

For Six Month Period Ending 04/30/2004  
(Insert date)

**I - REGISTRANT**

1. (a) Name of Registrant  
Office Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Affairs

(b) Registration No.  
No.4860

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant  
Vanuatu Maritime Services Limited  
39 Broadway, Suite 2020  
New York, NY 10006

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

(a) If an individual:

(1) Residence address(es)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(2) Citizenship	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3) Occupation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(b) If an organization:

(1) Name	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(2) Ownership or control	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3) Branch offices	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in items (a) and (b) above.

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IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4 AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C<sup>1</sup>, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes  No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>1</sup> The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

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4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date connection ended
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(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes  No

If yes, identify each such person and describe his service.

(b) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or connection	Date terminated
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(c) During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(c) of the supplemental statement?

Yes  No

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

**II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL**


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7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal

Date of termination

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8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal<sup>2</sup> during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and address of foreign principal

Date acquired

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9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principals<sup>2</sup> whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

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10. EXHIBITS A AND B

(a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 8 the following:

Exhibit A<sup>3</sup> Yes  No   
 Exhibit B<sup>4</sup> Yes  No

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

(b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during the 6 month period? Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes  No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

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<sup>2</sup> The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a)(9).) A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

<sup>3</sup> The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3 (Formerly CRM-157), sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

<sup>4</sup> The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4 (Formerly CRM-155), sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

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11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement?                      Yes                       No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

The office of deputy Commissioner, c/c Vanuatu Maritime Services LTD., is responsible for the promotion of the registration of vessels under the Flag of Vanuatu. Part of our services is to contact individuals among the ship industry by letter, fax, phone, e-mail, or visits to inform them of Vanuatu ship registry.

We prepare officials documents on behalf of the Vanuatu Government for ship owners and financial institutions.

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12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity<sup>5</sup> as defined below?                      Yes                       No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates and places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals?                      Yes                       No

If yes, describe fully.

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<sup>5</sup> The term "political activities" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

## IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### 14. (a) RECEIPTS - MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise?      Yes       No

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies<sup>6</sup>.

Date	From whom	Purpose	Amount
11/01/2003- 04/30/2004	Republic of Vanuatu	contract six month stipend	360,000.00

360,000.00

                      
Total

### (b) RECEIPTS - FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fund raising campaign<sup>7</sup>, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?      Yes       No

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D<sup>8</sup> to your registration?      Yes       No

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed.      Date \_\_\_\_\_

### (c) RECEIPTS - THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value<sup>9</sup> other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?      Yes       No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal	Date received	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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<sup>6</sup>, <sup>7</sup> A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. (See Rule 201(e).)

<sup>8</sup> An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fund raising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

<sup>9</sup> Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) **DISBURSEMENTS – MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes  No

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes  No

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To whom	Purpose	Amount
11/01/2003- 04/30/2004	Vendors	Office expenses	\$ 203,315.47
11/01/2003- 04/30/2004	Vendors	Travel expenses	\$ 5,828.38
11/01/2003- 04/30/2004	Vendors	Entertainment	\$ 16.50
11/01/2003- 04/30/2004	Vendors	Advertising	\$4,559.23
11/01/2003- 04/30/2004	Vendors]	Employee Expenses	\$ 234,064.17
	Transfreed funds		
11/01/2003- 04/30/2004	Republic of Vanuatu	Fees	\$ 1,180,425.10

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Total

**(b) DISBURSEMENTS – THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value<sup>10</sup> other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date disposed	Name of person to whom given	On behalf of what foreign principal	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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**(c) DISBURSEMENTS – POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value<sup>11</sup> in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or thing of value	Name of political organization	Name of candidate
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<sup>10, 11</sup> Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

## V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials<sup>12</sup>?  
 Yes  No

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

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18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes  No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

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|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio or TV broadcasts | <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine or newspaper articles                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Motion picture films            | <input type="checkbox"/> Letters or telegrams |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising campaigns  | <input type="checkbox"/> Press releases                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Pamphlets or other publications | <input type="checkbox"/> Lectures or speeches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <u>a quarterly update</u> |  |   |

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public officials  | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislators   | <input type="checkbox"/> Editors                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational institutions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government agencies   | <input type="checkbox"/> Civic groups or associations | <input type="checkbox"/> Nationality groups       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <u>current and potential ship owners</u> |   |   |

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- English  Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes  No

12 The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature )

(Type or print name under each signature<sup>13</sup>)

23 Oct 2009 Arthur C. Bjorkner

ARTHUR C BJORKNER

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<sup>13</sup> This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FARA REGISTRATION UNIT  
NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

**NOTICE**

Please answer the following questions and return this sheet in triplicate with your Supplemental Statement:

1. Is your answer to Item 16 of Section V (Informational Materials – page 8 of Form NSD-2, formerly Form CRM-154 Supplemental Statement):

YES ✓ or NO \_\_\_\_\_

(If your answer to question 1 is "yes" do not answer question 2 of this form.)

2. Do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration:

YES \_\_\_\_\_ or NO \_\_\_\_\_

(If your answer to question 2 is "yes" please forward for our review copies of all material including: films, film catalogs, posters, brochures, press releases, etc. which you have disseminated during the past six months.)

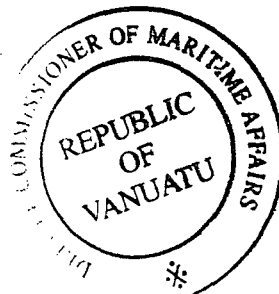
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Signature

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Date

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Please type or print name of  
Signatory on the line above

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STATEMENT - PLEASE EXECUTE IN TRIPLICATE

SHORT-FORM REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHEET

SECTION A

The Department records list active short-form registration statements for the following persons of your organization filed on the date indicated by each name. If a person is not still functioning in the same capacity directly on behalf of the foreign principal, please show the date of termination.

**Short Form List for Registrant: Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Affairs**

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name and Other Names</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>	<u>Termination Date</u>	<u>Role</u>
Sheetz	Donald J.	10/12/1993	N/A	DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
Rescigno	Dorothy A.	01/04/2008	N/A	DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
Bjorkner	Arthur C.	01/04/2008	N/A	DEPUTY COMMISSIONER



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SECTION B

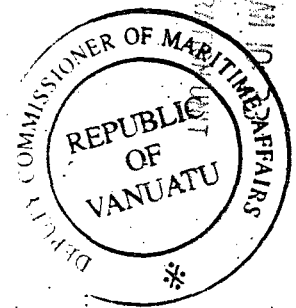
In addition to those persons listed in Section A, list below all current employees rendering services directly on behalf of the foreign principals(s) who have not filed short-form registration statements. (Do not list clerks, secretaries, typists or employees in a similar or related capacity). If there is some question as to whether an employee has an obligation to file a short-form, please address a letter to the Registration Unit describing the activities and connection with the foreign principal.

Name	Function	Date Hired
Dorothy A. Rescigno	Deputy Commissioner	01/23/1990
Arthur C. Bjorkner	Deputy Commissioner	10/09/06

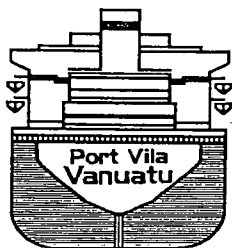
Signature: *Al Gordon* Date: 7/10/2009

Title: Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Affairs

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	<u>Nov-03</u>	<u>Dec-03</u>	<u>Jan-04</u>	<u>Feb-04</u>	<u>Mar-04</u>	<u>Apr-04</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<b><u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u></b>							
Rent - 39 Broadway	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rent - Offsite Storage	656.65	68.90	68.90	68.90	68.90	68.30	1,000.55
42 BROADWAY	7,766.38	9,188.51	11,189.67	11,423.20	11,629.94	11,423.20	62,620.90
R.E.Taxes-42 BROADWAY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FARA Reg fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc. Fees - 42 BROADWAY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance -Allied Risk Consult	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance -Building & Contents	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,323.53	0.00	0.00	1,323.53
Insurance - Liability	4,227.63	4,648.35	4,400.52	4,227.63	4,227.63	4,400.52	26,132.28
Insurance - Workmen's Comp	0.00	0.00	50.00	859.24	560.64	50.00	1,519.88
Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Computer Equipment	3,324.95	549.09	0.00	1,197.39	1,267.67	471.20	6,810.30
Computer Software	323.90	673.88	0.00	482.79	0.00	0.00	1,480.57
Computer Maintenance	0.00	2,022.94	3,000.00	2,264.00	1,200.00	900.00	9,386.94
Computer Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Copier - Rental	462.00	598.66	462.00	462.00	462.00	897.07	3,343.73
Fax - Rental	96.67	96.67	96.67	96.67	96.67	96.67	580.02
Postage Meter - Rental	0.00	0.00	408.26	0.00	0.00	408.26	816.52
US Postal Service-Reset Meter	0.00	593.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	593.54
Telephone System	407.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	407.34
Prof.Fees - Accounting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LICENSES AND PERMITS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL SERVICE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deprication Expense	0.00	16,068.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,068.00
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subscriptions	1,455.00	605.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,882.00	3,942.00
Dues - Annual	0.00	600.00	50.00	180.00	0.00	209.45	1,039.45
Off.Sup.	2,685.00	11,911.94	2,939.31	2,919.51	430.43	6,300.58	27,186.77
Long Distance Phone	1,471.94	2,057.97	0.00	2,149.70	9,217.47	17.21	14,914.29
Fax Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	72.24	72.24
Courier Charges - General Office	29.30	4,237.83	3,916.27	3,296.27	2,759.48	1,712.30	15,951.45
Messenger Service - General Office	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Outside services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special Printing	0.00	238.98	0.00	7,413.66	472.53	0.00	8,125.17
Vanuatu Sales Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Corp.Income Tax Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>22,906.76</b>	<b>54,160.26</b>	<b>26,581.60</b>	<b>38,364.49</b>	<b>32,393.36</b>	<b>28,909.00</b>	<b>203,315.47</b>
<b><u>TRAVEL EXPENSES</u></b>							
Travel expenses	0.00	1,367.47	0.00	0.00	111.67	94.96	1,574.10
Lodging	0.00	864.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	864.25
Food & beverage	150.26	1,687.03	622.82	0.00	124.57	110.35	2,695.03
Attendance Fees	0.00	0.00	695.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	695.00
<b>TOTAL TRAVEL EXPENSES</b>	<b>150.26</b>	<b>3,918.75</b>	<b>1,317.82</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>236.24</b>	<b>205.31</b>	<b>5,828.38</b>
<b><u>ENTERTAINMENT</u></b>							
Entertainment expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tips & Gratuities	0.00	16.50	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21.50
<b>TOTAL ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>16.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>16.50</b>
<b><u>ADVERTISING</u></b>							
Advertising	1,480.00	511.00	100.00	922.50	0.00	0.00	3,013.50
Maritime Bulletins	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
News Letter	0.00	298.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	298.72
Brochure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fact Files	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Give Aways	0.00	0.00	285.39	0.00	0.00	961.62	1,247.01
Exhibit -Transport	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL ADVERTISING EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,480.00</b>	<b>809.72</b>	<b>385.39</b>	<b>922.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>961.62</b>	<b>4,559.23</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>24,537.02</b>	<b>58,905.23</b>	<b>28,284.81</b>	<b>39,286.99</b>	<b>32,629.60</b>	<b>30,075.93</b>	<b>213,719.58</b>
<b><u>EMPLOYEE EXPENSES</u></b>							
Insurance	4,227.63	4,648.35	4,400.52	4,227.63	4,227.63	4,400.52	26,132.28
Payroll Expenses	1,739.22	2,862.77	2,826.84	2,676.62	2,498.85	2,428.82	15,033.12
Salary Expense	30,770.84	30,770.84	31,708.38	31,708.38	31,708.38	31,708.38	188,375.20
Employer 401k Contribution	556.98	556.98	603.82	1,598.15	603.82	603.82	4,523.57
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE EXPENSES</b>	<b>37,294.67</b>	<b>38,838.94</b>	<b>39,539.56</b>	<b>40,210.78</b>	<b>39,038.68</b>	<b>39,141.54</b>	<b>234,064.17</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$37,294.67</b>	<b>\$38,838.94</b>	<b>\$39,539.56</b>	<b>\$40,210.78</b>	<b>\$39,038.68</b>	<b>\$39,141.54</b>	<b>234,064.17</b>
<b><u>TRANSFERS TO GOVERNMENT</u></b>							
MARINE INVESTIGATION	3,625.00	4,712.50	140,650.00	141,787.77	80,587.23	29,000.00	\$400,362.50
MARINE PARTICIPATION	229.88	815.68	13,309.88	25,658.12	4,199.16	3,452.52	\$47,665.24
RESIDUAL ANZ BANK	11,197.80	61,031.87	151,150.22	344,544.39	99,793.28	64,679.80	\$732,397.36
<b>TOTAL SENT TO GOVT.</b>	<b>\$15,052.68</b>	<b>\$66,560.05</b>	<b>\$305,110.10</b>	<b>\$511,990.28</b>	<b>\$184,579.67</b>	<b>\$97,132.32</b>	<b>\$1,180,425.10</b>



# VMS LTD. VANUATU

# UPDATE

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Jan/Mar 2004

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## SIX MONTHS AND COUNTING UNTIL FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF ISPS ON 1 JULY 2004

- Some owners are still delinquent in providing information, notably bareboat charter information, for CSRs.
- Fleet / Safety Letter 03063 requests full details for CSOs. Some owners are delinquent here also.
- The US Congress and the US Coast Guard are still not in agreement on whether foreign ships' security plans must be approved by the US Coast Guard. Owners should contact their local US agent for updates.

## PARIS MOU ANNOUNCED ACTION ON SHIP SECURITY TO START 1 JANUARY 2004

The Paris MOU Advisory Board agreed that ships visiting the ports in the region will be issued with a Letter of Warning if the International Ship Security Certificate is not available on board. The captain will be informed that the ship needs to comply before 1 July 2004. If deficiencies are found after 1 July, action may be taken by the Port State Control Officer or the Competent Security Authority. For more information see [www.parismou.org](http://www.parismou.org) website.

## FAIR WINNER 707 IS A WINNER IN EVERY REGARD!

Congratulations to the master and the crew of the Vanuatu fishing vessel *Fair Winner 707* for their actions in saving the lives of 19 Mussau (Papua New Guinea) islanders found adrift at sea after 3 weeks, when their 2 small fiberglass reinforced plastic, 40 horsepower, boats ran out of fuel while on the way to a wedding on another island. The survivors, ranging in age from 3 to 63, survived at sea on half cooked rice and rainwater.

## RESCUE AND MEDICAL EVACUATION

Recently, the Vanuatu patrol vessel *RVS Tukoro* was instrumental in saving the life of a Chinese seaman from the Taiwanese fishing vessel *Lu Rong Yuan Yu No. 19*. The seaman was injured when a cable snapped causing serious injuries and rupturing his kidney. The rescue was complicated by bad weather and an urgent need for blood. Despite the poor weather, a local pilot, Mr. Richard Artus, flew the blood to the vessel, dropping it in the sea nearby, for transfusion to the seaman by the paramedic on board. For more on the story, check out the website [www.news.vu/en/news/national/rescue-and-medical-evacua.shtml](http://www.news.vu/en/news/national/rescue-and-medical-evacua.shtml). **Congratulations, RVS Tukoro!**

## ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS A.930(22) AND A.931(22)

These Resolutions provide guidelines concerning the welfare of seafarers, with respect to their abandonment, and claims for personal injury & death. Ship owners, including fishing vessel owners, must be guided by these resolutions and ensure compliance with respect to their responsibilities, insurance coverage, payment of claims, certification, etc. Copies of the Resolutions can be obtained from IMO or by e-mailing us at [vmsnyc@attglobal.net](mailto:vmsnyc@attglobal.net).

## CMA SHIPPING 2004

Look for us at Booth # 91 in March.

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## **CYCLONE IVY**

Port Vila suffered its first direct cyclone hit in several years, with the eye stalling for a few hours over the city as it passed from north to south. Several inter-island vessels were driven aground as well as one luxury dive boat. Several Taiwanese fishing vessels went aground, were significantly damaged, or sunk including two at the main wharf. They had to be removed by the Maritime Authority before any cruise vessels or cargo ships could call after the storm. Damage throughout the island group was very extensive with food supplies dramatically reduced. In all one person died and 11% of the population of Vanuatu was left temporarily homeless.

## **TOKYO MOU – ASIAN / PACIFIC PORT STATE CONTROL ANNUAL MEETING**

The 2004 meeting of the Tokyo MOU on Port State Control was hosted by Vanuatu. This is the first time that Vanuatu, one of the members of the group, hosted the meeting. Eighteen countries from around the Pacific Ocean attended for a full week of meetings. Attendees were impressed with the hospitality provided by Vanuatu and also with the severity of **Cyclone IVY** which passed through during the conference, **“allowing”** many attendees to spend some extra time in Vanuatu.

## **NEW ADDITION TO AIR VANUATU FLEET**

Air Vanuatu has acquired a new ATR 42 aircraft for use in the region. It required additional radio equipment in order to fly in the region, and this has been installed. The aircraft is currently serving the New Caledonia route, but there is a possible use also for it on the domestic routes. The economic viability is still very uncertain.

## **FINANCIAL CENTRE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS**

The Vanuatu Financial Centre Association has elected new officers for the current financial year. The Chairman, for a second term, is the Senior Partner of Pannell Kerr Foster in Vanuatu, and European Trust group Chairman Tom Bayer will be the Association Secretary. The Association is very busy giving input on proposed legislation which affects the financial industry.

## **GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES VANUATU HOLDINGS**

A statutory body is being created to hold the government's assets, including land and shares in operating companies such as Air Vanuatu, Vanair (the local airline), Vanuatu Post Limited, and Vanuatu Maritime College. An international consulting firm recommended the creation of the holding company which must operate on commercial terms and avoid political influence. This is an admirable goal but may be difficult to achieve in practice.

## **NEW LONELY PLANET GUIDE TO VANUATU**

The well known tourist guidebook series has published an updated book on Vanuatu which is indispensable for tourists wishing to tour the many islands of Vanuatu. It contains 176 pages of up-to-date information with many tips on where to go, what to see, and where to eat and stay. It is available from most bookstores.

## **NEW POCKET GUIDE TO VANUATU**

Another new guide, this one on CD, has been released and is a must for first time travellers to Vanuatu. There are movie clips of many of the highlights which will assist potential visitors to decide which of the various sights they want to include during their stay. They are available from travel agents or from the Vanuatu Tourism Office at [info@tourism.vu](mailto:info@tourism.vu).

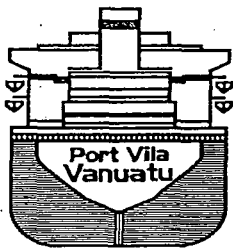
## **PACIFIC BLUE DELAYS INAUGURATION OF FLIGHTS TO VANUATU**

Pacific Blue, the Pacific arm of the Virgin Blue airline group, has announced a delay in the start of their twice weekly service to “stunning” Vanuatu. The extra service will boost tourism.

## **SURVIVOR COMES TO VANUATU**

The popular TV series “Survivor” is reported coming to Vanuatu. The shooting is scheduled to take several months and will command many of the hotel rooms in Port Vila. The actual film location is to be on a small island off of Efate, the island where Port Vila is situated. The town is already starting to gear up for the “invasion”, and locals hope to be extras if possible.

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# UPDATE

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## **VANUATU ISPS FLEET UPDATE**

- 63 % of all Vanuatu vessel plans have been submitted; 58 % have been approved; 4 % issued ISSCs.
- Some owners are still delinquent in providing information on CSOs. See Fleet / Safety Letter 03063.
- Only three months left until full implementation of ISPS on 1 July 2004. **No extensions!**

## **VANUATU MARITIME COLLEGE**

Fleet / Safety Letter 04067 enclosing the brochure "**Maritime Training in Vanuatu**" was recently distributed to the owners of Vanuatu vessels describing the Vanuatu Maritime College (VMC), its capabilities, and its potentialities. If you are considering a new source for competent, qualified and certificated seafarers, consider the VMC. Email [marico@vanuatu.com.vu](mailto:marico@vanuatu.com.vu) or [vmsnyc@attglobal.net](mailto:vmsnyc@attglobal.net) and ask for an electronic version of the brochure.

## **ARE YOU HAVING A STROKE?**

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify and this lack of awareness could spell disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now any bystander can recognize a stroke by asking only three simple questions:

- ask the person to smile
- ask the person to raise both arms
- ask the person to speak a simple sentence

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, get medical help immediately. This simple test could speed diagnosis and treatment, and could possibly prevent brain damage

## **ISO 9000-2000 – QUALITY SURVEY**

We recently polled a representative sample of our owners, operators and manning agents asking 8 simple questions which rated VMSL's performance & service on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being the best and 5 the worst. We scored 1.5 overall. This indicates that, while we are doing well, there is room for improvement. Watch this space and we will report the latest statistics. In line with process improvement, we have also been monitoring "errors" – those nagging little typos, mis-directions, misunderstandings, miscommunications that all humans are prone to make – since mid-summer 2003. These errors have decreased dramatically. If you happen to be one of the recipients of one of our "errors" please accept our apologies but do call it to our attention.

## **ACCESSION DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO IMO RELATIVE TO ANNEX IV AND VI OF MARPOL**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Honorable Moana Carcasses, recently signed, and Dr. James Cowley, Vanuatu's Permanent Representative to the International Maritime Organization, recently presented the documents of Vanuatu's accession to MARPOL Annex IV (sewage) and Annex VI (air pollution) to the Secretary General of IMO.

## **CMA SHIPPING 2004**

This was the best CMA ever and literally hundreds of people came by the booth. Mr. Kurt Albrecht from Wartsila North America won the "magic number" game. Yes, it was the number of ships on the registry on that day.

## **HOUSTON'S OTC AND A VANUATU SAFETY SEMINAR**

Tom Horan will be in Houston to attend OTC and give a Vanuatu safety seminar during the week of May 3 – 7, 2004. If you would like to participate in the later, drop Tom an email at [thoran@vanuatuships.com](mailto:thoran@vanuatuships.com).

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### **THREE NEW APPOINTMENTS IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM**

The government appointed a new Attorney General and a new Public Prosecutor, both from PNG, reflecting a lack of sufficiently experienced local attorneys and a recognition that a non ni-Vanuatu will not be subject to claims of favoritism for any tribe or individual island. The new Solicitor General, a ni-Vanuatu, had been the Financial Services Commissioner; was previously in private practice; and had worked in the Attorney General's office.

### **NEW SNOW CRAB INDUSTRY FOR VANUATU?**

One should not expect to find snow crabs in tropical waters, but snow crabs have been located in deep waters within Vanuatu's EEZ. The New Hebrides Trench, almost 23,000 feet deep, lies just to the west of Vanuatu and at sufficient depths is very cold. A pilot project was funded by the principal of Equity Investment Bank of Vila.

### **GOVERNMENT RESHUFFLE**

The Prime Minister's Vanua'aku Party-led coalition changed partners in November, replacing one partner with several smaller parties, resulting in a substantially larger majority in Parliament. This should allow for greater stability and less exposure to votes of no confidence. The general consensus is the new coalition should remain in power at least until the 2006 general election. The new partners have taken over the ministries previously held by the former partner. The coalition includes the Green Party, led by Moana Carcasses, the first non-Melanesian to be elected to Parliament. (He is of French and Tahitian ancestry.) He is the new Minister of Foreign Affairs.

### **NEW NEWSPAPER IN PORT VILA**

*The Independent* weekend newspaper was launched in October to replace the *Port Vila Presse*, which ceased publication at that time. The new paper continues the tradition of publishing in English, French and Bislama. Owned by a charitable foundation, the paper is backed by leading members of the community who wish to ensure that the country has a source of balanced news and articles.

### **FINDING NEMO**

Since the blockbuster movie *Finding Nemo* has taken the world by storm, the export of live, brightly colored aquarium fish from Vanuatu has jumped sharply, making it now one of the major exports of the country. The sudden increase in demand has raised concerns about the loss of our beautiful tropical reef fish. Protective measures are currently being negotiated.

### **KAVA BAN LIKELY TO BE LIFTED**

Kava, a natural relaxant, was banned in Europe, the US, and other countries last year after reports that it may cause liver damage. Extensive tests subsequently have ruled out kava as the culprit and some European countries have already lifted the ban. More are expected to do so soon. This is good news for the Vanuatu economy as kava was one of the most valuable of export products: the loss of kava export markets hurt Vanuatu badly.

### **ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB) TO ASSIST VANUATU PRIVATE SECTOR**

ADB has announced a plan to boost private sector growth as part of its Country Strategy Program. The program provides technical assistance over 3 years to improve access to credit, and develop the legal and regulatory framework for secured transactions and credit references. In the last dozen years Vanuatu has benefitted from ADB loans exceeding US \$50 million and over 50 technical aid programs worth more than US \$10 million.

### **VANUATU'S CURRENCY, THE VATU, CONTINUES TO STRENGTHEN AGAINST THE US DOLLAR**

During 2003 the Vatu strengthened 16.5% against the US dollar, moving in the same direction as most other countries against the US dollar. However, against Vanuatu's major trading partner, Australia, the Vatu lost 10%, making it more attractive for Australian holiday-makers to have their vacations in tropical Vanuatu.