



# BIMCO EDUCATION

## eLearning Diploma Programme

### BeDP Module 1 – Introduction to Shipping

#### Curriculum

##### Tutor



Captain Norman Lopez, Extra Master (Thomas Gray Medalist), Solicitor, LLB, B.Ad.Vov.T., MA (International Studies), Grad Dip Leg Practice.

Capt. Norman Lopez is closely involved with the maritime industry and has been for 47 years: as a sea-going officer including Master, maritime academic, author, maritime arbitrator, P&I Correspondent and Solicitor. He presently practises as a Ship and Cargo Surveyor, Nautical Consultant, FOSFA Superintendent and Maritime Trainer. In addition to holding professional seagoing qualifications,

including the Extra Master's Certificate (Thomas Gray Medallist), and a regularly revalidated Master Class 1 Certificate (STCW 1995), Norman also holds other professional qualifications and four University degrees, two at post-graduate level.

##### Course Coordinator

BIMCO Education Department

##### Educational Level

Foundation Course

##### Language

English

##### Schedule

- Starting date: 16 January 2012
- Ending date: 17 April 2012
- Webinars scheduled for:
  - 15 January 2012
  - 7 March 2012
  - 28 March 2012
- Exam date:
  - 17 April 2012

##### Learning Objectives

To provide students with a comprehensive and broad understanding of the maritime industry, and serves as a foundation for further courses.

Student will improve his or her knowledge and to gain a basic fundamental knowledge of the industry.

## **Course Content**

During the course, students will cover the following seven topics:

1. Maritime geography and international trade: developing your knowledge and understanding of ship, cargoes carried by ships, the commercial use of ships.
2. An overview of the ship in maritime transport services. It also covers most merchant ship types including constructional features and engaged in international trade.
3. An overview of different cargoes. Differentiate characteristics of cargoes and relate types of cargoes with types of ships.
4. Understand the factors involved in investment and managements of the Business of Ship Owning, registering, insuring and using the ship.
5. Identify the main participants and organizations involved in the infrastructure of the maritime industry and their services performed by each in the life of a ship
6. A historical overview of the maritime industry's move towards greater legislative control. Conventions, Legislation and Regulations: what these are, how they come into being and what effect they have on ships engaged in international trade and how they are enforced
7. Using the Ship: Understand the main charters used in chartering a ship, cover basic Voyage Estimating, Explain the functions of Bills of Lading, Hague Rules, Hague-Visby Rules, Hamburg Rules and Rotterdam Rules

## **Course Prerequisites**

This module is designed for the beginners employed in the maritime industry who wishes to further their knowledge of the shipping industry.

## **Examination**

At the end of the module, students are required to attend a formal close-book written examination at a pre-arranged, controlled examination centre with an invigilator present. Successfully passing the final examination will lead to a "Certificate of Achievement" signed by the Secretary General of BIMCO.

## **Teaching Methods**

BIMCO eLearning Diploma Programme is entirely web-based with material delivered via a combination of text, PowerPoint presentations, case studies, library items, recorded webinars and expert tutor assistance. Students will get three months' access to these study materials as well as online forum and self-testing questions.

## **Case Studies**

Two case studies will be added through the course for analysis and discussions. The success of case studies depends on the active participation of each student and student group. The tutor will teach and give feedback during the Webinar sessions which enable live interaction between students and tutor and among students themselves.

## **Extended Readings**

Most updated articles, news items and other material will be assigned for extended readings besides the online study material.

## **Recommended Readings**

### **General Textbook**

Elements of Shipping, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition by Alan Branch  
Carriage of Goods by Sea by Professor John Wilson – Pearson Longman, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition 2008  
Maritime Economics 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition by Martin Stopford  
Bes Chartering and Shipping Terms, 11th Edition by Norman Lopez  
Commodity Trade and Finance, by Michael Tamvakis  
Thomas' Stowage, 5th Edition by R E Thomas; revised and rewritten by G M Pepper  
Dictionary of Shipping International Business Trade terms and Abbreviations, 5th Edition by Alan Branch  
Bills of Lading, by Richard Aikens, Richard Lord and Michael Bools  
Time Charters, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition by Julian Cooke

### **Practical Guidances**

Lloyd's Maritime Atlas, 25<sup>th</sup> Edition  
BIMCO/ISF Manpower 2010 Update  
Forms of Approved documents, published by BIMCO  
GENCON Voyage charter party published by BIMCO  
GENTIME charter party published by BIMCO  
New York Produce Exchange charter party, 1993, issued by Association of Shipbrokers and Agents, USA

### **Periodicals**

Review of Maritime Transport, 2009 by UNCTAD  
BIMCO Bulletins etc – [www.bimco.org](http://www.bimco.org)  
Lloyds Maritime Law Newsletter – Informa  
P&I Club Circulars and websites