



## Press Release

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### **Bureau Veritas: 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Hellenic Marine Technical Committee**

The Marine Technical Committee meeting of Bureau Veritas for 2013 took place on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Yacht Club of Greece.

The well-attended meeting started as always with the social time, where attendees had the chance to exchange their views and latest news from the shipping world.

The technical presentations introduced by the Committee's Chairman Mr. George Sarris, General Manager of Enterprises Shipping & Trading S.A. This meeting was particularly important since it marked the admission of important players of the Piraeus-shipping family.

The technical discussions started with Mr. Dimoulas, Hellenic Plan Approval Operational Manager, & Mr. Tsilimos, Hellenic Plan Approval Deputy Manager, presented the ballast water treatment systems to our clients by Bureau Veritas and Tecnicas to assist in implementing and monitoring energy efficient operations on their vessels.

Dr. John Kokarakis, Technology & Business Development of Marine Hellenic, Black Sea & Middle East Zone, presented the slow steaming implementation problems.

Over the years, it has been customary to include two or three technical presentations in our technical committee meetings. This year Bureau Veritas decided to include members, not only as recipients of knowledge but also knowledge disseminators. Bureau Veritas contemplate to form our technical presentations in the form of a workshop and ask members to contribute your experience, knowledge, concerns and questions. Bureau Veritas aspire not only to exchange and receive feedback but also to enhance our knowledge and understanding in select "hot potato" areas, being the focus of the Greek shipping community these days.

The committee initiated a workshop style of presentation. The idea was to receive valuable feedback from the committee members in an interactive mode. This type of meeting was welcomed by the members of the Bureau Veritas technical Committee as evidence by their strong participation in the discussions.

Like always, the meeting was finished with the traditional dinner, where there were ample opportunities for everybody to fraternize and enjoy the delicious food offered by the restaurant of Yacht Club of Greece.