

2025

EIGHT BELLS



COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS SRI LANKA



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY- CMM Capt. Prawala Perera

After a lengthy period of absence, I am elated to find that 8 Bells, is once again circulating amongst our membership. It gives me great pleasure to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Capt. Rajitha Semage on his appointment as the new Editor of 8 Bells. Capt. Semage has graciously shouldered the responsibility of steering the journal back on course, and his efforts to revive it are truly commendable. His dedication to reinvigorating 8 Bells will undoubtedly help us stay connected, informed, and united in our shared purpose.

I would like to take this opportunity to urge all members to offer their full support to Capt. Semage in his editorial endeavors. Our collective involvement is key to the continued success of the journal, as it serves not only as a record of our professional achievements but also as a platform for meaningful discussion on the challenges and opportunities within the maritime industry.

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The magazine Eight Bells of CMM had been an integral part of the company of master mariners for decades. The editors of the CMM had continued to put in a lot of time and effort towards putting together the Eight Bells magazine. While wishing the CMM editors and the contributors to the Eight bells all the very best, we wish to announce the new direction the Eight Bells is going to be taking from now onwards.

The Magazine Eight bells would be rebranded and released with renewed vigor from now onwards as a quarterly newsletter. The aim of the quarterly newsletter is more outreach to the membership and to keep the membership closely updated on the events and the activities of the CMM and the council. Whilst the newsletter would take a different path to that of the Eight bells magazine, we wish to continuously make improvements. So have your say and give us your inputs to improve our newsletter. We value your inputs.

Thank You

Capt. Rajitha Semage

Editor- CMM





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With the appointment of new council members, few of the Council members from last year bid adieu to the council this year. Whilst wishing the new council all the very best for the new year, we wish to salute the outgoing council members.

1. Capt. Sanjeewa Usgodaarachchi
2. Capt. Pramal Fernando
3. Capt. Miyuru Gunasekara
4. Capt. Sampath Athukorala

CMM held a grand dinner to show gratitude for the outgoing council members and the Sponsors of the AGM at the Grand Monarch.

Update from the Organization of Professional Association

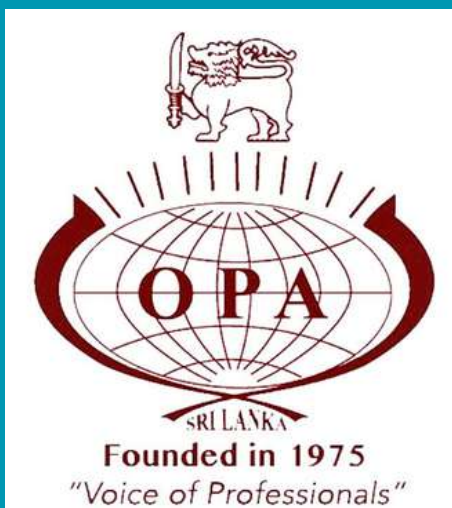
The Organization of Professional Associations on which CMM is a member held their election on the 30th of October 2024.

Accordingly, a new set of Office bearers have taken office at the OPA. Capt. Nirmal Silva would continue as the Marine Sector representative at the OPA. Capt. Upul Peiris have stepped down from his high office as Vice Chairman at the OPA which is selected on rotation. We wish to convey our sincere thanks to Capt. Upul Peiris for his unparallel service to the OPA whilst representing CMM.

The current Chief Office bearers of the OPA are as follows:

- 1.Mr. Sujeewa Lal Dahanayake- President
- 2.Mr. Jayantha Gallehewa- President Elect
- 3.Mr. Tisara De Silva- General Secretary
- 4.Mr. Chandrasiri Kalupahana- Treasurer
- 5.Mr. Sarath Gamage- Immediate Past President

We wish the new Office bearers all the very best for their future endeavors. CMM shall continue to work closely with the OPA in the years to come.



OPA

INTER ASSOCIATION SIX-A-SIDE SOFTBALL CRICKET TOURNAMENT

The OPA INTER ASSOCIATION SIX-A-SIDE SOFTBALL CRICKET TOURNAMENT was held on the 28th of September 2024 at the Thurstan College Cricket Grounds. Organized by the Social Events, Outreach Programmes and Young Professionals' Committee, the tournament received considerable interest with over 20 teams from the member associations taking part. The cricket games were played with enthusiasm and good spirit with the members enjoying the ability to play their favourite sport while engaging in camaraderie and fellowship. CMM team played with youthful exuberance but had to drop out of the tournament in the first round. We salute the team members who took time on Saturday to keep the CMM flag flying high at the event. Lets bring the cup home next time!!!!



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PARAPHERNALIA

ITEM	Price
T-Shirt (Old)	Rs. 750.00
T-Shirts (New)	Rs. 1,000.00
Caps	Rs. 300.00
Lapels	Rs. 500.00
Shirts	Rs. 1,500.00
Tie Pin & Cuff	Rs. 2,500.00
Sports T-Shirt	Rs. 1,000.00
Track Bottom	Rs. 900.00



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Call for Articles

Though we have altered the direction of the Eight Bells we would still welcome valuable articles the same way as we did for the Eight Bells magazine. Your knowledge can be shared via the Eight Bells newsletter as well.

If you would love to volunteer with some valuable knowledge-sharing articles, please send a message to the editor on +94773177143.

Once you register to contribute to the newsletter, we will contact you 2 months before the next consecutive editions to call for articles.



P.B. KARANDAWALA **MEMORIAL LECTURE 2025**

Company of Master Mariners in collaboration with CILT Sri Lanka, is inviting you to the P. B. Karandawala Memorial Lecture 2025. This insightful session will focus on "Driving a Safe & Sustainable Maritime Energy Transition," featuring Mr. Upul Jinadasa, COO – South Asia Gateway Terminal, as the Keynote Speaker.

Date: 21st February 2025

Time: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Venue: IESL Auditorium, Colombo 07

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