

For Six Month Period Ending 10/30/2005
(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:
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| (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:
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|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| (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 C¹, 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.

¹ 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.)

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

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

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal² during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and address of foreign principal

Date acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principals² 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 A³ Yes No
Exhibit B⁴ 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.

² 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.)

³ 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.

⁴ 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 activity⁵ 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.

⁵ 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 monies⁶:

Date	From whom	Purpose	Amount
05/01/2005- 10/30/2005	Republic of Vanuatu	contract six month stipend	390,000.00

390,000.00

Total

(b) **RECEIPTS – FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fund raising campaign⁷, 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 D⁸ 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 value⁹ 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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^{6, 7} 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).)

⁸ 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.

⁹ 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
05/01/2005-10/30/2005	Vendors	Office expenses	140,715.77
05/01/2005-10/30/2005	Vendors	Travel expenses	3,935.63
05/01/2005-10/30/2005	Vendors	Entertainment	5.00
05/01/2005-10/30/2005	Vendors	Advertising	3,689.86
05/01/2005-10/30/2005	Vendors]	Employee Expenses	2,33,821.63
	Transfreed funds		
05/01/2005-10/30/2005	Republic of Vanuatu	Fees	82,163.75

464,331.64
Total

(b) DISBURSEMENTS – THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value¹⁰ 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 value¹¹ 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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10, 11 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 materials¹²?
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:

- Radio or TV broadcasts
- Magazine or newspaper articles
- Motion picture films
- Letters or telegrams
- Advertising campaigns
- Press releases
- Pamphlets or other publications
- Lectures or speeches
- Internet
- Other (specify) a quarterly update

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

- Public officials
- Newspapers
- Libraries
- Legislators
- Editors
- Educational institutions
- Government agencies
- Civic groups or associations
- Nationality groups
- Other (specify) current and potential ship owners

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

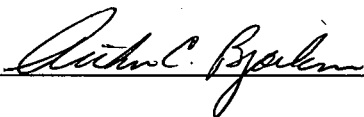
¹² The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign 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 signature¹³)



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¹³ 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.



U.S. Department of Justice

National Security Division

Washington, DC 20530

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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

Last Name	First Name and Other Names	Registration Date	Termination Date	Role
Sheetz	Donald J.	10/12/1993	N/A	Deputy Commissioner
			N/A	Deputy Commissioner
			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

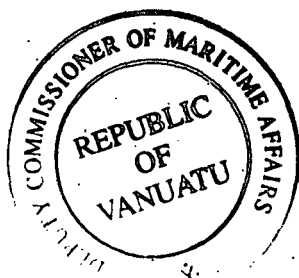
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Date: _____

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Title: _____

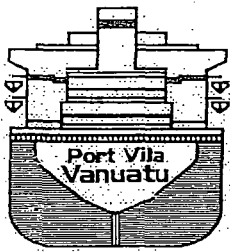


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	<u>May-05</u>	<u>Jun-05</u>	<u>Jul-05</u>	<u>Aug-05</u>	<u>Sep-05</u>	<u>Oct-05</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>							
Rent - Offsite Storage	\$70.52	\$0.00	\$75.17	\$0.00	\$249.79	\$75.17	\$470.65
RENT 42 BROADWAY	\$11,965.27	\$13,544.70	\$11,731.52	\$12,049.09	\$12,049.09	\$12,259.09	\$73,598.76
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	\$522.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$861.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,384.51
Insurance - Liability	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance - Workmen's Comp	\$161.52	\$161.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$367.25	\$153.76	\$843.95
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,174.46	\$0.00	\$2,174.46
Computer Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Computer Software	\$0.00	\$529.95	\$619.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,149.90
Computer Maintenance	\$165.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$2,565.00
Computer Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Copier - Rental	\$1,872.64	\$360.89	\$0.00	\$721.78	\$360.89	\$360.89	\$3,677.09
Fax - Rental	\$0.00	\$193.34	\$96.45	\$96.45	\$96.45	\$0.00	\$482.69
Postage Meter - Rental	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
US Postal Service-Reset Meter	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$199.86	\$599.86
Telephone System	\$0.00	\$157.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$157.14
Prof.Fees - Accounting	\$109.25	\$102.51	\$102.61	\$1,109.96	\$2,633.66	\$99.16	\$4,157.15
Prof.Fees - Legal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43.00	\$0.00	\$253.00	\$388.00	\$684.00
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	\$413.86	\$472.52	\$0.00	\$1,067.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,953.87
Deprication Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subscriptions	\$48.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$760.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$808.00
Dues - Annual	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$213.38	\$612.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$825.88
Off.Sup.	\$439.08	\$1,519.59	\$1,018.25	\$2,356.44	\$256.33	\$0.00	\$5,589.69
Long Distance Phone	\$941.50	\$1,238.76	\$201.11	\$83.76	\$1,551.33	\$0.00	\$4,016.46
Fax Charges	\$80.53	\$162.47	\$380.62	\$710.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,333.76
Courier Charges - General Office	\$3,080.14	\$5,608.67	\$3,779.54	\$2,321.32	\$3,256.78	\$0.00	\$18,046.45
Messenger Service - General Office	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.87
Outside services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Special Printing	\$0.00	\$15,952.62	\$233.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,185.63
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
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$19,869.91	\$40,204.58	\$18,705.48	\$22,750.84	\$25,649.03	\$13,535.93	\$140,715.77
<u>TRAVEL EXPENSES</u>							
Travel expenses	\$0.00	\$322.53	\$0.00	\$473.80	\$1,762.40	\$0.00	\$2,558.73
Lodging	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Food & beverage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$346.17	\$0.00	\$130.73	\$0.00	\$476.90
Attendance Fees	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
TOTAL TRAVEL EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$1,222.53	\$346.17	\$473.80	\$1,893.13	\$0.00	\$3,935.63
<u>ENTERTAINMENT</u>							
Entertainment expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tips & Gratuities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
TOTAL ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
<u>ADVERTISING</u>							
Advertising	\$0.00	\$2,195.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,195.00
Maritime Bulletins	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
News Letter	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$374.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$374.76
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	\$331.36	\$788.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,120.10
Exhibit -Transport	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL ADVERTISING EXPENSE	\$0.00	\$2,526.36	\$788.74	\$374.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,689.86
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$19,869.91	\$43,953.47	\$19,845.39	\$23,599.40	\$27,542.16	\$13,535.93	\$148,346.26
<u>EMPLOYEE EXPENSES</u>							
Insurance	\$5,265.63	\$5,265.63	\$5,352.48	\$5,556.84	\$5,556.84	\$5,729.73	\$32,727.15
Payroll Expenses	\$2,616.02	\$2,598.55	\$3,997.07	\$2,462.62	\$2,336.79	\$1,968.62	\$15,979.67
Salary Expense	\$28,728.33	\$34,157.84	\$27,575.19	\$32,270.84	\$30,980.84	\$31,281.77	\$184,994.81
Employer 401k Contribution	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$37.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37.50	\$120.00
TOTAL EMPLOYEE EXPENSE	\$36,654.98	\$42,022.02	\$36,962.24	\$40,290.30	\$38,874.47	\$39,017.62	\$233,821.63
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$36,654.98	\$42,022.02	\$36,962.24	\$40,290.30	\$38,874.47	\$39,017.62	\$233,821.63
<u>TRANSFERS TO GOVERNMENT</u>							
MARINE INVESTIGATION	\$7,250.00	\$6,642.00	\$6,525.00	\$725.00	\$2,900.00	\$0.00	\$24,042.00
MARINE PARTICIPATION	\$1,112.68	\$238.68	\$419.88	\$20.00	\$544.88	\$0.00	\$2,336.12
RESIDUAL ANZ BANK	\$4,985.49	\$19,199.17	\$14,130.18	\$9,114.08	\$8,280.11	\$76.60	\$55,785.63
TOTAL SENT TO GOVT.	\$13,348.17	\$26,079.85	\$21,075.06	\$9,859.08	\$11,724.99	\$76.60	\$82,163.75

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FLEET / SAFETY LETTER

Fleet / Safety Letter 05081 "**APPLICATION OF ISPS CODE TO INTERIM SCHEME VESSELS**" was recently published. It reviews a recent IMO interpretation which could affect your interim scheme vessels which have regulatory tonnages under 500 grt and ITC tonnages of 500 gt and above. Look for it on www.vanuatuships.com.

MARINE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATORS INTERNATIONAL FORUM (MAIIF) 14

Vanuatu will host MAIIF 14 in Port Vila, August 29 - September 2, 2005. There are already 25 administrations scheduled to attend with more to come. Work on the Code for Marine Casualties and Incidents will continue. Log onto www.maiif.net for copies of the Casualty Investigation Manual and the draft Fire Casualty Investigation Manual.

QUALSHIP 21; PARIS MOU; AND TOKYO MOU PSC STATISTICS

Vanuatu remains on the USCG list of qualifying countries for QUALSHIP 21 with no US detentions in the last 3 years. It slipped slightly from its position on the Paris MOU white list to the grey list when the M/V Nautical Tide was detained twice in a very short period of time. Vanuatu's PSC detention statistics remain better than the global average in the Tokyo MOU PSC statistics.

CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGNS

The Paris MOU and the Tokyo MOU have announced concentrated inspection campaigns from September to November 2005. The Paris MOU will check GMDSS arrangements, including functionality of equipment, operator familiarity with the equipment, etc. The Tokyo MOU will check operational requirements specified in SOLAS and MARPOL during the same period, including tests, drills, record keeping, and maintenance requirements specified under SOLAS Chapter II-2, III, IV and V, and MARPOL Annex 1 and 5.

COASTAL CONTACT INFORMATION -- SOPEPs

Shipowners should keep coastal contact information up to date in their Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plans. IMO publishes a new list each December under a new publication number and provides updated versions quarterly. Log onto www.imo.org. Go to "national contacts" then "contact points" then "MEPC.#/CIRC.# (Annex 2 for SOPEP).

SEAFARER DOCUMENTATION

To help reduce application turnaround time: (1) Always include a cover letter with company details -- e-mail address, fax number -- with all applications. (2) If documentation is missing, the applications will be held for only 30 days, after which they will be destroyed. (3) Applications for officers must be signed in Sections VII & VIII by the seafarer and by a senior company representative. If they are not signed, they will be rejected. (4) Medical report forms, MED1 or equivalent, and drug & alcohol test results, must accompany each application. **No test results, no documents!**

VANUATU CERTIFICATES FOR FISHING VESSELS

A Fleet / Safety Letter is in preparation which will remind fishing vessel owners that if their vessels have Certificates of Seaworthiness, IOPP certificates, etc., they must present those vessels for inspection or survey prior to the anniversary or expiry dates on the Certificates. Vessels that are not presented by the due date will be subject to penalties prescribed by Section 16 or Section 33 of the Vanuatu Maritime Regulations.

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GAS BOTTLE EXPLOSION – THE NAUTICAL INSTITUTE'S, SEAWAYS, MARS REPORT 200533

The most recent issue of *SEAWAYS* shows a gas bottle which exploded when it was being refilled from the breathing apparatus air compressor. For some reason not explained, the bottle was being refilled while it was in a lifeboat. One photo shows the bottle blown apart; another, the bottom of the lifeboat completely destroyed. The master who was standing nearby was seriously wounded. The photos and captions leave many questions unanswered...*and perhaps that is the purpose of this MARS report.* Always question what you are doing and why. What are the consequences? Do you trust the integrity of material being used? Is the object in question subject to regular tests? If so, when was it last tested? Remember hydro-testing pressure cylinders should be done as per manufacturers' recommendations and flag state requirements. Let's be careful out there!

TAIWANESE FISHING BOAT DETAINED

Vanuatu detained another Taiwanese fishing vessel caught fishing illegally in Vanuatu waters. In the last year several such vessels have been arrested for fishing without a license in Vanuatu and other South Pacific countries. As the world's fish stocks become depleted, protecting fishing rights is a major exercise with huge economic stakes.

NEW LEGISLATION

Vanuatu is drafting a national Trust Law (Vanuatu still uses the UK Trustee Act of 1925) and other legislation including a new Company and Trust Services Bill, amended Trust Company Act and Insurance Act. Group Chairman Tom Bayer is a member of the Trustee and Trust Service Providers' Bills Project working party.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Didn't Benjamin Franklin say "They that give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety"? The rate of involuntary and voluntary surrender of personal liberties since 9/11 to obtain security is unprecedented in history. Liberty is fast disappearing, but has there been more security in exchange, even in the short term? In the longer term the loss of liberty will sap the energy which has given us the progress many take for granted. One need only look at the former Soviet Union. Is the West planting the seeds of its own demise?

P&O TO HIRE MORE NI-VANUATU

P&O Cruise Lines is hiring more ni-Vanuatu to fill hospitality positions on their passenger ships which cover South Pacific destinations. This provides opportunities for ni-Vanuatu to gain international hospitality experience.

VANUATU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Group Chairman Tom Bayer was re-elected to the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce and again elected to the 5 member executive. He is the longest serving member of the board. He has served off and on for 25 years.

VANUATU FINANCIAL CENTRE ASSOCIATION

Charles Kleiman, group Executive Director, was elected Secretary of the Financial Centre Association which represents the industry internationally and in dealings with the government.

ONE CHINA POLICY

Vanuatu's "One China Policy," recently reconfirmed, has resulted in a substantial increase in aid from China for infrastructure upgrading and new investment. It has also resulted in discussions of joint ventures in the near future.

JAPAN EXPO

At the Japan EXPO Vanuatu is currently promoting tourism, its natural beauty, and its custom way of life. Custom dancers have been a highlight. Vanuatu's tropical products – carvings, coffee, cacao, beef, vanilla, etc. – are on display and in demand. August 1, 2005, is *VANUATU Day*. It will be attended by a delegation of high officials.

VANUATU BEEF FOR EUROPE

Vanuatu beef is famous throughout the Pacific. Vanuatu's rich volcanic soil and adequate rain means that high quality pastures grow quickly allowing cattle to "stand still while the grass grows around them." In the past much of the beef went to Japan but Vanuatu is now negotiating at diplomatic levels to export Vanuatu beef to Europe.

BIO-FUEL MANDATED FOR VANUATU GOVERNMENT

Vanuatu government motor vehicles must switch to coconut oil fuel to save importing diesel and boost the domestic consumption of coconut oil, instead of exporting it to Asia and Europe. Trial usage of the fuel, typically 80% coconut oil / 20% diesel, has demonstrated that no changes need be made to the diesel engines. Engine wear is reduced due to the higher "lubricity" of the coconut oil.

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