

## THE MPS-ISAO, MARITIME ISAC, MARITIME SECURITY COUNCIL, AND NMLEA JOIN FORCES TO ADVANCE MARITIME SECURITY RESILIENCE

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FL, US, July 28, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Maritime & Port Security ISAO (MPS-ISAO), the Maritime ISAC, the Maritime Security Council (MSC), and the National Maritime Law Enforcement Academy (NMLEA) today announced a collaborative initiative, the "<u>Maritime Security Resilience Alliance</u>" that has unified advancing global Maritime security resilience (physical, cyber, cognitive – disinformation and misinformation) by accelerating information sharing, coordinated response and adoption of best practices supported by education.

"Maritime global security protection requires a public and private-sector 'whole-of-community' effort, utilizing and leveraging the full strength of our collective knowledge, tools and technologies to address a changing and expanding threat landscape," said Mark DuPont, Executive Director of the NMLEA.

Together, the MPS-ISAO, Maritime ISAC, MSC, and NMLEA have integrated an all-hazards security threat intelligence common operating picture (COP) for public and private maritime owners and operators, supported by analysis, global information sharing communications and response coordination, education, training, exercises, risk management, security investigation and mitigation support, as well as maritime advocacy representation with national and international government and regulatory agencies.

"Strategic alliances such as the Maritime ISAC, MSC, MPS-ISAO and NMLEA, are essential to enabling and sustaining security resilience protection for maritime critical infrastructure owners and operators", said Deborah Kobza, MPS-ISAO CEO. "This is a significant milestone advancing the unity-of-effort for global maritime all-hazards security threat intelligence information sharing and response coordination."

"By joining forces, the Maritime Security Resilience Alliance creates a single unified security infrastructure, engaging leadership across the maritime domain's critical infrastructure," said Will Watson, the MSC's Vice President of Government Affairs. "The Alliance is a defining voice to confront security challenges and to benefit from "actionable" all-hazards global threat intelligence and provide defensive measures from information sharing, coordinated response, best practices and education."

Maritime Security Intelligence Briefings – Beginning August 4, 2020, each Tuesday at 2PM EST, The Maritime Security Resilience Alliance begins holding TLP-GREEN (Limited Disclosure, Restricted to the Community) weekly security situational awareness intelligence briefings. We welcome the Guest Speaker on August 4, James Emerson, Vice-President of the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C). To register for the Briefing, please send an email request with your contact information to: operations@maritimesra.org. TLP-AMBER (Limited Disclosure, Restricted to Participants' Organizations) Intelligence Briefings are restricted to Maritime Security Resilience Alliance Members.

## About the Maritime ISAC

The Maritime Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ISAC), a non-profit organization established in 2007 managed by the Maritime Security Council (MSC), contributes as the central node for the collection, collation, analysis, storage and timely dissemination (information sharing) of physical threat and incident data. The Maritime ISAC works with U.S. and international maritime shipping, seaport and government regulatory oversight communities as a trusted agent, collecting and analyzing data (e.g., stowaway rates and locations, drug seizures overseas, terrorists and piracy threats and incidents, and worldwide security threat and trip reports - Secure Waters).

About the Maritime Security Council (MSC)

The Maritime Security Council (MSC), a non-profit organization established in 1988, contributes as the principle clearinghouse for the exchange of information, the Maritime sector's advocacy liaison with government and regulators, encouraging and assisting in development of industry-specific technologies. The MSC is a maritime security advisor to The White House, National Security Council, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Coast Guard, and INTERPOL. (www.maritimesecurity.org)

## About the MPS-ISAO

The Maritime & Port Security ISAO (MPS-ISAO), a non-profit organization established in 2016, is an authorized Information Sharing & Analysis Organization (ISAO) by 2015 Presidential Executive Order 13691 and the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015 (CISA), and contributes as the Maritime Transportation critical infrastructure global center for cybersecurity threat intel information sharing and coordinated response. The MPS-ISAO is a member of and headquartered at the IACI-CERT, International Association of Certified ISAOs (IACI), Center for Space Education, NASA, Kennedy Space Center, Fl. Leveraging the IACI 'IACINet' global threat intelligence infrastructure connecting all critical infrastructure sectors, the MPS-ISAO delivers 24/7 cybersecurity "actionable" intelligence including IOC correlation and data visualization; access to real-time dynamic malicious IP blocklists (updated every 60 seconds); credential, keyword and email domain monitoring; enhanced ransomware detection and monitoring; fraud detection and monitoring; real-time intelligence metrics; and analysis and investigative services. The MPS-ISAO coordinates and collaborates with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security via a formal 'Cybersecurity Information Sharing Collaboration Agreement – CISCA", law enforcement, state/local/tribal/territorial government, maritime sector and cross-sector critical infrastructure owners and operators, NGAs, academia and International partners. (www.mpsisao.org)

## About the NMLEA

The National Maritime Law Enforcement Academy (NMLEA) was formed in 2000 under the guidance of Admiral Siler, the 15th Commandant of the USCG, with the purpose of providing training solutions and enhance our Nation's maritime safety and security through the public safety and law enforcement professionals that patrol, protect and preserve our waterways. As "an academy with no walls," the NMLEA provides training and customized training and education to agencies throughout the country at their docks, on their boats, and in their operating area. Additionally, the NMLEA provides digital learning opportunities to departments and organizations, delivered through its "Port Training" online educational portal, currently used by multiple ports to meet the requirements of the Maritime Transportation Security Act. (www.nmlea.org)

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