

## **2010 Merchant Marine Committee Report (as of 02-May-2010)**

### **Mariners:**

- Global maritime workforce 1.2 million ([BIMCO/ISF/ Warwick University 2005](#))
  - 466,000 officers (modest shortage of 10,000)
  - 721,000 ratings (significant surplus of 135,000)
    - Continuing supply shift from OECD to the Far East, SE Asia and E. Europe
    - Increasing demand for seafarers; need to increase training & recruitment and reduce wastage
- 212,000 U.S. merchant mariners ([USCG 2009](#)); half are uninspected passenger vessels licenses
- MARAD initiative for Navy to receive STCW credit (from USCG) for approved active duty courses
- Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2009 (1:32 killed in line of duty)
  - H.R. 23-passed [12-May-2009](#)
  - [S. 663](#) Introduced with 0 co-sponsors on 19-Mar-09. ([As of 02-May-2010](#)) Latest Action: [29-Apr-09](#): Committee on Veterans' Affairs; hearings held.

### **Ships: self-propelled oceangoing vessels 10,000 gross tons and greater (Clarkson-MARAD 2006):**

- 32,814 global merchant fleet (excludes U.S. reserve, U.S. & Canadian Great Lakes fleets)
- 684 U.S. owned ships at 39.6 million Dead Weight Tons (5<sup>th</sup> by ownership but most are foreign-registered)
- 286 U.S.-flag ships at 12.3 million Dead Weight Ton (15<sup>th</sup> by flag of registry)

### **U.S. Domestic Fleet (Clarkson-MARAD 2008):**

- 238 U.S.-flag, privately-owned ocean and Great Lakes vessels (145 Jones Act vessels-coastwise trade)
- 179 government-owned National Defense Reserve Force vessels (50 Ready Reserve Fleet "surge" vessels)
- Inland Fleet 5,707 towboats and tugboats; 35,499 barges, and 611 passenger ferries
- MARAD 'US marine highway' (aka short-sea shipping) initiative to reduce truck traffic on highways

### **Trade (MARAD 2009)**

- 2.3 billion metric tons of U.S. waterborne trade (foreign and domestic)
- 7,119 vessels made 60,578 calls at U.S. ports (tanker, containership, dry bulk, RO-RO, and general cargo)
- 64 million passenger nights booked on North American cruises

### **Largest U.S. Ports by Total Trade (AAPA 2004):**

South Louisiana	Corpus Christi, TX	Mobile, AL	Tampa, FL
Houston, TX	New Orleans, LA	Lake Charles, LA	Baltimore, MD
NY/NJ	<b>Huntington, WV</b>	Plaquemines, LA	Valdez, AK
Beaumont, TX	Texas City, TX	Los Angeles, CA	Duluth/Superior
Long Beach, CA	Baton Rouge, LA	Hampton Roads, VA	<b>Pittsburgh, PA</b>

### **Security:**

- D-1 Visa is required by U.S. State Department for foreign mariners' shore leave
- ILO Convention 185-SID (revised), 2003: ratified by [18 countries \(as of 02-May-10\)](#); U.S. will not ratify
- [Transportation Workers' Identification Credential \(TWIC\)](#) required for all persons unescorted access to port secure areas & aboard affected vessels
- Piracy: [406 attacks](#) reported against ships in 2009 ([IMO 2010](#)); [Most in East Africa and the Far East.](#)
- Stowaways: [314 incidents](#) reported [1,070 stowaways](#) in 2009 ([IMO 2010](#)).

### **Safety:**

- ILO Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), 2006: Seafarers' "bill of rights." Requirement for entry into force of the Convention, is ratification by at least 30 ILO member States with a total share of at least 33% of world gross tonnage: Ratified by [9 countries with over 25% of tonnage \(as of 02-May-10\)](#)
- Port Based Welfare Services for Seafarers Report ([Cardiff 2007](#)) - need to rethink ministry to seafarers with little shore leave...bring the mobile seafarer center and ministry to the brow of the ship.
- [2009 Annual Flag List](#) from USCG Port State Safety Targeting Matrix; [4 flags removed & 6 new flags:](#)

Antigua and Barbuda	<a href="#">Belize</a>	<a href="#">Bolivia</a>	Chile	Cook Islands
Croatia	<a href="#">Gibraltar</a>	Honduras	Italy	Malta
Mexico	Netherlands	Panama	Portugal	<a href="#">Rep. of Korea</a>
Russian Fed.	<a href="#">St. Kitts&amp;Nevis</a>	St. Vin&Gren	Turkey	<a href="#">Venezuela</a>