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## **United States Coast Guard QUALSHIP 21 & E-Zero Program**

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### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1. This Technical Alert issued by the Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) to provide information on the United States Coast Guard (USCG) QUALSHIP 21 and E-Zero programs.

### **2. Introduction**

- 2.1. The United States Coast Guard (USCG) efforts to eliminate substandard shipping have focused on improving methods to identify poor-quality ships and recognising and rewarding higher-quality ships at Port State Control (PSC) inspections. Therefore, on 01 January 2001 the USCG implemented the QUALSHIP 21 initiative to identify high-quality ships and provide incentives to encourage quality operations.
- 2.2. The USCG introduced the E-Zero designation on 01 July 2017 for ships enrolled in the QUALSHIP 21 program that meet strict additional environmental requirements.
- 2.3. E-zero is an initiative that focuses on compliance with international environmental conventions and United States ballast water regulations. The E-zero designation is intended to provide a higher level of recognition within the existing QUALSHIP 21 program.
- 2.4. Details on the incentives for QUALSHIP 21 ships and new incentives for QUALSHIP 21/E-Zero ships, eligibility, enrolment, and renewal requirements are available on the USCG website at:  
<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5P/Inspections-Compliance-CG-5PC-/Commercial-Vessel-Compliance/Foreign-Offshore-Compliance-Division/Port-State-Control/QS21/>.

### **3. QUALSHIP 21 and The Bahamas**

- 3.1. The 3-year rolling average detention ratio for 2018-2020 was 0.31% and The Bahamas is therefore eligible for QUALSHIP 21 status.
- 3.2. The Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) continues to actively monitor all PSC inspections and places great importance on maintaining a low rate of detentions in both the USA and elsewhere.
- 3.3. Owners and Managers of Bahamas registered ships are therefore urged to ensure that any ships calling at ports in the USA are fully prepared for the possibility of a PSC inspection by the USCG.
- 3.4. It should be noted that there is no longer automatic reenrolment of qualified ships for QUALSHIP 21. Owners must reapply for QUALSHIP21 when the current certificate expires.
- 3.5. All lifesaving appliances, firefighting equipment and essential equipment should be tested before arrival, be in full working order and ready for immediate use and the crew adequately trained for and familiar with their duties. Please also refer to [MN093 – Port State Control Inspections](#).

### **4. QUALSHIP 21 companies operating Bahamas registered ships**

- 4.1. The USCG periodically publishes a list of ships that have gained QUALSHIP 21 status. Based on the most recent USCG list (13 July 2021), the BMA is currently aware of the following Companies operating Bahamas registered ships that have qualified for QUALSHIP 21:

- Acheon Akti Navigation Co. Ltd.
- ALBERTA SHIPMANAGEMENT LTD
- ALGOMA SHIP TECH LTD
- Anglo-Eastern (UK) Limited
- Anglo-Eastern Shipmanagement (Singapore) Pte. Ltd.
- Campbell Shipping Company Limited
- Century Bulk Carriers Management Co.
- Charterwell Maritime S.A.
- Chartworld Maritime Management Corporation
- Chartworld Shipping Corporation
- Chevron Transport Corp. Ltd.
- CMA CGM International Shipping Company Pte Ltd

- CMA Ships
- Dockendale Ship Management DMC Co.
- Dorian LPG Management Corp
- E. Nomikos Corp.
- Enterprises Shipping & Trading S.A.
- Geopiq Marine Operations AG
- Gestmar Tehnika d.o.o.
- Grace Management S.A.
- Green Management Sp. z.o.o.
- Hoegh Autoliners Management AS
- International Tanker Management Limited
- Ionia Management S.A.
- MAESTRO SHIPMANAGEMENT LTD.
- MAGICAL CRUISE COMPANY LIMITED
- Misuga Kaiun Holland B.V.
- NCL (Bahamas) Ltd.
- OSM Ship Management Pte. Ltd.
- OSM Tanker Management Pte Ltd
- Paradise Navigation S.A.
- Row Management Ltd.
- Samos Steamship (Cyprus) Ltd.
- Samos Steamship Co.
- Sanco Shipping A/S
- Seaquest Shipmanagement d.o.o.
- SEASPIRE MARITIME INC.
- SIEM SHIPPING UK LIMITED
- SMT Shipping Poland sp z o.o.
- Stamco Ship Management Company Limited
- Stealth Maritime Corporation S.A.
- Sun Enterprises Ltd.
- Technip UK Limited
- Teekay Marine (Singapore) PTE Ltd
- Thor Dahl Shipmanagement AS
- Tsakos Columbia Shipmanagement (TCM") S.A."
- V. Ships USA LLC (Boston)
- V.Ships Monaco
- Wallem Shipmanagement Limited
- Wilhelmsen Ship Management (Korea) Ltd
- Wisby Shipmanagement AB

The BMA congratulates these Companies, and the Masters, Officers, and crews of their QUALSHIP 21 eligible ships, on achieving their awards.

- 4.2. Companies not listed above who have QUALSHIP 21 eligible ships are requested to provide copies of the QUALSHIP 21 certificate(s) to the BMA, so that the Company can be added to the list.

### **List of Bahamas registered ships with E-Zero Designation**

- 4.3. Owners and managers who have QUALSHIP 21 eligible ships may also be eligible for the E-Zero designation. The BMA encourages owners and managers of eligible ships to apply for E-Zero status.
- 4.4. The following Bahamas registered ships have been awarded E-Zero designation, as of 13 July 2021:

- DISNEY MAGIC – 9126807
- PEGASUS VOYAGER – 9665736
- POLARIS VOYAGER – 9665748
- SONANGOL MAIOMBE – 9766322
- SUNSET – 9402122

The BMA congratulates the Masters, Officers and crews of these ships, and their Companies, on achieving their awards and for their commitment to environmental stewardship.

## **5. Validity**

- 5.1. This Technical Alert is valid until further notice.

## **6. Revisions**

- V1.1 Updated list of qualified ships.  
V1.2 Updated list of QUALSHIP 21 Companies and E-Zero ships.  
V1.3 Updated list of QUALSHIP 21 Companies.