. Coast Guard, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and Gallagher Marine Systems, a company that acts as the "responsible party" for Hyundai Glovis, the shipping company that operates the Golden Ray.

Kathy Knowlton, a spokeswoman for the joint command's information center, said officials will evaluate how the passing of the two ships affected the Golden Ray. Officials will then

determine if it is possible to open the port to traffic or if ship traffic in and out of the port will have to be limited in some way.

Action News Jax reported during its 5:30 p.m. newscast Sept. 11 that the local International Longshoremen's Association union had told it the Port of Brunswick was scheduled to reopen at noon on Sept. 12.

Mission to Seafarers

Sue Dight at the Mission to Seafarers is seeking our help:-

- I am sorry I cannot make it to the meeting, as I wanted to make an appeal to the members.
- The Mission to Seafarers is on its way to becoming as self-funded as possible.
- One of the ways we are planning to do this is via coffee shop in a shipping container on the corner of our parcel of land.
- We are hoping one of the ISO members might be able to assist us in this project.
- Two 20 foot containers are required for the project.

So if you are able to assist please contact Sue

Web site sponsor

With depleted residual in the bank due to reduced attendees over the past three years we were unable to cover the cost of renewal of the web site www.isoclub.asn.au and decided to cancel it.

Apart from the cost it was uncertain as to how many people were accessing it. Originally the cost of setting up the web site was sponsored by Michael Knowles [Continental Freight Services],

Don't leap to nepotism, but the site was developed by Adam Colwell, son of Ken! When we advised Adam that we could not afford to continue with the site he responded: - *"Please stop worrying about it. I'll cancel the invoice, please consider it a donation to the ISO Club. Have a good week!"*

So if you have any need for some internet works please keep Adam in mind. adam@adamcolwell.com will get you in touch

Meeting dates for 2019:

- ⇒ We have come to the end of our 49th year and the final meeting has been booked at Clare Castle for Thursday 21 November.
- ⇒ At that meeting one of the Vice Presidents will take over from Chi as the 2020 President

⇒ We will need a replacement to fill the vacancy and ask that you consider your ability or willingness to accept the prestige!

AND FINALLY with a disclaimer

The Macquarie Dictionary contains all of the words in this information. If you wish to interchange the gender of the participants you may. If you are genderless don't read on!!

Special Package for Businessmen

An Airline introduced a special package for Business men. Buy your ticket; get your wife's ticket free.

After great success, the company sent letters to all the wives asking how the trip was.

All of them gave the same reply: "What trip?"

New SIM to Surprise Her Husband

Woman buys a new SIM Card. Puts it in her phone and decides to surprise her husband who is seated on the couch in the living room.

She goes to the kitchen, calls her husband with the new number: "Hello Darling."

The husband responds in a low tone: "Let me call you back later Honey, my wife is in the kitchen."

Cool Message by a Wife

Dear Mother-in-law,

"Don't teach me how to handle my children, I'm living with one of yours and he needs a lot of improvement"

Throwing Knives at Wife's Picture

Husband was throwing knives at his wife's picture.

All the knives were missing the target!

Suddenly he received a call from her. "Hi, what are you doing?"

His honest reply: "MISSING YOU."

Habit of Talking in Sleep

A lady to doctor: "My husband has a habit of talking in his sleep! What should I give him to cure it?"

Dr: "Give him an opportunity to speak when he is awake."

Natural Disasters Just Happen

Nobody teaches volcanoes to erupt, tsunamis to devastate, hurricanes to swirl around and no one teaches a man how to choose a wife.

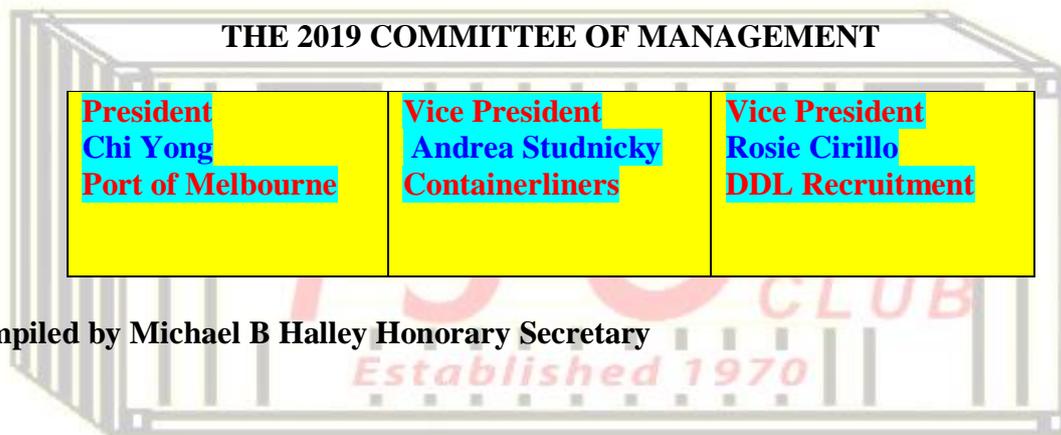
Natural disasters just happen

Your Husband Needs Rest

Doctor: “Madam, your husband needs rest and peace, so here are some sleeping pills.”

Wife: “Doc, when should I give them to him?”

Doctor: “They are for you!”



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