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**To: Shipping company members of ICS national shipowners' associations**

## **ICS/THE STANDARD CLUB 'SPOT THE HAZARD' COMPETITION**

I am writing on half of the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), whose membership comprises national shipowners' associations in 36 countries representing over 80% of the world merchant fleet.

You may be interested to know that ICS has teamed up with The Standard Club, the mutual P&I insurance association, to launch a '**Spot the Hazard**' Competition, open to all seafarers worldwide. The competition has been designed to help seafarers identify safety hazards and to promote the importance of accident prevention. This is part of a broader ICS goal to promote an effective 'safety culture' throughout the global shipping industry.

The competition is based on five images that have been prepared by ICS and The Standard Club, each depicting a typical scene on board a merchant ship (i.e. bridge, engine-room, main-deck, galley, and at the port terminal). Seafarers wishing to enter are asked to identify 10 hazards within each image, and also to submit a 'safety idea' relevant to that image. Each seafarer can submit entries for as many (or as few) of the five images as they choose.

For each of the five images, a prize of **US\$ 2,000** will be awarded to the seafarer who, in addition to correctly identifying the 10 hazards, also submits the best safety idea, as determined by a judging panel.

**In order to enter, seafarers simply need to visit [www.hazard-competition.com](http://www.hazard-competition.com) and follow the instructions provided.** In the hope of making the competition accessible to seafarers from around the world, the instructions have been translated into Spanish, Portuguese, Tagalog, Hindi and Mandarin, as well as English.

We are very keen for this initiative to reach a wide audience throughout the industry, so as to promote the core messages of hazard awareness and accident prevention to as many seafarers as possible. Your kind assistance in bringing the competition to the attention of your seafarer employees would be invaluable in this regard.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request.

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Secretary General, ICS