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Subject: Update 27Aug2012: SLF TM Convention Correspondence Group

Good day to you all,

A brief update of the group's work follows:

ROUND 3 DELAY: In view of the email difficulties described in the next item, I lost several days in gathering Round 2 Questionnaires and troubleshooting the problem. Consequently, the preliminary draft report, along with an associated preliminary draft info paper, are not quite ready for release to the group, and I estimate they will not be ready until Wednesday of this week (close of business, August 29th). As soon these documents are ready, I will post them to the group's website and notify group participants immediately. This means that, regrettably, there will be several fewer days for participants to review the preliminary draft document, as I intend to hold to the remainder of the Action Plan's schedule. If this will cause you any undue inconvenience, please let me know immediately, so I can see if there can be some schedule adjustments in your case. I do thank you in advance for your understanding and patience.

EMAIL ISSUES: The email issues that were the subject of my August 21st email to the group appear to be related strictly to U.S. Coast Guard email hardware and/or software, which has been causing some emails with .pdf attachments (regardless of their size) to "disappear" since late July 2012 for many Coast Guard users. Until this problem is resolved, please do not send any .pdf attachments to me unless you also alert me by phone or email (without any attachments) that you have sent me something. My apologies for this continuing inconvenience.

QUESTIONNAIRES RECEIVED: All told, I have received 18 completed Round 2 Questionnaires, submitted by participants from the following: United States, Bahamas, Sweden, ITF, IFSMA, India, Argentina, Finland, Germany, Australia, Italy, France, Canada, Russian Federation, Marshall Islands, Japan, ICS, and IACS. If you submitted or received a Round 2 Questionnaire for a country/organization that does NOT appear on this list, please let me know immediately by phone or email (no attachments) so I can track it down. Also, I've communicated with one participant whose Round 2 Questionnaire has remained in clearance, and I hope to have that Questionnaire soon so that I can include the input in the Group's report. Other than this exception, I am not planning any further Round 2 extensions.

POSTING OF ROUND 2 RESULTS: I have posted preliminary Round 2 Questionnaire results on the Group's website:

http://www.uscg.mil/imo/slf/docs/tonnage/TM_Conv_CG_Round_2_Questionnaire_Results_Summary_Preliminary_27Aug2012.pdf. I hope to verify and finalize these results within the next two weeks, along with all of the underlying data. I then plan to circulate an Excel worksheet to the group that contains the "raw data" so that you can see the tallied individual responses (which were imported using Adobe Forms software). To maintain some degree of anonymity per the Action Plan, I will not post this worksheet on the website.

UPCOMING DEADLINES: A summary of upcoming deadlines follows:

29Aug2012 Coordinator distributes preliminary draft report for comment
21Sep2012 Participants provide comments on draft report
01Oct2012 Coordinator distributes revised draft report for comment
26Oct2012 Participants provide comments on revised draft report
09Nov2012 Coordinator submits report to Secretariat
16Nov2012 SLF 55 bulky papers (>6 pages)/hard copy info papers are due

With my best regards to you all,

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