Is Life-Long-Learning an Essential Tool for Ship-Safety and Pollution-Free Operations on board Merchant Vessels?

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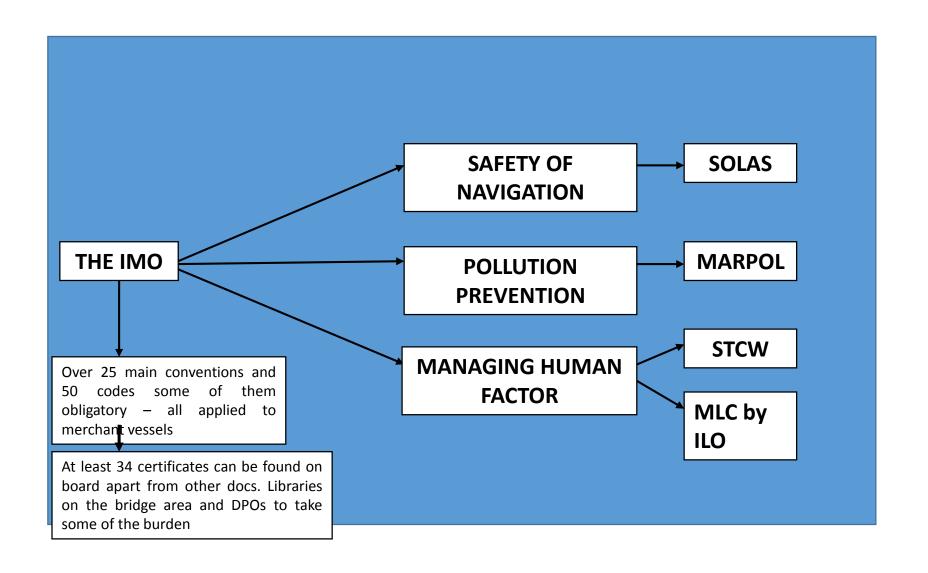
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A. THE ESSENTIALS IN TODAY'S SHIPPING

- Shipping business is pure business.
- Internal environment: the company and its fleets.
- External environment: highly regulated industry with a variety of local legislations
- It enjoys a dynamic character things change on a daily basis.
- Too many stakeholders participate on a typical voyage from A to B ports.
- Too many risks involved in a single voyage that need assessment.

1. THE ORGANIZATION



2. THE SEA

• It must be open to all nations.

 No other state save the flag state has the right to jurisdiction and control over a vessel sailing in international waters.

 There is an exception to this rule when pollution threatens or damages the nearby coasts.

3. THE SHIPPING COMPANY

• Offers services to potential customers for a reward.

 Catered for the needs of specific clients (charterers, shippers etc.)

 Promote high levels of safety/quality and support green shipping.

Maintain a good reputation in the market.

4. THE SHIP

- They are classified into many types.
- A simple approach would be into passenger, commercial/cargo and whether inland or sea-going.
- A ship whatever its type, size or flag, is nothing but itself, its sole purpose being to transport cargoes.
- When ships suffer accidents it is usually the result of a chain of events and not a sole reason as the main cause.

5. THE CARGO

 A ship-owner or common carrier (depending on the contract of carriage) will be liable for its safety on board and for its safe delivery.

 Many legal and operational situations are related to cargo handling i.e. general average, jettison, lightering, salvage etc.

 Issues arise when dangerous cargoes are to be loaded.

6. THE CREW

- It represents the largest part of the operational cost of the vessel.
- It would be appropriate to have highly skilled personnel on board.
- A combination of well-experienced seafarers with new entries to the profession equipped with high educational levels is desirable.
- Communication channels with the office are of primary importance.

B. WHERE DO WE STAND?

- Port state controllers would opt for vessel's detention on account of documentation and crew's inability reasons.
- Clients often ask for their own inspections before chartering.
- In some states' waters some vessels are considered target-flags.
- ITF's regulations along with the STCW Manila and the last MLC requirements raised the demands.
- Shortage of good officers and unwillingness to follow a longlasting career on board

C. IT ALL COMES DOWN TO.....

- What must never be forgotten is that for every company it is people who are its most important asset and resource, whether it is the personnel on board ship or those that work in the offices.
- Information technology is an asset, but it still requires people to use it and operate the systems for support. Without people, an SMS becomes another set of docs lying unread or a set of folders and files in a computer hard drive that lie dormant until someone activates them.
- The shipping industry is very demanding and it operates 24/7 without breaks. People come and go, but the ships keep operating if there are no ships there is no company.
- The people on board depend on those ashore to support them, that is why shipping depends on the interaction of people and not the completion of files and forms.

D. SO, CAN WE MAKE THINGS MORE ATTRACTIVE?

 A good approach is to seek quality time on board apart from typical working hours and overtime. To what do we concentrate on?

1. An innovated and well-equipped chef that creates simple miracles for the crew!!!

2. A good tablet/laptop with internet-based communications that can both offer recreation hours and save time by making it easier for the crew to get accustomed to *new learning methods*.



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- Learn
- Advance your knowledge and skills
- Revise knowledge gained





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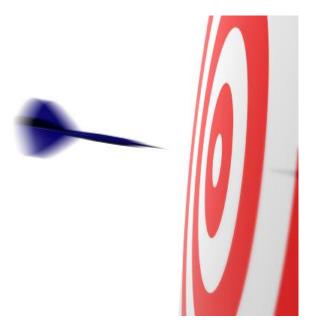
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 - Remotely
 - Interactive learning

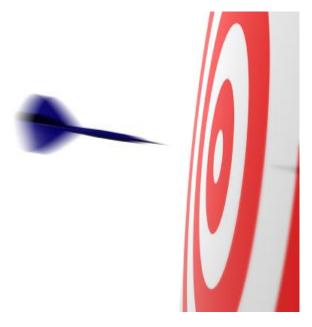


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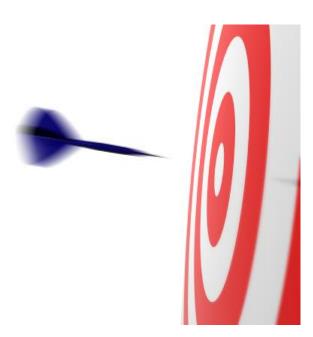
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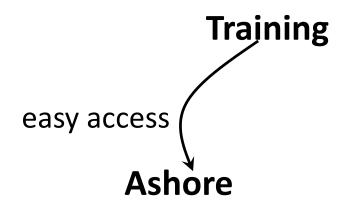
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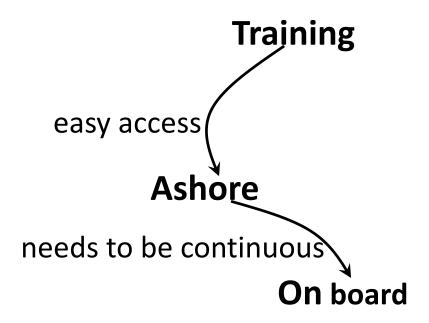
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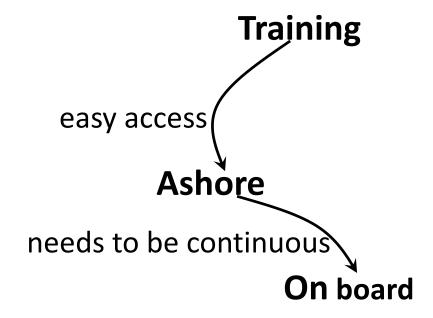
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- 2. Industry's employees
 - Ashore
 - Onboard



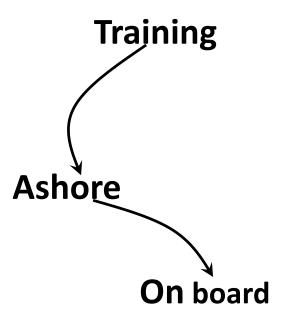
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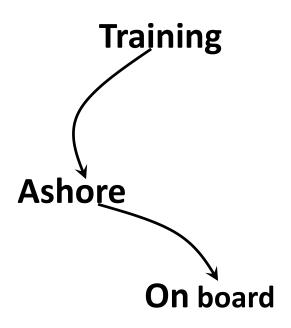


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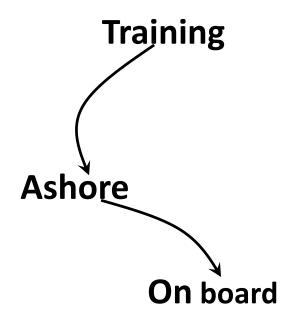


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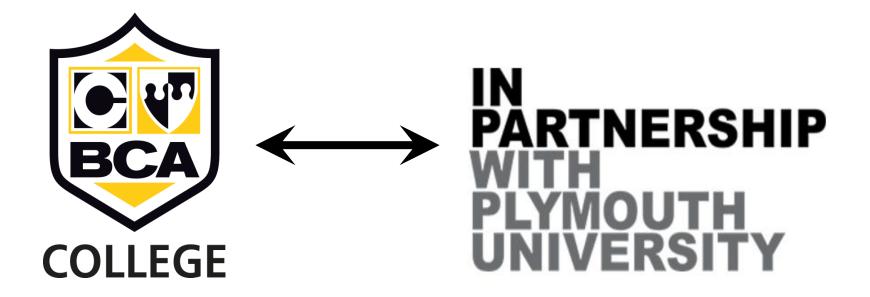
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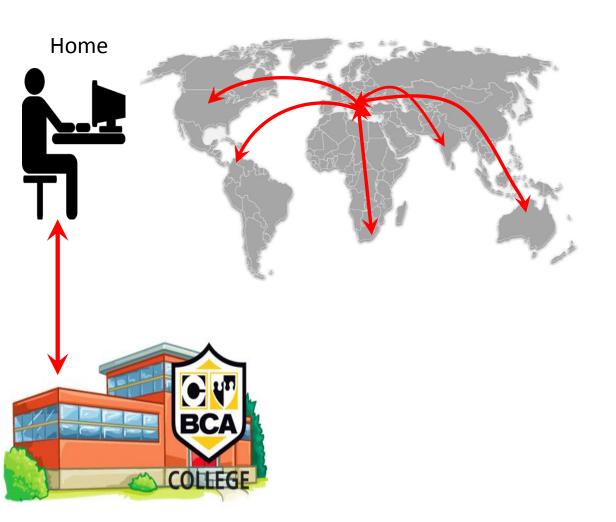
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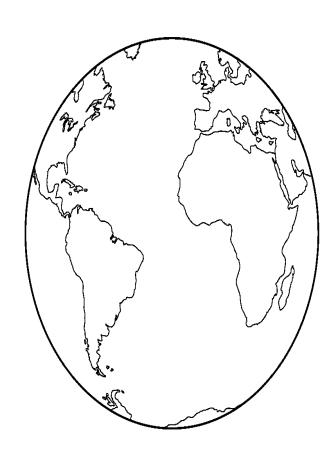
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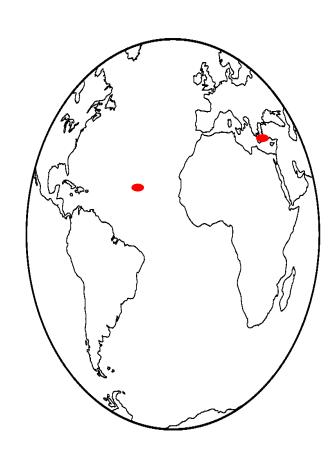


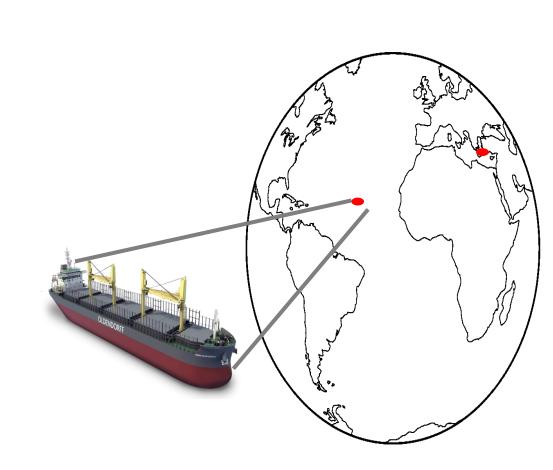


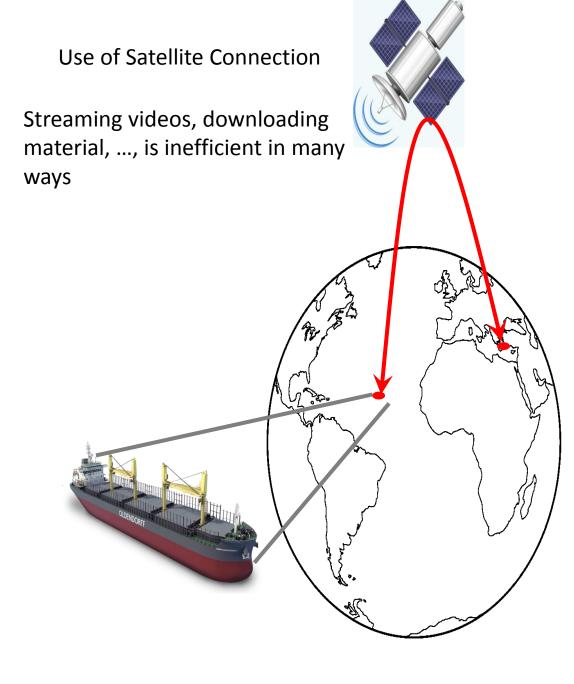
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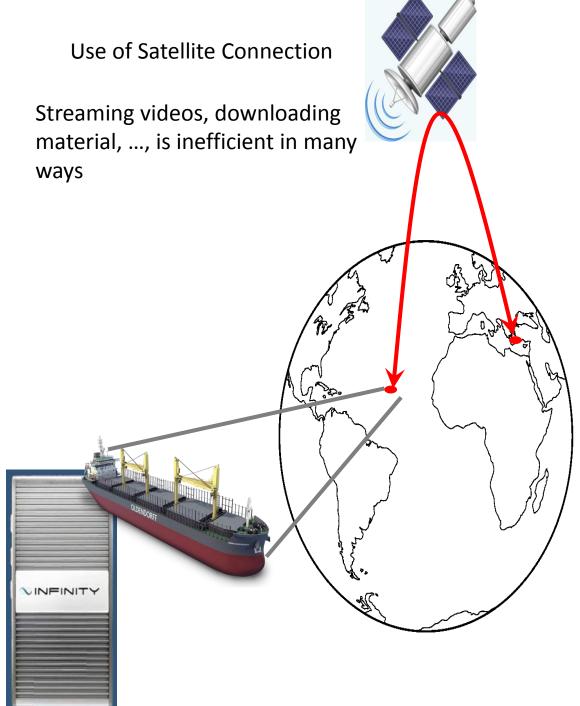






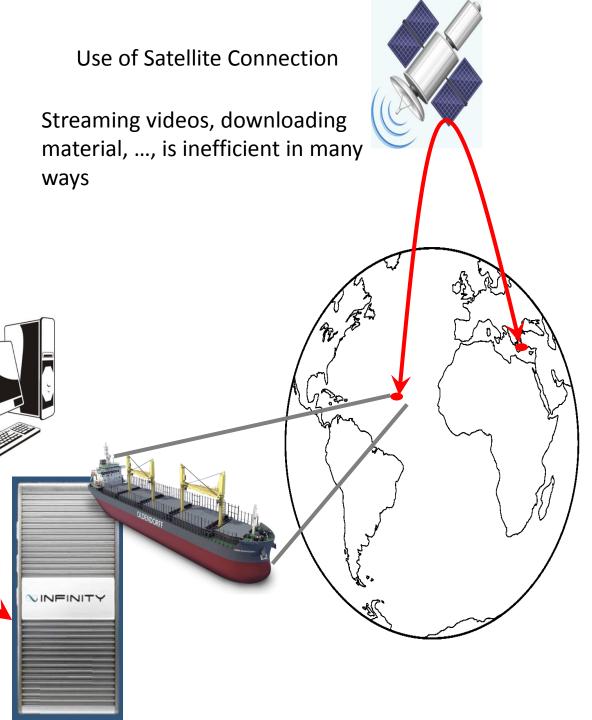
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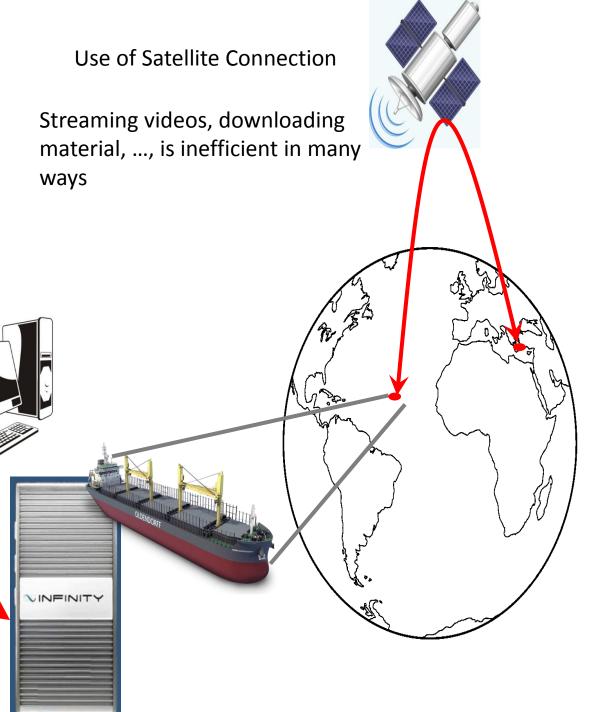
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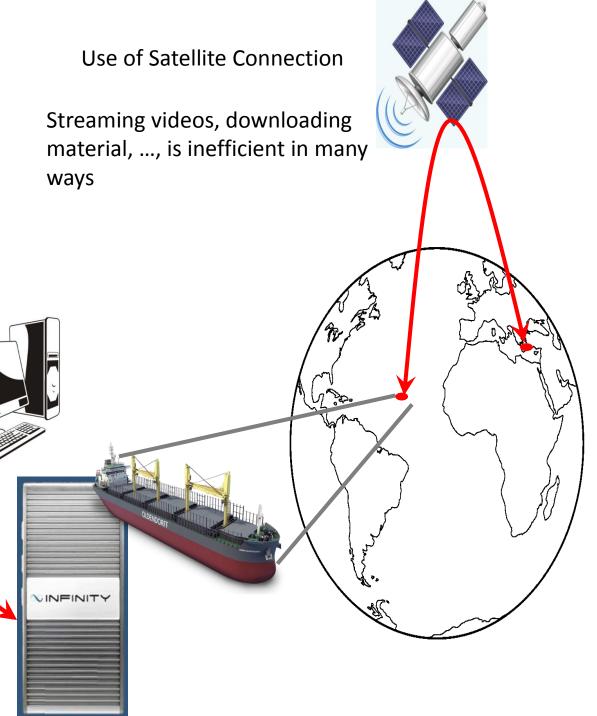
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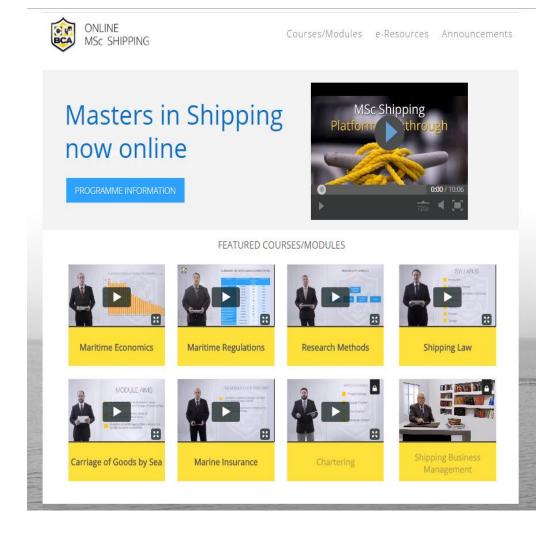
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- 1. Maximum Security
- 2. Cost Efficient
- 3. Stable Delivery of our Service



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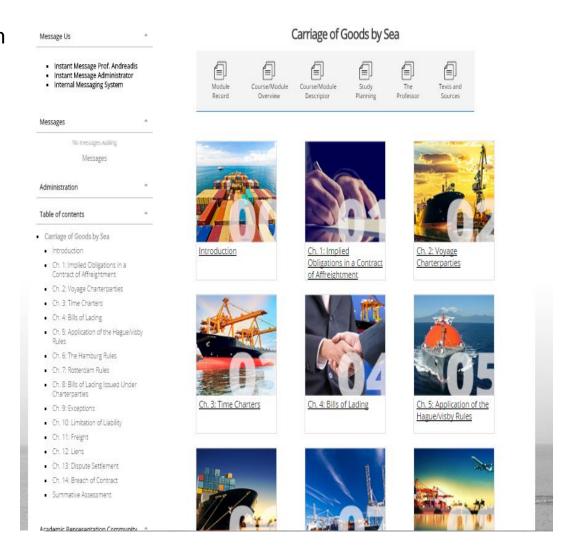
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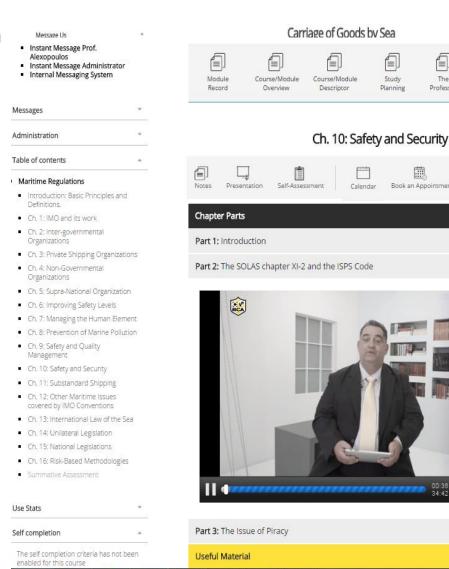
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- **Presentations**
- Self assessment tests
- variety texts and resources



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Next Steps...

Training on board

Related to e-platform educational tool & training courses on demand

Entities

Knowledge of the international framework

Ship operations

Aspects of ship management

Aspects of safety and security on board

Technical and environmental issues

Academic Training

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Independent modules

- Chartering
- Carriage of Goods by Sea
- Maritime Regulations
- Marine Insurance
- Shipping Law
- Shipping Business Management

Thank you!!!

