

MARITIME SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE (MSSC)



"It is a privilege to be appointed Chairperson of the BIMCO Maritime Safety & Security Committee (MSSC), the agenda of which covers all the current pertinent safety and security issues as well as forthcoming challenges. The wealth of knowledge and hands-on experience of the committee members and the invited industry experts are invaluable when discussing this wide range of topics. Our role is to advise the BIMCO Board of Directors on practical and technically viable solutions that help ensure a level playing field across the industry and to identify how best to influence future legislation and international policy.

The synergy between the committee and the secretariat enables BIMCO to submit well balanced papers to IMO and react quickly to resolve urgent events such as a spike in the level of piracy attacks, unexpected national legislation, outbreak of armed conflict etc. Input from the committee is also required in connection with publications, surveys, webinars and the BIMCO Security Seminar, which is now an established and well recognized event.

I am delighted to be the Chairperson and to be associated with supporting successful policies and procedures beneficial to the safety and security of our industry."

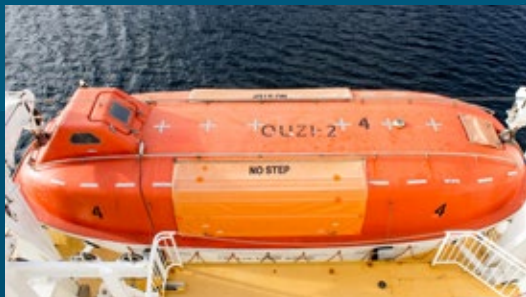
Sincerely,
Carlo Cameli, Chairperson of the Maritime Safety & Security Committee (MSSC)

The Chairperson is a member of the BIMCO Executive Committee and Board of Directors and reports directly to both bodies on issues dealt with by the MSSC.

In this guide, you will find information about the work of the committee and what we expect from its members. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to ask the Head of the Maritime Safety & Security Department, who will be happy to offer guidance.

What is our goal?

The goal of the MSSC is to discuss and review marine, operational and technical related safety and security issues. However, the agenda also includes matters related to the human element and digitalization of the industry. The committee is also involved in formulating BIMCO's position papers on "hot" topics that are subsequently submitted to the BIMCO Board of Directors for further deliberation and approval.



The people behind the success

In a forever changing shipping industry, BIMCO could not have achieved its high level of insight and knowledge without the support of qualified and knowledgeable people with hands-on experience from shipping's daily operations. As a member of the MSSC, you are one of the guardians of our reputation and share the responsibility of ensuring that BIMCO protects and supports the industry's point of view at the IMO and other important fora.

The nuts and bolts:

The MSSC:

- meets twice a year
- provides up-to-date information on maritime issues of technical and operational nature related to safety and security issues
- influences future international policy and legislative developments on relevant topics as specified above
- has up to 15 owner member representatives appointed from across the shipping industry, based on their qualifications and work experience in the maritime sector
- also invites industry experts to attend specific meetings when necessary.

The MSSC's composition aims to reflect the overall BIMCO membership in terms of company size and ship types, as well as geographical location.

What do we expect of you?

To ensure consistency in the work we produce, it is essential that you attend the committee meetings, share your expert knowledge and contribute actively at each meeting.

Between meetings, you will be asked to review IMO submissions that BIMCO has either drafted or has been asked to co-sponsor. The secretariat depends heavily on the operational insight of MSSC members on pertinent topics.

As a member of the MSSC, you play an invaluable role on behalf of your company in formulating BIMCO's official views on important topics and supporting BIMCO's advocacy work with international and regional organisations.

We also want you to act as the "eyes and ears" of the MSSC and bring to the secretariat's attention any trends, which could develop into important issues for BIMCO members, who represent most sectors in shipping.

Finally, we hope that you also will act as an ambassador for BIMCO's activities by promoting BIMCO technical publications and services within your network. This might also include circulating questionnaires and surveys as and when requested by the secretariat.



What drives us?

BIMCO aims to be at the forefront of global developments in shipping, and to be able to provide expert knowledge and practical advice to safeguard and add value to our members' businesses.

We strive to find practical and efficient solutions for the shipping industry and provide technically viable solutions.

The key to success for the industry is to make the right choices in a very competitive world market. We do our utmost to support these choices.

Some of our success stories

Cyber security

Shipping has recently experienced cyber security threats. Systems onboard are used for a multitude of purposes, such as controlling engines, cargo management, navigational systems, administration, etc. The increased integration of systems and data links now exposes ships to cyber risks and cyber attacks.

This risk was recognized by the BIMCO committees and a working group including other international shipping organisations was quickly established. The aim of the working group is to provide practical guidelines for ships on cyber security – also known as the Industry Guidelines on Cyber Security.

Lifeboat casualties

Owing to the high number of casualties resulting from the compulsory trial launching of free-fall lifeboats, BIMCO took the industry lead at IMO in advocating for stricter requirements on not only the test procedures for lifeboats but also the maintenance standards of launching appliances and release gear. Mandatory measures to prevent accidents with lifeboats are now in place.

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